

Chapter 2 Themes for Class Discussion

The Marketing Implications of Corporate and Business Strategies

What does *strategy* mean?

 A fundamental pattern of present and planned objectives, resource deployments, and interactions of an organization with markets, competitors, and other environmental factors.

Corporate Growth Strategies (Exhibit 2.9)

Current products

New products

Current markets

Market penetration strategies

- Increase market share
- Increase product usage Increase frequency of use Increase quantity used New applications

Market development strategies

Expand markets for existing products
 Geographic expansion
 Target new segments

Product development strategies

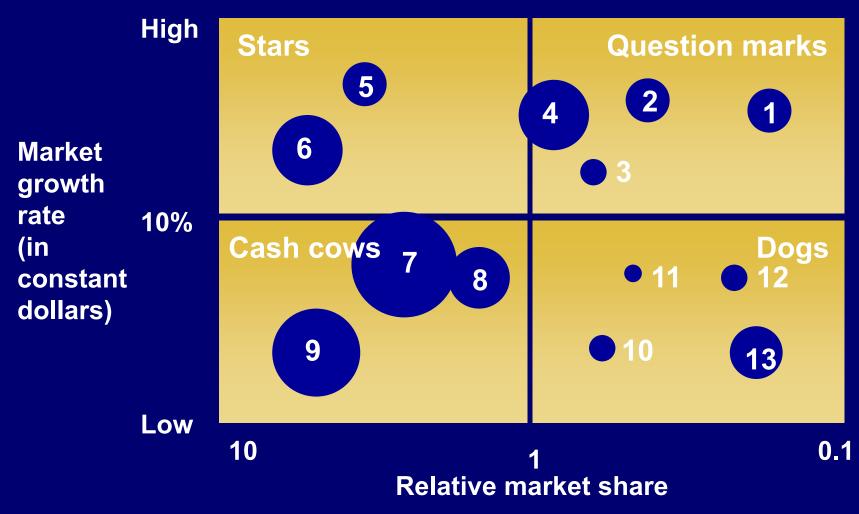
- Product improvements
- Product-line extensions
- New products for same market

Diversification strategies

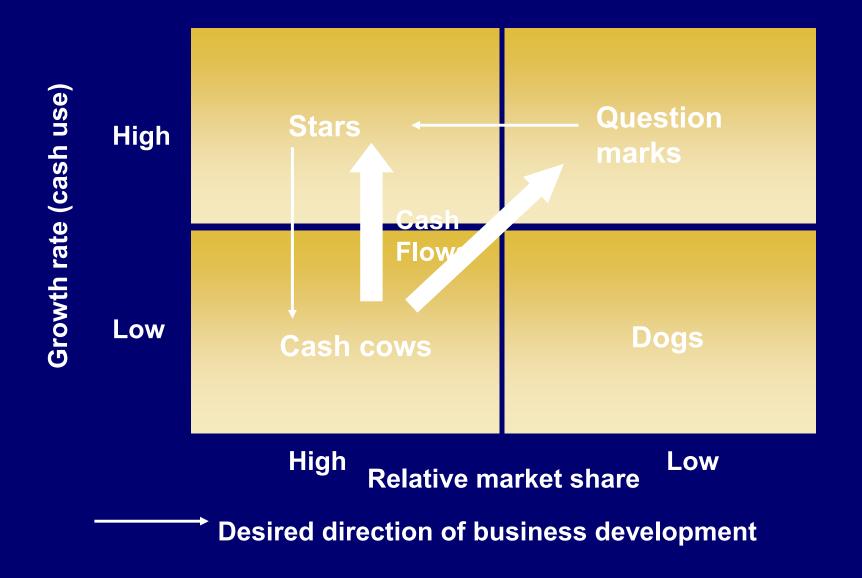
- Vertical integration
 Forward/backward integration
- Diversification into related bus (concentric diversification)
- Diversification into unrelated businesses (conglomerate diversification)

New narkets

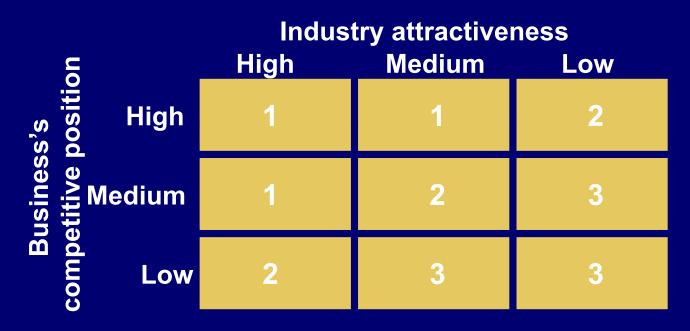
Allocating Corporate Resources: The BCG Growth Share Matrix (Exhibit 2.10)



Cash Flows Across Businesses in the BCG Portfolio Model (Exhibit 2.11)



Tools for Allocating Resources in Diversified Companies: The GE Nine-Cell Matrix



- 1 Invest/grow
- 2 Selective investment/ maintain position
- 3 Harvest/divest

Sources of Competitive Advantage at Corporate Level

- Financial resources
- Human resources
- Corporate R&D
- Organisational processes

Synergy

- Knowledge-based
- Corporate identity and corporate brand