BOTTOM OF THE PYRAMID

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If we stop thinking of the poor as victims or as a burden and start recognizing them as resilient and creative entrepreneurs and value conscious consumers, a whole new world of opportunity will open up.

— C. K. Prahalad —

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The Economic Pyramid

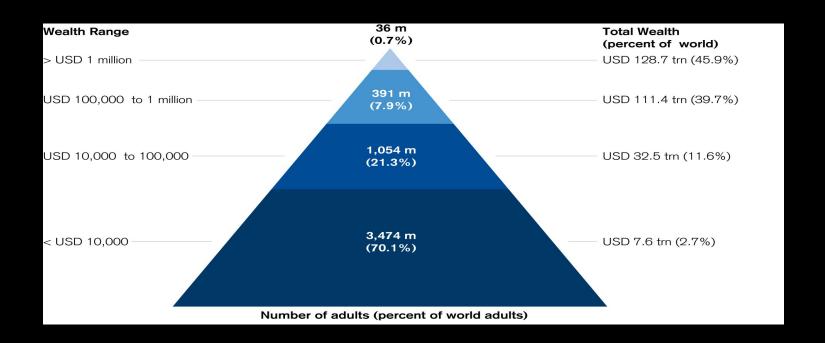
Annual Per Capita Income*	Tiers	Population in Millions
More Than \$20,000	1	75-100
\$1,500-\$20,000	2 & 3	1,500-1,750
Less Than \$1,500	4	4,000

What is the Bottom of pyramid?

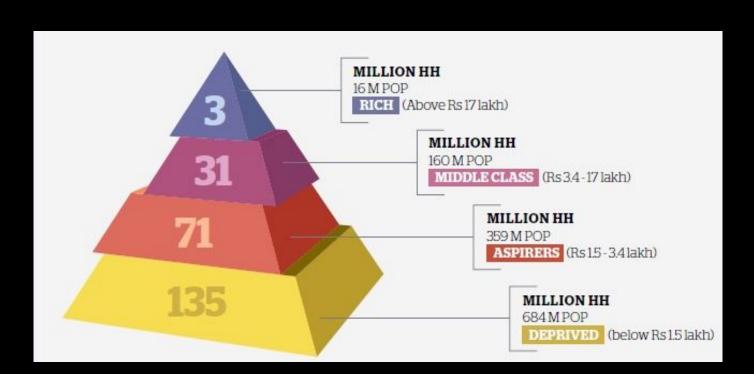
- In term of economics, that refers to the poorest two-thirds of the economic human pyramid.
- In global terms, this is the 2.7 billion people who live on less than \$2.50 a day.

- An emerging field of business strategy that focuses on products, services, and enterprises to serve people throughout the base of the world's income pyramid
- They demand innovations in technology, products and services and business models

The Global Wealth Pyramid



Indian Income Pyramid



The Invisible Opportunity

- MNC's familiarity with Tier-1 customers.
- Dismiss Bottom of Pyramid.
- Need to Appreciate tier-4 market potential.

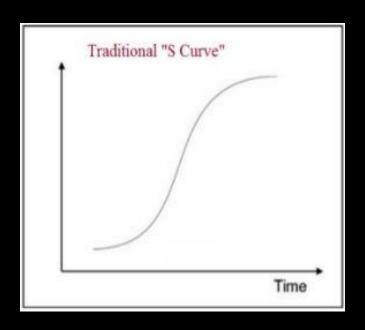
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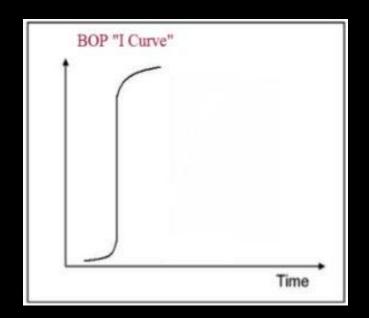
- Not target consumers.
- Affordability.
- Accessibility
- long term viability
- Excitement
- Hard to recruit

Drivers and implications

 Increased access to Tv and Social media 	Tier 4 is now aware of many products.
 Deregulation and the diminishing role of government 	 MNCs entering to developing nations.
 Need to discourage migration 	MNCs working for rural areas.

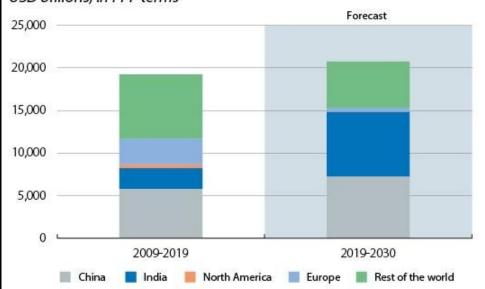
GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES





Growing Middle Class

Increasing expenditure of the global middle class USD billions, in PPP terms



Note: A household forms part of the middle class when its spending capacity per day and per person lies between 11 and 110 dollars a day (measured in terms of purchasing power parity, or PPP). See notes 1 and 2 in the text for more details.

Source: CaixaBank Research, based on estimates by Homi Kharas and our own.

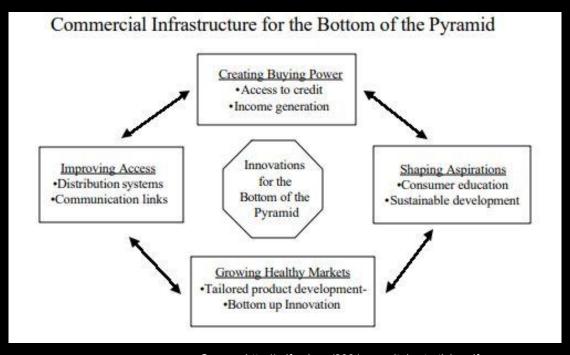


Principles of Innovation by Prahalad

- Price performance
- Hybrid solution
- Eco friendly product
- Educate customers
- Infrastructure
- Re-design from beginning

Strategies for Bottom of the Pyramid

Keys for Opening the Tier 4 Market:



Creating credits:

- Two interventions are crucial:
 - Providing Access to credit

Muhammad Yunus -> Grameen
Bank

 Increasing income earning potential (Grameen Shakti)



Shaping Aspirations:

- Not possible to duplicate North American life styles at the BOP.
- Concept of sustainable development.
- Need to be educated.





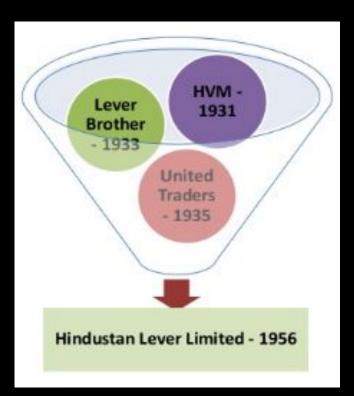
- Keys to improve Access:
 - Improving Communication Links
 - Improving distribution systems (Arvind Mills)

Growing Healthy Markets:

- Tailoring product development
- Building businesses from the bottom up.



Case Study: HLL Vs Nirma





Nirma - " Sabki pasand Nirma"

- Nirma started their market with a price-led marketing strategy.
- 3.5 Rs VS 15 Rs.
- Low cost manufacturing By hands- No fixed cost



Nirma road to Success

- Nirma became largest detergent selling product by 1999.
- Nirma had more than 35% of market shares in detergent segments and more than 20% in toilet soap segment.

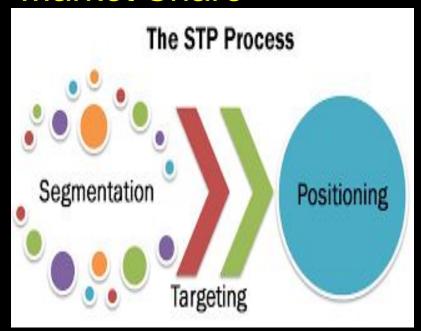
	Nirma	HLL (Wheel)	HLL (High-End Products)
otal Sales (\$ Million)	150	100	180
ross Margin (%)	18	18	25
OCE (%)	121	93	22

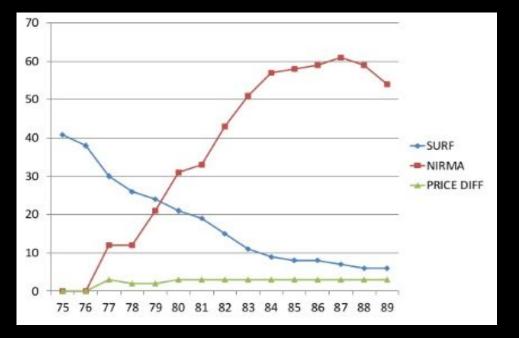
Countered by HLL

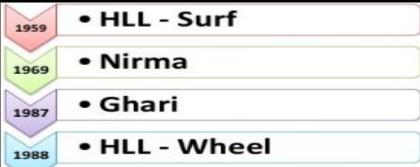
- HLL led differentiation strategy to compete.
- HLL decided to enter the low price segment by positioning WHEEL against Nirma at Rs 11.
- Sale promotion campaign by offering bucket with 1 KG surf.
- To counter in personal care product, HLL introduce 'breeze'.



Market Share







Why MNCs?

- We wonder why MNCs should concern themselves with this market segment.
- MNCs may never be able to beat the cost or responsiveness of local village entrepreneurs.



Resources:

- Building a complex commercial infrastructure.
- Developing products and services that are environmentally sustainable.

Multinationals				
Pros	Cons			
 Economies of scale – greater efficiency and lower prices. More research and development, leading to improved products. Create jobs and wealth around the world. Success a reflection they meet consumer preferences. 	 Scope for tax avoidance and lost tax revenue. Monopoly power leads to higher prices for consumers. Monopsony power in setting lower wages. Often have had negative impact on environment. Cultural homogenisation as local firms struggle to compete. 			
www.economicshelp.org				

Leverage:

- MNCs are able to transfer knowledge generated from one market.
- MNCs have an advantage in bringing together a global knowledge base, unique to entrepreneurs.

Bridging:

 MNCs can act as nodes in building the commercial infrastructure.

 MNCs are best positioned to bring together the range of actors required to develop the Tier 4 market.



Transfer:

- MNC's transfer innovations from Tier 4 to the up-markets of Tiers 1-3.
- Many of the innovations from the bottom can be adapted for use in the resource- and energy-intensive markets.

S. No.	MNC	National Companies
1.	It owns or controls production in more than one nation	It owns or controls production within the country.
2.	It sets up offices and factories for production in regions where they can get cheap labour and other resources.	It has no such option.
3.	Since the cost of production for an MNC is low, it can earn greater profits.	It has no such scope to earn greater profits.

- Leaders need a deep understanding of the local needs and a global network from which to operate.
- Leaders must have the interpersonal and intercultural skills to work with PEOPLE.



POLITICS:

MNCs must build a local base of political support.

Each player has his own agenda.

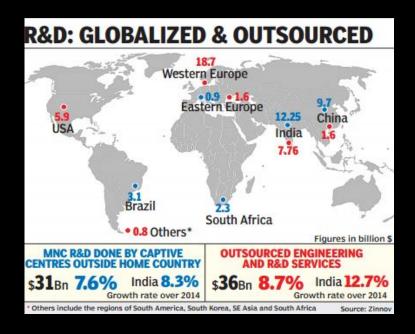


 Managers must synchronise that a market-based society results in a significant shift in the balance of power.

Conduct Global and Local R&D:

- Global research focuses on major issues that all consumers face.
- Research on aging processes is critical for both the top and the bottom of the pyramid.

- GLOBAL research has three distinct aspects.
 - POTENTIAL
 - NEEDS
 - ADAPTIVE



>> Labor Intensity:

- MNCs are accustomed to thinking in terms of capital intensity and labor productivity.
- MNCs organizational model in Tier 4 must have the twin objectives of increasing labor intensity among the poor.

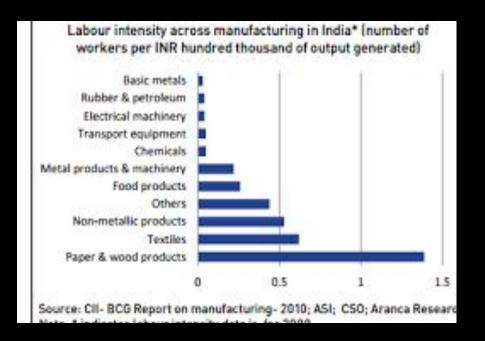
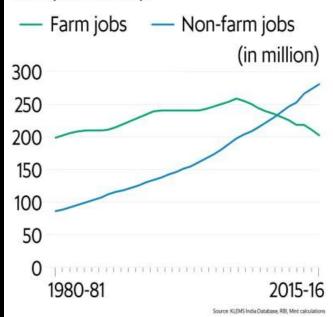


Chart 1 Farm vs non-farm jobs

Farm jobs started declining since the mid-2000s, and non-farm jobs overtook farm jobs at the end of the first decade of the twenty first century.



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