

Chapter 1 : Business Transformation Consulting - Strategies for Transforming Your Business

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Chapter 4 : Digital Transformation Strategies, Business Transformation Program

Executed successfully, strategic transformation reinvigorates a company's growth engine. Poor execution leads naysayers to pounce and complain that a company should have "stuck to its knitting."

Few companies decide to adopt new strategies without being forced to by financial trauma. What can we learn from those rare companies that achieve both successful major change and superior long-term financial performance? Companies that are able to radically change their entrenched ways of doing things and then reclaim leading positions in their industries are the exception rather than the rule. Even less common are companies able to anticipate a new set of requirements and mobilize the internal and external resources necessary to meet them. Instead, the momentum of and commitment to the prevailing strategy usually prevents companies from spotting changes such as a shift in either the market or the technology, and leads to a financial downturn – often a crisis – that, in turn, reveals the need for change. Few companies make the transformation from their old model to a new one willingly. Typically, they begin to search for a new way forward only when they are pushed. This raises two important questions for corporate managers. First, is decline inevitable? And second, do companies really need a financial downturn to galvanize change, or can they adopt new ways of doing things when not under pressure? Management theorists have observed that decline, while perhaps not inevitable, is at least very likely after a period of time. Findings Successful transformers build alternative coalitions internally. They create a tradition of constructively challenging the status quo. We measured performance by, among other things, profits and returns on shareholder funds and on total assets over the year period from to Some of the consistent high performers operated in relatively safe and stable markets; such companies were therefore mostly able to maintain high levels of performance without making major strategic changes. Our goal, however, was to draw insights from the small subset of high performers that successfully transformed themselves. Among other things, we wanted to understand the role of history – for example, which management processes and capabilities do companies need to develop over time. The research period ended before the economic downturn and the recession. We started with the premise that companies that could sustain long periods of financial success and also make major transformations would be the exception; if such companies existed, there could be potentially valuable lessons in understanding how they did it. We compared the financial performance of each company with its domestic and international industry peers. As our main screen, we used five measures of performance: We then studied which of these companies had also made major strategic transformations, constructing year timeline event histories for each. Most of the companies had not needed to make major strategic changes. Only four companies sustained superior performance consistently over 20 years and strategically transformed themselves. We paired each of them with a company from a similar industry one with comparable performance that had not made as extensive strategic changes. We were able to obtain high-level access to the management of the three successful transformers discussed here. For our in-depth analysis, we chose to concentrate on these three companies and their counterparts. We conducted interviews with 46 former and current chairmen, chief executives, board-level executives and senior managers, covering up to 40 years of history. This research was funded primarily by the Advanced Institute of Management Research, an initiative established by the United Kingdom government to improve management research and practice. The first pair, Cadbury Schweppes and Unilever, were longtime international leaders in packaged goods, both with roots extending back to the 19th century. Cadbury Schweppes was clearly dominant over Unilever; it outperformed Unilever every year except , when its performance was only marginally weaker. In the second matchup, Tesco slightly underperformed Sainsbury during the first 10 years of the study before catching up in the middle years and then pulling ahead. Sainsbury had been the industry leader, with consistently high performance, but by the end of the s its performance declined. A Virtuous Cycle for Strategic Transformation View Exhibit All six of these companies exhibited success factors of well-managed companies. This prompted us to choose them to examine in depth. These companies, we found, had three fundamental advantages over their peers: Together, these advantages helped them establish the virtuous cycle of strategic transformation that their counterparts

could not. They did this by creating parallel coalitions of senior executives. The first group, typically the more senior one, focused on reinforcing current capabilities, strengths and successes. The second group, usually younger but still senior, actively looked to develop new strategies and capabilities. This parallel system came to be an accepted part of how the company operated. It was encouraged and eventually institutionalized. In particular, the second group often anticipated strategic drift that would leave the company increasingly misaligned with a changing environment. Nonetheless, in the s an alternative coalition was created to pursue more modern logistical and operations practices. The new forces introduced Tesco to a corporate model of management control. During the s, the alternative coalition acquired more and more nonfamily members, who receive credit for modernizing Tesco in the s and s. They did away with the old business model featuring reward stamps when Cohen and his associates stepped down at the end of the s. While this recipe had served the company well, the deeply entrenched business model and management style were difficult to change. Of the three companies that made successful transformations, none had to reach outside the organization for top leadership. What is less clear is whether and how they actually do it. At companies that achieved major transformations, the development of alternative coalitions frequently occurred in the context of fundamental conflict. Tesco experienced boardroom battles between family members and, later, between the two coalitions of managers. At both companies, over time the conflicts became less intense and more respectful. Constructive challenging at Cadbury Schweppes had a much longer legacy. The two corporate cultures clashed. At Unilever, in contrast, the internal struggle that might have occurred in when Margarine Unie merged with Lever Brothers was suppressed through the development of a range of balancing measures that were worked out between the Dutch and British holding companies. As a result, Unilever units pursued all kinds of businesses and strategies that did not together make up a coherent companywide approach. For example, the company had literally thousands of brands applied inconsistently to products across countries. At the companies that transformed themselves successfully, a tradition of open conflict had a way of evolving into constructive challenging. Over time, the vying for dominance became institutionalized. This was not just a matter of senior executives advocating different points of view; it also involved management systems that embedded such processes across the organization. In contrast, the comparator companies we studied never established a tradition of constructive challenging. A Tradition of Exploiting Happy Accidents Not only did new ideas and alternative ideas continually surface in the companies that made successful strategic transformations, but they were aggressively pursued. Thus, the companies were well positioned to turn problems into opportunities. Significantly, we found that alternative leaders were able to accelerate the pace of transformation, not by forcing the issue but by leveraging what we call happy accidents to gain a broad platform of support. Happy accidents are unanticipated circumstances or events that ultimately support transformation in the direction favored by the leaders-in-waiting. The company started with a new division in Japan in , and also invested in manufacturing plants in Malaysia and offices in China. At Cadbury Schweppes, the poor performance of the U. Ultimately, the episode turned out to be a happy accident. It resulted in an increase in the share price, which generated money for acquisitions and functioned as a poison pill that allowed the Cadburys to refine their long-term focus. It also spurred Dominic Cadbury to accelerate the pace of transformation “ not just by divesting the food and hygiene businesses, but also by giving alternative leaders within Cadbury Schweppes the opportunity to initiate exciting new developments. These included the Coca-Cola Schweppes Beverages joint venture, the relocation of the beverages headquarters from London to Stamford, Connecticut, and the refocusing of the confectionery division. Grocery retailer Tesco established and integrated new ways of working that became a catalyst for continuous transformation. A similar situation occurred at Tesco. In June , management launched Operation Checkout “ across-the-board price cuts intended to generate volume and gain market share. The campaign was ridiculed in the press for having narrow operational objectives, and it proved so hard to manage that it almost destroyed the company. It turned out to be a blessing in disguise, however, because it forced the old guard to accept the need to change logistical, distributional and property investment processes. When the campaign turned out to have very strategic consequences, the old guard could not cope anymore and turned the strategic command over to MacLaurin and David Malpas. They and other alternative leaders, by force majeure, were granted the power to

complete the ambitious strategic transformation plans they had envisioned years before. Their counterparts Unilever, Sainsbury and SSL International, lacking a tradition of anticipation, were unable to convert problems and crises into happy accidents. They dealt narrowly with problems on their own rather than using them as triggers for broader changes. For example, Sainsbury steadily struggled with its increasing loss of market share to Tesco but did not change its business model or management approach. The Rewards of Tradition We have already noted how the companies that successfully transformed themselves reaped financial benefits, but what about their strategic success? By the late s, all three companies were in superb strategic and competitive positions, with well-defined management processes. Cadbury Schweppes had grown from a modest-sized national competitor into a global leader in two of the most competitive industries in the world, and it eventually became a keenly sought acquisition target. Tesco, meanwhile, established and integrated new ways of working that became a catalyst for continuous transformation. It launched multiple retail formats, significantly reduced the size of its headquarters staff, streamlined management layers and began an international expansion, becoming one of the most successful multinational retailers. Tesco is widely regarded as one of the best-managed companies in the United Kingdom. Its tradition of transformation has helped the company stay a step ahead of changes in the competitive environment, and engage in a self-paced rather than forced transformational process. This has resulted in more than 20 years of above-average growth and provided a buffer against the rapid changes in technology and the market that are inherent in the medical devices industry. Developing Traditions for Transformation If companies are to sustain high performance and transform their strategies, they need to foster alternative management coalitions and value constructive tension and challenges to the status quo. We have developed eight recommendations for accelerating these changes. The first thing to recognize is the importance of valuing history and building on it. Over time, consciously or not, the skirmishing evolved into a more respectful tug of war. Building on history requires managers to reflect on the evolution of their organization and the legacy they can draw on. Which traditions are present, at least in embryonic form, and which ones are absent? In the light of the answer, what new steps could be taken? Select and develop a new generation of leaders. All good companies carry out succession and talent planning.

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Chapter 6 : IBM Strategy and Transformation - Management Consulting - India

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Chapter 7 : Business transformation - Wikipedia

4 1. Begin with a strategy-informed ambition Leaders in business transformation typically have a clearly articulated, well-understood business strategy.

Chapter 8 : Vista Outdoor Announces Strategic Business Transformation Plan

Strategic Business Transformation The seven deadly sins to overcome. What can Gandhi, Mother Teresa and Nelson Mandela teach us about running businesses that face transformation in their markets.

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An interesting input on strategic transformation. However, apart from the success stories mentioned of Cadbury, Tesco and Smith & Nephew, it would be interesting to know if there are companies that went with the three-pronged approach advocated and still ended up in the decline phase.