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2. Marketing strategic planning & objectives

Strategic planning is an organization's process of defining its strategy and making decisions on allocating its resources to pursue this strategy. Resources can include people (HR), capital assets, know-how, etc.

Marketing strategic planning leans on most of the marketing analytical tools we have covered in the previous chapter.

In a practical way, we are going to transform the analytical findings from the past year into marketing objectives for next year.

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Pa	Past year analysis		Next year's objectives	
1.1	Environmental analysis	2.1	Marketing strategic	
1.2	Market analysis		planning	
1.3	Competitive analysis •			
1.4	Segmentation	2.2	Desired segmentation	
1.5	Marketing-mix		Desired marketing-mix	
1.6	SWOT analysis		SWOT-driven objectives	
1.7	Positioning	2.5	Perceptual gaps	
1.8*	Sources of info (research)	2.6	Sales forecast	

^{*}Comment: the only section in chapter ONE that does not transform into an objective in chapter TWO is 1.8

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A matrix called Product Market Growth Matrix, known more as **Ansoff Matrix** (Igor Ansoff, 1957) is a basic tool to clarify what is marketing strategic planning and how to use it.

The background considerations of this model are to do with the following analysis: Business environment, market & competition.

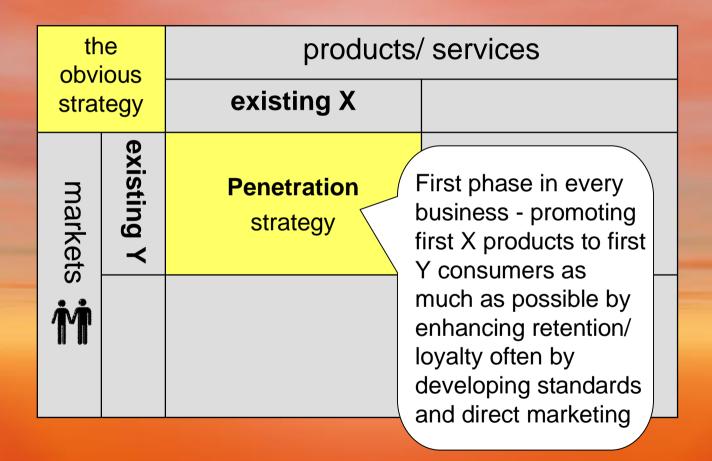
Ansoff Matrix proposes four strategies between **offer** (products) and **demand** (markets) with some recommended paths for a controlled development.

The matrix interrelates between products and market demand showing the way of developing a business via existing or new products, in existing or new markets.

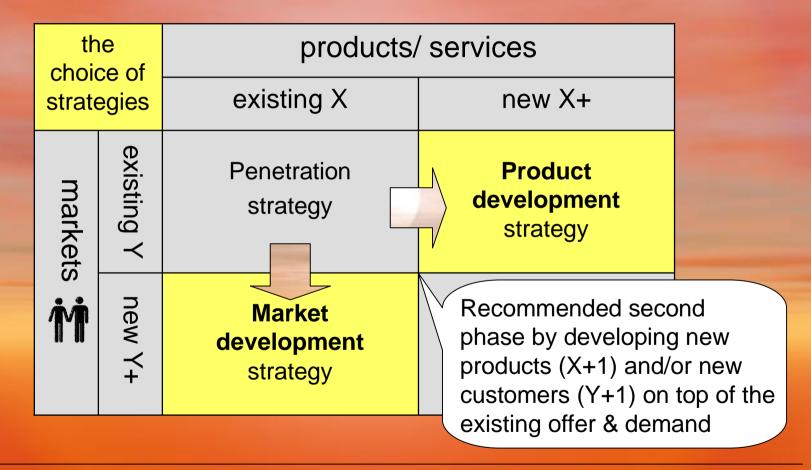
The model demonstrates the importance of setting priorities when conducting transitions between one strategy to another.

Comment: the term products also represent services or ideas

Ansoff matrix, introduction



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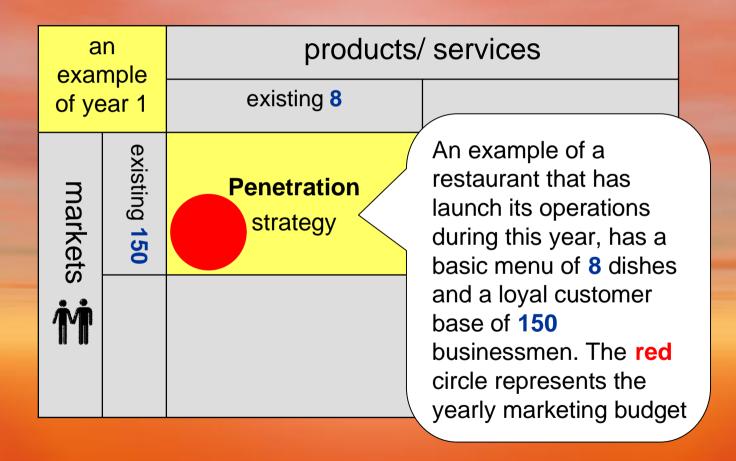


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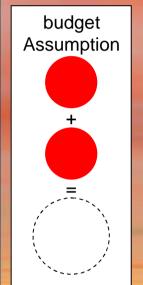
the mature strategy		products/ services			
		existing X	new X+		
markets	existing Y	Penetration strategy	Product development strategy		
s M	new Y ₁	Market development strategy	Diversification strategy		

Following the intermediate strategies, it is only then recommended to shift into a more mature choice of moving into diversified/ peripheral profit centers

Ansoff matrix - a practical illustration



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a first option in year 2		products/ services		
		existing 8	new +4 (total 12)	
markets	existing 150	Penetration	Product development strategy	

Market

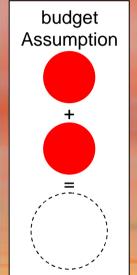
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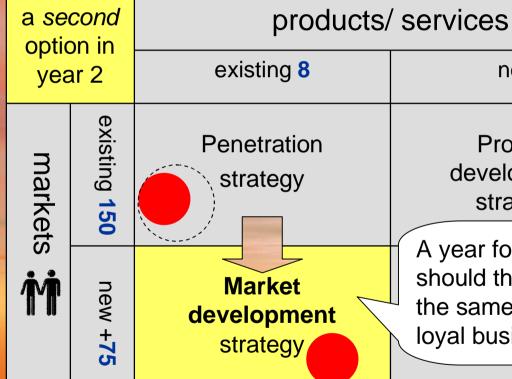
strategy

A year following its opening, should the restaurant develop 4 new menu items to better serve the existing 150 loyal businessmen?

new

Ansoff matrix - a practical illustration



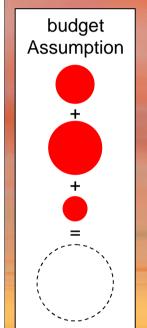


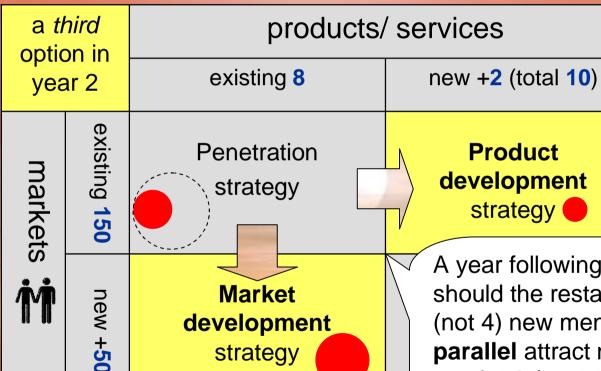
Product development strategy

new

A year following its opening, should the restaurant promote the same menu to reach 75 new loyal businesswomen?

Ansoff matrix - a practical illustration

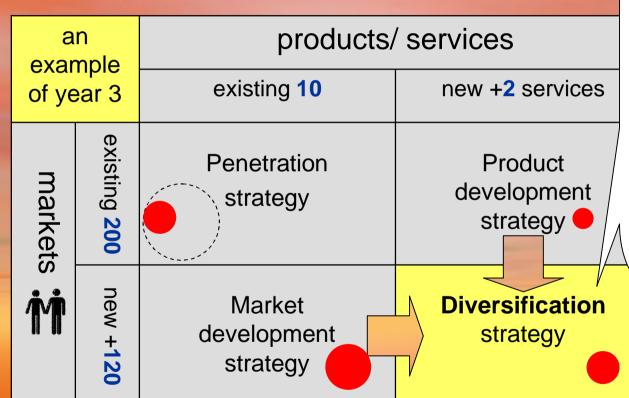




A year following its opening, should the restaurant develop 2 (not 4) new menu items - and in parallel attract new demand to reach 50 (not 75) new loyal businesswomen?

Ansoff matrix - a practical illustration

budget Assumption + + +



In two-years time, should the restaurant develop home delivery service and live music in the evening, 2 new services that are expected to attract 120 new loyal students?

Ansoff matrix

		products/ services			
		existing	new		
markets	existing	Penetration strategy	Product development strategy		
	new	Market development strategy	Diversification strategy		

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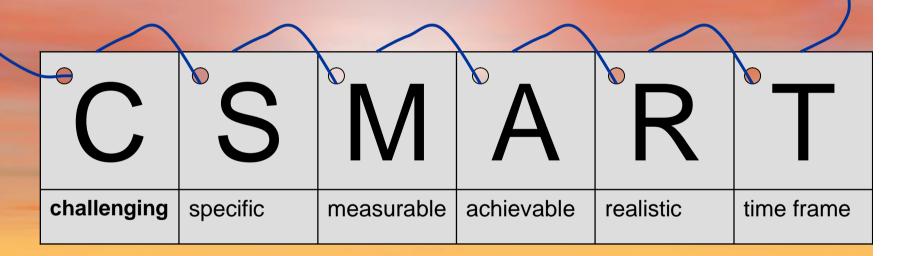
Formulating one marketing objective such as:

Next year we (restaurant) will develop two new seasonal lunch menus, mainly for our existing customers (est. 60% of resources), and in parallel promote the existing dinner menu & upcoming lunch menus to students (est. 25% of resources). Furthermore, we will operate a new home delivery service in the last quarter of next year (est. 15% of efforts).



Marketing objectives

After formulating marketing strategic planning and before setting marketing objectives, what are the standards for a proper objective?



2.2 Desired segmentation

Past year analysis		Next year's objectives		
1.4	Segmentation	2.2	Desired segmentation	

Based mainly on the findings of the past year (1.4), segmenting existing targeted audiences, we can formulate two-three marketing objectives to clarify the desired segmentation of existing and new segments:

"Next year we will target..."



2.3 Desired marketing-mix

Past year analysis		Next year's objectives		
1.5	5 Marketing-mix		Desired marketing-mix	

Based mainly on the findings of the past year (1.5), proportional mapping of the mix, we can formulate two-three marketing objectives to clarify the main variables as per their importance next year:

"Next year we will emphasize..."



2.4 SWOT-driven objectives

Past year analysis		Next year's objectives		
1.6	SWOT analysis	2.4	SWOT-driven objectives	

Based on the findings of the past year (1.6), SWOT, as well as by using TOWS matrix, we can formulate at least four marketing objectives (SO/ST/WO/WT): "Next year we will..."



2.5 Perceptual gaps

Past year analysis		Next year's objectives		
1.7	Positioning	2.5	Perceptual gaps	

Based on the findings of the past year (1.7), perceptual maps as perceived by customers & consumers, we can formulate two-three marketing objectives in order to minimize perceptual gaps: "Next year we will highlight..."

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2.6 Sales forecast

Next year's objectives

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we can transform several bottoms line-indications of a sales forecast into two-three marketing objectives.

The lowest common basis includes a rough estimate of the average price and the units to be sold to give us a top of the line revenue figure:

"Next year our revenue is expected to..."







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