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Introduction

Worldwide current situation around us makes overwhelming requests on each venture. Business people need to be aware where they are going, what they need to accomplish, what are their opportunities and inconveniences contrasted with its opposition. Clear, reasonable meaning of vision and mission, and strategic course of the association can assume a key job in the organization's prosperity. SMEs are a basic component of each economy. According a report on the development of SME business which was delivered by the Ministry of Trade and Industry of the United Kingdom showing that SME organizations assumed significant job in the advancement of the national economy and the whole region. As per a similar source, SMEs are a wellspring of advancement, improvement of urban areas and towns in the UK. The portion of SME in the dynamic business was 99% in 2018 (Rhodes, 2019).

It is important to know about the meaning of UK business groups undertakings as the micro, small and medium-sized by the quantity of representatives, turnover or all out resources (Analoui & Karami, 2002). As a micro scale venture utilizes less than 10 people for 33% of employment and whose yearly turnover is 22%. Small scale venture utilizes less than 50 people for 15% of employment and whose yearly turnover is 15%. Medium venture utilizes less than 250 individuals and has a yearly turnover is 15% (Rhodes, 2019).

According to Tyndall and Cameron (1990) the definition of strategic management is not easy to explain because it relies upon the organization. Each business has its own meaning of strategic management and strategy (Tyndall & Cameron, 1991). As expressed by Alkhafaji (2003) the strategic is a procedure of surveying the organization and its condition so as to meet the organization's long haul targets of adjusting and changing in accordance with its condition through control of chances and decrease of damage (Alkhafaji, 2003). Keřkovský, Vykyřěl (2006) sees that the strategic management is depends on long haul figures and tackles business issues and look after future chances. Also, Sedlářková, Buchta (2006) sees the advantages of strategic management is giving clear objectives and bearings to the association for its positive future improvement. As indicated by Tichá, Hron (2005) the principal reason for the strategic management is the making of reasonable benefits, as the most significant condition for gainful business. The maximum capacity of the organization ought to be engaged to accomplish this goal by ordinary operational choices, which depend

on long haul key core interest (Monika & Jaroslav, 2013). The strategic management is a test for the whole venture at each snapshot of its reality, not exclusively to a small circle of experts once every year. It is a perspective, a manual for activity and deciding element in the conduct of each employees.

Synek and Kislingerová (2010) expressed, that advantages of SMEs are given by not benefited big companies (Monika & Jaroslav, 2013). Advantage from the establishment of strategic management in small ventures characterizes by Analoui, Karami (2003) as pursues: Small and Medium encourages comprehension of the present circumstance, in which the organization is found; gives an unmistakable perspective on the vision and goal of the company; indicates qualities and shortcomings, accentuates those that are deliberately significant for organization exercises; helps set the correct destinations; enables a business to be increasingly dynamic; readies the association to have the option to manage the normal and unforeseen issues, and makes a space for the correspondence the executives in the association; actualizes the ecological issues and its changes; permits presentation of morals and corporate social obligation in the vital procedure (Analoui & Karami, 2002).

The way of strategic management in small companies is not applied (meaning of utilizing the techniques of strategic management), especially for time and money related reasons. Big organizations manage strategic management in specific way. SMEs, despite what might be expected, get the opportunity for further advancement of the strategic management and secure the execution to the administration all things considered. Strategic management may in truth be one of the instruments for expanding the SME's more competitive. It is essential to understand that for the change, which will be brought by structuring the new methodology, it is completely inescapable to include, some as well as the entirety of the current senior management engaged with the procedure (Bart & Baetz, 1998).

The principle understanding of strategic management in this report as follows:

- The current strategic direction of the company;
- The company's PESTLE, SWOT analysis and also need to analyse the organization's external and internal environment with the aim of identifying the big picture;
- The company's stakeholder analysis and their expectations of different stakeholders and relative power;

- Explain about the new strategy and its sustainable strategy for the long-term future of the organization.

Sainsbury's Strategic Direction

Sainsbury's is being serving as a third largest chain of supermarkets from 1869 which is established by John James Sainsbury in the United Kingdom. As a brand, the organisation is depending on an inheritance of conveying to customers with fresh and protected food.

Today it comes between itself by offering a wide extent of fantastic quality product at sensible prices with explicit emphasis on new sustenance, a strong good approach to manage business and consistent activity and progression. At Sainsbury's products are improved and made to ensure the association leads the extent that the components used and reliability of sourcing (Ukessays, 2016).

Vision: The company's vision is simple as to be most trusted retailer, also where people are happy to work and shop. The organisation is putting the customers as a first priority and developing the relations with partners, investing into stores and offering the best shopping information (Sainsbury's, 2019).

Mission: The mission would be the shopper's first choice for food market, products delivery of outstanding quality and exceptional assisting at a yearning cost through cooperating, quicker and less complex (Ukessays, 2016)

Values: Sainsbury's values are passion for substantial, fresh, safe, and tasty foods, fundamental consideration on delivering exceptional products at sensible prices, it must be a history with progress and the reliably authority of strong regards for the social, moral and the ecological effects of their movement have continued on standing the preliminary of time (Ukessays, 2017).

Key Strategies: The key strategies are very important for Sainsbury's which are making difference to their customers lives every day. The company has five pillars and they are:

1. Customers better than anyone else;
2. Colleagues are making the difference;
3. Produce great products and services at reasonable prices;
4. Company is there for customers;
5. Company's values make different (Sainsbury's, 2019).

Offering, Revenues & Location: Company's giving different offers in many ways which customers can benefit everyday life. Sainsbury's net points helping customers to use them for future purchases in discounts.

Sainsbury's keep on to continue a solid monetary record and have paid off net obligation by £222 million to £1,636 million. Organization's main point on decrease net debt will proceed and will aim to lessen this by in any event £600 million throughout the following three years through a restrained way to deal with capital allocation and cash generation (Sainsbury's, 2019).

Sainsbury's have approximately 2200 supermarkets in UK wide and still expanding each year. Company's opening new shops to give flexibility and greater choice for customers across the UK. Sainsbury's investing on stores, managing their space and working with concessions accomplices to give their clients increasingly greater convenience and choice (Sainsbury's, 2019).

What Sainsbury's doing: Sainsbury's doing great and it exhibits dedication to creating dependable business. This combination is because of the unmistakable structure built up by the organization's five fundamental beliefs and the consideration paid to corporate duty at the largest amounts of the association.

Sainsbury's appears to hold instinctively the numerous factors that characterize an activity or sustainable programme. For instance, Sainsbury has as its main goal the arrangement of fresh, taste, safe and healthy food in its stores at a reasonable cost. The organization has thought about how to accomplish this mission in accordance with its qualities, giving sustainable food choices that are both appealing and available (Dobkowski-Joy, 2010).

Sainsbury's PESTLE, SWOT and Porter's Five Forces

Pestle, Swot and Porter's five forces are main tools for Sainsbury's which help to find how the company can improve competitive positions in the market.

PESTLE Analysis

- **Political Factors**

⇒ Because of climate change the food crisis increased in all part of the world and increasing globalization presents a test but also Sainsbury's can take a chance to find a solution. The challenge can be with obscure powers and with other best

quality/financially source whom products are in reasonable price from world over. An organization like Sainsbury's can enter the business areas of rising associations through joint collaborations to watch those new markets, anyway it does not have any plans apparently inside simple reach to do thusly.

- ⇒ There were a price fixing between big four retailers back in 2008 which is impacted negatively to Sainsbury's, it was the lead of this allegation. However, the company is very well known amongst the customers but public might feel cheated because of these allegations.
- ⇒ The corporation tax is decreased of 28% by British Government which financially Sainsbury's get help a lot ([J Sainsbury, 2019](#)).

- **Economic Factors**

- ⇒ The Sainsbury's credit crunch has two ways which impact on the retailer who also runs a financial service called as HBOS. The credit crunch may decrease the acquiring force of purchasers and they will buy the necessities which they may be continuously vigilant. Clients may moreover spend less on excess things, something that has a progressively unmistakable net income for Sainsbury's. As indicated by Sainsbury's bank, the credit crunch direct impacts its ability to give recognize especially as HBOS isn't entrenched name in money related administrations sector.
- ⇒ As talking about before, the global food crisis is increasing because of climate change as well as raised the food market prices rapidly all over the world. Sainsbury's products are also impacted in this crisis. Because of the purchasing cost increased, the expenses growing to purchasers which is effect to expand costs of major things in Sainsbury's.
- ⇒ Hardened challenge inside each fragment of the retail side has guide to retailers giving a great deal of motives to the shoppers. This will influence Sainsbury's as the costs must be moved down more often ([Ukessays, 2016](#)).

- **Social Factors**

- ⇒ These days, due to the expanding level of weight inside the UK, the British government urging individuals to eat healthy food. This has manual for various customers to move towards increasingly helpful sustenance. This shows an

opportunity to Sainsbury's to stock up with progressively strong sustenance or make increasingly valuable sustenance at a more affordable expense than various creators so as to benefit by this new example.

⇒ As Sainsbury's priority is to provide fresh, healthy and tasty food which is a positive vibe by most of the people in their life style. It is an opportunity for Sainsbury's to empower new plans and unfussy eating ([Ukessays, 2016](#)).

- **Technological Factors**

⇒ Today's modern world is mostly internet dependable which is developing very quickly. At whatever point used insightfully, Sainsbury's can utilize the web promoting its latent capacity advantage. Different competitors like Tesco, Aldi use their own one of a kind online conveyance model viably. Despite the fact that, Ocado is specialist delivery organization who is working in association with Waitrose, they are giving an alternative rather than the re-appropriating of non-centre work.

⇒ Supermarkets shopping lining framework for clients frequently end up in at the checkout. Just method for this arrangement is self-checkout machines which are used by Asda and Tesco, especially for customers who need to arrange for relatively few things. Other than that, Sainsbury's can open its stores 24 hours through help of self-checkout machines which may help improve deals.

⇒ There is an unpopular technology name as radio frequency identification device which can utilized for critical advantages to the store network of Sainsbury's. Whenever received, this innovation will prompt less stock for the supermarket firms prompting a slenderer, progressively gainful association ([J Sainsbury, 2019](#)).

- **Legal Factors**

⇒ As a big supermarket chain company, Sainsbury's know about the laws on food and beverages which is make the company's current marketing strategies and to manage packaging procedure with these matters.

⇒ Sainsbury's has own bank to create interests in financial services. It knows about that there are uncertainty measures and greater obligation in regards to lawful consistence.

- **Environmental Factors**

- ⇒ Western Europe's big companies have been trying to use green energy which is made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also, it is important that the governments need to monitor the companies are trying to work on green energy. So, Sainsbury's should contribute more on green environment as much possible.
- ⇒ The moral issues are the ethical treatment animals and to sale organic food, unmistakably impact Sainsbury's on different levels. The developing significance of such issues implies that they should consider those customers just as to purchasers administered by cost. This is a delicate issue as they should adjust their public stand on condition without losing shoppers because of the expansion in costs ([Ukessays, 2016](#)).

Porter's Five Forces

- **Dealing intensity of purchasers** - Purchasers are routinely a difficult part. They are always looking for the best offer available to expend less as low as possible to meet the current situation in the market. Because of that circumstances, Sainsbury's will be having difficulty on profit as time goes on. In this case, the organization can do more research on customers about their like and dislike products which Sainsbury's can reduce price or offering more on products.

Step by step instructions to handle the dealing intensity of purchasers by Sainsbury's

- ⇒ New products by opponents in market can reduce the regular customers of Sainsbury's.
 - ⇒ Because of the base of popularity, this will be useful in two ways. It will allow to the organization to proficient its arrangements and creation process and reduce the dealing intensity of purchasers.
 - ⇒ New innovative products are always bringing positive market sales. The customers are looking to build up those products so, Sainsbury's should proceed with make new things, by then it can oblige the dealing power ([Fern Fort University, 2019](#)).
- **Dealing intensity of providers** - In retail sectors, most of raw materials are bought by majority of the companies from many different suppliers. Providers in directing position can reduce the edges that Sainsbury's can acquire in the market. Customer services section of most recognised suppliers use their maximum ability to pull out

costly fares from the associations in retail sector. The general impact of higher provider dealing power is that it cuts down the general efficiency of retail.

Step by step instructions to handle the dealing intensity of providers by Sainsbury's

- ⇒ Important to develop faithful suppliers whose business is depends on the organization. Sainsbury's can pick up one of the practises form Nike and Walmart, it means that these associations are growing through third party producers whose circumstance only depends on them, so in this case, the third party has no power of bargaining conflict with Nike and Walmart.
- ⇒ Need to try different kind of products with product plans by using unlike materials, so the expenses of crude material will increase. Because of increasing crude materials, the organization need to change the plan of moving to another item.
- ⇒ A solid structure of chain supermarket with various providers ([Fern Fort University , 2019](#)).

- **Risk of new contestants** - However, new contestants are always bringing an advantage in retail sector through advancement of innovation for getting work done quickly, decreasing prices and giving new ideas to the customers and cut evaluating procedure. Sainsbury's need to understand about each of difficulties and assemble successful perimeters to protect its ambitious advantage.

The most effective method to handle the risk of new participants

- ⇒ Establish a better structure to spend money on innovative work and strengthen abilities. New participants are less disposed to enter an amazing industry where the set-up players as like Sainsbury's keep maintaining up the regular standards. Generally, it is not possible for new contestants to make a marketplace and dispirit new players in the business.
- ⇒ Improving the services and bring new products to make old clients back to Sainsbury's.
- ⇒ By structure economies of scale with the objective that it can cut down the fixed cost per unit ([Fern Fort University , 2019](#)).
- **Risk of substitutes** - Comparative customers are always looking for different items which requires in unique ways, and make the retail industry financial gain. For

example, Google Drive and Dropbox are replacement storage of hardware drives. The risk of a substitute service or product is high, because it gives an impetus that is surprisingly special in connection to show commitments of the business.

The most effective method to handle the risk of substitutes

- ⇒ By upgrading the essential expect of the customer rather than what the customer is buying.
- ⇒ By extending the trading cost for the customers.
- ⇒ By being administration arranged rather than just thing focused (Ukessays , 2016).

- **Focused Power** - Currently, the retail industry is extremely challenging field between chain supermarkets, so Sainsbury's can use strategic way to reduce costs which can be the general benefit of the company. Sainsbury's managing an incredibly aspiring retail industry and the company should take challenges for long term benefit in any situation for future.

Instructions to handle the focused power

- ⇒ By structure a manageable separation.
- ⇒ By structure scale with the objective that it can fight better.
- ⇒ Collaborating with contenders to grow the market size rather than just looking for little market (Ukessays , 2016).

SWOT Analysis

- **Strengths**
 - ⇒ Sainsbury's business growth is continuing thirteen straight quarters in current year. The company has showed about an expansion of turnover is 7% and benefit after tax is an enormous of 450% in 2019 (Sainsbury's , 2019).
 - ⇒ The CEO Mike Coupe has a very experienced initiative team which having got appreciation for his incredible change in the company.
 - ⇒ The company has adopted all around to put on green and environmental issues because of different kind of current activities. It has appreciated by green activists and buyers, such as buying reasonable exchange bananas.
 - ⇒ Sainsbury's the only chain supermarket which has a reasonable personality supporting product, prompting expanded deals. Jamie Oliver has chosen to

highlight in ad campaigns which to see elevates in offers of explicit elements
(Sainsbury's , 2019).

- **Weakness**

⇒ Sainsbury's is not expanding outside of the UK unlike Tesco's development plan. It can lead to concern because if there is a problem with food retailing or any source of additional development within the UK.

⇒ The Qataris private firm has offered takeover of the company in 2016 as some of individuals are want to move towards British companies and Sainsbury's can be manage remotely which can cause buyers exchanging loyalty (Ukessays , 2016).

- **Opportunities**

⇒ Nowadays, Online marketing has an extraordinary possibility which is more opportunities and less risks.

⇒ Sainsbury's has interests on property development to make a marketplace in this industry. The company's target of £40 million benefit through its bank seems to be a positive chase in decent system.

- **Threats**

⇒ There ought to be steady significant enthusiasm for environmental and green issues without quick benefits. The issue leans back in keeping up a dependability, for instance, Bio-fuel is kind of device which can control pollutions widely all over the world and its usage impacts on Sainsbury's store arrange clearly, so Sainsbury's must help it. But recently, the bio-powers utilizing cost has dearer in the UK which is also pressurized on Sainsbury's customer.

⇒ Sainsbury's business expenses are dependent on necessities when is connection to managing, environmental issues, competitiveness, tax laws and regarding guidelines over the organization's items and services (Sainsbury's , 2019).

Sainsbury's Stakeholders Analysis

Sainsbury's has six stakeholders who are contributing the business success in retail industry. It will likewise talk about each stakeholder's advantages, where various stakeholders intrigue coincides or conflict. Guide out a stakeholder mapping exercise that will help the Sainsbury's business strategy (Ukessays, 2017).

Shareholders - They own company's shares who bought and are gained legitimately in a benefit situated association. They get these shares through investment and obtain in two ways, 1) throughout profits and 2) benefit through selling their shares.

Suppliers - Sainsbury's has approximately 30,000 products in stores which from nationwide and internationally. The company trusts in "sourcing with uprightness or integrity", this kind of activity experienced by framing collaboration which builds unmixed and social principles. As it is one of the founder members to build the (ETI) as Ethical Trading Initiative. Company demonstrate their promise to clients as well as to their providers who Sainsbury value a lot (Sainsbury's, 2019).

Managers - They are one of the core parts of the company who know about company's vision, mission and target of the owners. The main development pace of Sainsbury's identified through the ability of the managers at different area to bring the essential human and other material which expected to develop the group. They run the businesses of Sainsbury's and ensure that the investors having their profits every year.

Member of Staff - According the annual report of the company in 2018, the workforces of 186,900 are relying on the company which is continuing development to make their living. The workforces are making their best to reach the company's targets. Sainsbury's doing more staff training and employments throughout the nation. These workforces are power of Sainsbury's and essential to its growth (Sainsbury's, 2019).

Customers - Sainsbury gives the prime priority for the customers' wishes on the quality products. Company's CEO's main motto saying that "the customers are at the Sainsbury's heart and success and also future growth is based on being able to anticipate and then deliver what they need" (Sainsbury's, 2019). Importantly, it providing good quality food to the customers with reasonable price.

Community - Sainsbury's has more than 800 stores nationwide in Britain. The company has a local charity scheme which supports the local community. Its stakeholders in whatever occurs at Sainsbury the community assume a noteworthy job in the associations having ambitious lead. Sainsbury's are great neighbours, and provides great service with quality products. Sainsbury additionally keeps on supporting local community and charities (Ukessays, 2017).

Sainsbury's objective and vision educates its operational exercises towards its providers, community and different partners. The company's vision "to be most reliable in the retail industry and also where the individuals love to work and shop" which inspires its rise on respectability, morals and greatness. It likewise inspires its contribution in the public arena satisfying its objective "to make their customers' lives simpler consistently by offering extraordinary quality and administration at reasonable costs". The long-term strategy of the company is continuing to deliver on quality, service, worth and has caused to great profit and deals development throughout the years ([Ukessays, 2017](#)).

Sainsbury's SAF Analysis for Sustainable Strategy

- **Suitability** - Sainsbury's working very well on environmental, the business expectation and all the capabilities of the company such as sales, employees, marketing and customers. Sainsbury's business strategy standing on five pillars which discussed earlier on. The company's vision as to gain a most trusted retailer in the UK. Importantly, Sainsbury's need to expand their business internationally which going to help future business goals and popularity.
- **Acceptability** - The company's acceptability is all about measuring the stakeholder reactions, risk and return where overcoming from a particular strategy. Sainsbury's running growth is outstanding last thirteen years of financial report. The company is focus on to reduce the debt as minimum possible each year. The stakeholders are the main deciders where the return will be measured based what they are expect each year. The risk can be possible of Sainsbury's strategy failure and any financial losses.
- **Feasibility** - This strategy is based on Sainsbury's has abilities, skills and resources which actually implement the strategy to get success. Sainsbury's financial feasibility requires to be assessed by predicting and performing break-even analysis and cash-flow analysis ([Oxford College of Marketing , 2019](#)).

SAF Analysis of Sainsbury's

Business - The company is looking to motivate staff, to appeal new customers, looking to increase sales, fundraise or say thank you from Sainsbury's business direct which individuals can find tailored solution for individual business.

Market - Sainsbury's is working with different partners such as Deliveroo, Asda, Argos and also, their new marketing strategy is in non-food products ([Hammett, 2019](#)).

Financial - As the company has their own bank and they have financial services in the industry which is not well known in the industry. The banking side of the company has loans, credit cards, insurance and mortgages.

Ethical Approach - The organization is working in support of the human rights in worldwide and has interest in different kind of activities which are already in the supply network. It has been advancing reasonable exchange and growing long haul sustainable partnership with suppliers and producers ([Ukessays, 2017](#)).

Environmental - It is obvious that Sainsbury's care about the global climate situation which is also effect on both suppliers and company have on the environment. The company is trying to reduce waste water and emissions.

As business growing, so the company wants to develop through sustainably which can make possible to use planet's resources wisely and to tackle climate change ([Sainsbury's, 2019](#)).

Cooperative Responsibility - Sainsbury's formed as a largest consumer co-operative group which operates more than 4500 trading outlets in the UK. It is making significant advance about the ecological sustainability and recognition of ethics in its activity. This has been one of the most respected associations into world that has responded well to the need to manage what has been going on in the world. Sainsbury's has been gaining progress in right route towards social affair duty to the partners and to various players in the business ([Ukessays, 2017](#)).

As per it is that, Sainsbury's is moving in right path on its sustainable strategy and the company is committed to do everything about reducing the environmental impact of their business, and for the customers who can live more sustainably too ([Sainsbury's , 2019](#)).

Conclusion

It is very important to take responsibility which Sainsbury's can manage and making a difference throughout the retail market. The company suffered but also come back strongly since 2014 and has improved tremendously, especially in profits. After analysing PESTLE, Sainsbury's is in danger from outside contenders as like as retreat and increasing material costs. As distinguished in the Porters five forces, it needs to give challenge to other big chain

supermarkets, for instance Tesco, Asda, and also, either by considering global extension or on cost. This identified with its extending property portfolio and exchange associations should help in continuing with the strong advancement way, similarly as holding over risks (SWOT) in its outside condition ([Ukessays, 2017](#)).

However, it is good to know that a giant supermarket like Sainsbury's who is supporting the British economy and want to improve their sustainable development with every one of Sainsbury's who involve as a customer, supplier and employee.

Recommendation

I think before make any changes can be incurred, but it can bring the success of the company. The following recommendation are:

1. Need to have a small goal based on reducing prices, productivity and sales.
2. Improve innovative type of business activity.
3. Targeting market which aims at is important in maximising sales and productivity

([Ukessays, 2017](#)).

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