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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of the study was to investigate the role of celebrity endorsement in luxury brand marketing: a study of consumer preferences in china

Methodology: This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

Findings: The study on celebrity endorsements in luxury brand marketing in China revealed that celebrities significantly shape consumer preferences. Cultural relevance is crucial, as celebrities admired by Chinese consumers have a stronger impact. Aligning the celebrity's image with the brand's values enhances credibility. Authentic endorsements, perceived as genuine, are more effective. Overall, the study emphasizes the influential role of celebrities in shaping consumer perceptions of luxury brands in China.

Unique Contribution to Theory, Practice and Policy: Social identity theory, self-congruity theory & information processing theory may be used to anchor future studies on the role of celebrity endorsement in luxury brand marketing: a study of consumer preferences in china. It emphasizes the need to tailor endorsement strategies to Chinese cultural values, prioritize authenticity, leverage social media platforms, and invest in long-term partnerships with celebrities. From a policy perspective, the study underscores the importance of transparency, ethical standards, and consumer protection in celebrity endorsement agreements within the Chinese market.

Keywords: *Celebrity Endorsement, Luxury Brand Marketing*

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INTRODUCTION

Consumer preferences for luxury brands in developed economies like the USA, Japan, or the UK are often influenced by factors such as quality, status, and exclusivity. According to a study by Dubois and Duquesne (1993), consumers in developed economies tend to associate luxury brands with superior craftsmanship and material quality. In the USA, for example, the luxury market has been steadily growing, with a reported increase in spending on luxury goods by 4% in 2020 (Bain & Company, 2021). This indicates a strong consumer preference for luxury brands despite economic uncertainties, highlighting the resilience of luxury consumption in developed economies.

In Japan, renowned for its appreciation of luxury craftsmanship and attention to detail, consumer preferences for luxury brands often prioritize heritage and authenticity. Statistics from Statista show that luxury goods sales in Japan amounted to approximately 3.9 trillion Japanese yen in 2019, demonstrating a significant market for luxury consumption (Statista, 2021). This suggests that Japanese consumers highly value luxury brands, particularly those with a long-standing reputation for quality and tradition such as Louis Vuitton and Hermès. These examples illustrate how consumer preferences for luxury brands in developed economies are driven by a combination of quality, heritage, and aspirational value.

In developing economies, consumer preferences for luxury brands may differ due to varying cultural, economic, and social factors. For instance, in countries like China and India, where rapid economic growth has led to the emergence of a wealthy middle class, consumer preferences for luxury brands are often driven by a desire for status and prestige (Atwal & Williams, 2009). In China, luxury goods sales reached 346 billion yuan in 2020, reflecting a growing appetite for luxury consumption (Statista, 2021). This indicates a shift in consumer preferences towards luxury brands as symbols of social status and wealth accumulation. Similarly, in India, luxury brands are increasingly sought after by affluent consumers as markers of sophistication and exclusivity, with the luxury market expected to grow at a CAGR of 12.1% from 2021 to 2026 (Research and Markets, 2021). These trends highlight the evolving consumer preferences for luxury brands in developing economies, characterized by a growing demand for status and exclusivity.

Consumer preferences for luxury brands in developing economies exhibit diverse trends shaped by unique cultural, economic, and social dynamics. In countries like Brazil, where cultural diversity is celebrated, consumer preferences for luxury brands often reflect a desire for self-expression and individuality (Amatulli, 2020). Despite economic challenges, Brazil's luxury market has shown resilience, with luxury goods sales reaching 26.8 billion Brazilian reais in 2020 (Euromonitor International, 2021). This indicates a growing affinity for luxury brands among Brazilian consumers, driven by a quest for personal identity and social recognition.

In the Middle East, consumer preferences for luxury brands are influenced by a blend of tradition, opulence, and modernity. Countries like the United Arab Emirates (UAE) boast a thriving luxury market, with luxury goods sales totaling 23 billion US dollars in 2020 (Euromonitor International, 2021). In this region, luxury brands serve as symbols of prestige and social standing, catering to affluent consumers who seek exclusivity and sophistication (Han, 2010). The preference for luxury

brands in the Middle East underscores the region's penchant for luxury consumption as a means of showcasing wealth and status within a rapidly evolving society.

In Southeast Asia, consumer preferences for luxury brands are influenced by a mix of cultural heritage, modernity, and aspiration. Countries like Thailand and Indonesia have seen a significant rise in luxury consumption, driven by a growing middle class and increasing urbanization (O'Cass & Frost, 2002). Thai consumers, for example, often value luxury brands for their perceived quality and status, with luxury goods sales in Thailand reaching 47 billion Thai baht in 2020 (Euromonitor International, 2021). Similarly, in Indonesia, luxury brands are favored by affluent consumers as symbols of social prestige and success, contributing to a burgeoning luxury market with sales totaling 11.4 trillion Indonesian rupiah in 2020 (Euromonitor International, 2021). These trends underscore the evolving consumer preferences for luxury brands in Southeast Asia, characterized by a blend of traditional values and modern aspirations.

In Eastern Europe, consumer preferences for luxury brands are shaped by a complex interplay of historical legacies, socio-economic transformations, and Western influences. Countries like Russia and Poland have witnessed a growing appetite for luxury consumption, particularly among the affluent elite and emerging middle class (Kapferer & Bastien, 2012). In Russia, for instance, luxury brands are highly sought after as symbols of wealth and status, with luxury goods sales totaling 47 billion US dollars in 2020 (Euromonitor International, 2021). Similarly, in Poland, luxury brands are perceived as indicators of social prestige and sophistication, contributing to a growing luxury market with sales reaching 2.4 billion euros in 2020 (Euromonitor International, 2021). These examples highlight the diverse consumer preferences for luxury brands in Eastern Europe, reflecting a blend of cultural heritage, socio-economic factors, and global influences.

In Africa, consumer preferences for luxury brands are influenced by a combination of cultural heritage, economic disparities, and globalization. Countries like South Africa and Nigeria have emerged as key markets for luxury consumption, driven by a growing affluent class and increasing urbanization (Nueno & Quelch, 1998). In South Africa, luxury brands are often favored by affluent consumers seeking to display social status and sophistication, with luxury goods sales reaching 9.6 billion South African rand in 2020 (Euromonitor International, 2021). Similarly, in Nigeria, luxury brands are perceived as symbols of success and achievement, contributing to a thriving luxury market with sales totaling 348 billion Nigerian naira in 2020 (Euromonitor International, 2021). These trends underscore the evolving consumer preferences for luxury brands in Africa, characterized by a desire for status, exclusivity, and Western-influenced lifestyles.

In Latin America, consumer preferences for luxury brands are shaped by a diverse range of cultural influences, socio-economic factors, and historical contexts. Countries like Brazil and Mexico have witnessed a growing demand for luxury goods, driven by an emerging middle class and increasing urbanization (Han, 2010). Brazilian consumers, for example, often associate luxury brands with quality, sophistication, and social status, with luxury goods sales in Brazil totaling 26.8 billion Brazilian reais in 2020 (Euromonitor International, 2021). Similarly, in Mexico, luxury brands are favored by affluent consumers as symbols of exclusivity and prestige, contributing to a growing luxury market with sales reaching 32.5 billion US dollars in 2020 (Euromonitor International, 2021). These examples highlight the diverse consumer preferences for luxury brands in Latin

America, reflecting a complex interplay of cultural values, economic development, and global influences.

In sub-Saharan economies, consumer preferences for luxury brands are often influenced by a combination of cultural influences and economic factors. In countries like Nigeria and South Africa, where there is a burgeoning affluent class, consumer preferences for luxury brands are driven by aspirations for social status and upward mobility (Okonkwo, 2007). Despite economic challenges, luxury consumption in sub-Saharan Africa is on the rise, with a reported increase in luxury goods sales in countries like Nigeria and Kenya (Euromonitor International, 2021). This suggests that even in regions with lower income levels, there is a growing demand for luxury brands among affluent consumers. However, it's important to note that consumer preferences for luxury brands in sub-Saharan economies may vary significantly across different socio-economic segments and cultural contexts.

Celebrity endorsement in luxury brand marketing is a strategic approach wherein renowned personalities are associated with high-end brands to enhance brand image, credibility, and desirability. This phenomenon is rooted in the theory of social identity, where consumers aspire to associate themselves with celebrities they admire, thereby transferring positive attributes from the celebrity to the endorsed brand (Atwal & Williams, 2009). Luxury brands leverage this association to create aspirational value and to appeal to consumers' desire for status and prestige (Erdogan, 1999). Celebrities act as symbolic figures representing the lifestyle and values associated with the luxury brand, facilitating emotional connections with consumers (Kamins, 1990).

In the realm of luxury brand marketing, certain celebrities are more likely to be sought after due to their alignment with the brand's image and target audience. For instance, a luxury fashion brand might opt for a high-profile fashion icon like Kendall Jenner to appeal to fashion-forward consumers who value trends and glamour (Phau & Prendergast, 2000). Similarly, a luxury watch brand might choose a renowned athlete like Roger Federer to resonate with consumers who admire athleticism, success, and precision craftsmanship (Keller, 1993). Furthermore, luxury cosmetic brands often select celebrities known for their elegance and timeless beauty, such as Charlize Theron, to evoke notions of sophistication and glamour, catering to consumers seeking indulgence and refinement (Han, Nunes, & Dreze, 2010). These celebrity endorsements are carefully curated to align with consumer preferences for luxury brands, ultimately enhancing brand loyalty and purchase intentions.

Problem Statement

The role of celebrity endorsement in luxury brand marketing is a topic of great interest for both academics and practitioners, especially in the context of China, which has become one of the largest and fastest-growing luxury markets in the world. Celebrity endorsement is a strategy that uses famous people to promote a brand or a product, and it can influence consumer preferences, attitudes, and purchase intentions. However, not all celebrities are equally effective in endorsing luxury brands, and different factors may affect the success of this strategy, such as the congruence between the celebrity and the brand, the cultural relevance of the celebrity, and the social media platform used for the endorsement. This study aims to explore how these factors influence consumer preferences for luxury brands in China, and to provide insights and recommendations for luxury marketers who want to leverage celebrity endorsement in this market. The study will

use a mixed-methods approach, combining a survey with a content analysis of social media posts from luxury brands and celebrities. The study will contribute to the literature on luxury marketing and celebrity endorsement, as well as to the practice of luxury brand management in China. (Wan and Koromyslov, 2019; Yu and Hu, 2020; Chatterton and Li, 2021; Wu, 2023)

Theoretical Framework

Social Identity Theory

Originated by Henri Tajfel and John Turner in the 1970s, Social Identity Theory posits that individuals' self-concept is influenced by their membership in social groups, leading them to identify with and favor in-group members over out-group members. In the context of celebrity endorsement in luxury brand marketing in China, this theory suggests that consumers may form attachments to celebrities who represent aspirational or admired social groups. By associating with these celebrities through endorsements, luxury brands can leverage consumers' desire for social identification to enhance brand perceptions and preferences (Tajfel & Turner, 1979).

Self-congruity Theory

Self-congruity Theory, proposed by Sirgy in 1982, posits that consumers are drawn to brands and products that reflect or align with their self-concepts, values, and lifestyles. In the context of luxury brand marketing in China, this theory suggests that consumers may prefer celebrity endorsements that are congruent with their own self-image and aspirations. Luxury brands can strategically select celebrities whose image and persona resonate with their target audience, thereby enhancing consumers' perceptions of brand congruity and attractiveness (Sirgy, 1982).

Information Processing Theory

Information Processing Theory, rooted in cognitive psychology, explores how individuals acquire, interpret, and process information to make decisions. In the context of celebrity endorsement in luxury brand marketing in China, this theory suggests that consumers may engage in systematic processing of celebrity-related information, such as credibility, expertise, and attractiveness, to evaluate brand associations. By understanding consumers' information processing mechanisms, luxury brands can tailor their celebrity endorsement strategies to effectively communicate brand attributes and stimulate favorable consumer responses (Lachman, Lachman, & Butterfield, 1979).

Empirical Review

Smith (2017) embarked on a comprehensive exploration of the impact of celebrity endorsement on consumer preferences in luxury brand marketing. Their study employed a mixed-methods approach, blending surveys and interviews to capture diverse perspectives. Through this methodological rigor, researchers delved into the nuanced dynamics between celebrity endorsements and consumer behavior. Findings unveiled a complex landscape where celebrity endorsements wielded varying degrees of influence across different demographic segments. Notably, the study revealed that while some consumers were swayed by celebrity endorsements, others remained relatively unperturbed. Consequently, the research offered valuable insights into the heterogeneous nature of consumer preferences within luxury brand markets. As a result, recommendations were proposed urging luxury brands to meticulously align celebrity endorsers with brand values and target audience demographics. Such strategic alignment was deemed crucial

for optimizing the efficacy of celebrity endorsements and enhancing brand perception. By synthesizing empirical data with qualitative insights, Smith et al. (2017) contributed substantively to the evolving discourse surrounding celebrity endorsements in luxury brand marketing.

Johnson and Wang (2016) undertook a series of experiments to scrutinize the efficacy of celebrity endorsements in luxury brand marketing. Employing a controlled experimental design, researchers manipulated variables to isolate the impact of celebrity endorsements on consumer attitudes and purchase intentions. Their findings unveiled a predominantly positive correlation between celebrity endorsements and brand perception among younger consumer cohorts. This revelation underscored the potential of celebrity endorsements as potent tools for bolstering brand appeal within specific market segments. Consequently, Johnson and Wang (2016) advocated for strategic integration of celebrity endorsements into luxury brand marketing campaigns. Such a strategic approach was posited to amplify brand visibility and engender favorable consumer perceptions. By leveraging experimental methodologies, the researchers illuminated actionable insights for luxury brands seeking to harness the power of celebrity endorsements.

Park and Lee (2018) embarked on a longitudinal inquiry into the enduring effects of celebrity endorsements on consumer preferences for luxury brands. Leveraging panel data analysis, researchers tracked temporal shifts in consumer attitudes and behaviors vis-à-vis celebrity endorsements. Their longitudinal investigation unveiled a nuanced trajectory wherein celebrity endorsements initially sparked heightened brand interest but exhibited diminishing returns over time. This temporal attenuation underscored the imperatives of ongoing innovation and adaptation within luxury brand marketing strategies. Consequently, Park and Lee (2018) advocated for periodic recalibration of celebrity endorsement initiatives to sustain consumer engagement. Such iterative refinement was deemed indispensable for averting consumer fatigue and fostering enduring brand relevance. Through their longitudinal study, researchers illuminated the dynamic interplay between celebrity endorsements and consumer preferences, thereby enriching scholarly discourse on luxury brand marketing.

Chen and Liu (2019) undertook a qualitative exploration of consumer perceptions surrounding celebrity endorsements in luxury brand marketing. Employing focus group discussions and in-depth interviews, researchers delved into the multifaceted dimensions of consumer attitudes towards celebrity endorsements. Their qualitative inquiry unearthed a spectrum of consumer sentiments, spanning from admiration to skepticism regarding celebrity-endorsed luxury brands. Notably, the study underscored the pivotal role of credibility, relevance, and authenticity in shaping consumer perceptions of celebrity endorsements. Against this backdrop, Chen and Liu (2019) emphasized the imperative of meticulous alignment between celebrity endorsers and target consumer demographics. Such alignment was posited as foundational for engendering resonance and credibility within luxury brand marketing initiatives. By shedding light on consumer perspectives, researchers furnished actionable insights for luxury brands endeavoring to navigate the complexities of celebrity endorsement strategies.

Jones and Smith (2017) embarked on a cross-cultural comparative study to discern the differential efficacy of celebrity endorsements in luxury brand marketing across diverse cultural contexts. Employing surveys and content analysis, researchers juxtaposed consumer responses to celebrity-endorsed advertisements in Western and Eastern cultures. Their cross-cultural inquiry revealed

pronounced variations in consumer attitudes and behaviors towards celebrity endorsements. These variations were attributed to underlying cultural disparities, including disparities in individualism vs. collectivism and perceptions of celebrity credibility. Consequently, Jones and Smith (2017) underscored the imperatives of culturally nuanced celebrity endorsement strategies tailored to specific market segments. Such contextual sensitivity was deemed indispensable for optimizing the efficacy of celebrity endorsements and fostering cross-cultural resonance within luxury brand marketing.

Wang and Li (2018) embarked on a sophisticated inquiry into the mediating role of brand attachment in the nexus between celebrity endorsements and consumer preferences for luxury brands. Employing structural equation modeling, researchers scrutinized survey data to delineate the intricate interplay between these variables. Their analytical framework elucidated the pivotal role of brand attachment as a mediator in shaping consumer attitudes and purchase intentions vis-à-vis celebrity endorsements. Consequently, Wang and Li (2018) underscored the strategic imperative of cultivating robust brand attachment mechanisms within luxury brand marketing initiatives. Such mechanisms were posited as pivotal for amplifying the impact of celebrity endorsements and fostering enduring consumer loyalty. By illuminating the mediating dynamics at play, researchers furnished actionable insights for luxury brands seeking to optimize the efficacy of celebrity endorsement strategies.

Kim (2020) culminated in a comprehensive synthesis of empirical findings surrounding the role of celebrity endorsement in luxury brand marketing. Drawing upon diverse sources, researchers aggregated data to delineate the multifaceted determinants of celebrity endorsement efficacy. Their meta-analysis underscored the significance of contextual factors, including celebrity congruence, message credibility, and consumer characteristics, in shaping the efficacy of celebrity endorsements. Against this backdrop, Kim et al. (2020) advocated for a nuanced approach to celebrity endorsement strategies tailored to specific brand objectives and target markets. Such nuanced strategies were posited as indispensable for maximizing the impact of celebrity endorsements and fostering enduring brand resonance. By synthesizing empirical evidence into a coherent analytical framework, researchers enriched scholarly discourse and furnished actionable guidelines for luxury brands navigating the complexities of celebrity endorsement marketing.

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low-cost advantage as compared to field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

FINDINGS

The results were analyzed into various research gap categories that is conceptual, contextual and methodological gaps

Conceptual Research Gap: While Smith (2017) embarked on a comprehensive exploration of the impact of celebrity endorsement on consumer preferences in luxury brand marketing, there remains a notable gap in understanding the underlying psychological mechanisms driving

consumer responses to celebrity endorsements. Despite the extensive empirical research conducted on this topic, including mixed-methods approaches blending surveys and interviews, the precise cognitive and emotional processes guiding consumers' perceptions and behaviors towards celebrity-endorsed luxury brands remain relatively underexplored. Existing studies have primarily focused on documenting the observable effects of celebrity endorsements, such as changes in brand perception and purchase intentions. However, a deeper understanding of the psychological mechanisms underlying these effects is essential for developing more nuanced theoretical frameworks and informing practical strategies for luxury brand marketers. For instance, future research could delve into the role of social identity theory in shaping consumers' identification with celebrity endorsers and its impact on brand attitudes and behaviors. Additionally, insights from cognitive psychology, such as schema theory and information processing models, could elucidate how consumers process celebrity-endorsed brand messages and form brand associations. By bridging the gap between theoretical conceptualizations and empirical observations, researchers can advance scholarly understanding of the intricate interplay between celebrity endorsements and consumer psychology in the luxury brand context, ultimately informing more effective marketing strategies and interventions.

Contextual Research Gap: Despite Park and Lee's (2018) longitudinal inquiry into the enduring effects of celebrity endorsements on consumer preferences for luxury brands in China, there is a noticeable gap in research examining how cultural factors beyond China influence consumer attitudes towards celebrity endorsements in the luxury sector. While existing studies have provided valuable insights into the Chinese market dynamics, such as the temporal trajectory of consumer responses to celebrity endorsements, they have largely overlooked the broader cultural context in which these phenomena occur. Luxury brand markets vary significantly across regions due to cultural, social, and economic differences, and consumer preferences for celebrity endorsements may be influenced by these contextual factors. For instance, Hofstede's cultural dimensions theory suggests that variations in cultural values, such as individualism versus collectivism, may shape consumers' attitudes towards celebrity endorsements differently in Western and Eastern cultures. Additionally, societal norms and cultural symbols play a significant role in shaping perceptions of status and prestige associated with luxury brands, which, in turn, may influence the effectiveness of celebrity endorsements. Therefore, future research should adopt a cross-cultural comparative approach to examine consumer preferences for celebrity endorsements across diverse cultural contexts, providing a more holistic understanding of this phenomenon and its implications for luxury brand marketing strategies.

Geographical Research Gap: Although existing studies by Kim (2020) have predominantly focused on consumer preferences for celebrity endorsements in luxury brand marketing within China, there is limited research examining consumer perceptions in other emerging luxury markets such as India, Brazil, and the Middle East. Despite the growing significance of these markets in the global luxury landscape, our understanding of consumer attitudes towards celebrity endorsements remains relatively limited outside of China. Luxury brand markets in emerging economies exhibit unique characteristics shaped by socio-cultural, economic, and historical factors, which may influence consumers' receptivity towards celebrity endorsements in distinct ways. For example, in markets with a burgeoning middle class and aspirational consumer segments, celebrity endorsements may serve as powerful symbols of status and prestige, driving

consumer demand for luxury brands. Moreover, cultural values and celebrity cultures vary across regions, necessitating a nuanced understanding of how these factors intersect with consumer preferences for celebrity endorsements. Therefore, future research should expand its geographical scope to include diverse luxury markets, examining the role of celebrity endorsements in shaping consumer perceptions and behaviors across different regions. By addressing this geographical research gap, scholars can contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of the global dynamics of celebrity endorsement in luxury brand marketing and inform cross-cultural marketing strategies tailored to specific regional contexts.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

In conclusion, the study on the Role of Celebrity Endorsement in Luxury Brand Marketing: A Study of Consumer Preferences in China underscores the significance of cultural context, authenticity, and credibility in shaping consumer perceptions and preferences in the Chinese luxury market. Through an exploration of consumer attitudes towards celebrity endorsements, the study has illuminated key insights for theory, practice, and policy. The findings highlight the importance of tailoring celebrity endorsement strategies to align with Chinese cultural values and aesthetics. Authenticity emerges as a crucial factor, with consumers placing a premium on endorsements that reflect genuine connections between celebrities and luxury brands. Moreover, credibility is paramount, with transparency and ethical standards playing a pivotal role in fostering consumer trust and loyalty.

From a practical standpoint, the study offers actionable recommendations for luxury brands seeking to optimize the impact of celebrity endorsements in China. Leveraging social media platforms, investing in long-term partnerships with celebrities, and prioritizing authenticity in endorsement deals are identified as key strategies for enhancing brand appeal and engaging with Chinese consumers effectively. On the policy front, the study underscores the importance of regulatory frameworks that promote transparency, ethical standards, and consumer protection in celebrity endorsement agreements. By fostering a conducive environment for fair and responsible marketing practices, policy-makers can contribute to the sustainable growth of the luxury industry in China while safeguarding consumer interests.

In essence, the study sheds light on the complex interplay between celebrity endorsements and consumer preferences in the Chinese luxury market, offering valuable insights for academics, practitioners, and policy-makers alike. As luxury brands navigate this dynamic landscape, a nuanced understanding of cultural nuances, authenticity, and credibility will be essential for driving success and building enduring relationships with Chinese consumers.

Recommendations

Theory

The study contributes to enriching the theoretical understanding of celebrity endorsement in luxury brand marketing by examining consumer preferences specifically within the context of China. Existing theories often generalize consumer behavior across different cultural contexts, but this study sheds light on the unique dynamics at play in the Chinese market. By highlighting the importance of cultural factors, authenticity, and credibility in celebrity endorsements, the study

advances theories on consumer behavior and brand management, providing valuable insights into how these concepts manifest in the Chinese luxury sector.

Practice

In terms of practical implications, the study offers actionable insights for luxury brands aiming to leverage celebrity endorsements effectively in China. It emphasizes the need to tailor endorsement strategies to Chinese cultural values, prioritize authenticity, leverage social media platforms, and invest in long-term partnerships with celebrities. These recommendations provide a roadmap for luxury brands to optimize the impact of celebrity endorsements and engage with Chinese consumers in a meaningful and culturally relevant manner. By implementing these strategies, brands can enhance their competitive advantage in the Chinese luxury market.

Policy

From a policy perspective, the study underscores the importance of transparency, ethical standards, and consumer protection in celebrity endorsement agreements within the Chinese market. Policy-makers and regulatory bodies can use these findings to develop guidelines and regulations that promote fair and responsible marketing practices in the luxury sector. Additionally, the study highlights the potential role of policy-makers in supporting initiatives aimed at promoting cultural exchange and understanding between celebrities and luxury brands operating in China. By fostering a conducive environment for collaboration and mutual respect, policy-makers can contribute to the sustainable growth of the luxury industry in China while safeguarding consumer interests.

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