

## Segmentation – Selecting the Right Marketing & Communications Mix

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#### Why segment?

Potential of maximum profit (through discrimination) from a broader range of customers (through increased utility)

### BUT

You can't be everything to everyone... (unless you're a natural resource)

Some risk of dilution and reduced economy of scale



#### A word of caution

"I notice increasing reluctance on the part of marketing executives to rely too much on research, and they use it as a drunkard uses a lamp post – for 

David Ogilvy, 1911-1999





#### Research vs. Intuition – A question of judgment

- Market Intelligence
- Customer Interaction
- Rate & Transit Time Testing
- Lost Customers
- Brand Assessment





#### Establishing criteria

Do you segment on the basis of:

Complexity?

Size?

Product?

Revenue?

Buying habits?

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Geography?

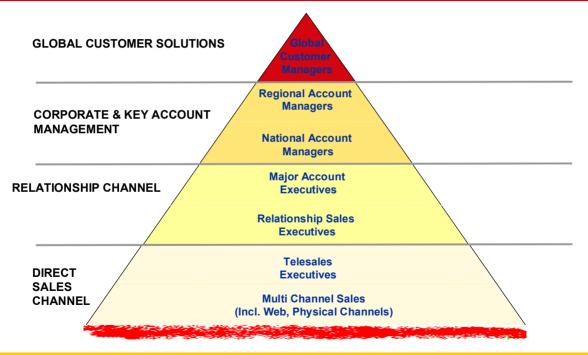
Decision-making?

Industry sector?

Share of pocket?

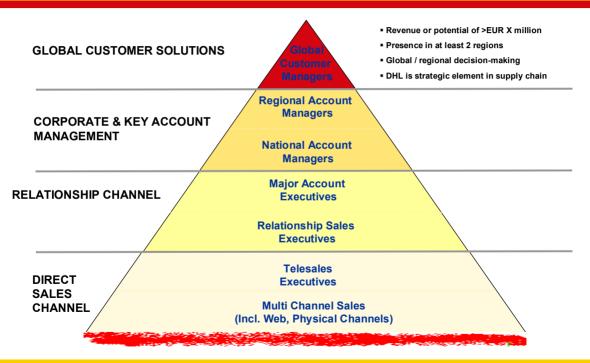


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#### Segmented service offering

**Essential ingredients:** 

FLEXIBLE product portfolio (coverage of core demand + value-added services)

STRATEGIC pricing policy

VARIED channels to market (demand-driven, with some cross-over)

and...

TARGETTED communications...





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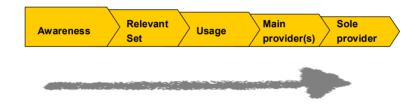
But brand values can and should be tailored to different audiences (segments):

- Message
- Packaging
- Delivery



#### Cocktail discussion topic

Does your degree of targetting (a focus on more direct communications channels) depend on the level of BA and how well established your segmentation is?





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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

