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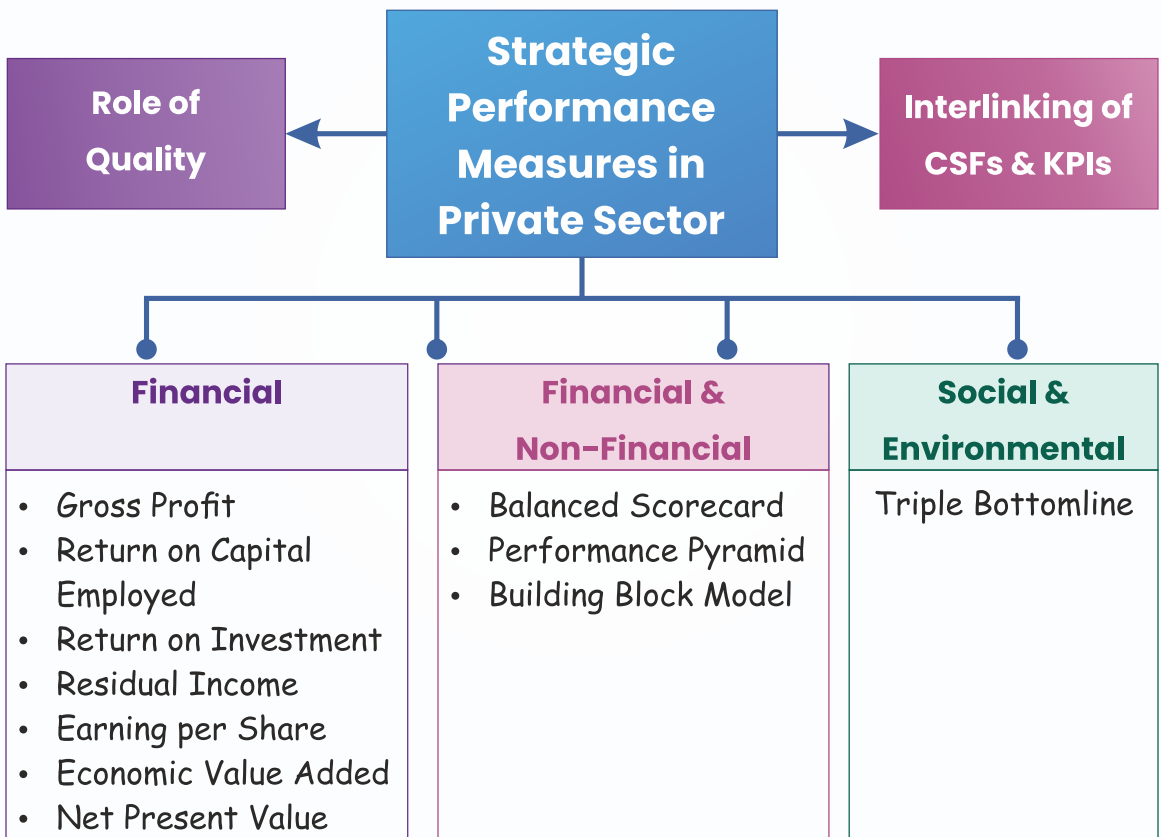
STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE MEASURES IN PRIVATE SECTOR

CHAPTER 9



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Ratan Tata



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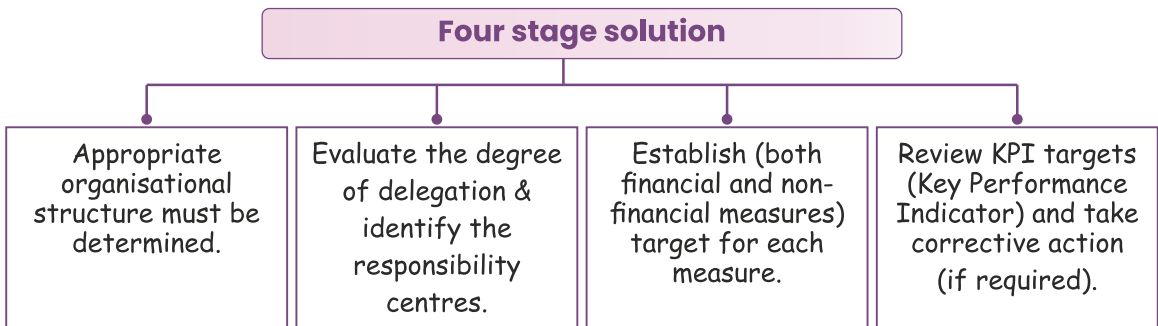
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PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN PRIVATE SECTOR

Performance management shall be considered as essential aspect of management accounting. Performance management system in the private sector may be seen as a four-stage solution for striving towards sustainability



Stage 1	Organisational structure outlines the roles of individuals in the organisation and decides the way in which authority and responsibility is allocated among them and how they are coordinating with each other to attain organisational objectives. The importance of organisation structure in the context of performance management shall be seen as - In the absence of clear lines of responsibility, responsibility accounting (stage 2) can't be implemented effectively because performance measurement is directly linked with organisational structure.
Stage 2	Responsibility accounting helps in the collection, summarization, and reporting of information where individual managers are held accountable for certain costs, revenue, or assets of the firm. Responsibility centres are marked with the intent to appraise the performance of the manager against established KPIs (performance measures) for each of the CSFs identified.
Stage 3	Critical Success Factors (CSFs) pertaining to each of the organisational objectives in light of corporate strategy shall be identified, and corresponding Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and targets shall be established to empower the performance management system to measure and evaluate the performance of managers (who are entrusted with the decision making of a particular responsibility centre) as required under stage 2.
Stage 4	Established set of KPIs under stage 3 shall be used as parameters for the evaluation of the performance of managers of responsibility centres, and corrective action shall be taken if divergence exists; between the actual and expected (or benchmark) performance levels.

- The use of responsibility accounting to assist performance management is appropriate where top management entrusts the managers with decision making pertaining to the responsibility centre they manage.
- To enhance the application of responsibility accounting in decision-making, it is essential for an organisation to attach a level of responsibility (decentralised power) to different divisions/ departments and designate it as either a cost, profit, revenue, or investment centre.
- Certain function- based responsibility centres will never change their nature, but others can, which means a responsibility centre may be capable of changing its nature (due to changes in organisational structure and delegated responsibility and authority). For example, a faculty department in the university is a cost centre, but if it starts conducting MDP (management development programme) and undertakes research and consultancy projects, it may become a profit centre.

2**INTERLINKING OF CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS**

For an efficient performance management system, the identification of the performance measures (both financial and non-financial) and the further establishment of indicator(s) and target(s) corresponding to each such measure are essential. Usually, a performance matrix is used wherein, against each strategic objective, a set of measures and targets are listed, and actual performance is also recorded to determine the divergence.

The performance measures shall encompass those aspects (such as profitability, market share, quality, etc.) or areas of action (i.e., activities, processes, and parts thereof) that are vital for the attainment of strategic objectives. These aspects or areas are known as Critical Success Factors (CSFs). Mind it, CSFs are specific to the industry and segment in which a business firm is operating; organisation must identify them.

To review the performance and take corrective actions, mere identification of CSFs and establishing the targets will not be enough. An effective review system must be in order, which comprises Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) on a single and handy dashboard to indicate performance on a real-time basis. Key performance indicators are performance management instruments used to measure and monitor the achievement of objectives so as to determine the level of success of your actions.

It is clear from the above discussion that CSFs and KPIs are not one and the same thing but related to each other. The CSFs are the areas that are critical for the attainment of corporate objectives, whereas KPIs are signals of performance in such areas.

To illustrate, for an IT Department, a Critical Success Factor could be restoring normal service, and in order to achieve that, a logical KPI would be the Average Turnaround Time, with a target of 4 hours. The Average Turnaround Time and its target of 4 hours are the KPIs that represent 'how' the IT department achieved its Critical Success Factor.

An effective performance management system warrants that KPIs must be established in such a manner that if meets the target, then deliver the CSFs and the CSFs, in turn, must be constructed in a way that ensures that the company's strategic vision is delivered if the CSFs are met.

How to identify CSFs and KPIs

Rockart highlighted the four prime sources of CSFs:

- Structure of a particular Industry
- Competitive strategy, industry position, and geographical location
- Environmental Factors
- Temporary Influences

Apart from the four aspects specified above, another important point is the functional area of the manager who is identifying the CSFs, because the priority of a purchase manager can't be the same as that of a personal manager. To overcome this, CSFs need to be identified organisation wide.

The KPI targets are more formally called thresholds, and the thresholds must be ascertained with a great deal of industry analysis as well as internal analysis. KPIs shall be SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound).

Specific --> should be clearly defined; **Measurable** --> have means to quantify;

Achievable --> can be achieved, i.e., should be realistic; **Relevant** --> to the organization's strategic goals; **Time Constrained** --> have a designated start and end dates.

George T. Doran first used "SMART" in the November 1981 issue of Management Review, but the attribute of MBO (management by objective by Peter F. Drucker) inspired the origin of SMART.

Note - A single CSF can also have more than one KPI if required.

CSFs-based application of Core Competencies leads to Competitive Advantage

If any organisation is able to use its core competencies to exploit the CSFs, it will surely have an edge over rivals, which will position the organisation in a better strategic position and lead to competitive advantages.

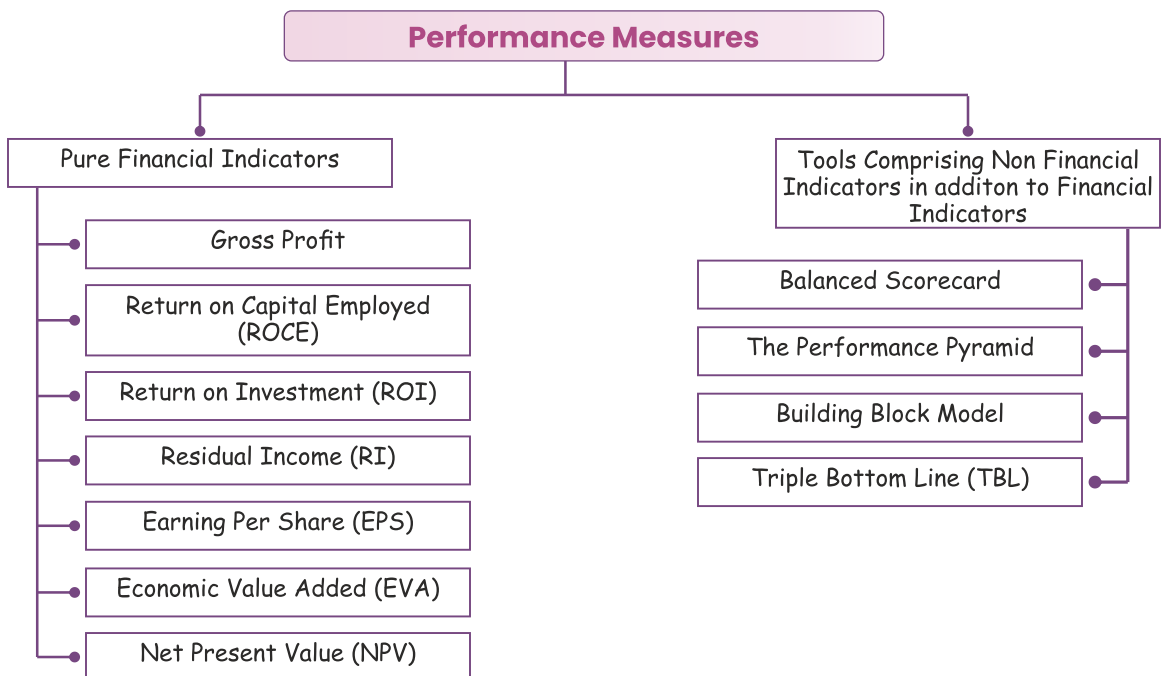
The terms- goals or objectives are often used interchangeably, although one key difference is that it should always be possible to quantify an objective. Goals, conversely, cannot be quantified and are therefore open ended.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance management system plays a key role in registering improvement to better-off the strategic position. But it has a prerequisite, and that is measuring and evaluating the existing performance using a set of performance measures. An ideal performance measure (as part of a performance management framework) should -

- Support corporate strategy, its communication, and its implementation.
- Measure performance from a financial, non-financial, quantitative, and qualitative perspective.
- Properly support decision-making.
- Recognise the long-term objectives as well as the short-term objectives of the organisation.
- Provide a reasonable incentive to the manager to keep them motivated so that they make decisions that are in the best interests of the overall company (goal congruence).
- Include only those factors for which the manager (of the responsibility centre) can be held accountable.



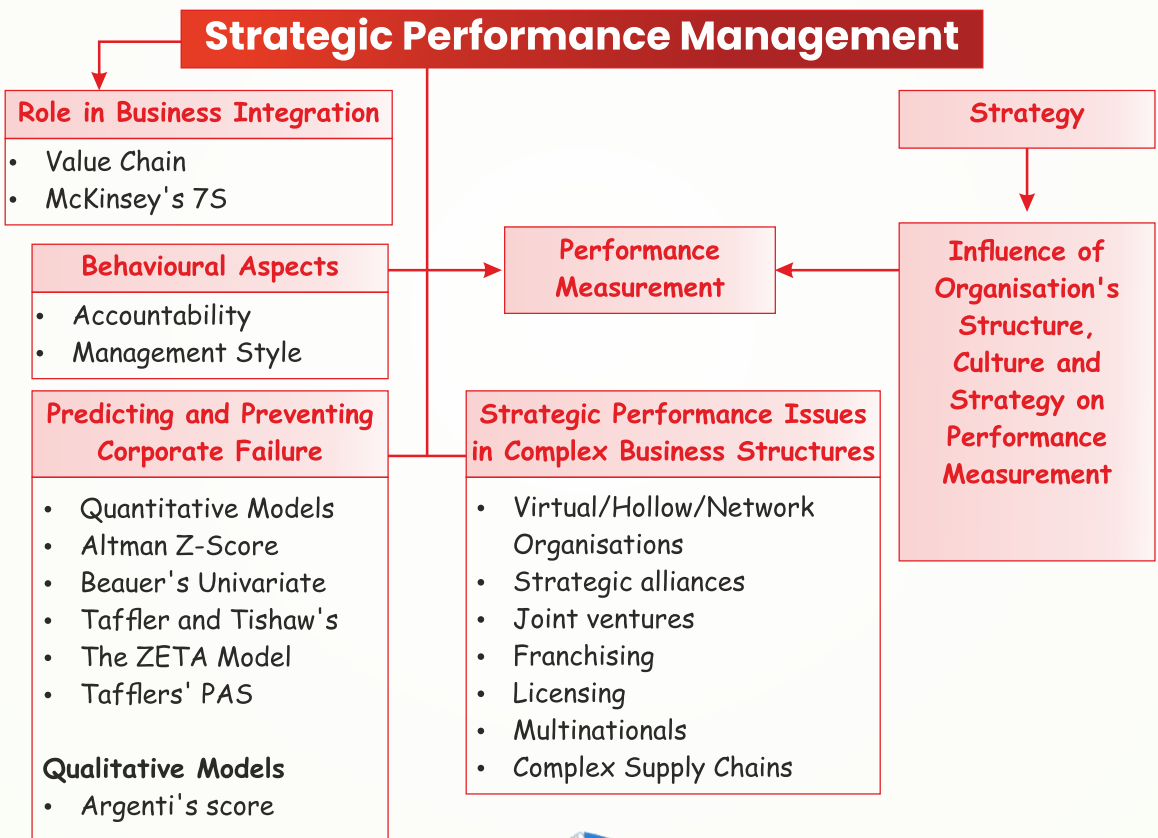
AN INTRODUCTION TO STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

CHAPTER 8



" Respect, Recognition, and Reward flow out of Performance."

N. R. Narayana Murthy




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PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND ITS LINK TO STRATEGY

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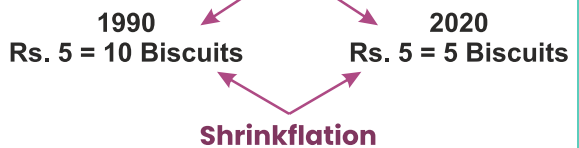
What is Strategy

A pattern of activities that seek to achieve the objectives of the organization and adapt its scope, resources, and operations to environmental changes in the long term". However, Michael E. Porter defines strategy as a competitive position, "deliberately choosing a different set of activities to deliver a unique mix of value."

It is all about achieving a sustainable competitive advantage.

It is worth noting that the effectiveness of a strategy depends on the efficiency of strategic planning and control.

To illustrate - Biscuit manufacturers know their consumer base is price sensitive; hence, rather than increasing pricing, they are reducing the quantity of packs. In economic terms, this is called Shrinkflation (a form of inflation that consists of reducing a product's size while maintaining its retail price; most common in FMCG, especially food and beverage). The company believes that by implementing this strategy, it will be able to maintain its revenue and margins.



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What is Performance Management?

- Determining an appropriate organisation's structure, level of decentralisation, etc.
- Establishing a responsibility centre and assigning responsibility to the manager.
- Establishing a performance measurement system and fixing the yardsticks.
- Reviewing the performance periodically and taking corrective measures where performance is not acceptable.

In simple words, performance management systems help an organisation in measuring how well it is performing against its goals and objectives and identify areas where performance can be improved in order to help the organisation achieve those goals and objectives.

3 Interlinking of Performance Management and Strategy

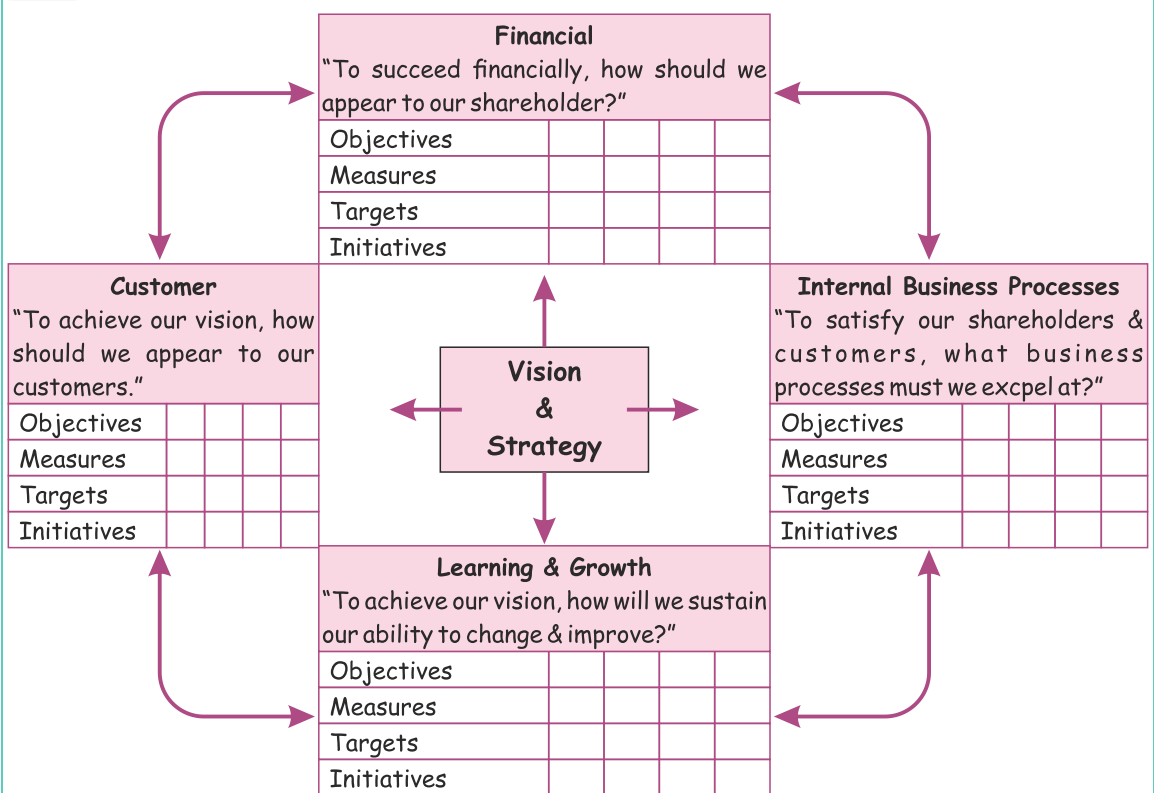
Effectiveness of strategy depends upon the efficiency of strategic planning and control. Informed decision making is an essential requirement for efficient strategic planning and control.

Moreover, performance can be measured and evaluated in terms of those yardsticks (Critical Success Factors (CSFs) and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) thereto), which are critical for the attainment of the goals and objectives that are linked with strategy. In this way, the performance and goals of individuals are aligned with the performance and objectives of the organisation where they are working.

Performance management can bring ease in strategic planning and control for management of any business, whereas strategy acts as a guiding force for establishing performance indicators and parameters thereof.

To illustrate - Tools used for measurement and evaluation of performance includes Balanced Scorecard (shown in Figure A.1) and Performance Pyramid (shown in Figure A.2). Both models keep strategy as either a focal point or a starting point.

4 Balance Scorecard



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Importance of Interlinking of Performance Management and Strategy Multifolds under Modern and Dynamic Business Environment

Historically, performance management has tended to focus on either people management (e.g., performance appraisals) or performance monitoring (e.g., reporting on key performance indicators). But as business environments become increasingly dynamic and competitive, it is increasingly important for managers to develop coherent business strategies and to have tools and processes in place that provide relevant and reliable information to support strategic decision making, planning, and control.

A performance management system should be derived from the company's strategic objectives so that it supports those objectives. It should also change over time as the strategies of the organisation change and should be flexible enough to remain coherent with the objectives of the organisation.

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ROLE OF PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IN BUSINESS INTEGRATION USING MODELS SUCH AS VALUE CHAIN AND MCKINSEY'S 7S

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Introduction

Business may be seen as a grouping of specialized departments or functions. But in practical reality, value is added by the activities and processes that business performs. Such business processes and activities may stretch a number of departments. Hence, these business processes and activities need to be linked or integrated effectively across the organisation to create value.

Whatever business structure (be it functional, line, entrepreneurial, matrix, etc.) is adopted, the need to integrate the different aspects of the business is inevitable to create value.

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Business Integration

Business integration brings all aspects of business into alignment so that business objectives can be achieved through effective implementation of strategies while making efficient use of the available set of resources.

Resources available to businesses are usually scarce in nature, hence the multifold importance of business integration.

Four aspects in particular need to be linked as part of the business integration effort: people, operations, strategy, and technology. Performance management improves as a result of the integration of these four aspects.

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