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#### **Cases**

#### **US-Headquartered Disruptive Technology Firms**

#### **Sharing Economy**

- Airbnb, Inc. (ABNB) HQ in San Francisco, California, Airbnb is an online, global marketplace for lodging, vacation rentals, and tourism activities.
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- Uber Technologies, Inc. (UBER) HQ in San Francisco, California, Uber is a global operator of mobility services, using online-secured taxi-type services via individual drivers.

#### Clean Air And Sustainability

- 3. Tesla Motors, Inc. (TSLA) HQ in Austin, Texas, Tesla is a US electric vehicle and clean energy company. 375
- First Solar, Inc. (FSLR) HQ in Tempe, Arizona, First Solar is a large manufacturer and distributor of solar panels and power plants globally.
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#### **US-Headquartered Service Firms**

#### Restaurants

- Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. (CBRL) HQ in Lebanon, Tennessee, Cracker Barrel is a US chain of restaurant and gift stores that provide Southern country meals and products.
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- Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (CMG) HQ in Newport Beach, California, Chipotle is a US chain of fast-casual restaurants providing Mexican food to customers in the US, Canada, and Europe.
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#### **Lodging And Movies**

- 7. Wynn Resorts, Ltd. (WYNN) HQ in Las Vegas, Nevada, Wynn is a well-known, large, global, casino and lodging company, with properties in Las Vegas, Macau, Everett (Massachusetts), Boston, and Cotai. 409
- 8. Cinemark Holdings, Inc. (CNK) HQ in Plano, Texas, Cinemark owns and operates hundreds of movie theaters in the Americas and in Taiwan. 418

#### **Internet-Based**

- 9. Meta Platforms, Inc. (META) HQ in Menlo Park, California, Meta is the world's largest online social networking company; Meta owns Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Oculus, and other businesses. 426
- Electronic Arts, Inc. (EA) HQ in Redwood City, California, Electronic Arts is the second-largest (behind Activision Blizzard) video game company in the Americas and Europe.
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#### **Stores And Banks**

- The TJX Companies, Inc. (TJX) HQ in Framingham, Massachusetts, TJX is a global off-price chain of department stores that include such companies as TJ Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods, and HomeSense.
- 12. Citigroup, Inc. (C) HQ in New York City, Citigroup is one of the largest global investment banks and financial services corporations in the world. 455

#### **Airlines And Airfreight**

- 13. JetBlue Airways Corp. (JBLU) HQ in New York City, JetBlue is a low-cost airline that has grown to become the seventh-largest airline in North America. 464
- 14. FedEx Corp. (FDX) HQ in Memphis, Tennessee, FedEx is a global transportation, e-commerce, and business services company. 472

#### **US-Headquartered Manufacturing Firms** 480

#### **Heavy Machinery And Oil**

- Caterpillar Inc. (CAT) HQ in Deerfield, Illinois, with a global dealer network, Caterpillar is the world's largest construction-equipment designer, manufacturer, distributor, and marketer.
- Chevron Corp. (CVX) HQ in San Ramon, California, Chevron is the second-largest oil and gas refiner, distributor, and marketer in the US (behind Exxon); having refineries and operations globally, Chevron owns Texaco and Noble Energy. 487

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#### **Food And Drink**

- Tyson Foods, Inc. (TSN) HQ in Springdale, Arkansas, Tyson Foods is the world's second-largest processor and marketer of chicken, beef, and pork (behind JBS S.A.); Tyson exports more beef out of the US than any other company. 495
- 18. Constellation Brands, Inc. (STZ) HQ in New York City, Constellation is a global producer and marketer of beer, wine, and spirits, and is the largest beer import company in the US. 503

#### **Leisure Activities**

- 19. Johnson Outdoors (JOUT) HQ in Racine, Wisconsin, Johnson Outdoors produces outdoor recreational products such as watercraft, diving equipment, camping gear, and outdoor clothing. 511
- Thor Industries (THO) HQ in Elkhart, Indiana, Thor is the leading producer of recreational vehicles (RVs) in the world; brand names include Airstream, Heartland, Jayco, and Livin Lite RV. 518

#### **Electronic Devices, Consulting, and Analytics**

- Apple, Inc. (AAPL) HQ in Cupertino, California, Apple is the world's largest technology company and the world's most valuable company, especially known for its iPhone, iPad, Apple TV, iOS, Macintosh, Apple Watch, and more. 526
- International Business Machines Corp. (IBM) HQ in Armonk, New York, IBM is a global technology corporation with operations in 172 countries and owns Red Hat Software, Kyndryl, Aspera, Fiberlink, Trusteer, and more. 535

#### **Personal Products**

- 23. Colgate-Palmolive (CL) HQ in New York City, Colgate-Palmolive is a large global consumer products company specializing in the production and distribution of household, health-care, personal care, and veterinary products. 542
- Helen of Troy (HELE) HQ in El Paso, Texas, HELE is a worldwide diversified designer, developer, and marketer
  of beauty products, housewares, and health and home, owning such brands as Revlon, Honeywell, Brut, and
  Vicks. 549

#### **Nonprofit Organizations**

- American Red Cross (ARC) HQ in Washington, DC, ARC is a global humanitarian organization that provides disaster relief, preparedness, and assistance.
- United States Postal Service (USPS) HQ in Washington, DC, USPS provides global mail delivery products and services. 563

#### **Outside-Us-Headquartered Firms**

- Singapore Airlines Group (SINGY) HQ in Singapore, this airline has been voted the world's best airline by Skytrax multiple times.
- 28. Danone S.A. (DANOY) HQ in Paris, France, Danone is a €25 billion multinational food-products company with brands that include Dannon in the US. 581
- Grupo Bimbo, S.A.B. de C.V. (GRBMF) HQ in Mexico City, Mexico, and having about 200 bakery plants, Grupo Bimbo has a presence in more than 35 countries producing and selling brands that include Bimbo, Tía Rosa, Ricolino, Entenmann's, Pullman, Rainbo, Nutrella, Marinela, Oroweat, Sara Lee, Thomas', Arnold, and Barcel. 589
- 30. GlaxoSmithKline Plc (GSK) HQ in London, UK, GSK is the sixth-largest pharmaceutical company in the world, behind Pfizer, Novartis, Roche, Sanofi, and Merck. 597

#### **Preface**

#### **New to This Edition**

With this edition we have updated 35 percent of the chapter material, added 11 new end-of-chapter mini-cases, and provided virtually all new examples in the chapters. We have integrated new diversity, ethics, and inclusion (DEI) content appropriately as needed in all chapters and cases for this 18th edition. For example, minorities and female "exemplary strategists" are showcased at the beginning of most chapters and the cohesion case. Specifically, new material in this edition includes the following items outlined in this section.

#### **Chapter 1 Cohesion Case on** McDonald's Corporation (2022)

Students apply strategy concepts to McDonald's through 25 new, innovative Assurance-of-Learning Exercises provided at the end of chapters. McDonald's is one of the most successful, well-known, and bestmanaged global companies in the world.

#### THE COHESION CASE

#### McDonald's Corporation, 2022

BY FRED R. DAVID

https://corporate.mcdonalds.com/

Headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, McDonald's is the world's largest restaurant company and th readquatered in Creago, immos, wicDonaid's is use word is angest resaurant company and world's second-largest employer (behind Walmart). McDonaid's trains its managers and franchisees at Hamburger University located at its Chicago headquarters. McDonaid's is the largest private operator of playgrounds in the United States and is the largest purchaser of beef, pork, potates, and apples. McDonaid's operates about 40,000 restaurants in 120 countries; roughly 36,000 restaurants are franchised and only 4,000 are owned by the company. McDonaid's franchised restaurants are owned

and operated by independent local business owners, whereas the company-owned restaurants are used for training potential managers and testing various marketing, pricing, and operational ideas before rollout across the system.

#### **Mini-Cases**

There are 11 new mini-cases, one at the end of each chapter. Complete with questions designed to apply chapter concepts, the new mini-cases focus on the following companies:

- Chapter 1: Ford Motor Company
- Chapter 2: JetBlue Airways
- Chapter 3: Washington Post
- Chapter 4: A School of Business
- Chapter 5: Macy's, Inc.
- Chapter 6: Stellantis N.V.
- Chapter 7: AstraZeneca
- Chapter 8: Microsoft Corporation
- Chapter 9: TJX Companies, Inc.
- · Chapter 10: Cargill, Archer-Daniels-Midland, & Tyson Foods
- Chapter 11: Toshiba Corporation

#### Chapter Capsules—ALL NEW

Within each chapter, a new EXEMPLARY STRATEGIST, GLOBAL CAPSULE, and ETHICS CAPSULE are provided.

Exemplary Strategist Capsules—one at the beginning of each chapter to showcase an individual that is employing strategic management exceptionally well.

Global Capsules—provided to showcase the strategic relevance of material to global operations, issues, and conditions.

Ethics Capsules—developed to accent the fact that "good ethics is good business" across all aspects of the strategic-management process.

#### **MINI-CASE ON JETBLUE AIRWAYS**

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At the JetBlue corporate website, www.jetblue.com, the company does not provide a published vision or mission statement. JetBlue uses or once used the following statement, however, that was used by analysts to rate the firm as having the best mission statement



#### EXEMPLARY STRATEGIST SHOWCASED

#### Patti Poppe, CEO of Pacific Gas & Electric<sup>1</sup>

The CEO and chief strategist of Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), Patti Poppe plans to spend about \$20 billion to put 10,000 miles of PG&E power lines underground, primarily to better manage and be vulnerable to wildfires but also to reduce long-term expenditures on vegetation management." No utility company has ever attemp

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ETHICS CAPSULE 9



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Chapter	Exemplary Strategist Capsules focus on the following people:	Global Capsules focus on the following topics:	Ethics Capsules address the following issues:
1	Andrew Cathy, CEO of Chick-fil-A	Companies Exiting China amid Tighter Security	Don't Just Talk the Talk, Walk the Walk
2	Patti Poppe, CEO of Pacific Gas & Electric	LinkedIn: Clear Core Values, Vision, and Mission Lead to Global Prominence	What Ethics Variable Is Most Important?
3	Chipotle's Chief Diversity, Inclusion and People Officer, Ms. Andrada, and Chief Development Officer, Ms. Zalotrawala	What Is the Fastest Growing City and Country? Perhaps Dubai and the UAE	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions Across Countries
4	CEO of Nasdaq, Adena Friedman	Samsung Electronics	Unethical Hacking for Profit Increasing Fast
5	CEO of Apple, Inc.—Tim Cook and CEO of Macy's, Inc.—Jeff Gennette	Numerous Countries Downsizing Foreign Workforce, Relying on Native Residents	Ask Hobby Lobby Is Good Ethics Good Business?
6	Phebe Novakovic, Chairperson and CEO of General Dynamics Corp.	Are Foreign Takeovers Becoming Less Available?	As We Strategize, We Must Not Jeopardize Animal Welfare
7	CEO of Edward D. Jones & Co.— Penny Pennington	COVID-19 Pandemic Caused Some Hoteliers to Rethink Their Target Marketing	Do Firms Need a Cell Phone Policy to outline Acceptable Use in the Workplace?
8	CEO of TIAA—Thasunda Brown Duckett	The 10 Most (and Least) Corrupt Countries in the World in 2021	Projected Financial Statement Manipulation
9	CEO of Walgreens Boots Alliance— Rosalind Brewer	India's Big Shift Away from China on Solar Panels	Achieving Exemplary Business Ethics Through Exemplary Transparency
10	CEO of CVS Health—Karen Lynch	Usage of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Metrics Across Countries	As We Strategize, We Must Not Exploit or Harm Wildlife
11	CEO of GlaxoSmithKline—Emma Walmsley	China Aims for Superiority on Rare Earth Metals Mining and Processing	Is Animal Testing a Global Ethical Issue?

**Assurance-of-Learning Exercises**—nearly all new and organized into four sets as follows that apply chapter concepts, tools, and techniques:

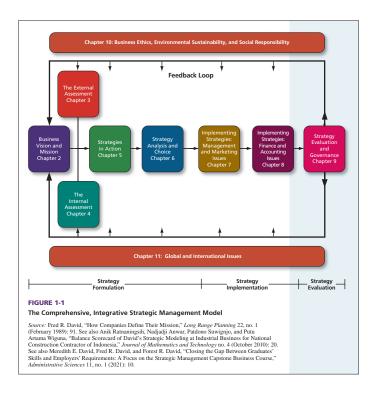
- **Set 1: Strategic Planning for McDonald's**—25 exercises apply chapter material to the McDonald's Cohesion Case to prepare students for doing case analysis on for-profit companies.
- **Set 2: Strategic Planning for My University**—12 exercises apply chapter material to your college or university to prepare students for doing case analysis on nonprofit organizations.
- **Set 3: Strategic Planning to Enhance My Employability**—14 exercises apply chapter material to individuals instead of companies to prepare students for making career choices.
- **Set 4: Individual Versus Group Strategic Planning**—11 exercises apply chapter material by comparing the effectiveness of individual versus group decisions; these are fun, in-class group exercises that yield a winning individual and winning group for each activity.

#### **Detailed Chapter-by-Chapter Changes**

- Chapter 1: THE NATURE OF STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT—scores of new examples are provided to exemplify all concepts. New diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) material is given.
- Chapter 2: BUSINESS VISION AND MISSION—new material and examples are provided for how to write effective vision, mission, and core value statements.
- Chapter 3: THE EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT—new material is provided on political, economic, social, technology, environment, legal (PESTEL) framework; more guidance is provided regarding how to assign weights and ratings in matrices; new examples abound throughout.

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- The AQCD concept is explained and exemplified better. The discussion of Five-Forces Analysis is strengthened. Guidelines are provided for using the strategic planning template at www.strategyclub.com to develop a Competitive Profile Matrix and External Factor Evaluation Matrix.
- Chapter 4: THE INTERNAL ASSESSMENT—this chapter has been revamped; the AQCD material is improved; the marketing material is enhanced; new examples abound throughout. Supply chain and robotics issues are discussed. Guidelines are provided for using the strategic planning template to develop financial ratios, financial statements, and an Internal Factor Evaluation Matrix.
- Chapter 5: STRATEGIES IN ACTION—scores of new examples are provided to exemplify all concepts; the growing trend of firms divesting a segment(s) to become more homogeneous is discussed.
- Chapter 6: STRATEGY ANALYSIS AND CHOICE—the presentation of this chapter that includes SWOT, Boston Consulting Group (BCG), Internal-External (IE), Strategic Position and Action Evaluation (SPACE), Grand, and Quantitative Strategic Planning Matrix (QSPM) analyses is enhanced and shortened. A new Figure 6-14 is provided to accompany enhanced SWOT analysis. The presentation of portfolio analysis is improved. Guidelines are provided for using the strategic planning template to develop all matrices.
- Chapter 7: IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES: MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING ISSUES—this chapter is fully updated and enhanced, especially with new target marketing, segmentation, and positioning analyses. New policies regarding remote work are discussed. The new Chief Diversity Officer position is discussed. Enhanced discussion of strategic business unit structures and perceptual maps is provided. A new organizational structure decision-making model is presented. Guidelines are provided for using the strategic planning template to develop perceptual maps.
- Chapter 8: IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING ISSUES—there is enhanced presentation of financial and accounting tools, such as EPS/EBIT analysis, corporate valuation, and projected financial statements; a new running example for ABC Company is provided. The increasing usage of special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) as a form of initial public offerings is discussed. Guidelines are provided for using the strategic planning template to perform all financial analyses.
- Chapter 9: STRATEGY EVALUATION AND GOVERNANCE—excellent new examples are presented to highlight new trends and concepts such as balanced scorecard usage and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) considerations in governance.
- Chapter 10: BUSINESS ETHICS, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY—this chapter provides updated coverage of ethics, whistleblowing, bribery, sustainability, and corporate social responsibility. This text reveals why "good ethics is good business." The diversity, ethics, and inclusion (DEI) discussion is improved to promote and encourage firms to conduct operations with respect for all individuals, an important concern for consumers, companies, society, and Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Substantial new material is provided on livestock and wildlife welfare.
- Chapter 11: GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES—this chapter is enhanced and shortened but provides new coverage of cultural and conceptual strategic management differences across countries. Doing business globally has become a necessity in most industries. Full updates are provided for an ever-changing global business environment, ranging from tax rates to cultural shifts.
- Part 6: STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT CASE ANALYSIS—this section that follows all chapters has been rewritten to be more concise and in providing guidelines for students performing case analysis and making oral presentations.



#### **Author-Created Videos**

We have added author-created videos introducing the content of each chapter and 11 videos discussing a variety of important topics such as mission statement delivery, BCG Matrix, and corporate evaluation.

## **Solving Teaching and Learning Challenges**

The primary challenge facing strategy professors is to keep students engaged while making sure business skills are learned. This text leads all others in being practical, skills-oriented, and unfolds in the same manner as the process of actually doing strategic planning unfolds. Students and professors alike appreciate this practical approach presented in a concise, conversational, and exciting manner—beginning with the integrative model of the strategic management process that unifies all chapters. All of the 11 end-of-chapter mini-cases, 471 review questions, and 62 Assurance-of-Learning Exercises are designed specifically to apply chapter concepts. Importantly, too, all 30 new cases in this 18th edition are written and designed to facilitate application of chapter concepts, as illustrated in the new Concepts-by-Cases matrix presented in a moment.

#### The Case Rationale

Case analysis remains the primary learning vehicle used in most strategic management classes, for five important reasons:

- 1. Analyzing cases gives students the opportunity to work in teams to evaluate the internal operations and external issues facing various organizations and to craft strategies that can lead these firms to success. Working in teams gives students practical experience in solving problems as part of a group. In the business world, important decisions are generally made within groups; strategic management students learn to deal with overly aggressive group members as well as timid, noncontributing group members. This experience is valuable because strategic management students are near graduation and will soon enter the working world full-time.
- **2.** Analyzing cases enables students to improve their oral and written communication skills as well as their analytical and interpersonal skills by proposing and defending particular courses of action for the case companies.
- **3.** Analyzing cases allows students to view a company, its competitors, and its industry concurrently, thus simulating the complex business world.
- **4.** Analyzing cases allows students to apply concepts learned in many business courses. Students gain experience dealing with a wide range of organizational problems that impact all the business functions.
- **5.** Analyzing cases gives students practice in applying concepts, evaluating situations, formulating a game plan, and resolving implementation problems in a variety of business and industry settings.

#### **Exemplary Strategist**

Strategic management students often learn best when provided with real-world examples that illustrate the application of key concepts to real-world situations. Thus, each 18th edition chapter begins by featuring an exemplary strategist to showcase and reveal the key characteristics and management approach of leading strategists in the world. We all can learn from the best strategists. These vignettes showcase the accomplishments and leadership of exemplary minorities and women who blaze a trail and set a great example for all of us to follow each day.

#### **Ethics Capsules**

Students sometimes struggle with understanding the importance of business ethics in strategic management. Ethical issues can play a key role in a firm's success (or failure). An ethics capsule appears in each chapter to showcase the overriding importance of doing business in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. These capsules exemplify across all stages of strategic management that indeed "good ethics is good business."

#### **Global Capsules**

When conducting case analyses on multinational corporations, students sometimes struggle with recognizing how essential factors of the global business environment may impact a local firm as it seeks to attract and serve customers across several countries or even continents. However, important global factors must be considered across all stages of strategic management. Thus, each 18th edition chapter contains a global capsule to showcase the relevance of the material in a global business environment and to highlight the importance of carefully considering unique factors of the global business environment when formulating, implementing, and evaluating strategies for a multinational corporation.

#### **Implications for Strategists**

Almost every company in existence could benefit from learning and applying the concepts, skills, and techniques discussed in the textbook to regularly perform strategic planning. Thousands, perhaps, millions of businesses and strategists globally use the strategic planning template and techniques discussed in this textbook to ensure that they develop an effective game plan that can be implemented to achieve sustained competitive advantage. To further assist strategists in applying the David method for strategic management, each 18th edition chapter ends by highlighting particularly important concepts and tools being used by strategists on the frontline actually doing strategic planning.

#### **Implications for Students**

A crucial challenge in teaching strategy is making sure that students actually learn the business skills needed to engage in strategic management. Students in the capstone business course increasingly must be capable of demonstrating their employability to potential employers. When considering the employability of business graduates, many employers actively seek out candidates who can demonstrate their knowledge of important business skills. The mission of this 18th edition text is to provide students with a platform whereby they can learn pivotal strategic planning skills and competencies needed to obtain a meaningful job and advance in their career. As such, each chapter ends with special strategy guidelines that can facilitate students' efforts to become meaningful contributors at their workplace and to society.

#### The New Concepts-by-Cases Matrix

All 30 cases in the 18th edition facilitate coverage of all strategy concepts presented in the 11 chapters, but as revealed by shaded cells (or an x) in the matrix, some cases especially exemplify particularly important strategy concepts. The Concepts-by-Cases matrix facilitates professors effectively using different cases to assure student learning of various chapter concepts. Note from the shaded boxes (or an x) that each case is used to test at least six strategic management concepts. This new, innovative ancillary promises to elevate the case learning method to new heights in teaching strategic management. Designed and used in this manner, case analysis a better pedagogical tool even than simulations in teaching and applying key strategy concepts, tools, and techniques, so students finish the capstone course having learned and gained proficiency and competence in specific skills valued in the business world.

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#### **xxii** CONCEPTS-BY-CASES MATRIX

	Key Strategic Management Concepts	Strategy Model/Process	Vision/Mission Statements	Competitive Profile Matrix	Porter's Five Forces	EFE Matrix	PESTEL	Value Chain Analysis	IFE Matrix	Strategy Types	Porter's Two Generic Strategies
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	Service Companies										
Case 3	Tesla Motors										
Case 4	First Solar										
Case 5	Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Chipotle Mexican Grill										
Case 7	Wynn Resorts										
Case 8	Cinemark Holdings										
Case 9	Meta Platforms										
Case 10	Electronic Arts										
Case 11	TJX Companies										
Case 12	Citigroup										
Case 13	JetBlue Airways										
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Case 16	Chevron Corp.										
Case 17	Tyson Foods										
Case 18	Constellation Brands										
Case 19	Johnson Outdoors										
Case 20	Thor Industries										
Case 21	Apple Inc.										
Case 22	IBM (International Business Machines)										
Case 23	Colgate-Palmolive										
Case 24	Helen of Troy										
Nonprofit	Organizations										
Case 25	American Red Cross										
Case 26	United States Postal Service (USPS)										
Not-US Ba	ased Companies										
Case 27	Singapore Airlines										
Case 28	Danone S.A.										
Case 29	Grupo Bimbo, S.A.B. de C.V.										
Case 30	GlaxoSmithKline Plc										

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#### CONCEPTS-BY-CASES MATRIX

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#### The David Approach Is Unique

This textbook is globally considered to be the most practical, skills-oriented strategic management textbook on the market. All chapters unfold from a widely used integrative model of strategic planning, so students learn the "process of doing strategic planning," rather than focusing on seminal theories in strategy. The David approach is "learning by doing"—students develop skills that can enhance their own employability through numerous features, such as 62 new Assurance-of-Learning end-of-chapter exercises in this edition. The 30 new, student friendly cases in this edition elevate this text to new highs as the go-to pedagogical platform for teaching strategic management at both the bachelor's and master's levels in colleges and universities across the globe.

In addition to offering outstanding coverage of vital strategy tools, matrices, and techniques being used by companies and organizations to do strategic planning, this 18th edition offers more coverage on topics such as social responsibility, sustainability, and diversity, ethics, and inclusion (DEI) than any other strategic management textbook, including topics such as bribery, workplace romance, devising codes of ethics, taking a position (or not) on social issues, and preserving wildlife—topics that other textbooks do not mention, even though companies continually face strategic decisions in these areas.

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International increasingly advocates a more skills-oriented, practical approach in business books, which this text provides, rather than a theory-based approach. This textbook also offers more coverage of global and international issues than any other strategic management textbook, including topics such as how business culture, taxes, tariffs, political stability, and economic conditions vary across countries—all framed from a strategic planning perspective.

Lastly, this textbook is trusted across five continents to provide students (and managers) the latest skills and concepts needed to effectively formulate and efficiently implement a strategic plan—a game plan, if you will—that can lead to sustainable competitive advantages for any type of business. This text meets all AACSB International guidelines for the strategic management course at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, and previous editions have been used at more than 500 colleges and universities globally.

#### **Developing Employability Skills**

Using this text, students learn how to actually do strategic planning. This is an immense benefit for students, a critical employability skill, because employers recognize the benefits of employees having an understanding of what a firm is trying to achieve and why. Nearly all students using this text also use the free, Excel-based, strategic planning template at the www. strategyclub.com author website; many students include this skill too on their resumes, to showcase their proficiency using a template commonly used by businesses for doing strategic planning. Businesses value Excel. As professors of strategic management ourselves, we three authors know that imparting concrete skills and competencies to students enhances their chances for securing an excellent job upon graduation and advancing in their career, which is a primary part of our mission as authors and professors.

#### **Instructor Teaching Resources**

For more information and resources, visit www.pearson.com.

### **Acknowledgments**

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We thank you, the reader, for investing the time and effort to read and study this text. It will help you formulate, implement, and evaluate strategies for any organization with which you become associated. We hope you come to share our enthusiasm for the rich subject area of strategic management and for the systematic learning approach taken in this text. We also want to welcome and invite your suggestions, ideas, thoughts, comments, and questions regarding any part of this text or the ancillary materials.

Please contact Dr. Fred R. David at **freddavid9@gmail.com**, or write him at P.O. Box 8139, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469. We sincerely appreciate and need your input to continually improve this text in future editions. Your willingness to draw our attention to specific errors or deficiencies in coverage or exposition will especially be appreciated.

Thank you for using this text.

—Fred R. David

-Forest R. David

—Meredith E. David

Fred, Forest, and Meredith would like to dedicate the 18th edition of this textbook to the matriarch of the family, Fred's wife of 45 years and Forest and Meredith's mom—Joy H. David. Thank you Joy for supporting our book-writing activities for many years and for providing unending encouragement to us.



Joy H. David

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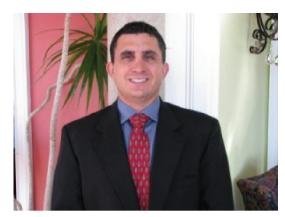
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