

# Creating a Profitable Mobile Entertainment Industry: How to Make it Happen

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The Global Voice of Mobile Entertainment



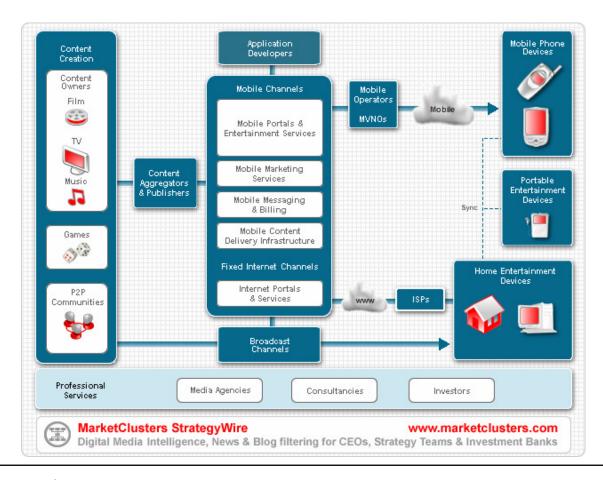
#### **About MEF**

#### **MEF's Mission**

- To be the voice of Mobile Entertainment to industry, government and media, globally and locally
- To involve Mobile Entertainment stakeholders; to enable revenue generation & revenue growth
- To maximise industry presence and business development opportunities for member companies.



### The Mobile Entertainment Value Chain



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#### This is who we are

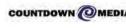
















































































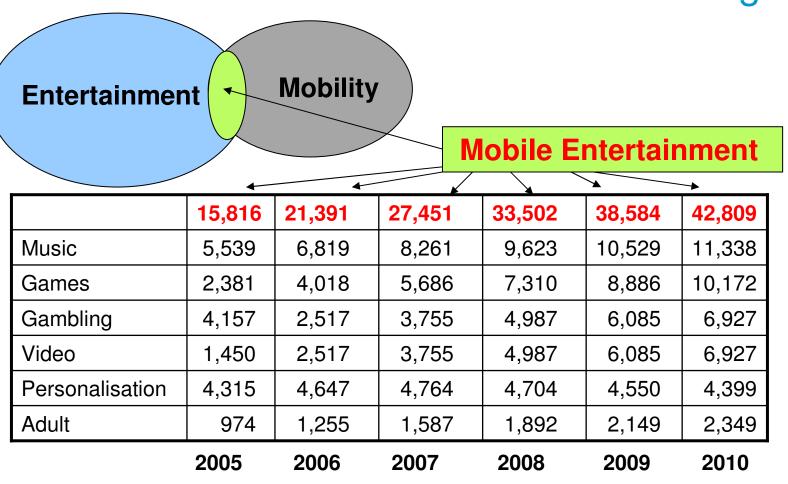








## The Future of Mobile Entertainment looks Bright





## Current reality presents a different picture

% of revenue from Digital (2005)		% of revenue from Data (2005)	
Time Warner	19%	DoCoMo	26%
Viacom	1.6%	China Mobile	20%
Disney	1.3%	Vodafone	18%
CBS	0.7%	Telefonica	14%
NewsCorp	0.4%	Verizon	10%



## Current industry challenges...

- mDRM is slow to arrive
- Legal & copyright issues
- Antiquated business models
- Lack of cross industry collaboration
- Regulatory awareness of mobile issues
- Unhappy consumers due to usability problems



### ..also create opportunities

- DRM no longer the bain of the music business content portability/convergence key
- New business models present opportunities to attract broadcasters, advertisers and media buyers
- Usability issues create opportunities for handset makers/search & discovery companies
- Lack of regulation = opportunity to self-regulate



## How to get there: The 3 step plan

Step 1: Track trends / Raise Awareness

Step 2: Address Challenges

Step 3: Use MEF as a platform to shape &

define the industry



## Step 1: Track Trends / Raise Awareness Example 1: MEF Charts Initiative

- MEF launched first ever official ringtone chart in UK, with KPMG and Music Week, in 2004
- In 2005, was extended to Germany, Europe's largest ringtone market
- MEF also supports the Billboard music chart



Plans to roll chart out into other territories



## Step1: Track Trends / Raise Awareness Example 2: Ad-Funded Mobile Entertainment Initiative (1)

#### **Case Study:**

April 2006 – MEF ran member survey on AFME

\*more than 80% of respondents felt advertising was a growth opportunity

\*the survey put Ad-Funded ME on the industry agenda

- May 2006 held AFME panel discussion with key players in ad industry
- August 2006 set up AFME blog to gather opinions



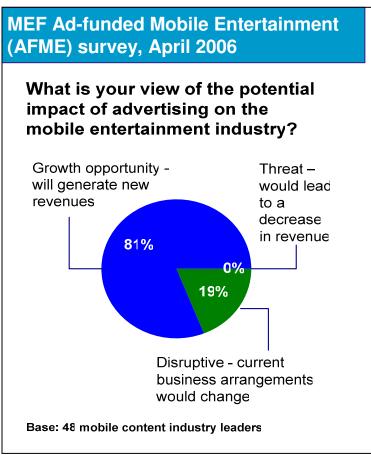
## Example 2: Ad-Funded Mobile Entertainment Initiative (2) Who will pay for mobile content?

#### **Before:**

"Mobility carries a premium. Users will always pay."

#### Now:

- •Close to one-fifth of respondents said advertising would be disruptive – but the industry is overwhelmingly positive to the idea of ad-funded entertainment
- •57% of respondents are actively developing mobile advertising solutions
- •But the industry believes consumer payments will continue to be important going forward
- •62% felt the most successful advertising models would retain some level of payment 38% advocate an ad-based business model enabling free mobile content

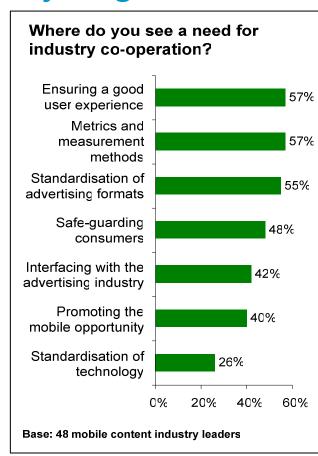




## Example 2: Ad-Funded Mobile Entertainment Initiative (3) Advertising on mobile is still in its early stages

The mobile entertainment industry is aware of what's needed to make it happen...

- Easier interface for advertisers
  - One stop shop for advertisers and their agencies
- Overlay of customer knowledge and context
- Enabling advertising is important to the core businesses of many parts of the mobile data value chain





## Step 1: Track Trends / Raise Awareness Example 3: Communities Initiative

 This initiative raises the visibility of community applications within the sphere of mobile entertainment

- Communities are in two broad camps: User generated and content-centric such as artist sites
- market for mobile communities and UGC will be worth US\$13.2b by 2011 (Informa Telecoms & Media)
- Members white paper published
- More work to be done in relation to intellectual property issues



## Step 1: Track Trends / Raise Awareness

#### **Example 4: Mobile Education Initiative**

- MEF Americas is leading the development of this initiative with the goal of increasing understanding within the creative sectors of the entertainment industry (ie. film, music, tv, games)
- Aim is to help drive the development of the industry
- This will enable MEF members to reach senior industry executives and decision makes at the heart of the creative industries

#### **Example 5: Realtone Initiative**

Set definition for 'realtones' and set this as an industry standard



## Step 2: Address Challenges

#### **Example 1: MEF DRM Initiative**

 Global revenue from mobile entertainment will reach £37b by 2010 (MEF report by Booz, Allen and Hamilton)

 Lack of effective mobile Digital Rights Management will cost Europe €3.5b this year, over half the estimated annual turnover of the European mobile entertainment industry

(Source: Frost & Sullivan)



## Step 2: Address Challenges

#### **Example 2: Regulatory Initiative**

- Subscription Services lack of clarity on rules. MEF advised adding 'stop' feature
- <u>E-Commerce</u> ensure that direct on-line payments on mobile are treated separately
- Representation and lobbying to key decision makers, regulators and stakeholders: OMA, CTIA, CASBA, BCMA, DTI, EU
- Key regulatory challenges still to be addressed:

  - Child protection issuesHarmonisation among EU countriesMobile content roaming



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### **Example 2: Mobile TV Initiative**

Launched in 2005 to gauge the impact of legislation (such as the Television without Frontiers" Directive) and to protect the interests of the mobile entertainment sector

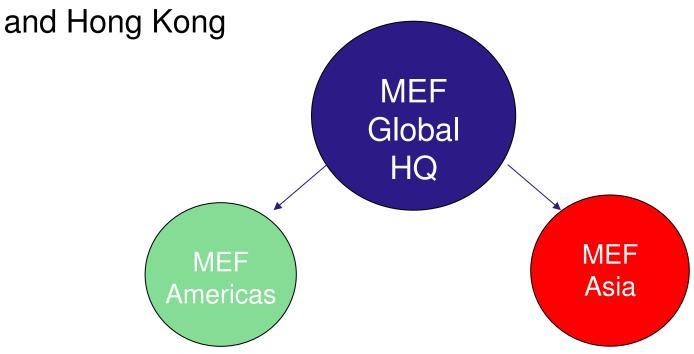
<u>Problem:</u> European Commission was including mobile within general digital content legislation rather than looking at it as a separate medium

Solution: MEF opened up a dialogue with the EU and positioned itself as a key strategic mobile media partner.



## Step 3: Use MEF as platform to define industry

MEF has a strong local presence in 3 continents - a London-based headquarters and offices in Los Angeles





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MEF Board members represent leading industry players in the mobile entertainment space











- MEF has forged relationships with key stakeholders (eg. Government bodies and agencies such as EU, FCC, KOCCA, Singapore)
- MEF enjoys widespread media coverage in the trade press and key international publications (eg. R. mars, HT, BBC)
- MEF represents the industry at key entertainment and wireless events -MEF's official event MEM (June 5-6, 2007, Montecarlo) is the premier industry gathering
  - -Meffys the industry's official mobile entertainment awards gala



## Membership Benefits - Overview

#### **Industry Insight & Analysis**

- e.g. MEF charts
- e.g. Mobile Entertainment KPIs

#### MEF Member Value

#### **Business Networking**

- e.g. MEF events
- e.g. conferences with MEF representatives

#### **Representation & Lobbying**

- e.g. consultations
- e.g. initiatives with active member participation



## MEF's newest chapter: MEF Europe

 Created to provide added local member value to our European members

#### Key objectives:

- ✓ localise existing initiative that are at enew initiatives to deal with specific European issues in mobile entertainment
- establish localised networking events to promote business development within key European territories
- ✓ work with leading companies in Eastern Europe/CIS to extend business development



## MEF Europe

MEF Europe will be officially launched in Paris on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> with a panel discussion on Ad-Funded Mobile Entertainment followed by a cocktail.

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