META'S TALENT STRATEGY IN AI ERA, AND LESSONS FROM DANGOTE'S ACCUMULATION OF CAPABILITIES

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# Meta's Al Talent Playbook: Partnership and Talent Acquisition

Aggressively pursuing a strategy to assemble a world-class AI talent pool via strategic partnerships and talent acquisition

#### Investment in Scale AI

 Provides critical data infrastructure and a direct line to top AI engineering talent.

### Luring Scale AI Talent

- Top engineers and researchers
- Integrate some of Scale AI's expertise directly into Meta

### Hiring Safe Superintelligence cofounder and ex-GitHub CEO

- high-profile individuals with specialized expertise and leadership
- deep knowledge in foundational AI research

# Implications

- Implications for Meta
  - Strengthened Al Capabilities:
    - internal Al research, development, and application capabilities across its product ecosystem (e.g., Metaverse, content moderation, recommendation engines).
  - Competitive Advantage on knowledge
  - Accelerated Innovation for breakthroughs in various AI fields.

## Implications for the Industry

- Intensified Talent Wars:
  - Retention for smaller firms
- Talent Consolidation and Centralization
- Upstream playbook (foundation model)

# Africa Case: Dangote Group's Accumulation of Capabilities

#### The Dangote Strategy: Accumulation of Capability

Aliko Dangote's genius lies in mastering the strategic move from sectoral downtime to upstream dominance through a systematic accumulation of capabilities, creating formidable entry barriers and achieving superior economies of scale and speed.

# 1. Sectoral Entry & Initial Position

- Identify opportunity in a sector (often in "downtime").
- Begin with basic operations or downstream activities.
- Focus on foundational learning and initial market presence.

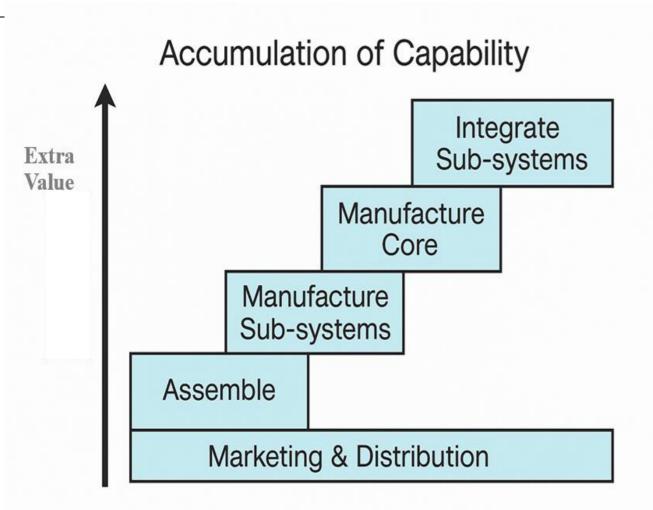
## 2. Accumulation of Capability

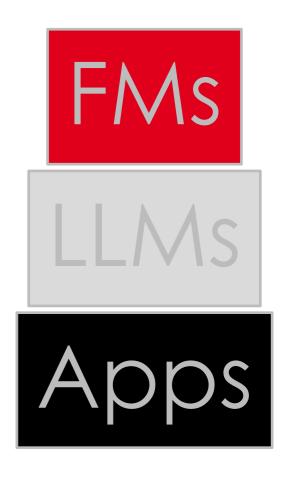
- Systematic investment in infrastructure & technology.
- Develop deep operational expertise and efficiency.
- Build robust supply chains and distribution networks.
- Integrate vertically (moving "upstream").

# 3. Industry Dominance & Value Capture

- Achieve industry leadership and market control.
- Establish high barriers to entry for competitors.
- Realize massive economies of scale.
- Develop economies of speed (agility, quick response).
- Result: Skyrocketing margins and sustainable wealth.

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