

Implementing the Balanced Scorecard

Translating Strategy to Action

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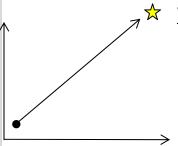
Execution is a discipline, and integral to strategy

Execution is the major job of the business leader

- Larry Bossidy and Ram Charan, *Execution*, 2002

Execution must be a core element of an organisation's culture

Strategy Isn't The Problem, Execution Is!



Vision Barrier

Only 5% of the typical workforce understands the strategies and, therefore, 95% of the team are not aware of their role in implementation



Only 25% of managers have incentives linked to strategy (e.g. appraisals, bonuses, or other rewards)





Resource Barrier

Less than 40% of organizations link their budgets to strategy



Only 15% of executive teams spent an hour or more a month discussing strategy at their meetings



Pure financial measures have proven to be inadequate in measuring and monitoring a company's performance

LESS THAN 10%
OF STRATEGIES
ARE
IMPLEMENTED
EFFECTIVELY

The Balanced Scorecard Has Been One Of The Most Enduring Management Tools

- Outlined by Kaplan and Norton in the Harvard Business Review in 1992, the Balanced Scorecard (BSC) has been one of the most enduring management tools of the last twenty years
- Surveys have revealed that more than 60% of Fortune 500 companies have implemented the Balanced Scorecard framework. One study suggests that it is the most widely adopted performance management tool used by companies
- In 2011, the BSC continued to be listed among the most important business tools for organisations across the world
- A survey by IIM Ahmedabad of 53 leading Indian corporates indicated that 45% have adopted the Balanced Scorecard – including Tata Motors, Infosys, Godrej, Philips and TCS

Many Leading Companies Have Adopted the BSC





















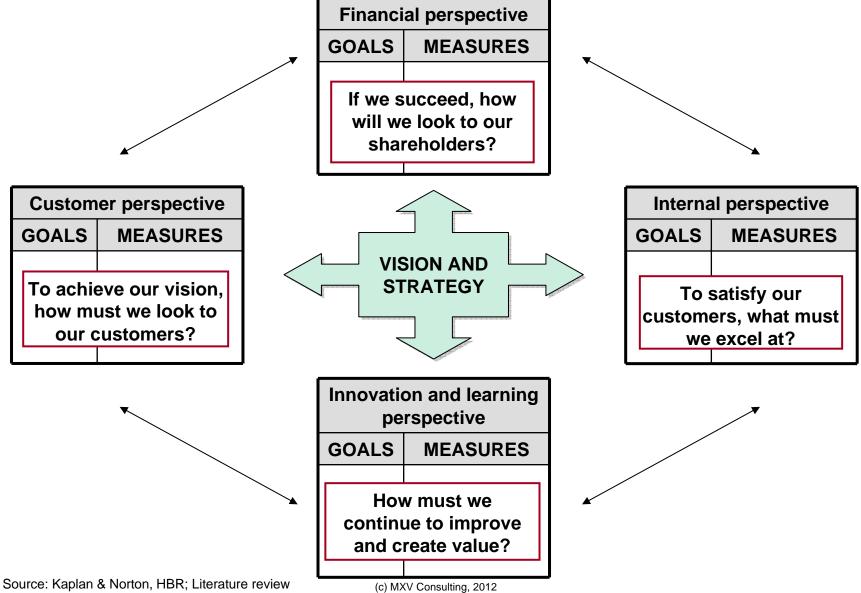


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Source: Literature review

The Scorecard Links Performance Measures Across Four Dimensions



The Tool Has Several Strengths

- Visually well packaged and simple to understand by people across the organisation –
 most middle management employees are able to grasp the core concepts of the tool in
 one workshop
- Focuses attention on the importance of non-financial measures and causes companies to take a 360 degree perspective of the business
- Adaptable to different business environments and organizations Fortune 500
 Corporations, NGOs, Utilities and Social Sector Enterprises have all gained strong
 performance improvements from the Balanced Scorecard
- Companies that have been struggling with growth, have often used the balanced scorecard to re-align organisational resources towards the company vision

Multiple Benefits Realised By Indian Companies Using The Balanced Scorecard

- 1. Facilitates communication across the entire organization and enhances understanding of vision, mission and strategy
- 2. Ties the vision, mission and strategy to the **goals and objectives** of individuals and departments concerned
- 3. Helps define clear **metrics** for better and more objective **performance management**
- 4. Facilitates a clear understanding of the reasons behind **strategic initiatives**
- 5. Acts as an effective basis for **resource allocation** with focus on both managing current performance as well as long-term value
- 6. Used to establish clear **governance frameworks** and review mechanisms

Vision and strategy

Goals

Initiatives

Resource allocation

governance

Effective translation of vision to metrics and governance mechanisms

Five Questions To Ask Ourselves

- Have we really been able to translate our strategic intent into actionable and measurable initiatives?
- Do different departments in the company understand and appreciate the dependence of other functions on them? Can we say that everyone is pulling in the same direction?
- Do we use the right metrics to capture business performance? Are these metrics completely measurable, and well understood?
- Have we aligned our performance management processes with the company strategy?
- How much time do we spend discussing and reviewing our strategy implementation? Do these meetings result in positive movement?

How MXV Can Help: Three Offerings That Deliver Fast And Clear Results

Setting up the Balanced Scorecard (BSC) framework for your organisation

Creating a performance management framework linked to the BSC

Audit existing BSC implementation; identify opportunities for improvement and enhanced performance



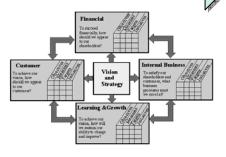
Offering 1: Setting Up The Balanced Scorecard

Business strategy and objectives

Metrics and initiatives

Implementation and governance





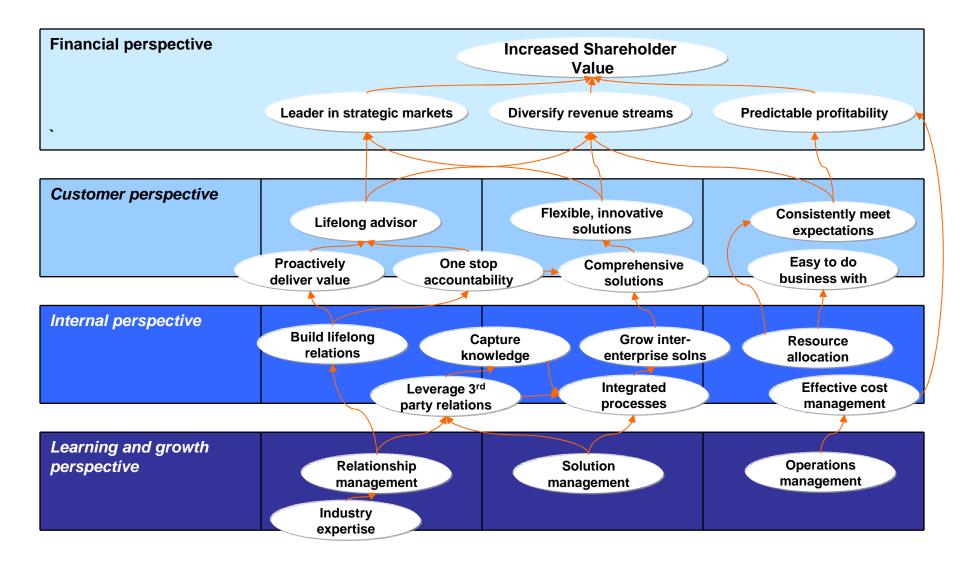


- Articulation of strategy
 What will we do to win
- Agreement on high level organisational goals
- Creation of working teams
- Explanation of BSC
- Template design

- Workshops to identify metrics and detail out organisational initiatives
- Integration and alignment of plans and BSCs across the company
- Test metrics for feasibility of tracking and reporting

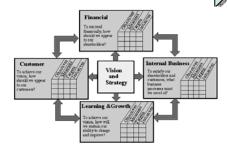
- Finalisation of BSCs by Executive team
- Agreement on targets
- Automation and design of dashboards
- Agreement on review mechanisms and governance process

Example: Strategy Map For A Services Company



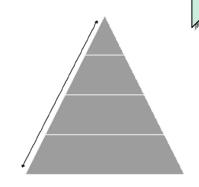
Offering 2: Using The BSC To Drive The Performance Management Process

Establish BSC goals and metrics for P&L head



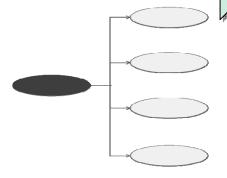
- Articulation of company goals
- Identification of key management roles (P&L/department heads)
- Understanding of role requirements and tie-in to company goals
- Creation of role specific goals
- Assignment of weightages for the 4 dimensions of the scorecard

Cascade goals and weights to all roles



- Identification of roles within each Business Unit (BU); as distinct from designations
- Understanding of role requirements and tie-in to BU goals
- Cascading of goals for all roles
- Assignment of weightages; alignment to BU and role requirements

Create clear downstream linkages



- Linkage of the performance management score to:
 - Variable compensation
 - Compensation increments
 - Training
 - Promotions
 - Leadership development and succession plans

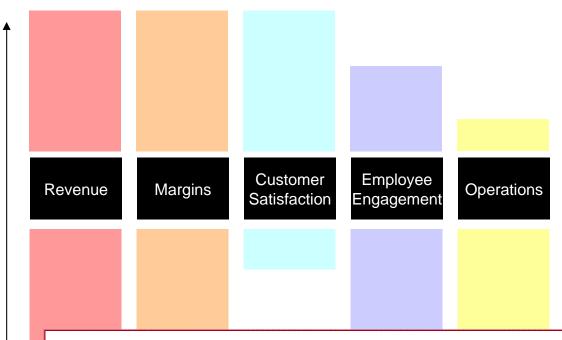
Case Study: BSC Used As A Performance Management Tool For A Services Company

REGIONAL STRUCTURE

Cascading of targets/weight

BRANCH HEAD

FIELD STAFF



- Balanced scorecard framework established at the branch level
- Metrics from the BSC used to design the performance management process for people in the field and corporate structure by cascading goals relevant to the role
- Number of performance parameters rationalised (average no. of metrics reduced from 25 to 10) and made objective
- Training programmes made more specific and effective

Offering 3: Audit Existing BSC Implementation

A need to redefine metrics

- Changes in business strategy: Old metrics are no longer relevant or meaningful
- Difficulties in measuring the metrics: Resulting in poor implementation
- Too many metrics: Leading to challenges of measuring and monitoring

Improve performance management

- Examine the other aspects of performance management in the company including the performance management processes, performance infrastructure and culture and identify improvement areas
- Identify opportunities for improving alignment across departments

Deepen the use of the BSC

- Identify opportunities to further cascade the BSC to support departments and line functions lower down the organisation
- Assess feasibility of using the BSC to enhance collaboration with suppliers and customers

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