











What is a Brand?

"A name, term, sign, symbol or design, or a combination of these that is intended to identify the goods and services of one business or group of businesses and to differentiate them from those of competitors"

"A mixture of tangible and intangible attributes symbolized by a product or company, which is properly managed, creates influence and generates value"

"Augmenting core product and value proposition with unique values that set it apart from competitors"

Brands

- Bundle of images and experiences in the customer's mind
- A promise made by a particular company about a particular product
- A quality certification
- Differentiation between competing products
- The sum of impressions about a brand is the Brand Image
- The added value that accrues to a product as a result of investments in the marketing of the brand
- An asset that represents the value created by the relationship between the brand and customer over time





Why is a Brand Worth Building?

- Brand awareness = higher valuations
- Brand equity = strategic asset
- Stabilizing influence for market participants, especially customers
- Provides pre-empative protection in highly competitive markets
- Enables pricing premiums, better profit margins
- Helps company enter new product categories and/or markets more easily
- Builds employee, partner pride in company/product

A STRATEGIC, SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE



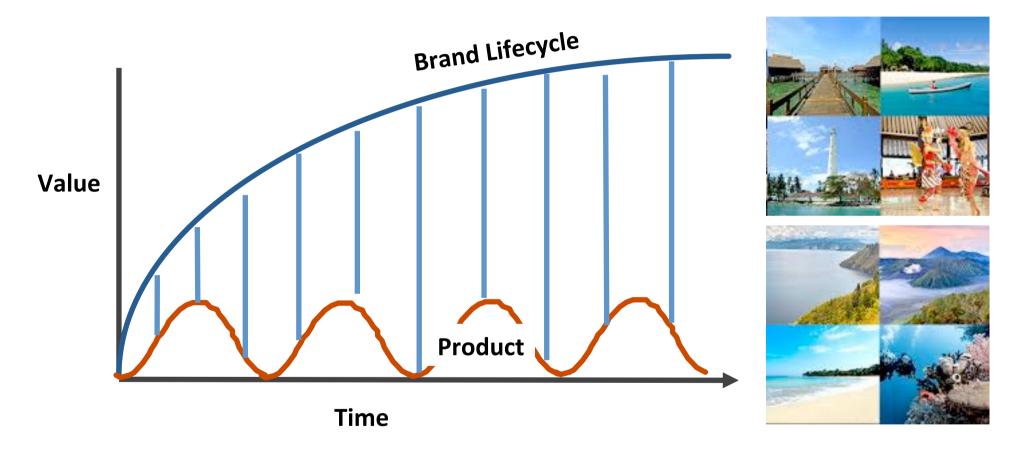


THE ROLE OF BRANDS





Why is a Brand Worth Building?



Strong brands establish a long-lasting place in short-lived markets





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POSITIONING & BRANDING

Market Vision

Market Drivers

Technology Enablers

Customer/ End-User Problem(s) Definition

Applications

Product/Market Category

Mission Statement

Market/Customer Segmentation

Market Segment

Customer Segments

Critical Needs

Company Product/ Service Match

Market Entry Customer Segment Roadmap and Market Segment Leadership Roadmap

Competitive Differentiation

Market Entry Customer Segment Critical Need and Total Product Requirements

Company Total Product Solution's Potential Differentiators

Competitors' Total Product Solutions' Potential Differentiators

Barriers to Adoption

Company Differentiator

Strategy Evidence

Positioning Strategy Statement

Total Product Assets

Technology and Total Product Roadmap

Partnerships

Business Model

(Functional) Programs

POSITIONING STRATEGY

BRANDING STRATEGY



Measured in three stages:

- Brand recognition Consumer awareness and identification of a brand.
- Brand preference Consumer reliance on previous experiences with a product to choose that product again.
- Brand insistence Consumer refusal of alternatives and extensive search for desired merchandise.

BRAND EQUITY

Brand equity Added value that a respected, well-known brand name gives to a product in the marketplace.

Strong brand equity

- Increases likelihood customers will recognize firm's product or product line.
- Can contribute to buyers' perceptions of product quality.
- Can reinforce customer loyalty and repeat purchases.
- Facilitates expansion into international markets.
- Built sequentially on four dimensions: differentiation, relevance, esteem, and knowledge.



BRAND NAME AND BRAND MARKS

Brand name Part of a brand consisting of words or letters that form a name that identifies and distinguishes a firm's offerings from those of its competitors.

Brand mark—symbol or pictorial design that distinguishes a product.

- Effective brand names are easy to pronounce, recognize, and remember.
- Should give buyers correct connotation of product's image and qualify for legal protection.
- Brand name loses protection when class of products generally comes to be known by that name. Examples include nylon, kerosene, and zipper.



TRADEMARKS

Trademark Brand for which the owner claims exclusive legal protection.

Protecting Trademarks

- Gives firm exclusive legal right to use brand name, brand mark, and any slogan name or product name appreciation.
- Firms can also seek protection for packaging elements and product features.

Trade Dress

Visual cues in branding that create an overall look.
 Examples: McDonald's golden arches, KFC's Kolonel
 Sanders





Brand name



BRAND EXTENTIONS

- Brand extension Strategy of attaching a popular brand name to a new product in an unrelated product category.
- Accor with Sofitel, Pullman, Mercure, Ibis etc

BRAND LICENSING

- Authorizing other companies to use a firm's brand name.
- Brand's owner receives royalties, typically four to eight percent of wholesale revenues.
- Can hurt a brand if the licensed product is poor quality or ethically incompatible with the brand.
- Another risk is overextending the brand.

When Does Positioning Strategy Convert to a Brand?

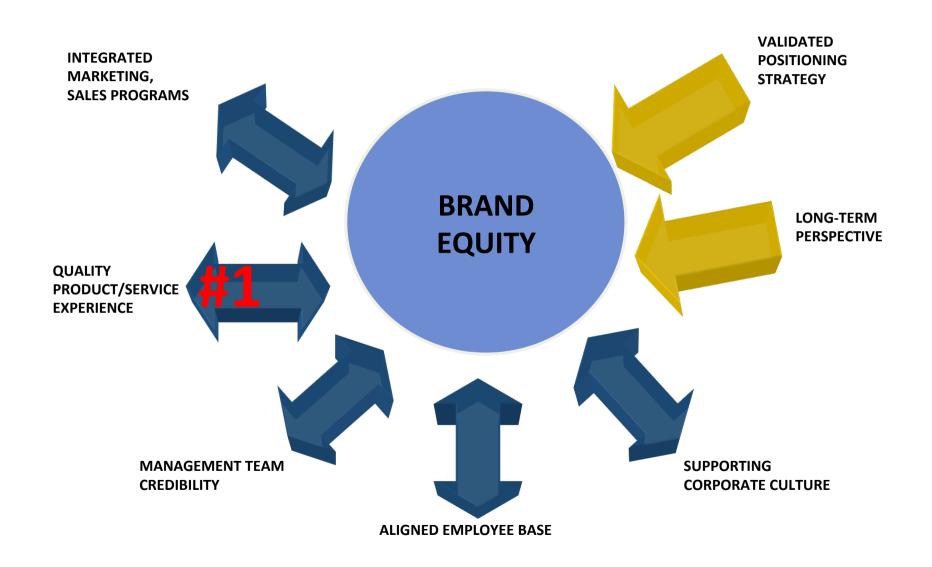
When the positioning strategy evidence comes into contact with the customer

And, the customer AGREES with it,

Time and time again.....



Building Brand Equity





NEW-PRODUCT PLANNING

Firms must add new products in order to continuing prospering as other items reach the later stages of the product life cycle.

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Alternative Product Development Strategies

	Old Product	New Product
Old	Market	Product
Market	Penetration	Development
New	Market	Product
Market	Development	Diversification