

# STRATEGIC ALLIANCE



# Definition

- \* A Strategic Alliance is an association between two or

more companies that join resources and expertise to develop a specific activity or group synergies as a strategic option for growth.

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- \* Strategic alliances are the organizational arrangements and operational policies within which independent organizations share administrative authority, establish social ties and accept joint ownership.



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# NEED FOR COMPANIES FOR STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

- Reduce costs through economies

of scale or increased knowledge □

Increase access to new technology

- Inhibit competitors

- Enter new markets

- Reduce cycle time



- Improve research and development efforts
- Improve quality

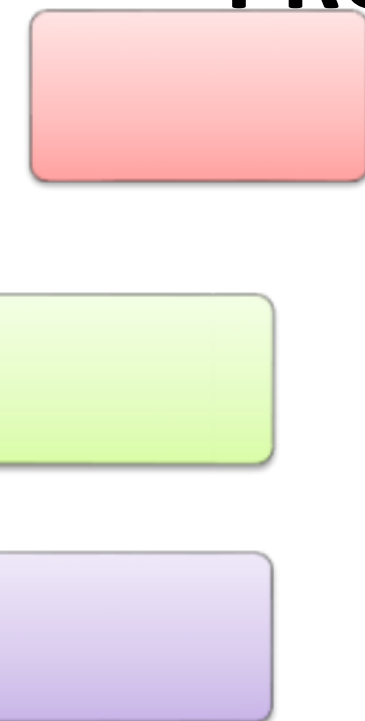
## **KEY FACTORS OF STRATEGIC ALLIANCE**

- Select the proper partners for the intended goals
- Share the right information
- Negotiate A deal that includes risk and benefit •
- Come to a realistic agreement on the time • Mutual,

flexible commitment on what's suitable to  
change, measure and share within each partner's  
culture

- **Respect and protect the brand of each partner**

## PROCESS OF STRATEGIC ALLIANCE



Setting alliance  
strategy



Selecting a  
partner



Structuring the

alliance



Managing the  
alliance



Re- evaluating  
the alliance

# Types OF STRATEGIC ALLIANCE



Joint venture Equity strategic

alliance Non- Equity  
strategic alliance





## Global Strategic Alliances

**Joint Venture:** an agreement by two or more parties to form a single entity to undertake a certain project. Each of the businesses has an equity stake in the individual business and share revenues, expenses &

profits.



**Equity strategic alliance:** an alliance in which 2 or more firms own different percentages of the company they have formed by combining some of their resources & capabilities to create a competitive advantage.

**Non- equity strategic alliance:** an alliance in which 2 or more firms develop a contractual-relationship to share some of their unique resources & capabilities to create a competitive advantage.

**Global Strategic Alliances:** working partnerships between companies (often more than 2) across national boundaries & increasingly across industries. Sometimes formed between company & a foreign government, or among companies & governments.



**ADVANTAGES**

- Improve organization efficiency.
- Offer to access new market and technologies.
- Reduce the impact of risk.
- Learning from partners
- Alliance could help a company develop a more effective process expand into a new market or develop an advantage over a competitor.

## **Disadvantages**

- Conflicts of control over the alliance
- Differences of objectives to be achieved with the association
- Risk that changes in attitudes, abilities and interests of the partners occur.
- Lack of sincerity and cooperation between the parties.
- Different management styles.
- High Influence costs because of the absence of a formal hierarchy and administration within the strategic alliance

# Examples of Alliances

## Starbucks

Starbucks partnered with Barnes and



Pepsico to bottle, distribute and sell the popular coffee- based drink, Frappacino.

In 1996, Starbucks partnered with



A Starbucks-United Airlines alliance has

resulted in their coffee being offered  
on flights with the Starbucks logo on  
the cups.

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