#### MMA MOSTT Research Study:

## How Marketing Organizations Can Better Drive Growth



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#### A Bit of Background....



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#### Performance Impact of Marketing Capabilities

#### Marketing capabilities predict a firm's future performance:

- Customer Satisfaction
- Sales Growth
- Profit
- Stock Performance

### Marketing capabilities are stronger drivers of firm performance than either R&D capabilities or Operations capabilities

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#### A Bit of Background....Bad News

- "Overall" ways of capturing a firm's marketing capabilities
- No practical way to assess fit capability-strategy fit
- Plus, marketing is very different than 10 or 15 years ago



#### A Bit of Background....New News

- So, MMA reached out to find a way to address this
- Assembled team of leading academic researchers and practitioners (MOSTT)
- MMA support + steering group of leading CMOs
- Embarked on a three-year + research project



## And yes, growth strategies and marketing capabilities have changed a lot in last decade...



Our Nov-Dec 2020 Harvard Business Review article details the new marketing capability framework





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## Modern Marketing Organizations Create Value In One or More of Six Areas

Matching offerings to individual customer needs and context in ways that facilitate transactions

Increasing convenience and enjoyment across the customer journey

Experience Value

Marketing Value

Operating Value

Experience Value

Knowledge

Discovery of new growth via branded platforms, revenue streaming, and marketing model innovation

Facilitate stronger and more flexible organizational links to nurture speed, synergies, and drive

Deepening and expanding the meaning, community, and purpose around an offering

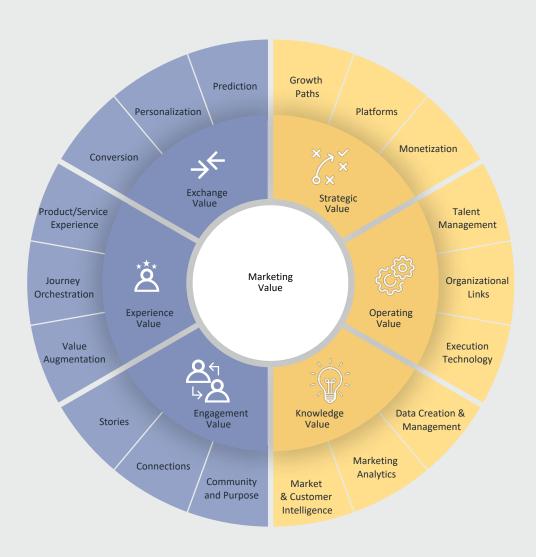
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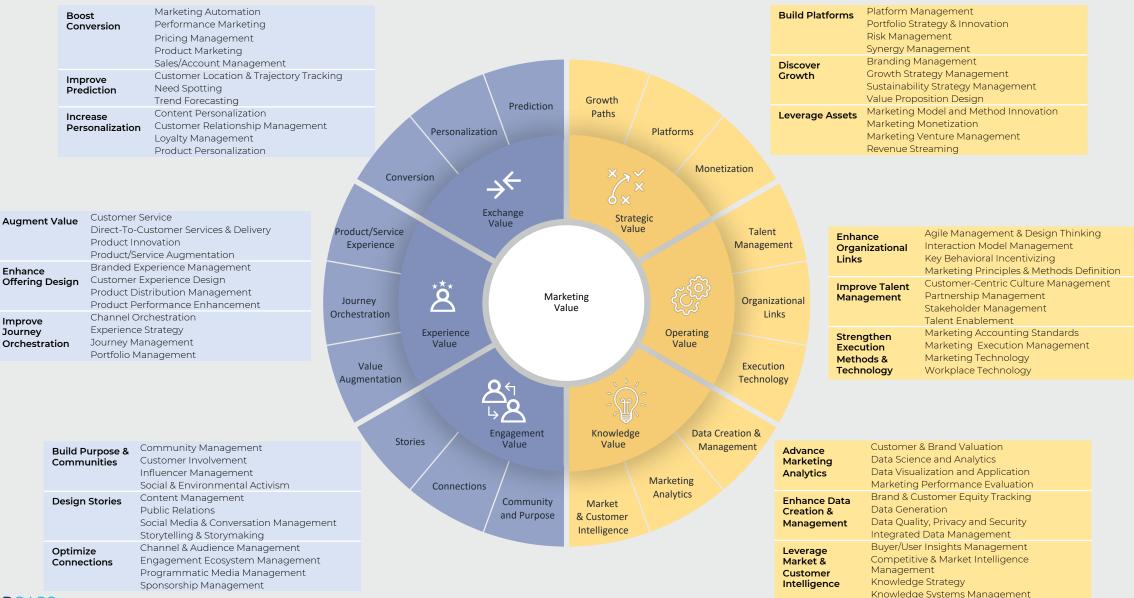


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- Developed a practical way to assess marketing capabilities and fit with growth strategy





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- 210+ practices audited across 72 capabilities
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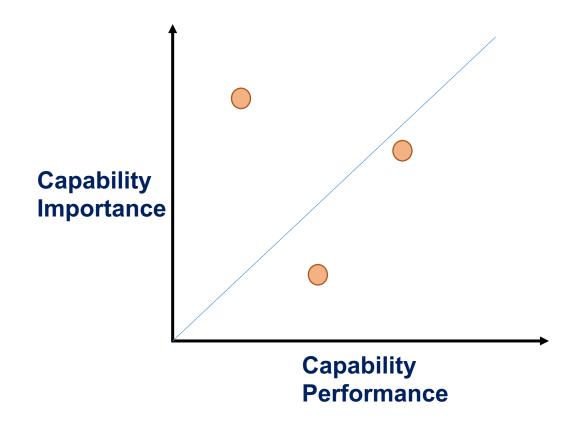
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### Market-Capability Fit: Distance Between Capabilities You Have and Those Needed for Growth

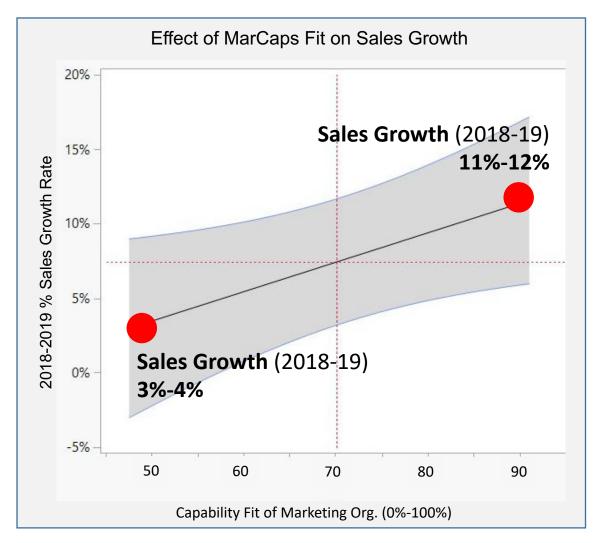
- Start with a complete list of growth-related capabilities
- Assess how important each is to your growth in the next 2-3 years
- Assess how well developed you are in each capability (performance)
- Measure the average difference between Importance and Performance







#### Market-Capability Fit Has a Strong Effect on Observed Top Line Growth Rates



2.5x

A 1% increase in fit leads to 2.5% increase in Sales Growth after accounting for size, age, R&D investments, Advertising investments and intensity of competition





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## **Building Marketing Capabilities: What Commonly Goes Wrong?**

- No data to inform decisions
- No direct link to firm's growth strategy
- Focus on "people" issues only
- Focus only on things that marketing "owns"
- Lack of capability building prioritization



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#### **Agree and Map Your Growth Strategy**

ALC:

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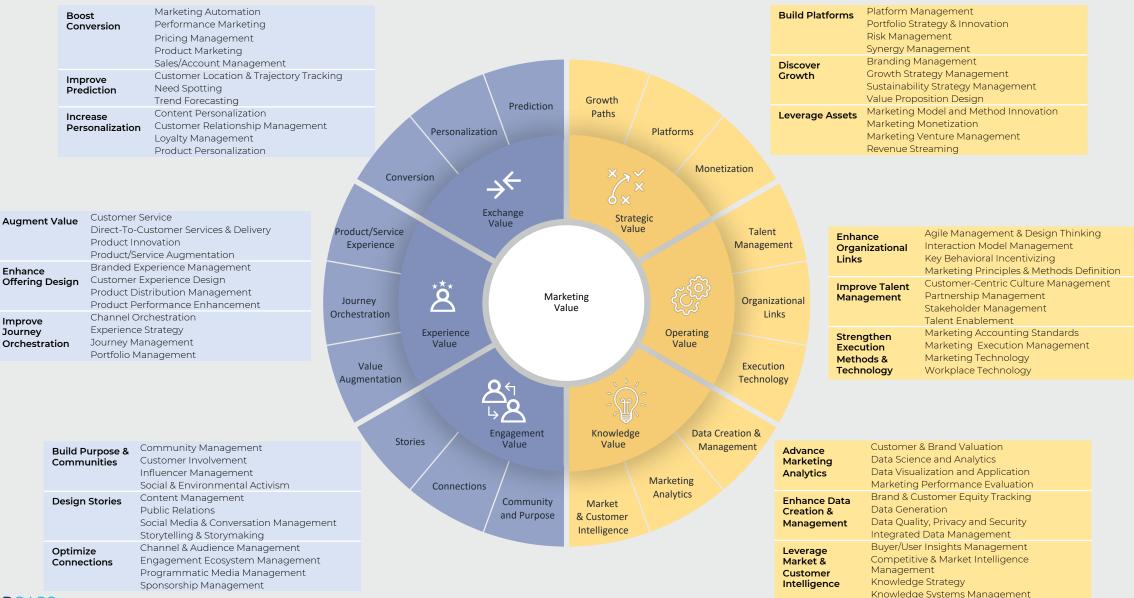
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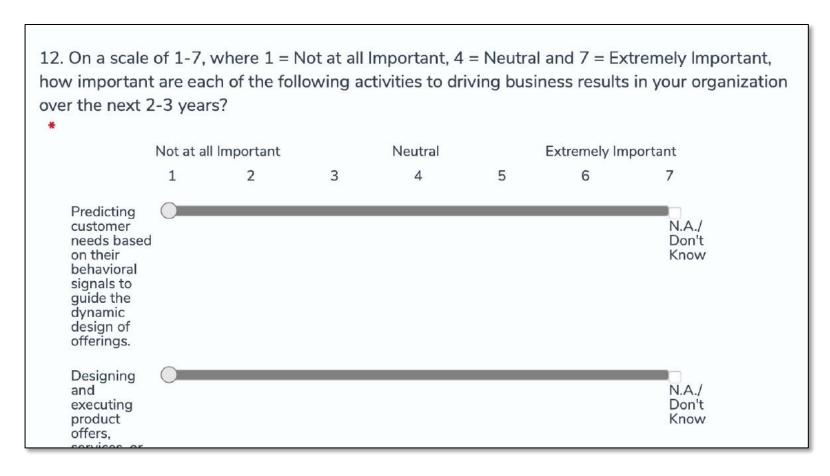
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## Capability Importance Ratings From Survey of Marketing Leaders

- Respondents select value area of interest/expertise
- For selected value areas, specific capability importance is rated on a 7-point scale
- Importance index is % top 2 box responses
- 72 unique capabilities are measured





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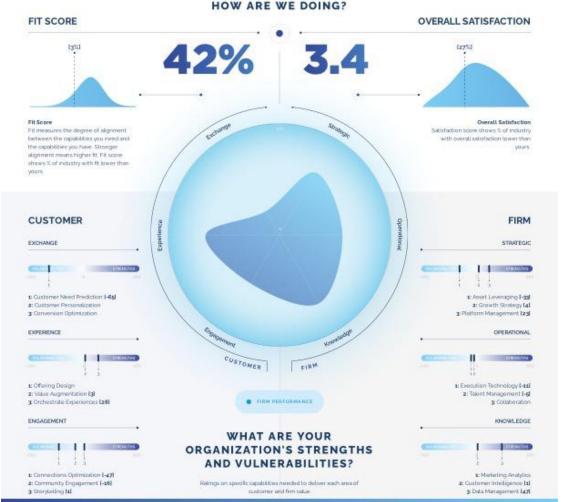
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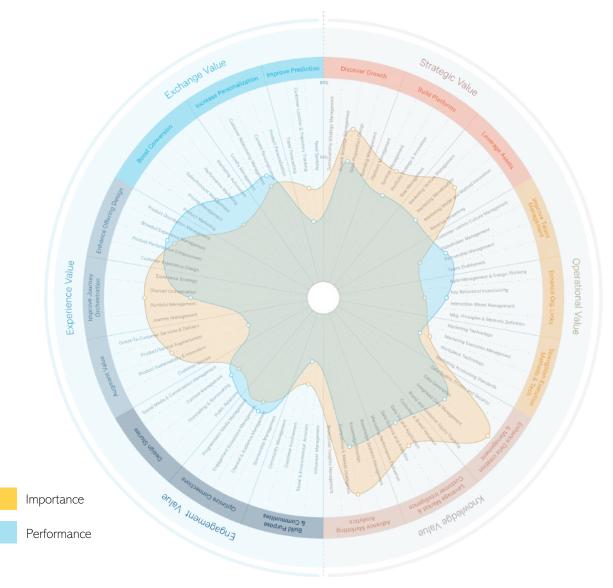
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#### **Capability Mapping by Growth Driving Area**

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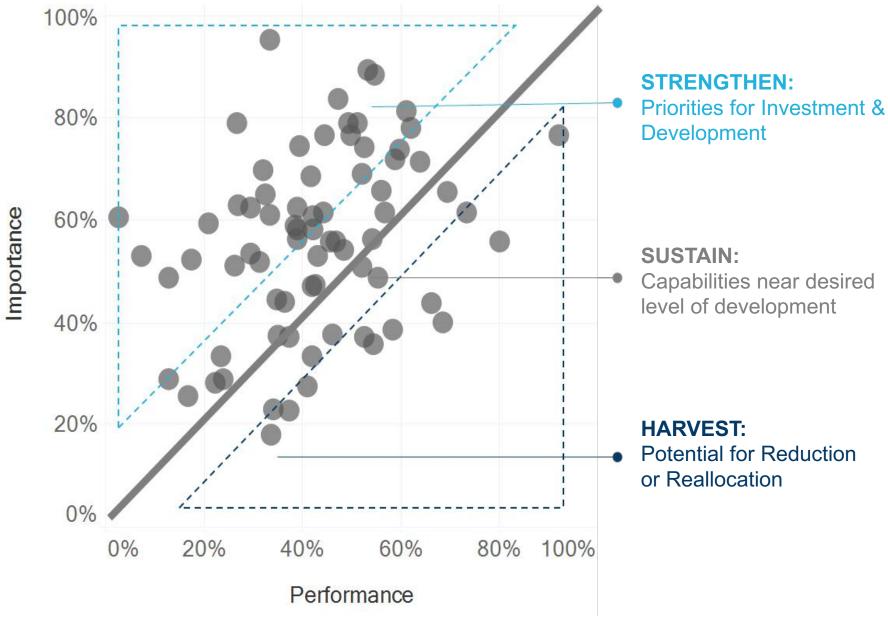


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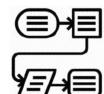
## Capability Blueprints: Based on the four building blocks

#### **People**



- Knowledge
- Competencies
- Incentives
- Culture

#### **Process**



- Tasks
- Methods
- Roles
- Decision rights

#### **Technology**



- Stacks
- Systems
- Suppliers

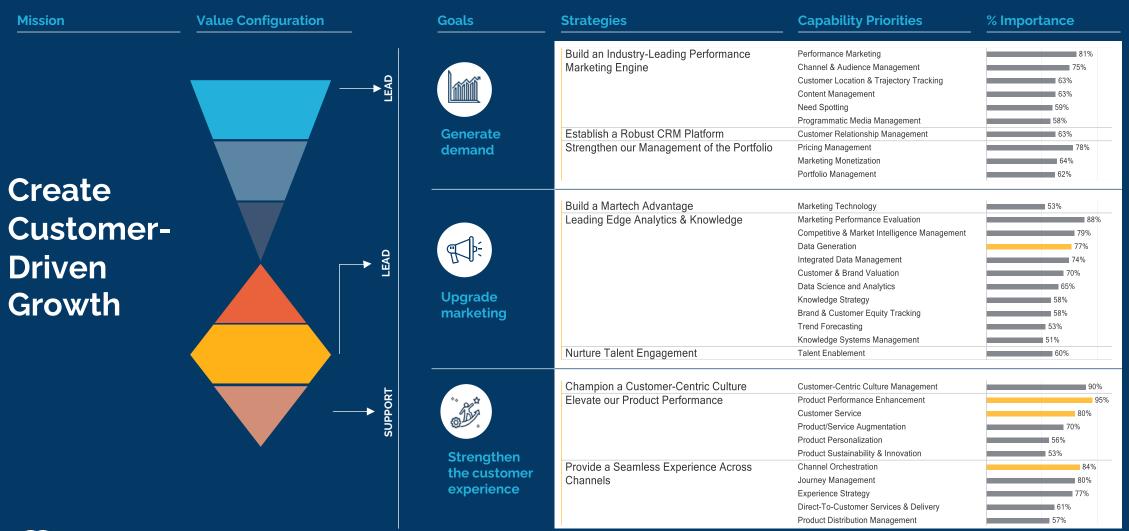
#### Data



- Sources
- Types
- Usage
- Actionability



#### Created an aligned, comprehensive change agenda connected to the prioritized capability areas selected





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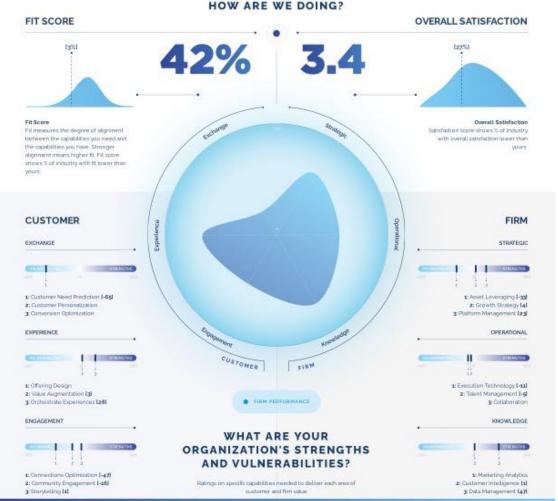
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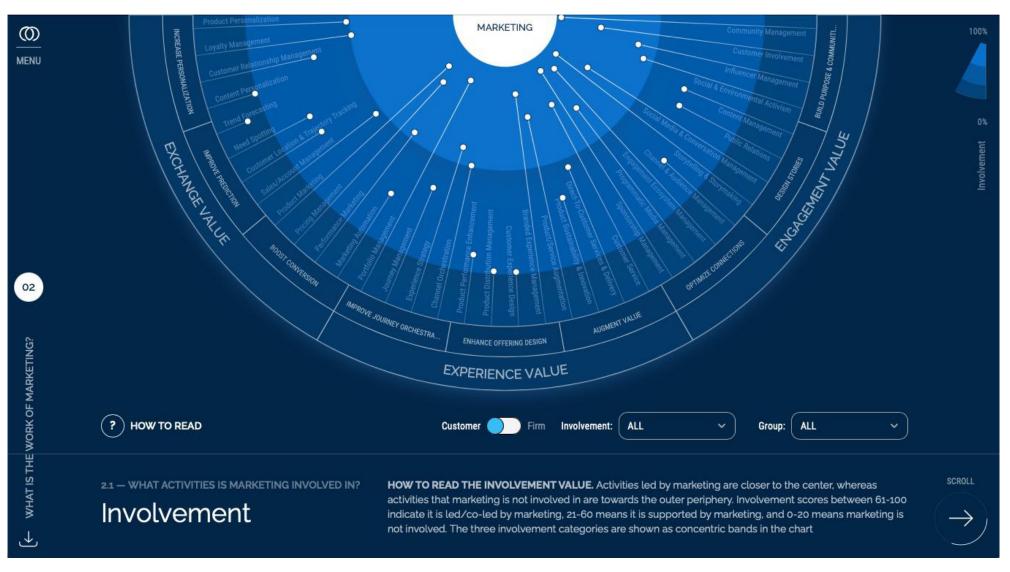
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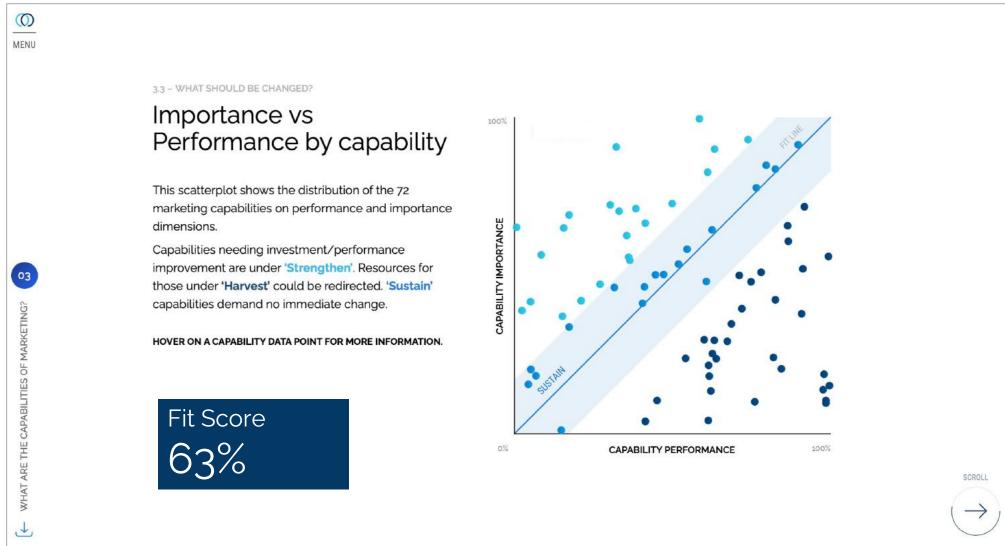
#### MarCaps Marketing Readiness Assessment (MRA)

A Granular
Assessment
Provides Clear
Map of Growth
Capabilities
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#### **And a Detailed Fit Calibration**









# Thank You... Questions?

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

-- Margaret Mead Cultural anthropologist



