# Management of Supplier Innovation for Competitive Advantages

Purchasing as a Tool for Growth

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#### Is Purchasing a Basic Survival Skill?

- Your best competitors work on purchasing as hard as you do
- ... and obtain similar price decreases
- … that the sales force must give away to stay competitive
- ... which does not improve either competitive position or profitability
- Those who cannot follow disappear. Is purchasing a basic survival skill?

# Or Can We Leverage Supplier Relation to a Hidden Competitive Advantage



# Exclusivity Can Generate Profits Much Faster Than Price Decrease

Decrease cost of key component by 10%: +68k€



Increase sales revenues by 10%: Contri<u>bution:</u> +200k€





## Agenda



- 1. Revenue focus in Purchasing
- 2. Levers of supplier contribution
- 3. Discussion

#### When Traditional Purchasing Falls Short

- Everybody negotiates hard
- Differentiation is limited as many good companies leverage the same approaches
- Competition for market share quickly erases the negotiation benefits as they flow to the end users



#### **Across Industries**

#### Retailers

- Can suppliers help me reduce working capital?
- Can suppliers help me improve store appearance?
- What supplier strategies will allow me to differentiate from other retailers?

#### **Luxury Goods**

- How can I secure strategic raw materials in short supply?
- How do I control and improve the performance of essential subcontractor craftsmen
- How do I insure that my best subcontractors are not attracted by competitors?

#### **Packaged Goods**

- How do I leverage supplier innovation to differentiate beyond advertising?
- How do I speed up development of countries where I have acquired local players

#### **P&C Insurer**

- How to move claim related purchasing from an administrative task to a way of securing competitive advantages
  - · Better, faster claim processing
  - More replacement options
  - Regional agreements with suppliers

## Expanding the Role of Purchasing

NΑ **Supplier Management for growth** Source of innovation / unique capabilities and raw materials Faster introduction to new markets Exclusive knowledge capture and leverage Supply Chain Management Traditional Purchasing Leverage scale Simplify Optimize TCO Negotiate Divide and conquer Increase transparency knowledge of supplier markets e-Purchasing **Tactical Strategic** Scope

Impact

**Profit** 

Revenues

#### Benefits of Each Level

**Focus of Supplier Management Benefits of Supplier Management Differentiation and Exclusivity pricing** lifecycle market value **Full cost Total cost of ownership** optimization **Negotiation** Price Value 9 Michel Philippart

## Potential Impact of Supplier Development Across Industries

Not applicable

Some applications

Key opportunity

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Industry	Development	Manufacturing / Back office	Distribution/ Delivery	Marketing and Sales	
Automotive					
Consumer Products					
Financial Services					
Fine Chemicals/ Pharma					
Electronics					

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#### Examples Across the Value Chain

#### **Development**

#### Manufacturing

#### **Distribution**

## Marketing and Sales

- Packaging and flavoring suppliers develop and produce winning differentiation from competitors (Frito-Lay)
- Equipment
  manufacturers
  co-develop
  exclusive
  production line
  technology that
  increases yield
  and quality
  (multiple)
- Distribution
  partner makes
  product
  ubiquitous, with
  lower working
  capital and
  more availability
  than competition
  (Dell)
- Effective
   promotion
   design and
   production
   provide market
   pull (McDonald)
- Global branding drives complexity reduction, more effective promotion, etc (Multiple)

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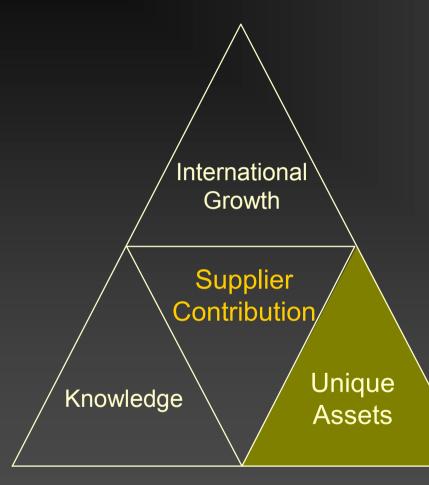
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#### International Suppliers Contribution



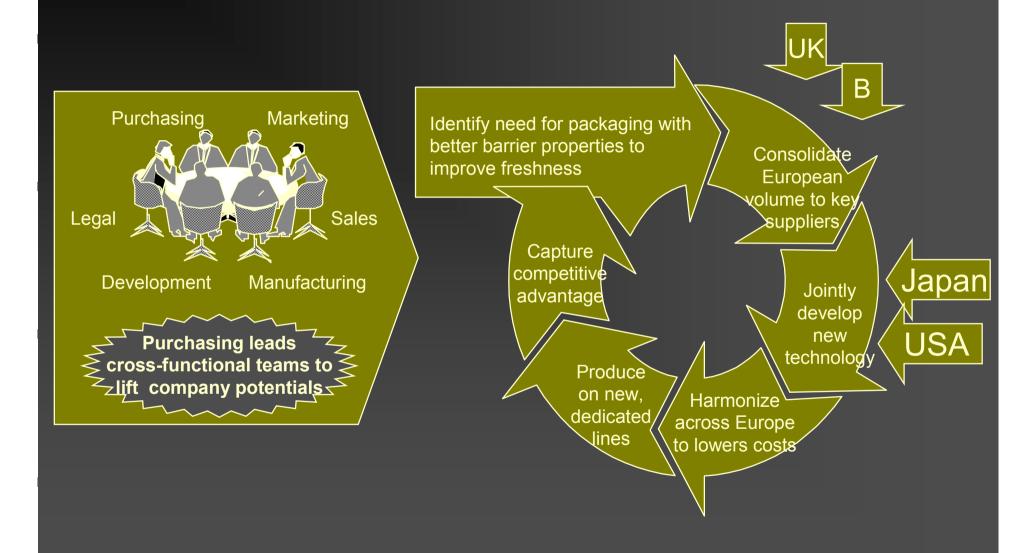
#### Skills Lever



Capture of supplier's unique assets (physical or intellectual) to grow current markets

- Involve Purchasing with marketing when identifying consumer demand currently not satisfied properly
- Develop supplier capability to provide it
- Manage relation with supplier to isolate new capability from competitors

## Example: Consumer Goods



## Impact of Supplier Innovation Capture

- 70 days without flavor variation vs. 15-30 for the competition
- 70/30 consumer preference in blind test
- Capture of category leadership in key markets
- 30% cost reduction over 3 years

## Win-Win Supplier Relationships

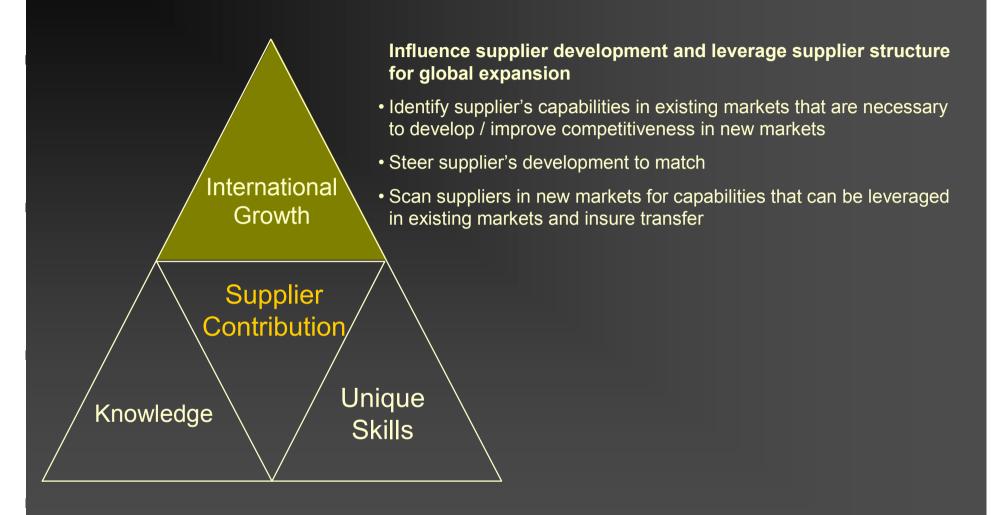
#### **Purchaser**

- Invest volume
- Provide end user market knowledge
- Co-develop specifications
- Commit fair return on supplier assets leveraged

#### **Supplier**

- Allocate key capacity for exclusive usage
- Target specific markets for innovation
- Dedicate best staff (research/ account service, etc.)
  - Open books

#### Internationalization Lever



### Global Solution Development

#### From

Need identified locally

Customer needs
expressed at local /
country level

Solutions

Local / country solutions
are developed

Synergies and global opportunities are analyzed at a later stage

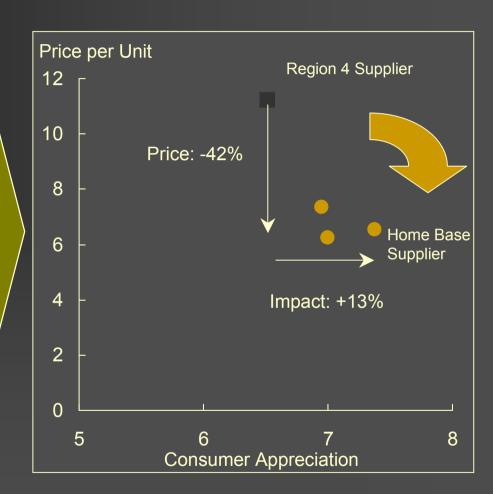
#### To

Commonality between local needs identified	Core Solutions	Customization	Synergies
Local / country understanding integrated to find commonality	Standardized approach provide core offering	Global solutions are fine tuned to local needs if necessary. Specific developments are compiled and made available to other markets	Suppliers are managed globally
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## **Example: Consumer Good Industry**





Complex flavor

## Global Purchasing Leverage

- Global expansion via M&A or green field
- Increasing global trade
- Regional integration to capture competitive advantages

#### **Purchasing Leverage**

- Development of new regional supply base
- Extension of current supplier base into new regions
- Leverage of suppliers with global assets
- Regionalization/ Globalization of Purchasing /

## Leverage of New Suppliers

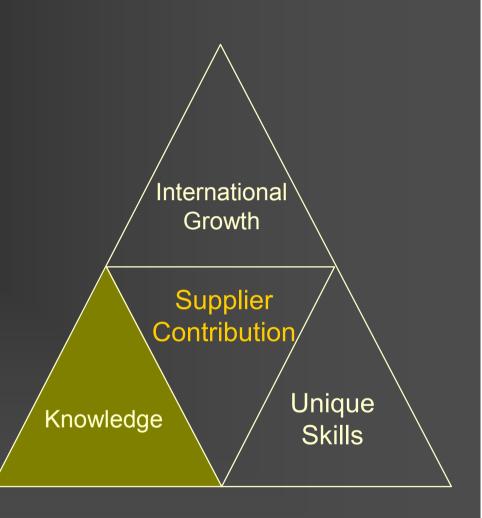
- Integration of suppliers from new regions into supplier network and potential use in home market
- Improve knowledge base about cost of materials, capabilities, etc.
- Targeted identification and development of new suppliers for global use
- Relation with suppliers that are growing via M&A

- Traditional market base leverage
  - Improved supply options
  - Access to new production methods
  - Better information

## Knowledge Lever

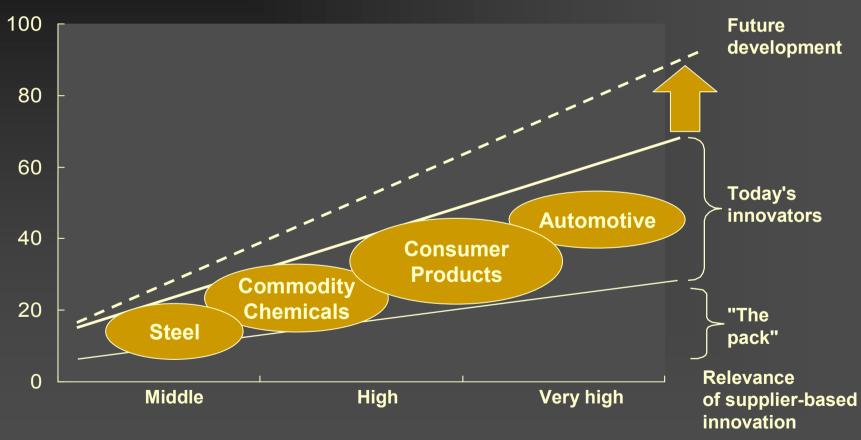
#### Jointly manage information from development to consumer

- Targeted development
- Seamless transfer of information from POS to supplier to integrate supply management



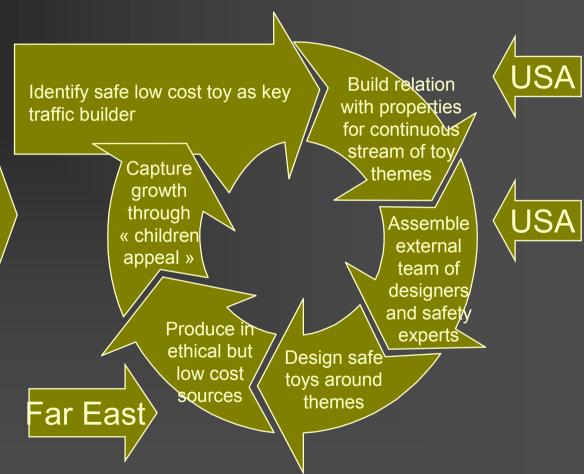
## Innovation Through Co-Development

Percent of R&D budget spend on co-development with suppliers



## Example: Restaurant Chain





## Impact of Supplier Innovation Capture

- Market dominance worldwide
  - Key competitor being sold
  - Other competitors marginal / local players
- Higher return than competitors
- Only chain to grow

## The Role of the Supplier Management Team

**Scanning** 

Identifying

Capturing

Isolating

- What are the relevant innovations that can serve my value chain
- How to access them?

- Innovation scan
  - Current suppliers
  - Venture capital
- Product / service match
- Culture match
- Support that innovator needs to deliver

- Business case development
- Win-win proposition
- Implementation

- Constrained assets
- Contractual exclusivity
- Co-ownership

#### Requirements

- Purchasing integrated at n-1 level, part of CEO leadership team
- Purchasing not driven only by price variance but by overall contribution
- Purchasing is a high value added function staffed with trained professional. They have limited or no tactical tasks such as supply coordination

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