Report On Strategic Sales & Marketing Tactics of aamarPay

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Subject: Submission of Internship Report on Strategic Sales & Marketing Tactics of

aamarPay

Dear Sir,

This is my pleasure to present my internship report titled "Strategic Sales & Marketing

Tactics of aamarPay," which I completed for my MBA degree at BRAC University with your

through guidance.

This comprehensive report summarizes key findings and recommendations for aamarPay's

sales and marketing strategy. The report incorporates my personal experience, critical

personnel interview insights, and a thorough market analysis.

I believe that this report aligns with your expectations and offers actionable insights into the

strategic initiatives of aamarPay.

Sincerely yours,

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Non-Disclosure Agreement

This agreement is made and entered into by and between aamarPay and the undersigned student at Brac University Ramisha Fariha

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Executive Summary

The report demonstrates the strategic sales and marketing tactics of aamarPay, an online

payment gateway service provider in Bangladesh.

aamarPay drive customer growth by utilizing customer segmentation through in-depth market

research and customized marketing campaigns. aamarPay builds online presence and

customer engagement with their sales efforts in digital marketing, including social media

platforms and Search Engine Optimization (SEO). Moreover, aamarPay aims to seamlessly

integrate their digital Fin-Tech service into diverse ecosystems such as forming strategic

partnership with banks and Mobile Financial Service (MFS).

The company uses a robust Customer Relationship Management (CRM), it is built through a

third-party agency known as CommEngine Hub. An effective system which ensures strong

customer service and personalized communication. Th dedicated sales team also known as

the commercial team focuses on direct sales, empowered by training and performance

incentives. An active participation in various promotional events and campaigns elevates the

brand awareness and acquire new customers.

The report concludes aamarPay's sales and marketing strategies are effective to achieve

business goals. However, some recommendation includes enhanced data analytics, expansion

of digital outreach, and exploring new market segments could result in further optimization.

Keywords:

Payment Gateway; Fin-Tech; SEO; MFS, CRM

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List of Acronyms

PG Payment Gateway

FinTech Financial Technology

MFS Mobile Financial Services

EMI Equated Monthly Installments

API Application Programming Interface

CRM Customer Relationship Management

e-KYC Electronic Know Your Customer

Chapter 1

Overview of Internship

1.1 Student Information

Name: Ramisha Fariha

ID: 21164125

Program: MBA

Major: Marketing

1.2 Internship Information

Company: aamarPay

Internship Period: 3 Months (February 2024 - April 2024)

Department: Commercial Department

Company Supervisor Name: Mostafa Badrul Hasan

Designation: Manager (HOD, Commercial Department)

1.3 Job Responsibilities

- Drive new client acquisition, build strong client relationships, research market trends
 and competitors, collaborate to tailor payment solutions
- Lead negotiations and close deals for the PG.
- Managed a high volume of merchant inquiries and issues, ensuring timely and effective resolution.

 Professional Communication, Issue Resolution, Merchant Inquiries, Merchant Satisfaction, Campaign Support, Cross functional Team Collaboration, Lead Generation.

1.4 Internship Outcomes

- Acquired real time experience in the sales department of a leading payment gateway company.
- Acquired skills in negotiation and closing deals successfully.
- Gained knowledge in developing and implementing campaign strategy for customer engagement.
- Built hands on experience in customer service and support.
- Developed knowledge regarding market analysis

Chapter 2

Introduction

2.1 Introduction

The Bangladeshi financial realm is witnessing a surge in digital payment solution, aamarPay, a prominent payment gateway service provider leads the way to embrace this new transformation. aamarPay is an Online Payment Gateway & Merchant Service Provider of Bangladesh. Aiming to provide best payment experience that an e-store or customer can expect from a payment processor company. This report showcases my in-depth research on Strategic Sales & Marketing Tactics of aamarPay. The merchants/ businesses benefit greatly by integrating aamarPay API to their operation. aamarPay facilitates seamless acceptance of digital payments which helps the small and large enterprise to broaden their customer base. The core focus of aamarPay is to mitigate the financial demands and struggles of their customer. They want revolutionize Bangladesh fiscal landscape to a cashless society.

2.2 Overview of the Company

aamarPay was established in the year 2015 by CEO Ishtiaque Sarwar and Imtiaz Akil. The company is a concern of Soft Tech Innovation Limited. It has started its operation from early 2015 but actual deployment of system and testing started from first quarter of 2014 and growing gradually to provide quick and easy payment solution. aamarPay is Payment System Operator licensed by Bangladesh Bank. At present, it is a prominent payment gateway aggregator in the FinTech industry. aamarPay carved out niche market for themselves by solely focusing on providing payment solutions. The company emphasizes their competitive edge through secure and seamless transaction, offering businesses a user-friendly payment gateway system with the lowest transaction fees and fastest checkout times. Moreover,

aamarPay has developed an app known as "aamarPay Super App" which streamline to

operate daily transaction such as permitting users to make bill payments, recharge mobile,

and ticketing- all under one convenient application. The company has workforce of 60

professionals ensuring 24/7 customer support and a smooth payment experience.

2.3. Mission Statement

To empower businesses and individuals with innovative and secure payment solutions to

thrive in the digital economy.

Slogan: "Think FinTech, Think aamarPay!"

2.4 Vision Statement

To be the prominent payment aggregator with cutting edge financial technology and inclusive

payment solution provider, shaping the digital landscape of Bangladesh.

2.5: Objective of the Study

The primary objective of this study is to examine the strategic sales and marketing tactics of

aamarPay and observe their impact in the company's growth trajectory.

2.6: Methodology

The study was undertaken with direct involvement with aamarPay's sales process and

marketing activities, conducting interviews with key personnel and analyzing the company

data, sales evaluation and customer feedback

2.7: Limitations

The study may have limited due to time duration of internship, disclosure of certain data and

confidential information may have been restricted.

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Chapter 3

Strategic Sales and Marketing Tactics of aamarPay

3.1: Understanding the customer

aamarPay's success majorly depends on understanding and meeting the unique needs of businesses within their target market demographics. They conduct market research and perform market analysis to gain insight about local and area specific trends, most favored payment methods, and the digital literacy of targeted customer base. This marker analysis enables them in tailoring targeted marketing campaigns with messages that appeal and engages specific business segments and customer audiences.

For example- Developing Co-Marketing Campaign with E-commerce Platforms



Figure 1: Campaign with Bata

Campaign Strategy: aamarPay partnered with renowned e-commerce platforms such as Bata, Monach Mart, Munchies to increase their market reach and brand awareness. This strategy includes providing exclusive discounts or cashback rewards for customers who use aamarPay at checkout. This acts as an exposure for users to be more informed about the

benefits of using aamarPay during online shopping. Thus, aamarPay understands how to capture the target market and deliver their message effectively.

3.2 Leveraging Digital Marketing Channels:

aamarPay utilize a multi-channel digital marketing approach to broaden their market reach and customer engagement. They employ their social media platforms such as their personalized website, Facebook, WhatsApp and LinkedIn to increase brand visibility, share success stories of merchants, and promote new features. Paid advertisement on search engines such as Google Ads, Email Marketing and their social media platforms strategically targeted to specific business demographics to generate higher number of leads.

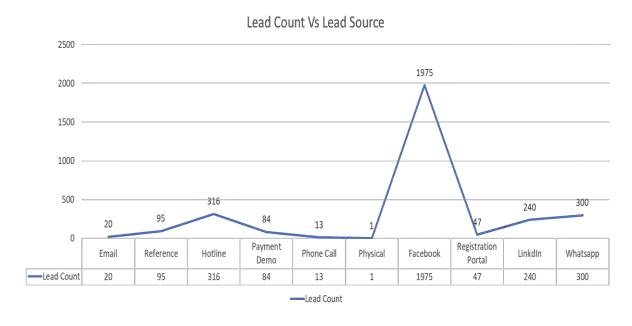


Figure 2: Lead Count

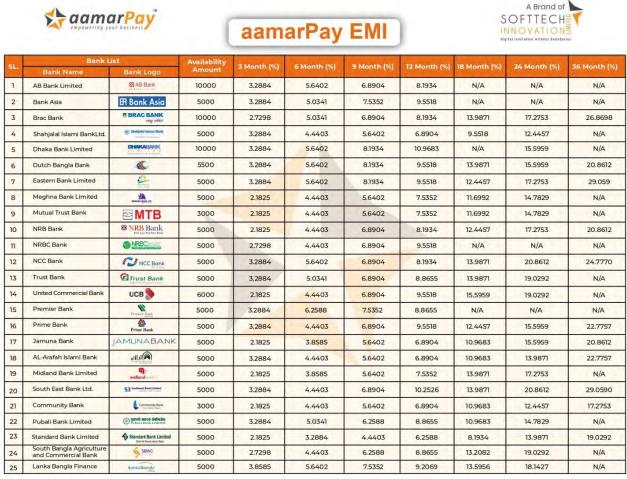
The above graph illustrates that the highest number of leads were generated from social media platforms specially "Facebook" in the year 2023.

aamarPay has plans for social media expansion by building network in Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

3.3 Expanding Reach through Partnerships

aamarPay forged partnership with banks and other financial institution. They offer merchants the EMI facilities through partnerships with over 25+ banks which as a competitive edge.

Partnering with reputed banks increase the merchant and customer trust and result in a better credibility and brand awareness.



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Figure 3: EMI Banking Partners

3.4 Value Proposition:

aamarPay is executing their value proposition approach to craft their sales strategy and marketing tactics by heavily highlighting their Unique Selling Proposition (USP) in terms of

their unique benefits and value that their merchants are getting all under one payment solution which are being offered to businesses of all sizes. aamarPay focuses on aspects such as affordability, security, convenience, and flexibility of their online platform, with inclusion of the wide range of payment options that they support. By concentrating on the value that their payment solution provides, aamarPay is able to differentiate itself from competitors such as SSL Commerz, Shurjopay, etc and gradually acquire new merchants. Moreover, the company's sales strategy also includes offering a free trial or payment demo of their solutions, partnering with other businesses to bundle complementary services, and targeting enterprises of all sizes.

Chapter 4

Analysis and Findings

4.1 aamarPay's Performance

- Strong Revenue Growth: aamarPay has experienced major growth within the last 8 years. Recent sales strategies and marketing campaigns has contributed 15% increase in prospective leads. The conversion rates were improved by 10% with recent development in sales pitch. This indicates that aamarPay business strategy healthy and experiencing a strong growth in revenue.
- Increasing Market Share: The company has achieved compelling market share within a very short pace of time in the payment gateway industry of Bangladesh, becoming one of the prominent players to capture a hefty market share. The below diagram illustrates the current market share of aamarPay:

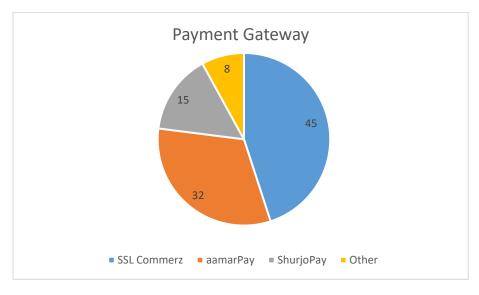


Figure 4: Market Share

• Diversification of Revenue Steams: aamarPay has diversified their product offerings. They are not solely selling payment gateways, They are striving on higher revenue by increasing transaction on their customized app "aamarPay Super App". Moreover, they are offering products like "Muthofun" which delivers bulk SMS service. They are offering customized website development and app development services through a product name "aamar Digital Solution Ltd". In future, aamarPay plans to launch digital lending services to further diversify their business.

• Merchant/ Customer Satisfaction:

Component	Very	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very
	Satisfied				Dissatisfied
Customer	31%	56%	7%	4%	2%
Satisfaction					
Service	31%	48%	15%	4%	2%
Efficiency					
Product	34%	48%	13%	3%	2%
Performance					

Table 1: Customer Satisfaction Survey

From the above table, it is demonstrated that aamarPay is performing well in terms of merchant satisfaction, service efficiency and product performance. The results are showing above industry benchmark. Moreover, this satisfied customer are likely to recommend aamarPay brand to other user which will result in an increased profitability and market share.

Recommendations

As per the analysis and findings of the report, aamarPay has carved a niche place for themselves in payment gateway industry. To further enhance their sales strategies and marketing tactics, few recommendations are presented below. They are as follows:

- Target high growth industries: The company should focus on merchant acquisition
 that belongs from rapidly growing industries of Bangladesh such as e-commerce,
 travel and tours, education, healthcare and digital service.
- Easy onboarding process: A simplified and streamlined onboarding process such as
 reducing paperwork with introduction of revised e-KYC forms will make the whole
 onboarding process more efficient and cost saving. This will result in high merchant
 satisfaction which will increase the repeat purchase and positive word of mouth will
 boost the sales.
- Expand into international markets: The company must explore opportunities in foreign markets and observe if there exist a target market for innovative payment solution. By participating in international trade fairs, they might have initial access and idea on how to operate in internation market.
- Referral Bonus System: By offering incentive for referral existing customers may
 refer new customers for lucrative offers. Thus, this will increase the sales and current
 customer base.
- Emphasizing on creating compelling contents over Social Media Platforms:

 Creating contents that is informative and addressing customer pain points while making transaction must be heavily highlighted. An SEO friendly and engaging contents has more reach and brings quality leads with higher conversion rates.

Moreover, the company must run 2-3 campaigns every month throughout the year.

This will result in higher profits and brand visibility.

• Monitor Customer feedbacks regularly: The company must have regular reviews to know the effectiveness of their sales strategies and marketing initiatives, This will help them to identify areas of improvement and process optimization.

Conclusion

aamarPay has been serving merchants for 8 years and gained this remarkable position in market. The company believe in better merchant support at an affordable cost. In the era of cashless society, they are determined and promised to provide a hassle-free payment receiving journey for their beloved merchants and to be the front runner in providing the best payment solution.

In conclusion, by implementing the presented recommendation, the company can enhance sales growth and marketing reach. By rapidly adapting the market trends and changing customer needs, the company can achieve huge success.

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