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## Brand Awareness for Entrepreneurial Hotel Chains: Perceived Quality and Brand Loyalty

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**ABSTRACT** Brand strategy, an important means of competition for service companies, is drawing increasing attention, while few present literatures offer quantitative researches on related theories. Taking customers of entrepreneurial hotel chainsas research samples, by examining the mediation effect of perceived quality, this paper explores the effect of brand awareness on brand loyalty. To discuss the relationship between brand awareness and perceived quality this paper investigates the joint moderating effects of brand imageand price fairness. The results show that: (1) brand awareness has significant positive influence on brand loyalty; (2) perceived quality mediates the relationship between brand awareness and perceived quality is influenced by brand image and price fairness, and it is the strongest when the brand image and perceived price fairness are both high. Finally this paper ends by the limitations of this paper and the prospect for future researches.