

HOW TO GET STARTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA



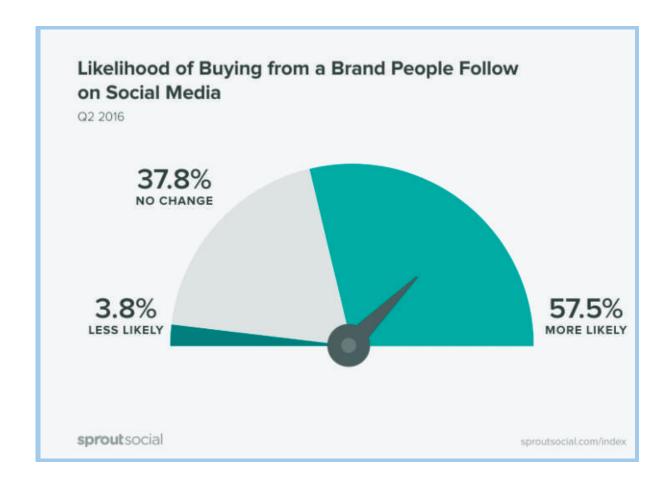
IB Edition

Why social media matters

Whether you're well-versed in social media or new to this exciting world, chances are you understand the importance of being active on platforms like Facebook and Twitter.

Social platforms like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram that started out as hubs for sharing news updates and staying in touch with colleagues, friends, and family, have evolved into tech behemoths any business (and company) must add to their marketing mix.

If you think social media is 'nice to have', think again. This survey by Sprouts Social shows that over 57% of individuals are more likely to buy from a brand they follow on social media. Furthermore, 71% are more likely to buy after a positive social experience.



This guide will present a simple step-by-step process that will help you set up your social media presence as an Introducing Business, get some following, and start marketing your services. Let's get social!

Set your social goals

If you want to succeed in social media, you need to set SMART goals. (SMART = specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timely).

Here's an example of a well-defined goal:

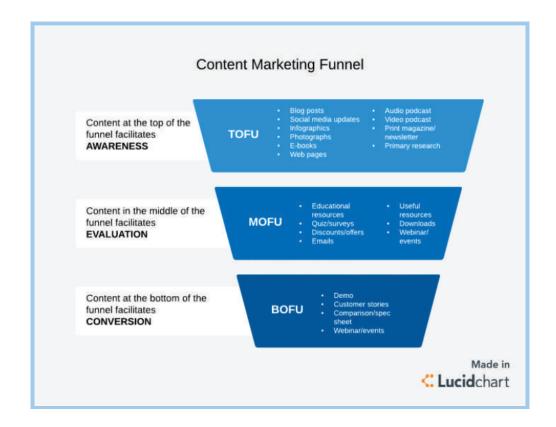
'By next December I will have a large following on Twitter, at least 50K followers, that will visit my website, engage with me and spend at least \$10K per month on my programs.'

And here are three great ways to set social goals:

1. According to your content funnel

Content marketers (including you!) like to take users through various stages of engaging with the content: Awareness (top of funnel), evaluation (middle of funnel), and conversion (bottom of funnel). The deeper a user is down the content funnel, the more targeted the content will be. Based on this funnel you can create goals like:

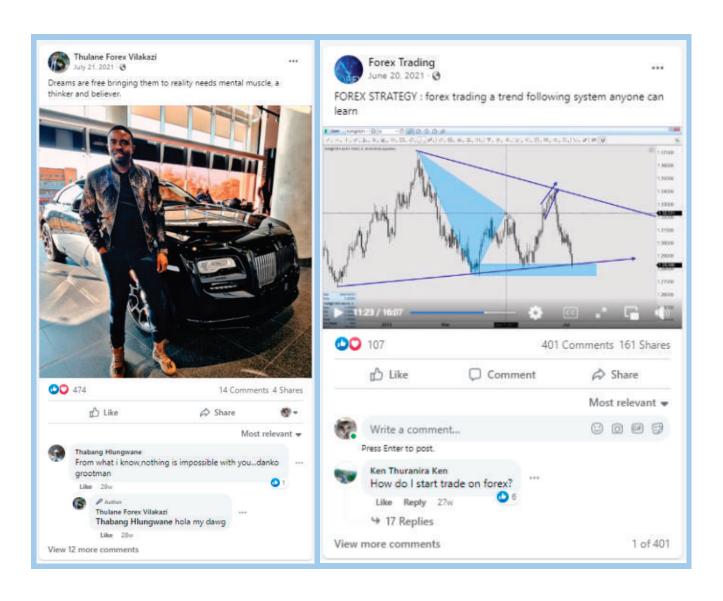
- Move users from awareness into evaluation.
- Move users from evaluation into conversion.



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2. Study the competition

You're certainly not the only IB on social media, so go ahead and research your competitors. Look for the successful ones who have a large following and many comments, likes and shares. What platforms do they use? How often do they post? What does their bio say? What do they talk about? What are they trying to achieve? Study them, get inspired, and make a better plan.



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3. According to your industry

Each industry presents different social media challenges and goals. Real estate agents may want to engage with prospective buyers, while hotels would strive to attract guests. In the financial industry you'll need to consider the rules and regulations of each social network according to your country. You may also want to:

- Build an engaged community
- Humanise your brand and increase member loyalty and trust
- Generate positive reviews
- Build your brand and show yourself as an industry expert
- Network and build professional connections
- Build your list by offering free content, webinars etc.
- Sell courses, seminars, training etc. (advanced)

So go ahead and write down 4-5 main goals you'd like to reach with social media.



What to post about

The content you will post about should be aligned to your goals. For example, if your goal is to grow a community, focus on posts that start conversations and spark reactions and comments.

While you can see what happens and just talk about what comes to mind, it's better to plan. Come up with about five topics, or content types. For each one, prepare a list of post ideas. This way, you'll never run out of things to write about.

Examples:

- **1. Educational:** How to, trading stats, biggest mistake traders make, trading sessions
- **2. Personal:** Introduce yourself, fun facts about me, behind the scenes, meet the team, your wins
- **3. Community:** Ask questions to get comments, ask for advice, survey, play a game, help people
- **4. Promotional:** Webinars, live training, product tutorials, tips and tricks, giveaways, coming soon
- **5.** Client focused: Client photos, testimonials, before and after, success stories
- **6. Entertaining:** Holidays and events, memes, video trends, this time last year, quotes

Content types can also be according to medium – video, photo, live broadcast, screen-cast, survey, text-based post.

Choose your social platforms



There are various social platforms available, and you may feel like being EVERY-WHERE. It's not a bad idea if you have a social media team that can handle it. Social media marketing is time consuming, so if you're a one-man band though, you will need to focus on 1-2 platforms.

Here are a few questions that will help you choose the right social platforms:

- Am I comfortable with this platform?
- What's the learning curve, or how long will it take me to get results?
- Have I achieved results in the past using this platform?
- Have I got significant following/many contacts in this platform?
- Is the platform a good fit for my audience in terms of popularity, demographics, content type, general sentiment etc.
- What advertising options are available on this platform?

Here are the social platforms that work well in the trading/financial/forex industry:

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Social platform	Active users	By gender	By age	Marketers need to know
LinkedIn	+790.4M SA 7M NG 3.9M KE 1.7M	56.6% male 43.4% female	20% 18-24 60% 25-34 17% 35-54	Best for connections, networking, and lead generation. High engagement, advanced learning and publishing tools.
Facebook	+2.8B SA 21.3M NG 27.1M KE 7M	56.5% male 43.5% female	18% 18-24 26% 25-34 32% 35-54	User growth is winding down. Robust advertising platform (includes Instagram). Powerful Group & Page tools for branding and growing a community.
Instagram	1.22B SA 6M NG 6.4M KE 2.2M	51.6% male 48.4% female	31% 18-24 31% 25-34 16% 35-44 8% 45-54	Highly visual and aesthetic. High engagement and selling potential. Post short reels & stories at least once a day.
Twitter	211M SA 9.3M NG ~40M KE 1M	70% male 30% female	17% 18-24 38% 25-34 21% 35-49 17% 50+	News orientated, fast paced. Simple and liberal. Many traders use it. High engagement, immense potential for organic growth, requires 5+ posts per day. Advanced monetization tools.
YouTube	2B SA 16M NG 5.3M	56% male 44% female	14% 18-24 21% 25-34 16% 35-44 12% 45-54	A search engine at heart. Mega popular. Use it for brand authority and to display your longer videos. Must be instrumental in your video strategy.
Telegram	550M	59% male 41% female	22% 18-24 31% 25-34 21% 35-44 18% 45-64	A private, powerful messenger. Rapidly growing. Create channels and groups with unlimited members. Many traders use Telegram to broadcast signals and show off their trades.
TikTok	1B SA 9M NG 9M	44% male 56% female	45% 18-24 32% 25-34 13% 35-44 10% 45+	The short-video app is spreading like wildfire, overshadowing Instagram and Facebook. Although the core users are Millennials, 30+ users are also discovering the app. It requires creativity but rewards with high engagement and selling potential. Strict guidelines for financial products.

Sources: Statista.com, influencermarketinghub.com, blog.hubspot.com, hootsuite.com/resources/digital-trends

Here are some inspiring examples of trading social accounts to whet your appetite:

Forex Leverage: 90% Of Beginners Make This Mistake When Trading With Margin...



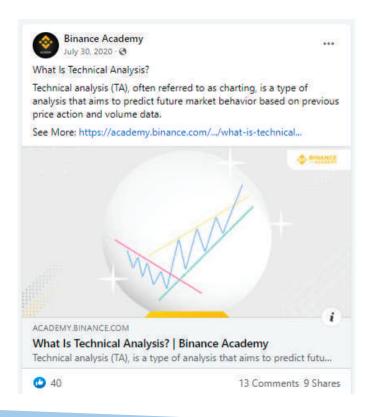
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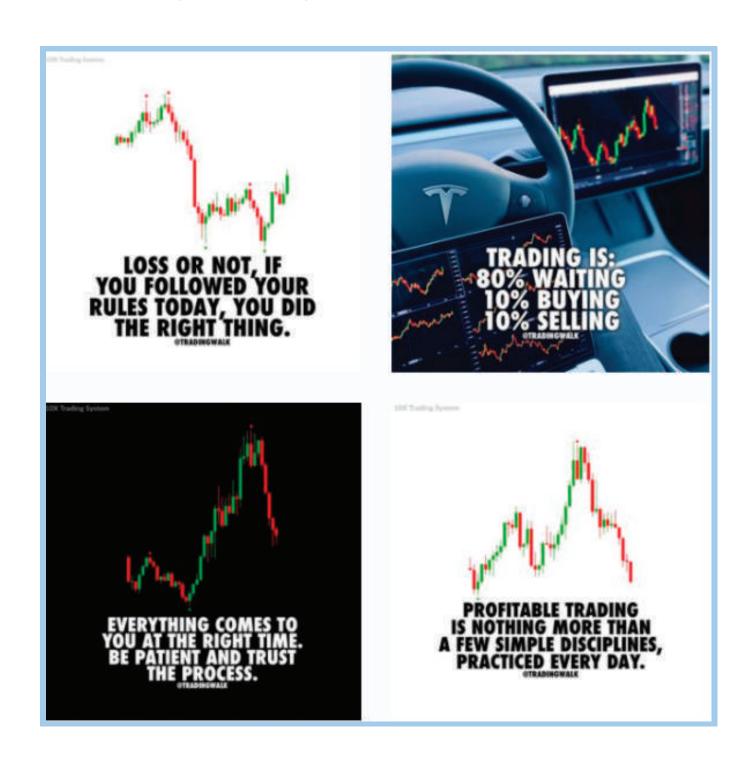
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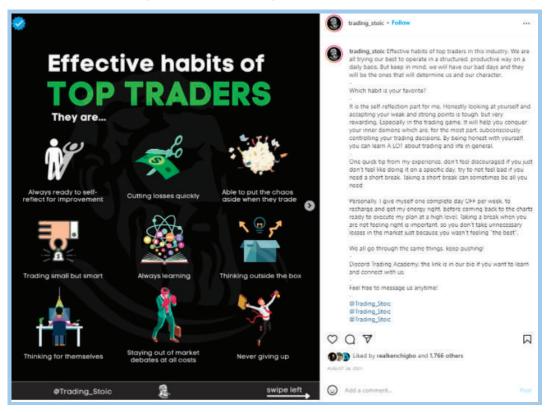
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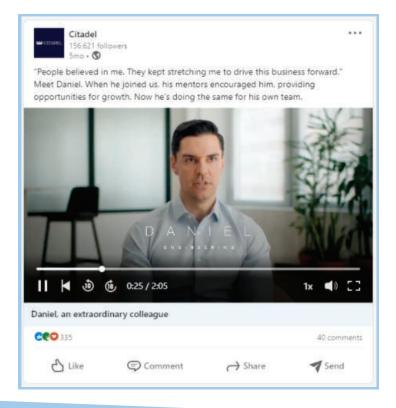
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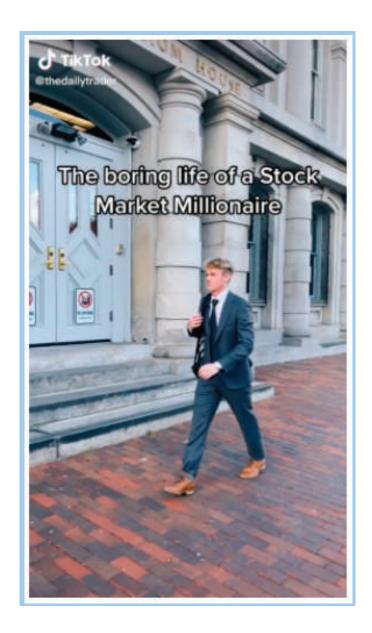
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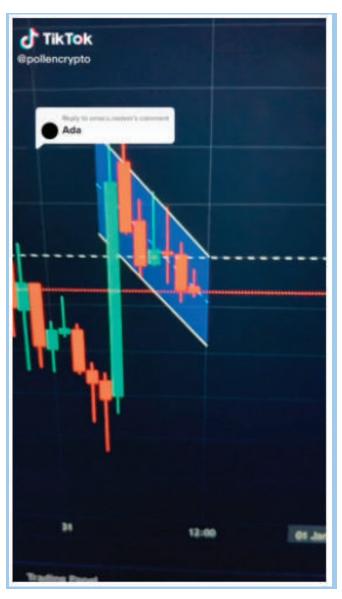


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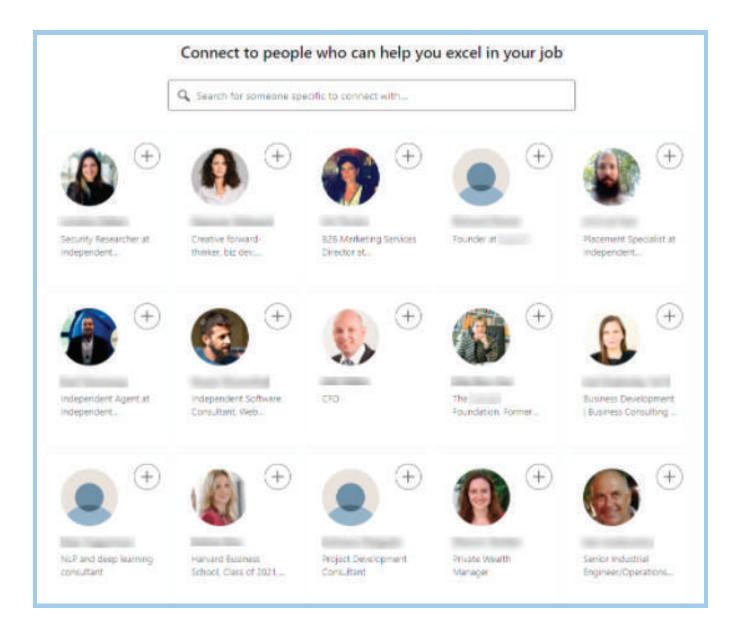
Each social platform has a different dynamic, but they all share similar rules and a code of conduct. Understand them and you'll succeed:

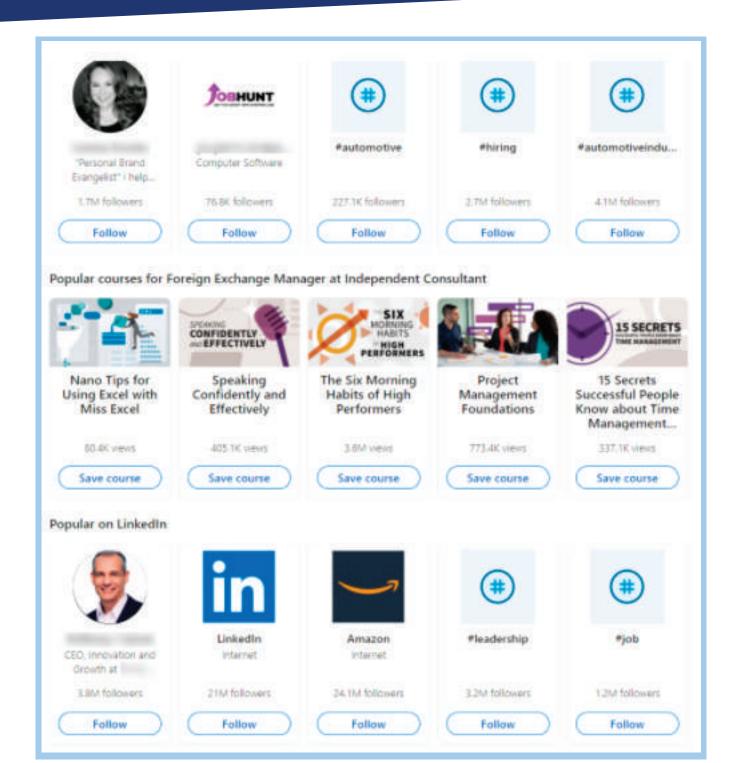
- 1. Be a 'good citizen'. You're part of a community so listen, respect others, engage, comment, share, and do your best to help your followers. Use #hashtags wisely to increase your exposure.
- **2.** What's in it for them? Do your best to provide value. Any post should give some value, by educating, entertaining or inspiring your audience.
- 3. Don't sell. Use social media to build connections, generate leads, and attract people to your blog, site etc. Selling will be done further done the line when people know you, like you and trust you.
- **4. Show up!** While each platform has a different pace, you will need to be consistent with your posting. Otherwise, the algorithms will minimize your exposure, your growth will be stalled, and your followers will soon forget about you.

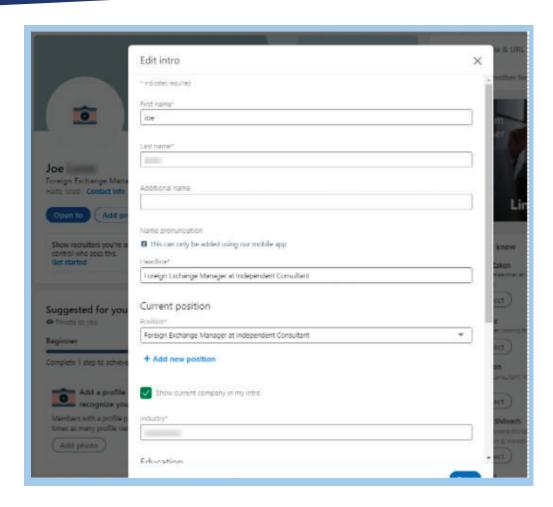
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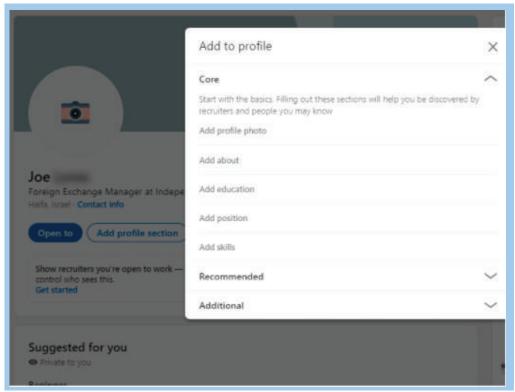


1. Start/improve your profile. If you're just getting started LinkedIn will help you get your first connections and follow relevant companies, groups and #hashtags. Existing LinkedIn accounts will see connection recommendations on their home page.

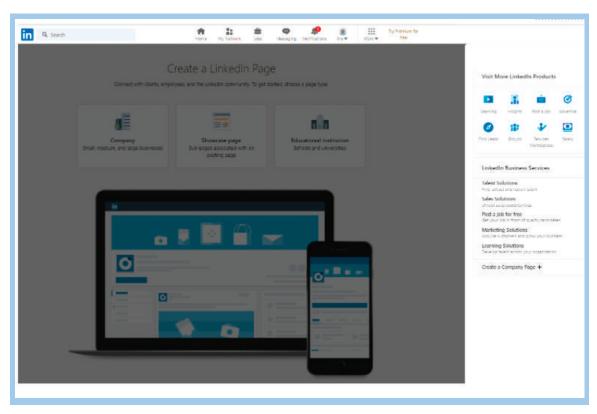


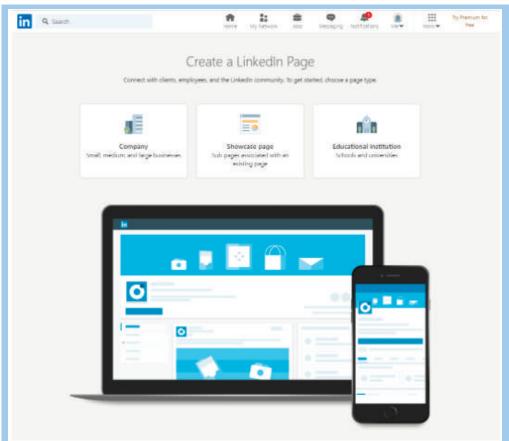




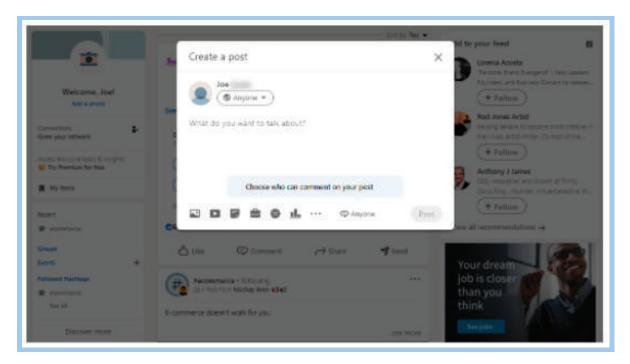


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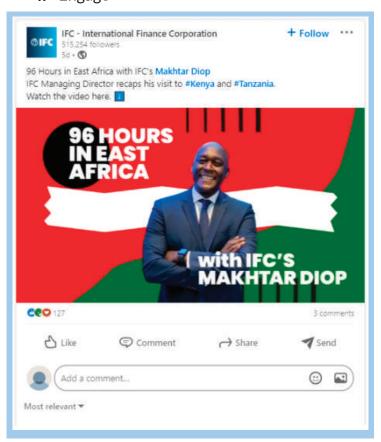




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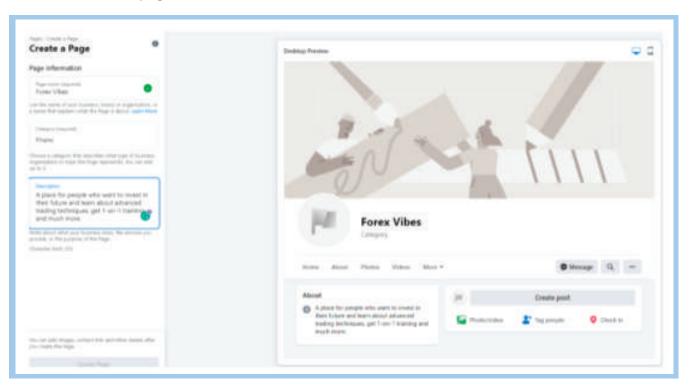
4. Engage



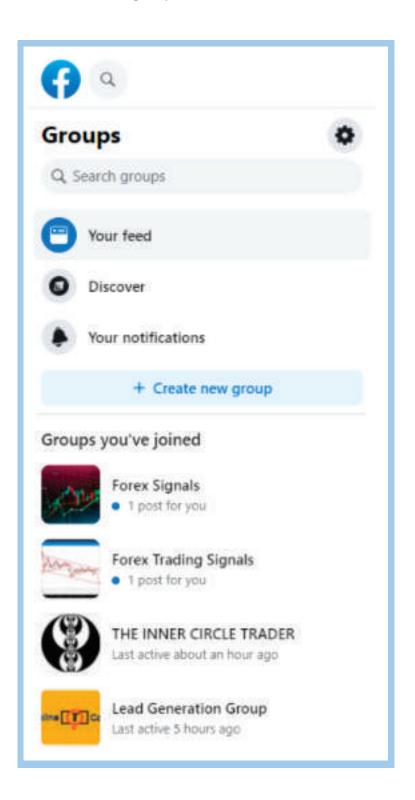
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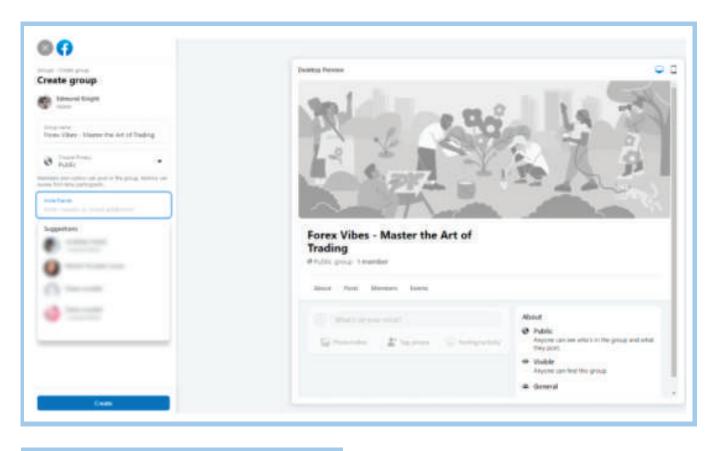


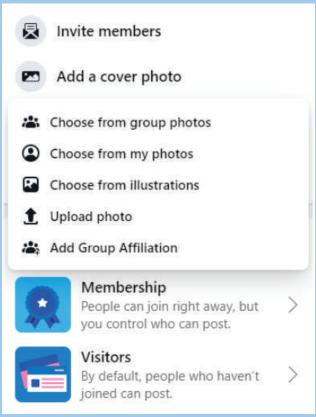
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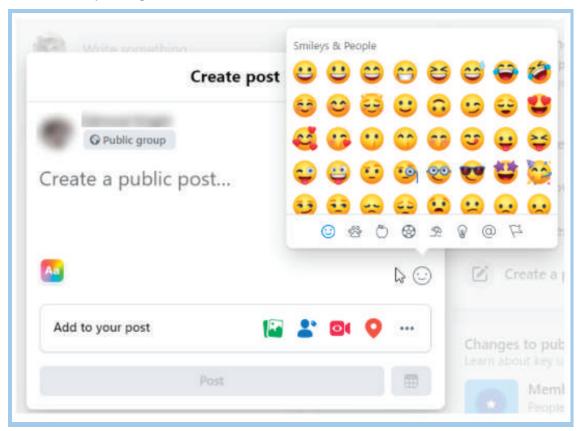
2. Create a group and invite friends



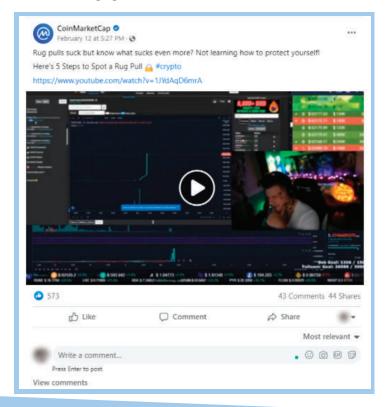




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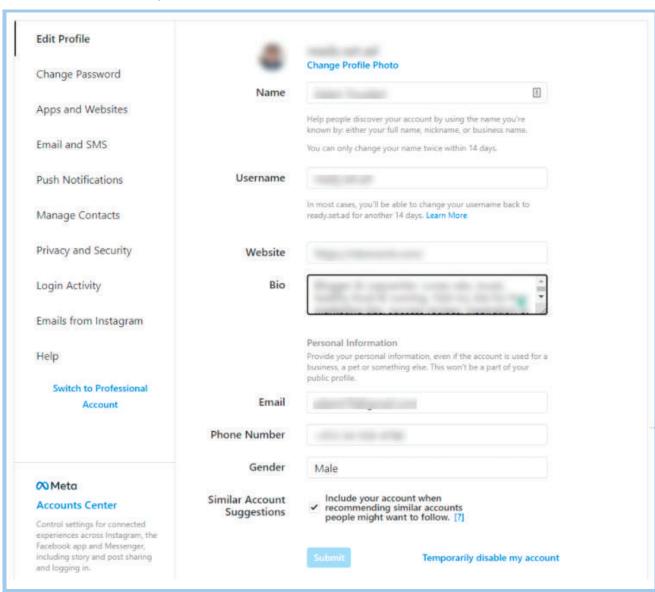
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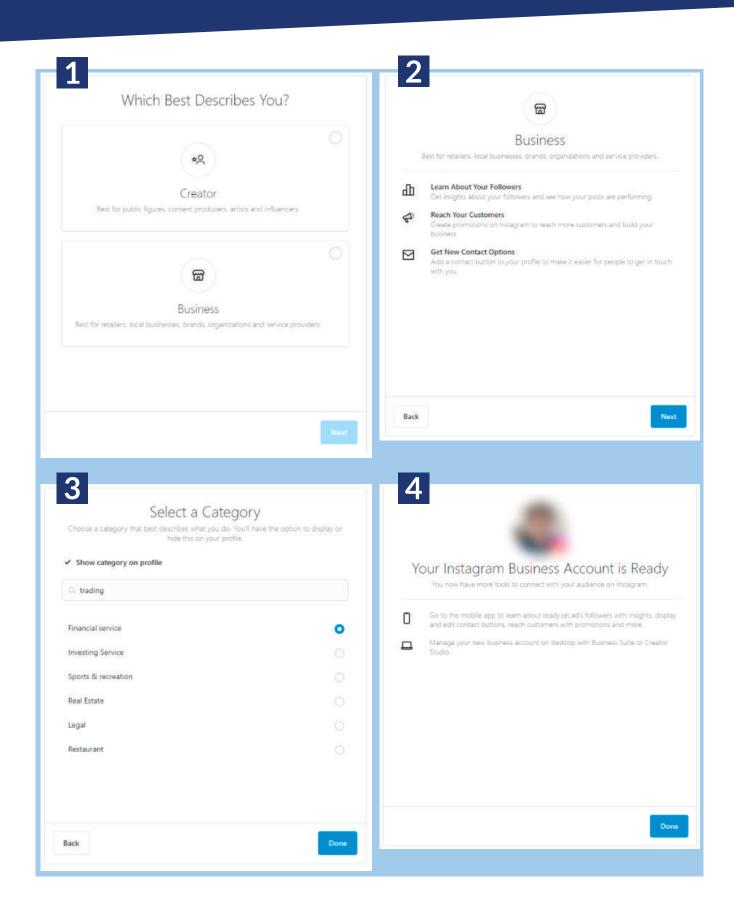


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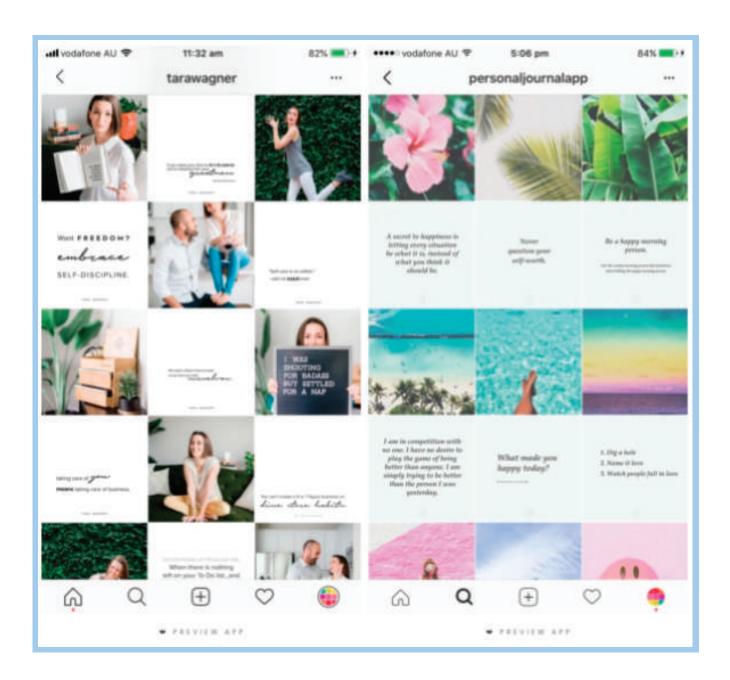


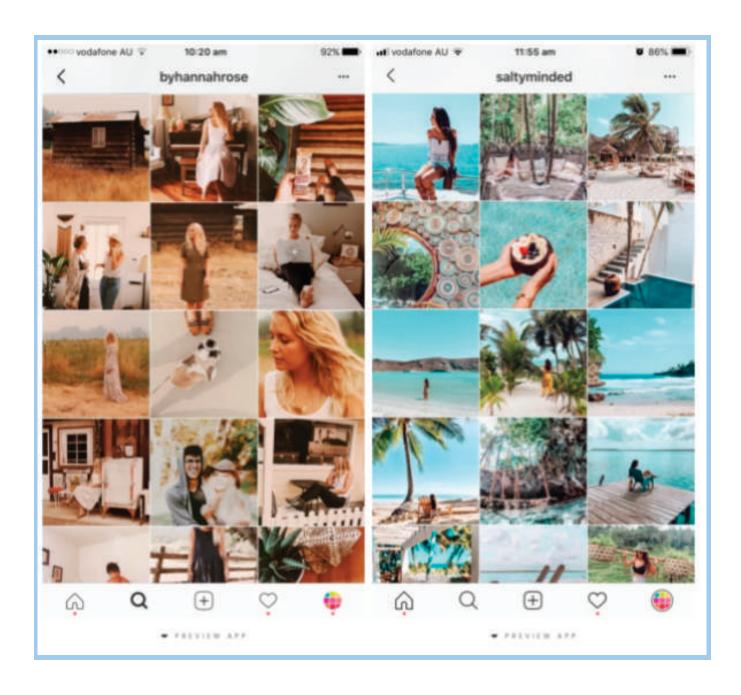
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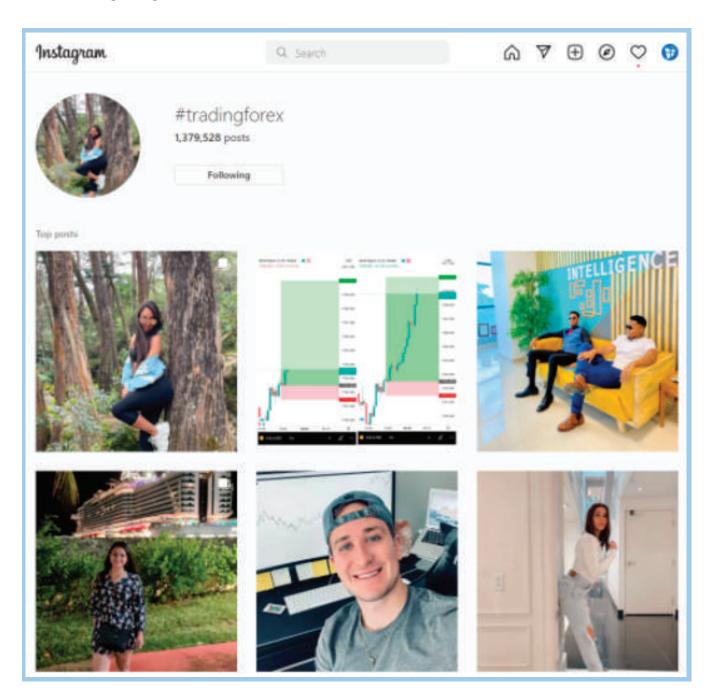
2. Plan your profile. Choose a layout and a colour palette that fits your brand. Use Instagram's tools and filters or a third-party planner such as Preview App.

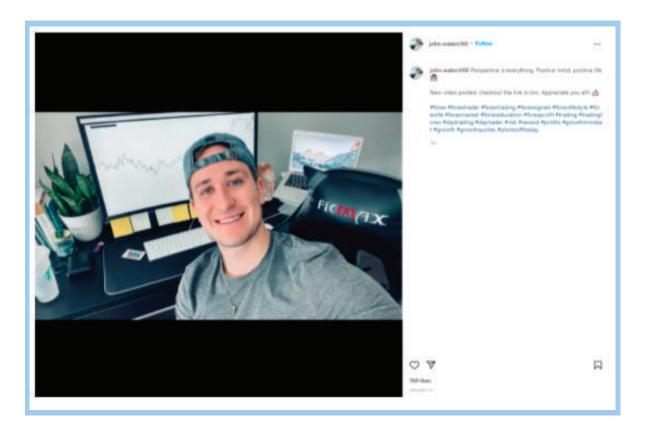




Images: Preview App

3. Start getting followers

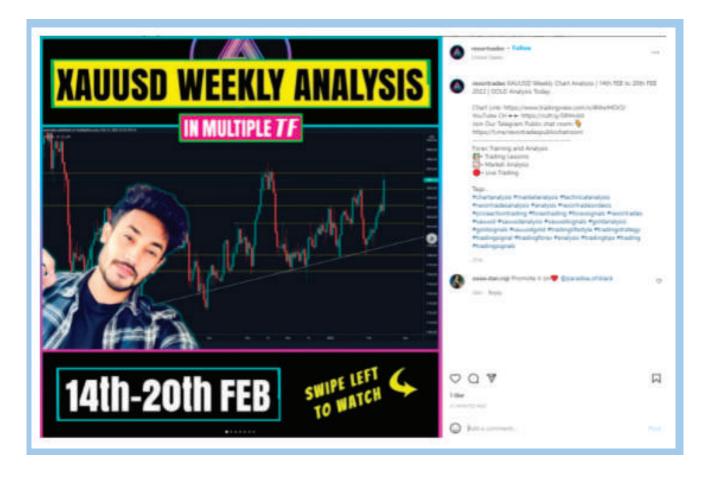




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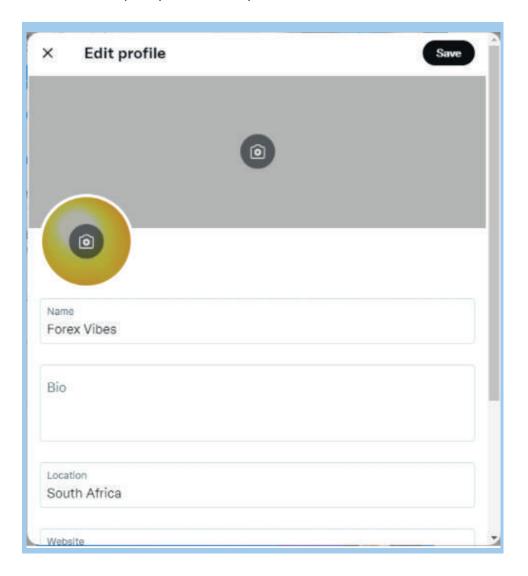
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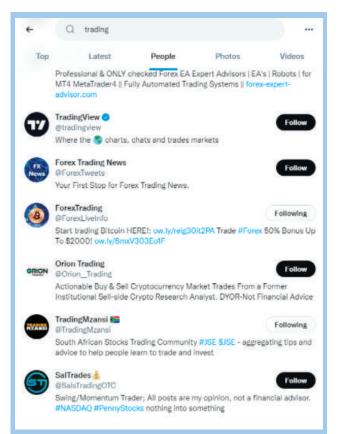
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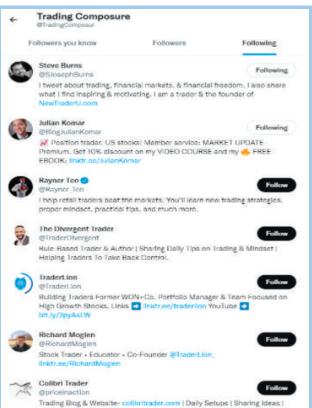


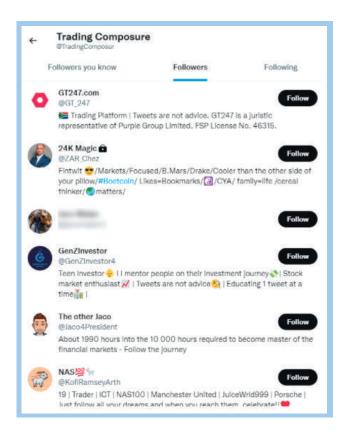
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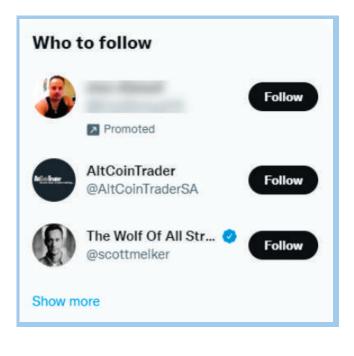


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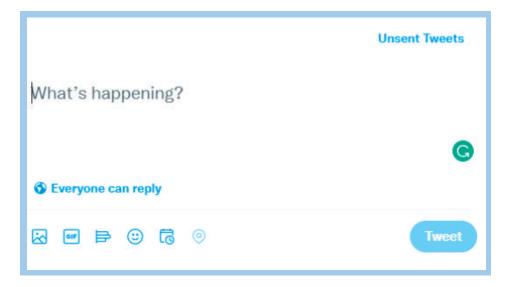




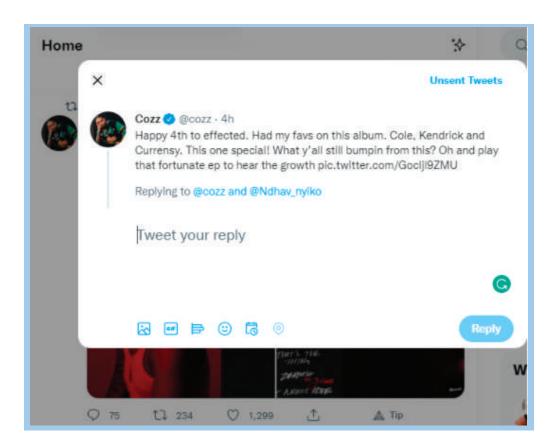




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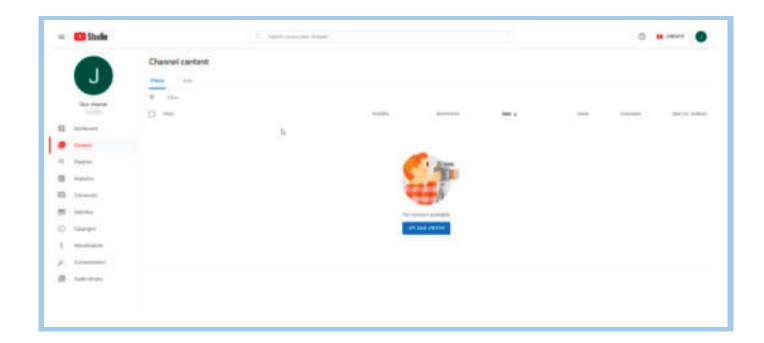
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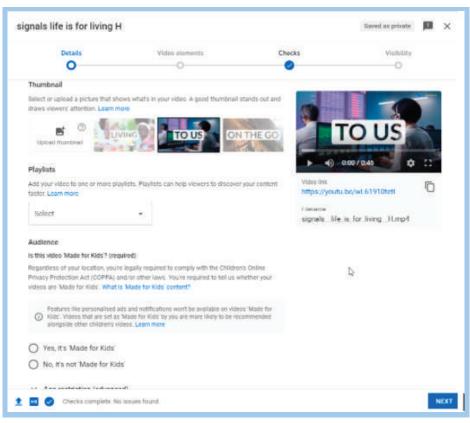
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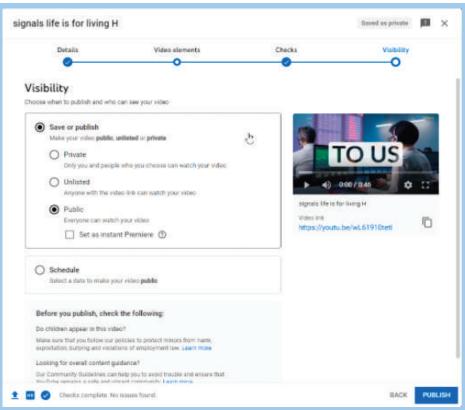


1. Create a YouTube Channel

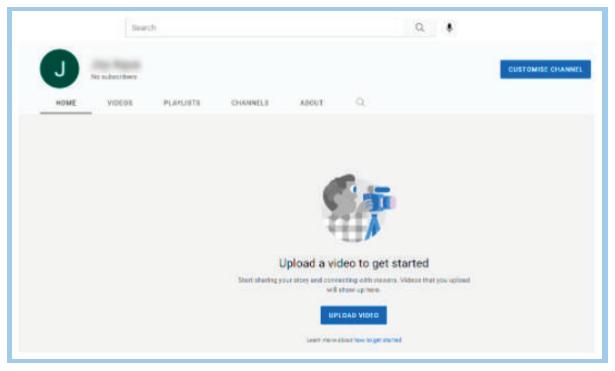


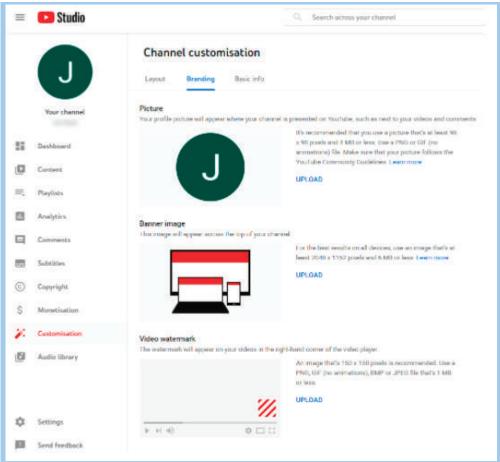
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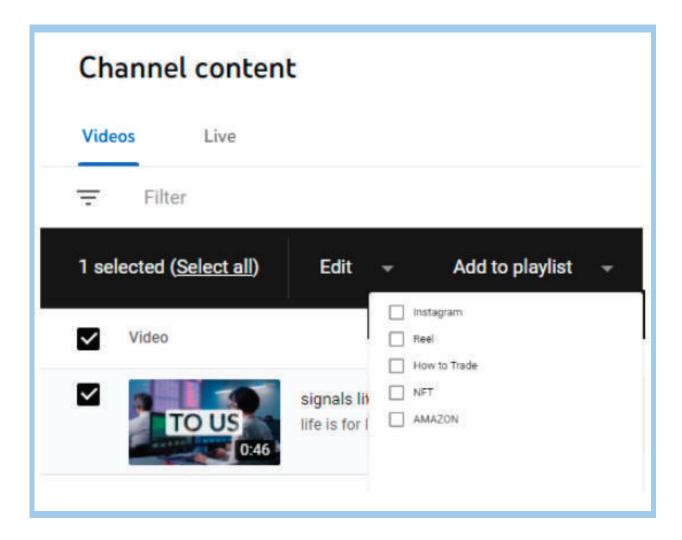


3. Brand your Channel





4. Create playlists



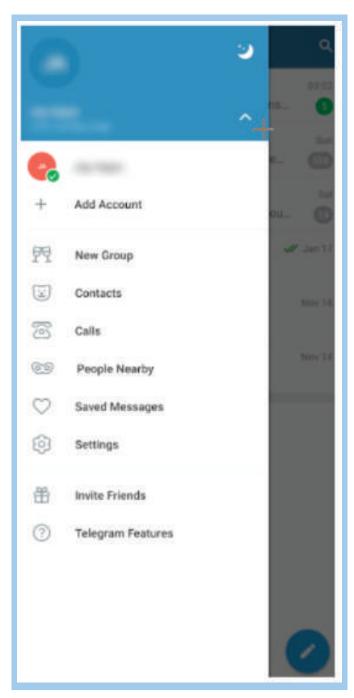
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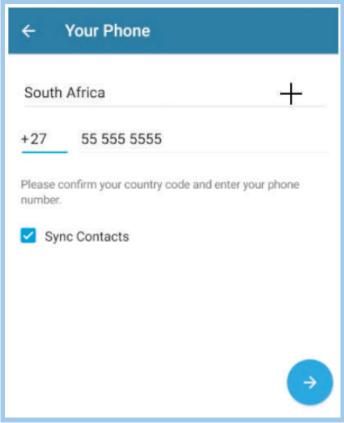


1. Download Telegram to your phone

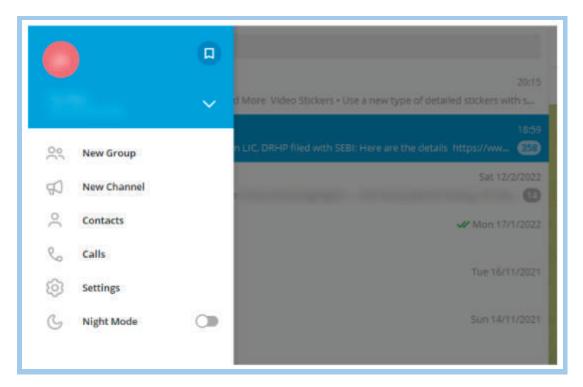


2. Create a Telegram account

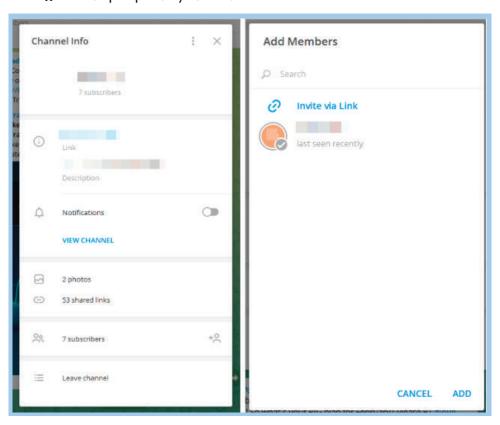




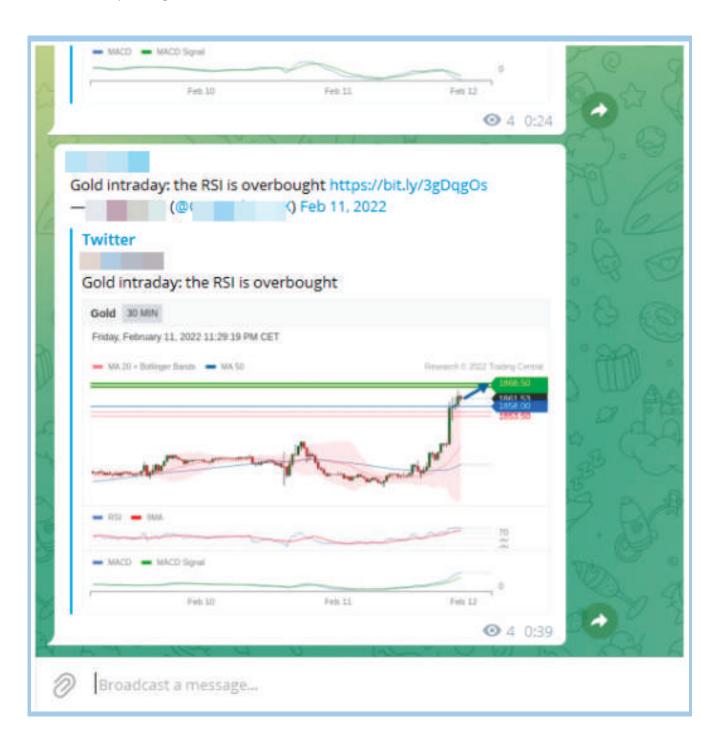
3. Create a new Channel (You can now use Telegram on your phone or download the desktop app).



4. Invite people to your channel



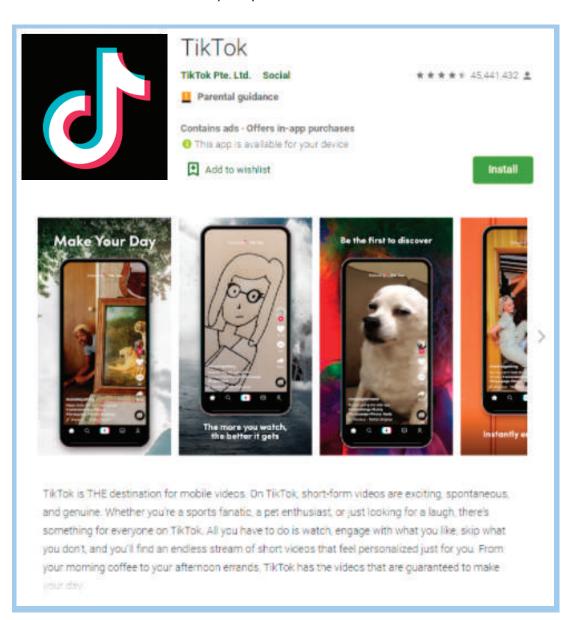
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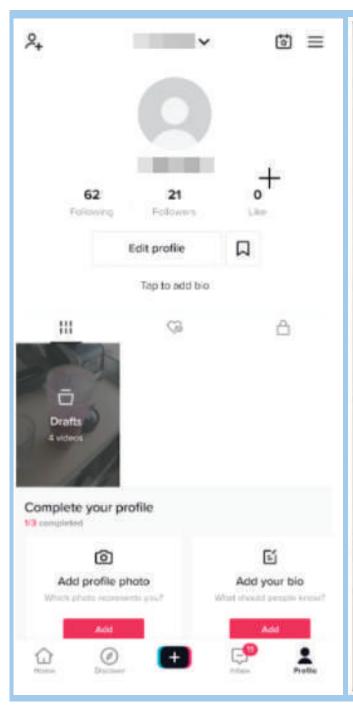
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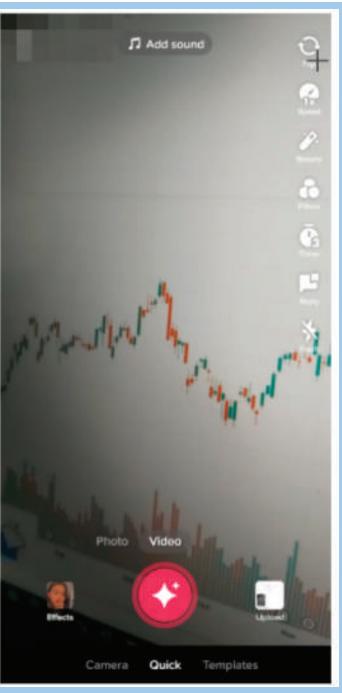


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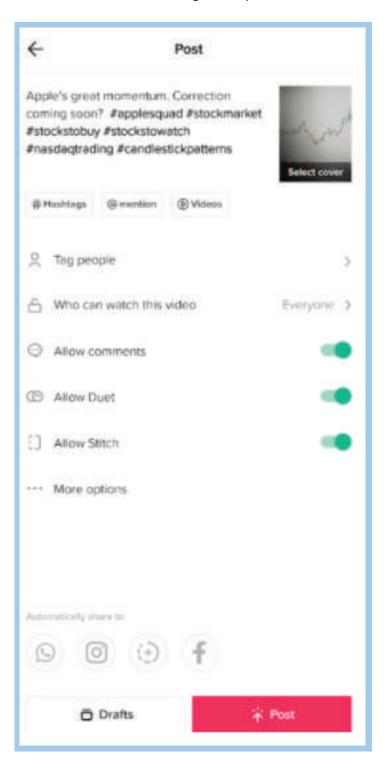


2. Shoot/upload a TikTok video

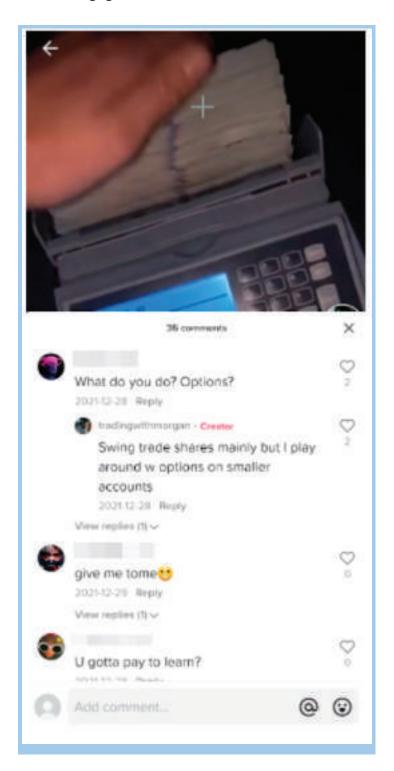




3. Create an enticing description and add hashtags



4. Engage



Conclusion

As you can see, social media marketing is a whole new world. Remember: The most important thing is to show up. You don't have to be perfect, but you do have to get started and never stop.

So, get started by adding Charlie Charalambous, Global Head of IBs at CMTrading, as a LinkedIn connection.



ANY QUESTIONS?

PLEASE DROP US A LINE!

Looking forward to getting social with you,

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