

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. Fundamental Company Report Including Financial, SWOT, Competitors and Industry Analysis

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Abstracts

Wal-Mart Stores 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 Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and its competitors. This provides our Clients with a clear understanding of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. position in the <u>Retail</u> Industry.

The report contains detailed information about Wal-Mart Stores 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 Wal-Mart Stores 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 Wal-Mart Stores 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 Wal-Mart Stores 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 Wal-Mart Stores Inc. business.

About Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. operates retail stores in various formats worldwide. The company provides an assortment of merchandise and services at every day low prices. The company is engaged in the operations of retail stores located in all 50 states of the United States; its wholly-owned subsidiaries in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom; its majority-owned subsidiaries in Central America, Chile, and Mexico; and joint ventures in India and China and other controlled subsidiaries in China.

Segments

The company's operations comprise three segments: Walmart U.S., International, and Sam's Club.

Walmart U.S. segment

The Walmart U.S. segment includes its discount stores, supercenters and Neighborhood Markets in the United States, as well as walmart.com. As a mass merchandiser of consumer products, the Walmart U.S. segment operates retail stores in all 50 states, with supercenters in 48 states, discount stores in 47 states and



Neighborhood Markets in 16 states. Supercenters range in size from 80,000 square feet to 260,000 square feet, with an average size of approximately 185,000 square feet. The company's discount stores range in size from 30,000 square feet to 219,000 square feet, with an average size of approximately 108,000 square feet. Neighborhood Markets range in size from 14,000 square feet to 62,000 square feet, with an average size of approximately 42,000 square feet. Customers can also purchase a broad assortment of merchandise and services online at www.walmart.com.

Walmart U.S. does business in six merchandise units, across several store formats including discount stores, supercenters, and Neighborhood Markets.

Grocery consists of a line of grocery items, including meat, produce, deli, bakery, dairy, frozen foods, floral and dry grocery as well as consumables such as health and beauty aids, household chemicals, paper goods, and pet supplies.

Entertainment contains electronics, cameras and supplies, photo processing services, cellular phones, cellular service plan contracts, and prepaid service and toys.

Hardlines consist of fabrics and crafts, stationery and books, automotive accessories, hardware and paint, horticulture and accessories, sporting goods, outdoor entertaining, and seasonal merchandise.

Apparel includes apparel for women, girls, men, boys and infants, shoes, and jewelry.

Health and wellness includes pharmacy and optical services.

Home includes home furnishings, housewares, and small appliances.

The Walmart U.S. segment also offers financial services and products, including money orders, wire transfers, check cashing, and bill payment.

The company also markets lines of merchandise under its private-label store brands including 'Great Value,' 'Equate,' 'OI' Roy,' 'Sam's Choice,' 'Spring Valley,' 'Parent's Choice,' 'Everstart,' 'Faded Glory,' 'No Boundaries,' 'George,' 'Athletic Works,' 'Secret Treasures,' 'Puritan,' 'Durabrand,' 'HomeTrends,' 'Mainstays,' 'Ozark Trail,' 'White Stag' and 'Canopy.' The Company also markets lines of merchandise under licensed brands, some of which include 'General Electric,' 'Disney,' 'McDonald's,' 'Better Homes & Gardens,' 'OP,' 'Starter,' 'Danskin Now', and 'Just My Size.'.



Distribution: Walmart U.S. segment operations are supported by 120 distribution facilities as of January 31, 2010, located strategically throughout the continental United States. Of these 120 distribution facilities, the company owned and operated 105. Third parties owned and operated the remaining 15 distribution facilities. The company opened a third-party return center and dot com facility; one owned return center and two third-party facilities were closed. In addition to servicing the Walmart U.S. segment, some of the company's Walmart distribution centers also service Sam's Club segment for certain items.

International segment

The company's International segment is comprised of its wholly-owned subsidiaries operating in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom, its majority-owned subsidiaries operating in five countries in Central America, and in Chile and Mexico, its joint ventures in India a

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



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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