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WEALTH, TASTE AND CACHET AT BARGAIN PRICES

Clar Dowdy looks at whether 'exclusive' brands can be discounted without compromising their desirability as prestige items

Discounted luxury is an oxymoron. When so called "exclusive" brands sell lines off cheaply, it is often to the detriment of their carefully Honed image. Woe betide the brand owner that off-loads excess product at the end of the season without giving its positioning due consideration. As Tyler Brule, founder of the style bible Wallpoper puts it, heavy discounting can play havoc with a brand's reputation if its is "embraced by the wrong suburb"

Laccste learnt the pitfalls of discounting on the high street to its cost in the US. Setting off merchandise cheaply seemed to be the answer to having produced too much to sell at the original price. But when wealthy consumers saw their chauffeur sporting the alliaator marque "the brand lost cachet and had to be withdrawn", says Nirmalya Kumar, professor of marketing at London Business School. Lacoste has since been reintroduced to the US market.

"When you discount a brand on a frequent basis without a good reason, such as end of season, that cheapens the brand", says Mr Kumar,

Luxury is all about exclusivily. Once a brand becomes attainable, it is in trouble. A lot of luxury brand companies are posting losses because of just that, says Nic Hall, director of consumer understanding at Research International. "My definition of Juxury is unattainable, or attainable only with a great deal of effort".

A Guaci key-ring is within the budget of many people and Mr Hall accuses Guaci, along with Chanel and Christian Dior, of downgrading itself.

Many brands have used the factory outlet to off-load ena-of-line products. Though that environment can seem ungiomorous – one step up from a service station.

But there is another way. Outside Luganoisits the shopping mail Foxtown where luxury rubs shoulders with more luxury. This environment seems to work for both the brands another customers, 3Guca and Frada and Ralph Louren are all together and they love it." says Mr. Erule, now CEO-of-creative agency Winkreative.

Il works for the brands as they are far enough removed from their expensive central outlets, where they are an sale at full price, and they appreciate the salety in number. A sale can also be endowed with a bit of status. Many stores put on "invitation only" sales as a way of freating their best austomers and press contacts.

« Private sales act as a filter, » says Sam Grange, associate diretor at Added Value. Paris. He cites the luxury chaine L'Eclaireur, which <u>gets shot</u> of its unwanted Dolce & Gabbana, Issey Miyake and Comme des Garçons in this way.

This is a controlled environment, adding (perceived) value to the experience of buying at a low price. Can luxury retailers pull the same trick at a virtual mall? The order books of Yoox seem to show there is considerable appetite on the internet for cheap chic, albeit old chic. Yoox was set up three years ago in Italy by Federico Marchetti, its chief executive, previously in mergers and acquisitions and luxury goods with Lehman Brothers. Its model is straightforward: take last season's clothes and accessories from 300 exclusive brands and sell them online at a massive discount.

The company sells to more than 15 European countries and was launched in the US tast autumn. Despite having little marketing support, this is now roox's fastest-growing market, already representing 10 per cent of its monthly tumover.

- 1. Woe betide the brand owner.
- a) Success will be enjoyed by the brand owner
- b) We support the brand owner
- c) Misfortune will be suffered by the brand owner
- d! Do not trust the brand owner
- e) A very good brand

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- 2. The style bible Wallpaper a) The Wallpaper ultimate style reference guide
- b) The bible style wall decoration guide
- c) The designer Bible paper catalogue d) The Wallpaper guide to style in biblical times
- e) The Wallpaper is sold in the market
- 3. But when realthy consumers saw the chauffeur sporting the alligator marquee
- a) But when the rich saw poorer people playing games with alligators
- b) But when the rich saw poorer consumers wearing Lacoste clothes
- c) But when better-off consumers observed that their drivers were wearing alligator-skin driving gloves
- d) But when wealthy people noticed that top sportsmen's, drivers were Lacoste brands garments.
- el But when every driver wore Lacoste shirts
- 4. That cheapens the brands
- a) That makes the brand less expensive
- b) That makes many people want to buy the brand
- c) That makes the brand much better known
- d) That spoils the image of the brand
- 5. "My definition of luxury is unattainable or attainable only with a great deal of effort"
- a) My definition of luxury can only be understood if you make a great effort.
- b) For me, luxury means that which is beyond the financial means of the majority of people
- c) I have made a great effort to define luxury
- d) Luxury is based on putting much effort into making great deals
- e) Luxury is not common
- 6. Many-brands have used the factory outlet to off-load end-of-line products
- a) Many brand-new products are loaded onto lories at the factory exit
- b) Branded products are unloaded from the end of the production line,
- c) End-of-line branced products are often sold at low prices at factory autlets
- d) Factory outlets have special lines for unloading outmoded products
- e) Several brands are off loaded into lories and the end of the lines
- 7. One step up from a service station
- a) selling petrol and diesel also
- b) having an image that is only just better than that of a filling station
- c) the factory exit has one more step than a service station exit
- d) located very close to a filling station
- e) Improve on the service station
- 8. Outside Lugano sits the shapping mall Foxtown where luxury rubs shoulders with more luxury
- a) People near Lugano walk soulder-to-shoulder to defend luxury products
- b) A man called Lugano sits outside a shopping mall call Foxtown were luxury for-fur products are
- c) There is near Lugano, a shopping mall where a large number of luxury brands sel their products
- d) One of Foxlown's specialities are luxury shoulder creams
- 9. They appreciate safety in numbers
- a) They think that it is better for luxury brand sellers to be grouped together in the same place
- b) The think that they will be safe from people wishing to steal their luxury products if they are
- c) They prefer safes with number combination locks
- d) Many of them evaluate their safety
- e) They always buy shirts with numbers





10. Many stores put or	"invitation only" sales as a way of treating their best customers a			
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- a) Many stores only allow customers to buy products
- b) Many stores teat their best customers to a free clothes-pressing service
- c) Many stores invite only selected customers to buy sale items
- d) Many do not allow members of the press corps to attend sales
- e) Many stores welcome only the best customers into their premises
- 11. Sets shot of
 - a) Increases stocks of
- b) makes holes in
- d) Destroys e) kills with a gun
- 12, Can luxury retailers pull the same trick at a virtual mall?
 - a) Can luxury retailers have the same success on the internet?
 - b) Can luxury retailers also sell designer knitted pullovers at a mail?
 - c) Can luxury pullover retailer sell the same amount at a virtually-completed mall?
 - . d) Can luxury retailers be tricked into selling on the internet?
 - e) Can luxury retailers trick customers who come to the mail?
- 13. Cheap chic, albeit old chic
 - a) Inexpensive, although unfashionable, designer products
 - b) Items that are old and in poor taste
 - c) Old products manufactured from poultry feathers
 - d) Products that are unfashionable but not inexpensive
 - e) All old chickens are sold at very cheap prices
- 14. Straightforward
 - c) ahead
- c) uncomplicated

- 15. turnover
 - a) expenses b) depreciation
- c) sales
- a) payroli
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e) remarks

- Choose the right answer in each case
- 16. As..... of this company, you will be in charge of five departments.
- a) managing b) manager c) management
- d) managed e) manaer

e) rooms

- 17. There were 200 working for the firm. a) salaries b) amaining

- 18. He paid her a for her well-dressed appearance.
- c) employed d) employees e) employment
- a) compliment b) complement

a) story

- b) high

c) tall

- 19. They are building a new 25- office block in the Bostos neighbourhood.
- 20. Please could youto extension 502 please?

- a) put ne off b) put me out c) put me through d) put me in e) put me away

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- 21. The problem because of an argument about overtime.
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