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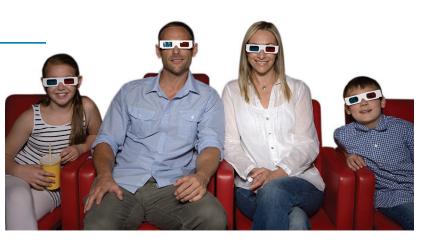
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Chapter One

howing a remarkable flair for understatement, the chief executive officer (CEO) of Starbucks, Howard Schultz, recently admitted, "We have a lot going on."¹ Let's think about all the things Starbucks is doing at the moment, in its attempt to market itself as an appealing product and service provider for all its customers, both current and potential.

Its ubiquitous stores—from the longstanding locations in U.S. cities and towns to international expansion into a vast range of new nations—are easy to locate and visit. A recent count showed that the chain maintains more than 20,000 stores, spanning 66 countries.² By making sure its stores, with their familiar siren logo, are easy to find, Starbucks guarantees that most people can readily find a place to get their coffee fix.

Starbucks vigorously competes with the likes of McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts, and independent coffeehouses. Not too long ago, McDonald's was not a true competitor in the coffee market because all it sold was plain coffee. But when it started promoting its McCafés, Starbucks was quick to

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

- LO 1-1 Define the role of marketing in organizations.
- LO 1-2 Describe how marketers create value for a product or service.

respond, to make sure it stayed in the lead. Starbucks' "coffee war" with Dunkin' Donuts is famous in the areas in which they compete head-to-head.³ Independent coffeehouses and smaller regional chains, seen by many as being more hip and less commercial, also continually nip at Starbucks' heels.

Starbucks continues to innovate and expand with a variety of products, making them available in various locations beyond its own stores. Unsatisfied with dominating just the coffee market, it added Tazo teas to its product line early in its history; more recently it *continued on p. 4*



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purchased the Teavana chain of tea stores.⁴ In addition, it purchased the Evolution Fresh line of fresh juices and sells bags of its own brand of ground coffee K-Cups, whole beans, as well as coffee-flavored ice cream in not only its own stores but also in grocery stores. But the expansion is not limited to beverages. For example, Starbucks' latest collaboration with Danone, the yogurt company, is developing a new line of dairy products called Evolution Fresh to sell in various outlets.⁵

There are plenty of jokes about how Starbucks manages to charge upwards of \$5 for a jolt of caffeine, but a quick glance at its marketing methods and strategies helps explain why it can do so. The products it sells are appealing to customers and fulfill their needs: they taste good, are available readily and conveniently, and offer the benefit of helping them wake up to start their day (or stay awake for a long night of studying). Thus the exchange of money for coffee—or tea or juice or yogurt or a nice pastry—they regard as a

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good value, despite the relatively high cost. The lines outside the doors of many Starbucks locations at 8:00 a.m. demonstrate this perceived value.

Starbucks also connects with fans through social marketing channels, including its popular My Starbucks Idea site. The site is an innovative approach designed to develop new products. Customers share ideas about everything "Starbucks," from store designs to new drink recipes. They can also join one of the many discussions in the customer forums. Additionally, the site connects customers to its Twitter and Facebook sites, and also links people to its mobile phone applications (apps) that they can use to pay for drinks or other products in Starbucks stores.

It's a lot to be going on, indeed. But by adopting the principles and methods of marketing that this textbook covers, Starbucks has created a market that it continues to dominate, bringing benefits to the company and its shareholders, as well as to consumers.

marketing is not a random activity; it requires thoughtful planning with an emphasis on the ethical implications of any of those decisions on society in general. Firms develop a marketing plan (Chapter 2) that specifies the marketing activities for a specific period of time. The marketing plan also is broken down into various components-how the product or service will be conceived or designed, how much it should cost, where and how it will be promoted, and how it will get to the consumer. In any exchange, the parties to the transaction should be satisfied. In our previous example, you should be satisfied or even delighted with the song you downloaded, and Apple should be satisfied with the amount of

money it received from you. Thus, the core aspects of marketing are found in Exhibit 1.1. Let's see how these core aspects look in practice.

Define the role of marketing in organizations.

WHAT IS MARKETING?

Unlike other subjects you may have studied, marketing already is very familiar to you. You start your day by agreeing to do the dishes in exchange for a freshly made cup of coffee. Then you fill up your car with gas. You attend a class that you have chosen and paid for. After class, you pick up lunch (and maybe a frozen dessert) at the cafeteria, which you eat while reading a book on your iPad. Then you leave campus to have your hair cut and take in a movie. On your bus ride back to school, you pass the time by buying a few songs from Apple's iTunes. In each case, you have acted as the buyer and made a decision about whether you should part with your time and/ or money to receive a particular product or service. If, after you return home, you decide to sell some clothes on eBay that you don't wear much anymore, you have become a seller. In each of these transactions, you were engaged in marketing.

The American Marketing Association states that "**market**ing is the activity, set of institutions, and processes for creating, *capturing*, communicating, delivering, and exchanging offerings that have value for customers, clients, partners, and society at large."⁶ What does this definition really mean? Good





marketing An

organizational function and a set of processes for creating, *capturing*, communicating, and delivering value to customers and for managing customer relationships in ways that benefit the organization and its stakeholders.

marketing plan A

written document composed of an analysis of the current marketing situation, opportunities and threats for the firm, marketing objectives and strategy specified in terms of the four Ps, action programs, and projected or pro forma income (and other financial) statements. Good marketing is not a random activity; it requires thoughtful planning with an emphasis on the ethical implications of any of those decisions on society in general.

Marketing Is about Satisfying Customer Needs and Wants

Understanding the marketplace, and especially consumer needs and wants, is fundamental to marketing success. In the broadest

terms, the marketplace refers to the world of trade. More narrowly, however, the marketplace can be segmented or divided into groups of people who are pertinent to an organization for particular reasons. For example, the marketplace for soft drinks may include most people in the world, but as Pepsi and Coke battle each other worldwide, they divide the global population into a host of categories: men versus women, calorie-conscious or not, people who prefer carbonated versus noncarbonated drinks, and multiple categories of flavor preferences, among others.⁷ If you manufacture a

beverage with zero calories, you want to know for which marketplace segments your product is most relevant, then make sure you build a marketing strategy that targets those groups. Certain diet- and health-conscious customers may prefer Diet Coke or Diet Pepsi; others may opt for bottled water products like Dasani or Aquafina.

Although marketers would prefer to sell their products and services to everyone, it is not practical to do so. Because marketing costs money, good marketers carefully seek out

> potential customers who have both an interest in the product and an ability to buy it. For example, most people need some form of transportation, and many people probably would like to own the new hybrid from Lexus. Starting at more than \$120,000, the Lexus LS 600h L is one of the most sophisticated hybrid cars on the market. But Lexus is not actually interested in everyone who wants an LS 600h L, because not everyone can afford to spend that much on a car. Instead, Lexus defines its viable target market as those consumers who want and can afford such a prod-

uct.⁸ Although not all companies focus on such a specific, and wealthy, target, all marketers are interested in finding the buyers who are most likely to be interested in their offerings.

Coke and Pepsi have divided the world into two camps: Coke-lovers

and Pepsi-lovers. Which are you? © Carlo Alleari/Reuters/Corbis



What type of customer would buy a \$120,000 hybrid car? © lan Langsdon/EPA/Newscom

Although marketers would prefer to sell their products and services to everyone, it is not practical to do so.



You can exchange your money on the iTunes Store for the latest Katy Perry album. © Christie Goodwin/Entertainment/Getty Image

Marketing Entails an Exchange

Marketing is about an **exchange**—the trade of things of value between the buyer and the seller so that each is better off as a result. As depicted in Exhibit 1.2, sellers provide products or services, then communicate and facilitate the delivery of their offering to consumers. Buyers complete the exchange by giving money and information to the seller. Suppose you learn about a new Katy Perry album by hearing one of her songs on SiriusXM Satellite Radio. The same day, a friend tweets on her Twitter account that she loves the new album, and you visit the Katy Perry Facebook fan page, which is full of recommendations. From there, you click into the iTunes Store, where you can purchase the

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song you heard, multiple songs, or the entire new album. You begin with the song you heard, which you continue to love after hearing it several times. Therefore, you go back to iTunes and take advantage of its offer to complete the album by downloading the rest of the songs to your iTunes library. Your billing information is already in the company's system, so you do not have to enter your credit card number or other information. Furthermore, iTunes creates a record of your purchase, which it uses, together with your other purchase trends, to create personalized recommendations of other albums or songs that you might like. Thus, Apple uses the valuable information you provide to facilitate future exchanges and solidify its relationship with you.

Marketing Requires Product, Price, Place, and Promotion Decisions

Marketing traditionally has been divided into a set of four interrelated decisions and consequent actions known as the **marketing mix**, or **four Ps**: product, price, place, and promotion (as defined in Exhibit 1.3).⁹ The four Ps are the controllable set of decisions or activities that the firm uses to respond to the wants of its target markets. But what does each of these activities in the marketing mix entail?

Product: Creating Value Although marketing is a multifaceted function, its fundamental purpose is to create value by developing a variety of offerings, including goods, services, and ideas, to satisfy customer needs.¹⁰ Take, for example, a cup of coffee. At one time, people in the United



EXHIBIT 1.2 Exchange: The Underpinning of Seller–Buyer Relationships

States made a pot of coffee at

home or picked up a cup on the run from a McDonald's or Dunkin' Donuts. Because Starbucks and competitive firms realize customers have needs beyond just buying a cup of joe, they are offering their customers a variety of options. This variety includes lattes, cappuccinos, macchiatos, Frappuccinos, hot chocolates, smoothies, teas, bottled juices, Refreshers, and regular brewed coffee, providing customers with interesting choices for which they are willing to pay a premium. The experience of watching the coffee being made by a barista in a setting that often resembles a quaint café in Florence, Italy, adds to the perceived value of the product, and to the price!

Goods are items that you can physically touch. Nike shoes, Pepsi-Cola, a Frappuccino, Kraft cheese, Tide, an iPad, and countless other products are examples of goods. As we describe at the start of Chapter 2, Nike primarily makes shoes but also adds value to its products by, for example, offering custom designs under its Nike ID brand that increase their fashionable appeal and enlisting popular celebrities such as Rafael Nadal to add their names to the designs.





Marketers have transformed coffee from a simple morning drink into an entire experience that adds value for the customer.

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ALTHOUGH MARKETING IS A MULTIFACETED FUNCTION, ITS FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE IS TO CREATE VALUE BY DEVELOPING A VARIETY OF OFFERINGS. ? ? Unlike goods, **services** are intangible customer benefits that are produced by people or machines and cannot be separated from the producer. When people buy tickets whether for airline travel, a sporting event, or the theater—they are paying not for the physical ticket stub but of course for the experience they gain. For people who like to drink their coffee in a cozy, warm setting, Starbucks offers an experience that feels like home but encourages social interaction. Hotels, insurance agencies, and spas similarly provide services. Getting money from your bank, whether through an ATM or from a teller, is another example of using a service. In this case, cash machines usually add value to the banking experience because they are conveniently located, fast, and easy to use.

Many offerings in the market combine goods and services.¹¹ When you go to an optical center, you get your eyes examined

Price: Capturing Value

Everything has a price, although it doesn't always have to be monetary. Price, therefore, is everything the buyer gives up—money, time, and/or energy—in exchange for the product.¹² Marketers must determine the price of a product carefully on the basis of the potential buyer's belief about its value. For example, United Airlines can take you from New York to Denver. The price you pay for that service service Any intangible offering that involves a deed, performance, or effort that cannot be physically possessed; intangible customer benefits that are produced by people or machines and cannot be separated from the producer.

ideas Intellectual concepts—thoughts, opinions, and philosophies.

depends on how far in advance you book the ticket, the time of year, and whether you want to fly coach or business class. If you value the convenience of buying your ticket at the last minute for

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(a service) and purchase new contact lenses (a good). If you attend a Bruno Mars concert, you can be enthralled by the world-class performance. To remember the event, you might want to pick up a shirt or a souvenir from the concert. With these tangible goods, you can relive and remember the enjoyment of the experience over and over again.

Ideas include thoughts, opinions, and philosophies; intellectual concepts such as these also can be marketed. Groups promoting bicycle safety go to schools, give talks, and sponsor bike helmet poster contests for the members of their primary market—children. Then their secondary target market segment, parents and siblings, gets involved through their interactions with the young contest participants. The exchange of value occurs when the children listen to the sponsors' presentation and wear their helmets while bicycling, which means they have adopted, or become "purchasers," of the safety idea that the group marketed.

> Rafael Nadal plays tennis in Nike shoes. © Matthias Hangst/Getty Images Sport/Getty Images.

a ski trip between Christmas and New Year's Day and you want to fly business class, you can expect to pay four or five times as much as you would for the cheapest available ticket. That is, you have traded off a lower price for convenience. For marketers, the key to determining prices is figuring out how much customers are willing to pay so that they are satisfied with the purchase and the seller achieves a reasonable profit.

Place: Delivering the Value Proposition The third P, place, represents all the activities necessary to get the product to the right customer when that customer wants it. For Starbucks, that means expanding its storefronts



When you attend a Bruno Mars concert you are paying for a service. © Rich Polk/Getty Images Entertainment/Getty Images for Clear Channel