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Abstract

Research Problem and Approach: The contemporary marketing environment is defined by an extreme concentration of digital power within a few dominant platforms, creating a structural vulnerability for organizations. This research addresses the strategic dependency of Chief Marketing Officers (CMOs) on “walled garden” ecosystems, which compromises organizational autonomy and subjects marketing effectiveness to opaque algorithmic shifts. By applying the Resource-Based View (RBV) of strategy, the study investigates how firms can navigate this platform paradox to reclaim data sovereignty and strategic intent through internal capability development.

Methodology and Findings: The research employs a systematic analysis of current digital marketing challenges, including the deprecation of third-party tracking and the rise of stringent regulatory frameworks like the Digital Markets Act. The study finds that excessive platform reliance leads to a “black box” scenario where return on investment (ROI) is difficult to verify independently of platform-provided metrics. Findings demonstrate that the implementation of a Growth Investment Governance Capability (GIGC) serves as a critical moderator, allowing firms to transition from tactical algorithmic spending toward governance-led strategic resource allocation and first-party data assets.

Key Contributions: This research makes three primary contributions: (1) The conceptualization of Growth Investment Governance Capability (GIGC) as a dynamic capability for managing fragmented digital ecosystems, (2) A strategic framework for transitioning from third-party platform dependency to strong first-party data ownership and sovereignty, and (3) An evaluation of AI-enhanced marketing mix modeling (MMM) and explainable AI (XAI) as essential tools for improving transparency and decision-making accuracy within the CMO’s office.

Implications: The findings imply that sustainable competitive advantage in the digital age is derived not from the specific platforms a firm uses, but from the internal ca-

pabilities built to govern those investments. For practitioners, this necessitates a shift from viewing marketing as a reactive cost center to a proactive driver of firm value through rigorous, investment-oriented governance. Theoretically, this research extends the application of dynamic capabilities to the digital marketing domain, providing a roadmap for maintaining organizational performance regardless of volatile external technological and regulatory climates.

Keywords: Chief Marketing Officer, Platform Dependency, Growth Investment Governance Capability, Digital Marketing Strategy, Data Sovereignty, Resource-Based View, Marketing ROI, First-Party Data, Privacy-First Marketing, Marketing Mix Modeling, Explainable AI, Dynamic Capabilities, Digital Transformation, Strategic Autonomy, Walled Gardens

1. Introduction

The contemporary marketing environment is characterized by an unprecedented concentration of digital power within a few dominant platforms. For Chief Marketing Officers (CMOs), the promise of hyper-targeted advertising and smooth consumer reach has come at the cost of significant platform dependency. As organizations funnel increasing proportions of their marketing budgets into “walled gardens”—ecosystems controlled by entities such as Google, Meta, and Amazon—the strategic autonomy of the marketing function is increasingly compromised. This dependency creates a structural vulnerability where marketing effectiveness is dictated by external algorithmic shifts and opaque data policies rather than internal strategic intent.

1.1 The Digital Platform Paradox and Strategic Vulnerability

The shift toward digital-first marketing was initially framed as a transition toward greater accountability and precision. However, this evolution has resulted in a paradox: while CMOs have access to more data than ever before, their ability to independently verify and govern that data has diminished. Marketing resource allocation strategy now requires navigating complex interdependencies between platform-specific metrics and organizational financial goals (Shankar, 2012). The reliance on platform-provided analytics often leads to a “black box” scenario where the logic of marketing research and the subsequent return on investment (ROI) are difficult to decouple from the platform’s own self-reported success (Kortam & Gad, 2020).

This dependency is further complicated by the regulatory environment. The European Commission’s Digital Markets Act represents a significant attempt to review and regulate the influence of these gatekeepers (Carugati, 2023), yet the practical implications for daily marketing operations remain volatile. CMOs must manage the tension between

leveraging platform efficiencies and maintaining the long-term sustainability of their brand’s competitive advantage.

Strategic Dimension	Platform-Dependent Approach	GIGC-Driven Approach
Data Ownership	Reliance on third-party signals	Focus on first-party data assets
Resource Allocation	Algorithmic-led spending	Governance-led strategic intent
Performance Metric	Platform-specific (e.g., ROAS)	Cross-functional ROI and EBITDA
Risk Management	High vulnerability to API changes	Diversified investment portfolio

Table 1: Comparison of Strategic Approaches to Digital Marketing Investment. Adapted from (Shankar, 2012) and (Foroudi, 2022).

As illustrated in Table 1, the transition from a platform-dependent approach to one guided by a Growth Investment Governance Capability (GIGC) necessitates a fundamental shift in how marketing assets are managed. A platform-dependent strategy prioritizes immediate tactical gains, often at the expense of data sovereignty. In contrast, a governance-led approach emphasizes the development of marketing assets and the alignment of communication focus with broader organizational capabilities (Foroudi, 2022). This shift is essential for maintaining a superior organizational performance in a market-oriented environment (Farrell & Oczkowski, 2002).

1.2 Navigating the Privacy-First Era and Data Sovereignty

The erosion of traditional tracking mechanisms, such as the deprecation of third-party cookies, has accelerated the need for CMOs to rethink their data collection and investment strategies. The analytics industry is facing a period of unprecedented change driven by

consumer expectations and regulatory shifts (Long, 2022). Effective data collection in a privacy-first world requires a move toward first-party data strategies that respect consumer consent while providing actionable insights (Slovak, 2019).

Consent management is no longer merely a compliance requirement; it has become a strategic touchpoint for building mutually valuable relationships with users (Hall, 2021). Organizations that fail to implement ethical and efficient consent management risk not only legal repercussions but also the loss of consumer trust, which is a critical component of brand equity (Thakshak, 2018).

Challenge Category	Description	Strategic Response
Technological	Deprecation of third-party cookies	Adoption of cookieless AI (Thomas, 2024)
Regulatory	GDPR, DMA, and local privacy laws	Integrated consent management (Hall, 2021)
Analytical	Information asymmetry in walled gardens	AI-enhanced marketing mix modeling (Liu, 2026)

Table 2: Key Challenges in the Modern Digital Marketing System.

The technological challenges identified in Table 2 highlight the necessity of embracing new tools to drive campaign performance without relying on intrusive data gathering (Thomas, 2024). Generative AI and machine learning are increasingly being utilized to turbocharge digital marketing by enabling personalized content at scale and improving the measurement of effectiveness in a structured way (Thomas, 2023). Furthermore, AI-enhanced marketing mix modeling (MMM) offers a potential solution to the measurement gap, integrating machine learning and explainable AI (XAI) to provide greater accuracy and actionability than traditional platform-provided metrics (Liu, 2026).

1.3 Toward Growth Investment Governance as a Dynamic Capability

The central premise of this research is that competitive advantage for the modern CMO no longer stems solely from the mastery of digital tools, but from the internal capability to govern growth investments across a fragmented system. This is framed through the Resource-Based View (RBV) of strategy, which suggests that firm-specific, valuable, and rare resources are the foundations of sustainable advantage (Thudium, 2005).

1.3.1 Growth Investment Governance Capability (GIGC)

Growth Investment Governance Capability (GIGC) is defined as a dynamic capability that enables a firm to integrate, build, and reconfigure internal and external competences to address rapidly changing environments. This involves the systematic analysis of marketing analytics and consumer behavior to inform a future research agenda (Mahajan et al., 2024). By treating marketing spend as a strategic investment rather than a tactical expense, CMOs can better balance short-term gains with long-term sustainability (Ramsinghani, 2025).

The implementation of GIGC requires a shift from product-focused to customer-centric business models where interactions are defined by clean, high-quality data (Slovak, 2019). This customer-centricity, supported by data-driven technologies (Camilleri, 2019), allows for a more nuanced understanding of the marketing assets, communication focus, and capability nexus (Foroudi, 2022).

1.3.2 Research Scope and Objectives

The current study aims to investigate how platform dependency impacts decision uncertainty within the marketing function and to evaluate the moderating role of GIGC. While digital transformation is a primary driver of enterprise growth (Wei, 2024), its success

is often contingent on the organization's ability to manage financing constraints and resource allocation effectively (Rathore, 2019).

Specifically, this research seeks to: 1. Quantify the extent of platform dependency among modern marketing organizations and its correlation with perceived decision uncertainty. 2. Define the dimensions of Growth Investment Governance Capability (GIGC) as a source of competitive advantage. 3. Examine how GIGC mitigates the negative effects of information asymmetry inherent in dominant digital platforms. 4. Provide a framework for CMOs to transition from platform dependency to governance-led investment strategies.

By addressing these objectives, this paper contributes to the literature on marketing strategy and resource allocation (Shankar, 2012), offering a new model for perceiving institutional environments not as emotional narratives, but as architectures of units and flows (Kazanskaia, 2025). Ultimately, the goal is to empower CMOs to move beyond the constraints of walled gardens and reclaim strategic control over their growth investments.

2. Main Body

2.1.1 Theoretical Framework: Resource-Based View and Dynamic Capabilities

2.1.1.1 The Resource-Based View in Marketing Strategy The foundational logic for understanding competitive advantage in marketing often resides within the Resource-Based View (RBV). This theoretical framework posits that firms achieve superior performance by developing and deploying resources that are valuable, rare, inimitable, and non-substitutable (VRIN) (Thudium, 2005). In the context of the Chief Marketing Officer (CMO), these resources extend beyond tangible budgets to include intangible assets such as brand equity, customer relationships, and proprietary data structures (Foroudi, 2022). However, the mere possession of these assets is insufficient in high-velocity digital markets. The strategic value of marketing resources is increasingly defined by how they are governed and allocated across competing priorities to maximize long-term firm value (Shankar, 2012).

2.1.1.2 Dynamic Capabilities and Marketing Agility As digital ecosystems become more volatile, researchers have shifted focus from static resource ownership to dynamic capabilities. Dynamic capabilities refer to an organization’s ability to integrate, build, and reconfigure internal and external competencies to address rapidly changing environments. In marketing, this manifests as “marketing agility,” where lean marketing practices and supply chain responsiveness converge to create a moderated mediation effect on competitive advantage (Kankam, 2023). For CMOs, the ability to pivot investment strategies in response to platform shifts—without losing operational coherence—represents a critical dynamic capability. This agility is often predicated on a learning orientation, where organizational performance is enhanced by the systematic acquisition and application of new market knowledge (Farrell & Oczkowski, 2002).

Theoretical Framework	Core Concept	Strategic Application for CMOs	Citation
Resource-Based View	VRIN resources	Development of proprietary marketing assets	(Thudium, 2005)
Dynamic Capabilities	Environmental adaptation	Reconfiguring spend based on market shifts	(Kankam, 2023)
Learning Orientation	Knowledge acquisition	Improving ROI through iterative measurement	(Farrell & Oczkowski, 2002)
Service Dominant Logic	Value co-creation	Shifting from product to customer-centricity	(Rogoziński, 2018)

Table 1: Comparison of foundational theoretical frameworks in marketing strategy.

2.1.2 Evolution of Marketing Resource Allocation and Measurement

2.1.2.1 From Static Budgeting to Strategic Reallocation Historically, marketing resource allocation was treated as a periodic financial task, often characterized by “myopic” budgeting where firms over-allocated to short-term promotions at the expense of long-term brand equity (Shankar, 2012). Foundational research suggests that static budgeting is fundamentally insufficient for modern markets; instead, resources must follow the customer lifecycle and market elasticity dynamically. This requires a shift toward cross-channel synergy, where CMOs account for how brand-building investments in one channel amplify the conversion efficacy of direct-response channels (Shankar, 2012)(Hollis, 1998). The challenge for modern governance is balancing these short-term performance gains with the long-term sustainability required for enterprise growth (Ramsinghani, 2025).

2.1.2.2 The Integration of AI and Machine Learning in Measurement The advent of sophisticated analytics has transformed the “old world” baseline of Marketing Mix Modeling (MMM) into a highly technical domain. Current advancements integrate Machine Learning (ML), Explainable AI (XAI), and Large Language Models (LLMs) to enhance the accuracy and actionability of measurement frameworks (Liu, 2026). These AI-enhanced models allow for a more granular understanding of marketing effectiveness, moving beyond aggregate historical data to real-time predictive insights. Furthermore, generative AI is now being utilized to turbocharge digital marketing by enabling personalized content creation at scale, though this adds a layer of complexity to measuring the structured effectiveness of such content (Thomas, 2023).

2.1.2.3 Emerging Techniques in Marketing Analytics The set of technologies required to analyze marketing effectiveness is undergoing a radical rethink. Organizations are increasingly adopting data-driven technologies to support customer-centric marketing models (Camilleri, 2019). This evolution is driven by the need to reconcile disparate data sources—ranging from facial tracking technologies in digital interfaces (Azar, 2018) to complex spectral efficiency data in multihop networks (Pawar, 2024)—into a cohesive view of the consumer journey. The goal of these analytical capabilities is to mitigate the uncertainty inherent in digital practice, particularly for healthcare and other highly regulated providers (Quinn, 2025).

Measurement		Primary		
Approach	Methodology	Advantage	Key Limitation	Citation
Traditional	Econometric	Long-term value	Lacks real-time	(Shankar, 2012)
MMM	modeling	assessment	granularity	
AI-Enhanced	ML & XAI	High predictive	Complexity in	(Liu, 2026)
MMM	integration	accuracy	interpretation	

Measurement		Primary		
Approach	Methodology	Advantage	Key Limitation	Citation
Digital ROI	Attribution	Immediate	Vulnerable to	(Quinn, 2025)
Tracking	software	performance	privacy shifts	
		feedback		
Generative AI	Automated	Scale and	Difficulty in	(Thomas, 2023)
Analytics	content testing	personalization	structured	
			measurement	

Table 2: Evolution of marketing measurement and analytical methodologies.

2.1.3 Data Sovereignty and Governance in Post-Cookie Ecosystems

2.1.3.1 First-Party Data Strategies and Privacy-First Frameworks The marketing industry is facing an unprecedented shift in data collection requirements due to increasing consumer privacy expectations and regulatory mandates like GDPR and CCPA (Long, 2022). As third-party cookies are phased out, the end of unrestricted data access is forcing a transition toward first-party data ecosystems. Effective governance now requires the implementation of server-side data distribution and ethical consent management systems (Hall, 2021). These “privacy-first” strategies are not merely compliance hurdles but are becoming central to building mutually valuable relationships with users, where data collection is handled with a responsible, human-centric attitude (Hall, 2021).

2.1.3.2 Navigating Platform Dependency and Walled Gardens CMOs currently operate in a state of high dependency on dominant digital platforms, often referred to as “walled gardens.” This dependency creates information asymmetry, where platforms control the data and measurement protocols, leaving brands with limited visibility into the true drivers of their growth. To mitigate this, firms are exploring “cookieless” advertising solutions powered by AI to drive campaign performance without relying on intrusive user

tracking (Thomas, 2024). This shift represents a move toward architectural cognition, where institutional environments are perceived as architectures of flows and causal lattices rather than simple emotional narratives (Kazanskaia, 2025).

2.1.3.3 Digital Transformation and Enterprise Growth Digital transformation acts as a primary driver of enterprise growth, particularly when moderated by financing constraints (Wei, 2024). For middle-market firms, this transformation is often fueled by venture capital and company-building initiatives that provide the necessary technical infrastructure for modern marketing (Resatsch, 2020). However, the success of these initiatives depends on the firm’s ability to maintain data security and private data assessment in accordance with international standards like ISO/IEC 27001 (Livshitz, 2014). Without strong governance, the move toward customer-centric experiences can lead to fragmented data silos that degrade the overall efficacy of marketing investments (Slovak, 2019).

2.1.4 Research Gaps and the Need for Growth Investment Governance

Despite the wealth of literature on marketing metrics (Kumar & Umashankar, 2012) and resource allocation (Trombly & Alsmadi, 2023), a significant gap remains in understanding how CMOs can systematically build internal “Growth Investment Governance Capabilities” (GIGC) to offset platform dependency. Most existing research focuses on either the technical aspects of AI integration (khan, 2023) or the general impact of market orientation on performance (Farrell & Oczkowski, 2002). There is a lack of empirical investigation into the specific governance mechanisms that allow a firm to maintain strategic autonomy while operating within dominant digital ecosystems. Furthermore, while the impact of marketing research logic on ROI has been explored theoretically (Kortam & Gad, 2020), the practical application of this logic in a privacy-first, AI-dominated environment remains under-researched. This paper addresses these gaps by conceptualizing GIGC as a

dynamic capability that mitigates decision uncertainty and provides a sustainable source of competitive advantage.

2.2 Methodology

2.2.1 Research Philosophy and Design

The methodology of this paper is grounded in a **narrative literature review** approach, which facilitates a comprehensive synthesis of diverse theoretical perspectives and empirical findings regarding marketing resource allocation, platform dependency, and organizational governance. Unlike a systematic review that follows a rigid PRISMA protocol for exhaustive data extraction, this narrative review seeks to construct a conceptual bridge between the Resource-Based View (RBV) of the firm (Thudium, 2005) and the contemporary challenges of digital platform ecosystems (Carugati, 2023). This approach is particularly suited for the current research objective, as the field of Growth Investment Governance Capability (GIGC) is nascent and requires the integration of disparate literature from marketing analytics (Mahajan et al., 2024), venture capital-driven transformation (Resatsch, 2020), and data privacy regulations (Long, 2022).

2.2.1.1 Rationale for a Narrative Synthesis A narrative design allows for the exploration of “architectural cognition” within institutional environments, treating market structures as causal lattices rather than simple linear narratives (Kazanskaia, 2025). By adopting this philosophical stance, the review can examine how the structural disconnect identified in the literature review—specifically the gap between traditional resource allocation theories (Shankar, 2012) and the reality of “walled gardens”—can be addressed through new governance frameworks. The narrative approach provides the flexibility to incorporate seminal theoretical works alongside rapidly evolving technical papers on AI-enhanced marketing mix modeling (Liu, 2026) and cookieless advertising (Thomas, 2024).

2.2.1.2 Addressing the Structural Disconnect To address the research gaps identified in section 2.1, the methodology focuses on synthesizing literature that reconciles the VRIO (Valuable, Rare, Inimitable, Organized) framework (Thudium, 2005) with the transient nature of digital marketing signals. The review systematically evaluates how internal governance capabilities can transform commodity AI tools (Thomas, 2023) into proprietary competitive advantages. This involves a multi-layered analysis of how marketing research logic influences Return on Investment (ROI) in environments characterized by high information asymmetry (Kortam & Gad, 2020).

2.2.2 Literature Search and Selection Strategy

The literature search was conducted across multiple academic and professional databases to ensure a cross-disciplinary perspective. Primary sources were identified through Semantic Scholar, CrossRef, and arXiv, with a focus on publications from the last decade, while foundational works in strategy and marketing metrics were included to provide historical context (Hollis, 1998). The search strategy was designed to capture the intersection of marketing strategy, machine learning, and corporate governance.

2.2.2.1 Search Parameters and Keywords The search utilized specific keyword combinations to isolate relevant literature. These included “marketing resource allocation” (Shankar, 2012), “first-party data collection” (Long, 2022), “digital transformation in middle-market firms” (Resatsch, 2020), and “AI-enhanced marketing mix modeling” (Liu, 2026). By combining these terms, the review identified a cluster of research that highlights the tension between platform-driven automation and firm-led strategic autonomy.

Search Domain	Key Terms Used	Rationale
Strategy	RBV, VRIO, Dynamic Capabilities	Establish theoretical foundations for GIGC (Thudium, 2005).

Search Domain	Key Terms Used	Rationale
Analytics	First-party data, Server-side, Cookieless	Address technical shifts in data privacy (Long, 2022)(Thomas, 2024).
Finance	Marketing ROI, Resource Allocation	Link governance to financial performance (Kumar & Umashankar, 2012)(Kortam & Gad, 2020).
Technology	AI Integration, Machine Learning, XAI	Evaluate the role of AI in decision uncertainty (Liu, 2026).

Table 1: Summary of Literature Search Domains and Strategic Rationale.

2.2.2.2 Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria Sources were included based on their relevance to the conceptualization of marketing assets and capabilities (Foroudi, 2022). Priority was given to peer-reviewed journal articles, seminal book chapters, and high-impact white papers that discuss the evolution of the digital marketing system. Specifically, the review included studies that provide empirical evidence of how market orientation and learning orientation contribute to superior organizational performance (Farrell & Oczkowski, 2002). Exclusion criteria were applied to papers that focused solely on consumer psychology without addressing the broader strategic or governance implications of marketing investments.

2.2.3 Theoretical Framework: RBV and Dynamic Capabilities

The analytical framework of this review is anchored in the Resource-Based View (RBV) of the firm, which posits that competitive advantage stems from the control of resources that are valuable, rare, inimitable, and non-substitutable (Thudium, 2005). However,

in the context of digital platform dependency, traditional RBV must be augmented with the theory of dynamic capabilities. This allows for an analysis of how firms “reconfigure” their marketing assets to adapt to shifting privacy regulations and technological disruptions (Long, 2022)(Rathore, 2019).

2.2.3.1 Application of the VRIO Framework The VRIO framework is used as a lens to evaluate whether first-party data and internal governance mechanisms can be considered strategic assets. While many firms collect data, the “Organization” component of VRIO is often the weakest link (Slovak, 2019). The methodology examines how Growth Investment Governance Capabilities (GIGC) serve as the organizational glue that enables firms to extract value from data while maintaining compliance with international standards such as ISO/IEC 27001 (Livshitz, 2014).

2.2.3.2 Service-Dominant Logic and Intellectual Capital The review also incorporates perspectives from Service-Dominant Logic (SDL), though it acknowledges criticisms of the framework as a potential “intellectual scam” if not grounded in practical value creation (Rogoziński, 2018). By integrating SDL with marketing asset management (Foroudi, 2022), the methodology explores how CMOs can shift from viewing marketing as a cost center to viewing it as a driver of intellectual and relational capital. This shift is critical for justifying long-term investments in technical infrastructure, such as server-side tracking, which may not show immediate short-term ROI but provide foundational stability (Patil, 2023).

2.2.4 Conceptualizing Growth Investment Governance (GIGC)

A central component of the methodology is the conceptualization of GIGC as a distinct organizational capability. This involves synthesizing literature on marketing resource allocation (Shankar, 2012) and customer metrics (Kumar & Umashankar, 2012) to define the specific governance mechanisms required to navigate walled gardens. GIGC is defined here as

the systematic ability to mitigate decision uncertainty through structured data assessment, privacy-preserving allocation models, and AI-driven optimization.

2.2.4.1 Modeling Marketing ROI and Resource Allocation To quantify the impact of governance, the review examines theoretical models of Marketing ROI. A potential mathematical representation of the relationship between governance and investment efficacy can be derived from the logic of marketing research (Kortam & Gad, 2020). If R represents the total marketing investment and G represents the coefficient of governance capability (where $0 \leq G \leq 1$), the effective return E can be modeled as:

$$E = G \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (w_i \cdot r_i)$$

where w_i is the weight of the i -th marketing channel and r_i is the raw return from that channel. In this model, high platform dependency without governance results in a lower G value due to information asymmetry and signal loss from privacy restrictions (Thomas, 2024).

2.2.4.2 Integration of AI and Machine Learning The methodology further explores how AI-enhanced Marketing Mix Modeling (MMM) can be integrated into the GIGC framework. Unlike traditional MMM, modern approaches must account for “non-random missingness” in data caused by privacy opt-outs (Liu, 2026). The review synthesizes literature on Explainable AI (XAI) and Large Language Models (LLMs) to understand how these technologies can improve the interpretability and actionability of marketing data, thereby increasing the governance coefficient G (Thomas, 2023)(Liu, 2026).

Governance Mechanism	Technical Requirement	Strategic Outcome
Data Sovereignty	Server-side tagging	Reduced platform dependency (Long, 2022).

Governance Mechanism	Technical Requirement	Strategic Outcome
Ethical Consent	Consent Management Platforms	Enhanced consumer trust (Hall, 2021).
Predictive Analytics	AI-enhanced MMM	Reduced decision uncertainty (Liu, 2026).
Security Assessment	ISO/IEC 27001 Compliance	Mitigated institutional risk (Livshitz, 2014).

Table 2: Proposed Components of Growth Investment Governance Capability (GIGC).

2.2.5 Analytical Framework and Synthesis

The final stage of the methodology involves synthesizing the identified themes into a cohesive framework for CMOs. This synthesis draws on the “Neya Architectural Cognition” model, which views institutional environments as networks of units and flows (Kazanskaia, 2025). By applying this model to marketing ecosystems, the review analyzes how data flows between firms and platforms can be governed to prevent the degradation of competitive advantage.

2.2.5.1 Addressing Methodological Heterogeneity The review acknowledges the significant heterogeneity in how marketing effectiveness is measured across different industries (Patil, 2023). For instance, healthcare providers may prioritize ROI metrics differently than retail firms due to stricter privacy constraints (Quinn, 2025). The methodology addresses this by focusing on standardized metrics such as customer-based brand equity (Thakshak, 2018) and supply chain agility (Kankam, 2023) as moderating variables that influence the efficacy of GIGC.

2.2.5.2 Limitations and Ethical Considerations Finally, the methodology discusses the ethical implications of data-driven marketing. As brands shift toward customer-centric

models, the responsible use of data becomes a source of competitive advantage in itself (Slovak, 2019). The review examines how efficient consent management (Hall, 2021) and private data security assessment (Livshitz, 2014) are not merely compliance hurdles but essential components of a strong growth investment strategy. This theoretical discussion highlights the limitation that while GIGC can mitigate uncertainty, it cannot entirely eliminate the systemic risks inherent in dominant digital monopolies (Carugati, 2023).

2.3 Analysis and Results

The analysis of current literature reveals that the shift toward Growth Investment Capabilities (GIGC) is fundamentally altering the competitive environment for Chief Marketing Officers (CMOs). By synthesizing findings from the provided research database, this section evaluates how resource allocation, data governance, and technological integration function as internal competencies that mitigate platform dependency. Research applying methodologies similar to the system-perception models described in section 2.2 suggests that marketing ecosystems are increasingly viewed as networks of units and flows, where the governance of these flows determines long-term firm value (Kazanskaia, 2025).

2.3.1 Allocation Dynamics and the Strategic Myopia Trap

A critical pattern observed in the literature is the “myopia trap,” where firms prioritize short-term promotional spending at the expense of long-term brand equity (Shankar, 2012). Analysis indicates that while short-term activations provide immediate feedback loops, they often fail to contribute to the rare and inimitable resources required for sustained competitive advantage as defined by the Resource-Based View (Thudium, 2005).

Allocation Strategy	Primary Focus	Measurement Metric	Impact on Advantage
Short-term	Sales activation	Direct response ROI	Transitory gains
Long-term	Brand building	Customer equity	Sustained VRIN status

Allocation Strategy	Primary Focus	Measurement Metric	Impact on Advantage
Balanced	Synergy capture	Marketing Mix (MMM)	Optimized resilience

Table 1: Comparison of Marketing Resource Allocation Strategies based on (Shankar, 2012) and (Hollis, 1998).

Research indicates that resource allocation is not merely a financial function but a strategic capability that differentiates high-performing organizations (Shankar, 2012). Specifically, the literature suggests that firms over-allocating to short-term promotions risk degrading their market position in the long run. Modern Marketing Mix Modeling (MMM) has evolved to address this by identifying how spending in one channel, such as brand awareness, amplifies the effectiveness of direct response channels (Liu, 2026). This “cross-channel synergy” is a core component of GIGC, allowing CMOs to move beyond the granular, often biased attribution models provided by dominant digital platforms.

The short-term versus long-term tension is further complicated by the medium. For instance, television advertising continues to be analyzed for its dual impact on immediate sales and long-term brand health (Hollis, 1998). However, the shift toward programmatic environments requires a more dynamic reconfiguration of these competencies. Findings suggest that balancing short-term gains with long-term sustainability is a primary challenge for startups and established enterprises alike (Ramsinghani, 2025).

2.3.2 Performance of Privacy-First Data Capabilities

As digital ecosystems transition away from third-party cookies, the literature highlights first-party data collection as a primary source of competitive advantage (Long, 2022). The analysis shows that effective data collection in a privacy-first world is no longer just a technical requirement but a strategic asset that enhances customer-centricity (Slovak, 2019).

Data Asset Type	Collection Method	Strategic Value	Reference
First-Party	Direct interaction	High (Proprietary)	(Long, 2022)
Zero-Party	Explicit consent	Very High (Trust)	(Hall, 2021)
Third-Party	Aggregated/Purchased	Low (Deprecating)	(Thomas, 2024)

Table 2: Strategic Value of Data Assets in Modern Marketing Environments.

Findings from (Hall, 2021) suggest that ethical and efficient consent management is not a barrier to success but an opportunity to build mutually valuable relationships with users. By treating “cookie banners” and privacy prompts as touchpoints for engagement, brands can secure the clean, accurate data necessary for advanced analytics (Slovak, 2019). This transition is critical because the analytics industry is facing unprecedented changes in methods and requirements for data collection due to shifting consumer expectations and regulatory pressures (Long, 2022).

Furthermore, the ability to operate in “cookieless” environments using AI-driven alternatives is emerging as a significant differentiator (Thomas, 2024). Research indicates that as major browsers restrict third-party data, firms that have invested in internal data security assessments and ISO-compliant governance structures are better positioned to maintain marketing effectiveness (Livshitz, 2014). This move toward internal data sovereignty directly relates to the theoretical framework of the Resource-Based View, as proprietary data structures are rare and difficult for competitors to imitate (Foroudi, 2022).

2.3.3 Technological Integration: AI-Enhanced ROI and Scalability

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) into marketing workflows represents a significant advancement in growth investment capabilities. Literature suggests that AI is being used to turbocharge digital marketing by enabling personalized content at scale and improving the measurement of effectiveness (Thomas, 2023).

2.3.3.1 AI-Enhanced Marketing Mix Modeling Recent studies emphasize the role of AI-enhanced MMM in integrating Machine Learning, Explainable AI (XAI), and Large Language Models (LLMs) to achieve greater accuracy and actionability (Liu, 2026). This integration allows for the processing of vast datasets to identify patterns that traditional regression models might overlook.

Technology	Marketing Application	Primary Benefit	Reference
Machine Learning	Predictive modeling	Accuracy in ROI	(Liu, 2026)
Generative AI	Content creation	Scalability	(Thomas, 2023)
Facial Tracking	Consumer behavior	Real-time insights	(Azar, 2018)
Image Analysis	Visual optimization	Engagement lift	(khan, 2023)

Table 3: Impact of AI/ML Technologies on Marketing Analysis and Results.

The use of AI for image processing and facial tracking technologies also provides granular insights into consumer behavior that were previously inaccessible (Azar, 2018)(khan, 2023). However, the literature cautions that the benefits of these approaches are often limited by the organization’s ability to measure effectiveness in a structured way (Thomas, 2023). The “logic of marketing research” plays a mediating role here; studies show that the rigorous application of research logic significantly impacts marketing ROI (Kortam & Gad, 2020).

2.3.3.2 Scalability and Financial Performance The relationship between marketing metrics and financial performance is a recurring theme in the results of existing studies. High-growth firms use customer metrics to drive financial outcomes, positioning marketing as a value-generating center rather than a cost center (Kumar & Umashankar, 2012). Digital transformation acts as a catalyst in this process, driving enterprise growth particularly when financing constraints are moderated (Wei, 2024). The ability to reconfigure these techno-

logical competencies to address rapidly changing environments is a hallmark of marketing agility (Kankam, 2023).

2.3.4 Contextual Heterogeneity and Strategic Agility

The analysis of findings across the literature reveals significant heterogeneity based on industry context. For example, ROI measurement in healthcare digital marketing faces unique constraints due to privacy regulations and the complexity of the patient journey (Quinn, 2025). In contrast, sectors like logistics and business process outsourcing focus more on supply chain responsiveness and lean marketing practices (Mutwil, 2016)(Kankam, 2023).

Research indicates that supply chain agility has a moderated mediation effect on competitive advantage when paired with lean marketing (Kankam, 2023). This suggests that GIGC must be integrated with broader organizational functions to be fully effective. The digital transformation of the “Mittelstand” (middle-market firms) also highlights the importance of venture capital and company building as drivers of strategic change (Resatsch, 2020).

Finally, the literature suggests that as digital markets become more concentrated, the ability of CMOs to navigate digital monopolies becomes a critical skill. The European Commission’s review of mergers under the Digital Markets Act highlights the systemic risks inherent in platform dependency (Carugati, 2023). CMOs who develop internal capabilities to perceive these institutional environments as architectures of units and flows can better govern their data and capital to prevent the degradation of their competitive position (Kazanskaia, 2025). This synthesis of literature findings confirms that GIGC, grounded in data sovereignty and AI-enhanced analysis, provides a strong defense against the volatilities of the platform economy.

2.4 Discussion

The findings FROM LITERATURE synthesized in section 2.3 reveal significant insights that both align with and extend the theoretical frameworks discussed in section 2.1. As noted in the literature review (section 2.1), the Resource-Based View (RBV) traditionally emphasizes the possession of VRIN resources to achieve competitive advantage (Thudium, 2005). However, the research findings presented in section 2.3 suggest a shift toward Growth Investment Growth Capabilities (GIGC) as a dynamic evolution of these resources. While section 2.1.1.1 highlighted the importance of brand equity and customer relationships (Foroudi, 2022), the literature in section 2.3.3 indicates that these assets must be viewed through the lens of financial performance and customer metrics to transform marketing into an investment center rather than a cost center (Kumar & Umashankar, 2012).

2.4.1 Re-evaluating the Resource-Based View in Digital Ecosystems

Compared to the theoretical framework in section 2.1, the findings FROM CITED RESEARCH suggest that the definition of a “valuable” resource has changed in the context of digital transformation. The literature indicates that digital transformation acts as a primary catalyst for growth, particularly when firms can successfully navigate financing constraints (Wei, 2024). This extends the RBV logic discussed in section 2.1.1.1 by suggesting that the value of a resource is no longer static; it is contingent upon the firm’s ability to reconfigure technological competencies to meet environmental shifts (Kankam, 2023).

The research gap identified in section 2.1 regarding the “Structural Disconnect” between RBV and modern privacy-restricted environments is partially addressed by the literature on first-party data collection. Research findings (Long, 2022) emphasize that in a privacy-first world, the ability to collect and govern first-party data becomes a VRIO-compliant asset. This aligns with the customer-centric models mentioned in section 2.3.3, where interactions are defined by clean and accurate data (Slovak, 2019). Consequently, the

“intangible assets” mentioned in section 2.1.1.1 must now include server-side data infrastructure as a foundational element of marketing strategy.

2.4.2 *Dynamic Capabilities and the Platform Dependency Challenge*

As discussed in section 2.1.1.2, dynamic capabilities involve the organization’s ability to integrate and reconfigure competencies. The findings FROM LITERATURE presented in section 2.3.4 provide empirical weight to this theory by demonstrating the moderated mediation effect of supply chain agility on competitive advantage when paired with lean marketing (Kankam, 2023). This suggests that marketing agility is not an isolated function but is deeply integrated with broader organizational responsiveness.

Furthermore, the literature highlights a critical threat to these dynamic capabilities: platform dependency. The findings FROM CITED RESEARCH regarding the Digital Markets Act (Carugati, 2023) confirm that as digital markets concentrate, CMOs face systemic risks that can degrade their competitive position. To counter this, the literature suggests a shift toward “architectural cognition,” perceiving institutional environments as networks of flows and causal lattices rather than simple narratives (Kazanskaia, 2025). This advanced form of system perception allows CMOs to govern data and capital more effectively, providing a strong defense against digital monopolies.

Strategic Dimension	Literature Insight	Theoretical Implication	Practical Action
Resource Valuation	Marketing as an investment center (Kumar & Umashankar, 2012)	Shifts RBV from cost-focus to value-generation	Implement customer-centric metrics for ROI
Strategic Agility	Lean marketing and supply chain integration (Kankam, 2023)	Confirms moderated mediation effects	Align marketing with operations for agility

Strategic Dimension	Literature Insight	Theoretical Implication	Practical Action
Data Governance	First-party data in a privacy-first world (Long, 2022)	Addresses the “cookie-less” research gap	Invest in server-side data infrastructure
System Perception	Architectural cognition of environments (Kazanskaia, 2025)	Extends dynamic capabilities to cognition	Analyze institutional flows and causal lattices
Digital Growth	Transformation driven by financing (Wei, 2024)	Links marketing strategy to finance	Moderate financing constraints for growth

Table 1: Synthesis of Strategic Implications based on Literature Findings.

The implications presented in Table 1 demonstrate that GIGC requires a multi-faceted approach. The literature suggests that the transition from a cost-center to an investment-center requires not just a change in mindset, but the implementation of specific customer metrics that link marketing activities to financial performance (Kumar & Umashankar, 2012). This provides a practical bridge to the theoretical concepts of marketing assets discussed in section 2.1.

2.4.3 Addressing Research Gaps through AI and Analytics

The research gap identified in section 2.1 regarding the lack of empirical frameworks for server-side data is further addressed by advancements in AI-enhanced marketing. Literature indicates that integrating machine learning (ML), explainable AI (XAI), and large language models (LLMs) can lead to greater accuracy and actionability in marketing mix modeling (Liu, 2026). These technologies allow for the creation of personalized content at scale while maintaining structured measurement (Thomas, 2023).

However, the findings FROM CITED RESEARCH also suggest that these technological advancements must be balanced with ethical considerations. Consent management should not be viewed as a barrier, but as an opportunity to build mutually valuable relationships with users (Hall, 2021). This ethical dimension adds a layer of complexity to the dynamic capabilities framework discussed in section 2.1.1.2, suggesting that “agility” must also encompass regulatory and ethical responsiveness.

2.4.4 Theoretical and Practical Implications

The synthesis of literature findings confirms that competitive advantage for modern CMOs is increasingly derived from GIGC rather than simple platform utilization. Theoretically, this research extends the RBV and dynamic capabilities frameworks by integrating concepts of data sovereignty and architectural cognition. Practically, the literature suggests that CMOs in sectors like healthcare must navigate unique ROI constraints due to privacy regulations (Quinn, 2025), while those in the “Mittelstand” may find growth through venture capital and company building (Resatsch, 2020).

Compared to the theoretical framework in section 2.1, which focused on internal resources, the findings FROM LITERATURE in section 2.3 emphasize the importance of the external institutional environment. The ability to perceive and navigate these environments—characterized by digital monopolies and shifting regulatory landscapes—is essential for long-term sustainability. Research by (Ramsinghani, 2025) highlights the need to balance short-term gains with long-term sustainability, a theme that resonates with the resource allocation strategies discussed in section 2.1.1.1.

2.4.5 Limitations and Future Research Directions

Despite the comprehensive nature of the literature reviewed, several limitations are noted in the existing research. Many studies focus on large-scale enterprises, potentially overlooking the unique challenges faced by small and medium-sized organizations. Addi-

tionally, while the literature points toward the end of third-party cookies (Thomas, 2024), there is still a need for more strong sets of technologies and techniques to effectively analyze marketing effectiveness in this new reality (Patil, 2023).

Future research suggested BY EXISTING RESEARCH should focus on developing more precise ROI measurement models for “cookieless” environments. Furthermore, the role of AI in turbocharging digital marketing (Thomas, 2023) warrants deeper investigation into how these tools can be integrated without compromising consumer privacy or data security (Livshitz, 2014). The findings FROM CITED RESEARCH consistently point toward a future where marketing strategy is inextricably linked to data science, financial management, and institutional navigation. By developing GIGC, CMOs can move beyond platform dependency and establish a sustainable source of competitive advantage.

3. Conclusion

3.1 Synthesis of Research Findings

The transformation of the digital marketing environment has necessitated a fundamental shift in how Chief Marketing Officers (CMOs) conceptualize and execute strategy. This research has demonstrated that the era of passive platform dependency—characterized by a heavy reliance on third-party cookies and opaque algorithm-driven media buying—is being replaced by a model centered on growth investment capabilities. By framing marketing not merely as an operational expense but as a strategic deployment of resources, firms can cultivate a sustainable competitive advantage that remains resilient despite technological or regulatory shifts in the platform system (Shankar, 2012).

The core findings of this study suggest that competitive advantage in the modern era is derived from the internal ability to govern and allocate marketing resources dynamically. As explored through the Resource-Based View (RBV), marketing assets such as brand equity, customer relationships, and proprietary data structures serve as the foundational “VRIN” (Valuable, Rare, Inimitable, and Non-substitutable) resources necessary for superior performance (Thudium, 2005)(Foroudi, 2022). However, the mere possession of these assets is insufficient. The research highlights that CMOs must develop dynamic capabilities, specifically marketing agility, to reconfigure these competencies in response to a volatile digital environment (Kankam, 2023). This agility allows organizations to pivot investment strategies without losing operational coherence, effectively decoupling growth from the whims of external platform providers.

	Platform-Dependent	Growth Investment	
Strategic Dimension	Model	Model	Theoretical Anchor

Resource Focus	Third-party platform access	Proprietary marketing assets	Resource-Based View
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	Platform-Dependent	Growth Investment	
Strategic Dimension	Model	Model	Theoretical Anchor
Data Strategy	Cookie-based tracking	First-party data sovereignty	Dynamic Capabilities
Allocation Logic	Tactical media buying	Strategic resource allocation	Marketing ROI Logic
Performance Metric	Short-term attribution	Long-term firm value	Financial Performance

Table 1: Summary of the strategic transition from platform dependency to growth investment capabilities.

The transition detailed in Table 1 illustrates a move toward data sovereignty. In a “privacy-first” world where traditional tracking methods are failing, the ability to collect and uses first-party data has become a critical differentiator (Long, 2022). CMOs who invest in strong consent management and customer-centric data architectures are better positioned to build mutually valuable relationships with users (Slovak, 2019)(Hall, 2021). This shift from external data reliance to internal data mastery represents a significant move toward higher-order organizational learning and market orientation (Farrell & Oczkowski, 2002).

3.2 Theoretical and Managerial Contributions

This research contributes to the marketing literature by integrating the Resource-Based View with the specific challenges of the digital platform economy. It extends the concept of marketing assets to include the technological and analytical frameworks required to measure and optimize marketing effectiveness in a cookieless environment (Patil, 2023)(Thomas, 2024). Theoretically, this underscores the importance of “learning orientation” as a moderator for organizational performance, suggesting that the ability to synthesize market knowledge is as valuable as the market knowledge itself (Farrell & Oczkowski, 2002).

For practitioners, particularly CMOs, the implications are profound. The role is evolving from a creative lead to an investment manager of growth assets. This requires a sophisticated understanding of marketing mix modeling and resource allocation strategies that balance short-term gains with long-term sustainability (Shankar, 2012)(Ramsinghani, 2025). The adoption of AI-enhanced marketing mix modeling (MMM) and machine learning allows for greater accuracy and actionability in these investment decisions, moving beyond the limitations of traditional attribution models (Liu, 2026).

Furthermore, the research emphasizes that digital transformation is not merely about adopting new tools but about re-engineering the enterprise growth path (Rathore, 2019)(Wei, 2024). CMOs must champion the development of internal capabilities that allow for the scaling of personalized content and the structured measurement of its effectiveness (Thomas, 2023). By viewing marketing through the lens of “venture capital and company building,” organizations can treat marketing initiatives as a portfolio of growth bets, each requiring rigorous validation and strategic scaling (Resatsch, 2020).

3.3 Limitations and Directions for Future Research

While this study provides a comprehensive framework for understanding growth investment capabilities, certain limitations must be acknowledged. This research was conducted as a narrative review, focusing on the synthesis of existing academic and professional literature rather than primary empirical data collection. Consequently, the generalizability of the proposed framework across different industries—such as the specific nuances of B2B organizational climates versus B2C environments—requires further investigation (Pomirleanu et al., 2022).

Future research should focus on the quantitative validation of the “growth investment capability” construct. Empirical studies could use longitudinal data to measure how shifts in resource allocation from platform-dependent tactics to proprietary asset building impact long-term financial performance and brand equity (Kumar & Umashankar, 2012)(Thak-

shak, 2018). Additionally, as generative AI continues to “turbocharge” digital marketing, researchers should investigate how these technologies alter the cost structure of content creation and the subsequent impact on resource allocation efficiency (Thomas, 2023).

Research Area	Key Objective	Relevant Methodology	Potential Impact
AI Integration	Assessing ML impact on MMM	Quantitative Analysis	Improved ROI accuracy
Data Privacy	Impact of cookieless shifts	Case Study Research	Resilient data strategy
B2B Dynamics	Climate impact on agility	Systematic Review	Industry-specific models
Asset Valuation	Measuring intangible assets	Financial Modeling	CMO accountability

Table 2: Proposed agenda for future research into marketing investment capabilities.

As suggested in Table 2, the integration of advanced analytics and artificial intelligence remains a fertile ground for inquiry. Specifically, the role of explainable AI (XAI) in making marketing decisions more transparent and actionable for stakeholders represents a critical frontier (Liu, 2026). Understanding how these technologies interact with human decision-making in the CMO’s office will be essential for the next generation of marketing strategy.

3.4 Final Remarks

The shift “Beyond Platform Dependency” is an inevitable evolution for firms seeking to maintain a competitive edge in an increasingly fragmented and regulated digital system. By cultivating growth investment capabilities, CMOs can transform the marketing function from a reactive cost center into a proactive driver of firm value. This transition requires a commitment to data sovereignty, marketing agility, and a rigorous, investment-oriented

approach to resource allocation. Ultimately, the source of competitive advantage in the digital age lies not in the platforms a firm uses, but in the proprietary capabilities it builds to navigate them. This strategic pivot ensures that the marketing organization remains a vital architect of sustainable enterprise growth, capable of delivering superior performance regardless of the external technological climate (Shankar, 2012)(Kortam & Gad, 2020).

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