

Firstgroup plc Fundamental Company Report Including Financial, SWOT, Competitors and Industry Analysis

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Abstracts

Firstgroup plc 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 Firstgroup plc and its competitors. This provides our Clients with a clear understanding of Firstgroup plc position in the Railroads and Trucking Services Industry.

The report contains detailed information about Firstgroup plc 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 Firstgroup plc. 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 Firstgroup plc 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 Firstgroup plc 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 Firstgroup plc business.

About Firstgroup plc

FirstGroup plc provides transport services primarily in the United Kingdom and North America.

Divisions

The company is organized into four operating divisions: UK Bus, UK Rail, North America, and Greyhound.

UK BUS

The UK BUS division operates buses in the U.K. with a fleet of approximately 9,000 buses. It carries approximately 3 million passengers every day.

UK Rail

The UK Rail division operates passenger and freight services in the U.K. This division offers high speed intercity trains and overnight sleeper services to local branch lines; regional and commuter services; and open access, light rail, and freight operations. It operates four passenger rail franchises, including First Capital Connect, First Great



Western, First ScotRail, and First TransPennine Express. It also operates First Hull Trains, a non-franchised open access intercity passenger train operator, and it provides rail freight services through First GBRf. It carries approximately 285 million passengers per annum. It also operates the Croydon Tramlink network on behalf of Transport for London carrying approximately 28 million passengers a year.

North America

The North America division provides transportation services in North America. This division includes First Student, First Transit, and First Services.

First Student provides student transportation in North America with a fleet of approximately 60,000 yellow school buses, carrying 4 million students every day across the U.S. and Canada.

First Transit provides transit management and contracting, and manages public transport systems on behalf of city transit authorities. It provides airport shuttle bus services in the U.S. and also manages call centers, paratransit operations, and other light transit activities.

First Services provides vehicle maintenance and ancillary support services in the U.S. It provides fleet maintenance for public sector customers, such as the federal government, cities, and fire and police departments. It also provides a range of support services, including vehicle maintenance, logistics support, and facilities management to public and private sector clients, including the US Navy and US Air Force.

Greyhound

The Greyhound division provides scheduled intercity coach transportation services in both the U.S. and Canada. Greyhound provides scheduled passenger services to approximately 3,100 destinations throughout the U.S. and Canada carrying approximately 22 million passengers annually.

Acquisitions

During the year ending March 31, 2009, the company acquired Truronian Limited and G & G Bus Service, Inc.

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 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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