A practical guide to Marketing

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A Simple Business Model

I want to take £20,000 of income from my business per annum

Material costs = 35%

Overheads including other Labour = 45%

Therefore: -

Sales = £100,000 / Gross Margin = £65,000 = Net Margin = £20,000

2000 working hours per annum – 50 weeks @ 40 hours per week

Take out one day per week for business affairs (50 x 32)

1600Hours where every hour needs to contribute £62.50

Every 50 hours of labour needs to be sold for £3125.00







MARGIN – are my products expensive enough?

Do I charge myself out at less than the average car mechanic?

Deep down – I don't believe that anyone will pay the price I need to ask

WOE IS ME WHAT SHALL I DO???????

Reduce my already modest expectation of earnings
Reduce the quality and cost of my materials input
Sub contract the labour to less able, but cheaper operatives
Reduce my cost base and overheads (always recommended, but probably been done!

OR

CHARGE THE PRICE I NEED TO, TO MAKE A LIVING AND ONLY SERVE THOSE MAKRETS THAT APPRECIATE AND CAN AFFORD MY ARTISTRY

Consider the £5 challenge!







Do I take products to market or wait for markets to come to me?

SEGMENTATION – SIMPLE SEGMENTATION!

Sales to consumers – (B2C)

Sales to Businesses – (B2B)

Sales in the North of England (B2B & B2C)

Sales in the UK (B2B & B2C)

Sales Overseas (B2B & B2C)







More detailed consideration of segmentation

Business sectors I have previously sold into
Underlying purpose of the Business sale item (functional / ornamental / status)
Consumer sales values by geography — why was I so successful in SW1A 1AA?
Export Sales — what is it about my work that is so appealing in Japan?
How the buyer found me (word of mouth / internet / advertisement / direct marketing)
The most profitable pieces I make

In deliberating where to position yourselves consider this: -

What is the point at which the most cost effective / profitable piece I make aligns with an audiences most positive view of me?







If only I could undertake more of this type of work!

Also

Why on earth do I keep accepting these types of commission?

If this market liked that product, then surely it would be interested in this product as well?

If this product sold well in this market, then surely that market would see the same benefits

Remember 1600 hours @ £62.50p per hour!!







Turnover driven by segmentation choices

£100,000 required

£35,000 my traditional consumer markets £50,000 2 highly targeted business sectors (e.g. Banking / hotels property development and management / football church / embassies) £15,000 from a single overseas market

PROACTIVITY NOT REACTIVITY







DIFFERENTIATION

For those who aspire to own our products AND have the financial wherewithal to do so

Collectively as well as individually

Forget fraternal rivalry for now

A victory for one is a victory for all

You must attack and defeat FCI, Anna Casa, Harrods, Heals, even John Lewis!







DIFFERENTIATION

Unmistakeable Character

Handcrafted Luxury

Distinctive Design

Breathtaking

Unique

Flair

Ultimate

Finest Quality Natural Materials

Passion

Experience

Hand built – takes time

Crafted

Exclusive

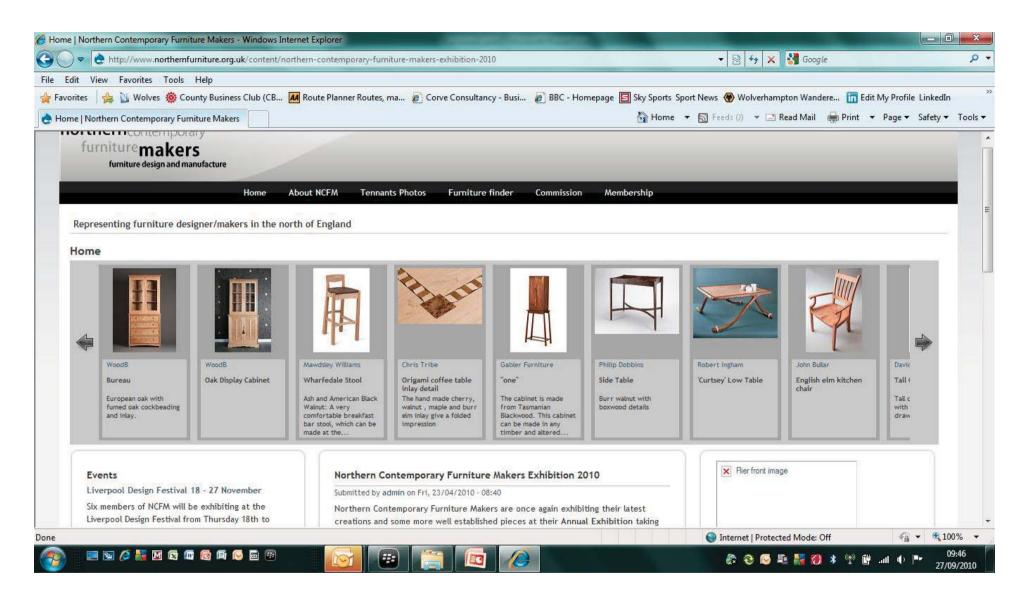
Authentic

Elegant















Online Digital Communications







Digital Mix

Web Site Email Marketing

Digital Assets

Social Networking Streaming Video











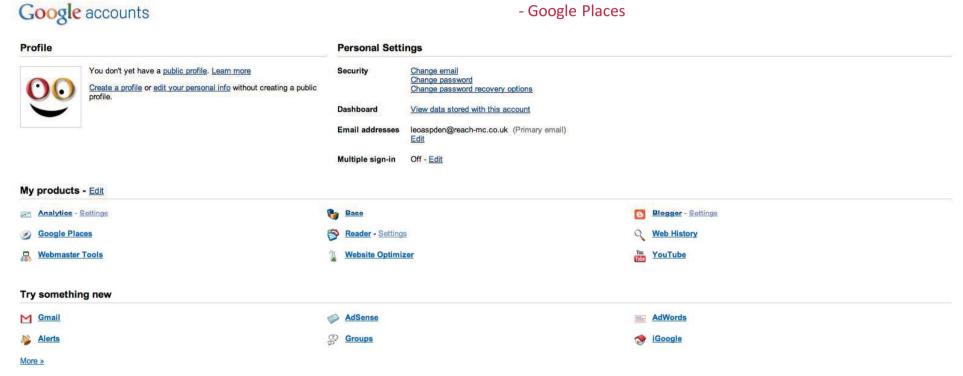


1. Review current performance

- Google Accounts
- Google Analytics

2. Universal search optimisation

- Google Base
- Google Places



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3. Strategic selection of keyphrases

- Develop your list
 - Develop your own initial list (sources: you, your staff, your customers)
 - Consider keyphrases used by competitors ('view'; 'source')
 - Consider product or brand names
 - Review Google Analytics for keyphrases which have directed people to your site
 - Use Google Keyword tool (relevance /popularity / competition)

Searches are becoming more sophisticated and specific:

1998 = 1.2 words 2004 = 2.5 words 2006 = 3.3 words

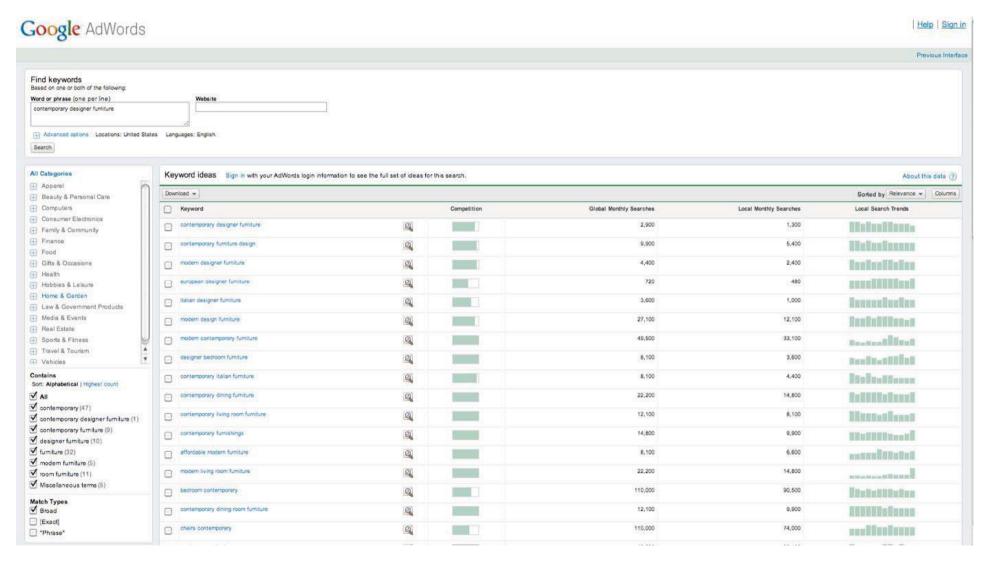
Keyphrases should be long tail - specific - not generic







Google Keyword Tool









4. Build content based around keyphrases

- Relevant, updated & keyphrase based content
 - Ideally 200-250 words per page
 - 1%-2% keyphrase density (approx. 3 repeats per 300 words)
 - Content relevant to keyphrases
 - Add new content regularly







5. Optimise metadata for keyphrases

- Guidelines for optimisation
 - Title tag most important (no more than 10 words / keyphrase at beginning)
 - Keyword tag (no more than 4 words)
 - Description tag (no more than 25 words of sales copy to attract click throughs / include keywords max of 3 times)
 - Header tags (H1, H2 etc. include keyphrase endorses relevance to search engines)







6. Build backlinks

- Generates traffic to your site
 - Links help to generate traffic back to our site
 - Many free directory listings available
 - Valued by search engines the more links = the more important we become to search engines
 - Check your links at www.linkpopularity.com







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LinkedIn numbers:

- Over 75 million members in over 200 countries
- 4m: UK members (3 million in Nov 2009)
- 15m: European members
- 25%: of FTSE 100 companies hire through LinkedIn
- 50%: of Fortune 100 companies hire through LinkedIn
- 1: professionals joining LinkedIn every second
- 1m: professionals joining LinkedIn every 12 days
- 1/3 of all UK professionals have a LinkedIn profile
- 1bn: people searches on LinkedIn last year
- 500,000: LinkedIn groups

Social Media

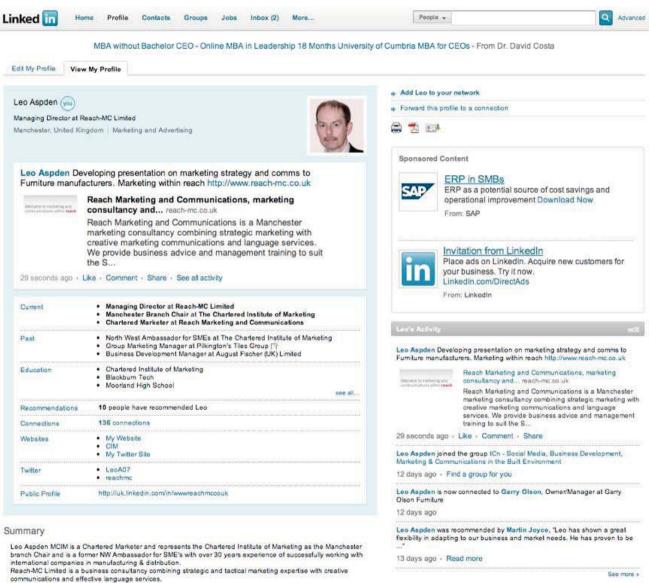
Options for your business

- Set up a business profile
- Create a discussion group / network
- Promote studio events / open days / new products
- Link to web site / blog & other SM sites
- Search for contacts & invite them to link with you
- Each time your profile updated your contacts notified















facebook

- Top social search engine
- Largest social media site
- Over 350 million users
- Adds 250,000 users per day

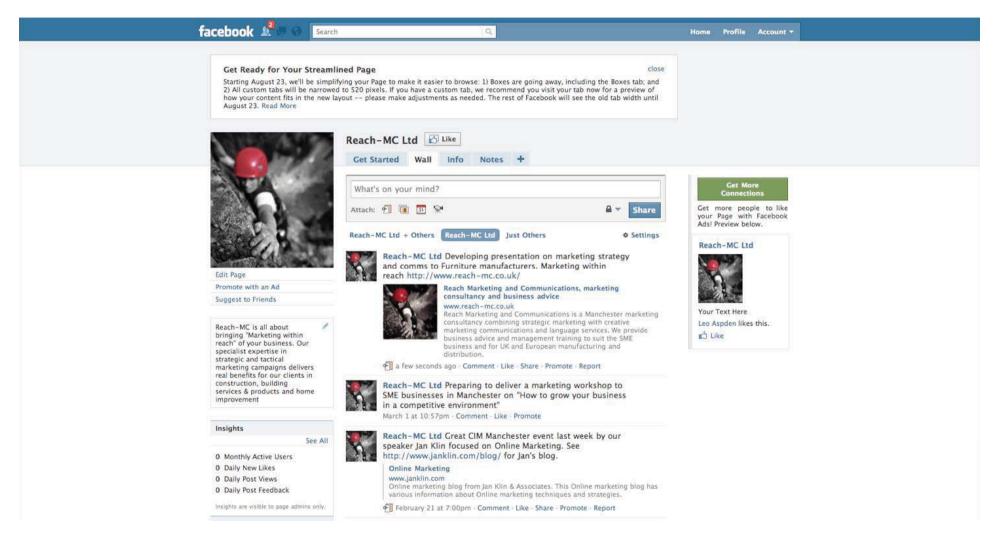
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140 characters but link to detailed content

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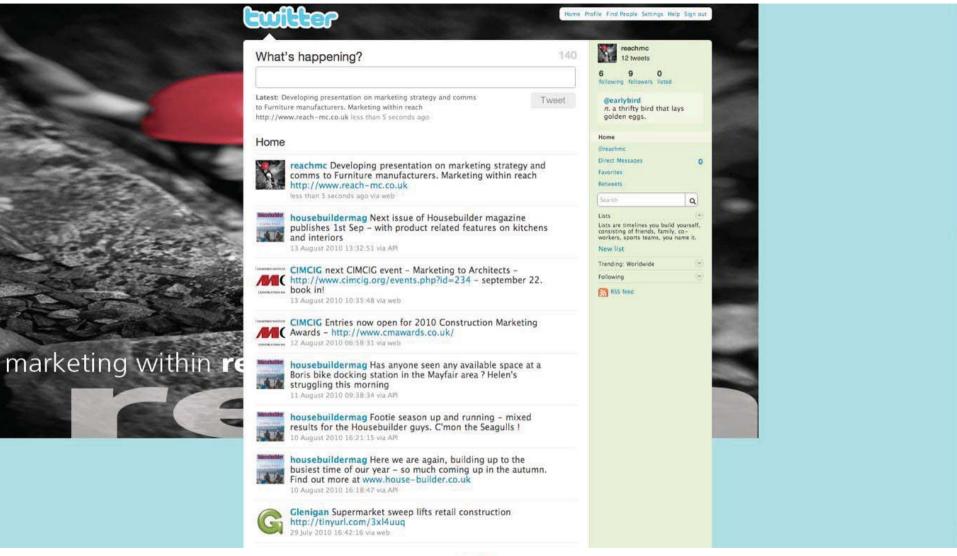
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Offline Communications







Advertising Direct Marketing

Sales Promotion

Public Relations Personal Selling







Where do we start?





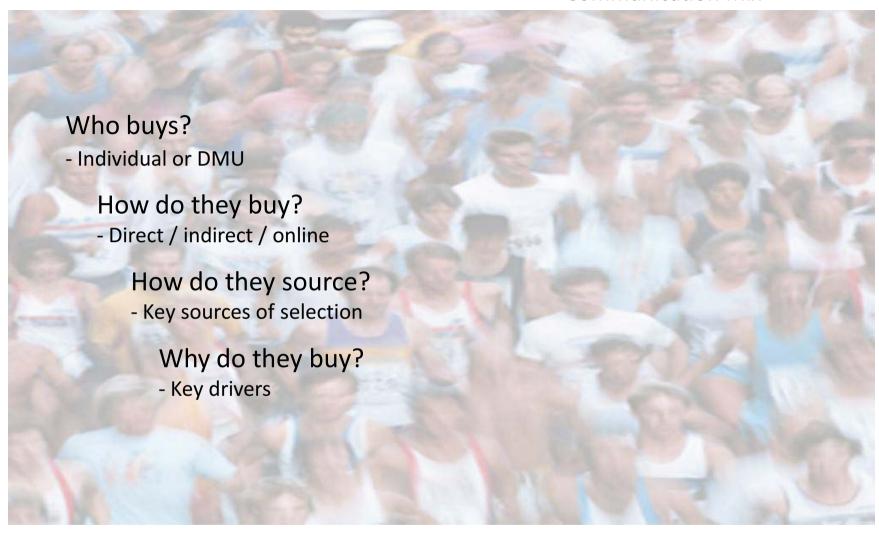


Understand your customers















How do they source

- some key sources of selection
- Word of mouth / recommendation
- Web search
- Business directories
- Advertising
- Exhibitions
- Supplier literature
- Local supplier







Why do they buy

- some key drivers to purchase
- Quality product or service
- Design ideas
- Personal unique bespoke
- Recognised brand designer manufacturer
- Price
- Prestige

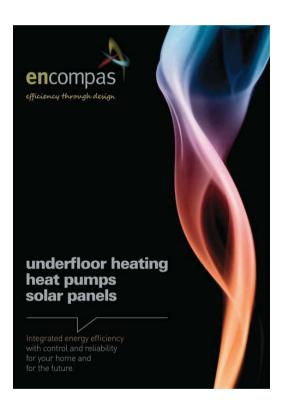






How and why customers buy?

Case study









Your energy cost savings...

20% Underfloor Heating

can deliver this level of saving when compared to

60% Heat Pumps

can save as much as this on heating cos when compared to oil fired or LPG boilers.

50%

Solar Panels

can contribute up to 50 of your domestic hot

altogether you can save up to 60% on your heating and hot water costs....

when compared to a 'traditional' boiler and radiator system.



What's right for you...



whether you need a fully integrated solution or individual systems, we can help...

From plans supplied by you and allowing for your lifestyle, we can advise on the most cost effective answer for your project, to include one or all of the these components — a bespoke service.





3 Our full support...

from concept to installation we are here to assist and advise...

Design service

Accurately priced specifications with technical and installation drawings.

Component supply

Highest quality, factory and field tested components.

Installation

Project planning and site visits.

24/7 Technical advice

Our experts are here when you need them.

After sales support

For the times when you need extra help and guidance.











the right system... at the right price. with the right people.

Reliability & Assurance

Accredited under the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) and members of the Underfloor Heating Manufacturers Association (UHMA).

If you require further information then contact us... our aim is to help you reach your building and lifestyle aspirations.





Talk to us and we'll work with you to schieve the most suitable energy solution for your project.

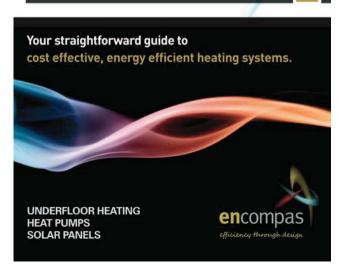


or e-mail: into@encompas.co.uk

Call: 0845 631 3000

Friendly team, expert advice.





Welcome to energy efficiency & cost savings

Altogether you can save up to 60% on your heating and hot water costs...

"A household in the UK creates around 5.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2) every year - enough to fill a hot air balloon...the UK has committed to an 80% reduction by 2050".

"The average household spends around £23 per week on fuel and power, around £1,200 per year." Source: Energy Saving Trust

With fuel prices expected to rise at a staggering rate, investment in sustainable technologies means worthwhile savings on energy bills, and dramatic reductions in your family's carbon foot print.



On average homes can save hundreds of pounds per year by insulating and improving their heating systems. Investment in Underfloor Heating, Heat Pumps and Solar Panels can deliver these cost savings.

Energy efficiency shouldn't cost you the earth.

for up to 60% of all energy



20%

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can deliver this level of saving

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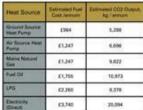
Heat Pumps

50%

Solar Panels

The table below shows the efficiency of using Heat Pumps when compared with other heat sources(*).

Based on: Size of property - 200m2 Heat load - 10 kW Occupants - 4



Helping you make the right choice...



Encompas bring the benefits home to you....

There are many reasons for choosing renewable energy products from Encompas. With over a decade at the forefront of the low-energy heating industry, self builders, architects and developers across the UK have already discovered the significant benefits of an Encompas installed system.

Systems can deliver heating and cooling solutions using underfloor heating, heat pumps and solar systems. Select any one of these, or choose a completely integrated system.

With your ideas and our expertise we can help design and then supply quality components to deliver the ideal solution for you. If you prefer, you can install the system or we can do this too.

You decide - after all it is your project.



And don't forget we also offer:

- . Peace of mind, exceptional product and systems quality assurance
- . Full indemnified heating design
- . 24/7 Technical support from our in-house team
- · First class service from our highly trained staff
- · Comprehensive ongoing service and maintenance



Advertising

- some key pointers
- Set clear objectives
 - call to action
 - request a brochure
 - visit our showroom / gallery / product launch
 - request a visit
- Avoid knee jerk media offers review media circulation & reader demographics
- Communicate key drivers to purchase
- Communicate competitive edge
- Use to promote an event launch
- Measure response ask customers how they found you







Direct Marketing

- some key pointers
- Set clear objectives call to action
- Use targeted mailing
 - Royal Mail: target within 20 minutes drive of gallery / showroom / consider door drops
 - Local media: may be able to target by post code areas
 - Experian: target by post code / drive time and demographics
- Build database and use E-shots
 - Specific to exhibitions & launch days
 - Consider E-newsletter software to provide detailed response tracking
 - www.icontact.com
 - www.constantcontact.com
 - www.newzapp.co.uk
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Public Relations

- some key pointers
- Create a list of target media- review media circulation & reader demographics
- Consider relevant forward features
- Consider customer case studies third part endorsement
- Promote showroom events
- Link with associated artisans & designers for joint article
- Links with design colleges & award programmes
- Consider topical themes environment / hand crafted design vs. engineered design
- Measure response ask customers how they found you







Personal Selling

- some key pointers
- Mainly through showroom
- Consider joint gallery events
- Develop support presentation tools
 - Portfolio of designs
 - Post card hand out contact details/reminder of key drivers & competitive edge
 - Referral scheme refer a friend
- Understand & communicate key drivers
- Communicate your competitive edge







Sales Promotion

- some key pointers
- Samples mini design items
 - As take away from Gallery/Showroom event
- Events
 - Gallery/Showroom event Spring / Autumn
- Competitions
 - Linked to Gallery/Showroom event free interior room design by local designer
- Offers
 - Linked to Gallery/Showroom event % discount on order placed at the event
- Road Shows
 - Themed event at local venue consider joint event with associate artisans / designers







Summary

Understand your target audience

Identify the key purchase drivers

Understand your competitive strengths

Use appropriate channels

Communicate relevant messages















What next?

For more useful advice for businesses wanting to build on their marketing knowledge

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