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"Customer and business value"

Marketing definition and concepts

- •Marketing is about identifying and satisfying people needs through the exchange of products or services.
- •The marketing process should create value and build strong relationships with customers such that in turn captures value for the business, generates profits, retains existing customers and expands market share.
- •Business success is a reality when marketing is integrated with strategy, accounting, finance, operations and general management principles.

•Successful marketing is about value delivery and capture

Deliver value to customer

- Define the market
- Understand customer needs
- •Develop a marketing strategy based on identified customers and markets
- •Deliver value through integrated marketing in the business general strategy
- Create customer experience and develop customer relationships

Capture value from customer

- Deliver on proposed value
- Build relationships
- Generate profits

Marketing process steps are:

- •Understand the marketplace, and the customer needs and wants.
- •Design a customer driven marketing strategy with the goal of getting, keeping and growing target customers.
- Construct a marketing plan that will deliver superior value
- •Build profitable customer relationships
- •Capture value through strong customer relationships

Marketing framework

- Market definition
- Strategic Marketing
- •Marketing Mix
 - Product
 - Price
 - Promotion
 - •Place

Marketing framework

- •Market definition:
 - •Should be centered around the problem solved through business offering
 - Present and future customers focused
 - •Understand what are the forces / factors driving the market

Marketing framework

- Strategic Marketing
 - Business context
 - •Health of general business environment
 - •Identify macro and microeconomic financial factors
 - Strategic planning
 - •Identifies business vision and mission
 - •Establishes business goals and objectives
 - •Identifies business portfolio of products or services
 - •Gives general direction on specific functional plans according with the business organizational structure

Marketing Mix

Marketing should connect the seller with the buyer.

The fundamental 4Ps and 4Cs of Marketing and their relationships:

4Ps (seller's perspective) 4Cs (buyer's perspective)

•Product What customers need and want

•Price How much will the customer pay

•Promotion How, when and what to communicate

•Place How to enhance customer experience

- Product
 - Both consumer and industrial products are segregated in core, actual and improved products
 - •The core product is addressing the specific customer need
 - •The actual product includes the core one and additional features specific to quality, branding and packaging
 - •The improved product is the actual one together with the services associated with: warranty, maintenance, service and up-grades

- Price
 - •Technically it is the amount of money exchanged between the seller and the buyer for a product or service
 - Should represent the value that customers and suppliers exchange for a product or service
 - •This is the only one item in the marketing mix that generates revenue
 - Driven by extremely competitive environment
 - •Should be continuously adjusted to the market supply and demand, and to the product life cycle stage

- Promotion
 - •Effective communication of customer value through customized messages to a target audience
 - •Advertisement, sales promotions and public relations are basic tools for product or service promotion
 - •Direct marketing is a specific promotion activity meant to engage and get an immediate response from customers carefully selected

- Place
 - •A product or service has to be made available to customers through the use of one or more marketing channels
 - •Marketing channels fulfill specific purposes, such as gathering customer information, communications regarding the product or service, initiating contacts or actual distribution of respective product or service
 - Marketing channels design should be adjusted to market environment
 - •Marketing channels growth structure, amount of intermediaries and responsibilities allocation should reflect business objectives and goals

Marketing professionals should:

- Listen to the voice of the customer
- •Understand customer needs, and quantify them into requirements
- •Convert requirements into product or service through product development
- •Promote the product through advertising and communication strategies
- •Place the product or service through convenient distribution channels
- •Price and sell the product or service, at a determined price, reflecting the appropriate perceived value
- •Understand that the offered product or service value should be higher than the next best available offer to the customer

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