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ADVERTISING CHALLENGES IN THE FASHION INDUSTRY

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From the very beginning, advertising aims to attract people's attention and sales. Today, advertising is everywhere to shape consumer demand, establish brands and provide such important targeted communication and customer experience. The advertising business has the power to change and change itself according to the environment. The change is with the rapid development of Industry 4.0 and in line with the development of the industry for which it works. Yes, advertising in the fashion industry today mostly expands consumer interest in products, services, brands and individuals, but it is also interactive and the consumer is involved. Whether it is fast fashion or luxury and unique products and services, today effective advertising and communication is in both real and virtual environments and provides a personalized experience.

The purpose of this article is to provide a comprehensive overview of the current challenges of the fashion advertising. To gain this, the article describes the main directions in the development of the fashion industry such as differentiation and digitalization, as well as the prospects for its innovative development. The article examines the changes in the advertising and in the fashion industry, taking into account their specific characteristics and relationships.

The main research on consumer attitudes in fashion and their reactions to different advertising models, as well as the specific marketing challenges in the fashion industry to attract the attention of consumers are discussed. The problematic directions in which the advertising strategies are developed, the unique for the fashion innovative advertising channels and the key factors for effective advertising are presented.

Digital transformations in the cultural and creative industries, which include advertising and fashion, require customer orientation through data analysis techniques, algorithms that study customer behavior and artificial intelligence.

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UNDERSTANDING FAST FASHION AS-A-SERVICE BUSINESS MODEL

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Fast fashion has changed the industry and the economy. Implemented through a business model that encourages buying and buying more fashionable clothes at affordable prices, the fast fashion faces numerous challenges. The model is perceived of being unsustainable, at least due to water pollution and waste generation because of the short cycle of use of otherwise fashionable clothes. In order to increase value added under competitive pressure and growing demands for environmental protection, new business models are being born.

The study aims to provide a critical look at the fast fashion as-a-service business model and stressed the need to developing a new business and consumer culture for. The purpose of the approach is twofold. On the one hand, to achieve improvements in customer relationship as consumer become more aware and conscious when buying clothes, so the excess asset does not become garbage, while the consumer remains loyal to the brand in the long term.

On the other hand, the manufacturer should be responsible for the entire life cycle of his product from production to its transformation into an unnecessary asset for the end user. The as-a-service model is different from any other technological trend that seeks to disrupt established models. The trends are the global market of everything-as-a-service to grow as it is strongly impacted by digitalisation of economic, industrial and social life while calling for free choice of service, accessibility, flexibility and all this at low cost.

Service as a topic in the fashion industry is a new, unexplored, unused, but gaining momentum concept. Assuming to be strongly influenced by the possibility of creating a digital ecosystem by connected actors, fast fashion companies may struggle to create a digital stakeholder ecosystem as part of the as-a-service model, where manufacturers, retailers, consumers, software vendors and decision makers can create and offer services to each other to achieve sustainability.

A conceptual model of fast fashion as-a-service business model is introduced and discussed. It requires fast fashion companies to change both their processes, disruptive innovation and their strategic thinking. Areas for future research are outlined.

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