



Case Studies That Jonathan Bari Has Taught at Temple University

Overview

From Spring 2004 to the present, Jonathan Bari has served as an Adjunct Professor of Business at Temple University's Fox School of Business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he has taught strategic planning on a part-time basis in two different upper level undergraduate classes for the Department of Strategic Management: BA 4101, Global Business Policies and BA 361W, Business Policies. In teaching these "capstone" courses, Mr. Bari utilizes the Harvard Business School Case Method, and he focuses on integrating his students' strategic planning learning across various disciplines including accounting, economics, finance, government relations, legal, marketing, management, operations, organizational behavior and statistics. To that end, Mr. Bari instructs his courses using case studies featuring a variety of leading companies from various industries, non-profits and government organizations, many with a special focus on information technology.

In addition, Mr. Bari served as a Fellow in the Irwin L. Gross eBusiness Institute¹ at Temple's Fox School of Business from 2002 to 2004.

The following companies have been the subject of formal Case Studies that Mr. Bari has used in teaching his courses at Temple University, including: Amazon, Apple, Best Buy, The Coca-Cola Company, Craig's List, Dollar General, eBay, Facebook, General Electric, Google, Kleiner Perkins, Louis Vuitton, Mattel, McDonald's, Merck, Microsoft, National Football League, Netflix, Porsche, Samsung, Sirius XM, UPS, The Walt Disney Company, Xerox, and Yahoo!.

Listing of All Case Studies

"AES Corporation: Values, Culture, and Operating Practices at a Global Power Company", Arthur A. Thompson, Thompson-Strickland, 13th Edition, 2002.²

"Airborne Express", Jan W. Rivkin, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised May 23, 2007, Product Number: 798070-PDF-ENG.³

¹ The Irwin L. Gross eBusiness Institute (EBI) Fellows program recognized information technology and e-commerce leaders and provided a model for involving practitioners with The Fox School. The vision of the Fellows program was to create a simple structure so that IT leaders can interact with and contribute to the mission of the Fox School and specifically the information technology programs, students, and research activities.

² Case Description – "A fascinating global company run by executives with unconventional beliefs about how to manage and that also stress the importance of exercising social responsibility. Students have to wrestle with issues relating to decentralization, empowerment, team-based organization, incentive compensation, job security, and some controversial policies and practices. Strongly recommended for inclusion in your module on implementing and executing strategy."

Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

³ Case Description – "In the wake of a highly successful quarter, senior managers of Airborne Express, the third largest player in the express mail industry, review the firm's competitive position. Airborne has survived, and recently prospered, in an industry with significant economies of scale even though it is much smaller than industry giants Federal Express and United Parcel Service. The case challenges students to understand Airborne's unusual

“Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google”, John Deighton and Leora Kornfeld, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised December 12, 2013, Product Number: 513060-PDF-ENG.⁴

“Amazon.com, 2016”, John R. Wells, Galen Danskin, Gabriel Ellsworth, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised May 10, 2016, Product Number: 716402-PDF-ENG.⁵

“Apple Inc. in 2008”, David B. Yoffie and Michael Slind, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised September 8, 2008, Product Number: 9-708-480.⁶

position. Detailed data allow students to analyze Airborne’s relative cost position, the fit among its activities, the differences between Airborne and its rivals, and the evolution of its industry. Using these analyses, students make recommendations concerning the firm’s pricing policy, its globalization efforts, and a partnership with a related company. Designed to be taught in a course on business-unit strategy.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=43702&R=798070-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1249894

⁴ Case Description – “Four businesses had, by 2012, grown to dominate the infrastructure that all firms rely on to reach online customers. Will the balance of power among the four persist, will one take command at the expense of the other three, or are all four more vulnerable than they seem to outside forces? What are the implications for the pace at which consumers go online? Amara’s Law claims that we tend to overestimate change in the short run, and underestimate it in the long run.”

Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/513060-PDF-ENG>

⁵ Case Description - “On January 28, 2016, Amazon announced record 2015 operating profits of \$2.2 billion on \$107 billion of sales, and the markets responded with cautious optimism. For years, founder and CEO Jeffrey Bezos had prioritized growth and investment in new business areas over profits, but pressure from analysts was mounting as growth was slowing and profits were failing to materialize. In 2014, Amazon had recorded a net loss of \$241 million on revenues of \$89 billion, in stark contrast to China’s leading Internet player Alibaba, which reported \$3.9 billion of net income on revenue of \$12.3 billion. While Alibaba was a third-party marketplace with no distribution or inventory holding, Amazon’s business model was more diverse. Amazon was primarily an online retail department store, offering a wide range of product categories, but it also maintained a significant third-party marketplace where it offered shipping, customer service, payment processing, and return services to independent retailers. Amazon also offered software and cloud storage services, online video streaming, and its own line of electronic hardware (mobile, e-reader, and smart television products). In addition, Amazon published books, hosted its own app store, funded video content development, and operated Amazon Prime, an annual membership program with a wide range of benefits. Indeed, Amazon’s activities overlapped with those of Apple, Google, eBay, Alibaba, and many other companies. Amazon provided little information on the profitability of its lines of business, many of which were believed to be unprofitable. Which businesses would drive Amazon’s future growth? Would the investments Amazon was making in market share eventually translate into profits? Or would another major competitor or business model replace Amazon? On a visit to the United States in June 2015, Jack Ma, chairman of Alibaba, stated, ‘We’re not coming here to compete.’ Could Amazon or its investors afford to believe him?”

Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/716402-PDF-ENG>

⁶ Case Description – “In January 2007, three decades after its incorporation, Apple Computer shed the second word in its name and became Apple Inc. With that move, the company signaled a fundamental shift away from its historic status as a vendor of the Macintosh personal computer (PC) line. Mac sales remained vital to Apple’s future, but they now accounted for less than half of its total revenue. The company’s line of iPod media players, its iTunes online content store and its newly launched iPhone mobile handset business made up increasingly large shares of its operations. In early 2008, on the strength of sky-rocketing sales in those areas and by resurgent sales of Macintosh products, Apple’s revenues and its stock price reached record levels. The case explores the sustainability of Apple’s current business model, one that positioned the company simultaneously in the PC industry and the consumer electronics industry. While Apple enjoyed a high market share in digital media players and in online music sales, it remained a niche player in the worldwide PC industry. The case examines the history of Apple’s strategic moves under the leadership of CEOs Jobs, Sculley, Spindler, Amelio, and (again) Jobs; places those moves in the context

“Apple Inc. in 2010”, David B. Yoffie and Renee Kim, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised March 21, 2011, Product Number: 9-710-467.⁷

“Apple Inc. in 2012”, David B. Yoffie and Penelope Rossano, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised August 14, 2012, Product Number: 712490-PDF-ENG.⁸

“Apple Inc. in 2015”, David B. Yoffie and Eric Baldwin, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised October 28, 2015, Product Number: 715456-PDF-ENG.⁹

“Asahi Breweries, Ltd.”, Malcolm S. Salter and Jiro Kokuryo, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised October 12, 1994, Product Number: 389114-PDF-ENG.¹⁰

of structural features of the evolving PC industry; and covers the iPod and iPhone businesses at considerable length.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=46631&R=708480-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1698669

⁷ Case Description – “On April 4, 2010, Apple Inc. launched the iPad, the company’s third major innovation released over the last decade under its iconic CEO Steve Jobs. Apple’s strategy of shifting its business into non-PC products had thrived so far, driven by the smashing success of the iPod and the iPhone. Yet challenges abounded. Macintosh sales in the worldwide PC market still languished below 5%. Growth in iPod sales was slowing down. iPhone faced increasing competition in the smartphone industry. And would Apple’s latest creation, the iPad, take the company to the next level?”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=2247161&R=710467-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1253025

⁸ Case Description – “On October 5, 2011, Steve Jobs tragically died of cancer. The recently retired CEO of Apple Inc. was a legend: he had changed Apple from a company near bankruptcy to one of the largest and most profitable companies in the world. Moreover, he had revolutionized several industries in the process, including music, phones, and computer tablets. This case explores Steve Jobs’ successes and the challenges facing his successor, Tim Cook. Could Cook continue to revitalize the Macintosh? With iPod sales declining for four straight years, would Cook be able to continue the iPhone’s dominance of smartphones in the face of growing competition from companies such as Google and Samsung? Would Apple’s newest creation, the iPad, continue to dominate the tablet market, or would the new competitors, ranging from Amazon to Samsung, steal, share and drive down profits? And could Apple thrive with Tim Cook rather than Steve Jobs at the helm?”

Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/712490-PDF-ENG>

⁹ Case Description – “At the end of 2014, Apple Inc. recorded the most profitable quarter of any firm in history, and its market capitalization soon topped \$700 billion. ‘Apple Inc in 2015’ explores the history of Apple, its successes under Jobs, its continued growth under Tim Cook, and the challenges facing the company in 2015. With iPod sales continuing their freefall, tablet sales in decline, and the Macintosh’s market share remaining small, Apple was increasingly dependent on the iPhone to drive its growth. Could Cook continue Apple’s dominance in the smartphone market in the face of growing competition? Could he revitalize the iPad business, become a leader in payments, with Apple Pay, and replicate Apple’s success in other device categories, such as the Apple Watch, the first new product the company had released since 2010?”

Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/715456-PDF-ENG>

¹⁰ Case Description – “Focuses on competitive repositioning, organizational renewal, and personal leadership. Describes how Asahi Breweries was faced with a major capacity expansion decision after succeeding in increasing market share dramatically in the traditionally stable Japanese beer industry. This has been done through the creation of a new product category, “Dry Beer.” Information on industry economics, Asahi’s organizational process, and competitive interaction are provided as well as an in-depth description of top management’s profile and management posture at Asahi. Designed to allow discussion on how to make a balanced decision incorporating such market strategy issues as product strategy, competitor retaliation, advertising policy, rebate policy, and distributor relations

“Ben & Jerry’s – Japan”, James M. Hagen, Richard Ivey School of Business, August 10, 2010, Product Number: 9A99A037.¹¹

“Best Buy in Crisis”, John R. Wells and Galen Danskin, Harvard Business School Case Study, June 30, 2012, Product Number: 9-713-403.¹²

“Be Our Guest, Inc.”, Dwight B. Crane and Penny Joseph, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised March 2, 2001, Product Number: 299001-PDF-ENG.¹³

“Birds Eye and the U.K. Frozen Food Industry (A)”, David J. Collis and Robert M. Grant, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised December 5, 1994, Product Number: 792074-PDF-ENG.¹⁴

management, as well as such organizational elements as corporate goals, financial integrity, quality control, personnel policy, management philosophy, and leadership style.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=21836&R=389114-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1253082

¹¹ Case Description: “The CEO of Ben & Jerry’s Homemade, Inc. needed to give sales and profits a serious boost; despite the company’s excellent brand equity, it was losing market share and struggling to make a profit. The company’s product was on store shelves in all U.S. states, but efforts to enter foreign markets had only been haphazard with non-U.S. sales accounting for just three per cent of total sales. The CEO needed to focus serious attention on entering the world’s second largest ice cream market, Japan. An objective of Ben & Jerry’s was to use the excess manufacturing capacity it had in the U.S., and it found that exporting ice cream from Vermont to Japan was feasible from a logistics and cost perspective. The company identified two leading partnering options. One was to give a Japanese convenience store chain exclusive rights to the product for a limited time. The other was to give long-term rights for all sales of the product in Japan to a Japanese-American who would build the brand. For the company to enter Japan in time for the upcoming summer season, it would have to be through one of these two partnering arrangements.”

Source: <https://www.iveycases.com/ProductView.aspx?id=25519>

¹² Case Description: “In June 2012, Best Buy was in crisis. In 1996, Best Buy overtook Circuit City as the world’s leader in consumer electronics retailing; however, 18 years later, Best Buy now found this position threatened. With \$51 billion in revenues, it was still the biggest CE retailer, but sales were flat and profits had collapsed. Meanwhile, Amazon’s sales in Best Buy’s categories were growing at more than 50% p.a. and its total sales, at \$48 billion, were approaching those of Best Buy. As Wal-Mart cherry-picked popular items for steep discounts and Amazon encouraged consumers to compare prices using smart phones, Best Buy was becoming a showroom for lower cost retail models. International expansion was struggling and domestic sales of digital televisions were cooling. Although the popularity of mobile devices suggested easy growth, many devices were sold by telephone service providers, creating increased retail competition. To add to Best Buy’s problems, on April 10, 2012, CEO Brian Dunn resigned after an investigation into his personal conduct. On June 7, 2012, Dick Schulze, the firm’s founder, who had navigated the company through many strategic changes since 1966, also decided to leave and “explore all available options” for his 20.1% stake in the company. Best Buy had seen off many competitive challenges in the past. Would it be able to fend off these challengers and maintain its position?”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=4131220&R=713403-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1253533

¹³ Case Description: “Be Our Guest is a rapidly growing equipment rental company with substantial seasonality in its revenues and profits. In the spring of 1998, the senior management team is reviewing its financial plans in preparation for a meeting with the company’s bank. The case provides an opportunity to forecast financial needs and consider the appropriate structure and amount of bank borrowing.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=14942&R=299001-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1253629

“BMG Entertainment”, Jan W. Rivkin and Gerrit Meier, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised September 22, 2005, Product Number: 9-701-003.¹⁵

“Burke- James Burke: A Career in American Business (B)”, Richard S. Tedlow and Wendy K. Smith, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised October 20, 2005, Product Number: 9-390-030.¹⁶

“Callaway Golf Company: Sustaining Advantage in a Changing Industry”, John E. Gamble, Thompson-Gamble-Strickland, 2004.¹⁷

“Carmike Cinemas, Inc.: Industry and Company Perspectives”, Marilyn L. Taylor, North American Case Research Association, Spring 1992.¹⁸

“CDnow in the Online Music Business”, Alan B. Eisner and Nicole Belmont, Thompson-Strickland, 2001.¹⁹

¹⁴ Case Description: “Describes the forty-year evolution of the U.K. frozen food industry, and traces the emergence, dominance, and the decline of Birds Eye. Its success is as a vertically integrated producer, distributor, and marketer of frozen foods that pioneers the industry in the U.K. Its decline as other firms enter all stages of the value chain is seen as a result of its earlier success that yields it an unsustainable strategic position. Examines vertical integration as a strategy, the analytic rationale to be vertically integrated, and the disadvantages of vertical integration.”
Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=44055&R=792074-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1253854

¹⁵ Case Description: “This case is accompanied by a Video Short that can be shown in class or included in a digital coursepack. Instructors should consider the timing of making the video available to students, as it may reveal key case details. As dramatic changes in technology and customer tastes roil the music industry, the top executives of BMG Entertainment, one of the world’s largest record companies, must decide how to organize for digital distribution of music. This case includes a brief history of the music industry, a description of the industry’s current structure and economics, and a description of digital downloading efforts.”
Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=42878&R=701003-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1254048

¹⁶ Case Description: “Covers the history of Tylenol from the autumn of 1982 through the second tampering incident in February 1986. Also deals with other developments in the history of Johnson & Johnson, especially the acquisition and divestiture of Technicare.”
Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=20698&R=390030-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1254355

¹⁷ Case Description: “This thoroughly updated case describes competition in the golf equipment industry and Callaway Golf’s strategy in building and sustaining competitive advantage in the industry. But the golf industry is now growing slowly and Callaway is running out of innovations to sustain its growth. Is the era of rapid growth over? What can Callaway do to rejuvenate its business? What strategic options make the most sense?”
Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

¹⁸ Case Description: Four years after a leveraged buyout from Fuqua Industries, Carmike’s venture capitalists are ready to cash out. Chief Executive Officer Mike Patrick considers whether to go public or take on additional debt to satisfy the investors.”
Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

¹⁹ Case Description: “This struggling e-tailer is in desperate need of a viable strategy and business model. The company is losing money and running low on cash to continue operations-it needs an infusion of capital quickly in order to survive, now that its merger with Columbia Record Club has been called off.”

“C.F. Martin and Company”, H. Donald Hopkins and Donna DeCarolus, North American Case Research Association, 1992.²⁰

“Circuit City Stores, Inc. (A)”, William J. Bruns, Jr. and Susan Harmeling, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised September 13, 2004, Product Number: 191086-PDF-ENG.²¹

“Coca-Cola on Facebook”, John Deighton and Leora Kornfeld, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised December 5, 2012, Product Number: 9-511-110.²²

“Coffee Wars in India: Café Coffee Day Takes On the Global Brands”, David B. Yoffie and Tanya , August 8, 2013, Product Number: 9-714-409.²³

“Competition in the MP3 Player in Industry in 2005”, Jackson Marino, Thomas-Strickland-Gamble, 2007.²⁴

Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

²⁰ Case Description: “This case studies Martin, the premier acoustic firm, as it adds new lines using Asian components and moves from possible bankruptcy to unprecedented success in the 1980s.”
Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

²¹ Case Description: “Circuit City sells consumer electronic equipment, appliances, and extended service and warranty contracts which supplement those provided by equipment manufacturers. Equipment is sold at low margins, while warranties carry very high margins. A question has been raised about the proper method for recognizing revenues on the warranty portion of the combined sale. Deferring revenue will cut profit reported at the time of sales but may better match costs of warranty service.”
Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=6309&R=191086-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1255005

²² Case Description: “In late 2008, executives at Coca-Cola had to decide what to do with a fan-created page on Facebook that had amassed over one million followers in three months. From a legal point of view the fan-created page was in violation of Facebook’s terms of service, because a non-copyright holder was using the imagery and logo associated with a known brand. Facebook contacted Michael Donnelly, Group Director, Worldwide Interactive Marketing for The Coca-Cola Company, to let him know that he was in the position to take down the hugely popular fan-created site or, conversely, he could take it over and make it an official marketing channel for the company. Coke was already revisiting its social media policies, with the Diet Coke and Mentos user-generated video incident fresh in its memory. Those videos, which featured elaborate geysers with Diet Coke as their main ingredient, were among the most viewed online videos at the time but were not initially sanctioned by the company. Donnelly knew that opening up the brand to creative consumers was necessary, but he and his team had to figure out how and to what extent they should do so while still protecting one of the world’s most valuable brands.” Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/511110-PDF-ENG>

²³ Case Description: “Cafe Coffee Day (CCD) is contemplating how to respond to the entry of Starbucks into the Indian coffee chain market. The case study describes the emergence of CCD as the leading coffee chain in India, with over 1,400 cafes in India. In early 2013, Starbucks, the world’s leading coffee chain company, opened its first 11 outlets in India’s metropolitan cities with local giant, Tata, and promises of a national roll out. CCD management debated whether there was plenty of room for both Starbucks and CCD in India’s large growing market, or whether Starbucks’ entry required CCD to respond more assertively.”
Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/714409-PDF-ENG>

²⁴ Case Description: “An excellent case for drilling students in analyzing competitive forces, driving forces, industry key success factors, and overall industry attractiveness. Action recommendations center on how Apple can defend

“Copperfield’s Books Inc.”, Armand Gilinsky and Tom Scott, Thompson-Strickland-Gamble, 2007.²⁵

“Competition in the Bottled Water Industry”, Thompson et al, 2005.

“Coral Divers Resort”, Paul W. Beamish, Kent E. Neupert, and Andreas Schotter, Richard Ivey School of Business, July 18, 2008, Product Number: 9B08M041.²⁶

“Crown Cork & Seal/CarnaudMetalbox”, William E. Fruhan and William Dewitt, Harvard School of Business Case Study, Revised September 2, 2003, Product Number: 296019-PDF-ENG.²⁷

“Dansko, Inc.”, Amy C. Edmondson and Victoria W. Winston, Harvard School of Business Case Study, Revised October 25, 2006, Product Number: 606071-PDF-ENG.²⁸

“Disney and Pixar: To Acquire or Not to Acquire?”, Juan Alcacer; David J. Collis; Mary Furey, Harvard School of Business Case Study, Revised: January 15, 2010, Product Number: 709462-PDF-ENG.²⁹

its leading position with its iPod brand and what rivals can do to close the gap on iPod and seriously contend for market leadership. Accompanying video available.”

Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

²⁵ Case Description: “Copperfield’s is a small entrepreneurial book retailer looking to expand its 6-store operation and carve out a bigger local market niche in head-on competition with such book retailers as Barnes & Noble, Borders, and others. Should it open another store in a location it is considering? Should one or more of its existing stores be closed? What competitive advantage should it strive to create? The case has exceptional data for students to evaluate in making their recommendations for action.”

Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

²⁶ Case Description: “The owner of a small scuba diving operation in the Bahamas is reassessing his strategic direction in the light of declining revenues. Among the changes being considered are shark diving, family diving, exit, and shifting operations to another Caribbean location. These options are not easily combined, nor are they subtle. The case is intended to provide a work-out on the relationship between strategy, organization and performance, and how changes in strategy will dramatically affect the organization. The case also highlights the importance of understanding demographic changes as part of an environmental analysis.”

Source: <https://www.iveycases.com/ProductView.aspx?id=7341>

²⁷ Case Description: “A U.S. packaging firm acquires a French packaging firm with the objective of creating the largest global packaging firm in the world.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=14335&R=296019-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1255604

²⁸ Case Description: “For the past 18 months, Mandy Cabot had worried that the shoe business she had built into a thriving operation with \$90 million in annual revenue and over 110 employees might instead be a “house of cards.” The management philosophy that had guided Dansko’s growth, ‘home schooling’ -- taking young energetic employees with little business experience and mentoring them--seemed ill-suited for the next phase of growth. Equally as precarious was the fact that with few exceptions, none of the senior management team had any prior experience in the footwear industry. So when a well-respected industry leader asked to talk about a merger, Cabot had to admit that with her ‘crisis of confidence,’ it might just be time.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=37414&R=606071-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1255730

“Dollar General (A) and (B)”, Willy Shih, Stephen P. Kaufman and Rebecca McKillican, Harvard School of Business Case Study, Revised April 28, 2009, Product Numbers: 607140-PDF-ENG and 607156-PDF-ENG.³⁰

“Dollar General (A)”, Willy Shih, Stephen P. Kaufman and Rebecca McKillican, Harvard School of Business Case Study, Revised April 28, 2009, Product Number: 607140-PDF-ENG.³¹

“Ducati”, Giovanni Gavetti, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised March 8, 2002, Product Number: 701132-PDF-ENG.³²

²⁹ Case Description: “Soon after Robert Iger took over as CEO of the Walt Disney Company in late 2005, he turned his attention toward Pixar, the animation studio with which Disney had worked since 1991 and was responsible for producing hits such as Toy Story and Finding Nemo. Disney’s own animated film business had been in decline since Jeffrey Katzenberg left to establish rival studio Dreamworks and the business relied on revenue from its partnership with Pixar to maintain performance. With the Co- Production Agreement between the two studios coming to a close in 2006, Pixar was looking to negotiate better terms with another distribution partner. Could Disney risk losing them?” Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/709462-PDF-ENG>

³⁰ Case Description: “Dollar General Corporation (DG) operates one of the leading chains of extreme value retailers in the United States. 2006 revenues reached \$9.2 billion, making DG the 6th largest mass retailer in the country. With revenues growing at 9% annually over the five-year period up to 2005, DG had the distinction of being only one of three retailers to outperform Wal-Mart in both revenue and profit growth in that time. Life in a Dollar General store paints a vivid picture of the roots and historical focus of the company. Opportunistic buying has given the stores an eclectic merchandise mix. Analysts often referred to this category as “treasure hunt” SKUs. Offers an opportunity to examine a company’s business model, particularly since DG has been so successful competing with Wal-Mart where so many other retailers have not. While it started out as a family business in the five-and-dime tradition, it evolved to a close-out retail model where its unique low-overhead operations were advantageous. As it added highly consumable categories its mix shifted, but it managed to retain its low-overhead model. Interestingly, the mix shift was likely more an emergency strategy driven by store level operations than by top-down driven strategy. Frames the growth options available to DG’s CEO as he grapples with how to maintain growth.” Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=37642&R=607140-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1255800

³¹ Case Description: “Dollar General Corporation (DG) operates one of the leading chains of extreme value retailers in the United States. 2006 revenues reached \$9.2 billion, making DG the 6th largest mass retailer in the country. With revenues growing at 9% annually over the five-year period up to 2005, DG had the distinction of being only one of three retailers to outperform Wal-Mart in both revenue and profit growth in that time. Life in a Dollar General store paints a vivid picture of the roots and historical focus of the company. Opportunistic buying has given the stores an eclectic merchandise mix. Analysts often referred to this category as “treasure hunt” SKUs. Offers an opportunity to examine a company’s business model, particularly since DG has been so successful competing with Wal-Mart where so many other retailers have not. While it started out as a family business in the five-and-dime tradition, it evolved to a close-out retail model where its unique low-overhead operations were advantageous. As it added highly consumable categories its mix shifted, but it managed to retain its low-overhead model. Interestingly, the mix shift was likely more an emergency strategy driven by store level operations than by top-down driven strategy. Frames the growth options available to DG’s CEO as he grapples with how to maintain growth.” Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=37642&R=607140-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1255800

³² Case Description: “Focuses on the turnaround and strategic repositioning of Ducati, an Italian maker of high-end sport motorcycles, and describes the current concerns with the growth prospects of the company. Federico Minoli, the CEO and strategic mind behind the turnaround, knew that Ducati could not grow indefinitely in its current niche. One alternative was to attack Harley Davidson’s niche with a Ducati interpretation of a cruiser.” Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=43026&R=701132-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1256012

“eBay: Facing the Challenge of Global Growth”, Louis Marino and Patrick Kreiser, Thompson-Strickland-Gamble, 2007.

“Eckerd Corporation”, Michael E. Porter and John C. Kelleher, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised June 12, 2000.³³

“Edward Jones in 2006: Confronting Success”, David Collis and Troy Smith, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised March 21, 2012, Product number: 707497-PDF-ENG.³⁴

“Elan and the Competition Ski Boat Industry”, Fiona Nairn and A.J. Strickland, Thompson-Strickland, 2001.³⁵

“EMI and the CT Scanner (A)”, Christopher A. Bartlett, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised November 8, 2001, Product Number: 383194-PDF-ENG.³⁶

“Ford-Transformation at Ford”, Leonard A. Schlesinger et al., Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised November 15, 1991.³⁷

³³ Case Description: “Describes the history and current situation in the retail pharmacy industry, including competition from new merchants and Internet drugstores. Eckerd, one of the top four drug chains, must decide how to position itself for the future.”
Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=43719&R=799141-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1256280

³⁴ Case Description: “When Jim Weddle took over as Managing Partner of Edward Jones in January 2006, the brokerage firm was at a critical juncture. The firm’s distinctive strategy had enabled it to grow from its roots in small-town America to become the 4th largest broker in the U.S. Weddle was concerned, however, that the firm’s success, and the changing landscape of the financial services industry, were challenging the core aspects of the strategy that had brought the firm so far. He knew that the impending strategic decisions would determine whether Edward Jones could sustain its extraordinary performance and achieve its goal of growing to 20,000 financial advisors by 2017.”
Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=46276&R=707497-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1256382

³⁵ Case Description: “A splendid case for drilling students in doing industry and competitive analysis and SWOT analysis, critiquing management’s proposed strategy and financial projections, and proposing analysis-based recommendations. A case setting that should generate strong student interest. Works great as a written case or for oral team presentations.”
Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

³⁶ Case Description: “Describes the development of the first CT Scanner by EMI, a company new to the medical industry, and EMI’s entry into the U.S. market. The company’s early success is threatened by the entry of a dozen competitors (some very large and experienced), by government regulation, and by internal organizational problems.”
Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=18319&R=383194-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1256525

³⁷ Case Description: “In 1980 Ford was near disaster. The company lost billions of dollars between 1980 and 1982. By 1988 the company had been transformed into one of the most successful corporations in the United States. Describes what happened and then examines how it happened. The major objective is to look at major change in a huge organization and the way the change was made.”

“General Electric Medical Systems, 2002”, Tarun Khanna, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised February 26, 2003, Product number: 702428-PDF-ENG.³⁸

“Gillette Company (A): Pressure for Change”, By Rosabeth Moss Kanter, James Weber. Publication Date: August 22, 2002. Product Number: 303032-PDF-ENG.³⁹

“Giuseppe’s Original Sausage Company”, Michael T. Smith and Jana F. Kuzmicki, Thompson-Strickland, 2000.⁴⁰

“Google Inc. in 2014”, Benjamin Edelman and Thomas R. Eisenmann, Harvard Business School Case Study, Publication Date: September 13, 2014. Product Number: 915004-PDF-ENG.⁴¹

“How Venture Capitalists [VCs] Evaluate Potential Venture Opportunities”, Michael J. Roberts and Lauren Barley, Harvard Business School Cast Story, Revised December 1, 2004. Product Number: 805019-PDF-ENG.⁴²

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=20585&R=390083-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1256602

³⁸ Case Description: “Discusses one of General Electric’s flagship divisions--the world’s leading provider of medical diagnostic imaging equipment. Provides an opportunity to examine a multinational confronting massive technological and demographic changes around the world. Genomics has created a global opportunity by making personalized medicine seem possible--medical intervention that caters to the genetic makeup of the individual and emphasizes prevention more than cure. Yet, the pursuit of this opportunity requires fundamental changes in the business model at a time when the model is being stressed by the idiosyncratic needs of catering to the large Chinese market and adapting to the needs of an aging population around the world. Demonstrates how multinationals can create value both by replicating their business models worldwide and by adroitly splitting the value chain across national boundaries.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=43194&R=702428-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1256950

³⁹ Case Description: “After years of strong performance with market-dominating brands, Gillette’s performance slips and a new CEO is selected from outside the company to lead a turnaround. This case describes the business and financial situation he inherited and asks what he should do during his first day and week on the job.” Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=15650&R=303032-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1699543

⁴⁰ Case Description: “Illustrates the strategic challenges and choices of a small owner-managed business struggling to gain distribution access for its products and carve out a niche for itself in the dinner sausage market. The company is only breaking even after 7 years of operation and some strategy changes are called for.”

Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

⁴¹ Case Description: “Describes Google’s history, business model, governance structure, corporate culture, and processes for managing innovation. Reviews Google’s recent strategic initiatives and the threats they pose to selected competitors. Asks what Google should do next.”

Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/915004-PDF-ENG>

⁴² Case Description: “Four venture capitalists from leading Silicon Valley firms are interviewed about the frameworks they use to evaluate potential venture opportunities. Questions include: How do you evaluate the venture’s prospective business model? What due diligence do you conduct? What is the process through which funding decisions are made? What financial analyses do you perform? What role does risk play in your evaluation? and How do you think about a potential exit route? Russell Siegelman, partner at Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers; Sonja Hoel, managing director at Menlo Ventures; Fred Wang, general partner at Trinity Ventures; and Robert Simon, director at Alta Partners, are interviewed.”

“HTC Corp. in 2012”, David B. Yoffie, Juan Alcacer and Renee Kim, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised September 26, 2012, Product Number: 712423-PDF-ENG.⁴³

“Husky Injection Molding Systems”, Jan W. Rivkin, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised March 28, 2008, Product Number: 799157-PDF-ENG.⁴⁴

“Ice-Fili”, Michael Rukstad, Sasha Mattu and Asya Petinova, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised September 1, 2005, Product Number: 703516-PDF-ENG.⁴⁵

“Indonesia’s Pharmaceutical Industry in 1998”, Carin-Isabel Knoop and Anthony St. George, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised October 22, 1998, Product Number: 898220-PDF-ENG.⁴⁶

Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/805019-PDF-ENG>

⁴³ Case Description: “After 15 years of remarkable achievements, Taiwan-based HTC Corp. faced difficult times by 2012. CEO Peter Chou, who drove HTC’s transformation from an unknown manufacturer of PDAs for other companies to a well-known global player in smartphones, faced an uncertain and complex environment. Apple’s lead in the smartphone and tablet markets, the acquisition of Motorola by Google, the Microsoft-Nokia alliance, the rise of Samsung, and the extensive patent wars - each raised questions about how HTC could continue its upward trajectory. In a rapidly evolving and increasingly competitive market, what would a sustainable differentiation strategy look like for HTC? How could HTC, a historically innovative company, compete in the tablet market? And how could it weather - and mitigate - the patent wars?”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=4083258&R=712423-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1258510

⁴⁴ Case Description: “Husky, a Canadian maker of injection molding systems, has established an enviable position in the market for plastics processing equipment. The company builds the highest performance systems in the business and charges a hefty premium for them. Husky is enjoying robust growth and record profits in 1996 when competitors attack its core markets. As financial results deteriorate rapidly, founder and CEO Robert Schad must decide how to defend Husky’s traditional markets and whether to expand beyond those markets.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=43732&R=799157-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1258667

⁴⁵ Case Description: “Designed as an overview of all aspects of the strategy process: industry analysis, positioning, dynamics and sustainability, and scope issues of corporate strategy, including vertical integration, horizontal diversification, and location issues. Ice-Fili is the largest ice cream producer in Russia in 2002, but is facing strong competition from Nestle despite its success over other multinational competitors. Contains detailed exhibits, allowing deeper analyses.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=45330&R=703516-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1258743

⁴⁶ Case Description: “This case describes the Indonesian pharmaceutical market in 1997 and the impact on the market of the Indonesian rupiah’s 75% devaluation since July 1997. Major foreign and domestic players are described. It raises the issue of how the Indonesian pharmaceutical market might change as a result of the crisis and whether the balance of power between local and global players has shifted. In the pharmaceutical industry, the Asian market—including Southeast Asia, Japan, China, Korea, and India—constituted one-third of global revenues and had experienced above average growth.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=57165&R=898220-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1258888

“Keller Williams Realty (A)”, James N. Baron and Brian Tayan, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Case HR-29, Date: April 12, 2007.⁴⁷

“Kentucky Fried Chicken (Japan) Limited”, Christopher A. Bartlett, U. Srinivas Rangan, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised December 30, 1992, Product Number: 387043-PDF-ENG.⁴⁸

“Kmart: Striving for a Comeback”, John E. Gamble, Thompson-Gamble-Strickland, 2004.⁴⁹

“Kodak at a Crossroads: The Transition from Film-Based to Digital Photography”, Boris Morozov and Rebecca J. Morris, Thompson-Strickland-Gamble, 2007.⁵⁰

“KRCB Television and Radio: The Canary in the Coal Mine?”, Armand Gilinsky Jr. and Teresa M. Shern, Thompson-Strickland-Gamble, 2007.⁵¹

⁴⁷ Case Description: “Describes the economic and cultural models that have led to the success of Keller Williams Realty. By 2006, Keller Williams was one of the most profitable real estate companies in the United States (if not the most profitable); in addition, it was on its way to becoming one of the largest in terms of number of agents (over 70,000). Describes the factors that led to this company’s success—including its operational model, compensation model, profit sharing model, and culture. Readers are asked to evaluate how these factors contribute to the company’s success and whether they will continue to enhance the company’s growth going forward. In addition, explores the critical role that culture and organizational practices can have on a company’s operating performance.” Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=68010&R=HR29-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1699474

⁴⁸ Case Description: “Describes the internationalization of the Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) fast food chain, focusing on KFC’s entry into Japan. An entrepreneurial country general manager, Lou Weston, battles numerous problems to establish the business and is eventually highly successful. In doing so, Weston ignores or circumvents policies and control from KFC’s headquarters and becomes very upset when more sophisticated planning, coordination, and control systems begin to constrain his freedom. The case presents both the headquarters and subsidiary perspectives and allows discussion of the conflicts between strategic planning and control and entrepreneurial independence in a multinational company.” Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=21155&R=387043-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1259741

⁴⁹ Case Description: “The case profiles Kmart’s strategy, store operation practices, corporate culture, allocation of resources, and other implementation efforts under five CEOs, the company’s eventual fall into bankruptcy, and the efforts of recent CEOs to reverse Kmart’s declining fortunes in its struggle against Wal-Mart.” Sources: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

⁵⁰ Case Description: “What should Kodak do now that demand for its traditional film products was rapidly declining. Should the company deemphasize traditional photography (about 70% of company revenues) and embrace digital photography? Was a digital-based strategy too risky for Kodak given that the digital photography market was highly competitive and that many competitors had a head start on Kodak?” Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

⁵¹ Case Description: “KRCB, a public TV and radio station, operates in a highly competitive marketplace and has come up with a comprehensive 16-point strategic plan to set its course for the next several years. But is it the right strategic plan? Will it work in the face of such tough competition for viewer and listener audiences? Can KRCB find ways to raise the monies it will need to support attract programming?” Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

“Krispy Kreme Doughnuts in 2006: Is a Turnaround Possible?”, Arthur A. Thompson and Amit J. Shah, Thompson-Strickland-Gamble, 2007.⁵²

“LEGO (A): The Crisis”, Jan W. Rivkin, Stefan H. Thomke, and Daniela Beyersdorfer, Harvard Business School Case Study, February 5, 2013, Product Number 9-713-478.⁵³

“Lincoln Electric”, Jordan Siegel, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised August 25, 2008, Product Number: 707445-PDF-ENG.⁵⁴

“Louis Vuitton”, Mary M. Crossan and Manu Mahbubani, Richard Ivey School of Business, Revised April 4, 2013, Product Number: 9B13M022.⁵⁵

“Mattel’s Strategy After Its Recall of Products Made in China”, Jiangyong Lu, Tao Zhigang, and Yu LinHui, The Asia Case Research Centre, University of Hong Kong, Publication Date: February 11, 2009. Prod. #:HKU810-PDF-ENG.⁵⁶

⁵² Case Description: “This freshly updated case calls for students to explore how a company firing on all cylinders can go so wrong so quickly. Besieged with declining doughnut sales, failing franchises, and problems with false and misleading financial statements over the past 20 months, can the company be salvaged? Is a turnaround possible? How does a company with a tarnished reputation put the luster back on its product and reignite rapid growth? Accompanying video available.”
Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

⁵³ Case Description : “As this case opens, iconic toymaker LEGO stands on the brink of bankruptcy. Jorgen Vig Knudstorp, LEGO’s young and newly appointed CEO, must size up changes in the toy industry, learn from the company’s recent moves, and craft a strategy that will put LEGO back on track.”
Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/713478-PDF-ENG>

⁵⁴ Case Description: “The case describes Lincoln Electric’s business strategy and incentive system, and it discusses the global strategy choices that the company faces going forward. Lincoln Electric is deciding whether a strong push into India should be the next step in the company’s globalization. The company has enjoyed increasing success in China as a result of its aggressive expansion through both a joint venture and set of majority-owned plants. The company is deciding how it could apply the lessons of the Chinese experience, as well as the lessons of its experience across Asia, Europe, and Latin America, to India. First of all, should Lincoln Electric own a manufacturing operation in India? If yes, Lincoln Electric could enter the India market by acquisition, by joint venture, or by building a new plant on its own. If the company were to enter by acquisition, it was unclear what type of valuation to apply to any of the Indian incumbent companies. If the company were to enter by joint venture, the question was: How could Lincoln ensure its ability to make key business decisions? If the company were to build its own plant, the question was: Would the cost of starting from scratch be more than sufficiently compensated by the total control the company would enjoy?”
Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=46317&R=707445-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1259880

⁵⁵ Case Description: “Louis Vuitton, the flagship group within Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton (LVMH), had contributed to the stellar growth of the group in 2010 and 2011. But, there were clouds on the horizon. Was the recent growth sustainable? What steps should Louis Vuitton take to address upcoming challenges? This case takes the student through the challenges a global company faces as it tries to grow a business that is based on one of the most valued high-end brands in the world. The case reveals the fundamental strategic tension between what a firm needs to do, given the competitive environment, what it can do, given its resources and organization, and what leaders want to do, given their fundamental motivations and beliefs, which shape the way they see the issues.”
Source: <https://www.iveycases.com/ProductView.aspx?id=57493>

⁵⁶ Case Description: “In the summer of 2007, Mattel, the largest toymaker in the US, made several recalls of products that had been made in China. The recalls led not only to a sharp reduction in Mattel’s sales but also to

“Making it Big”, Joan Winn, Thompson et al, 2005.⁵⁷

“Marketing Myopia”, Theodore Levitt, Harvard Business Review, July 1, 2004 (Best of HBR 1960), Product Number: R0407L-PDF-ENG.⁵⁸

“Microsoft in 2004”, Michael G. Rukstad and David B. Yoffie, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised November 22, 2004, Product Number: 704508-PDF-ENG.⁵⁹

“McDonald’s (in 2013): How to Win (Again)?”, Marne L. Arthaud-Day; Frank T. Rothaermel; Justin Collins, , McGraw-Hill Education, January 3, 2013, MH0021-PDF-ENG.⁶⁰

public hearings in the US Congress, which significantly affected Mattel’s reputation. Like other toymakers, Mattel has been relocating its production abroad, outsourcing the manufacture of parts and components. Indeed, 65% of Mattel’s products are made in China. In contrast to its competitors, however, Mattel has understood the importance of quality control in this relocation/outsourcing process. In the 1980s, it reversed its earlier strategy of outsourcing to factories in Asia by owning and operating some plants in Asia for producing its most popular products. The product recalls show that quality control continues to be an issue. This case explores Mattel’s strategy for organizing production, the trade-offs between in-house production and outsourcing, and the trade-offs between different production locations.” Source:

http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=466157&R=HKU810-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1699577

⁵⁷ Case Description: “The major decision point in the case concerns Cynthia Rigg’s dilemma of how to rejuvenate her company’s growth. A secondary issue concerns the role that Cynthia should take in leading the company for the future and what needs to be done to take the company to “the next level.” An excellent case for use in the first half of the course.”

Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

⁵⁸ Description: “At some point in its development, every industry can be considered a growth industry, based on the apparent superiority of its product. But in case after case, industries have fallen under the shadow of mismanagement. What usually gets emphasized is selling, not marketing. This is a mistake, because selling focuses on the needs of the seller, whereas marketing concentrates on the needs of the buyer. In this widely quoted and anthologized article, first published in 1960, Theodore Levitt argues that “the history of every dead and dying ‘growth’ industry shows a self-deceiving cycle of bountiful expansion and undetected decay.” But, as he illustrates, memories are short. The railroads serve as an example of an industry whose failure to grow is due to a limited market view. Those behind the railroads are in trouble not because the need for passenger transportation has declined or even because cars, airplanes, and other modes of transport have filled that need. Rather, the industry is failing because those behind it assumed they were in the railroad business rather than the transportation business. They were railroad oriented instead of transportation oriented, product oriented instead of customer oriented. For companies to ensure continued evolution, they must define their industries broadly to take advantage of growth opportunities. They must ascertain and act on their customers’ needs and desires, not bank on the presumed longevity of their products. In short, the best way for a firm to be lucky is to make its own luck. An organization must learn to think of itself not as producing goods or services but as doing the things that will make people want to do business with it. And in every case, the chief executive is responsible for creating an environment that reflects this mission.” Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/R0407L-PDF-ENG>

⁵⁹ Case Description: “Surveys Microsoft’s expansion into new businesses, such as mobile and embedded devices, home and entertainment, and business solutions, as it faces challenges due to size and maturity and outside threats from Linux and Google. A rewritten version of an earlier case.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=45520&R=704508-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1260036

⁶⁰ Case Description: “Don Thompson became CEO of McDonald’s in July of 2012. McDonald’s total shareholder fell from 34.7% in 2011 to -10.75% from 2011 to 2012. Thompson is under fire to turn things around in 2013.

“Merck and the Recall of Vioxx”, Arthur A. Thompson, Thompson-Strickland-Gamble, 2007.⁶¹

“The Morgan Motor Car Company: The Last of the Great Independents”, P.G. Goulet and A. Rappaport, The Society for Case Research, 1993.⁶²

“Mount Everest – 1996”, Michael A. Roberto and Gina M. Carioggia, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised January 6, 2003, Product Number: 303061-PDF-ENG.⁶³

“Netflix”, Willy Shih, Stephen Kaufman and David Spinola, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised January 6, 2003, Product Number: 607138-PDF-ENG.⁶⁴

“Non Stop Yacht, S.L.”, Charlene Nicholls-Nixon, Thompson et al, 2003.⁶⁵

Former CEO Jim Skinner’s “Plan to Win” had turned the company around in the last decade, and Thompson, Chief Operating Officer under Skinner, was looking to recreate that success. Thompson wanted to focus on improving the menu, customer experience, and McDonald’s brand.” Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/MH0021-PDF-ENG>

⁶¹ Case Description: “Students are called upon to explore whether Merck executives acted ethically in researching the safety of Vioxx and in their marketing of Vioxx. Did Merck executives live up to the company’s core values in their handling of the research, marketing, and recall of Vioxx? Perfect for your module on strategy, ethics, and social responsibility and certain to stimulate heated class debate.”
Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

⁶² Case Description: “Producing about 400 cars a year, with three models essentially unchanged since the 1930s Morgan attracts a cult following around the world. This case introduces a corporate culture that has made time stand still and a firm conducting itself in ways that seem virtually unknown in modern manufacturing. The issue here is the intrusion into this demi-paradise of a famous consultant who is concerned that the firm cannot survive a major environmental change unless it makes more money. Morgan is afraid it will be somehow damaged if it makes changes.”
Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

⁶³ Case Description: “Describes the events that transpired during the May 1996, Mount Everest tragedy. Examines the flawed decisions that climbing teams made before and during the ascent.”
Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=15678&R=303061-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1260330

⁶⁴ Case Description: “Reed Hastings founded Netflix with a vision to provide a home movie service that would do a better job satisfying customers than the traditional retail rental model. But as it encouraged challenges it underwent several major strategy shifts, ultimately developing a business model and an operational strategy that were highly disruptive to retail video rental chains. The combination of a large national inventory, a recommendation system that drove viewership across the broad catalog, and a large customer base made Netflix a force to be reckoned with, especially as a distribution channel for lower-profile and independent films. Blockbuster, the nation’s largest retail video rental firm, was initially slow to respond, but ultimately rolled out a hybrid retail/online response in the form of Blockbuster Online. Aggressive pricing pulled in subscribers, but at a price to both it and Netflix. But a new challenge was on the horizon: video-on-demand. How should Netflix respond?”
Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=37627&R=607138-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1260395

⁶⁵ Case Description: “NSY [Non Stop Yacht] has reached a strategic inflection point. Founded as a virtual organization to function as the Web-based purchasing agent of choice for crew members and yacht management companies, NSY has been forced to reinvent itself as more of a brick-and-mortar company linking buyers (yacht management companies, shipbuilding yards and yacht crews) of yacht parts with suppliers (manufacturers and

“No Pudge! - Growth, Strategy and Slotting at No Pudge! Foods, Inc.”, Chris Robertson, Thompson et al, Revised October 22, 2009.⁶⁶

“Porsche – Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG (A): True to Brand?”, Jeffrey Fear and Carin-Isabel Knoop, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised March 14, 2007, Product Number: 706018-PDF-ENG.⁶⁷

“PC&D, Inc.”, Richard G. Hamermesh and Evelyn T. Christiansen, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised March 7, 1986, Product Number: 380072-PDF-ENG.⁶⁸

“Peter Green’s First Day”, John B. Matthews Jr. and Laura L. Nash,” John B. Matthews and Laura L. Nash, April 1, 1980, Product Number: 380186-PDF-ENG.⁶⁹

distributors). An excellent case for underscoring why a company’s strategy ends up being partly planned and partly a response to unanticipated conditions.”

Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

⁶⁶ Case Description: “The health and fitness trend that started in the 1980s and became a staple of American lifestyle in the 1990s created numerous opportunities for new firms to introduce niche products. The founder of No Pudge! Brownies worked with a consultant to develop a fat-free brownie mix. She then designed a lean organization where production, distribution and Internet orders were all outsourced. Immediately she is faced with her “Achilles heel,” the slotting fees required by supermarkets to obtain shelf space. After two years of negotiating with supermarkets, an important grocery chain finally agrees to carry her product without any slotting fees. By 1997 sales totaled a meager \$250,000. Aggressive lobbying with the National Food Distributors Association and a multi-pronged strategy for dealing with slotting eventually pushed sales above the \$2 million mark. No Pudge! is at a major decision point. New growth opportunities, such as muffin mix and fast-food distribution of pre-made brownies are abundant. Slotting continues to be a source of frustration for the firm, and No Pudge! is now on the radar screen as a possible acquisition target by major food purveyors.”

Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

⁶⁷ Case Description: “Examines one of the most important entrepreneurial decisions made in the history of Porsche, made in early 1998: to build a sport utility vehicle (SUV)--the Cayenne. After decades of relying on one or two sports car models and nearly going bankrupt and losing its independence in 1993, Porsche had to diversify its product lines. Also examines the branding implications of the internationalization of production.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=45651&R=706018-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1260611

⁶⁸ Case Description: “Covers history of PC&D from 1960 to 1975 as it grows from a single business firm to a diversified firm. Emphasizes the use of subsidiaries for product development and fast growth. Other issues include problems of a new CEO in keeping control of fast growing divisions.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=17142&R=380072-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1260662

⁶⁹ Case Description: “Peter Green, a new salesperson for Scott Carpets, learns firsthand that his largest account has always been given a discount based on falsified information and expects the same preferred treatment to continue. Peter’s boss condones the discount. Peter must decide whether to pursue the order on these conditions and how to handle his already shattered relationship with his boss.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=17104&R=380186-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1260742

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=17104&R=380186-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1260742

“Polaroid Corporation: Digital Imaging Technology in 1997”, Richard S. Rosenbloom and Ellen Pruyne, Harvard Business School Case Study, October 16, 1997, 798013-PDF-ENG.⁷⁰

“Princeton Financial Systems: Making the Right Decision for Growth – Part A”, Fox School of Business.

“Renault Nissan: The Challenge of Sustaining Strategic Change”, Kannan Ramaswamy, Thunderbird School Of Global Management, 2008, Product Number: A09-08-0011.⁷¹

“Royal Dutch/Shell in Nigeria (A)”, Lynn Sharpe Paine and Mihnea C. Moldoveanu, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised October 1, 2009, Product Number: 399126-PDF-ENG.⁷²

“Samsung Electronics”, Jordan Siegel and James Jinho Chang, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised February 27, 2009, Product Number: 705508-PDF-ENG.⁷³

⁷⁰ Case Description: “Focuses on strategic decisions regarding investment in digital imaging technology facing Polaroid Corp., a worldwide leader in the traditional imaging marketplace, in July 1997. New Polaroid CEO Gary DiCamillo must decide how much emphasis to place on digital vs. traditional imaging technology, how to restructure the organization to capitalize on this new technology, and whether to support a new proposal to develop a digital camera for the mass market.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=45151&R=798013-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1260918

⁷¹ Case Description: “The case discusses the story of Nissan’s miraculous turnaround after Renault decided to invest in the company. The automobile industry had just begun another wave of consolidation, and many industry leaders believed that size was crucial for survival. This conclusion led to several mergers and acquisitions that produced varying results. The deal concluded between Renault and Nissan was remarkable because it was not billed or designed as an acquisition or even a joint venture. It was structured as an alliance, emphasizing the fact that both companies would have their own separate identities in the marketplace and separate executive committees that would run their strategy. However, the benefits were expected to originate in cross-company synergies, ranging from design to manufacturing and logistics to R&D. The case offers a rich description of the critical competitive elements that characterized the industry at the time the deal was signed. It also provides a good background on the strengths and weaknesses associated with each of the two companies before getting into the details associated with creating the turnaround plan and its implementation. The study paints a very good picture of the internal challenges that Carlos Ghosn, the incoming leader from Renault, faced in implementing the significant changes that were called for. It particularly emphasizes people-related issues such as performance management, creating change in a tradition-bound culture, the weight of administrative heritage and its impact on performance management, and other related issues. Given the global nature of the setting, the cross-cultural angles provide additional insights into the challenges leaders face when given a mandate for change. The case ends with a description of Renault and Nissan, both of which reported poor performance in late 2007. Ghosn had been at the helm of both firms for some time already, and was finding it difficult to sustain the momentum behind the change.”

Source: <http://caseseries.thunderbird.edu/case/renault-nissan-challenge-sustaining-change>

⁷² Case Description: “Working with Shell’s country manager for Nigeria, the company’s Committee of Managing Directors must decide how to respond to the Nigerian government’s decision to impose the death sentence on Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other leaders of a movement for the rights of the Ogoni (one of Nigeria’s 240 ethnic groups). As the case opens, Saro-Wiwa and his codefendants have just been found guilty of inciting murder in a trial that international observers have criticized as deeply flawed. Saro-Wiwa, an environmentalist, writer, businessman, television producer, and human rights activist, has been a vocal critic of not only the Nigerian government but also Shell. Provides background on Shell, on its business in Nigeria, and on environmental and human rights issues in the Niger Delta.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=21981&R=399126-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1261197

“SAS Institute (A): A Different Approach to Incentives and People Management Practices in the Software Industry”, Jeffrey Pfeffer, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, Revised January 1998, Product number: HR6-PDF-ENG.⁷⁴

“Satellite Radio”, Thomas Bisenmann and Alastair Brown, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised November 20, 2003, Product Number: 802175-PDF-ENG.⁷⁵

“Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.”, Gregory S. Miller and Christopher Noe, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised October 25, 2002, Product Number: 101011-PDF-ENG.⁷⁶

“Sunrise Medical, Inc.’s Wheelchair Products”, Anita M. McGahan, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised October 16, 1995, Product Number: 794069-PDF-ENG.⁷⁷

⁷³ Case Description: “When is it possible to create a dual advantage of being both low cost and differentiated? In this case, students assess whether Samsung Electronics has been able to achieve such a dual advantage, and if so, how this was possible. Moreover, Samsung Electronics’ long-held competitive advantage is under renewed attack. Students also can assess how Samsung should respond to large-scale Chinese entry into its industry.” Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=45636&R=705508-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1261351

⁷⁴ Case Description: The SAS Institute is a large, growing software company headquartered in the Research Triangle in North Carolina. Founded more than 25 years ago, it has evolved a unique approach, given its industry, to developing and retaining talent including using no stock options or phantom stock and not paying its salespeople on commission. The CEO and Vice President of Human Resources must decide how well their current management practices will continue to serve them as the company gains greater visibility and faces an increasingly competitive labor market.” Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=67969&R=HR6-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1699359

⁷⁵ Case Description: “In early 2002, XM and Sirius were fighting for control of the emerging U.S. market for satellite radio. Each company targeted consumers in automobiles, providing 100 channels of CD-quality audio for a monthly subscription fee of \$10-\$13. Wall Street analysts predicted that these companies would be profitable by 2005-2006, but investors were increasingly skeptical of ventures that required huge, irrevocable bets on customer acquisition and infrastructure. This case describes the business models of the satellite radio companies, the technology they employed, and their target markets. Poses questions about their pricing strategies, strategic partnerships with auto manufacturers, and whether they should develop interoperable radios that receive either company’s signals.” Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=50156&R=802175-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1261293

⁷⁶ Case Description: “This case is designed to familiarize students with the use of financial ratios. Two retailers, Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., have a very similar value for return on equity (ROE) in the 1997 fiscal year. Students use the information in the case and the accompanying exhibits, which include financial statements as well as disclosures regarding corporate strategies and accounting policies for each company, to analyze the value creation process for each firm. This case provides a good introduction regarding the combination of such information to create a powerful tool for financial statement analysis. A rewritten version of an earlier case.” Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=334&R=101011-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1262007

⁷⁷ Case Description: “Sunrise’s CEO must decide whether to intervene in a decision by a division, Guardian Products, to introduce a new lightweight standard wheelchair. Guardian wants to introduce the wheelchair to complement its line of commodity crutches, walkers, and other patient aids. If introduced, the new wheelchair will compete with an existing product offered by the largest and most profitable Sunrise division, Quickie Designs. The

“Teach for America 2005”, Stacey Childress, Harvard Business School, Revision Date: October 13, 2005, Product Number: 805094-PDF-ENG.⁷⁸

“The Case of Unidentified Industries – 1995”, William E. Fruhan, Harvard Business School Case Study, January 9, 1996, Product Number: 296049-PDF-ENG.⁷⁹

The Case of Unidentified Industries – 2006, William E. Fruhan, Harvard Business School, Product Number: 207096-PDF-ENG.⁸⁰

“The National Football League [NFL] and Brain Injuries”, Richard G. Hamermesh; Matthew Preble, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised: June 4, 2015, Product Number: 815071-PDF-ENG.⁸¹

CEO hesitates to take action because he does not want to disrupt a precedent of total divisional autonomy that is integral to Sunrise’s culture.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=44172&R=794069-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1262172

⁷⁸ Case Description: “On November 17, 2004, as Teach for America’s (TFA) national board meeting adjourned, Chief Operating Officer Jerry Hauser considered the opportunity before the organization. The board had just given the go ahead to move forward with development of a new strategic plan for 2005 through 2010. The aspirations were ambitious, and if they succeeded in reaching the goals set out in the plan, TFA would take its place among the country’s most enduring institutions. Hauser knew that the key to converting a plan into success was ensuring that the organization had the right strategy and the capacity to execute effectively. As he looked toward the future, he reflected on the opportunities and challenges that TFA had faced in its first 15 years to identify lessons that might be useful for its next phase of growth.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=51128&R=805094-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1699219

⁷⁹ Case Description: “[The Case of Unidentified Industries] Helps students to understand how the characteristics of a business are reflected in its financial statements.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=14324&R=296049-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1262759

⁸⁰ Case Description: “Helps students to understand how the characteristics of a business are reflected in its financial statements.”

Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/207096-PDF-ENG>

⁸¹ Case Description: “The National Football League (NFL) was both the most popular spectator sport in the U.S. and a major economic entity, taking in roughly \$10 billion a year in revenue. However through the early twenty-first century, an increased understanding of the long-term effects of head injuries on NFL players indicated a serious threat to the long-term viability of the game. Particularly concerning was the indication that some deceased professional football players had developed chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE)-a neurodegenerative disease which had a strong influence on a person’s mental and physical health-most likely as a result of repetitive hits sustained during their football careers and which may have contributed to their deaths. Over 4,000 retired players had jointly sued the NFL over the head injuries they had sustained during their time in the NFL and the resulting health problems they attributed to these injuries. In part, the lawsuit alleged that the NFL had not been forthcoming with players about the health risks of head injuries. The two sides had reached a tentative \$765 million settlement in 2013, the bulk of which would go to compensating retired players suffering from such diseases as Alzheimer’s or dementia. While this settlement compensated retired players, it was not applicable to current or future players. Could the NFL preserve the sport by making it safer through new rules or equipment changes, or was football an inherently physical game that no amount of new rules or equipment could make completely safe? Were current and future players, now knowing full well the potential long-term health implications of football, tacitly accepting the risks

“TiVo – Strategic Inflection: TiVo in 2005”, David B. Yoffie and Pat Ling Yin, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised March 13, 2006, Product Number: 706421-PDF-ENG.⁸²

“Toyota: Driving the Mainstream Market to Purchase Hybrid Electric Vehicles”, Jeff Saperstein and Jennifer Nelson, Richard Ivey School of Business, Revised September 10, 2009, Product Number: 9B04A003.⁸³

“UPS – A Manager’s Challenge: UPS Battles FedEx”, Jones-Geore, 2002.

“The Vaught Pharmacy”, Edwin C. Leonard Jr. and Lisa D. Leonard, The Society For Case Research, 1993.⁸⁴

“W.L. Gore & Associates Inc. in 1998”, Frank Shipper and Charles C. Manz, Thompson-Strickland, 2001.⁸⁵

“What’s Stifling the Creativity at CoolBurst”, Suzy Wetlauder et al, Harvard Business Review, Publication Date: September 1, 1997. Product Number: 97511-PDF-ENG.⁸⁶

involved? As a team owner, is now the time to sell while franchise value and fan support are at their peaks, or will the business of the NFL be viable for years to come?”

Source: <https://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cbmp/product/815071-PDF-ENG>

⁸² Case Description: “In the late 1990s, TiVo pioneered the digital video recorder (DVR), a new consumer electronics category. By 2005, the company was the clear leader in technology and installed base. It had also built extraordinary loyalty among its customers. However, TiVo lost a half billion dollars since its founding and was now facing new, fierce competition from satellite and cable providers. Explores the strategic challenges facing TiVo and the potential strategic options for fending off its competitive threats and reversing its financial fortunes.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=45971&R=706421-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1262985

⁸³ Case Description: “Toyota is a large, international automobile manufacturer headquartered in Japan, with plans to become the largest worldwide automaker, striving for 15 per cent of global sales. Toyota is committing itself to be the leader of the hybrid-electric automotive industry, and is relying on changes in the industry and customer perceptions to bring its plan to fruition. Toyota’s challenge is to develop consumer attitude and purchase intent, from an early adopter, niche market model into universal mainstream acceptance.”

Source: <https://www.iveycases.com/ProductView.aspx?id=32164>

⁸⁴ Case Description: “This case describes the difficulties facing a family-owned pharmacy attempting to survive in a mature, highly competitive industry.”

Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

⁸⁵ Case Description: “This unconventionally organized company (whose best-known product is Gore-Tex) has some intriguing approaches to empowering, compensating, and motivating its employees and has been quite successful in championing the efforts of enterprising employees to come up with innovative new products.”

Source: <http://create.mheducation.com/cases/index.html#preview>

⁸⁶ Case Description: “This fictitious case study explores the challenges facing CoolBurst, a Miami-based fruit-juice company. For over a decade, CoolBurst had ruled the market in the Southeast. Why, then, are its annual revenues stuck at \$30 million, and why have profits been stagnant for four years straight? CoolBurst’s new CEO, Luisa Reboredo, knows that the company’s survival--and her own--depend on the answers. Reboredo has succeeded former utilitarian CEO Garth LeRoue. While LeRoue had undeniably made CoolBurst into the well-oiled machine it was, he’d also been stubborn in enforcing a culture of tradition, self-discipline, and respect for authority--a culture so staid and polite, it left little room for employees to be creative. LeRoue, for instance, had almost fired two of

“Xerox Corporation: Leadership Through Quality (A)”, Todd D. Jick et al, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised May 29, 1996, Product Number: 490008-PDF-ENG.⁸⁷

“Yahoo! – “So Many Countries, So Many Laws”: Yahoo!, Legal Uncertainty and the Internet Case I, II, and III”, Susanna Monseu, and Yvette Essounga, Rider University, 2003.

“Zara: Fast Fashion”, Pankai Ghemawat and Jose Luis Nueno, Harvard Business School Case Study, Revised December 21, 2006, Product Number: 703497-PDF-ENG.⁸⁸

CoolBurst’s most creative employees for inventing four new drinks without his permission. Sam Jenkins, one of those employees, had been so angered by the incident that he left the company to work for CoolBurst’s largest competitor. How can Reboredo encourage her employees to start thinking creatively. And how can she nurture any creative individuals who may join the company in the future? In 97511 and 97511Z, commentators Paul Barker, Teresa M. Amabile, Manfred F.R. Kets de Vries, Gareth Jones, and Elspeth McFadzean offer advice on this fictional case study.”

Source: <https://hbr.org/1997/09/whats-stifling-the-creativity-at-coolburst>

⁸⁷ Case Description: “Describes the “Leadership Through Quality” effort undertaken by Xerox in the 1980s. Includes the history of Xerox in the 1970s and its need to make major changes in quality by the 1980s. Most of the remainder of the case details the step-by-step process by which Xerox created and designed the strategy called “Leadership Through Quality” to change its basic culture and its performance on quality from 1983-86.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=27959&R=490008-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1263544

⁸⁸ Case Description: “Focuses on Inditex, an apparel retailer from Spain, which has set up an extremely quick response system for its ZARA chain. Instead of predicting months before a season starts what women will want to wear, ZARA observes what’s selling and what’s not and continuously adjusts what it produces and merchandises on that basis. Powered by ZARA’s success, Inditex has expanded into 39 countries, making it one of the most global retailers in the world. But in 2002, it faces important questions concerning its future growth.”

Source: http://cb.hbsp.harvard.edu/cb/web/product_detail.seam?E=45234&R=703497-PDF-ENG&conversationId=1263621