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At odds: Company spending and strategy

Retail & consumer products industry



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Retail and consumer products industry Fit for Growth* Index Profiler results

PwC's Strategy& *Fit for Growth* Index Profiler surveyed 100 executives in the retail and consumer products industries to understand how well they align their strategy and cost agenda. Here is what they said.



Exhibit 1

Most companies' strategies are surprisingly unclear.



83% said their strategy is not well understood across the entire

organization.



78%

said their capabilities are not materially different or give them a real advantage.



80% said their strategy

said their strategy is not often enough articulated into specific actions.

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Exhibit 2 A majority of companies allocate time and resources without using a strategic perspective.

Of the executives surveyed...



24% said the company's

strategic objectives drive how management spends its time.



56% said that lower-priority

initiatives receive

of funding.

more than their share

56%
said that they cut
costs only when
markets or events

require it.

Exhibit 3 Organizational issues make the problem harder to solve.

Of the executives surveyed...



...say incentives do not clearly support activities and outcomes needed to win.



59% ...said funding for strategic initiatives feels ad hoc or

informal.

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18%

...said their organization's culture is at odds with their strategic imperatives.

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