

Learning Objectives

- Understand the benefits of strategic management
- Explain how globalization and environmental sustainability influence strategic management
- Understand the basic model of strategic management and its components

Learning Objectives

- → Identify some common triggering events that act as stimuli for strategic change
- Understand strategic decision-making modes
- Use the strategic audit as a method of analyzing corporate functions and activities

The Study of Strategic Management

Strategic Management

→ a set of managerial decisions and actions that determines the long-run performance of a corporation

The Study of Strategic Management

Strategic Management includes:

- → Internal and external environment scanning
- → Strategy formulation
- → Strategy implementation
- Evaluation and control

Phases of Strategic Management

Phase 1: Basic financial planning

Phase 2: Forecast-based planning

Phase 3: Externally oriented strategic planning

Phase 4: Strategic management

Benefits of Strategic Management

- ★ The attainment of an appropriate match, or "fit," between an organization's environment and its strategy, structure and processes has positive effects on the organization's performance.
- ★ Strategic planning becomes increasingly important as the environment becomes more unstable.

Benefits of Strategic Management

- → Clearer sense of strategic vision for the firm
- → Sharper focus on what is strategically important
- → Improved understanding of a rapidly changing environment

Impact of Globalization



Globalization

- the integrated internationalization of markets and corporations
- has changed the way modern corporations do business

Impact of Innovation

Innovation

- → describes new products, services, methods and organizational approaches that allow the business to achieve extraordinary returns
- → Innovation is the implementation of potential innovations that truly drives businesses to be remarkable.

Impact of Sustainability

→ Sustainability

□ refers to the use of business practices to manage
the triple bottom line

Impact of Sustainability

The triple bottom line involves:

- 1. the management of traditional profit/loss;
- 2. the management of the company's social responsibility; and
- 3. the management of its environmental responsibility.

Theories of Organizational Adaptation

Population ecology

 → once an organization is successfully established in a particular environmental niche, it is unable to adapt to changing conditions

Institution theory

→ organizations can and do adapt to changing conditions by imitating other successful organizations

Theories of Organizational Adaptation

♦ Strategic choice perspective

→ not only do organizations adapt to a changing environment, but they also have the opportunity and power to reshape their environment

Theories of Organizational Adaptation

Organizational learning theory

→ an organization adjusts defensively to a changing environment and uses knowledge offensively to improve the fit between itself and its environment

Creating a Learning Organization

Strategic flexibility

- the ability to shift from one dominant strategy to another and requires:
 - Long-term commitment to the development and nurturing of critical resources
 - Learning organization

Creating a Learning Organization

Learning organization

- → an organization skilled at creating, acquiring and transferring knowledge and at modifying its behavior to reflect new knowledge and insights
- → Organizational learning is a critical component of competitiveness in a dynamic environment.

Creating a Learning Organization

Learning organizations are skilled at four main activities:

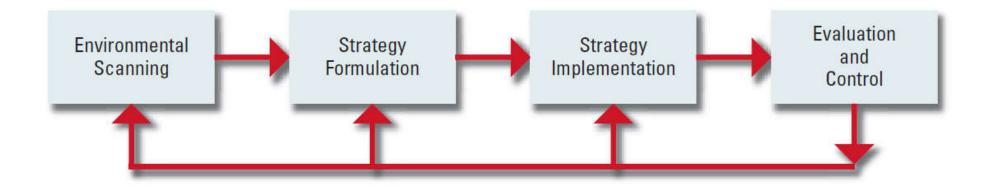
- → Solving problems systematically
- Experimenting with new approaches
- ★ Learning from their own experiences and past history as well as from the experiences of others
- ★ Transferring knowledge quickly and efficiently throughout the organization

Strategic management consists of four basic elements:

- ★ Environmental scanning
- → Strategy formulation
- → Strategy implementation
- ★ Evaluation and control

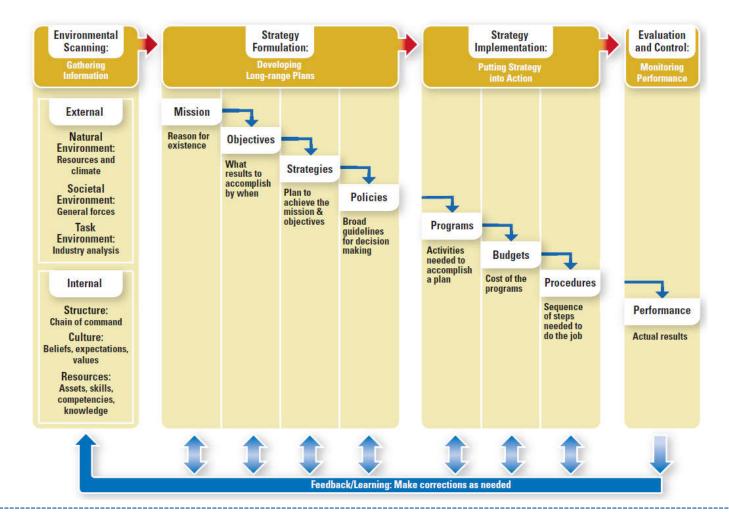
Basic Elements of the Strategic Management Process

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Strategic Management Model

Figure 1-2

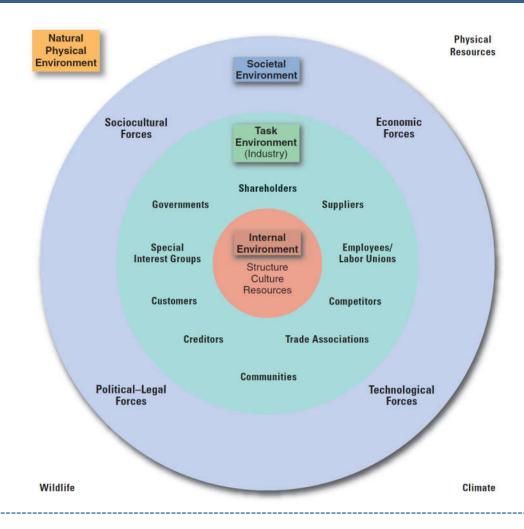


Environmental scanning

- the monitoring, evaluating and disseminating of information from the external and internal environments to key people within the organization
- → SWOT analysis

Environmental Variables

Figure 1-3





- process of investigation, analysis and decision making that provides the company with the criteria for attaining a competitive advantage
- → includes defining the competitive advantages of the business (Strategy), crafting the corporate mission, specifying achievable objectives and setting policy guidelines.

Mission

→ the purpose or reason for the organization's existence

♦ Vision

 → describes what the organization would like to become

Objectives

the end results of planned activity

Strategy

- → forms a comprehensive master approach that states how the corporation will achieve its mission and objectives
- → maximizes competitive advantage and minimizes competitive disadvantage
- → corporate, business, functional

Hierarchy of Strategy

Corporate Strategy:

Overall Direction of Company and Management of Its Businesses

Business Strategy:

Competitive and Cooperative Strategies

Functional Strategy:

Maximize Resource Productivity



→ a broad guideline for decision making that links the formulation of a strategy with its implementation

Strategy implementation

→ a process by which strategies and policies are put into action through the development of programs, budgets and procedures

Evaluation and control

→ a process in which corporate activities and performance results are monitored so that actual performance can be compared with desired performance

→ Performance

- the end result of organizational activities
- includes the actual outcomes of the strategic management process

→ Feedback/Learning process

→ revise or correct decisions based on performance

Initiation of Strategy: Triggering Events

→ Triggering event

- → something that acts as a stimulus for a change in strategy and can include:
 - New CEO
 - External intervention
 - Threat of change of ownership
 - Performance gap
 - Strategic inflection point

Strategic Decision Making

→ Strategic decisions

- → deal with the long-term future of an entire organization and have three characteristics:
 - Rare
 - Consequential
 - Directive

Three Characteristics of Strategic Decisions

→ Rare

→ Strategic decisions are unusual and typically have no precedent to follow.

Consequential

→ Strategic decisions commit substantial resources and demand a great deal of commitment from people at all levels.

Directive

→ Strategic decisions set precedents for lesser decisions and future actions throughout an organization

Mintzberg's Modes of Strategic Decision Making

Entrepreneurial

Adaptive

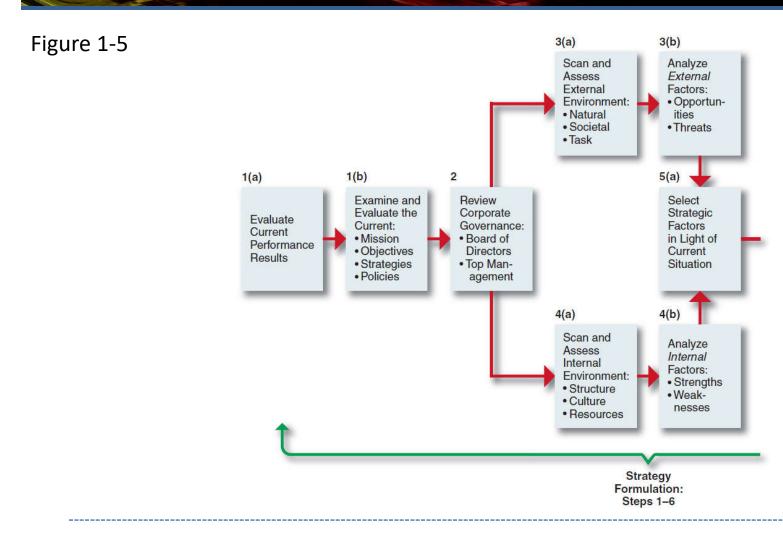
Planning

Logical incrementalism

Strategic Decision-Making Process

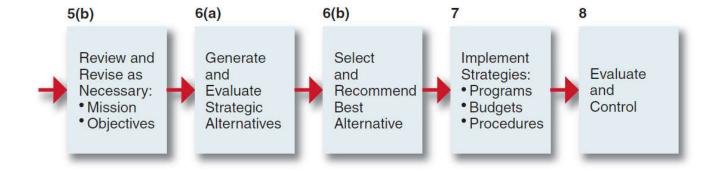
- 1. Evaluate current performance results
- 2. Review corporate governance
- 3. Scan and assess the external environment
- 4. Scan and assess the internal corporate environment
- 5. Analyze strategic (SWOT) factors
- 6. Generate, evaluate and select the best alternative strategy
- 7. Implement selected strategies
- 8. Evaluate implemented strategies

Strategic Decision-Making Process



Strategic Decision-Making Process

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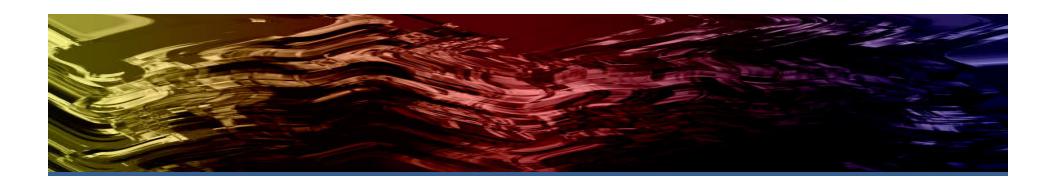




The Strategic Audit: Aid to Strategic Decision Making

♦ Strategic audit

→ provides a checklist of questions, by area or issue, that enables a systematic analysis to be made of various corporate functions and activities



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