

UNIQLO

FROM REGIONAL TO GLOBAL: A LIFEWEAR STORY LIKE NO OTHER

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Agenda



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

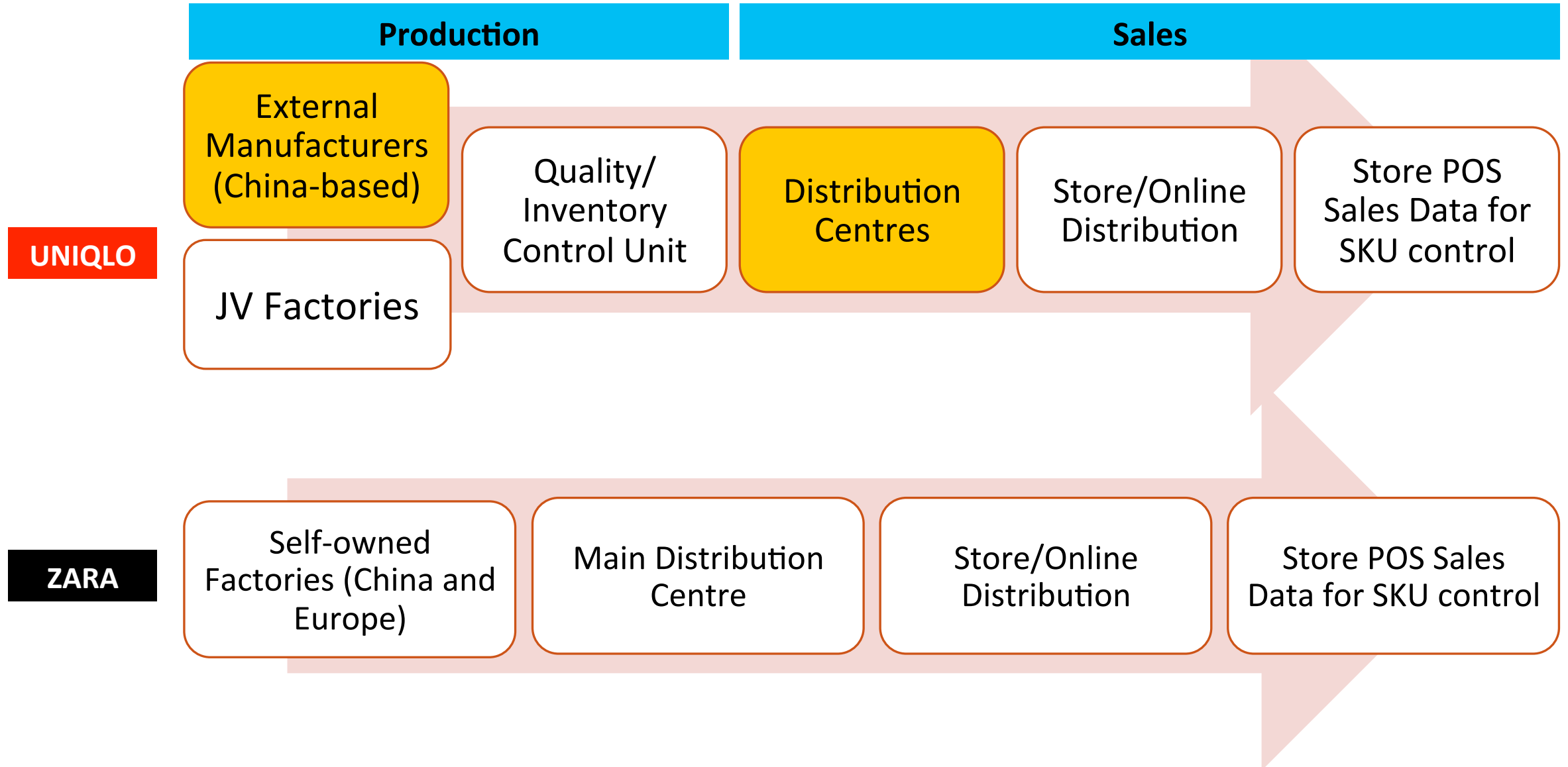
Opportunities

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

Threats

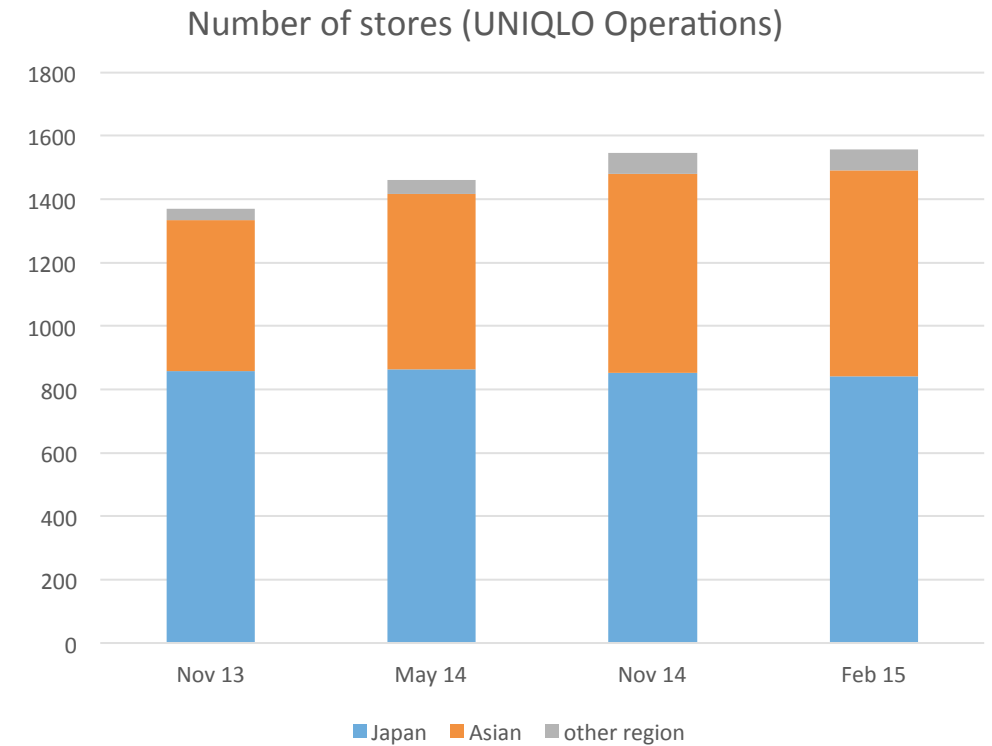
- Strong fast fashion competitors
- Consumers' strong quest for stylish clothes

Situation Analysis: SPA Supply Chain



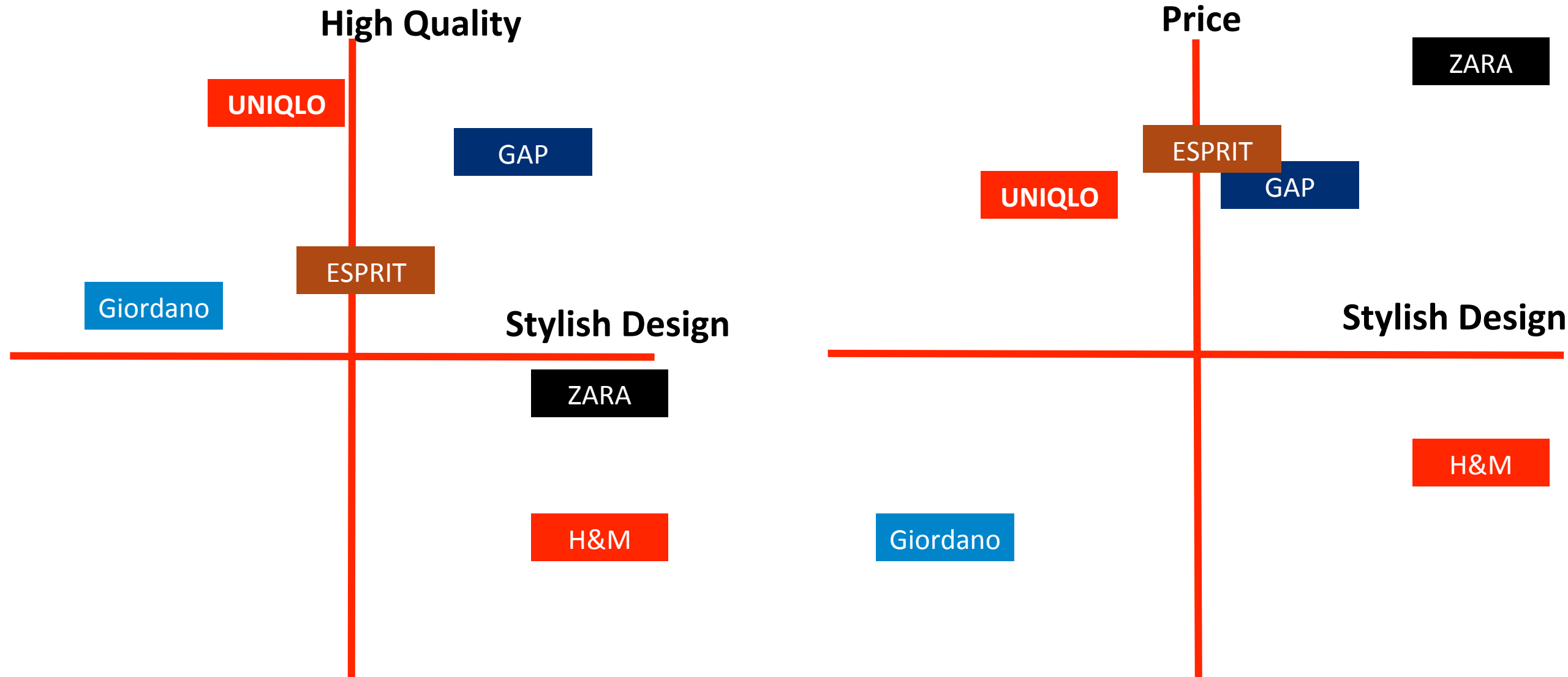
Situation Analysis: Geographical Presence

	Asia	US	Europe
UNIQLO	Strong	Weak	Weak
ZARA	Strong	Medium	Strong
GAP	Medium	Strong	Medium
H&M	Strong	Strong	Strong
ESPRIT	Weak	Weak	Medium
Giordano	Strong	Weak	Weak



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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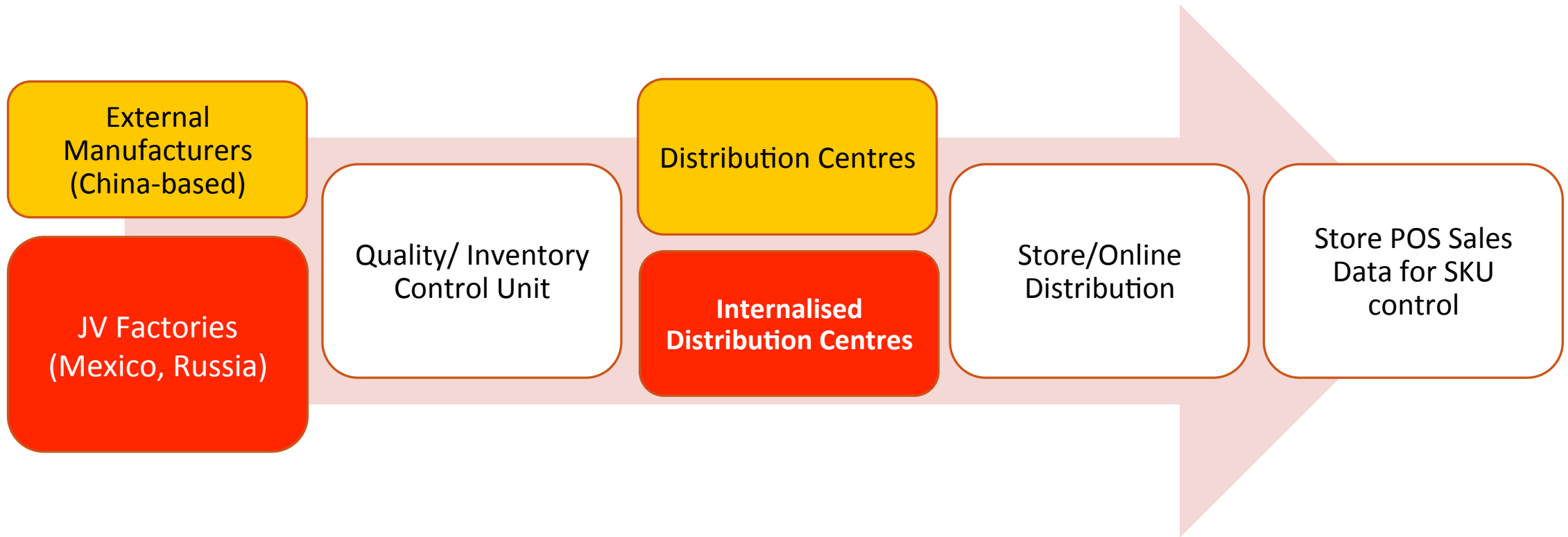
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Recommendation: Hybrid Supply Chain Model



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

Demand-based 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

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Shift 1/3
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of China to SE
Asia/ India

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Explore
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centres

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R&D

Better POS
Forecast for
accurate SKU

Heavier
consumer
studies

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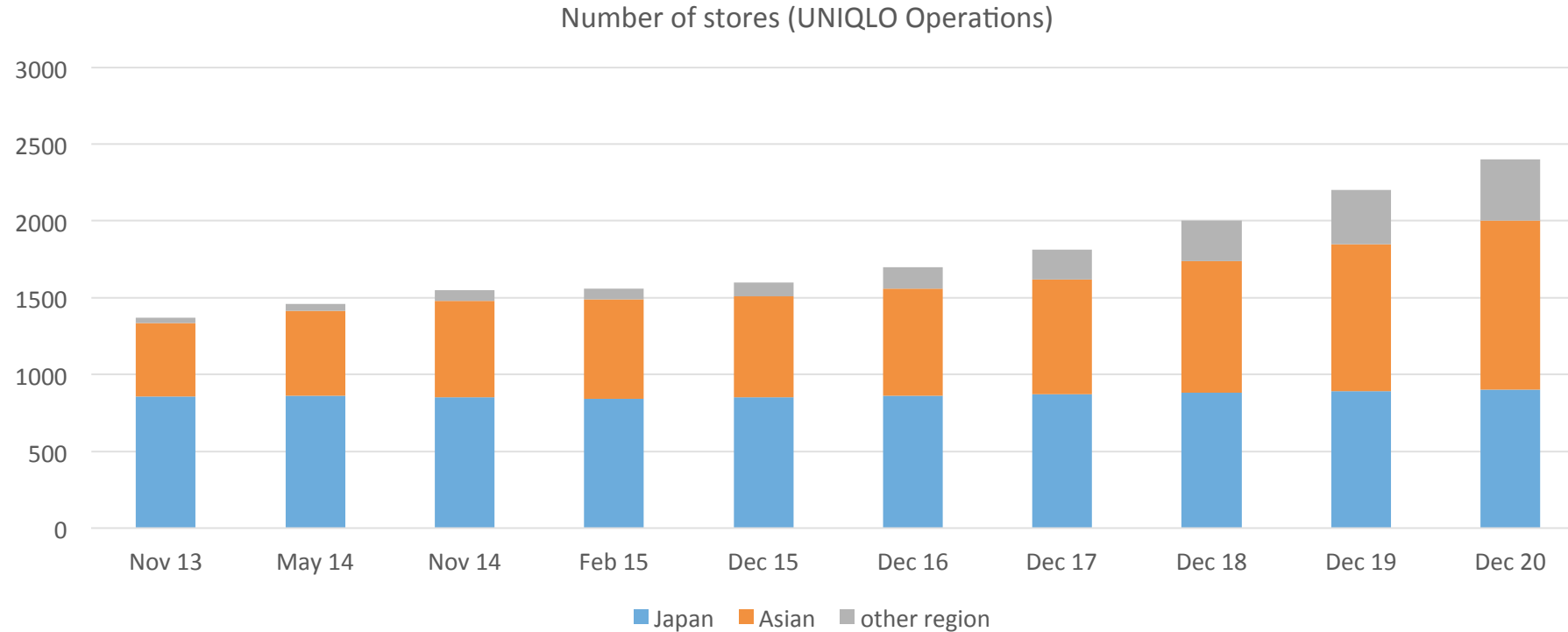
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Recommendation: Continuous Innovation

- 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

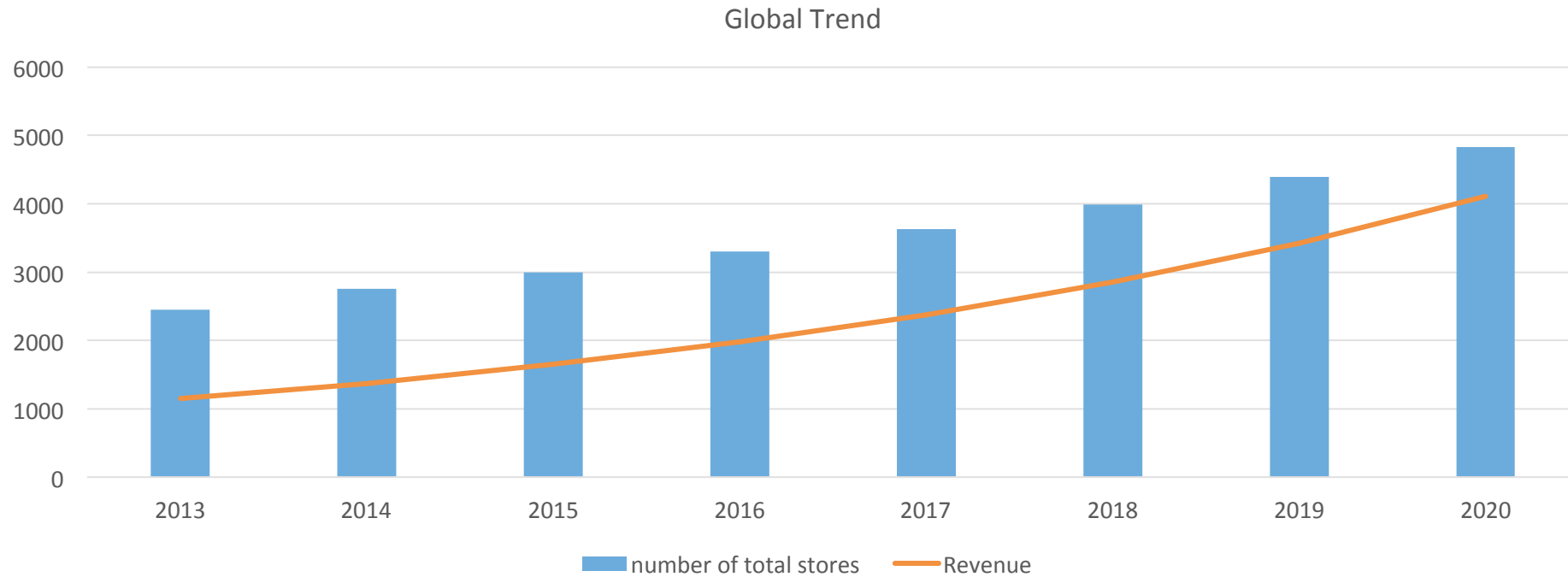


Assumptions:

- 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

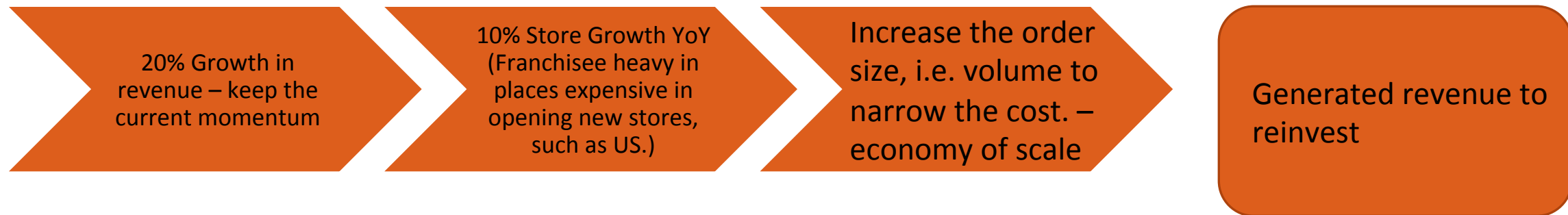


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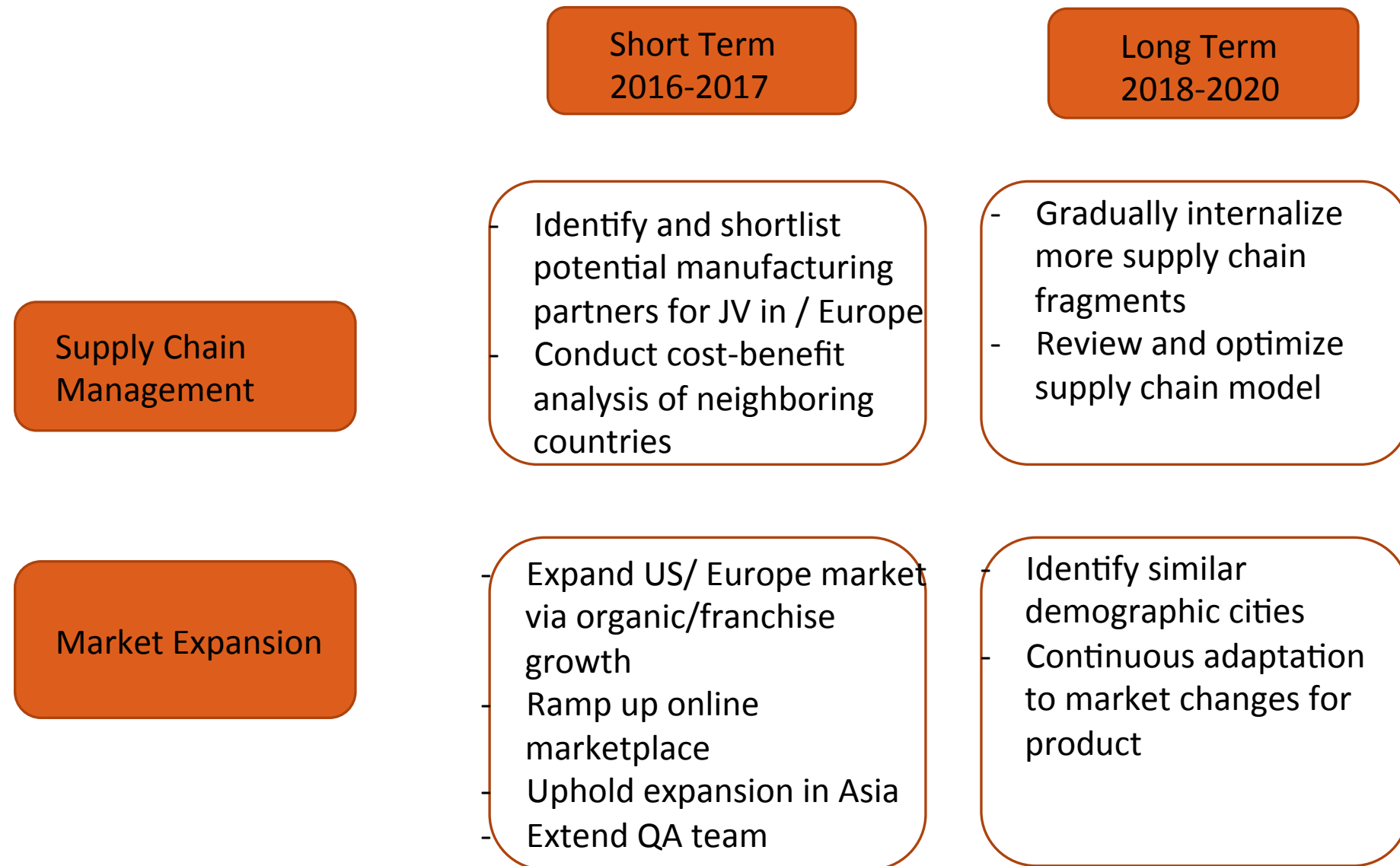
- 20% growth rate of global revenues.
- Number of stores includes franchisees.

Forecast: Revenue for re-investment

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



Timeline



Vision

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Global Expansion