

FREE WHAT IS STRATEGY HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy (including featured article What Is Strategy? by Michael E. Porter)

Is your company spending too much time on strategy development—with too little to show for it? If you read nothing else on strategy, read these 10 articles (featuring “What Is Strategy?” by Michael E. Porter). We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones to help you catalyze your organization's strategy development and execution. HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy will inspire you to: Distinguish your company from rivals Clarify what your company will and won't do Craft a vision for an uncertain future Create blue oceans of uncontested market space Use the Balanced Scorecard to measure your strategy Capture your strategy in a memorable phrase Make priorities explicit Allocate resources early Clarify decision rights for faster decision making This collection of best-selling articles includes: featured article "What Is Strategy?" by Michael E. Porter, "The Five Competitive Forces That Shape Strategy," "Building Your Company's Vision," "Reinventing Your Business Model," "Blue Ocean Strategy," "The Secrets to Successful Strategy Execution," "Using the Balanced Scorecard as a Strategic Management System," "Transforming Corner-Office Strategy into Frontline Action," "Turning Great Strategy into Great Performance," and "Who Has the D? How Clear Decision Roles Enhance Organizational Performance."

HBR Guide to Setting Your Strategy

Set your company up for long-term success. Every company needs a strategy. A focused strategy aligns decision making throughout the organization and helps establish a competitive edge in the marketplace. But with so many options to consider, how do you define a unique strategy that will ensure growth? Whether you're starting a business from scratch or leading an existing company facing new threats, this book offers the direction you need. The HBR Guide to Setting Your Strategy provides practical tips and advice that break down the process of crafting strategy so you can identify the areas your company should build on to help it thrive long into the future. You'll learn to: Understand what strategy is—and what it isn't Define where you'll play and how you'll win Conduct more-effective strategic discussions with your team Test your strategy before you implement it Communicate your strategy to key stakeholders Ensure your strategy is flexible and adaptable Arm yourself with the advice you need to succeed on the job, with the most trusted brand in business. Packed with how-to essentials from leading experts, the HBR Guides provide smart answers to your most pressing work challenges.

HBR Guide to Executing Your Strategy

Put your strategy into action. Even the best competitive strategies mean nothing if they aren't executed well. Yet many organizations struggle when they move from defining a strategy to actually applying it. Somehow, all the careful planning falls apart, initiatives fail, and leaders are left wondering how to pick up the pieces. The HBR Guide to Executing Your Strategy is here to help. This book offers leaders and managers tips and advice for sharing the strategy with your employees, making the shift toward the right objectives, and seeing your strategy come to fruition. You'll learn how to: Understand the "why" behind your strategy Identify the capabilities you have—and the ones you need Communicate objectives and priorities effectively to your team Prioritize strategic projects and let go of outdated ones Encourage cross-silo collaboration toward

organizational goals Adjust course when necessary Arm yourself with the advice you need to succeed on the job, with the most trusted brand in business. Packed with how-to essentials from leading experts, the HBR Guides provide smart answers to your most pressing work challenges.

HBR Guide to Managing Strategic Initiatives

This big initiative could make or break this fiscal year--or your career. Managing a successful strategic initiative may be the key to transforming your company--and propelling your career forward. Yet running a cross-functional team on a high-profile project can present a multitude of challenges and risks, causing even the most experienced manager to struggle. The HBR Guide to Managing Strategic Initiatives provides practical tips and advice to help you manage all the stages of an initiative's life cycle, from buy-in to launch to scaling up. You'll learn how to: Win--and keep--support for your new initiative Move rapidly from approval to implementation Assemble transformative, high-performing initiative teams Maintain the confidence of sponsors and stakeholders Stay on schedule and within budget Avoid initiative overload by killing projects that aren't meeting business needs Keep multiple initiatives in strategic alignment Arm yourself with the advice you need to succeed on the job, from a source you trust. Packed with how-to essentials from leading experts, the HBR Guides provide smart answers to your most pressing work challenges.

Open Strategy

How smart companies are opening up strategic initiatives to involve front-line employees, experts, suppliers, customers, entrepreneurs, and even competitors. Why are some of the world's most successful companies able to stay ahead of disruption, adopting and implementing innovative strategies, while others struggle? It's not because they hire a new CEO or expensive consultants but rather because these pioneering companies have adopted a new way of strategizing. Instead of keeping strategic deliberations within the C-Suite, they open up strategic initiatives to a diverse group of stakeholders—front-line employees, experts, suppliers, customers, entrepreneurs, and even competitors. Open Strategy presents a new philosophy, key tools, step-by-step advice, and fascinating case studies—from companies that range from Barclays to Adidas—to guide business leaders in this groundbreaking approach to strategy. The authors—business-strategy experts from both academia and management consulting—introduce tools for each of the three stages of strategy-making: idea generation, plan formulation, and implementation. These are digital tools (including strategy contests), which allow the widest participation; hybrid digital/in-person tools (including a “nightmare competitor challenge”); a workshop tool that gamifies the business model development process; and tools that help companies implement and sustain open strategy efforts. Open strategy has an astonishing track record: a survey of 200 business leaders shows that although open-strategy techniques were deployed for only 30 percent of their initiatives, those same initiatives generated 50 percent of their revenues and profits. This book offers a roadmap for this kind of success.

Your Strategy Needs a Strategy

What approach does your company use to develop and execute its strategy? We are confronted with a plethora of different approaches and frameworks which purport to answer this question from the classic Michael Porter approach to Kim and Mauborgne's blue ocean strategy to Steve Jobs' build it and they will come” philosophy. The answer? There is no one approach that works for everyone but there is a best approach for your specific context. And it has never been more important to choose the right one: not only has the number of different approaches proliferated ten-fold over the past 40 years, but the environments in which executives must formulate and execute strategy have become increasingly diverse and complex. The difference between winning and losing has never been greater. And using the right approach pays off: firms that successfully match their approach to their environment realize significantly better returns than those who don't. And, they avoid the common frustrations stemming from lack of perceived relevance and engagement around on the strategy process. How you choose and execute the right approach is the focus of this book.

From Global BCG strategy experts Martin Reeves, Knut Haanæs, Janmejaya Sinha (and based on the bestselling article in Harvard Business Review), *Your Strategy Needs a Strategy* offers a practical guide to help you to match your approach to strategy to your environment and execute it effectively, to combine different approaches for companies which operate in multiple environments, and to lead your organization in making better strategic choices. Organizing approaches into five strategic archetypes Be Big, Be Fast, Be First, Be the Orchestrator, Be Viable the authors explain the conditions under which each is appropriate, when and how to execute each one, and how to avoid common strategy traps. They richly illustrate the idea with interviews with CEOs from different industries from around the globe. For anyone leading a business or charged with developing a winning strategy this book is for you. The world of strategy is thick with opposing ideas and frameworks; *Your Strategy Needs a Strategy* will help you cut through the noise and find clarity on which approach is your best bet.

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy 2-Volume Collection

If you read nothing else on strategy, read these definitive articles from Harvard Business Review. Defining--and executing--the best strategy for your company is fraught with challenge. Do you have the right strategy to lead your company into the future? HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy 2-Volume Collection provides enduring ideas and practical advice on how to accelerate your organization's strategy development and execution. Bringing together HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy, Vol. 1 and HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy, Vol. 2, this collection includes twenty articles selected by HBR's editors and features the indispensable article "What is Strategy?" by Michael E. Porter. From timeless classics to the latest game-changing ideas from thought leaders W. Chan Kim, Renee Mauborgne, Jim Collins, and more, HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy 2-Volume Collection will inspire you to: Distinguish your companies from your rivals Reinvent your business model to keep you on the competitive map Craft a vision for an uncertain future Create and capture new markets--and break free from overcrowded ones Clarify decision roles for faster decision making See the growing relevance of data analytics in your organization Transform your products and services into platforms Identify the signals of future disruption and take steps to avoid it HBR's 10 Must Reads paperback series is the definitive collection of books for new and experienced leaders alike. Leaders looking for the inspiration that big ideas provide, both to accelerate their own growth and that of their companies, should look no further. HBR's 10 Must Reads series focuses on the core topics that every ambitious manager needs to know: leadership, strategy, change, managing people, and managing yourself. Harvard Business Review has sorted through hundreds of articles and selected only the most essential reading on each topic. Each title includes timeless advice that will be relevant regardless of an ever-changing business environment.

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Technology and Strategy Collection (7 Books)

Are analytics and technology a strategic part of your business? Artificial intelligence, platforms, algorithms, machine learning. Most business leaders know the value in advanced technologies. But how do you embed them into your business—and make them a key part of your strategy? HBR's 10 Must Reads Technology and Strategy Collection features innovative ideas to help you understand what new technologies offer, decide what business models are best for your business, and move forward with new innovations. Included in this seven-book set are: HBR's 10 Must Reads on AI, Analytics, and the New Machine Age HBR's 10 Must Reads on Business Model Innovation HBR's 10 Must Reads on Platforms and Ecosystems HBR's 10 Must Reads on Innovation HBR's 10 Must Reads on Design Thinking HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy, Vol. 2 The collection includes seventy articles selected by HBR's editors from renowned thought leaders including Clayton M. Christensen, W. Chan Kim, Renee Mauborgne, and Thomas H. Davenport, plus the indispensable article "Why Every Company Needs an Augmented Reality Strategy" by Michael E. Porter and James E. Heppelmann. With HBR's 10 Must Reads Technology and Strategy Collection, you can bridge the divide between your digital and strategic efforts, and ensure your business is on the cutting edge. HBR's 10 Must Reads paperback series is the definitive collection of books for new and experienced leaders alike. Leaders looking for the inspiration that big ideas provide, both to accelerate their

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Strategy

Strategic execution drives business success. This book covers strategy from the ground up, explaining what strategy is, how to put together a strategic plan, what tools and resources are necessary to execute it, and how to measure results. The Harvard Business Essentials series is designed to provide comprehensive advice, personal coaching, background information, and guidance on the most relevant topics in business. Whether you are a new manager seeking to expand your skills or a seasoned professional looking to broaden your knowledge base, these solution-oriented books put reliable answers at your fingertips.

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy, Vol. 2 (with bonus article Creating Shared Value By Michael E. Porter and Mark R. Kramer)

Do you have the right strategy to lead your company into the future? Get more of the management ideas you want, from the authors you trust, with HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy (Vol. 2). We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones to help you combat new competitors and define the best strategy for your company. With insights from leading experts including Michael E. Porter, A.G. Lafley, and Clayton M. Christensen, this book will inspire you to: Choose a strategy that meets the demands of your competitive environment Identify the signals of disruption and take steps to avoid it Understand lean methodology and how it is changing business Transform your products and services into platforms Instill your strategy with creativity and purpose Generate value for your company, while also contributing to society This collection of articles includes "Your Strategy Needs a Strategy," by Martin Reeves, Claire Love, and Philipp Tillmanns; "Transient Advantage," by Rita Gunther McGrath; "Bringing Science to the Art of Strategy," by A.G. Lafley, Roger L. Martin, Jan W. Rivkin, and Nicolaj Siggelkow; "Managing Risks: A New Framework," by Robert S. Kaplan and Anette Mikes; "Surviving Disruption," by Maxwell Wessel and Clayton M. Christensen; "The Great Repeatable Business Model," by Chris Zook and James Allen; "Pipelines, Platforms, and the New Rules of Strategy," by Marshall W. Van Alstyne, Geoffrey G. Parker, and Sangeet Paul Choudary; "Why the Lean Start-Up Changes Everything," by Steve Blank; "Strategy Needs Creativity," by Adam Brandenburger; "Put Purpose at the Core of Your Strategy," by Thomas W. Malnight, Ivy Buche, and Charles Dhanaraj; "Creating Shared Value," by Michael E. Porter and Mark R. Kramer.

Harvard Business Review Leadership & Strategy Boxed Set (5 Books)

The key concepts every manager and aspiring leader must know—from strategy and disruptive innovation to financial intelligence and change management—from bestselling Harvard Business Review authors. Build your professional library, and advance your career with these five timeless, ground-breaking business classics. Includes Financial Intelligence, Revised Edition; The Innovator's Dilemma; Leading Change; Playing to Win; and Blue Ocean Strategy, Expanded Edition.

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy

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Summary of Harvard Business Review's HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy

Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 Companies should plan, develop, and deploy their strategies in a very different way depending on whether they are operating in a volatile or stable environment. But far too many companies do not. The internet software industry is far less predictable and stable than the oil industry, and companies operating in such dissimilar competitive environments should be planning, developing, and deploying their strategies in vastly different ways. But far too many do not. #2 Companies operating in highly volatile environments should not be following the classical strategy, adaptive strategy, shaping strategy, or visionary strategy. #3 There are four strategic styles: classical, adaptive, shaping, and visionary. Each is best suited to one environment. Companies that match their strategic style with their environment perform significantly better than companies that do not. #4 When you operate in an industry that is difficult to change, a classical strategic style has the best chance of success.

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy

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HBR's 10 Must Reads for Executives 8-Volume Collection

You want the most important ideas for executives all in one place. Now you can have them—in a set of HBR's 10 Must Reads, available as an 8-volume paperback boxed set or as an ebook set. We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles on topics such as emotional intelligence, communication, change, leadership, strategy, managing people, and managing yourself and selected the most important ones to help you maximize your own and your organization's performance. The HBR's 10 Must Reads for Executives Boxed Set includes 8 bestselling collections: HBR's 10 Must Reads for CEOs HBR's 10 Must Reads on Boards HBR's 10 Must Reads on Leadership HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy Vol. 1 HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy Vol. 2 HBR's 10 Must Reads on Change Management HBR's 10 Must Reads on Risk HBR's 10 Must Reads on Organizational Resilience The HBR's 10 Must Reads for Executives Boxed Set makes a smart gift for your team, colleagues, clients, or yourself. The ebook set is available in PDF, ePub, and Mobi formats. HBR's 10 Must Reads paperback series is the definitive collection of books for new and experienced leaders alike. Leaders looking for the inspiration that big ideas provide, both to accelerate their own growth and that of their companies, should look no further. HBR's 10 Must Reads series focuses on the core topics that every ambitious manager needs to know: leadership, strategy, change, managing people, and managing yourself. Harvard Business Review has sorted through hundreds of articles and selected only the most essential reading on each topic. Each title includes timeless advice that will be relevant regardless of an ever-changing business environment.

HBR Guides to Building Your Strategic Skills Collection (3 Books)

If you aren't working with a strategy, you're wasting your time. Strategy isn't just a set of plans handed down

from the C-suite. To grow as a leader, you need to understand your company's strategy and align your thinking, projects, and team with organizational goals and vision. Master these abilities with the HBR Guides to Building Your Strategic Skills Collection. This three-book set, which includes the HBR Guide to Thinking Strategically, the HBR Guide to Managing Strategic Initiatives, and the HBR Guide to Setting Your Strategy, will help you change the way you think about your work, manage your most important priorities, and craft a strategy for long-term growth. You'll learn how to: Understand what strategy is--and what it isn't Define a clear strategy, whether you're in a start-up or in an established business Manage a portfolio of strategic projects Embed strategic thinking into your daily tasks and decision making Align your team around key objectives Let go of work that doesn't add value Communicate strategy throughout your organization Arm yourself with the advice you need to succeed on the job, with the most trusted brand in business. Packed with how-to essentials from leading experts, the HBR Guides provide smart answers to your most pressing work challenges.

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy for Healthcare (featuring articles by Michael E. Porter and Thomas H. Lee, MD)

Prepare for an uncertain future with a solid vision and innovative practices. Is your healthcare organization spending too much time on strategy--with too little to show for it? If you read nothing else on strategy, read these 10 articles. We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones for healthcare professionals to help you catalyze your organization's strategy development and execution. Leading strategy experts, such as Michael E. Porter, Jim Collins, W. Chan Kim, and Renee Mauborgne, provide the insights and advice you need to: Understand how the rules of corporate competition translate to the healthcare sector Craft a vision for an uncertain future Segment your market to better serve diverse patient populations Achieve the best health outcomes--at the lowest cost Learn what disruptive innovation means for healthcare Use the Balanced Scorecard to measure your progress This collection of articles includes "What Is Strategy?" by Michael E. Porter; "The Five Competitive Forces That Shape Strategy," by Michael E. Porter; "Health Care Needs Real Competition," by Leemore S. Dafny and Thomas H. Lee; "Building Your Company's Vision," by Jim Collins and Jerry I. Porras; "Reinventing Your Business Model," by Mark W. Johnson, Clayton M. Christensen, and Henning Kagermann; "Will Disruptive Innovations Cure Health Care?" by Clayton M. Christensen, Richard Bohmer, and John Kenagy; "Blue Ocean Strategy," by W. Chan Kim and Renee Mauborgne; "Rediscovering Market Segmentation," by Daniel Yankelovich and David Meer; "The Office of Strategy Management," by Robert S. Kaplan and David P. Norton; and "The Strategy That Will Fix Health Care," by Michael E. Porter and Thomas H. Lee.

Seven Strategy Questions

To stay ahead of the pack, you must translate your organization's competitive strategy into the day-to-day actions carried out in your company. That means channeling resources into the right efforts, achieving the right balance between innovation and control, and getting everyone pulling in the same direction. How to keep all this on track? Identify critical gaps in your strategy execution processes, focus on the most important choices you must make, and understand what's at stake in each one. In this concise guide, Harvard Business School professor Robert Simons presents the seven key questions you and your team must continually ask, beginning now. These questions--including "Who is our primary customer?" "What critical performance variables are we tracking?" and "What strategic uncertainties are keeping us awake at night?"--force you to reexamine the emerging data and unspoken assumptions underlying your strategy and how it's implemented through your business processes and structures. Simons's extensive examples then help you understand your options and position you to make the tough choices needed to excel at execution. Drawing on decades of research into performance management systems and organization design, Seven Strategy Questions is a no-nonsense, must-read resource for all leaders in your organization.

Harvard Business Review on Aligning Technology with Strategy

Most companies waste billions of dollars on technology. Don't be one of them. If you need the best practices and ideas for unleashing technology's strategic potential--but don't have time to find them--this book is for you. Here are eight inspiring and useful perspectives, all in one place. This collection of HBR articles will help you: - Clarify corporate strategy with your IT department - Fund only IT projects that support your strategy - Transform IT investments into profits - Build one technology platform for your entire organization - Adopt new technologies only when their best practices are established - Use analytics to make smart decisions at all levels of your company - Integrate social media into your business

Better, Simpler Strategy

Named one of the best strategy books of 2021 by *strategy+business* Get to better, more effective strategy. In nearly every business segment and corner of the world economy, the most successful companies dramatically outperform their rivals. What is their secret? In *Better, Simpler Strategy*, Harvard Business School professor Felix Oberholzer-Gee shows how these companies achieve more by doing less. At a time when rapid technological change and global competition conspire to upend traditional ways of doing business, these companies pursue radically simplified strategies. At a time when many managers struggle not to drown in vast seas of projects and initiatives, these businesses follow simple rules that help them select the few ideas that truly make a difference. *Better, Simpler Strategy* provides readers with a simple tool, the value stick, which every organization can use to make its strategy more effective and easier to execute. Based on proven financial mechanics, the value stick helps executives decide where to focus their attention and how to deepen the competitive advantage of their business. How does the value stick work? It provides a way of measuring the two fundamental forces that lead to value creation and increased financial success—the customer's willingness-to-pay and the employee's willingness-to-sell their services to the business. Companies that win, Oberholzer-Gee shows, create value for customers by raising their willingness-to-pay, and they provide value for talent by lowering their willingness-to-sell. The approach, proven in practice, is entirely data driven and uniquely suited to be cascaded throughout the organization. With many useful visuals and examples across industries and geographies, *Better, Simpler Strategy* explains how these two key measures enable firms to gauge and improve their strategies and operations. Based on the author's sought-after strategy course, this book is your must-have guide for making better strategic decisions.

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Leading Digital Transformation (with bonus article How Apple Is Organized for Innovation by Joel M. Podolny and Morten T. Hansen)

Become a digital-first organization—and avoid disruption. If you read nothing else on the principles and practices that lead to successful digital transformation, read these 10 articles. We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones to help you reinvent your digital strategy, overcome barriers to change, and win in the continuously connected world. This book will inspire you to: Devise an industry-transforming business model Minimize risk using discovery-driven transformation Leverage torrents of data more strategically Prepare your employees for the future of work Prioritize the right initiatives Compete in the age of AI This collection of articles includes "Discovery-Driven Digital Transformation," by Rita McGrath and Ryan McManus; "The Transformative Business Model," by Stelios Kavadias, Kostas Ladas, and Christoph Loch; "Digital Doesn't Have to Be Disruptive," by Nathan Furr and Andrew Shipilov; "What's Your Data Strategy?," by Leandro DalleMule and Thomas H. Davenport; "Competing in the Age of AI," by Marco Iansiti and Karim R. Lakhani; "Building the AI-Powered Organization," by Tim Fountaine, Brian McCarthy, and Tamim Saleh; "How Smart, Connected Products Are Transforming Companies," by Michael E. Porter and James E. Heppelmann; "The Age of Continuous Connection," by Nicolaj Siggelkow and Christian Terwiesch; "The Problem with Legacy Ecosystems," by Maxwell Wessel, Aaron Levie, and Robert Siegel; "Your Workforce Is More Adaptable Than You Think," by Joseph B. Fuller, Judith K. Wallenstein, Manjari Raman, and Alice de Chalendar; "How Apple Is Organized for Innovation," by Joel M. Podolny and Morten T. Hansen; and "Digital Transformation Comes Down to Talent in Four Key Areas," by Thomas H. Davenport and Thomas C. Redman. HBR's 10 Must Reads paperback series is the definitive collection of books for new and

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Understanding Michael Porter

A guide to Michael Porter's thinking on competition and strategy, classic and current.

HBR's 10 Must Reads 2019

A year's worth of management wisdom, all in one place. We've reviewed the ideas, insights, and best practices from the past year of Harvard Business Review to keep you up-to-date on the most cutting-edge, influential thinking driving business today. With authors from Thomas H. Davenport to Michael E. Porter and company examples from Facebook to DHL, this volume brings the most current and important management conversations right to your fingertips. This book will inspire you to: Make stronger connections and build greater trust among people who work on multiple teams Engage customers and employees alike with the help of artificial intelligence Channel your outrage about sexual harassment in the workplace into effective action Consider how CEO activism can generate goodwill for your company--and weigh its risks Pair data with qualitative research to increase diversity in your organization Remain competitive in a hub economy by using your company's assets and capabilities differently This collection of articles includes: "The Overcommitted Organization," by Mark Mortensen and Heidi K. Gardner; "Why Do We Undervalue Competent Management?" by Raffaella Sadun, Nicholas Bloom, and John Van Reenen; "Numbers Take Us Only So Far," by Maxine Williams; "The New CEO Activists," by Aaron K. Chatterji and Michael W. Toffel; "Artificial Intelligence for the Real World," by Thomas H. Davenport and Rajeev Ronanki; "Why Every Organization Needs an Augmented Reality Strategy," by Michael E. Porter and James E. Heppelmann; "Thriving in the Gig Economy," by Gianpiero Petriglieri, Susan Ashford, and Amy Wrzesniewski; "Managing Our Hub Economy," by Marco Iansiti and Karim R. Lakhani; "The Leader's Guide to Corporate Culture," by Boris Groysberg, Jeremiah Lee, Jesse Price, and J. Yo-Jud Cheng; "The Error at the Heart of Corporate Leadership," by Joseph L. Bower and Lynn S. Paine; and "Now What?" by Joan C. Williams and Suzanne Lebsack.

HBR Guide to Managing Strategic Initiatives

Just a decade ago, the term "green building strategy" evoked visions of fringe environmentalism and a high cost for minimal good. More recently, there's been a large shift in perception, an awakening of social consciousness, and a realization that a strategy good for the world can also be good for your bottom line. Green Business Strategy is no longer an option; the future depends on it. This collection of HBR articles gets to the heart of why you should and must put a socially responsible strategy at the top of your CEO's agenda. The series is designed to bring today's managers and professionals the fundamental information they need to stay competitive in a fast-moving world. From the preeminent thinkers whose work has defined an entire field to the rising stars who will redefine the way we think about business, here are the leading minds and landmark ideas that have established the Harvard Business Review as required reading for ambitious businesspeople in organizations around the globe.

Harvard Business Review on Green Business Strategy

The Harvard Business Review Leadership Library offers the most important leadership ideas from authors such as Michael D. Watkins, Clayton M. Christensen, Michael E. Porter, and John P. Kotter, to name just a few. This must-have digital collection includes The First 90 Days (Updated and Expanded), Blue Ocean

Strategy (Expanded Edition), The Innovator's Dilemma, Leading Change (With a New Preface by the Author), On Competition, Playing to Win, Remember Who You Are, HBR's 10 Must Reads on Leadership, HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy, HBR's 10 Must Reads on Managing Yourself, HBR's 10 Must Reads on Managing People, and HBR's 10 Must Reads on Emotional Intelligence.

Harvard Business Review Leadership Library: The Executive Collection (12 Books)

Now beyond its eleventh printing and translated into twelve languages, Michael Porter's *The Competitive Advantage of Nations* has changed completely our conception of how prosperity is created and sustained in the modern global economy. Porter's groundbreaking study of international competitiveness has shaped national policy in countries around the world. It has also transformed thinking and action in states, cities, companies, and even entire regions such as Central America. Based on research in ten leading trading nations, *The Competitive Advantage of Nations* offers the first theory of competitiveness based on the causes of the productivity with which companies compete. Porter shows how traditional comparative advantages such as natural resources and pools of labor have been superseded as sources of prosperity, and how broad macroeconomic accounts of competitiveness are insufficient. The book introduces Porter's "diamond," a whole new way to understand the competitive position of a nation (or other locations) in global competition that is now an integral part of international business thinking. Porter's concept of "clusters," or groups of interconnected firms, suppliers, related industries, and institutions that arise in particular locations, has become a new way for companies and governments to think about economies, assess the competitive advantage of locations, and set public policy. Even before publication of the book, Porter's theory had guided national reassessments in New Zealand and elsewhere. His ideas and personal involvement have shaped strategy in countries as diverse as the Netherlands, Portugal, Taiwan, Costa Rica, and India, and regions such as Massachusetts, California, and the Basque country. Hundreds of cluster initiatives have flourished throughout the world. In an era of intensifying global competition, this pathbreaking book on the new wealth of nations has become the standard by which all future work must be measured.

Competitive Advantage

Bring strategy into your daily work. It's your responsibility as a manager to ensure that your work--and the work of your team--aligns with the overarching objectives of your organization. But when you're faced with competing projects and limited time, it's difficult to keep strategy front of mind. How do you keep your eye on the long term amid a sea of short-term demands? The *HBR Guide to Thinking Strategically* provides practical advice and tips to help you see the big-picture perspective in every aspect of your daily work, from making decisions to setting team priorities to attacking your own to-do list. You'll learn how to: Understand your organization's strategy Align your team around key objectives Focus on the priorities that matter most Spot trends in your company and in your industry Consider future outcomes when making decisions Manage trade-offs Embrace a leadership mindset

HBR Guide to Thinking Strategically (HBR Guide Series)

A year's worth of management wisdom, all in one place. We've reviewed the ideas, insights, and best practices from the past year of Harvard Business Review to keep you up-to-date on the most cutting-edge, influential thinking driving business today. With authors from Michael E. Porter to Katrina Lake and company examples from Alibaba to 3M, this volume brings the most current and important management conversations right to your fingertips. This book will inspire you to: Ask better questions to boost your learning, persuade others, and negotiate more effectively Create workplace conditions where gender equity can thrive Boost results by allowing humans and AI to enhance one another's strengths Make better connections with your customers by giving them a glimpse inside your company Scale your agile processes from a few teams to hundreds Build a commitment to both economic and social values in your organization Prepare your company for a rapidly aging workforce and society This collection of articles includes "The Surprising Power of Questions," by Alison Wood Brooks and Leslie K. John; "Strategy Needs Creativity,"

by Adam Brandenburger; "What Most People Get Wrong about Men and Women," by Catherine H. Tinsley and Robin J. Ely; "Collaborative Intelligence: Humans and AI Are Joining Forces," by H. James Wilson and Paul R. Daugherty; "Stitch Fix's CEO on Selling Personal Style to the Mass Market," by Katrina Lake; "Strategy for Start-Ups," by Joshua Gans, Erin L. Scott, and Scott Stern; "Agile at Scale," by Darrell K. Rigby, Jeff Sutherland, and Andy Noble; "Operational Transparency," by Ryan W. Buell; "The Dual-Purpose Playbook," by Julie Battilana, Anne-Claire Pache, Metin Sengul, and Marissa Kimsey; "How CEOs Manage Time," by Michael E. Porter and Nitin Nohria; and "When No One Retires," by Paul Irving.

HBR's 10 Must Reads 2020

Stay on top of your leadership game. Leadership isn't something you're born with or gifted as a reward for an abundance of charisma; true leadership stems from core skills that can be learned. Get more of the leadership ideas you want, from the authors you trust, with HBR's 10 Must Reads on Leadership (Vol. 2). We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones to help you maximize your own and your organization's performance. With insights from leading experts including Michael D. Watkins, Herminia Ibarra, and Michael E. Porter, this book will inspire you to: Identify areas for personal growth Build trust with and among your employees Develop a more dynamic and sophisticated communication style Try out different leadership styles and behaviors to find the right approach for you--and your organization Transform yourself from a problem solver to an agenda setter Harness the power of connections Become an adaptive and strategic leader This collection of articles includes "Leadership Is a Conversation," by Boris Groysberg and Michael Slind; "How Managers Become Leaders: The Seven Seismic Shifts of Perspective and Responsibility," by Michael D. Watkins; "Strategic Leadership: The Essential Skills," by Paul J.H. Schoemaker, Steve Krupp, and Samantha Howland; "The Authenticity Paradox," by Herminia Ibarra; "'Both/And' Leadership," by Wendy K. Smith, Marianne W. Lewis, and Michael L. Tushman; "Are You a Collaborative Leader?" by Herminia Ibarra and Morten T. Hansen; "Cross-Silo Leadership," by Tiziana Casciaro, Amy C. Edmondson, and Sujin Jang; "How CEOs Manage Time," by Michael E. Porter and Nitin Nohria; "The Best Leaders Are Great Teachers," by Sydney Finkelstein; "Nimble Leadership," by Deborah Ancona, Elaine Backman, and Kate Isaacs; and "The Focused Leader," by Daniel Goleman.

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Leadership, Vol. 2 (with bonus article The Focused Leader By Daniel Goleman)

Larry Bossidy is one of the world's most acclaimed CEOs, with a track record for delivering results that has few peers. Ram Charan is a legendary advisor to senior executives and boards of directors, with unparalleled insight into why some companies are successful and others not. The result is the book people in business need today. One with a highly practical framework for closing the gap between results promised and results delivered. After a long, stellar career with GE, Larry Bossidy became CEO of Allied Signal and transformed it into one of the world's most admired companies. Accomplishments like 31 consecutive quarters of earnings-per-share growth of 13% or more don't just happen. They result from consistent practice of the discipline of execution: understanding how to link the three core processes of any business together: people, strategy and operations.

Execution

Chart a path to creating uncontested market space and winning the future. This collection of work by globally preeminent management thinkers W. Chan Kim and Renée Mauborgne brings together their perennial bestseller book Blue Ocean Strategy with their classic article "Blue Ocean Leadership." Blue Ocean Strategy, the global phenomenon that has sold over 4 million copies and is recognized as one of the most iconic and impactful strategy books ever written, argues that cutthroat competition results in nothing but a bloody red ocean of rivals fighting over a shrinking profit pool. Based on a study of 150 strategic moves (spanning more than 100 years across 30 industries), Kim and Mauborgne argue that lasting success comes not from battling

competitors but from creating “blue oceans”—untapped new market spaces ripe for growth. The book presents a systematic approach to making competition irrelevant and outlines principles and tools any organization can use to create and capture their own blue oceans. In the article “Blue Ocean Leadership,” the authors apply their concepts and tools to what is perhaps the greatest challenge of leadership: closing the gulf between the potential and realized talent and energy of employees. The authors offer a systematic method for uncovering, at every level of the organization, which leadership acts and activities will inspire employees to give it their all and a process for getting managers throughout the company to undertake these tasks.

Blue Ocean Strategy with Harvard Business Review Classic Article “Blue Ocean Leadership” (2 Books)

As CEO, you set the vision, the strategy, and the tone of your organization. You establish priorities, anticipate and address challenges, champion and lead change efforts, set people up for success, and manage risk. Though you may have a great senior executive team and a top-flight board, the success of your organization depends on your leadership. If you read nothing else on being an effective chief executive, read these 10 articles by experts in the field. We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the best ones to help you toggle between long- and short-term views, manage risk and innovation, and cultivate productive relationships with your staff and your board. This book will inspire you to: Navigate the changing global business environment Customize your company's strategy to the environment you're working in Attract, engage, and retain the best talent Anticipate and address legislative and regulatory issues Sharpen your awareness of the tactical and soft skills you need to lead Adopt a founder's mindset and build new offerings, move into new markets, and create next-generation solutions Manage and build relationships with your board--and your shareholders This collection of articles includes “Your Strategy Needs a Strategy,” by Martin Reeves, Claire Love, and Philipp Tillmanns; “Managing Your Innovation Portfolio,” by Bansi Nagji and Geoff Tuff; “Leading Change: Why Transformation Efforts Fail,” by John P. Kotter; “Reinventing Your Business Model,” by Mark W. Johnson, Clayton M. Christensen, and Henning Kagermann; “Leadership Is a Conversation,” by Boris Groysberg and Michael Slind; “Strategic Intent,” by Gary Hamel and C.K. Prahalad; “When Growth Stalls,” by Matthew S. Olson, Derek van Bever, and Seth Verry; “The Secrets to Successful Strategy Execution,” by Gary L. Neilson, Karla L. Martin, and Elizabeth Powers; “The Focused Leader,” by Daniel Goleman; “Managing Risks: A New Framework,” by Robert S. Kaplan and Anette Mikes; “21st-Century Talent Spotting,” by Claudio Fernandez-Araoz; and “How CEOs Can Work with an Active Board,” by Ken Banta and Stephen D. Garrow.

HBR's 10 Must Reads for CEOs (with bonus article Your Strategy Needs a Strategy by Martin Reeves, Claire Love, and Philipp Tillmanns)

Digital transformation is no longer news—it's a necessity. Despite the widespread threat of disruption, many large companies in traditional industries have succeeded at digitizing their businesses in truly transformative ways. The New York Times, formerly a bastion of traditional media, has created a thriving digital product behind a carefully designed paywall. Best Buy has transformed its business in the face of Amazon's threat. John Deere has formed a data-analysis arm to complement its farm-equipment business. And Goldman Sachs and many others are using digital technologies to reimagine their businesses. In *Driving Digital Strategy*, Harvard Business School professor Sunil Gupta provides an actionable framework for following their lead. For over a decade, Gupta has studied digital transformation at Fortune 500 companies. He knows what works and what doesn't. Merely dabbling in digital or launching a small independent unit, which many companies do, will not bring success. Instead you need to fundamentally change the core of your business and ensure that your digital strategy touches all aspects of your organization: your business model, value chain, customer relationships, and company culture. Gupta covers each aspect in vivid detail while providing navigation tips and best practices along the way. Filled with rich and illuminating case studies of companies at the forefront of digital transformation, *Driving Digital Strategy* is the comprehensive guide you need to take full

advantage of the limitless opportunities the digital age provides.

Driving Digital Strategy

Stop pushing products—and start cultivating relationships with the right customers. If you read nothing else on marketing that delivers competitive advantage, read these 10 articles. We've combed through hundreds of articles in the Harvard Business Review archive and selected the most important ones to help you reinvent your marketing by putting it—and your customers—at the center of your business. Leading experts such as Ted Levitt and Clayton Christensen provide the insights and advice you need to: Figure out what business you're really in Create products that perform the jobs people need to get done Get a bird's-eye view of your brand's strengths and weaknesses Tap a market that's larger than China and India combined Deliver superior value to your B2B customers End the war between sales and marketing

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategic Marketing (with featured article Marketing Myopia, by Theodore Levitt)

"Most firms face a wide gap between their strategic goals and their sales and other go-to-market efforts. Aligning these activities is - or should be - an important component of competitive advantage for entrepreneurs and established companies. Yet for most, it isn't ... This book is about aligning strategy and go-to-market efforts. It starts by explaining why many sales problems in companies are really strategic alignment issues. It helps managers understand and diagnose both the overt and hidden costs of not aligning strategic goals with sales initiatives, and why getting better at selling typically requires more than a motivational speech, sales force reorganization, new incentives, or a good training seminar. It outlines a process for articulating strategy in ways that people in the field can understand and in ways that help strategy formulators understand the required sales tasks inherent in strategic plans for the enterprise. Given a coherent strategy, the book provides a framework for analyzing and managing the core levers available to firms when they seek to align selling behaviors with sales tasks, and examines each lever. Readers will learn how to synchronize strategy and sales activities across the organization, and get value from improving their firm's performance in the following areas: - How to move from a strategic vision to an integrated selling plan- How to build a sales organization to match strategy- How to create and maintain the optimal infrastructure and processes"--Publisher's description.

Aligning Strategy and Sales

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Competitive Strategy

As established markets become less profitable, companies increasingly need to find ways to create and capture new markets. Despite much investment and commitment, most firms struggle to do this. What, exactly, is getting in their way? World-renowned professors W. Chan Kim and Renee Mauborgne, the authors of the best-selling book *Blue Ocean Strategy* have spent over a decade exploring that question. They have seen that the trouble lies in managers' mental models--ingrained assumptions and theories about the way the world works. Though these models may work perfectly well in mature markets, they undermine executives' attempts to discover uncontested new spaces with ample potential (blue oceans) and keep companies firmly anchored in existing spaces where competition is bloody (red oceans). In this bound version of their bestselling *Harvard Business Review* classic article, they describe how to break free of these red ocean traps. To do that, managers need to: (1) Focus on attracting new customers, not pleasing current customers; (2) Worry less about segmentation and more about what different segments have in common; (3) Understand that market creation is not synonymous with either technological innovation or creative destruction; and (3) Stop focusing on premium versus low-cost strategies. The *Harvard Business Review Classics* series offers you the opportunity to make seminal *Harvard Business Review* articles a part of your permanent management library. Each highly readable volume contains a groundbreaking idea that continues to shape best practices and inspire countless managers around the world--and will have a direct impact on you today and for years to come.

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