

# Toyota Motor Corp Case Study including Generic Strategies, Product Range, Growth and Marketing Strategies

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# **Abstracts**

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### SUMMARY

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## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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The Toyota Motor company has extensive product breadth as its product lines



are not limited to the manufacturing of passenger and commercial vehicles. In addition to the above, Toyota also provides mobility services, financial services, warranties, and car services to its customers. Toyota has large product depth in passenger and commercial vehicles, a reflection of the company's mix of strategies through different brands. Notably, the company's large product breadth also stems from a relatively high level of product customization to local markets.

The company has adopted a mix of growth strategies, which puts more emphasis on product development, as well as market development. Electric and fuel cell vehicles, along with sales in emerging markets are the company's top growth priorities.

#### SCOPE

The analysis of generic strategies, product mix and growth strategies serve as essential tools to understand the key success factors of Toyota, as well as its future strategy approach.

Brief on Toyota's generic strategies, marketing mix (through use of the 4Ps) and growth strategies.

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