



JOYCATION

**Joycation is not about going far.
It is about feeling better.**

In a world exhausted by pressure, productivity, and emotional scarcity, people no longer travel to escape life — they travel to reconnect with joy. Joycation emerges as a lifestyle mindset where happiness becomes intentional, emotional recovery becomes daily, and pleasure is no longer postponed until annual holidays.

Burn Out



One of the root problems today is widespread burnout. Continuous pressure from work, economy, and digital overload has drained motivation, leaving many consumers mentally exhausted. As a result, people no longer seek achievement or productivity – they seek relief. Playfulness and joy become coping mechanisms, leading to a desire to pause responsibility and simply engage in activities that feel light, fun, and emotionally easy.



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Emotional * Adaptive Systems

Core Need:

Emotional restoration and social connection

Strategic Role:

Joycation treats joy as a designed system, not escapism. It channels play, color, and customization into modular, circular, community-driven fashion that combats burnout and fatigue. This pole is about how I feel.

Keywords:

Play with purpose, modular joy, customization, community, repair



Joy as Medicine. Pleasure as Recovery. Happiness as Survival.

In an era of emotional fatigue and constant uncertainty, joy is no longer a luxury — it is essential. Consumers are turning to small moments of happiness as a form of healing. Joy becomes medicine, easing stress and restoring emotional balance.

Pleasure is no longer indulgence, but recovery — a way to recharge the mind and body. Happiness, once seen as optional, is now a tool for survival.

As the Emotion Economy rises, people choose fashion, experiences and lifestyles not only for function or status, but for how they make them feel. In the future, joy is not something to delay or feel guilty about — it is something to protect.



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Segment: **Emotional * Playful * Adaptive**
Joy * Vacation * Restoration

SS2027 Role: Emotional recovery, community, circular engagement

Theme Narrative

JOYCATION reframes joy as a designed system for restoration, connection, and resilience. Borrowing the emotional freedom of vacation, it translates play into everyday life—structured, purposeful, and circular.

Joy becomes a strategic resource against burnout, climate anxiety, and emotional fatigue.



Healiday

From Burnout to Boost-Up

Healiday is a lifestyle trend responding to widespread burnout, redefining holidays as tools for emotional and mental recovery. Beyond travel, Healiday embraces soft exercise, meditation, and psychological workshops designed to restore inner balance. By blending wellness practices with holiday-inspired living, the trend encourages people to recharge continuously – transforming everyday life into a space for healing, reflection, and renewed energy.



“I want life to feel beautiful,
even if just for a moment in the laundry room.”



Community as the New Family

Within the Joycation mindset, belonging matters more than blood ties. People seek emotional safety, shared values, and joy through communities built around common interests rather than traditional kinship. These chosen communities become the new family – offering connection, support, and shared happiness in a world where emotional belonging is essential to well-being.

Mood Tourism

Travel or lifestyle choices driven by desired emotions rather than destinations.

Emotional Recharge

Actively restoring mental energy through experience, design, and community.

Emo-Retreat

Emotional retreat focused on mental clarity, reflection, and inner calm rather than location.

Joy Maintenance

Happiness as an ongoing practice, not a reward after hard work.

Micro-Getaway

Short moments of escape – weekend trips, afternoon rituals, or mood-based dressing.

Soft Escape

A gentle form of escapism through colors, textures, and atmosphere – not physical distance.



The New Mindsets

Everyday Vacation

Bringing holiday mood into daily routines – dressing, eating, living as if on a mini break.

Gentle Living

A slower, softer lifestyle that prioritizes emotional comfort and sensory pleasure.

Therapeutic Aesthetic

Design language that visually supports mental well-being.

Playful Recovery

Healing through play, nostalgia, irony, and childlike joy rather than seriousness.

Pleasure Dressing

Clothing chosen for emotional satisfaction rather than social function or productivity.

Bleisure

Business + Leisure
Working while traveling – or dressing with holiday spirit even during workdays.

A woman and a man are seen from behind, walking on a light-colored surface. The woman on the left is wearing a light pink long-sleeved shirt and a matching baseball cap. The man on the right is wearing a light pink sweatshirt with a colorful, abstract pattern and light-colored pants. They are pushing a silver shopping cart that contains a large, light pink stuffed rabbit wearing a matching headband. Both individuals have their right index fingers pointing upwards. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white.

KIDULT

Kidult reflects a psychological return to childhood as a coping mechanism in times of stress, burnout, and uncertainty. Adults seek emotional safety, nostalgia, and playful self-expression as a way to soften the pressures of modern life and reject rigid expectations of maturity.

This mindset translates strongly into the market through the rise of designer toys, collectible culture (Pop Mart, art toys), cartoon collaborations with luxury brands, pastel and candy-color fashion, playful accessories, and character-driven products.

What was once considered childish is now reframed as therapeutic, collectible, and culturally relevant — turning nostalgia into a powerful commercial driver.

Coolcation (Psychological Shift)

Coolcation is a post-burnout response.

After overstimulation, digital fatigue, and social exposure, people seek emotional cooling — not excitement.

It is about:

- Avoiding visibility
- Disconnecting from the internet
- Choosing quiet, remote spaces
- Reducing social performance
- Accepting low-comfort, slow living
- Luxury shifts from display to withdrawal.

Hospitality adapts:

- Intimate, small-scale retreats
- Nature-integrated stays
- Offline experiences
- Minimal service, maximum privacy
- Emotional safety over spectacle

Coolcation is not escapism for pleasure. It is escapism for recovery.

If Joycation is dopamine, Coolcation is nervous system reset.

Inner Child Seeker

Core emotion:

Desire to reconnect with happiness
before pressure existed.

What they look for:

Fun without explanation
Nostalgia, play, imagination
Lighthearted escape from adult responsibility

Behavior:

Drawn to cute, playful, cartoon-like elements
Enjoys collectible items, charms, novelty shapes
Mixes humor into daily life
Buys emotionally, not rationally

Fashion & product signals:

Sea-life motifs (shells, scallops, starfish)
Bright or candy colors
Mini bags, playful proportions
Decorative details, charms, animal motifs
Unexpected shapes that spark joy



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Archetype

Keyword:
Play as emotional therapy

Soft Healer

Core emotion:

Emotional exhaustion,
nervous-system fatigue, quiet burnout.

What they look for:

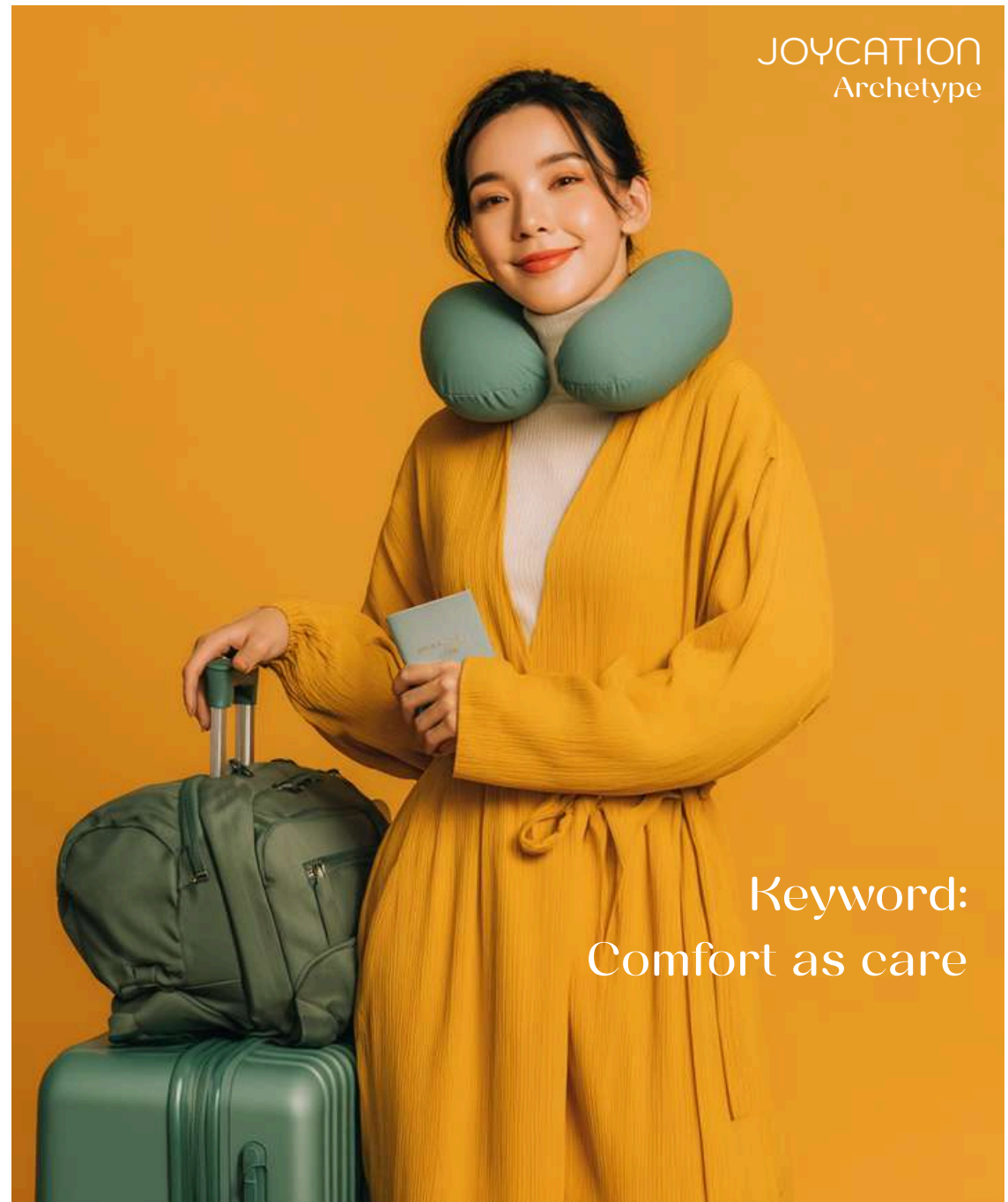
Calm, safety, softness
Emotional comfort without stimulation
Slowness and gentleness
Design that “does not demand attention”

Behavior:

Choosing rest over excitement
Preferring quiet cafés, slow travel, wellness rituals
Avoiding crowded or hyper-social environments
Spending on items that feel soothing

Fashion & product signals:

Soft-touch materials
(washed cotton, knit, padded textures)
Rounded shapes, cocoon silhouettes
Muted pastels, milky tones, skin-like neutrals
Bags that feel light, slouchy, huggable
Accessories with organic, smooth curves



Romantic Escapist

Core emotion:

Longing for beauty, fantasy,
and emotional storytelling.

What they look for:

Dream-like experiences
Soft drama, romance, poetic visuals
Feeling transported to another place or time

Behavior:

Attracted to travel imagery
and coastal moods
Romanticizes daily life
Seeks moments that feel cinematic
Emotional purchase driven by aesthetics

Fashion & product signals:

Flowing shapes, shell curves, wave lines
Pearlescent finishes, translucent materials
Soft shimmer, pastel gradients
Feminine detailing, handcrafted feel
Accessories inspired by seaside romance



Meaning Explorer

Core emotion:

Searching for purpose beyond consumption.

What they look for:

Emotional depth

Cultural or symbolic meaning

Story behind the object

Conscious joy, not empty fun

Behavior:

Asks “why does this exist?”

Values craftsmanship and narrative

Seeks travel and products that create insight

Prefers intentional joy over impulse joy

Fashion & product signals:

Motifs with symbolism

(shell = protection, journey, rebirth)

Local craft reinterpretation

Thoughtful material choices

Design that tells a story

Accessories that feel personal, not trend-only



JOYCATION – DESIGN SUMMARY TABLE

Sustainable	Travel-inspired apparel meets responsible tourism values. Light Carbon Travel Footprint. Eco-Friendly Resortwear – biodegradable swim textiles, UV-protective hemp blends, recyclable footwear.
Design	Resort-inspired wear, relaxed lifestyle pieces, dayjama, commuter-holiday hybrids, playful accessories, soft activewear.
Shape	Relaxed silhouettes, loose volume, flowing forms, gathered details, elongated dresses, soft layering, comfort-led proportions.
Material	Linen, summer cotton, chiffon, satin, jersey, mesh, light denim, soft leather; breathable, lightweight, and touch-friendly fabrics.
Texture	Soft, airy, fluid surfaces; gentle sheen; natural creases; light transparency; handcrafted and imperfect finishes.
Color	Pastels as healing tones (pink, baby blue, mint, soft green), sunset colors (orange, blue, green), bright but gentle palettes.
Print	Playful graphics, hand-drawn prints, floral and botanical themes, ombré sunset effects, pop art, cartoon and surreal motifs.
Accessory	Flower brooches, playful jewelry, kitsch-but-premium details, seashell and botanical motifs, woven bags, color-block sandals.



Color as Emotional Escape

Joycation's palette balances playful energy and emotional calm.

- Pop Pink expresses bold joy and youthful optimism.
- Meadowland Green restores balance through nature-inspired calm.
- Energy Orange injects warmth, movement, and positivity.
- Classic Beige grounds the palette with soft stability.
- Ethereal Blue brings lightness, clarity, and dreamy escape.
- Carambola adds tropical freshness and vibrant vitality.

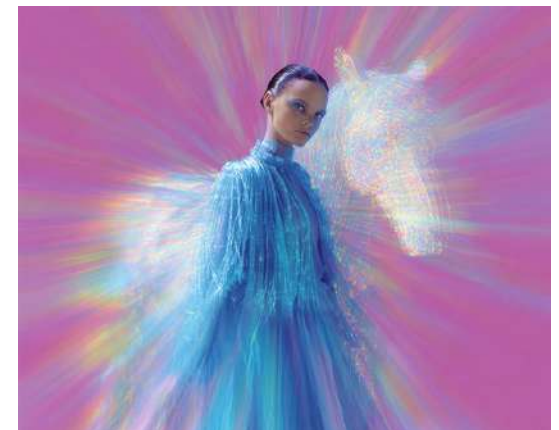
Together, the colors create a mood of uplifted emotion — bright yet gentle, energizing yet comforting.





Dreamscape Escapism

Escapism lives at the heart of Joycation. Dreamlike destinations, surreal atmospheres, and romantic scenery become emotional priorities over reality itself. Fashion follows this desire to drift away — expressed through soft silhouettes, fluid movement, glossy surfaces, and gentle glamour. Dressing becomes a way to step outside the ordinary, allowing imagination and beauty to momentarily replace the boredom of everyday life.





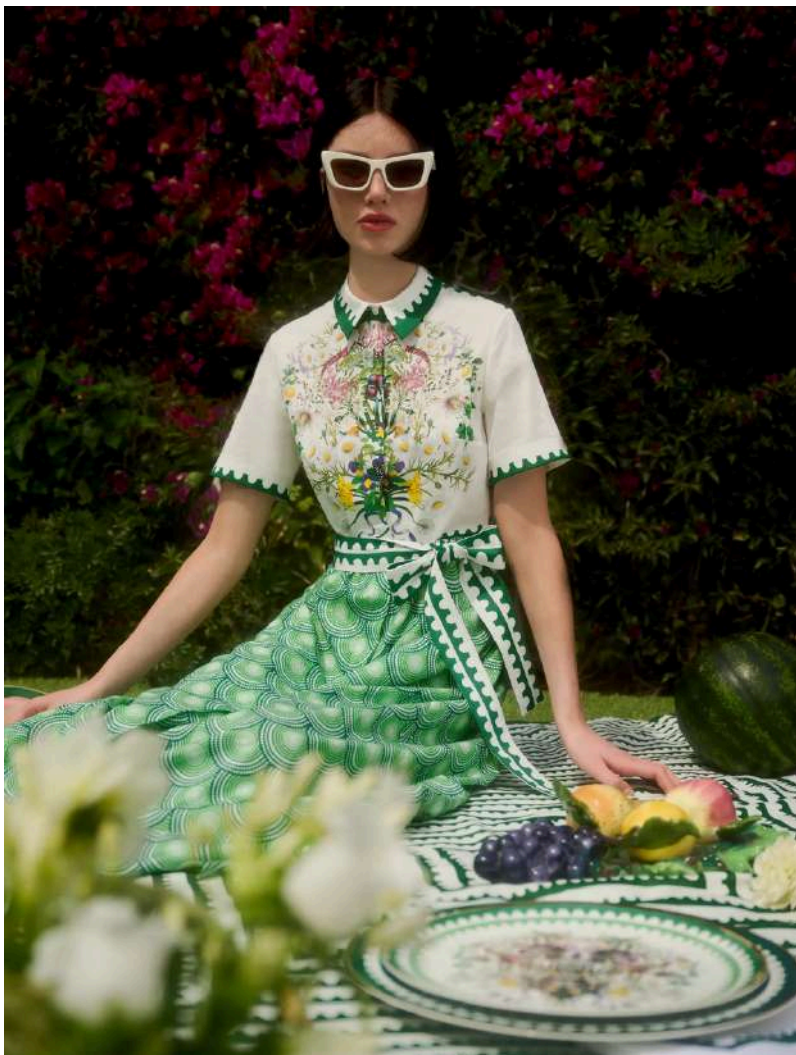
Spring Garden Reverie

Pastel shorts and light jackets form an airy silhouette, gently accented with floral brooches to capture a poetic moment where fashion meets nature in quiet bloom.



Floral Accent Romance

Flower brooches add a gentle, poetic touch across menswear and womenswear, expressing a soft, fluid, and inclusive sense of modern romance.



The Urban Escapist

A relaxed, expressive style inspired by European weekend moods—soft colors, gentle prints, and romantic details that turn short getaways into moments of emotional renewal.



Freedom of Unspoken Desire

An archetype exploring emotional inheritance and fluid identity, where feminine and masculine elements merge into playful, balanced self-expression.



Pure Resort Romance

Romantic resort shirting feels calm and refined, defined by soft collars, gentle gathers, and raw white linen or cotton that delivers understated, breathable elegance.



Modern Values, Crafted Soul

A lifestyle-seeking archetype shaped by modern holidays, expressed through bold silhouettes, fresh pastels, and experimental materials. Layered crafted prints add depth and reconnect newness with cultural roots.



Sumptuous Romance

Romance turns abundant and expressive — long trains, oversized ruffles, and vibrant coral pink use excess and volume as joyful emotional healing, inviting us to feel more rather than less.



Quiet Escape, Gentle Pleasure

An archetype seeking quiet relief through soft colors, relaxed silhouettes, and resort ease—where gentle pinks, browns, and greens bring calm, warmth, and understated happiness.



Pink-Orange Therapy

Pink and orange leads as a healing hue, blending childhood warmth with quiet prestige. Relaxed cottons and easy linen, softened volumes, and simple stripes create an effortless, romantic escape from work.



Pastel Urban Therapy

Pastel tones soften urban functional wear, bringing calm and emotional ease to daily movement. Minimal plaids and delicate florals add a gentle romantic touch, transforming commuter dressing into a soothing city journey.



The Summer Coat Revival

Crafted plaid coats redefine summer travel, using hand-drawn patterns in vibrant orange, blue, and pink to turn outerwear into an expressive, artisanal statement for sunlit journeys.



Chasing Light, Wearing Energy

A joyful summer escape where sun-soaked days turn dreamy. Playful tropical colors, sun motifs, and easy silhouettes create carefree energy and effortless freedom.



Sunny Stripe Statement

Bold Nostalgia Returns - '80s red, blue, and white color blocking is revived in modern proportions, bringing sporty nostalgia to tees and dresses with fresh, joyful energy.



Loud Romance

Ombre and hand-painted prints in sunset tones elevate satin maxi dresses into bold, romantic elegance—where dressing beautifully becomes a refined escape from the everyday.



Boho Revival Spirit : Bold Pastel, Free Expression

For the mature target with a lasting bohemian soul, bold prints remain a key expression of identity. This season, patterns grow into larger-scale painterly motifs, freely mixing bright pastels to celebrate confidence, creativity, and lived experience. The look embraces expressive freedom — joyful, unapologetic, and full of color.



Boho Reawakened

Bold clashing colors revive nostalgic bohemian spirit, celebrating maturity, confidence, and liberated self-expression. What once felt fearless becomes a joyful return to dressing without rules, guided by experience and self-assurance.



Daydream in the Kitchen

Irony home dressing turns routine into play — aprons layered over square-neck camisoles in florals or plastic stripes, reclaiming domestic imagery with humor, rebellion, and joyful irony.



Dayjama Delight

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Scallop Play

Inspired by babywear, scalloped hems scale up into bold streetwear statements. Reworked with new trims and prints, they bring playful softness across holiday wear, bags, and shoes.



Everyday Cape Fantasy

Childhood princess capes return in modern form, reworked with fresh proportions, scalloped edges, and hand-drawn prints. Innocence meets irony, turning nostalgia into playful, everyday fashion.



Woven Seascape

Landscapes become texture as handwoven structures reinterpret sea waves, using sea-foam white cotton to create tactile, three-dimensional movement inspired by nature's rhythm.



The Inner Childhood Seeker

An archetype inspired by children's instinctive joy in dressing without rules. Mismatched styling, mixed materials, and intentional disproportion celebrate playfulness, turning fashion into a space where imagination leads and creativity comes first.



Street Pop

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Pop Art Carry-On

Surreal pop motifs like oversized eyes, lips, and typography energize boxy bags through leather patchwork and prints, blending sharp structure with playful, unconventional expression.



Playful Disorder

Joy comes from mismatched materials, unexpected gathers, and bright mixed palettes—where broken rules turn imperfection into spontaneous, joyful design.



Baby Blue Playground

Baby blue anchors a soft, playful mood, energized by mixed textures and a hint of pastel pink—where sporty layers and youthful silhouettes express carefree, funky freedom.



Holiday at Work

Bold red heels meet relaxed resort styling, creating playful tension between structure and leisure — an ironic way to wear the feeling of escape into everyday work life.



Sunset Color Euphoria

Sunset hues of orange, blue, and green bring joyful holiday energy to sheer chiffon dresses, paired with color-blocked leather bags for a light, romantic glow.



Playground Sandals

Chunky, color-blocked sandals bring playful energy to summer, blending comfort with a youthful, carefree holiday spirit. Exaggerated soles and bold contrasts turn every step into a confident expression of fun and freedom.



Footprint Branding

Branding shifts from screens to experience, with logo soles on beach sandals leaving playful imprints in the sand. Each step becomes an unintentional story — turning movement and memory into joyful brand communication.



Seashell Fantasy Bag

Seashell-inspired handbags reinterpret ocean memories through embossed motifs on soft leather or playful real-shell details, balancing refined coastal elegance with kitschy charm.



Scallop Bag

Sea-life motifs like shells and scallops are reimagined into handbags, transforming childhood nostalgia into playful, joyful design. Soft curves and tactile materials enhance the emotional connection, making each piece feel both familiar and delightfully new.



Playful Prestige Accessories

Pop-art and holiday motifs become refined jewelry statements—playful yet elevated through quality materials, careful proportions, and polished craft.



Homecoming Codes is not about nostalgia. It is about this realization: “I’ve gone far — now I need to know where I stand.” These consumers are not searching for trends. They are searching for cultural grounding and authority.

Homecoming Codes



HOMECOMING CODES

Emotional × Cultural Authority

Core Need:

Identity completion after success

Strategic Role:

Homecoming Codes addresses identity fatigue among globally successful consumers and designers—particularly emerging African and Asian voices—who return to indigenous systems to reconstruct cultural authority.

This pole is about who I am.

Keywords:

Indigenous intelligence, modern heritage, post-status luxury, meaning

Consumer Motivation:

"I've achieved success—now I want to know where I belong."

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