9. MARKETING



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MARKETING

is a series of activities aimed at both meeting customers' needs and making appropriate profit in return



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MARKET RESEARCH

is an essential activity of marketing

- Necessity of market segmentation
 - Demographics
 - Geography
- Research focused mainly on
 - Products
 - Competition
 - Consumers
 - Prices



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MARKETING STRATEGY

a decision-making process which should lead to permanently positioning the firm on the market

- Basis of marketing strategy "STP":
 - Segmentation
 - Targeting
 - Positioning
- Different strategies
 - Growth strategy
 - Competitive strategy
 - Innovative strategy
 - Market niche strategy



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MARKETING MIX

- is a set of marketing tools (used from the 1950s) :
 - Product: assortment, quality, design, warranty, service
 - Price: value of the product, terms of payment, discounts
 - Place: target market, distribution channels, logistics
 - Promotion: ways of presenting products to customers
- A new theory known as four Cs is more customeroriented:
 - Consumer
 - Cost
 - Convenience
 - Communication



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PRODUCT

- Goods or services, packaging, complementary service
- Different categories:
 - Convenience goods food, drinks, toileteries
 - Shopping goods- cars, furniture
 - Specialty goods e.g. sewing machine
- Product life cycle:
 - Introduction
 - Growth
 - Maturity
 - Decline



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PRICE

- reflects value of the product
- Price is affected by many other factors:
 - Manufacture costs
 - Competition
 - Market environment
 - Quality of product
 - Distribution channels
- Different strategies:
 - Economy low costs and prices
 - Penetration low prices to get to the market
 - Premium high price unique product



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- Manufacturers sell their products
 - Without intermediaries
 - Using intermediaries wholesalers, retailers, agents, distributors

 Distribution intermediaries form a chain called a distribution channel



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PROMOTION

- is a wide range of activities and forms:
 - advertising, exhibitions, commercials, free gifts, vouchers

- Basic rule of marketing sales AIDA:
 - A for attention
 - I for interest
 - D for desire
 - A for action



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