# Chp 3. STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND INDUSTRY ANALYSIS

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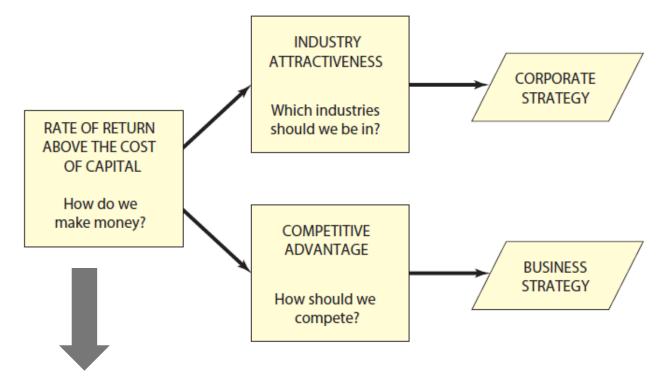


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### SOURCES OF SUPERIOR PROFITABILITY CORPORATE VERSUS BUSINESS STRATEGY

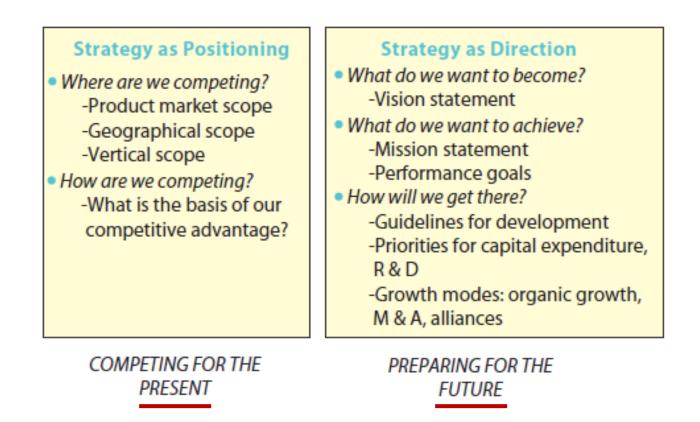


If **ROIC < WACC**, is the company able to add value?

ROIC = (Net Income – Dividends) ÷ Invested Capital [as book values]

Invested Capital = Equity + Net Debt = Fixed Assets + Intangible Assets + Current Assets – Current Liabilities – Cash

#### DESCRIBING STRATEGY



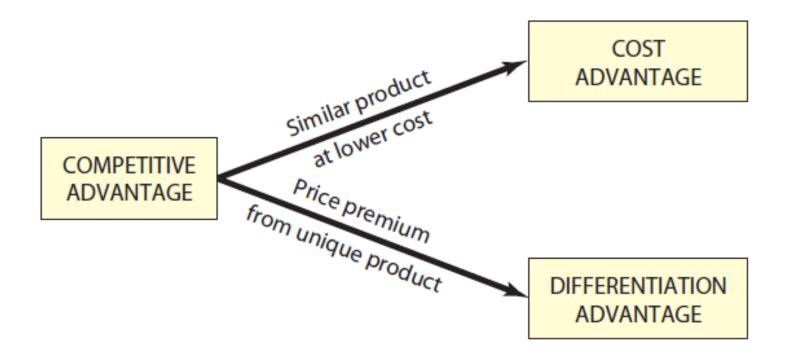
### THE BASIC FRAMEWORK: STRATEGY AS A LINK BETWEEN THE FIRM AND ITS ENVIRONMENT



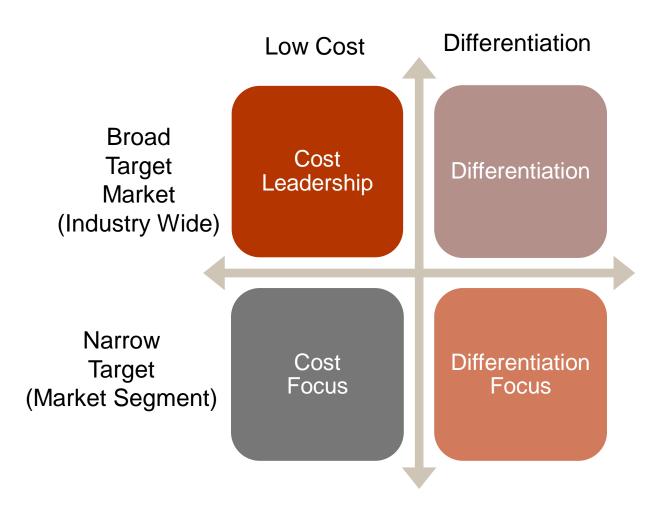
Understand if:

- the company has resources and capabilities to put in place its strategies;
- strategies fit into the industry environment

#### SOURCES OF COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE



#### UNDERSTANDING THE BUSINESS: COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS



### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Companies are increasingly accepting responsibilities that extend well beyond the immediate interest of shareholders:
  - For ethical reasons
  - For reasons of self-interest
    - Sustainability (it is in both society's and the firm's interests to sustain the ecosystem)
    - Reputation (CSR enhances the firm's reputation with consumers and third parties)
    - License to operate (firms need the approval and support of the constituencies on which they depend)



#### INTRODUCTION

**Company analysis** is the analysis of an individual company, and it requires understanding a company's industry and identifying its peers.

- An **industry** is a group of companies offering similar products and/or services, whereas a **sector** is a group of related industries.
- A **principal business activity** is a source from which a company derives a majority of its revenues and/or earnings.
- A **peer group** is a group of companies that are engaged in similar business activities, and whose economics and valuation are influence by closely-related factors.

### INTRODUCTION

**Industry Analysis** should provide a picture of where the industry is going and how the subject company fits in.

- What are the prospects for growth?
- What are the industry's dominant economic traits?
- What competitive forces are at work in the industry and how strong are they?
- Which companies are in the strongest/weakest competitive positions?
- What key factors will determine competitive success or failure?
- How attractive is the industry in terms of its prospects for above-average profitability?
- How large is the industry?
- How much M&A activity is occurring?
- Is it a regulated industry?
- Who are the consumers? Is that base growing?

#### THE PROFITABILITY OF US INDUSTRIES, 2000-2010

#### SIGNIFICANTLY VARIABILITY PER INDUSTRY

Industry	Median ROE 2000-10(%)	Leading companies
Tobacco	33.5	Philip Morris Int., Altria, Reynolds American
Household and personal products	27.8	Procter & Gamble, Kimberly-Clark, Colgate- Palmolive
Motor vehicles and parts	4.4	GM, Ford, Johnson Controls
Entertainment	3.9	Time Warner, Walt Disney, News Corporation
Airlines	-11.3	AMR, UAL, Delta Airlines

Source: Data from Fortune 1000 by industry.

See Grant & Jordan 2e Table 2.1 for a more detailed list of US industries.

### HOW CAN WE ACCOUNT FOR THESE DIFFERENCES IN INDUSTRY PROFITABILITY?

- Is it all down to luck?
- Some industries are in decline, others are growing fast?
- The basic premise that underlies industry analysis is that the level of industry profitability is neither random nor entirely the result of industry-specific influences, it is determined by the industry's underlying economic characteristics

#### **INDUSTRY STRUCTURE**

### STEPS FOR INDUSTRY ANALYSIS

#### Typical steps in industry analysis (Porter, 2008):

#### Define the relevant industry:

- What products are in it? Which ones are part of another distinct industry?
- What is the geographic scope of competition?

#### Identify the participants and segment them into groups, if appropriate:

#### Who are the

- buyers?
- suppliers?
- competitors?
- substitutes?
- potential entrants?

Assess the underlying drivers of each competitive force to determine which forces are strong and which are weak and why.

### STEPS FOR INDUSTRY ANALYSIS

Typical steps in industry analysis (Porter, 2008):

#### Determine overall industry structure, and test the analysis for consistency:

- *Why* is the level of profitability what it is?
- Which are the *controlling* forces for profitability?
- Is the industry analysis consistent with actual long-run profitability?
- Are more-profitable players better positioned in the relation to the five forces?

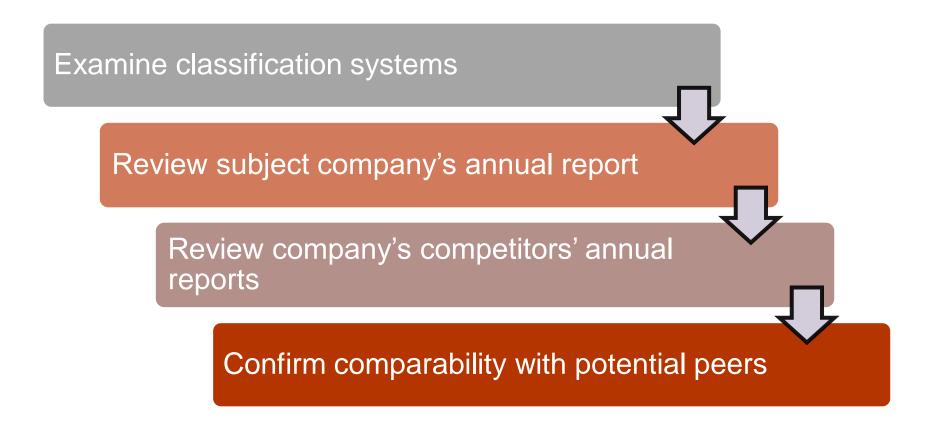
Analyze recent and likely future changes in each force, both positive and negative.

Identify aspects of industry structure that might be influenced by competitors, by new entrants, or by the company.

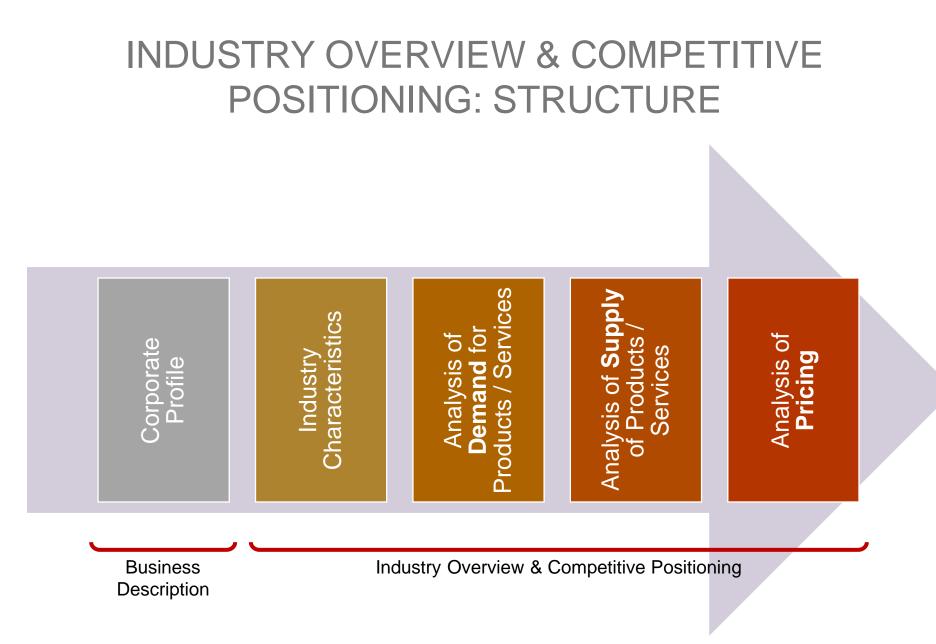
### APPROACHES TO IDENTIFYING SIMILAR COMPANIES

Products and/or services supplied	<ul> <li>Similar products and/or services</li> <li>Industry and sector classification</li> <li>A company's principal business activity</li> </ul>	
Business-cycle sensitivities	<ul> <li>Cyclical companies have profits correlated with the overall economy</li> <li>Noncyclical companies' performance is independent of the economy</li> </ul>	
Statistical similarities	<ul> <li>Groups based on correlations of security returns</li> <li>Based on historical returns, but relationship may not continue in the future</li> <li>May associate firms based on chance or may exclude important relationships</li> </ul>	

#### **IDENTIFYING PEER GROUPS**



Bottom-up		<b>Top-down</b>		
approach		approach		
Aggregates individual company forecasts to industry forecasts	may be aggregated to macroeconomic forecasts	Starts with macroeco- nomic forecasts	Moves to industry forecasts	and then to individual company and asset forecasts



#### **Industry Characteristics**

- Stage in its life cycle
- Business-cycle sensitivity or economic characteristics
- Typical product life cycles in the industry (short and marked by technological obsolescence or long, such as pharmaceuticals protected by patents)
- Brand loyalty, customer switching costs, and intensity of competition
- Entry and exit barriers
- Industry supplier considerations (concentration of sources, ability to switch suppliers or enter suppliers' business)

#### **Industry Characteristics**

- Number of companies in the industry and whether it is, as determined by market shares, fragmented or concentrated
- Opportunity to differentiate product/service and relative product/service price, cost, and quality advantages/disadvantages
- Technology used
- Government regulation
- State and history of labor relations
- Other industry problems/opportunities

- Sources (concentration, competition, and substitutes)

- Industry capacity Outlook – short, medium, and long term

- Company's capacity and cost structure

- Import/export considerations

- Sources of demand
- Product differentiation

- Past record, sensitivities, and correlations with social, demographic, economic, and other variables

- Outlook – short, medium, and long term, including new product and business opportunities

#### **PEST ANALYSIS**

## How macro-environmental factors might impact a business organization:

Political Changes in government economic policy, e.g. taxation, government spending, monetary policy Changes in legal requirements e.g. employment law, health and safety legislation, licensing practices, environmental regulations, competition policy Changes in the government ownership e.g. nationalization, privatization, de-regulation	Economic Changes in the level of economic activity, e.g. growth rates, rates of unemployment, inflation Changes in wage rates and income distribution Changes in exchange rates
Social Changes in demographics e.g. the size of the population, the age distribution with the population Changing attitudes e.g. work/life balance, concern for the environment, ethical standards Changes in social structure e.g. socio- economic groupings, social mobility	Technological Development of new products and processes Automation Developments in information and communication technologies Developments in the natural sciences

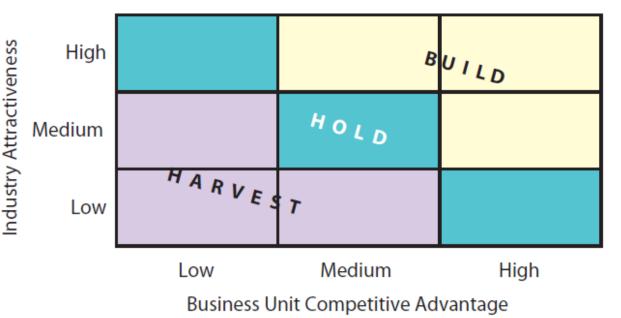
#### THE GE/MCKINSEY PORTFOLIO (NINE-BOX) PLANNING MATRIX

#### **Industry Attractiveness**

- Market growth rate
- Market size
- Industry profitability
- Industry rivarlry
- Global opportunities
- Macroeconomic factos (PEST)

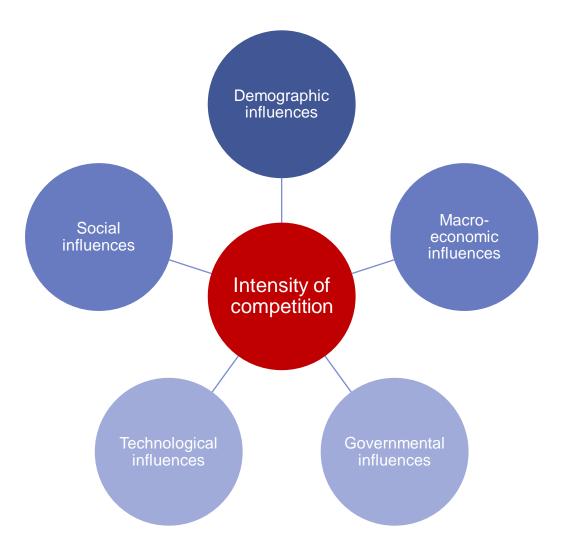
#### **Business Unit Strenght**

- Market share
- Growth in the market
- Brand equity
- Ditribution channels access
- Production capacity
- Profit margins relative to competitors



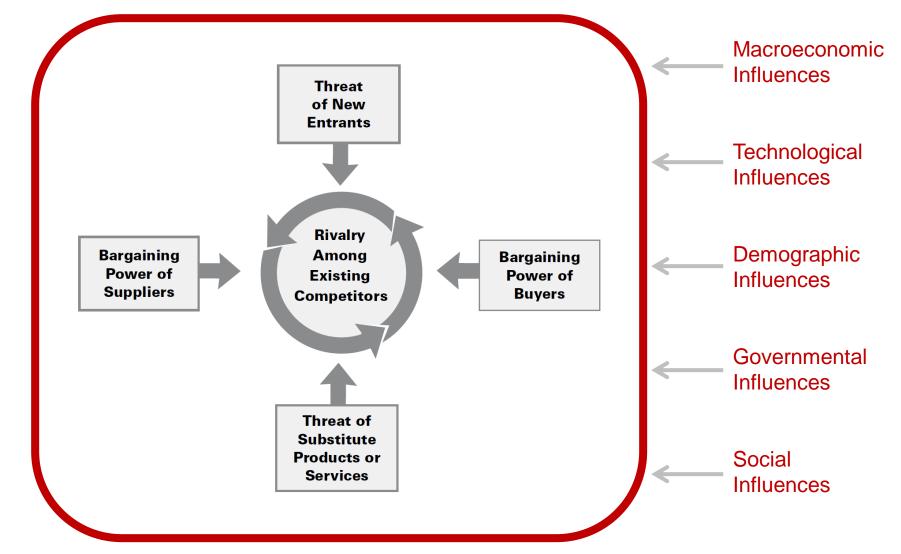


#### FRAMEWORK FOR INDUSTRY ANALYSIS



#### **Porter's "Five Forces"** Framework

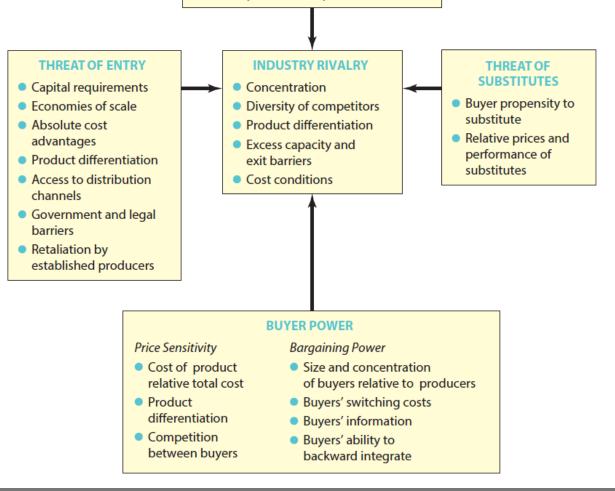
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#### **SUPPLIER POWER**

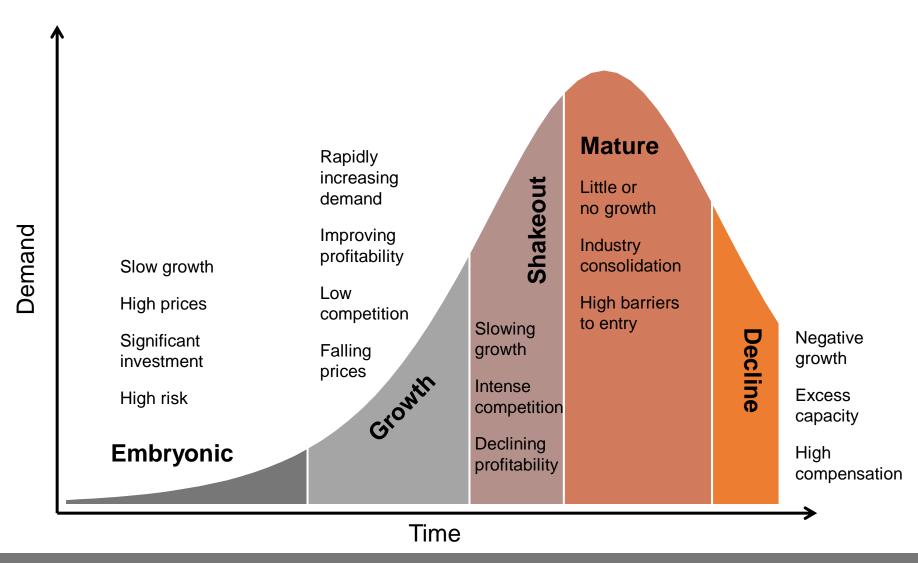
Factors determining power of suppliers relative to producers; same as those determining power of producers relative to buyers – see "Buyer Power" box



### FACTORS AFFECTING PRICING POWER AND PRICE COMPETITION

- Barriers to entry are obstacles or hurdles that limit or restrict the entry of new competitors in the market
  - These barriers keep or discourage new entrants, hence reducing competition
- **Industry concentration** is the degree to which some companies may dominate the industry in terms of market share.
  - Generally, the more concentrated an industry, the less competitive it is
- **Industry capacity** is the maximum amount of a good or service that can be supplied in a given time period
  - The more limited the capacity, the greater the companies' pricing power
- Market share stability is the degree to which market shares change over time
  - The more stable the market shares, the less competitive the industry

### INDUSTRY LIFE CYCLE



### APPLYING THE LIFE-CYCLE CONCEPT

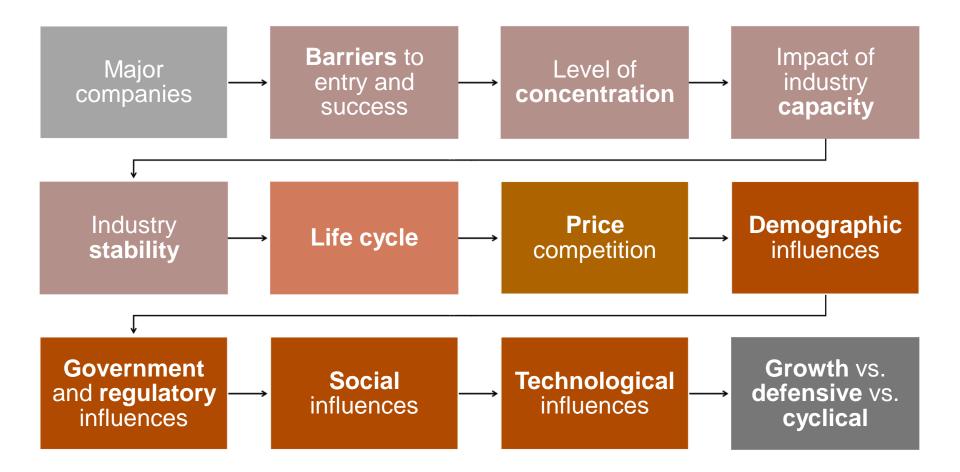
#### Using the life-cycle model

- Newer industries tend to be more **competitive** than mature industries
- Growth companies tend to reinvest in new products and services, and mature companies tend to focus on internal efficiencies
- Mature companies are generally more focused on extending successful product lines

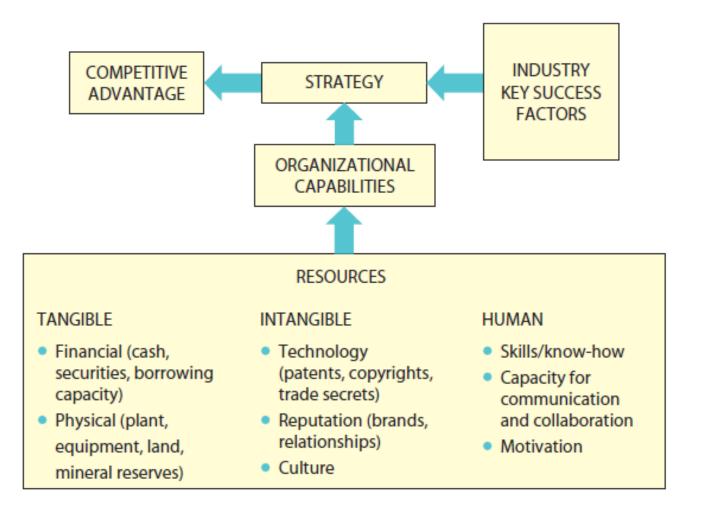
#### Limitations to the life-cycle model

- Changes may **disrupt the cycle**: technological change, regulatory changes, social changes, and demographic shifts.
- Not all companies in an industry have the same performance

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF INDUSTRIES



### THE LINKS AMONG RESOURCES, CAPABILITIES AND COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE



### IDENTIFYING RESOURCES

RESC	URCE	CHARACTERISTICS	INDICATORS
Tangible Resources	Financial	Borrowing capacity Internal funds generation	Debt/Equity ratio Credit rating Net cash flow
	Physical	Plant and equipment: Size, location, technology flexibility. Land and buildings Raw materials	Market value of fixed assets. Scale of plants Alternative uses for fixed assets
Intangible Resources	Technology	Patent, copyrights, know-how, R&D facilities Technical and scientific employees	Number of patents owned Royalty income R&D expenditure R&D staff
	Reputation	Brands, customer loyalty, company reputation (with suppliers, customers, government)	Brand equity Customer retention Supplier loyalty
Human Resour	rces	Training, experience,adaptability, commitment and loyalty of employees	Employee qualifications, Pay rates, turnover

### ELEMENTS OF A COMPANY ANALYSIS

Company profile (overview of the company)

**Relevant industry characteristics** 

Demand for the company's products and services

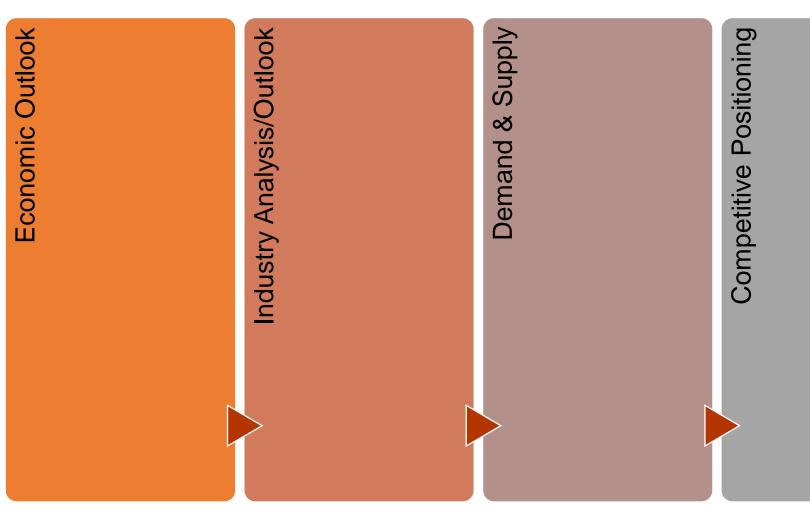
Supply of products and services, includes analysis of costs

Company's pricing environment: degree of price competition

Financial ratio analysis: over time and compared with competitors

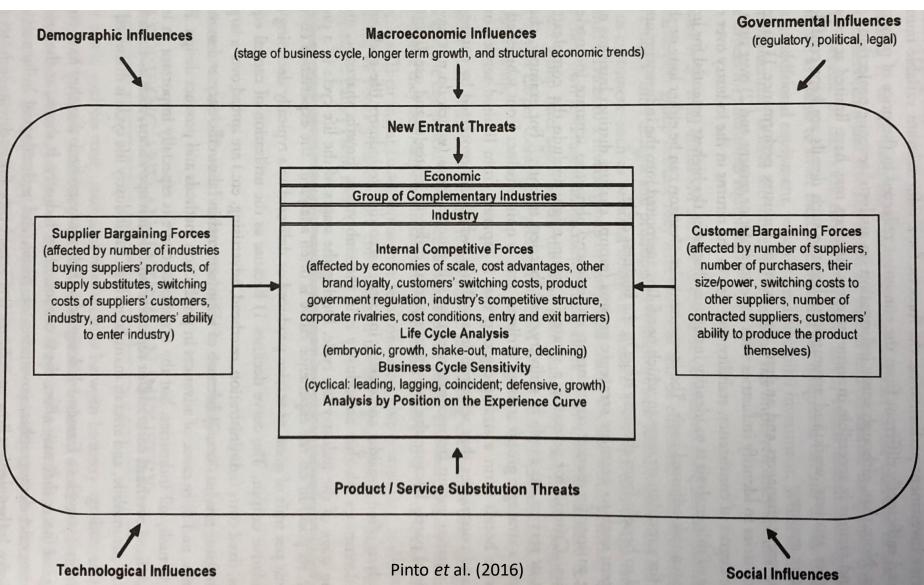
### ANOTHER LOOK TO THE INDUSTRY STRUCTURE AND COMPETITIVE POSITIONING

**Top-Down Approach** 



Industry Overview & Competitive Positioning (IO&CP)

## FRAMEWORK FOR AN INDUSTRY ANALYSIS





#### **Luxury Airlines**

- Virgin Atlantic
- Qatar Airways
- Emirates

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- Singapore Airlines
- Etihad Airways

#### **Hub Airlines**

- Lufthansa
- United Airlines
- British Airways
- Swissair
- Air France+KLM
- CopaAirlines
- LOT
- Iberia
- TAP Air Portugal

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#### **Low-Cost Carriers**

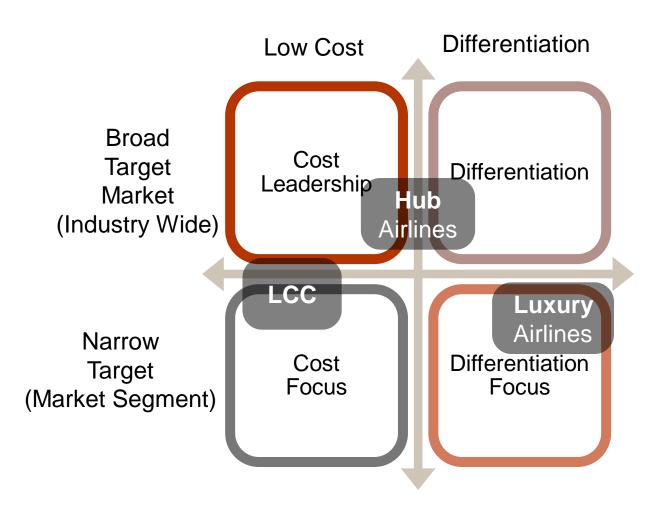
- Ryanair
- EasyJet
- WizzAir
- JetBlue
- Norwegian
- Transavia
- AirAsia
- Germanwings [Eurowings]
- Vueling
- Air Berlin [?]

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#### **Drivers of Profitability**



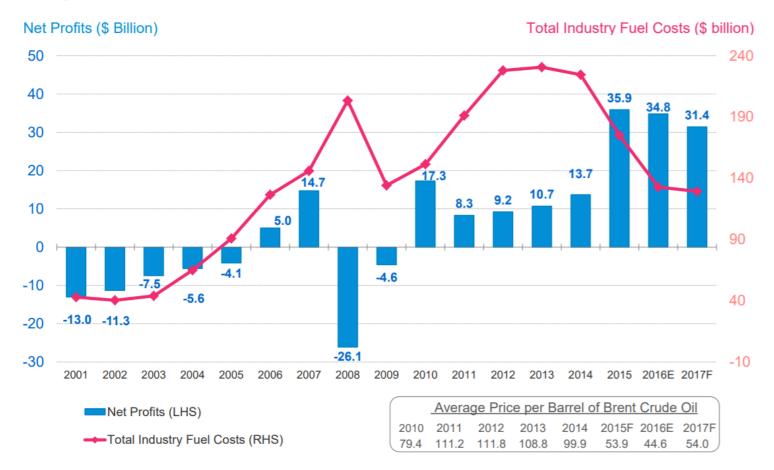
Yield = passenger revenue ÷ RPK

(demand) RPK = number of paying passengers × total distance travelled

(supply) ASK = seats available × distance flown

 $PLF = RPK \div ASK$ 

# EXAMPLE: Strategie Industry Fuel Costs and Net Profits



Source: Industry Economics Performance - Forecast Table (IATA Economics) Updated: 06/2017 Next Update: 12/2017

#### Fuel Impact on Operating Costs

Year	% of Operating Costs	Average Price per Barrel of Crude (US\$)	Break-even Price per Barrel (US\$)	Total Fuel Cost		
2004	17.3%	US\$38.3	US\$34.7	US\$65 billior		
2005	22.0%	US\$54.5	US\$52.0	US\$91 billior		
2006	27.2%	US\$65.1	US\$68.1	US\$127 billior		
2007	28.6%	US\$73.0	US\$81.7	US\$146 billion		
2008	35.7%	US\$99.0	US\$83.3	US\$203 billior		
2009	28.2%	US\$62.0	US\$59.1	US\$134 billion		
2010	26.9%	US\$79.4	US\$89.8	US\$151 billion		
2011	29.8%	US\$111.2	US\$116.1	US\$191 billion		
2012	32.3%	US\$111.8	US\$117.1	US\$228 billion		
2013	32.0%	US\$108.8	US\$114.8	US\$231 billion		
2014	29.3%	US\$99.9	US\$107.4	US\$224 billion		
2015	24.3%	US\$53.9	US\$72.5	US\$175 billion		
2016E	18.8%	US\$44.6	US\$61.7	US\$133 billion		
2017F	17.4%	US\$54.0	US\$68.7	US\$129 billion		

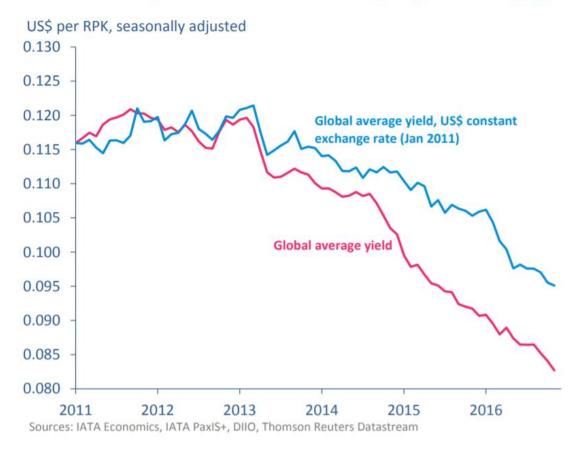
Source: Industry Economics Performance - Forecast Table (IATA Economics) Margin of Updated: 06/2017 Next Update: 12/2017

Margin of +US\$14.7 p/ barrel

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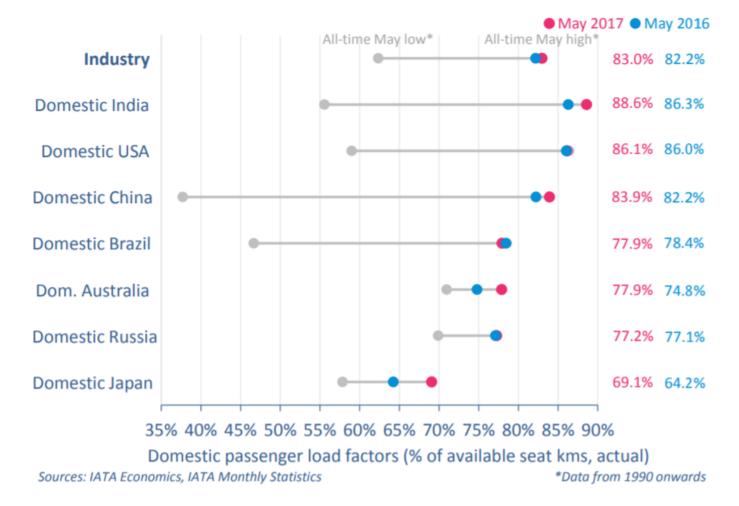
### Yields and premium revenues

#### Downward pressure on underlying industry yields continues



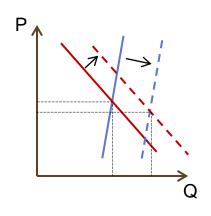
#### Passenger yield is the average fare paid per kilometer (mile)

#### Chart 7 – Domestic passenger load factors



#### Load factor performance remains strong

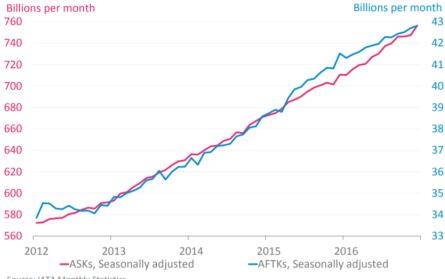




#### Capacity

#### Passenger capacity steps up into the year-end

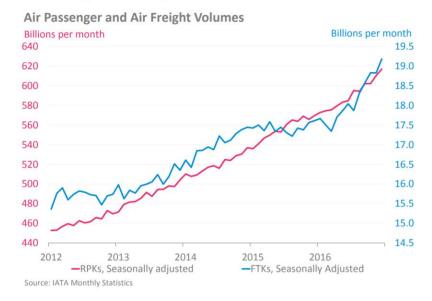
**Air Passenger and Air Freight Capacity** 



Source: IATA Monthly Statistics

#### Demand

#### Passenger & freight traffic end 2016 on a solid footing



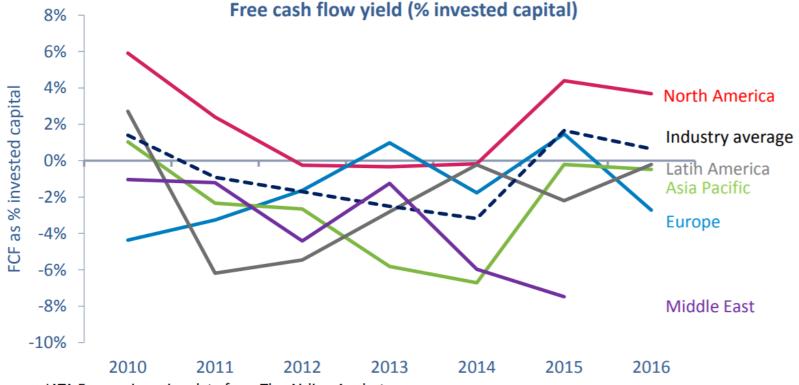
Financial Results					ould BITD									
System-wide global commercial airlines	EBIT margin,% revenues							Net profit, \$ billion						
	<b>2011</b>	2012	2013	2014	2015	<b>201</b> 6	2017 F	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 F
Global	3.1%	2.6%	3.5%	4.6%	8.5%	8.8%	7.5%	<mark>8.3</mark>	9.2	10.7	13.7	35.9	34.8	31.4
Regions														
North America	3.0%	3.4%	6.8%	11.0%	14.8%	13.2%	11.6%	1.7	2.3	7.4	11.1	21.7	16.5	15.4
Europe	<mark>0.8%</mark>	0.7%	2.0%	2.0%	5.4%	6.1%	5.2%	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.9	7.4	8.6	7.4
Asia-Pacific	6.6%	4.7%	2.9%	2.0%	8.0%	10.0%	8.3%	5.0	5.8	2.3	0.3	7.3	8.1	7.4
Middle East	3.1%	3.0%	0.9%	2.4%	3.6%	2.0%	0.8%	1.0	1.0	0.3	1.1	2.1	1.1	0.4
Latin America	2.0%	1.5%	2.2%	2.1%	1.5%	4.2%	4.7%	0.2	- <mark>0.2</mark>	0.2	0.0	-1.6	0.6	0.8
Africa	0.6%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-2.4%	-4.3%	2.0%	1.7%	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	-0.8	-1.0	-0.1	-0.1

**Data sources**: ICAO revised data 2010-15. IATA estimates for regions in 2011-16. IATA forecast for 2017. **Note**: Bankruptcy reorganization and large non-cash costs are excluded. **Updated**: 06/2017 Next Update: 12/2017

### Return on capital lower but still good in 2017

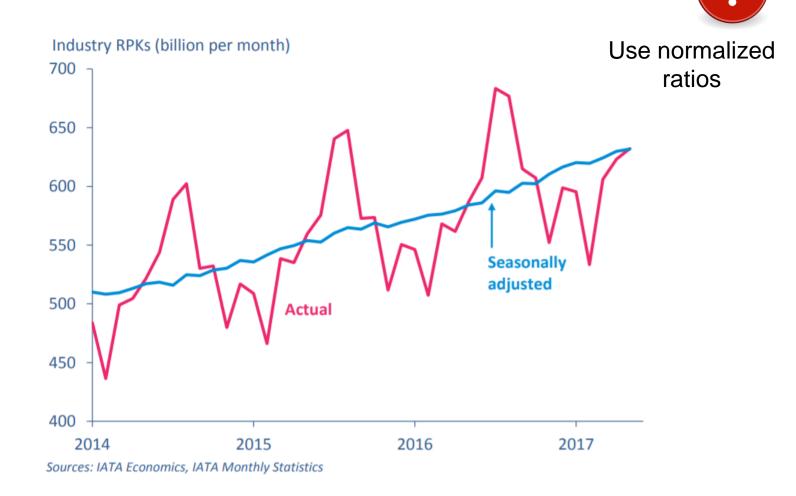


### 2016 free cash flow good but more divergent

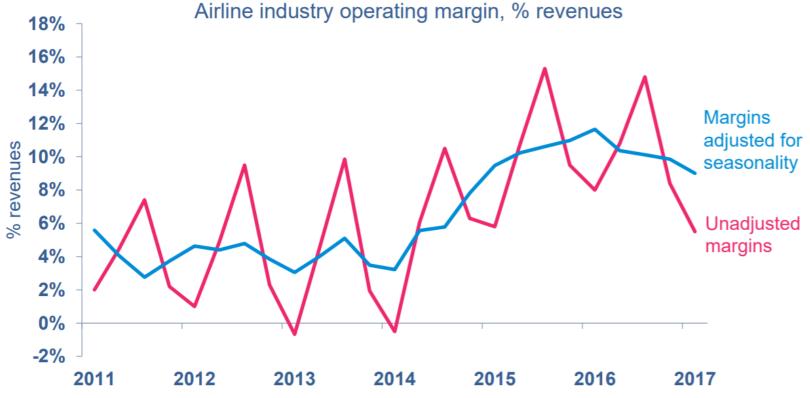


Source: IATA Economics using data from The Airline Analyst

#### Chart 1 – Air passenger volumes

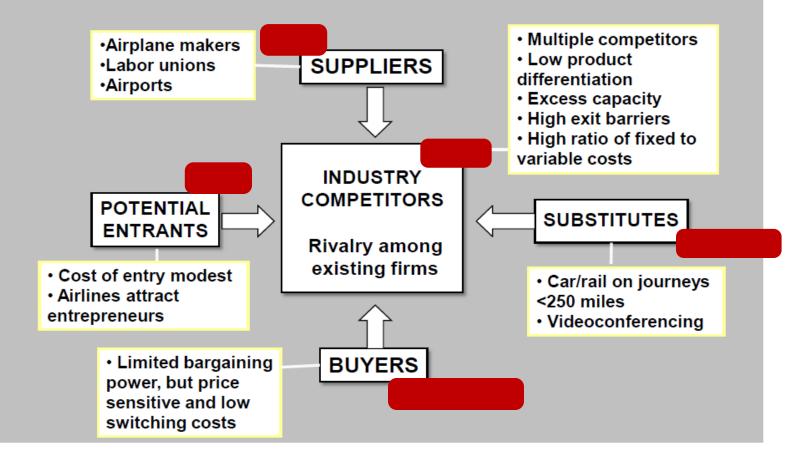


### **Operating margins still high but declining**



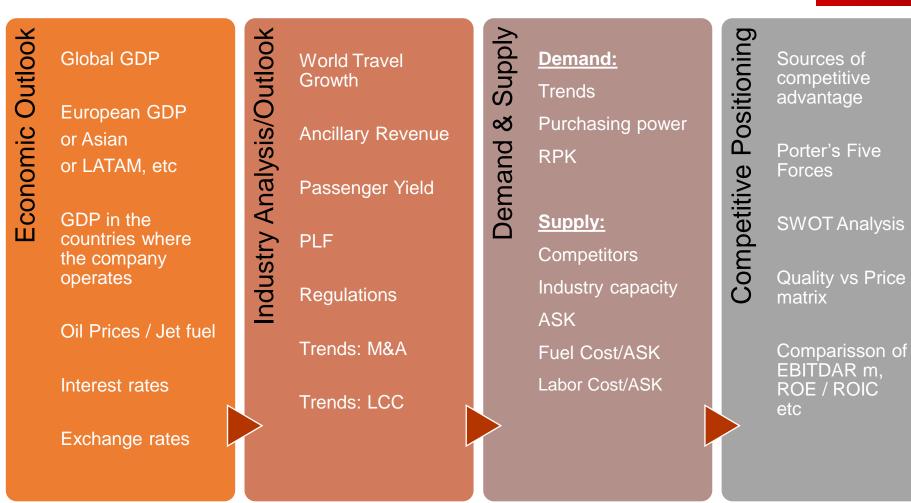
Source: IATA Economics using data from The Airline Analyst and airline releases

#### Five Forces of Competition Framework: Applied to US Airline Industry



### INDUSTRY OVERVIEW FOR THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY

#### **Top-Down Approach**



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