

Management and financial accounting in practice

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Failure to comply with the qualities of useful information

Accuracy – overestimating costs may result in a decision not to produce a product which in fact is profitable; on the other hand, overestimating the price at which the output can be sold (and in general, estimating revenues accurately is more difficult than estimating costs accurately) may result in the organisation – producing output which cannot be sold profitably.

Timeliness – in connection with a decision to close a division or department if the information is presented to management after a decision had been made to lay off staff that could have been profitably employed in other divisions or activities, the company has incurred unnecessary redundancy costs, lost possible future revenues and demotivated the remaining employees when they learn of the redundancies.

Understandable – excessive focus by management accountants on more complex techniques of which general management have little or no knowledge or understanding may mean that the accountant's advice will be ignored. There is currently significant attention being given to the role of the management accountant as an educator within the organisation – explaining the information and training general management to help them to understand the information better.

What is on the agenda for today?

	MIN	Start	End
Principles of management accounting and financial accounting (IFRS) in practice	30	10:00	10:30
Management accounting in IFRS annual reports	30	10:30	11:00
Performance management and accounting	90	11:00	12:30



Example – financial statements

Items	For the year ended 31 December 2014		Items	For the year ended 31 December 2013	
	2014	2013		2013	2012
Revenue	61,320	62,417	Revenue	58,346	57,542
Expenses: Stock-in-trade transfer	—	—	Cost of sales	—	17,542
Employee remuneration	(8,478)	(8,573)	Gross profit	58,346	40,000
Depreciation and amortisation	(2,173)	(2,173)	Selling and distribution expenses	(5,533)	(5,533)
Other operating expenses	(18,861)	(17,126)	Advertising expenses	(8,245)	(8,245)
Operating expenses	(29,512)	(27,872)	Share of results of subsidiaries accounted for as associates and joint ventures	—	228
Operating profit	31,808	34,545	Impairment losses	—	(8,600)
Investment income	2,530	1,274	Other non-current operating expenses	—	(777)
Other income	(1,865)	(1,230)	Operating profit (before tax)	31,808	33,970
Profit before tax	32,473	34,587	Income tax expense	(5,546)	(5,468)
Income tax expense	(4,288)	(4,288)	Profit for the financial year from continuing operations	26,262	28,502
Profit for the year	28,185	30,301	Profit for the financial year from discontinued operations	—	11,312
			Profit for the financial year	26,262	39,814

Principles of management accounting and financial accounting (IFRS) in practice

RECAP!

Source: ACCA P2 - Kaplan

	Management accounting	Financial accounting
Information mainly produced for	Internal use: e.g. managers and employees	External use: e.g. shareholders, creditors, lenders, banks, government.
Purpose of information	To aid planning, controlling and decision making	To record the financial performance in a period and the financial position at the end of that period.
Legal requirements	None	Limited companies must produce financial accounts.
Formats	Management decide on the information they require and the most useful way of presenting it	Format and content of financial accounts intending to give a true and fair view should follow accounting standards and company law.
Nature of information	Financial and non-financial.	Mostly financial.
Time period	Historical and forward-looking.	Mainly an historical record.

Example – management report?

Difference? Why?

- Mobile Service Revenue
- Mobile Customer Revenue
- Mobile Incoming revenue
- Other service revenue
- Fixed Line and Carrier Revenue
- Service revenue
- Mobile interconnect costs
- Fixed Line and Carrier interconnection Costs
- Fixed Line Incoming Access Costs
- Fixed Line outgoing Access Costs
- Gross margin
- Other Non Service Revenue
- Other Equipment Revenue
- A&R revenue
- Total revenue
- Direct Costs
- Direct margin
- Direct margin %
- Sales Variable Costs
- Sales Fixed Costs (Incl. Shared Operations)

Financial accounting considerations

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Disclosures for critical judgements

Impairment reviews

PwC requires management to perform impairment tests annually for identifiable intangible assets and finite lived assets. An increase in changes in fair value indicates a potential impairment and may require disclosure.

Impairment testing requires management to determine whether the carrying value of assets can be supported by the net present value of future cash flows that they generate. Calculating the net present value of the future cash flows requires assumptions to be made, including: (1) long-term revenue rates including management's expectations of:

- growth rate (1) is consistent with long-term growth before depreciation and amortization
- timing and amount of future capital expenditures
- long-term growth rates and
- appropriate discount rates to reflect the risk involved.

Management prepares these long-term forecasts for the Group's operations which are used to estimate their value in use. In certain developing markets, long-term forecasts are used if it is considered that the 10th year of a forecast is indicative of expected long-term future performance and is not expected to change.

For operations where long-term forecasts are used for the Group's value in use calculations, long-term growth rate into perpetuity has been determined at the level of:

- the nominal GDP growth rate for the country of operation and
- the long-term compound annual growth rate (CAGR) (operational) as determined by management.

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Changes in the assumptions used by management, in particular the discount rate and growth rate assumptions used in the cash flow projections, could significantly affect the Group's impairment evaluation and therefore profitability and cash flow data. Further details, including a sensitivity analysis, is included in note 4 "Impairment reviews" to the consolidated financial statements.

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Problems with comparability in FSS

- Line items
- Format (P&L by function vs. Nature)
- Classification (especially in P&L)
- Industry specific topics

Solution! (?) : DISCLOSURES!



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Principles in management and financial accounting

- Materiality (group vs. individual + IC transactions)
- Matching principle (and budgeting...)
- Prudence vs. Fair value (+ expected values)
- Timeliness (cost of perfect information)
- Relevance (past performance vs. future estimations)
- Consolidated vs. aggregated information

We determined materiality for the Group to be €250 million, which is below 5% of adjusted profit before tax, below 5% of statutory loss before tax and below 1% of equity. Profit before tax has been adjusted for separately disclosed items, notably impairment charges and the trading results of Verizon Wireless prior to its classification as a discontinued operation. We consider this adjusted measure to be a key driver of business value and a focus for shareholders. Materiality is lower than for the year ended 31 March 2015 primarily as a result of the disposal of Verizon Wireless.

The Audit and Risk Committee requested that we include in our audit report all identified unadjusted audit differences in excess of €1 million, as well as differences below that threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds. We also report to the Audit and Risk Committee on the disclosure matters that we identified when assessing the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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Effect of accounting policies

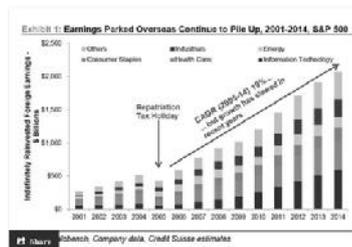
- Accounting policy vs. Accounting estimate
- Accounting policy:
 - Fair values
 - Revenue recognition
 - Judgement!
- Changes in accounting policies?
- BUT Disclosures!

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Taxation? – Below the line, but significant impact..

The foreign provision for income taxes is based on foreign pre-tax earnings of \$47.6 billion, \$35.6 billion and \$30.0 billion in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Company's consolidated financial statements provide for any related tax liability on undistributed earnings that the Company does not intend to be indefinitely reinvested outside the U.S. Substantially all of the Company's undistributed international earnings intended to be indefinitely reinvested in operations outside the U.S. were generated by subsidiaries organized in Ireland, which has a statutory tax rate of 12.5%. As of September 26, 2015, U.S. income taxes have not been provided on a cumulative total of \$91.5 billion of such earnings. The amount of unrecognized deferred tax liability related to these temporary differences is estimated to be \$30.0 billion.



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Management accounting in the financial statements?

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Segment reporting

The Group's segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision makers, the members of the Management Committee (MC) of Magyar Telekom Plc. The MC is responsible for allocating resources to, and assessing the performance of, the operating segments on a monthly basis. The accounting policies and measurement principles of the operating segments are very similar to those applied for the Group described in the previous sub notes of the Summary of significant accounting policies. The differences primarily originate from the fact that the operating segments' annual results are determined and closed at an earlier stage, around January 8-10 each year. Apart from these financial statements, any items discovered and requiring adjustment between the closing date of the segment results and the approval date of the Financial statements are reflected in the next year's segment results.

The operating segments' revenues include revenues from external customers as well as the internal revenues generated from other segments for telecommunications and system integration/information technology (S/IT), to a lesser extent, from inter-segment support services. In order to concentrate on real performance achieved on third party transactions, the number of overhead related inter-segment cross-charges applied within the organizations of Magyar Telekom Plc, operating in different segments is fairly limited.

The operating segments' results are monitored by the MC down to EBITDA (Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization) level, which is defined by the Group as Operating profit without Depreciation and amortization expense.

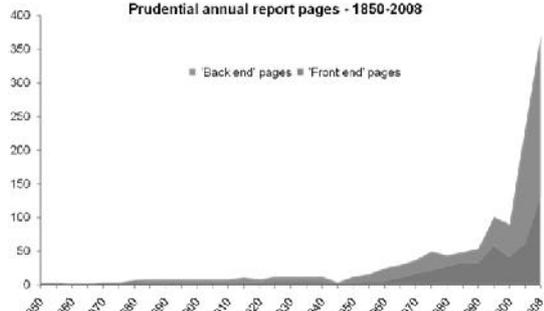
The MC does not monitor the assets and liabilities at segment level.

Another important KPI monitored at segment level is capital expenditure (Capex), which is determined as the annual investments in PPE and Intangible assets.

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Prudential annual report pages - 1850-2008



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Segment reporting

Net sales by product for 2015, 2014 and 2013 are as follows (in millions):

	2015
Net Sales by Product:	
iPhone ⁽¹⁾	\$ 155,041
iPad ⁽¹⁾	23,227
Mac ⁽¹⁾	25,471
Services ⁽²⁾	19,909
Other Products ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	10,067
Total net sales	\$ 233,715

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Segment reporting

Note 11 – Segment Information and Geographic Data

The Company reports segment information based on the "management" approach. The management approach designates the internal reporting used by management for making decisions and assessing performance as the source of the Company's reportable operating segments.

The Company manages its business primarily on a geographic basis. The Company's reportable operating segments consist of the Americas, Europe, Greater China, Japan and Rest of Asia Pacific. The Americas segment includes both North and South America. The Europe segment includes European countries, as well as India, the Middle East and Africa. The Greater China segment includes China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. The Rest of Asia Pacific segment includes Australia and those Asian countries not included in the Company's other reportable operating segments. Although each reportable operating segment provides similar hardware and software products and similar services, they are managed separately to better align with the location of the Company's customers and distribution partners and the unique market dynamics of each geographic region. The accounting policies of the various segments are the same as those described in Note 1, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies."

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Non-GAAP measures in financial statements?

Example- Telco industry

ARPU Average revenue per user, defined as mobile in-bundle customer revenue plus mobile out-of-bundle customer revenue and mobile incoming revenue divided by average customers.

Capital expenditure (Capex) This measure includes the aggregate of capitalized property plant and equipment additions and capitalized software costs.

EBITDA Operating profit excluding share of results in associates, depreciation and amortization gains/losses on the disposal of fixed assets, impairment losses, restructuring costs and other operating income and expense. The Group's definition of EBITDA may not be comparable with similarly titled measures and disclosures by other companies.

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Non-GAAP measures

Example

Organic growth

An increase in the document market with an 11% percent organic growth which presents performance on a comparable basis, both in terms of merger and acquisition activity and foreign exchange rates. We believe the "organic growth" which is not intended to be a substitute for or superior to reported growth, provides useful and necessary information to investors and other interested parties for the following reasons:

- It provides additional information on underlying growth of the business without the effects of certain factors unrelated to the operating performance of the business;
- It is used for internal performance analysis and
- It facilitates comparability of underlying growth with other companies, although the term "organic" is not a defined term under IFRS and may not, therefore, be comparable with similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

Reconciliation of organic growth to reported growth is shown here and set out in detail below:

	Management base				Financial statements	Reconciling items	Reported growth
	2014	2013	2014	2013			
31 March 2014							
Revenue	31.5	37	21.5	19.8	2.7	0.8	
Service revenue	31.3	38	19.8	19.8	2.9	0.5	
Other revenue	0.2	27	11.7	3.5	0.2	37	
EBITDA	6.4	1.8	11.6	6.4	7.1	15.3	
Adjusted operating profit	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.4	1.4	0.7	

Connection between management and financial accounting

Cash flow measures

In presenting and discussing our reported results, free cash flow and operating free cash flow are calculated and presented even though these measures are not recognized within IFRS. We believe that such useful and necessary to communicate free cash flow to investors and other interested parties for the following reasons:

- Free cash flow allows us and external parties to evaluate our liquidity and the cash generated by our operations. Free cash flows do not include payments for income and spectrum included within intangible assets. Items determined independently of the ongoing business, such as the sale of divisions and items which are determined separately, such as cash flows relating to acquisitions and disposals or financing activities. In addition, it does not necessarily reflect the amount of cash flow available to us. However, it does reflect the cash available for such discretionary activities, to strengthen the consolidated statement of financial position or to provide returns to shareholders in the form of dividends or share repurchases.
- Free cash flow facilitates comparability of results with other companies although our measure of free cash flow may not be directly comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.
- These measures are used by management for planning, reporting and non-financial purposes and
- These measures are useful in connection with discussion with the investment analyst community and other interested agencies.

Reconciliation of cash generated by operations, the closest equivalent GAAP measure to operating free cash flow and free cash flow is provided below:

	Management base		Financial statements		Reconciling items	Reported cash flow
	2014	2013	2014	2013		
Operating free cash flow	4,877	6,945	4,369	7,983	(1,325)	4,980
Dividends and other non-operating cash flows	2,910	32	2,942	2,410	712	3,132
Interest received and paid	0	0	0	0	0	0
Free cash flow	4,405	6,222	4,185	5,808	(1,031)	5,185

Other measures- Exceptional items

4. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Accounting policies

IAS 1 (revised) – Presentation of financial statements requires material items of income and expense to be disclosed separately.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Exceptional items are those that in management's judgement need to be disclosed by virtue of their size or nature. Such items are included within the income statement caption to which they relate, and are separately disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

(i) Exceptional items (referred to as "exceptional items" in management's judgement, need to be disclosed by virtue of their size or incidence in order for the user to obtain a proper understanding of the financial information. Such items are included within the income statement caption to which they relate but are excluded from the organic movement judgements.

	2014	2014	2013
	€ million	€ million	€ million
Items included in operating profit			
Global efficiency programme (G)	(87)	0	–
Supply resilience review (S)	(9)	0	0
Acquisition costs (A)	–	0	0
Global Supply operations	–	–	83
Other	(140)	–	–
Acquisition costs (G)	(6)	–	–
Brand and tangible asset impairment (I)	–	0	0
Pension charges – prior service credits	–	–	30
	(242)	0	113

Connection between management and financial accounting

Segmental revenue

	Management base						Reported revenue
	Segment revenue	Inter-segment revenue	Segment revenue	Inter-segment revenue	Segment revenue	Inter-segment revenue	
31 March 2014							
Germany	8,272	(9)	8,263	(11)	8,252	–	8,252
Italy	4,312	(8)	4,304	(1)	4,303	(3,702)	–
UK	6,427	(3)	6,417	(3)	6,414	(15)	6,395
Spain	3,218	(17)	3,201	(2)	3,199	3	3,202
Other Europe	5,525	(15)	5,510	(6)	5,504	136	5,640
Europe	28,054	(52)	27,997	(21)	27,976	(3,774)	24,202
India	4,394	–	4,394	(3)	4,391	(649)	3,742
Vodafone	4,718	–	4,718	–	4,718	–	4,718
Other IASB	2,860	(13)	2,847	(12)	2,835	(1,047)	1,788
AMAP	14,972	(1)	14,971	(15)	14,956	(1,494)	13,460
Non-Consolidated interests and Common functions	636	–	636	(7)	634	–	634
Group	49,714	(58)	49,656	(38)	49,618	(3,770)	45,848

Connection between management and financial accounting

We believe that the management base metrics, which are not intended to be a substitute for or superior to our reported metrics, provide useful and necessary information to investors and other interested parties to help us understand the performance of our business and our operations. Such items are included within the income statement caption to which they relate but are excluded from the organic movement judgements.

	2014			2013			Reconciling items
	Management base	Financial statements	Reconciling items	Management base	Financial statements	Reconciling items	
Revenue	48,674	47,270	–	38,346	44,445	(6,100)	–
EBITDA	12,851	(1,247)	–	11,684	12,100	–	1,416
Depreciation and amortisation	13,819	1,215	–	(10,918)	(1,342)	10,576	–
Share of results in associates and joint ventures	3,224	289	(3,195)	321	655	(334)	–
Adjusted operating profit	7,874	(355)	(3,195)	4,310	12,377	(4,800)	5,990
Impairment loss	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Restructuring costs	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Amortisation of acquired customer base and brand intangible assets	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Other income and expense	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Operating loss	(3,913)	–	–	–	–	–	0
Non-operating income and expense	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Interest income and financing costs	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Income tax credit (expense)	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Profit for the financial year from discontinued activities	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Profit for the financial year	–	–	–	–	–	–	0

Future(?) trends in financial reporting?

- Business model (e.g. SPPI in IFRS 9)
- Coherence between principles and standards
- Substance over form
- Elimination not recognized transactions (e.g. lease, impairment)
- Integrated reporting
- Strategic reporting
- More focus on basic concepts (e.g. materiality)

Performance management

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Controllability

The materials purchasing manager is assessed on:

- total material expenditure for the organisation
- the cost of introducing safety measures, regarding the standard and the quality of materials, in accordance with revised government legislation
- a notional rental cost, allocated by head office, for the material storage area.

Required:

Discuss whether these costs are controllable by the manager and if they should be used to appraise the manager.

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Purpose of performance management?

- setting a target for performance
- motivating the managers responsible to achieve those targets
- holding these managers accountable for actual performance
- perhaps rewarding managers for good performance and criticising them for poor performance.

Problems?

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Financial measures - Ratio analysis

- Liquidity
 - Profitability
 - Risk

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Be S.M.A.R.T.!

S – Specific: Is the goal explained with enough detail that it can be well understood by those involved in its completion and by any stakeholders?

M – Measurable: How will those involved in completing the goal know it has been accomplished and how will stakeholders determine its success?

A – Attainable: Is the goal attainable or feasible given the resources available?

R – Relevant: Does the goal align with, support, or advance the organization's vision, mission, values, principles, and strategies?

T – Time bound: Does the goal have a target date for completion?

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Profitability ratios

- Gross profit margin
- Net profit margin
- ROCE (return on capital employed)
 - capital employed = total assets less current liabilities or total equity plus long term debt
 - ROCE = net profit margin × asset turnover
- Asset turnover

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Example

Companies X and Y are both involved in retailing.

Relevant information for the year ended 30 September 20X5 was as follows:

	X	Y
	\$'000	\$'000
Sales revenue	50,000	200,000
Profit before tax	10,000	10,000
Capital employed	50,000	50,000

Required:

Prepare the following ratios for both companies and comment on the results:

- (a) ROCE
- (b) profit margin
- (c) asset turnover.

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Example

Calculate the liquidity and working capital ratios for P for the year ended 31 December 20X9.

	\$m
Sales revenue	1,867.5
Gross profit	489.3
Inventory	147.9
Trade receivables	393.4
Trade payables	275.1
Cash	53.8
Short-term investments	6.2
Other current liabilities	284.3

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Solution

Solution

ROCE	$\frac{10,000}{50,000} \times 100\%$	$\frac{10,000}{50,000} \times 100\%$
	= 20%	= 20%
Profit margin	$\frac{10,000}{50,000} \times 100\%$	$\frac{10,000}{200,000} \times 100\%$
	= 20%	= 5%
Asset turnover	$\frac{50,000}{10,000}$	$\frac{200,000}{50,000}$
	= 5	= 4

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Measuring risks

- Financial gearing
- Interest cover
- Dividend cover
- Operational gearing?

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Liquidity ratios

- Current ratio
- Acid ratio
- Inventory holding period
- Receivables collection period
- Payables period

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Issues with financial ratios

- Short termism
- Manipulation of results
- Use of only financial measures (do not see the full picture)
- Effect of different accounting policies

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Some problems with ROCE

- Managers may focus on generating shortterm profit at the expense of longterm profit. For example, managers may reduce expenditure on training, research and development and maintenance.
- The ROCE will improve if the capital employed figure falls. Managers may therefore be reluctant to invest in new assets.
- Yearend results may be manipulated to improve ROCE. For example, managers may delay payments to creditors or stock purchases.
- Managers may focus their attention on financial performance and neglect non financial performance such as quality and customer service. This may improve profit in the shortterm but lead to a longterm decline in profitability.

Balanced scorecard – Pros and Cons

Benefits of the balanced scorecard:

- It focuses on factors, including nonfinancial ones, which will enable a company to succeed in the longterm.
- It provides external as well as internal information.

Problems with the balanced scorecard:

- The selection of measures can be difficult. For example, how should the company measure innovation?
- Obtaining information can be difficult. For example, obtaining feedback from customers can prove difficult.
- Information overload due to the large number of measures that may be chosen.
- Conflict between measures. For example, profitability may increase in the shortterm through a reduction in expenditure on staff training.

Different aspects of performance

Performance Dimension (goal)	Examples of standards (measures)
Competitive performance.	Market share. Sales growth. Customer base.
Financial performance.	Profitability. Liquidity. Risk
Quality of service.	Reliability. Responsiveness. Competence
Flexibility.	Volume flexibility. Delivery speed.
Resource utilisation.	Productivity. Efficiency.
Innovation.	Ability to innovate Performance of the innovations.

Non-financial performance indicators Balanced score card

Customer – what is it about us that new and existing customers value?

Internal – what processes must we excel at to achieve our financial and customer objectives?

Innovation and learning – how can we continue to improve and create future value?

Financial – how do we create value for our shareholders?

Within each of these perspectives a company should seek to identify a series of goals and measures.