

# Innovation Implementation

## 1. Tactics for Today

### Simple rules

#### 1. Characteristics

- Simple and limited in number
- Unique to your business
- Relate to a specific activity
- Are not:

- Too broad
- Vague
- Complex
- Stale

#### 2. Types of rules

##### Improving decisions

- 1. Boundary rules
- 2. Priority rules
- 3. Stopping rules

##### Improving tasks

- 4. How to rules
- 5. Co-ordination rules
- 6. Timing rules

#### 3. Why are they effective?

- 1. They allow you to relinquish some control while providing guidance
- 2. Allow you to create an adaptive culture
- 3. Provide freedom within boundaries
- 4. Allow for fast decision making
- 5. Can be easily adjusted

#### 4. Three steps to simple rules

- 1. Determine the primary objective
- 2. Find the bottleneck
- 3. Craft the rules

#### 5. Applying simple rules

- 1. Use real time information to measure their effectiveness
- 2. Update them when required

## 2. Tactics for Tomorrow

### Growing beyond the core

#### 1. The key to medium-term growth is to develop a strong core business

- Geographical expansion
- Serving new customer segments
- Creating new products or services
- Using new distribution channels
- Expanding along the value chain
- Transferring an existing core competency into an adjacent industry

#### 2. Options for grow include:

##### 1. Identifying and evolving your core competencies over time. This involves:

- 1. Giving consideration to possible growth options
- 2. Brainstorming the potential gene (competency) changes required

##### 2. The key objectives of middle-term innovation and gene sequencing, including:

- 1. Combining new ideas, processes, products and businesses with old ones
- 2. Exploring multiple growth paths to find out which one(s) will suit you best
- 3. Occasionally exiting from old businesses or practices when they have come to the end of their useful life

##### 3. Identifying and overcoming the barriers to change. There are may potential barriers including:

- 1. Limited capacity and resources
- 2. Lack of technical know how
- 3. Resistance to change
- 4. Market conditions, etc

##### 4. Developing a repeatable formula for making expansion moves

- 1. Hone your core business
- 2. Find suitable growth paths
- 3. Identify the key success factors and distil these into a repeatable formula

## 4. Managing the Barriers to Innovation

- 1. Fixed mindsets
- 2. Approach to risk

- 1. The pace of change is accelerating and businesses must adapt or risk dying young
- 2. Effective innovation requires proactive change management
- 3. Scale and types of change

## 3. Managing Change

### 4. Key challenges to change

- Negative perception, leading to resistance to change
- Poor communication, leading to negative perception
- Poor planning and execution, limiting the ability and desire for change

### 1. Unfreezing - preparing for change

- Scope
- Timeframe for change
- Impact

- Undertaking a change risk review and developing risk mitigation strategies
- Establishing clear and meaningful reasons for the change
- Choosing your change management strategy
- Planning the resources needed to implement the change
- Establishing your change management structure

### 2. Changing - developing and executing the:

- Detailed change action plan (the who, what, when, and how of achieving change)
- Communication plan
- Coaching and training plans
- Resistance management plan

### 3. Refreezing, reinforcing change

- Demonstrating of visible support for the change program
- Measuring compliance
- Undertaking corrective action
- Celebrating progress and success
- Rewarding success by aligning employee performance and reward systems

### 5. The change phases

#### 1. Staying ahead of the game requires building foresight

- 1. You need the ability to predict and plan for the future
- 2. If you can anticipate events, you can be better prepared
- 3. Two common errors made are:
- 4. Your longer-term innovation activities need to involve surveying the future

#### 1. A process of:

- Conducting early and cheap tests to accelerate your learning
- Amplifying your learning
- Exploring ideas
- Stepping outside your echo chamber

#### 2. Types of probes

- Experimentation and testing
- Research and development

#### 3. Steps in conducting probes

- 1. Identify important uncertainties
- 2. Develop suitable probes
- 3. Conduct the probes
- 4. Analyse the results

- 1. Use a wide variety of probes over different time horizons
- 2. Use low-cost probes
- 3. Have a clear hypothesis
- 4. Use more probes for higher uncertainty levels
- 5. Focus on learning