Action, Passion and Innovation: The New Creative Perfumer

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I twould be nice to have a crystal ball, but the next best is to have a vision! In less than seven years, we will arrive at destination 2000—the twenty-first century. Hard to believe. In a way, difficult to accept.

The road ahead will be unexpected, sometimes turbulent, a transition...And...the very best time to reinvent the fragrance business. We have been playing much too conventional. Our mission needs to be: more action, more passion and more innovation.

Perfumery is an **emotional business**, one of the few where dreams of sensuality, romance, confidence or peace are the end product benefit. Yet we are often imprisoned by linear thinking, old fashioned ways of testing, safe fragrance creation.

We view the future like some distant, unfamiliar planet where the inhabitants are foreign and the terrain unknown. We discuss this planet—rather than visiting it. Why take the risk? There may be no oxygen or water or food. But then again, we may find a paradise of ideas.

Perfumers who fear the strangeness of new places and still believe global is around the corner are already behind the times.

The future of fragrance depends on creating distinctive fragrances that people will "love a lot for a long time."

The New Creative Perfumer is a visionary. He or she looks ahead—every day. Composes fragrances that have sound, color and movement. He or she is a team player. No one can do it all alone.

The New Creative Perfumer is also multicultural: speaks

several languages, understands what makes cultures different, and what makes them the same.

The global future is not a planet of strangers. It is a mix of people with common dreams and emotions, in different expressions. Just think about the crosscultural similarities of Generation X, the Baby Boomers or the New Mature.

Finally, the New Creative Perfumer understands the value of instant communication through fax, car phone, answering machine...even beeper. And if time is an issue and personal appearance necessary, the Concorde is faster than sound.

When a global network of perfumers is needed on a key brief, the video phone can record smelling sessions while the latest computer distributes formulas within the company...no matter what region.

To succeed in the years ahead, all of us must be willing to reinvent the fragrance business. These are the **five keys** which we believe will characterize the New Creative Perfumery:

- 1. Tasting a new language
- 2. Seeing the planet
- 3. Hearing nature
- 4. Touching beyond today
- 5. Passion for the product

Tasting a New Language

The first key is tasting a new language. In the twentieth century, we entered instant, multisensory communication through television. The same spoken and visual message

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delivered at the same time to people all around the world. Today, MTV is broadcast in more than 25 countries. Global Madonna recently accepted an invitation to visit China—not Hong Kong.

Also in the twentieth century, continents exchanged tastes. Americans received an introduction to white yogurt, Melitta coffee and sushi. Meanwhile the Thai, Russian and French sampled McDonald's hamburgers with fries along with a global can of Coca Cola.

If we review history with a new perspective, we are increasingly moving into the realm of the senses...on a global basis. The next decade will be the decade of the brain and the cell. Already, the study of genetic differences between male and female is receiving significant attention within the scientific community.

All of this is very important and exciting for the fragrance business because the sense of smell is so tightly linked to the brain—where memories lie and dreams are born.

Imagine a fragrance that harmoniously merges the senses for an ultimate sensual experience. A fragrance that peacefully sounds yellow and light blue.

Why not? Scent, sound and color are complementary. In fact, Givaudan-Roure recently sponsored an innovative arts project—an opera where the scenes are enhanced through fragrance. There are so many possibilities.

Expect a great deal more research into the sensory universe of a fragrance or its mood enhancement capacities. Innovative approaches to fragrance development and consumer testing, especially on global briefs...a new language...the language of the senses.

We must all place much greater importance on Sensory Psychology.

Seeing the Planet

The second key to New Creative Perfumery is seeing the planet. Most of Givaudan-Roure perfumers are multicultural and multilingual, because we have long established exchange opportunities.

We believe a better traveled perfumer has a more open mind. By experiencing several cultures, this perfumer will have a rich palette and will create more interesting fragrances. Some of us, myself included, started wandering the world more than 20 years ago.

The challenge, of course, is to balance creativity and acceptability, finding that ideal point of "lasting delight."

Hearing Nature

A third and very important key for us is hearing nature...understanding the depth and hidden patterns of the natural world around us.

In fragrance, we depend on every interesting fragrant flower, tree and plant, and we are in tune with nature's moments of peak perfection. The development of technology to analyze the true fragrance of the living flower has given perfumers powerful new tools.

And one of our newest innovative fragrance technologies literally "freeze frames" the peak bloom of a flower or the peak experience of a place and then adjusts the scent impression to each individual's unique sensory spectrum.

Touching Beyond Today

The fourth key is touching beyond today. Emphasis on the imagination and the future must be the route of every perfumery group. In the case of Givaudan-Roure, it runs all the way from perfumery through creative fragrance management into innovation and research.

Jean Amic is chairman and worldwide chief perfumer of Givaudan-Roure. He is the company's visionary, and the link between all of us.

We have an Insight & Innovation Group which focuses on the next wave—not six months out but two to five years out then translates this insight back to fragrance development.

We have a specialized Fragrance Technology Team devoted to the marriage of pure research with commercial fragrance applications to produce new accords or notes as starting points for perfumers. An Applied Research Team is running mid-term programs designed to solve anticipated client problems ahead of time. And we have a monthly Fragrance Innovation Forum—a multisensory ideation session designed for perfumers.

Touching beyond today is a requirement in any business selling imagination, especially in fragrances.

Passion for the Product

The fifth key to success is loving the product, a passion for fragrance. This passion cannot be put into words. It cannot be taught. And it happens for different people at different amounts of time in the business. Those that don't have this passion leave. Those that do, stay and create the classics of tomorrow.

I would like to end with a very appropriate passage from Lewis Carroll.

"There's no use trying," she said.

"One can't believe impossible things."

"I daresay you haven't had much practice" said the Queen.

"When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour. Why sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

Reinventing the fragrance business is not easy. It does require practice and patience. And above all, it requires action, passion and innovation.

We owe it to ourselves, our clients, and ultimately our most valued partners, the consumers.

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Essential Oils, Flavors, Fragr	ances, Natural and Synthetic Ci	hemicals		
Natural Chemicals	Estragole	Isoamyl propionate	Phenyl ethyl acetate	
Acetal	Ethyl acetate	Isobutyraldehyde	Phenyl ethyl butyrate	
Acetaldehyde (100%, 50%, 10% in	Ethyl benzoate	Isobutyl acetate	Phenyl ethyl-2-methyl butyrate	
ethanol)	Ethyl butyrate	Isobutyl alcohol	α-Pinene	
Acetic acid	Ethyl caprate	Isobutyl butyrate	β-Pinene	
Acetone	Ethyl caproate	Isobutyl caprate	d-Piperitone Praline	
Acetoin (Kosher)	Ethyl caprylate Ethyl cinnamate	Isobutyl caproate Isobutyl caprylate	Propionic acid	
Acetyl propionyl	Ethyl decanoate	Isobutyl isovalerate	Propyl acetate	
Alcohol C-6 Aldehyde C-5 (see Valeraldehyde)	Ethyl heptanoate	Isobutyl laurate	Propyl alcohol	
Aldehyde C-6	Ethyl hexanoate	Isobutyl propionate	Propyl butyrate	
Aldehyde C-7	Ethyl isobutyrate	Isobutyric acid	Propyl caprate	
Aldehyde C-8	Ethyl isovalerate	Isopulegone	Propyl caproate	
Aldehyde C-10	Ethyl lactate	Isovaleraldehyde	Propyl caprylate	
Aldehyde C-14	Ethyl laurate	Isovaleric acid	Propyl laurate	
Allyl caproate	Ethyl levulinate Ethyl-2-methyl butyrate	Lactic acid	Propyl propionate Pulegone	
Allyl isothiocyanate (Mustard oil)	Ethyl myristate	Lauric acid	Pyrazines	
Almond, bitter Amyl acetate	Ethyl octanoate	Leaf alcohol	Pyruvic acid	
Amyl alcohol	Ethyl oenanthate	Lemon aldehyde (Ltd. quantity)	/Rhamnose	
Amyl butyrate	Ethyl oleate	Lime aldehyde (Ltd. quantity) d-Limonene	Rhodinol	
Amyl hexanoate	Ethyl oxyhydrate (see Rum ether)	ŁLinalool	d-Ribose	
Anethole	Ethyl palmitate	Linalool (ex BDR, Ho)	Rum ether	
Anisic aldehyde	Ethyl propionate	Linalyl acetate (ex BDR, petitgrain)	Sclareol	
Anisyl acetate	Ethyl pyruvate Eucalyptol	Linalyl butyrate ex BDR	Sinensal	
Anisyl alcohol	Eugenol (ex Bay, Ex Clove)	Linalyl propionate ex BDR	d-Sorbitol	
Apple cider vinegar d-Arabinose	• • •	Maltol	Strawberry furanone	
-Arabinose	d-Fenchone	Maltone	(10-25% in PG or alcohol)	
d-Arabitol	Fermentaberry Furaneol (see Strawberry furanone)	d-Mannose	Tannic acid	
<i>l</i> -Arabitol	Furfural	Maple lactone	Tartaric acid	
Banadahuda		Massoia lactone	α-Terpineol	
Benzaldehyde	d-Galactose	ρ-Mentha-1,8-dien-7-al FMenthol	Terpinyl acetate	
Benzyl acetate Benzyl butyrate	Geraniol Geraniol "C" and "D"	#Menthone	Tetramethyl pyrazine Thymol, natural	
Benzyl propionate	Geraniol (ex Citronellal)	Menthyl acetate	•	
Bitter almond oil (ex Apricot kernel oil)	Geranyl acetate "C" (90% Geraniol)	Methanol	Valencene	_1
n-Butyl acetate	Geranyl acetate "D"	Methyl acetate	Vanilla absolute (CO ₂ extraction Vanillin	n)
n-Butyt alcohol	(60:30 Geraniol:Citronellal)	Methyl amyl ketone	d-Xylose	
n-Butyl isovalerate	Geranyl butyrate	Methyl anthranilate	•	_
n-Butyl lactate	Geranyl caprate	Methyl benzoate	New Items Currently Be	eing
n-Butyraldehyde	Geranyl caproate	Methyl butanal 2-Methyl butyraldehyde	Worked On:	
Butyric acid	Geranyl caprylate Geranyl isovalerate	Methyl butyrate	2,6-Dimethoxyphenol (Syringol))
Capric acid (Kosher)	Geranyl propionate	2-Methyl butyric acid	Ethyl formate Formic acid	
Caproic acid (Kosher)	Grapefruit 001 "5X	Methyl cinnamate	Guaico!	
Caprylic acid (Kosher)	Grapefruit 002 "5X	Methyl cyclopentenelone		
4-Carvomenthenol	Heptanal	Methyl heptanoate	Kosher for Passover	
d-Carvone Caryophyllene	2-Heptanone (Methyl amyl ketone)	Methyl heptenone	(Artificial):	
Cinnamic acid	Heptyl acetate	Methyl heptyl ketone Methyl isobutyrate	Ethyl acetate	
Cinnamic alcohol	t-2-Hexenal	Methyl-n-methyl anthranilate	Ethyl butyrate Ethyl formate	
Cinnamic aldehyde	t-2-Hexenyl acetate (see Green	Methyl nonyl ketone	Ethyl propionate	
Cinnamyl acetate	5050)	Methyl salicylate		
Cinnamyl cinnamate	Hexanol	Methyl sulfide	Natural Fortifiers	
Citral (Std, Extra, ex Lemongrass)	Hexyl acetate	Mustard oil (Allyl isothiocyanate)	Apple	
Citronellal FCitronellol	Hexyl butyrate Hexyl-2-methyl butyrate	Myristic acid	Apricot	
Citronellyl acetate	cis-3-Hexenol	Naringen	Blueberry	
Citronellyl butyrate	cis-3-Hexenyl acetate	Neral	Cherry	
Citronellyl propionate	cis-3-Hexenyl butyrate	Nerolidol	Cocoa	
Cocolactone	cis-3-Hexenyl caproate	2-Nonanone (Methyl heptyl ketone) Nootkatone	Cranberry	
Cocotone 7500 (CO ₂ extraction)	cis-3-Hexenyl isovalerate		Fermented flavor	2000
Cocotone 9700 (CO ₂ extraction)	cis-3-Hexenyl lactate	Ocimene	Grape	4000
Cocotone 9500 (CO ₂ extraction)	cis-3-Hexenyl-2-methyl butyrate	γ-Octalactone	Green note	1295
δ-Decalactone	Ionone α,β (60:40)	Octanal (50% and 90%) 1- or 3-Octanol	Green note	1800
γ-Decalactone	lonone α 50% in alcohol	1- or 3-Octyl acetate	Green note Green note	3100 5050
γUndecalactone (Aldehyde C-14)	lonone β 50% in alcohol	1- or 3-Octyl butyrate	Green note	9000
Decanal (50% and 90%) 48%	Isoamyl acetate	Octyl isovalerate		3000
Decanal (Aldehyde C-10)	isoamyl alcohol	Oleic acid	Malt fortifier type	J000
Decanoic acid	Isoamyl butyrate Isoamyl caprate	Orange aldehydes	Peach	2500
Diacetyl Dihydro cuminyl aldehyde	Isoamyl caproate	Orange carbonyls	Pineapple Praline	2000
Dimethyl anthranilate	Isoamyl caprolate	Palmitic acid		
2,5-Dimethyl-3-(2H)-furanone	Isoamyl cinnamate	Perilla aldehyde	Raspberry	
(10% and 20%) in alcohol	Isoamyl isobutyrate	α-Phellandrene	Strawberry	4000
Dimethyl pyrazine	Isoamyl isovalerate	Phenyl acetic acid	Tomato	1026
Dimethyl sulfide	Isoamyl laurate	Phenyl ethyl alcohol	Tomato	1034
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