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Enhancing Talent Retention Through Employee Branding: The Influence Of Employee Engagement

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Abstract

This study explores the connection between employer branding (EB) and talent retention (TR), with a particular focus on the mediating role of employee engagement (EE) in this relationship. The research employs Partial Least Squares (PLS) structural equation modeling to behavior the examination. Data collected from banking specialists (n = 340) is used to observe the interplay between employer branding, employee engagement, and talent retention. The study offers experimental understandings into how employee engagement enhances the apparent value of employer branding, ultimately contributing to employee retention. The findings suggest that employee engagement serves as a partial mediator between employer branding and talent retention. This research delivers practical management for banking professionals, highlighting the importance of fostering strong emotional and professional connections among colleagues, team leaders, and elder management to improve engagement levels. The results can assist business strategists and managers in prioritizing key elements of employer branding to enhance workforce association. The authors consider this study to be a unique contribution, as it empirically assessments the intermediating role of employee engagement in the association between employer branding and talent retention. Likewise, this research lays a foundation for future hypothetical examination into the important impact of employer branding on employee engagement and retention.

Keywords: Employer branding, Employee engagement, Talent retention, Mediation analysis, Banking organizations

Introduction

In the highly competitive business landscape Companies are always using cutting-edge strategies to draw in, keep, and involve elite personnel. Employer branding has materialized as a key tactic for improving employee engagement, retention, and productivity. The primary purpose of employee branding is to establish a company's reputation as an appealing workplace for both prospective and present employees. By fusing elements of corporate culture, marketing, and human resource management, it provides a thorough approach to workforce management. Interestingly, corporate branding is a purposeful driver of worker pleasure, productivity, and loyalty that extends beyond hiring. This is in line with theoretical frameworks that highlight how employee branding communicates organizational values, fosters loyalty and trust, and creates competitive advantages, such as resource-based philosophy, community conversation philosophy, and gesturing theory.

According to (2021), employee branding serves many facilities to retain their employee and cultivating long term loyalty among employee. The banking sector of Pakistan is re-known for retaining their employee by providing various



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facilities. Studies also demonstrate work-life balance with friendly environment which is the one of the reason that employee retain in an organization, many organization is working to retain employee and trying to increased employee retaining rate which will somehow effect the Pakistan's economy. Somehow it will help to create a relationship employee and organization to fell pleasure of their work.

Regarding employee branding organizations are usually focusing on new talent that are energetic and passionate to learn new things beside ignoring its responsibilities by retaining experience and old employee who have more knowledge about industry, market trend and up and down of industry (Ivar Nabilatul 2020). Additionally, studies also show that companies are only focus on employee branding through external source, while ignoring internal dynamics and that will create an impact on employee working in internal environment.

Good employee branding techniques increase engagement and productivity by creating work environments where staffs impression innocuous, appreciated, and reinvigorated to money up front. Managers can effectively leverage employee branding by consistently communicating company values and fostering a sense of unity among staff members. This alignment strengthens ties between workers and their companies, which increases workforce stability and retention. Employee branding is important beyond hiring because it affects performance, company identity, and culture (Vinh Luan, Huynh Luong Tam 2021).

With an emphasis on how engagement modifies the consequence of employer branding on withholding, this scholarship inspects the piecing together sandwiched between employer branding, employee engagement, and talent retention. This study highlights the significance of keeping current workers as a critical component in attaining long-term organizational success, even if prior research has emphasized the relevance of employer branding in attracting talent.

This study significantly showing how important advance tactics and procedure are important to improve HR practice. It mainly emphasized how employee branding and retaining talent is important for any organization by creating or designing different activities that helps to retain employee, it will directly affect the organization to achieve their goals because it's very important to align employee goals with organizational goal for long term organization success.

Background Of The Study

Employer branding has appeared as a crucial approach for businesses looking to attract, retain, and engage workers. The studies illustrate the multifaceted encouragement of proprietor branding on organizational consequences in industries including IT, healthcare, banking, and hospitality by fusing ideas of work-life balance, job happiness, and organizational documentation. Its function in reducing issues like employee disengagement, job stress, and turnover is the main focus.

Problem Statement

Now-a-days the biggest challenges that organization are facing that how to retain their employee in such competitive labor market having the factors like stress, late sitting etc. Many organization has an ambiguity employee branding interact



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with such go-between organization trust, employee engagement. Additionally, there is a lack of clarity regarding how employer branding interacts with mediators such as organizational trust, employee engagement, and psychological attachment.

Gap Analysis

While the literature recognizes the inspiration of employer imprinting on preservation and assignation, there is limited research on its interaction with specific mediators like emotional exhaustion, transformational leadership, and internal branding. Furthermore, studies often focus on external branding perspectives, leaving gaps in understanding internal employer brand dynamics and their influence on organizational outcomes.

Research Objectives

- Investigating how employer branding might improve employee engagement and retention
- Investigating mediating elements such psychological attachment, organizational trust, and employee engagement in the association between employer marking and employee consequences.
- In the process of determining how to use company branding to enhance employee presentation and stability.

Research Questions

- How does employee engagement and retention relate to corporate branding?
- How can psychological attachment, employee engagement, and organizational trust function as mediator?
- What tactics can businesses use to maximize the consequence of employer labeling on their staffs?

Research Siignificance

This investigation subsidizes to the hypothetical sympathetic of employer branding by integrating diverse frameworks like signaling and social exchange theories. It provides useful advice for HR specialists and company executives on how to create branding plans that solve issues with employee retention, boost engagement, and promote overall business success.

Literature Review

Retention

In today's economical business landscape according to the Chopra, A., Sahoo, C.K. and Patel, G. (2024), organizations are increasingly recognizing the importance of human capital as a critical asset. Among the myriad of approaches aimed at enhancing workforce probable, employer branding (EB), employee engagement (EE), and talent retention (TR) stand out as unified and influential elements that drive organizational success.

Employer Branding (EB)

According to the (Kotler and Armstrong, 2017) Employer marking refers to the administration's determinations to promote this one as a desirable place to exertion. This strategy aims to create a compelling duplicate that attracts,



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engages, and retains talent. Through employer branding, companies project values, culture, and opportunities that appeal to both current and probable employees. A strong employer brand impacts perceptions of job safekeeping, career development, and work-life equilibrium, significantly shaping employees' attachment to the association. Research underscores that employee branding goes beyond recruitment, fostering emotional connections, building trust, and aligning employees with organizational standards. When effectively implemented, employer branding can lead to a more motivated and cohesive workforce, enhancing overall organizational performance (Biswas and Suar, 2016)

Employee Engagement (EE)

Hee and Rhung (2019) define employee engagement as the extent to which individuals are mentally, emotionally, and behaviorally dedicated to their organization. Highly engaged employees tend to experience greater job satisfaction, enhanced performance, and a stronger inclination to exceed their formal responsibilities. Appointment theatres an essential role in interceding the link between employer branding and talent retention. A well-established employer brand fosters an intelligence of arrogance and be in the right place, encouraging employees to become more invested in their work. Engaged employees gain from opportunities for personal development, skill enhancement, and a reassuring effort atmosphere, all of which subsidize to lower turnover rates. Additionally, engagement strengthens organizational commitment by reinforcing employees' psychological attachment and sense of competence (Padhi & Joshi, 2022). Research also highlights engagement as a reciprocal process—while a strong employer brand boosts engagement, engaged employees, in turn, act as brand advocates, further enhancing the organization's market reputation.

Talent Retention (TR)

Talent retention is the organization's ability to keep skilled employees and reduce turnover. Effective retention strategies are pivotal in maintaining organizational knowledge, reducing recruitment costs, and fostering a stable work environment. The synergy between employer branding and employee engagement plays a vital role in ornamental talent retention. Organizations with a strong employer brand and high employee engagement are better positioned to retain top talent (Ahmed et al., 2022). Factors influencing retention include job design, organizational trust, recognition, and opportunities for career growth Staff members are more likely to want to stay with an organization when they see it as beneficial and in line with their personal and professional objectives. Because they feel appreciated and dedicated, engaged workers are less inclined to look for other options, which increases retention rates.

Interconnectedness of EB, EE, and TR

Chacko and Zacharies (2020) claims that employee branding employee engagement and talent retention have positive impact on personal and professional growth. An employee branding has a positive impact on organizational environment that gave motivation to employee to align their goals with organizational goals. Employee branding is directly proportional to retention rates that enhance the gross revenue proportion and generate maintainable atmosphere.



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Now-a-days organizations are focusing buzzing workplace to attract top talent and trying to make every possible steps to align their goals with organizational goals.

Aligning these elements is still essential for preserving a competitive edge and guaranteeing long-term success as the business environment changes (Mahadi et al., 2020).

Dependent And Independent Variables

The document identifies a wide range of dependent and independent variables across various studies:

Dependent Variables

- **Employee Retention:**

Centered on methods to increase staff stability and decrease turnover.

- **Employee Engagement:**

Investigated as a consequence of employer imprinting and organizational procedures.

- **Turnover Intention:**

Frequently examined as employee retention's opposite.

- **Employee Performance:**

Evaluated in the context of engagement and branding.

- **Organizational Commitment:**

Studied as a consequence of employer attractiveness and trust.

- **Job Satisfaction:**

Linked to internal branding and employee value propositions.

Independent Variables

- **Employer Branding:**

Central in nearly all studies, impacting multiple organizational outcomes.

- **Talent Management Practices:**

Analyzed as a driver of retaining and engagement.

- **Work-Life Balance:**

Explored designed for its role fashionable reducing stress and improving retention.

- **Transformational Leadership:**

Examined in relation to its impact on employee outcomes.

- **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):**

Investigated as a factor influencing perceptions and retention.



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- **Human Resource Practices:**

Studied for their role in fostering engagement and satisfaction.

Conceptual Development

The document highlights several conceptual frameworks integrating the relationships among key organizational variables:

- **Employer Branding as a Strategic Asset:**

Positioned within resource-based theory, employer branding is seen as a competitive advantage that improves employee outcomes and organizational performance.

- **Mediators and Moderators:**

Employee Engagement: Mediates the relationships between branding, performance, and retention.

Organizational Trust: Acts as a mediator between branding and turnover intentions.

Psychological Attachment: Describes the effect of transformational management on withholding.

Theoretical Foundations:

Signaling Theory: Business branding interconnects administrative culture and values.

Social Exchange Theory: Fosters mutual relationships, driving engagement and commitment.

- **Interconnected Dynamics:**

In order to show a multifaceted impact on engagement and retention, trainings generate factors such as employee value plans, inner branding, and work happiness.

Relationship Among Variables

The associations in the middle of reliant on and self-governing variables are multi-dimensional:

- **Employer Branding and Retention**

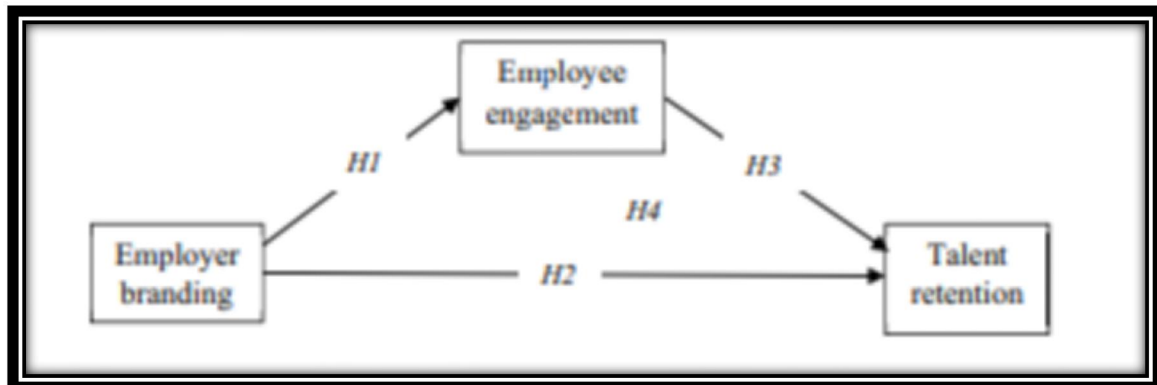
Direct effect of ornamental employee consummation and loyalty on declining turnover. mediated by factors such as engagement, organizational trust, and work satisfaction.

- **Talent Management and Engagement**

Engagement is significantly increased by current approaches, which also increase retention. These effects are amplified by mediators such as operative value propositions.

- **Work-Life Balance and Stress**

A well-balanced workplace improves retention and lessens expressive fatigue.



Employer branding acts as a moderator, reducing work-related stress.

- **Transformational Leadership and Turnover Intention**

Leadership styles unwaveringly reduce revenue finished psychological regard and engagement.

- **CSR and Organizational Outcomes**

CSR creativities positively encouragement employer labelling, which developments retention and responsibility.

- **Internal Employer Branding**

Prominences on encouragement a sagacity of be in the right place and arrange in a line administrative values with employee opportunities.

Conceptual Model Development And Hypothesis

Conceptual Model Development

Summary Of Association With Direct Variable Effect

The article often looks at the associations between the self-determining and independent direct variables. An overview of their immediate consequences is provided below:

- **Employer Branding → Employee Retention:**

Employer branding consistently has an optimistic influence on preservation concluded a decline in turnover intention and decorative structural loyalty.

- **Employer Branding → Employee Engagement:**

Shown to have a very good effect on arrangement, promoting increased production and guarantee.

- **Work-Life Balance → Employee Retention:**

A well-adjusted work situation positively affects retention by plummeting job stress.

- **Talent Management → Turnover Intention:**

Effective talent management observes directly lower revenue intention and recover retention.



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- **Transformational Leadership → Turnover Intention:**

Leadership styles meaningfully reduce turnover by development engagement and faith.

- **CSR → Employee Engagement:**

Employee-oriented CSR initiatives directly improve engagement and loyalty.

Hypothesis

H1. Employee branding meaningfully influences the current employees' level of engagement.

H2. Employee branding has a important influence on talent retention.

H3. Employee engagement has a positive influence on talent retention.

H4. Employee engagement mediates the association in the middle of employee branding and talent retention in the banking industry.

Hypothesis For Direct Relationship

H1: Employer branding positively impacts employee retention.

H2: Talent management negatively affects turnover intention.

H3: Work-life balance reduces emotional exhaustion and improves retention.

H4: Transformational leadership improves employee retention through engagement.

Hypothesis For Indirect Relationship

H5: Employee engagement facilitates the association between employer branding and employee retention.

H6: Organizational faith mediates the association in the middle of employer branding and turnover intention.

H7: Psychological attachment mediates the effect of transformational leadership on retention.

H8: Communication diminishes the relationship flanked by employee engagement and retention.

Mediation And Moderation Analysis

The studies include detailed arbitration and moderation examines:

- **Mediation Analysis:**

Employee Engagement as Mediator:

Fully ask on somebody's behalf the relationship between employer branding and employee retention, importance of engagement by means of a pathway.

Organizational Trust:

Incompletely intercedes the assembly between employer branding and turnover intention.

Psychological Attachment:

Arbitrates the connection between transformational management and preservation, representative how attachment enhances outcomes.



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Job Satisfaction:

Acts as an intermediary between internal marking and talent retention.

- **Moderation Analysis:**

Employer Branding Moderating Emotional Exhaustion:

Employer branding diminishes the consequence of work-life equilibrium on retaining by reducing stress levels.

Communication Moderation:

Hypothesized to strengthen the indirect relationship between variables like employee engagement and retention by enhancing clarity and alignment.

Communication As a Moderator

- **Proposed Moderation Effect:**

Communication strengthens the relationship between direct and indirect variables by providing clarity, enhancing engagement, and aligning employee expectations with organizational goals.

Research Methodology

Research Paradigm

This study approves a quantitative examination paradigm, concentrating on computable data to reconnoiter the connections between variables such as employee branding and talent retention and employer engagement as a go-between effect.

Research Design

Quantitive Technique

This research develops a quantitative design to inspect the relations between employer branding and talent retention and employee engagement as the mediator effect.

Confirmatory Factor Analysis (Cfa)

	Employer Branding	Employee Engagement	Talent Retention
EB1	0.733		
EB2	0.821		
EB3	0.798		
EB4	0.804		
EB5	0.759		
EE1		0.714	
EE2		0.828	
EE3		0.769	
EE4		0.765	
EE5		0.730	
TR1			0.755
TR2			0.783
TR3			0.833
TR4			0.819
TR5			0.822



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Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) was accompanied to substantiate the influence assembly of a set of experimental variables. The findings indicate that all indicator variables have factor loadings above 0.70, demonstrating a theoretical connection with their respective constructs. Specifically, the factor loadings for Employer Branding (EMPLOYEE BRANDING₁: 0.733, EMPLOYEE BRANDING₂: 0.821, EMPLOYEE BRANDING₃: 0.798, EMPLOYEE BRANDING₄: 0.804, EMPLOYEE BRANDING₅: 0.759), Employee Engagement (EE₁: 0.714, EE₂: 0.828, EE₃: 0.769, EE₄: 0.765, EE₅: 0.730), and Talent Retention (TR₁: 0.755, TR₂: 0.783, TR₃: 0.833, TR₄: 0.819, TR₅: 0.822) exhibit strong factor loadings, confirming their validity as reliable measures of their respective constructs.

Pilot Testing

Pilot testing remained accompanied to examine the research instrument and procedure before the concrete data gathering stage. A sample of (340) defendants participated in the pilot test. This sample size was selected to belt a balance between driving valuable feedback while upholding resource effectiveness. The accused were selected to represent the target population of the main study, which includes employees from various hierarchical levels within the Pakistani banking sector. This ensured that the speech used was comprehensible, brief, and culturally suitable for the Pakistani banking context. Vague or confusing statements were recognized and consequently revised for the major research.

Normality Test

The normality test employed in the inspection to acknowledged the association between employer branding and talent retention. The facilitation consequence of employee engagement in the Pakistani banking industry. In this education, normality test has been accompanied on the key variables i.e. employee branding, talent retention and employee engagement.

Questionnaire

The survey employed a five-point Likert gauge, across from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), using a adapted version of an time-honored measurement tool. This format allowed defendants to accurately prompt their equal of arrangement with each announcement. The survey assessed three key HR constructs aligned with the research objectives: employer branding (EB), talent retention (TR), and employee engagement (EE). These constructs were coded for analysis to examine the association between employer branding and talent retention, considering the arbitrating character of employee engagement. The instrument collected data on these variables and their impact on various HR outcomes within Pakistan's banking sector.

Construct Coding And Item

Employee Branding (EB): Measured by 5 items assessing the availability and accessibility of employee branding within the organization i.e. (EMPLOYEE BRANDING₁ – EMPLOYEE BRANDING₅)

Talent Retention (TR): Measured by 5 items assessing the availability and



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accessibility of talent retention within the organization i.e. (TR1 – TR5)

Employee Engagement (EE): Measured by 3 items assessing the availability and accessibility employee engagement within the organization i.e. (EE1 – EE5)

Likert Scale

In my research, I used a 1-5 Likert scale, which is renowned for its efficiency in understanding what people think. It asks defendants to rate statements from "Strongly Disagree" to "Strongly Agree"

Measure Utilize

Construct	Coding	Scholar	Items
Employee Engagement	EE	Salju Salju, (2020)	5
Talent Retention	TR	Junaidi, (2021)	5
Employee Branding	EB	Gosh (2023)	5

Sample Frame

The sample frame is designed to represent the diversity of employees within Pakistan's banking sector. Various staffing approaches are utilized, such as teamwork with major governing bodies, counting the **State Bank of Pakistan (SBP)**, **Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP)**, **Banking Mohtasib**, and **Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)**. Additional sustenance may originate from the **Pakistan Bankers Association (PBA)** or direct outreach to HR divisions of separate banks to fold members. This approach ensures that the sample is complete and reflective of the target populace, providing trustworthy and representative data for the study.

Sample Size

The study's population is Pakistan's banking industry, and in order to obtain accurate data and results, I choose to employ a sample size of 340 respondents.

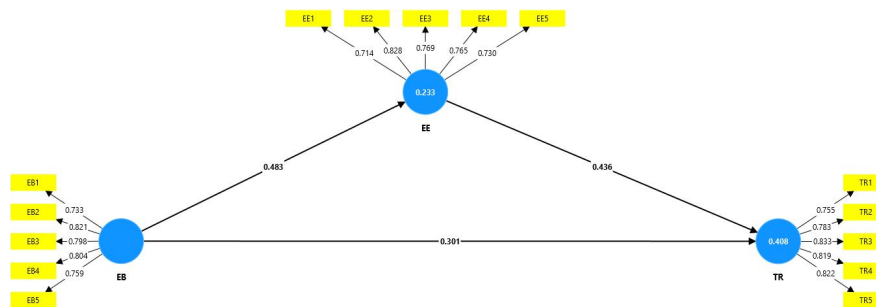
Data Collection

A self-administered survey apparatus considered exactly for Pakistan's banking industry was used to assemble the data. To gather evidence about the association between employee branding and talent retention, as well as the intermediating role of employee engagement, a questionnaire was generated.

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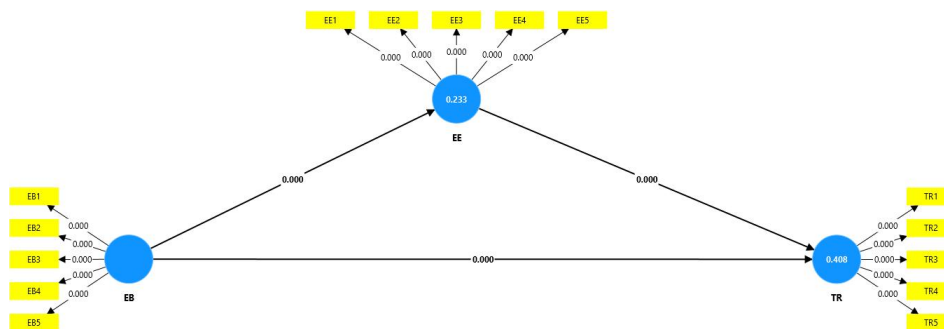
Measurement Model Assessment

The measurement model was evaluated using Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) to verify the structural integrity of the constructs. Essential metrics, including factor loadings, composite reliability (CR), and average variance extracted (AVE), were examined to ensure reliability and validity.



Structural Model Assessment

The structural model was analyzed to examine the proposed relationship between employer branding and talent retention, considering the mediating effect within Pakistan's banking sector.



Data Analysis And Results

Research Theme

The theme of this research chapter is centered on examining the relationships between employee branding with capacity retaining with the mediating consequence of employee engagement. The education searches for to fill openings in the up-to-date collected works by offering empirical evidence and theoretical insights specific to the SME context, ultimately contributing to strategies that enhance employee productivity and organizational success.

Demographic Profile

Gender Of Respondent

Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Male	264	68.75
Female	120	31.25

Age Distribution

Age Group	Frequency	Percentage
18-25	57	15.2
26-35	106	27.5
35-45	149	38.1
46-55	65	17.3
55 above	7	1.9



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Qualification Distribution

Qualification	Frequency	Percentage
Matric / O-Level	0	0.0
Intermediate	0	0.0
Bachelors	167	44.3
Master	209	53.6
PHD	8	2.1

Experience Distribution

Experience	Frequency	Percentage
Less than 1 year	33	8.8
1 year to 4 years	64	16.3
5 years to 10 years	126	32.3
11 years to 15 years	96	25.3
16 years to 20 years	55	14.3
21 years or above	10	2.7

Descriptive Analysis

I analyzed the descriptive statistics of the key constructs to understand their distribution characteristics. These constructs include EB employee branding, TR talent retention and EE employee engagement. The table below recapitulates the mean, standard deviation, skewness, and kurtosis for each construct.

Descriptive	Mean	Median	Observed min	Observed max	SD	kurtosis	Skewness	No of obs. used	Cramér-von Mises test statistic	Cramér-von Mises p value
EB	0.000	0.159	-3.032	1.222	1.000	0.163	-0.794	320.000	0.676	0.000
EE	0.000	0.041	-4.336	1.027	1.000	3.438	-1.535	320.000	1.337	0.000
TR	0.000	0.120	-4.072	1.052	1.000	1.792	-1.199	320.000	1.155	0.000

Mean

The mean characterizes the regular value of the construct. In this context, all constructs have a mean of 0.000, indicating that the data has been standardized.

Standard Deviation

This metric measures the degree of variation or dispersion from the mean. All constructs have a standard deviation of 1.000, reflecting the standardized nature of the data.



Skewness

Skewness measures the irregularity of a likelihood circulation comparative to its mean. A skewness value of zero characterizes a perfectly balanced dissemination, while a optimistic value indicates a right-skewed distribution with a longer tail toward higher values. In contrast, a negative skewness value signifies a left-skewed distribution with a longer tail toward lower values. In this dataset, employee branding has a skewness of -0.794, indicating a slight negative skew, where maximum values are determined at the subordinate end, with the tail extending toward sophisticated values. Similarly, employee engagement (-1.535) and talent retention (-1.199) also exhibit negative skewness, suggesting a comparable pattern with longer tails on the right side.

Kurtosis

Kurtosis evaluates the "tiredness" of a probability distribution, indicating how much of the variance results from rare extreme deviations rather than frequent moderate ones. A standard normal distribution has a kurtosis of 3. Distributions with values above 3 are considered leptokurtic, characterized by sharper peaks and heavier tails, while values below 3 indicate platykurtic distributions with flatter peaks and lighter tails. In this dataset, all variables—employee branding, employee engagement, and talent retention—exhibit negative kurtosis values, implying that their distributions are flatter than a normal distribution and have lighter tails.

Interpretation

The data for all constructs—employee branding, employee engagement, talent retention—are standardized with a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1, ensuring comparability. However, their distributions are negatively skewed, indicating an asymmetry with longer tails toward lower values. The platykurtic nature of the variables (kurtosis values < 3) implies that the data are flatter than a normal distribution with lighter tails, except for employee engagement, which shows relatively heavier tails and a sharper peak. The Cramér-von Mises p-value of 0.000 suggests that none of the variables follow a perfect normal distribution.

Results

Measurement Model Analysis

Variables	Cronbach's alpha	Composite reliability (rho_a)	Composite reliability (rho_c)	Average variance extracted (AVE)
Employee Branding	0.846	0.869	0.888	0.614
Employee Engagement	0.819	0.821	0.874	0.581
Talent Retention	0.863	0.870	0.901	0.645

Using a variety of assessment criteria, my study looked at the validity and reliability of important constructs. Affective Employee Branding (EB), Employee Engagement (EE), and Talent Retention (TR) are some of these constructs. Evaluating these notions is essential to guaranteeing the precision and coherence of the measures used in this research.



Construct Realibility And Validity

This measure assesses the constructions' internal consistency by showing how closely connected the elements are inside each construct. In general, values greater than 0.7 are regarded as acceptable.

- **Employee Branding (EMPLOYEE BRANDING):** This strategy has a high level of internal consistency, as indicated by its Cronbach's alpha of 0.846.
- **Employee Engagement (EE):** EE has strong dependability with a Cronbach's alpha of 0.819.
- **Talent Retention (TR):** TR has a very dependable alpha value of 0.863.

Composite Realibility (rho_a and rho_c)

Another indicator of internal consistency that is sometimes thought to be more accurate than Cronbach's alpha is composite reliability. A value of 0.7 or above is considered acceptable.

- **Employee Branding (EMPLOYEE BRANDING):** Strong dependability is shown by both rho_a (0.869) and rho_c (0.888) for EMPLOYEE BRANDING, which are both well above 0.7.
- **Employee Engagement (EE):** EE has strong dependability with rho_a of 0.821 and rho_c = 0.874.
- **Talent Retention (TR):** TR shows rho_a of (0.870) and rho_c of (0.901), confirming high reliability.

Average Variance Extracted (AVE)

AVE procedures the amount of adjustment captured by the theory relative to the amount of variance due to quantity error. A value of 0.5 or higher is tolerable, demonstrating that the construct explicates more than half of the variance of its indicators.

- **Employee Branding (EMPLOYEE BRANDING):** AVE for EMPLOYEE BRANDING is 0.614, indicating strong validity.
- **Employee Engagement (EE):** AVE for EE is 0.581, indicating good validity.
- **Talent Retention (TR):** AVE for TR is 0.645, indicating high validity

	Original sample (O)	Sample mean (M)	Standard deviation (STDEV)	T (O/STDEV)	statistics P values
EB1 <- EB	0.733	0.731	0.041	17.828	0.000
EB2 <- EB	0.821	0.819	0.026	31.150	0.000
EB3 <- EB	0.798	0.797	0.030	26.749	0.000
EB4 <- EB	0.804	0.803	0.029	27.821	0.000
EB5 <- EB	0.759	0.760	0.026	29.146	0.000
EE1 <- EE	0.714	0.713	0.052	13.726	0.000
EE2 <- EE	0.828	0.828	0.026	31.347	0.000
EE3 <- EE	0.769	0.768	0.038	20.291	0.000
EE4 <- EE	0.765	0.763	0.035	21.889	0.000



EE5 <- EE	0.730	0.727	0.041	17.799	0.000
TR1 <- TR	0.755	0.756	0.030	25.248	0.000
TR2 <- TR	0.783	0.780	0.039	20.114	0.000
TR3 <- TR	0.833	0.831	0.026	31.812	0.000
TR4 <- TR	0.819	0.818	0.030	26.985	0.000
TR5 <- TR	0.822	0.821	0.030	27.731	0.000

Structural Model Analysis

The given table represents the structural model analysis of a research study using a statistical approach, likely based on Structural Equation Modeling (SEM). The results provide insights into the strength and significance of relationships between latent constructs (EB, EE, TR) and their corresponding observed variables (EB1–EB5, EE1–EE5, TR1–TR5).

Path Coefficients (Original Sample & Sample Mean):

The Original Sample (O) values indicate the strength of the relationships between each indicator (observed variable) and its respective latent construct. These values range from 0.714 to 0.833, suggesting strong positive relationships. The Sample Mean (M) values are nearly identical to the Original Sample values, indicating the stability of the estimates across multiple bootstrap resampling iterations.

Standard Deviation (STDEV):

The standard deviation values range from 0.026 to 0.052, representing the variability in the estimated relationships. Lower standard deviation values (e.g., 0.026 for EB2 and EE2) indicate more reliable and stable relationships, while higher values (e.g., 0.052 for EE1) suggest slightly more variability.

T-Statistics (Significance of Relationships):

The T-Statistics values are all significantly high, ranging from 13.726 to 31.812, indicating that the relationships between indicators and latent constructs are statistically strong. A t-statistic above 1.96 (for a 95% confidence level) suggests a significant relationship. Since all values are well above this threshold, all relationships are highly significant.

P-Values (Statistical Significance):

All P-values = 0.000, which means that the relationships between the observed variables and their latent constructs are statistically significant at a 99.9% confidence level ($p < 0.001$). This confirms that the observed indicators are valid and reliable measures of their respective latent constructs.

Conclusion

The structural model results demonstrate **strong, stable, and statistically significant** relationships between the latent constructs (EB, EE, TR) and their respective observed indicators. The high path coefficients, low standard deviations, high t-statistics, and extremely low p-values confirm the robustness and validity of the measurement model. Therefore, the model effectively captures



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the underlying relationships, making it suitable for further analysis and interpretation in the research study.

Future Research

To have a better understanding of employee branding dominance on other variables i.e. employee engagement and talent retention using moderating factors that may dominance the affiliation towards employee branding employee engagement and talent retention through co-worker and team and for larger sample sizes organization should use triangulated research approach. Researches that we are conducting should be resemble how these relations between different variables change and effect across different industries, different geographical culture.

If organizations are planning to go long-term employee branding than first they have to identify how are the employee are and relevant experiences they have and if they have worked on employee branding and retaining they will provide benefit. Secondly, instead of attracting talent they should focus on internal employee engagement. Thirdly, all these three factor i.e. employee branding employee engagement and talent retention are link with each other, by focusing them simantaneously organization can achieve long-term goals (Aikens L.H Haven D.S and Sloane DM 2000).

Various studies may highlight different method of employee branding over competitive and non-competitive. The understanding of employee branding function in talent management and its wider ramification for business worldwide will be strengthened by extending these field of study.

Research Limitation

Banking sector of Pakistan play an important role in economy, having a huge workforce, Islamic banking institute and commercial banks. Banking industry of Pakistan play's crucial role in talent retention by providing different subsidies program, management training program. They are increasing demand for digital banking expertise due to fintech growth. One of the major issue is employee engagement is high working hour and job stress that increased the turn over especially front-line banking staff.

One of the biggest limitation in this study is cross-sectional approach where we gather data at a particular point. Correlation method is applied to find the relation between variable but it does not prove causation or long-term patterns. It may take year or months to show results that develop gradually between employee branding, employee engagement and talent retention.

The most important aspect which is ignore by the researcher in the study is behavior of employee in corporate which is influence by the external market. Employee engagement can be done through different activities but employee retention can only be done through good environment that values co-operation and trust. Similarity employee loyalty is greatly impacted by leadership philosophies or transformational leadership.

Discussion

The study highlights the strategic importance of employer branding (EB) in enhancing employee engagement and retention. Rather than being solely a tool for attracting talent, EB plays a broader role in shaping organizational



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performance. A strong employer brand can address major workforce challenges such as low engagement, high turnover, and job dissatisfaction by fostering emotional connections, reinforcing core values, and providing clear career growth opportunities. One of the key findings of the research is that employee engagement acts as a bridge between employer branding and talent retention. Engaged employees tend to develop a deeper emotional attachment to their work, align with the organization's values, and remain committed to their roles, thereby reducing turnover. This underscores the need for businesses to prioritize internal branding initiatives that actively promote engagement as part of their retention strategies.

In addition to its practical implications, the research makes a valuable academic contribution by bridging gaps in understanding the relationship between employer branding, engagement, and retention. The study incorporates established theories such as Social Exchange Theory and Signaling Theory to explain the underlying mechanisms. Signaling Theory suggests that employer branding communicates an organization's culture and values, shaping employees' perceptions and expectations. Meanwhile, Social Exchange Theory highlights that a strong employer brand fosters trust and reciprocity, encouraging employees to remain committed to their organization.

Overall, the study emphasizes the necessity of developing employee-centric employer branding strategies to tackle workforce challenges and build a resilient organization. By prioritizing engagement and employee well-being, businesses can cultivate long-term loyalty and drive sustainable success. These findings offer valuable insights for HR professionals seeking to refine employer branding efforts to align with employee expectations and organizational goals. The research reinforces the significance of employer branding as a core element of talent management, essential for fostering a motivated and dedicated workforce in today's competitive business landscape.

Conclusion

Focusing on Pakistan's banking sector, the study explores the association amongst employer branding, employee engagement, and talent retention. The findings emphasize the critical role of employer branding in building a dedicated and engaged workforce while addressing key challenges such as workplace stress, work-life balance, and employee turnover. By implementing well-planned branding strategies, organizations can enhance employee perceptions, foster trust, and improve retention rates. Employee engagement plays a central role in this process, as it helps convert branding efforts into measurable organizational benefits. The research highlights that strong employer branding has a direct influence on employee engagement and retention. Employees who develop a positive perception of their workplace are more committed and less likely to leave, leading to a more stable workforce. This underscores the transformative impact of employer branding on workplace culture and employee attitudes. To further support this perspective, the study incorporates established theoretical models such as Signaling Theory and Social Exchange Theory (Moroko & Uncles, 2008). These frameworks explain how employer branding communicates organizational values and builds mutual trust and commitment between employees and their employers.

The study also identifies key factors that affect retention, including job-related



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stress, emotional exhaustion, and work-life balance challenges. By tailoring employer branding strategies to address these concerns, companies can create a supportive work environment where employees feel valued and secure. Promoting a culture centered on learning, professional growth, and employee recognition strengthens motivation and loyalty. Additionally, fostering a psychologically safe workplace encourages employees to actively contribute to the organization's success. Effective communication plays a crucial role in reinforcing corporate values, ensuring alignment between employee expectations and organizational objectives, and fostering a sense of belonging.

A quantitative research approach was used, employing Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) and Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) to validate the relationships between employer branding, engagement, and retention. This robust methodology enhances the credibility of the findings and offers a clear insight into how branding strategies influence employee dynamics. However, the study acknowledges certain limitations, including its cross-sectional design and its exclusive focus on Pakistan's banking sector. To gain broader insights, future research should incorporate longitudinal studies and extend the investigation to other industries for a more comprehensive understanding of employer branding's impact on workforce outcomes.



Research Questionnaire

Section – II					
Items	1	2	3	4	5
1. My organization is highly recommended as the best place to work.					
2. My organization takes every possible step to keep us engaged and motivated.					
3. My organization gets first preference in campus recruitment drives.					
4. My organization provides training sessions for improving my skills and knowledge.					
5. I firmly believe that the characteristics borne by my employer differentiate it from its competitors.					
6. I believe that my organization involves its employees in decision making.					
7. I am offered attractive career prospects by my employer.					
8. I feel a strong sense of belonging to my job.					
9. I am willing to put in extra effort without being asked.					
10. I care about the future of my company.					
11. When working, I think a lot about how I can give my best.					
12. I do more than what is expected of me.					
13. I often go above what is expected of me to help my team succeed.					
14. I often go above what is expected of me to help my team be successful.					
15. Working at my current organization has a great deal of personal meaning to me.					
16. I am proud to tell others that I work for my current organization					
17. Working at my current organization has a great deal of personal meaning to me.					
18. I intend to change job within this firm in the foreseeable future.					
19. I am planning on working for another company within a period of three years.					
20. I intend to seek work in a profession other than IT in the foreseeable future.					
21. I feel a sense of satisfaction working with my current employer.					
22. If I received an attractive job offer from another company, I would take the job.					
23. I intend to seek IT-related work at another firm in the foreseeable future.					
24. I see a future for myself within this company.					

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