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PepsiCo's Future in a Changing Market

- Growing criticism toward the food and beverage industry
 - Partially responsible for the increasing trend in obesity, disease and widespread ecological devastation
 - Mainly due to the production and sale of food and beverages that are high-calorie, nutrient-poor, while containing high levels of sugar and saturated fats

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Consumer Awareness

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- An increasing number of scientific studies are confirming that many processed foods are unhealthy to consume
 - Due to today's widespread internet access as well as the use of social media more and more consumers are becoming aware of the associated risks with consuming convenient processed foods
 - The market is seeing a shift as more and more consumers are seeking more healthy organic choices

Market Position TheCaseSolutions.com

- PepsiCo is one of the largest and most widely recognized in the industry
 - Huge opportunity to target the consumers who seek out healthier organic alternatives
 - Can increase brand image by producing healthier products and by being ecologically friendly

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Risks & Opportunities

- Acquisitions cost significant capital
 - Inherent financial risk in acquiring smaller companies
 - Use higher margin F&B profits to fund long-term opportunities
 - Timing critical if base business suffers
- Easier to acquire an established brand than experiment in-house
 - · Market risk mitigated, product is proven
 - Focus on sales expansion, rather than R&D



SWOT Analysis

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Strength	Weakness
 Solid market position & strong revenue growth Superior manufacturing and distribution channels Brand diversification Superior taste (Pepsi Challenge) Celebrity effect 	 Health concernsunhealthy products Ecological problems High lobbying examples Barrier to entry carbonated industry
Opportunity	Threat
 Invest additional capital in R&D and IT Exclusivity agreement Expansion in the non-carbonated market Marketing efforts focused on younger generations Change with market demands Sustainable development 	 Health and social concerns Coca Cola and other smaller operators Growing number of products in the market Economic recession

Choosing a Direction

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- CEO Indra Nooyi has recognized that "society, people, and lifestyles have changed", she has also realized that PepsiCo has no choice but to move in healthier directions
- The food and beverage industry in its entirety needs to make changes for a healthier more sustainable future

How Will This Be Accomplished

- PepsiCo as well as many other food and beverage companies have already helped shaped consumer tastes and behavior in the past
- Why can't we continue this trend but in a more healthy and sustainable direction?
- What advantages and disadvantages does Pepsi Co possess which can help steer consumers toward a healthier more sustainable lifestyle?