





ABOUT AMI:

Background, Values & Execution

WHAT WE DO:

Services &

Sales Channels

WHO WE REPRESENT:

Categories & Brands

HOW WE BUILD DISTRIBUTION:

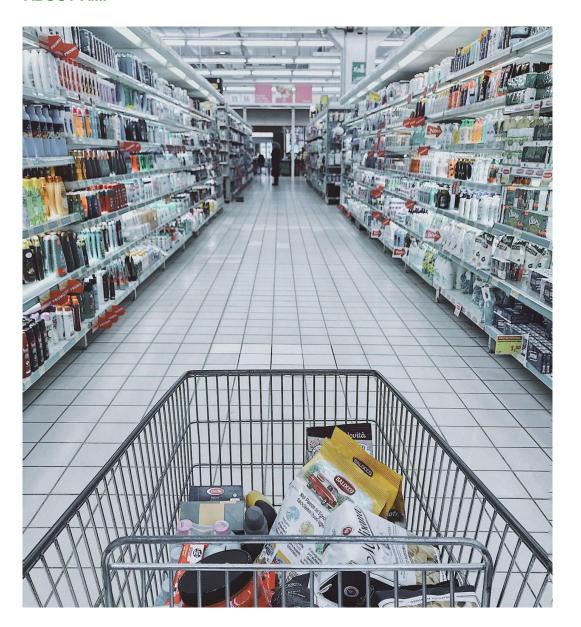
Specialty Practices & Technologies



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Case Study, "Why AMI?" & AMI Team



# Background



Started in 2004

Undergoing rapid growth, well-capitalized

**12 years** expatriate management for Nestle in 4 countries

Manage large food, beverage, nutrition & personal care businesses in multiple countries & sales channels **Negotiate** sales agreements with international retailers, chain accounts, importers, and distributors globally

**Develop** new products & foreign language packaging for our customers

**Provide** extensive retail, foodservice & industrial sales and marketing marketing experience in multiple CPG categories

### Values









#### **PURPOSE**

Expand export sales growth and achieve **exceptional ROI** for our customers.



#### **VISION**

We build brands worldwide.



#### **PROCESS**

We leverage our relationships with over 20,000 global buyers, develop customized strategic brand plans, and drive **export** sales growth for our customers.

### Values







#### **OUR GUARANTEE**

We guarantee that we will increase your brand exposure and develop export sales leads by reaching up to 18,000 buyers in 130+ countries.



#### **OUR PROMISE**

- 1. Increase customer brand exposure worldwide
- 2. Unparalleled customer relationships cultivated for nearly 20 years.
- 3. Large database of food, beverage, and nutrition importers / distributors / retailers worldwide with the capability to close buyers and sell our customer's products.







- Substance Over Splash: Add Real Value
- Accountability: Do What We Say We Will
- Celebrate team successes and achievements
- Confront all situations with optimism, joy,
   positivity and alignment with our Core Values
- Speak truthfully, listen intently, commit to candor and strive to reveal, not conceal





### Services

We **increase profits** and **expand sales and distribution** for food, beverage, nutrition and personal care brands by offering the following services:



**International Market Entry** 



**Export Sales Management** 



International Strategic Planning / Budgeting



Global Market Research & Consumer Trends



International Partner Identification, Recruitment, & Assessment



In-country Marketing & Promoting



**Trade Show Management** 



Foreign Language Packaging



Ingredients Review & Compliance



**Export Sales Training** 

# Wide Sales Channel Experience



### RETAIL CONSUMER PACKAGED GOODS



| E-Commerce | Club | Pharmacy/Medical | | Traditional Grocery | Specialty | Mass | | Drug | Discount Retailers |

### FOODSERVICE PRODUCTS



**Commercial End-Users** 

| National Chain Accounts | QSR | | Coffee Shops | Health Care | Education | | Business & Industry |

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### INDUSTRIAL & BULK INGREDIENTS



**Manufacturers** 

Co-Packers | Private Label



### AMI Sells to Leading International Retailers























































# Categories We Serve



Pet food



Chocolate & Confectionery



**Snack Foods** 



Frozen Foods



Fruits & Vegetables (dried, frozen, powder, pastes, & extracts)



Beverages (ready-to-drink, & powder)





Dietary Supplements (vitamins & nutraceuticals)



Baked Goods



Ingredients



∄ੈਹੈ Health & Beauty Products



Personal Care



Specialty (gift & novelty)



Medical (non-drug)





# Brands Represented by AMI























































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High fixed salaries	Low fees & sales incentives
Fixed costs (health insurance, 401K)	No fixed costs (health insurance, 401K)
Recruiting time & expenses	No recruiting time & expenses
Limited global network	Strong established worldwide network of leading buyers
Limited international knowledge	Diverse international expertise and foreign language ability
Deep category knowledge in the U.S.	Deep category knowledge in global export markets

# Athena Marketing International

### Benefits of AMI



18,000 customercontacts in130+ countries &growing

Experienced staff - foreign language speakers

Higher Sales & Profits

Serving North
American brands
since 2004

Knowledge sharing, minimize risk & potential mistakes

**Shorter Sales Cycles** 

**HOW WE HELP OUR CUSTOMERS** 

### **Testimonials**



"I would highly recommend Athena Marketing International for any company who would like to expand their international presence."



-Robyn Hawkins, CEO Big Train Inc.





"They provided valuable regulatory insight to speed us to market internationally and educated me and other key staff on sound approaches to building a profitable and sustainable international business."

> -Christian Johnson, Vice President **GU Energy**





"The campaign you ran was very successful. We received many good leads... Thank you for helping us build our international business."

> -Robb Dorf, Founder and President PureFit Premium Protein Bars



"Under the diligence and guidance of AMI, our core business (Sweetened Dried Cranberries) has increased +1,319%, +58% and +74% respectively over three years."

> -Jeffrey L. Carlson, President & CEO Decas Cranberry Sales, Inc.



# How a Super-Premium Snack Brand Grew Their International Sales Forecast <u>1400%</u>



#### **CHALLENGE**

This Vegan, plant-based snack brand had no awareness outside the U.S. and was facing pricing difficulties in foreign markets. The brand was poised to be a market leader if they could achieve their goal of garnering distribution and sales growth abroad.

#### **STRATEGY**

AMI sought to build brand awareness and sales in markets with well-established vegan snack markets that could afford the super-premium price positioning.

#### **RESULTS**

Through extensive lead generation, marketing and investment in two international trade shows in their first year, AMI successfully on-boarded seven new international distributors and established the brand on an e-commerce platform in Year 1. With three more international trade shows planned for Year 2, this customer has an anticipated sales growth from Y1 to Y2 of 1,400%.



# Why Choose AMI?

Significantly lower costs than building your own international sales team



Reduce Cost



### Connect

Connect to a large network of leading international distributors, importers, and retailers which are eager to market U.S. products



### Manage

International partner management, Purchase Orders, packaging, shipping & logistics



### Rapid Growth

Enjoy rapid growth while minimizing risks, liabilities, and costly mistakes











Let AMI manage & grow your international sales & profits!

