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Forked River Brewing

- FRB was started in 2012 by three Western University graduates
- FRB has tripled their market share in Ontario over the past decade
- They recently entered into a contract with the LCBO and the Beer Store to distribute their two main beers: Riptide Pale Ale and Capital Blonde Ale



Direct Competion

- Large breweries include Molson, Budweiser and Anheuser Busch
- Account for 78% of the market
- Large marketing budgets
- Compete based on price and cost effectiveness
- Able to achieve economies of scale







Indirect Competition:



- Other alcoholic beverages
- Becoming increasingly popular among target market
- Increase in foreign imports





Key Success Factor:

- High quality
- Labeling
- Economies of scale
- Addressing seasonality issues



Industry Future

- Entry of many small scale, independently owned breweries
- Number of breweries is projected to increase by 1.3% annually to 216 in the next five years
- The Canadian brewery industry is extremely advanced.
 - Developments in the product have produced low calorie beers, seasonal beers, and low carbohydrate beers