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The globalized economy, dominated by the diffusion of innovation and social, political, and economic changes, allows people and knowledge to flow without knowing what lies ahead. As new economies emerge and technologies impose significant changes, the internationalization

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of markets and industries has made defining its delimitation more difficult. Competitive Drivers for Improving Future Business Performance is a conceptualized reference source that discusses the use of digital skills to manage change in volatile contexts and provides fundamental understanding of competitive advantage to guarantee superior performances. To assure this level of performance, a set of choices (drivers) must be created ensuring operational efficiency, innovative products, customer knowledge-base, and focused branding. Featuring research on topics such as

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consumer experience, strategic leadership, and flexible technologies, this book is ideally designed for managers, executives, entrepreneurs, academicians, consulting professionals, researchers, industry professionals, and students seeking coverage on how to improve competitive performance in an era of uncertainty.

Why do good teams fail? Very often, argue Deborah Ancona and Henrik Bresman, it is because they are looking inward instead of outward. Based on years of research examining teams across many industries, Ancona and Bresman show that

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traditional team models are falling short, and that what's needed--and what works--is a new brand of team that emphasizes external outreach to stakeholders, extensive ties, expandable tiers, and flexible membership. The authors highlight that X-teams not only are able to adapt in ways that traditional teams aren't, but that they actually improve an organization's ability to produce creative ideas and execute them—increasing the entrepreneurial and innovative capacity within the firm. What's more, the new environment demands what the authors call “distributed leadership,” and the

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book highlights how X-teams powerfully embody this idea.

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Managers and executives know the importance of integrating business strategy and IT strategy for competitive advantage.

Strategic Information Technology: Opportunities for Competitive Advantage provides managers and students alike with an understanding and appreciation for the development of business and information technology strategies to yield competitive advantage.

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Seeing Around Corners

Building Sustainable Competitive
Advantage

Issues and Potential Solutions

Build Organizational Culture for
Competitive Advantage

World Out of Balance

Handbook of Research on Global
Competitive Advantage through
Innovation and Entrepreneurship

New Rules for the Digital Age

*Substantially reduce the largely
hidden cost of fraud, and reap a
new competitive advantage. As the
title suggests, Countering Fraud for
Competitive Advantage presents a
compelling business case for
investing in anti-fraud measures to
counter financial crime. It looks at
the ways of reaping a new*

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competitive advantage by substantially reducing the hidden cost of fraud. Aimed at a wide business community and based on solid research, it is the only book to put forward an evidence-based model for combating corporate fraud and financial crime. Despite its increase and capture of the news headlines, corporate fraud is largely ignored by most organizations. Fraud is responsible for losses of up to nine percent of revenues—sometimes more. Yet, most organizations don't believe they have a problem and don't always measure fraud losses. This highlights an area for capturing a competitive advantage—with the right counter-fraud strategy,

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massive losses due to the cost of fraud can be reduced for a fraction of the return. Advocates a new model for tackling fraud and illustrates theories with best practice examples from around the world The authors have close links with the Counter Fraud Professional Accreditation Board: Jim Gee is a world-renowned expert in the field, and has advised private companies and governments from more than 35 countries. Mark Button is Director of the leading Centre for Counter Fraud Studies, Portsmouth University, U.K. Organizations are losing millions of dollars to fraud. This book outlines a comprehensive approach to reducing financial crime and helping return some of

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the revenue lost to the cost of fraud. An exploration of corporate purpose - a company's expressed overriding reason for existing - and its effect upon strategy, executive leadership, employees, and ultimately, on competitive performance. It argues that the path to financial success lies in a customer-focused corporate purpose.

The workforce is considered to be the lifeblood within many major corporations. The ability of management to effectively utilize the knowledge and skills of their workforce is essential in ensuring the success of their corporations. Harnessing Human Capital Analytics for Competitive Advantage is a critical scholarly publication that

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explores the influence that workforce knowledge and skills can have on the performance of corporations and how such skills can be used to promote the success of corporations. Featuring coverage on a wide range of topics including employee happiness, mind genomics, and e-commerce adoption, this book is geared toward managers, professionals, and practitioners seeking current research on the advantage of utilizing workforce knowledge and skills to promote corporate success. Competitive strategies and higher education-industry collaboration policies are playing an important role in fostering the reputation and international rankings of higher

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education institutions. The positive impact of these policies may best be observed in economic and social outputs of many countries such as the USA, Singapore, South Korea, EU countries, and Turkey. However, the number of academic publications that specifically concentrate on the impact of these policies on higher education institutions and authorities remains relatively limited. Digital Transformation and Internationalization Strategies in Organizations covers a wide range of issues and topics, including employment systems, quality management systems, international ranking systems in higher education, education and language

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policies in higher education, and business models employed in techno-parks. This book helps higher education institutions manage their manpower and become cognizant of the factors that may exert a drastic impact on their success. It is ideal for managers, executives, IT consultants, researchers, practitioners, academics, professors, and undergraduate and postgraduate students.

The Ultimate Competitive Advantage

Developing Strategic Business Models and Competitive Advantage in the Digital Sector

Navigating Global Risks to Seize Competitive Advantage

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*E-Collaboration Technologies and
Strategies for Competitive
Advantage Amid Challenging Times
The Essential Guide to Competition
and Strategy*

Global Competitive Strategy

The End of Competitive Advantage

Enterprise risk must be identified, assessed and prioritized; developing a growth strategy proposal which leadership has to execute in order to achieve goals. As business leaders spearhead the efforts, they must minimize, monitor and control the probability and/or impact of unfortunate events and maximize the realization of opportunities. Building Sustainable Competitive Advantage shows how to use the Enterprise Excellence (EE) philosophy - a holistic approach for leading an enterprise to total excellence. It does this by focussing on achieving

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sustainable significant growth in revenue and profitability, reducing the business cycle time, strategically managing the enterprise risk and focusing on the needs of the customer.

Presents an analysis of how thinking on strategy has evolved and what are the likely developments. This work includes chapters on six key areas: Approaches to Strategy, Strategic Analysis and Formulation, Corporate Strategy; International Strategy; Strategies of Organizational Change; and Strategic Flexibility and Uncertainty.

E-collaboration is a tool that breaks the boundaries of activities within and between organizations. E-collaboration technologies are making it easier than ever for people to work together no matter where they happen to be. Succeeding with collaboration at a level where it represents a competitive advantage requires a broad

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approach. Internal social networks can circumvent bureaucratic boundaries and facilitate information sharing activities among individuals across hierarchies and divisions or departments. This allows organizations to acquire resources or competencies from external sources that otherwise would be difficult or expensive to access. Accordingly, organizations focus more on their own areas of competence and gain a competitive advantage by acquiring richer content and better solutions in a creative and cost-effective way. Challenging times can provide new opportunities that need to be detected at the right time. There must be many other sources of competitive advantages which should support the main source of competitive value. Competitive advantage may be gained if the organization is able to find sources of competitive advantage in time of

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economic crises. Organizations have rapidly deployed technology solutions, such as collaboration tools and cloud computing, which enable their employees to work remotely and continue these organizational operations, especially during times of crisis. *E-Collaboration Technologies and Strategies for Competitive Advantage Amid Challenging Times* focuses on e-collaboration technologies, strategies, and solutions from a perspective of organizational competitive advantage, including e-collaboration technologies, situation and solutions, innovation systems, competition and strategies, marketing, and growth capabilities. The book presents a full understanding on e-collaboration technologies, strategies, and solutions in organizations, and provides insight for how to develop e-collaboration technologies, strategies, and solutions

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more generally so as to simultaneously leverage potential benefit and guard against potential risk, promoting organizational competitive advantage amid challenging times. This book is ideally intended for policymakers, government officials, corporate heads of firms, managers, managing directors, practitioners, researchers, academicians, and students seeking information on the e-collaboration technologies being employed in businesses in times of crisis. Are you at risk of being trapped in an uncompetitive business? Chances are the strategies that worked well for you even a few years ago no longer deliver the results you need. Dramatic changes in business have unearthed a major gap between traditional approaches to strategy and the way the real world works now. In short, strategy is stuck. Most leaders are using frameworks that were designed for a

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different era of business and based on a single dominant idea—that the purpose of strategy is to achieve a sustainable competitive advantage. Once the premise on which all strategies were built, this idea is increasingly irrelevant. Now, Columbia Business School professor and globally recognized strategy expert Rita Gunther McGrath argues that it's time to go beyond the very concept of sustainable competitive advantage. Instead, organizations need to forge a new path to winning: capturing opportunities fast, exploiting them decisively, and moving on even before they are exhausted. She shows how to do this with a new set of practices based on the notion of transient competitive advantage. This book serves as a new playbook for strategy, one based on updated assumptions about how the world works, and shows how some of the world's most successful companies use

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this method to compete and win today.

Filled with compelling examples from
"growth outlier" firms such as Fujifilm,
Cognizant Technology Solutions, Infosys,
Yahoo! Japan, and Atmos Energy, *The
End of Competitive Advantage* is your
guide to renewed success and profitable
growth in an economy increasingly
defined by transient advantage.

*Finding Your Competitive Advantage in
an Up and Down Economy*

*Through Executive Enterprise Leadership
Strategic Information Technology*

*Opportunities for Competitive Advantage
Beyond Competitive Advantage*

Strategic Cost Management

*Review and Analysis of Gunther and
Mcgrath's Book*

In this book, Shank and Govindarajan
demonstrate how strategic cost
management - an analytical
framework which relates meaningful

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accounting information to a firm's business strategy - is changing accounting practices in leading companies. Using case studies, including Ciba-Geigy, Ford, Motorola and Texas Instruments, they show how the tools of strategic cost management - value chain analysis, strategic positioning analysis and cost driver analysis - provide a sustainable competitive advantage over companies whose cost systems are in disarray.

The field of social entrepreneurship is attracting attention from multiple industries. Social entrepreneurs are responsible for finding ways to creatively contribute to society by providing affordable products and services. Creating Business Value and Competitive Advantage With Social Entrepreneurship is a useful scholarly

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resource that examines the broad topic of social entrepreneurship by looking at relevant theoretical frameworks and fundamental terms. Focused on topics such as creating business value, promoting social entrepreneurship, and enacting programs of social change, this book provides the latest research and practical solutions concerning social entrepreneurship. The source proves valuable to academicians, researchers, entrepreneurship practitioners, and individuals interested in learning more about social entrepreneurship. As business paradigm shifts from a desktop-centric environment to a data-centric mobile environment, mobile services provide numerous new business opportunities, and in some cases, challenge some of the basic premises of existing business models.

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Strategy, Adoption, and Competitive Advantage of Mobile Services in the Global Economy seeks to foster a scientific understanding of mobile services, provide a timely publication of current research efforts, and forecast future trends in the mobile services industry. This book is an ideal resource for academics, researchers, government policymakers, as well as corporate managers looking to enhance their competitive edge in or understanding of mobile services. The Competitive Advantage of Nations is one of the most influential business and management books of all time. Michael Porter's research identified the fundamental determinants of national competitive advantage in an industry and how they work together to give international advantage. The findings are rich in implications for

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firms and governments and set the agenda for discussions of global competition. The book was an extraordinary achievement and had a profound effect upon management, policy-makers and academics worldwide. The core ideas of the book remain very relevant today and this new edition includes the original text in full with a new introduction by the author, which reviews the key themes and issues of the book in the light of subsequent developments. This book represents one of the very few must buys in business and management.

Successful Technological Integration for Competitive Advantage in Retail Settings

X-Teams

E-Novation for Competitive Advantage in Collaborative Globalization:

Technologies for Emerging E-Business

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How to Solve the Puzzle of Sustaining
Growth While Creating Value

The Oxford Handbook of Strategy
Competitive Drivers for Improving
Future Business Performance

This book presents strategies that put the customer at the center of an enterprise. It elaborates on the reasons for viewing customers as assets that a firm needs to acquire, develop and cultivate in order to generate profitable relationships, and champions customer profitability as the metric for measuring business performance. Further, it advocates the need to provide solutions to customers' requirements with bundles of

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products and services. It broadens the definition of customer value beyond tangible benefits and price to include both tangible and intangible benefits and total ownership costs, while embracing a variety of unique customer needs. The book highlights the value of business planning, marketing and sales mechanisms and changing employee behavior to create lifelong, high-value profitable customer relationships that satisfy the customer's needs. Competitive Advantage of Customer Centricity maps a new journey that entire organizations must undertake in order to achieve these lucrative goals.

The advent of new technologies has been an impetus for rapid development in several industries, including the area of retail services. These recent advances push industry leaders to infuse new innovations into their various systems and processes. Successful Technological Integration for Competitive Advantage in Retail Settings examines the various effects of changing markets and subsequently how these changes cause retailers to meet consumer demand by integrating more sophisticated, advanced innovations in their daily practices. Focusing on corporate strategies, innovation

management, and relevant case studies, this book is a pivotal reference source for researchers, practitioners, and developers interested in recent innovation trends within the retailing industry.

Rapid technological advancements have the ability to positively or negatively impact corporate growth and success. Professional leaders and decision makers must consider such advancements when designing and implementing new policies in preparation for the sustainable future of the business environment.

Developing Strategic Business Models and Competitive

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Advantage in the Digital Sector focuses on the application of preemptive planning in the media and entertainment industries to combat an increasingly uncertain future of innovation and competition. With research-based examples and analysis, this book is an essential reference source for academicians, researchers, and professionals interested in learning more about the impact of technology on industry success, including the changes and challenges created by the Internet and electronic media. Understanding, planning for, and thriving in the global business environment Business leaders

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face a global environment that is increasingly complex and treacherous. Written by the managing director of A.T. Kearney's prestigious Global Policy Institute, World Out of Balance draws upon the insights of an elite group of business leaders, academics, and government officials from around the world, focusing on the five factors that are shaping tomorrow's business environment:

Globalization--rising levels of trade, communication, and travel
Demographics--slowed population growth in developed countries, and increased growth in the third world
Consumption

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Patterns--increasingly diverse consumer markets, causing fierce market competition Natural Resources and Environment--oil markets reaching a crisis stage, and other shortages predicted in the coming decades Regulation and Activism--calls for greater regulation point to long-term business challenges With intelligence and insight, World Out of Balance provides executives, consultants, and business thinkers with the high caliber of information and insight you need to plan for, rather than react to, important emerging trends shaping the global business environment. Author Paul Laudicina offers compelling

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**snapshots of key trends and how
they may evolve in the years
ahead--and provides practical
scenarios and expert guidelines
to help you prepare your
organizations to meet these
challenges and profit by them.**
**Knowledge Management and
Competitive Advantage: Issues
and Potential Solutions**
**40 Strategic Moves That Drive
Exceptional Business Growth**
Harnessing Human Capital
**Analytics for Competitive
Advantage**
**Countering Fraud for
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Marketbusters
Technologies for Emerging E-

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You've been charged with growing your business. Incremental growth can no longer deliver the results you need. You need truly dynamic growth - and you need to achieve it without risking a hugely expensive gamble. How can you encourage innovative new ventures and pursue ambitious growth while minimizing risk? In *Discovery-Driven Growth*, authors McGrath and MacMillan show how companies can

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plan and pursue an aggressive growth agenda with confidence. By carefully framing their strategic growth opportunities, testing each project assumption against a series of checkpoints, and creating a culture that acts on evidence and learning instead of blind stumbling, companies can better control their costs, minimize surprises, and know when to disengage from questionable projects--before it's

too late. Providing tools that will help you select and better assess the potential of any strategic venture, from new product lines to entirely new businesses, the authors outline a comprehensive process that lets you identify, manage, and leverage your company's full portfolio of opportunities. By reducing up-front costs and eliminating unnecessary risks, you'll be able to avoid missteps and explore

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*more options to create
the breakthrough growth
that your business
requires.*

*From the million-copy-
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Execution 'Ingenious . .*

*. An insightful and
practical guide for
leaders and*

*practitioners at every
level.' Forbes Welcome
to the age of big tech.*

*The old rules no longer
apply. How do companies
build a competitive
advantage in the digital
age? In this lively,
accessible guide, Ram*

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*Charan - million-copy-
bestselling author and
advisor to some of the
world's top CEOs -
reveals that the tech
giants have radically
rewritten the rules of
business. If you want to
win, you need to learn
to play a new game.
Delving into the inner
workings of the likes of
Netflix, Amazon and
Alibaba, Charan uncovers
the six rules that the
digital giants use to
stay ahead: from their
emphasis on creating
corporate 'ecosystems',*

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*to the way they approach
team organisation and
moneymaking. And he
outlines how to use
these rules to transform
your business, starting
today. 'One of the
world's preeminent
counselors to CEOs.'
Harvard Business Review
'The most influential
consultant alive.'*

Fortune

*"This book examines
current research in
support of knowledge
management by focusing
on how knowledge
resources can be used to*

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*create and sustain
competitive advantages,
combining imitation and
innovation
theories"--Provided by
publisher.*

*As businesses seek to
compete on a global
stage, they must be
constantly aware of
pressures from all
levels: regional, local,
and worldwide. The
organizations that can
best build advantages in
diverse environments
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success. The Handbook of
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Competitive Advantage through Innovation and Entrepreneurship explores the emergence of new ideas and opportunities in various markets and provides organizational leaders with the tools they need to take full advantage of those opportunities. With a focus on economic growth in a fast-paced environment, this handbook is a critical reference for business leaders, economists, and students of economic theory.

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*New Game Strategies for
Competitive Advantage*

*How to Spot Inflection
Points in Business*

Before They Happen

The Professional

Approach to Reducing the

Last Great Hidden Cost

The New Corporate

Realities

How to Keep Your

Strategy Moving as Fast

as Your Business

Dynamics of Competitive

Advantage and Consumer

Perception in Social

Marketing

Competitive Advantage of

Customer Centricity

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The first prescriptive, innovative guide to seeing inflection points before they happen--and how to harness these disruptive influences to give your company a strategic advantage. Paradigmatic shifts in the business landscape, known as inflection points, can either create new, entrepreneurial opportunities (see Amazon and Netflix) or they can lead to devastating consequences (e.g., Blockbuster and Toys R Us). Only those leaders who can "see around corners"-that is, spot the disruptive inflection points developing before they hit-are poised to succeed in this market.

Columbia Business School
Professor and corporate consultant

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Rita McGrath contends that inflection points, though they may seem sudden, are not random. Every seemingly overnight shift is the final stage of a process that has been subtly building for some time.

Armed with the right strategies and tools, smart businesses can see these inflection points coming and use them to gain a competitive advantage. *Seeing Around Corners* is the first hands-on guide to anticipating, understanding, and capitalizing on the inflection points shaping the marketplace.

"In much the same way that Good to Great uncovered hitherto hidden secrets of highly successful companies, Navarro's *Always a*

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Winner uses extensive research to reveal the overriding importance of learning how to forecast and strategically manage the business cycle for competitive advantage. In doing so, this book provocatively explores a critical aspect of successful management virtually untapped by the existing strategy literature." —Dan DiMicco, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Nucor Steel " Always a Winner is an important and timely guide to thriving in challenging economic times. Prof. Navarro deftly bridges the academic and business communities, showing corporate leaders how to read economic tea-leaves to anticipate

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business cycles. His "Master Cyclist" credo offers many practical tips and real-world case studies for steering companies through turbulent economic seas." —Mark Greene, Ph.D, Chief Executive Officer, FICO (Fair Isaac Corp.)

"Navarro's Always a Winner shows why forecasting the economy with a ruler can be lethal for corporate executives and money managers. He demonstrates how to skillfully anticipate the ups and downs of the economy and successfully navigate through them. The current economic crisis clearly demonstrates why this book is so important to have on your bookshelf." —Mark Zandi, Chief Economist and Cofounder of

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Moody's Economy.com "Always a Winner is required reading for every entrepreneur, money manager, and independent investor hoping to outperform the market and retire one day." —Mark T. Brookshire, Founder of StockTrak.com and WallStreetSurvivor.com " Navarro's wealth of real world examples will show you how to make both economic recessions and recoveries invaluable allies in executing competitive corporate strategies. A must read!" —Lakshman Achuthan, Managing Director, Economic Cycle Research Institute Why recessions are far more dangerous than any 10 competitors Most companies make a lot of money

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during economic expansions-and lose a lot of money during recessions. That is the way it has always been. That is the way it need not always be. This book will show you how to "always be a winner" over the course of the entire business cycle-not just when economic times are good. To do this job, this book will arm you with all the strategies and tactics and forecasting tools you will need to profitably manage your organization through the business cycle seasons-from the best of boom times to the worst of recessionary times. In this book, you will learn to Forecast movements and key recessionary turning points in the

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business cycle Implement a set of powerful "battle-tested" strategies over the course of the business cycle. Rebuild your organization with a strategic business cycle orientation and thereby make it much more recession-resistant and resilient over the longer term. The forecasting tools and management strategies revealed in this book have been developed over the last five years by the author-the world's leading expert on managing the business cycle for competitive advantage. By learning to strategically manage the business cycle, your organization will be able to create a powerful competitive and sustainable advantage over its rivals and

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thereby find the grail sought by every executive team in the world—superior financial performance. In this way, *Always a Winner* provides you with the in-depth insight and practical advice you need to help your company survive and thrive in the increasingly risky conditions of the 21st century.

"People are our most important asset." Every company pays lip service to this platitude, but how many companies really embrace it? People are what sustain—or ruin—your brand. If your people are not excited about the company, indifferent, or even alienated from it, your competitive advantage will disappear. In *The Ultimate*

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Competitive Advantage,
FranklinCovey experts Shawn D.
Moon and Sue Dathe-Douglass lay
out the steps leaders can take to tap
into their companies' most valuable
and unique resource: people. When
you promote a company of proactive
and engaged employees who create
a winning culture, sustain it,
leverage it, and make it work no
matter what comes your way, your
business rises above the rest. From
the company that brought you *The 7
Habits of Highly Effective People*,
*The Ultimate Competitive
Advantage* offers six highly effective
practices that will propel your
company to success by unleashing
the potential of your people. Each

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practice in The Ultimate Competitive Advantage is based on fundamental principles that hold true across all industries, from the necessity of being proactive to the importance of building win-win relationships. Implementing these practices is the key to making a distinctive difference in the marketplace. The Ultimate Competitive Advantage will enable your company to achieve remarkable results and become an industry standout by leveraging your most important asset: your people. "This book explores important social issues that call for reform such as health care, self-perceptions, and corporate

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responsibilities to the environment,
giving readers a guide to
understanding and appreciation
behind social marketing and how it
can be used to positively alter social
conscience and create social
change"--Provided by publisher.

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How Strategy Really Works

Creating Business Value and

Competitive Advantage With Social
Entrepreneurship

Win from Within

The New Tool for Competitive
Advantage

Discovery-Driven Growth

Why Your People Make All the
Difference and the 6 Practices You
Need to Engage Them

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Globalization has fundamentally changed the game of business. Strategic frameworks developed for the analysis of purely domestic business necessarily fall short in the international business context. Managers and business students require alternative approaches to understand and cope with these far-reaching changes. We must learn to think globally in order to succeed. Global Competitive Strategy shows how we can do this by providing a unique set of strategic tools for international business. Such tools include the 'star analysis' that allows strategy makers to integrate geographic information with market information about the global business environment. Also introduced is the 'global value connection' that shows managers how to account for the gains

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from trade and the costs of trade.

Aimed at MBA students taking courses in international strategy, consultants and practising managers with responsibility for strategic development, this 2007 book offers a comprehensive strategic framework for gaining competitive advantage in the global marketplace.

Argues that sustainable competitive advantage can no longer be the Holy Grail for companies due to a constantly changing environment, and offers a new set of principles for winning in a volatile and uncertain marketplace.

Are you just playing—or playing to win? Strategy is not complex. But it is hard. It's hard because it forces people and organizations to make specific choices about their future—something that doesn't happen in most companies.

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Now two of today's best-known business thinkers get to the heart of strategy—explaining what it's for, how to think about it, why you need it, and how to get it done. And they use one of the most successful corporate turnarounds of the past century, which they achieved together, to prove their point. A.G. Lafley, former CEO of Procter & Gamble, in close partnership with strategic adviser Roger Martin, doubled P&G's sales, quadrupled its profits, and increased its market value by more than \$100 billion in just ten years. Now, drawn from their years of experience at P&G and the Rotman School of Management, where Martin is dean, this book shows how leaders in organizations of all sizes can guide everyday actions with larger strategic goals built around the clear, essential elements that determine business

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success—where to play and how to win. The result is a playbook for winning. Lafley and Martin have created a set of five essential strategic choices that, when addressed in an integrated way, will move you ahead of your competitors. They are:

- What is our winning aspiration?
- Where will we play?
- How will we win?
- What capabilities must we have in place to win?
- What management systems are required to support our choices?

The stories of how P&G repeatedly won by applying this method to iconic brands such as Olay, Bounty, Gillette, Swiffer, and Febreze clearly illustrate how deciding on a strategic approach—and then making the right choices to support it—makes the difference between just playing the game and actually winning.

The must-read summary of Rita

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Gunther McGrath's book: "The End of Competitive Advantage: How to Keep Your Strategy Moving as Fast as Your Business". This complete summary of the ideas from Rita Gunther McGrath's book "The End of Competitive Advantage" shows that maintaining a competitive advantage in today's dynamic and ever-changing marketplace is no longer the best business strategy. The author explains that companies must find a way to build and exploit successive transient advantages and become more customer-centric and less industry-bound, in order to give the business the best chance of success. Added-value of this summary: • Save time • Understand the key concepts • Expand your business knowledge To learn more, read "The End of Competitive Advantage" and discover

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the key to maintaining a competitive advantage in today's marketplace.

Summary: The End of Competitive Advantage

A Breakthrough Process to Reduce Risk and Seize Opportunity

How To Build Teams That Lead, Innovate, And Succeed

A Strategy Overview and Competitive Strategy

The Competitive Advantage of Nations

Strategic Innovation

Robust methods to identify new growth opportunities
YOUR SHAREHOLDERS DEMAND growth; your company needs growth; and your career can suffer or soar because of how you drive growth—or don't.

While executives often talk about their great growth plans, very few of these plans actually deliver real gains in growth and profitability. How do some companies manage to beat the odds and bust through the obstacles that make explosive growth so elusive? In this hands-on guide, Rita Gunther McGrath and Ian C. MacMillan identify powerful strategic moves they call “MarketBusters”—approaches that dramatically reconfigure profit streams in an industry, upend conventional competition, and ultimately deliver blockbuster growth.

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Based on insights from an extensive three-year study, McGrath and MacMillan describe forty proven marketbusting moves and outline five overall strategies companies have used to drive new growth:

- Change the customer's total experience: Make it simpler, faster, or more beneficial for customers to buy from you
- Reconfigure your products and services: Transform your offerings to make them clearly superior to competitors'
- Redefine your business and associated key metrics: Change how you do business or how your customers

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do business in ways that dramatically boost performance

- Anticipate or exploit industry shifts: Capitalize on changes before competitors do
- Create a new market space: Trigger the emergence of a new market

Every marketbusting move is illustrated in practice through vivid company

examples—including cautionary tales that alert you to potential pitfalls you may encounter.

Action-oriented tools and checklists provide concrete guidance in finding

opportunities across your own business platform, executing your chosen move successfully,

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and exploiting new opportunities to maximize their bottomline impact. The book also provides guidelines for avoiding common implementation challenges and for developing the organizational alignment needed to smooth execution. New opportunities for explosive growth are waiting to be unleashed. MarketBusters is the field guide you need to develop a reliable, robust approach to fueling continuous, profitable growth. Examines and explains the revolutionary business frameworks of Michael Porter,

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with examples to illustrate and update Porter's ideas for achieving and sustaining competitive success.

"This book highlights new business products, services, strategies, and philosophies drawn from an emerging collaborative information platform and explores connections between the development of new e-business technologies with consumers, businesses, and links to social and political visions and strategies"--Provided by publisher.

In today's fast-changing business environment, those

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firms that want to remain competitive must also be innovative. Innovation is not simply about developing new technologies into new products or services, but in many cases, finding new models for doing business in the face of change. It often entails changing the rules of the game. Strategic Innovation demonstrates to students how to create and appropriate value using new game strategies to gain competitive advantage. The book begins with a summary of the major strategic frameworks and showing the origins of strategic innovation. Next,

Afuah gives a thorough examination of contemporary strategy from an innovation standpoint, including: how to develop strategy in the face of change a detailed framework for assessing the profitability potential of a strategy or product consideration of how both for-profit and non-profit organizations can benefit from new game strategies. With a wealth of quantitative examples of successful strategies, as well as descriptive cases, Strategic Innovation will complement courses in strategy, and technology and innovation. Quality Management for

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Competitive Advantage in
Global Markets

Understanding Michael Porter
Strategy, Adoption, and
Competitive Advantage of
Mobile Services in the Global
Economy

Creating and Sustaining
Superior Performance
Rethinking Competitive
Advantage

Leading with Purpose
Digital Transformation and
Internationalization Strategies
in Organizations

**Now beyond its eleventh
printing and translated into
twelve languages, Michael
Porter's The Competitive**

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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

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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

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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

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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.

Your company is turning in regular profits every year, and its market share is only getting bigger. Competitors can't touch you. So why is your stock price so sluggish? The answer is as simple as it is cruel: investors aren't interested in history, and they already know you're profitable and competitive—that knowledge is baked into your stock

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price. The hard reality is that a competitive advantage just isn't enough. Investors want companies to surprise them with unexpected value, which means that you can outperform market expectations only if you as a leader know how to find, create, and deliver a series of multiple competitive advantages. This is why a corporate theory is so important. A good corporate theory provides a compass for those at the strategic helm, guiding their decisions about what assets and activities to pursue, what investments to make, and what strategies to adopt. Behind every long-

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term corporate success story lies a basic theory about how that company creates value. In *Beyond Competitive Advantage*, strategy professor Todd Zenger describes what makes a great corporate theory and helps readers understand the many tensions and trade-offs they'll face as they apply the theory to meet the challenge of market expectations. Based on years of research and analysis, *Beyond Competitive Advantage* provides managers and executives with a framework for both sustaining value and creating growth. There is significant evidence that an effective

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organizational culture provides a major competitive edge—higher levels of employee and customer engagement and loyalty translate into higher growth and profits. Many business leaders know this, yet few are doing much to improve their organizations' cultures. They are discouraged by misguided beliefs that an executive's tenure and an organization's attention span are too short for meaningful transformation. James Heskett provides a roadmap for achievable and fast-paced culture change. He demonstrates that an effective culture supplies

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the trust that makes managing change of all kinds easier. It provides a foundation on which changes in strategy can be based, and it's a competitive edge that can't easily be hacked or copied. Examining leading companies around the world, Heskett details how organizational culture makes employees more loyal, more productive, and more creative. He discusses how to quantify its effects in order to sell the notion of culture change to the organization and considers how to preserve an organization's culture in the face of the trend toward remote work hastened by the

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COVID-19 pandemic. Showing how leadership can bring about significant changes in a surprisingly short time span, *Win from Within* offers a playbook for developing and deploying culture that enables outsized results. It is a groundbreaking demonstration of organizational culture's role as a foundation for strategic success—and its measurable impact on the bottom line.

Quality should be treated as a culture of success in the market. Enterprises focused on quality will survive in the long term in this new environment because quality is what may create a real

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and robust link between a company and its clients, and these clients should always be considered the heart of any business; without them, there is neither option nor sense to continue any activity in a company.

Quality Management for Competitive Advantage in Global Markets is an essential reference source that discusses the importance of quality practices and global market practices. With research that allows practitioners to improve their understanding of the strategic role of quality in the information and knowledge society, it focuses on describing a

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global economy formed by networks, organizations, teams, workgroups, information systems, and finally, actors in networked environments. Featuring research on topics such as consumer satisfaction, human capital, and quality management, the target audience of this book is composed of professionals and researchers working in the field of information and knowledge management in various disciplines including library, information and communication sciences, administrative sciences and management, education, adult education, sociology,

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in different types of work
communities and
environments.