

# Discover Financial Services Fundamental Company Report Including Financial, SWOT, Competitors and Industry Analysis

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# **Abstracts**

Discover Financial Services 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 Discover Financial Services and its competitors. This provides our Clients with a clear understanding of Discover Financial Services position in the Industry.

The report contains detailed information about Discover Financial Services 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 Discover Financial Services. 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 Discover Financial Services 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 Discover Financial Services 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 Discover Financial Services business.

#### **About Discover Financial Services**

Discover Financial Services, LLC operates as a credit card issuing and electronic payment servicing company. The company offers credit cards, personal and student loans, and deposit products. It operates the Discover Network, its credit card payments network; the PULSE Network (PULSE), its automated teller machine (ATM), debit and electronic funds transfer network; and Diners Club International (Diners Club), its global payments network.

#### Segments

The company's segments include Direct Banking and Payment Services.

## **Direct Banking**

Direct Banking segment includes discover card-branded credit cards issued to individuals and small businesses on the Discover Network and other consumer products and services, including personal loans, student loans, prepaid cards, and other consumer lending and deposit products offered through its Discover Bank subsidiary.

## Credit Cards

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The company offers credit cards to consumers and small businesses. It also offers various products and services in connection with its credit card business, such as Payment Protection, Identity Theft Protection, Wallet Protection, Credit ScoreTracker and other fee-based products. Payment protection services are also available to its personal loan customers. The company's credit card customers' transactions are processed over the Discover Network.

Installment Loans: In addition to credit cards, the company offers installment loans, including personal loans and student loans. It offers its installment loans to new and existing customers online, by phone and by mail.

The company's personal loans are unsecured loans with fixed interest rates, fixed terms and fixed payments, and are primarily intended to help customers consolidate existing debt, and they can be used for any reason. It markets its personal loan products to its credit card customers. Its student loans include federal and private loans that help students and parents finance the costs of attending post-secondary educational institutions.

Deposit Products: The company's offers deposit products, including certificates of deposit, money market accounts, online savings accounts and Individual Retirement Account (IRA) certificates of deposit, to customers through two channels, including directly through direct mail, Internet origination and affinity relationships (direct-to-consumer deposits); and indirectly through contractual arrangements with brokerage firms (brokered deposits). The company maintains a deposit products call center and an Internet site to allow prospective and existing customers to apply for, fund and service their accounts.

#### **Payment Services**

Payment Services segment includes PULSE, Diners Club and its third-party issuing business, which includes credit, debit and prepaid cards issued on the Discover Network by third parties.

PULSE Network: The PULSE Network offers various optional products and services that produce income for the network, including signature debit processing, prepaid card processing, and connections to other regional and national electronic funds transfer networks.



Diners Club: The company's Diners Club business maintains an acceptance network in approximately 185 countries and territories through its relationships with 79 licensees, which are generally financial institutions. Diners Club offers licensees a centralized service center and Internet services.

Third-Party Issuing Business: The company has agreements related to issuing credit, debit and prepaid cards with various other financial institutions for issuance of card products on the discover network.

Credit Risk Management – Lending Products

Fee Products: The company markets various fee-based products to its customers, including identity theft protection, payment protection, wallet protection, and credit scoretracker.

Identity Theft Protection: The company offers an initial credit report, credit bureau report monitoring, prompt alerts that help customers spot possible identity theft quickly, and access to knowledgeable professionals who can provide information about identity theft issues or credit reports.

Payment Protection: This service allows customers to suspend t

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# **ANALYSIS FEATURES**

#### **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 3×3 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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