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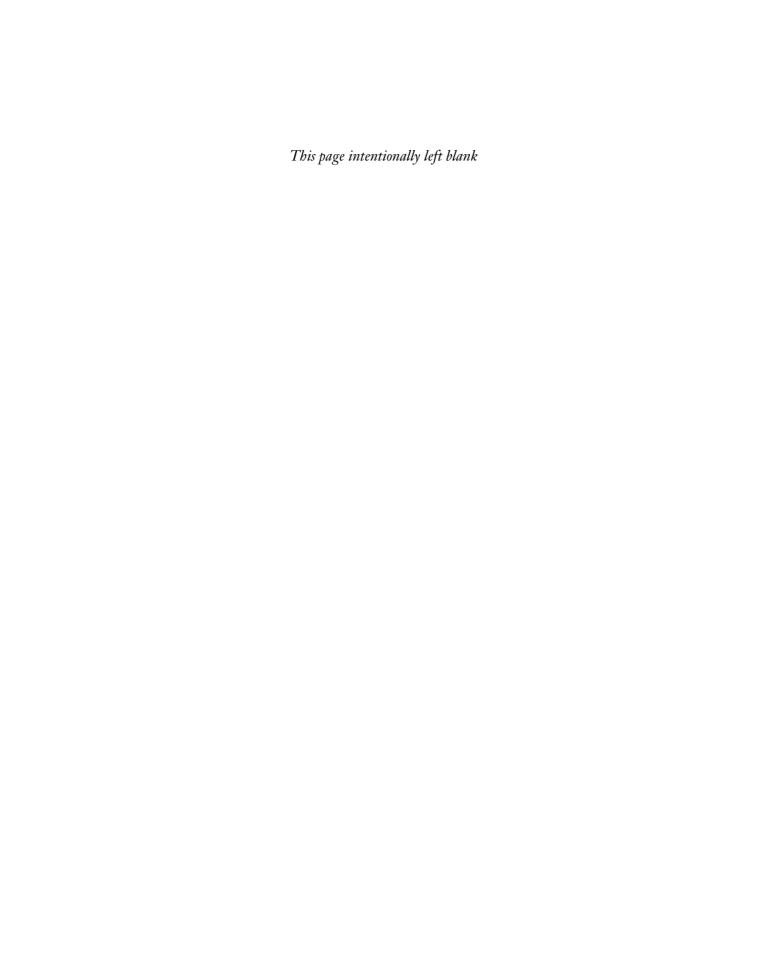
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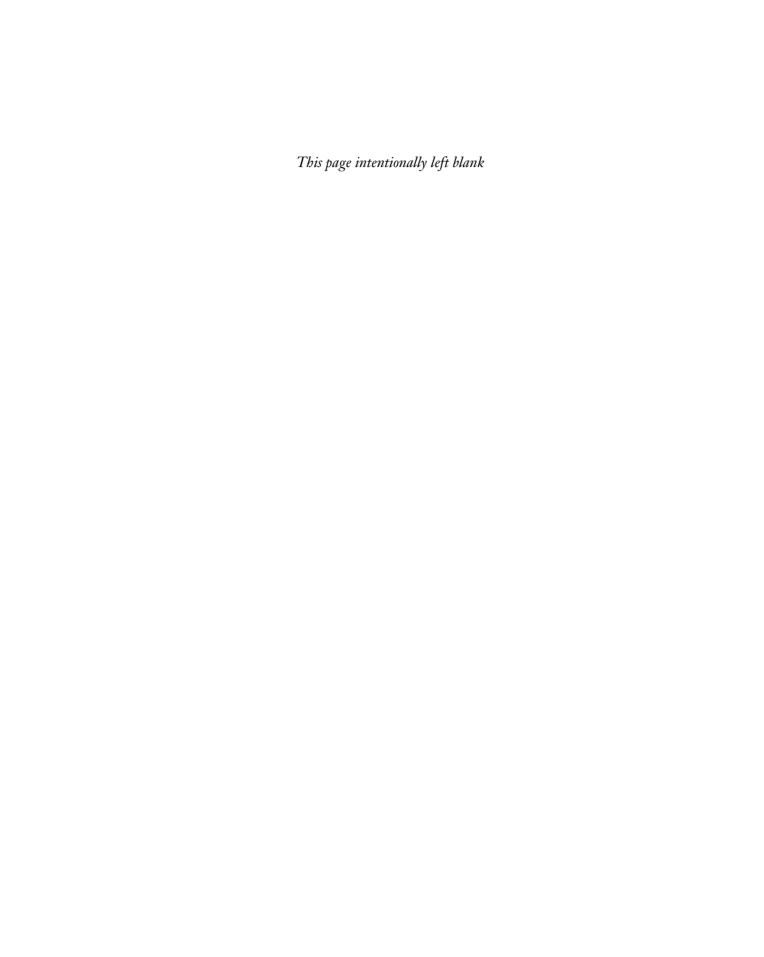
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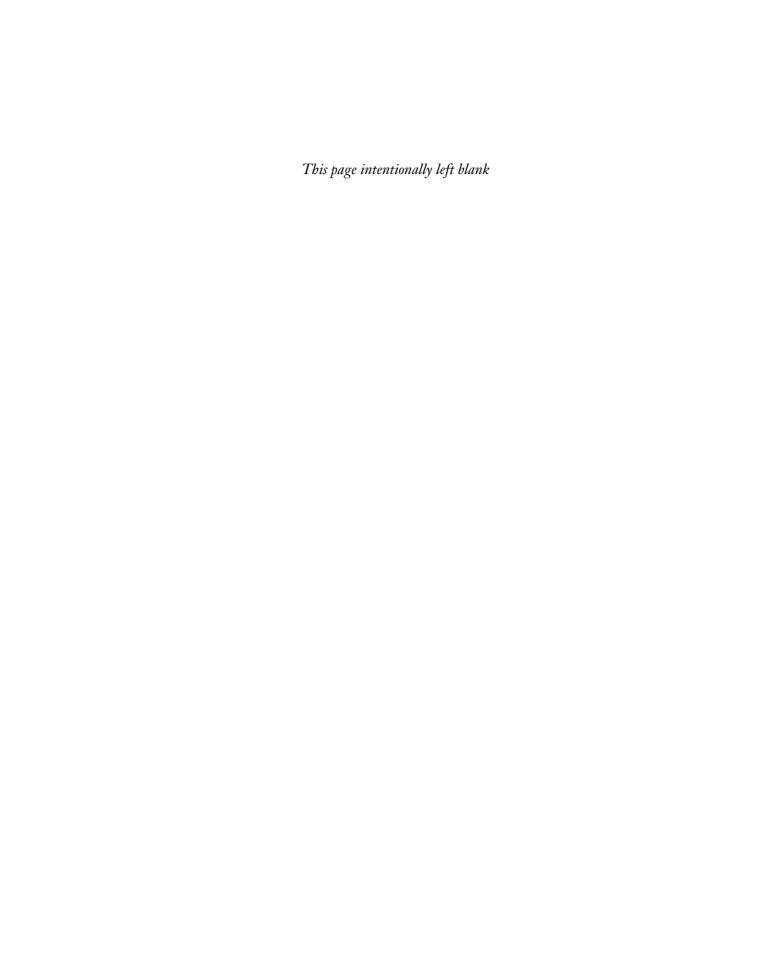
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PARTI

Global Marketing Environments



CHAPTER 1

Understanding Global Markets and Marketing

Marketing is not a function, it is the whole business seen from the customer's point of view.

Peter F Drucker, US management consultant

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After Reading This Chapter, You Should Be Able to:

- Understand the history of globalization and how it impacts marketing strategy.
- Define what is meant by "global marketing."
- Identify major trends of the past and the future that influence global marketing.
- Understand the general discussion of adaptation versus standardization.
- Adapt global marketing for high-technology firms.
- Understand how to adapt global marketing to emerging market countries (4As).
- Adopt a Global Marketing Management framework that helps structure decisions.

GLOBAL MARKETS TODAY

Africa's economic performance has improved greatly since the turn of the century, leading to notable gains in gross domestic product (GDP) per capita and lower levels of poverty. Several African countries are expected to be among the fastest growing countries in the world over the next decade. The following countries are expected to have the most potential for luxury goods demand expansion: Angola, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, and Nigeria. The baseline expectation is that economic activity will expand by more than 5 percent per annum (p.a.) in all selected countries except Egypt by 2020. While on the aggregate, the African luxury good sector remains in its infancy, taking into account the demographic dividend and rising per capita GDP levels, the potential for expansion remains vast. Especially, small African companies have the ambition to introduce luxury products to the outside world. Often, these products have a strong link to their home country and also want to sell the African spirit or experience (Figure 1.1).

FIGURE 1.1
Images of Africa
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For instance, African company YSWARA, founded in 2013 by entrepreneur Swaady Martin-Leke, is a South African boutique that first focused on selling tea and now also sells candles of soy wax and essential oils that can be used as a moisturiser once they have melted. Some 13,000 tins of tea and more than 3,000 candles have been sold at outlets in 10 countries, from Nigeria to Norway and Kenya to Sierra Leone, mainly to hotels and other businesses but also directly to retail customers. The company's strategy for the future is to expand the product range to include honey, chocolate and other gourmet items that would have a distinctly African feel.² YSWARA is a luxury brand and delivers little pieces of Africa every day. Founder and CEO Swaady Martin-Leke explains that "we have a worldly and soulful approach that encompasses a prevailing monthly theme such as 'identity', 'love', 'passions and dreams', 'knowledge and learning' and happiness. Through these themes we will explore meaningful topics under the 4 main categories of style, art and culture, travel and soul." She goes on to say that "many people perceive luxury brands in a materialistic sense, but true luxury brands have deeper meanings and aims; they are vital for culture's survival and renewal."3

Increasing luxury demand is also present in other countries. Just have a look at one of the Prada shops in Beijing's major shopping streets. The increasing interest of Asian customers in luxury products is more than a shallow indicator of how the purchasing power in different parts of the world changes. Especially Chinese customers are increasingly exposed to luxury goods through the Internet, overseas

travel, and first-hand experience. As a result, they have become more discerning. Once a country has a middle class, luxury in the form of status symbols will sell. In fact, China accounted for about 20 percent, or 180 billion renminbi (\$27 billion⁴), of global luxury in 2015, according to new McKinsey research.⁵ There are many other examples outside the luxury sector that illustrate how the world's largest companies have reconsidered their major target markets and how they have been forced to compete with companies from emerging markets, such as China, Russia, Brazil, India, and others. For instance, Brazil's JBS and Cosan are the global number one in food processing and biofuels respectively. Or take Russia's Gazprom as number one in energy (excluding oil) and India's Infosys and Wipro, both number five in information and outsourcing services. And finally, have a look at the Chinese automotive market, where traditional US-American and European brands like Ford, Daimler, VW, Audi and others are fiercely competing for market share. As Ford reports, China sales surged to about 840,000 vehicles in the first 11 months in 2014, up more than 50 percent from a year earlier amid an effort to double production capacity in the country by 2015. The carmaker has said it introduced 15 new models in China between 2011 and 2015, including for the luxury brand Lincoln and the classic Mustang muscle car.

It seems that products are selling everywhere, with consumers becoming similar in preferences, life-style, and aspirations. Kenichi Ohmae calls this the "Californization of Need." In essence, it means that whatever their nationality, global citizens get the same information and want the prestige that comes with certain kinds of consumer products—fashion, international cuisine, electronics, entertainment, and news. Furthermore, outside the luxury segments, they often want the products for the lowest prices which emerging market multinationals are more likely to offer given their favorable labor conditions. That is, global competition is becoming tougher in a world without boundaries.

Local Preferences in Global Markets

However, there is another, seemingly opposite trend. Consider this: In Copenhagen, 18-year-old Hanna logs on to a Canadian website, orders the latest CD recorded by Madonna, and pays for it in kroner, using a Danish credit card issued by her local bank. Her cousin Jacques, visiting from France, logs on to a consumer electronics site, where he notices an advertisement for a new recording gadget developed in Japan but not available in European stores. Jacques enters a search engine and finds that the gadget is available for sale in Macau. He orders the gadget from a Macau dealer, has it sent to his home address in Paris, pays for it in euros, and receives a receipt for payment sent to his e-mail address. These transactions represent global marketing that permits buyers and sellers the world over to meet and do business online in virtually any language and currency, with ease, precision, security, and reliability. Why is this? Because companies face consumer needs that are, despite all global harmonization, different across countries, religions, peer groups and cultures; marketing channels vary, preferred means of payment are not the same, and

language choice is important for customer satisfaction. Even more, the identification of local preferences can lead to true innovations. Take a look at the Swiss company Nestlé. Product "taste adaptation" is something the company is already implementing in China and is now employing in West Africa as well. Nestlé's local markets are supplied by imported base ingredients, such as onion powder, wheat flour as well as chillies grown in Europe. The R&D centre in Abidjan is looking at ways to prepare Nestlé products using locally sourced ingredients, such as cassava, sorghum, and millet. In addition, it is creating new and improved products that access a previously untapped market—consumers who prefer local products. If these products are successful, they will also create a new market for African farmers. In each corner of the world, there are inherent characteristics that need to be respected.

In this textbook, we will place a major focus on emerging markets, both as a target market for Western companies, and as a driver of innovation and competitiveness in its own right, based on new rules and principles that emerging market firms have introduced in less than a decade. Many emerging market firms have managed to enter the global landscape because they have developed new and unconventional products or business models, often with the help of new technologies or the Internet. These new developments cannot be understood without a thorough appreciation of the underlying technologies. Learning from emerging markets instead of adopting a predominantly Western mantra is our proposition. In addition, there are many other trends that shape our global business landscape.

For instance, global ethics and social responsibility have turned into very important subjects. Many international MBA programs have already included an ethics module in their course plan. The reason is obvious. For instance, France's Société Général, or Germany's Siemens (SI), have admitted to nearly \$2 billion in bribes, leading to the resignations of both its board chairman and its CEO in 2007. It is even more critical for companies and individual managers to develop a set of global values and a global code of conduct. Operating ethically requires much more than a code of conduct. The CEO and top management must engage with employees around the world to insist on transparency and compliance. Otherwise, they will never know what's going on. The company must have a closed-loop system of monitoring and auditing local marketing practices. The "don't look, don't tell" approach is bound to destroy your company's reputation. High standards must be enforced with a zero tolerance policy.8 While it is certainly not easy to teach ethics at a business school, it is necessary to sharpen one's mind about any kind of fraud, corruption or a combination of pressure one is exposed to. This is especially the case when individual managers need to decide against short-term profits and socially responsible behavior, like for instance, the refusal of animal testing (or specific conditions that accompany this procedure) or the initial use of drugs in emerging market countries, where there is no shortage of people willing to receive free treatment despite the risks (Box 1.1). While this tendency may be true for several countries, Africa is a very pertinent case because of its many countries below the poverty line.

The preceding examples illustrate that the global market place exhibits several characteristics and is not always easy to analyze and classify. As a result, many

Box 1.1 Country-in-Focus: South Africa

Drug Testing in South Africa

While many countries have set ethical standards for clinical trials, this is not a guarantee they will be respected by those who perform the trials. "The problem is implementing these [ethical] guidelines and the imperialistic attitude of researchers and sponsors who come to the country and frequently disregard our process," Ames Dhai, director of the Steve Biko Centre for Bioethics at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa adds.

By 2008, for example, there were three times as many developing countries participating in clinical trials registered with the US Food and Drug Administration than there were in the entire period between 1948 and 2000, with many "transitional" countries, such as Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa, taking part.

The main incentive for developing countries is the promise of advanced medical science and access to the latest medications. However, the process of putting in place a legal and ethical framework to protect participants is not going at the same pace in many of these countries, the meeting heard.

According to Sonia Shah, author of *The Body Hunters: Testing New Drugs on the World's Poorest Patients*, up to 80 percent of patients recruited in some developing countries are not informed about the nature of the study they are taking part in. In addition, many of them do not feel free to quit the trial, because they think that they or their children will lose out on good healthcare or treatment if they abandon it.

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business organizations must choose a global marketing strategy to enable them to win market share and capture and retain current and prospective customers. Marketing is becoming more important as organizations around the world strive to develop products and services that appeal to their customers and aim to differentiate their offering. Global marketing is by no means an easy approach to develop a profitable company but we believe that global marketing strategy is the key to attaining global competitive advantage. Therefore, the objective of this book is to show how a successful global marketing strategy can be developed and sustained.

In this introductory chapter, we will discuss the following questions in detail: How does technology support globalization? What exactly is globalization and how does it affect global marketing? What are the trends that have influenced global marketing so far and what are future developments? How can you develop global marketing strategies, both in developed and in emerging markets?

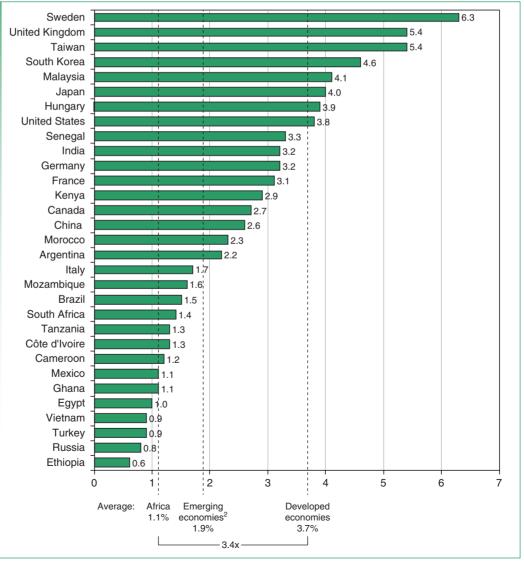
TECHNOLOGY AIDS GLOBALIZATION

Technology Drives Emerging Market Growth

With many emerging market players becoming global, issues such as co-creating companies' products together with world consumers (i.e. joint idea development, or co-manufacturing), marketing innovative and/or high-tech products, entering new markets with new technologies and managing the digital revolution become

top priorities. In 2012, the Internet contribution to a country's revenues (iGDP) was significantly higher for developed countries, with Sweden leading the ranking. But emerging countries, especially in Africa, are catching up. For instance, Senegal and Kenya, though not the continent's largest economies, have Africa's highest iGDPs, and governments in both countries have made concerted efforts to stimulate Internet demand (Figure 1.2). Consulting firm McKinsey says that by 2025, Africa's iGDP should grow to at least 5 to 6 percent, matching that of leading economies such as Sweden, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom. However, if the Internet achieves the same kind of scale and impact as the spread of mobile phones in Africa, iGDP could account for as much as 10 percent, or \$300 billion, of total GDP while producing a leap forward in economic and social development. Under this scenario, increased Internet penetration and use could propel private consumption 13 times higher than current levels.





The impact of technology on the global markets is also manifested in the vitality index of products, i.e. the percentage of current year sales coming from new products. For instance, 3M's financial performance is driven by products based on its 46 technology platforms, and its product vitality index is currently at a healthy 33 percent. A glimpse into the future was presented at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas in 2014, where self-driving shuttles and solar cars were on display. And while smartphones and tablets are leading spending in the consumer electronics space, consumer electronics is effectively entering the third industrial revolution, which will be based around mass customization. 3D printing, is a nascent market, as well as wearable high tech, or ultra HD TV. What all these products have in common is that nobody imagined them a couple of years ago—today they start revolutionizing the tech industry. Technological innovations are by no means limited to developing countries. For instance, India is fast emerging as a global powerhouse economy. Its leading companies are major players on the world stage, and India exhibits several success stories in innovation including green energy, clean technology, smart cities, sustainable food, and water supplies.

High-Tech as the Backbone for Global Competitiveness

Creating, exploiting and commercializing new technologies is essential in the global race for competitiveness and high-tech sectors and enterprises are key drivers of economic growth, productivity and social protection, and generally a source of high value-added and well-paid employment. High-tech can be defined according to three different approaches:⁹

- **the sector approach** looks at the high-tech manufacturing sector, medium high-tech manufacturing sector, and high-tech knowledge-intensive service sector, focusing on employment, and economic indicators;
- **the product approach** considers whether a product is high-tech or not and examines trade in high-tech products;
- **the patent approach** distinguishes high-tech patents from others.

If we take the first approach, in 2010, the European Union had almost 50,000 enterprises in high-tech manufacturing. High-tech manufacturers were most numerous in Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy and the Czech Republic, all together accounting for around 55 percent of the high-tech sector in the EU-27. The United Kingdom displayed the greatest number of enterprises in the high-tech knowledge-intensive services (KIS) sector (139,017), followed by Italy and France. As for the product approach, we can have a look at the high-tech sector of solar photovoltaic and the export development share across countries (Figure 1.3). Chinese companies, including Suntech, JA Solar and Yingli have become major technology producers, with the largest share of their output exported. The solar photovoltaic (PV)