

Price concepts

- In narrowest sense, price is the amount of money charged fopr a product or service. Broadly, price is the sum of all the valuesthat customers give up to gain the benefits of having or using a product or service.
- price is the one element that produces revenue, the other elements produce costs.
- Traditional view is consumers are 'Price Takers'
- Marketers now believe that consumers actively process price information
- Consumers often have a lower price threshold, below which prices signal inferior quality
- Consumers often have a Upper price threshold, above which prices are prohibitive and consumers may think that the product is not worth the money.

Consumer psychology and pricing

REFERENCE PRICES

When examining products, they often employ reference prices, comparing an observed price to an internal reference price which they rememberor an external frame of reference

PRICE QUALITY INFERENCES

Many consumers use price as an indicator of quality

PRICE ENDINGS

Many consumers belief that price should end in an odd number. In case of high end brand, it should avoid this tactic

Setting the Price

1. Selecting the pricing objective

Survival, Maximum Current Profit, Maximum Market Share (Market penetration pricing) Maximum Market Skimming (Pricing high which slowly drops overtime)

- 2. Determining demand
- 3. Estimating costs

Estimating total, variable, fixed cost

- 4. Analyzing competitor's costs, prices, and offers
- 5. Selecting a pricing method
- ✓ Markup pricing
- ✓ Target- return pricing
- ✓ Value pricing
- ✓ Every Day low pricing
- ✓ Going rate pricing
- ✓ Auction type pricing
- 6. Selecting a final price

Setting the Price

- 1. Markup pricing- Here a standard markup can be added to the product's cost. Valuable cost per unit \$10), Fixed cost (\$300,000), expected unit sales (50,000).

 Unit cost= variable cost + (fixed cost/Unit sales) =\$10+ (\$300,000/50,000)
- 2. Target- return pricing- This price gives the owner desired return on the investment.

 Target-return Price= Unit cost+ ((desired return* invested capital)/Unit sales), With a \$1 million

With a 20% markup ,Markup Price = Unit cost /(1- desired return on sales) =\$16/(1-0.2)=

- 3. Perceived value pricing- here the customers perception plays a very important role. Charging for product's superior quality, service, relaiability,
- 4. Value pricing- offering a high quality product at low price.

investment, where the desired ROI 20%.

Setting the Price (continued)

- 5. Every Day low pricing- Instead of offering discounts, it focuses on consistently low price
- 6. Going rate pricing- matching ompetitors prices.
- 7. Auction type pricing
 - English auction (Asceding bid)
 - Dutch auction (descending bid)
 - Sealed-bid auction

Promotion/ Marketing Communication

Means by which firms attempt to inform, persuade and remind consumers-directly or indirectly about the products and brands they sell.

Promotion/ Marketing Communication Mix

- 1) Advertising-refers to any paid promotion of products, services or ideas by an identified sponsor. It is non personal in nature. Organizations can advertise in a number of ways, such as on television, radio, magazines, newspapers, billboards and online.
- 2) Sales Promotion-are short-term incentives the company offers relating to their products or services.
- 3) Events & Experiences- Company-sponsored activities and programs designed to create daily or special brand-related interactions with consumers, including sports, arts, entertainment, and cause events as well as less formal activities.
- **4) Public relations (PR) and publicity-**A variety of programs directed internally to employees of the company or externally to consumers, other firms, the government, and media to promote or protect a company's image or its individual product communications.
- 5) Direct marketing-Use of mail, telephone, fax, e-mail, or Internet to communicate directly with or solicit response or dialogue from specific customers and prospects
- **6) Personal selling-**Face-to-face interaction with one or more prospective purchasers for the purpose of making presentations, answering questions, and procuring orders.

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- 7) Personal selling-Face-to-face interaction with one or more prospective purchasers for the purpose of making presentations, answering questions, and procuring orders.
- 8) Mobile Marketing- using consumer's cell phones, smart phones or tablet
- 9) Online and Social Media Marketing- online activities and programs directed to engage consumersor prospects.