

## ADVANTAGES OF USING FOREIGN EXPERIENCE OF MARKETING RESEARCH APPLICATION IN COMMERCIAL BANKS OF OUR COUNTRY.

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### **Abstract**

*This article presents theoretical and practical information about the advantages of using foreign experience of marketing research application in commercial banks of our country.*

### **Keywords**

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Marketing research plays a crucial role in helping commercial banks understand their customers, identify market trends, and make informed decisions to enhance their products and services. Here are several ways in which marketing research can be utilized in commercial banks:

**Customer Segmentation:** Conduct market research to identify different customer segments within the banking industry. Analyze the needs, preferences, and behaviors of each segment to tailor products and services accordingly. Develop targeted marketing strategies for each segment to improve customer satisfaction and retention.

**Product Development:** Use market research to identify gaps in the market and opportunities for new financial products or services. Test and validate potential product ideas with focus groups or surveys before launching them to the broader market. Gather feedback on existing products to make improvements or identify opportunities for bundling services.

**Competitive Analysis:** Monitor and analyze the products, services, and marketing strategies of competitors in the banking industry. Identify competitive advantages and areas for differentiation. Use the insights to refine marketing strategies and stay ahead of industry trends.

**Brand Perception and Reputation Management:** Conduct surveys and studies to understand how the bank is perceived in the market. Identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the bank's brand and reputation. Implement strategies to enhance brand image and address any negative perceptions.

**Market Trends and Economic Indicators:** Stay abreast of macroeconomic trends and indicators that may impact the banking industry. Analyze market trends to anticipate changes in customer behavior and preferences. Use this information to adjust marketing strategies and stay competitive.

**Customer Satisfaction and Loyalty:** Implement regular customer satisfaction surveys to gauge the level of satisfaction with the bank's products and services. Identify areas for improvement based on customer feedback. Foster customer loyalty by addressing concerns and meeting or exceeding customer expectations.

**Digital Marketing and Social Media:** Leverage digital marketing research to understand online customer behavior. Monitor social media channels for customer feedback, trends, and sentiment. Use insights to optimize digital marketing campaigns and enhance the online customer experience.

**Regulatory Compliance:** Stay informed about regulatory changes that may impact the banking industry. Conduct research to understand the implications of new regulations on products, services, and marketing strategies. Ensure that marketing efforts align with regulatory requirements.

**Geographic Expansion:** Assess the viability of entering new markets through market research. Understand the cultural and economic nuances of different regions. Tailor marketing strategies to suit the needs of specific geographic markets.

**Data Analytics and Business Intelligence:** Utilize data analytics tools to analyze customer behavior, transaction patterns, and other relevant data. Extract actionable insights to inform marketing strategies and decision-making. Implement business intelligence solutions to gain a holistic view of market dynamics.

By incorporating marketing research into their strategies, commercial banks can adapt to changing market conditions, meet customer needs effectively, and maintain a competitive edge in the financial industry.

The application of marketing research in commercial banks involves a systematic and strategic approach to gather, analyze, and interpret information that can guide decision-making and improve marketing effectiveness. Here is a step-by-step method of applying marketing research in commercial banks:

**Define Objectives:** Clearly articulate the objectives of the marketing research. Determine what specific information or insights are needed to address business challenges or opportunities.

**Identify Research Questions:** Develop a set of research questions that align with the defined objectives. These questions should guide the research process and help focus efforts on collecting relevant data.

**Select Research Methods:** Choose appropriate research methods based on the nature of the objectives and questions. Common methods include surveys, interviews, focus groups, observations, and data analysis.

**Develop Research Instruments:** Create the tools needed to collect data, such as survey questionnaires, interview guides, or observation checklists. Ensure that the instruments are designed to elicit meaningful and unbiased responses.

**Sample Selection:** Define the target population and select a representative sample for data collection. The sample should be large enough to provide statistically significant results.

**Data Collection:** Implement the chosen research methods to collect data. This may involve conducting surveys, interviews, or observations, as well as collecting relevant secondary data from internal and external sources.

**Data Analysis:** Analyze the collected data using appropriate statistical or qualitative analysis techniques. Identify patterns, trends, correlations, and insights that can inform decision-making.

**Interpretation of Findings:** Interpret the research findings in the context of the bank's objectives. Translate data into actionable insights and strategic recommendations.

**Strategic Decision-Making:** Use the research insights to make informed strategic decisions. This could involve adjusting marketing strategies, refining product offerings, or improving customer experiences.

**Implementation of Changes:** Implement the changes and improvements based on the research findings. Ensure that the organization is aligned with the recommended strategies and that all relevant departments are informed and engaged in the implementation process.

**Monitor and Evaluate:** Establish a system for monitoring the impact of implemented changes. Continuously evaluate the effectiveness of marketing strategies and assess whether the desired outcomes are being achieved.

**Feedback Loop:** Establish a feedback loop to capture ongoing customer feedback and market dynamics. Use this feedback to make iterative improvements and stay responsive to changing market conditions.

**Documentation and Reporting:** Document the entire research process, including methodologies, findings, and recommendations. Prepare comprehensive reports that can be shared with key stakeholders within the bank.

**Training and Integration:** Ensure that relevant teams within the bank are trained and equipped to integrate research findings into their daily operations. Foster a culture of data-driven decision-making.

**Continuous Improvement:** Regularly review and refine the marketing research process based on feedback and changing business needs. Aim for continuous improvement in the effectiveness of research efforts.

By following this methodical approach, commercial banks can leverage marketing research to gain a deeper understanding of their market, customers, and competitors, ultimately leading to more informed decision-making and improved overall performance.

Applying European experience in marketing research to commercial banks involves adapting successful practices and strategies from European markets to the specific context of a given bank. Here are several ways to use the European experience of marketing research in commercial banks:

**Cross-Cultural Analysis:** Understand the cultural nuances of the European markets and tailor marketing research methodologies to suit the cultural context of the target market. Cultural differences can significantly impact customer behavior and preferences.

**Market Segmentation:** Apply European approaches to market segmentation. Identify and analyze distinct customer segments within the bank's market, considering factors such as demographics, psychographics, and behavioral patterns.

**Customer Relationship Management (CRM):** Adopt CRM practices used in European banks to enhance customer relationships. Utilize customer data effectively to personalize interactions, offer targeted products, and improve overall customer satisfaction and loyalty.

**Digital Marketing Strategies:** Learn from successful European digital marketing strategies. Leverage online channels, social media, and digital analytics to reach a broader audience, engage customers, and optimize the online customer experience.

**Regulatory Compliance and Data Privacy:** Embrace European best practices in regulatory compliance and data privacy. European markets often have strict regulations, such as GDPR. Implement robust data protection measures and ensure compliance with local and international regulations.

**Innovative Product Development:** Draw inspiration from innovative products and services offered by European banks. Explore opportunities for introducing new and innovative financial products that cater to the evolving needs of customers.

**Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):** Incorporate sustainability and CSR initiatives into the bank's marketing research and overall strategy. European consumers often prioritize environmentally and socially responsible businesses, and this trend can influence the success of marketing efforts.

**Customer Satisfaction Measurement:** Implement European methodologies for measuring customer satisfaction. Use tools like Net Promoter Score (NPS) or other customer feedback mechanisms to gauge satisfaction levels and identify areas for improvement.

**Collaboration and Partnerships:** Explore collaborative opportunities with other businesses, fintech companies, or non-banking entities. European banks often engage in partnerships to enhance their service offerings and customer reach.

**Localized Marketing Campaigns:** Customize marketing campaigns based on the specific characteristics of each European market. Recognize that marketing messages and strategies may need to be adapted to resonate with diverse audiences across different regions.

**Customer Experience Design:** Prioritize customer experience by adopting design thinking principles. Understand the customer journey, identify pain points, and design solutions that improve the overall banking experience.

**Economic Trend Analysis:** Stay informed about European economic trends and incorporate this knowledge into the bank's marketing strategy. Economic conditions can influence consumer spending, saving patterns, and demand for financial products.

**Data Analytics and AI Integration:** Leverage advanced data analytics and artificial intelligence (AI) tools. European banks are increasingly using these technologies for personalized marketing, risk assessment, and fraud detection.

**Employee Training and Development:** Invest in training programs that align with European customer service standards. Well-trained staff can enhance the customer experience and contribute to the success of marketing initiatives.

**Adaptation to Local Regulations:** Understand and adapt to the regulatory landscape of European countries where the bank operates. Compliance with local regulations is essential for building trust with customers and avoiding legal issues.

By incorporating lessons and strategies from the European experience into marketing research practices, commercial banks can enhance their competitiveness,

better understand their customers, and navigate the complexities of the banking industry in diverse markets.

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