

# MARKETING STRATEGIES FOR LATIN - AMERICAN MARKETS

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# RAPIDLY EXPANDING ECONOMIES = OPPORTUNITIES



# GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS

## ➤ Main reasons for presence in new markets

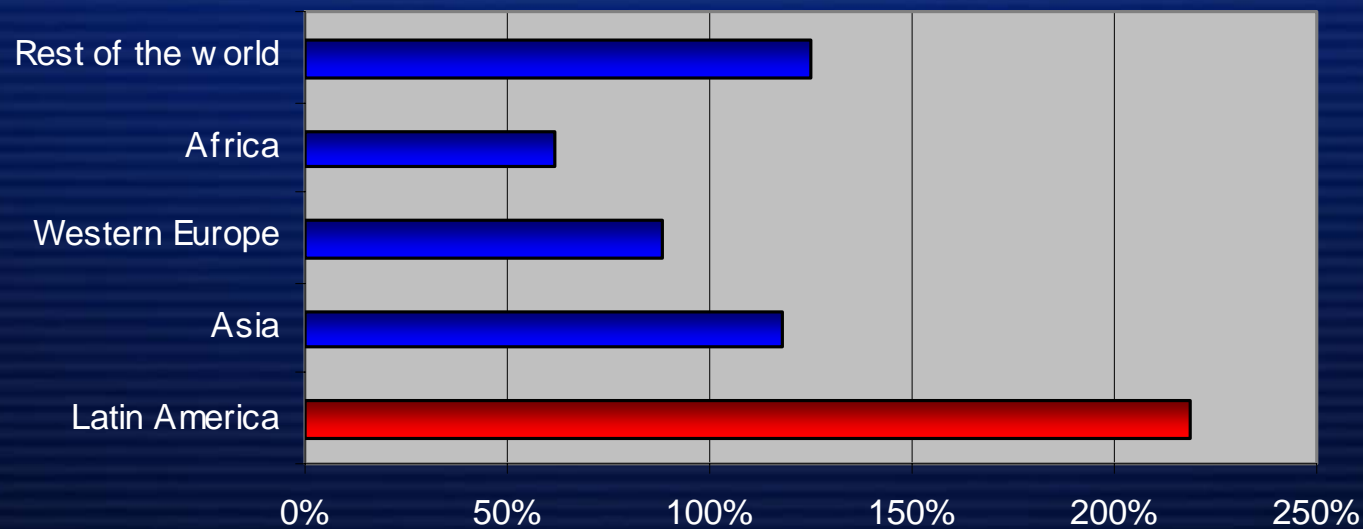
- Cost-cutting opportunities
  - Manufacturing
  - Better perform in core market
- Growth opportunities in core markets dry up
- Active local and overseas suppliers
- Global innovation cycle
  - Ways to innovate, adapt and reinvent business



# LATIN - AMERICAN MARKETS

## ➤ Increasing Role as U.S. Trade Partner

- Fastest growing U.S regional trading partner
- 219% growth in trade over last 10 years



# TOP U.S. TRADE PARTNERS

## ➤ Who are the key players?

Country	Trading Volume - 2003	Trading Volume - 2004
Mexico	97,457	11,0775
Brazil	11,218	13,863
Venezuela	2,840	4,782
Colombia	3,755	4,504
Dominican Republic	4,214	4,343
Chile	2,719	3,625
Argentina	2,435	3,386
Costa Rica	3,414	3,304
Honduras	2,845	3,077
Guatemala	2,274	2,548

Latin America has experienced the strongest growth performance for nearly 25 years in 2004, with growth of 5.7%

# ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

- New trend of outbound foreign investment
  - 22% increase in FDI flows to Latin America coming from Latin-American neighbors and Europe
- Brazil & Argentina more influenced by China and the U.S.
- FDI sent to Latin America - service internal economies
  - Internal economy surpass Chinese consumption levels
- Venezuela is the greatest concern in Latin America
- Colombia - demand for mid-high ticket durables such as furniture, computers, and cars should grow



## ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

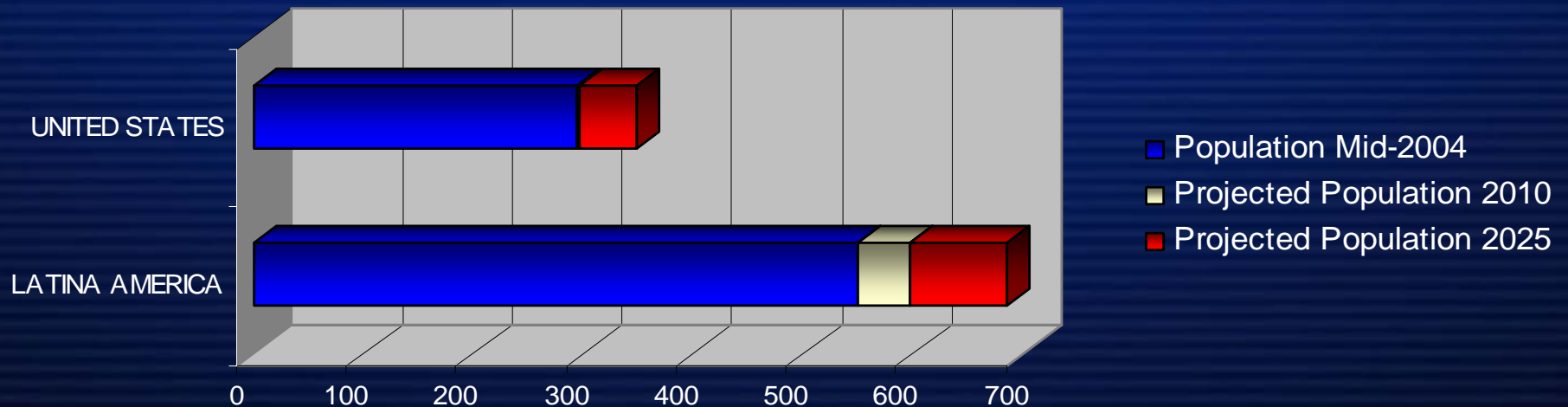
- Mexico, Chile, and Costa Rica - successful reformers of trade policy
- Brazil ranked 5th most ethical country out of 10 examined by M&E
- Latin America needs to triple its spending on infrastructure
- Brazil and Mexico rivals for leadership in region
  - Offer different platforms for entry into the region

Mexico	Brazil
High dependence of foreign trade	Least dependence on foreign trade
Exports primarily manufactures	Dependent on export of commodities
USA destination	Europe main market

# MARKET ASSESSMENT

## ➤ How big is the opportunity?

- U.S.: 297,306,979 (Sept 2005)
- Latin America: 546,723,509 (July 2005)





# CONSUMER BASE & DEMOGRAPHICS

Nation	Population (Millions)
Brazil	179
Mexico	106
Colombia	45
Argentina	38
Peru	27
Venezuela	26
Chile	16
Guatemala	13
Ecuador	13
Dominican Republic	9
Bolivia	9
Honduras	7
El Salvador	7
Paraguay	6
Nicaragua	5

## ➤ Population by Age:

- Aging rapidly - 2015
- 50% under the age of 20
- U.S. – 30% under the age of 21
- Customer lifetime value

## ➤ Household size:

- 4.3 individuals since 1990
- U.S. – 1 or 2 people per house
- Total households – 121 M

# LATIN - AMERICAN BUYING POWER

- Total: **1.3 trillion dollars in 2000**
- Increased with decrease of inflation



Latin-American GDP per capita  
almost **3 times as big as China's**

# PURCHASE POWER & CONSUMPTION

Nation	PPP per capita
Argentina	11,982
Chile	10,981
Mexico	9,726
Brazil	8,594
Colombia	6,741
D. Republic	6,503
Peru	5,385
Venezuela	4,725
El Salvador	4,457
Paraguay	4,223
Guatemala	4,048
Ecuador	3,979
Bolivia	2,926



Nation	PPP
Brazil	1,376
Mexico	941
Argentina	436
Colombia	263
Chile	155
Peru	146
Venezuela	118
Guatemala	157
D. Republic	53
Ecuador	46
Uruguay	44
Costa Rica	35
Cuba	32



Nation	Consumption
Argentina	7%
Mexico	6.6%
Chile	6.4%
Venezuela	5.7%
Peru	5.7%
Ecuador	5.1%
Colombia	4.4%
Brazil	4.0%
El Salvador	4.0%
Nicaragua	3.9%
Guatemala	3.4%
Honduras	3.0%
D. Republic	2.7%



# In each country: Two different worlds

Masses vs. Sophisticated consumers



# SOCIAL SEGMENTATION

## ➤ Economic Breakdown:

- U.S. – bulk of middle class – 56% between 25,000 and 100,000
- Latin America – Pyramid structure

Social Segmentation	Percentage of Population	Percentage Buying Power
Upper class	2.2%	19.6%
Upper Middle class	12.4%	26%
Middle class	29.6%	37.8%
Low-poor class	55.8%	16.5%

# LATIN - AMERICAN POPULATION

## ➤ Ethnically a mix:

- Europeans with local population and Africans

## ➤ Brazil – strongest mix:

- Largest population of **African origin** in Western hemisphere, including USA
- Sao Paulo has the largest number of **Japanese** outside Japan
- Sao Paulo has more **Italians** than Rome and Milan put together

## ➤ Argentina, Chile and south of Brazil - **German** strong presence

## ➤ All over Latin America - **Lebanese** are significant business force



# LATIN - AMERICAN VALUES & BELIEFS

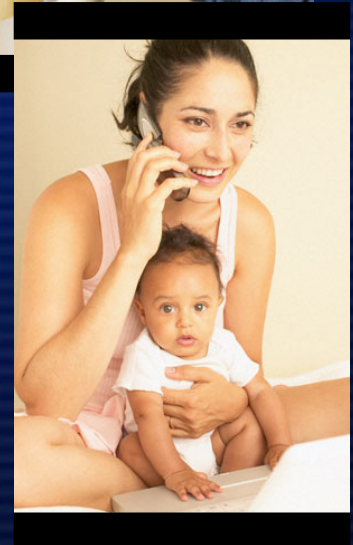
## ➤ Geographical disparities:

- Home of Amazon forest and Andes
- Bustling cities: Mexico City, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, Caracas



# FAMILY IS THE NUCLEUS

- Child is the king
- Young Population
  - Mexico:
    - 65% have children under age 18 at home
  - U.S.:
    - 41% Americans have children under age 18 at home
- Socially dependent
  - Latin Americans are constantly connected
- Family size
  - 2 parents w. children and non-working spouse (46%)
  - 2 parents w. children and non-working spouse (36%)





# ATTITUDES & PREFERENCES

- Language
  - Business = English
- Education
  - College = higher income, usually white collar job
  - Data **used to identify social class**
- Religion
- Effects of weather on people
  - Outdoor activities
  - People's usage of product (frequency, etc) and mind set
- Life is more complex than appears at first





# PEOPLE'S PERCEPTION

## ➤ External Beauty

- Extreme importance for both men and women
- Clothing, grooming, product packaging, etc

## ➤ Perception of categories

- World of Nations:
  - European beauty products still perceived as better quality
  - Russian vodka is better
  - Changes in some sectors
    - › Wine industry (South African, Chilean, etc)

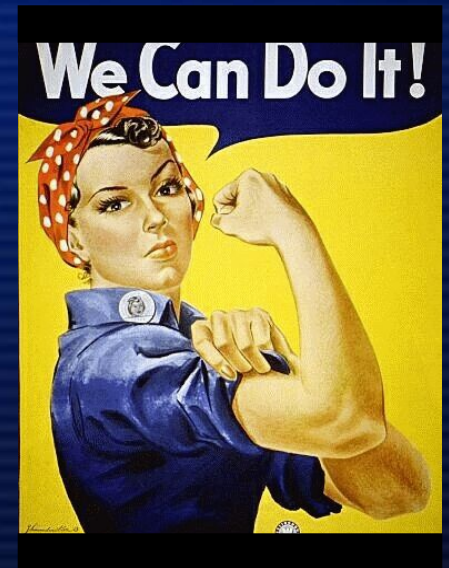
## ➤ Feel tricked - “Made in China” label in US product



# PATRIARCHAL TRADITIONS

## ➤ Women participation:

- Machismo
- In all countries women's participation in domestic sphere is considerably higher than men's
- Brazil:
  - High number of entrepreneurs & CEOs
- Latin America
  - Evolution
  - 33% of women in labor force
- U.S. - 46% of women in work force



# BUSINESS ETHICS

- How are you? Brazil – Hand shake
- Very social market that works on Network
  - Usually school environment or family circle
- Negotiation:
  - Long – like to bargain and no guarantee of deal
  - Latin Americans fight – Tomorrow we are happy
  - Sometimes we are late for meetings – Chicago contrast
  - Family related activities – Sign that you are welcomed
  - Relation guarantees business (family, friends)
    - Find common grounds





# COORDINATING BUSINESS IN LATIN AMERICA

## ➤ Executives choices among given cities:

- Miami (29%)
- Santiago (15%)
- Mexico City (10%)
- Sao Paulo (9%)
- Buenos Aires (4%)
- Barcelona and New York (4%)

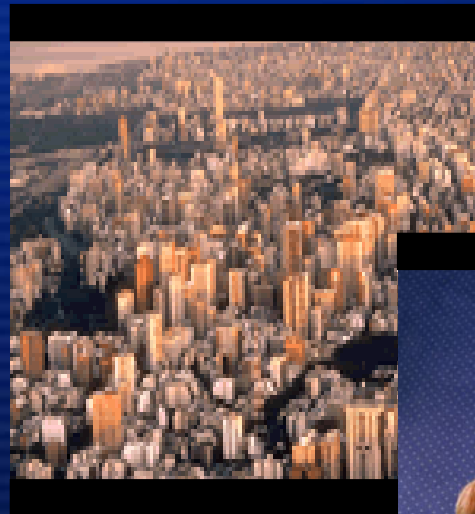
**Latin American Cities = Major Opportunity for Business**



# EXECUTIVES' SELECTION

## ➤ Executives choices - free option:

- Santiago, Chile
- Miami, USA
- Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Monterrey, Mexico
- Curitiba, Brazil
- Mexico City, Mexico
- Guadalajara, Mexico
- Porto Alegre, Brazil
- Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- Buenos Aires, Argentina





# LATIN - AMERICAN CITIES PROFILE

## ➤ Sao Paulo, Brazil

- High scores in open-mindedness and Racial/sexual diversity
- Industrial & financial center generating over 30% of the GNP
- Most developed concentration of innovation in region
- Brazil's economy outweighs that of all South American countries
- Need to work on security measures

## ➤ Santiago, Chile

- Low scores in tolerance and openness to the new
- Commitment to sound economic policies



# LATIN - AMERICAN CITIES PROFILE

## ➤ Monterrey, Mexico

- Change from maquiladora to knowledge / intelligence industry
- Proximity to U.S
- Alliances between government agencies and universities

## ➤ Mexico City, Mexico

- Proximity to U.S.
- Need to work on security measures



# DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS

- Most companies enter the market through big retailers
- Retail landscape is highly fragmented
  - Traditional channels dominate
    - Street fair: 1 out of 5 in Brazil
- Shopping priorities
  - Helpful staff, express checkout not as important as in U.S.
  - Low prices and location are relevant
    - 61% Mexicans stated they choose a store by location (45% U.S.)
    - 50% Mexicans cite price as relevant (31% U.S.)
  - Private labels - not so welcomed as in developed countries
    - Private label packaging leaves room for improvement

# REACHING THE TARGET

## ➤ Media Structure

- Allow large gains for ad. agencies - Profit driven companies

## ➤ Media Preferences

- TV - Main source of entertainment
  - Average watch is 4.87 hours per day
  - Novelas – Soap Operas
- Internet
  - Penetration – around 12.6%
  - U.S. Penetration – 68.1%
  - Acceptance of new technologies and media
- Newspaper – literacy is an issue





# THE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

- Represents a great deal of satisfaction
  - Trip to mall means social interaction
- Latin Americans need help with housework
  - Permanent or temporary maid
  - Baby sitter
- Upper class has maid doing supermarket shopping
  - Affect in strategies
  - List ready to shop (strategy)
  - They have decision power too (POP strategy)



# RIFLE STRATEGY

- Urban Population:
  - U.S. urban population: 80.1%
  - Latin America urban population: 76.7%
- U.S. – 9 cities with more than 1,000,000 people
- Latin America – 52 cities with over 1 million inhabitants
- Buying power:
  - 70% Latin Buying power is concentrated in 10 metropolitan cities
  - Example: 5.3% of the urban households in Venezuela account for 40% of total urban buying power



# LATIN - AMERICAN ADVERTISING

- **Multinational and Product brand perception**
  - Welcome international products and businesses
  - Social programs - sense of community benefit
- **Returns & Money-back guarantees**
  - Latin Americans do not believe in such claims
  - Only 27% believe (urban areas of Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela)
  - 49% of Americans believe in such promises
- **Endorsements**
  - Latin Americans are more likely to believe
- **Use of Adjectives**
  - More likely to believe in “new”, “improved”, “official”
- **Creative talent** (awards in Cannes, etc)





# BRAND LOYALTY

## ➤ How loyal are Latin Americans?

- Among Americans the ones that are not loyal choose from 3 brands
- Latin American best deal
- Longer menus of brands = opportunity to convert consumer
- Affluent people tend to be more loyal
- Consider known brands vs. generic brands

## ➤ Different sectors - Different degree of Loyalty

- Beer market: local brand brews
- Soft drink: 48% loyalty - almost as U.S.
- Shampoos: 50% loyalty level



# BRAND VS. PRICING

## ➤ U.S. Strategy

- Expensive brand building
- Frequent product enhancements
- Sophisticated marketing techniques

## ➤ Latin-American Strategy

- Price-sensitivity
- Select portfolio of products
- Pre-test price against other features
- Avid label readers – less trust in manufacturers
- Opportunity for customer care programs
  - Strengthen brand perception
  - Develop loyalty and solidify customer relationship



# URBAN HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE

Sector	% of Household Expenditure
Food	35.4%
Clothing	7.7%
Housing	11.1%
Household furnishing	8.0%
Health	6.2%
Transportation	5.3%
Education and leisure	5.3%
Others	14.3%

During periods of crisis spend more on clothes and cosmetic products for better appearance



# MAIN DIFFERENCES AMONG LATIN - AMERICANS

- Argentineans – the most Europeans
- Brazilians – do not consider themselves Hispanics
  - Greatest disparity between rich and poor
  - 73% poor people have TV
- Different social agendas
  - Crime, corruption, drugs, etc
- Sports:
  - Argentinean and Brazilians – Soccer
  - Venezuelan, Cubans, and Puerto Ricans – Baseball
  - GOLF – spreading fast (Trump investment)
  - Women and men like sports (Go with your client to a game)



## SIMILARITIES WITH U.S. POPULATION

### ➤ Marriage

- 50% optimistic about the institution of family

### ➤ Recreation

- 62% like to listen to music
- 55% like to watch TV (84% access to TV)
  - Like cable TV – upper class
  - Latin America is the fastest growing market for cable TV
- 1 out of 5 travel on weekends
- 1 out of 10 visited a new-car dealership
- 4 out of 10 shopped for clothes for themselves (5/10 US)
- Attitude towards comparison with competitor product (39%)

### ➤ Consumers are ever more demanding

### ➤ Major conflicts balancing family and work



# MARKETING INSIGHTS – PRODUCTS

- No matter what **you always need marketing services**
  - PR is essential
  - Market research - Monitor the market
  - Study co-op marketing opportunities
    - Venezuela: high consumption of Black Label whisky and cosmetics
- Define a business plan for international initiatives
- Create an **International Product Life Cycle Assessment**
  - General acceptance (which markets)
  - Create chart for timing for demand (current and forecasts)
  - General modifications vs. core positive assessment
- Choose the **correct mix of products and prices for the market**
- Map the region and identify key opportunities



# MARKETING INSIGHTS – CLIENTS & MARKET

- Select target and **understand the prospective client**
- Address **each country's needs separately**
  - Traditional Events:
    - Can be used as center theme for campaigns
    - Carnival, independence, etc
  - Trade shows
  - Research
  - Infrastructure
  - Consumer trends and behavior
- Plan at least 2 years ahead of time
- Have some international folks in your U.S. international department



# STRATEGY SELECTION

## Low Income Strategy

Use local branding and positioning

Elevate traditional values

Imitate local competitors understanding the key points that provide them advantage. Use this learning in global level

Adhere to local standards of quality

Address all points-of-contact (new technologies and media)

Adapt your product to local preferences

Apply market strategies that work best to save money and understand consumers rational

Relate to local people with specific role models (coming from low income and making money)

## High-Priced Products

Pursue global brand positioning

Use global image with local flavor

Do not be afraid of showing international experiences & highlight your local and international power

Keep your global standards of quality

Address all points-of-contact (new technologies and media)

Do not extensively change your product

Brand is status – is a way to prove you belong to a certain class

Key role models – Social active brand ambassadors

# INSIGHTS – BUDGET & MANUFACTURING

## ➤ Show me the money!

- Determine how much you can afford
- Try not segment the budget by country
- Forget about forecasts in dollar
- Create a 3 or 5 year marketing plan

## ➤ Use regional hub for manufacturing

- Keep manufacturing separate from operations
- This is an investment act as a venture capitalist investor
- Give autonomy to maintain low cost infrastructure and still innovate
- Explore cross-border alliances and partnerships



# IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE

- Hire a good lawyer, a savvy banker, a knowledgeable accountant, and a seasoned transport specialist
- Understand regulations and procedures
- Utilize social marketing programs
- Think globally and act locally



**Never forget that you are the most valuable business asset you have.  
The human touch is even more precious  
in our age of advanced technology**

## CASE STUDY

### ➤ Strategy:

- Made use of Powerful U.S. Brand
- Invested High amounts of money
- Partnership with a media company based in region (Cisneros Group - Venezuelan) and regional bank (Banco Itau – Brazil)



### ➤ Situation:

- Peak - in 2002 with 1.4 million paying users mostly in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Puerto Rico
- March 2005 – 400,000 subscribers
- Filed for bankruptcy – June 2005
- Loss – U.S. \$ 1 billion

## CASE STUDY

### ➤ What went wrong?

- Underestimated competition?
- Getting in too late?
- No changes to US business model?
- Marketing Plan?





# CASE STUDY

## ➤ Underestimated competition?

- Competitors were allies of content providers
  - UOL in Brazil – Folha de Sao Paulo - Big Newspapers
  - Company core product – information
  - Trouble with free Internet service providers – iG Brazil

## ➤ Getting in too late?

- Average operating for 3.5 years already

## ➤ No changes to US business model?

- Massive distribution of CDs with Internet setup software
  - Need for having a credit card when sign up via CD
  - Latin America – Lower use of plastic



# CASE STUDY

## ➤ Message

- The best because we're the biggest
- AOL perceived as arrogant

## ➤ PR Strategy - Preparing enemies?

- Launch News: December 1998 vs. Opening: November 1999

## ➤ Pricing

- Charged more than competitors

## ➤ Product Mix

- Growth of Broadband usage in Latin America
- Late introduction of such product (2003)
- No lesson learned from U.S.

## ➤ Distribution

- CD mailing costs - 30% to 40% higher in Latin America
- Response rates 50% of those in U.S.

# TOTAL MARKET SOLUTION™

Audience / Point of Influence	Target	Discipline	I n t e r n e t
Marketing Efforts & Consumers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Identification of Target</li> <li>➤ Target Profiling</li> <li>➤ Company Positioning Strategy</li> <li>➤ Company Current Marketing Efforts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Advertising</li> <li>➤ Public Relations</li> <li>➤ Sales Promotions</li> <li>➤ Event Marketing</li> </ul>	
Distribution Efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Current Distribution Channel Study</li> <li>➤ Analysis of Distribution Options</li> <li>➤ Identification of Plan for bigger ROI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cross-Promotional Marketing</li> <li>➤ Retail Sales Velocity Programs</li> <li>➤ Public Relations</li> </ul>	
Market Landscape & Key Decision Makers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Market &amp; Competitors Analysis</li> <li>➤ Industry &amp; Consumer Trends</li> <li>➤ Identification of Key Players &amp; Experts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Community / Media Relations</li> <li>➤ Synergistic Partnerships</li> </ul>	
Sales Force Enhancement Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Current Sales Operations</li> <li>➤ Ideal Sales Structure</li> <li>➤ Identification of Goals</li> <li>➤ Timing and Calendar Map</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Incentive Programs</li> <li>➤ Sales Presentations</li> <li>➤ Cross-Promotional Marketing</li> </ul>	
Co-Marketing Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Complementary advertisers seeking market share amplification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cross-Promotional Marketing</li> </ul>	
Internal Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Company decision-makers who should be updated on program progress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Intranet Communications</li> <li>➤ Presentations</li> <li>➤ Newsletters</li> </ul>	



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