

"Elevator Pitch"

1. THE ELEVATOR PITCH



2. CONTENTS OF AN ELEVATOR PITCH



3. CALL TO ACTION



- ✓ Understandable Statements
- ✓ Short Sentences
- ✓ Terms must be generally understandable
- ✓ Pictorial Language (Emotions)
- ✓ Convincing with Voice and Body Language

- ✓ Who am I / Who are we?
- ✓ The Problem, why this idea?
- ✓ The Solution and...
 - ✓ Why now?
 - ✓ Why you (and not someone else)

- ✓ How, why,... do you do it?
- ✓ We need....
- ✓ We offer....
- ✓ ..because or idea/solution is.....
- ✓ More or less in 30 Seconds



Overview





Planning Sales



Planning Sales



What is a Sales-Strategy? A sales strategy is a <u>long-term</u>, <u>methodical</u> <u>implementation of all sales</u> as part of a company's <u>marketing and sales</u> <u>plans</u>.

The Sales-Strategy focuses on:

- ✓ The segmentation and selection target customers
- ✓ Defining the type of customer relationship
- ✓ Specifying competitive advantages (benefit/value)
- ✓ Planning the sales channels, sales partners and the entire sales process
- ✓ Determining the parameters of prices and conditions
- ✓ Developing and expanding the skills of sales staff



What to think about?



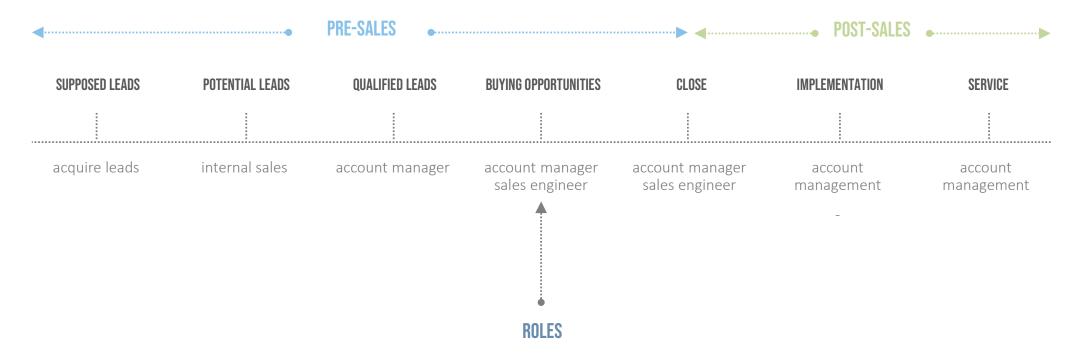
Marketing & Sales Planning "Basics"

MARKET STRATEGY	MARKET SEGMENTS	MARKETING MIX	
1. Own strengths, business areas, potential	4. Potential market segments	7. Product strategies	
2. Market and competition information	5. Customer analysis	8. Communication strategy	
3. Own positioning and market strategy	6. Target groups	9. Marketing strategy	
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Phases: Pre-Sales - The Purchase - Post-Sale

SALES CYCLE



Pre-Sale

What is Pre-Sale? The **pre-sale** is a **sale made to a prospective lead** before the item is available for purchase, <u>sometimes free or at a discounted price</u>.

A pre-project is developed along the same lines as a **pre-sale.** Customers aren't charged the full price in order to obtain a long-term, profitable contract.

Characteristic pre-sales activities include:

- ✓ Trainings
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Customer service
- ✓ Exhibition stands
- ✓ Calculating and creating customer offers
- ✓ Product presentation
- ✓ Demo-access
- ✓ Creating competitor analysis



Post-Sale / Sales Management

The **Post-sale**, after-sales or sales management describe the activities offered to the customer after purchase.

The goal of after-sales is to achieve <u>further sales</u> in the future through customer satisfaction and trust.

After-sales can also promote additional offers or services.

After-sales often achieves a <u>higher margin</u> than new customer business.



Sales-Goals: Difference between Cold and Warm Calling and the Friendly Customer-Concept





This is having direct contact with potential customers with no established relationship or prior contact.

Contact via telephone, letter, email, etc. is permitted in the US, Canada, and UK.

Each country has limits and restrictions. E.g., written consent of the customer, specific call times, do not call lists, etc.

WARM CALLING



This mainly deals with customers who are already familiar with the company but have no established business relationship.

The advantage is that there is already a certain degree of trust on the customers' part.

A contact/network to get a "Friendly-Customer" can be incredibly supportive for a Startup!!!!



Sales-Goals

SMART (S=specific, M=measurable, A=attainable, R=realistic, T=time-bound)

1. QUANTITATIVE SALES-GOALS



- ✓ Sales, Earnings, Margin
- ✓ Number of Pieces, Volume
- ✓ Consulting Days or Training Days
- ✓ Workload
- ✓ Customer Visits, Customer Contacts
- ✓ Additional Sales
- ✓ Number of new Customers
- ✓ Number of reactivited Customers

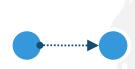
2. QUALITATIVE SALES-GOALS



- ✓ Training of a Sales Representative
- ✓ Development of a benefit Argument for a new Product
- ✓ Development of a Procedure for "Cross Selling"
- ✓ Cold calling Phone-Guide
- ✓ Strategy for acquiring new Customers
- ✓ Increase Customer Satisfaction
- ✓ Introduction of a CRM System

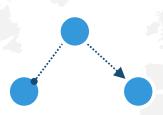


Sales Possibilities



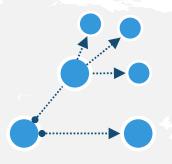
1. DIRECT SALES

The <u>service or product is sold directly</u> from the manufacturer to the customer with no middle man.



2. INDIRECT SALES

The service or product is <u>distributed to</u> wholesale and retail companies, going through the entire value chain.



3. SINGLE VS. MULTI-CHANNEL DISTRIBUTION

Due to the importance of the Internet, distribution practices have evolved from focusing on one sales channel to simultaneously using various sales channels.

Direct Sales - Facts

The manufacturer sells directly to companies or customers of companies that specialize in direct sales.

The manufacturer has complete control over the sales channel.



Online sales are a form of direct sales.

The manufacturer sells to the customer via the Internet.

The importance of direct sales is increasing due to the latest communication and information technologies.



Different Channels and Description

SINGLE CHANNEL

This focuses on one sales channel.



CROSS CHANNEL

Sales are made by combining several channels.







MULTI CHANNEL

This enables sales across multiple channels.







OMNI CHANNEL

Sales are made by using two or more channels simultaneously.









Sales Channels – Multi-Channel - Possibilities

SERVICES SALES CHANNEL Information Trials Online Shop Doorstep Consultation Returns/Exchanges Teleshopping Third Party Finance Orders Party Apps Sales Company Payment Stores

Various sales channels and services can be freely combined depending on needs or demands.

Not every sales channel or service is appropriate for each product.



Sales Cycle

What is it?

A sales cycle consists of the typical stages for the sale of a product or service.

Cycles differ within each company - each sale is unique.

A company, and sales representatives in particular should be **prepared for different obstacles**.

With experience and perseverance, one can increase efficiency in the sales process by identifying and improving the most important steps.



Sales Cycles

Example of an Sales Cycle



Sales Cycles

One possibility a 8-Stages Sales Cycle / 4-6 Stages could also be enough at the beginning!

PROSPECT

Generate leads.

2.

APPROACH THE CUSTOMER

Make contact with leads.

3.

DETERMINE NEEDS

Analyze customer needs.

4.

PRESENT THE OFFER

Offer product or service to fulfill said needs.

HANDLE OBJECTIONS

Handle objections calmly and offer solutions.

CLOSE THE SALE

Transition the lead to a customer by making the sale.

FOLLOW UP

Provide services after the sale to promote customer loyalty.

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SUGGEST MORE SALES

Follow up with additional sales or recommendations, resulting in attracting new leads.

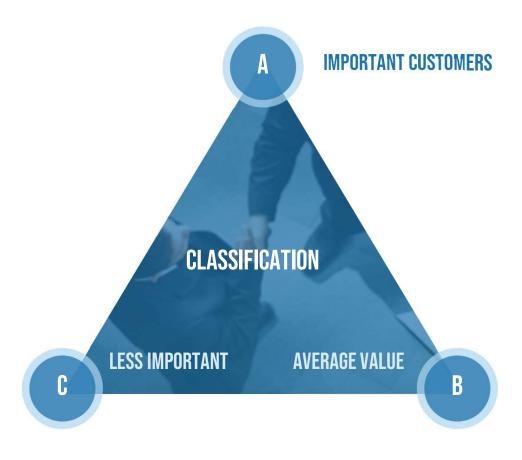


Perfect Customer



Customer Relationship

ABC Clients



CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION WITHIN SALES ACCORDING TO ABC ANALYSIS:

- Very important customers with high sales and high return
- (B) Customers of average value
- Classified as less important with low sales and less return

SALES SYSTEM FUNCTIONS:

Defines customer service objectives

Has strict specifications for customer support

Obtains information to create a sales plan

Customer Relationship

Customer Classification

	CHARACTERISTICS	VALUE	OPPORTUNITIES/THREATS
A- Customer	Generate high revenue Have a large portion of contribution margin Small amount	Very important customers High requirements	Generate more revenue (easier) The customer has the power Sometimes pressure for profitability
B- Customer B	There is an average revenue and return	Profitable but less important	There are also potential "A" customers in "B".
CUSTOMER	Large amount	More insignificant Often not very profitable Economical processing needed	High processing effort Negligence may result in the loss of the customer

Monetization

Models – an overview!



FREEMIUM-MODEL

The Freemium-Model has become a common monetization Strategy over the years. There is a low barrier to entry where users get basic functionality & access at no cost at the beginning.



PAID SUBSCRIPTIONS

A very popular method of monetization is a (monthly or yearly) subscription fee.
Combine free subscription with the possibility to upgrade to a premium model with an ongoing subscription fee.



ADVERTISING

Monetizing through advertising is also a possible way. Especially Online Advertising can be affected, there are two main categories – direct or indirect. Direct when a company pays you to place its ads on your website, indirect for leads or traffic.



B2B OR B2C SALES

B2B, as discussed with the typical sales Cycle. From the Awareness to Purchase (Sales-Funnel)

B2C, often described with the so called "Customer Journey"

SALES FUNNEL



B2B (Sales Funnel) und B2C (Customer Journey)



Sales Control

Strategic vs. Operational Control in Sales

STRATEGIC CONTROLLING

Oversees a company's strategy and performance, focuses on achieving future goals

Market potential is key (customers, products, competition)

It will use **information from analyses** of the global business environment and the internal company situation

OPERATIONAL CONTROLLING

Important is the short and medium-term secured sales efficiency

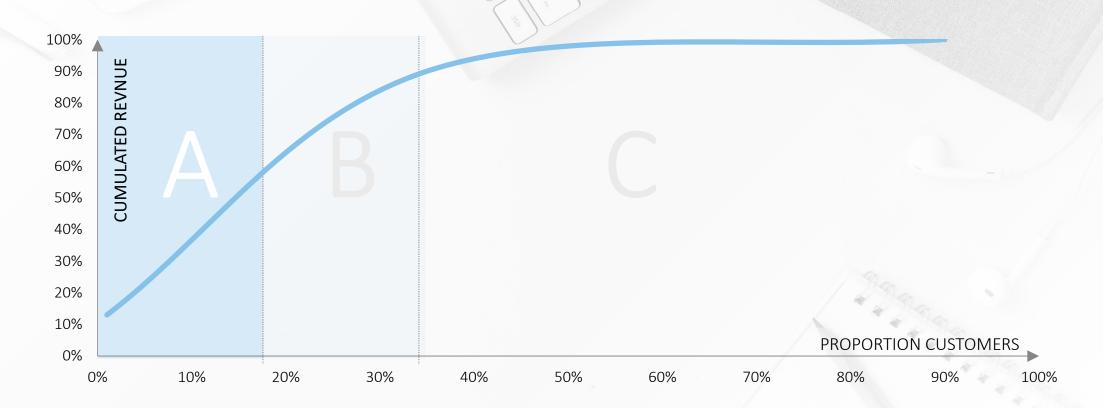
Possible Targets: profitability, success, liquidity

Will **analyze sales activities** under current market conditions

The evaluation involves **internal sources** of information such as **internal accounting**

Sales Control

Strategic Sales Tool – The ABC Analysis



Sales Control Sales Control – important figures! **SALES PER EMPLOYEE** SALES PER MONTH/ PER QUARTER/PER YEAR ORDERS PER MONTH/ **AVERAGE ORDER** PER QUARTER/PER YEAR **AMOUNT CONTROLLING** RATIO OF NEW CUSTOMERS TO EXISTING CUSTOMERS MARGIN DIRECT/ **IN INDUSTRY**



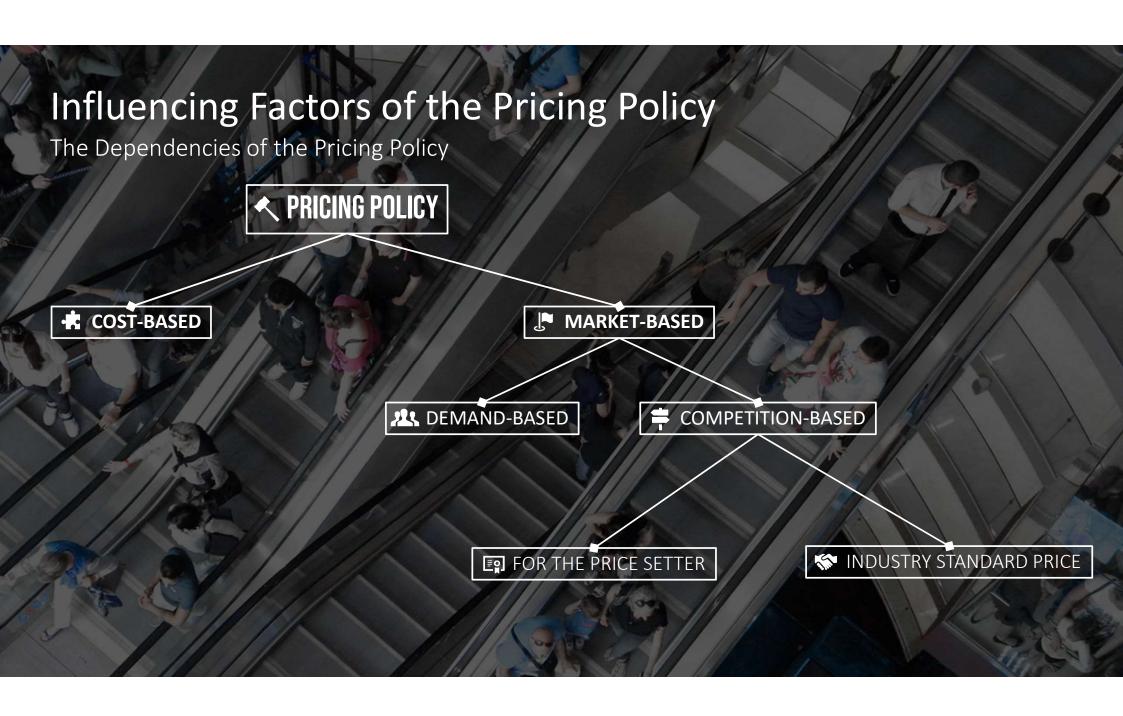
The single most important decision in evaluating a business is pricing power. If you've got the power to raise prices without losing business to a competitor, you've got a very good business. And if you have to have a prayer session before raising the price by 10 percent, then you've got a terrible business.

Warren Buffett, Chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

DEFINITION

The 4P, Pricing Policy, Price Structure and Pricing Strategy





Pricing Strategies – FIXED Price Strategy (Low and High)

PROMOTIONAL PRICING STRATEGY (LOW PRICE STRATEGY)

- Price is low in the long-term
- Pricing image is developed
- Problem: customers change quickly as soon as they find cheaper deals (suppliers respond with price elasticity)
- Examples: e.g. some supermarket-products



PREMIUM PRICING STRATEGY (HIGH PRICE STRATEGY)

- Price is higher than average
- The product needs a very good quality/ high image to justify price
- Examples: cars, clothing and cosmetic companies

Price Progression Strategy

PRICE SKIMMING STRATEGY (ABSORPTION STRATEGY)

- Starts with a <u>high (introductory)</u> price
- Little by little or because of the competition, the price is slowly lowered
- Reason: new products, companies with a monopoly
- Example: computer hardware

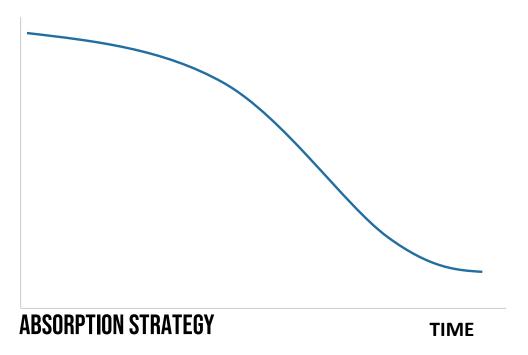


PENETRATION PRICING

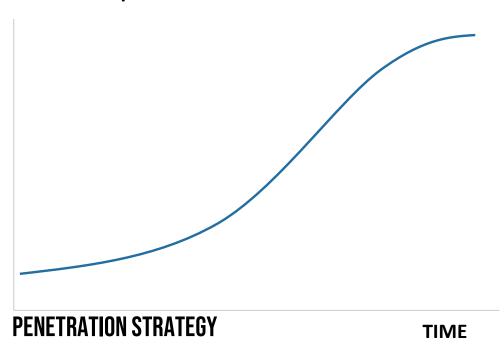
- Low (introductory) price
- Reasons:
 - Customers should come into contact with the
 - Quick deduction of large amounts
 - Diffusing the competition
- Low price is slowly increased
- Example: software industry

Price Progression Strategy



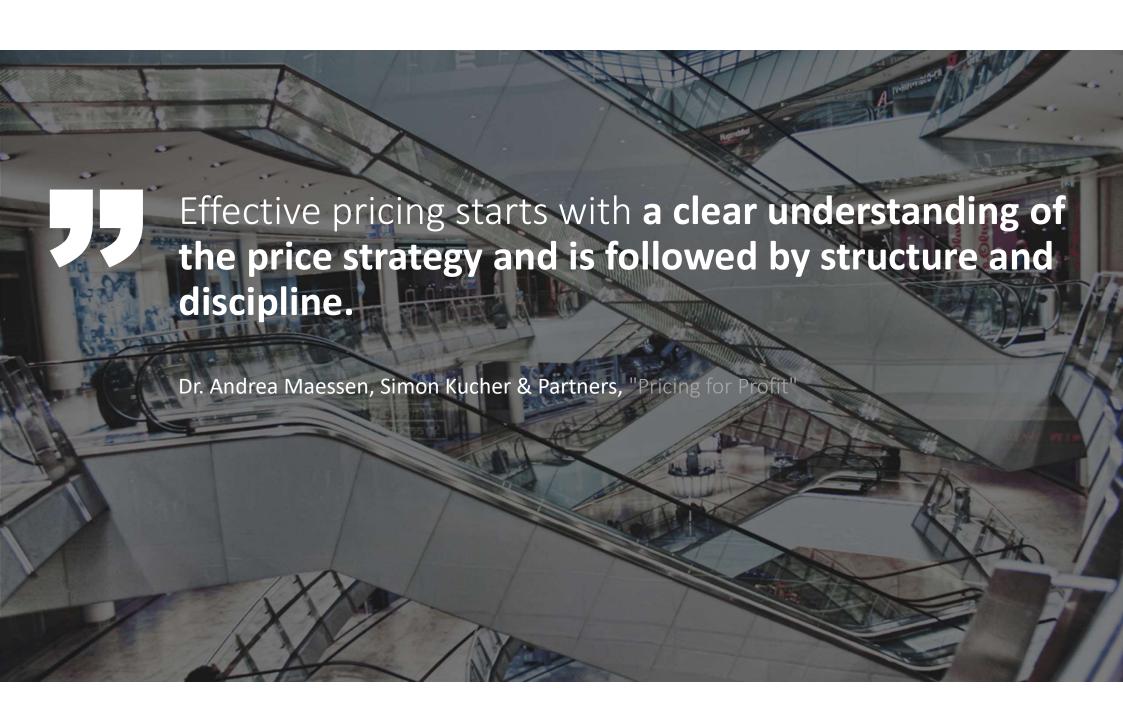


PRICE-Development over **Time**



Competitive Pricing Strategies in comparison







There are many factors that affect the price of a product. The distinction lies within these internal and external factors.

FACTORS FOR PRICE DETERMINATION

Price Determination



DEMAND-BASED

 The price is based on customer response/ "demand".



COMPETITION-BASED

- The price is based on the products that competitors.
- Undercut the least.



COST-BASED

 The minimum value that a product can offer to a company is searched.



TARGET GROUP-BASED

■ The price determines the price → how much would the target group pay for the product?



The maximum price customers are willing to pay for a product, especially important now (high inflation)

