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30-Day Instagram Growth Playbook

Daily action plan with engagement rate benchmarks for agency teams managing client Instagram accounts.

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30-Day Content Calendar

A structured daily posting plan across four weeks. Each cell shows the content format and topic focus to maintain variety and momentum.

Week 1 — Foundation & Brand Voice

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
CAROUSEL Industry tips (x5 slides)	**REEL** Behind-the-scenes team intro	**STATIC** Client win / case stat	**STORY POLL** Audience pain point vote	**CAROUSEL** How-to tutorial	**REEL** Trending audio + niche twist	**REST** Engage in comments only

Week 2 — Engagement & Community

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
REEL Myth vs. fact in niche	**CAROUSEL** Mini case study	**COLLAB** Partner or influencer post	**STORY Q&A** Ask Me Anything	**STATIC** Testimonial quote card	**REEL** Quick tip under 15 sec	**REST** DM outreach & saves review

Week 3 — Authority & Education

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
CAROUSEL Data-backed insight (chart)	**REEL** Before / after transformation	**STATIC** Bold opinion or hot take	**STORY QUIZ** Test your knowledge	**CAROUSEL** Step-by-step framework	**REEL** Client spotlight story	**REST** Repurpose top performer

Week 4 — Conversion & CTA

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
REEL Problem → solution hook	**CAROUSEL** Free resource / lead magnet	**STATIC** Social proof collage	**STORY CTA** Link sticker to offer	**CAROUSEL** Month recap + results	**REEL** Thank you + next month tease	**REST** Analytics review & plan

> **PRO TIP**
>
> Post Reels between 7-9 AM or 6-8 PM local time for maximum reach. Carousels perform best on weekday mornings when professionals scroll during commute.

Engagement Rate Benchmarks

Average engagement rates (%) by industry vertical and follower tier. Use these benchmarks to set realistic client goals and identify outperformance.

INDUSTRY VERTICAL	<10K	10-50K	50-100K	100K+
Retail & E-commerce	3.8%	2.1%	1.6%	1.1%
Food & Beverage	4.5%	2.8%	1.9%	1.4%
Health & Wellness	4.2%	2.5%	1.7%	1.2%
Travel & Hospitality	4.0%	2.3%	1.5%	1.0%
SaaS & Technology	2.8%	1.6%	1.1%	0.7%
Financial Services	2.5%	1.4%	0.9%	0.6%
Education	3.6%	2.2%	1.5%	1.0%
Real Estate	3.4%	2.0%	1.3%	0.8%

HOW TO READ THIS TABLE

Engagement rate = (Likes + Comments + Saves + Shares) / Followers × 100. Smaller accounts naturally have higher rates due to tighter community. If your client beats the benchmark by ≥30%, the content strategy is working. Below benchmark? Audit content mix and posting times.

QUICK REFERENCE

3.5%	**1.0%**	**Reels**
Average across all verticals (<10K)	Average across all verticals (100K+)	Highest-reach format in 2026

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3-Tier Hashtag Rotation Strategy

Rotate hashtags across three tiers every post to maximize discoverability without triggering algorithm shadowban signals. Use 20-25 hashtags per post.

TIER 1   **Branded Hashtags**   — 3-5 per post

Purpose: Build brand recall and track UGC. Always include your primary brand tag + campaign-specific tag.
Examples: #YourBrandName · #YourBrandTips · #CampaignName2026 · #BrandCommunity

TIER 2   **Niche Hashtags**   — 10-12 per post

Purpose: Reach targeted audiences in your vertical. Choose tags with 10K-500K posts for optimal competition.
Examples: #MarketingAnalytics · #DataDrivenMarketing · #AgencyLife · #SocialMediaTips · #ContentStrategy

TIER 3   **Trending / Broad Hashtags**   — 5-8 per post

Purpose: Ride trending waves for extra impressions. Rotate weekly based on Explore page trends.
Examples: #MarketingTips · #GrowthHacking · #Entrepreneur · #DigitalMarketing · #SocialMediaMarketing

HASHTAG SET WORKSHEET

SET A (MON / THU)	SET B (TUE / FRI)	SET C (WED / SAT)

PRO TIP

Create 3 distinct hashtag sets and rotate them. This avoids the "repetitive behavior" signal Instagram penalizes. Update Tier 3 tags weekly based on what's trending in Explore.

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Client Reporting Template

Track the eight core Instagram KPIs month over month. Fill in actual numbers and calculate MoM change to surface trends early.

CLIENT NAME

INSTAGRAM HANDLE

REPORTING PERIOD

KPI	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	MOM CHANGE
Followers Net new followers gained	_____	_____	_____ %
Reach Unique accounts reached	_____	_____	_____ %
Impressions Total content views	_____	_____	_____ %
Engagement Rate (Likes+Comments+Saves+Shares) / Followers	_____	_____	_____ %
Profile Visits Taps on profile from content	_____	_____	_____ %
Link Clicks Bio link + story link taps	_____	_____	_____ %
Saves Total bookmarks on posts	_____	_____	_____ %
Shares DMs + story reshares of posts	_____	_____	_____ %

KEY TAKEAWAYS & NEXT MONTH ACTIONS

AUTOMATE THIS

Improvado pulls Instagram Insights data automatically into a unified dashboard alongside all other social channels. No more manual exports or copy-pasting numbers.

See How Improvado Unifies Marketing Data Across 1000+ Connectors

Stop toggling between platforms. Get every channel, campaign, and creative in one place — ready for analysis in minutes, not weeks.

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