

# New Paradigms in Travel Distribution

# 1. How current are your market pair corporate traveler reports?

- 0 No Reports
- 1 Annual
- 2 Monthly
- 3 Weekly
- 4 Daily
- 5 Pre-Booked Daily at least a week in advance of travel

# 2. How is Travel Buying Reconciled with actual Traveler Expense Reports?

- 0 No reconciliation
- 1 Manual Audits of Suspected Offenders
- 2 Manual Periodic Random Audits
- 3 Manual Audit Monthly
- 4 Interactively after Expense report is filed
- 5 Interactively against Approved Travel Plan/Expense form

# 3. How is your Travel Agency compensated for its services?

- 0 Commission only
- 1 Commission plus costs for specific regular reports
- 2 Fees plus commission for activities or services performed for corporation
- 3 Fees less commissions based on activities or services performed for corporation
- 4 Fee based on time spent in servicing corporation
- 5 Fee based on transformation of travel function to meet corporate strategies

# 4. What level of Strategic Travel Knowledge do you access or monitor?

- 0 Not your responsibility
- 1 Travel requests and reason's for travel are approved departmentally
- 2 Operations and training travel is planned and audited, while executive, marketing and/or sales travel are approved departmentally against budgets
- 3 Travel requests are audited against travel planning with exceptions noted
- 4 #3 above plus traveler's reason for travel is captured and used for next planning cycle
- 5 Traveler's reason for travel is captured interactively, measured against plan, and information is used to plan/respond to anticipated needs in short term and/or next planning cycle

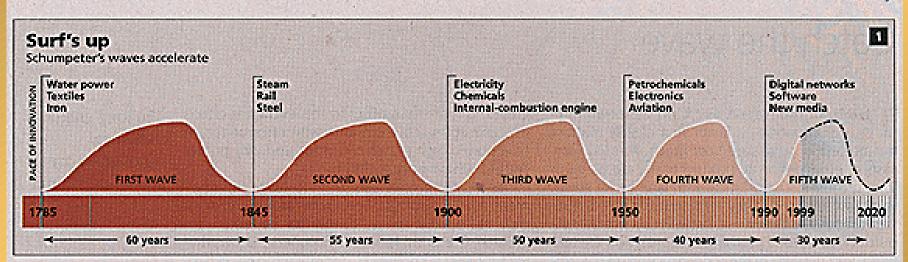
## 5. Your company currently ...

- 0 Pays for travel by reimbursement for travel using traveler submitted expense reports
- 1 Pays for more than 50% of travel with corporate credit card(s)
- 2 Pays for 90% of travel through corporate travel agency(s) using corporate credit card(s)
- 3 Has some direct purchase agreements that are settled monthly by check (i.e., non-credit card)
- 4 Has implemented some form of direct Electronic Funds Settlement (EFT) monthly payment solutions with non-travel vendors
- 5 Has implemented automated EFT direct settlement at time of service delivery with some travel or non-travel vendors

## Society and Travel Industry in Transition





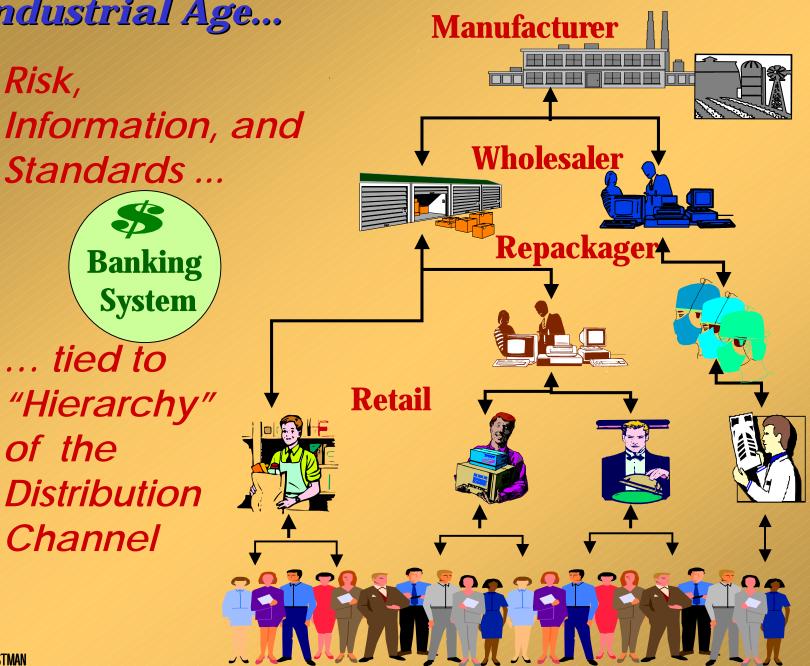


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## Industrial Age... Risk, Information, and

**Banking System** 

... tied to "Hierarchy" of the Distribution Channel

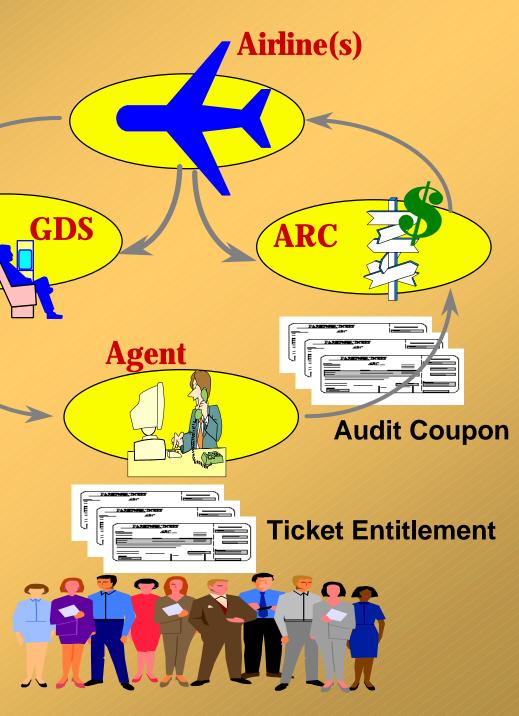


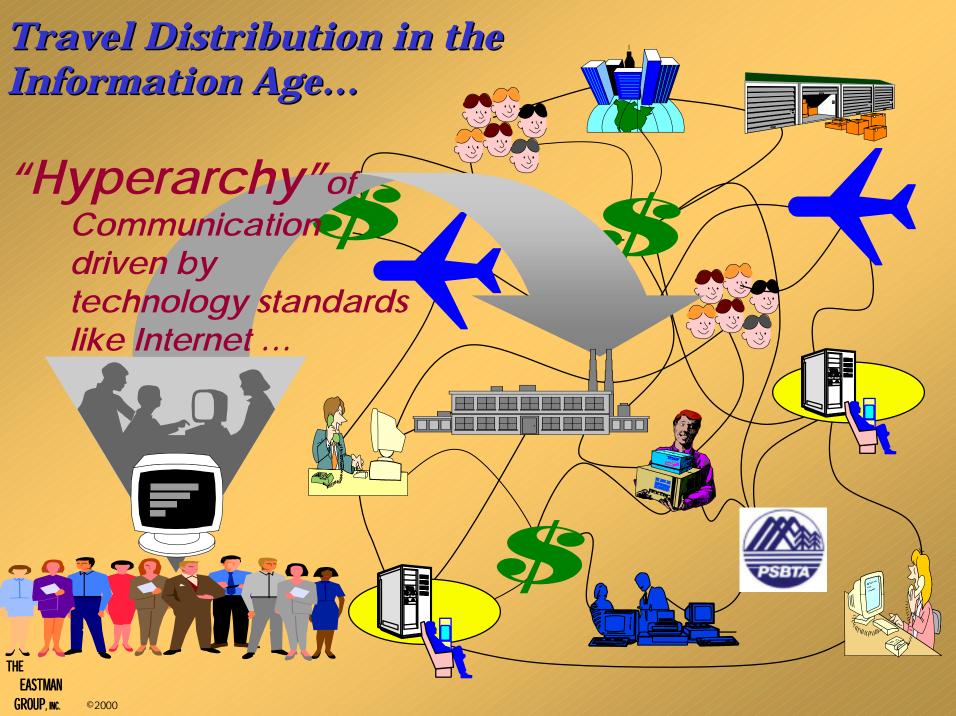
## Airline Distribution

"Holistic" tool of the mid-era Industrial Age

- Inventory Driven
- Limited Information
- Contained Risk equates ...

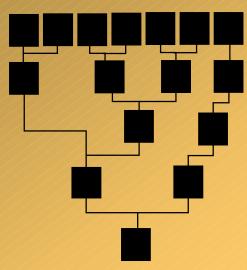
**Control** 





## Information Transition...

#### **Hierarchical Distribution**

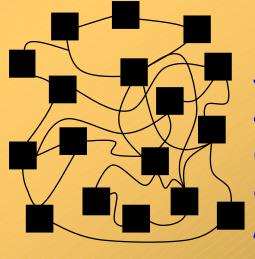


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- Supplier Power
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## Hyperarchy Distribution



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## Dilemma of GDS/CRS Revenue Stream

## GDS/CRS "Barrier to Entry"

"Hook to the GDS's"
\$500,000 to
\$1,700,000 Airline(s)

Agent

#### **Other Factors**



\$3.30 to process Ticket
versus
\$0.33 to process Electronic
Funds Transfer Transaction





\$18.00 & \$22.00 automated book via CRS



\$48.00 & \$37.00 to book via Telephone

\$11.00 & \$17.50 integrated book via Internet





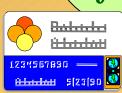
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Direct...



Shared Risk ...

MIDWEST EXPRESS AIRLINES













**SYDNEY** (Reuters) - British Airways Plc.

aims to see half of its reservations made over the Internet by the year

2003, BA sales director Dale Moss said Wednesday. "It is our aspiration to have 50 percent of our bookings online by 2001, and we are building the necessary infrastructure to make that happen," he told reporters.

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## Interactive Repackagers



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(www.defensetravel.com/dtsweb/home)





PRICELINE.COM now claims to be selling about 3% of all leisure airline tickets sold in the U.S.

(Travel Management Daily, 6 January, 2000)

Vacation.Com: buying power of 9000+ agencies

MPNetwork and PlanSoft: RFP management and cooperative buying





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## High Speed Interactive Information ...







Corporate Direct Links for Direct Purchase and Settlement



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TeleCenter or Internet

Hosts guide
Users

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## BTC.com

Two Internet Portals of ...



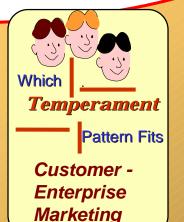
Links for

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EDIFACT
ACH - Direct
ARC - EFT
Credit Card ...





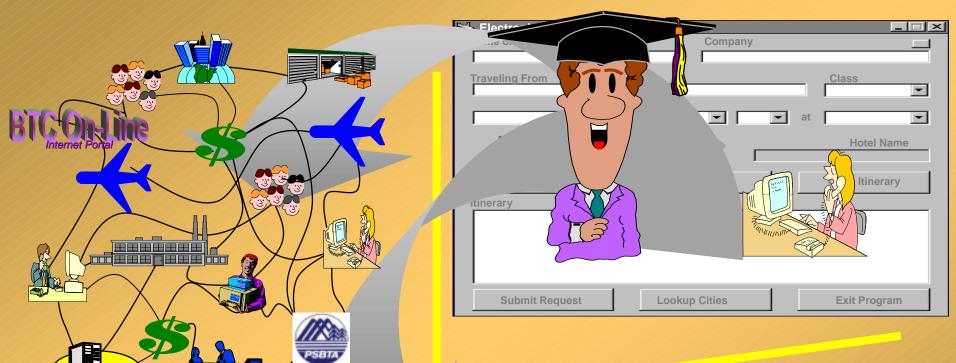
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## Agent Knowledge Brokers







- Commissions
- Service Fees
- Niche Packaging
- Corporate Advisors





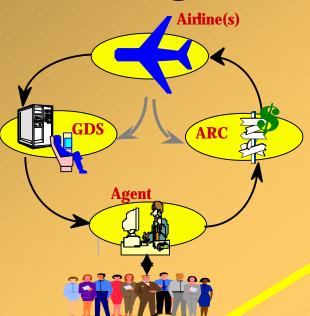
AutoLink™ multiple gateway to all GDSs

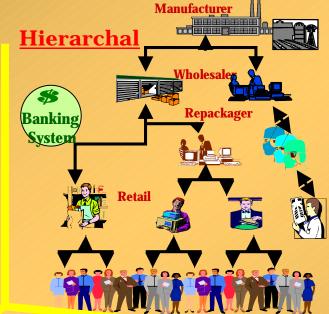
## Immediate Challenges ...

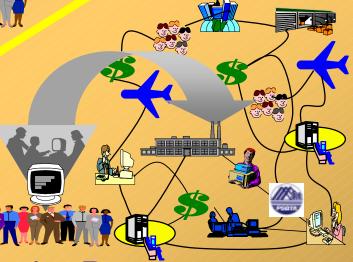
**Holistic** 

Balancing
Traditional
System(s)
with the
new needs
of the
Internet

Hyperarchy ...







**Hyperarchy** 

De-emphasizing Transaction Processes ...

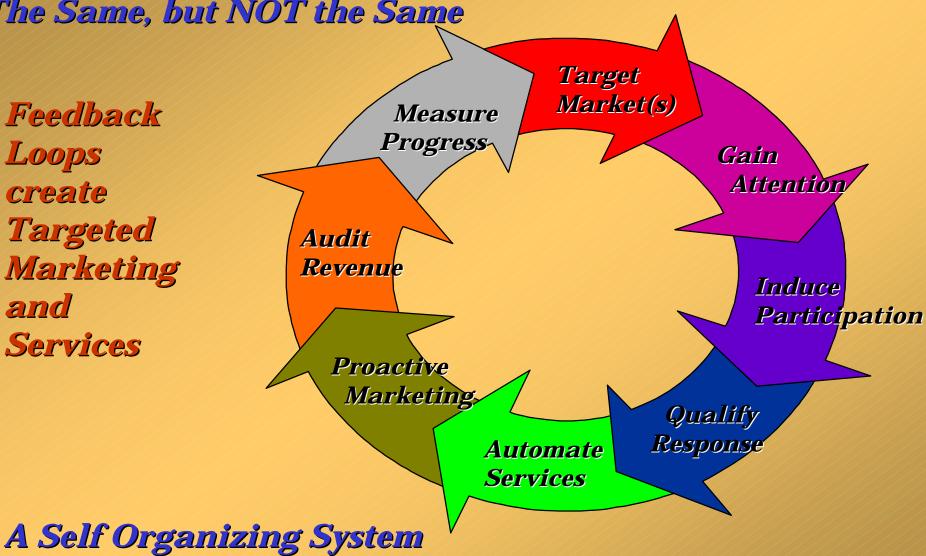
New Driver, Targeted Customer Integration

## New Product Dynamic ...



Marketing Dynamic ... The Same, but NOT the Same

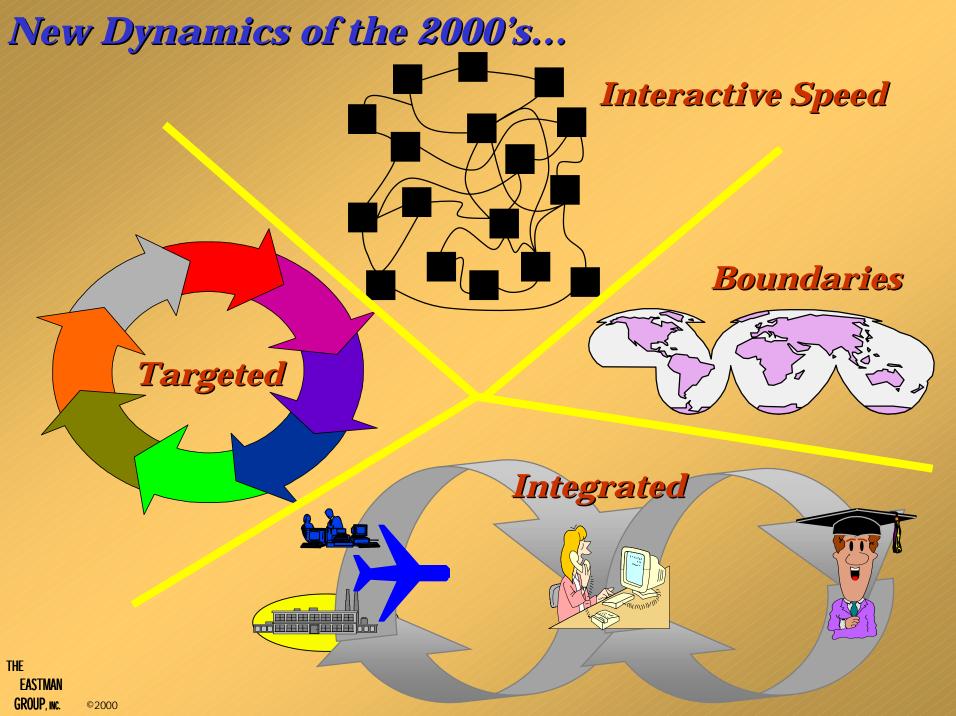
Feedback Loops create **Targeted** Marketing and Services



## Multiple Dynamics ~ Feedback Loops Interact with one another ...



Managing the Unknowable



## Integrated Travel Distribution ...





## Risk Distribution • Commodity Re-packaging



Repackagers



**Interactive Packagers** 





... targeted to specific corporate needs and buyers!

## Q: How might this shift affect the travel manager?

For example, models ranging from full service agencies to direct relationship with suppliers ... Norm Fiess, Mar '00

## A: Travel Purchasing Model is Changing ...

- What are your personal skills?
- Is your company ready to manage travel ... how will the company measure travel contribution?
- Is travel an "expense" or "opportunity" cost?
- Is your company big enough to buy direct ... or does it need to buy in a cooperative?
- Are your vendors prepared to deal with you/your company?
- What should you "outsource" ... What must you "control"?
- What "tools" are available to you ... What must be outsourced?



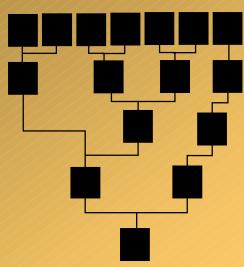
## The Questions ~

### in context of what we've discussed ...

- 1. How current are your market pair corporate traveler reports?
- 2. How is Travel Buying Reconciled with actual Traveler Expense Reports?
- 3. How is your Travel Agency compensated for its services?
- 4. What level of Strategic Travel Knowledge do you access or monitor?
- 5. Does your company currently use electronic settlement programs?

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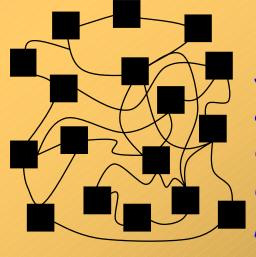


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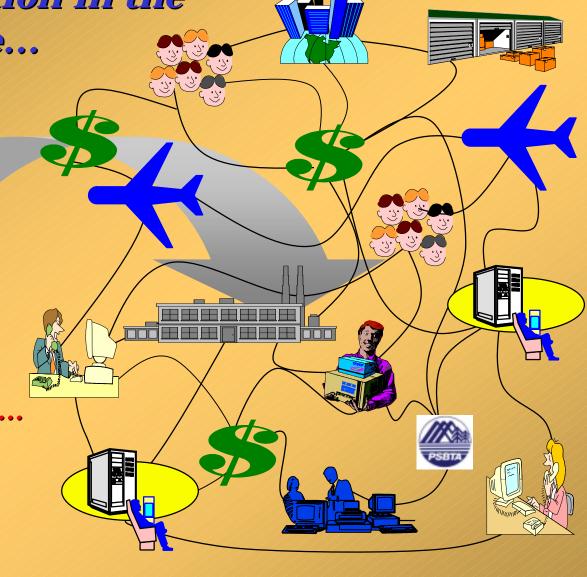
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Travel Distribution in the Information Age...

The power of travel product distribution will shift from Supply-Driven to Buyer-Driven ...

Corporate Travel Managers <u>must</u> evolve ...





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