

# 2018 Bain Case Competition

Starbucks Growth Strategy Proposal in China  
Team Flyover



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# The future growth of China restaurant and food service market

## 1 Expectation of the market size in 5 years--- Growth



Though the market growth rate slows down, the overall market **grows in stability**.

(2018 S1) The growth of food and beverage revenue continues to **lead to** the total retail sales of consumer goods.

Source : the State Statistical Bureau

## 2 Status quo of cost and profit

- **Rising cost in the whole market**  
High cost of renting, labour, ingredients  
Low gross profit
- **Profit is compressed.**  
In 2016, the profit margin of China's top 100 restaurants is merely 4.7%.  
( Average level is 5%-10%)

### 2 Solutions

1. Apply AI and digital management system to update administration mode.  
--- raise management efficiency
2. Smart shops require less staff.  
--- less labour cost

**The cost can be dented.**

## 3 More Potential Participants

- **There's been increased competition**
- **New forms of business are emerging.**  
Eg. MUJI's Café & Meal  
Family's Meal

### 3 Benefits

1. New technology is emerging and applied to update restaurants
2. Increase industry vitality
3. More potential players

**Conclusion:** China restaurant and food service market will continue growing in the next 5 years.

# What are the key drivers of China restaurant and food service market?

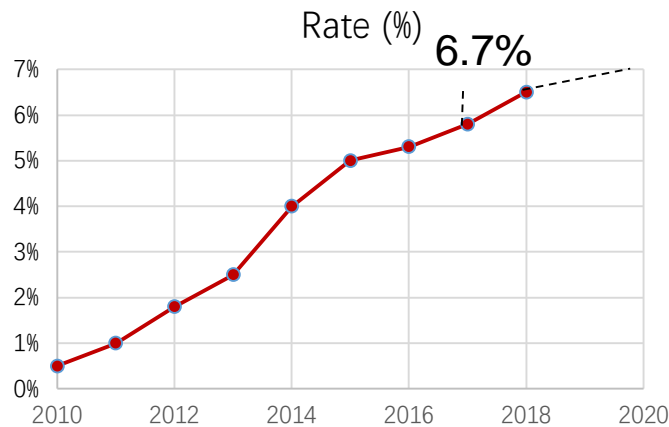
## 1 Business model of the Internet

### • O2O model plus restaurant

**Online:** customers choose food & pay

**Offline:** delivery and enjoying food

O2O model restaurant Penetration

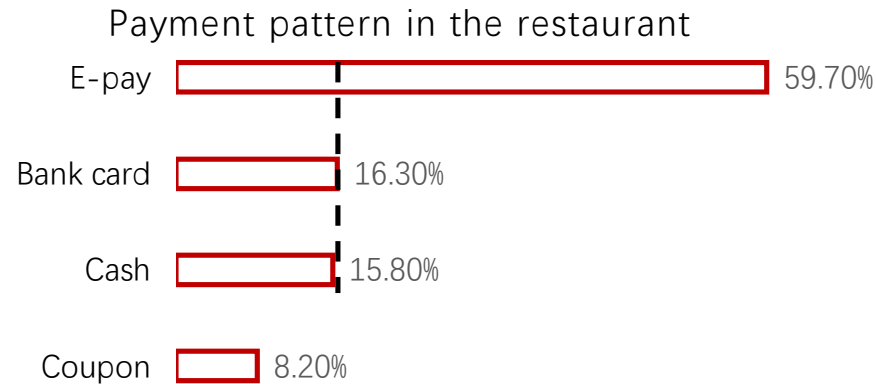


### • Take-out service ( Eg. 饿了么, 美团)

The take-away market maintains **double-digit** growth from 2016, including breakfast, brunch, diner, etc.

### • Mobile payment

Paying on mobile phones becomes a **consumption habit**



How often users use mobile payment:

2017: 59% of all customers

2015: 9% of all customers

## 2 Consumer demand

### The generation of 80, 90s

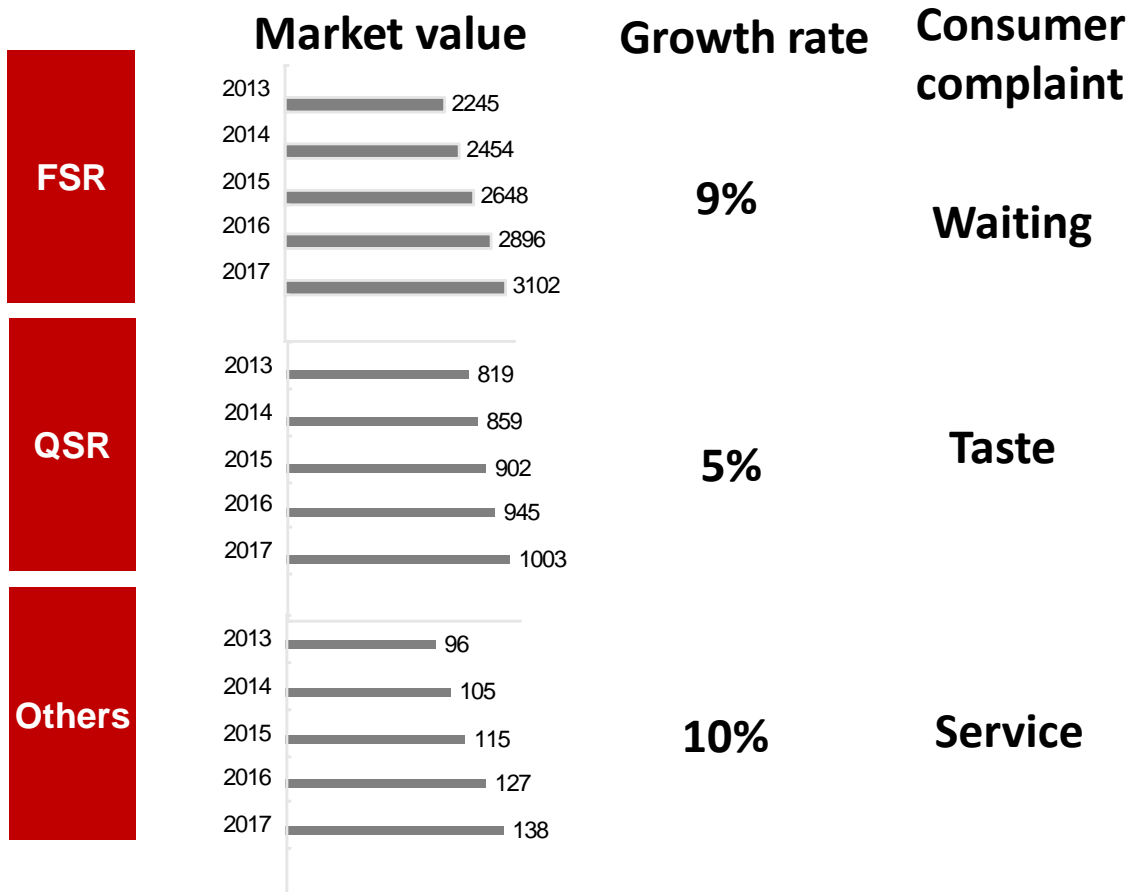
1. Focus on **personalization** and **creative** features
2. Changes in dietary preference, prefer more **healthy** food
3. Concerned about the **personal** experience, trust friends reputation rather than advertising
4. Value **cost-effective**

The old brand needs new blood

Both: Steady growth from 2010 and growth in the foreseeable future

# Coffee grows in the Chinese market and Starbucks brand is not suitable for other segments

## China restaurant and food service market



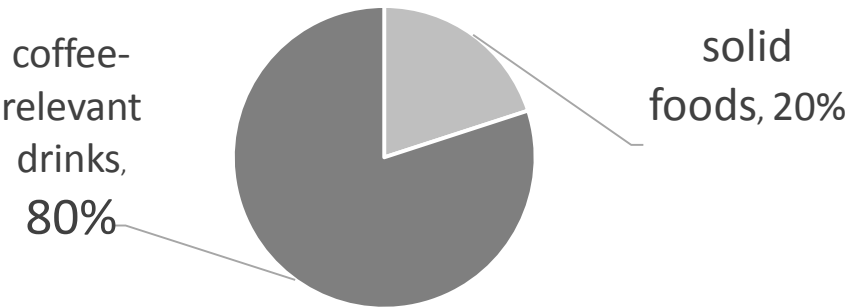
## Starbucks status quo

- Customers who like to sit in the store for a long time **occupy the position of the FSR customer**
- Different from a complete and sustainable coffee supply chain, introducing new fast foods will **bring challenges to the supply chain**
- The variety and style of fast food dishes are **difficult to meet different consumers**, which will **bring to the decline of brand reputation**.
- The current **service quality is higher** than the overall level of the snack and beverage industry

**Comment : 1. Snacks and drinks has largest growth rate in China restaurant and food industry**  
**2. Starbucks will encounter various difficulties in other segments**

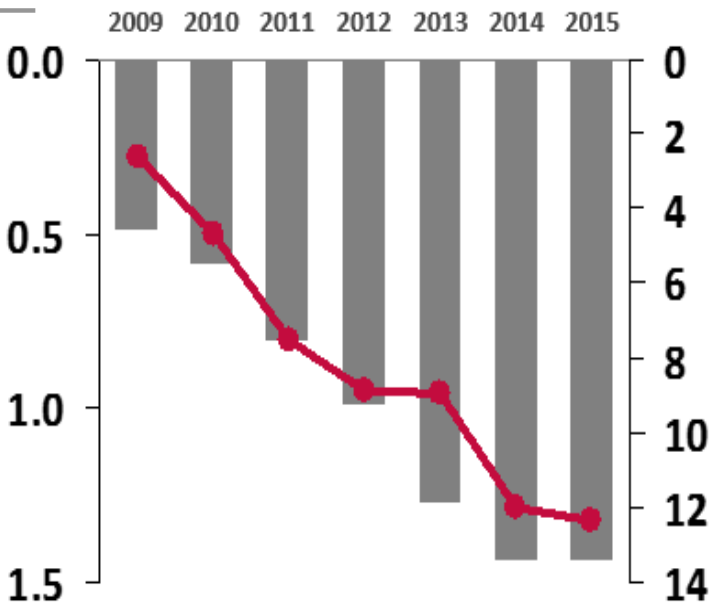
# Coffee-relevant products should still be the priority in Starbucks` next-step strategy.

Categories of Revenue in 2017



**Comments:** Coffee is the main source of revenue in Starbucks and dominates the most important share.

Share of China`s coffee market



**the apparent volume of coffee consumption in China (10,000 tons)**

China`s coffee production share in the global market (%)

**Insight:** Considering the tremendous revenue coffee-relevant products bring to this company, its dominant share in the market and the bright prospect of future trend, it would be wise for Starbucks to prioritize coffee in their next 5-year strategy.

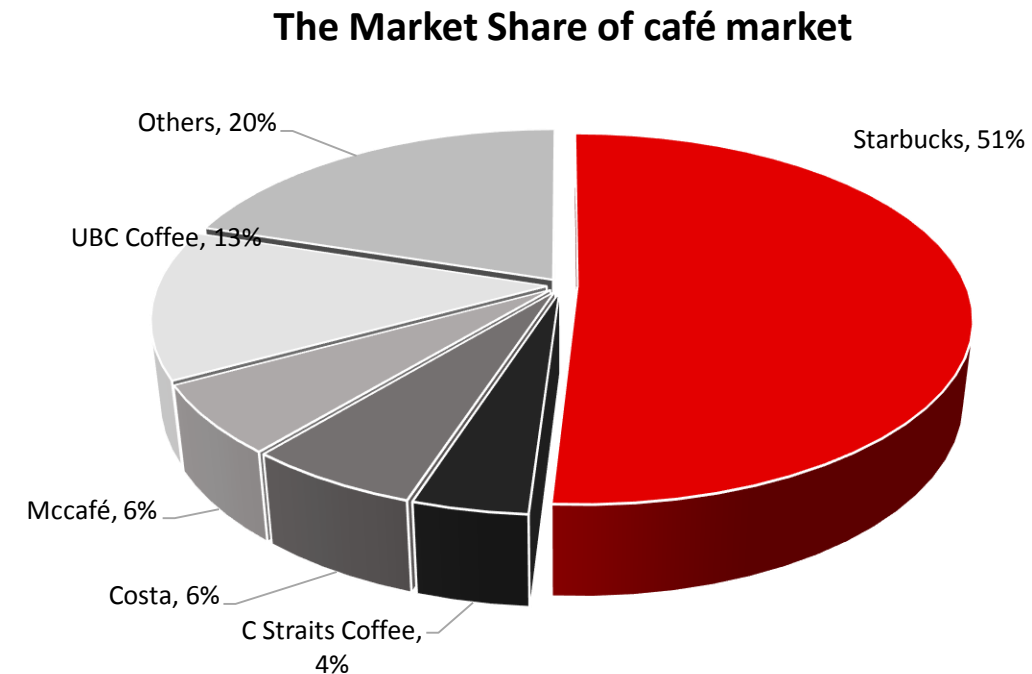
**Comments :** The coffee market in China is giant and the prospect seems bright.

Source: Interview of Scott Maw, the CFO of Starbucks; CINIC



# Starbucks dominates the competition in the café market

Company	Store Number	Café price (latte)	Product	Notes
Starbucks	2800	• 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Café</li> <li>•Bakery &amp; dessert</li> <li>•Tea</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Comfortable environment</li> <li>•Good customer experience</li> <li>•Clear brand positioning</li> </ul>
UBC Coffee	<1000	• 40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Café</li> <li>•Chinese dining</li> <li>•Western Non casual FSR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lack of strict and uniform brand management</li> <li>•Low entry threshold and lack of service support</li> </ul>
Mccafé	1400	• 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Café</li> <li>•Bakery &amp; dessert</li> <li>•Tea</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Poor experience</li> <li>•McDonald's Brand Positioning for mass consumers</li> </ul>
Costa Coffee	248	• 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Café</li> <li>•Bakery &amp; dessert</li> <li>•Tea</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•semi-automatic coffee making results in different taste</li> </ul>

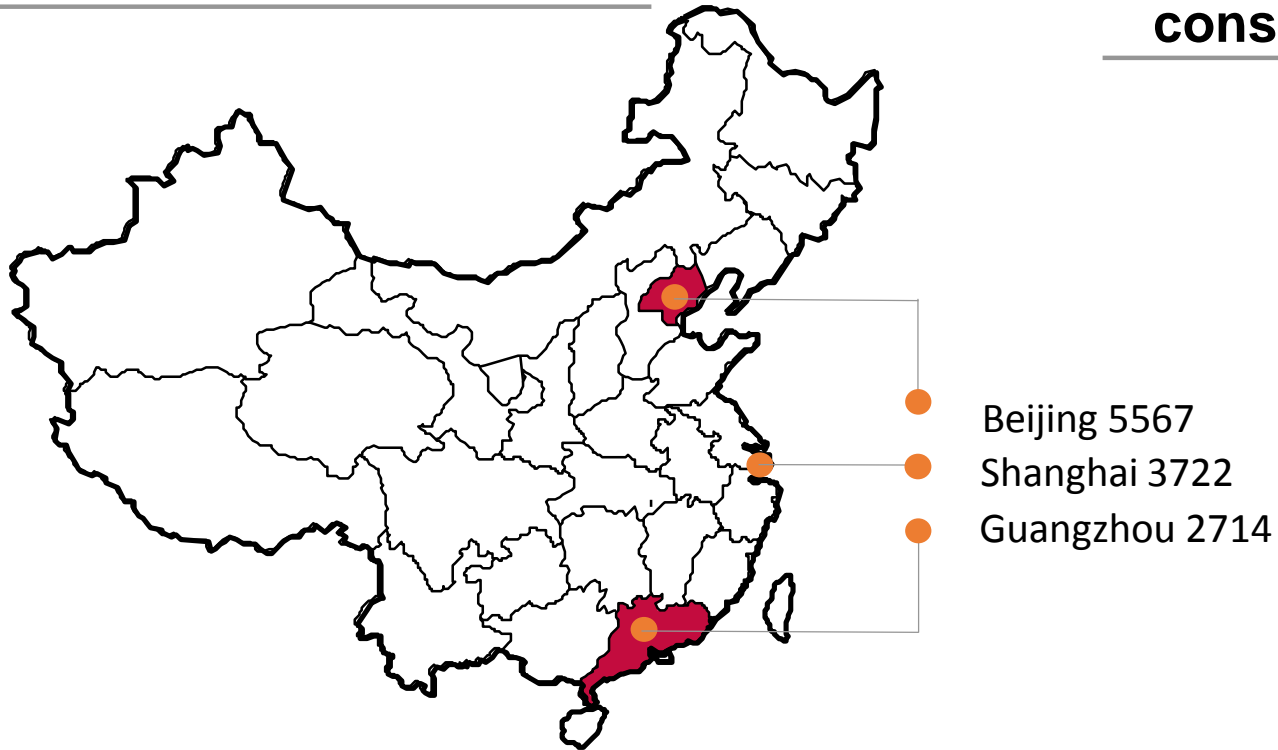


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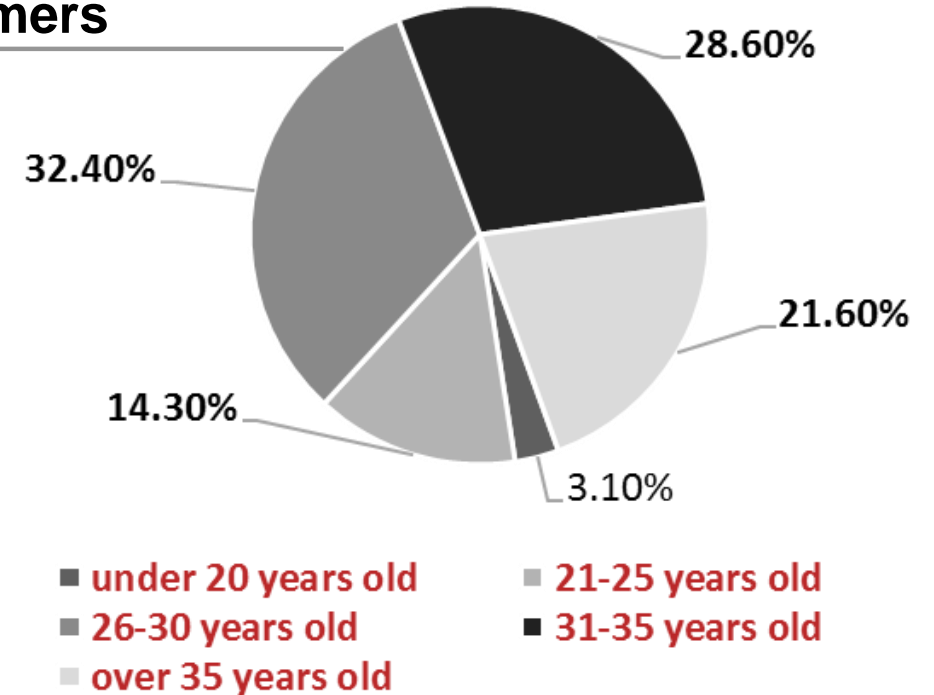
- Starbucks is definitely in a dominant position.
- Starbucks has the largest number of stores
- Starbucks has a clear advantage over brands customer experiences compared to other competitors

# The customers of China café are young who live in the first-tier cities.

## The Number of Café House



## Age of China Starbucks's consumers



- Compared to other cities of China, there is a greater demand in Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou.
- Young people are the main consumers. About 78.4% customers of café market are under 35 years old.

Source: *The Report on Chinese Café, 2017; the official website of Meituan*



# What the customers of Starbucks really want

## The age of Starbucks Fanatics

90's traits : Use cellphone,  
Under great stress,  
Chase after individuality

90's,  
23.60%

60's, 4.10%

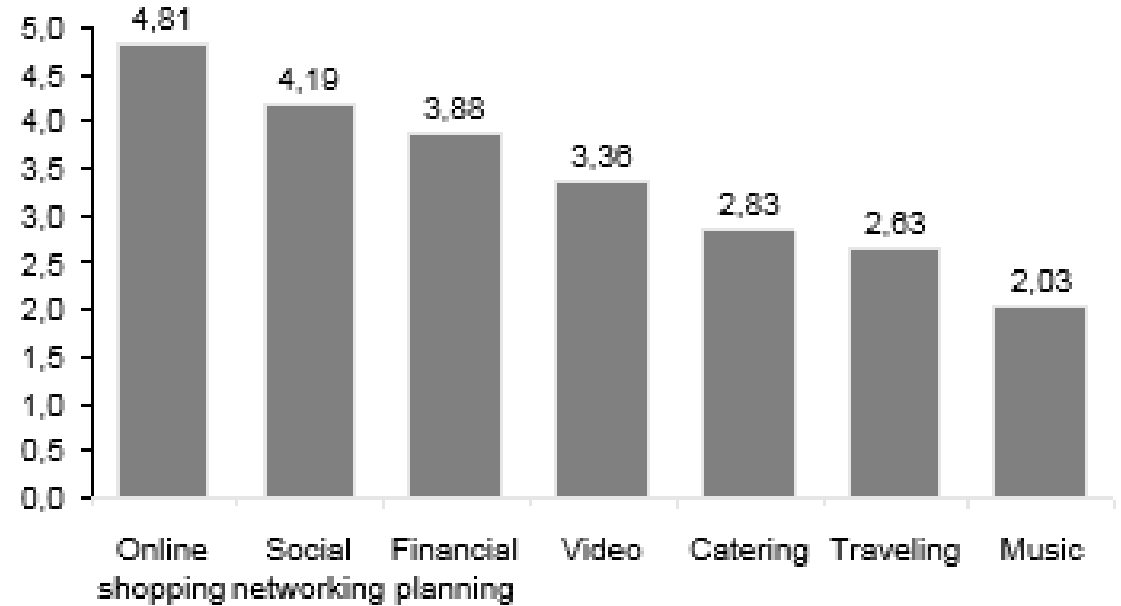
70's , 18.40%

80's, 52.50%

80's traits: Stable life, Love luxury,  
Attach to brands

- **Most clients were born in the 80s and 90s, who pay more attention to appearance than the previous generation**
- **Most fanatics, with high-end demand, live in Shanghai and Beijing.**

## Share of China's coffee market



**Consumers are increasingly seeking personalized, convenient and high-quality life.**

Source: The insight into the loyal fans of Starbucks; the official website of TalkingData

\* refer to Target Group Index; TGI= Application preference index of Starbucks/Application preference index of user in Internet \* 100

# Cost and consumers drive the café industry in three directions, Starbucks should take related measures

## Three directions of coffee industry

**Traditional coffee store**



**Brandjoint**



**Smart café store**



## Starbucks Status quo

- Company-operated stores/Licensed stores
  - launch a **social gift platform** on WeChat
  - Open **Reserve** store
- **Peripheral products**
  - coffee cup
  - coffee bean
- Starbucks currently has **no action in the smart coffee area**

## Drivers

**Administrative expense** rise sharply

People pursue **high quality of life**

**The rhythm of people's life** speeds up

## Strategy

- **Optimal management** internally
- **Study consumers** to meet demand
- **Cooperate with** bookstores and art stores
- **Explore Smart café store**

# Crossover Cooperation Model and its Benefits



• **Café & Bookstore**

- Partner corporations: Enterprises with similar class of target customers and compatible ideas.
- Location: Business districts in first-tier cities.
- Target Group: Customers who are regular/ have specific intentions/ can accept mid+ consumptions.



• **Café & Pet Store**

- Strengths**
- Composite marketing
  - Better display for products
  - Prolong customers' stay-hours
  - Emphasis on Starbucks' philosophy of "providing a better environment for life"



• **Café & Music Bar**

- Expected Results**
- Combine different types of leisure service with traditional café and create a certain atmosphere to make itself outstand the homogeneous cafeterias by space integrity.

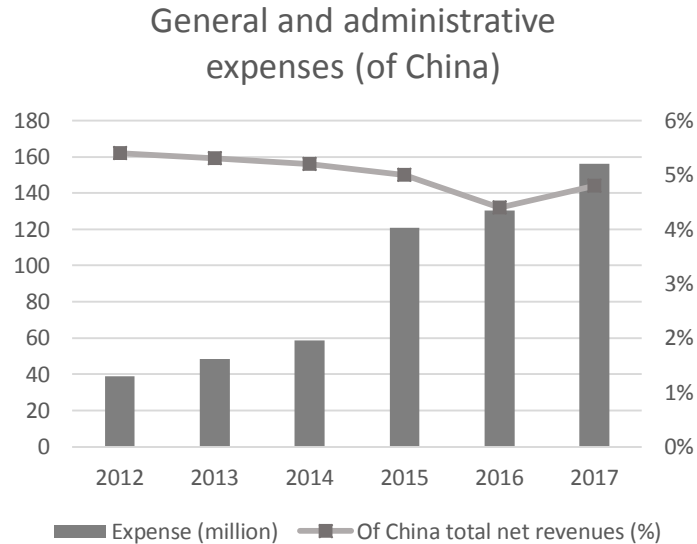
# Future trend and prioritized geography of crossover strategy in Starbucks

## Crossover Strategy in Starbucks

Partner	Core Customer Profile	Customer Preference	Buying Power	Existing competitors
Cosmetics store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Age : 24~30 female</li><li>· Middle-class lady</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Low price-sensitive</li><li>· Pursue beauty and quality</li><li>· Tasty drinks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Very High</li></ul>	None on the similar scale
Bookstore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Age : 16~22 / 30+</li><li>· Students / High taste</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Admirable environment</li><li>· Intimate service</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· High</li></ul>	e.g. Maancofee, Momicafe...
Bands & Music bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Age : All-covered</li><li>· People fond of music</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Enjoyable performance</li><li>· Sense of immersion or relief</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Mid to High</li></ul>	e.g. Costa

# Two ways to update Starbucks' management

**Current dilemma:** Starbucks' Labor costs are rising again.



**Update brings three Benefits:**

- 1. Saving administrative expense**
- 2. Revaluating consumers data**
- 3. Concisely targeting consumers to raise revenue**

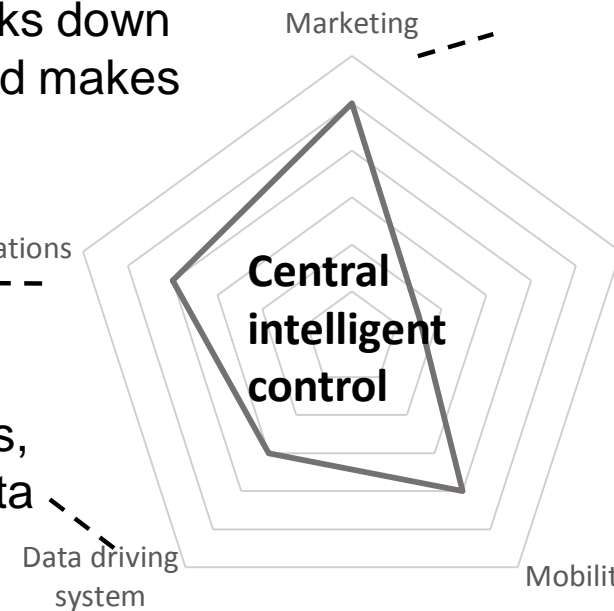
Source : Starbucks annual report, China Cuisine Association, Deloitte analysys

## 1 Target on industry --- Intelligent Management

- a new central digital management system
- keep following up operation management
- centralized deployment

**1. Timely** tracks down the fashion and makes changes

**7. Monitoring** page view, unique visitors, new users data



**2. Precise** marketing on individual's taste

**3. Ads** covering popular social media

**4. Danger** of leak of consumer data

**5. Centralized** deployment can stimulate stock turnover

**6. Nearest** material delivery

## 2 Target on Customers --- Intelligent Interaction

**Build online customer service system** to involve consumers to create new products, more interactions create more **customer loyalty**, thus more future benefits.



# Starbucks' future strategy to set up smart café shops

## 1 Steps: How smart cafe works

Open apps on mobile phones and order online

Enter the smart café to take it

exit the premises via a payment door

system automatically debited his account to conclude payment

## 2 Attractions to the customers

### Customers

- Rigid demand?
- Busy schedule?
- Modern lifestyle?

Y

### Smart cafe

- Combined with modern technology?

N

### Traditional

- Focus on the quality of life?

N

Future trend

Y

Y

N

- More efficiently
- Less waiting time
- Cheaper

Personalized coffee

Counter sale

### Benefit 1:

**Smart café =**

**Faster payment+ less time to wait  
+ DIY my own coffee online**

## 3 Planned location and open time:

- **First-tier cities** --- high standards of consumption
- **Busy CBD center**
- **Commercial building's first floor corner** ---a distance from Starbucks
- **Open round-the-clock**

## 4 Cut down Starbucks' growing administrative expenses

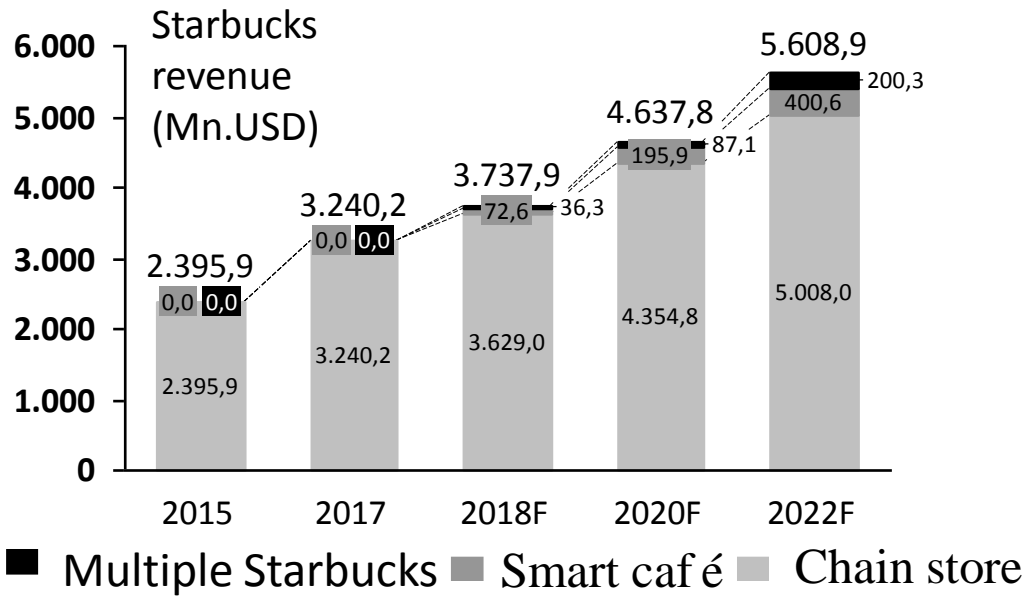
### Benefit 2:

**The smart café needs no staff, which can save the growing cost in labour and enlarge the number of take-out customers(35% now).**



# Revenue Estimation

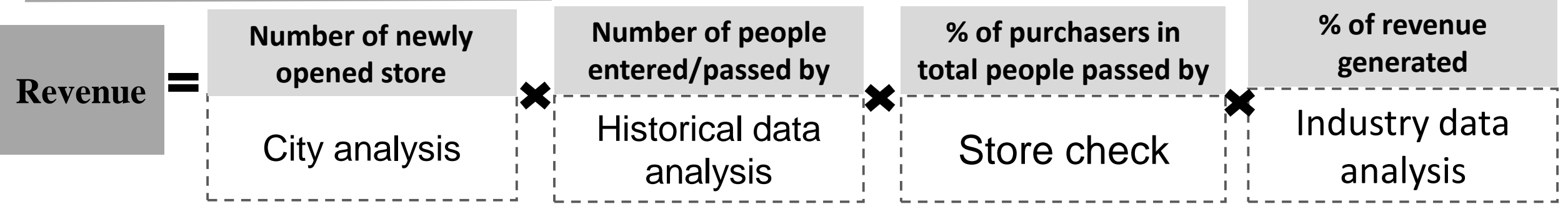
## Starbucks annual revenue estimation



## Key assumption

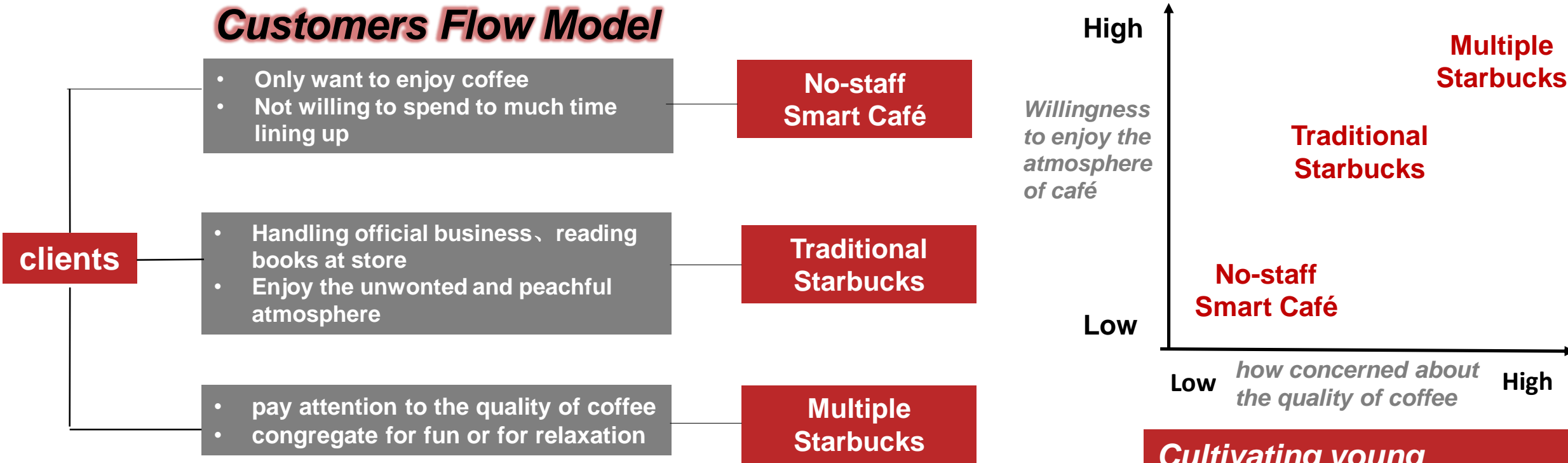
	Chain store	Smart café	Multiple Starbucks
	CAGR	Contribution to total sales:	
Now	35%	0	0
2017-2018F	12%	1%	2%
2018F-2020F	20%	2%	4.5%
2020F-2022F	15%	4%	4%

## Methodology



# Consumption Group Will Further Expand

## Customers Flow Model



	No-staff Smart Café	Multiple Starbucks
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Solving the problem of queuing and increasing ordering efficiency</li><li>✓ Attracting young customers with curiosity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ improving coffee quality and earning reputation</li><li>✓ enhancing the appeal to high-end customers</li></ul>
Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Still queuing while taking the coffee</li><li>✓ Lose some of clients brought by bandwagon effect</li></ul>	

**Cultivating young consumers preference of Starbucks and improving their conversion cost are highly beneficial to the LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT of Starbucks .**

# Timeline

