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### **Background of Mercury Athletic Footwear**

Whether Mercury is an appropriate target?

### **Differences between AGI and Mercury**

	AGI	Mercury
Demographical target	Family members	Youth Market
Brand image	Classic and lifestyle	Flexible
Price level	Middle & high	Low & middle

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### **Common grounds between AGI and Mercury**

AGI	Mercury
Footwear	Footwear
Atheistic and casual	Athletic and casual
North America	North America
	Footwear Atheistic and casual

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- AGI and Mercury are dealing in the similar industry/products (strategic fit)
- Both of the companies' manufactures is located in China, it will help AGI overcome the competitive disadvantages
- Mercury will double the AGI's revenue
- Mercury will increase AGI's athletic line presence