# Strategic and Change Management

An introduction

### **Additional Reading**

Strategic Advantage through the Management of Innovation and Technology - Burgelman, Christensen Wheelwright

Strategy Pure and Simple 1 and 2 Robert Michel

Jack – Jack Welch

Rise and Fall of Strategic Planning - Minzberg

The New Market Leaders Fred Wiersema

Making Sense of Strategy – Tony Manning

### Strategy?

#### **Five Definitions**

#### Strategy as...

- a consciously and purposefully developed plan;
- a ploy to outmaneuver a competitor;
- a pattern in a stream of actions, whether intended or not;
- a position defined either with respect to a competitor, in the context of a number of competitors, or with respect to markets; and as
- a perspective, i.e. a certain mindset of how to perceive the world.

Strategic planning and execution in the twenty first century is essential in retaining a market leadership position and in ensuring sustainable, meaningful results for most of the stakeholders.

Mintzberg, H. (1987). "The Strategy Concept I: Five Ps For Strategy." California Management Review 30(1) Fall: 11-24.

### STRATEGY AND COMPETITORS

- Strategy is about competing differently from rivals—
  - Doing what they don't do or doing it better!
  - Doing what they can't do!
  - Doing things in ways that attract customers and set a firm apart from its rivals.
  - Doing things in a manner calculated to produce a competitive edge over rivals.

### Why do we need a strategy?

- Without a strategy, we fill our time with...
  - ... what we want, or
  - ... what we think the boss wants, or
  - ... by reacting.
- Without a strategy, time and resources are easily wasted on piecemeal, disparate activities.

### STRATEGY AND THE QUEST FOR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

- ♦A firm achieves a **competitive advantage** when it provides buyers with superior value compared to rival sellers or offers the same value at a lower cost to the firm.
  - ◆Requires meeting customer needs either more **effectively** (with products or services that **customers value more highly**) or more **efficiently** (by providing **products or services at lower cost**).
- ◆The firm achieves a **sustainable competitive advantage** if its advantage persists despite the best efforts of competitors to match or surpass its advantage.
  - ♦ Requires giving buyers **lasting reasons** to prefer a firm's products or services over those of its competitors.

### WHY A COMPANY'S STRATEGY EVOLVES OVER TIME

- ◆Changing circumstances and ongoing management efforts to improve the strategy cause a company's strategy to evolve over time—a condition that makes the task of crafting strategy a work in progress, **not a one-time event**.
  - Managers modify strategy in response to:
    - Changing market conditions
    - Advancing technology
    - Fresh moves of competitors
    - Shifting buyer needs
    - Emerging market opportunities
    - New ideas for improving the strategy
- ♦A company's strategy is shaped partly by management analysis and choice and partly by the necessity of adapting and learning by doing.

#### WHAT IS STRATEGIC PLANNING?

Strategic planning or Management is a continuous, interactive process aimed at keeping an organisation as a whole appropriately matched to its environment.

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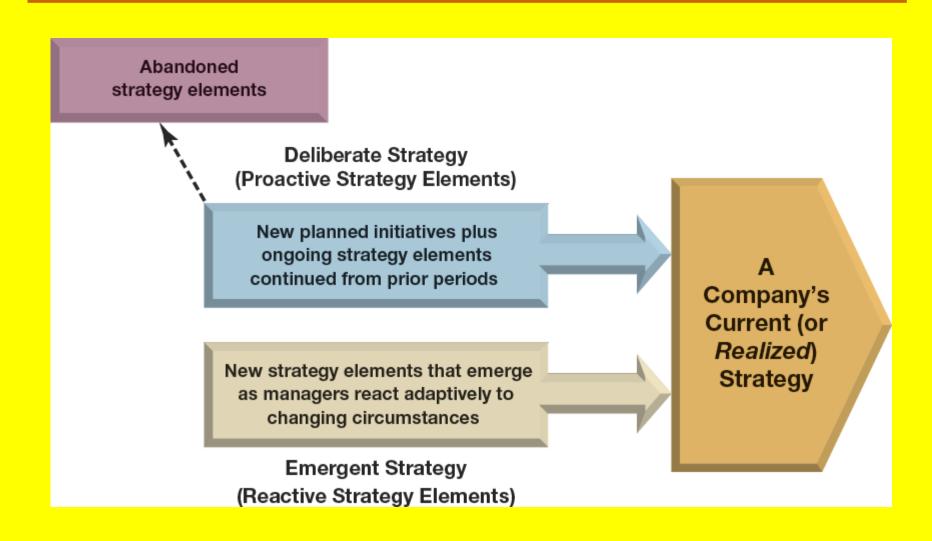
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of formulating, implementing and evaluating cross-functional decisions that enable an organisation to achieve its objectives.

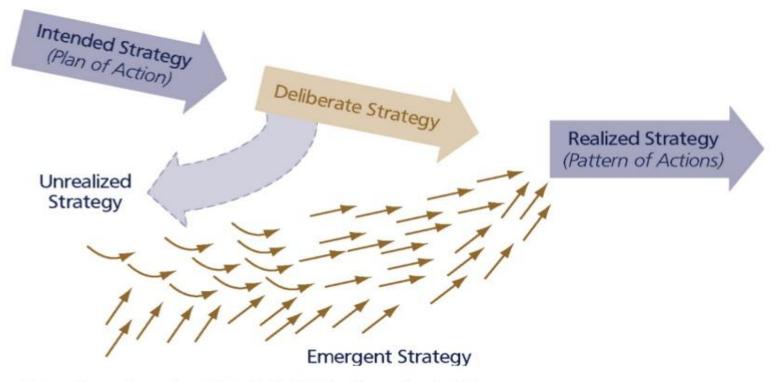
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### FIGURE 1.2 A Company's Strategy Is a Blend of Proactive Initiatives and Reactive Adjustments

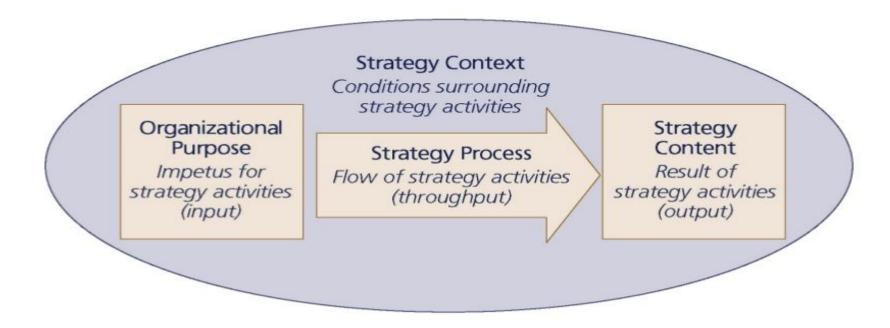


### **Strategy Formation**



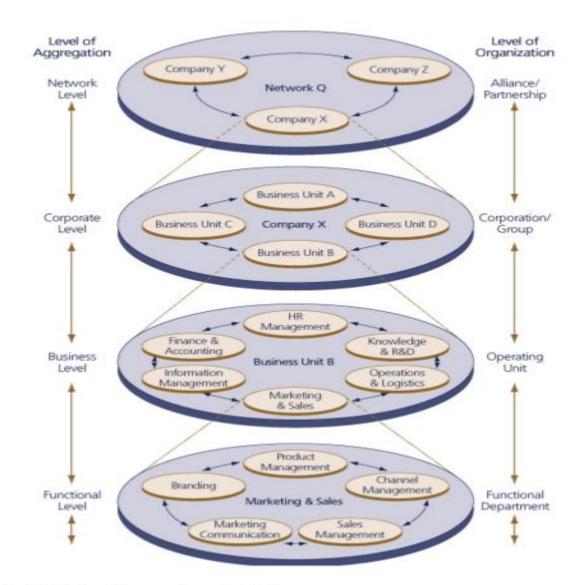
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### **Dimensions of Strategy Process, Content, Context**



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### **Strategy Content**

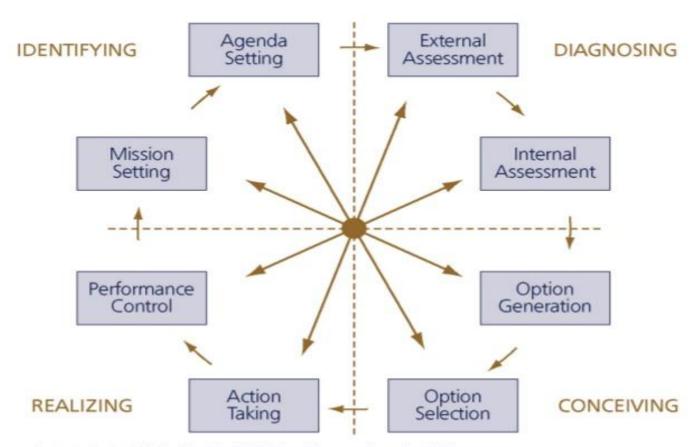


### Strategic Tensions



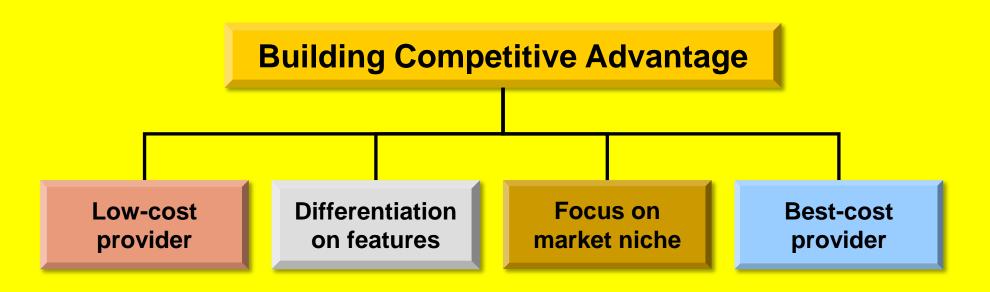
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### Realized Strategy Strategy Formation Activities



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### STRATEGIC APPROACH CHOICES



#### **Building a competitive advantage by:**

Striving to become the industry's low-cost provider (efficiency).

Outcompeting rivals on differentiating features (effectiveness).

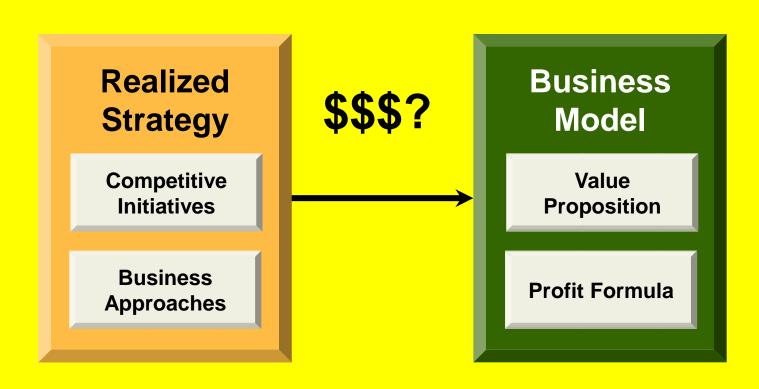
Offering the lowest (best) prices for differentiated goods (best-cost provider).

Focusing on better serving a niche market's needs (efficiency and\or effectiveness).

### GAINING SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

- How to create a sustainable competitive advantage:
  - Develop valuable expertise and competitive capabilities over the longterm that rivals cannot readily copy, match or best.
  - Put the constant quest for sustainable competitive advantage at center stage in crafting your strategy.

## THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A FIRM'S STRATEGY AND ITS BUSINESS MODEL



### A COMPANY'S STRATEGY AND ITS BUSINESS MODEL

- How the business will make money :
  - By providing customers with value.
    - The firm's customer value proposition
  - By generating revenues sufficient to cover costs and produce attractive profits.
    - The firm's profit formula

It takes a proven business model—one that yields appealing profitability—to demonstrate viability of a firm's strategy.

### **BUSINESS MODEL ELEMENTS**

- The Customer Value Proposition
  - Satisfying buyer wants and needs at a price customers will consider a good value.
    - The greater the value provided (*V*) and the lower the price (*P*), the more attractive the value proposition is to customers.

# BUSINESS MODEL ELEMENTS (CONT'D)

- The Profit Formula
  - Creating a cost structure that allows for acceptable profits, given that pricing is tied to the customer value proposition.
    - *V*—the value provided to customers
    - P—the price charged to customers
    - C—the firm's costs
  - The lower the costs (*C*) for a given customer value proposition (*V P*), the greater the ability of the business model to be a moneymaker.

#### FIGURE 1.1 Identifying a Company's Strategy–What to Look For

Actions to strengthen the firm's bargaining position with suppliers, distributors, and others

Actions to gain sales and market share via more performance features, more appealing design, better quality or customer service, wider product selection, or other such actions.

Actions to upgrade, build, or acquire competitively important resources and capabilities

Actions and approaches used in managing R&D, production, sales and marketing, finance, and other key activities

Actions to strengthen competitiveness via strategic alliances and collaborative partnerships THE PATTERN
OF ACTIONS AND
BUSINESS APPROACHES
THAT DEFINE A
COMPANY'S
STRATEGY

Actions to gain sales and market share with lower prices based on lower costs

Actions to enter new product or geographic markets or to exit existing ones

Actions to capture emerging market opportunities and defend against external threats to the company's business prospects



Actions to strengthen market standing and competitiveness by acquiring or merging with other companies

## WHAT MAKES A STRATEGY A WINNER?

- A winning strategy must pass three tests:
  - The Fit Test
    - Does it exhibit dynamic fit with the external and internal aspects of the firm's overall situation?
  - The Competitive Advantage Test
    - Can it help the firm achieve a significant and sustainable competitive advantage?
  - The Performance Test
    - Can it produce good performance as measured by the firm's profitability, financial and competitive strengths, and market standing?

# WHY CRAFTING AND EXECUTING STRATEGY ARE IMPORTANT TASKS

- Strategy provides:
  - A prescription for doing business.
  - A road map to competitive advantage.
  - A game plan for pleasing customers.
  - A formula for attaining long-term standout marketplace performance.

Good Strategy + Good Strategy Execution = Good Management

### THE ROAD AHEAD

- Strategy is about asking the right questions:
  - What must managers do, and do well, to make a firm a winner in the marketplace?
- Strategy requires getting the right answers:
  - Good strategic thinking and good management of the strategy-making, strategy-executing process.
  - First-rate capabilities and skills in crafting and executing strategy are essential to managing successfully.

Welcome and best wishes for your success!

### Seven challenges facing responsible African business capitalism 3.0,

- 1.0 version is characterised by the pursuit of wild profit, with no care for law nor morality.
- 2.0 pursues legal profit and the
- 3.0 version emphasises legitimate profit.

legitimacy of profit depends, upstream, on how it is made and, downstream, on how it is used. Profit is legitimate if it is achieved without harming people and nature. Downstream, profit is legitimate if a significant share of it is reinvested in the development of the ecosystem that made it possible clean development,

human capital,