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# Germany 100 2018

The annual report on the most valuable German brands May 2018

### Foreword.



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What is the purpose of a strong brand: to attract customers, to build loyalty, to motivate staff? All true, but for a commercial brand at least, the first answer must always be 'to make money'.

Huge investments are made in the design, launch, and ongoing promotion of brands. Given their potential financial value, this makes sense. Unfortunately, most organisations fail to go beyond that, missing huge opportunities to effectively make use of what are often their most important assets. Monitoring of brand performance should be the next step, but is often sporadic. Where it does take place, it frequently lacks financial rigour and is heavily reliant on qualitative measures, poorly understood by non-marketers.

As a result, marketing teams struggle to communicate the value of their work and boards then underestimate the significance of their brands to the business. Sceptical finance teams, unconvinced by what they perceive as marketing mumbo jumbo, may fail to agree necessary investments. What marketing spend there is, can end up poorly directed as marketers are left to operate with insufficient financial guidance or accountability. The end result can be a slow but steady downward spiral of poor communication, wasted resources, and a negative impact on the bottom line.

Brand Finance bridges the gap between marketing and finance. Our teams have experience across a wide range of disciplines from market research and visual identity to tax and accounting. We understand the importance of design, advertising, and marketing, but we also believe that the ultimate and overriding purpose of brands is to make money. That is why we connect brands to the bottom line.

By valuing brands, we provide a mutually intelligible language for marketing and finance teams. Marketers then have the ability to communicate the significance of what they do, and boards can use the information to chart a course that maximises profits. Without knowing the precise, financial value of an asset, how can you know if you are maximising your returns? If you are intending to license a brand, how can you know you are getting a fair price? If you are intending to sell, how do you know what the right time is? How do you decide which brands to discontinue, whether to rebrand and how to arrange your brand architecture? Brand Finance has conducted thousands of brand and branded business valuations to help answer these questions.

Brand Finance's research revealed the compelling link between strong brands and stock market performance. It was found that investing in highly-branded companies would lead to a return almost double that of the average for the S&P 500 as a whole.

Acknowledging and managing a company's intangible assets taps into the hidden value that lies within it. The following report is a first step to understanding more about brands, how to value them and how to use that information to benefit the business.

The team and I look forward to continuing the conversation with you.

### **About Brand Finance.**

Brand Finance is the world's leading independent brand valuation and strategy consultancy.

Brand Finance was set up in 1996 with the aim of 'bridging the gap between marketing and finance'. For more than 20 years, we have helped companies and organisations of all types to connect their brands to the bottom line.

We pride ourselves on four key strengths:

- Independence
- Technical Credibility
- Transparency
- Expertise.

Brand Finance puts thousands of the world's biggest brands to the test every year, evaluating which are the strongest and most valuable.

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### **Definitions.**

Brand Contribution

Brand

Value

#### **Brand Value**



#### + Enterprise Value

The value of the entire enterprise, made up of multiple branded businesses.

Where a company has a purely monobranded architecture, the 'enterprise value' is the same as 'branded business value'

### Enterprise Value Branded Business Value Schwarzkopf [Schwarzkopf]

#### + Branded Business Value

The value of a single branded business operating under the subject brand.

A brand should be viewed in the context of the business in which it operates. Brand Finance always conducts a branded business valuation as part of any brand valuation. We evaluate the full brand value chain in order to understand the links between marketing investment, brandtracking data, and stakeholder behaviour.



#### + Brand Contribution

The overall uplift in shareholder value that the business derives from owning the brand rather than operating a generic brand.

The brand values contained in our league tables are those of the potentially transferable brand assets only, making 'brand contribution' a wider concept. An assessment of overall 'brand contribution' to a business provides additional insights to help optimise performance.



#### + Brand Value

The value of the trade mark and associated marketing IP within the branded business.

Brand Finance helped to craft the internationally recognised standard on Brand Valuation - ISO 10668. It defines brand as a marketing-related intangible asset including, but not limited to, names, terms, signs, symbols, logos, and designs, intended to identify goods, services or entities, creating distinctive images and associations in the minds of stakeholders, thereby generating economic benefits.

#### **Brand Strength**

Brand Strength is the efficacy of a brand's performance on intangible measures, relative to its competitors.

In order to determine the strength of a brand, we look at Marketing Investment, Stakeholder Equity, and the impact of those on Business Performance.

Each brand is assigned a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score out of 100, which feeds into the brand value calculation. Based on the score, each brand is assigned a corresponding rating up to AAA+ in a format similar to a credit rating.

Analysing the three brand strength measures helps inform managers of a brand's potential for future success.

**Brand Strength Index** 

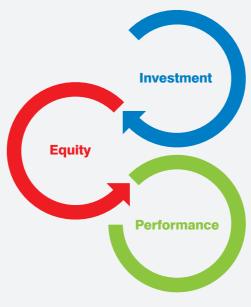
Marketing **Investment** 

Widely recognised factors deployed by marketers to create brand loyalty and market share.

Stakeholder **Equity** 

Perceptions of the brand among different stakeholder groups, with customers being the most important.

**Business Performance**  Quantitative market and financial measures representing the success of the brand in achieving price and volume premium.



#### **Marketing Investment**

- A brand that has high Marketing Investment but low Stakeholder Equity may be on a path to growth. This high investment is likely to lead to future performance in Stakeholder Equity which would in turn lead to better Business Performance in the future.
- However, high Marketing Investment over an extended period with little improvement in Stakeholder Equity would imply that the brand is unable to shape customers' preference.

#### Stakeholder Equity

- The same is true for Stakeholder Equity. If a company has high Stakeholder Equity, it is likely that Business Performance will improve in the future.
- However, if the brand's poor Business Performance persists, it would suggest that the brand is inefficient compared to its competitors in transferring stakeholder sentiment to a volume or price premium.

#### **Business Performance**

- Finally, if a brand has a strong Business Performance but scores poorly on Stakeholder Equity, it would imply that, in the future, the brand's ability to drive value will diminish.
- However, if it is able to sustain these higher outputs, it shows that the brand is particularly efficient at creating value from sentiment compared to its competitors.

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### **Executive Summary.**



#### **Mercedes-Benz Growth**

Mercedes-Benz grew its global brand value by 18% to €37.3 billion, taking pole position as Germany's most valuable brand. Mercedes' surge in brand value was driven largely by a big increase in forecast revenue as car sales increased by 8% to 2.4 million vehicles. As a result, Mercedes jumped from third to first on the German brand value table and also became the world's most valuable automobile brand.

Mercedes has particularly focused on sales into China, with a 28% increase in Chinese sales from 465,000 in 2016, to 595,000 last year. Mercedes has strong brand recognition in China, where it is identified as an aspirational car brand, offering both a high-status and high-quality product. China offers further significant growth potential for Mercedes, with China now the world's largest automobile market.

Globally, Mercedes refreshed its iconic G-Class last year, a luxury sports utility vehicle which has sold approximately 300,000 vehicles over the last 40 years. The G-Class represented a signature Mercedes product based upon reliability and dependability, with

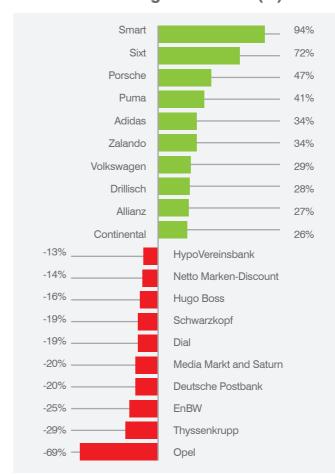
"Mercedes-Benz invented the automobile and is now leading the industry with a brand strategy focused on electrification. Their global brand success has been driven by the introduction of a new generation of vehicles led by their renewed foray into SUVs and smooth evolution of new technologies, to move away from traditional internal combustion engines."

**David Haigh** CEO. Brand Finance 80% of the vehicles still in service. More broadly. Mercedes is also enhancing its product range, moving towards using new technologies for in-car controls, including digital touchscreens and speech control for various features, whilst also planning to electrify its entire range of cars.

#### **Germany's Top Brands Led by Automobile Sector**

Recording only slight brand-value growth, BMW (brand value up 2% to €35.5 billion) fell from first to second place on the ranking table of Germany's most valuable brands. Overtaken by Mercedes, BMW has also dedicated significant resources to prepare for the gradual obsolescence of the traditional internal combustion engine. This corporate strategy is not yet paying strong brand dividends, despite the introduction of BMW's electric i3 and i8 vehicles with very distinctive styling.

#### **Brand Value Change 2017-2018 (%)**



#### **Top 10 Most Valuable Brands**



Rank 2018: 1 2017: 3 BV 2018: **€37,346m** 

BV 2017: **€31,623m** Brand Rating: AAA-



Rank 2018: 2 2017: 1 BV 2018: **€35,526m** 

BV 2017: **€34,996m** Brand Rating: AAA



Rank 2018: 3 2017: 2 BV 2018: **€34,135m** BV 2017: **€32.415m** 

Brand Rating: AA+



Rank 2018: 4 2017: 4 BV 2018: **€28,623m** 

BV 2017: **€22,255m** Brand Rating: AAA



Rank 2018: 5 2017: 5 BV 2018: **€18,665m** 

BV 2017: **€20,541m** Brand Rating: AAA



Rank 2018: 6 2017: 7 BV 2018: **€17,197m** 

BV 2017: **€13,521m** Brand Rating: AAA-



Rank 2018: 7 2017: 6 BV 2018: **€16,442m** BV 2017: **€16,006m** 

Brand Rating: AA+



Rank 2018: **8** 2017: **10** BV 2018: **€16.199m** 

BV 2017: **€11,029m** Brand Rating: AAA



Rank 2018: 9 2017: 8 BV 2018: **€14,501m** BV 2017: **€13,486m** Brand Rating: AA-

Rank 2018: 10 2017: 9

BV 2018: **€12,710m** BV 2017: **€11,162m** 

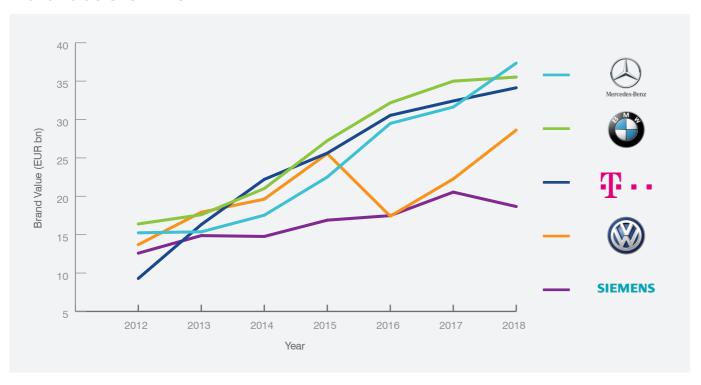
Brand Rating: AAA-

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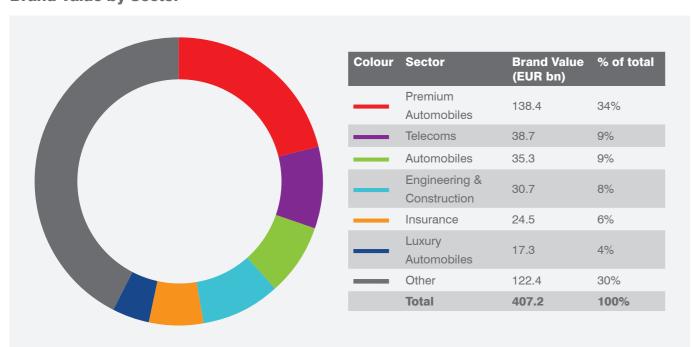
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#### **Brand Value Over Time**



#### **Brand Value by Sector**



Behind BMW and Mercedes, Volkswagen (brand value up 29% to €28.6 billion) achieved strong brand value growth last year with improved revenue forecasts. In addition to the marquee Volkswagen brand, it also benefits from being part of the larger Volkswagen Group. Volkswagen Group is particularly looking to improve the relationship across its family of brands as part of its medium-term strategy plans. Amidst this broader vision, the corporate leadership recognises that each brand benefits from membership of the Volkswagen Group community, allowing for expertise to be shared amongst the brands for their collective benefit, while also presenting specialised features and brand attributes to customers.

### **Smart Accelerates as Fastest Growing German Brand**

Smart (up 94% to €1.5 billion) is the fastest growing brand amongst Germany's Top 100 brands. The automobile brand, owned by the same parent company as Mercedes, was a new entrant in the Top 100 this year, entering at 49th position after a year of remarkable brand value growth. Consumers globally have been attracted to the urban convenience of Smart cars, which combine exceptional fuel economy with a high degree of manoeuvrability.

### Porsche: Germany's Strongest Brand

In addition to measuring overall brand value, Brand Finance also evaluates the relative strength of brands, based on factors such as marketing investment, familiarity, loyalty, staff satisfaction, and corporate reputation. Along with the level of revenues, brand strength is a crucial driver of brand value.

According to these criteria, Porsche (brand value up 47% to €16.2 billion) was Germany's strongest brand, earning a brand strength rating of AAA. The high-end car brand benefited from the successful launch of a new hybrid model, the Panamera 4 E-Hybrid, focused on combining both sustainability and high performance. Porsche's brand value has grown remarkably quickly over the last year and continues to have strong growth potential with the promise of further sports models following on from the Porsche 918 Spyder.

#### **Top 10 Strongest Brands**



87.3

**SIEMENS** 

86.9



85.6



85.2



BSI Score



**BSI Score** 

84.0



BSI Score

83.2



**BSI Score** 

81.4



BSI Score

81.2



BSI Score

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## **Brand Finance Germany 100 (EUR m).**

#### **Top 100 most valuable German brands 1-50**

Rank 2018	Rank 2017	Brand name	Sector	Brand value (EUR m) 2018	% change	Brand value (EUR m) 2017	Brand rating 2018	Brand rating 2017
1	3	Mercedes-Benz	Premium Automobiles	37,346	+18%	31,623	AAA-	AAA-
2	1	BMW	Premium Automobiles	35,526	+2%	34,996	AAA	AAA-
3	2	T (Deutsche Telekom)	Telecoms	34,135	+5%	32,415	AA+	AA+
4	4	Volkswagen	Automobiles	28,623	+29%	22,255	AAA	AAA
5	5	Siemens	Engineering & Construction	18,665	-9%	20,541	AAA	AAA-
6	7	Allianz	Insurance	17,197	+27%	13,521	AAA-	AA
7	6	Bosch	Engineering & Construction	16,442	+3%	16,006	AA+	AAA-
8	10	Porsche	Luxury Automobiles	16,199	+47%	11,029	AAA	AAA
9	8	SAP	Internet & Software	14,501	+8%	13,486	AA-	AA-
10	9	Audi	Premium Automobiles	12,710	+14%	11,162	AAA-	AAA-
11	12	Adidas	Apparel	₽		<u></u>		<u></u>
12	11	DHL	Logistics					
13	13	Aldi	Retail					
14	14	Lidl	Retail					
15	16	BASF	Chemicals					<u> </u>
16	17	Fresenius	Pro Services - Healthcare					
17	15	Nivea	Cosmetics & Personal Care					
18	18	Deutsche Bank	Banks					
19	19	Bayer	Pharma					
20	23	Continental	Tires					
21	26	Deutsche Post	Logistics					
22	New	Innogy	Utilities					
23	20	Munich Re	Insurance					
24	31	Zalando	Retail					
25	21	TUI	Leisure & Tourism					
26	22	MAN	Automobiles					
27	40	Puma	Apparel					
28	27	Metro	Retail					
29	New	Uniper	Utilities	_				
30	29	Edeka	Retail					
31	41	Lufthansa	Airlines					
32	28	DB	Logistics					
33	33	Kaufland	Retail			<u> </u>		
34	36	DZ Bank	Banks					
35	35	Ergo	Insurance					
36	37	E.ON	Utilities			<u> </u>		
37	32	HeidelbergCement	Engineering & Construction	<u>-</u>				
38	38	Infineon Technologies	Technology					
39	34	Schwarzkopf	Cosmetics & Personal Care					
40	43	Linde	Chemicals	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		
41	45	Commerzbank	Banks					
42	44	Hannover Re	Insurance			<u> </u>		
43	39	HUGO BOSS	Apparel					
44	30	thyssenkrupp	Mining					
45	50	BayWa	Food					
46	New	Knorr	Food					
47	New	Union Investment	Banks					
48	42	Media Markt and Saturn	Retail					
49	New	Smart	Automobiles					
50	New	Schaeffler	Auto Components					

#### **Top 100 most valuable German brands 51-100**

Rank 2018	Rank 2017	Brand name	Sector	Brand value (EUR m) 2018	% change	Brand value (EUR m) 2017	Brand rating 2018	Brand rating 2017
51	46	Radeberger	Beers	<u></u>			<u></u>	
52	New	Hochtief	Engineering & Construction					
53	New	1&1 Internet	Internet & Software					
54	New	Evonik	Chemicals					
55	49	Dr. Oetker	Food	_	<u> </u>			
56	48	Netto Marken-Discount	Retail					
57	47	EnBW	Utilities					
58	New	Prosieben	Media					
59	New	Deutsche Postbank	Banks	_	<u> </u>			
60	24	Opel	Automobiles					
61	New	Linde Material Handling	Technology					
62	New	Hella	Auto Components					
63	New	Merck	Pharma					
64	New	Covestro	Chemicals	<u> </u>				
65	New	Bausparkasse Schwäbisch Hall	Banks					
66	New	ProsiebenSat.1	Media					
67	New	Jacobs	Non Alcoholic Drinks					
68	New	Dial	Household Products					
69	New	Bonprix	Retail					
		Vonovia	Pro Services - Real Estate					
70	New	1						
71	New	Brenntag	Chemicals					
72	New	MTU Aero Engines	Aerospace & Defence	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
73	New	Rheinmetall	Aerospace & Defence	<u> </u>			<u> </u>	
74	New	Beck's	Beers	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
75	New	Syoss	Cosmetics & Personal Care	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
76	New	Persil	Household Products	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
77	New	STILL	Technology	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
78	New	Galeria Kaufhof	Retail	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
79	New	Freenet	Telecoms	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
80	New	Sat.1	Media	<u> </u>				<u> </u>
81	New	Landesbank Baden Wurttemberg	Banks	<u> </u>				
82	New	Hamburg Süd	Logistics	<u></u>	₽			
83	New	trivago	Internet & Software	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			
84	New	DVB Bank	Banks	<u></u>		₽		
85	New	Leoni	Technology		<u></u>			
86	New	NORD/LB	Banks	<u></u>				
87	New	Fa	Cosmetics & Personal Care	<u></u>		<u></u>		
88	New	Delivery Hero	Internet & Software			<u></u>		
89	New	DekaBank	Banks					
90	New	Osram	Technology					
91	New	Sixt	Pro Services - Car Rental					
92	New	easyCredit	Banks					
93	New	HypoVereinsbank	Banks					
94	New	AIDA	Leisure & Tourism	<u></u>		₽		
95	New	Otto	Retail	<u></u>		<u></u>		
96	New	DG HYP	Banks					
97	New	Helaba	Banks					
98	New	Drillisch	Telecoms					
99	New	Gliss	Cosmetics & Personal Care					
100	New	Salzgitter	Mining					

### Methodology.

Brand Finance calculates the values of the brands in its league tables using the Royalty Relief approach – a brand valuation method compliant with the industry standards set in ISO 10668.

This involves estimating the likely future revenues that are attributable to a brand by calculating a royalty rate that would be charged for its use, to arrive at a 'brand value' understood as a net economic benefit that a licensor would achieve by licensing the brand in the open market.

#### The steps in this process are as follows:

- 1 Calculate brand strength using a balanced scorecard of metrics assessing Marketing Investment, Stakeholder Equity, and Business Performance. Brand strength is expressed as a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score on a scale of 0 to 100.
- 2 Determine royalty range for each industry, reflecting the importance of brand to purchasing decisions. In luxury, the maximum percentage is high, in extractive industry, where goods are often commoditised, it is lower. This is done by reviewing comparable licensing agreements sourced from Brand Finance's extensive database.
- 3 Calculate royalty rate. The BSI score is applied to the royalty range to arrive at a royalty rate. For example, if the royalty range in a sector is 0-5% and a brand has a BSI score of 80 out of 100, then an appropriate royalty rate for the use of this brand in the given sector will be 4%.
- **4** Determine brand-specific revenues by estimating a proportion of parent company revenues attributable to a brand.
- **5** Determine forecast revenues using a function of historic revenues, equity analyst forecasts, and economic growth rates.
- **6** Apply the royalty rate to the forecast revenues to derive brand revenues.
- **7** Brand revenues are discounted post-tax to a net present value which equals the brand value.



### **Brand Strength Index (BSI)**

Brand strength expressed as a BSI score out of 100.



### **Brand Royalty Rate**

BSI score applied to an appropriate sector royalty range.



#### **Brand Revenues**

Royalty rate applied to forecast revenues to derive brand value.



#### **Brand Value**

Post-tax brand revenues discounted to a net present value (NPV) which equals the brand value.

### **Understand Your Brand's Value.**

A Brand Value Report provides a complete breakdown of the assumptions, data sources, and calculations used to arrive at your brand's value.

Each report includes expert recommendations for growing brand value to drive business performance and offers a cost-effective way to gaining a better understanding of your position against competitors.

#### **What is a Brand Value Report?**

#### **Brand Valuation Summary**

- + Internal understanding of brand
- + Brand value tracking
- + Competitor benchmarking
- + Historical brand value

#### **Brand Strength Index**

- + Brand strength tracking
- + Brand strength analysis
- + Management KPIs
- + Competitor benchmarking

#### **Royalty Rates**

- + Transfer pricing
- + Licensing/franchising negotiation
- + International licensing
- + Competitor benchmarking

#### **Cost of Capital**

+ Independent view of cost of capital for internal valuations and project appraisal exercises

#### **Customer Research**

- + Utilities
- + Insurance
- + Banks
- + Telecoms

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### What are the benefits of a Brand Value Report?



#### Insight

Provide insight as to how the brand is performing vs. key competitors on underlying measures and drivers of brand value and brand strength.



#### Strategy

Understand where brand value is being generated by region and channel in order to identify areas of opportunity that warrant further investigation.



#### Benchmarking

Track year-on-year changes to brand value and set long-term objectives against which high-level brand performance can be benchmarked.



#### **Education**

Provide a platform of understanding which the company can use to educate employees on the importance of the brand.



#### Communication

Communicate your brand's success to shareholders, customers, and other strategically selected audiences.



#### **Understanding**

Understand and appreciate the value of your brand as an asset of the business.

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### **Consulting Services.**

#### 1. Valuation: What are my intangible assets worth?

Valuations may be conducted for technical purposes and to set a baseline against which potential strategic brand scenarios can be evaluated.

- + Branded Business Valuation
- + Trademark Valuation
- + Intangible Asset Valuation
- + Brand Contribution

#### 4. Transactions: Is it a good deal? Can I leverage my intangible assets?

4. TRANSPOTIONS Transaction services help buyers, sellers, and owners of branded businesses get a better deal by leveraging the value of their intangibles.

- + M&A Due Diligence
- + Franchising & Licensing
- + Tax & Transfer Pricing
- + Expert Witness

#### 2. Analytics: How can I improve marketing effectiveness?

Analytical services help to uncover drivers of demand and insights. Identifying the factors which drive consumer behaviour allows an understanding of how brands create bottom-line impact.

- Market Research Analytics +
- Return on Marketing Investment +
  - Brand Audits +
  - Brand Scorecard Tracking +

#### 3. Strategy: How can I increase the value of my branded business?

Strategic marketing services enable brands to be leveraged to grow businesses. Scenario modelling will identify the best opportunities, ensuring resources are allocated to those activities which have the most impact on brand and business value.

- Brand Governance +
- Brand Architecture & Portfolio Management +
  - Brand Transition +
  - Brand Positioning & Extension +



We help marketers to connect their brands to business performance by evaluating the return on investment (ROI) of brand-based decisions and strategies.



**Brand &** 

**Business Value** 

We provide financiers and auditors with an independent assessment on all forms of brand and intangible asset valuations.



We help brand owners and fiscal authorities to understand the implications of different tax, transfer pricing, and brand ownership arrangements.



We help clients to enforce and exploit their intellectual property rights by providing independent expert advice in- and outside of the courtroom.

### **Communications Services.**

We offer a variety of services to help communicate your brand's success.





Example digital endorsement stamp for use on your website as well as in investor relations and advertising, to recognise your brand's performance.

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WHERE BRANDS MEET FINANCE

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