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# An Analysis Of The Influence Of Strategic Planning Initiatives And Strategic Planning On Business Results In China

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**ABSTRACT**

The interaction between the long-standing concepts of strategic planning and strategic management and the business schools that place an emphasis on strategic planning is the subject of this dissertation. The "strategic administration school" is a common way to define the prevailing worldview that most C-suite executives adhere to when discussing the theoretical foundations of strategic management. The foundation of strategic management is strategic thinking, a crucial yet underappreciated skill. At the highest levels of any company, only strategy will suffice. The abstract character of the thought process known as "strategic thinking" makes it difficult to categorize, evaluate, or teach. Empirical research has identified three critical elements of strategic thinking: HEAR, FIRM, and PORT. Studies comparing the return on investment (ROI) and other approaches found that FIRM and HEAR were the most effective in fostering strategic thinking among large Croatian enterprises. Competitive-Contemporary theory in strategic management rests on two tenets: the Resource-Oriented Approach and the Environmental Approach. Return on equity (ROE) is an important metric, yet HEAR, PORT, and FIRM all score poorly. Environmental and competitive-contemporary schools of strategic management influence return on equity (ROE), whereas conventional schools do not. The researcher fail to hear the cries for help over the lack of a standardized, controlled framework for management, particularly in strategic management, since academics assert that humans only use three of their five senses.

***Keywords:*** *Management, Business, Croatian Enterprise, Senior Executives.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Developing a theoretical basis for strategic management was an additional objective of the study. Another goal of this study was to identify and resolve the many obstacles that hinder the widespread application of strategic management or the continuous analysis of external factors. Another objective of this study was to catalog all the things that make strategic management theory unusable in the real world. Management at the strategic level include identifying, assessing, and meeting an organization's objectives via the formulation and implementation of plans. With these strategies, this company will be able to accomplish its goals (Verweire, 2018). In order to plot a route for a company's future, it is required to conceive, implement, and evaluate many strategies. It seems to connect the dots between the inner workings of the company and its exterior environment, according to the findings. Organizational success depends on the policies, procedures, and guidelines put in place by upper management to allocate and use scarce resources in accordance with predetermined goals and objectives. It is essential to begin with this stage in order to develop a thorough strategy. When pushed by higher-ups, it's a procedure that yields plans to set the company apart from rivals. The purpose of the method is to set the firm's procedures apart from those of its competitors. An advantage that a corporation may acquire via an all-encompassing practice of strategic management is the development of a strategy that will make the company more successful overall and distinguish it from competitors in its field. This is due to the fact that one of the main functions of strategic management is to formulate a course of action for the business. An organization may gain direction, a framework for evaluating progress, adaptability to changing conditions, and competitive advantage with the help of a well-thought-out strategy (Ansell et al., 2020). With careful planning, a company may increase its chances of staying ahead of the competition. Leaders need to prioritize strategic planning if they want to see the success of their firm. Steps in this process involve assessing the company's internal and external settings, deciding on a certain sector or line of business, and allocating resources to implement the goals. Starting with a goal or vision, the process moves on to developing a strategy, brainstorming potential actions, settling on one, allocating resources, carrying out the plan, and finally, evaluating its effectiveness. Setting objectives and long-term goals is the first point. Strategic management includes a mission statement, research on trends and competitors, annual and long-term objectives, a strategy, and continuous assessment. Scholars agree that strategic management metrics include measures of efficacy, quality indicators, outcomes, and initiatives. A company's strategic plan may be measured by financial performance, return on investment, customer service, acquisition of customers, satisfaction of employees, engagement, retention, and turnover. Internal business process improvement and customer service are other important indicators. When discussing factors outside of an organization's control that have an impact on its operations and performance, many businesses use the word "external environment" to describe it. Established sources define strategy as "the means by which a company brings its internal procedures into harmony to the external environment where it operates" (Tawse et al., 2019).

## 2. BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Numerous strategies exist in economics that do not need direct confrontation with the enemy. This is shown by Apple's strategy in the personal computer industry. There is a lot of pricing competition in the computer industry. Companies in the computer industry lose money when there is price rivalry. For Apple, nevertheless, distinctive computer features are paramount. There is an excessive premium for Apple computers. Apple appears unconcerned with the question of whether or not its software is compatible with third-party PCs. Apple has been successful not because it has tried to outdo other computer companies, but because it has differentiated itself and won the loyalty of its customers. Many people are familiar with the Trojan horse tactic. Common belief holds that the Greeks made an unsuccessful attempt to attack Troy through its walls. The Trojans received what appeared to be a massive wooden horse loaded with warriors. The horse was allowed entrance to the city because the Trojans were so easily tricked. Because the Greek spies waited for nightfall to reveal themselves and allow their soldiers to pass through the gates, the Greeks ultimately prevailed. What were once categorized as "helpful" behaviors are now considered harmful by scientists. "Trojan horse" means in English something quite specific. "Trojan horse" is the popular term used to describe computer viruses. Compared to the Greek generals, King Arthur of Britain displayed a higher level of morality (Baptista et al., 2020). A rectangular table can represent the CEO's authority in meetings. Strategic management was rethought in response to large-scale conflicts. Combat is the true cradle of strategy. "Strategus" means "army leader" in Greek, and "strategy" means "the application of means to achieve an end" (Cepuš et al., 2019). An essay on territorial conquest published about 500 years ago has relevance to the present day. Government leaders might find effective techniques in Machiavelli's 1532 work, The Prince. The term "machiavellian" is still used to suggest deceit and manipulation, and many literary suggestions are malicious. The lessons the US has learnt about strategic management from its two conflicts. The American colonies battled the British in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. Ambushes were among the guerilla tactics adopted by the Americans against the British. Despite criticism from the British government, they were regularly employed in warfare. The success of the United States was assisted by significant strategic allies, notably as the French fleet. American patriotism was defeated a century later in the deadly Civil War. The Confederates capitulated after suffering years of fighting. Regardless of the Union's greater factories and railroads, historians believe that the Confederacy had superior generals. Modern, creative organizations have generally recognized the truth that superior strategies do not always win over greater resources. In the aftermath of two wars involving Russia. The severe Russian winters of the 1800s pushed back a strong French invasion army. Similarly, German forces did not fare well during WWII. Despite the counsel of his top generals, Hitler persisted to go to war with Russia. Germany extended its borders into Russia to a comparable degree as France. George Santayana. Reliving the Past Is Certain. Cold weather and dangerous supply routes put an end to the German assault. In 1945, as the Russian and Allied troops were drawing close Berlin, Hitler committed himself after the city had fallen under Russian hands. Despite appearances, Germany genuinely benefited from a rival company's five-year strategic management blunder. In 1940, French officials made a similar mistake. The German invasion of France and Belgium in 1940 caught the French army by tactical surprise. The French leadership was under the false impression that the Ardennes were insurmountable for the German tanks. The French army was unable to put up a formidable fight. North of the woods, most of the French and their British allies fought a small German deception force. After ensnaring the Allies in the forests, the German troops ultimately forced them to the shore. Evidence suggests that a large number of French and British troops were either killed or captured. The same error the French had made before was to assume their enemy was on an equal footing with them. Executives' attempts to seem competitive hurt the organization's performance (Barati-Stec, 2019).

## 3. LITERATURE REVIEW

Academic books on fundamental strategic management have proliferated over the last 30 years, with the vast majority (80%) emerging within the last decade. This part will provide a review and evaluation of previous research on the issue. To accomplish it, just bring it up while arguing. This thesis aims to discover if Chinese real estate corporations use management planning and, if so, how it affects strategic planning. This thesis uses empirical data to investigate how real estate companies are affected by strategic management planning. Data supporting or refuting the idea that Chinese real estate businesses utilize strategic planning will also be provided in this thesis. See if the sttudent can find any connection between the two (Hințea et al., 2019). This study seeks to understand the socio-cultural and environmental factors that impact strategic thinking and the performance of property businesses in China, as well as the methods and viewpoints of Chinese real estate company owners and executives when it comes to strategic planning. This research will also look at how important strategic planning is for the owners and managers of real estate companies in China. The viewpoints on strategic planning of Chinese real estate company owners and managers will also be examined. This study aims to examine the strategic planning practices and viewpoints of Chinese property owners and managers. This chapter provides readers with an overview of the study site, the present situation of the industry, and the strategic plans used by the companies in China's real estate market. It also sheds light on how these strategies have affected the companies' performance. This information will be emphasized so that the student may comprehend the real estate company's strategic procedures and their impact on the company's performance. The researcher will emphasize this information so that the student may better understand the real estate strategy approaches and how they affect the firm's success (Jacobsen & Johnsen, 2020). The researcher will highlight these elements so the student can grasp the real estate sector's strategy. This section will focus on the strategic approaches to real estate and how they have contributed to the success of the organization. This information will be highlighted to make it easier to view. The dissemination of this knowledge will aid the general public in comprehending the various real estate strategy tactics. It is worth noting that researchers may have used various approaches based on the study time, country, and culture. These features may have led researchers to seek out other methods. It provides a wealth of information that may fill gaps in the scientific literature and resolve questions that have remained unresolved by earlier studies. This zeal will remain long after the researcher has completed the degree. These goals could be reached if researchers do new studies and review the current literature. The idea that real estate firms may increase their profitability via strategic planning has been raised by several perceptive people. A large-scale study found 23 favorable associations, including increases in profit and the real estate sector's resilience to economic downturns. Another investigation failed to find any significant differences between the two groups. Other researchers have discovered a link between geographical factors, trade agreements, corporate ownership, and strategic management planning and the performance of real estate enterprises. Corporations and trade have an impact on their beliefs. Academics' views are shared by researchers (Ferlie, 2021).

## 4. RESEARCH QUESTION

- How does leadership affects on organizational performance?

## 5. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Phase one of the empirical analysis included interviews with two faculty members and participation from three high-level managers in a pilot project. The framework of the survey's questions was developed via a semi-constructed interview with three top managers. By changing some questions, removing others, & adding new ones, they offered input on how to make the statements clearer and more succinct. Their suggestions resulted in simpler language and more straightforward directions. The academic sources pointed out the questions' logical holes and offered solutions to strengthen the survey's methodology. These recommendations were made so that responses might be more relevant to the study's hypothesised key finding. After incorporating the feedback into a revised questionnaire, researchers delivered it to all of Croatia's large businesses with 250+ employees. Information on 401 companies with 250 or more workers was included in the database.

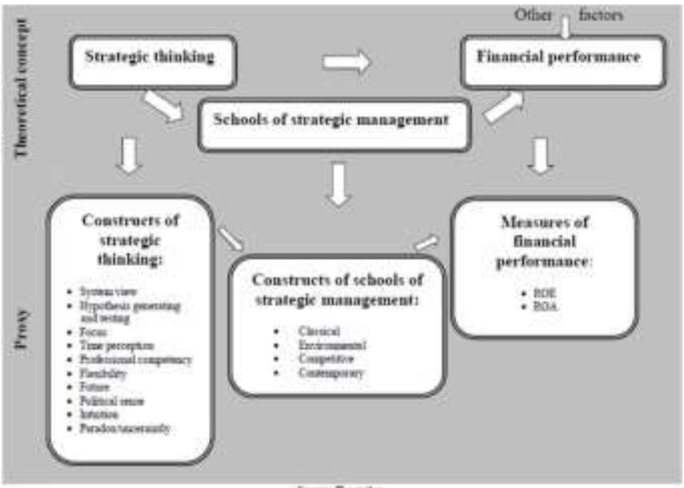
**Sampling:** Convenient sampling technique was applied for the study. The subjects in this study were 401 companies.

**Data and Measurement:** Questionnaires and semi-structured interviews were used to gather initial information for the study. The questionnaire was divided into two parts – (A) Demographic information (B) Factor responses in 5-point Likert Scale for both the online and non-online channels. Secondary data was gathered from a variety of sites, the majority of which were found online.

**Statistical Software:** MS-Excel and SPSS 25 were used for Statistical analysis.

**Statistical Tools:** Descriptive analysis was done to understand the fundamental character of the data. Cronbach's alpha, a model of logistic regression, and a factor analysis were all used to check the reliability and validity of the data.

## 6. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK:

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## 7. RESULTS

**1.3 Hypothesis:** "The employment of specific strategic thinking features can be brought into relation with contingency factors."

There are a number of important links between different parts of strategic thinking & external factors to consider. All the correlations were tested using Levene's homogeneity of variances and found to be statistically insignificant, indicating that the variances may be assumed to be the same for all the associations.

Table 1 illustrates the relationships between the hypotheses and their probable consequences. There is statistical evidence that all of the highlighted correlations hold at the p0.01 level, in addition to the p0.05 level at which they all hold. Each framework has several assumptions that are related to random outside influences. The numerous significant results are like puzzle pieces that together depict one's strategic thinking abilities in more detail. Grouping comparable effects according to common elements in order to gain more comprehensive and bigger pieces of the jigsaw is considered as more beneficial than remarking on individual significant links and strategic thinking structures. There are various dangers that the organisation and the top management should think about.

**Table 1: Connections between the conditions and the variables that might affect them.**

| | Contingency factors | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Firm | | | | Top manager | | |
| Premises* | Ownership | Tradition | Orientation | Influence | Years at Top manager | Exercise strategic thinking | Education |
| Axsystem1 | | | | | | | F = 3.083 |
| Axsystem2 | | | | F = 3.249 | | | |
| Axsystem4 | | | | F = 3.327 | | | |
| Bhypo5 | F = 3.334 | | | | | | |
| Bhypo6 | | | | F = 3.975 | | F = 3.593 | |
| Bhypo7 | | | | F = 3.414 | | F = 2.928 | |
| Bhypo8 | F = 4.437 | | | | | | |
| Cfocus9 | F = 3.492 | F = 3.047 | | F = 8.845** | | | |
| Cfocus11 | F = 4.401 | | | | | | |
| Dtime13 | F = 5.997 | | | F = 3.212 | | | |
| Dtime15 | F = 10.150** | | | F = 2.687 | | | |
| Dtime16 | | F = 6.711 | | | | | |
| Eprofcom17 | | | F = 8.059 | F = 3.270 | | | |
| Eprofcom20 | | | F = 3.807 | | | | |
| Fconflex24 | | | F = 4.548 | | | | |
| Fconflex26 | F = 4.485 | | | | | | |
| Fconflex27 | | F = 3.346 | | | | | |
| Fconflex28 | F = 3.346 | | | | | | |
| Gfuture31 | F = 5.758 | | | | | | |
| Gfuture32 | | | | | | F = 3.285 | |
| Gfuture33 | | | | | F = 5.128 | | |
| Hpoltens34 | | | F = 4.334 | | | | |
| Hpoltens36 | | | F = 4.875 | | | | |
| Hpoltens37 | F = 5.262 | | | | | | |
| Intuit40 | | | | | F = 6.217** | | |
| Jparadox41 | | | | | | F = 3.515 | |
| Jparadox42 | | | | | | F = 8.884 | |
| Jparadox44 | | | | | | | F = 3.436 |

* For the statistical purpose, the premises are coded. The list of the premises and their codes is presented in the Appendix I.

** Significant relation at the level $p<0.01$

Ownership= private, state, combination; Tradition = firm is in business: less than three years, 4-10 years, 11-30 years, more than 31 years; Orientation = producing or service delivering firms, Influence= who influence the most when deciding on the strategic issues; market, knowledge, past, crisis, tradition, top managers (themselves), owners, politics, middle managers; Years as top manager= how long has top manager been working on the current position: less than a year, between 2-5 years, between 6-10, more than 11 years; Exercise strategic thinking= how much time top manager devote to thinking about the future of the firm: daily, few days a week, few hours a month; Education= educational background can be: high school degree, college degree, faculty degree, master or PhD degree.

Although there are linkages between some of the facts and other relevant variables, H1.3 is accepted.

**Hypothesis 1.4: "**It is possible to prove the relation between the employment of specific strategic thinking features and some of the strategic management schools."

Based on this hypothesis, a connection study was done between three strategic management schools and their distinct strategic thinking. A factor-generated approach to strategic management replaced theoretical and assumed methods.

To describe the potential of bringing together elite managers with a same attitude, values, and strategic management style, "schools of strategic management" were created. The mental processes behind strategic thinking include beliefs, ideals, and tactics. The association between strategic management programmes and strategic thinking suggests that a specific mindset underlies these views. Cognitive training may change senior managers' thoughts and actions, affecting strategic management process creation, execution, and control. The firm's emphasis has changed, and large Croatian businesses' futures may too. Strategic thinking and strategic management schools have these important links. At the.05 level of significance, all the above relations are true and exhibit homogenous fluctuations. Table 2 shows significant associations at the p0.05 level and at the p0.01 level if highlighted.

**Table 2: Connections between the tenets of strategic thinking and the various approaches to management.**

| | School of strategic management | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Premises* | Classical | Environmental | Competitive-Contemporary |
| Asystem4 | $F_{(1,124)} = 15.947^{**}$ | | $F_{(4,122)} = 5.224$ |
| Bhypo6 | $F_{(1,123)} = 8.647$ | | $F_{(1,121)} = 13.462^{**}$ |
| Cfocus9 | | | $F_{(4,122)} = 8.424^{**}$ |
| Dtime14 | $F_{(1,124)} = 11.298$ | | |
| Dtime15 | | $F_{(4,122)} = 12.205^{**}$ | |
| Eprofcom19 | $F_{(1,123)} = 4.516$ | | |
| Eprofcom20 | $F_{(1,123)} = 6.150$ | | |
| Eprofcom21 | $F_{(1,121)} = 5.178$ | | |
| Fconflex28 | | $F_{(4,122)} = 5.406^{**}$ | |
| Hpolsens34 | | $F(4,122) = 4.952$ | |
| Hpolsens35 | | $F_{(4,122)} = 4.202$ | |
| Intuit38 | | $F_{(4,122)} = 3.136$ | |
| Intuit39 | | $F_{(4,122)} = 5.118$ | |

* For the statistical purpose, the premises are coded. The list of the premises and their codes is presented in the Appendix I.
** Significant at the level $p < 0.01$

Top executives who study environmental strategic management perceive things differently. This individual typically changes strategy when pushed by the board of directors & owner to avoid taking on the company's future. They may follow political advice that goes against the business's economic interests. They make strategic choices based on hunches instead of statistics, thinking that firm success depends on faction strength. Researchers embrace H1.4 despite multiple links between strategic thinking qualities and strategic management schools.

**Table 3: Factor analysis's effect on concept validity**

| Constructs* | Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted | Cronbach's Alpha |
|---|---|---|
| Construct 1 | | 0.778 |
| Asystem2 | .785 | |
| Bhypo5 | .759 | |
| Bhypo6 | .760 | |
| Bhypo7 | .750 | |
| Bhypo8 | .766 | |
| Eprofcom18 | .759 | |
| Eprofcom17 | .767 | |
| Eprofcom20 | .752 | |
| Eprofcom21 | .748 | |
| Eprofcom22 | .749 | |
| Construct 2 | | 0.712 |
| Cfocus11 | .688 | |
| Dtime13 | .696 | |
| Dtime14 | .669 | |
| Dtime15 | .650 | |
| Dtime16 | .686 | |
| Fconflex24 | .715 | |
| Fconflex28 | .672 | |
| Hpolsens34 | .690 | |
| Construct 3 | | 0.736 |
| Cfocus10 | .688 | |
| Cfocus9 | .731 | |
| Cfocus12 | .722 | |
| Eprofcom19 | .704 | |
| Fconflex27 | .698 | |
| Jparadox42 | .683 | |
| Jparadox43 | .708 | |
| Construct 4 | | 0.617 |
| Asystem3 | .525 | |
| Fconflex23 | .607 | |
| Fconflex25 | .566 | |
| Gfuture31 | .601 | |
| Gfuture32 | .506 | |
| Jparadox48 | .621 | |
| Construct 5 | | 0.353 |
| Jparadox45 | .376 | |
| Jparadox44 | .334 | |
| Jparadox47 | .101 | |
| Construct 6 | | 0.676 |
| Fconflex26 | .628 | |
| Gfuture29 | .547 | |
| Gfuture33 | .563 | |
| Hpolsens37 | .708 | |

* For the statistical purpose, the premises are coded. The list of the premises and their codes is presented in the Appendix I.

*Source: Empirical data*

The test's findings on dependability are shown in Table 3. The first three themes are developed down into additional depth. The unreliability of Constructions 4, 5, and 6 is intolerable and they should not have advanced to the testing phase. The goal of future research should be to better explain and comprehend these frameworks. Using the first three strategic factors, researchers can create a typology of the top managers in Croatia. An additional factor analysis is required to make the pattern matrix more understandable and succinct when considered independently of the other claims. Table 4 displays the matrix characterising the three buildings. Three of the components' factor scores were used in the ensuing research. In addition, the validity of the above three-factor factor analysis has been tested for dependability, and the findings are also included in the table. In the last column, they'll find the technical names for these buildings.

**Table 1: Triangular pattern matrix with three elements**

| Premise | Component | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Eprofcom22 | .699 | | |
| Eprofcom18 | .668 | | |
| Eprofcom20 | .665 | | |
| Eprofcom21 | .638 | | |
| Bhypo5 | .624 | | |
| Bhypo7 | .596 | | |
| Bhypo8 | .504 | | |
| Bhypo6 | .497 | | |
| Eprofcom17 | .402 | | |
| Fconflex24 | .374 | | |
| Dtime14 | | .743 | |
| Dtime15 | | .739 | |
| Dtime16 | | .567 | |
| Fconflex28 | | .555 | |
| Dtime13 | | .553 | |
| Hpolsens34 | | .496 | |
| Cfocus11 | | .417 | |
| Cfocus12 | | | -.731 |
| Cfocus10 | | | -.721 |
| Fconflex27 | | | -.602 |
| Jparadox43 | | | -.535 |
| Jparadox42 | | | -.474 |
| Number of premises | 10 | 7 | 5 |
| Cronbach alfa | 0.792 | 0.715 | 0.697 |
| Sum | 396.10 | 320.71 | 358.40 |
| Mean | 3.1189 | 2.5253 | 2.8220 |
| Std.Deviation | 0.47854 | 0.54795 | 0.58186 |
| Variance | 0.229 | 0.300 | 0.339 |

N=127. Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis. Rotation Method: Oblimin with Kaiser Normalization. Rotation converged in 8 iterations. Supressed values les than 0.30. Bartlett's Test of Sphericity; approx. chi-square of 755.723; df= 231; sig. 0.000. Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy: 0.745. Variance explained: 40.17%. * For the statistical purpose, the premises are coded. The list of the premises and their codes is presented in the Appendix I.

*Source: Empirical data*

Very little variance is explained and just a few premise items contribute to factor loading for Constructs 4, 5, and 6 from Tables 2 and 3, respectively. As a result, researchers won't be using them in any future studies. In contrast with what may be supplied as frameworks, all the students get from these examples is a taste of strategic thought. After the final factor analysis was completed, the factor scores used in the ensuing analysis were collected (Table 4). These three systems will be put through additional testing. H. 1.6 is acceptable since it is possible to characterise three distinct approaches that top managers in Croatia use to strategic challenges.

## 8. CONCLUSION

A key component of strategic management is the ability to think strategically in order to address opportunities, risks, and uncertainties and to prevent expensive errors. Things that happen in practice that aren't anticipated or investigated because of a lack of creativity. Managers of strategic plans call it "strategic thinking" regardless of who is to blame. Tricky as it may seem, the phrase "strategic thinking" may really refer to anything whose first word is "strategic." Cognitive in nature, strategic reflection is challenging to define, dissect, instruct, and absorb. Acquiring the ability to think strategically is difficult. Many theories and evaluations have focused on its potential significance. Underperformance in the economy is a result of insufficient strategic planning. It would seem that theorizing about creative thinking has received little attention. Everyone from teams to individuals values strategic thinking. Strategies are based on individual thoughts. Lack of materials limits the ability to plan strategically. If departments or teams do not see possibilities, upper management will plan. Academics tend to lean towards definitions of strategic thinking: A key component of strategic thinking is taking stock of the company's future indicators—how they are seen, felt, known, and grasped—ranking them in importance, and then adjusting the outlook or behavior accordingly. Different types of strategic planning are available. Thoughts about strategy come before planning, whether they occur at the same time or not. Competing priorities in strategic planning lead to compromises. Enhanced capacity for strategic thinking is also highlighted. In each given circumstance, the ability to think strategically calls for a certain set of skills, background information, and character attributes. The trick is figuring out how senior managers really put these characteristics to work (Fiedler et al., 2020).

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