

# High Country Bancorp Inc. Fundamental Company Report Including Financial, SWOT, Competitors and Industry Analysis

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# Abstracts

High Country Bancorp 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 High Country Bancorp Inc. and its competitors. This provides our Clients with a clear understanding of High Country Bancorp Inc. position in the Industry.

The report contains detailed information about High Country Bancorp 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 High Country Bancorp 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 High Country Bancorp 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 High Country Bancorp 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 High Country Bancorp Inc. business.

#### About High Country Bancorp Inc.

High Country Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) operates as the savings and loan holding company for Salida Building and Loan Association, which changed its name to High Country Bank (the Bank) in February 2000. The Company engages in investing the proceeds of the offering of Common Stock which it retained, holding the stock of the Bank and operating the business of a savings association through the Bank.

High Country Bank: The Bank is a federal stock savings association operating through offices located in the towns of Salida, Buena Vista and Leadville, Colorado and serving Chaffee, Lake, Western Fremont and Saguache Counties in Colorado. The Bank was chartered in 1886 as the first state-chartered building and loan association in Colorado. , The Bank has operated as a traditional savings institution by emphasizing the origination of loans secured by one- to four-family residences. Since fiscal 1996, the Bank has significantly increased its origination of consumer, commercial business and commercial real estate loans, including loans for the purchase and development of raw land, all of which loans have been originated in its market area.

#### Market Area

The Bank's market area for gathering deposits and making loans is Chaffee, Lake,



Western Fremont and Saguache Counties in Colorado, which are located in central Colorado.

Lending Activities

One- To Four-Family Real Estate Loans: The Bank's primary lending activity consists of the origination of loans secured by owner-occupied, one- to four-family residential properties located in its primary market area. The Bank originates both fixed-rate mortgage loans and adjustable-rate mortgage loans (ARMs). The Bank also originates second mortgage loans and home equity lines of credit primarily for its existing one- to four-family first mortgage customers.

Construction Loans: The Bank offers construction financing to qualified borrowers for construction primarily of single-family residential properties and to qualified developers for construction of small residential developments. The Bank provides financing to one builder for the construction of no more than four homes at a time.

Land and Land Development Loans: The Bank originates land loans to local developers for the purpose of developing the land (i.e., roads, sewer and water) for sale, and loans secured by raw land, such as cattle ranching acreage.

Commercial Real Estate Loans: Commercial real estate loans are secured by ranches, motels, small office buildings and retail stores and other nonresidential property. Some of the Bank's commercial real estate loans are made to local businesses connected to the tourism and recreational rafting industries. Commercial real estate loans generally have terms of up to 10 years and are underwritten on either a fixed or adjustable-rate basis.

Commercial Business Loans: The Bank's commercial business lending activities are directed towards small businesses located in its market area, including those connected to the tourism industry, such as recreational vehicle (RV) dealers, rafting companies and other tourist-related businesses. Generally, the Bank's commercial business loans are secured by assets such as inventory, equipment or other assets and are guaranteed by the principals of the business.

Consumer Loans: The Bank makes deposit account loans up to 95% of the depositor's account balance. The interest rate is normally 2.0% above the rate paid on the account and the account must be pledged as collateral to secure the loan. Savings account loans are secured by demand notes and interest is due on a quarterly basis. The Bank's



automobile loans are generally underwritten in amount up to the purchase price of the automobile or the trade-in value as published by the National Automobile Dealers Association. The terms of such loans generally do not exceed 60 months and vary depending on the age of the vehicle securing the loan.

#### **Investment Activities**

Typical investments include federally sponsored agency mortgage pass-through and federally sponsored agency and mortgage-related securities. Investment and aggregate investment limitations and credit quality parameters of each class of investment are prescribed in the Bank's investment policy.

The Bank performs analyses on mortgage-related securities prior to purchase and on an ongoing basis to determine the impact on earnings and market value under various interest rate and prepayment conditions.

Mortgage-Backed and Related Securities: The Bank makes such investments in order to manage cash flow, mitigate interest rate risk, diversify assets, obtain yield, to satisfy certain requirements for favorable tax treatment and to satisfy the qualified thrift lender test.

#### Sources Of Funds

Deposits are the primary source of the Bank's funds for lending, investment activities and general operational purposes. In addition to deposits, the Bank derives funds from loan principal and interest repayments, maturities of investment securities and mortgagebacked securities and interest payments.

#### Deposits

The Bank attracts deposits principally from within its market area by offering competitive rates on its deposit instruments, including money market accounts, passbook savings accounts, Individual Retirement Accounts, and certificates of deposit which range in maturity from three months to eight years.

#### Subsidiary Activities

In November 1999, the Bank incorporated a new subsidiary, High Country Title and Escrow Company. High Country Title offers title insurance and escrow closing services.



within the Bank's market area.

History

High Country Bancorp, Inc. was founded in 1886.

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

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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.

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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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