

Zara: Fast Fashion



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Zara Today

- Stores now located in prime locations in over 400 cities in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Africa
- Global concept store opened in NYC
 - Designed with latest advancements in sustainability
 - Will be used as global standard
- E-shopping available in 18 European markets, the US and Japan
- Launching an online store in China this winter



Overview

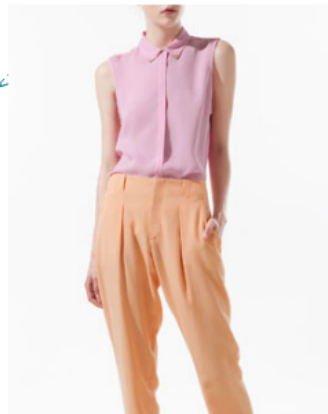
Dilemma

- The geographic focus of Zara's store additions to be determined
- Europe: brightest prospect for significant, sustained growth
- North America and Asia are 2 other regional possibilities
- How to cope with complexity of managing multiple chains without compromising the excellence of Zara
- Start up or acquire additional chains?

Recommendations

- Focus on E-commerce development
- Infiltrate Italian markets
- Open in select cities in U.S.
- Build vertically rather than horizontally

Analysis



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- Fashion Forward
- "Oil Stain" expansion approach
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ANALYSIS



Porter's 5 Forces

1. Entry

1. Barriers to entry

- Significant
- Fast-fashion business model
- Difficult to replicate

2. Supplier power

