# UNIQLO

FROM REGIONAL TO GLOBAL: A LIFEWEAR STORY LIKE NO OTHER

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### Agenda

**Strategic Objectives Situation Analysis Decision Matrix** Recommendations **Financials** Timeline and Vision

### Strategic Objectives

### Global Expansion

- Supply Chain
- Streamlined & Efficient Supply Chain Model

- Geographic Presence/ Revenue Growth
- Increase in number of stores from 1558 in 2015 to 2400 in 2020
- Increase in revenues from 1650 Bil Yen in 2015 to 4105 Bil Yen in 2020
- Production 1/3 out of China
- Revenue of 100 Bil Yen in US in 2020

### Situation Analysis: Company

#### **Strengths**

- Strong brand
- Superior quality products
- Strong technical QA Takumi team
- Kaizen model
- Constant inflow of revenues from Asia
- Short time to market
- Flexible management approach

#### Weaknesses

- Small presence in western markets
- Lack of production and distribution centres in western markets
- Lack of marketing experience overseas

#### **SWOT**

#### **Opportunities**

- Huge market potential for quality lifewear
- Asian taste in foreign markets
- Strong reputation supporting alliances

#### **Threats**

- Strong fast fashion competitors
- Consumers' strong quest for stylish clothes

## Situation Analysis: SPA Supply Chain

**Production Sales** 

External Manufacturers (China-based)

Quality/ Inventory **Control Unit** 

Distribution Centres

Store/Online Distribution

Store POS Sales Data for SKU control

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JV Factories

Self-owned Factories (China and Europe)

Main Distribution Centre

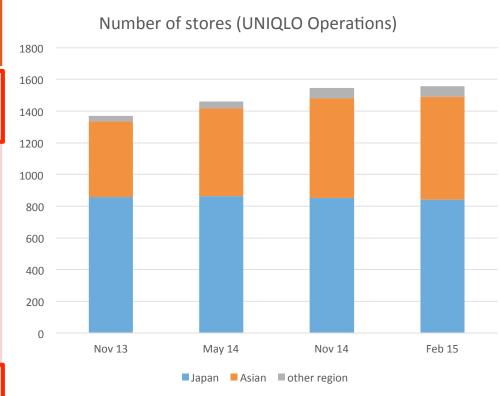
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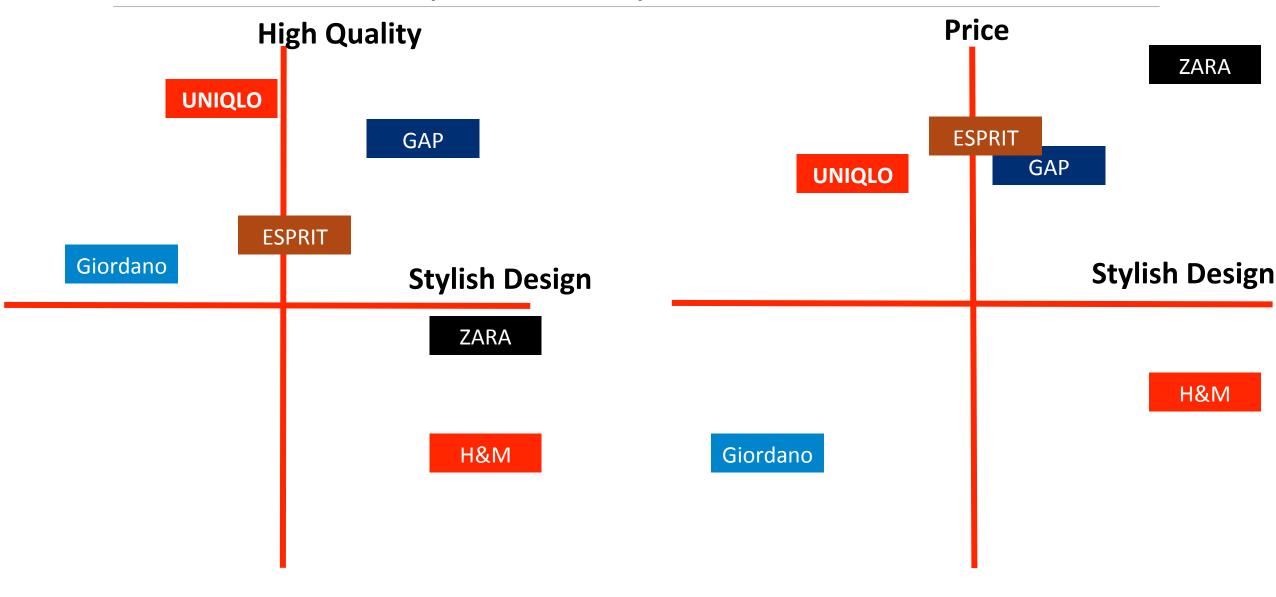
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Asian Brands

### Situation Analysis: Competitors



# Situation Analysis: Customers



#### **Product:**

Customers looking for back to basics comfortable yet affordable quality (e.g. high performance heattech fabric) lifewear, complemented by a dash of design

#### **Service:**

Fast delivery e.g. JD in China

# Decision Matrix: Supply Chain Model

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## Recommendation: Hybrid Supply Chain Model

External Manufacturers (China-based)

JV Factories (Mexico, Russia)

**Distribution Centres** 

Quality/ Inventory

**Control Unit** 

Internalised Distribution Centres

Store/Online Distribution

Store POS Sales Data for SKU control

## Recommendation: Market Expansion in US & Europe

### **Operations**

Open flagship stores in top and tier-2 cities e.g.
London

Introduce franchising model

### **Products**

Stick to value proposition

Continuously adapt to changing market trends

### Marketing

Demandbased flexible pricing

Bundling Promotion to boost volume

Crossover with celebs/brands

### Online

Ramp up own online marketplace

Partner with e-commerce giants e.g.
Amazon

# **Quality Control**

Takumi team for US/ Europe

Semi-Annual QC conference

### Recommendation: Market Expansion in Asia

### **Operations**

Shift 1/3 production out of China to SE Asia/ India

Beef up franchising

Explore localized distribution centres

### **Products**

Stick to value proposition

Continuously adapt to changing market trends

Cross pollination between markets

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### R&D

Better POS Forecast for accurate SKU

Heavier consumer studies

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Takumi team extension

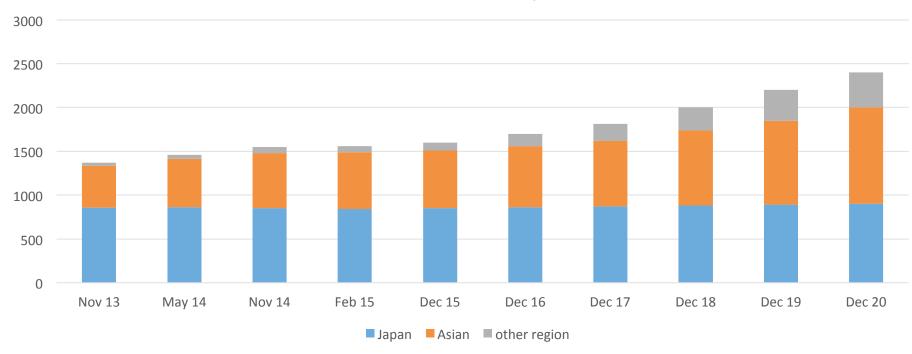
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### Recommendation: Continuous Innovation

- Simplification
  - Develop culture for continuous improvements enhance Kaizen and JIT procedures
  - Rewards
  - Market research and big data analytics
- Build to Print Ensures quality products
- R&D Centre develop new technologies and products
- Open and collaborative sharing platform

# Forecast: Geographical Presence



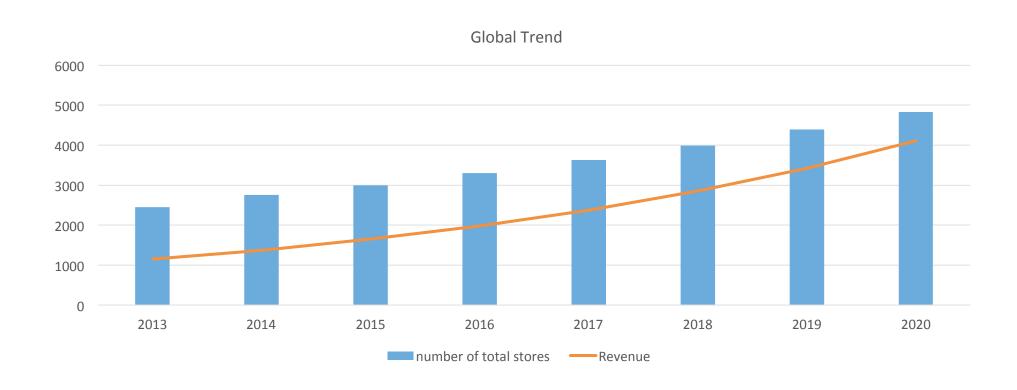


#### Assumptions:

- 10% growth rate in number of stores.
- Japan is saturated slight increase in number of stores.
- Franchisee heavy in US and Europe.
- Asian rest of Asia excluding Japan.

For US Market	2014	2015	2020
number of stores	17	39	175
Revenue (billion Yen)	NA	NA	100

### Forecast: Financial Outlook



#### Assumptions:

- 20% growth rate of global revenues.
- Number of stores includes franchisees.

### Forecast: Revenue for re-investment

	Previous	Now	2020
number of suppliers	120	40	60~80
order size (in million pieces)		350	840



20% Growth in revenue – keep the current momentum

10% Store Growth YoY (Franchisee heavy in places expensive in opening new stores, such as US.) Increase the order size, i.e. volume to narrow the cost. – economy of scale

Generated revenue to reinvest

### Timeline

Short Term 2016-2017

Long Term 2018-2020

Supply Chain Management

Identify and shortlist potential manufacturing partners for JV in / Europe Conduct cost-benefit analysis of neighboring countries

Gradually internalize more supply chain fragments

Review and optimize supply chain model

Market Expansion

Expand US/ Europe market via organic/franchise growth Ramp up online marketplace Uphold expansion in Asia Extend QA team

Identify similar
demographic cities
Continuous adaptation
to market changes for
product

### Vision

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**Global Expansion**