

CHAPTER 2

# Strategic Marketing Planning



# Chapter outline

- Introduction
- The strategic planning process
- The marketing plan
- Maintaining customer focus and balance in strategic planning

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# The Strategic Planning Process

### Situation Analysis

 An in-depth analysis of the organization's internal and external environments

### ■ Marketing Plan

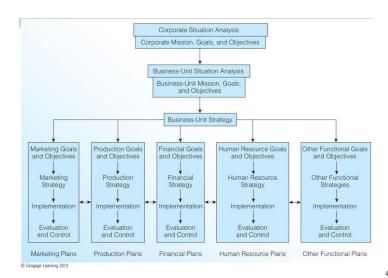
- A written document that provides the blueprint or outline of the organization's marketing activities, including the implementation, evaluation, and control of those activities
  - Explains how the organization will achieve its goals and objectives
  - Serves as a "road map" for implementing the marketing strategy
  - Instructs employees as to their roles and functions
  - Provides specifics regarding the allocation of resources, specific marketing tasks, responsibilities of individuals, and the timing of marketing activities

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# The Strategic Planning Process (Exhibit 2.1)



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# **Organizational Mission versus Organizational Vision**

#### ■ Mission Statement

- Answers... "What business are we in?"
- Clear and concise
- Explains the organization's reason for existence

#### ■ Vision Statement

- Answers... "What do we want to become?"
- Tends to be future oriented
- Represents where the organization is headed



## **Elements of the Mission Statement**

### ■ Five basic questions to be answered

- Who are we?
- Who are our customers?
- What is our operating philosophy?
- What are our core competencies or competitive advantages?
- What are our responsibilities with respect to being a good steward of our human, financial, and environmental resources?

#### Mission Width and Stability

- Width too broad or too narrow?
- Stability frequency of modifications

#### Customer-Focused Mission Statements

- Southwest Airlines
- Ben and Jerry's 3-Part Mission Statement
- Tylenol
- The American Red Cross



## The Best Mission Statements

(Exhibit 2.2)

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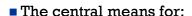
- Corporation

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# Corporate or Business-Unit Strategy



- Utilizing and integrating the organization's resources
- Carrying out the organization's mission
- Achieving the organization's desired goals and objectives
- Leverages the firm's capabilities that give it a competitive, or differential, advantage
- Determines the nature and future direction of each business unit
- Essentially the same as corporate strategy in small businesses



# **Functional Goals and Objectives**

- All business functions must support the organization's mission and goals.
- Functional objectives should be expressed in clear, simple terms.
- All functional objectives should be reconsidered for each planning period.

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# **Functional Strategy**

- Functional strategies are designed to integrate efforts focused on achieving the area's stated objectives.
- The strategy must:
  - Fit the needs and purposes of the functional area
  - Be realistic with the organization's resources and environment
  - Be consistent with the organization's mission goals, and objectives.
- The effects of each functional strategy must be evaluated.

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# **Implementation**

- Involves activities that execute the functional strategy
- Functional plans have two target markets:
  - External market
  - Internal market
- A company must rely on its internal market its employees – for a functional strategy to be implemented successfully.

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## Defend or contradict this statement:

Developing marketing strategy is more important than implementing marketing strategy because if the strategy is flawed, its implementation doesn't matter.

# DISCUSSIONQUESTIONS

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## **Evaluation and Control**

- Designed to keep planned activities on target with goals and objectives
- Coordination and open communication among functional areas are critical issues
- Evaluation and control is both an ending and beginning
  - Occurs after a strategy has been implemented
  - Serves as the beginning point for planning in the next cycle



# The Marketing Plan

- Detailed formulation of the actions needed to carry out the marketing program; an action document the handbook for marketing implementation, evaluation, and control
- Not the same as a business plan
- Requires a great deal of information from many different sources
- Should be well organized. A good marketing plan outline is:
  - Comprehensive
  - Flexible
  - Consistent
  - Logical



# Marketing Plan Structure (Exhibit 2.3)

### Executive Summary

Synopsis of the major aspects of the marketing plan

### II. Situation Analysis

- Internal environment
- Customer environment
- External environment

#### III. SWOT Analysis

- Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats
- Analysis of the SWOT matrix
- Developing competitive advantages
- Establishing a strategic focus

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# Marketing Plan Structure (Exhibit 2.3) (continued)

#### IV. Marketing Goals and Objectives

- Formal statements of desired and expected outcomes of the marketing plan
- Goals
  - Broad, simple statements of what is to be accomplished
- Objectives
  - More specific performance targets

### V. Marketing Strategy

- Primary (and secondary) target market
- The marketing program
- Branding and positioning strategy

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# Marketing Plan Structure (Exhibit 2.3) (continued)

### VI. Marketing Implementation

- What specific marketing activities will be undertaken?
- How will these activities be performed?
- When will these activities be performed?
- Who is responsible for the completion of these activities?
- How will the completion of planned activities be monitored?
- How much will these activities cost?

#### VII. Evaluation and Control

- Formal marketing control
- Informal marketing control
- Financial assessments

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# **Customer-Focused Strategic Planning**

- Puts customer needs and wants first
- Focuses on long-term, value-added relationships
- Focuses on understanding customers in ways that enhance sustainable competitive advantages
- Instills a corporate culture that places customers at the top of the organizational hierarchy
- Finds ways to cooperate with suppliers and competitors to serve customers more effectively and efficiently

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