# **Under Armour**

# Strategic Plan Outline

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# **Executive Summary:**

- Company information/background/history
  - o Founded 1996
  - Kevin Plank is the founder and CEO
  - o Corporate Office Baltimore MD
- Mission Statement
  - Make all athletes better through passion, design and the relentless pursuit of innovation.
- Target market
  - o Men, Women of all ages, with active lifestyles, runners and athletes
  - o Synthetic performance apparel merchandise
- Basic financial position/statistics
  - o 17.96 Billion Market Share
  - o Current stock price 83.20
  - o 3.96 billion annual
  - o Net income 2.3257 million
  - o 739 on Fortune 1000

#### **Internal Environment:**

- Strengths
  - Innovative design
  - o Superior customer service
  - o strong brand recognition nationally
  - o Steady Growth
  - o Increasing Product Variety keeps them more competitive and visible
  - o Highly visible marketing campaign
  - o Top profile endorsements
  - o Products are reasonably middle priced
  - o Good quality products
- More detailed financial Information
  - o \$208 million in profits
  - o Return to Investors 55%
- Corporate social responsibility
  - No forced labor
  - No child labor
  - o Employee wellbeing, and safety
  - No discrimination
- Weakness
  - o Has not established a strong brand image in other countries
  - o Don't manufacture their own products
  - Small corporation compared to competitors
  - Low economies of scale

#### **External Environment:**

- Competitors
  - o Nike, Columbia Sports Wear, Adidas, Puma
  - o Trying to reach the same target market
  - o They have more locations than Under Armour
- Opportunities
  - o Growth strategy in advertising pertaining to younger generation
  - o Innovative products
  - o Expanding their market into other countries, international recognition.
  - o Celebrity Endorsements
- Threats
  - o Established competition globally
  - o Barriers of Entry
  - o Large competition in international retail chains for floor space
  - o Lower margins

# **Strategy Development and Implementation:**

- Manufacturing and distribution strategy
- Advertising/marketing strategy
- Location/Expansion strategy

## **Recommendation:**

- Management (COO and CFO just stepped down )
   Marketing (Celebrity Endorsements, Social Media)
- Operations (Manufacturing)
   International (Global expansion)
- Technology (international expansion, new technology, connectivity of products)

## **Conclusion:**

UA needs focus on global expansion, global brand awareness, penetration on technology in their products outside of NA, manufacturing their own products, and strategic plans to service.

Appendix