

# Growing the Premium Bathroom Tissue Category in Norway by Improving the Category Mix

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# The Norvegian Market



- Bathroom tissue market has been historically very strongly biased in favour of recycled simple economy segment products
- After Lambi was introduced into Norway in 1995 the development started towards a more premium market
- Today the market is polarised between a strong premium segment and a still strong but declined economy segment
  - Economy has declined from 64 % value share in 2001 to 48 % in 2005
  - Premium has grown from 26% to 39 % in the same time period thanks to Lambi and its followers

# Lambi History in a Nutshell



- Born 1960.
- Named "Vita Lamm" until 1980.
- Lambi since end of 1980.
- Only a Scandinavian brand until 1994.
- 1995: New era for Lambi: Consistent brand building started
  - New integrated concept
  - Lambi lamb as a communicator
    - Increased consumer interest to tissue categories
    - Increased consumers emotional involvement to brand
- Nordic brand, launch in Finland 1997.
- Launches in Poland and Baltics in 2000's
- Brand development continues in 2000's
  - Package design upgrade 2001
  - Product quality upgrade in 2002



# Lambi product development: New Lambi Spot Embossing in 2002.



Consumer need driven product development process

 Requirements for a good bathroom tissue are perfectly met by Lambi

Consumer reactions to new Spot Embossed Lambi:

Paper "Soft, exclusive, esthetic,

Lambi-embossing => a guarantee for a premium quality'

Roll "Compact, tidy roll => long lasting, communicates high q

"New Embossing identifies the brand => communicates high quality and trustworthiness"

> Sources for consumer comments: Amarillo, Focus groups, Norway 2002

# New Lambi Quality Launch in Norway 2002



#### Communication

- On-pack
- Advertising
- POS-material
- Campaigns & promotions



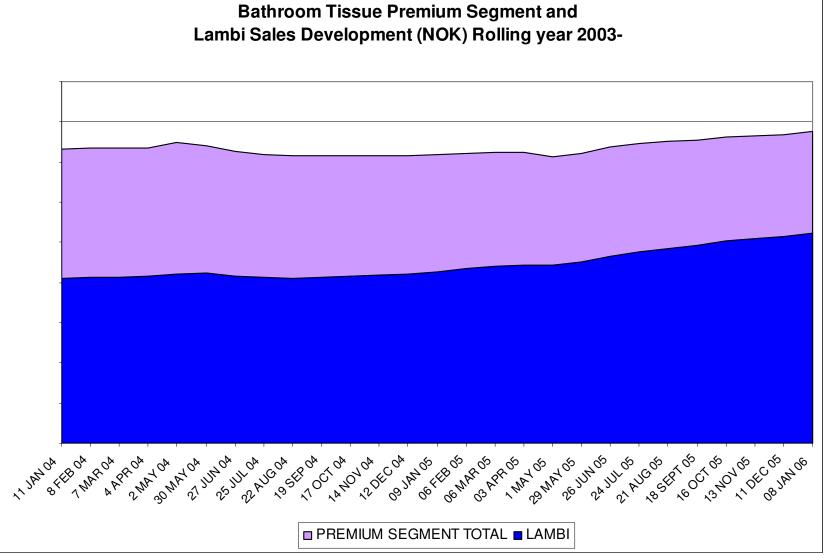
#### Launch was welcomed both by retailers and consumers

- Premium quality, premium price => Category growth
- More consumer interest in tissue categories
- Consumers wanted to trial product and they were satisfied with the quality
  - => penetration 40%, loyalty (value) over 50%

# **Bathroom Tissue Premium Segment and Lambi** Sales Development (NOK) Rolling year 2003 - 05

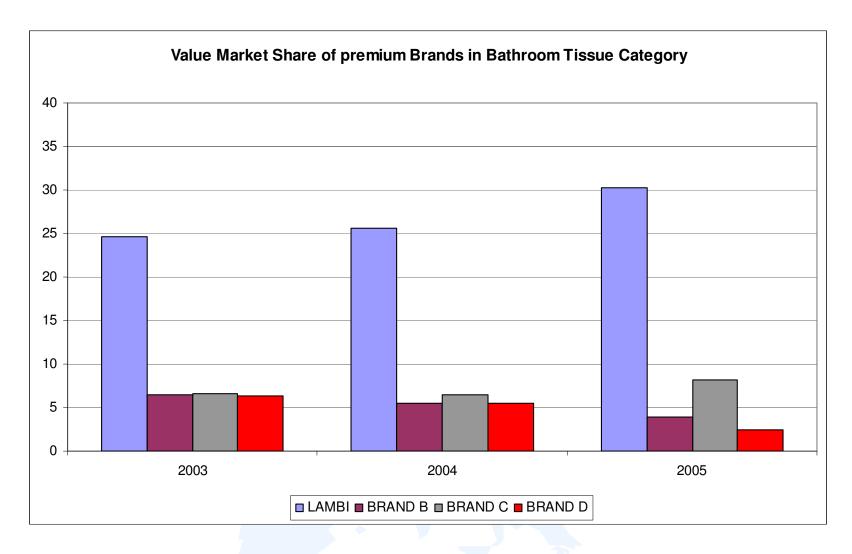






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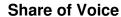


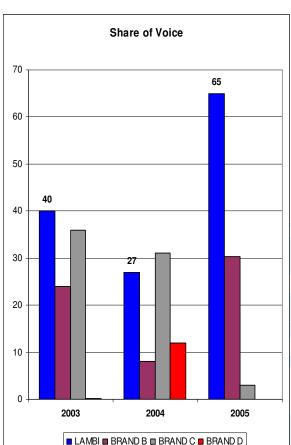
**Value Market Share of Premium Brands in Bathroom Tissue Category** 

Source: Nielsen

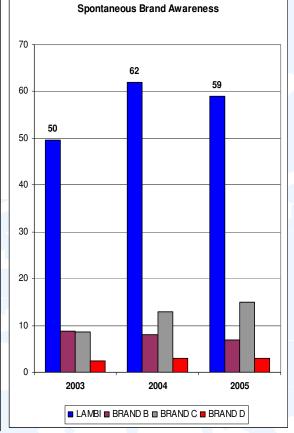
# Continuous investment in branding is necessary for results







## Spontaneous Brand Awareness



■ Lambi ■ Brand B ■ Brand C ■ Brand D

## **Spontaneous Ad Awareness**

