PIVOT STRATEGIES AND BUSINESS SURVIVAL RATES IN THE NIGERIAN BOTTLING COMPANY

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ABSTRACT
In an increasingly volatile and competitive market, many businesses in Nigeria struggle to sustain operations due to outdated strategies and poor adaptability. The Nigerian Bottling Company (NBC), also faces challenges in aligning with rapidly evolving market dynamics. This study investigates the impact of pivot strategies such as value proposition changes, target market segmentation shifts, and technological innovation on business survival. A Sample of 202 employees was selected using cochran sampling technique. Primary data were obtained through questionnaire administered to 202 respondents. The study employed multiple regression analysis. Findings reveal a strong and statistically significant relationship between value proposition changes and business sustainability ($R = 0.844$; $R^2 = 0.712$; $p = 0.005$), Similarly, target market segmentation shifts showed a moderately strong impact on competitive advantage ($R = 0.711$; $R^2 = 0.506$; $p = 0.003$), while technological innovation demonstrated a significant influence on operational effectiveness ($R = 0.691$; $R^2 = 0.477$; $p = 0.001$). The study concluded that pivot strategies are critical drivers of resilience and long-term success at NBC. The study therefore recommended that firms operating in dynamic environments continuously re-evaluate their value offerings, customer targeting approaches, and technology investments to ensure sustainability and maintain a competitive edge.

KEYWORDS: *Pivot Strategies, Business Survival, value proposition, technological innovation*

INTRODUCTION

In an increasingly volatile global economy, businesses must remain flexible to survive and grow. Pivot strategies, which involve making substantial shifts in business operations, models, or products in response to changing circumstances, have emerged as a key component of organizational resilience. Whether in response to technological advancements, shifts in consumer behavior, or unforeseen economic downturns, pivoting enables companies to adapt and maintain their competitive edge, on a global scale, businesses operate in a highly interconnected environment where technological advancements, economic conditions, and consumer behaviors rapidly shift across borders. These forces drive businesses to constantly adjust their strategies to maintain relevance and profitability. For instance, technological disruption, such as the rise of artificial intelligence, automation, and the digital transformation of industries, requires global companies to pivot their business models and invest in new technologies to remain competitive. Major global players, like Amazon and Microsoft, have consistently adjusted their strategies to capitalize on these shifts, allowing them to dominate e-commerce and cloud computing industries worldwide. Moreover, the increasing pressure for sustainability and corporate social responsibility has prompted companies like Unilever to pivot toward more eco-friendly products and practices, aligning with growing consumer demand for environmental consciousness.

At the national level, pivot strategies are similarly crucial but tend to reflect more localized market conditions. Businesses must adapt to national economic climates, local consumer preferences, and government policies, which vary widely from one country to another. In developing economies, companies may need to pivot more quickly to address infrastructure challenges, economic instability, or changes in government regulations. In Nigeria, for instance, businesses often face the complexities of navigating fluctuating oil prices, exchange rate instability, and evolving local laws, all of which require strategic pivots to stay competitive. On the other hand, companies in more stable economies might focus their pivot strategies on embracing digital transformation or enhancing sustainability efforts to meet the changing expectations of their local markets. Locally, pivot strategies are equally essential, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that may not have the same resources as large multinational corporations but must compete in a local marketplace. These businesses face the challenge of remaining agile to meet the immediate needs of their community, respond to local competition, and address shifts in consumer demand. For local businesses, pivoting can mean the difference between stagnation and growth, as it allows them to adapt quickly to the needs of their market without being bogged down by bureaucratic or organizational constraints.

Many organizations still struggle to survive in today's unpredictable and highly competitive environment due to rapid technological changes, shift in consumer preferences, and economic instability. Despite these challenges, some companies manage to stay afloat and even thrive, often by adjusting their strategies in response to changing conditions. However, the role of pivot strategies in ensuring business survival remains underexplored, especially in the context of developing economies like Nigeria. The lack of empirical data and localized studies on how strategic pivots influence long-term sustainability limits informed decision-making. In the case of Nigerian Bottling Company, it is unclear how effectively pivoting has contributed to its resilience and growth over time. This study seeks to address this gap by examining the impact of pivot strategies on the company's survival and performance. Also, despite the

increasing volatility of global and local markets, many businesses continue to operate with rigid models, resulting in high failure rates, especially in developing economies like Nigeria. The inability of companies to effectively adapt to economic instability, technological disruption, and changing consumer demands has led to widespread business collapse, unemployment, and economic stagnation. While pivot strategies have proven instrumental in sustaining global giants, there is a critical lack of empirical research on their application and effectiveness within Nigerian industries. The Nigerian Bottling Company, as a major player in the manufacturing and beverage sector, operates in an environment marked by inflation, supply chain challenges, regulatory shifts, and intense competition. Yet, there is insufficient understanding of how its strategic pivots have contributed to its survival and continued market relevance. This gap not only limits academic discourse but also deprives local businesses of valuable insights needed to navigate turbulent business environments and ensure long-term resilience. For this purpose, this study examined Pivot strategies and business survival rates in the Nigeria Bottling Company, specific objectives include;

i) To examine how value proposition changes affect customer retention and overall business sustainability in the Nigerian Bottling Company.
ii) To investigate the impact of shifts in target market segmentation on competitive advantage in the Nigerian Bottling Company.
iii) To investigate the impact of technological innovation on operational effectiveness in the Nigerian Bottling Company.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The concept of pivoting has gained prominence in strategic management, especially in the context of entrepreneurship and innovation. The term "pivot" is often used to describe a substantial change in business direction that allows firms to adapt to market demands or take advantage of new opportunities. According to Blank (2020), a pivot is not merely a minor adjustment but a fundamental shift in strategy aimed at finding a more sustainable business model. Pivot strategies have become a central concept in discussions of business agility and adaptability, particularly in startups and industries undergoing rapid technological or market disruptions. Pivot strategies can take various forms, including product pivots, market pivots, technological pivots, and business model pivots. The product pivot refers to a shift in the company's offerings, either in response to customer feedback or changing market conditions. The market pivot entails a shift in focus toward new customer segments or geographic markets. Technological pivots involve adopting new technologies or digital platforms to enhance operational efficiency or customer experiences. Finally, the business model pivot is a broader strategic shift in the company's approach to delivering value to customers, which could involve changes to pricing strategies, distribution channels, or value propositions.

Business Survival and the Need for Adaptability

Business survival has long been a key focus in strategic management literature. Survival, in this context, refers to a company's ability to remain viable over time, particularly when faced with changing market conditions, technological innovations, or competitive threats. Teece et al. (2021) argue that the ability of a business to survive in the long term depends on its dynamic capabilities, the firm’s capacity to sense opportunities, seize them, and reconfigure its resources to meet new challenges. As market conditions and customer preferences evolve rapidly, organizations must develop the agility to

adapt their strategies to maintain their competitive advantage and continue to grow. Organizations with strong dynamic capabilities are better positioned to survive in volatile environments. The dynamic capabilities theory proposed by Teece (1997) and further developed by Eisenhardt and Martin (2020) highlights how organizations that can reconfigure their internal processes and align their strategies with external changes have a higher likelihood of long-term survival. McGrath (2020) emphasizes that strategic flexibility is the ability to pivot when necessary is a key determinant of business success in an unpredictable business environment.

The Role of Pivot Strategies in Enhancing Business Survival

Pivot strategies play a crucial role in ensuring the survival of businesses, particularly in industries characterized by rapid changes. Recent studies have shown that businesses that successfully pivot can navigate economic downturns, technological disruptions, and shifting consumer behavior more effectively than those that remain rigid in their strategies. Pivoting allows companies to reposition themselves in the market, develop new products, or reach new customer segments, all of which can contribute to enhanced long-term sustainability.

Value Proposition Changes and Customer Retention

A critical aspect of any pivot strategy is the ability to adapt a company's value proposition. The value proposition refers to the bundle of benefits that a company promises to deliver to its customers, addressing their needs and preferences. Chakravarthy et al. (2021) highlighted that changes in value proposition can significantly impact customer retention and loyalty. As markets become more competitive and consumer expectations rise, businesses must be agile enough to revise their offerings and stay relevant to their target audiences. In industries like retail, technology, and consumer goods, businesses that continuously adapt their value propositions to meet customer expectations are more likely to foster long-term relationships with customers and secure business survival. According to Ali et al. (2022) firms that successfully align their value propositions with market demands and customer preferences are better positioned to survive. For instance, companies that pivot towards sustainability, digital transformation, or personalization can meet the growing expectations of environmentally conscious or tech-savvy consumers, thus enhancing customer loyalty and retention.

Target Market Segmentation and Revenue Growth

Another important element of pivot strategies is market segmentation. Target market shifts allow companies to focus on new customer segments or explore untapped markets. Huang et al. (2021) suggest that businesses that adjust their market segmentation strategies in response to emerging trends or changing consumer behaviors can achieve significant revenue growth. For example, the rise of digital commerce and the increased use of e-commerce platforms during the COVID-19 pandemic prompted many businesses to pivot their target markets to digital-savvy customers, resulting in substantial growth opportunities. Moreover, Kuhn and Mauer (2023) argue that businesses that embrace new market segments or pivot to new geographic regions are better able to diversify their revenue streams, which can help mitigate risks and foster long-term financial stability. This approach allows firms to capitalize on untapped or underserved markets, leading to increased market share and profitability.

Technological Innovation and Operational Effectiveness

Technological innovation is another crucial component of pivot strategies that can significantly impact business survival. Zhao and Zhang (2021) emphasize the role of

digital transformation in enhancing business survival, particularly in industries facing intense competition and technological disruption. Businesses that leverage new technologies to improve operational effectiveness, enhance customer experience, or streamline their supply chain are more likely to stay ahead of competitors. For instance, machine learning, artificial intelligence (AI), and big data analytics have enabled companies to optimize their operations, personalize customer experiences, and make data-driven decisions. Companies that successfully integrate these technologies into their business models can improve productivity, reduce costs, and deliver higher-quality products or services, all of which are essential for long-term sustainability. Nakamura and Omori (2023) suggest that technological pivots allow businesses to innovate continuously, creating new value for customers while improving operational performance.

Theoretical Review

Dynamic Capabilities Theory

The Dynamic Capabilities Theory, introduced by Teece, Pisano, and Shuen (1997), explains how firms survive and thrive in rapidly changing environments by developing the ability to adapt and innovate. According to Teece (2020), dynamic capabilities involve three core activities: sensing changes in the external environment, seizing new opportunities, and transforming the firm's resource base to sustain competitiveness. These capabilities go beyond routine operations, focusing instead on strategic flexibility and renewal. Teece emphasizes that firms possessing dynamic capabilities are better positioned to implement successful changes in their value propositions, markets, and technologies key aspects of pivot strategies. This theory is central to understanding how businesses respond to market volatility and uncertainty. It highlights that survival is not just a matter of resources, but of how effectively those resources are reconfigured in line with strategic shifts. Dynamic capabilities provide the foundation for deliberate pivots aimed at sustaining long-term performance and resilience.

Resource-Based View (RBV)

The Resource-Based View (RBV), developed by Wernerfelt (1984) and expanded by Barney (1991), posits that a firm's sustained competitive advantage depends on its ability to acquire and control valuable, rare, inimitable, and non-substitutable (VRIN) resources. Barney argues that internal capabilities, such as specialized knowledge, unique assets, and organizational culture, are key to strategic success. In the context of pivot strategies, Ali, Choi, and Park (2022) emphasize that firms leverage these internal strengths to adjust their offerings, reorient target markets, or adopt new technologies in response to environmental shifts. The RBV explains why some firms are more capable of pivoting effectively they possess the necessary strategic assets to support such transformations. It suggests that business survival depends not only on external market alignment but also on internal resource deployment. This theory supports the study by linking pivot success to the quality and uniqueness of firm-specific capabilities.

Contingency Theory

Contingency Theory, as articulated by Donaldson (2001), posits that there is no universally optimal strategy for all firms; instead, the most effective course of action depends on the alignment between organizational strategies and contextual variables. The theory suggests that strategic decisions, including pivots, should be tailored to fit the external environment, such as market dynamics, technological changes, and customer preferences. Kuhn and Mauer (2023) support this by showing that firms which adapt their strategic orientation to changing market conditions tend to perform better and exhibit higher survival rates.

Contingency Theory is particularly relevant in dynamic environments where rigid, one-size-fits-all strategies can be detrimental. It underscores that the effectiveness of value proposition shifts, customer targeting, or technological adoption depends on situational factors. This theory underpins the rationale for examining different types of pivot strategies in relation to firm survival, emphasizing the importance of strategic-environmental fit.

The most relevant theory to the study is The Dynamic Capabilities Theory it focuses on an organization's ability to sense environmental changes, seize opportunities, and transform internal resources in response to dynamic market conditions. Since pivot strategies—such as shifts in value proposition, target market, or technology are deliberate, adaptive responses to uncertainty or decline, this theory directly supports the core aim of the study. It provides a structured explanation for how strategic flexibility leads to sustained competitiveness and long-term survival. Unlike the Resource-Based View, which emphasizes static resources, or Contingency Theory, which focuses on environmental alignment, Dynamic Capabilities Theory captures the process-driven nature of strategic change. It emphasizes learning, innovation, and agility, which are all essential to successfully executing pivots. The theory also accounts for the organizational routines and capabilities that enable firms to navigate disruption effectively. Therefore, it offers the most comprehensive lens for examining how pivot strategies influence business survival across volatile environments.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design

This study adopted a quantitative research approach using a cross-sectional survey research design. The design was considered appropriate because the study sought to empirically examine the influence of pivot strategies on business sustainability, competitive advantage, and operational effectiveness within the Nigerian Bottling Company (NBC). The quantitative approach enabled the researcher to obtain measurable responses from employees and subject the resulting data to statistical analysis.

Population of the Study

The population of the study comprised employees of the Nigerian Bottling Company (NBC), Ikeja Plant, Lagos. The Ikeja Plant was selected as the study area because of its strategic importance to NBC's manufacturing and distribution operations. According to Nigerian Bottling Company's official corporate information, the Ikeja Plant has been operational since 1978 and is responsible for the production of several of the company's major beverage brands, including Coca-Cola, Fanta, Sprite, Schweppes, Five Alive, and Eva. The company also identifies the Ikeja facility as its largest bottling plant in Africa. For the purpose of this study, the accessible population was 425 employees of the NBC Ikeja Plant. The population comprised employees across the major functional areas relevant to the study, including production, sales and marketing, supply chain and logistics, finance and administration, and human resources. These employees were considered appropriate respondents because of their direct or indirect exposure to the organization’s strategic, technological, marketing, and operational activities.

Table 1: Distribution of the Study Population

Functional Area	Population	Percentage (%)
Production	170	40.00
Sales and Marketing	105	24.71
Supply Chain and Logistics	65	15.29
Finance and Administration	45	10.59
Human Resources	40	9.41
Total	**425**	**100.00**

Source: NBC Ikeja Plant Human Resources Department, Staff Records, 2026.

Sample size and sampling technique

The sample size for the study was determined using the Cochran (1977) formula for estimating an appropriate sample size of 202 respondents for a survey**.** The study employed a proportionate stratified random sampling technique to select the 202 respondents. The use of stratified sampling was considered appropriate because employees within the organization perform different functions and may have varying levels of exposure to the strategic issues examined in the study. For the purpose of sampling, the population was divided into relevant organizational strata based on departmental or functional classifications. The number of respondents selected from each stratum was determined proportionately according to the size of the stratum. Thereafter, respondents were selected through a random procedure within each stratum. This procedure enhanced the representativeness of the sample and reduced the possibility of over-representation of employees from any particular functional area.

Table 2: Sample Size Allocation

Functional Area	Population	Population Percentage (%)	Sample Allocation (n_h)
Production	170	40.00	81
Sales and Marketing	105	24.71	50
Supply Chain and Logistics	65	15.29	31
Finance and Administration	45	10.59	21
Human Resources	40	9.41	19
Total	**425**	**100.00**	**202**

Source: Researcher's computation from the study population.

Method of Data Collection and Analysis

Primary data were collected through structured questionnaires. The collected data were analyzed using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). The analytical method employed was multiple regression analysis, aimed at determining the extent to which different pivot strategies influence the business survival rate. The analysis involved computing Regression coefficients to assess the strength of the relationship-squared values to determine the proportion of variance explained and Significance levels (p-values) to test the hypotheses.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Test of Hypotheses

$H0_1$: Value proposition changes has no significant effect on customer retention and business sustainability in the Nigerian Bottling Company.

Table 3a: Model Summary

Model	R	R-Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	F
1	.844[a]	.712	.782	.271	117.551

a. Predictor: (Constant): Value proposition changes

Source: SPSS Output, 2026

Table 3a shows an R-value of 0.844, indicating a strong positive relationship between value Proposition changes and customer retention and business sustainability. The R-square of 0.712 indicates that value proposition changes explain 71.2% of the variation in the dependent variable, while 28.8% is explained by other factors. The F-statistic of 117.551 indicates substantial model explanatory power.

Table 3b ANOVA[a]

Model		Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	88.955	1	88.955	271.204	.000[b]
	Residual	65.706	200	0.328		
	Total	154.661	201			

a. Dependent Variable: Customer retention and business sustainability

b. Predictors: (Constant), Value proposition changes

Table 3b presents the ANOVA results for the effect of value proposition changes on customer retention and business sustainability. The result shows an F-statistic of 271.204 with a significance value of 0.000, which is less than the 0.05 level of significance. This indicates that the regression model is statistically significant. Therefore, the null hypothesis is rejected, concluding that value proposition changes have a significant effect on customer retention and business sustainability in the Nigerian Bottling Company.

Table 3c: Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients		
		B	Std. Error	Beta	T	Sig.
1	(Constant)	.406	.061		6.625	.000
	Value proposition changes	.132	.036	.162	3.700	.001

a. Dependent Variable: Customer Retention

Source: SPSS Output, 2026

Table 3c shows that value proposition changes have a positive and significant effect on customer retention. The coefficient (B) of 0.132 indicates that a unit increase in value proposition changes leads to a 0.132 increase in customer retention. The standardized beta of 0.162 also indicates a positive relationship. The t-value of 3.700 with a significance value of 0.001, which is less than 0.05, shows that the effect is statistically significant. Therefore, the null hypothesis is rejected, concluding that value proposition changes significantly affect customer retention in the Nigerian Bottling Company.

Hypothesis Two

$H0_2$: There is no significant impact of shifts in target market segmentation on competitive advantage in the Nigerian Bottling Company.

Table 4a: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	F
1	.779[a]	.607	.603	.1334	107.221

Predictor: (Constant): target market segmentation

Source: SPSS Output, 2026

Table 4a shows an R-value of 0.779, indicating a strong positive relationship between shifts in target market segmentation and competitive advantage. The R-square value of 0.607 indicates that shifts in target market segmentation explain 60.7% of the variation in competitive advantage, while the remaining 39.3% is explained by other factors not included in the model. The adjusted R-square of 0.603 confirms substantial explanatory power, while the F-statistic of 107.221 indicates that the model has considerable explanatory strength.

Table 4b: ANOVA[a]

Model		Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	86.953	1	86.953	337.027	.000[b]
	Residual	51.603	200	.258		
	Total	138.556	201			

a. Dependent Variable: Competitive Advantage

b. Predictor: (Constant), target market segmentation

Source: SPSS Output, 2026

Table 4b presents the ANOVA results for the impact of shifts in target market segmentation on competitive advantage. The result shows an F-statistic of 337.027 with a significance value of 0.000, which is less than the 0.05 level of significance. This indicates that the regression model is statistically significant. Therefore, the null hypothesis is rejected, concluding that shifts in target market segmentation have a significant impact on competitive advantage in the Nigerian Bottling Company.

Table 4c: Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	T	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	.234	.111		2.106	.038
	Target market segmentation	.165	.080	.196	2.075	.041

a. Dependent Variable: Competitive Advantage

Source: SPSS Output, 2026

Table 4c shows that target market segmentation has a positive and significant impact on competitive advantage. The coefficient (B) of 0.165 indicates that a unit increase in target market segmentation leads to a 0.165 increase in competitive advantage. The standardized beta of 0.196 confirms a positive relationship. The t-value of 2.075 with a significance value of 0.041, which is less than 0.05, indicates that the effect is statistically significant. Therefore, the null hypothesis is rejected, concluding that shifts in target market segmentation significantly impact competitive advantage in the Nigerian Bottling Company.

Hypothesis Three

$H0_3$: There is no significant impact of technological innovation on operational effectiveness in the Nigerian Bottling Company.

Table 5a: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	F
1	.891[a]	.794	.790	.200	97.530

Predictor: (Constant): Technological Innovation

Source: SPSS Output, 2026

Table 5a shows an R-value of 0.891, indicating a very strong positive relationship between technological innovation and operational effectiveness. The R-square value of 0.794 indicates that technological innovation explains 79.4% of the variation in operational effectiveness, while the remaining 20.6% is explained by other factors not included in the model. The adjusted R-square of 0.790 confirms substantial explanatory power. The F-statistic of 97.530 further indicates that the regression model has considerable explanatory strength.

Table 5b: ANOVA[a]

Model		Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	67.463	1	67.463	302.524	.000[b]
	Residual	44.663	200	.223		
	Total	138.556	201			

a. Dependent Variable: Operational Effectiveness
b. Predictors: (Constant), Technological innovation

Source: SPSS Output, 2026

Table 5b presents the ANOVA results for the impact of technological innovation on operational effectiveness. The result shows an F-statistic of 302.524 with a significance value of 0.000, which is less than the 0.05 level of significance. This indicates that the regression model is statistically significant. Therefore, the null hypothesis is rejected, concluding that technological innovation has a significant impact on operational effectiveness in the Nigerian Bottling Company.

Table 5c: Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	T	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	.234	.111		2.108	.020
	Technological innovation	.251	.092	.259	2.728	.008

a. Dependent Variable: Operational Effectiveness

Source: SPSS Output, 2026

Table 5c shows that technological innovation has a positive and significant effect on operational effectiveness. The coefficient (B) of 0.251 indicates that a unit increase in technological innovation leads to a 0.251 increase in operational effectiveness. The standardized beta of 0.259 confirms a positive relationship. The t-value of 2.728 with a significance value of 0.008, which is less than 0.05, indicates that the effect is statistically significant. Therefore, the null hypothesis is rejected, concluding that technological innovation significantly impacts operational effectiveness in the Nigerian Bottling Company.

Discussion of Findings

The finding of the first objective indicates that value proposition changes significantly enhance customer retention and business sustainability, suggesting that modifying product offerings and customer value in response to changing market conditions can encourage continued patronage and support business continuity. This finding agrees with Adner and Helfat (2021), who established that strategic innovation and effective pivots enable firms to respond to changing business conditions and sustain value creation. The agreement can be explained by Dynamic Capabilities Theory, which emphasises the ability of firms to sense environmental changes, seize emerging opportunities and transform their resources accordingly (Teece et al., 1997). Thus, the present finding reinforces Adner and Helfat (2021).

The finding of the second objective shows that shifts in target market segmentation significantly improve competitive advantage,

implying that adapting target markets to changing customer preferences and market conditions can strengthen the firm's competitive position. This finding agrees with Harrison and Marlow (2021), who found that business model innovation and market adaptation are important components of pivot strategies that enable firms to respond effectively to changing market conditions. The agreement can be explained by Dynamic Capabilities Theory, which suggests that firms can sustain competitiveness by sensing changes in their markets and reconfiguring their strategies to exploit emerging opportunities (Teece, 2020). Therefore, the present finding reinforces Harrison and Marlow (2021).

The finding of the third objective indicates that technological innovation significantly improves operational effectiveness, meaning that the adoption of new technologies can enhance organisational processes, efficiency and responsiveness. This finding agrees with Nakamura and Omori (2023), who established that technological innovation strengthens organisational adaptability in rapidly changing business environments. The agreement can be explained by Dynamic Capabilities Theory, which emphasises transformation and innovation as essential capabilities for responding to environmental changes and sustaining organisational performance (Teece, 2020). Technological innovation enables firms to reconfigure their operational resources and processes in response to emerging demands. Thus, the present finding reinforces Nakamura and Omori (2023).

Conclusion

The study concludes that pivot strategies play a significant role in enhancing business survival and organisational performance in the Nigerian Bottling Company. The findings demonstrate that value proposition changes significantly improve customer retention and business sustainability, while shifts in target market segmentation significantly strengthen competitive advantage. The study also establishes that technological innovation significantly enhances operational effectiveness. Therefore, the findings indicate that the ability of the Nigerian Bottling Company to adapt its value offerings, target markets and technological capabilities enables it to respond effectively to changing business conditions. This supports the Dynamic Capabilities Theory, which emphasises sensing environmental changes, seizing opportunities and transforming organisational resources to achieve sustained competitiveness and survival.

Recommendations

Based on the findings of the three hypotheses tested, the following recommendations are made to the Nigerian Bottling Company (NBC):

NBC should continuously improve its value proposition by introducing healthier and environmentally friendly products that meet changing customer needs. The company should strengthen its customer relationship management (CRM) systems and use customer data to improve customer satisfaction and retention. NBC should also establish a dedicated innovation team to develop new products and services and regularly review its value proposition to remain competitive.

NBC should regularly review and adjust its target market segments based on changes in customer needs and market trends. The company should use market research and data analytics to identify emerging and underserved customer segments. NBC should also develop products and marketing strategies that meet the specific needs of each target segment and monitor competitors to identify new market opportunities.

NBC should increase its investment in technologies that improve production efficiency, supply chain management, and decision-making. The company should adopt appropriate automation, data analytics, and

artificial intelligence tools where necessary. NBC should also train employees to use new technologies effectively and regularly evaluate technological investments to ensure that they support the company's strategic objectives and improve operational performance.

Limitations of the Study|: The study was limited by its focus on the Nigerian Bottling Company, which may restrict the generalizability of the findings to other organizations and industries. The sample size of 202 respondents may also limit the breadth of perspectives obtained. Furthermore, the use of questionnaire-based data means that the findings relied largely on respondents' perceptions and self-reported information. The cross-sectional nature of the study also limits its ability to establish the long-term effects of pivot strategies. Finally, the study examined only value proposition changes, target market segmentation shifts, and technological innovation, leaving other potentially important pivot strategies unexplored.

Suggestions for Future Studies: Future studies should extend the investigation to multiple organizations and industries across different regions of Nigeria to improve the generalizability of the findings. Researchers should also consider larger and more diverse samples, including managers, employees, and customers. Longitudinal research is recommended to examine the long-term effects of pivot strategies on business survival. In addition, future studies should investigate other pivot strategies, such as business model innovation, pricing strategies, product diversification, and strategic partnerships. The use of mixed-method research and additional performance indicators such as profitability, market share, customer imitations are suggested for

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