Blue Ocean Strategy

The Blue Ocean Strategy Process: Cultivating An Environment For Value Innovation

15 - 16 May 2008, Grand Plaza Park Hotel, Singapore

The innovation imperative is upon each one of us, but what does that mean? While there are many definitions of innovation, unless it is linked to business strategy, buyer value and company value, it is unlikely to yield profitable business results.

In this Seminar, you will learn about **Blue Ocean Strategy** created by Professors W. Chan Kim and Reneé Mauborgne from the business school INSEAD. Blue Ocean Strategy is based on their study of 150 strategic moves spanning more than 100 years and 30 industries.

Led by **Ralph Trombetta**, a senior Blue Ocean Strategy expert in Professor Kim and Mauborgne's Global Value Innovation Network and Managing Partner of Value Innovation Associates, this seminar explores how you can pursue value innovation strategies to generate ideas and strategic moves as well as transformation ideas that can change the basis of how you compete in your existing industries.

What You Will Learn

You will

- learn how visualizing your business strategy with a strategy canvas can help you to engage more of your organization in an innovation process.
- understand the importance of thinking about how to break compromises that are taken for granted in your industry.
- expand how you think about strategy by looking beyond the traditional boundaries of business strategy and gain hands-on experience in applying the six paths framework to look for new market space.
- learn how to innovatively think beyond products across the entire buyer experience cycle to identify blocks to utility and ideas for creating new buyer utility.
- Gain a new appreciation for how to go beyond customers by applying noncustomer thinking.

Who Should Attend?

- General Managers
- Business Unit Heads
- Heads of Strategy
- Business Development
 Executives
- Heads of Sales and Marketing
- CIOs, Head of R&D
- All functional & business leaders

Blue Ocean Strategy is compelling for both established corporations and younger companies with high growth aspirations

Ralph G. Trombetta

"Ralph Trombetta offered a wonderful keynote talk, on Blue Ocean Strategy and value innovation, with tailored messages and subsequent hands-on workshops for our Executive MBA audience at our 25th anniversary meeting. Over the years we have hired many speakers for our conference and Trombetta was among the very best that we have seen. I highly recommend him as a speaker and teacher of business innovation and strategy." – Maury Kalnitz, Former Managing Director, Executive MBA Council

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Course Overview

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In this seminar, we will introduce you to a set of frameworks and concepts for innovation called **Blue Ocean Strategy**. The aim of Blue Ocean Strategy is to generate a set of innovative ideas that result in new market space and lead to the creation of new demand and company value through what is know as value innovation. Simply stated, a value innovation represents a set of management actions which create unprecedented buyer value and lower costs for companies and result in profitable business growth.

We will explore how you can pursue value innovation strategies to generate ideas and strategic moves that are both shorter-term / more incremental value improvements as well as more transformational ideas that can change the basis of how you compete in your existing industries. Specifically you will learn how to think about (a) extending your value curve beyond products alone to services and innovative delivery methods, (b) unlocking new buyer utility by innovating the buyer experience cycle, (c) applying the value innovation four actions framework to break compromises that exist within your industry, and (d) developing ideas for expanding your markets by exploring the three tiers of noncustomers.

The seminar will include a series of lectures, case studies, and hands-on breakout exercise to allow participants to develop a deeper understanding of where to look for innovation as well as how to systematically evaluate new business ideas.

About Our Facilitator



Ralph G. Trombetta is a Managing Partner and Founder of Value Innovation Associates. He is a senior Blue Ocean Strategy expert in Professor Kim and Mauborgne's global Value Innovation Network and Adjunct Professor of Management at Fordham University in New York City. He was formerly a Vice President and member of the Executive Committee at Emergence Consulting, a global strategy consulting firm, and Principal in Renaissance Strategy, creators of the Balanced Scorecard. Ralph also held a series of

management and staff positions at IBM in marketing & sales, services, management information systems and was one of the original members of the IBM Consulting Group.

Ralph has over twenty-five years of business experience working across a diverse set of industries with particular emphasis on strategy and growth, customer management, and business alignment. He has designed and facilitated executive workshops in the US, Canada, Europe, Latin America, and Asia working with management teams ranging from Fortune 10 to family held businesses.

Ralph has a passion for teaching and is a frequent lecturer on Blue Ocean Strategy and Value Innovation in Executive Education programs both at universities and within corporations. He has had two papers selected for presentation at the Strategic Management Society (2004 and 2006).

Ralph has an MBA degree from the Stern School of New York University, with distinction and has attended executive education programs at Wharton, Harvard, and INSEAD.

COMPLIMETARY BOOK!

Agenda, 15 - 16 May 2007

Day 1

- 09:00 Introduction to Blue Ocean Strategy and Value Innovation
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Exercise 1: As-Is Strategy Canvas
 - Company breakout session
 - Main Plenary discussion
- 11:45 Review of Value Innovation & Four Actions Framework
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Exercise 2: Four Actions Framework Generating a Value Improvement
- 14:15 Innovation Beyond Your Products:
 The Buyer Experience Cycle and Buyer
 Utility Map
- 15:00 Break
- 15:15 Exercise 3: Buyer Experience Cycle
 - Company breakout session
 - Main plenary discussion
- 16:00 Generating Ideas That Go Beyond The Boundaries of Your Industry:
 The Six Paths Framework
- 17:30 Day 1 Wrap-up

Day 2

- 09:00 Reflections on Day 1 Learning
- 09:15 Exercise 4: Path 3 Thinking
 Looking Across Influencers, Buyers, Users
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Exercise 5: Path 6 Thinking
 Using Trends To Generate Growth Ideas
- 11:30 Exercise 6: Path 5 Thinking
 Creating a Strategic Move Across the
 Functional Emotional Continuum
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Going Beyond Your Existing Customers:
 Noncustomers As A Source of Growth:
 Cases and Examples
 3 Tier Noncustomer framework
- 14:15 Exercise 7: Generating Noncustomers In Your Industry: Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3
- 15:15 Break
- 15:30 Getting The Strategic Sequence Right: Evaluating BOS Ideas
- 15:45 The BOS 4 Step Process and Day In The Life Of Research
- 16:30 Reflections, Learnings, and Next Steps

Hear What Other Participants Say...

"We have found the work that Ralph and Value Innovation Associates lead us through to be invaluable" - **Curt Moll, Chairman of the Board / CEO, MTD Products Inc**

"Value Innovation Associates led my team to new and different thinking about how to structure our offering" - **Buddy Stemple, Vice President & General Manager, Novelis**

"Ralph Trombetta offers a wonderful experience for executives, with tremendous expertise in Value Innovation"
- Richard Walsh, Former Executive Director of The Center for Leadership & Executive Development at the
University of Dayton (Ohio)

"Ralph Trombetta brought thought provoking ideas and insight on innovation to the participants at the VNAA Workshop on Blue Ocean Strategy. We highly recommend this workshop" - Shelley Ludwick, Director of Clinical Programs, Visiting Nurse Associations of America (VNAA)

"Ralph Trombetta brings deep expertise in strategic thinking, facilitation skills, and a process that was completely bought into by all participants" - John de Lavis, former EVP and Chief Product Officer, MasterCard International

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