

What methods are there to increase Nintendo's global video game sales by +10% in the next 1 years through market prioritization, regional localization, and new product development?

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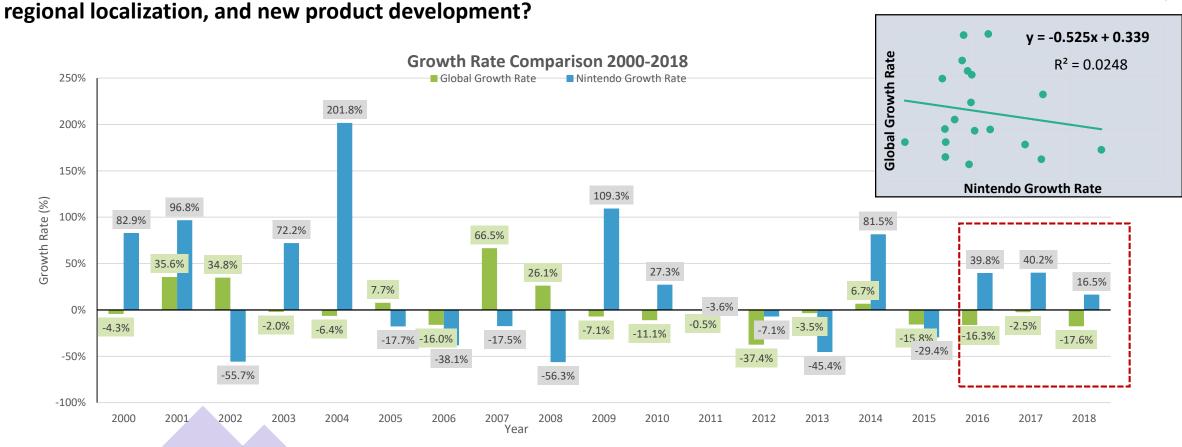
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## **Executive Summary**

The video game industry is a declining market. Despite the decelerated market growth, Nintendo has experienced positive sales growth in the past 3 years. Through the combination of **descriptive and inferential analysis**, we came up with a strategy to increase Nintendo's global video game sales by +10% in the next 1 years through **market prioritization**,



There was a strong negative correlation between global sales growth and Nintendo's sales growth at R=-0.138.

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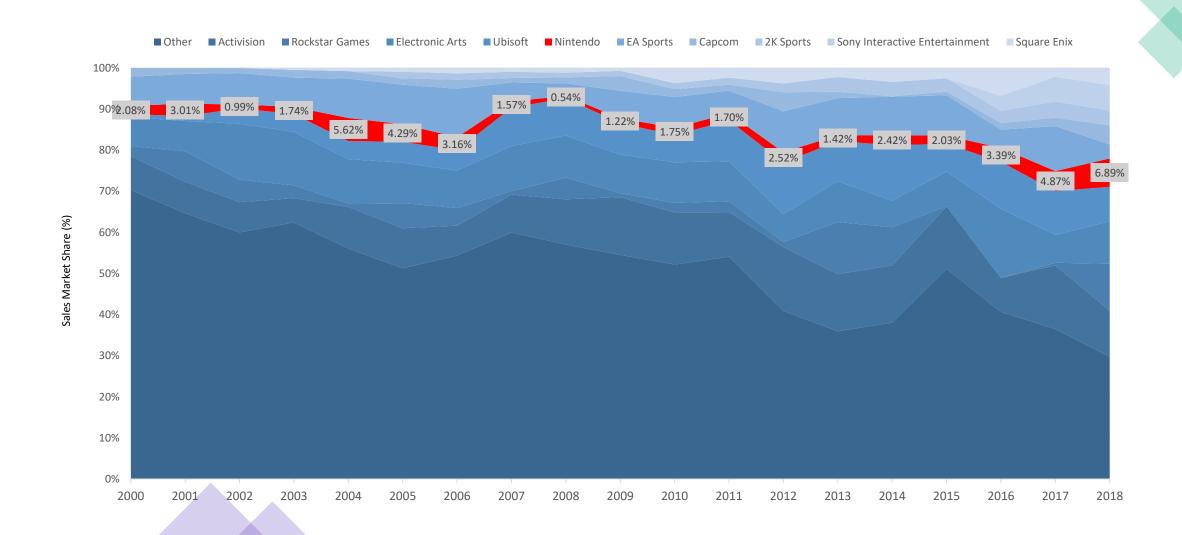
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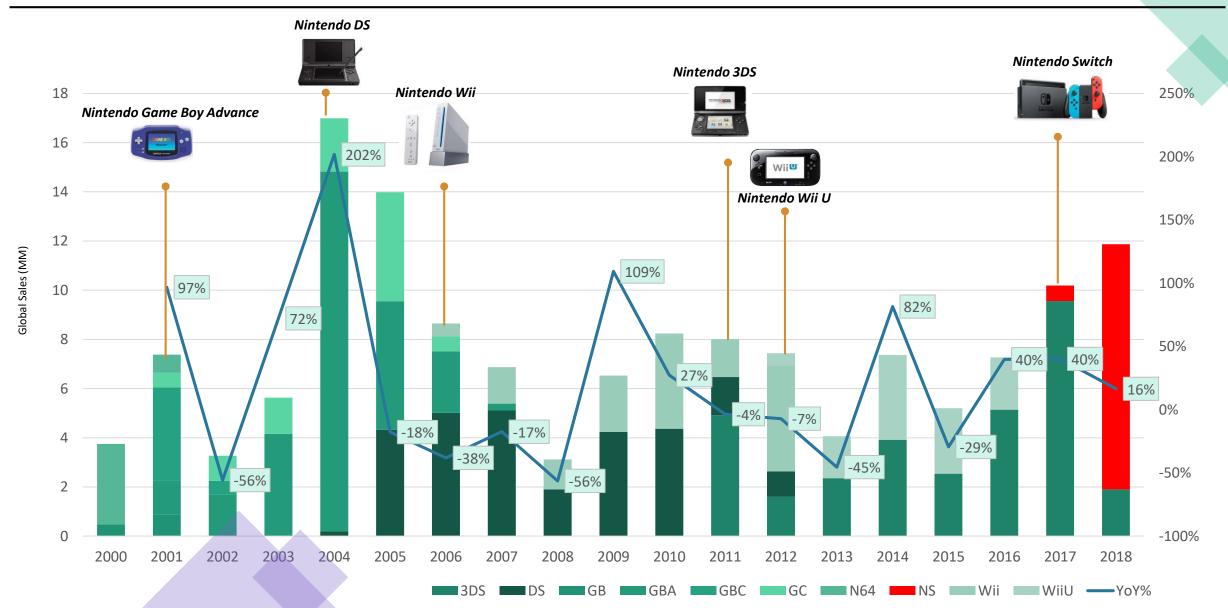




Video game has become a competitive industry with multiple new and existing players. Despite the competitiveness of the industry, Nintendo continues to expand its market share Year-over-year and became the 5<sup>th</sup> largest video game publisher globally in 2018.



Nintendo's product line is focused on home video game consoles. Nintendo started strong in the early 2000's with the Game Boy Advance and has since released innovative products providing a new gaming experience. (ex. motion sensors, internet connectivity, multi-player etc.) The Nintendo Switch was released in 2017, and has been leading the company's growth in the recent years.



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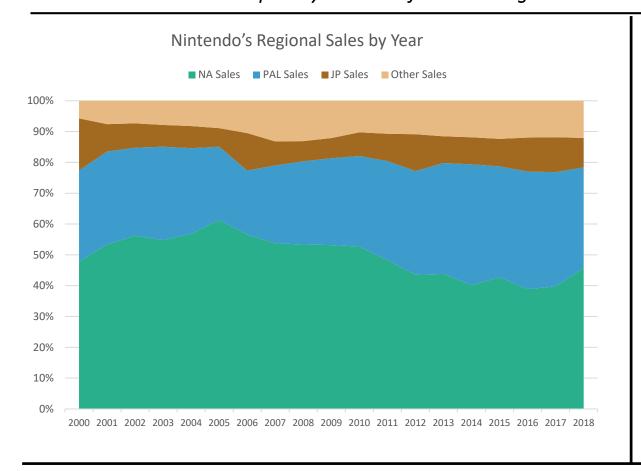
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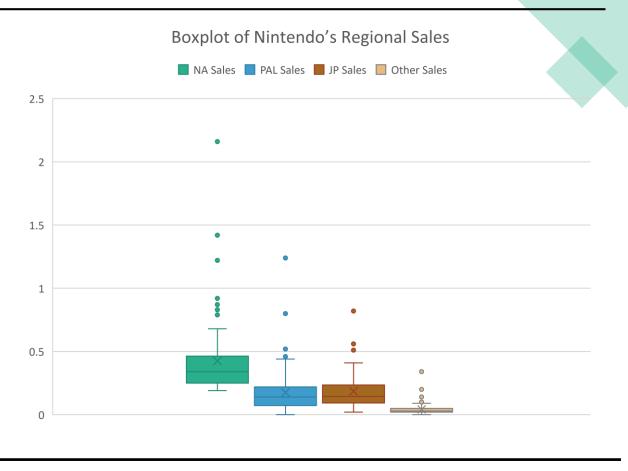
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NA and PAL should be the highest priority market for Nintendo with the largest market size. Although JP and Other generated roughly an equivalent amount in sales, the height of the boxplot suggest that JP shows higher median distribution of sales than Other. Therefore, JP should be Nintendo's next priority market before Other regions.





- NA and PAL is Nintendo's largest market which generated ~80% of Nintendo's sales for the past 18 years.
- JP and Other are Nintendo's smaller markets generating roughly ~20% of the companies sales.

- The boxplot was comparatively lower and shorter in Other sales, suggesting a lower median sales distribution in the dataset.
- NA, PAL, and JP visibly stands out in the boxplot to have higher distribution of sales than Other suggesting higher market prioritization.







Low

**Question Mark Low Market Share and High Market Growth** 

Don't know what to do with opportunities. Decide whether to increase investment.

Growth

Star **High Market Share and High Market Growth** 



Doing Well, great opportunities. Require heavy investment to maintain position.

Dogs Low Market Share and Low Market Growth



Weak in market, difficult to make profit. Product must be repositioned or killed.

Cash Cow

**High Market Share and Low Market Growth** 



Generating high cash in no growth market. **Product that is maturing.** 

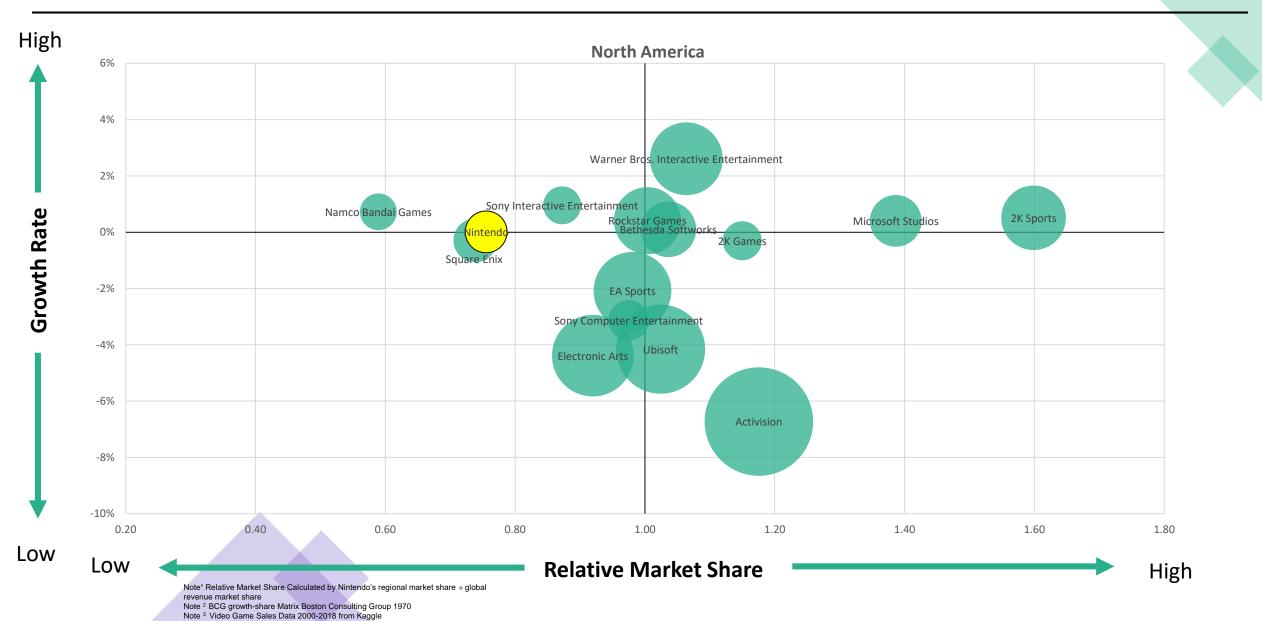
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Relative Market Share

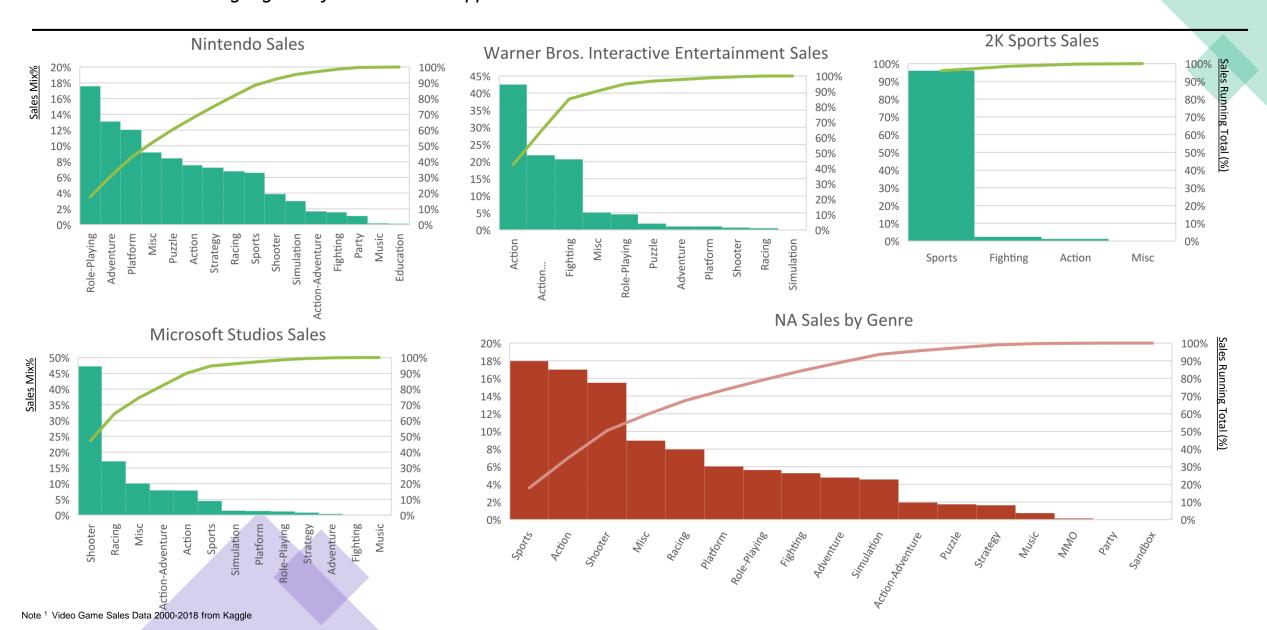
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Maturity

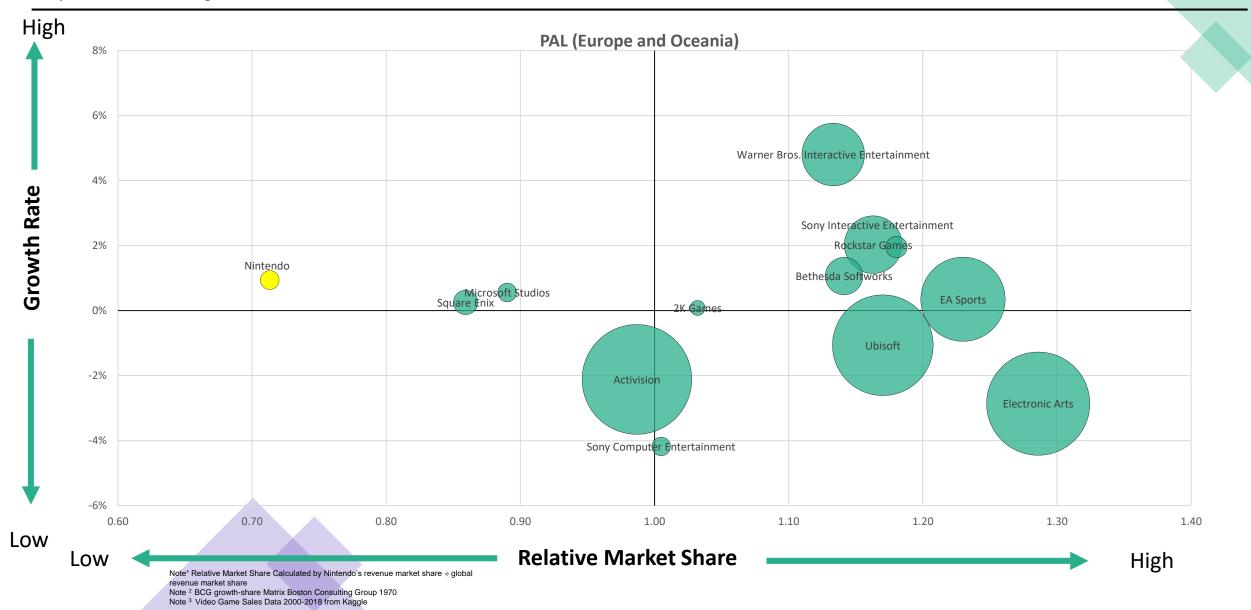
Nintendo is in the <u>Low Market Share - High Growth</u> quadrant in North America. If market growth slows down further, Nintendo is in danger of falling down to Low Market Share and Low Market Growth. Nintendo must stimulate higher growth with investment, either by competing in existing categories, or entering new categories for new customer acquisition to potentially becoming the next "STAR".



There is a large demand for Sports, Action, Shooter in NA and competitors have solidified their position in these genres. However, Nintendo has been competing in the niche genre, Role-Playing, Adventure, and Platform. Nintendo must continue to compete with the long-tail genres as well as branch out into larger genres for new market opportunities.



Nintendo is in the Low Market Share – High Growth quadrant in the PAL Regions. Nintendo is having trouble finding market presence in the PAL regions with big competitors dominating the marketplace. In fact, the top 10 publishers already make up  $^{\sim}70\%$  of video game sales in the PAL regions. Nintendo is currently only  $11^{th}$  in market share. Extensive investment and resources are required to clarify Nintendo's position in PAL regions

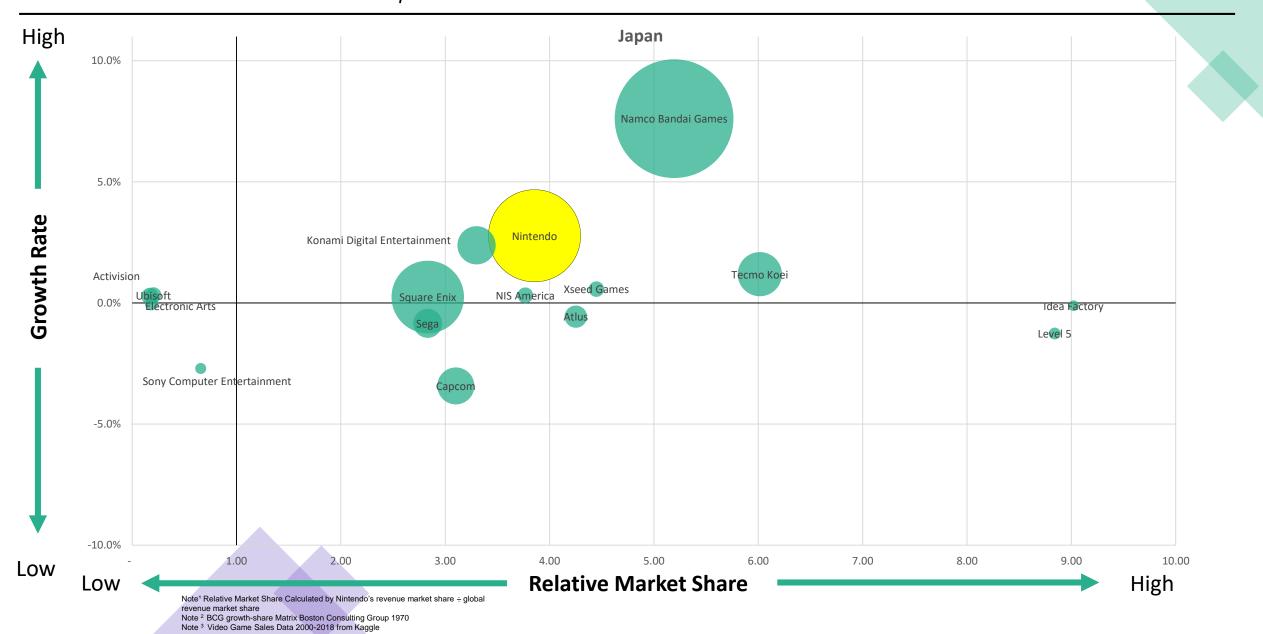


The PAL regions show similar preferences in video game genre to North America. Sports, Shooter, and Action were the top selling genre in the PAL regions, and, major competitors dominated the sales. Nintendo lacks market presence in genres with the highest sales volume. In fact, Nintendo only occupied 1% of sales within the Role-Playing genre. Nintendo should branch out to new genres as well as increase marketing initiatives in the Role-Playing segment to increase competitiveness and market presence in the PAL regions.

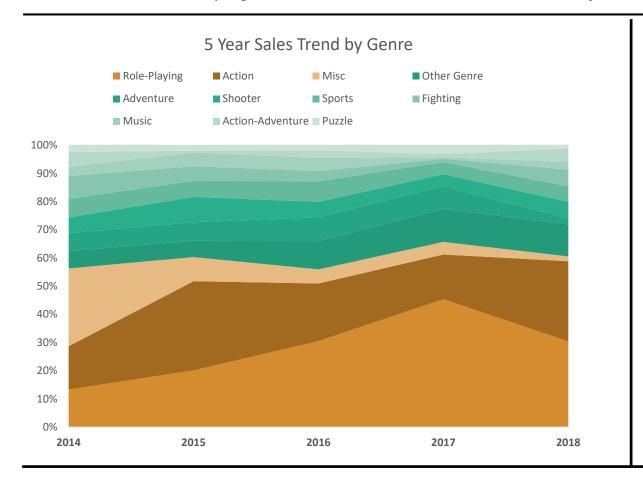




Nintendo is in the <u>High Market Share – High Growth</u> quadrant in Japan. Japan is a unique market different from NA or PAL. Nintendo's market position is already strong being the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest publisher in the country behind Namco Bandai Games. Nintendo requires ongoing investment to sustain market leadership.



Japan is a unique market with differing genre preferences from NA and PAL. Role-Playing, Action, and Misc. were the three highest genres in sales, as opposed to Sports, Action, Shooter in NA and PAL. To maintain ongoing market leadership in Japan, Nintendo must continue to invest in Role Playing and Misc. as well as create new content for Action to retain its customer base and maintain competitiveness.

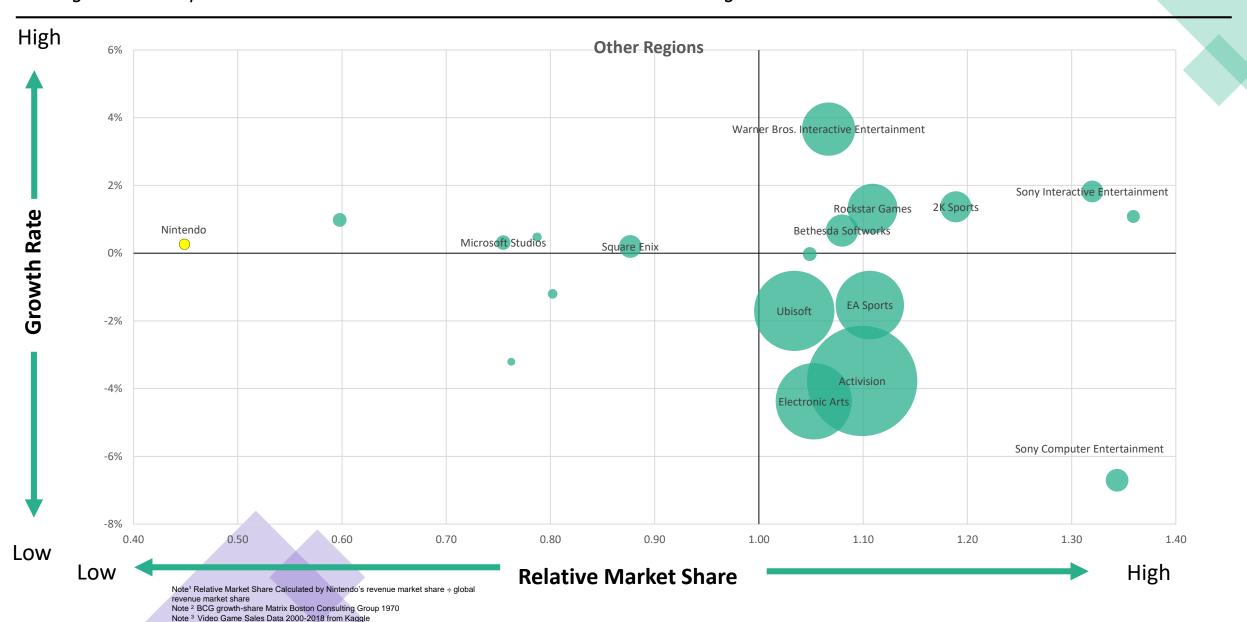




- Role-Playing, Action, and Misc. were the three highest genres in sales generating 50% of sales in JP.
- Misc. sales have significantly decreased by 2018 and is in need for new content.

- Nintendo's Role Playing and Misc. contents are well adapted in JP as Nintendo ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> in highest sales consecutively.
- Nintendo remains weak in the Action genre as multiple competitors lead in sales.

Nintendo is in the <u>Low Market Share – High Growth</u> quadrant in the "Other" Regions. Other Regions include countries with slow sales relative to global sales. Nintendo may continue to compete in this region, however, is less competitive considering its current market size growth-share position. Nintendo should decide to still invest or divest in this region.



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