

Product theme motion 1

Business model experimentation

Early-stage business ideas experimentation or pivoting existing business models.

Product theme motion 2

Business model leverage

Maximizing yield from captured market and incremental improvement of existing business models.

Product theme motion 3

Securing product position

Strengthen competitive advantage to secure market relevance.

Product theme motion 4

Achieving operational excellence

Zero-defect execution is the baseline for staying competitive.

Product theme motion 5

Sustaining business model health

Prevent customer dissatisfaction and declining business.

• Validation depth

- No evidences or indirect evidences that support hypotheses.
- High confidence but includes key assumptions to be validated to define new business model.
- Has low reliable & valid data points from existing research knowledge base but has speculative indicators from existing product knowledge base, or new industry/domain specific insights and market trends.
- Supported by a strong product vision and product strategy for the go-to-market.

- Have evidences that support hypotheses. High confidence but includes somewhat key assumptions that could influence the execution.
- Has reliable & valid data points from existing research knowledge base or new industry/domain specific insights and market trends.
- Compliments the product vision of existing business models or "creates an extended" support in the product strategy.

- Have evidences that support hypotheses. High confidence and somewhat assumptions but with low impact on the execution.
- Has reliable & valid data points from existing research knowledge base and supporting industry/domain specific insights.
- Optimizing and executing the product strategy of existing business models.

- Have evidences and strong stakeholder support.
- High confidence and low assumptions.
- Has reliable & valid data points from user feedback and quantitative insights.
- Optimizing the product strategy of existing business models.

- Have clear technical or regulatory evidence that action is required.
- High confidence with minimal assumptions; the problem and solution are well understood.
- Has reliable data points from system performance metrics, audit findings, security assessments, or cost-effectiveness analysis.
- Protecting the product strategy of existing business models rather than advancing it.

Validation depth

• Business model positioning

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- It's a new business model in the product portfolio.

- New products or major features in existing business models.

- New features supporting maintaining/defending current product positioning of existing business models

- Improved existing touch points to optimize existing business models.

- Foundational investments that protect and sustain existing business models.

• Fit Milestone

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- achieving product-market-fit

- optimizing business-model-fit

- testing opportunity-solution-fit

- problem-solution-fit

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Value momentum

- 0 to 1

- 1 to 2

- 0 to 1

- -1 to 0

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Customer satisfaction scale

- Validate initial customer satisfaction and establish brand value within the new market segment.

- Increase customer satisfaction and grow existing business models through efficiency.

- Moving from simply "satisfaction" to "loyalty" and "advocacy".

- Address specific customer expectations and "dissatisfiers" to restore user confidence and prevent churn to competitors.

- Invisible to users when done well; customers should not notice these investments unless it's a deliberate change like rebranding. Failure to execute risks visible outages, security incidents, or degraded performance.

Competitive advantage

- Competitive advantage: Challenging the competition or "being the first of its kind / moving the needle" in the industry.

- Competitive advantage: Staying ahead of current competitors or potential new competitors.

- Competitive advantage: Excelling in ways that competitors find difficult to replicate.

- Competitive advantage: Mitigating risk by closing the gap on industry standards and ensuring the product does not fall behind competitors on compliance or baseline functionality.

- Competitive advantage: No direct competitive gain, but lethal if neglected. Prevents platform decay, security breaches, or regulatory disqualification that would erode market position.

Governance

- Includes guardrails when to kill business ideas.

- Includes more complex set of trade-offs.

- Includes detailed scope, risks analysis and monitoring after product launch.

- Includes validated evidence of customer impact and clear criteria for resolution success.

- Includes mandatory compliance deadlines, risk severity assessment, and executive sponsorship for resource allocation.

..to maintain relevance and adaptability

• Long-term sustainability

- Focuses on resource feasibility and cost-effectiveness. Has a cost-effectiveness guidance on how to maintain this new product initiative with current development and maintenance resources & operations and costs.

- Focuses on integrated expansion and scalability. It balances the development and maintenance investment against the scalability of the extension, ensuring the new value proposition effectively leverages existing product capabilities to maximize yield.

- Focuses on unit economics and product health. It balances the cost-to-serve (e.g., ongoing AI inference costs, API calls, data storage) against the retention impact (CLV).

- Focuses on operational resilience and regulatory compliance. It ensures validated pain points and compliance gaps are resolved before they erode customer trust or trigger regulatory risk, preventing "known issues" from compounding into churn drivers or market disqualifiers.

- Focuses on platform longevity and risk mitigation. It ensures technical debt, security vulnerabilities, and compliance gaps are addressed before they compound into system failures, regulatory penalties, or forced emergency remediation at higher cost.

Decision-making & authority

- Leadership team across the board and disciplines are highly involved in the decision-making.
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Measurement lens

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- Focused on strategic validation, aligned directly with company OKRs and high-level product vision.

- Focused on growth & efficiency within product team OKRs (pre-launch and post-launch).

- Focused on margin health, retention metrics, and feature depth (ensuring the feature is actually locking customers in).

- Focused on issue resolution throughput, customer complaint trends, and compliance milestone tracking, ensuring the product systematically eliminates identified friction points and maintains baseline market eligibility.

- Focused on system health metrics, audit readiness, incident frequency, and cost-of-delay analysis for deferred maintenance, ensuring the product foundation remains stable and compliant.

Investment return

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- Disrupting or outperforming industry standard. "unicorn status" / status quo "

- Optimizing the full business model profitability, increasing efficiency, or maximizing market share/yield from existing customer base.

- Maintaining/defending current product positioning.

- Retaining existing customers and meeting baseline expectations.

- Unclear revenue impact but existential if neglected. Protects business continuity, regulatory standing, and platform stability.

Budget

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- Budget approval product investment & stakeholder commitment needed before engagement.

- Budget allocation is consulted with key stakeholders before engagement.

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