Hogyan nyer magának újabb ügyfeleket a P-SAT

Since November 2010 wholesaler and retailer P-SAT Kft has been leasing this 330 square meter building in northern Budapest; the 150 square meter warehouse in the background also belongs to P-SAT. The company also operates a very popular Internet digital TV community as well as a web shop under the name SAT.HU. The company has six employees.

- Saját vevőinek szánt magazinja van
- Árúház szerű üzletet hozott létre
- Tervbe vette a saját tévémárkája szervizelését,
- Magyarország egyik legismertebb webközösséget működteti
Active and full of ideas: A successful climb

Anyone, whether it's a manufacturer or a dealer, who has something to sell has the same problem: how do you win new customers? What good is the best product if no one knows about it? What use are all those sensational offers if no one is aware of them? How do you make your potential customers notice your products? Every successful manufacturer and every successful dealer managed to find their own solution.

A wholesaler that came up with an especially interesting solution to this problem is P-SAT in Hungary. The founder and operator of this company, Tibor Posta, gave us some insight into how he solved the problem of winning new customers.

But first we wanted to learn more about Posta's Company P-SAT. Obviously, the "P" in P-SAT stands for his name Posta. "The company P-SAT Kft was founded in 2002", explains Tibor Posta. Before that time he was an antenna installer. "In 1991 I started out erecting TV antennas", he remembers, "This was at the same time when Hungary started their second TV channel via UHF." His first customer was his parents. And then it happened as it usually does: friends and relatives would call and Tibor Posta ended up with more and more work to do. Back then he lived in eastern Hungary and..."
one day he realized that the antennas and cable plus whatever else he needed could be acquired less expensively at wholesalers in Budapest. The breakthrough came when he began reselling these cheaper components to antenna installers where he lived. In 2002 he decided to immerse himself completely in this new job as a dealer and founded P-SAT as a Limited company (Kft in Hungarian). Since he purchased his antenna components as before from wholesalers in Budapest, he opened a small office there in 2003: "It was only 20 square meters in size," says Tibor Posta, "and had a secretary."

But then, of course, the next logical step came: why buy your components from other wholesalers when you can buy them directly from the manufacturers? P-SAT converted into a wholesaler that ultimately became so strong that Tibor Posta brought two additional partners into his company that are also involved in the satellite field in Hungary. "The two partners have a 49% stake in the company; with 51% share I hold the majority stake," he revealed regarding the ownership stake in P-SAT.

Parallel to all of these activities, Tibor Posta also took command of the Internet: "In 1996 I started my website and in 1999 a web shop was added to it. In 2000 I started sat.hu," comments Tibor Posta. The latter is today one of the most well-known digital TV web communities in Hungary. This takes us to the subject of marketing and the winning of customers. To become known, Tibor Posta from the beginning on has relied on the media. "I write quite a few articles myself," he says, "and especially in the beginning I sent many articles to local newspapers." That's how his small company became bigger and bigger: "At some point there was a local satellite magazine in which I regularly placed ads. I even put ads in Hungarian TV programming magazines." That's how his small company became bigger and bigger: "At some point there was a local satellite magazine in which I regularly placed ads. I even put ads in Hungarian TV programming magazines."

So far so good, but times had changed. "That Hungarian satellite magazine doesn't exist anymore and there is no longer any source of specialized information for the local market outside of the Internet", he continued. His solution? Publish his own customer magazine. "That started in 2009: the first three issues were published for our professional customers under the name sat.hu", he remembers. "As I was preparing the fourth issue, the idea came to me to change the target group of my magazine from dealers to end-users." And so, in October of 2010 the first issue of "Tevésről Egyéb Magazin" (Simple TV Reception Magazine) appeared. It consisted of 32 pages that explained in layman's terms the technology behind TV reception. The magazine is put together professionally and naturally has product write-ups from only those manufacturers that are part of P-SAT's program.

"We print 5000 issues and ship the magazine to end-users as well as to our roughly 200 professional customers, that is, small dealers and installers." The magazine is free for end-users; dealers pay a small fee to cover some of the expenses. "In return, they can put their own stamp on the back; this brings customers directly to them", he adds. But that's not all: "In 2011 we began offering our website as a fran..."
chise.” This means that dealers and installers can use their own websites to link directly to P-SAT’s web shop. Ten of their largest dealer customers have already done that; Tibor Posta is convinced another 15 will soon be on board after which 25 of the top dealers will be linked to the sat.hu web shop. “If an end-user finds something interesting in the magazine, he can order it online through each of our dealer partners and it always ends up in our web shop.”

Tibor Posta would like to publish two or three issues of his magazine each year and hopes that this will further increase his exposure and thereby bring in even more new customers for his digital TV products. Naturally the costs of publishing your own magazine have to be put up against the hoped-for success but as Tibor Posta puts it, “How else are we supposed to reach the end users with useful digital TV reception information?”

It’s a bold move to start your own customer magazine. In a small country such as Hungary (roughly 10 million inhabitants) in which local trade magazines already face difficulties because...
the number of readers are simply too low, the start of your own customer magazine is an interesting alternative. "10% of our profits go to marketing", explains Tibor Posta, "and it just so happens that our magazine is part of that marketing."

He's not only active in local marketing; he actually has some far reaching plans and ideas: "Content is missing here in Hungary. I've been giving a lot of thought to starting a TV channel." P-SAT could possibly start its own P-TV channel via IPTV or satellite as early as 2012. "I'm currently in negotiations with a number of TV rights owners", reveals Tibor Posta. He has managed to go from nothing to an ever-increasingly successful company thanks to his non-stop diligence. One thing is for sure, Tibor Posta is never short of ideas!

1. Should there be a problem with a receiver, Technical Manager Máté Nágy quickly takes care of the repairs.
2. Warehouse Manager Csandal Posta keeps everything organized in the warehouse. Yes, before you ask, he is owner Tibor Posta's son.