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I. INTRODUCTION

Retailing consists of all activities involved in selling services and also goods to consumers for all of their family and personal or household use. Retailing is one of the largest sectors in the global economy and is going through an evolutionary stage in Indonesia. From now on customer satisfaction gained new attention in a shift paradigm from transaction marketing to relationship marketing (Bricci et al., 2016) and in numerous publications satisfaction was presented as a necessary premise for customer retention and also thus moved to the forefront of approaches to relationship marketing for researchers (Thurau and Klee, 1997).

Foregoing studies of satisfaction (Oliver, 1981; Churchill and Suprenant, 1982), present models of customer satisfaction among them those surveyed Fornell et al., (1996) to propose the application of Satisfaction. The link between satisfaction and long-term retention of customers is typically formulated by marketing professionals and academics in a very categorical way, and therefore as a starting point rather than central question of analysis (Bricci et al., 2016).

The rapid growth of retail business in Indonesia, the largest retail company in Indonesia PT. Sumber Alfaria Trijaya sees great market potential and is committed to developing the retail business to the digital market. According to San Martin et al. (2004) that commitment is as the central in relationship marketing in the way the companies and the customers' engagement in a relationship. The commitment has been widely recognized as an integral part of any business relationship. Meyer and Allen (1997) commitment is mainly focused on an attitude of open questions that guide an individual or behavioral intentions. Herscovitch and Meyer (2002) define commitment as a force that binds an individual to a course of action relevant to one or more targets.

According to Ganiyu et al., (2012) customer loyalty can seem elusive and also magical to those trying to obtain it. However, there are a lot of strong reasons for businesses to pursue customer loyalty as an objective of strategic. Customers are expensive to acquire; keeping them loyal allows you to amortize of acquisition costs. In general for loyal customers are often willing to pay of premium prices. Customer loyalty depends on committed teams, employees and suppliers and owners committed to building a company of enduring success, i.e., a network where all participants are key pieces for your support. The author states that loyalty has become a bargaining chip between customer and company (Bricci et al., 2016). The retail industry continues
to grow rapidly, not only in Indonesia, but also in Asia. The era of modern retail towards the Asean Economic Community (AEC) in 2015 is expected to grow faster. It was supported by many foreign companies will invest in Indonesia. PT. Alfaria Trijaya Tbk. presents an exclusive product that is only sold in stores see Table 1 and projection as targets of outlet in 2017 based on Table 2.

Table 1. The Growth of OUTlets (Units) In 2005 – 2008

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Source: AC Nielsen, SWA No. 06/XXV (2009)

Table 2. Projection of OUTlets (Units) In 2009 – 2017

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Source: Forecasting based on Data in 2005 – 2008 (2017)

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Trust

Trust is “one of the most critical factors in seller-consumer relationship, and is an importance element defining the strength of the relationship”. Trust is “essential to maintaining long-term relationships, and it is defined as a willingness to rely on an exchange partner in whom one has confidence” (Moorman et al., 1992). Trust has to be considered as catalysts in a variety of transactions between sellers and buyers so that customer satisfaction can be realized as expected” (Yousafzai et al., 2003; Mukherjee and Nath, 2003; Reigelsberger et al., 2003; Murphy and Blessinger, 2003; Kim and Tadisina, 2003)

Trust is very important in conditions without boundaries where all consumers from various ethnic groups can interact with the Retail Alfamart according to expectations. Morahan and Hunt (1994), their trust “if one of the parties has confidence in the integrity and reliability of the other party to express confidence as willingness to reach others who have believed”. Yau et al. (2000) trust is one of the dimensions that determine the extent to which the integrity and promise offered Alfamart can be perceived by consumers. Groonos (1997), “the focus ongoing relationship is assets such as customer trust, commitment and loyalty”.

Patricia et al. (2007) states “that there is an influence of trust building behaviors (social interact ion, open communications, customer orientation) and service outcomes (technical, functional and economic quality) on trust formation”. Trust is “shown to have a positive influence on key relational outcomes, commitment of loyalty and share of purchases”. To support to the influence of trust on commitment of loyalty and expanded protection in an services setting. Kumar and Raju (2014) trust: “guarantees are a great way to increase the levels of trust between you and your customers, and give yourself a competitive advantage”. A guarantee is “a kind of product insurance, protecting your customers’ investments if their shopping experience turns out to be less than satisfactory”.

According to Mayer et al. (1995) and Kim et al. (2003a) factors “that shape a person’s belief over another”, there are three, namely: (1) ability: competence, experience; institutional knowledge and ability in science. (2) benevolence: attention, empathy, confidence, and acceptance, and (3) integrity: fairness, fulfillment, loyalty, honestly, dependability and reliability.

Satisfaction

Satisfaction refers “to a positive state resulting from the appraisal of all attributes of customer working relationship with firm”. Homburg and Rudolph (2001) said that “satisfaction as a relationship constructs describing how a supplier fills the expectations of a customer in the following areas: characteristics of the product, services, information related to product, complaints management, taking orders and interactions with internal staff”. Besides that, “satisfaction appears as a concept highly integrated in the relationship”, De Wulf et al. (2001) “consider the relationship satisfaction placed in affective theory”. Anderson and Narus (1990) “defined as a consumer’s affective state resulting from an overall appraisal of his or her relationship with a retailer”. Customer satisfaction in “special of services has been defined as the degree to which service performance meets or exceeds the customer's expectations” (Kumar, 2012; Santouridis and Trivellas, 2010). Satisfaction as an evaluative judgment of a specific transaction resulting from perceived quality (Hui and Zheng, 2010).

Zeithami et al. (1996) customer satisfaction “is important to get long-term business success). To protect market profit, organizations need to overcome competitors through offering high quality products or services to ensure customer satisfaction” (Tsoukatos and Rand, 2006). Oliver (1980) “indicates that customer satisfaction requires full meeting customer expectations of products and services, when expectations are met, satisfaction results and not met expectations lead to dissatisfaction”. “If performance matches or exceeds customer expectations for service, they are satisfied, but if not, they are not satisfied” (Munusamy et al., 2010). Several studies generally “define customer satisfaction and dissatisfaction as the customer’s judgments concerning a business’s success or failure in meeting expectations” (Kheng et al., 2010; Chidambaram, and Ramachandran, 2012). Lau et al. (2013) “that the attitude of customer satisfaction resulting from what customers believe should anticipation compared with the situation when and what they believe is not the perceived performance”.

Based on most studies confirm “that there is a relationship between service quality and customer satisfaction”. For example: (1) Caruana (2002) “found a positive relationship between service quality and customer satisfaction”, and (2) Li, “(2013) also found that perceived service quality influences customer satisfaction”. For this study “using five indicators for measurement of customer satisfaction namely: (1) tangibles, (2) reliability,
(3) responsivenes, (4) empathy, and (5) assurance” (Parasuraman et al., 1991; Rangkuti, 2003).

Commitment

Commitment in “the buyer-seller relationship is prevalent in marketing and commitment has widely been acknowledged to be an integral part of any long-term business relationship” (Dwyer et al 1987; Anderson and Weitz 1992; Morgan and Hunt 1994). “Commitment to a relationship entails a desire to develop a stable relationship, a willingness to make short term sacrifices to maintain the relationship, and a confidence in the stability of the relationship” (Andersen and Weitz 1992). For example, Morgan and Hunt (1994) “define relationship commitment as “an exchange partner believing that an ongoing relationship with another is so important as to warrant maximum efforts”.

According to Ibrahim and Najjar (2008), that relationships are built on the foundation of mutual commitment, and the commitment level has been found to be the strongest predictor of the voluntary decision to pursue a relationship”. Du Plessis (2010), “more committed customers tend to form a positive overall impression of the total duration of the relationship, including different transactions, and these customers exhibit strong intentions to stay in the relationship”. “For example special higher levels of commitment are expected with relationship success” (Cai and Wheale, 2004). Conclusion in that certain levels of “commitment are required to initiate the relationship, and as the relationship evolves, so does the existence of commitment”. Davis et al.(2008); Evanshitzky and Plaassmann (2006) and Du Plessis (2010), “that dimension of commitment is then formed through (1) behavioral, (2) attitudinal and (3) affective influences”. There are several indicators of employee commitment. Kaswara and Santoso (2008) “present three indicators used in the approach to determine indicators of employee commitment to the organization, namely: (1) affective commitment; (2) continuance commitment, and (3) normative commitment”.

Customer Loyalty

A customer loyalty is defined as “the adherence of customers to a company but even if businesses make mistakes, loyal customers will not leave”. According to Kincaid (2003) “defines loyalty of customer : (1) as a consumer behavior, (2) built on positive experience and (3) value, which leads to buying products, when that may not appear to be the most rational decision”. Peppers and Rogers (2004), “the concept was later divided in to behaviouralistic and non-behaviouristic indicators where the latter is more focused on the underlying causes of loyalty of customer and attitudes of consumers”.

Schweizer (2008) “in the investigation to the loyalty of customer, it is valid to explore two fields: firstly the behavior of consumers and second their intentions”. Based on Stone et al., (2000) “that customer loyalty is also dependent on a number of customer related factors, and for example: how customers perceive the business rather than what the business really does”. For given all these benefits, it’s only natural that businesses should turn to a diverse range of efforts to develop loyalty of customer.

For “each company seems to have a different formula for making that loyalty of customers. Than initiatives include: (1) creation of valuable customer experiences, (2) creation of resonant brand, (3) proactive marketing initiatives, (4) control of quality processes, and (5) customer relationship management” (Ganiyu et al., 2012)

III. RESEARCH METHODS

Population and Sample

population is all the elements that usually a person, object or event of interest to be an object of research. Total population = 234 units. While “the sample is a part of the population that can represent the characteristic of the population used in the research” (Koncoro, 2013: 118) and total sample = 70 units.

Test of Validity

“Prior of research instrument used for data collection, it is necessary to test in advance to ensure that the instrument is declared invalid”. “Test the validity of these instruments is done by using the pearson product moment, which is to examine the correlation of each score with a total score in order to determine the valid of each question”. Such “an instrument is declared eligible if significance < 0.05, then the instrument is declared valid” (Priyanto, 2013: 19)

Test of Reliability

Reliability “is the consistency instrument research, so reliabilities is a measure of consistency in the respondent's answer related questions”. “A research instrument said to be reliable if the value of Cronbach Alpha > 0.06 (Ghozali, 2009: 45), and also that Cronbach Alpha if item Deleted < Cronbach Alpha” (Nugroho, 2011)

Research Framework

The following research framework as shown in Figure 2, based on research purposes, literature and hypothesis.

![Figure 2. Research Framework](image-url)
IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Based on with the purpose of research for data analysis will be performed using multiple linear regression equation with SPSS (Santoso, 2012). Which “multiple linear regression analysis model in this research is the variable Y as the dependent variable, and the independent variables are X₁, X₂, and X₃. For the formula of the multiple linear regression equation used in this research as follows:

\[ Y = a + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \epsilon \]

Description:
- \( Y \) : Customer Loyalty
- \( a \) : Constant
- \( \beta_1 \) : Coefficient of Trust
- \( X_1 \) : Variable of Trust
- \( \beta_2 \) : Coefficient of Satisfaction
- \( X_2 \) : Variable of Satisfaction
- \( \beta_3 \) : Coefficient of Commitment
- \( X_3 \) : Variable of Commitment
- \( \epsilon \) : Error

Regarding hypothesis and the result of multiple linear regressions was also able to indicated whether the variables for trust, satisfaction and commitment partially have a significant influence to customer loyalty see Table 3.

Table 3. Partial Test

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With the Table 3, it’s able to build a regression model as follow:

\[ Y = -0.562 + 2.208 X_1 + 1.183 X_2 + 0.221 X_3 \]

Partially Test (t-test).

"Partially test or t test basically shows how much influence each independent variable for trust, satisfaction and commitment partially on the dependent is customer loyalty”. "Interpretation of results of t test, if the value of sig < 0.05 then Ho is accepted and H₁ is rejected’. In this case the independent variables partially no influence on the dependent variable or otherwise see Table 3."

Simultaneously Test (F-test)

"F test basically shows whether all the independent variables for trust, satisfaction and commitment are included in the model simultaneously influence - as the dependent variable is customer loyalty”.

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Conclusion

Regarding to the results of the previous analysis and the conclusion as follows:

1. Variable of trust (X₁) partially significantly influence to the variable of customer loyalty (Y)
2. Variable of satisfaction (X₂) partially significantly influence to the variable of customer loyalty (Y)
3. Variable of commitment (X₃) partially significantly influence to the variable of customer loyalty (Y)
4. Variables of trust (X₁), satisfaction (X₂), variable commitment (X₃) are simultaneously significant effect to the variable of customer loyalty (Y)

Recommendations.

All independent variables turned out to be the result of discussions has the greatest influence on customer loyalty, trust variable (X₁) means that the variable of trust minimum must be maintained sustainably, while for the commitment variable coefficient value is very low, so that should be the training of human resources for employees

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