Competitive advantage 2

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- Case study: Harley-Davidson



Competitive advantage

- Circumstances in which to create advantage over rivals
- Responsiveness and innovation as sources
- Predicting erosion of competitive advantage by competitors
- Resource conditions as opportunities to create competitive advantage
- Sustaining competitive advantage in an industry



Emergence

- Internal:
 - creativity
 - innovation

- External changes:
 - customer demand
 - prices
 - technology
- Resource differences
- Faster
- More effective



Sustaining

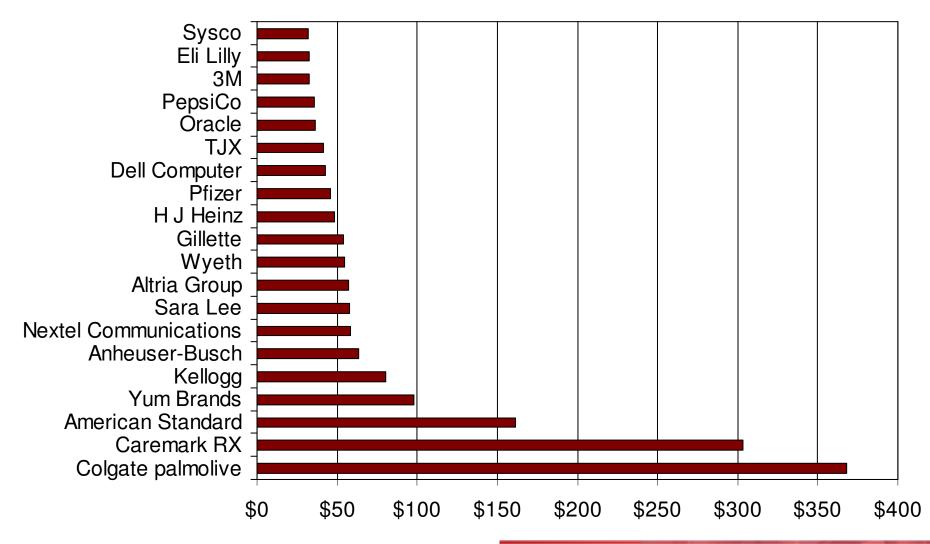
- Obscuring your advantage
- Deterrence and pre-emption
- Acquiring resources and capabilities



First mover advantage



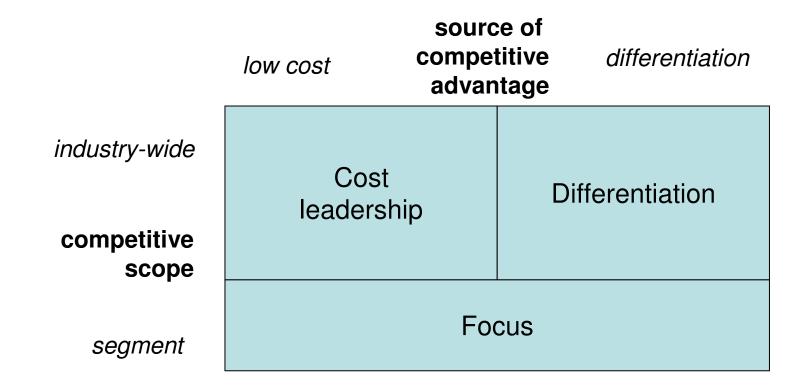
Highest return on equity (2002)



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