

Staples, Inc. Fundamental Company Report Including Financial, SWOT, Competitors and Industry Analysis

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Abstracts

Staples, 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 Staples, Inc. and its competitors. This provides our Clients with a clear understanding of Staples, Inc. position in the Retail Industry.

The report contains detailed information about Staples, 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 Staples, 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 Staples, Inc. financial analysis covers the income statement and ratio trendcharts 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 Staples, 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 Staples, Inc. business.

About Staples, Inc.

Staples, Inc. provides office products in the United States. The company offers a range of products, including supplies, technology, furniture, and business services.

Segments

The company's segments include North American Delivery, North American Retail, and International Operations.

North American Delivery

North American Delivery segment consists of the United States and Canadian business units that sell and deliver office products and services directly to consumers and businesses and includes Contract, Staples Business Delivery, and Quill.

Contract: The company's Contract operations focus on serving the needs of mid-sized businesses and organizations, through Staples Business Advantage and Fortune 1000 companies through Staples National Advantage. Through its Contract sales force, the company offers customized pricing and payment terms, usage reporting, the stocking of certain proprietary items, an assortment of eco-friendly products and services, and full service account management.



Staples Business Delivery: The company's Staples Business Delivery operations combine the activities of its direct mail catalog business, its Staples.com Web site, and its Canadian Internet sites. Staples Business Delivery is primarily designed to reach small businesses and home offices, offering next business day delivery for most office supply orders in a majority of its markets. The company markets Staples Business Delivery through catalog mailings, direct mail advertising, a telesales group generating new business and existing accounts.

Quill: Quill is an Internet and catalog business with a targeted approach to servicing the needs of small and medium-sized businesses in the United States. Quill offers customer service, Quill brand products, and special services. Quill also operates Medical Arts Press, a specialty Internet and catalog business offering products for medical professionals.

North American Retail

North American Retail segment consists of 1,555 stores in the United States and 316 stores in Canada. The company operates a portfolio of four retail store formats, tailored to the characteristics of each location. The Dover superstore represents the majority of the company's U.S. store base. The customer friendly Dover design appeals to the customer with an open store interior that provides a view of its selection and makes it easier to find products. The company also operates a 14,600 square foot store format designed for rural markets and a 10,000 square foot store suited to dense urban markets, such as New York City. Additionally, it operates approximately 20 copy and print shops to address the print market opportunity. This 4,000 square foot store is designed for locations with high customer density and offers a service copy and print shop and a range of core office supplies.

International Operations

International Operations segment consists of businesses in 23 countries in Europe, Asia, South America, and Australia. Its European Office Products business represents a balanced multi-channel portfolio serving Contract, Retail, and Catalog customers in 17 countries. The company operates 328 retail stores in seven countries, with the concentration of stores in the U.K., Germany, and the Netherlands. It operates a catalog business in 15 countries, with a significant concentration of sales in France and Italy.

The company, through its Corporate Express N.V., added a European Contract



business to its portfolio, including sizable operations in the Nordics and Germany. It also operates a European printing systems business. This business is a value added reseller of printing equipment and related services, supplies, and spare parts, and is an independent distributor of Heidelberg offset printing presses.

The company operates retail and delivery businesses in China, a delivery business in Taiwan through a joint venture with UB Express, and a multi-channel business in India through a joint venture with Pantaloon Retail Limited. It also operates delivery businesses in Argentina and Brazil and operates two stores in Argentina. The company a 59% ownership interest in Corporate Express Australia Limited, a public company traded on the Australian Stock Exchange. This primarily contract business is a supplier of office, warehouse and factory essentials in Australia and New Zealand.

Merchandising

The company sells office supplies and services, business machines and related products, computers and related products, and office furniture. It has approximately 15,000 SKUs stocked in each of its North American retail stores and approximately 8,000 SKUs stocked in North American retail stores. The company's product offering includes Staples, Quill, and other proprietary branded products. It offers approximately 2,000 own brand products. It offers approximately 2,000 own brand products, including an assortment of Staples Eco-Easy products, which includes its Sustainable Earth brand products. The company also offers a range of services, including high-speed, color and self-service copying, other printing services, faxing and pack and ship. It also offers copy services to its Contract customers in North America, leveraging its Contract sales force and delivery network. The company provides a range of installation, upgrade, and repair services, as well as data protection, privacy, and security services through its EasyTech offering.

Significant Events

On October 13, 2010, Staples, Inc. announced a new strategic alliance with Pragmatic Express Ltd. Within Russia, Staples and Pragmatic would work together on international accounts and collaborate to exchange best practices.

Competition

The company competes with Office Depot, OfficeMax, Lyreco, Wal-Mart, Tesco, Costco, Best Buy, FedEx Office, and Amazon.com.



History

Staples, Inc. was founded in 1986.

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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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



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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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