

# Business Case

**Trafilea**  
LIFE CHANGING BRANDS





## Introduction

Trafilea is a technology and e-commerce company. It has 300 employees distributed in 18 countries worldwide and has a presence around the world, with special attention in the United States. Born in 2015 with remote work in his DNA and is dedicated to scaling brands that are intended for the final consumer, mainly textile companies, all necessarily linked to significant purposes.

Its turnover grew to 200 million dollars in 2 years, which meant the recognition by the Financial Times as one of the companies with further growth in 2021.

The main brand of the group is Shapermint.

Its mission is based on shaping the lives of its clients providing everyday essentials that support all body types, shapes and sizes, and inspiring confidence and embracing the body positivity.

Trafilea was founded as a performance advertising agency, it is say the sale of products and services in exchange for a commission. Began in Latin America and later expanded to Europe and Asia. The company of origin Uruguay is a leader in the digital transformation of underwear and clothing of DTCs. They currently define themselves as: “data-driven thinkers, passionate marketers, and tech innovators.”

Its values are:





Always growing and thinking bigger.

We go the extra mile and stand out in all we do.

Act with discipline.

Work smart and learn fast.

Act with confidence.

Preserve the company's future.

Bring on the positivity.

Spread love.

Trafilea has been working with PDA since 2017. The Talent Acquisition team

It has 10 members who are all certified as

PDA analysts and are the ones who use the tools on a daily basis. Besides,

they have 4 HRBP certified in the tool.

They use the tools of the PDA Assessment, Match by competencies,

Organizational Culture and J.O.B. Being the PDA Assessment the tool that

used more frequently because it is integrated into

all selection processes.

Analysis unit

Project: Acquisition of top talents

Santiago Zabala, CEO and Co-founder of Trafilea, believes that it is key to bring

top talent to the company and PDA Assessment is a solid tool,

robust and scientifically validated that has accompanied them on their way and

keep doing it.





The foundation of the PDA Assessment in Trafilea is based on the objective to make a quick, effective and efficient selection of candidates.

Likewise, complement the talent recruitment process with the possibility of matching the person with his potential team, leader and program to enhance their skills in pursuit of a favorable synergy and positive.

Following this line and being a startup, from Trafilea they express the importance of being strategic when selecting the best talent since a good or bad hiring decision impacts directly in the business. Not only should the person have the experience and adequate knowledge, but the cultural match is vital and that she enters at the right moment in her career.

Contemplating all these variables, Trafilea considers essential the correct match and adequate complementation so that each piece, team and talent can fully display their potential and support the purpose of the organization.

Issue/challenges to solve:

- Define competencies for key roles within the organization.
- Understand the compatibility between their collaborators and their leaders.
- Tool that provides greater knowledge and information on new talents.

Existence of a perfect match with the business culture and with the leader,





but still there were very clear flaws in the selection.

At the time of analyzing the reports in depth, it was evident that they did not have into consideration the modification of profile and intensity. Such is the case of people with a very high profile modification, that is to say very rigid, with little tendency to adapt and change. On the other hand, this profile behavioral in a dynamic like that of Trafilea, which is changing, with rotating priorities, in ambiguous environments, requires constant adaptation, that is to say that the opposition of profiles predicted the low success between the match of the profile with the organizational scenario. This learning about the modification of the profile and its intensity, it is an essential point to consider at the time of selection.

Justification of the case:

Trafilea shows how through the PDA Assessment it is possible to obtain highly valuable information in addition to REPNA. Its implementation with the cultural match, leaders and J.O.B. allows us to continue working to attract top talents.

From the organization, they carried out a selection work of 8 core values, then they translated them into observable competencies and finally into definitions that allowed them to extract 33 competencies that are required for a hero leader and over 24 for cultural fit. Not only that, but they also made a customization of the Grow Hacker position, which allowed them to calibrate the profiles towards a job fit sales oriented or





analytically oriented.

In the process of assembling these required competencies, relevance weightings, trials, tests, adjustments in order to reach the most suitable as possible.

“The moment to attract talent is a defining instance. We match to the person with his leader, team and with the company to know if he is a good fit. It allows us to get to know her better from before entering Trafilea and It serves as a predictor of success stories”.

Paula Antonelli, People Director

The organization founded in the eastern country of Uruguay has in its DNA the wanting people to develop what they already have as a strength for that its People Director, Paula Antonelli expresses: “part of our mission is positively impact people's lives and that starts at home”.

As previously mentioned, the job fit and the cultural fit of the Organization is highly strategic for Trafilea. All the employees have KPIs at 30, 60 and 90 days and if there is any eventual talent that decides not to belong to the company anymore in a shorter period to this, a retrospective process begins both at the corporate level as departmental to understand what happened and apply the value “Learn fast”.

Methodological framework

The selection of this case is due to the fact that Trafilea is an organization with a





digital and agile mindset that is expanding with strong spirits of grow and empirical evidence that demonstrates the support of the market and of the final consumers.

The objective sought is to show the importance of the observation, analysis and considering not only the natural behavioral profile, but also the adapted one.

The information described was obtained from interviews with Paula Antonelli, People Director of Trafilea, who shared processes, ideas, experiences, and confidential studies that support the profiles constructed and selected values.

General conclusions

Implementation of compatibility against positions for leadership roles and growth marketers, in development and promotion plans.

Application of competencies with the cultural fit of the organization.

Use of job fit for analytical and commercial growth marketer profiles.

Optimization of recruitment processes.

Provides added and defining value in decision making.

Greater understanding of behavioral profiles and behaviors of their collaborators.

The Assessment should be used as part of a recruitment process of which other tools are a part, should not replace the interview technique or experience.





Importance of taking into account the modification of the profile (natural to the adapted) and its intensity. In case of inconsistencies or points that stand out, you go to an instance of conversation with the candidate despite the fact that there is a fit with the leader and culture. It seeks to remedy the doubts that may arise in the Assessment.

The description of each competence should be analyzed in depth as part of a total and not just the final score because the tool does not detects lies (if irregularities that indicate low profile consistency) Trafilea detected the existence of external variables that could cause the a highly compatible candidate is not suitable for the job despite the fact that his position and behavioral profile were a fit. For example: work environment, tasks assigned, personal life of the candidate, relationship with his leader, among others.

### **Next steps**

From the construction of the profiles, updates and validations of the existing archetypes by Trafilea, as well as to the Growth Marketer avatar creation. In addition, Trafilea will carry out training for TAs and Managers on how to use the reports and avatars to find the perfect candidates for Growth positions Marketer.

- PDA has worked closely with Trafilea since its origins. We are proud to be able to contribute from our place to its growth







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