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### B111 PRESENTATION

KEY ACCOUNT
MANAGEMENT

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# Agenda

- 1) Key account management from company perspective
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# Key account management from company perspective



Individual with Lot of money



Organization with Consistent or Lot of Business

# Key account management from company perspective

### What's in it for a company?

- KAM creates long term relationship between a company and its valued Customer
- KAM protects existing revenue for a company, potentially setting up for Increased revenues and profits
- Ensures transparency and Effective coordination with simplified communication pipeline

# Historical Background - KAM

### **Entertainer**



Salesmen getting out of comfort to discuss personal topics or Friendly Chat to generate emotions from their Customer Informer

1980's

Salesmen turned into "Sales Representatives" and "Sales Executives" began to Features, Advantages and Benefits of products and services

**Problem Solver** 



Executives got more skillful and acquired softer approach - "Consultative selling" with an Emphasis to Listen, Understand, Solving issues of their Customer In the past 20 years, Companies have gotten serious about managing Key account by Hiring and setting up dedicated KAM teams to operate as "Business Partners" instead Sales only resources

### **Business Partner**



# Difference w/ Product mgmt. & other depts

Area	KAM	Product Management
Department	Mainly working within Client services or Business development	Mainly working within Product Development or IT department
Purpose	Main touch point between Customer and Internal department to understand Customer needs and relay to internal teams	Use internal resources to create projects that satisfy clients
Duties	<ul><li>Finding and informing clients of company's services</li><li>Determining client needs and meeting them</li><li>Negotiating contract creation and renewal</li></ul>	- Gathering and managing a project team - Monitoring productivity and project changes - Ensuring the final product meets the client's needs
Project Involvement	Less involved in Projects, they create Goals and timelines which are needed to timely deliver the project	Primary stakeholders on a project as they take care of Planning, Creation and Finalization of each project
Selling to Clients	Fill the important role of a Sales representative	Rarely interact with internal or external with regards to revenue or pricing
Skills	<ul><li>Customer service</li><li>Strategy</li><li>Analytical</li></ul>	- Organization - Problem solving - Leadership

In comparison with other departments The KAM solely works with external departments which are the key accounts whereas the other departments work on the process policy and product that fulfil the needs of consumers and KAM.

Act as a **Gate Keeper** for the
Key Performance
Indicators or
Project timelines

Gather Special
requirements to share
with Internal or External
Departments to deliver
the expected product
or processes

### Negotiating

Contract situation and timelines along with being **Main**point of contact to relay information between the Customer and Company

relations w/ Key customers which helps in Frequent contact and also help to keep a Pulse check

Objectives of KAM

Planning of customer specific marketing strategy -Actions, promotions, etc.

# Success Factors of KAM

Protecting existing revenues

**Increase in Profits** 

# **Internal**

Long term customer relationship

Reducing business risk and transaction cost

Single point of Contact

Unique customized processes

## External

Dedicated customer experience

Long term supplier relationship, Low transaction costs

# Opportunities & Risks

- Always make the first move
- Revisit and Refresh the Voice of your Customer
- Re-evaluate, make and share your strategy
- Awareness of the Competitors and Organize on the fly

- Lack of Senior Management support
- Too Many accounts
- Lack of Organizational alignment
- Customer facing support people struggle

# Practical world

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### **Food Delivery**

### Airline FFP

What is it?

A product/service for Restaurants which has multiple branches across a country

A program which encourages customers to accumulate points/miles by flying with the associated airline

Benefit

Consumer: - Customised service, Dedicated customer service, better advertisement Company: - Consistent revenue, Multiple restaurants in a Single account

Consumer: - Class upgrade, Airport lounge access, Priority bookings
Company: - Customer retention, Frequent bookings

What is your view?

Food delivery KAM is a 2-way benefit model where Consumer-Company benefit

Airline KAM is mostly benefitting Consumer and the Company is needed to keep up with cost required to maintain Lounge, Miles's compensation

Suggestion

2-way Benefit model should stay longer and only thing the company needs to manage is to wave off competitors by consistently maintaining the touch points with the consumer

Airlines will need to come up with creative strategies that will burn the miles as well as reduce the cost of maintaining the FFP program

# Future Trends

In future companies will be handling various key accounts and because of that it will be difficult for each and every key accounts issues to be solved or it will take time to solve. The company's revenue will increase if they try to sell their products by cross-selling and up-selling, this will generate revenue by the key accounts and it will be a benefit for the business growth but the profit will remain same or drop.

The most positive outcome will be for the customers as they will have more options to select a particular product or services. This would mean that the customers will only see their prices of the product and services will the same or drop further.

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