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用鼻子決定消費

以氣味作招徠並非新鮮事,就像燒烤店將烤爐置於門外,碳燒食物的香氣撲鼻,途人都停下腳步掏錢購買。只是在影像和聲音訊息爆炸的年代,我們慣於用眼睛、耳朵接收消費資訊,鼻子卻往往被擱在一旁。但不說不知,嗅覺記憶深遠,加諸創意和策略,氣味行銷的推廣力量不容小覷。



結合創意事半功倍

氣味行銷在歐、美、日市場風行多時,這股潮流近三、四年吹至香港。 然而,外國從事氣味行銷的企業一般 以銷售香氣散播器為主;反而後起之 秀的香港,則會利用氣味為客戶策劃 全盤的市場推廣方案,絕對不是讓消 費者嗅喚香味那麼簡單。

本身從事廣告創作多年的方明生,其 所屬的公司是全港首間提供專業氣味 行銷策略的公司。他強調,氣味行銷 不應只流於技術層面,還要包含創 意、表達方式、與品牌及產品的連繫 等,務求達到豐富消費者體驗、引起 話題、提高銷售額、建立品牌形象等 多個目的。

除了散發在空氣中,氣味還可依附在 形形色色的物品上,如印刷品、衣 服、日用品、電器等,甚至已有開發 商成功研發智能手機內置散發香氣的 裝置,配合應用程式的使用,可因應 不同節日或機主的心情散發不同氣 味,令氣味行銷變得更人性化。

香味專家經驗談

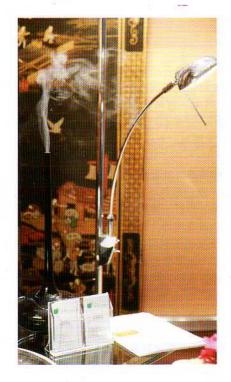
氣味變化萬千,除了花草樹木等天然氣味,是否所有氣味都可人工調製呢?方明生指出,甚麼氣味也好,其實都可用不同成份混合而成,他便曾經為客戶調製泥土、皮革、金錢、汽油、百科全書等氣味。但他強調,氣味的調製有時是一種意念的聯繫,"就像金錢,不一定是錢幣的金屬味,反而我們選用了在法國象徵貴族、財富的素心蘭的香味。"

相同的氣味,中國人覺得恰到好處,但美國人就覺得過於單薄,説明文化差異衍生不同的氣味喜好。"很簡單,我們絕對不會向本地客戶建議用菊花氣味,因菊花常見於喪禮。"方明生分析,香港人以至亞洲人偏好清淡、幽香,視"似有還無"的氣味為最高境界;而歐洲人、美國人則喜歡較濃烈的氣味,"如早些時候,一間美國著名服裝品牌進駐香港,將在美國本土採用的店舖香味照搬到香港,但那種香味偏向濃烈,香港人較難接受。"他強調,品牌形象固然需要貫徹始終,惟亦要因應不同市場而微調。

不論氣味孰好孰壞,我們的鼻子基本全盤接收,若以氣味作宣傳推廣,在調製氣味過程中必須拿捏準確,還要確保氣味無害健康。方明生表示,現時全球大部分具品質的香水、香氣的製造商都是跟從國際芳香協會的標準指引,對製成香味的成份、用量



for a shopping mall



氣味行銷方式層出不窮

短短數年,方明生參與了不同的氣味 行銷項目,當中不乏成功例子,從中 可探索氣味行銷的竅門。"位於山頂 的一個商場,希望調製出一種能夠代 表香港的氣味,看似抽象,但我們觀 察到山頂遍植洋紫荊,洋紫荊不就是 代表香港嗎?我們還特別調製了日間 和夜間的洋紫荊氣味供客戶選擇。"

還有一個電器品牌推銷新型號雪櫃, 電器店內眾多牌子的雪櫃並排陳列, 如何突圍而出呢?方明生想到,將檸 檬味附於雪櫃門上,顧客只需用手輕 輕一擦,檸檬味徐徐散發,"其實我 們可以做到不用手擦也有檸檬味,但 除了嗅覺,我們希望顧客有觸覺的刺 激,這就是所謂豐富顧客的消費體 驗。"

再如歌手謝安琪舉行以"你們的幸福" 為主題的演唱會、乘勢推出蘊含幸福 氣味的香水,但何謂幸福的氣味呢? 方明生説: "一般人想到幸福,或許 都是甜甜的感覺,但謝安琪給人知 性、關愛、環保的印象,最後我們以 代表智慧、清新、環保的竹林氣味, 混合謝安琪本身很喜歡的一種香水, 作為演唱會期間限定的紀念品,大受 歌迷歡迎。"

隨着傳統的市場推廣手法幾近窮盡, 方明生預計,相對創新的氣味行銷在 未來數年將成為市場推廣的主流,特 別受到一些年青品牌或高級品牌的青 睞。氣味行銷日漸普及,自然吸引更 多同業加入競爭,但方明生坦言, 這不是出售氣味那麼簡單,專業、創 意、技術、安全意識缺一不可。





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Scent marketing is nothing new. Take an example: some BBQ food shops grill their food outside, tempting passers-by with the aroma of their freshly-made charcoaled meat. In this era flooded by visual and audio attractions, we get used to receive information with our eyes and ears. But actually, the sense of smell has a long memory. This attribute can work with creativity and marketing acumen to form an effective promotional mix.

perfumed invitation cards from childhood days? This question brings out two points. Firstly, if you answer "yes", it proves that smell stays in our memory. Secondly, this is a negative example as you find the smell unpleasant.

Smell Can be Imprinted on Mind

Among the five senses, visual and audio are most commonly used for marketing. A colorful TV commercial or a catching jingle seems to be the publicity elixir. Nevertheless, studies show that visual and audio memories are short, lasting only three to six months; by contrast,

Experience Sharing by Scent Marketing Expert

Scents are extremely diverse. Is it possible to artificially produce all kinds of scents? Fong answers in the positive, saying that all scents can be produced by mixing different ingredients. He has made the scents of leather, money, petrol and encyclopedia for his clients. But he adds that scent production sometimes involves associative analogy. "For example, money does not have to smell like metal. We'd rather use chypre, which symbolizes nobleness and riches in France."

Scent may be judged in the context of culture. An aroma appealing to Chinese people may not work well with Americans. "It's very simple. We never suggest chrysanthemum to a local client because it may conjure up funerals." According to Fong, people in Hong Kong and Asia prefer light, subtle fragrances and see a "barely-there" aroma as the highest quality. Europeans and Americans like something stronger. "A famous US apparel brand earlier expanded its presence to Hong Kong and brought along a scent used in their US stores. But the smell was too strong for local people." He argues that while consistency is important for a brand's image, localization may be necessary sometimes.

The nose senses all smells indiscriminately, be they good or bad. It follows that the trick in scent marketing is to make the right smell, which should also be harmless to health. Fong says most perfume and aroma makers in the world exercise stringent control over ingredients and dosages of scents according to the standards laid down by the International Fragrance Association. Violation will result in membership disqualification. Therefore, quality perfume experts and perfumeries also play an important part in scent marketing.

smell memory endures. What is more, people can choose not to see or listen. But smell is unstoppable - a person can only hold his breath for three minutes at maximum. Daniel Fong, Chief Marketing Officer of Skywork Design, says scent marketing is valued and used by more and more companies, adding that the sustained implementation of it, coupled with creative gimmicks, can boost turnover on the short term and help build a strong brand image in the long run.

As the most typical form of scent marketing, some shopping centers or shops in Hong Kong are attracting patronage with pleasant smells around sales areas. They use scents to entice customers to linger. Shopper flow and sales thus increase. "A unique scent can be so unforgettable that every time you come across that smell you will associate it with that brand," says Fung.

Backed by Creative Ideas

A trend long popular in Europe, the US and Japan, scent marketing caught on in Hong Kong only three or four years ago. In overseas markets, scents are chiefly used for the sale of aromatic diffusers. Despite a later mover, the marketing sector in Hong Kong has overtaken its pioneers by devising comprehensive scent-based plans for clients.

Fong, a seasoned advertising expert, runs the first company in Hong Kong offering professional scent marketing strategies. He stresses that scent marketing is much more than technicalities; it involves using ingenuity, presentation and the scents' association with brands or products to enrich customer experience, create talking points, boost sales and build brand images.

Aroma can be found in not only the air but all kinds of goods, such as printed matters, garments, daily staples and electrical appliances. Some smartphone makers have developed handsets with built-in aromatic devices. With apps, a user can activate festival-specific fragrances; some aromas are even so personalized to suit the user's moods.

Innovative Ways of Scent Marketing

In just a few years, Fong has worked on many successful projects, from which he got the knack of scent marketing. "A shopping mall on the Peak wanted to create a symbolic fragrance for Hong Kong. It sounded abstract but we noticed the bauhinias around the Peak. It's the floral emblem of Hong Kong, isn't it. So we formulated two bauhinia scents for the client, one for the day and one for the night."

An electrical appliance brand was launching a new fridge. To make the new model stand out in an electrical appliance shop, Fong added a lemon scent onto the fridge, which could be released when a customer rubbed the fridge door gently. "Of course, we could create a lemon scent without rubbing, but we wanted customers to enjoy the sensuous pleasure of both smell and touch," Fung continues, "That is what we call customer experience enhancement."

He gives another example: a scent featuring happiness was launched in line with pop singer Kay Tse's concert entitled "Your Happiness". What is a scent of happiness? Fong explains, "Most people may associate happiness with feeling sweet. But Kay has a wise, caring and environmentally-aware image, so we chose the scent of a bamboo forest, which symbolizes wisdom, freshness and green conservation. We blended it with Kay's favorite fragrance and produced a limited edition souvenir for the concert. It was very popular with fans."

As conventional marketing practices are pushed to their limits, Fong anticipates that the next few years will see innovative scent becoming a mainstream marketing tool, particularly for young and high-class brands. Success will inevitably breed competition. Yet, Fong reiterates that scent marketing is not simply selling smell; it requires expertise, creativity, techniques and safety awareness as well.