At Orangetheory Fitness, we make it simple for our members to get more out of their workout. And while there are countless other concepts in the fitness category, we pride ourselves on our unique trifecta of science, coaching, and technology.

Orangetheory is a science-based, full-body workout that uses technology to measure performance so members can prove they are improving. In a 60-minute class, led by a highly certified and trained coach, members target at least twelve minutes in the Orange Zone to raise their heart rate and charge up metabolism. The result is an increase in calorie burn post-workout, backed by the science of excess post-exercise oxygen consumption (EPOC). After twelve minutes of hard work in the Orange Zone, your body burns additional calories as you recover over the next 36 hours.

Because of our technology tracking, members know how hard they need to work in order to achieve the best results. Plus, our coaches motivate you when you need it most, while also ensuring your safety and reminding you when to take a breather. Each workout comprises cardiovascular exercise on a treadmill or bike/strider, as well as rowing and strength training.

One of the main takeaways about Orangetheory is that people of all fitness levels can do it and be successful. With a walker, jogger, and runner category, members set the pace and will still achieve results. Look around the studio and you'll see members of all different abilities, rooting for each other as they run, lift, and sweat their way to simply becoming better versions of themselves. By taking just two to three classes per week, members will experience benefits to their life - more energy, more strength, more health.

PHILOSOPHY

For us, physical fitness transcends weight loss and bikini season. Fitness is a way of life -- in fact, our brand purpose is to help people live longer, more vibrant lives. When our members put in work at the studio, they will experience benefits in their day-to-day. They will be physically stronger, but beyond that, they will notice improvements to their mood, cognition, sleep, and overall happiness and quality of life. This workout actually changes your body at the cellular level and has been known to help members through disease, chronic illness, depression, and even heartbreak and the loss of loved ones. They’ll simply have the energy to play with their grandchildren, run a 5K, or go hiking. When you take care of your body and mind, amazing things can happen. More Orangetheory, More LIFE.
Ellen Latham, founder of Orangetheory Fitness, along with partners David Long (CEO), Jerome Kern and David Hardy, believe in changing the world one heartbeat at a time. Ellen’s journey to create Orangetheory started under uncomfortable circumstances when, as a single mother, she lost her prestigious job and was compelled to begin a new journey teaching fitness classes. She originally taught Pilates from a spare bedroom in her home, which quickly began to require a larger space where she could dedicate herself to teaching full time.

She opened a fitness center in Davie, Florida, where she introduced an exercise program that would metabolically charge the body based on feedback from her members, in addition to the Pilates classes she continued to teach. To achieve this total-body fat-burning workout, she added rowers, treadmills and other equipment similar to what today’s Orangetheory studios feature. This came to be known as Ellen's Ultimate Workout, which is still in operation today, and rebranded as Orangetheory Fitness in 2010.
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Orangetheory Fitness Leverages Psychology

In color theory, each color stimulates a different psychological response. Orange invokes energy, youthfulness, vitality, and health. This is the concept behind Orangetheory Fitness. Group personal training sessions leverage the Group Dynamic Theory that the energy and mood of a group can magnify itself to greater heights than that of a lone individual. Working out in a group provides camaraderie, support, accountability and structure to help achieve fitness goals. People who workout in groups stick to their goals more consistently than those who workout alone. And they have more fun.
BUNNY

I am a wife, mother, grandmother and am going to be 75 in a few weeks. Anybody can do Orangetheory Fitness. It’s for absolute beginners to marathon runners and that’s because you tailor the program to your own particular levels and abilities. I love Orangetheory because of the variety of the classes, the fun, coaches, the great music. When you feel healthy and you feel strong it enhances the quality of life tremendously.

HEIDI

I know I have a long way to go to keep changing my body, but I’ll forever be grateful to OTF for helping me get my life back.

KEVIN

I don’t know how to fully express my gratitude for this program. In some ways it may seem a bit silly that a gym can have such a large impact on someone’s life, but please know that it does.

DONITA

The awesome members and staff at Orangetheory have become like a second family to me. They’ve helped me realize my self-worth, and have motivated me to be the best version of myself. I’ve lost 30 pounds and I’m so proud of my accomplishments.

STEVEN

As a primary care physician, I like to practice what I preach. I have mentioned OTF to literally hundreds of patients. Much of what Ellen wrote in the opening chapters of PUSH are the same reasons I encourage my patients to join OTF. I have actually learned so much about exercise physiology from OTF.
ORANGETHEORY FITNESS YIELDS REAL RESULTS TO ACHIEVE FITNESS GOALS

Our members feel increased energy and see amazing results with only two to three sessions per week. Orangetheory Fitness leverages heart-rate training paired with the energy of the group to maximize caloric burn.

The workout is geared towards all fitness levels and participants are encouraged to go at their own pace, while still being challenged. Interested first-time participants can try out their first class for free at the majority of locations!

ORANGETHEORY FITNESS IS INSPIRED AND RUN BY EXPERTS

A FITNESS FRANCHISE ON THE RISE

• Orangetheory Fitness is the brainchild of Ellen Latham, a passionate, highly trained physiologist based in Florida.

• Training sessions are led by highly certified and trained coaches who ensure safety while inspiring participants to beat plateaus and stick to their goals.

• As of August 2021, Orangetheory Fitness has expanded to over 1,400 operating studios worldwide, in 50 states and 26 countries, including U.S., Canada, U.K., Australia, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Colombia, Japan, France, Peru, and Chile. The company continues to remain one of the fastest-growing franchise companies.'
Ellen has devoted her personal and professional life to changing the world, one heartbeat at a time. Having grown up in Niagara Falls, N.Y., as the daughter of a physical education teacher and coach, Ellen has enjoyed a lifelong passion for and commitment to health and fitness through her career as a physiologist and entrepreneur.

She co-founded Orangetheory Fitness in 2010, a new fitness concept based on metabolic training that grew out of her focus on the physiological theory of excess post-exercise oxygen consumption (EPOC). The Orangetheory Workout, which is heart rate-monitored training designed to stimulate metabolism and increase energy, has been lauded by many as the best one-hour workout in the country.

Throughout her four decades in the fitness industry, Ellen has owned, operated and/or managed several spas in South Florida, and opened the first group equipment-based Pilates studio, in Fort Lauderdale. She was named Businesswoman of the Year in South Florida and has made frequent TV appearances as a fitness expert. Ellen is the former fitness editor for Women’s Fitness magazine, and has authored several fitness columns for the Miami Herald and the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

Ellen holds a bachelor’s degree in physical education and a master’s degree in exercise physiology from the University of New York at Buf alo, and has taken extensive coursework with Stott Core Dynamics. She has earned certifications in the following areas: American Council on Exercise, AFAA, IMX, Johnny G. Spinning, Pilates, Polstar Studio; Allegro 1-3. And Mat.
Throughout his career, Dave has been in on the ground floor of several successful brands, always blending his passion for fitness with his business acumen.

As CEO of Orangetheory Fitness, Dave leads the company’s franchise model, regional development and product development efforts, and has also developed its popular fitness apps and state-of-the-art heart rate monitors. He has spearheaded rapid growth, as the company has issued 1,400+ franchise licenses in 26 countries since 2010. That success follows on the heels of his work in senior sales/operations roles with Massage Envy, taking it from 20 to 800 stores; and building an area representative network at European Wax Center, which expanded to 550 locations in less than nine years.

Zealously committed to nutrition and overall wellness, Dave makes regular TV appearances on the topics of fitness and franchising. He earned a bachelor’s degree in physical therapy and a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Florida.
Orangetheory workouts are science-backed, technology-tracked and coach-inspired. They don’t come together by magic; we put a lot of muscle into designing each row, rep and run. In fact, we have a dedicated Medical Advisory Board consisting of healthcare professionals and scientists who play an instrumental role in developing our workouts and the fitness content we share with you in the studio, on social media and beyond. Our Board members have specialized training and expertise in exercise science, nutrition, physical therapy, public health, cardiology and neuroscience to ensure the Orangetheory member experience is second to none. From keeping our workouts safe and effective, to prioritizing health and safety protocols, our Board works with both skill and heart to make sure our members get More Life.

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- High-resolution photos
- Orangetheory Fitness trial workout
- Expert resources on topics including:
  - The brand’s unique approach to fitness, including the trifecta of science, coaching and technology
  - How Orangetheory delivers More Life
  - Fast-growing fitness franchise
  - Excess post-exercise oxygen consumption (EPOC)
  - Health, wellness, fitness/exercise
  - Gyms and group fitness concepts
  - Exercise physiology
  - Testimonials or fitness success stories from real people
  - Interval training, heart-rate-based interval training