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Key Account Management and Planning  
Routledge

`If you want a clear, well written and authoritative introduction to the ideas and concepts that underpin the marketing discipline, this is the book for you' - Emeritus Professor Michael J Baker  
`Each section draws the reader in to the story - the what and why of marketing, and also deals well with how. While it is

educational and informing it is also a jolly good read' - Heather Skinner, Principal Lecturer, Glamorgan Business School The perfect quick reference text for your marketing course, Key Concepts in Marketing introduces and examines the key issues, methods, models and debates that define the field of marketing today. Over 50 essential concepts are covered, including the marketing mix, branding, consumerism, marketing communication and corporate image. Each entries features: - Useful definition box - Summary of the concept - A broader discussion - Examples and illustrations - Key literature references This extremely readable and accessible format provides the reader a wealth of

information at their fingertips, and provides a valuable reference to any student of marketing. The SAGE Key Concepts series provides students with accessible and authoritative knowledge of the essential topics in a variety of disciplines. Cross-referenced throughout, the format encourages critical evaluation through understanding. Written by experienced and respected academics, the books are indispensable study aids and guides to comprehension.

The Handbook of Key Customer Relationship Management John Wiley & Sons

To manage key accounts profitably you need strategic planning that works. This book is the definitive guide to achieving this based on the unmatched practical and research experience of Ryals and McDonald. Key Account Management is proven to deliver substantial benefits to the bottom line. Best practice companies know that real results from managing powerful customers are not achieved through short-term cost cutting. Instead, as the best companies understand, it depends on fostering carefully developed and profitably managed relationships with an equally carefully selected group of key accounts. This is a genuinely strategic activity that goes well beyond sales management and the simplistic use of budgets to generate targets. It is about the behaviours and practices that make predictable, profitable and sustainable Key Account Management possible. To achieve this the book is constructed to deliver- \*

- Clear descriptions of the various techniques and the reason for their importance \*
- A hugely powerful step by step approach to using the key techniques to build strategic skills \*
- Templates for building real plans \*
- Cases, examples and vignettes to show

best real world practice Based on wide application in the business world, and the world class research at Cranfield Management School this book will be an essential introduction to the principles and reality of Strategic Key Account Planning. For senior managers, key account managers at all levels as well as those on executive and MBA courses it will be an essential guide and text.

**Key Account Management** McGraw Hill Professional

An organization's key accounts are its lifeblood. Key account management focuses on the long-term investment of resources in customers that can offer an exceptional return on resources. But which are the key accounts? Are they the ones growing the fastest? The ones that are most financially secure? Or are they the ones that shout the loudest? Key Account Management puts forward a straightforward and effective planning methodology. This fully updated 6th edition of Key Account Management takes a long-term, team-selling strategic view of the whole process, from defining the customer, to managing the relationship and achieving key supplier status. With coverage of latest best practice including IT's role in account management, plus new case studies, online supporting resources and a new section comparing how different industries/markets approach key account management, it stands alone as the premier book on managing key customers.

*Key Account Management in Financial Services* John Wiley & Sons

Building the Value Machine represents the type of business that many aspire towards - a business able to align its internal functions (sales, marketing etc) in order to collaborate with its key customers in the creation of real and

unique value for mutual benefit. The challenge is to find the right organizational structures, the right planning and operational processes, and to place all of that under the right kind of leadership in order to create the 'right kind of value' - the kind that will be good for the customer's business, and the kind that will be good for our own. The business that pursues these goals is the sort of business explored in this book - the business that wishes to become a true Value Machine. Building the Value Machine shows you how to target your customers effectively, match the capabilities of the business with the needs of the customer and align all the business functions through successful leadership. The result is a business that is truly aligned with its customers, and fully attuned to the vital match between their own functional requirements (knowing which opportunities to chase) and the customer requirements (being able to deliver the value required). It is a business that knows how to learn, developing both its processes and its value propositions.

*Malcolm McDonald on Key Account Management* McGraw Hill Professional  
 If you want to discover how to close sales using the best practice (one that's non-pushy, flexible, natural & easy to learn) then read this book. Author James Muir shares unique insights on how 'closing the sale' can be done with a natural, non-pushy sales strategy that breaks the stigma often associated with professional sales. The latest science shows that old, counter-productive closing tactics backfire and hold you back. In *The Perfect Close* you will learn a closing method that is nearly always successful (in the 95% range). It's zero pressure and involves just two questions. It's a clear & simple approach that is

flexible enough to use on every kind of sale at every given stage. It can be learned in less than an hour and mastered in a day. In *The Perfect Close: The Secret to Closing Sales* you will learn:- A simple method to closing that is nearly always successful (95% range) - Is zero pressure & involves just two questions- How traditional closing techniques damage trust & what you can do remain on emotionally higher ground- How to close more sales in a way that makes clients feel more educated, in control and see you as a facilitator & consultant- A proven and repeatable process for advancing sales that can be used in any kind of sale at any given stage- How to add continuous momentum & advance your sales in a way that results in more closed business & faster closed business- A natural way to close that doesn't require that you change your personality or become someone you're not- How to completely eliminate the stress & tension that some people feel when it comes to asking for commitments- How to add value on every sales encounter Everything you need to know to advance every sale to closure *The Perfect Close* represents the best practice in closing sales today.  
Key Account Management St. Martin's Griffin

*Implementing Key Account Management* is a highly practical handbook that guides readers through the realities of rolling out a functional key account management programme. The book offers an integrated framework for key account management (KAM) that businesses can use to design or further develop strategic customer management programmes, enabling them to overcome the obstacles that organizations often face when rolling out their strategies. Bringing together the

experiences of leading experts within this field, *Implementing Key Account Management* draws on two decades of research and best practice from Cranfield University School of Management, one of the foremost centres for research and thought leadership in KAM. Between them, the authors have designed and delivered programmes globally for clients such as Rolls-Royce, Unilever, Vodafone, The Economist and many more. Rigorously researched, well-grounded and practical, this book is - quite simply - the definitive, go-to resource for implementing key account management programmes.

#### Occupational Outlook Handbook

Routledge

What do winners of major sales do differently than the sellers who almost won, but ultimately came in second place? Mike Schultz and John Doerr, bestselling authors and world-renowned sales experts, set out to find the answer. They studied more than 700 business-to-business purchases made by buyers who represented a total of \$3.1 billion in annual purchasing power. When they compared the winners to the second-place finishers, they found surprising results. Not only do sales winners sell differently, they sell radically differently, than the second-place finishers. In recent years, buyers have increasingly seen products and services as replaceable. You might think this would mean that the sale goes to the lowest bidder. Not true! A new breed of seller—the insight seller—is winning the sale with strong prices and margins even in the face of increasing competition and commoditization. In *Insight Selling*, Schultz and Doerr share the surprising results of their research on what sales

winners do differently, and outline exactly what you need to do to transform yourself and your team into insight sellers. They introduce a simple three-level model based on what buyers say tip the scales in favor of the winners: Level 1 "Connect." Winners connect the dots between customer needs and company solutions, while also connecting with buyers as people. Level 2 "Convince." Winners convince buyers that they can achieve maximum return, that the risks are acceptable, and that the seller is the best choice among all options. Level 3 "Collaborate." Winners collaborate with buyers by bringing new ideas to the table, delivering new ideas and insights, and working with buyers as a team. They also found that much of the popular and current advice given to sellers can damage sales results. *Insight Selling* is both a strategic and tactical guide that will separate the good advice from the bad, and teach you how to put the three levels of selling to work to inspire buyers, influence their agendas, and maximize value. If you want to find yourself and your team in the winner's circle more often, this book is a must-read.

#### The Seven Keys to Managing Strategic

Accounts Association for Talent

Development

The manager's must-have guide to excelling in all aspects of the job *Mind Tools for Managers* helps new and experienced leaders develop the skills they need to be more effective in everything they do. It brings together the 100 most important leadership skills—as voted for by 15,000 managers and professionals worldwide—into a single volume, providing an easy-access solutions manual for people wanting to be the best manager they can be. Each chapter details a related group of skills,

providing links to additional resources as needed, plus the tools you need to put ideas into practice. Read beginning-to-end, this guide provides a crash course on the essential skills of any effective manager; used as a reference, its clear organization allows you to find the solution you need quickly and easily. Success in a leadership position comes from results, and results come from the effective coordination of often competing needs: your organization, your client, your team, and your projects. These all demand time, attention, and energy, and keeping everything running smoothly while making the important decisions is a lot to handle. This book shows you how to manage it all, and manage it well, with practical wisdom and expert guidance. Build your ideal team and keep them motivated. Make better decisions and boost your strategy game. Manage both time and stress to get more done with less. Master effective communication, facilitate innovation, and much more. Managers wear many hats and often operate under a tremendously diverse set of job duties. Delegation, prioritization, strategy, decision making, communication, problem solving, creativity, time management, project management and stress management are all part of your domain. Mind Tools for Managers helps you take control and get the best out of your team, your time, and yourself.

**Major Account Sales Strategy** Simon and Schuster

Key Account Management Kogan Page Publishers

*Key Account Plans* SAGE

The new, 2nd edition of the Key Account Manager's Pocketbook gives practical advice on how to keep and develop important customers, thereby

maximising ongoing revenue streams, reducing sales costs, improving investment planning and increasing market knowledge. It opens by describing the key account manager's role and then goes on to describe how to rise up the so-called customer perception ladder, moving from a simple commodity supplier to developing a solid, long-term business partnership with your key customers. The author next explains how to develop the 'key account development plan', how to increase your influence with the decision-maker in your key account (relationship management) and how to win new business. The final chapter runs through the essential steps of key account handling. There are short exercises throughout which, if carried out, will help to reinforce the key learning points.

Successful Global Account Management  
 John Wiley & Sons

The vastly increased level of competitive intensity faced by corporations and the increased costs of selling have radically changed the nature of the traditional selling process. Key or "strategic" accounts have now become a company's most important asset, in some cases supplying in excess of 80 percent of a firm's revenues. Here, in one powerful volume, key account management expert Noel Capon provides the most comprehensive treatment of key account management and planning yet published. For the first time, Capon introduces his breakthrough four-part "congruence model" of key account management -- a new, thoroughly researched approach to optimally managing your key account portfolio. First, the author shows how to select and conceptualize the key account portfolio; second, how to organize and manage

key accounts; third, how to recruit, select, train, retain, and reward key account managers; and fourth, how to formulate and execute strategy and issues of coordination and control. This congruence model serves as a backdrop as Capon takes the reader step-by-step through the vital functions of key account management including identifying key account criteria, considering the threats and opportunities for the key account, and understanding the roles and responsibilities of critical players. Capon backs up his points with extensive research, real-life stories of successes and failures at a variety of companies, and clarifying figures. Special chapters are devoted to partnering with key accounts and in-depth information on global key account management, an increasingly important weapon for staying ahead of the competition. Timely, important, and essential, Key Account Management and Planning is the only reference handbook those with key account responsibilities will ever need.

#### Implementing Key Account Management Kogan Page

True or false? In selling high-value products or services: 'closing' increases your chance of success; it is essential to describe the benefits of your product or service to the customer; objection handling is an important skill; open questions are more effective than closed questions. All false, says this provocative book. Neil Rackham and his team studied more than 35,000 sales calls made by 10,000 sales people in 23 countries over 12 years. Their findings revealed that many of the methods developed for selling low-value goods just don't work for major sales. Rackham went on to introduce his SPIN-Selling

method. SPIN describes the whole selling process: Situation questions Problem questions Implication questions Need-payoff questions SPIN-Selling provides you with a set of simple and practical techniques which have been tried in many of today's leading companies with dramatic improvements to their sales performance.

#### Key Concepts in Marketing Kogan Page Publishers

"This book is crammed with distilled, practical wisdom for key account managers and their directors. Organizations claiming to practise key account management should equip everyone involved with a copy, so they really understand what they are supposed to be doing. Anything less is just old-fashioned selling." Developing successful business-to-business relationships with more customers in highly competitive markets requires processes and skills that go beyond traditional selling activity. The very best state-of-the-art strategies are set out clearly in this book by intentionally known authors who have worked at the highest levels with more key and strategic account managers worldwide than probably any other leading advisors. Based on the hugely influential KEY CUSTOMERS it looks at: Why has account management become so critical to commercial success? What are the key challenges and how do successful companies respond? What part does key account management play in strategic planning? How do companies build profitable relationships with their customers? How does key account management actually work? What does a successful key account manager look like and what skills does he/she need? How should key account managers be evaluated and rewarded? How do

companies achieve key account management? By addressing these key questions Woodburn and McDonald provide tools and processes for success honed by tough consultancy projects with the boards of some of the world's leading companies. The book stresses the elements that really matter - from developing a customer categorization system that really works and analyzing the needs of key accounts; to understanding the new skills required by key account managers and ensuring that key account plans are implemented. The 'real world' approach is backed by tested principles and the latest research from the renowned Cranfield School of Management. Key Account Management comes from authors who have taught leading companies how to approach their most powerful and demanding customers and still make money. It is essential reading for all senior management with strategic responsibility, for key or strategic account directors, and for marketing and sales executives. The clear and authoritative approach also makes it an outstanding text for the serious MBA and executive student as well as business-to-business company directors and key account managers.

*Key Account Management Excellence in Pharma & Medtech* John Wiley & Sons  
 Key Account Management Excellence in Pharma & Medtech is designed to help life sciences practitioners develop and execute innovative and effective key account management (KAM) strategies and capabilities. Pharmaceutical and medtech companies are increasingly pursuing KAM in response to the rapid rise of large, sophisticated and complex healthcare provider and payer systems and groups. Those that invest the time to get KAM right will protect their

business and grow with these rising customers. This book is groundbreaking in both its scope and its tailoring of leading KAM practices specifically for life sciences. The central theme is that "key account management is an organization-wide business strategy, not just a role or a sales-specific initiative." KAM is a strategy focused on providing unique offerings and value through an orchestrated, cross-functional, go-to-market model designed specifically to address the needs and engagement preferences of a unique segment of customers. The insights and practices shared in this book are designed to be a valuable reference at every stage of the KAM journey. The book has been designed to facilitate a common language and deep understanding of KAM issues and leading practices organization-wide—particularly for life sciences leaders, account managers and cross-functional team members responsible for building, transforming and supporting their organization's KAM strategies and capabilities.

*Key Account Management in Business-to-Business Markets* Cengage Learning  
 Business Press

Any organization's key accounts are its lifeblood. This text puts forward a simple planning methodology for identifying, obtaining, retaining and developing key customers. The book takes a long-term, team-selling strategic view.

*Key Account Management* John Wiley & Sons

While the concept of global account management (GAM) is not new, there are numerous differences (both subtle and overt) between it and the conventional management of overseas accounts. So what are they? How should we define GAM? And how can companies ensure that their global accounts are

managed successfully?

Handbook of Strategic Account Management Penguin

An exploration of why we play video games despite the fact that we are almost certain to feel unhappy when we fail at them. We may think of video games as being "fun," but in *The Art of Failure*, Jesper Juul claims that this is almost entirely mistaken. When we play video games, our facial expressions are rarely those of happiness or bliss. Instead, we frown, grimace, and shout in frustration as we lose, or die, or fail to advance to the next level. Humans may have a fundamental desire to succeed and feel competent, but game players choose to engage in an activity in which they are nearly certain to fail and feel incompetent. So why do we play video games even though they make us unhappy? Juul examines this paradox. In video games, as in tragic works of art, literature, theater, and cinema, it seems that we want to experience unpleasantness even if we also dislike it. Reader or audience reaction to tragedy is often explained as catharsis, as a purging of negative emotions. But, Juul points out, this doesn't seem to be the case for video game players. Games do not purge us of unpleasant emotions; they produce them in the first place. What, then, does failure in video game playing do? Juul argues that failure in a game is unique in that when you fail in a game, you (not a character) are in some way inadequate. Yet games also motivate us to play more, in order to escape that inadequacy, and the feeling of escaping failure (often by improving skills) is a central enjoyment of games. Games, writes Juul, are the art of failure: the singular art form that sets us up for failure and allows us to experience it and experiment with it. *The Art of Failure* is

essential reading for anyone interested in video games, whether as entertainment, art, or education.

Key Account Management Business Expert Press

"Customer Success will become the authoritative book of the emerging Customer Success industry and target any business that is trying to focus, or re-focus, on customers and will be applicable to all customer management roles such as Account Manager, Customer Advocacy, Client Relationship Manager, and Customer Success Manager along with the leadership of those organizations. Customer Success will address the pains of how to start creating a customer-centric company and how to think strategically about Customer Success - how to organize, compensate, find a leader, measure, etc. Customer Success has exploded as one of the hottest B2B movements since the advent of the subscription business model"--

*Great on the Job* Routledge

"... Addresses the factors that make managing the account relationship different from territory management, and offers tools to help the account manager measure success or position within the account. ... Outlines how a team approach can be used to successfully sell at all levels of the customer's organization."--Book jacket.

Kogan Page Publishers

What's the secret to sales success? If you're like most business leaders, you'd say it's fundamentally about relationships-and you'd be wrong. The best salespeople don't just build relationships with customers. They challenge them. The need to understand what top-performing reps are doing that their average performing colleagues are not drove Matthew Dixon, Brent



Adamson, and their colleagues at Corporate Executive Board to investigate the skills, behaviors, knowledge, and attitudes that matter most for high performance. And what they discovered may be the biggest shock to conventional sales wisdom in decades. Based on an exhaustive study of thousands of sales reps across multiple industries and geographies, The Challenger Sale argues that classic relationship building is a losing approach, especially when it comes to selling complex, large-scale business-to-business solutions. The authors' study found that every sales rep in the world falls into one of five distinct profiles, and while all of these types of reps can deliver average sales performance, only one-the Challenger- delivers consistently high performance. Instead of bludgeoning customers with endless facts and features about their company

and products, Challengers approach customers with unique insights about how they can save or make money. They tailor their sales message to the customer's specific needs and objectives. Rather than acquiescing to the customer's every demand or objection, they are assertive, pushing back when necessary and taking control of the sale. The things that make Challengers unique are replicable and teachable to the average sales rep. Once you understand how to identify the Challengers in your organization, you can model their approach and embed it throughout your sales force. The authors explain how almost any average-performing rep, once equipped with the right tools, can successfully reframe customers' expectations and deliver a distinctive purchase experience that drives higher levels of customer loyalty and, ultimately, greater growth.