### BIRCHBOX Inc.

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## Mandate

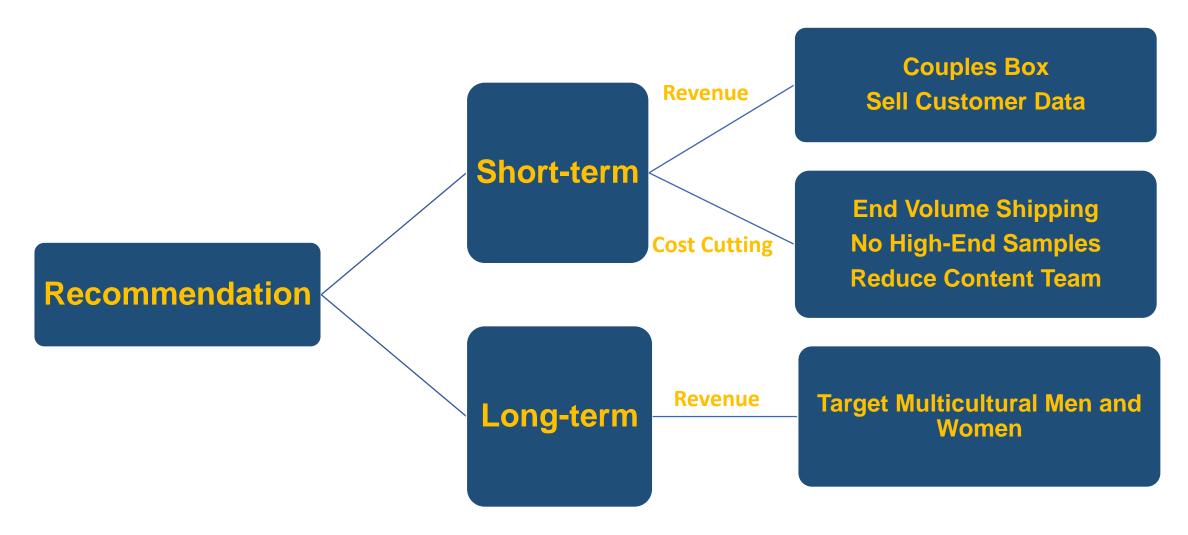
Problem: Achieve sustainable growth and profitability

**Profitability** 

Huge Competition

Long-term Growth

# Driving profitability and segmenting customers will grow Birchbox



## **Alternative Solutions**

- More Customization for Existing Customers
- Increase Subscription Costs
- Eliminate Physical Stores

## **Executive Summary**

Issues	Recommendations
Profitability is declining	Focus on costs, revenue streams and growth
Extremely high costs	Reduce logistics costs, high-end samples, and content team
Revenue streams are declining; Current subscriptions are falling	Introduce couples box, develop customer analytics, and market products for multicultural segments
Convert people from samples to full-size products	Expand and customize the Birchbark line of products, for both women and men

## Analysis

## Challenges

**Huge Competition** 

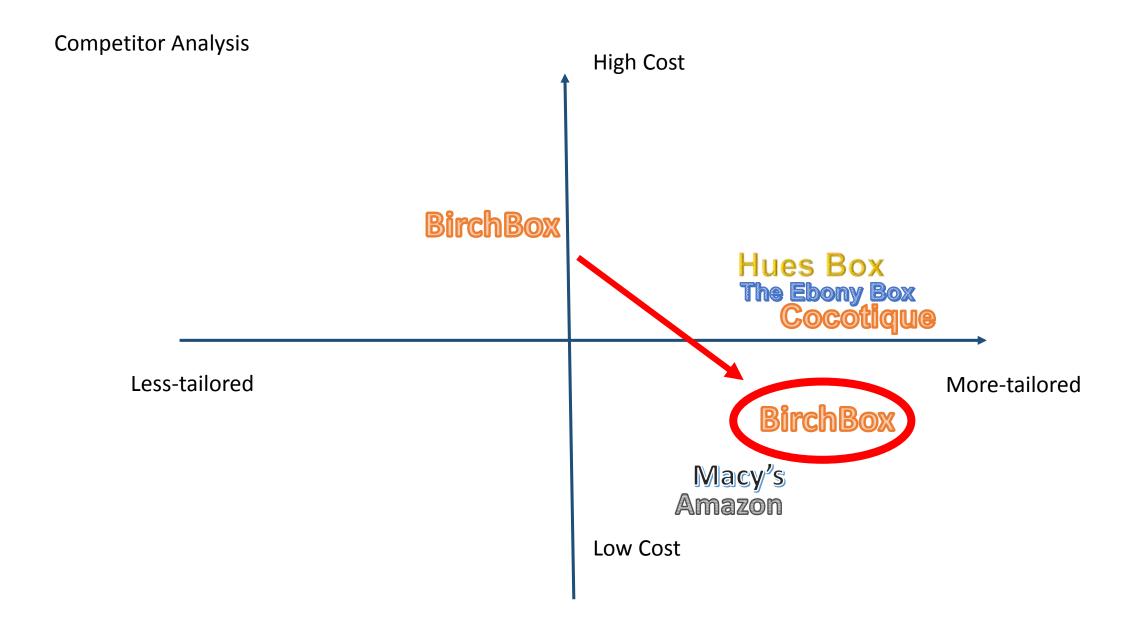
**Ever-increasing number of niche Start-ups** 

**Profitability** 

Overspending on marketing activities, high hiring & logistics cost

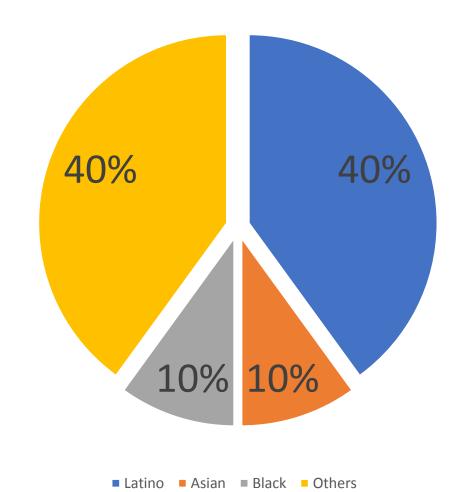
Losing the growth

The industry as a whole is good Subscription sales witness a drop, mainly in physical stores



## By 2050, the US will be a majority minority country

Estimated Population of Majority minority by 2050



#### Online would be the better choice

	Easy Access	Growing Market	Experience
Online			
Offline			

## **Financials**

### This Year: Cut costs

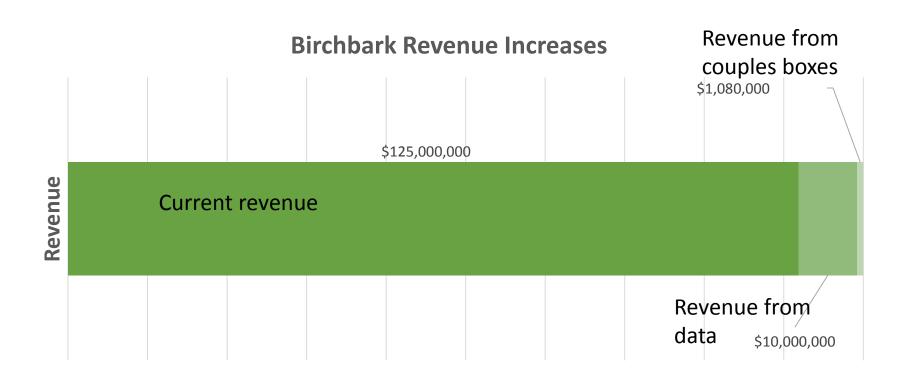
- Save \$2.5 million by ending volume shipping
- Stop paying for high end samples
- Reduce the content management team.
  - Assuming each makes \$50,000, we could let go of 7 content managers and save \$350,000
  - Continue offering loyalty points to customers who write reviews

These cuts will decrease costs by about \$3.9 million

#### This Year: Raise Revenue

- Sell a couples box for \$30
  - Couples market size about 72 million couples in the U.S.
  - Focus on men: their box is twice the price of the women's box
- Sell the data analytics on customers to brand partners
  - Sephora's revenue increased 5% or \$675 million
  - If Sephora and 9 mid-size companies purchase it, our data is benefiting them by about \$1.1 billion,
  - Thus we can charge them 10 million for the data
  - We can charge them 1/3 or their revenue, or \$202 million

# Proprosed Revenue Increases total revenue about 12%



## **Implementations**

## What we will achieve







## **Short-term Implementation**

#### Profitability

#### Cost cutting:

- Layoff 7 content managers.
- End Volume Shipping.
- End paying for samples

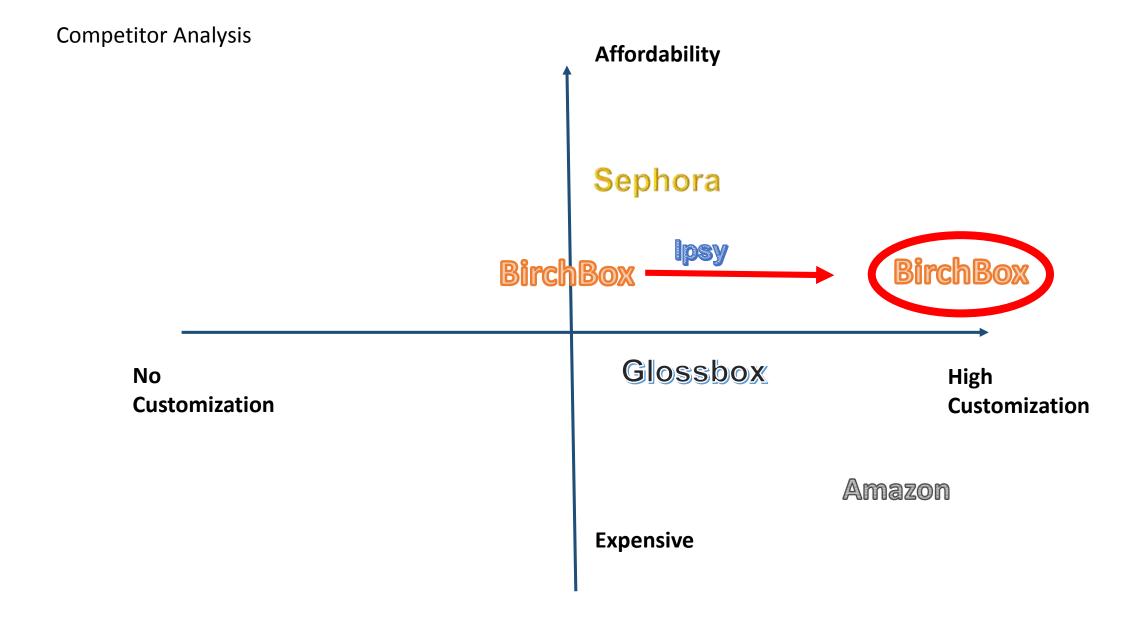
Revenue Streams

- Couples Box.
- Sell data we collect on customers to vendors.

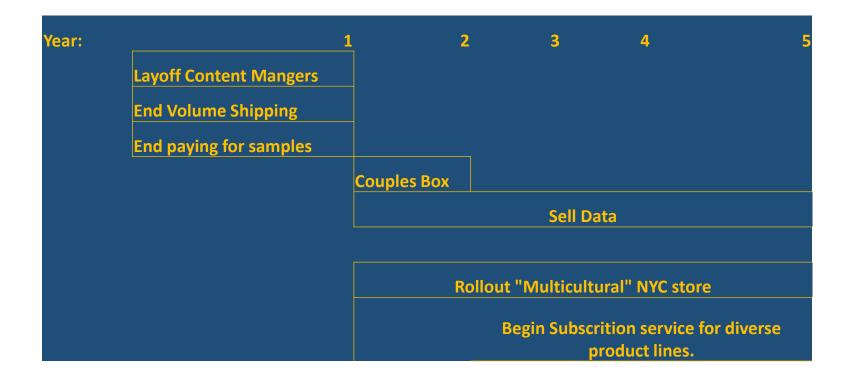
# Long-term Implementation

Segmenting Target market

- Use NYC store as a "multicultural" beauty line store.
- With data gathered from store, rollout subscription line for multicultural men and women.
- Begin to sell that data.



# 5-year Timeline



## Risk on & Mitigation

Risk	Mitigation
Shrinking Subscription market	Moving toward men and more ethnically diverse customers.
Loss of high end vendors.	Price is number 1 for customers, don't predict losing any customers.
Lack of interest in Data	Data is highly sought after in all companies.
Customer segmentation too narrow	We will have multiple offers so we can drop and start new product offerings quickly
Still have high labor costs.	As we become international, can begin looking at possible outsourcing.

Thank you. Meliora!

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