## Value-based Marketing Strategy

Pricing and Costs for Relationship Marketing

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## Summary

This book offers novel methods for developing Value-based marketing strategies aimed at increasing revenue and profits. The Value concept relates all the benefits offered by a product with its price and the effort required to obtain it. Global competition requires managing Value rather than individual products or brands. This fosters customer loyalty, and provides a solid basis for relationship marketing. The book takes a practical, step-by-step approach to explain:

- How the forces of supply and demand interact with customer Value;
- The relationships between benefits, quantities, prices and costs;
- How to develop effective competitive strategies;
- How to manage inventory and product mix efficiently;

• How to apply the Value model to increase profitability, and solve major marketing problems.

The book sets forth several new approaches for marketing and pricing decision-making:

• The concept of Value integrates marketing, finance, economics and accounting, in order to link Value-based pricing with relationship marketing.

• The law of supply and demand is restated with quantity as a function of Value instead of price; this makes it a more realistic and practical tool for understanding today's highly competitive business environment.

• The confrontation and complementation concepts provide useful tools for

guiding marketers into new segments, and pricing products accordingly. They

play a key role for devising win-win strategies, not only with customers, but also with competitors.

• The Value Matrix is a practical tool for understanding the product's positioning, analyzing its competition, setting prices and developing strategy. It aims at achieving an optimal balance between customer loyalty and product mix profitability.

• The Value Life Cycle illustrates how Value acts as a force that constantly changes revenue, providing insight for developing strategies in each phase of the product's life cycle.

• Analogies with physics illustrate how policy constraints create resistance to sales velocity, thereby determining the rate at which a firm advances towards its financial and marketing goals.

• The strategy for pricing business services applies Value to balance supply with demand; this leads to increased revenue.

• The marketing approach set forth unifies product portfolio and inventory management with Value-based pricing for maximizing income.

Clear explanations and accessible language make this book ideal for marketing professionals and non-specialists. Advanced readers may refer to the appendices, where the subjects are analyzed further and the mathematical foundations are laid out; numerous solved problems of pricing and costs are included.

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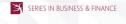
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