



Trying to Create a Stir: Opening a Coffee Shop in Korea

CASE BACKGROUND

- Min-Guk 'MG' Kim and Kevin Andes are current business professors at KNU in Korea
- Andes is a retired entrepreneur from North America
- Kim is a South Korean native with a PhD earned in the U.S.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Min-Guk Kim and Kevin Andes want to open a coffee shop in Korea. Should the two entrepreneurs proceed by opening an individually owned and managed coffee shop or by purchasing a developed franchise?

STRENGTHS

- Kim and Andes' business background
- Kim's Korean background
- Financial Availability



- University Involvement
- Western-World Style & Insight

WEAKNESSES

- Inexperienced in Korean restaurant market
- Non-permanent residency
- Andes' entrepreneur retirementout of the game
- Prior commitments teaching
- Lack of market research

OPPORTUNITIES

- Large college target market
- · Low cost & few barriers
- Customer loyalty



- Lack of coffee pub hang-outs in the market
- Korean Economic Miracle
- Education Importance

THREATS

- Korean loyalty to other companies
- Established & saturated coffee market
- Competitive pricing



- Low customer turnover
- Coffee franchise powerhouses

ALTERNATIVES

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ALTERNATIVE 1:

Franchise a Sleepless in Seattle and open location close to the KNU campus

ALTERNATIVE 2:

Open a coffee shop on campus with University revenue sharing agreement to minimize costs and capitalize on student's convenience

ALTERNATIVE 3:

Open an independent coffee shop to ensure complete control over operations