

Business Management and Marketing Strategies 商業管理及市場策略

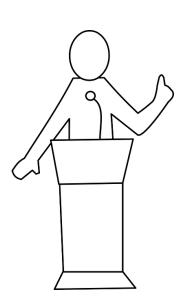
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Your role

- Management Consultant (page 3: Question paper and guideline)
- Target company: JHC
 ▲JHC



Your tasks

Prepare a business proposal (商業企劃書) to:

- Part A: Review JHC's overall group financial performance for the past TWO years, for the years ended 30 April 2014 and 2015; and
- Part B: Formulate a business plan of HK\$10 million for the coming TWO years (i.e. for the years ending 30 April 2016 and 2017) to further enhance the performance of JHC's Hong Kong Operations.

JHC Business Proposal

Table of Contents	Mark allocation	Length
A. Executive Summary	5 marks	1 page
B. Introduction	3 marks	1 page
C. Part A – An overall review of JHC's group financial performance	30 marks	4 pages
D. Part B – Formulate a business plan for JHC's Hong Kong Operations		
(a) Financial performance of JHC's Hong Kong operations for the years ended 30 April 2014 and	10 marks	2 pages
(b)Strategic analysis of JHC's Hong	20 marks	3 pages
Kong operations [*Non-financial] (c)Business plan – promotional project + evaluation	30 marks	4 pages
E. Appendices	2 marks	

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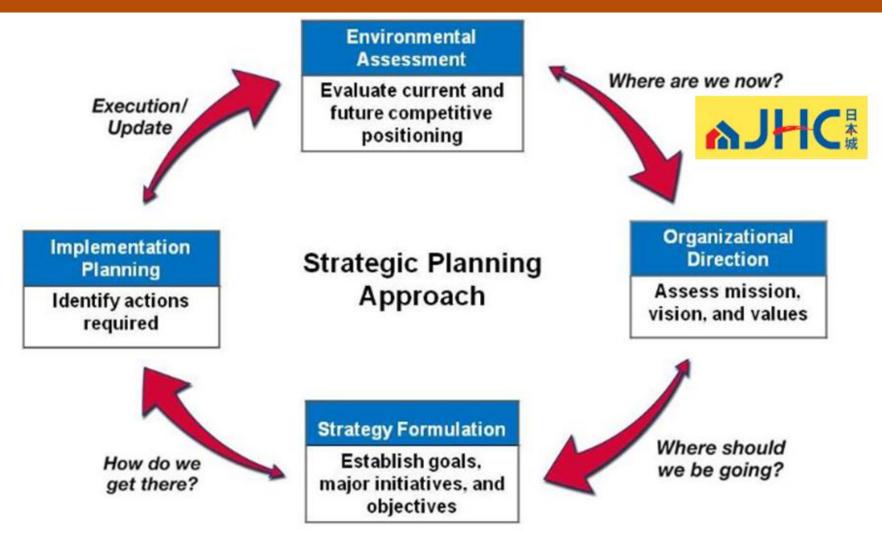
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Strategic planning approach

Question: Why it is important to understand JHC's mission?



Strategic planning approach



A.1 JHC mission

Provide Value, Quality, Variety and Convenience to our customers

為顧客提供物有所值、高品質、多元化的商品及便利的服務

(Annual Report 2014, 2015)

產品類別

廚具 餐桌用品 布藝及寢室用品 浴室用品 清潔及家務用品 塑膠及收納用品 電子產品 五金用品 個人護理用品. 文具精品

A.2 Current state of business

- 1. Problem identification
- 2. Current management priority issues
- 3. Current state of retail business in Hong Kong
- 4. etc.

A.1 Problem identification

- The first step in the problem solving & decision making process is to identify & define the problem.
- A problem can be regarded as a difference between the actual state & the desired state.

A.1 Problem identification (2013)

Example: "JHC now specialising in housewares hopes to move into products for men [*desired state] after its planned initial public offering."

"...with 235 shops in HK, JHC is planning to sell more upscale (高檔的) products & open additional stores after its IPO."

(Source: SCMP, 13 September 2013.)

A.1 Problem identification (2015)

To launch a <u>promotional project</u> to <u>improve JHC's Hong Kong</u> operations for the years ending 30 April 2016 and 2017 [*desired state] in terms of:

- ✓ store sales
- ✓ average spending per transaction
- customer satisfaction level

A.1 Problem identification (2015)

Question: What is the current state?

- ✓ store sales
- ✓ average spending per transaction
- customer satisfaction level



A.2 Current management priority issues



A.3 Current state of retail business in HK

- Hong Kong's economy expanded by 2.5% year-on-year in real terms in the first three quarters of 2015. For 2015 as a whole, the economy is forecast to grow by 2.4%.
- A slower growth in tourist arrivals and weaker tourist spending, the value of retail sales, in nominal terms, dropped 2.7% in the first nine months of 2015.

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+4.1	+4.3	+4.4	+3.3°			
3.3	3.4	3.2	3.3 ^d			
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+16.0	+11.7	+12.0	-0.5°			
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dseasonally adjusted, July-September 2015

A.3 Current state of retail business in HK

- In 2014, a total of 60.8 million visitors, equivalent to 8.4 times of the size of Hong Kong's local population, were recorded, with those from the Chinese mainland accounting for 78% of the total.
- In January-September 2015, visitor arrivals to Hong Kong dropped 0.5% year-on-year, while those from the Chinese mainland saw a small year-on-year increase of 0.3%.

Source: HKTDC (2015)

A.3 Current state of retail business in HK

- Expansion plans are put on hold by most retailers: Hong Kong retailing rental prices have continued to soar.
- Private label is gaining popularity among consumers.
- A positive performance is expected from retailing.

Source: Euromonitor International (April 2015)

A.3 Current state of JHC business

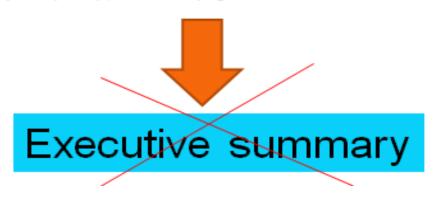
- The analysis you have performed
- Its key findings
- Main conclusion
- Key recommendations of your business plan



Executive summary

JHC: History of development

- 2000年:日本城成功收購了日之城發展有限公司,其全線 分店同時突破了100間。
- 2001年: 其發展策略作出了主要的改變,由原先的「均一特賣場」(十元均一店)改變為「家居專門店」。
- 至2002年,其自家品牌的商品已拓展至千多款,日本城 集團也開始以Franchise方式拓展海外市場。
- 2004年,日本城成功獲得多個獎項,如「超級品牌」, 「優質服務商標」,「亞太500大連鎖店」,對其在香港 家庭用品界的地位增進了不少。



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B.1 External environment – Macro/ micro (外圍環境 -宏觀/ 微觀)

- 1. Macro (宏觀):
- □ Political (政治)
- □ Economic (經濟)
- □ Socio-cultural (社會)
- □ Technological (科技)

- 2. Micro (微觀):
- Structure of market/ competitors (市場結 構/競爭者)
- Consumer needs (消費者需要)
- Trends of the market (市場趨勢)
- Stakeholders (持份 者)
- **etc.** (Source: Vrontics, Kogetsidis and Stavrou, 2008.)

- Political (政治)
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- Political (政治)
- Economic
- Socio-cultural
- Technological

- Individual Visit Scheme
- Any existing ordinance to supervise manufacturing and marketing of the (private label) products?
- Trade Descriptions Ordinance (商品說明條例):

Chapter:	362	Trade Descriptions Ordinance	Gazette Number	Version Date
		Long title	L.N. 72 of 2013	19/07/2013

To prohibit false trade descriptions, false, misleading or incomplete information, false marks and misstatements in respect of goods provided in the course of trade or suppliers of such goods; to confer power to require information or instruction relating to goods to be marked on or to accompany the goods or to be included in advertisements; to restate the law relating to forgery of trade marks; to prohibit certain unfair trade practices; to prohibit false trade descriptions in respect of services supplied by traders; to confer power to require any services to be accompanied by information or instruction relating to the services or an advertisement of any services to contain or refer to information relating to the services; and for purposes connected therewith.

(Amended 65 of 2000 s. 3; 19 of 2008 s. 3; 25 of 2012 s. 32) [1 April 1981] L.N. 64 of 1981



- Political
- Economic (經濟)
- Socio-cultural
- Technological

B.1.1 Economic

- Weak global economy.....
- Increases in rental expenses......
- "Given the products offered are <u>recession-proof necessity products</u>, JHC is relatively neutral to macroeconomic cycles".

(Source: Retail in Asia, December 2014.)

- Political
- Economic
- Socio-cultural (社會)
- Technological

B.1.1 Socio-cultural

 "JHC's underlying market is driven by the development of the general economy and private consumption in the relevant economies".

(Source: Retail in Asia, December 2014.)

- Political
- Economic
- Social
- Technological (科技)

B.1.1 Technology

Offered more than 20,000 distinct products (in 2013) and enjoyed high margins on its custommade goods. Gross profit margin on these lines has been at about 55% for the past 3 years......
 Question: Mass production efficiency?
 (Source: SCMP, 13 September 2013.)

- New houseware production technology for value-for-money products?
- Research and development capabilities?

B.1.2 Micro (微觀) analysis

- Structure of market/ competitors (市場結構/ 競爭者)
- Consumer needs (消費者需要)
 "P-E-Social-T"
 refers
- Trends of the market (市場趨勢) ??
- Stakeholders (持份者)
 Government (政府),
 customers (顧客), employees (員工),
- etc.

B.2 Internal capabilities and resources

Question: The internal capabilities of an organisation include ALL of the following **EXCEPT**:

- A. its products
- B. its manufacturing processes.
- C. its talents.
- D. its customers.



B.3 Product portfolio 產品組合

Why have a range of products?

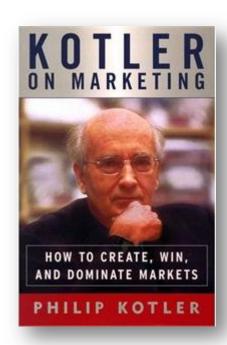
- Target different markets
- Meet customers' differing needs
- Spread the risk
- To help maximise sales and profits

A large range of products = an extensive product portfolio

The benefits of having a wide product portfolio

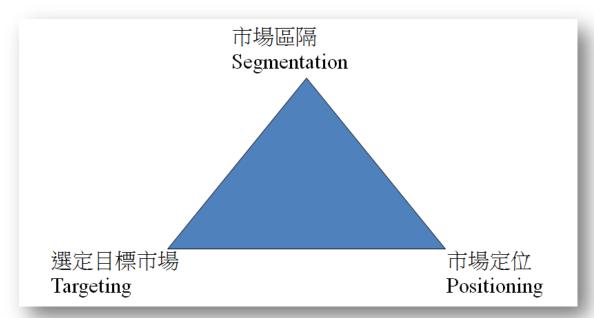
B.4 Competitive positioning in the industry

- A firm can be the product leader (產品領導者), the operationally excellent firm (營運卓越的公司), or the customer intimate firm (對顧客貼心的公司) (Kotler, 2007).
 - Some customers favour the firm that is advancing technological frontier (product leadership).
 - Another customer group wants highly reliable and dependable performance (<u>operational</u> <u>excellence</u>).
 - A final customer group prefers the firm that is most responsive and flexible in meeting their individual needs (customer intimacy).



B.4 Competitive positioning in the industry

Segmentation, Targeting and Positioning Strategies



Hong Kong Demographic Segmentation (April 2015 estimated)

- At mid 2014, there were 858 males per 1000 females.
- The median age of the total population was 42.8.

	Má	ale	Fem	Female		
Age Group	Number	%	Number	%		
0-14	415 200	5.7	389 200	5.4		
15-24	421 400	5.8	413 800	5.7		
25-34	457 200	6.3	639 800	8.8		
35-44	466 500	6.4	673 000	9.3		
45-54	568 500	7.9	679 600	9.4		
55-64	519 300	7.2	532 300	7.4		
65 and over	497 000	6.9	568 900	7.9		
Total	3 345 100	46.2	3 896 600	53.8		

Source: http://www.gov.hk/en/about/abouthk/factsheets/docs/population.pdf April 2015 (accessed on: 1 November 2015)

Hong Kong Demographic Segmentation (April 2015 estimated)

 The median monthly domestic household income for 2014 was HK\$23,500 (vs for 2013 HK\$22,400).

	% of total
Monthly household income (\$)	domestic households
Under 4,000	5.4
4,000-5,999	5.3
6,000-7,999	4.8
8,000-9,999	4.9
10,000-14,999	11.3
15,000-19,999	10.6
20,000-24,999	9.9
25,000-29,999	7.7
30,000-34,999	7.3
35,000-39,999	5.4
40,000-44,999	4.6
45,000-49,999	3.5
50,000-59,999	5.5
60,000-79,999	6.1
80,000-99,999	2.9
100,000 and over	4.7
	400.0
Total	100.0

Source: http://www.gov.hk/en/about/abouthk/factsheets/docs/population.pdf April 2015

(accessed on: 1 November 2015)

Current targeting strategies

 "JHC customers are middle-class housewives....."

(Source: SCMP, 13 September 2013.)

 "JHC targets the mass market with plasticware and housekeeping products as its signature categories".

(Source: Retail in Asia, December 2014.)

Targeting Strategies

Mass Marketing (Undifferentiated Strategy)

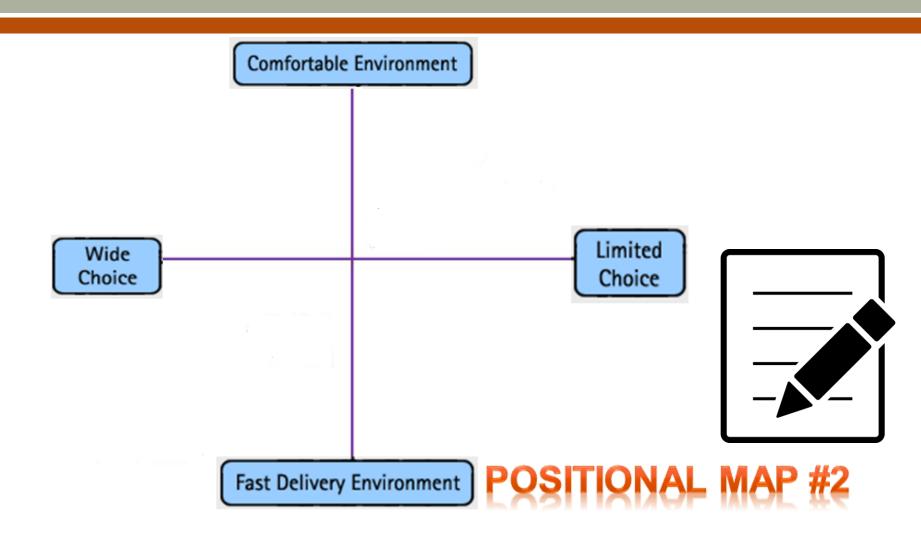
- Ignore market segment differences and target the whole market with one product/ offer
- What is common in consumers' needs rather than on what is different

Other options?

Current competitive positioning



Current competitive positioning



Current competitive positioning

- "JHC main rivals are <u>supermarkets</u> or <u>small family</u> <u>owned shops</u> with a limited product range."
- "The real competitor JHC has is <u>Living Plaza by Aeon</u>, but it is slightly difference because [Living Plaza] sells mostly HK\$12 fixed-price products. JHC has a full range of categories."
- "JHC has higher-value products from different brands."
 IKEA is just one brand."
- "JHC plans to offer men's personal and health care products and more upscale housewares could position it against <u>Watsons</u>, <u>Mannings</u> and even <u>Lane Crawford</u>."

(Source: SCMP, 13 September 2013.)

B.5 Key success factors

- Retaining customers
- Product development
- Cash management









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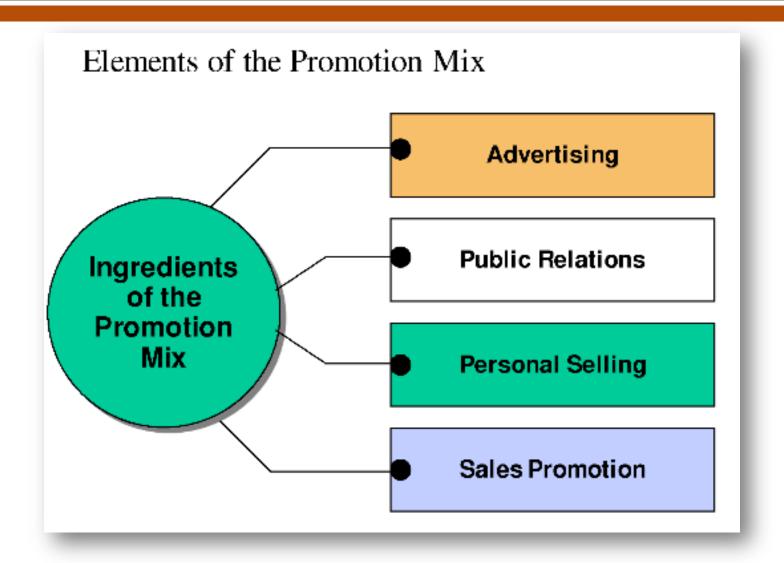
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C.1 Promotional project @ HK\$10 million



C.1 Advertising Campaign - Four steps

Plan
Media
Creative
Budget

Plan

- The advertising plan describes how to put that strategy into practice.
- Example: To build brand awareness: the plan may include a recommendation for a series of advertisements in newspapers, on radio stations, etc.
- Example: To position the brand: the plan may call for a creative approach that suggests high quality and an association with the Hong Kong lifestyle.

Media

The advertising plan sets out the media for the campaign, with details of :

- target audience
- number of advertisements & their cost
- the size of press advertisements & the running time for TV/ radio commercials, etc.
- how frequently advertisements will appear & the time span for the complete campaign

Creative

The creative proposals in the advertising plan describe the **important messages** that each advertisement will **convey** and the techniques used to **attract attention** and communicate the messages clearly.

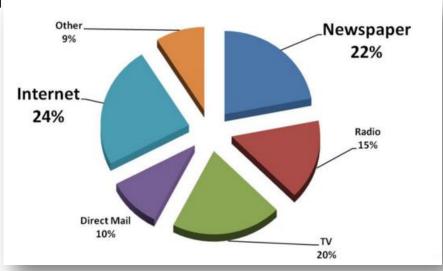


Budget

 The plan should include a detailed budget, setting out all the costs for the campaign and indicating when the costs will fall.

 The campaign is designed to meet measurable objectives, so the plan should indicate how JHC will

measure the campaign



Example

For example:

- Win through product innovation/ improvement (產品創新), lower prices (降低價格), better distributions, attractive promotion (有效的宣傳推廣)....., or
- Win through exceeding customer expectations (超越顧客期望) [* Survey questionnaire and results, if required]

Examples







Promotion tactics

• **Promotion**: advertising, spokesman, TV programme title sponsorship, internet advertising, etc



Brand building

Source: Sky Post (17 Nov 2015)



C.2 Marketing expenses budget



TVB Rate Card #49



Magazine Rate Card



Advertising Rates

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Ming Pao Wee	ekly Book A (Main Book)	Effective Dat	e: 1st Jan 2014
PRIME POSITION	Position	Size/4C	Rate (HK\$)
	Back Cover	Full Page	\$ 273,000
	Inside Front Cover	Full Page	\$ 210,000
	Inside Front Cover Spread	Double Page Spread	\$ 420,000
	1st Spread after Inside Front	Double Page Spread	\$ 388,800
	2nd Spread after Inside Front	Double Page Spread	\$ 378,800
	3rd Spread after Inside Front	Double Page Spread	\$ 368,800
	Inside Back	Full Page	\$ 173,000
	Inside Back Spread	Double Page Spread	\$ 346,000
	Table of Contents	Full Page	\$ 173,000
	Center Spread	Double Page Spread	\$ 330,000
R.O.P.	Front Section - (Artpaper)	Full Page	\$ 150,000
		Junior Page	\$ 92,400
		Half Page (V/H)	\$ 75,600
		Quarter Page	\$ 57,700
	Before Centre Section (Mechanical Artpaper)	Full Page	\$ 140,000
		Half Page (V/H)	\$ 70,000
		Quarter Page	\$ 52,500
	Back Section - (Artpaper & Mechanical Artpaper)	Full Page	\$ 110,000
		Junior Page*	\$ 78,700

Digital Advertisements Rate Card



Apple Daily Digital Platforms Advertising Rate Card (Effective 1 Jan, 2015)

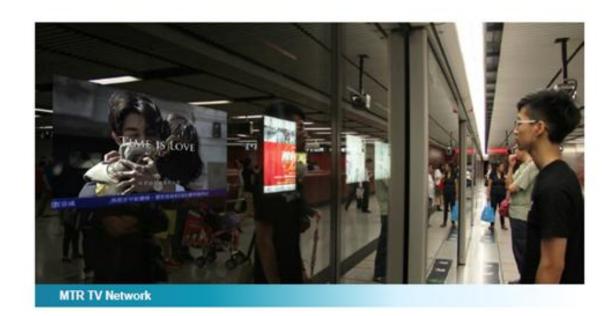
Website

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nextmedia.co	m					
Page Name	Ad Type	Dimension (W x H)	Max Expansion	File Size	Gross Rate HK\$	Unit
	Head Banner	970x90	n/a	<50KB	\$200	Per 1,000 Views
	Super Head Banner	970x160	n/a	<70KB	\$213	Per 1,000 Views
	Curtain Ad	970×90	970x200	Initial banner <40KB Extended banner <80K	\$380	Per 1,000 Views
	Moving Panel Module Ad (MPM)	640 x 410 & 640 x 480	n/a	<80KB	\$36,630	Per Day Fixed
	1st Large Rectangle	300x250	n/a	<50KB	\$194	Per 1,000 Views
	2nd Large Rectangle	300x250	n/a	<50KB	\$140	Per 1,000 Views
	Expandable Large Rectangle	300x250	470x250	Initial banner <50KB Extended banner <60KB	\$246	Per 1,000 Views
	Video Large Rectangle	300x250	n/a	Initial banner <50KB Video <3MB	\$246	Per 1,000 Views
	Expandable Video Large Rectangle	300x250	470x250	Initial banner <50KB Extended banner <60KB Video <2MB	\$306	Per 1,000 Views
	Big Large Rectangle	300x430	n/a	<70KB	\$380	Per 1,000 Views
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MTR Advertising







Celebrity







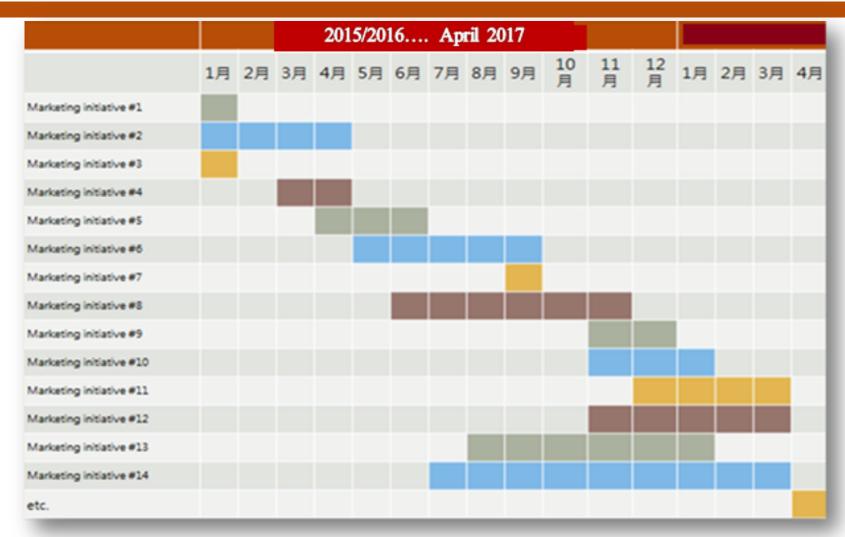




Marketing expenses budget

Q1 Marketing Expenditures		January		February		March		Q1 Totals	
Online	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	3,000.00	
Catalogs	\$	2,500.00	\$	1,500.00	S	1,250.00	\$	5,250.00	
Conventions	\$	1,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	3,500.00	S	7,500.00	
Trade shows	S	1,000.00	\$	850.00	\$	500.00	\$	2,350.00	
Print	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,350.00	\$	1,250.00	S	3,600.00	
Radio	\$	500.00	\$	750.00	\$	500.00	\$	1,750.00	
Promotions	\$	500.00	\$	650.00	\$	500.00	S	1,650.00	
Publications	\$	1,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	5,500.00	
Sales training	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,750.00	\$	2,000.00	S	5,750.00	
Magazines	\$	700.00	\$	350.00	\$	700.00	\$	1,750.00	
total spent marketing in Q1	S	12,200.00	\$	13,200.00	\$	12,700.00	\$	38,100.00	
company sales totals in Q1	\$3	375,000.00	\$4	400,000.00	\$4	425,000.00	\$ 1	,200,000.00	
marketing as a % of sales		3.253%	- 1	3.300%		2.988%		3.175%	

C.3 Implementation plan實施計劃



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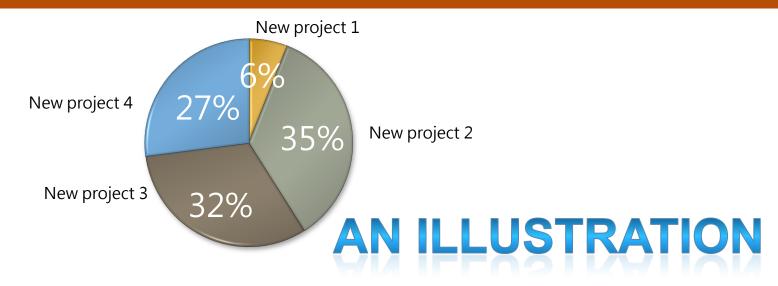
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D.1 Measurement and control (量度及控制)



Measurement and control against:

- a. (Marketing and management) Objectives
- b. Budget allocation (e.g. HK\$10 M)/ financial situations
- c. Other (non monetary) resources allocation
- d. Government regulations
- e. Measurable objectives, etc.

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