

# Zale Corporation Fundamental Company Report Including Financial, SWOT, Competitors and Industry Analysis

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# **Abstracts**

Zale Corporation 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 Zale Corporation and its competitors. This provides our Clients with a clear understanding of Zale Corporation position in the <u>Retail</u> Industry.

The report contains detailed information about Zale Corporation 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 Zale Corporation. 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 Zale Corporation 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 Zale Corporation 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 Zale Corporation business.

#### About Zale Corporation

Zale Corporation, through its subsidiaries, operates as a specialty retailer of fine jewelry. As of July 31, 2010, the company operated 1,218 specialty retail jewelry stores and 672 kiosks located mainly in shopping malls throughout the United States of America, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

#### Segments

The company's segments include Fine Jewelry, Kiosk Jewelry, and All Other.

#### Fine Jewelry

The Fine Jewelry segment comprises five brands. Each brand focuses on fine jewelry and watches, with merchandise and marketing emphasis focused on diamond products.

Zales Jewelers and Gordon's Jewelers: Zales operates 675 stores in 50 states and Puerto Rico with an average store size of 1,685 square feet. Gordon's operates 192 stores in 29 states and Puerto Rico with an average store size of 1,521 square feet.

Peoples Jewellers' and Mappins Jewellers: In Canada, the company operates 215



stores in 9 provinces. Canadian operations consist of two brands, Peoples Jewellers and Mappins Jewellers.

Zales Outlet: The company operates 136 Zales Outlet with stores in 35 states and Puerto Rico. Its stores feature items in various jewelry categories, including branded watches, gemstones, gold merchandise, and diamond fashion and solitaire products.

#### **Kiosk Jewelry**

The Kiosk Jewelry segment operates under the brand names Piercing Pagoda, Plumb Gold, and Silver and Gold Connection (collectively, Piercing Pagoda) through mallbased kiosks, and targets the opening price point jewelry customer. It operates its locations in 41 states and Puerto Rico. The Kiosk Jewelry segment focuses on gold and silver products, including entry level diamond merchandise. The Kiosk segment offers a collection of bracelets, earrings, charms, rings, and 14 karat and 10 karat gold chains, as well as a selection of silver and diamond jewelry.

#### All Other

The company provides insurance and reinsurance facilities for various types of insurance coverage, which are marketed primarily to its private label credit card customers, through Zale Indemnity Company, Zale Life Insurance Company, and Jewel Re-Insurance Ltd. These three companies are the insurers of its customer credit insurance coverage. In addition to providing merchandise replacement coverage for certain perils, credit insurance coverage provides protection to the creditor and cardholder for losses associated with the disability, involuntary unemployment, leave of absence, or death of the cardholder. Zale Life Insurance Company also provides group life insurance coverage for its eligible employees.

In May 2010, the company entered into a five year private label credit card program agreement with TD Financing Services Inc. to provide financing for its Canadian customers to purchase merchandise through private label credit cards.

#### History

Zale Corporation was founded in 1989.

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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