

#### Introduction

Businesses are rethinking strategy to thrive in the new normal

## In today's Covid-hit world, leaders are trying to navigate through business uncertainties.

Uncertainties have touched every aspect of the business landscape ranging from internal factors such as project delays to external factors such as supply chain, customers, and competition.

It is becoming increasingly critical for strategy teams to proactively observe market changes and develop scenario-based business plans.

# While leaders focus on using reactive short-term measures to tackle this phase of uncertainty, the need to recalibrate strategy, from mid- to long-term, is stronger than ever.

Strategy leaders are preparing to minimize the impact of Covid-19's economic downturn and build a sustainable growth engine.

They are looking for ways to translate uncertainties into plausible scenarios and build business plans with a strong hypothesis anchored around industry dynamics and customer needs.

#### In this presentation, we cover:

Why recalibrate topline strategy?

- Uncertainties that impact the business environment
- Importance of scenario planning

What should be the basis of strategy development?

- Evaluation parameters to create the go-forward plan
- Guiding principles at the core of strategy planning

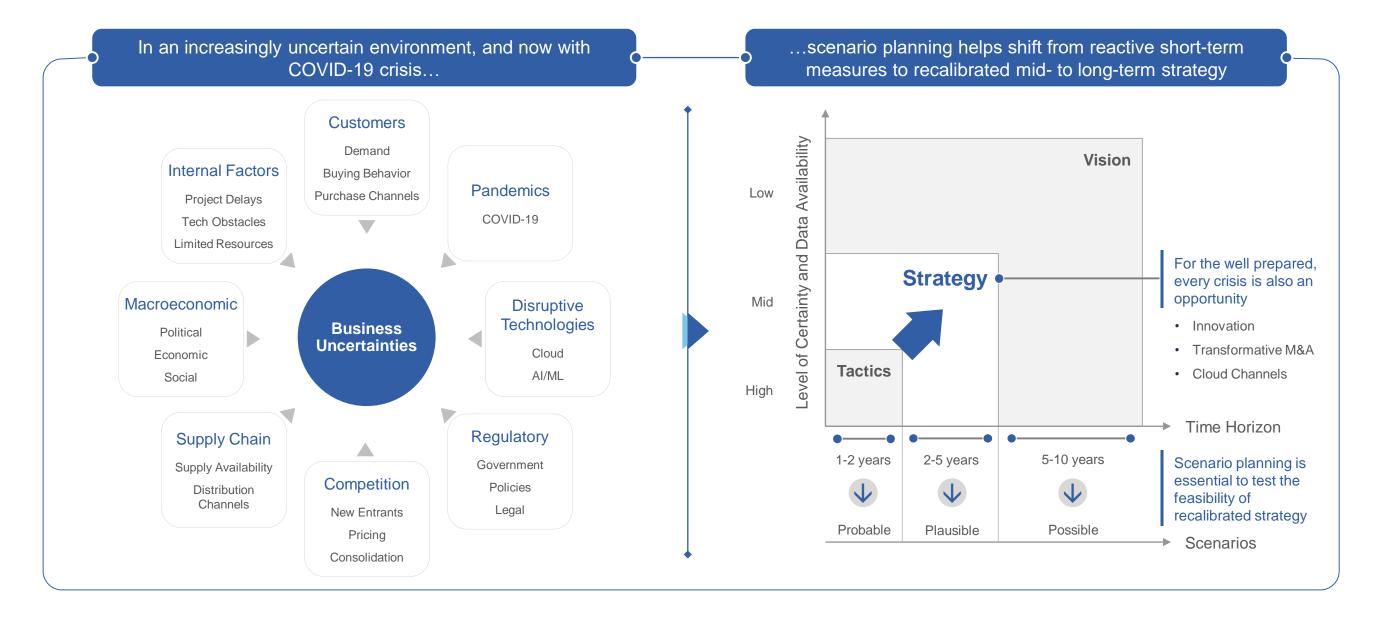
What is our solution?

 Evalueserve's holistic and closed-loop strategy framework

- How can a business emerge stronger in uncertain times?
- Fundamental thought starters to help determine future strategic posture
- Market expansion matrix

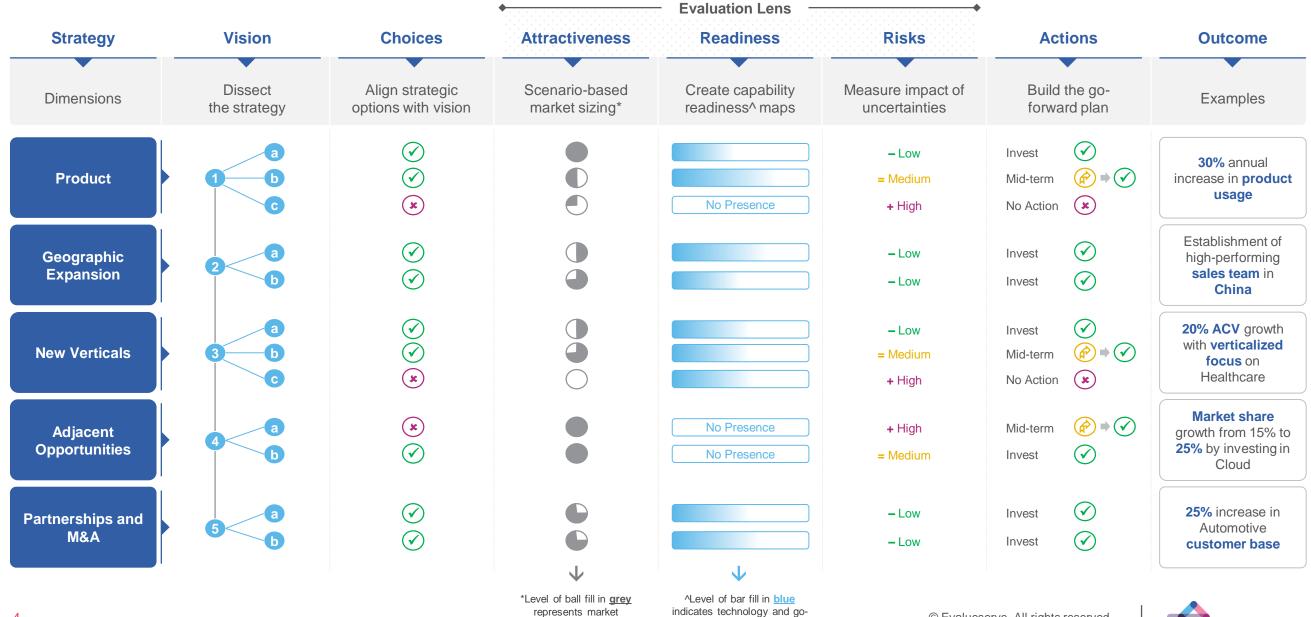


### Highly uncertain market dynamics warrant recalibration of topline strategy





### Leaders may have many strategic options, but go-forward plan should be based on market attractiveness, readiness, and risks

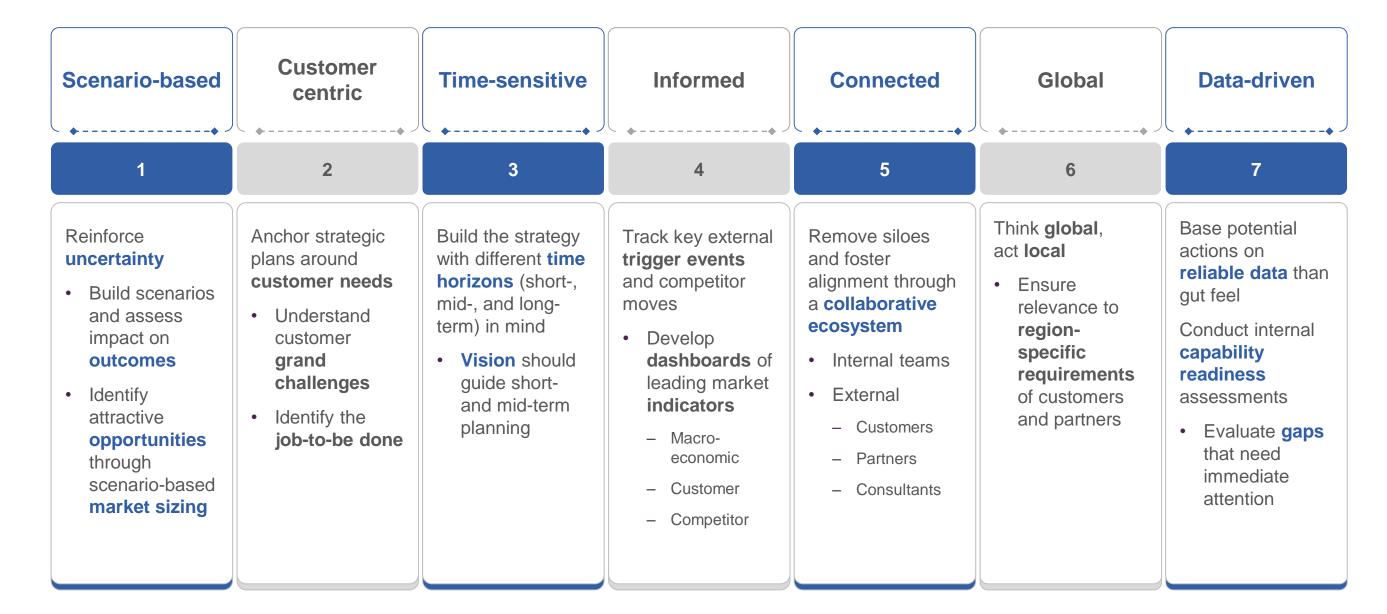


from high to low

to-market readiness



### Evalueserve recommends 7 guiding principles that form the core of strategy development





### Identify, evaluate, act, monitor, repeat: A closed-loop strategy framework

## Translate uncertainties into plausible scenarios

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What are those **market events** which have an uncertain outcome?

- Identify the triggers
- Explore and develop scenarios
- Develop dashboards to monitor key uncertainty indicators
  - Disruptive technology, macroeconomic factors, ease of business, etc.

#### What is the **impact of each scenario** on our overall business?

- Measure the impact of external events on
  - Business units, products, and key use cases
  - Target geos, customer segments, and industries

## Evaluate target market opportunities

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## How is the market ecosystem and our target market definition evolving?

 Identify high-growth core and adjacent opportunities

### Which **customer requirements** need to be proactively addressed?

- Customer grand challenges
- Emerging needs
- Buying behavior and pricing preferences

### What is our target addressable market and growth prospects?

- Scenario-augmented market estimation (market size and growth projections)
  - TAM, SAM, and SoM → By products, geos, and industries

## Determine what is needed to win

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### Which **market disruptions** need to be considered to emerge as winner?

 Assess impact of emerging trends, potential innovations, and disruptions

#### What is our **competitive position?**

- Competitive ecosystem
- Competitor strategy post downturns (e.g. economic slowdown due to COVID-19)
- Competitive playbooks → Threat index, heat map, etc.

#### What is our market readiness?

- Assess internal technology and go-to-market readiness
- Identify the 'North Star' (key value proposition)

## Set the strategic direction for business

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#### What should be our playing field?

 Select strategic options based on market attractiveness, business readiness, and risks

### What is the **optimal product and pricing strategy?**

- Adaptive product roadmaps
- Data-driven pricing strategy

### How can we improve value proposition?

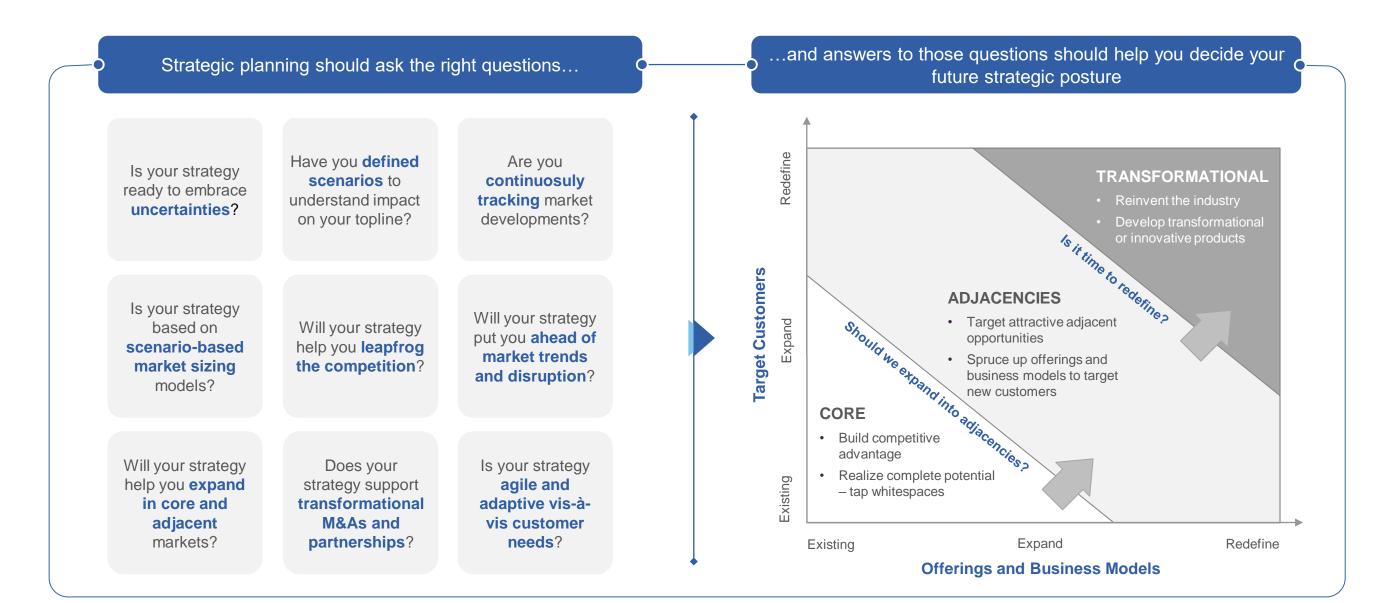
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#### What is the **go-forward plan?**

 Develop 1-3-5 year business plans, covering key metrics



### We'll leave you with fundamental thought starters as you recalibrate your topline strategy





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