# Concept of Brand and Branding



## What is a brand :

Word brand is derived from the word *brandr* which means to burn

#### According to AMA:

A brand is a name, term, sign, symbol, or design, or a combination of them, intended to <u>identify</u> the goods and services of one seller or group of sellers and to <u>differentiate</u> them from those of competition.

Some managers believe that brand needs to be defined in terms of having created a certain amount of awareness, reputation, prominence, and so on in the market place.

## Key to create a brand as per AMA

Choose a name, logo, symbol, package design, or other attributes that distinguishes it from others.

These different components that identify and differentiate it are called **Brand Elements** 

#### **Brand elements in different forms**

- Company name used for all products (TATA,GE,HP)
- Individual Brand names for new products (H&S Max Factor, Tide.)
- Retailers own brand based on their store names.

**Criteria For Choosing Brand Elements :** 

Memorable : Easily Recognized, Easily recalled.

Meaningful : Descriptive, Persuasive .

Likable : Fun & Interesting, Rich visual & Verbal imagery, Aesthetically pleasing .

Transferable : Within & across product categories, Across geographic boundaries & cultures

Adaptable : Flexible, Updateable .

Protect able : Legally, Competitively .

# Names given to products come in different forms <u>Based On</u>

- People (TATA, Birla, Modi, Porsche)
- Places (British Airways, Air India.)
- Birds & Animals (Dove Soap, Mustang Automobile)
- Other Things & Objects (Apple computers, Shell Gasoline)
- Suggesting Attributes or benefits ( DieHard Auto Batterise, Mop Glow Floor Cleaner )
- Inherent Product Meaning (Diet Cola, Just Juice)
- With Prefix or Suffix (Intel Micro Processor, Lexus Automobiles.)
- •Other Brand Elements (logos & symbols may be based on people, places & things, abstract images, and so on.)

## What is a Product?

As defined by Kotler.

A Product is anything that can be offered to a market for attention, acquisition, use or consumption that may satisfy a need or want.

**Core benefits** 

 Kotler's Five levels to a product: **Generic Product** 

**Expected Product** 

**Augmented Product** 

Potential Product

## What is a Product?

**CORE** The *Fundamental Need or Want* that consumers satisfy by consuming the product or service

**GENERIC** <u>Basic</u> Version of the product containing only those elements absolutely necessary to function. No distinguishing features.

**EXPECTED** Attributes and Characteristics that buyers <u>normally</u> <u>expect</u> and agree to when they purchase a product

**AUGMENTED** Additional product attributes, benefits, or related services that <u>distinguish the product from competitors</u>

**POTENTIAL** All the augmentations and transformations that a product might ultimately undergo in the *future* 

### **Example AC**

**Core : Cooling and comfort** 

**Generic :** Sufficient Cooling, Acceptable Energy Efficiency, Adequate Intakes Air exhaust

**Expected Product** :Cooling Speed, Adjustable Louvers, Removable air filter, Power cord etc

**Augmented Product :** optional features such as Touch pad control, Temperature Display for indoor and out door, Thermostat setting, toll free number for service.

**Potential Product : Silent Running, Balanced through out the room, energy self-Sufficient** 

**Class Room Assignment :** 

Explain the various product levels for a 800 CC Car from core to potential.

## What is a Brand?

## Keller's Definition:

- A product, but one that adds other dimensions that differentiate it in some way from other products designed to satisfy the same need.
  - Rational and tangible
  - Symbolic, emotional and intangible
- The psychological response to a brand can be as important as the physiological response.

## Product & Brand?

## **Product = Commodity**

A product is a produced item always possessing these characteristics:

TangibilityAttributes and Features

## **Brand = "Mind Set"**

The sum of all communications and experiences received by the consumer and customer resulting in a distinctive image in their "mind set" based on perceived emotional and functional benefits.

## Why Does A Brand Matter?

#### MANUFACTURERS

ID to simplify handling or tracing Legal protection of unique features Signal of quality level to satisfied customers Means of endowing products w/unique associations **Competitive Advantage Financial Returns** 

#### CONSUMERS

**ID Product Source** Assignment of responsibility to maker **Risk reducer** Search cost reducer Promise, bond, or pact w/make of product Symbolic Device Signal of Quality

## Can Anything be branded ?

- A brand is something that resides in the minds of consumers .
- A label & meaning for the consumers
- Key to branding is that consumers perceive differences among brands in a product category.
- Marketers can benefit from branding whenever consumers are in a choice situation

## **Can Anything be branded?**

Physical Goods : Consumer Products, Industrial products, High tech products, Services Retailers & Distributors On line products & services People & organization Sports, Arts & entertainment Geographic Locations

## **Perception ?**



Promo Objectives of Intel Highest level of performance. ( Power ) Safety ( Upgradeability )

# New Branding Challenges

- Brands are important as ever
   Consumer need for simplification
   Consumer need for risk reduction
- Brand management is as difficult as ever
  - Savvy consumers
  - Increased competition
  - Decreased effectiveness of traditional marketing tools and emergence of new marketing tools

Complex brand and product portfolios

## The Customer/Brand Challenge

- In this difficult environment, marketers must have a keen understanding of:
  - customers
  - brands
  - the relationship between the two

# The Concept of Brand Equity

- The brand equity concept stresses the importance of the brand in marketing strategies.
- Brand equity is defined in terms of the marketing effects uniquely attributable to the brand.
  - Brand equity relates to the fact that different outcomes result in the marketing of a product or service because of its brand name, as compared to if the same product or service did not have that name.

# The Concept of Customer-Based Brand Equity

Customer-based brand equity

 Differential effect
 Customer brand knowledge
 Customer response to brand marketing

Determinants of Customer-Based Brand Equity

 Customer is *aware* of and *familiar* with the brand

- Customer holds some *strong, favorable, and unique brand associations* in memory

# Building Customer-Based Brand Equity

- Brand knowledge structures depend on . . .
  - The initial choices for the brand elements
  - The supporting marketing program and the manner by which the brand is integrated into it
  - Other associations indirectly transferred to the brand by linking it to some other entities

# Benefits of Customer-Based Brand Equity

- Enjoy greater brand loyalty, usage, and affinity
- Command larger price premiums
- Receive greater trade cooperation & support
- Increase marketing communication effectiveness
- Yield licensing opportunities
- Support brand extensions.

# Customer-Based Brand Equity as a "Bridge"

- Customer-based brand equity represents the "added value" endowed to a product as a result of past investments in the marketing of a brand.
- Customer-based brand equity provides direction and focus to future marketing activities

# The Key to Branding

- For branding strategies to be successful, consumers must be convinced that there are meaningful differences among brands in the product or service category.
- Consumer must not think that all brands in the category are the same.
- **PERCEPTION = VALUE**

## Strategic Brand Management

- <u>Strategic brand management</u> involves the design and implementation of marketing programs and activities to build, measure, and manage brand equity.
- The <u>strategic brand management process</u> is defined as involving four main steps:

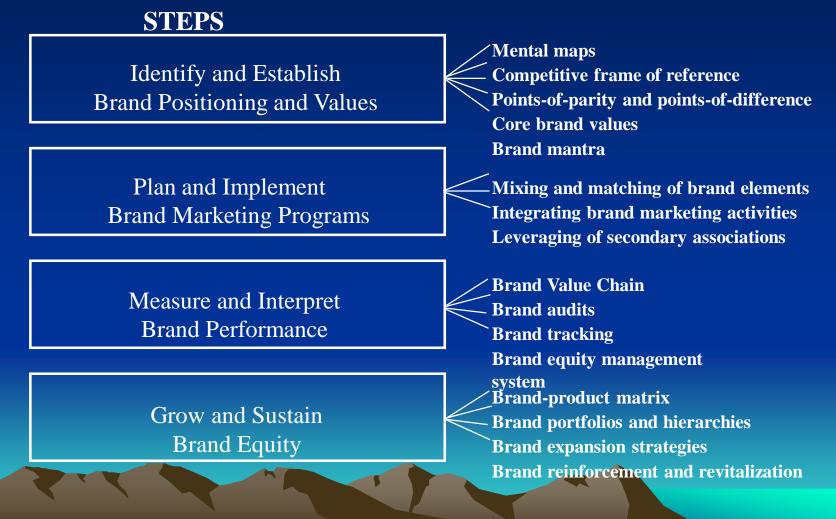
1) Identifying and establishing brand positioning and values

2) Planning and implementing brand marketing programs

- 3) Measuring and interpreting brand performance
- 4) Growing and sustaining brand equity

### **Strategic Brand Management Process**

#### **Key Concepts**



# Thank you

