Unleashing Partner Capability to Thrive

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Starbucks Mission:

To inspire and nurture the human spirit – one person, one cup, and one neighborhood at a time.

THE STARBUCKS "TYPICAL" STORE



- Average Sales ~ \$1M
- 14 partner staff
- In total Starbucks serves 50 million customers each week worldwide
- Troy, Store Manager at this store about 1 year
 - District Manager, Poly, oversees 12 stores



STARBUCKS BACKGROUND

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

The bucks stop here? Coffee chain is reeling after record losses while analysts try to figure out what's next

November 2008

Starbucks cutting more jobs, closing stores; Turnaround effort takes on McDonald's, adding value breakfast meals

January 2009

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Starbucks to cut more jobs, cafes; 6,700 workers to go; 300 stores to close; Profit dropped 69% in first quarter

January 2009

The Scattle Times

Recession Forces Starbucks to Think Lean
August 2009

STARBUCKS HAD SOME INTERESTING CHALLENGES TO OVERCOME

Typical Challenges

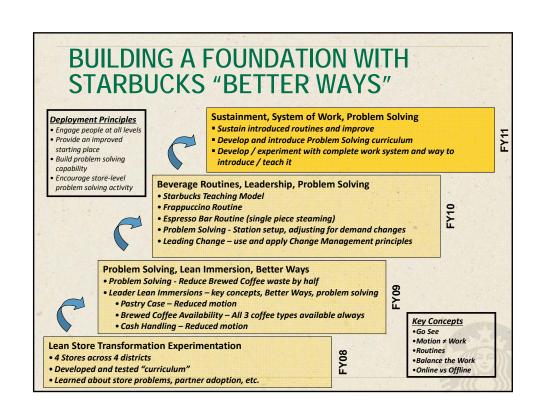
- May not think about details of work method
- May not have work method teaching process
- Engaging employees in improvement process
- Traditional batch thinking with command & control management system

Starbucks Challenges

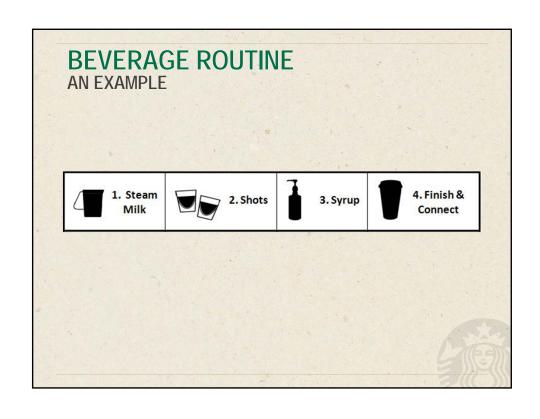
- 17,000+ unique stores situations globally with more than 200.000 Partners
- Customer value created by providing great experiences
- Unmet demand at peak
- Work method not part of historic culture
- Problem solving not a core capability

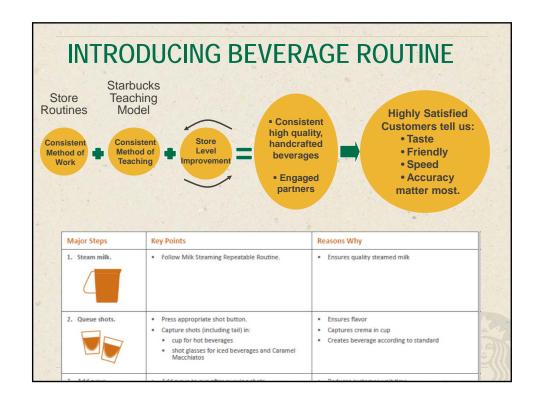




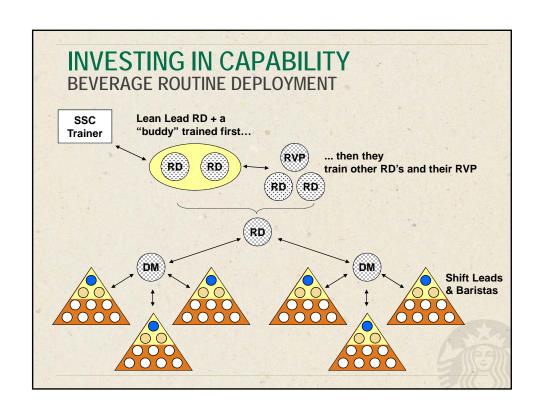


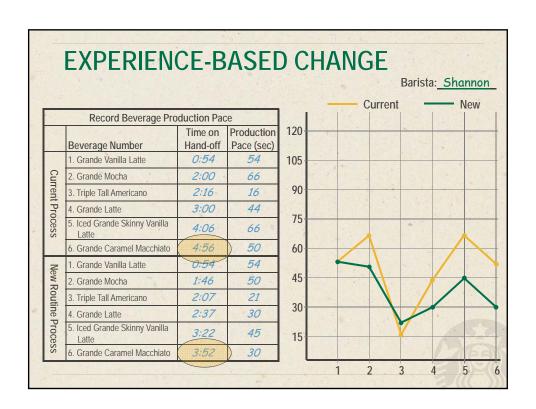














LEO BURNETT BAR IMPROVEMENT

The Problem: Excess, unnecessary motion for bar partner between espresso bar and back counter

Countermeasures Deployed by team:

- 1. Convert cold-water dispenser into pitcher rinser unit
- 2. Create ice bins at espresso bar



Results:

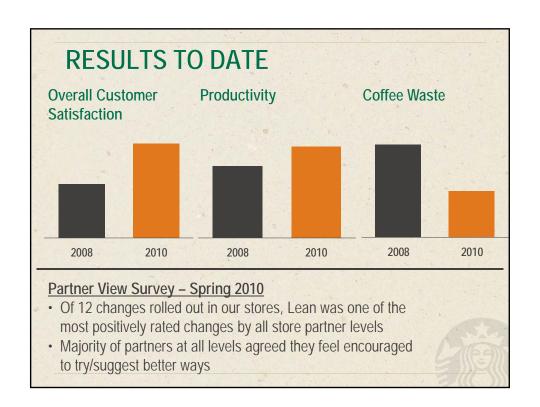
Reduce unnecessary motion by over 90% allowing bar partner to stay planted

Customer: Enable faster service and more customers to be served

Partner: Less walking creates less stress

Business: reversed trend of negative transaction comps to positive

while comparable stores experiencing negative comps





KEY LEARNINGS TO DATE

- Experienced-based learning is the most effective way to shift thinking and create engagement
- Enabling Partners to improve their work is the highest form of respect
- Waste exists everywhere you just have to learn how to see it
- Focus on "technical" and "social" together
- It's a journey, not a sprint

Questions & Answers

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