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Abstract – This study aims to examine consumer response studies related to art marketing. A preliminary survey was conducted to analyze consumer response research on art marketing, a research model was set up for empirical analysis, and research hypotheses were established accordingly. This study aims to confirm the effect of product design (art image product/general image product/no image product) on consumers' product evaluation and luxury awareness. In addition, this product design verifies that the effect on consumers' product evaluation and luxury awareness has an interactive effect according to the consumer's aesthetic propensity. The results of this study analysis are as follows. It was confirmed that art image products had a more positive effect on product evaluation and luxury awareness than general image products and no image products. Next, it was found that there is an interaction effect between product design, product evaluation, and luxury awareness according to consumers' aesthetic tendencies. Finally, at this point in time, when the environment surrounding art marketing is rapidly changing, it aims to maximize practical and theoretical insights by deriving consumers' awareness, meaning, and utilization of art marketing.

Keywords – Product Design, Product Evaluation, Awareness of The Product, The Aesthetic Propensity of Consumers

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1. INTRODUCTION

Many companies are creating differentiated and successful brand power by strategically utilizing it for marketing by collaborating with brands, artworks, and the creativity of artists, moving away from simple sponsorship [1]. In particular, as the importance of creative management gradually increases, many companies pay attention to the originality and uniqueness of art and are competing fiercely to realize creative ideas based on solid technology [2] Examples include tuna can holiday gifts using British artist William Powell Frith by Dongwon Group(2015), household products using Ben Eine by Shinsegae Department Store(2016), art cars using BMW's Andy Warhol's art, and Rodney Smith's photo advertisement by Hyundai Motor.

In this study, art marketing was defined as "Marketing through Art" based on the studies of Kim Hyungyeong and Kim Hyungjun [3] and Hagtvedt and Patrick [4]. A systematic approach to art marketing in the field of business administration was initiated by Hagtvedt and Patrick [4], and they generally confirmed that products with art images give consumers more favorable evaluation and awareness than products without art images. In addition, the approach to art marketing is found in many preceding studies related to cultural marketin [5~9].

Previous studies on art marketing have been conducted in various aspects. A study on consumer response to art marketing [10~13], a study on package design and color design on art marketing [14, 15], case studies and exploratory studies on art marketing [16, 17], art infusion studies on art marketing [18~20] and others. However, despite the various studies such as the above on art marketing, the differentiation, value, and clear direction of academic research still need to be improved. In addition, it is judged that there needed to be more academic and practical approaches to critical variables, such as the influence on consumer response or the control power of aesthetic propensity, as suggested in this study.

2. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

2.1 CONCEPTS OF ARTMARKETING

When people think of art, they think of pure arts such as classic 'famous paintings by famous painters', 'classical music', and 'ballet'. For the general public, the concept that

fine art is quite difficult, high-level, and challenging to access in everyday life is dominant. Therefore, it was not easy to think that it would be possible to utilize art for marketing because it is pretty difficult to use the art for commercial products [21]. Art marketing can be seen as a kind of emotional marketing among customers' various needs [22], and it can be said that it is a management activity that combines art with marketing as a means of promotion and profit-seeking by companies and organizations [23]. In addition, art marketing is the latest marketing trend that not only popularizes art, which was considered a high-end culture by combining the genre of art with products, but also induces purchasing behavior by using the desire to satisfy the cultural sensibility of modern people who value individual values [24].

2.2 PRODUCT DESIGN AND CONSUMER RESPONSE

In Peraccio and Meyers-Levy's [25] study on product evaluation of advertising images, various art images have been frequently used in advertising and product design, and research results have been derived that such images affect consumer reactions. According to a study by Crader and Zaichkowsky [26], art has the effect of arousing the viewer's imagination and attracting attention, and can have a favorable influence on consumers by applying various artistic elements to the product. In a study by Sheng-Ping Tao [10] on "Action Intention for Art Works," it was said that consumer reactions to products injected with art may appear differently depending on the product type. In a study on the "product evaluation of art collaboration" by Kim Hyun-kyung and Kim Hyung-joon [27], it was found that by applying art to the product, consumers responded more positively to the product, and at this time, pleasure goods had a more positive effect than practical goods. In addition, it was confirmed that consumers' aesthetic tendencies directly affect the evaluation or purchase of art products. The meeting of art and products creates luxury and creates various synergies. When art is used as a design element in a general product, consumers recognize the general product as a luxury product and make a positive evaluation [28].

- **H1a:** When art images are used in product design, consumers' product evaluation will be higher than when they are not used.
- **H1b:** When art images are used in product design, consumers' luxury awareness will be higher than when they are not used.

2.3 INTERACTION EFFECT OF AESTHETIC INCLINATION

According to a study by Lee Myung-Cheon et al.,[29], the effect of art advertising was high regardless of the type of product, and the suitability between the product and the work, the familiarity of the work, and product type play a role as moderating variables. In the study of 'Development and Evaluation of Art Marketing' by Fillis [30], art is a factor that stimulates the human senses, mind, and soul, and it can be easy to induce human behavior as well as understand human behavior. Park Jong-mi et al.,[31] said that art marketing encourages consumers to purchase continuously by increasing differentiated brand image, luxury awareness, and loyalty by utilizing the value of artworks and art departments from the perspective of companies and marketers. In addition, consumers can easily access artworks in their daily lives to meet cultural needs, and companies increase consumers' aesthetic tendencies by stimulating consumer sensibility and giving positive value to products.

- **H2a:** When art images are used in product design, the product evaluation will be more favorable when aesthetic inclination is high than when it is low.
- **H2b:** When art images are used in product design, the luxury awareness will be more favorable when aesthetic inclination is high than when it is low.

3. EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

3.1 OVERVIEW OF EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

In this study, the effect of product design (art image product/general image product/no image product) on consumer product evaluation and luxury awareness was investigated through an experimental study. In addition, these product designs will verify the interaction effect on consumer product evaluation and luxury awareness through experimental design of Between Subjects Factor Design according to consumers' aesthetic inclination (high aesthetic inclination /low aesthetic inclination). To examine these differences, experimental advertisements were produced, all exposed advertisements were produced in the form of color print advertisements, and a total of

three advertisements were presented. Of the total 154 subjects participating in this study, experimental group 1 and experimental group 2 each targeted 52 people, and experimental group 3 targeted 50 people.

3.2 PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION FOR SELECTION OF EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS

Two preliminary surveys were conducted to confirm the validity and reliability of the selection of experimental products and the manipulation of experimental variables. In order to select the products to be used in this study, 6 of the 24 products selected in previous studies (Tablet PC, Refrigerator, Camera, Coffee, Beer, Perfume) were extracted. In addition, the first preliminary survey was conducted on 22 graduate students to confirm whether the product was suitable for this study.

Two familiarity items and three items of interest used by Alba and Huchinson [32] and Zaichkowsky [32] were modified and used in this study. As a result of the analysis, the familiarity (mean value = 6.31, standard deviation = .955) and interest (mean value = 5.33, standard deviation = 1.21) of refrigerators were the highest among a total of 6 types of products, and refrigerators were used in this study.

In order to select the art image of the experimental product in this study, 5 of the 37 arts with high frequency Vincent Van Gogh's 'Café Terrace at Night' and 'Van Gogh's Room in Arles', Marc Chagall's 'Me and the Village', Gustav Klimt's 'Kiss', and Wassily Kandinsky's 'Yellow, Red, Blue' art were selected. Twenty subjects, excluding art and design majors and related workers, participated in the experiment to confirm whether was art suitable for this study. Three familiarity items and three fitness items used by Lee Jieun and Han Yeo-hoon [19] and Han Yeo-hoon [2] were used. As a result of the analysis, Wassily Kandinsky's 'Yellow, Red, Blue' showed the highest familiarity (mean value = 4.1, standard deviation = 2.38) and fit (mean value = 4.13, standard deviation = .736), which match well with the refrigerator selected for art. Figure 1. Is that Experimental Products of this study.

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Figure 1. Experimental Products

Table 1. is that Measurement items of the study.

Table 1. Measurement Items

Variable	Measurement Items	Researchers
	Unfavorable / Favorable	
	Negative/Positive	
Product	Bad/Good	Hagtvedt et
Evaluation	Unpleasant/ Pleasant	al.(2008)
	Very dislike / Very Like	
-	Luxurious	
Luxury Awareness	Have dignity	
	Attractive	
	It makes me feel good to own a product with a good design.	
	It makes me feel good to see excellent design products on display.	
	Design is an element that gives me pleasure.	Bolch et
Aesthetic Inclination	It has the ability to see subtle differences in design.	al.(2003)
	You can find parts of the design that others cannot see.	
	It has the ability to make the product look good.	
	When I see a product with a good design, I feel like I should buy it.	
	When I see good design products, I feel a strong urge to buy them.	

4. RESEARCH ANALYSIS

This study is an experimental study, and a total of 154 people participated. Among them, 57 (37.3%) were in their 20s, 44 (11.9%) were in their 30s, and 33 (22.0%) were in their 50s. In addition, 78 office workers (50.8%) and 28 housewives (18.6%) were found to be jobs. Table 2. Is that Demographic characteristics.

Segregation		(persons)	(%)	Segregation (persons)			(%)
Gender	Male	89	57.7		Student	20	13.6
	Female	65	42.2	Job	homemaker	28	18.6
	20	57	37.3		Office worker	78	50.8
Age	30	44	28.8		Self-employment	20	13.6
8-	40	18	11.9		Other	5	3.4
	50	33	22.0		Less than one million won	23	15.3
	High School	44	28.8		Less than 1 to 2 million won	26	16.9
Education	While in University	18	11.9	Monthly income	Less than 2 to 3 million won	57	37.3
	Graduate from university	73	47.5		Less than 3 million won to 4 million won	31	20.3
	Graduate school or higher	15	10.2		Less than 4-5 million won	15	10.2
Total 154(persons), 100(%)							

Table 2. Demographic Characteristics

The results of the verification of the operation of the product and the artwork are shown in Table 3 below. Mean value 4.69 (t-value=25.530, p-value=) of the suitability of the product and the artwork.000). Mean value 4.69 (t-value=25.530, p-value=) of the familiarity of the product and the artwork.000).

Factor	Mean value	St.D	t-value	p-value
Fitness	4.69	1.57		
Unfitness	2.45	.974	25.530	.000
Familiarity	4.44	1.98		
Unfamiliarity	2.01	.823	15.385	.000

Table 3. The Manipulation of Products and Artworks

The reliability analysis of this study is shown in Table 4 below, and all reliability coefficients were .879 or higher.

Variable	Measurement Items	alpha					
	Unfavorable / Favorable						
	Negative/Positive						
Product	Bad/Good						
Evaluation	Unpleasant/ Pleasant						
	Very dislike / Very Like	-					
	Luxurious						
Luxury Awareness	Have dignity						
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	It makes me feel good to own a product with a good design.						
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	When I see a product with a good design, I feel like I should buy it.	-					
	When I see good design products, I feel a strong urge to buy them.						

Table.4 Reliability analysis

The hypothesis verification of product evaluation and luxury awareness according to product design is shown in Table 5 below. Both hypotheses H1a and H1b have been adopted.

Table 5. Hypothesis Test Results H1

Dependent	Product Design	Mean	St.D	F-Value	pvalue	Result
Variable						
Product	art image product	4.48	1.26	4.625	.000	Accepted
Evaluation	general image product	3.43	1.48	1.025	.000	riccepted
	no image product	3.04	1.32			
Luxury Awareness	art image product	4.74	.904	5.287	.000	Accepted
11 w ut chess	general image product	3.65	1.29	0.207	.000	ricepted
	no image product	3.11	1.23			

A MANOVA analysis was conducted to verify the research hypothesis H2a and hypothesis H2b. The following Table 6 shows the average and standard deviation of consumers' product evaluation and luxury awareness according to product design and consumers' aesthetic inclination.

Table 6. Hypothesis Test Results H2

-	Product Design		-	Product Design	Aesthetic
Variable		Inclination	Variable		Inclination
		High 4.19(1.05)			High 4.58(1.03)
	art image product	Low 3.97(1.18)		art image product	Low3.61(1.15)
Product	general image	High 4.15(1.43)	Luxury Awareness	general image	High4.5(1.10)
Evaluation	product	Low 3.98(1.32)		product	Low3.51(1.37)
	no image product	High3.43(1.42)		no image product	High3.23(1.78)
		Low3.66(1.44)			Low2.7(1.01)

The results of MANOVA analysis are shown in [Table 7]. Hypothesis 2-1 was adopted at 10%, and Hypothesis 2-2 was adopted.

Table 7. Hypothesis Test Results H2

Sauce	Dependent	Type III	df	Mean	F	p-value
	Variable	Squares		Squares		
Modified model	Product Evaluation	16.230	5	3.246	3.093	.013
	Luxury Awareness	23.385	5	4.677	2.223	.060
Section	Product Evaluation	1154.572	1	1154.572	1100.230	.000
	Luxury Awareness	1150.579	1	1150.	546.814	.000
Product Design	Product Evaluation	9.790	2	579	4.665	.012
(A)	Luxury Awareness	8.001	2	4.895	1.901	.156
Aesthetic Inclination	Product Evaluation	.408	1	4.001	.388	.535
(B)	Luxury Awareness	5.656	1	.408	2.688	.105
A*B	Product Evaluation	6.090	2	5.656	2.902	.061
	Luxury Awareness	14.724	2	3.045	3.499	.035
Erroi	•	155.252	148	7.362		
	310.504	148	1.049			
Total	1342.342	154	2.104			
	1512.849	154				
Revised	100.181	153				
		191.717	153			

5. CONCLUSION

In this study, the consumer response to the product was confirmed by product evaluation and luxury awareness, and how this effect varies depending on the aesthetic tendency of the consumer. For empirical analysis, pre-survey inspections were also conducted, and refrigerators were selected as the product of the study, and "Yellow, Red, and Blue" by Vasily Kandinsky was selected as the art.

The analysis results of the study are as follows.

First, it was confirmed how it affects consumers' product evaluation and luxury awareness according to product design (art image product/general image product/no image product). From these results, it was confirmed that the effect of art products was particularly applied to art, but consumers' evaluation of the product and luxury awareness of the product were high. In general, it can be predicted that products using art will have better results than those that do not. Art has a high concept in common, and in particular, the art attributes used as a marketing tool are reminiscent of elements that constitute luxury, such as exclusivity, soft cell, high quality, reputation, and high status. Therefore, when art with such a positive meaning is applied to a product, consumers have a high perception of luxury for general products, forming a positive attitude not only for the product but also for the brand. As a result, consumers perceive the value of the product higher, resulting in a higher luxury awareness than the existing product. This sensory experience shortens consumers' decision-making time at the time of purchase if they are not aware of the obvious differences between many similar products and brands. And considering the nature of the package of the product, which is perceived as an organized whole rather than a part, art injection makes us infer product properties through the imaging process of art images in terms of visual information, and further increases the actual expectation level for product functions. In addition, it ultimately helps brand re-in and recall.

Second, the effect of product design on consumers' product evaluation and luxury awareness was verified according to consumers' aesthetic tendencies. It was found that there was an interaction effect between product design, product evaluation, and luxury awareness according to the aesthetic tendency of consumers. Looking at these results, it was confirmed that the evaluation of the consumer's product and the luxury awareness of the product were affected according to the product design and the aesthetic tendency of the consumer. These results suggest that if aesthetic tendencies show a product using art to consumers, they can recognize the symbolic value of novelty and luxury more if they select a unique work rather than a popular painting and use it for the product, which is likely to increase product evaluation and luxury awareness.

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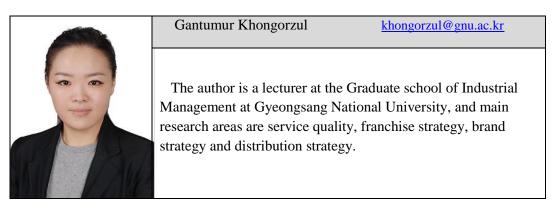
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