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The Impact of Passion on The Sales Performance

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#### **Abstract**

The current study focused on fundamental gap in sales literature to investigate how sales performance and job satisfaction are determined in an investigation of the sales force of a direct selling organization. The point of this study is to discover the direct relationship amongst harmonious passion, obsessive passion and sales performance in food and beverage industry. It also investigates the mediating role of salesman self-efficacy between the dimensions of passions and sales performance and also moderated path analysis of customer orientation with self-efficacy and sales performance.

## **Chapter One Introduction**

#### 1.1 Introduction

Philosophy has long considered the concept of passion. However, psychology experts have studied event passion. Empirical studies on passion have mostly focused on topics like romantic relationships. Although the titles are different, these notions are typically useful to participation activities, emotion-related components of the activity, and activities. Vallerand and colleagues (2013) define passion as a strong tendency to devote time and energy in people's likes and dislikes depending on these combinations. Another rationale for this standard. Vibrant activities must be internalized by individuals. Passionate golfers play and live like golfers. Thus, activity defines humans. For passion, the value dimension is very crucial. Zealous activity is mostly distinguishable from other intriguing but non-critical activities. Vallerand and coworkers believe there are two types of passion: OP and HP. The distinction between the two is the internalization process that occurs when enthusiastic activities become part of an individual's identity. Controlled or autonomic. Independent internalization leads to an HP, whereas measured internalization generates a "activity" that manages the individual's obsessive passion.

The study also demonstrates the distinction between passion and other incentive structures, such as intrinsic motivation. Dynamic activity is appreciated and internalized by an individual, unlike intrinsic motivation. For motivational activities in nature, this is not strictly essential. Passionate activities should have a positive impact on people's lives rather than motives and ambitions.

Customer-Orientation sales force shows capacity to analyze and serve customer wants. We think customer orientation and customer association quality are positively correlated. Customer-centric sales employees work hard to understand their consumers and prevent damaging relationships. Customer-oriented sales become increasingly concerned with negative social signals when customer happiness rises due to empathetic accuracy.

From a customer-focused approach, salespeople might forego precision to uncover negative leads that could dissatisfy customers. Thus, customer orientation improves customer relationships but lowers sales relations and customer satisfaction. Organizational factors' nature and qualities have affected corporate performance in the previous decade. In today's extremely competitive company world, marketing strategy is the key to success because we must continually give superior products and services to our customers. Over the past decade, management has changed since firms typically cannot focus on customers and the market. Thus, sales and customer orientations reveal how salespeople interact with customers. CO salespeople care about customer service and problem-solving. Expanded

literature examines how a client's customer orientation affects sales performance.

Responding to inquiries on customer orientation and sales outcomes Lopez evaluated the seller's mental environment's intermediary effect on customer orientation and sales interactions.

At least two more ways for sellers to understand their impressions and sales skills are researched for consumer impact on consumers. These studies imply that interactive factors through coordination or coordination mechanisms can better explain how customer orientation affects sales efficiency than merely talking about the connection.

#### 1.2 Problem Statement

The sales performance has been examined, but many questions remain unanswered due to the lack of comprehensive literature. Since the preliminary client research is conducted outside Asian region, the outcome is less likely in a nation like Saudi Arabia, which is located in Asia. In the field of food and beverage research, there is a dearth of empirical studies. Furthermore, factors like Salesman Passion, Self-efficacy, and the Customer orientation that effect sales performance in Saudi have received little attention. The effect of salespeople's expertise as a mediator and customer orientation as a moderator, however, has not been the subject of any research to yet. Self-efficacy acts as a moderator between salespeople's passion, their experience, and their performance, according to recent research.

### 1.3 The Research Questions

Below can be found the study's central research question.

- How much does harmonic passion affect sales performance?
- How much does obsessive passion effect sales performance?
- How can a person's sense of efficacy get affected by their level of passion?
- What influences self-efficacy is intense passion?

## 1.4 The Research Objectives

The below are the research objectives:

- In order to better understand the relationship between passion and sales performance.
- The relationship between obsessive passion and sales performance will be investigated.
- To investigate the relationship between balanced passion and one's own efficacy.

- The relationship between obsessive passion and self-efficacy will be investigated.
- The goal is to investigate the relationship between sales performance and self-efficacy.

## 1.5 Significance of study

An overview of the many reasons for the current organizational sales performance is provided in this study. An overview of how sales performance may be improved using ideas from the examination of salespeople's passions is provided in this study. Further research on this structure will be based on the findings of this study as a ratio. A theoretically significant moderator may be identified with the aid of the present research synthesis.

The findings of this research will aid in the development of marketing strategies for a variety of domestic and international companies operating in Saudi Arabia. And will assist advertisers, as well as students in this area, in comprehending and meeting the needs of customers in a way that is both ethical and respectful of the country's rich culture. It will also assist in comprehending the context and situation in which Saudi Arabian sales performance takes place.

## **Chapter Two Literature Review**

# 2.1 The Harmonious passion

One definition of "passion for harmony" is "the motivation to induce individuals to participate in their activities." Individuals have complete autonomy over their time and energy investments. This fuels interest in and enthusiasm for taking corrective measures. In addition, as its name implies, harmony and peace (HP) or stability with other living surroundings is a driving force behind this passion. Internal stress exercises, on the other hand, are a hallmark of compulsive passion. Individuals are always under pressure or internal push and lose control of their activities. An imbalance occurs when one's passion for an activity takes precedence over other aspects of their identity and everyday life. Harmony is related with positive consequences, according to studies of passionate emotions, actions, and mental outcomes.

A harmonious passion is seen as a particular activity, and a harmonious passion forecast has greater weight. The passion for harmony, in particular, seems to be a key motivator for health, energy, and movement. The idea of passion should significantly contribute to the human experience in the workplace given their significance in all spheres of life.

#### 2.2 The Obsessive Passions

Obsession with a passion may cause a person to become dependent on their activity, much like when they become addicted to drugs. These activities, in turn, are steadfastly tenacious, inspiring individuals to keep at them even when things go wrong or productivity is poor. Passionate individuals, for instance, are more prone to engage in risky activities (such as the financial crisis's underlying "gamble") or activities that result in damage. Obsessive behavior is linked to both positive and negative outcomes. Obsessive passion is linked to negative outcomes, such as a passionate connection to these positive outcomes or a single or excessive investment in an activity.

## 2.3 The Self-Efficacy

When a sales team has a high level of self-Efficacy, they are better able to strengthen relationships with customers by showcasing their knowledge of the industry and calming their fears. Thus, we anticipate a positive link between self-efficacy and the quality of relationships with customers. Studies of the accuracy of empirical predictions demonstrate, however, that individuals are sometimes biased towards accepting them as true. In the case of self-marketers, the drive to maintain self-esteem might replace the need to explore the truth about the quality of customer relationships, boosting the accuracy of empathy. Self-

efficacy, in particular, motivates individuals to retain their view by focusing on positive outcomes. Therefore, those who have a high sense of self-efficacy are preoccupied with themselves, focusing on the positive and disregarding the negative.

### **2.4** The Customer Orientation

The term "customer-oriented" is commonly used to describe salespeople that craft unique encounters and solutions for their clients. Emotional variable describing professional ethics as a focus on the customer. People in sales that put the customer first are eager to learn about their problems and come up with innovative solutions. As part of their commitment to the customer, salespeople who practice "Free Flow of Information" seek out customers' perspectives and work together to address their concerns. Because of this, Customer Orientation salesmen experience a great deal of anxiety whenever they are in the presence of paying customers.

From a business perspective, this demonstrates how Customer Orientation and sales instructions may shape a salesperson's actions. Sales research may have a positive impact on a salesperson's performance in both directions, despite the fact that SO and Customer Orientation are often seen as being on opposite ends of the same continuum. We don't see any reason why these two directions can't coexist in anyone's head (in terms of, say, motivation). However, there is the possibility that these directions are bidirectional. As a result, we propose that the most recent research on individual sales and sales management has shown that having a customer orientation results in positive behavioral outcomes such as improved work performance.

## 2.5 The Sales Performances

Formal and empirical studies of adaptation and sales behavior have made significant contributions to the business performance literature in the wake of recent developments in sales theory and practice. The primary tenet of this study is the ability of salespeople to innovate through customer interaction. The quality of interactions, customer satisfaction, and sales will all improve whether or not the tasks assigned during the service meeting are really carried out. While it is clear from the prior literature that marketing-linked awareness is a key factor in sales performance, it is also clear that there are other crucial factors. In fact, corporations are increasingly putting a premium on quality and putting pressure on their frontline workers to provide exceptional performance due to the intense competition they face. As a result, customers cannot utilize their expertise to judge a product's

suitability for addressing their problems. Sales performance is significantly influenced by this data.

# 2.6 The Harmonious Passion and Sales Performance

The ability to incorporate learning and positive feedback with harmonious enjoyment and positive impacts, on the other hand, is increased by a passionate individual. A passionate approach (whether infatuation or harmony) might be useful in instances of leadership. The key to improving performance may lie in finding a common ground between a leader's passion and the needs of the business. Mission performance and engagement may be impacted by the leader's passion and environment.

The connections between the two kinds of passion and performance are then suggested. However, there is a lack of understanding of the connection between a salesperson's unique actions and the abilities he possesses (which influences the effectiveness of customer orientation) in describing his orientation of sales. Higher levels of performance have been linked to a passion for harmony. The passion for harmony, for instance, boosts job fulfilment and reduces burnout. According to certain studies, performance improves when there is a passion for harmony. The passion for coordination has been shown to provide a diversity of adaptive outcomes, with an emphasis on improving health and vitality. People that are passionate about a system are more likely to perform well.

### 2.7 The Obsessive Passion and Sales Performance

Exciting passion and successful endeavors have been found in previous studies on passion. Participation in a business network is less lucrative for highly motivated entrepreneurs since they are less likely to become connected with other participants. As a result, this might cut into your earnings. Those with a high degree of passion rose to even greater prominence in deliberate practice, according to research of the individual characteristics of the positive features of obsessive positivity with students, athletes, and a musical ensemble. The drive and inspiration to achieve higher performance are also provided by obsessive passion. More work time was designed to have a positive correlation with the forces. You may achieve this aim by deliberate practice with the aid of obsessive passion. To achieve higher performance than others, Obsession also provides energy and inspiration.

There was a correlation between the marketer's sample and increased hours of forced passion. Passionate about maximizing performance in an ongoing endeavor. More specifically, performance improves when loser tolerance decreases. Therefore, sales tactics

are an important intervention variable that may significantly affect business performance in the context of customer-oriented sales methods. Ambitious goal setting, passion, and empowerment all benefit from obsessive passion. Obsession may aid in the accomplishment of intriguing goals. A larger group will spend more time engaged in the activities. The fragmented aspect of the individual focus activity, which may reduce individual comfort, is also associated with obsession.

# 2.8 The Harmonious Passion and The Self-efficacy

Because it results in positive passion based on brand loyalty, passion is generally seen as the most important management aspect in brand love. According to recent research, positive word of mouth is the consistent outcome of brand passion. A passionate, harmonious love was supposedly the cause of the positive word of mouth. Due to the satisfaction, it provides, customers with an HP for the brand internalize the brand as part of their identity independent of the external environment. Conscious brand selection and satisfaction may promote positive word of mouth when recommending products to others. The more the self and brand overlap, the more receptive the brand is to the individual. Harmonious Passionate activities might be viewed as holding a special place, yet they are not unimportant to human nature and are in harmony with other facets of human existence. This should result in individuals who are enthusiastic about one another's responsibilities and positive outcomes in terms of their own SE, both while engagement (for example, positive impact and flow) and after participation in activities (for example, passion or shortcomings). As a result, positive emotions and self-efficacy are positively correlated with harmonic preferences. Some of the changes, including better health and survival, may be attributable to the Harmonious Hobby.

# 2.9 The Obsessive Passion and The Self-efficacy

Consumers "Become Self-Identifiers for Companies" because they "achieve self-concept through networking with social groups or organizations." Outgoing and passionate brand consumers are more inclined to participate in the brand, as demonstrated by Matzler. Consumers who are forced to make purchases value human engagement just as much as they value passion in outbound sales. Passion for the brand Because the brand will encourage self-acceptance and self-esteem, consumers will include it in their identity. The uncontrolled word of mouth preference for passionate companies is simply "This is your favorite family and friends' brand," in contrast to the positive word of mouth preference, which represents the balance of harmonious passion. To others who have not yet experienced the magic of the brand, its most beloved features and all positive connotations

associated with it must be preached by brand pensioners because obsessive passion overestimates passion and encompasses all parts of life. Obsessive leaders make it their mission to ensure their teams deliver on the promises they make to their stakeholders. Positive emotional leaders, as described by Chi, Chung, and Tsai, may recognize their job through their own experience and cooperate to help their team members reach higher performance. Efficient performance has been proven to correlate positively with academic efficacy. A position that is backed up by meta-analysis studies. Being able to tolerate certain setbacks is a performance booster, and individuals with high OP tend to be more resilient in general.

# 2.10 Self-efficacy and Sales performance

Researchers have known about the critical performance effects of Self-efficacy, or people's perception of their capacity to accomplish tasks and achieve goals, for about 40 years. SE influences one's ability to perform successfully and conquer task challenges. There has been a lot of research on the effects of Self-efficacy on individual performance. To ground our research in a paradigm, we expect self-efficacy to positively affect salesperson performance. For almost 40 years, researchers have acknowledged self-efficacy's critical performance consequences. Self-efficacy affects confidence in task completion and performance. There has been a lot of research on the effects of Self-efficacy on individual performance. Researchers have long held the position that self-efficacy is positively associated to performance, which is supported by meta-analytic research. Salespeople give excellent self-help coaching by showing marketing methods that add value to the customer and alleviate customer doubt. We expect a positive association between self-efficacy and the quality of customer relationships. However, empirical accuracy studies show that sometimes individuals are motivated to see them as inaccurate.

## **Chapter Three Research Methodology**

# 3.1 The Research Design

Using independent and dependent variables, this research is cross sectional. The food and beverage industries provided the data for this research.

### The Quantitative research

The data for this study was of primary quantitative nature and was gathered via questionnaire.

## The Cross-sectional study

The study's temporal axis might be a cross-section or a longitudinal one. Cross-sectional studies, also known as one-way studies, collect data at a single point and then analyze it to draw conclusions. Since data were collected from several respondents at one point in time, the current study is cross-sectional.

## The Unit of analysis

Individuals, organizations, gatherings, and affiliations are all acceptable test units. What or who is the focus here? The survey unit is an individual, thus the results are comparable to other studies that use the same test parameters.

## 3.2 The Population and sample

## The Population

Employees in the sales and marketing departments of the food and beverage industries make up the population of this research.

## The Sample Size

Data was collected from 315 sales and marketing professionals in the food and beverage industry. 315 respondents made up this study. Fifteen of the 315 studies were disregarded as irrelevant because of inappropriate responses. The remaining 300 questionnaires (with a true response rate of 69%) were selected for analysis. The outcomes were analyzed by many researchers using a typical of 290 respondents. This study needs a sample size of at least 300 responses.

## The Sampling technique

For this study, researchers opted for a non-probabilistic sampling strategy that was more practical—convenient sampling. This research employs a suitability-based determination approach for sampling. Due to budgetary and time restrictions, this technique was chosen for the current study, and it is assumed that the data created from the model are representative of the population.

## **Chapter Four Research Data Analysis and Results**

#### 4.1 Data Collection

In order to answer specific research questions, test hypotheses, and assess results, data collection is the process of obtaining and measuring information on variables of interest in a predetermined, systematic fashion. All fields of study, including the physical and social sciences, humanities, and business, collect data. The need of ensuring accurate and honest data collection stays constant throughout disciplines, despite differences in methodology. For research in fields like science, health, higher education, and others, data collection is frequently a more nuanced process, requiring researchers to devise and apply techniques to collect unique and specific types of data. However, the collected data must be accurate in both the business and academic contexts for analytics discoveries and research results to be credible.

As needed to deliver the desired information, data can be collected from one or more sources. A shop could collect consumer information through transaction records, website visits, mobile applications, its loyalty program, and an online survey, for instance, to examine sales and the efficacy of its marketing activities.

### 4.2 The sample Characteristics

Following are features of sample

The Gender

Gender	Frequency	%	Valid %	The Cumulative %
Male	264	88%	88%	88%
Female	36	12%	12%	100%
Total	300	100%	100%	

Demographic composition of samples by sex. The table shows that both men and women are part of the sample, the sample varies by sex, with 12% of women being women and 88% of men being men. The table similarly shows that male respondents are 76% more likely than female respondent.

#### The Age

The research also includes age as a demographic variable. The majority of the time, it serves as a sort of control variable, with the dependent variables and the other 29

independent variables serving as the study's focus. With reference to age from N=300, Table presents the frequency and percentage of the sample.

Age	Frequency	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
18-25	48	16%	16%	16%
26-33	120	40%	40%	56%
34-41	84	28%	28%	84%
42-49	24	8%	8%	92%
50 and above	24	8%	8%	100%

A specific age group's demographic structure. According to the data in the table, the respondents to the current research represent a variety of ages. For instance, 16% of respondents were between the ages of 18 and 25, 40% were between the ages of 26 and 33, 28% were between the ages of 34 and 41, and 8% were between the ages of 42 and 49 years old.

# The Qualification

Data is collected by the sales and marketing teams in the FOOD and BAVERAGE divisions, who come from a variety of educational backgrounds. With a literacy rate of almost 55% between UNESCO and Saudi Arabia, the country contributes roughly 16% to the global total. The demographic composition of the population is shown in Table 4.3.

Qualification	F	P	VP	СР
Intermediate	12	4%	4%	4
Bachelor	120	40%	40%	44
Master	96	32%	32%	76
MS	72	24%	24%	100
Total	300	100	100	

The qualifying period's sample. Forty percent of the respondents had a bachelor's degree, 32 percent had master's degrees, and 24 percent had doctoral degrees.

# **Experience**

Data is collected from the sales and marketing departments of the FOOD and BAVERAGE Industries, which have a wide range of background experience.

Experience/Year	Frequency	%	Valid %	<b>Cumulative %</b>
0 to 1	24	8%	8%	8%
1 to 2	72	24%	24%	32%
2 to 3	12	4%	4%	36%
3 to 4	36	12%	12%	48%
4 and more	156	52%	52%	100%
Total	300	100	100	

In the practice period, the demographic structure of the sample. According to the data, 8% of respondents had been using the service for 0-1 year, 24% had been using it for 1-2 years, 4% had been using it for 2-3 years, 12% had been using it for 3-4 years, and 52% had been using it for 4 years or more.

## **Summary of scale Reliability**

No	Variable	Reliability
1	The Harmonious Passion	0.74
2	The Obsessive's Passion	0.73
3	The Self-Efficacy	0.71
4	The Customer Orientation	0.70
5	The Sales Performance	0.77

Values of .74 for Harmonious Passion, .73 for Obsessives Passion, .71 for Self-Efficacy, .70 for Customer-Orientation, and .77 for Sales Performance indicate high reliability.

### **Chapter Five Research Discussion and Conclusion**

### 5.1 Discussion

In order to better understand the interpersonal and personal interactions that result from this, the general objective of this research is to perform an empirical study of sales passion. In particular, we demonstrate the influence of job satisfaction, self-efficacy, customer orientation, and self-satisfaction through time, as well as harmonious and engaging passion changes. To forecast an augmentation of work satisfaction over time, we forecast to increases in HP. In the same vein, we foresee that increases in OP will either predict a decline in work satisfaction over time or be unrelated to those outcomes. Additionally, we anticipated that rising HP and OP would forecast rising OP over time. Last but not least, we expected that the vast majority of marketers would like what they did.

The article's focus is on how the interplay of brands, goods, companies, and marketing may boost sales performance in the food industry. Even though SMEs have made substantial efforts to develop a brand, this research is pertinent since it gives minimal insight into existing SME branding and has limited insight into the results of such efforts. In order to do this, the essay addresses a pressing need for research on how marketing strategies affect business performance in a range of market conditions. This article demonstrates how branding may improve the sales performance of SMEs and offers up new avenues for SME research in the main regions of major enterprises.

This paper, in particular, serves to expand on this topic in a way that is consistent with past research. Although there is a positive association between optimism and sales performance, this has an effect on sales performance since the business and the product operate differently depending on the value generation mechanism. The few articles in the fashion industry that deal with advertising conclude that the efforts made during the previous quarter led to an increase in sales.

## 5.2 The Theoretical Implication

The end goal of this study is to penetrate the Saudi market specifically in order to obtain the objective and result of commercial support, and the results will help the objective and the strategy of specialists for technical improvements in SE and SP. As a result, utilizing HP and OP solutions provides marketers and managers with a wide range of possibilities to boost brand sales and consumer intent. It is imperative for product managers and

industry experts to include consumer self-efficacy into the backbone of their marketing strategies. Experts have a responsibility to make sure that branded items are used regularly by a wide range of customers. In order to engage with customers and influence sales, firms use consumer base SP. Furthermore, brand managers and practitioners in the Food and beverage Industries can think about the research results to enhance their brand's performance. In order to improve consumer willingness, businesses must understand the value of branded products and establish their brand strategies thoroughly. According to this research, top-level managers in the food and beverage sector want to leverage intervention variables like enthusiasm to boost employee performance. Self-efficacy is one technique to enhance a company's performance since it is the primary motivation for any business or organization to sell a product or brand.

## 5.3 Research Limitation

Except for assumptions and plausible outcomes that need to be addressed in future studies, there are certain restrictions on this focus. All studies are small, and data are exclusively collected from the FOOD and BEVERAGE INDUSTRIES. As a result, these findings cannot be disseminated to other groups. Automobile, communications, textile, and finance are further industries where research can be done in the future. It cannot be promoted in other businesses since the result of this study is exclusive to the Food and Beverage Industry. The ability to evaluate and assess one or more industries, such as the automobile, telecommunications, textile, and banking, is advised for the upcoming generation of research.

The cross-sectional analysis in this study controls for the effects of HP, OP, SE arbitration, and CO on the causal link between dependent consumers SP and the independent variables. As moderators and mediators, future research may employ a wide range of variables. Because it employs established quality, pricing impacts, and societal standards between SE and SP, mediator sales experience serves as a mediator. The survey used a survey to collect information from respondents and indicated that future knowledge and depth could be expanded by collecting more information through techniques like meetings, awareness, and dialogues, which are more positive and accurate. As it turns out, analysts can more clearly investigate the deep and marvelous wonders if they assemble the negotiating and convene the conference.

#### 5.4 Conclusion

The relationship between passion and result is a significant conclusion from the current study. According to our hypothesis, a rise in genuine enthusiasm for harmony portends a rise in long-term work satisfaction, but a rise in artificial enthusiasm has no bearing on the result. The following variations can be attributed, at least in part, to this discovery, making it all the more intriguing: While others have not profited favorably, Passion seems to have pleased certain marketers' work. As a result, our findings provide credence to the hypothesis that market passion affects the caliber of marketers' performance.

This study provides more evidence that HP and OP have an influence on HP and that SE and CO play a part in this process. According to the results, it is challenging to cope with the elements affecting SP in Saudi literature. With the ultimate objective of hand and business manageability, the results will assist marketers and experts in defining approaches to improve SEs and SPs in the Saudi market. Based on the results of the study, it is clear that HP and OP give brand managers and owners the opportunity to strengthen and expand brand meaning through emotion. Marketers need to be adept at seizing advantageous situations.

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