## THE SWEET TREAT THAT **DOESN'T LIE**

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# Overview

Yasso is a frozen Greek yogurt brand that bridges the gap between indulgence and nutrition. Known for its protein-packed bars and crave-worthy flavors, Yasso sits at the intersection of wellness and enjoyment.

This PR plan will reposition Yasso from a niche healthy snack to a mainstream sweet treat loved by Gen Z, Millennials, and beyond.

#### **Situation Analysis**

#### **Founded:** 2011

- **Products:** Greek yogurt bars, sandwiches, bites, dairy-free options
- Current Strengths: Health-focused branding, high-protein, retail availability, engaged audience
- Challenges: Limited mainstream recognition, pricing perception, taste comparisons to traditional ice cream
- **Opportunities:** Social trend alignment ("sweet treat" culture), influencer marketing, seasonal/limited launches

## **SWOT Snapshot**:

#### Strengths

 Strong niche presence Nutritional profile (5g protein) Retail accessibility

#### **Opportunities**

- Align with TikTok trends
- Gen Z "sweet treat" content boom
- Freezer tour + campus outreach

#### Weaknesses

 Limited mainstream appeal • Seen as "diet food" by some Higher cost than competitors

#### Threats

 Viral backlash over taste Competitor saturation Health backlash (sweeteners)

## Objectives

1. Reposition Yasso as a crave-worthy sweet treat that doesn't compromise health or taste. 2. Increase awareness and engagement with Gen Z and Millennial consumers via digital and traditional PR. Expand visibility in mainstream media and 3. convenience retail spaces.

#### Buyer Personas



Savvy Sarah: 34, Austin, TX, marketing manager, fitness-focused, macro-tracker, seeks healthy indulgence.

Gym Bro Jake: 26, San Diego, CA, personal trainer, TikTok user, post-gym snacker, values convenience.



Working Mom Nicole: 42, Chicago, IL, health-aware, busy schedule, wants better snacks for her kids.



#### **Buyer Personas**



#### Gen Z Gabby: 21, NYC college student, part-time barista, TikTok native, trend-obsessed.

Teen Taylor: 16, NJ high school student, aestheticdriven, follows trends, seeks approval from parents and peers.



## Positioning Statement

Current: Yasso is a frozen Greek yogurt brand offering better-for-you indulgent snacks with great taste, high protein, and fewer calories

## **REVISED**: Yasso isn't a compromise—it's the crave-worthy sweet treat that actually fits your life. Real flavor. Real protein. No guilt. No lies.





## "Dessert goals: High protein. Full flavor. No compromises."



**Campaign Theme** 

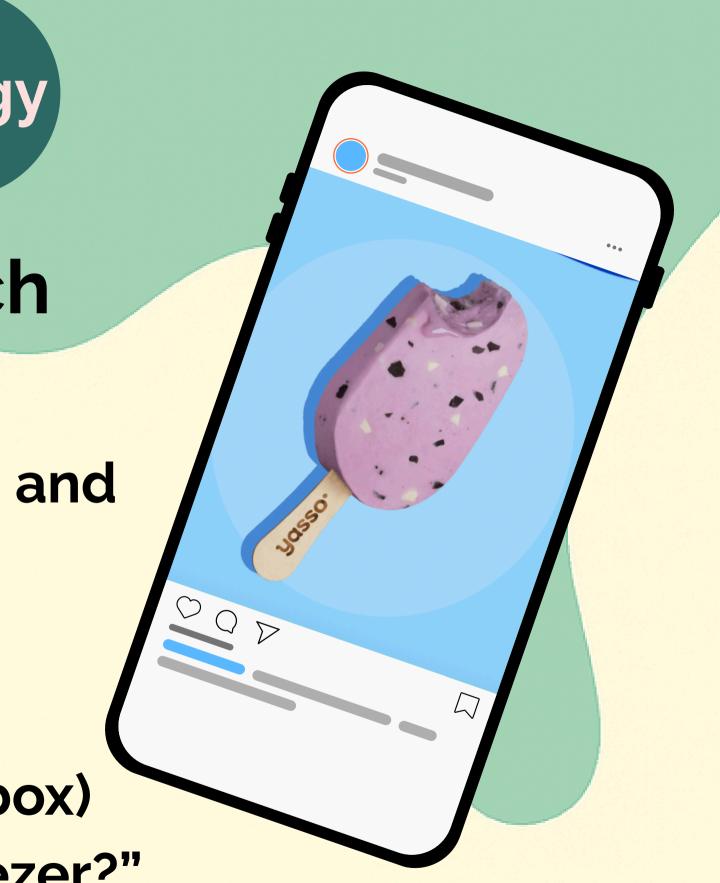
## #SweetTreatEnergy

A digital-first, trend-driven PR campaign designed to position Yasso as the ultimate sweet treat—one that aligns with Gen Z lifestyle and wellness culture without sacrificing fun.

Campaign Strategy

#### Strategy 1: Creator-Led Launch

- Collaborate with food/lifestyle TikTokers and Instagram creators
- Launch #SweetTreatEnergy Starter Pack
  Challenge
- UGC + giveaways (limited edition variety box)
- Influencer fridge tours, "What's in my freezer?" content



#### **Campaign Strategy**

## Strategy 2: Fitness Crossover Campaign



- Partner with Equinox, CorePower Yoga, Orangetheory
- Tactic 4: Free samples at wellness expos

# Sponsored posts after gym classes, spin studios

**Campaign Strategy** 

#### **Strategy 3: Experiential Push**

- Freezer Truck Tour: NYC, LA, Chicago (Been done, but continue & expand)
- On-site sampling at college campuses
- QR code display for Flavor Match Quiz
- Influencer-hosted pop-up snack parties

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scream your Yasso off, enjoy a delicious FREE Yasso snack and feel ridiculously better!



Rowes Wharf Plaza



#### **Traditional Tactics**

- Digital press kit & branded newsroom
- Press release: "Gen Z's New Favorite Sweet Treat"
- Feature pitch: "How TikTok Made Greek Yogurt Cool Again"
- Co-founder Q&As in Fast Company, Bon Appétit

## Press List

- Tori Crowther (Popsugar) Beauty & wellness writer
- Brenna Ehrlich (The Cut) Internet culture editor
- Elizabeth Millard (Shape) Fitness/nutrition journalist
- @GirlsWhoEat (IG) Healthy snack influencer
- Eitan Bernath (TikTok) Gen Z foodie + cookbook author

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## **Pitch Letter**

Subject: TikTok's Favorite Sweet Treat Has Entered Its Wellness Era

#### Hi Tori,

- What do you get when you mix 5g of protein, Greek yogurt, and 100 calories of pure nostalgia? Yasso bars.
- They're quickly becoming the go-to "sweet treat" for Gen Z snackers. From fridge tours to #SweetTreatEnergy starter packs, Yasso is redefining indulgence. We're launching a nationwide Freezer Truck Tour this summer—and I'd love to send you a press kit or samples if this sounds like your vibe.
- Best,
- **Grace Keegan**

## Timeline

Phase	Month	Activities
Prep	May	Finalize creators, build
Launch	June	UGC challenge live, tru
Momentum	July	Partner giveaways, fitne flavor quiz contest winr

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#### Measurement

- +25% TikTok followers
- +15% Instagram followers
- 3+ influencer posts reach 50K+ views
- 10% more earned media coverage
- 30% increase in site visits to store locator
- 100+ UGC entries to #SweetTreatEnergy

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# Crisis Plan

# Potential Issue #1: Viral Taste Complaint

(Doubtful because Yassos are so delicious but just in case)

#### **Risk: Negative Brand Perception**

#### Response: Rapid post R&D video response + testimonials

Response Line: "Our R&D team responds in a video breaking down the flavor science + invites taste testers to weigh in."

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Potential Issue #2: Sweetener Backlash

# **Risk: Misinformation, loss of consumer trust**

# **Response: Launch "Yasso Unwrapped" ingredient** transparency page

Response Line: "We launch Yasso Unwrapped: a new site section with clear, visual ingredient breakdowns + sourcing transparency."

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#### Potential Issue #3: Influencer Controversy

#### **Risk: Brand Association Risk**

# Response: Remove content, pivot campaign, replace creator

Response Line: "We immediately remove the content, pause ads, and shift focus to alternative creators with strong brand alignment."

# Budget

Influencer Campaign

- Press Kit & Distribution –
- Paid Digital Boosts
- Freezer Truck Tour
- Campus Events
- PR Software (Cision,

etc.)

Total

\$50,000 \$5,000 \$10,000 \$25,000 \$5,000 \$1,500 \$96,000

# Thank You!

