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Abstracts

Charming Shoppes Inc. Fundamental Company Report provides a complete overview of the company's affairs. All available data is presented in a comprehensive and easily accessed format. The report includes financial and SWOT information, industry analysis, opinions, estimates, plus annual and quarterly forecasts made by stock market experts. The report also enables direct comparison to be made between Charming Shoppes Inc. and its competitors. This provides our Clients with a clear understanding of Charming Shoppes Inc. position in the [Retail](#) Industry.

The report contains detailed information about Charming Shoppes Inc. that gives an unrivalled in-depth knowledge about internal business-environment of the company: data about the owners, senior executives, locations, subsidiaries, markets, products, and company history.

Another part of the report is a SWOT-analysis carried out for Charming Shoppes Inc.. It involves specifying the objective of the company's business and identifies the different factors that are favorable and unfavorable to achieving that objective. SWOT-analysis helps to understand company's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and possible threats against it.

The Charming Shoppes Inc. financial analysis covers the income statement and ratio trend-charts with balance sheets and cash flows presented on an annual and quarterly basis. The report outlines the main financial ratios pertaining to profitability, margin analysis, asset turnover, credit ratios, and company's long-

term solvency. This sort of company's information will assist and strengthen your company's decision-making processes.

In the part that describes Charming Shoppes Inc. competitors and the industry in whole, the information about company's financial ratios is compared to those of its competitors and to the industry. The unique analysis of the market and company's competitors along with detailed information about the internal and external factors affecting the relevant industry will help to manage your business environment. Your company's business and sales activities will be boosted by gaining an insight into your competitors' businesses.

Also the report provides relevant news, an analysis of PR-activity, and stock price movements. The latter are correlated with pertinent news and press releases, and annual and quarterly forecasts are given by a variety of experts and market research firms. Such information creates your awareness about principal trends of Charming Shoppes Inc. business.

About Charming Shoppes Inc.

Charming Shoppes, Inc. is a multi-brand, specialty apparel retailer in women's plus-size specialty apparel.

Segments

Retail Stores segment

The company's 2,121 retail stores (as of January 30, 2010) are primarily located in suburban areas and small towns. During 2009, the company's business operations consisted primarily of three distinct brands: LANE BRYANT, FASHION BUG, and CATHERINES PLUS SIZES. These brands operate retail stores and store-related e-commerce websites under Retail Stores segment.

Direct-to-Consumer segment

The company also sells food and gifts through FIGI'S catalog and website, which operates under Direct-to-Consumer segment.

Brands

LANE BRYANT is a brand name in plus-size fashion. Through private labels such as CACIQUE, LANE BRYANT, and select national brands, the company offers fashionable apparel in plus-sizes 14 – 28, including intimate apparel, wear-to-work and casual sportswear, accessories, select footwear, and social occasion apparel. Its 754 LANE BRYANT retail stores comprise 4.4 million square feet of real estate and are located in 46 states and the District of Columbia, in a combination of destination malls, lifestyle centers, and strip shopping centers. During 2009, LANE BRYANT website (lanebryant.com) averaged 2.4 million unique visitors per month with an established on-line community.

LANE BRYANT OUTLET is a national chain offering women's plus-size apparel in the outlet sales channel. Through private labels and select national brands, the company offers fashionable apparel in plus-sizes 14 – 28, including intimate apparel, wear-to-work and casual sportswear, accessories, select footwear, and social occasion apparel. Its 106 LANE BRYANT OUTLET retail stores comprise 0.6 million square feet of real estate and are located in 34 states throughout the country.

FASHION BUG stores specialize in selling plus-size and misses apparel in sizes 6 – 30 serving women's lifestyle needs from weekend and business casual to dressy, as well as active wear, accessories, intimate apparel, and footwear. FASHION BUG customers range in age from 30 to 50 years old and shop in the low-to-moderate price range. Its 801 FASHION BUG retail stores comprise 7.0 million square feet of real estate and are located in 43 states, primarily in strip shopping centers.

CATHERINES PLUS SIZES carries a range of plus sizes (16-34) and also carries extended sizes (28-34). CATHERINES offers classic apparel and accessories for wear-to-work and casual lifestyles. CATHERINES customers are in the 45 years old and older age group. Its 460 CATHERINES retail stores comprise 1.9 million square feet of real estate and are located in 44 states, primarily in strip shopping centers.

During 2009, the company marketed food and specialty gift products through FIGI'S Gifts in Good Taste catalog and related e-commerce website under Direct-to-Consumer segment. FIGI'S specializes in dairy cheeses, smokehouse meats, holiday fare, bakery, chocolates, nuts, sweets, and snacks. FIGI'S also offers special gift assortments, collectible treasures, and personalized items.

History

Charming Shoppes, Inc. was founded in 1940.

The above Company Fundamental Report is a half-ready report and contents are subject to change.

It means that we have all necessary data in our database to prepare the report but need **2-3 days** to complete it. During this time we are also updating the report with respect to the current moment. So, you can get all the most recent data available for the same price. Please note that preparation of additional types of analyses requires extra time.

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SWOT Analysis

SWOT, which stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats, is an analytical framework that identifies the internal and external factors that are favorable and unfavorable for a company.

Enhanced SWOT Analysis

Enhanced SWOT is a 3x3 grid that arranges strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats into one scheme:

How to use the strengths to take advantage of the opportunities?

How to use the strengths to reduce likelihood and impact of the threats?

How to overcome the weaknesses that obstruct taking advantage of the opportunities?

How to overcome the weaknesses that can make the threats a reality?

Upon answering these questions a company can develop a project plan to improve its business performance.

PESTEL Analysis

PESTEL (also termed as PESTLE) is an ideal tool to strategically analyze what influence different outside factors – political, economic, sociocultural, technological, environmental and legal – exert on a business to later chart its long term targets.

Being part of the external analysis when carrying out a strategic assessment or performing a market study, PESTEL gives an overview of diverse macro-environmental factors that any company should thoughtfully consider. By perceiving these outside environments, businesses can maximally benefit from the opportunities while minimizing the threats to the organization.

Key Factors Examined by PESTEL Analysis:

Political – What opportunities and pressures are brought by political bodies and what is the degree of public regulations' impact on the business?

Economic – What economic policies, trends and structures are expected to affect the organization, what is this influence's degree?

Sociological – What cultural and societal aspects will work upon the demand for the business's products and operations?

Technological – What impact do the technological aspects, innovations, incentives and barriers have on the organization?

Environmental – What environmental and ecological facets, both locally and farther afield, are likely to predetermine the business?

Legal – What laws and legislation will exert influence on the style the business is carried out?

IFE, EFE, IE Matrices

The Internal Factor Evaluation matrix (IFE matrix) is a strategic management tool helping audit or evaluate major weaknesses and strengths in a business's functional areas. In addition, IFE matrix serves as a basis for identifying and assessing relationships amongst those areas. The IFE matrix is utilised in strategy formulation.

The External Factor Evaluation matrix (EFE matrix) is a tool of strategic management that is typically utilised to assess current market conditions. It is an ideal instrument for visualising and prioritising the threats and opportunities a firm is facing.

The essential difference between the above mentioned matrices lies in the type of factors incorporated in the model; whilst the latter is engaged in internal factors, the former deals exceptionally with external factors – those exposed to social, political, economic, legal, etc. external forces.

Being a continuation of the EFE matrix and IFE matrix models, the Internal External matrix (IE matrix) rests upon an investigation of external and internal business factors

integrated into one suggestive model.

Porter Five Forces Analysis

The Porter's five forces analysis studies the industry of operation and helps the company find new sources of competitive advantage. The analysis surveys an industry through five major questions:

What composes a threat of substitute products and services?

Is there a threat of new competitors entering the market?

What is the intensity of competitive rivalry?

How big is the bargaining power of buyers?

How significant is the bargaining power of suppliers?

VRIO Analysis

VRIO stands for Value, Rarity, Imitability, Organization. This analysis helps to evaluate all company's resources and capabilities and bring them together into one aggregate table that includes:

Tangible resources

Financial

Physical

Technological

Organizational

Intangible resources

Human

Innovation and Creativity

Reputation

Organizational capabilities

The result of the analysis gives a clear picture of company's competitive and economic implications, answering the questions if the resources mentioned above are:

Valuable?

Rare?

Costly to imitate?

Organized properly?

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