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The lecture fits nicely at the start of the *Marketplace* exercise when <u>the teams</u> <u>are beginning to formulate their strategic direction or during the quarter when</u> <u>the marketing plan is being prepared.</u>

## **Strategy Formulation**



#### • <u>Objective</u> :

To get from Copenhagen to Helsingborg as fast as possible and as cheaply as possible

#### • Strategic Analysis

Departure point / Prices / Weather conditions / Sea conditions / Traffic conditions / Departure times / Duration of journey ....

#### Allocated Resources Business Expenses

#### Strategic Options : Bus? Rental car? Taxi? Helicopter shuttle? Boat? ....

• <u>Strategy</u> : Take the helicopter shuttle

#### • <u>Tactics</u> :

Choose departure time / Prepare luggage / Buy ticket / Take ear plugs / Board the helicopter / Fasten seat belt .....

	OBJECTIVES	STRATEGY	TACTICS
PURPOSE	Set ultimate objectives	Meet ultimate objectives	Meet contributing sub- objectives
ACTIVITY	Think / Doubt	Think / Doubt	Act / Believe
TIME HORIZON	Longer term	Long term	Short term
MAGNITUDE OF EFFECTS	Larger amplitude	Large amplitude	Small amplitude
EXAMPLE (ONE STRATEGIC THRUST)	<ul> <li>Improve profitability</li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gaining a competitive advantage based on lower production cost</li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Partnering for economies of scale</li> <li>Acquiring new manufacturing technology</li> <li>Improving change- over costs</li> <li></li> </ul>

## Why Business Strategy ?











- 1. What is the problem to be solved?
- What is the relevant information? (internal / external assessment)
- 3. Which of all our available resources do we allocate to this particular problem?
- 4. What are the options?
- 5. Which option to select and for which reasons?
- 6. What are the strategic thrusts?
- 7. How to implement the chosen solution?

followed by:

8. Implementation of chosen solution and controls

(<u>O</u>bjectives)

(<u>Strategic Analysis</u>)

(<u>S</u>trategic Plan) (<u>S</u>trategic Plan) (<u>S</u>trategic Plan) (<u>S</u>trategic Plan) (<u>T</u>actical plans)

(Tactical execution)

## **The Vertical Perspective**

#### (Example)

#### JOHNSON SCREENS : FROM SAINT PAUL TO WARSAW

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	Worldwide Operations	European Operations	Poland Operations
Objectives	Saint Paul Increase Sales	London Geographical Expansion	London Polish Market Entry
Strategy	Geographical Expansion	Polish Market Entry	Polish Marketing Strategy

## **Strategy Formulation :**

**The Vertical Perspective** 



## **The Vertical Perspective**

(Marketplace)



## **Strategic Toolbox**

#### The impossible dream .....

**The Vision** 

(McDonald 's)

McDonald 's vision is to dominate the global food service industry. Global dominance means setting the performance for customer satisfaction while increasing market share and profitability through our convenience, value and execution strategies.

## The definition of the boundaries of acceptable activities

## **The Mission Statement**

(McDonald 's)

Serving a limited number of hot, tasty, food quickly in a clean, friendly restaurant for a good value to a broad base of fast food customers worldwide.

#### • What a company believes in and stands for ...

## **The Values**

(Wal-Mart)

- Frugality
- Hard work
- Constant improvement
- Dedication to customers
- Genuine care for employees

SWOT :

#### Strategic Analysis

- Internal analysis
  - The firm itself
- External analysis
  - The market
  - The competition
  - The environment



- A process of distillation
- Interpretation: different people = different conclusions
- Critical question : So what ?
- Fact based no wishful thinking
- Necessary assumptions --> contingency plans
- SWOT = basis for strategic options

#### Given your vision, mission and values :

- 1. List the objective(s) to be met,
- 2. Perform a SWOT,
- 3. Identify the resources available,
- 4. Build strategic options select one,
- 5. List the resulting strategic thrusts,
- 6. List the resulting action items,
- 7. Prepare a formal plan

# Strategy Implementation & Control



## **Organizational Aspects**





## **Financial Validation of the Plan**



Scorecards

## "What you do not measure, You do not manage..."

Scorecards



Scorecards



Scorecards



## **Balanced Scorecard**

#### (Norton & Kaplan)



## **Balanced Scorecard**

#### **Key Questions**

#### Financial Perspective Indicators / Targets :

To succeed financially, how should we appear to our shareholders?

<u>Customer Perspective Indicators / Targets :</u> To achieve our vision, how should we appear to our customers?

#### Internal Business Process Perspective Indicators / Targets :

To satisfy our shareholders and customers, what business processes should we excel at?

Learning and Growth Perspective Indicators / Targets :

To achieve our vision, how will we sustain our ability to change and improve?

## **Balanced Scorecard**

**Typical Indicators / Targets** 

#### **Financial Perspective :**

Share price, EVA, MVA, EPS, ROI, ROA, Contribution ...

#### **Customer Perspective :**

Share, Image, Awareness, Level, Loyalty Level, Satisfaction ...

#### Internal Business Process Perspective :

Time to Market, Quality Indicators, Productivity Indicators ...

#### Learning and Growth Perspective :

Employee Turnover, Social Climate, Employee Satisfaction, Skills ...

## **Performance Scorecard**


## The Management

#### of Strategy

- Stated objectives vs. achieved results?
- Planning vs. plans?
- Success vs. luck?

#### **Planned & Emergent Strategy**

(Mintzberg)







#### **Contingency Plans :**

**Dealing with Assumptions** 



#### **Review & Key Strategic Lessons**

# " Plans are useless – Planning is everything! "

### **Dwight Eisenhower**

### " Are you lucky?"

#### **General Napoleon Bonaparte**

## " Chance favors the prepared mind."

#### **Louis Pasteur**

- Strategy formulation is painful
- Not a single solution to business problems
- No pure analytical solutions to business problems

- Cannot believe models but cannot afford to neglect them
- Extinction by instinct paralysis by analysis

- An optimum long-term strategy is not a sequence of optimum short-term strategies
- Business continues during refurbishing

- In a turnaround situation, long-term is short-term and performance is cash
- A key resource is management time
- A good long-term strategy also requires a strong shortterm financial position