# Advertising, Sales Promotion, and Public Relations

**Chapter 15** 

### **Learning Goals**

- 1. Understand the roles of advertising, sales promotion, and public relations in the promotion mix.
- 2. Know the major decisions involved in developing an advertising program.
- 3. Learn how sales promotion campaigns are developed and implemented.
- 4. Learn how companies use public relations to communicate with their publics.

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- Located in Coconut Grove, FL
- Winner of several creative awards
- Known for guerrilla tactics, unconventional media and holistic marketing strategies
- Often suggests changes in the client's procedures, products and processes to enhance brand image
- Clients include Virgin Airline, MINI cars, Ikea furniture, Molson beer, Truth and Burger King

### **Definition**

- Advertising
  - Any paid form of nonpersonal presentation and promotion of ideas, goods, or services by an identified sponsor.

- Signage in ancient times offers evidence of early advertising.
- Modern ad spending tops \$245 billion in U.S. annually, \$498 billion worldwide.
- Business firms, not-for-profit, social agencies, and professionals all advertise.

- Setting objectives
- Setting the budget
- Developing the advertising strategy
- Evaluating advertising campaigns

- Advertising objectives can be classified by primary purpose:
  - Inform
    - Introducing new products
  - Persuade
    - Becomes more important as competition increases
    - Comparative advertising
  - Remind
    - Most important for mature products

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- Methods of budget setting were listed in chapter 14
- Several factors should be considered when setting the ad budget:
  - Stage in the PLC
  - Market share
  - Level of competition
  - Ad clutter
  - Degree of brand differentiation

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- Creative challenges
  - Advertising clutter
  - TiVo and PVR's
- Creating ad messages
  - Message strategy
    - Creative concept or Big Idea
    - Advertising appeal
  - Message execution
    - Many execution styles
    - Tone, format, illustration, headline, copy

### **Creative Execution Styles**

- Slice of Life
- Lifestyle
- Fantasy
- Mood or Image

- Musical
- Personality Symbol
- Technical Expertise
- Scientific Evidence
- Testimonial Evidence or Endorsement

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- Select advertising media
  - Decide on level of reach, frequency and impact
  - Choose among the major media types by considering:
    - Consumer media habits, nature of the product, types of messages, and costs
  - Select specific media vehicles
  - Decide on media timing

### **Major Media Types**

- Newspapers
- Television
- Direct Mail

- Radio
- Magazines
- Outdoor

Internet

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- Measuring communications effects
  - Copy testing
- Measuring sales effect
  - Compare past sales with past advertising expenditures
  - Experiments

- Organizing the Advertising Function
  - Small vs. large companies
  - Nature of advertising agencies
    - Advantages of advertising agencies
    - Consolidation and growth of agencies
    - Creative boutiques

- Advertising to International Markets
  - Standardizing worldwide advertising
    - Advantages include lower advertising costs, greater global advertising coordination, and consistent global image
    - Drawbacks include ignoring differences in culture, demographics, and economic conditions
  - Most marketers think globally but act locally

### **Definition**

- Sales Promotion
  - Sales promotions are short-term incentives to encourage the purchase or sale of a product or service.

- Sales Promotions
  - Can be targeted at final buyers, retailers and wholesalers, business customers, and members of the sales force.
  - The use of sales promotions has been growing rapidly.
  - 78% are to the trade with 22% to end consumers.

- Objectives Consumer Promotions:
  - Increase short-term sales or long-term market share
  - Generate product trial
- Objectives Trade Promotions:
  - Obtaining distribution and shelf space
  - Encouraging retailers to advertise the brand
- Objectives Sales Force Promotions:
  - Signing up new accounts

#### **Consumer Promotion Tools**

- Samples
- Coupons
- Cash Refunds (Rebates)
- Price packs (cents-off deals)
- Advertising Specialties

- Premiums
- Patronage Rewards
- Point-of-Purchase Communications
- Contests, Games, and Sweepstakes

- Trade Promotion Tools
  - Discounts (also called price-off, offlist, and off-invoice)
  - Allowances
    - Advertising allowances
    - Display allowances
  - Free goods
  - Push money
  - Specialty advertising items

- Business Promotion Tools
  - Includes many of the same tools used in consumer and trade promotions
  - Two additional tools:
    - Conventions and trade shows
    - Sales contests

- Key Decisions When Developing the Sales Promotion Program:
  - Size of the incentive
  - Conditions for participation
  - Promotion and distribution of the actual sales promotion program
  - Length of the promotional program
  - Evaluation

### **Definition**

- Public Relations:
  - Building good relations with the company's various publics by obtaining favorable publicity, building up a good corporate image, and handling or heading off unfavorable rumors, stories, and events.

#### **Public Relations**

#### **Public Relations Functions**

- Press Relations
- Product Publicity
- Public Affairs

- Lobbying
- Investor Relations
- Development

#### **Public Relations**

- Role and Impact of Public Relations
  - Strong impact on public awareness at lower cost than advertising
  - Greater credibility than advertising
  - Publicity is often underused
  - Good public relations can be a powerful brand-building tool

### **Public Relations**

#### **Public Relations Tools**

- News
- Speeches
- Buzz Marketing
- Corporate Identity Materials
- Mobile Marketing

- Special Events
- Written Materials
- Audiovisual Materials
- Public Service Activities
- Internet