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Preface

The strategies of a company define its future way of doing business: they determine for years to come the target markets and the competitive advantages it must construct and maintain. It is the development of successful strategies, an essential and a complex task, which forms the focus of this book. The book begins with a brief introduction to strategic planning. This is followed by the presentation of a method for determining future strategies. Here seven stages in planning are proposed. They are afterwards described in detail and procedures are provided for dealing with each stage. The recommended procedures are sometimes rather complex: we have done our best, while avoiding oversimplification, to make our methodological suggestions accessible by using clear terminology, charts where appropriate, and a large number of examples and case studies as illustrations.

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