

## A Primer in Entrepreneurship

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managing and decision to moving from an idea to an developing successful growing an become an business ideas entrepreneurial firm today entepreneurial entrepreneur recognizing opportunities preparing the proper ethical and unique and generating ideas marketing issues legal foundation assessing a new venture's financial feasibility analysis Intellectual Property strength and viability writing a business plan building a new venture team challenges of growth strategies for industry and competitor analysis getting financing or funding firm growth franchising developing an effective business model



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Part IV Managing and Growing an Entrepreneurial Firm

Lecture 11
Unique Marketing Issues Confronting New Ventures

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## **Agenda**

#### 1. The Three Step Process

- 1.1 Market Segmentation
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- 1.3 Positioning
- 2. Keys to Success
- 3. Marketing Mix



## **Questions**

- How does an entrepreneur define its target market and position its firm?
- What are the two main keys to success?
- What is a Marketing Mix and which elements does it contain?

...to be answered in today's lecture.



## **1** The Three Step Process

A firm must address two important questions in order to succeed.





## **1** The Three Step Process

Following the three step process, you need to segment the market, determine the target market and establish a unique position within the target market.

MARKET SEGMENTATION TARGET MARKET/ MARKET NICHE

**POSITIONING** 



## 1.1 Market Segmentation

The market is divided into groups of customers which are similar enough that the same product/ service will appeal to them.



Homogeneous groups of buyers in regard to their wants and needs

Segments having smaller differences within the segment than across segments

Segments being distinct to easily identify members

Segments whose size is determinable to determine potential

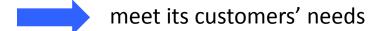


## 1.2 Target Market

Since market segments are often too large to be targeted successfully most firms target a niche within a segment.

**MARKET** a place within a market segment that represents a **NICHE** narrower group of customers with similar interests.







provide customers with high levels of value and service

## 1.3 Positioning

A firm establishes a position in order to differentiate itself from its competitors.

part of a market/ segment the firm is claiming as its own

## **POSITION**

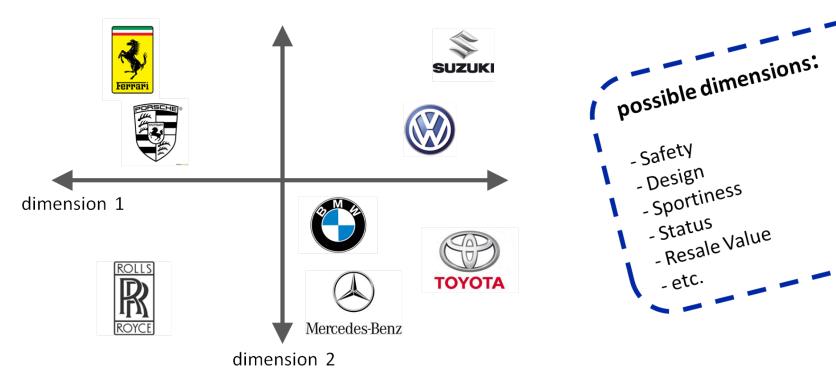
how the firm is situated relative to its competitors

A position is established in its customers' minds by consistently drawing attention to its product's attributes that define the essence of what the product is and what separates it from its competitors.



## 1.3 Positioning

Fictive example of the positioning of automobiles





## 1.3 Positioning

Firms often develop a tagline to reinforce the position they have staked out in their market.

A phrase that is used consistently in a company's literature, advertisements, promotions, stationery, and even invoices, and thus becomes associated with the company:

















## 2 Keys to Success

Selling benefits rather than features.

A positioning or marketing strategy that focuses on the features of a product, such as its technical merits, is usually much less effective than a campaign focusing on the merits of the product.



## 2 Keys to Success

While features are nice, they typically do not entice someone to buy a product.

Our cell phones are equipped with sufficient memory to store 100 phone numbers.





Our cell phones let you store up to 100 phone numbers, giving you the phone numbers of your family and your friends at your fingertips.



## 2 Keys to Success

A strong brand can be a very powerful asset.

**BRAND** 

a set of positive or negative attributes that people associate with a company

#### BRAND MANAGEMENT

monitoring the integrity of the brands, protecting the image and value of an organization's brand in consumers' minds

#### BRAND EQUITY

the term denotes the set of attributes and liabilities that are linked to a brand and enables it to raise a firm's valuation



## 2 Keys to Success

There are different ways of thinking about the meaning of a brand.

A brand is an **EXPECTATION** of performance.

A brand is an unwritten **WARANTEE**.

A brand is a **PROMISE**.

A brand is a **GUARANTEE**.

A brand is a **REPUTATION**.

A brand is a collection of **MEMORIES**.

A brand is a **PLEDGE**.

A brand is a mark of TRUST and REDUCED RISK.



## 2 Keys to Success

A firm may develop a brand on a philosophical and a practical level.

#### **PHILOSOPHICAL**

creating value and having meaning in its customers' lives

#### **PRACTICAL**

building through techniques, such as advertising, public relations, sponsorships, support of social causes, and good performance.





Source: http://www.ikea.com/ms/en\_GB/about\_ikea/press\_room/student\_info.html

#### IKEA marketing strategy

The IKEA vision, business idea and market positioning statement provide a framework for all IKEA marketing communication worldwide.

The IKEA vision is "To create a better everyday life for the many people."

Our business idea is "To offer a wide range of well designed, functional home furnishing products at prices so low that as many people as possible will be able to afford them."

Our market positioning statement is "Your partner in better living. We do our part, you do yours. Together we save money."

By communicating the content of this framework and encouraging customers to experience the IKEA concept, we are building the IKEA brand. The IKEA brand is the sum total of the emotional and rational values that consumers associate with the IKEA tradesmark and the reputation of our company. The brand image is the result of over 50 years work by IKEA co-workers at all levels all over the world.

What we do, what we say, the products we offer, the price we offer them at, the presentation of our range and the information we provide our customers all contribute to our image. The overall task of IKEA marketing communication is to build the IKEA brand and inspire people to come to the stores.



## 2 Keys to Success

Co-branding refers to a relationship between two or more firms where the firm's brands promote each other.











## **2 Keys to Success** BrandZ TOP 100 Global Brands 2012

brand	brand value (\$ M)	brand value change 2011 <b>VS</b> . 2010
1. Apple	153,285	84 %
2. Google	111,498	<b>-2</b> %
3. <b>EX</b>	100,849	17 %

SOURCE: http://www.marketingweek.co.uk/Journals/2011/05/11/TheBrandZTop100GlobalBrands.pdf



## **2 Keys to Success** BrandZ TOP 100 Global Brands 2012

## BRANDZ™ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brands 2014

	Brand	Category	Brand value 2014 \$M	Brand contribution	Brand value % change 2014 vs 2013	Rank change
1	Google	Technology	158,843	3	40%	1
2	Ć	Technology	147,880	4	-20%	-1
3	IBM	Technology	107,541	4	-4%	0
4	Microsoft	Technology	90,185	4	29%	3
5	M.	Fast Food	85,706	4	-5%	-1
6	Coca Cola	Soft Drinks	80,683	4	3%	-1
7	VISA	Credit Card	79,197	4	41%	2
8	at&t	Telecoms	77,883	3	3%	-2
9	Mault and	Tobacco	67,341	3	-3%	-1



## 2 Keys to Success

There is a difference between positioning and branding.

The **brand** is all about the attributes and **promises** that people associate with a company.

The **position** is all about the **details**.



## 3 Marketing Mix

A marketing mix is the set of controllable, tactical marketing tools that is used to produce the desired response in the target market.

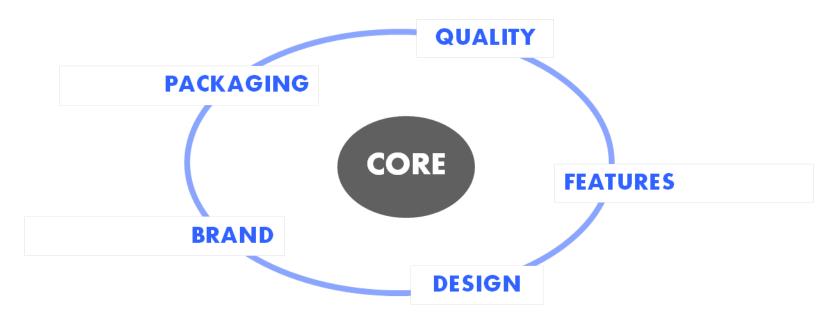




#### 3.1 Product

Determining the product/ service to be sold is central to the firm's entire marketing effort.

## THE CONSUMER BUYS THE ACTUAL PRODUCT





#### 3.2 Price

The price is the amount of money consumers pay to buy a product and is the only element of the marketing mix that produces revenue.



product's costs



markup percentage



consumers' willingness to pay



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#### 3.2 Price

Regardless of the method of pricing, a company cannot charge a premium price without delivering on its positioning and branding promises, and unless circumstances are right.

#### **DEMAND**

- Demand for the product is strong relative to supply.
- Demand for the product is inelastic.

### **PRODUCT**

- The product is patent protected and has a clearly defined target market.
- The product offers additional features that are valued.
- A new technology is being introduced.
- The product is positioned as a luxury product.

## PREMIUM PRICE



#### 3.3 Promotion

A firm needs to communicate the merits of its product to its target market in order to persuade people to buy the product.

## **ADVERTISING**

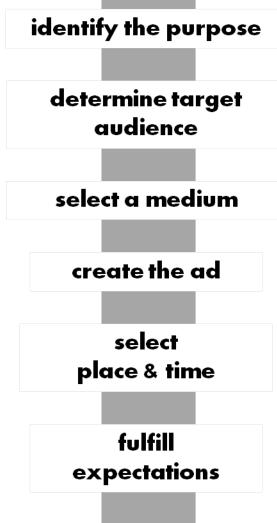
#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**



#### 3.3 Promotion

Advertising is used by entrepreneurs to promote their firms.

- raise costumers' awareness of a product
- explain a product's comparative benefits
- create associations between a product and a certain lifestyle





#### 3.3 Promotion

Public relations refers to a number of techniques.

press releases blogging news conferences establish and monthly maintain a newsletter company's image media with the public coverage civic, social, and community articles in the industry involvement press and periodicals



#### 3.4 Place

A firm's product needs to move from its place of origin to the consumer by taking a distribution channel.

# product's place of origin



## SELLING DIRECTLY

# DISTRIBUTION CHANNEL

SELLING THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES

#### consumer







#### 3.4 Place

Many firm sell directly to costumers.





PRO control

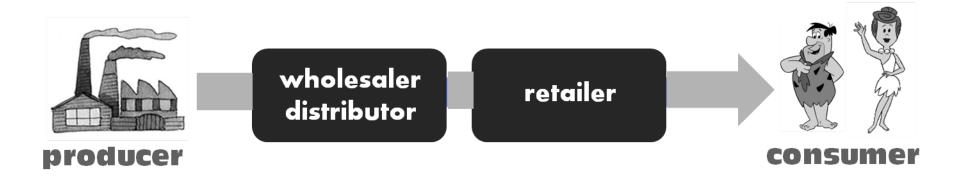
**CON** capital tied up in fixed assets

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#### 3.4 Place

Firms that sell through intermediaries typically pass off their products to wholesalers who place them in retail outlets to be sold.



PRO less capital tied up in fixed assets

**CON** loss of control



## Do you know the answer?

- How does an entrepreneur define its target market and position its firm?
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...test yourself.



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## **Outlook**

managing and decision to moving from an idea to an developing successful growing an become an business ideas entrepreneurial firm entrepreneurial entrepreneur firm assessing a new venture's fixed a strength and viability recognizing opportunities and generating ideas feasibility analysis Intellectual Property writing a business plan building a new venture team challenges of growth strategies for industry and competitor analysis getting financing or funding firm growth franchising developing an effective business model