

Strategic Advertising Management

In order for High Technology (HT) companies to tackle contemporary demanding market challenges, they frequently deploy time-reduction strategies with respect to product launch. Marketing of technology related products – and especially cutting edge ones – involves a complex and multidimensional bundle of specific and unique characteristics, such as the complexity of products, the intensity of the competition, confusion and/ or fear of adoption among consumers, fast pacing changes in the external environment. The very nature of the interrelations that evolve as part of the dynamic process of strategy formulation contributes further to the formulation of a very challenging environment which is described as tumultuous, volatile and turbulent. These specific features, qualities and characteristics constitute the core of the innate need for an integrated approach that requires and depends on the cooperation and coordination of specific functional competencies. This book employs a systemic approach that accommodates the integration of specialized departmental capabilities as a fundamental prerequisite and a cornerstone for the successful navigation of high-tech organizations in their extremely competitive environments. It provides a solid and extant context of compact and consistent cognitive background that is specific to the HT strategic marketing field, and a strategic tool that utilizes, relies and is built on the turbulent environment of HT rather than just overlooking, avoiding or ignoring it, and that assumes a proactive point of view, capitalizing on characteristics specific to this field, through the provision of a strategic managerial and marketing model that is overlaid onto a reliably assessed foundation of dynamic qualities, with a long-term orientation and scope, albeit one that would be easy to apply and which will generate immediate results.

THE MCGRAW-HILL EXECUTIVE MBA SERIES Readers look to The McGraw-Hill Executive MBA series for straight-talking, technique-filled books written by frontline executive education professors and modeled after the programs of top business schools. Strategic Marketing Management provides a logical approach for developing and positioning corporate and product brands and skillfully managing those brand positions over time. Case studies and examples illustrate how to maximize benefits from a "first-mover" strategy, navigate a brand extension, set priorities when establishing brand meanings, and more.

Presents a process based approach that integrates Marketing with other aspects of Management such as strategy, organisational theory, strategic financial management and management accounting. This work presents a process-based approach that draws heavily on Business Process Re-engineering (BPR).

Strategic Marketing: planning and control covers contemporary issues by exploring current developments in marketing theory and practice including the concept of a market-led orientation and a resource/asset-based approach to internal analysis and planning. The text provides a synthesis of key strategic marketing concepts in a concise and comprehensive way, and is tightly written to

accommodate the reading time pressures on students. The material is highly exam focused and has been class tested and refined. Completely revised and updated, the second edition of Strategic Marketing: planning and control includes chapters on 'competitive intelligence', 'strategy formulation' and 'strategic implementation'. The final chapter, featuring mini case studies, has been thoroughly revised with new and up to date case material.

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You no longer have to read complicated and boring books to learn about Marketing and Brand Management. Every important point you need to know about Marketing Management is summarized in this easy-to-read 200-page book! Marketing is more than just selling products, promoting them, building a distribution and setting prices. The entire Marketing process is much more extensive. The book shows how Marketing theory can be applied in a practical manner through the Marketing Mix. It consists of the analysis, planning, implementation and control of company activities. In addition, several strategic and operational topics on Brand Management are highlighted in the book. The combination of important insights from both Marketing and Brand Management will ensure that you are proficient in the indispensable business function. You will find everything you need to know about the basics of Marketing and Brand Management in this book, including: ?? Marketing Plan ?? Marketing Strategies ?? Marketing Mix ?? Brand Process & Strategies ?? Strategic Marketing Management ?? Brand Positioning It's true to the title: Marketing Management - strategic Marketing Management - Marketing Planning and Strategy simply explained! The book includes: ?? All relevant Marketing Theories are explained in a understandable way ?? Over 65 images as an overview ?? Practical examples, tips and summaries The book is already ranked among the Top 20 in Marketing and International Management in Germany. Get into the world of marketing now! Strategic Advertising Management offers a systematic look at advertising within a theoretical and strategic planning framework. The authors present an overview of 'how advertising works' and what is required from a manager's perspective, in the development of an effective communication plan.

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- Create products that perform the jobs people need to get done
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A practical guide for providing exceptional client service Most advertising and marketing people would claim great client service is an elusive, ephemeral pursuit, not easily characterized by a precise skill set or inventory of responsibilities; this book and its author argue otherwise, claiming there are definable, actionable methods to the role, and provide guidance designed to achieve more effective work. Written by one of the industry's most knowledgeable client services executives, the book begins with a definition, then follows a path from an initial new business win to beginning, building, losing, then regaining trust with clients. It is a powerful source of counsel for those new to the business, for industry veterans who want to refresh or validate what they know, and for anyone in the middle of the journey to get better at what they do.

This comprehensive book is designed to serve as a primary text for the Advertising Management course that follows the more general Principles of Advertising course. It can stand alone, or, for instructors who prefer a case-based approach, it can be adopted together with "Cases in Advertising Management" (978-0-7656-2261-7) by the same authors.

"Advertising Management" covers a full range of topics for a semester-long course, including financial management, business planning, strategic planning, budgeting, human resource management, ethics, and managing change. There is even a unique section on 'managing yourself' and your own career in advertising. The text includes plentiful figures, tables, and sidebars, and each chapter concludes with useful learning objectives, summaries, discussion questions, and additional resources.

It is the first time that the different strategic advertising mechanisms are explained in a single book. And this is also the first time that a book has brought together the most important and transcendent (for its applicability to the advertising market) strategic advertising mechanisms. The text explains from classic mechanisms such as Rosser Reeves's USP or Procter & Gamble's copy strategy to modern mechanisms such as Kevin Roberts's Lovemarks or Douglas Holt's iconic brands. It also considers European mechanisms such as Jacques Séguéla's star strategy or Henri Joannis's psychological axis. The book has the most complete academic review. Strategic Advertising Mechanisms: From Copy Strategy to Iconic Brands, integrates the most important strategic advertising mechanisms developed throughout the time: USP, brand image, positioning, Lovemarks... This is the first and only book to date that compiles the most consolidated methods by advertisers or advertising agencies (P&G, Bates, Ogilvy or Euro) in the history of modern advertising. Primary readership will be among practitioners, researchers, scholars and students in a range of disciplines, including communication, advertising, business and economic, information and communication, sociology, psychology and humanities. There may also be appeal to the more general reader with an interest in how advertising strategic planning works.

Designed to support the paradigm shift in media and communication, this book presents the basic tenets of strategic communication and its foundational disciplines of advertising, public relations, and marketing communications. Drawing on the latest research in the field, the text introduces students to the theories of strategic communication while at the same time outlining how to apply them to everyday practice. To facilitate learning and tie concepts to practice, each chapter includes introductory focus questions, a contemporary global case study, a career profile of a current practitioner, end-of-chapter discussion questions, and features that highlight

how research methods can be applied to strategic communication practice. Principles of Strategic Communication is ideal as a core text for undergraduate students in strategic communication courses within media, communication, marketing, and advertising programs. The accompanying online support material features chapter summaries, useful links to examples of strategic communication in action, suggested further reading, and practice test questions. Instructors will find an instructor's resource manual that includes sample syllabi, class activities, lecture topics, and a test bank. Please visit www.routledge.com/9780367426316.

Strategic Marketing Management: The Framework outlines the essentials of marketing theory and offers a structured approach to identifying and solving marketing problems. This book presents a strategic framework to guide business decisions involving the development of new offerings and the management of existing products, services, and brands.

This third edition of Strategic Marketing Management confirms it as the classic textbook on the subject. Its step-by-step approach provides comprehensive coverage of the five key strategic stages: * Where are we now? - Strategic and marketing analysis * Where do we want to be? - Strategic direction and strategy formulation * How might we get there? - Strategic choice * Which way is best? - Strategic evaluation * How can we ensure arrival? - Strategic implementation and control This new revised and updated third edition has completely new chapters on 'The Nature and Role of Competitive Advantage' and 'The Strategic Management of the Expanded Marketing Mix', and extensive new material covering: * The changing role of marketing * Approaches to analysing marketing capability * E-marketing * Branding * Customer relationship management * Relationship management myopia * The decline of loyalty The book retains the key features that make it essential reading for all those studying the management of marketing - a strong emphasis on implementation, up to date mini cases, and questions and summaries in each chapter to reinforce key points. Widely known as the most authoritative, successful and influential text in the sector, the new edition remains an irreplaceable resource for undergraduate and graduate students of business and marketing, and students of the CIM Diploma.

Advertising Management in a Digital Environment: Text and Cases blends the latest methods for digital communication and an understanding of the global landscape with the best practices of the functional areas of management. Divided into three core sections, the book provides a truly holistic approach to Advertising Management. The first part considers the fundamentals of advertising management, including leadership, ethics and corporate social responsibility, and finance and budgeting. The second part considers human capital management and managing across cultures, whilst the third part discusses strategic planning, decision making and brand strategy. To demonstrate how theory translates to practice in advertising, each chapter is illustrated with real-life case studies from a broad range of sectors, and practical exercises allow case analysis and further learning. This new textbook offers an integrated and global approach to Advertising Management and should be core or recommended reading for undergraduate and postgraduate students of Media Management, Advertising, Marketing Management and Strategy, Communications and Public Relations. The applied approach provided by case study analysis makes it equally suitable for those in executive education and studying for professional qualifications.

Offers forty cases focusing on contemporary problems and realistic situations to help students apply what they have learned in previous advertising courses.

Effective marketing techniques are a driving force behind the success or failure of a particular product or service. When utilized correctly, such methods increase competitive advantage and customer engagement. **Advertising and Branding: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications** is a comprehensive reference

source for the latest scholarly material on emerging technologies, techniques, strategies, and theories for the development of advertising and branding campaigns in the modern marketplace. Featuring extensive coverage across a range of topics, such as customer retention, brand identity, and global advertising, this innovative publication is ideally designed for professionals, researchers, academics, students, managers, and practitioners actively involved in the marketing industry.

Creating and delivering superior customer value is essential for organizations operating in today's competitive environment. This applies to virtually any kind of organization. It requires a profound understanding of the value creation opportunities in the marketplace, choosing what unique value to create for which customers, and to deliver that value in an effective and efficient way. Strategic marketing management helps to execute this process successfully and to achieving sustainable competitive advantage in the market place. Creating Customer Value Through Strategic Marketing Planning discusses an approach that is both hands-on and embedded in marketing and strategy theory. This book is different from most other marketing strategy books because it combines brief discussions of the underlying theory with the presentation of a selection of useful strategic marketing tools. The structure of the book guides the reader through the process of writing a strategic marketing plan. Suggestions for using the tools help to apply them successfully. This book helps students of marketing strategy to understand strategic marketing planning at work and how to use specific tools. Furthermore, it provides managers with a practical framework and guidelines for making the necessary choices to create and sustain competitive advantage for their organizations.

This book is a unique collection of comprehensive cases that explore concepts and issues surrounding strategic marketing. Chapters explain what strategic marketing is, and then discuss strategic segmentation, competitive positioning, and strategies for growth, corporate branding, internal brand management, and corporate reputation management. With case studies from a broad range of global contexts and industries, including Burger King, FedEx, and Twitter, readers will gain a working knowledge of developing and applying market-driven strategy. Through case analysis, students will learn to: examine the role of corporate, business, and marketing strategy in strategic marketing; recognize the implications of markets on competitive space with an emphasis on competitive positioning and growth; interpret the various elements of marketing strategy and apply them to a particular real-world situation; apply sound decision-making strategies and analytical frameworks to specific strategic marketing problems and issues; apply ethical frameworks to strategic marketing situations. Strategic Marketing: Concepts and Cases is ideal for advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as those studying for an MBA or executive courses in strategic marketing or marketing management.

"This book is a blueprint for the practice of marketing communications,

advertising, and public relations in a digital world where the consumer has taken control"--

The Blueprint for Strategic Advertising's step-by-step approach takes a comprehensive and exclusive look into the strategic use of visual, verbal, social media, integrated, and global of advertising communication. Its deconstructive process analyzes one aspect at a time, creating an invaluable research tool that students, professors, small business owners and entrepreneurs will refer to, time and again. This useful guide will concentrate on how strategy is integrated into visual and verbal ideation. Berman's compact, content-rich guide offers chapters detailing social media, user-centered interactive advertising, and presentation strategy, closing with the creation of a "blueprint" to strategizing globally.

Features include a handy reference guide to powerful strategizing, an exploration of strategies for myriad media and messaging vehicles, and an examination of the strategic implementation of the visual and verbal union. This guide will be useful to students in advertising, marketing, and business courses as well as advertising professionals and entrepreneurs, outside the classroom.

This book examines the ways in which companies create and sustain their competitive advantage. Utilizing a marketing strategy framework which provides you with the tools and techniques to assess the role of marketing strategy in an organization and to evaluate its impact and contribution.

The Routledge Companion to Strategic Marketing offers the latest insights into marketing strategy. Bodo Schlegelmilch and Russ Winer present 29 specially commissioned chapters, which include up-to-date thinking on a diverse range of marketing strategy topics. Readers benefit from the latest strategic insights of leading experts from universities around the world. Contributing authors are from, among others, the U.S. (Berkeley, Cornell, MIT, New York University, Texas A&M), Europe (the Hanken School of Economics, INSEAD, the University of Oxford, the University of Groningen, WU Vienna) and Asia (the Indian School of Business, Tongji University). The topics addressed include economic foundations of marketing strategy, competition in digital marketing strategy (e.g. mobile payment systems and social media strategy), marketing strategy, and corporate social responsibility, as well as perspectives on capturing the impact of marketing strategy. Collectively, this authoritative guide is an accessible tool for researchers, students, and practitioners.

The CIM Handbook of Strategic Marketing targets senior executives responsible for shaping and managing the company's strategic direction. The strategic dimensions of marketing management are emphasised along with the critical importance of matching the company's capabilities with genuinely attractive market sectors. The Handbook's strategic perspective and pragmatic outlook pervade the text and underpin its practical foundations. The rise of global competition and continuous innovation have redefined market structures, reshaped industries and given customers unprecedented value and choice. In this era of customer sovereignty there is a tremendous amount of pressure on

organizations to adopt the principles of the marketing concept and to develop a much sharper strategic focus. The CIM Handbook of Strategic Marketing is a reference source to guide effective marketing practice. It provides supportive material for managers and employees who are building their marketing competence by attending training programmes, and includes contributions from leading academics - such as, Peter Doyle, Malcolm McDonald, Nigel Piercy. The book amounts to a firm blueprint written by leading marketing thinkers for designing and implementing effective marketing strategies and improving business performance. Colin Egan is Professor of Strategic Management at Leicester Business School. Michael J Thomas is Professor of Marketing at the University of Strathclyde Business School.

"Cases in Advertising Management" offers a wide range of short, medium-length, and longer cases, all designed to illuminate the topics covered in an Advertising Management course. The book can stand alone, or, for instructors who wish to incorporate a combined casebook and textbook approach, it can be adopted alongside any standard text, including Advertising Management by the same authors. The book features actual real-life cases that reflect current trends in the advertising and promotion industry, with a strong emphasis on digital media and integrated marketing communications. A detailed introduction ('How to Analyze a Case Study') is followed by 30 cases, covering a full range of topics for a semester-long course, including financial management, business planning, strategic planning, budgeting, human resource management, and managing change.

Strategic Marketing Management (5th edition) offers a comprehensive framework for strategic planning and outlines a structured approach to identifying, understanding, and solving marketing problems. For business students, the theory advanced in this book is an essential tool for understanding the logic and the key aspects of the marketing process. For managers and consultants, this book presents a conceptual framework that will help develop an overarching strategy for day-to-day decisions involving product and service design, branding, pricing, promotions, and distribution. For senior executives, the book provides a big-picture approach for developing new marketing campaigns and evaluating the success of ongoing marketing programs.

Examine essential marketing disciplines and weapons! This essential book will show you how to design a strategic marketing plan for any brand, product, service, or business! It explains all of the major marketing disciplines and familiarizes you with the marketing "weapons arsenal." It also teaches you to conduct a marketing audit, provides helpful sample worksheets and forms and includes case examples, a glossary of marketing terms, and appendixes discussing sources of "marketing intelligence" and professional marketing associations. This single volume provides a step-by-step process (with short, clear examples) of how to develop a custom plan to fit any business. In addition, it defines all of the business terms you'll find inside and lists additional resources

to draw upon. With *Marketing Your Business: A Guide to Developing a Strategic Marketing Plan*, you will explore: the process of selecting the right strategy by defining your business strategy, assessing the most relevant focal points, and choosing the marketing strategy that will work best for you the arsenal of current marketing weaponry--advertising, budgeting, promotions, pricing, sales, database marketing, public relations, packaging, legal issues, and more! the nature of strategic marketing plans-competitive and environmental assessments, mission statements, slogans, budgeting, goals and objectives, etc. key checklists and 13 sample work forms that will help you formulate your plan and much more! Ideal for use by educators and students as well as businesspeople, *Marketing Your Business* brings together everything you need to know to develop an effective strategic marketing plan and put it into action!

An essential book for today's marketer now that integrated marketing communications form a critical success factor in building strong brands and strong companies This new edition is still the only textbook on the market to deal with all aspects of IMC from a strategic perspective Corporate image, identity and reputation have never been more important and this book unlocks the key factors in achieving and enhancing this Integrated Marketing Communications is not just about utilizing different communication options in your marketing campaign; it is about planning in a systematic way to determine the most effective and consistent message for your target audience. As such, it depends upon identifying the best positioning, generating positive brand attitude, a consistent reinforcement of the brand's message through IMC channels, and ensuring that all marketing communication supports the company's overall identity, image, and reputation. This textbook is a roadmap to achieving this, thoroughly updated to reflect the dynamic changes in the area since the first edition was published. New to this edition: New sections on social media and how to integrate them into your marketing function New chapter on message development and an enhanced chapter on the IMC plan Robust pedagogy to help reinforce learning and memory Enhanced teaching materials online to help lecturers prepare their courses Brand new real-life case study vignettes

Updated and greatly expanded to reflect the explosive growth of new media, this acclaimed and widely-adopted text offers practical guidance for those involved in media planning on a daily basis as well as those who must ultimately approve strategic media decisions. Its current, real-world business examples and down-to-earth approach will resonate with students as well as media professionals on both the client and agency side.

With strong foundations in theory and featuring a wide range of current and international examples, *Strategic Advertising Management* presents an overview of how advertising works and what is required from a manager's perspective, in the development of an effective communication plan.

Eighty percent of small to medium sized new businesses fail within 2 years of their inception. Ninety percent of businesses close after 10 years of operation.

While many factors contribute to failure, the lack of an organized, measurable, strategic marketing plan often is the underlying cause. Creating a strategic marketing plan for your business may appear to be a daunting task. Indeed, many business owners do not create a strategic marketing plan or the plan they create is flawed due to the lack of an actionable planning process. "Strategic Marketing Planning for the Small to Medium Sized Business" addresses these issues by providing both narrative marketing theory as well as workbook exercises. This book offers the small to medium sized business owner or marketing staff a hands-on experience that will culminate in the development of a true marketing plan, specifically tailored to an individual business. From developing or refining the company's mission, goals and strategies to implementing tactics and creating budgets, this book provides the information and framework needed to develop a sound marketing plan that will help your business grow.

The text is a European adaptation of our current US book: Strategic Market Management, 9th Edition by David Aaker. This new edition is a mainstream text suitable for all business students studying strategy and marketing courses. Strategic Market Management: Global Perspectives is motivated by the strategic challenges created by the dynamic nature of markets. The premise is that all traditional strategic management tools either do not apply or need to be adapted to a more dynamic context. The unique aspects of the book are its inclusion of: A business strategy definition that includes product/market scope, value proposition, and assets and competences. A structured strategic analysis including a detailed customer, competitor, market, and environmental analysis leading to an understanding of market dynamics that is supported by a summary flow diagram, a set of agendas to help start the process, and a set of planning forms. Concepts of strategic commitment, opportunism, and adaptability and how they can and should be blended together. Bases of a value proposition and strong brands. A strategy without a compelling value proposition will not be market driven or successful. Brand assets that will support a business strategy need to be developed. Creating synergetic marketing with silo organisations defined by products or countries. All organisations have multiple products and markets and creating cooperation and communication instead of competition and isolation is becoming an imperative. A global perspective is an essential aspect of this new edition. This reflects the lived experience of the student reader but also their likely professional challenges. This is achieved by the extensive use of new examples and vignettes.

In the marketplace of the 21st century, the critical form of customer communication will be broader than advertising and promotional messages. Customers have relationships with the brand, combining all the forms of communication that give meaning to products and services. Brand communication creates an interactive relationship between the product or service and consumers, which is a major change in the way advertisers and marketers have traditionally viewed customer communication. Authors Don Schultz and Beth Barnes have built on the foundation of their best-selling text, Strategic Advertising Campaigns, to create a book that

embodies this new approach to advertising and marketing communication: Strategic Brand Communication Campaigns. This innovative text focuses on the messages and incentives customers receive, rather than what marketers send out, which differentiates brand communication management from advertising management. The brand will drive the 21st century marketplace, and students need to develop the skills necessary to plan and execute brand communication campaigns. Strategic Brand Communication Campaigns shows students how to produce successful campaigns in the dynamic marketplace of the future. The book emphasizes the identification and management of the many ways customers come in contact with a brand and how they relate to it. Explores the interactive relationship between customers and the marketing messages and incentives that are created through brand communication. Provides students with the fundamentals of developing and executing comprehensive and contemporary campaigns with an emphasis on brand building. Reflects changes in the marketplace, consumers, technology, media, marketing, and advertising to keep students' knowledge current and applicable. Addresses the role of advertising planning as a part of brand communication campaigns. Features more real-world examples so students can see how professional advertisers and marketers conduct effective campaigns. Presents practical guidelines and applications for preparing successful campaigns in a concise, visually appealing text that will capture students' attention. Parts 1 and 2 of the text introduce students to the brand concept, how it has evolved, and why it is critical to successful marketing in today's environment. Students also gain an understanding of the relationship between consumer behavior and brands and discover how to apply brand-building concepts to achieve brand value. Parts 3 and 4 provide a handbook for creating, implementing, and evaluating cohesive brand communication campaigns. Advertising, media, public relations, direct response, and sales promotion strategies are examined. Students learn how to deliver forceful messages and incentives and how to measure their effectiveness.

With a view to continue the current growth momentum, excel in all phases of business, and create future leadership in Asia and across the globe, there is a felt need to develop a deep understanding of the Asian business environment, and how to create effective marketing strategies that will help growing their businesses.

Strategic Market Management, helps managers identify, implement, prioritize, and adapt market-driven business strategies in dynamic markets. The text provides decision makers with concepts, methods, and procedures by which they can improve the quality of their strategic decision-making. The 11th Edition provides students in strategic marketing, policy, planning, and entrepreneurship courses with the critical knowledge and skills for successful market management, including strategic analysis, innovation, working across business units, and developing sustainable advantages.

Strategic Marketing Management: Theory and Practice offers a systematic overview of the fundamentals of marketing theory, defines the key principles of marketing management, and presents a value-based framework for developing viable market offerings. The theory presented stems from the view of marketing as a value-creation process that is central to any business enterprise. The discussion of marketing theory is complemented by a set of practical tools that enable managers to apply the knowledge contained in the generalized frameworks to specific business problems and market opportunities. The information on marketing theory and practice contained in this book is organized into eight major parts. The first part defines the essence of marketing as a business discipline and outlines an overarching framework for marketing management that serves as the organizing principle for the information presented in the rest of the book. Specifically, we discuss the role of marketing management as a value-creation process, the essentials of marketing strategy and tactics as the key components of a company's business model, and the process of developing an actionable marketing plan. Part Two focuses on understanding the market in which a company operates. Specifically, we

examine how consumers make choices and outline the main steps in the customer decision journey that lead to the purchase of a company's offerings. We further discuss the ways in which companies conduct market research to gather market insights in order to make informed decisions and develop viable courses of action. Part Three covers issues pertaining to the development of a marketing strategy that will guide the company's tactical activities. Here we focus on three fundamental aspects of a company's marketing strategy: the identification of target customers, the development of a customer value proposition, and the development of a value proposition for the company and its collaborators. The discussion of the strategic aspects of marketing management includes an in-depth analysis of the key principles of creating market value in a competitive context. The next three parts of the book focus on the marketing tactics, viewed as a process of designing, communicating, and delivering value. Part Four describes how companies design their offerings and, specifically, how they develop key aspects of their products, services, brands, prices, and incentives. In Part Five, we address the ways in which companies manage their marketing communication and the role of personal selling as a means of persuading customers to choose, purchase, and use a company's offerings. Part Six explores the role of distribution channels in delivering the company's offerings to target customers by examining the value-delivery process both from a manufacturer's and a retailer's point of view. The seventh part of the book focuses on the ways in which companies manage growth. Specifically, we discuss strategies used by companies to gain and defend market position and, in this context, address the issues of pioneering advantage, managing sales growth, and managing product lines. We further address the process of developing new market offerings and the ways in which companies manage the relationship with their customers. The final part of this book presents a set of tools that illustrate the practical application of marketing theory. Specifically, Part Eight delineates two workbooks: a workbook for segmenting the market and identifying target customers and a workbook for developing the strategic and tactical components of a company's business model. This part also contains examples of two marketing plans—one dealing with the launch of a new offering and the other focused on managing an existing offering.

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