## **Finding a Sales Broker**

A guide to help consumer goods entrepreneurs bring their products to market.





### **Things to Know**



In the consumer goods industry sales brokers represent brand owners and connect them with retailers.

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Brand owners hire brokers to generate new retail customers, negotiate agreements and streamline communication.



Brokers do not take ownership or possesion of products but will help find storage and delivery solutions.



Brokers provide expertise and guidance on marketing and growth strategy.

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Sales brokers specialize by region and product category to focus their portfolio and operations.



Brand owners need to partner with a broker that will support their brand image and goals.

### **Getting Started**

### **Plan Ahead**

Consider the commission fees vs. the value provided and when production capacity will match potential increased demand.

#### **Research Options**

Explore brokers with different category specializations, retailer accounts, operating areas and support levels.

#### **Focus The Search**

Look for brokers with portfolio alignment and who clearly demonstrate how they will support your brand growth goals.

#### **Be Prepared**

Have your product and sell sheet ready so that brokers can review against their own listing criteria.

#### **Protect Your Business**

Gather references from other brand owners and put a business contract in place that is reviewed by your legal advisors.

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### **Questions to Ask**

These questions will help you get started. Continue to research to find the right match for your business.

- What services and business supports do they offer?
- Will they connect with storage, shipping, distributor or third party logistics (3PL) services?
- What geographical regions do they operate within?
- Which retailers do they currently have accounts with?
- Do they specialize in certain product categories?
- What are the sales commissions and other fees?
- Do they cover any retailer fees or charges?
- What is the process to be accepted to their portfolio?
- What policies do they have for brand owners to follow?
- What is in their typical contract and is it flexible?



### Places To Look

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### **Consumer Goods Sales Brokers**

<u>Acosta</u>

Indigo Natural Products

Marsham

Concord National

M2 Brand Management

<u>LeBeau Excel</u>

International Pacific Sales

Brandseed Marketing

<u>CybaStevens</u>

West 10th Marketing

Best Brands Marketing

**Connect Brand Management** 

**Propel Natural Brands** 

Cornerstone Sales

Kraev Canada

Natural Lifestyle Brands

Marathon Marketing Services

Westrow Food Group



### **Places To Look**

### **Consumer Goods Sales Brokers**

<u>Magnum Food Brokers</u>

ANB Canada

Advantage Solutions

<u>Crossmark</u>

**Borealis Brands** 

CLM Health Group

iLevel Management

Food Innovations

North South Management

Momentum Natural Brands

McCormack Bourrie Marketing

Agency Brand Management

Atlas Brand Management

Blume Natural Sales and Mktg

**BNQ Brand Managment** 

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