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Business Challenge

Our fast-casual restaurant chain (25 locations) is struggling with profitability. Food costs have increased by 35%, labor costs are up 28%, and same-store sales have declined by 15%. We're facing intense competition from delivery apps, our average ticket size has decreased, and customer wait times have increased to 12 minutes. Three locations are operating at a loss.

Overview

Agent Analysis

Solutions

Key Insights

Strategic Coordinator Insights

Cost Management

90% confidence

Rising food costs (35%) and labor costs (28%) are significantly impacting profitability. Implementing cost-saving measures, such as optimizing menu offerings, renegotiating supplier contracts, and improving labor productivity, is crucial.

Revenue Growth

85% confidence

Declining same-store sales (15%) and increased competition from delivery apps require a renewed focus on customer experience, menu innovation, and targeted marketing efforts to attract and retain customers.

Operational Efficiency

80% confidence

Long customer wait times (12 minutes) and decreased average ticket size indicate operational inefficiencies. Streamlining processes, investing in technology, and enhancing employee training can help improve efficiency and customer satisfaction.

Market Trends

85% confidence

The quick-serve restaurant sector is expected to grow 7.1% in 2024 (Source: 1. State of the Restaurant Industry Report). The food delivery market has tripled since 2017 and is worth over \$150 billion (Source: 2. Ordering in: The rapid evolution of food delivery).

→ Market Intelligence Analyst Insights

Market Context and Competitive Landscape

80% confidence

The fast-casual restaurant chain is operating in a highly competitive industry with increasing costs and declining same-store sales. The rise of delivery apps has changed customer behavior, with a growing demand for convenience and speed. According to Exploding Topics, some of the top business trends for 2025 and 2026 include Al integration, self-serve experiences, and changing consumer behavior (Source: 1.9 Top Business Trends).

Industry Benchmarks and Best Practices

80% confidence

The quick-serve restaurant sector is expected to reach \$316 billion in 2024, up 7.1% from 2023 (Source: State of the Restaurant Industry Report). To stay competitive, restaurants should focus on improving operational efficiency, investing in technology, and enhancing customer experience. According to McKinsey, food delivery has become a global market worth more than \$150 billion, having more than tripled since 2017 (Source: Ordering in: The rapid evolution of food delivery).

Customer Behavior Insights

80% confidence

Customers are increasingly demanding convenience, speed, and personalized experiences. The rise of delivery apps has led to a decline in average ticket size and increased wait times. According to Google Trends, customers are using digital channels to interact with businesses, including searching for reviews, menus, and promotions (Source: Google Trends).

Market Opportunities and Threats

80% confidence

Opportunities: Investing in technology to improve operational efficiency, enhancing customer experience through self-serve experiences and Al-powered solutions, and expanding delivery services to increase revenue. Threats: Intensifying competition from delivery apps, increasing food and labor costs, and declining same-store sales.

Data Analytics Specialist Insights

Revenue and Profitability

80% confidence

Same-store sales have declined by 15%, while food costs have increased by 35% and labor costs by 28%, significantly impacting profitability.

Operational Efficiency

80% confidence

Customer wait times have increased to 12 minutes, indicating potential inefficiencies in service delivery or kitchen operations.

Market Trends

80% confidence

The quick-serve restaurant sector is expected to grow by 7.1% in 2024 (Source: State of the Restaurant Industry Report, https://business.bofa.com/en-us/content/restaurant-industry-report.html).

Competitive Landscape

80% confidence

Intense competition from delivery apps is affecting average ticket size, which has decreased (Source: Ordering in: The rapid evolution of food delivery, https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/technology-media-and-telecommunications/our-insights/ordering-in-the-rapid-evolution-of-food-delivery).

E-commerce Optimization Expert Insights

Declining same-store sales and increasing competition

85% confidence

The fast-casual restaurant chain is facing intense competition from delivery apps, resulting in a 15% decline in same-store sales. This trend is expected to continue, with the quick-serve restaurant sector projected to reach \$316 billion in 2024, up 7.1% from 2023 (Source: 2. State of the Restaurant Industry Report).

Increasing food and labor costs

85% confidence

Food costs have increased by 35% and labor costs by 28%, further squeezing profitability. This is a common challenge faced by the restaurant industry, with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rising 0.2% in April and 2.3% over the last 12 months (Source: 1. CPI Home).

Poor user experience

85% confidence

Customer wait times have increased to 12 minutes, indicating a poor user experience. This can be addressed through optimization of online ordering and delivery processes, as well as improving in-store efficiency.

Customer Experience Strategist Insights

Long wait times

80% confidence

Customers are experiencing 12-minute wait times, which can lead to frustration and dissatisfaction.

Increased competition

80% confidence

The rise of delivery apps has intensified competition, making it harder for the restaurant chain to retain customers.

Decreased average ticket size

80% confidence

The decrease in average ticket size may indicate that customers are opting for cheaper options or smaller meals.

Food and labor cost increases

80% confidence

The 35% increase in food costs and 28% increase in labor costs are significantly impacting profitability.