# Managing the Product Cycle Challenge

Facing Market Transition - Succeeding with Transformation

A way to tackle issues in transformational change with a highly efficient, understandable and successful approach

Wolfgang Bullmer, Dr. Thomas Leder

**HLP** OrganisationsBerater

Leder Schreiber Hochstrahs

## **Discussion Topics**

### **1.** Introduction

#### 2. Market Transition

- Markets and products follow typical cycles,
  e.g. from performance and product features to brand management or commodity
- Success factors are incrementally changing and shifting

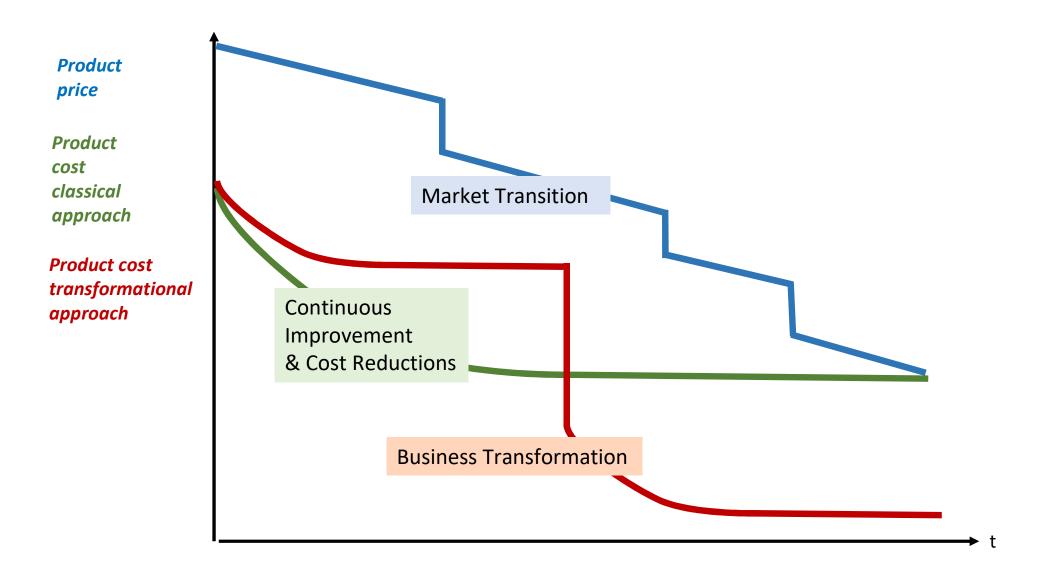
#### **3.** Business Transformation

- Transitional markets demand fundamental change of business approach
  - beyond cost cutting

### 4. Breakthrough Methodology

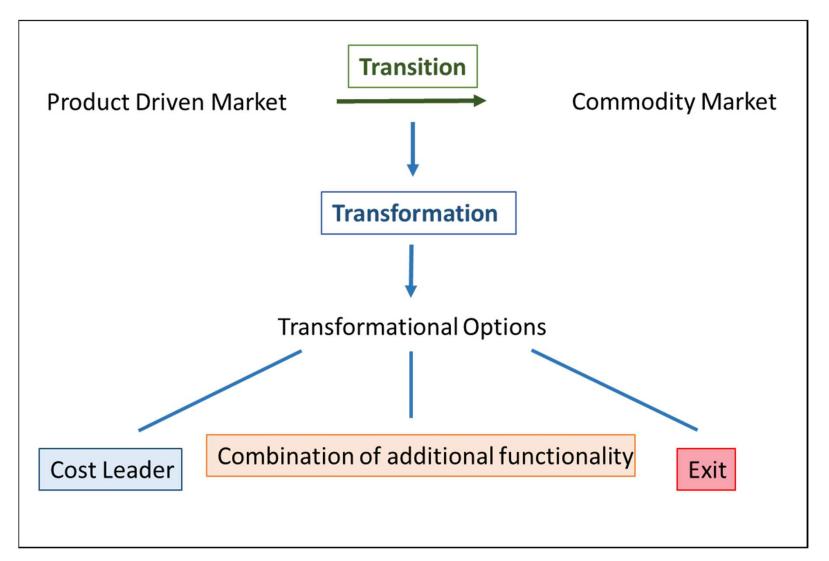
- Creates success in a transitional market by using a methodology of fundamental change based on fast results
- Generates sufficient data to test the hypotheses about the future scenarios

## **Transition vs. Transformation: Leapfrog Approach**



**HLP** | OrganisationsBerater

# Market transition demands a transformation of concepts (Example)



Transformation: Leapfrog to new approach Cost Leader: Almost impossible by

**continuous** cost reduction

#### Additional functionality: Requires new skills in

terms of products and processes

## Exit:

Depending on alternative opportunities

