# **UBER** A Success Through Evolution

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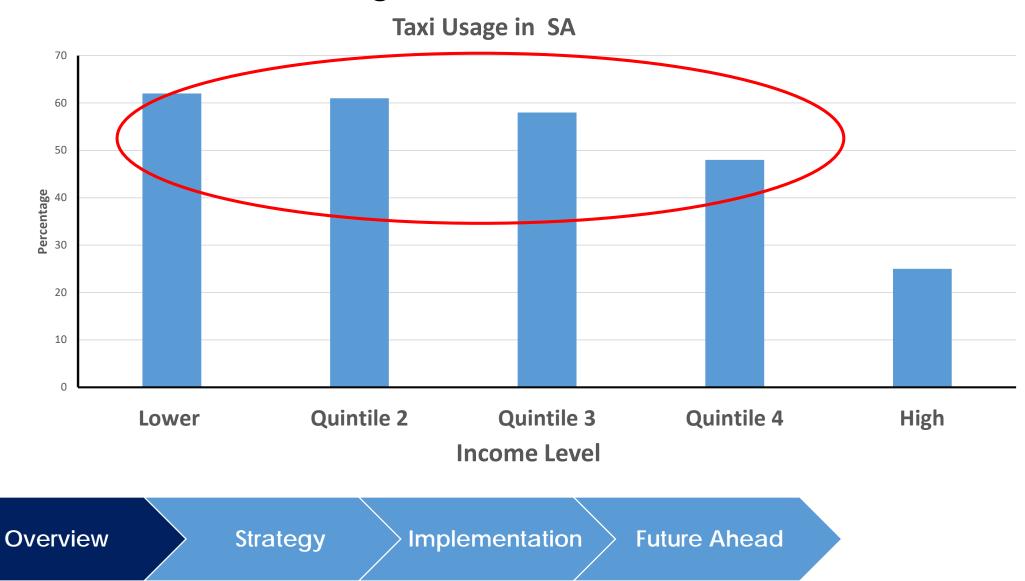
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# Uber: A Success Story

- Worldwide Successful Business Model
- Develops Local Entrepreneurs
- Assists the Development of Public Transportation (Promoting commutes and decongesting major city centers)
- Benefits Consumers by providing Safety, Quality of Service Savings

### Market Analysis



# Challenges to be Conquered



### **Options #1: Continue Business as Usual**

#### Pros

- The strategy has worked so far tested and true
- No need to shift manpower and resources

#### Cons

- Uber's market share is slowly being chipped away by competitors
- Unresponsiveness is detrimental to growth

Overview

Strategy

### Options #2: Adapt to the Current Climate

#### Pros

- Develop new methods to compete in a saturated market
- Create specialized tiers (segmentation of the market)
- Create an alternate payment system to the ones already in place

#### Cons

 Revised plan will take time for South Africans to acclimatize to the new venture 6

### Options #3: Withdraw from South Africa

#### Pros

- Company no longer has to worry about the South African market
- Save on costs in the short run

#### Cons

- Huge loss of capital investment
- Uber will lose their foothold in an established territory

## **Decision Criteria**

Options	Costs	Market Share	Public Acceptance	Safety
Continue	×	×	×	×
Adapt	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Withdraw	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

# Key Takeaway: Uber needs to adapt to survive and thrive in South Africa

Overview

Strategy

Implementation

> Future Ahead

## Recommendation

Alternate Payment System	<ul> <li>Wallet to cellphone</li> <li>Uber Cards / Refill Partnerships</li> </ul>	
Tiered Driver System	<ul><li>Uber Pink</li><li>Uber Van</li></ul>	
Develop a new Communication Plan	<ul> <li>With the new measures in place, create a new marketing plan</li> </ul>	
Safety Measures	• Uber driver's cellphone will take pictures of the ride	

Key Takeaway: This new recommendation will propel Uber to compete much more effectively in the market and address ALL concerns

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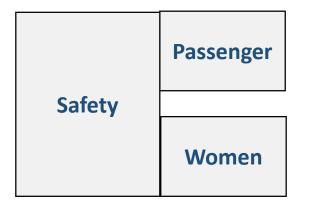
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# Action Plan!

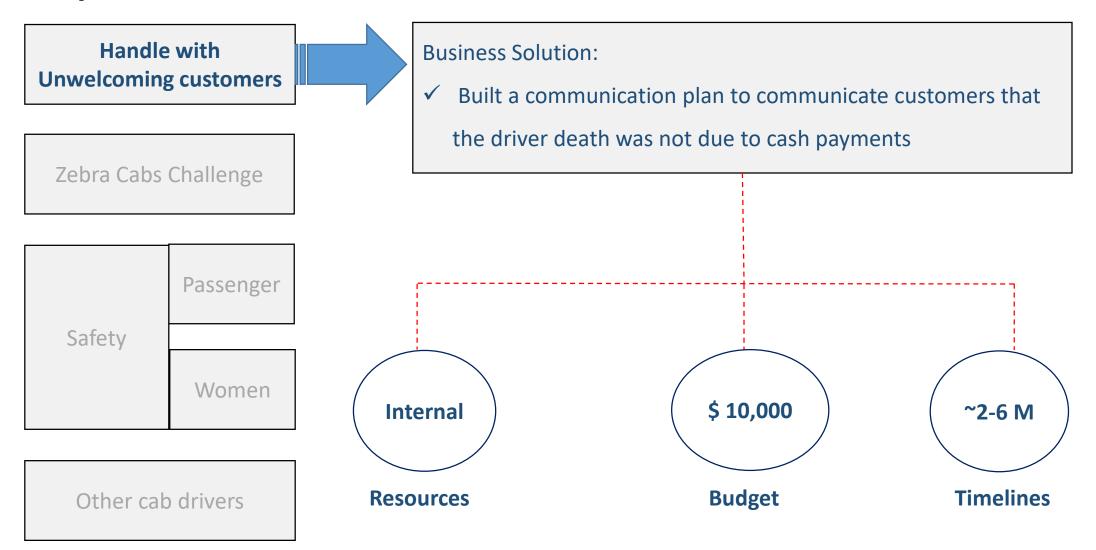
Urgency	Low	High
Importance		
Low		1. Uber Cards
High	<ol> <li>Marketing</li> <li>New Protocols on security of drivers and driving induction training</li> <li>Partnership with financial institution for funding drivers to buy cars</li> <li>Uber Pink</li> </ol>	1. Communication Plan

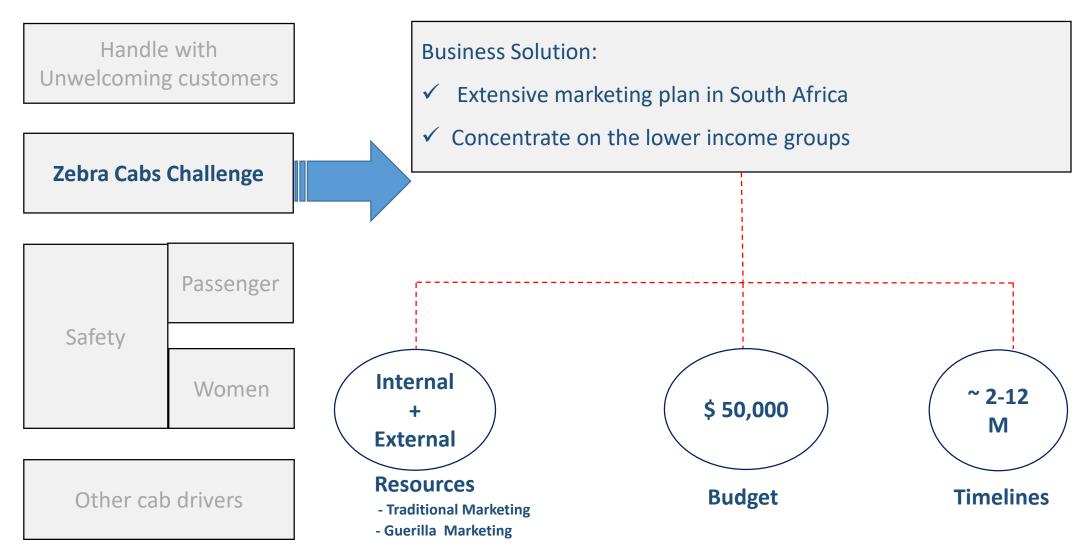
Handle with Unwelcoming customers

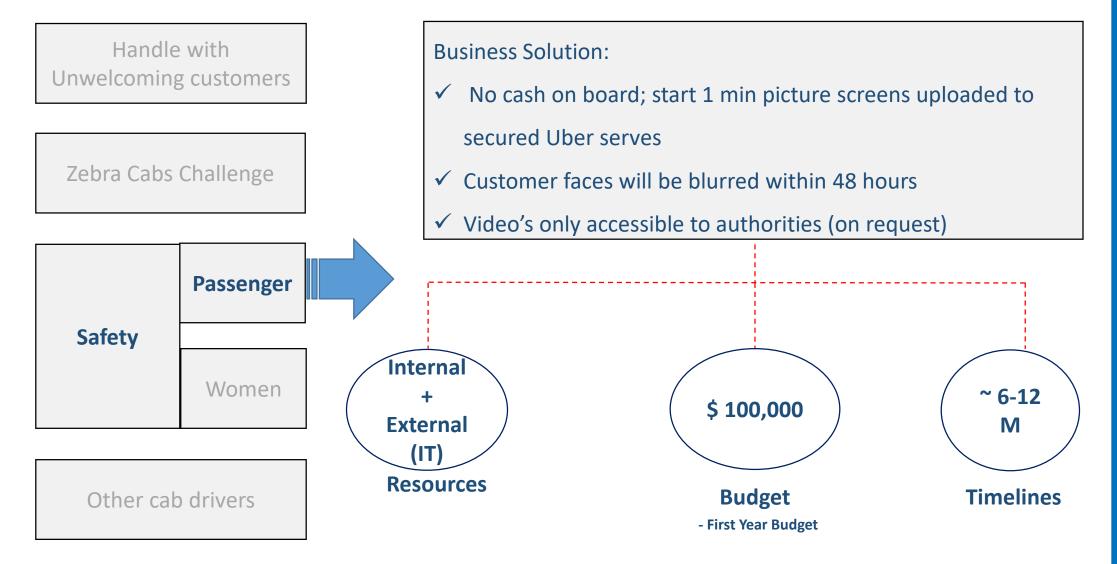
Zebra Cabs Challenge

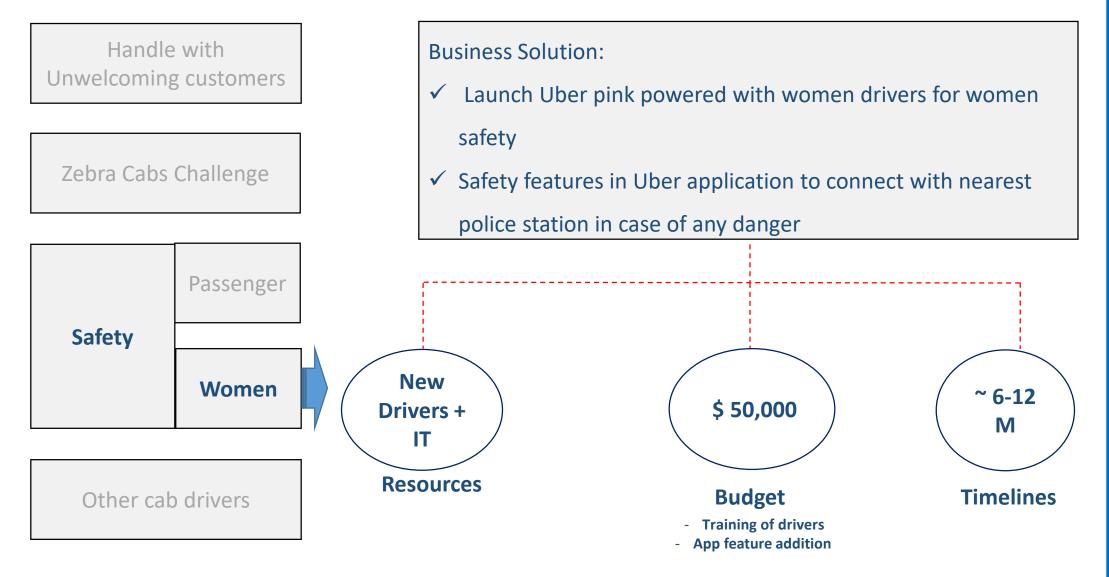


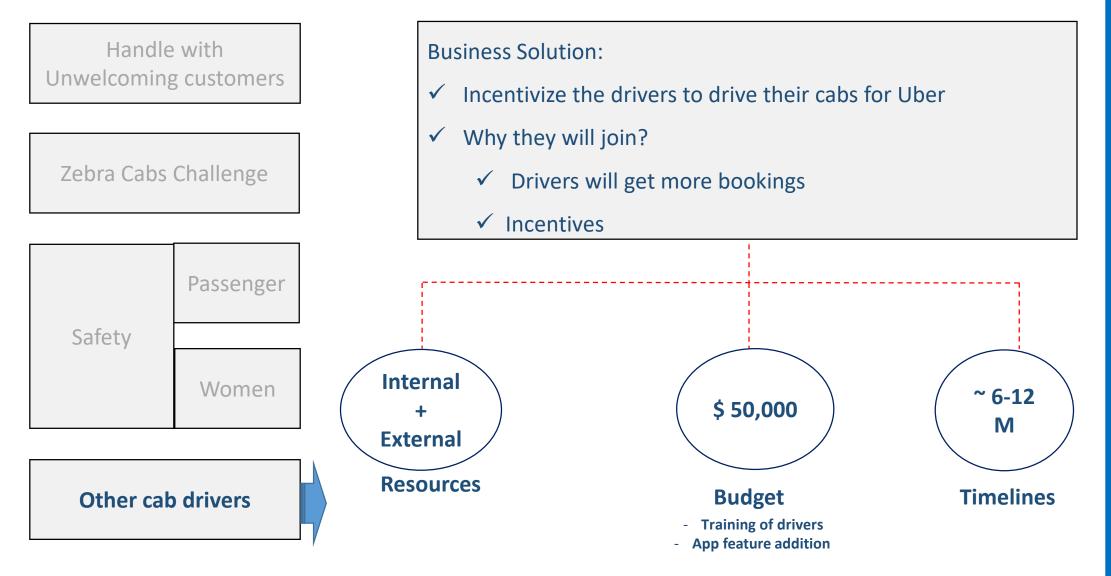
Other cab drivers



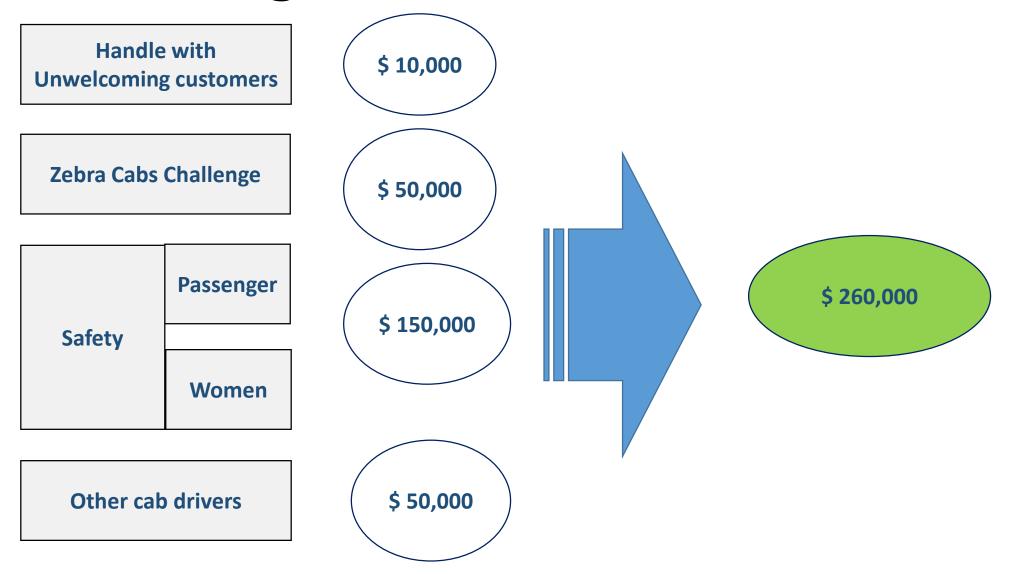








# Total Budget



# Uber Pink & Uber Vans!

- Uber Pink promotes women drivers
- Viable source of income
- Feeling of security
- Uber Vans to assist popular routes
- Fixed rate transit between pick-up and drop points
- Popular for schools

### **Risk & Mitigation**

#### Risk#1

Adoption of Uber service is low due to poor connection with locals

#### Mitigation

Marketing video and ad campaigns showcasing the Uber driver story

### **Risk & Mitigation**

#### Risk#2

Privacy breach with the new security system

#### Mitigation

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## RACI

**Responsible**: The Regional & Behavioural Manager

Accountable: South Africa Operations Head

**Consult**: VP Operations, MEA

**Inform**: Provincial/Federal Government

## The Path Ahead

- Successful Market Share
- Pride to South Africans Offering Opportunities for Entrepreneurs ("Uberneurs")
- Decongestion of Already Suffocated City Centers
- A Safe, Cost Effective and Fair Transportation Alternative for South Africans
- Develop UberCourriers & UberAssist for The South African Market

### THANK YOU!