## **Journal of Brand Management**

## Corporate Branding and Identity-based Value Management (CB&IVM) in a Global Context



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The current and future challenges in the context of ongoing **globalization** are increasingly demanding strategic corporate branding and an identity-based value management. **Corporate Branding (CB)** refers not only to the development and management of a corporate brand. It deals with a companies' total branding activities leading to a more or less complex system of brands, signs and signals highlighting the identity of the company. Besides the branding of the firm, its products and services, organization and people (e.g., CEO branding), heritage etc. this may also include the highlighting of specific country or area of origin, the belonging to a highly competitive cluster, the social institutions' acceptance of contributions to environmental protection (eco-labeling) etc. The prerequisite for this is, of course, first of all the systematic development of a **corporate identity** in the light of relevant global challenges – otherwise there is nothing valuable to highlight. Compliance with **global challenges** is already of central importance to create the necessary conditions for a successful national marketing. However, it's of paramount relevance when companies attempt to be successful in international, multi-national or global marketing.

Although the challenges of globalizations in general, and via a view of corporate branding and corporate identity management have been discussed for many years, a large gap remains in our knowledge between the relevancy of the topic and its processing and application. Against this background the **special issue** welcomes rigorous and thoughtful articles covering the above, including



those derived from empirical research (qualitative, quantitative and case study research). Articles should have a **corporate branding and identity-based value management (CB&IVM)** orientation and should outline the theoretical and/or practical implications derived from their research. Articles should also be relevant to the wider global readership of the *Journal of Brand Management*. As such high quality papers may be suitable which address approaches of **CB&IVM** with (but not limited to) the following foci:

- Identifying global challenges in view of developing a strong corporate identity and gaining sustainable corporate reputations with the help of corporate branding (e.g., dealing with cultural differences, different stages of economic development, different political conditions, different market structures),
- Providing tools for analyzing global challenges (e.g., as sketched above) and planning proper strategies for global success (especially also including relevant approaches of analyzing customer behavior or generally stakeholder behaviors),
- Discussion of normative prerequisites for successful global CB&IVM e.g., which corporate philosophy, vision & mission statements, and goal-systems might support global success?
- Developing new approaches of managing corporate brands and/or corporate brand portfolios,
  corporate identity and corporate reputations in a global context,
- Discussing specific corporate identity and corporate branding strategies (e.g., brand portfolio strategies, positioning and targeting strategies, strategies of integrated communications, multichanneling strategies, strategies of leveraging corporate heritage, country-of-origin-effects etc.),
- Critically reviewing existing or introduction of new case studies of CB&IVM.

## Paper Submission/Selection

In order for <u>full papers</u> to be identified and considered for this special issue they must initially have been accepted and also presented at the Global Marketing Conference (GMC), which will be held 21-24 July 2016 in Hong Kong. <u>Please note that the deadline for the above conference paper submissions is January 15 2016</u>. Relevant best papers will be identified post conference by the Guest Editors for further consideration in the special edition. Additional reviews will also be applied and overseen via the Guest Editors prior to publication of the special issue.

For further conference and full paper submission details please visit the GMC 2016 conference web site via: <a href="http://gammaconference.org/2016">http://gammaconference.org/2016</a>

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