



# Analysis and Key Findings

For **B/YTÉ** - A Fashion Retail Brand

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## Company Overview

#### **Customers:**

- Age Large age range, most between 21 and 55
- Region Greater
   Vancouver Area, as store is downtown
- Distribution In person customers only
- Online preference

#### Company:

- Founder Anastasia, A passionate fashion designer, Sauder graduate
- Values Quality, innovation, I &D, accessibility, affordability
- Size Small, one physical store, no online store
- Growth Fast growing, thousands of customers

#### Competition:

- Oucci High quality, luxury brand
- M&H Affordable clothing for high school and university students
- mAritizia High brand recognition, clothing for young women

Company Overview

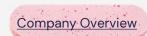








(Strengths)	(Weaknesses)	(Opportunities)	(Threats)
<ul> <li>Unique and authentic highquality designs</li> <li>Community-driven brand</li> <li>Fast-growing Popularity</li> <li>In-person location</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Insufficient marketing efforts</li> <li>Limited online presence</li> <li>Inventory management</li> <li>Inexperienced with website creation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Occupying a different niche in the fashion industry than competitiors</li> <li>Changing consumer buying habits</li> <li>Sustainability trend</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Large competitors with established reputations</li> <li>Fashion industry recession</li> <li>Rise in popularity of second-hand clothing</li> </ul>





### Problem Statement



#### **Lack of Differentation**

- Key selling points and target demographics are unclear
- Need to differentiate in order to improve marketing efforts



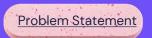
#### **Ineffective Supply Chain Management**

- Inability to meet demand during peak months
- Excess inventory other months



#### **Lack of Fit with Current Digital Trends**

 No online store severely limits B/YTÉ's market share in an increasingly online industry



## Data Cleaning & Analysis

All analysis was conducted in Python with additional functionality from Plotly and Pandas libraries.

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import numpy as np
from scipy import stats



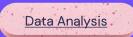
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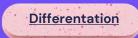
outliers = outliers_removed_df[(df["Sales_Amount"] > sales_mean + 3 * sales_std)]

outliers_removed_df_2 = outliers_removed_df.drop(outliers.index)

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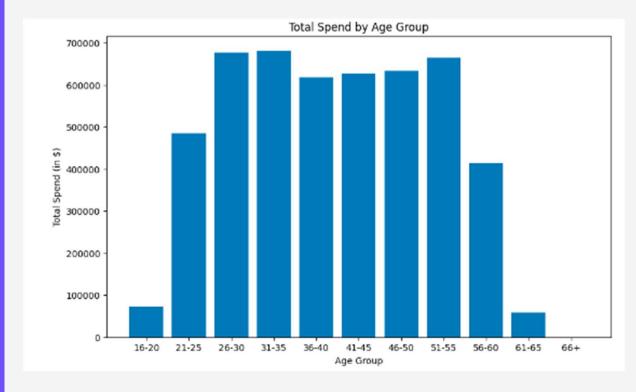
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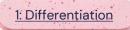
## Problem 1: Differentiation

- A) Target Age
- B) POD Affordability:
  - Claims to balance quality and affordability
    - 10 most popular items range from \$45 to \$152
    - Most expensive items cost upwards of \$300



Total spend and # transactions greatest among ages 26-35

-> Target **\*\*** 



# Solution: Target Age + Focus on Price

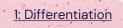


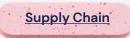
#### 1) Target Ages 26 -35

Competitors targeting young adults (16 – 22) or those opting for a higher price range -> creates a niche

### 2) Lower Prices While Maintaining Profitability

	SKU_Category	Average Price
0	Blazer	73.259268
1	Bomber jacket	117.367562
2	Cargo pants	65.743360
3	Crop Top	109.421522
4	Dress shirt	90.181864
5	Dresses	152.447940
6	Hat	87.027087
7	Hoodie	66.763266
8	Jeans	72.827167
9	Shoes	103.795035
10	Shorts	57.263019
11	Skirt	66.982803
12	Sunglasses	109.476311
13	T-shirt	45.044786
14	Trench coat	100.399814



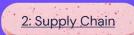


## Problem 2: Supply Chain

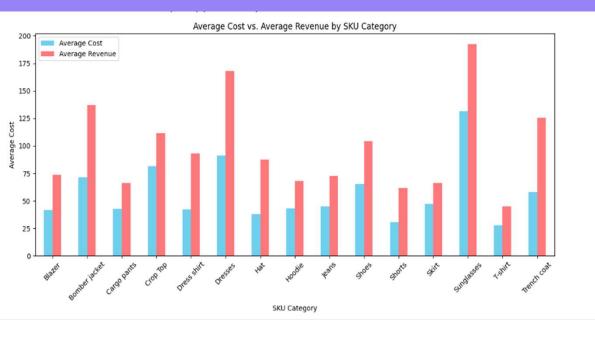
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No obvious seasonal or monthly patterns



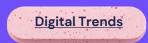
## Solution: Swap to Local Suppliers



#### No Clear Patterns in Time of Purchase...

- Can't predict in advance how much inventory to order!
- Need to be able to add inventory on short notice
  - → Local Supplier
- Added benefit: Increase sustainability
- Added issue: Higher costs
  - → Large profit margin for most categories, don't need to increase prices

2: Supply Chain



## Problem 3: Digital Trends

No online store severely limits B/YTÉ's market share in an increasingly online industry

- Significant increase in online shopping spending compared to prepandemic levels.
- Over eight in ten Canadians shopped online in 2020.

Customers less interested in physical stores due to accessibility and convenience issues. An average month has between 5000 & 6000 transactions.

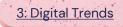
The number of items bought in an average transaction is 2.144.

The average spend in a transaction is \$132.64

How would this change if B/YTÉ had an online store?...







## Solution: BOPIS Model



Online stores generate more transactions, but typically lower spend.

HBR study found that BOPIS customers purchase more expensive items than online customers.

#### **Buy Online, Pick Up In Store**

- Mitigates delivery and storage costs typically expected of an ecommerce model
- Requires online store: additional profit from online purchases will more than cover cost to outsource website (approx. \$3000)

#### **Accessibility**

- Still requires customers to visit physical store...
  - · Curbside pickup for an additional fee
  - Prevents immuno-compromised individuals from having to go in-store

3: Digital Trends



## Summary of Recommendations



Target Age and Focus on Price

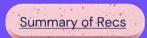
Addresses: Differentiation

**Swap to Local Supplier** 

Addresses: Supply Chain Management

Buy Online, Pick Up In Store

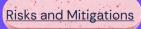
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## Risks and Mitigations



- Mitigation: Stop carrying inventory for expensive products with low margins
- **Risk:** Damaging increase in costs from changing suppliers
  - Mitigation: Carefully selecting a local supplier who can balance quality and costs
- Risk: High costs of online store
  - Mitigation: BOPIS prevents owners from incurring additional shipping & storage costs





### **Timeline**

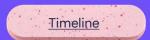


9-10 2023 11-12 2023 1-2 2024 3-4 2024

- End contract with current supplier & select new supplier
- Adjust product and offer a wide range of size options
- Adjust prices to account for affordability & new supplier
- Start regularly posting on social media

- Begin receiving new supply and conduct quality assurance check
- Website development
- Launch targeted online advertising campaign

- Online Store Opens
- Continue to enhance social media engagement
- Evaluate the impact of all implemented strategies on sales and profits



## Weaknesses in differentiation, supply chain, and trend alignment are remedied by changing customer focus, suppliers, and store model

#### **Lack of Differentiation:**

- · No specific age group targeted
  - Ages 26 35 have a total spend upwards of \$600,000 and highest # transactions
- Affordability as a core value
  - Popular item prices of \$45 \$152

#### Supply Chain Weakness:

- Inability to predict demand
  - Number of transactions range from 4,000 to over 6,000 with no clear pattern
- Inefficiency of Global Supplier
  - Delivery and design of clothing takes 2 months

#### **Shift in Digital Trends:**

- Willingness to shop in store
  - 8/10 shopped online 2020
- Cost of online store
  - Web development, shipping, and storage costs

Target Age and Focus on Price

Targeting adults ages 26-35 creates a different core customer base from our competitors, allowing for more effective marketing. Lowering prices will further differentiate us from our customers – balance quality & affordability as per values.

- Ages 26 35
- · New pricing model in line with values
- Effective marketing

2 Swap to Local Supplier Swapping to a local supplier allows for inventory to be ordered on a short notice and connects to core value of sustainability.

- High profit margins by SKU category demonstrate feasibility of price increase
- Already in discussion with many local sustainable suppliers
- Mitigates environmental impact of shipping from Germany

3
Buy Online & Pickup In Store

BOPIS model allows B/YTÉ to meet demand for online store and accessibility needs without incurring significant additional cost.

- Connects to core value of accessibility as it allows customers who can't shop in store to pick up items via curbside delivery
- Still incur web development cost, but does not include shipping and storage costs



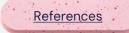




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