Strategic Positioning in a Challenging World: Creating Shared Value

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Drivers of Industry Competition

Threat of Substitute Products or Services Intensity of Rivalry Among Existing Competitors Threat of New

Bargaining Power of Buyers

- Consumers
- Government

Bargaining Power

of Suppliers

Entrants

Thinking Strategically

COMPETING TO BE THE BEST



COMPETING TO BE UNIQUE



The worst error in strategy is to compete with rivals on the **same dimensions**

Achieving Superior Performance Operational Effectiveness Is Not Strategy

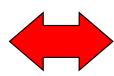


Assimilating, attaining, and extending best practices



Doing things better

Validate and Execute





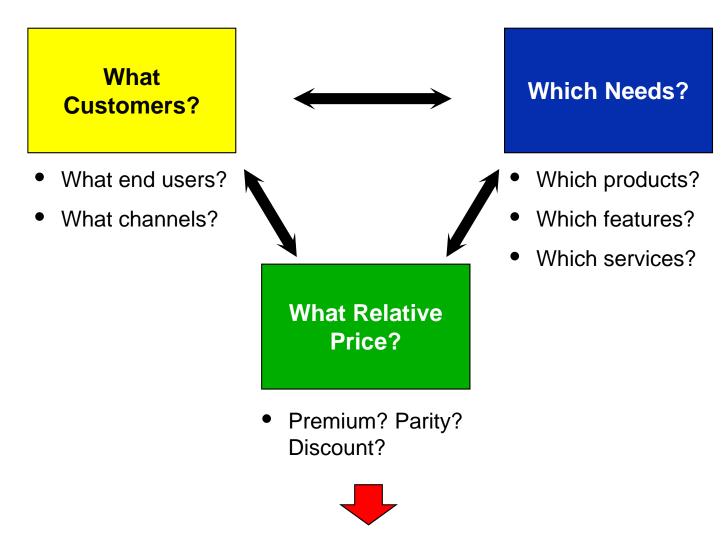
 Creating a unique value proposition



Doing things **differently** to deliver superior value

Choice

Defining the Value Proposition



A novel value proposition often expands the market

Strategic Positioning IKEA, Sweden

Value Proposition

- Young, first time, or price-sensitive buyers with design sophistication
- Stylish, space efficient and compatible furniture lines and accessories at very low price points

Distinctive Activities

- Modular, ready-to-assemble, easy to ship furniture designs
- In-house design of all products
- Wide range of styles which are all displayed in huge warehouse stores with large on-site inventories
- Self-selection by the customer
- Extensive customer information in the form of catalogs, explanatory ticketing, do-it-yourself videos, and assembly instructions
- IKEA designer names attached to related products to inform coordinated purchases
- Suburban locations with large parking lots
- Long hours of operation
- On-site, low-cost, restaurants
- Child care provided in the store
- Self-delivery by most customers

The Role of Business in Society

- Only business can create prosperity
- Healthy businesses need a healthy community



- There is an ever growing awareness of major societal challenges
- More of the public sees business as prospering at the expense of the society
- Despite growing corporate citizenship activities, the legitimacy of business has fallen

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 Integrating societal improvement into economic value creation itself

Moving to Shared Value Novartis

CSR



CSV

- Donate drugs to lower-income populations
- Same products, but free or at a discounted price
- Reach patients through existing health systems



Reduced revenue at the same cost

- Implementing a new drug distribution model for low-income populations (Arogya Parivar)
- New quantity, packaging, patient education, and distribution
- Improvement in local healthcare delivery infrastructure
- Learning about non-traditional customer behavior and new business models



 Expanded revenue and profitable business model

Levels of Shared Value

I: Reconceiving products, needs, and customers

Meeting societal needs and reaching unserved or underserved customers

II: Redefining productivity in the value chain

 How the organization better uses resources across the value chain, including employees, to improve fundamental productivity

III: Enabling local cluster development

 Improving available skills, suppliers, and supporting institutions in the region

Reconceiving Products and Markets

- Design products and services to address societal needs
 - E.g., environmental impact, safety, health, education, nutrition, living with disability, housing, financial security
- Open new markets by serving unmet needs in underserved communities
 - Often requires redesigned products or different distribution methods
- Businesses have the potential to be more effective than governments and NGOs in creating and marketing solutions to community problems



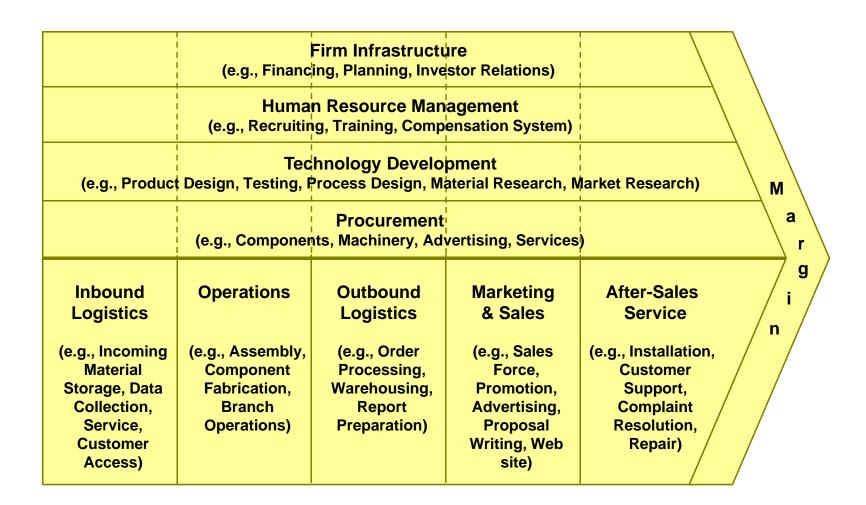
- New needs and new markets open up opportunities to differentiate, innovate, and grow
- A new generation of social entrepreneurs is capturing these opportunities, often faster than mainstream businesses

Creating Shared Value in Products Intuit SnapTax

SnapTax provides low-income consumers with access to tax preparation services over the phone and enables rapid refunds

- 15 minutes for \$15, electronic filing included
- Data extracted from mobile phone photos of W-2s via optical character recognition
- Debit card option for direct deposit of refunds for unbanked households
- Simple IRA option to enable use of refund for retirement savings

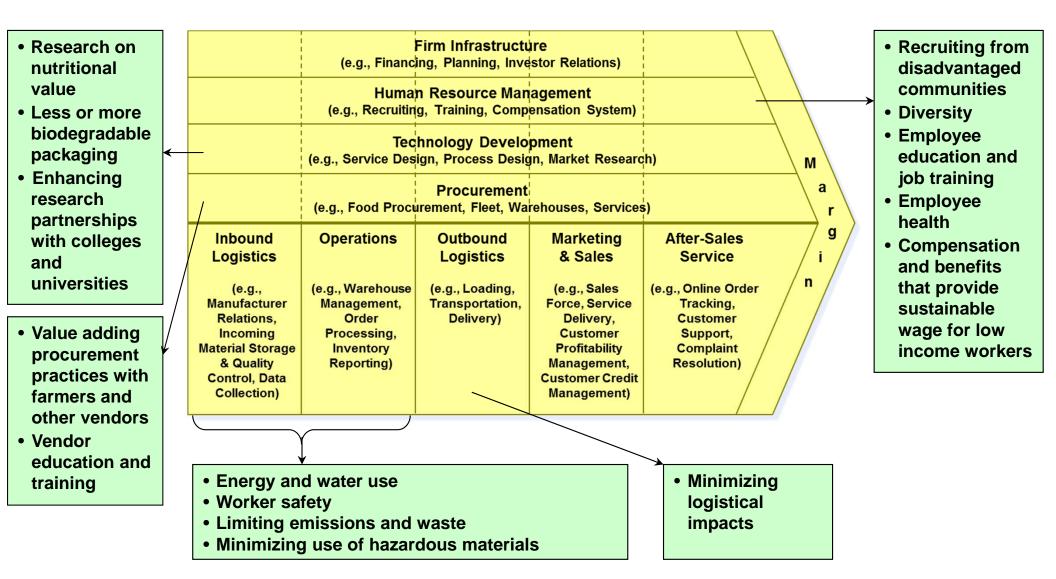
Redefining Productivity in the Value Chain



- Shared value purchasing
- Energy use
- Resource use

- Location of facilities / supply chain
- Logistical efficiency
- Productivity of lower income employees

Identifying Opportunities for Shared Value in the Value Chain Food Services



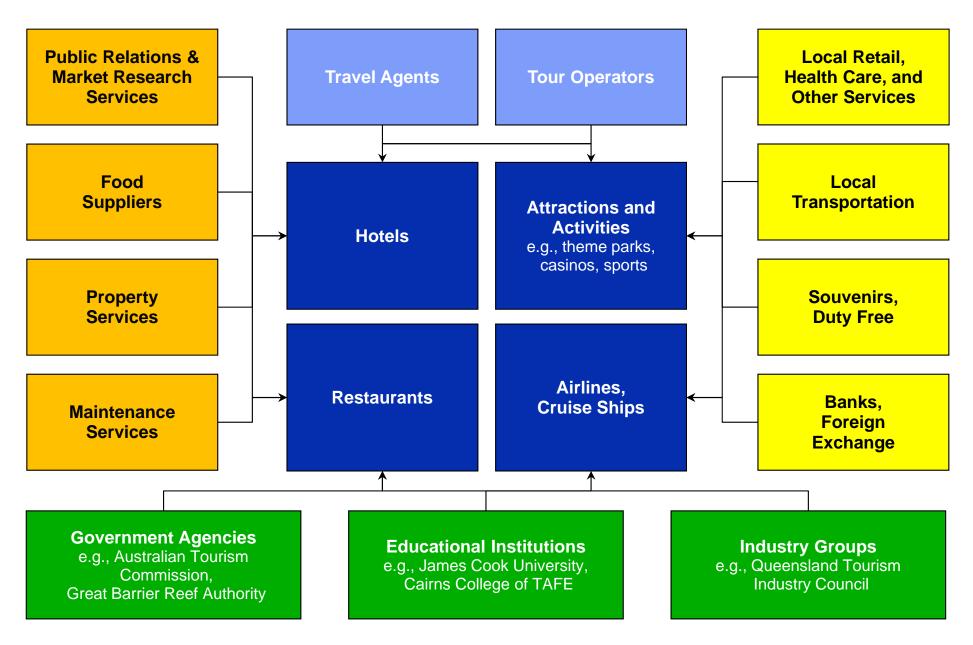
Improving the Business Environment in the Company's Major Locations

- A strong local cluster improves company productivity and growth
 - Local suppliers
 - Supporting institutions and infrastructure
 - Related businesses
- Companies, working collaboratively, can catalyze major improvements in the cluster and the local business environment

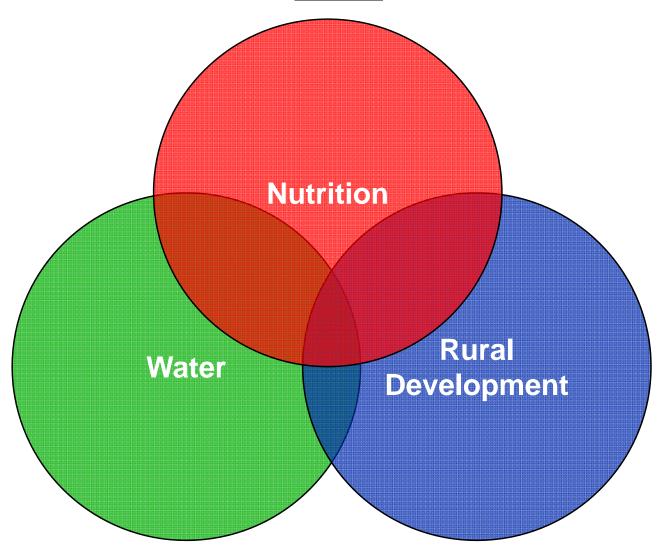


 Local cluster development strengthens the link between a company's success and community success

State of Cluster Development Tourism Cluster in Cairns, Australia



Creating Shared Value: Deciding Where to Concentrate <u>Nestlé</u>



 Opportunities to create shared value are inevitably tied closely to a company's particular businesses

Creating Shared Value Opportunities for Professional Sports Organizations

- Reconceiving customer needs, products, and markets
 - Wider participation in the sport
 - Fitness, health, wellness, and personal development
- Redefining productivity in the value chain
 - Energy efficiency and waste reduction
 - Workforce development and recruiting
 - Teams and vendors
 - Value-added local procurement
- Enabling local cluster development
 - Spur economic development in the areas surrounding stadiums and other team facilities
 - Create a local supplier base for concessions, souvenirs, etc.
 - Anchor other entertainment and real estate developments

Shared Value and Strategic Positioning Whole Foods Markets

Value Proposition

- Natural, fresh, organic, and prepared foods and health items with excellent service at premium prices
- Cater to specialized nutritional requirements (gluten allergies, vegan, etc.)
- Educated, middle class, and affluent customers who are passionate about food and a healthy lifestyle

Distinctive Activities

- Well-lit, inviting supermarket store formats with appealing displays and extensive prepared foods sections
- Produce section as "theater"
- Café-style seating areas with wireless internet for meals and meetings
- Each store carries local produce and has the authority to contract with the local farmers. Company provides low-interest loans if needed
- Nutrition information and education provided to shoppers along with products
- High touch in-store customer service via knowledgeable, flexible, and highly motivated personnel
- Flat compensation structure
- Own seafood procurement and processing facilities to control quality, sustainability and price from the boat to the counter
- Heavy emphasis on environmental sustainability in all activities
- Emphasis on supporting community development



- Whole Foods is the most economically successful food retailer in North America
- Successful strategies in the future will embody a significant shared value dimension

Transforming Strategic Positioning

	Traditional Positioning	New Positioning
Nestlé	• Food	• Nutrition
Nike	• Shoes	Health and Wellness
IBM	Computing / Technology	Smarter Planet / Smarter Cities
Thermo Fisher	Leader in Serving Science	 Making the World Healthier, Cleaner, and Safer

• A **broader sense of purpose** motivates and attracts employees, consumers, business partners, shareholders, and the public

The Purpose of a Business

- There is an opportunity to transform thinking and practice about the role of the corporation in society
- Shared value gives rise to far broader opportunities for economic value creation
- Shared value thinking will drive the next wave of innovation, productivity growth, and economic growth
- Shared value will reignite a whole new generation of management thinking
- Businesses acting as businesses, not as charitable givers, are arguably the most powerful force for addressing many of the pressing issues facing our society
- A transformation of business practice around shared value will give purpose to the corporation and represents our best chance to legitimize business again