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## Executive Summary

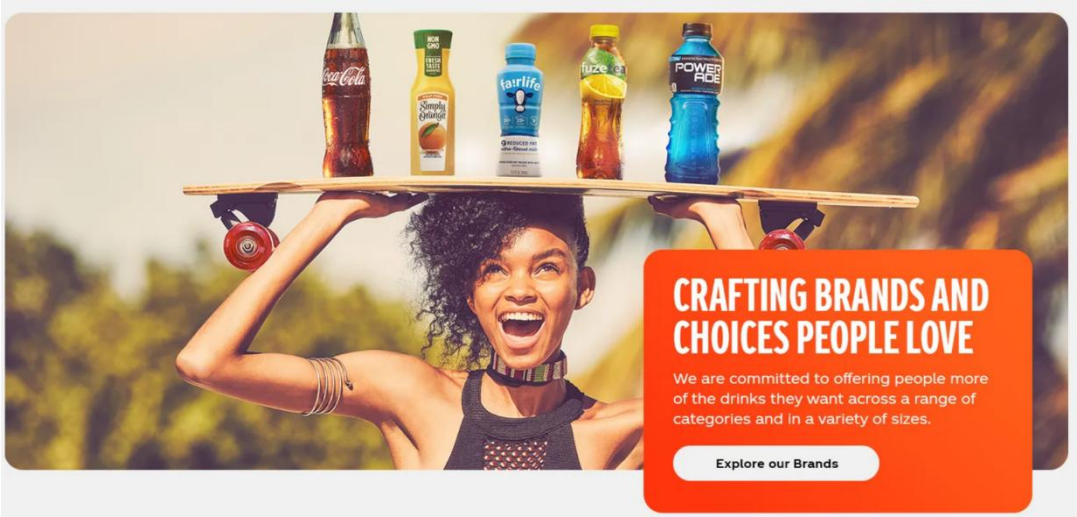
This research paper aims to explore how The Coca-Cola Company reshapes its strategic direction by providing innovative customer care. With the intensification of market competition, enterprises need to constantly innovate to meet the constantly changing consumer needs. As a global beverage giant, The Coca-Cola Company strengthens its brand value and customer loyalty by providing innovative customer care. This paper will study the strategic direction of The Coca-Cola Company, and put forward some suggestions and feasible measures to help enterprises better implement this related innovative strategy and provide quality services.

## 1. Introduction

The Coca-Cola Company, founded in 1886, is one of the world's leading beverage companies. Over the years, Coca-Cola has grown into a global brand with a diverse product portfolio and a strong presence in more than 200 countries (Chen, 2017). However, in today's highly competitive market, it is crucial for companies to constantly innovate and adapt to evolving customer needs. This is particularly important in the beverage industry, where consumer preferences and trends change rapidly.

In recent years, Coca-Cola has recognized the importance of customer care as a key differentiator and driver of growth. By undergoing a comprehensive analysis of its customer care initiatives, Coca-Cola can reshape its strategic direction and position itself as a customer-centric company (Cao & Ma, 2019).

This paper aims to explore the potential impact of innovative customer care on Coca-Cola's strategy and provide recommendations for its successful implementation.




## 2. Analysis of the history and current situation of Coca Cola

### 2.1. Overview of the Coca Cola Company

Coca Cola is the world's largest non-alcoholic beverage company, founded in 1886 and headquartered in Atlanta, USA. Coca Cola is the company's main product and one of the world's most famous soft drink brands (Day, 1994). In addition to the Coca Cola brand, the Coca Cola company also has a number of other beverage brands, which sell all kinds of carbonated drinks, fruit juices, tea, coffee and functional drinks worldwide.

### 2.2. Historical development of Coca Cola

The history of Coca Cola company can be traced back to 1886. It was founded by Atlanta pharmacist John Stevens Pemberton.(Barney, 1991) At first, Pemberton made a formula containing Coyne, which was sold as a drug. The formula was later transferred to Atalanta businessman atti grahem, and atti

and his partners achieved the commercialization success of Coca Cola company.

In the following decades, Coca Cola expanded rapidly worldwide. The company continues to launch new products and brands, and through advertising and marketing activities to enhance brand awareness (Bussing-Burks, 2018). In the 1980s and 1990s, Coca Cola further consolidated its position in the global beverage market through multiple strategic cooperation and acquisitions.

### 2.3. Coca Cola company strategy

Coca-Cola's strategic pursuit of product innovation and global market expansion is exemplified through its diverse product portfolio (Barney & Hesterly, 2016). By offering a range of beverages from carbonated drinks to functional drinks, Coca-Cola effectively caters to the varied preferences of consumers worldwide. This strategic approach not only broadens market reach but also enhances the brand's ability to compete in diverse market segments. For instance, the introduction of Coca-Cola Zero and Diet Coke addresses the growing health-conscious consumer base, demonstrating a direct application of strategic theory to meet market demands.As of 2019, Coca Cola has more than 500 brands worldwide and has continuously launched new products. Coca Cola's strategy includes the following aspects:

**(1) Globalization strategy**

The Coca-Cola Company's globalisation strategy successfully combines

global brand consistency with local market sensitivity through a series of carefully designed initiatives. Through its ‘Share a Coke’ campaign, Coca-Cola enhanced the personalised consumer experience and leveraged the power of social media to expand the brand's global reach. In India, through the launch of the ‘Thums Up’ brand, the company demonstrated a deep understanding of and respect for local consumer tastes. Meanwhile, Coca-Cola demonstrated its commitment to environmental responsibility through eco-friendly packaging and sustainable practices, such as the promotion of plant-based plastic bottles in the UK. In addition, optimising its global supply chain and leveraging digital technologies to enhance the consumer experience, such as providing personalised recommendations through mobile apps, further strengthened its leadership position in the global market. These strategies not only enhance Coca-Cola's brand value, but also ensure its continued growth and competitiveness globally.

**(2) Diversified beverage brand strategy**

The Coca-Cola Company's diversified beverage brand strategy has been successful in reaching the diverse needs of consumers around the world through a broad portfolio of products and driven by innovation. It has responded to the healthy eating trend by launching healthier beverages such as ‘Coca-Cola Zero Sugar’,while expanding its share of the juice and tea market through the acquisition of brands such as Minute Maid and Fuze Tea (Davis, 2020). Functional beverages such as Powerade catered to sports

enthusiasts, while the partnership with Starbucks introduced ready-to-drink coffee to its product line, attracting new consumer segments. In addition, Coca-Cola further enhanced its market penetration through localised product strategies, such as launching tea beverages in Asian markets to suit local tastes. These initiatives have enriched Coca-Cola's product line.

**(3) Marketing strategy**

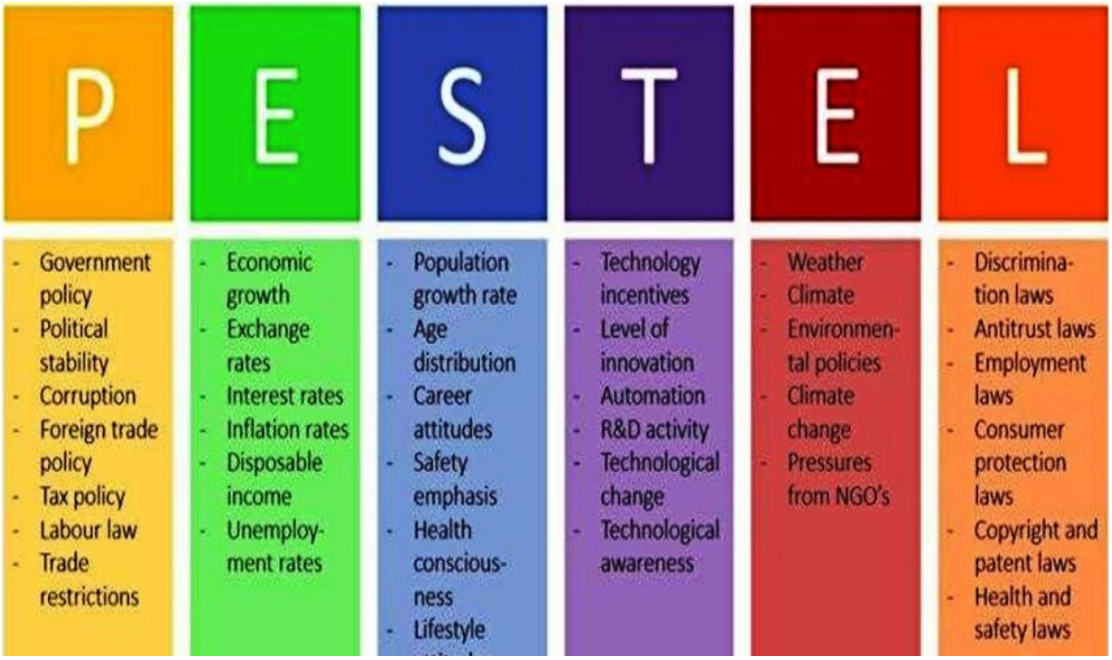
The brand image was reinforced through multi-channel advertising, and brand exposure was enhanced through sponsorship of major sports events and cultural activities (Chesbrough, 2010). For example, Coca-Cola's ‘Christmas Truck’ campaign travelled around the festive season offering free drinks and photo opportunities, enhancing the festive experience and brand interaction for consumers. On university campuses, the ‘Happy Bottle’ vending machine provided consumers with a unique purchasing experience through interactive games and surprise rewards, while generating widespread attention and discussion on social media. In addition, Coca-Cola launched the ‘Polar Bear’ series of advertisements, which conveyed a positive image of the brand and the concept of environmental protection with its warm and humorous image, and strengthened consumers' emotional identification with the brand. Through these strategies, Coca-Cola not only enhances brand awareness and influence, but also strengthens brand loyalty and market competitiveness through in-depth interaction and emotional connection with consumers. At the same time, Coca-Cola also uses the ‘one item, one code’ technology to give

each bottle of beverage a unique QR code, which can be scanned by consumers to participate in interactive activities or get discounts, a strategy that enhances the consumer's purchasing experience and the brand's digital interaction.

## 3. External analysis of Coca Cola's strategy

Facing the changing macro environment and the fierce competition in the industry, Coca Cola reshapes its strategic direction by providing innovative customer care. Through the analysis of the macro environment, we can identify the challenges and opportunities faced by the company. (Davenport, Harris & Kohli, 2001)Through the analysis of the industry, the value chain and competitive advantage of the company can be determined. Through these analyses, Coca Cola can formulate targeted strategies to improve competitiveness and profitability. The specific analysis is as follows:

### 3.1. PESTEL analysis



**(1)Political factors**

Government policies and regulations have an important impact on the operation of the company. Coca-Cola had faced a government ban on plastic bottles in the Indian market, which forced the company to look for alternative packaging materials such as aluminium cans or biodegradable plastics. This policy change had a direct impact on its supply chain and cost structure.

**(2)Economic factors**

Economic conditions and consumer confidence have an important impact on the sales and profitability of Coca Cola (Grant, 1996). During the 2008 global financial crisis, Coca-Cola maintained sales during the recession by introducing smaller packages of beverages to lower the barrier to purchase for consumers. This strategy helped the company to maintain its market share during the economic pressure.

**(3)Social factors**

Coca Cola needs to adapt to social changes and launch healthier beverage choices to meet consumer demand (Erdem, Swait & Valenzuela, 2006). As consumers become more health-conscious, Coca-Cola has introduced low-sugar or no-sugar products such as ‘Coke Zero’ and ‘Coca-Cola for Life’ to meet the market demand. These products have been successful globally, especially in health-conscious markets such as North America and Europe.

**(4)Technical factors**

Coca-Cola uses big data and artificial intelligence to optimise its supply chain

management and improve production efficiency and logistics speed. In addition, Coca-Cola has strengthened its interaction with consumers through mobile applications and social media platforms, such as the 'Share a bottle of Coke' campaign, which has increased consumer engagement through personalised bottle labels.

**(5)Environmental factors**

Coca Cola needs to pay attention to environmental sustainability and carbon emissions (Edosomwan, Prakasan, Kouame, Watson & Seymour, 2011). Coca-Cola announced its 'No Waste' global sustainability programme in 2018, working to reduce plastic waste. The company introduced recyclable paper bottles in the European market, reducing its environmental impact while enhancing its brand image.

**(6)Legal factors**

Laws and regulations of different countries and regions have an important impact on the operation of Coca Cola company (Chesbrough, 2010). In Mexico, the Government imposed a 'sugar tax' on sugar-sweetened beverages in response to obesity. This has forced Coca-Cola to adjust its product portfolio to increase the promotion of low-sugar and sugar-free beverages and to emphasise healthy drinks in its marketing.

### 3.2. Five forces analysis

**(1)Threats from competitors**

Coca-Cola has responded to the health trend in its competition with Pepsi by

launching low-calorie products such as Coke Life. It is also using personalised bottle labels to enhance brand loyalty and interaction with consumers through its ‘Share a Coke’ campaign.

**(2)Customers' negotiation ability**

consumers' demands and preferences for products are constantly changing (Wilson & Lee, 2016), To reduce the bargaining power of large retailers and distributors, Coca-Cola is attracting consumer attention by introducing innovative packaging and products such as limited edition festive bottles.In 2019, Coca-Cola launched a limited edition ‘Santa’ bottle in the UK, a unique packaging design that not only adds to the product's appeal but also increases purchase intent. This unique packaging design not only increases the attractiveness of the product, but also enhances consumers' willingness to buy.

**(3)Negotiation ability of suppliers**

In the face of fluctuating raw material prices, Coca-Cola has reduced its dependence on a single supplier by diversifying its sourcing strategy (Davenport, Harris & Kohli, 2001). For example, in 2019, Coca-Cola announced that it will use more sustainable materials, such as raw sugarcane, to produce its sweeteners, which not only reduces its reliance on traditional sugar, but also enhances the company's environmental profile.

**(4)The threat of substitutes**

There are many substitutes in Coca Cola's industry, such as coffee, tea and

juice. In an effort to reduce the threat of substitutes, Coca-Cola entered the ready-to-drink coffee market by acquiring Costa Coffee in 2018. This move not only enabled Coca-Cola to offer a more diverse selection of beverages, but also helped it gain a foothold in the fast-growing market of coffee.

**(5)The threat of new entrants**

The entry of new enterprises into the industry may pose a threat to Coca Cola's market share (Gligor & Holcomb, 2012). Faced with the challenge of emerging healthy beverage brands, such as Suja Juice in the U.S., Coca-Cola has entered new market segments through acquisitions of these brands.In 2018, Coca-Cola acquired a stake in Moe's Southwest Grill, a chain of restaurants offering healthy dining options.In this way, Coca-Cola not only expanded its product line, but also increased its control over emerging markets.

### 3.3. Porter's value chain analysis

**(1)Internal Logistics**

Coca-Cola ensures the timely delivery of its products across the globe through efficient logistics systems. For example, Coca-Cola has invested in a state-of-the-art logistics centre in Brazil that uses automation and data analytics to optimise inventory management and transport routes, reducing logistics costs and improving efficiency.

**(2)Operations**

Coca-Cola's production process is highly automated and standardised

(Bhasin & Bhatia, 2017). By introducing advanced manufacturing technologies into the production process, such as aseptic filling technology, Coca-Cola is able to ensure product quality while reducing production costs. In addition, Coca-Cola reduces transport costs and time by localising production.

**(3)Marketing and Sales**

Coca-Cola unified its brand image and messaging with the ‘Taste the Feeling’ global marketing campaign. The campaign emphasises Coca-Cola as a representation of simple moments of joy, connecting with consumers through emotional resonance. For example, in 2016, Coca-Cola launched a new advertising song, ‘Taste the Feeling’, which was rolled out globally to stimulate an emotional response and reinforce the brand's emotional values.

**(4)Service**

Coca-Cola provides high-quality customer care, including post-sales support and problem solving. In India, for example, Coca-Cola has launched the ‘Ek Saath Abhiyan’ programme, which is designed to enhance the brand's image and connect with consumers through community engagement and educational activities.

**(5)Procurement**

Coca-Cola ensures the quality and supply stability of raw materials through effective sourcing strategies. For example, in Brazil, Coca-Cola ensures a stable supply of sugar by cooperating with local sugarcane growers and locks in prices through long-term contracts to reduce the impact of raw material cost

fluctuations.

**(6)Technology Development**

Coca-Cola continues to invest in research and development to introduce new products and technologies. For example, in 2019, Coca-Cola launched Coca-Cola Energy, a new energy drink with natural caffeine and B vitamins, designed to meet consumer demand for healthy and functional beverages.

**(7)Human Resource Management**

Coca-Cola attaches importance to the training and development of its employees, and provides various training programmes and career development opportunities to enhance their skills and loyalty. For example, Coca-Cola has implemented the ‘5by20’ women's entrepreneurship support programme globally, which aims to enhance the professional skills and leadership of female employees.

**(8)Firm Infrastructure**

Coca-Cola supports its operations by building a strong enterprise infrastructure. For example, Coca-Cola has established state-of-the-art data centres and IT systems globally to support data analytics and decision-making and to improve the efficiency of corporate operations.

## 4. Internal resources and analysis of Coca Cola strategy

### 4.1. Analysis of VRIO framework

**(1)Value**

Coca-Cola has demonstrated its commitment to the value of environmental

sustainability through its World Without Waste initiative. The programme aims to reduce environmental pollution by reducing the use of plastic bottles and promoting recycling, which not only enhances the brand's image, but also strengthens consumer trust and loyalty to the brand.

**(2)Rarity**

Coca-Cola's global distribution network is one of its scarce resources. Through its extensive distribution in more than 200 countries and territories around the world, Coca-Cola ensures that its products reach consumers quickly. This extensive distribution network is difficult for many competitors to replicate.

**(3)Inimitability**

Coca-Cola's secret formula is its core resource that is difficult to imitate. This unique formula not only gives the product a distinctive flavour, but also adds to the mystique and appeal of the brand. Since this formula is strictly confidential, competitors cannot copy it, thus providing Coca-Cola with a lasting competitive advantage.

**(4)Organization**

Coca-Cola's organisational capabilities are reflected in its efficient supply chain management and its ability to innovate. For example, Coca-Cola optimises the entire process from raw material procurement to product distribution by working closely with suppliers and distributors. In addition, Coca-Cola continues to introduce new products, such as Coca-Cola Energy, through continuous investment in research and development to meet market

changes and consumer needs.

### 4.2. Analysis of core competitiveness

**(1)Brand reputation and market share**

Coca Cola has a strong brand reputation and global market share, which enables it to occupy a leading position in the market competition. This core competitiveness is an important advantage of the company, which has brought economic scale benefits and market influence.

**(2)Supply chain efficiency and cost control**

Coca Cola has maintained high efficiency and competitiveness by optimizing the supply chain and controlling costs. (Wilson & Lee, 2016)This capability enables the company to provide high-quality products and sell them at competitive prices to meet consumer demand.

**(3)Innovation ability**

Coca Cola company has strong innovation ability and can continuously launch new products and breakthrough innovations. (Christopherson, 2017)This capability provides the company with product differentiation and market competitive advantage.

### 4.3. Analysis of Coca Cola's corporate culture

Coca Cola, a company deeply rooted in values such as authenticity, optimism, and leadership, is dedicated to enriching and invigorating consumers' lives through the provision of innovative and satisfying beverages. This commitment is further supported by their organizational structure and management style,

which are characterized by decentralization and positivity. The company fosters an environment that encourages employees to fully utilize their creativity and innovative spirit, while also promoting a culture of teamwork and the autonomy to make independent decisions.

## 5. Analysis of Coca Cola's strategic choice

Analyzing Coca-Cola's strategic choice involves examining the decisions and actions the company has taken to maintain and enhance its competitive position in the global beverage market (Gummesson, 2017). Here's a breakdown of Coca-Cola's strategic choices, supported by examples and analysis:

### 5.1. Globalization Strategy

Coca-Cola's strategic choice to expand globally has been a cornerstone of its success. The company has a presence in over 200 countries, making it one of the most ubiquitous brands worldwide.

Coca-Cola's entry into emerging markets like China and India has been facilitated by strategic partnerships and localization of products to suit local tastes, such as the introduction of mango-flavored Fanta in India.

### 5.2. Diversification of Product Portfolio and Strategic Acquisitions

To mitigate risks associated with relying solely on carbonated soft drinks, Coca-Cola has diversified its product offerings.

The acquisition of brands like Minute Maid, Georgia Coffee, and Honest Tea has allowed Coca-Cola to cater to health-conscious consumers and enter new

beverage segments.

### 5.3. Digital transformation and supply chain optimisation strategies

The Coca-Cola Company confronts digital challenges via strategic initiatives, aiming to boost customer engagement and operational efficiency (Gummesson, 2017). It leverages big data analytics to tailor marketing campaigns, invests in digital platforms like mobile apps and online shops to engage consumers, and enhances supply chain resilience through advanced manufacturing and logistics optimisation.

In 2019, it partnered with Keurig Dr Pepper to launch a smart drink dispenser called ‘Coca-Cola Freestyle’, which offers up to 100 different drink options and meets consumers' personalised needs through smart technology. Close partnerships have also been established with suppliers to optimise the logistics process, reduce transport costs and ensure the timely availability of products worldwide.

### 5.4. Sustainability, social responsibility and adaptation to health trends

The Coca-Cola Company is committed to making progress in environmental sustainability, social responsibility and health trends through a series of strategic choices (Cao & Ma, 2019 ).

In terms of sustainability, the company has launched the ‘World Without Waste’ initiative, with the goal of recycling the equivalent of all bottles and cans it sells by 2030 in order to reduce its environmental footprint.

In terms of social responsibility, Coca-Cola enhances its brand image and

fosters goodwill among consumers and communities through social engagement. Coca-Cola demonstrates its care and support for the community through its ‘Water 24’ emergency drinking water relief mechanism, which provides safe drinking water to disaster-stricken areas in the event of a rapid response.

As consumers become more health-conscious, Coca-Cola has also adjusted its product line with more low-calorie and sugar-free options. For example, the launch of Coca-Cola Life, a low-calorie cola sweetened with a blend of sugar and stevia, was a strategic move by the company to cater to health-conscious consumers.

## 6. Analysis of Coca Cola's strategic management

### 6.1. Strategy feasibility assessment

#### (1)Market Demand and Adaptability

Coca-Cola must continually conduct market research to understand changes in consumer preferences and trends and to ensure that new products and marketing strategies are aligned with market demand. Coca-Cola has demonstrated rapid adaptation to market changes by launching beverages in line with health and low-sugar trends, such as Coca-Cola Zero Sugar. However, this also requires the company to constantly monitor consumer feedback to ensure the continued appeal of the product and its competitiveness in the market. While Coca-Cola Zero Sugar has been successful in some markets, different product features or marketing strategies

may be required in other markets to meet the needs of specific consumer segments.

**(2)Resource and Capability Alignment**

Coca-Cola needs to ensure that its strategic plan matches the company's resources and capabilities, including financial resources, human resources, and technological infrastructure (Ghoshal, 2016). His global distribution network is key to his success, but he also needs to continuously invest in logistics and supply chain optimisation to maintain cost-effectiveness and operational efficiency. In addition, the company's expansion into emerging markets needs to take into account the particular needs and challenges of the local market. Investments also need to be made in key strategic target areas, such as brand building, market expansion or R&D, while ensuring that these investments deliver the expected returns.

**(3)Technological Innovation and R&D**

Technological innovation is the key to Coca-Cola's market leadership. The company needs to continuously invest in R&D to drive new product development and improvement of existing products (Davis, 2020). His innovations in packaging technology, such as the use of recyclable materials, demonstrate his commitment to sustainability. However, these innovations also need to find a balance between cost-effectiveness and consumer acceptance. At the same time, Coca-Cola needs to assess the potential impact of new

technologies on costs, efficiency and environmental impacts, and ensure that these innovations provide the company with a competitive advantage.

### 6.2. Strategic impact assessment

#### (1) Internal influence of the organization

By providing innovative customer care, Coca Cola can improve the morale and motivation of its employees. Employees will feel proud and satisfied and make more contributions to the success of the company. In addition, innovative customer care can also improve internal processes and efficiency, and improve performance and operational capabilities.

#### (2) Industry and competitive environment impact

Innovative customer care can help Coca Cola stand out in the highly competitive beverage industry. (Chen & Tan, 2019)By providing unique services different from competitors, the company can establish differentiation and attract more consumers. In addition, innovative customer care can also help companies gain competitive advantages in market share and brand awareness.

#### (3) Consumer experience and brand image impact

Innovative customer care can provide better consumer experience and enhance brand image (Wilson & Lee, 2016). For example, companies can meet the needs of consumers by providing personalized services and customized products to make them experience a different feeling. This will help build loyalty and reputation effect, and encourage more consumers to choose

Coca Cola products.

### 6.3. SWOT Analysis

**(1) Strengths**

Coca Cola has a strong brand awareness and market share, as well as a global distribution network and supply chain capability. (Gummesson, 2017)In addition, the company also has rich resources and experience to support innovative customer care.

**(2) Weaknesses**

Coca Cola is facing fierce competitors in some regions and markets. In addition, the company has high production and operation costs, which may affect its ability to provide competitive customer cares.

**(3) Opportunities**

The market demand for innovative customer care is increasing, (Ojasalo &

Ojasalo, 2018)and consumers are increasingly interested in personalized and customized products and services. Coca Cola can win more market share by meeting these needs.

**(4) Threats**

As competitors continue to strengthen, many companies begin to focus on innovation and customer care. In addition, consumers are increasingly concerned about health and environmental issues, which may pose a challenge to the traditional carbonated beverage market.

# 7. The impact of reshaping strategic direction on different fields of Coca Cola

## 7.1. Organizational Culture Impact

**(1)Improve employees' innovation ability and motivation**

Employees are more willing to try new service forms and solutions to provide a better customer experience.

**(2)Increase employee team collaboration**

The implementation of innovative customer care requires close cooperation among multiple departments (Chen, 2017), therefore, communication and cooperation between employees will be strengthened.

**(3)Establishing a customer-oriented culture**

By providing innovative customer care, the company will always prioritize customer needs (Christopherson, 2017), and employees will fully realize the importance of customer satisfaction to the company, thus forming a

customer-oriented culture.

### 7.2. Marketing Strategy Impact

**(1)Increase market share**

By providing innovative customer care, the company can meet the needs of customers, thereby attracting more consumers and increasing market share.

**(2)Establish brand image**

Innovative customer care reflects the company's innovative ability and attention to customer needs. By doing so, The Coca-Cola Company can further shape its brand image in the eyes of consumers and enhance its brand value.

**(3)Increase customer loyalty**

Innovative customer care helps to enhance customer experience, provide personalized solutions, and thus increase customer loyalty to the company.

### 7.3. Impact of Innovation Capability

**(1)Improve product development and innovation**

In order to meet customer needs, (Hart & Dowell, 2011)the company will continuously invest in research and innovation, thereby improving the innovation of products and services.

**(2)Strengthen market insight**

By communicating with customers and receiving feedback, the company will be able to better understand market demand and trends, providing guidance for future product and service development.

**(3)Enhance organizational flexibility**

Innovative customer care requires companies to adjust and improve their existing products and processes in a timely manner to adapt to the constantly changing market and customer needs. This will keep the company competitive and enhance organizational flexibility.

# 8. Successful Case study of providing innovative customer care

## 8.1. Successful cases of The Coca-Cola Company in the market

The Coca-Cola Company has successfully reshaped its strategic direction by providing innovative customer care. Here are several successful cases of the company:

**(1) Innovative product development**

The Coca-Cola Company has continuously launched innovative products to meet the changing needs of consumers. (Davis, 2020)For example, they have launched low sugar or sugar free beverages such as Diet Coke and Coca Cola Zero to cater to the growing health conscious consumer group. Through continuous innovation of products, The Coca-Cola Company has successfully attracted different types of consumers and increased sales.

**(2) Personalized user experience**

The Coca-Cola Company has increased interaction with consumers by providing personalized consumer experience (Christopherson, 2017). They used integrated marketing strategies, utilizing social media and digital

platforms to establish connections with consumers. For example, The Coca-Cola Company has launched personalized beverage bottles so that consumers can print their names on the bottles. This measure has attracted widespread attention and increased consumer loyalty to the brand.

**(3) Provide value-added services**

The Coca-Cola Company attracts consumers by providing value-added services. For example, they establish partnerships with the music and sports industries and host music and sports events. By providing value-added services unrelated to beverages, The Coca-Cola Company has successfully attracted more consumer groups and increased brand exposure.

### 8.2. Exploring Best Practices in Other Industries

**(1) Apple's Innovative customer care**

Apple has set an industry benchmark in customer care. They have successfully achieved growth in customer loyalty and market share by providing unparalleled customer support, (Gummesson, 2017)such as unique purchasing experiences, free courses, and training. The Coca-Cola Company can refer to Apple's best practices in customer care to provide consumers with similar personalized and value-added services.

**(2) Personalized recommendations from Amazon**

Amazon is famous for its personalized recommendation system. By analyzing consumers' purchasing history and preferences, Amazon can recommend the products and services that are most suitable for each consumer (Gummesson,

2017). The Coca-Cola Company can learn from Amazon's experience in personalized recommendation and use Big data and intelligent algorithms to provide more accurate consumer experience and personalized services.

# 9. Suggestions for Coca Cola to reshape its strategic development

## 9.1. Propose a new strategic direction for Coca Cola

As one of the largest soft drink companies in the world, The Coca-Cola Company should reshape its strategic direction by providing innovative customer cares. Here are some suggestions for new strategic directions:

**(1) Personalized customization**

Coca Cola can utilize modern technology to develop customized products and packaging that match consumers' personal preferences and needs. By utilizing the internet and social media platforms, companies can interact more directly with consumers, understand their preferences, and provide specially customized product services.

**(2) Health and Healthy Diet**

With the increasing awareness of health, consumers' demand for low sugar, low calorie, and natural ingredients is increasing. (Ojasalo & Ojasalo, 2018)Coca Cola can adapt to this changing demand by increasing the variety of health drinks. In addition, the company can strengthen cooperation with health food manufacturers and retailers to promote healthy eating and lifestyle.

**(3) Sustainable development**

The Coca-Cola Company should be committed to a sustainable growth model. The company can reduce the use of plastic bottles, adopt more environmentally friendly packaging materials, and develop recyclable and reusable packaging solutions. In addition, companies can increase investment in sustainable agriculture and water resource protection to implement sustainable development practices in the supply chain.

### 9.2. Looking Forward to Future Development

By adopting the above new strategic direction, The Coca-Cola Company will provide innovative customer care, win the following advantages, and look forward to the future development prospects.

**(1) Increase market share**

Through personalized customization and the direction of healthy eating, Coca Cola can meet the needs of different consumer groups.(Choudhury, & Ali, 2016) Companies can attract more consumers, increase market share, and differentiate themselves from competitors.

**(2) Improving customer loyalty**

By innovating customer care, Coca Cola can strengthen its interaction and connection with consumers. Companies can create personalized consumer experiences, increase customer loyalty, and encourage consumers to become loyal supporters of the brand.

**(3) Maintain sustainable competitive advantage**

By attaching importance to sustainable development and environmental

protection, The Coca-Cola Company can improve its image and reputation and meet consumers' demands for environmental protection responsibilities. This will help the company maintain a competitive advantage and achieve longer-term success.

**(4) Increase sales volume and profit**

By providing innovative customer care, Coca Cola can stimulate consumers' purchasing desire, increase sales volume and profits (Chesbrough,2010). For example, by introducing online ordering and courier services, Coca Cola can provide beverages to consumers more quickly and increase transaction volume.

To sum up, The Coca-Cola Company can reshape its strategic direction by providing innovative customer cares. Personalized customization, healthy diet and sustainable development are the new directions of The Coca-Cola Company's future development. By adopting these new strategic directions, The Coca-Cola Company can increase market share, improve customer loyalty and maintain sustainable competitive advantage.

## 10. Conclusion

As the world's leading non-alcoholic beverage company, The Coca-Cola Company has experienced a century of development, constantly expanded its product range, strengthened its global layout, and constantly improved its competitiveness in high speed and efficiency. I believe that The Coca-Cola Company can reshape its strategic direction and respond to changing

consumer demands by providing innovative customer care, emphasizing personalized customer experience, using emerging technologies to improve customer care, strengthening communication with customers, strengthening market research and information collection, and focusing on sustainable development and social responsibility. This will help the company increase sales and market share, while meeting consumers' demand for healthy drinks and sustainability.

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