

Case Study

How Expedia Cruises leverages PromoRepublic to thrive locally through on-brand organic & paid social media marketing

2X

Impression growth on social over 6 months

+81%

Engagement growth over 6 months

148%

Growth of content published over 6 months

Since 1987, Expedia Cruises has been an industry leader in air, land and sea vacation sales across North America, and is backed by the most powerful travel brand in the world – Expedia.

Expedia Cruises provides travel agency franchise opportunities for those wanting to provide unrivaled travel expertise and exceptional value, for travelers in their community.



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Industry

Travel

300+ locations

5,000+ Vacation Consultants

US, Canada

Products used

- Social Media Marketing
- Brand Management
- Insights

Challenges

1. On-brand online presence

Expedia Cruises aimed to ensure that corporate and vacation consultants stay consistent when communicating the brand's story on social media and other digital channels. To achieve that, they were looking for a tool that would provide easy access to on-brand content and allow oversight of the social media posts going out.

2. Local targeting for paid social

The corporate office aimed to arm every location with a tool to grow visibility and engagement across local audiences with localized messaging. As franchisees manage advertising budgets by themselves, they needed a simple tool for promoting localized social media posts on their own.

Solution

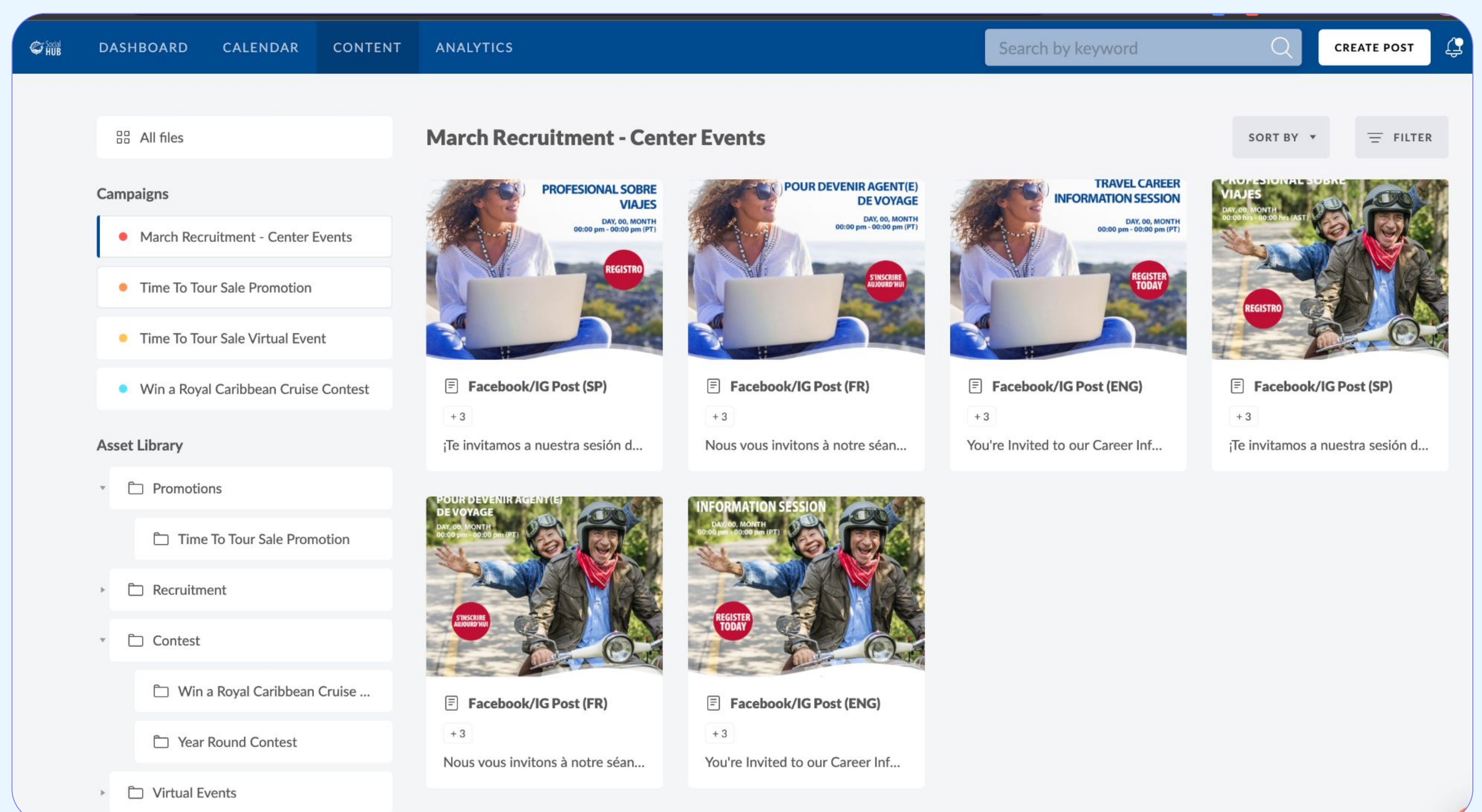
The Social Hub provided by PromoRepublic became the unified social marketing platform used across 300+ locations and 5,000 consultants, as well as the corporate team. The platform's workflow and permission structure reflects the established approval processes within the organization.

Corporate Office ↔ Travel Agency ↔ Vacation Consultant

Use Cases

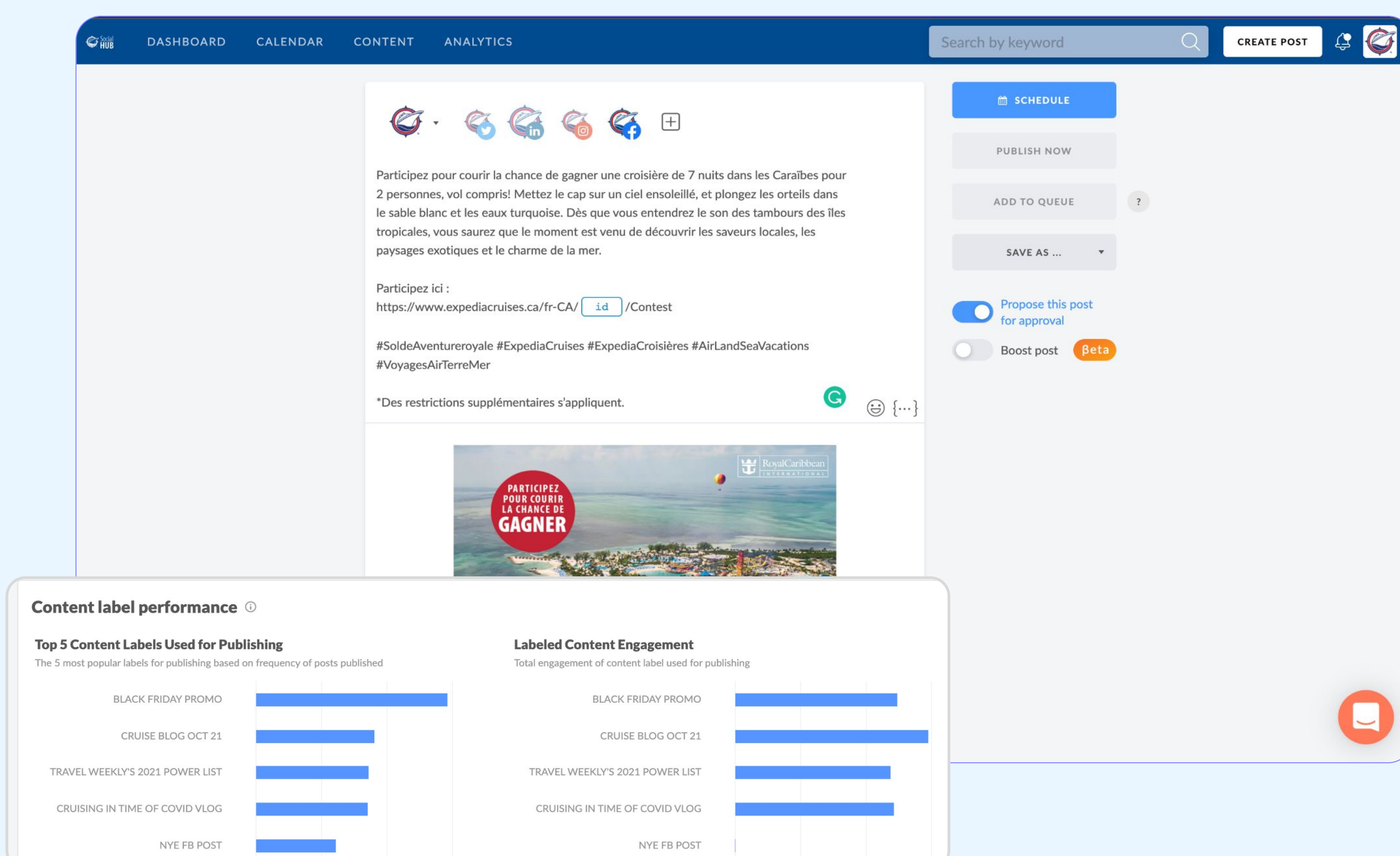
• Brand Management

Asset Manager is an easy tool for uploading, sorting, and storing branded content. A corporate team ensures brand consistency by distributing content across all locations and setting up specific permissions to manage and localize content while keeping all other assets untouched.



• Organic Social Media Campaigns

The corporate team utilizes PromoRepublic to keep franchisees and Vacation Consultants in line with the marketing calendar and to bring all important campaigns to the forefront.



To get higher reach, the head office organizes time-sensitive campaigns for locations to approve and join in on. This ready-made content can be labeled and later tracked for performance metrics.

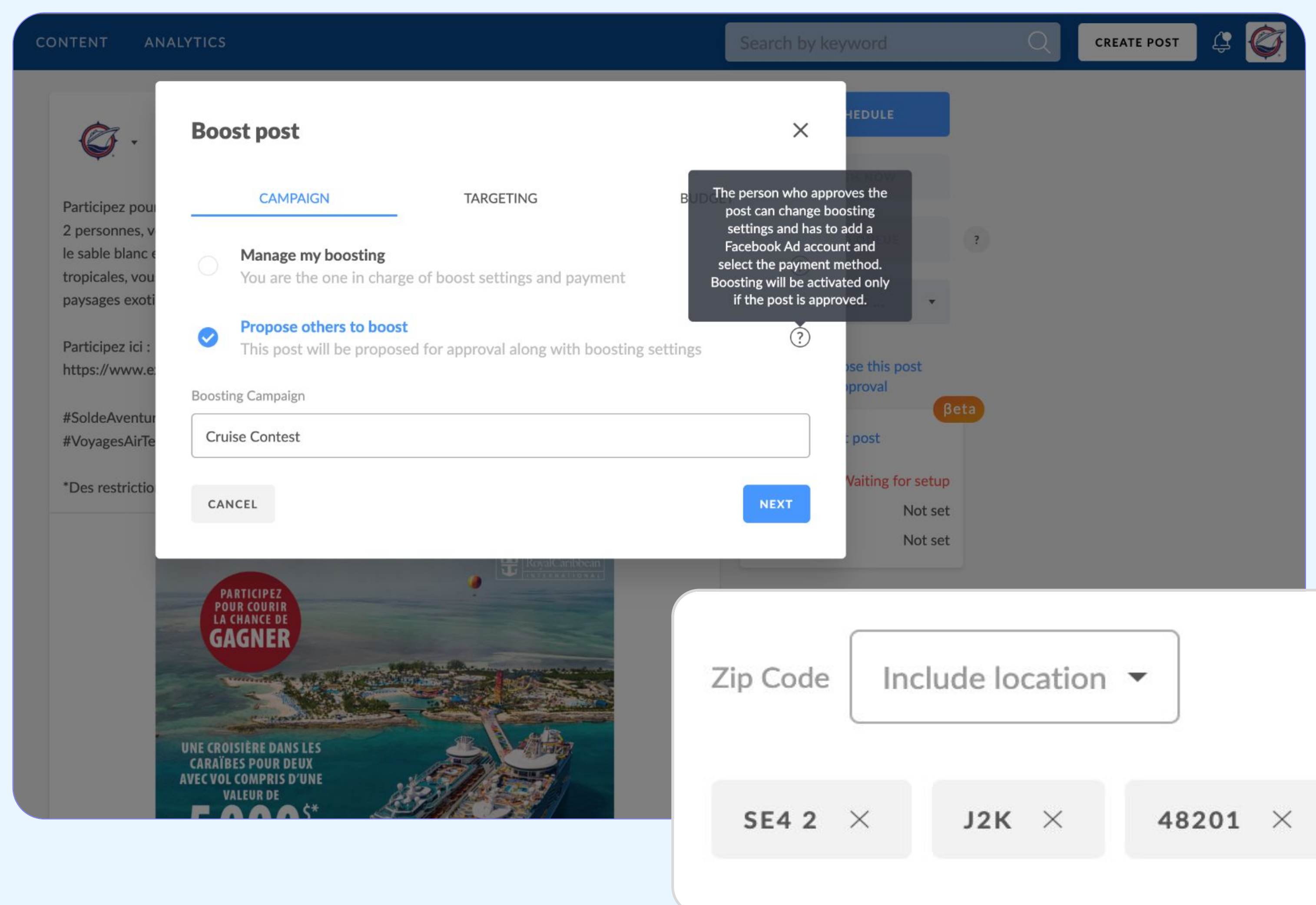
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• Post Boosting

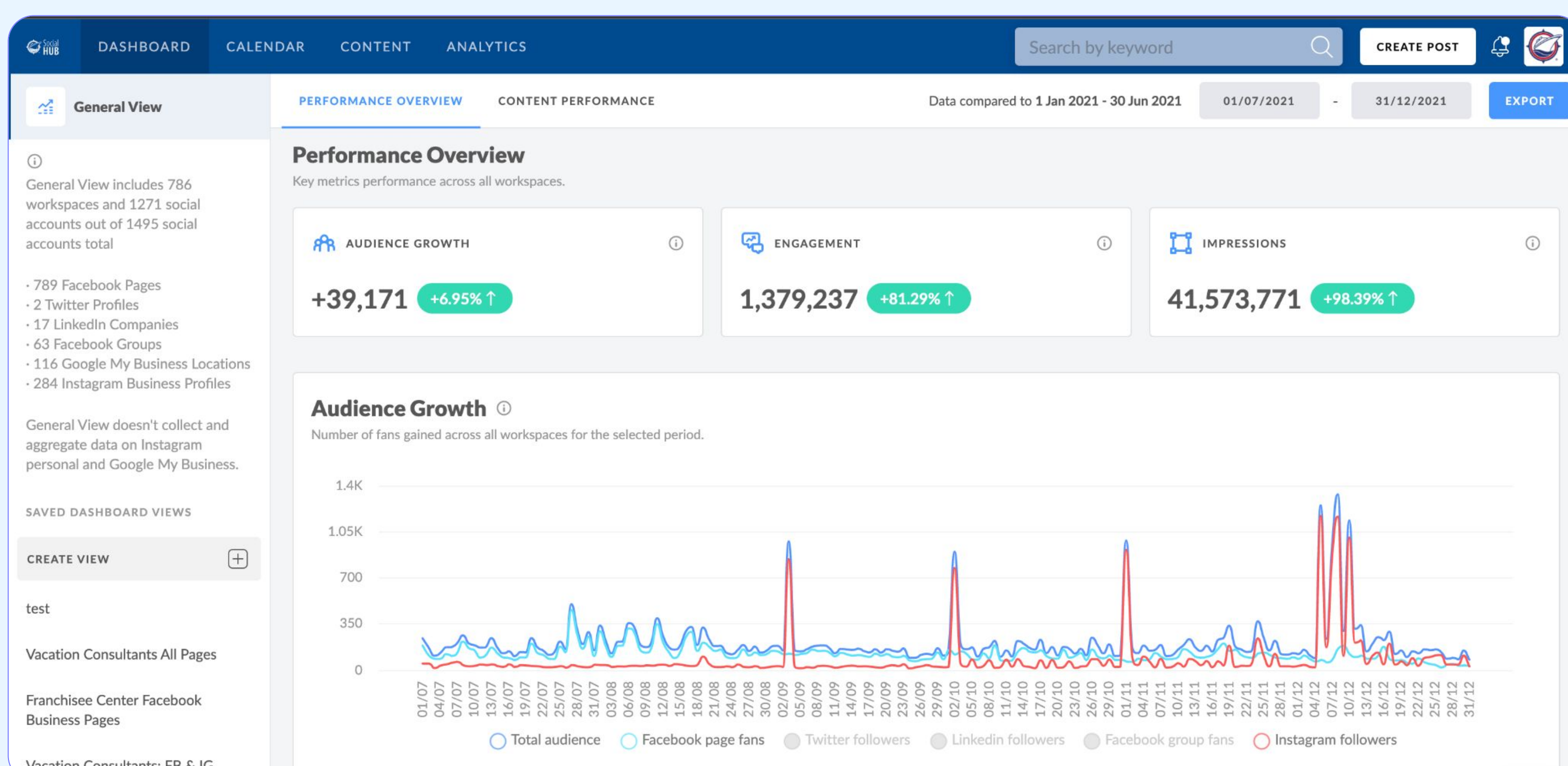
As their franchisees pay for ads at their own cost, they needed an easy tool to target people in their area.

To help agencies attract people with hyper-localized content, we enabled zip code post boosting.

Moreover, users see educational pop-ups throughout the payment process to make the right decision.



• Insights on Social Media Marketing & Brand Management Performance



By tracking social media and content performance in one single dashboard, the head office can now ensure that the visibility of agencies and Vacation Consultants is growing.