2.2 Making Marketing Decisions

Aesthetics Economic Manufacture Extension Strategy Function	 How things appeal to the senses; do they look great, smell good, feel nice, taste great? Making the product cheaply enough to make it profitable An attempt to prolong sales of a product for the medium to long term, to prevent it from entering the decline stage How well the product or service works for the customer e.g. are the beds comfortable at a hotel? 	The Marketing Mix• Product• The Design Mix• The ProductLife Cycle• Differentiation	 The Design Mix The Product Life Cycle Differentiation Pricing Strategies Price Skimming Penetration Pricing Cost-plus Competitor 	
Product differentiation	The extent to which consumers see your product as being distinct from its rivals		Promotional	Pricing
Product life cycle	The theory that every product goes through the same four stages of introduction, growth, maturity and decline.	The Design Mix		The Pr
Branding	Giving your product or service a name that helps recall and recognition, and gives a sense of personality.	The Traditional Product Design Mix		•
E-newsletters	Regular updates on the activities of a business sent electronically to actual or potential customers.			
Promotional strategy	A medium to long-term plan for communicating with your target customers.	1	1	ø
Sponsorship	When companies pay to have a brand associated with an iconic individual or event (usually connected with sports or the arts)	ECONOMIC	AESTHETICS	Product Sales
Viral Advertising	When people start to spread your message for you through social means, be it word of mouth or via social media.	MANUFACTURE	Contraction of	
Distribution	How ownership changes as a product goes from producer to consumer.			
E-tailer	An electronic retailer, purchasing through e-commerce or m-commerce.			In
Retailer	A shop or chain of shops, usually selling from a building in a high street or shopping centre.	ADVERTISING SOCIAL NETWORKING POTENTIAL SMART VIRAL O MARKETING VIDEO CLIPS		
Budget	A ceiling on the amount of money that can be spent; a marketing budget of £1m means the marketing manager can spend up to that figure but no more.			
Profit margins	Profit as a percentage of the selling price or as a percentage of total sales revenue (for the business as a whole)	WORD OF MOUTH INTERAC	TIVE INTERNET	2 Prod



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