

Assessing the external marketing situation

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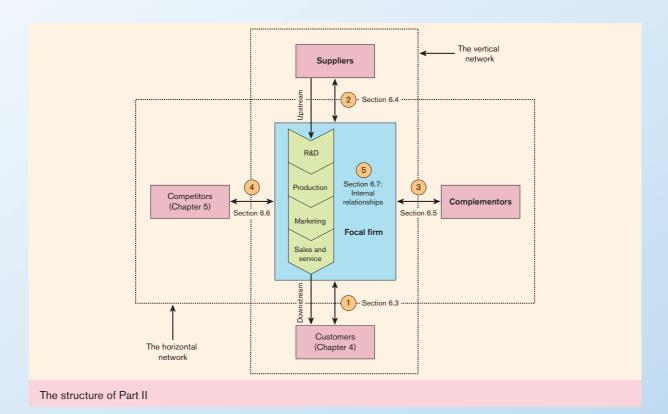
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Part II looks at the environment in which marketing operates. The marketing environment consists of a *micro-environment* and a *macro-environment*.

The macro-environment consists of the larger societal forces which effect the whole micro-environment:

- Demographic environment: population size and growth trends, age structure of population, changes in family structure.
- Economic environment: income distribution, purchasing power, etc.
- Political environment: laws, government agencies, growth of public interest groups.

The ethical, social and environmental aspects and how they affect and shape the marketing plan will be analysed in Chapter 9.

The micro-environment consists of forces and players close to the firm such as customers, suppliers, complementors and competitors. The structure of Part II (see diagram above) shows how these players (via Chapter 6) are connected in a value net approach.

The focus of this part is on the micro-environmental factors and the relationships between the central players. Chapters 4 and 5 start by analysing the most important issues of two of the most important players shown in above diagram:

- the customer 'box'
- the competitor 'box'.

Customers and competitors have been chosen for further analysis because they receive the most attention among managers in firms. These two types of player are also represented in the model labelled 'the competitive triangle' (see Figure 3.3).

Chapter 6 tries to analyse the relationships between the most important players in the value net.

The analysis in Chapters 4 and 5 contains the more traditional approach to customer and competitor behaviour and analysis. This forms the basis for the analysis of the relationships between the important players in the micro-environment.

Part I (assessment of the internal conditions) and Part II constitute the input for the later development of marketing strategies (Part III) and the marketing plan (Part IV) and its implementation (Part V).

# **PART II VIDEO CASE STUDY**

### **Orascom Telecom**

Developing the mobile business in emerging countries





Naguib O. Sawiris, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Orascom Telecom Source: Abdulqader Saadi/AFP/Getty Images

Orascom Telecom Holding (OTH) provides wireless communications services in the Middle East and beyond. Its serves more than 70 million subscribers with GSM-based networks in Egypt (Mobinil), Tunisia (Tunisiana), Algeria (Djezzy), Pakistan (Mobilink), Bangladesh (Banglalink), and Zimbabwe (Telecel). Orascom's mobile service operations account for the majority of its revenues, but the company also provides Internet services, as well as network installation and support, procurement and distribution services under the Link brand. The family of founder Naguib Sawiris owns a controlling stake in Orascom.

Sawiris founded the company to take advantage of developing market opportunities in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia. The company's 2000 listing on the Cairo and Alexandria Stock Exchange set a record at the time as Egypt's largest IPO.

While northern Africa remains Orascom's largest market (it accounted for about 43 per cent of the company's revenues in 2007), the company continues to look outside its home region for growth. Orascom was granted a licence to operate mobile network services in North Korea in 2008.

The company is restructuring by divesting business lines that fall outside its core mobile communications operations. In 2008, Orascom sold its OrasInvest subsidiary, which built and maintained mobile phone transmission towers, to Abu Dhabi Investment for \$180 million. The following year it sold subsidiary M-Link to Italy-based Wind Telecomunicazioni and later agreed to sell its IT service subsidiaries, LINKdotNet and Link Egypt, to Egyptian Company for Mobile Services.

Table PII.1	Orascom Telecom: financial data							
		2007	2006	2005				
Revenue (USS	\$m)	\$4,747	\$3,904	\$3,226				
Net income (US\$m)		\$2,021	\$2,021 \$721					
Net profit Employees		43%	19%	21%				
		20,000	20,000	15,000				

Table PII.2	Orascom Telecom: geographical segmentation of 2007 Revenue		Table PII.3	Orascom Telecom: product segmentation of 2007 revenue	
	% of total				% of total
North Africa	43		Cellular opera	tions	88
South Asia	31		Telecommunic	ation service	11
Middle East	22		Internet and fix	ced-line service	1
Other regions	4				
			Total		100
Total	100				

Table PII.4 Africa: ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) Indicators, 2007							
	Population 000s	Main telepho	per 100 persons	Mobile subs	per 100 persons	Internet us 000s	ers per 100 persons
Algeria	33,860	2,922.7	8.63	21,446.0	63.34	3,500.0	10.34
Egypt	75,500	11,228.8	14.87	30,047.0	39.80	8,620.0	11.42
Libya	6,160	852.3	14.56	4,500.0	73.05	260.0	4.36
Morocco	31,220	2,393.8	7.67	20,029.0	64.15	7,300.0	23.38
Tunisia	10,330	1,273.3	12.33	7,842.0	75.94	1,722.2	16.68
North Africa	157,070	18,670.9	11.91	83,865.0	53.39	21,402.2	13.64
South Africa	48,580	4,642.0	9.56	42,300.0	87.08	5,100.0	10.75
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Angola	17,020	98.2	0.62	3,307.0	19.43	95.0	0.60
Benin	9,030	110.3	1.22	1,895.0	20.98	150.0	1.66
Botswana	1,880	136.9	7.78	1,427.0	75.84	80.0	4.55
Burkina Faso	14,780	94.8	0.70	1,611.0	10.90	80.0	0.59
Burundi	8,510	35.0	0.45	250.0	2.94	60.0	0.77
Cameroon	18,550	130.7	0.79	4,536.0	24.45	370.0	2.23
Cape Verde	530	71.6	13.80	148.0	27.90	33.0	6.36
Central African	Rep. 4,340	12.0	0.29	130.0	2.99	13.0	0.32
Chad	10,780	13.0	0.13	918.0	8.52	60.0	0.60
Comoros	840	19.1	2.33	40.0	4.77	21.0	2.56
Congo	3,770	15.9	0.40	1,334.0	35.40	70.0	1.70
Côte d'Ivoire	19,260	260.9	1.41	7,050.0	36.60	300.0	1.63
D.R. Congo	62,640	9.7	0.02	6,592.0	10.52	230.4	0.37
Djibouti	830	10.8	1.56	45.0	5.40	11.0	1.36

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Africa: ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) Indicators, 2007 (continued)

Е	quatorial Guinea	510	10.0	1.99	220.0	43.35	8.0	1.55
E	Eritrea	4,850	37.5	0.82	70.0	1.44	100.0	2.19
E	Ethiopia	83,100	880.1	1.06	1,208.0	1.45	291.0	0.35
(	Gabon	1,330	36.5	2.59	1,169.0	87.86	81.0	5.76
(	Gambia	1,710	76.4	4.47	796.0	46.58	100.2	5.87
(	Shana	23,480	376.5	1.60	7,604.0	32.39	650.0	2.77
(	Guinea	9,370	26.3	0.33	189.0	2.36	50.0	0.52
(	Guinea-Bissau	1,700	4.6	0.27	296.0	17.48	37.0	2.26
ŀ	Kenya	37,540	264.8	0.71	11,440.0	30.48	2,770.3	7.89
L	.esotho	2,010	53.1	2.97	456.0	22.71	51.5	2.87
L	iberia	3,750	-	-	563.0	15.01	-	-
N	/ladagascar	19,680	133.9	0.68	2,218.0	11.27	110.0	0.58
N	Malawi	13,930	175.2	1.26	1,051.0	7.55	139.5	1.00
N	//ali	12,340	85.0	0.69	2,483.0	20.13	100.0	0.81
N	<i>N</i> auritania	3,120	34.9	1.10	1,300.0	41.62	30.0	0.95
N	<i>l</i> auritius	1,260	357.3	28.45	936.0	74.19	320.0	25.48
N	Mozambique	21,400	67.0	0.33	3,300.0	15.42	178.0	0.90
١	Namibia	2,070	138.1	6.66	800.0	38.58	101.0	4.87
١	Niger	14,230	24.0	0.17	900.0	6.33	40.0	0.28
١	Nigeria	148,090	6,578.3	4.44	40,396.0	27.28	10,000.0	6.75
F	Rwanda	9,720	16.5	0.18	679.0	6.98	100.0	1.08
5	S. Tomé & Principe	160	7.7	4.86	30.0	19.09	23.0	14.59
5	Senegal	12,380	269.1	2.17	4,123.0	33.31	820.0	6.62
5	Seychelles	90	20.6	23.79	77.0	89.23	29.0	35.67
5	Sierra Leone	5,870	-	-	776.0	13.23	10.0	0.19
5	Somalia	8,700	100.0	1.15	600.0	6.90	94.0	1.11
5	Sudan	38,560	345.2	0.90	7,464.0	19.36	1,500.0	3.89
5	Swaziland	1,140	44.0	4.27	380.0	33.29	42.0	4.08
٦	anzania	40,450	236.5	0.58	8,252.0	20.40	384.3	1.00
٦	- ogo	6,590	82.1	1.30	1,190.0	18.08	320.0	5.07
ι	Jganda	30,880.0	162.3	0.53	4,195.0	13.58	2,000.0	6.48
Z	Zambia	11,920	91.8	0.77	2,639.0	22.14	500.0	4.19
Z	Zimbabwe	13,350	344.5	2.58	1,226.0	9.18	1,351.0	10.12
	Sub-Saharan Africa	757,880	12,098.3	1.65	138,310.0	18.28	23,904.2	3.23
F	AFRICA	963,530	35,411.2	3.77	264,475.0	27.48	50,406.4	5.34

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Please watch some of these YouTube videos:

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcUN1RDoHgQ
- http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v= 7029LTTJRVo&feature=related (interview with Chairman Naguib Sawiris – very good for describing Orascom's strategy)
- http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=kFMYaRFAh28&feature=related
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHj-acaQ8y4 (a commercial)

#### QUESTIONS

- 1 Which external factors are mainly influencing Orascom Telecom's business?
- **2** What are the main reasons for the success of Orascom Telecom in emergent markets?
- **3** Which markets would you suggest for the further international expansion in Africa? (Please use Table PII.4.)

#### **SOURCES**

Orascom Telecom (www.orascomtelecom.com); International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (www.itu.in).