

Technology that Delivers

Strategic Marketing Fundamentals
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Strategic Marketing Fundamentals Introduction

- Competitive Pressure has never Been Greater
- Management Expectations are High
 - Annual Growth
 - Wins/Losses
 - Visibility
- Budgets are Tight
- Must Do More With Less
- Produce Results Right Away

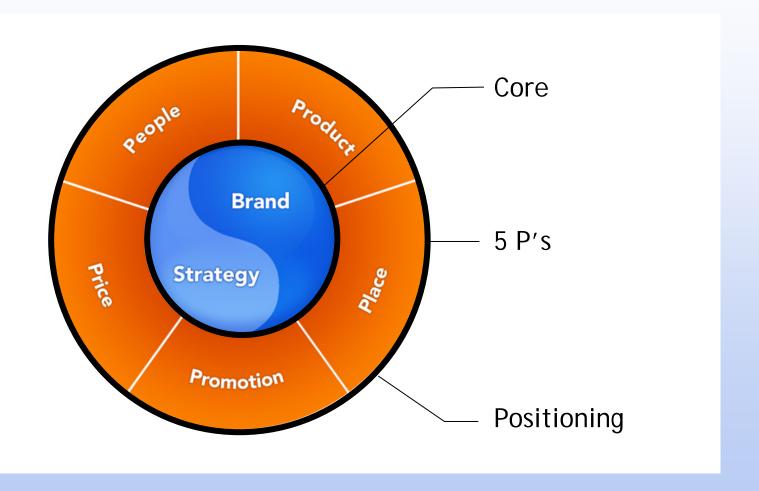
Strategic Marketing can Help...
... We'll Show You How!

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Strategic Marketing Model

Components & Relationship



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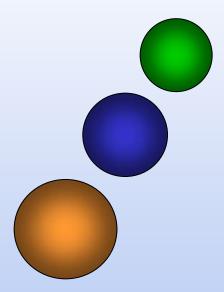
Brand & Strategy Align Organization, Brand, Goals



- Organizational Foundation
 - Vision/Mission
 - Corporate Values
 - Goals/Objectives (short/long-term)
 - Guiding Function
- Brand(s)
 - Concise Description
 - Market Segment(s)
 - Brand Strategy
 - Visibility
 - Noise



Tune Elements to Assure Alignment





Brand & Strategy Supporting Research



Environmental Analysis

- Industry Research, Analysis, & Trends
- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT)
- Competitive Analysis (significant competitors)
 - · Relative size and growth
 - Pricing & positioning
 - Win/loss record

Historical Information

- Financial Results & Analysis (3-5 years)
- Performance by product/segment

Current Sales Materials

- Corporate brochures
- Product brochures
- Promotions
- Web site

Importance Varies by Size, Stage, Market, ...



Brand & Strategy

Analytical Tools: SWOT



SWOT Analysis Framework

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Environmental Scan
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Internal Analysis External Analysis
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Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats
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SWOT Matrix
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Brand & Strategy

Strengths

Analytical Tools: SWOT



Internal*

Weaknesses

External**

Opportunities Threats

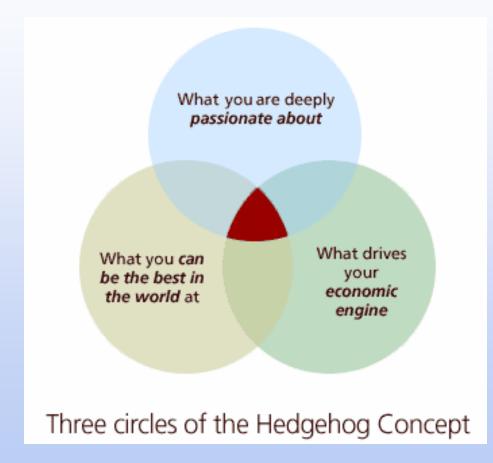
^{*} rank based on importance

^{**} rank based on likelihood and consequences



Brand & Strategy Hedgehog Concept





Source: Good to Great, Jim Collins, 2001



People Know Your Prospects



- Who are your customers?
 - Current customers
 - Target prospects
 - Demographics
 - Market size
- Where is their pain?
- When to they need to act?
- Who is the decision maker?
- Who are the key influencers?
- What are their buying behaviors?



Product Primary Elements



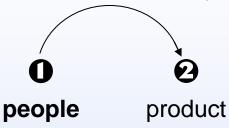
- Product Benefits
- Distinctive features
- Competitive differentiation
 - Unique
 - Meaningful
 - Sustainable
- Product requirements
- Production cost
- Market window



People & Product

Synchronize



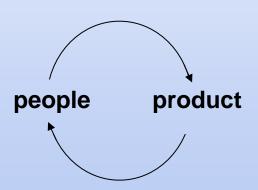


Sometimes...
Start with People

Sometimes...
Start with Product

people **product**

Ultimately...
Synchronize Both





Price Three Key Factors



- Cost of Goods
- Value
 - ROI (value produced cost)/cost
 - reduce expenses
 - grow revenue
 - save time
 - Personal Utility
 - Intangibles
- Competition
 - Comparative value
 - Discounting
 - Response



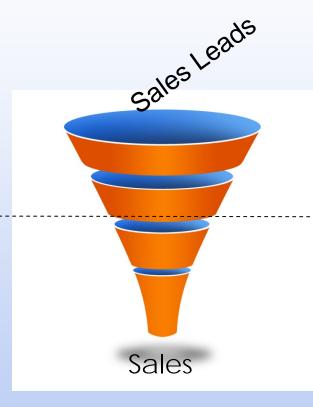
Place

"Process" of Selling



Marketing

Sales



Prospect

Qualified Lead

Opportunity

Quote



Place Channel Selection



- Volume
- Price point
- Completeness of solution
- Complexity of sale
- Channel choices
 - Direct response
 - Inside telesales
 - Outside sales
 - Channel partners

Channel Compatible With Product and Buying Behavior



Promotion Messaging Matrix



Audience	Concerns	Message Focus	Key Messages		
СХО	Minimize Operating Cost	Reduce the cost of getting to market with high quality product	 Acme offers lower rates than onshore resources and Indian firms with greater workforce stability Competitive forces require outsourcing; the blended model and process control reduce risk and assure high quality products 		
	Strategic Advantage	Become the most cost effective producer in your market segment	 Leverage your core team to do strategic work and use low cost offshore resources for the routine Acme offers an army of experts on tasks that can support the most effective use of internal talent 		
	Operating Flexibility	Scale up or down quickly based on business requirements	 Acme has a staff of thousands waiting to go to work for you on-demand Offshore staff can be reduced without any of the complications associated with actual employees 		

Add more rows as needed . . .

One Matrix for Each Decision Maker or Influencer



Promotion Select Optimal "Mix"



- Advertising
 - Online (Web site)
 - Direct response
 - Print

- Broadcast
- Outdoor
- Events

- Public Relations
- Viral
 - "Word of mouth" on steroids
 - Online or offline
- Other...



Promotion

Online: Factors to Consider



- Reach
- Active vs. Passive
- Objective
 - Build rapport
 - Generate leads
 - Close sales
- Choose tools
 - Web site
 - email
 - Webinars
 - Affiliates
 - Articles

- SEO/PPC
- Banners
- Blog's/RSS
- newsgroups



Promotion Assign Budget to "Mix"



- Sales Collateral (3 pieces)
- Sales presentation
- Assessment campaign
- Speaking engagements
- Web site (optimized)
- SEO/PPC
 - Optimized press releases
 - Whitepapers (placement & linking)
 - Articles (placement & linking)
- Newsletter
- Webinar(s)

- \$ 10,000
- \$ 5,000

depends on capacity

time & materials

\$12,000

\$ 3,500 + \$1,000/mo

content developed internally

\$ 1,000/mo

opportunistic



Promotion

Formal Marketing Plan

	owner					
	Owner	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
eMail Newsletter	Rick F.	7-Sep	17-Oct	14-Nov	12-Dec	16-Jan
New Product Roll-out	Sue. P					8-Jan
- software project delivery	Rick F.		2-Oct			
- Acme internal usage	John N.	starte	d 8/23			
- reviewer usage	John N.		30-Oct			
- documentation	Steve P		30-Oct			
- beta customers	Jim F			20-Nov		
- customer collateral	Sue P.			20-Nov		
- testimonials	Jim F				4-Dec	
- analyst briefings	PR Co.				11-Dec	
- editor interviews	PR Co.				11-Dec	
- online demo	Jim P				11-Dec	
- Web site changes	John N.				11-Dec	
- press release	PR Co.					8-Jan
- email release	PR Co.					8-Jan
- Webinar(s)	Rick B					8-Jan
- other promotions	staff					ongoing
SEO/PPC						
	050.0-	ongoing	-	-	-	-
- monthly report	SEO Co	ongoing	-	-	-	-
- adjust budgets	Sue P	ongoing	-	-	-	-
- optimize keywords	SEO Co	ongoing	-	-	-	-
Public Relations						
- feature releases	PR Co					
- editor interviews	PR Co	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing	ongoing
- case studies	Sue M.		15-Oct			15-Jan
Other prejects						
Other projects - Webinar quote	Rick B.	26-Sep				
- vvebinar quote - Direct mail program	Rick B.	20-3eh	15-Oct			
- Direct mail program - context specific toll-free numbers	Qwest		15-Oct			
- context specific toil-free numbers - online lead qualification	Sue P.		19-001	5-Nov		
				2-1/0/		
- online lead qualification - online affiliates	Sue P.			3-1404		

Assign Owners, Execute, and Track Progress!



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References are available on request