### THE GLOBAL LEADER

#### **Global Strategy and Organization**

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## Ghosn/Nissan Issues

- Purchasing cost 12-15% > Renault
- Debt!!!!!!!!
- Slipping share
- Weak models (9 year stretch)
- Non-core assets
- Life-time complacency
- Functional silos

### Nissan / Renault

oduction volume in the	ousands of	passenger cars and light commercial vehicle
General Motors	7,922	
Ford	6,655	
Toyota	6,300	
Renault-Nissan	5,033	
Volkswagen Group	5,018	
Daimler Chrysler	4,376	
PSA	3,262	
Honda	2,880	
Hyundai + Kia	2,828	
Nissan	2,690	
Renault	2,343	
Fiat	2,250	
Mitsubishi	1,821	
Suzuki-Maruti	1,670	
BMW	1,090	
Mazda	1,025	
Total	57,163	

in Renault (2003a)

### **Global Scope of Auto Industry**

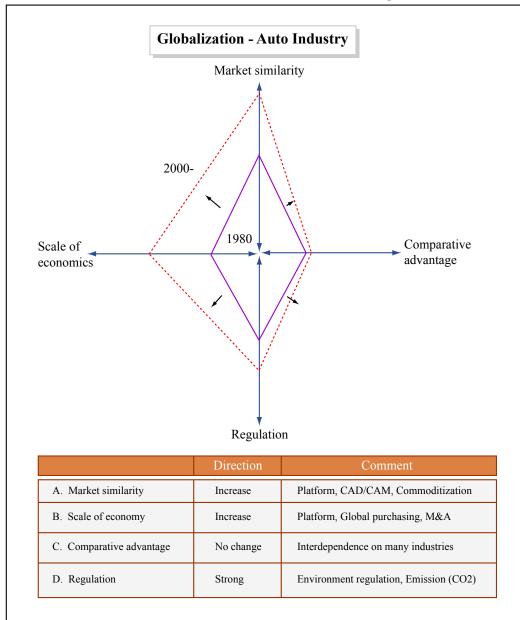


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### Japanese Auto "Diamond"

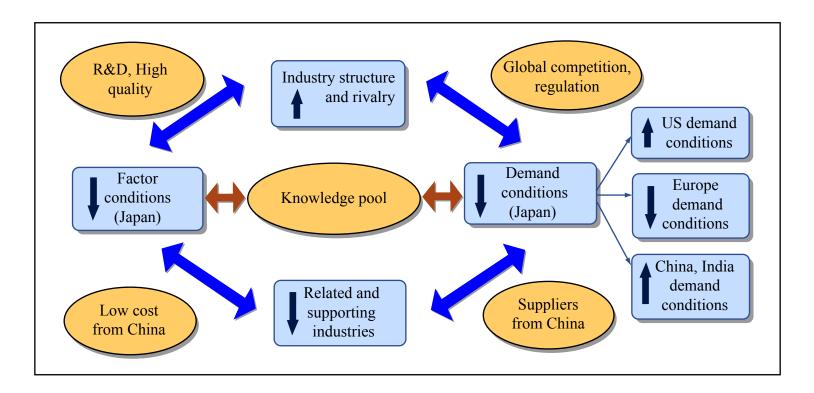
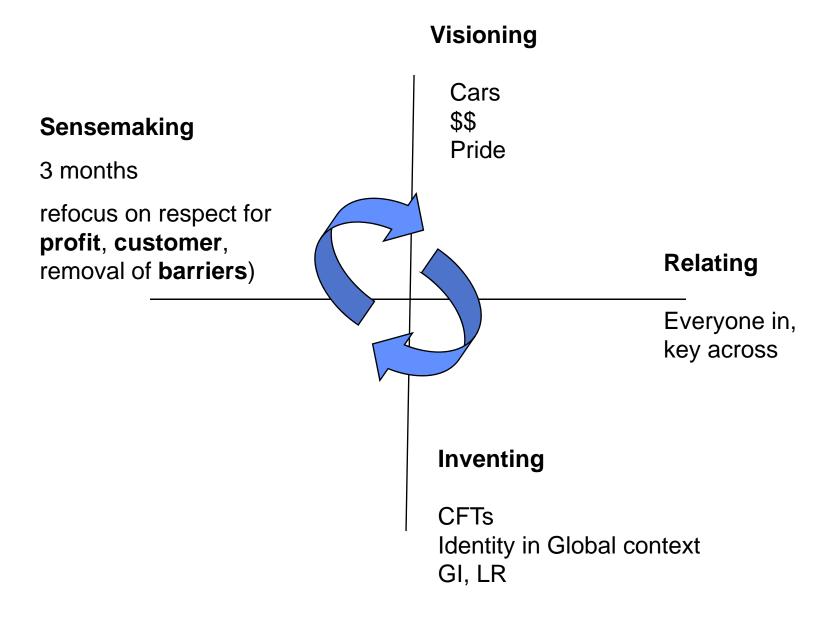


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### Ghosn's Leadership



### Invention -- CFTs

- 3 months
- 10 members
- Clear quantitative goals
- Cross-functional
- Described in Ghosn HBR article

# Cross-Company Teams (CCTs)

- Aimed at cross-company benefits
- Open sharing
- No JVs, separate legal entities
- Appropriate benefits thru crossholdings

#### Architecture: Global Integration / Local Responsiveness

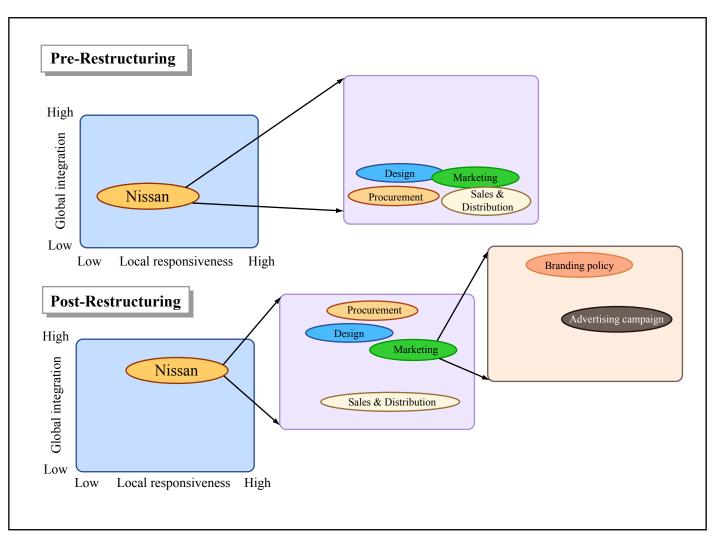


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### Ghosn and Japanese Identity—SF 2006

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## Global or Multi-cultural

- SF 2006
- Multicultural or Global Leadership?

If you take a manager, educated in one country, make him traveling/working around the globe, he might become a global leader. CG case triggers the question if it is his multicultural background or the fact that he has been a "global" executive which is the key to his success (in Brazil, US and Europe before assuming a new position in Japan)...or simply both, multicultural and global

## What is a Global Leader?

#### The Business Leader

- Capture the full benefits of integrated worldwide operations
- <u>Strategist</u>
- <u>Architect</u> of its worldwide asset and resource configuration
- <u>Coordinator</u> of transactions across national borders

#### The Country Leader

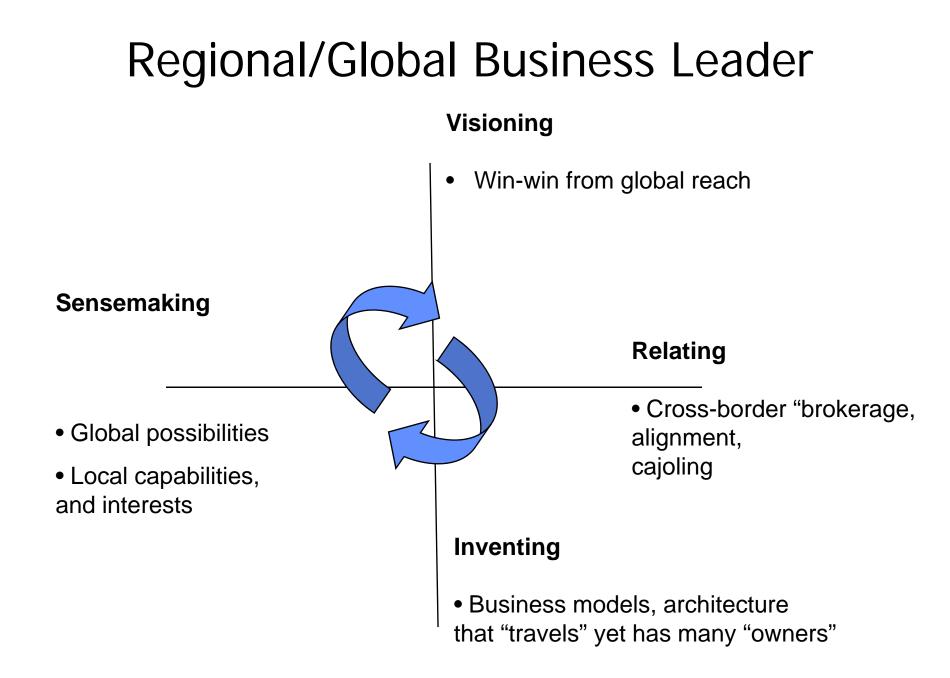
- To be sensitive and responsive to the local market
- <u>Sensor</u> and Interpreter of local opportunities and threats
- Builder of local resources, capabilities, and relationships
- Contributor to, and active participant in, global strategy

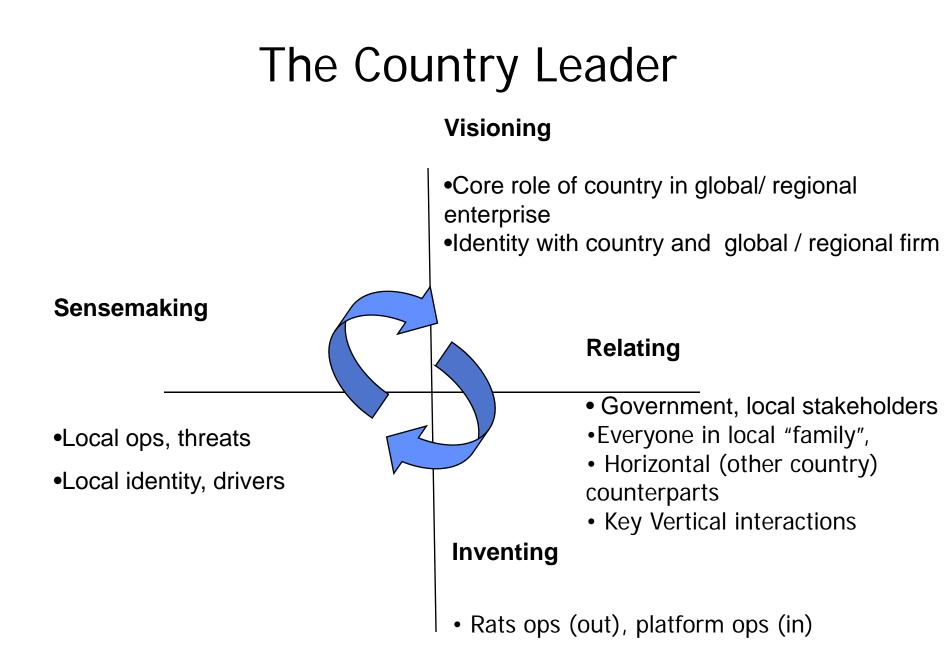
#### The Functional Leader

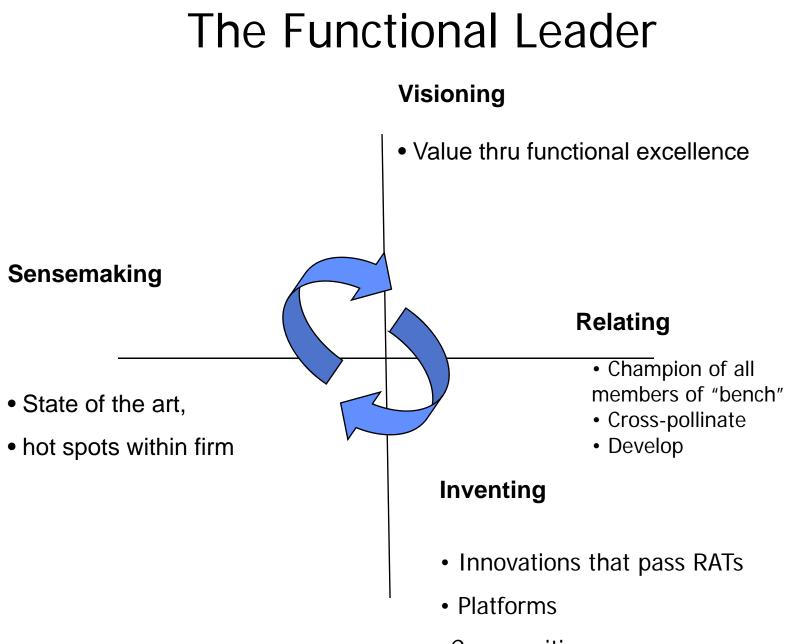
- To develop worldwide processes and enhance worldwide learning
- <u>Scan</u> for useful innovations in process, valuable information worldwide
- <u>Cross-pollinate</u> leading-edge knowledge and best practice
- <u>Champion innovations</u> that may offer transnational opportunities and applications

#### The Corporate Leader

- No single model for the global manager
- The Corporate Manager not only leads in the broadest sense; also identifies and develops talented business, country, and functional managers – and balances the negotiations among the three







Communities

# Crossing Boundaries and the SLM

- Location-specific skills and knowledge, networks: for example --
  - Knowledge of business culture of a specific industry in a specific country (Sensemaking)
  - Networking skills within country (Relating)
- Border-crossing skills and knowledge: for example --
  - Knowledge of how to learn quickly in new contexts (Sensemaking)
  - Knowledge of how capabilities are/should be distributed across locations, networks across those locations (Sensemaking, visioning)
  - Knowledge/skills in linking complementary capabilities (inventing, relating)
  - Common sense re which must be standard, which can vary
  - (Sensemaking, inventing)
  - Knowledge of how to "translate" company vision/strategy into compelling local vision (visioning)

# **Developing Global Managers**

- Recruitment positive discrimination for international experience, interests
- Cross-border experience (short-term visits, short-term transfers, long-term postings)
- Training (training programs rotated around locations, including participants from multiple locations and roles)
- Cross-training: Rotation across positions, recognizing and building on personal networks (e.g. the engineer who understands a particular foreign customer and has networks into customer's organization gets formal responsibility for relationship)
- \$\$ regardless of national origin
- Chance at top grades regardless of national origin
- Don't confuse origin with international focus

# Frameworks—An Open System View

Level	"Standard"	Global
Industry	Five forces	Globalization diamond
Country	Comparative advantage	Porter's diamond
Firm Across Countries	Value Chain	CAGE, RATs, Virtual diamond
Firm-market extension	Segmentation, Delta	RATs, CAGE, Adaptation, Aggregation
Firm-backend	Supply chain	CAGE, Arbitrage, Virtual Diamond/Platform, Ferdows' Roles
Firm-organization	Grouping- Linking-Aligning	GI-LR, AAA
Leadership	SLM	Global SLM

## Deep Dive

- Still awaiting BP confirmation of "respondent"
- Will be a bit shallower than originally planned
- BTC
- Web site by end of week
- Intro session after you return
- Presentations on April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Good to review over break, but concentrated work in early April.

## That's it Folks!

- Great discussions
- Insightful blogs
- Deft framework applications
  - Sloan Fellows Program in Innovation and Global Leadership