

QUALIFICATION: PROJECT 1006 KEY WORD SEARCH: Consulting Project, Strategy, Broker, Intermediated Channel Growth

Summary: ICG to formulate a strategy for a leading mortgage broker					
Project description/approach	 Interviews with CEO and key team members Review and baseline existing business Conduct research into key local and global trends (SWOT/PEST/9-Forces) Build momentum model and explore strategic options Explore likely scenarios and robustness of strategic choices Recommend strategy and build business case Prepare compelling board presentation and support CEO 				
Why ICG was needed	 Client had build a solid business but growth had slowed due to intensifying competition from its peer The new CEO wished to turn that around, so commissioned ICG to apply a strategy formulation process to jointly develop the new strategy 				
Impact delivered by ICG	 Shared and trained in a proven, best practice strategy formulation process with the combined ICG and client team. Ability to quickly understand the current business, its performance, strengths and weaknesses based on ICG's deep mortgage expertise Inject knowledge and insight from the local market and global trends 				
Critical insights/new ICG IP available to new clients	Developed a range of new growth initiatives which are in execution mode				
Client feedback "Would you use ICG again, and if differently, how?	 Yes, the client lauded the work and the strategy project was immediately followed by a marketing strategy, branding and customer segmentation project led by an ICG SME 				

Client					
Industry	Financial Services				
Sector/Function	• Strategy				
Geography	Australian based and head-quartered Broker				

Project period/duration

June 2022 - October 2022

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Project Scale	USD \$0- \$50K	USD \$50K- \$100K	USD \$100K- \$250K	USD \$250K \$1M	USD \$1M Plus
ICG contribution				X	
Total scale				X	

This project was focused on corporate and business strategy

ICG's Strategy Taxonomy

CORPORATE

- Business Model and Org Design (SBUs), Corporate Centre/Shared Services
- Portfolio (Profit Pools & Industry Structure)/M&A/Joint Ventures/Portfolio Interfaces (See Horizontal Strategy)
- Governance
- EPMO/Investment Slate
- Culture/Tone from the top
- Transformation and Strategic Planning approach
- Strategy & Internal Consulting team design

BUSINESS

- Sources of advantage/Positioning
- Business Scope of each SBU
- Customers/Segments/
- Product
- Channel
- Geography
- Customer Experience, Journeys, Brands
- Competitors/Game Theory/Wargaming
- Regulator Interface
- Detailed Business Modell/Structure
- Business Plans

FUNCTIONAL

- Functions supported (Operations, Risk, Human Capital, Technology/Digital, Learning, etc)
- Their role and alignment to strategy/shared services
- Nature of support and advantage they provide/gaps in support
- Functional Strategies
- Functional Plans

HORIZONTAL

- Recognised and harnessed synergies
- Coordination/capture processes

- Customer Strategy
- Innovation/Accelerators
- Supply Chain
- Org Dev
- Data and Insight
- Change and Comms

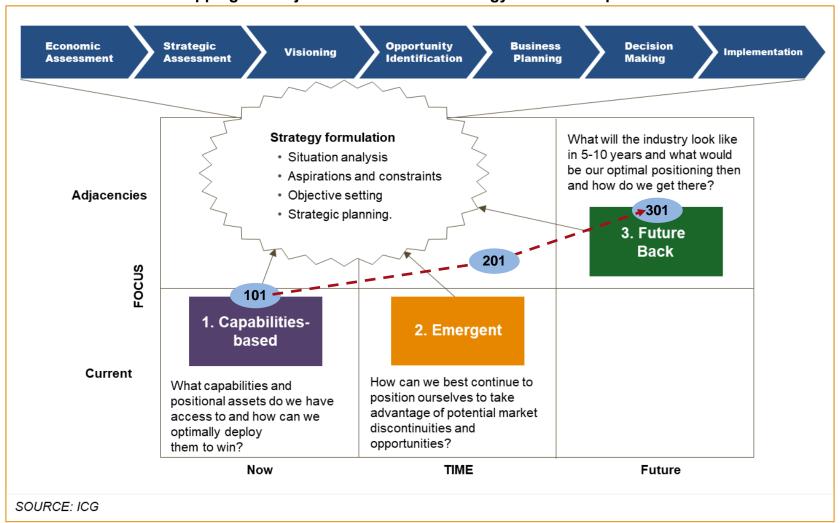
PROCESSES, PEOPLE AND TECHNOLOGY

• Strategy formulation plans, tools, calendars and processes (Including Agile and Emergent Strategy)



Business strategy approaches can be categorised in many ways, the approach used by ICG uses a simple 3 segment time model

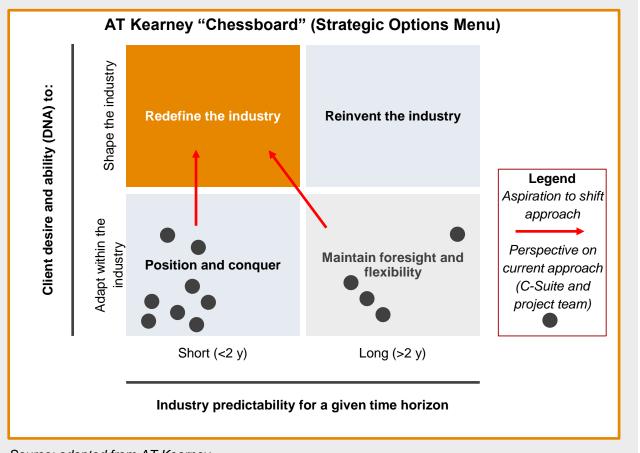
Mapping the major 'schools' to the strategy formulation process



Preliminary conversations with the team revealed a strong willingness for change, but limited ideas on a transformation end-game

Consensus from preliminary interviews with Client C-suite and team leads

- The client, in its current form, cannot use the "Position and Conquer" approach and must transform itself
- It is too late to "Conquer" the market, given that second-generation players have captured significant market share which, will be difficult to reverse
- Belief that current capabilities are well suited to "Maintain foresight and flexibility" (however client has not, to date, adapted to market changes)
- The prize to be won will require client to be able to shape and redefine the broking industry
- Client must leverage existing capabilities and assets to diversify from a "Ford Model T" to innovate and challenge market incumbents and disruptive entrants (e.g., FinTechs)



Source: adapted from AT Kearney





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Current Work

20+ years global consultant

- Strategy formulation, blueprinting and implementation (Board level facilitation, or integrated as part of c-suite, or leading internal and external consulting teams on small and large refreshes)
- Key topics: winning strategy, strategic execution, organisational transformation, regulatory response, platform based ecosystems, jvs, big data/analytics, customer centricity, loyalty & recognition, profit pools, open data, distribution management, product and service innovation
- Augmentation and optimisation of internal consulting and strategy teams through training, capability benchmarking, targeted skill building and training, and team member coaching and supplementation.

Geographies:

- 100's of projects for over 80 entitles around the globe
- UK, Canada, South Africa, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Korea, Japan

Client sectors:

 Banks (Retail, Business, Corporate), Wealth Distribution,, Insurers (P&C, Wealth, Life), Regulators, Industry Associations, Asset Managers, Sovereign Funds, Payment companies, Retailers, Downstream Oil

Before and Outside ICG

Banker: From branch savings examiner to working directly for the CEO of Westpac as part of it's transformation program

Consultant:

- Joined Booz Allan as a summer intern in their New York office. Worked in London, Singapore and Sydney and rose to global equity partner leading several global practices (Mortgages and JV's)
- Led Oliver Wyman in Australia from inception to become a major force in the market. Promoted to lead Oliver Wyman's major report to the World Economic Forum and present annually at Davos
- Founded and led the development of Internal Consulting Group (ICG), a leading global platform, now leads the FS Practice globally

Credentials:

- Comp Sci First Class Honours and University Medal Sydney
- MBA MIT Sloan School (Awarded 2 full annual scholarships for academic merit)
- Founding editor and contributor to ICG's Insight Review -(100K+ subscribers)

Community: Chaired a major national financial literacy initiative (Money Smart Advisory Board)

