

STRATEGY GUIDE

How to elevate your customer's journey in 5 simple steps

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Guide the experiences your customers desire

Customer centricity is an elusive goal. Most companies want to champion their customers but making it a reality can be challenging.

Fortunately, there are number of things an organization can do to become truly customer centric. It starts with becoming a Customer Experience Brand – an organization that sees the customer experience as central to differentiation and creating competitive advantage.

But what happens next? What's the right path to follow? Here are five steps to transforming CX, using the customer journey as a map to guide you.





5 steps

to guide amazing customer experiences

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STEP ONE

Learn what drives customer engagement

Develop a comprehensive understanding of not only the conscious needs of your current and future customers, but also the sub-conscious drivers that dictate their behavior. Simply put, if you understand your customers better than your competitors, you put yourself in a strong position to retain their loyalty.

Data insight can play a big part in establishing this depth of understanding. It is a process that never stops – drivers change and you need to ensure that you are well positioned to “see” when this happens.



INSIDER TIP

To ensure sufficient diversity of thought, assemble a cross-functional team to drive customer understanding and analysis. This allows for a range of perspectives to be considered.





STEP TWO

Illustrate the entire customer journey

Establishing a highly detailed view of the end-to-end customer experience can be an incredibly powerful tool. An in-depth look provides a holistic visual perspective of the emotional journey the customer is on, allowing you to consider where new value could be created.

Customer journey maps can track the unique emotional journey of target customer groups across the enterprise, not just in one department or for specific tasks. In turn it should be used as a visual tool to identify opportunities for new value creation and deliberately designed experiences in sales, marketing, and other customer interactions.



INSIDER TIP

A tell-tale sign of a weak customer journey map involves focusing on the touch points preferred by the organization rather than tracking the actual customer journey.

STEP THREE

Create a personalized experience

A good journey map should track the emotional state of the customer, including how they may typically feel at any particular point. This provides an opportunity to identify the negative emotional states that you may wish to avoid, or positive emotional states you wish to create in the future.

Maps should also include key steps that do not involve the business, but are key steps for the customer, such as wait times. This, in itself, can often reveal new opportunities.



INSIDER TIP

Analytics should be supplemented with ethnographic research and target observations. Surveys are a good start, but are very superficial tools and rarely get to the level of insight required to develop high quality customer journey maps.



STEP FOUR

Uncover moments of delight



With a current customer journey map in hand, you can now uncover opportunities to create new and unique experiences across key stages.

For example, eliminate or mitigate causes of negative experiences – where unnecessary effort is required on behalf of the customer, or where causes of stress, confusion, and frustration emerge.

Only once this is achieved can we turn our attention to developing positive experiences that trigger an emotional connection. This is important because enduring memories are only established when an emotional feeling is triggered. This may include surprise (positive), amazement, and delight.



INSIDER TIP

Organize a series of creative workshops involving multiple stakeholders (including customers if possible) with an emphasis on creating many options to choose from at a later stage.

STEP FIVE

Champion customer-focused capabilities



Your employees are the heart of any customer experience strategy. How else do you trigger human emotions that become the basis of memories? Technology cannot do this alone.

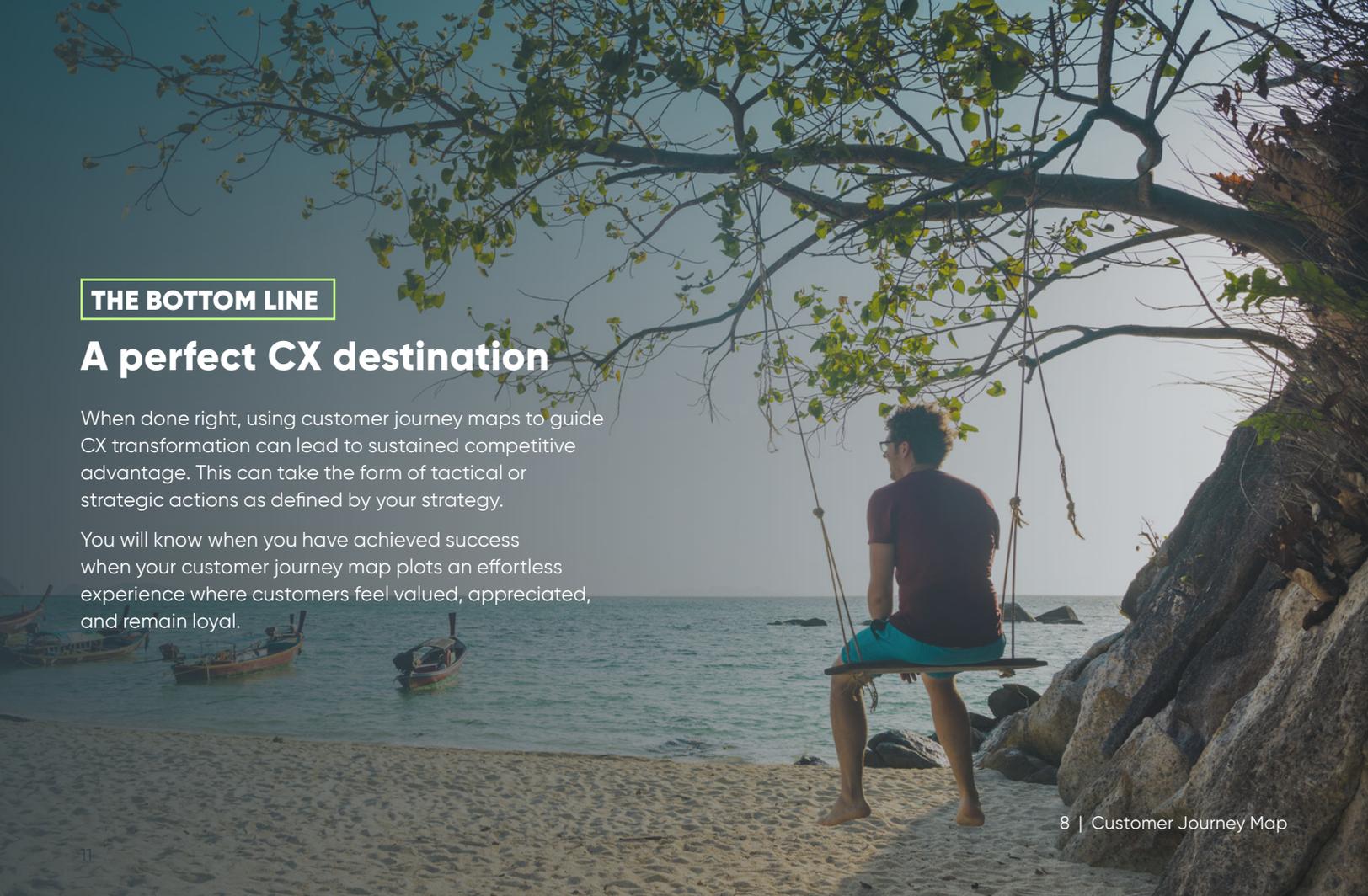
When an investment is not channeled toward taking your employees on the journey and empowering them to deliver the desired new experience, you run the risk of leaving the execution of your CX strategy to chance.

Once a clear picture of your team's current capabilities has been established, a plan can be developed to bridge gaps through targeted training, mentoring, and coaching.



INSIDER TIP

Put real effort behind understanding CX strengths and weaknesses of your team. This should include assessing depth of knowledge, quality of skill set, adherence to process, and prevailing mindsets.

A person with glasses, wearing a maroon t-shirt and teal shorts, is sitting on a wooden swing. The swing is suspended from a large, leafy tree on the right side of the frame. The person is looking out over a calm, turquoise ocean towards a sandy beach. In the distance, several small wooden boats are anchored. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

THE BOTTOM LINE

A perfect CX destination

When done right, using customer journey maps to guide CX transformation can lead to sustained competitive advantage. This can take the form of tactical or strategic actions as defined by your strategy.

You will know when you have achieved success when your customer journey map plots an effortless experience where customers feel valued, appreciated, and remain loyal.

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