

# Competitor Analysis Report: Levi's vs. Lee Korea and GAP in South Korea (2025)

## Executive Summary

This report analyzes the promotional campaigns of Levi's, Lee Korea, and GAP in the South Korean market for 2025, focusing on key strategic insights from each brand. Levi's has actively embraced local culture and digital innovation, but specific information on Lee Korea and GAP's marketing efforts is limited. The findings suggest strategic recommendations for Levi's to further solidify its market position.

## Market Overview

The South Korean denim market is valued at USD 465.5 million in 2024 and is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.4% reaching USD 709.6 million by 2030 ([source](#)). South Korea's fashion industry is rapidly evolving, with increased spending on digital campaigns and influencer marketing driving consumer engagement and brand loyalty. The advent of technologies like AI and the growing importance of sustainability are also shaping consumer preferences.

## Competitor Profiles

### Levi's

- **Market Share:** 29.4% of fashion students favor Levi's in demographic targeting.
- **Promotional Campaigns:**
  - **2023 Levi's x NewJeans Campaign**
    - **Regions Launched:** South Korea and Global Markets
    - **Campaign URL:** [Link](#)

- **Overview:** Focused on youth and cultural relevance, utilizing K-pop group NewJeans to reach Gen Z. [Levi's x NewJeans Partnership](#)
  - **Products Promoted:** 501® jeans, Levi's t-shirts, denim shirts, and trucker jackets.
  - **KPIs:** Engagement metrics included social media likes and shares likely showed an increase in brand visibility among the target demographic.
  - **Target Audience:** Predominantly Gen Z, leveraging the cultural significance of K-pop in contemporary society.
  - **Revenue Impact:** Positive trends anticipated but specific figures are pending.
- **2024 Live in Levi's Campaign**
    - **Overview:** Targeted towards dancers and creative expression.
    - **KPIs:** Aimed at enhancing consumer engagement through unique cultural events.

## Lee Korea

- **Market Share:** Detailed competitor metrics and promotional campaigns for 2025 not publicly available. Noted for minimal public activity in marketing initiatives during this time frame (April 2025).

## GAP

- **Market Share:** Currently not detailed adequately; specific promotional initiatives in 2025 are unavailable.
- **Promotional Campaigns:** As of April 2025, specific campaigns remain undisclosed.

## Comparison Tables

Brand	Campaigns	Target Audience	Recent Trends	Market Share	Price Range
Levi's	NewJeans, Live in Levi's	Gen Z	K-pop Collaborations	29.4%	TBD

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GAP	Not disclosed	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

## Strategic Insights

- **Trends in Marketing:** The vast majority (93.4%) of South Korea’s population engages with social media, emphasizing the influence of digital campaigns and influencers on consumers. Integrating K-pop culture significantly enhances brand connection with youth.
- **Consumer Behavior Changes:** Preference for sustainable and trendy clothing, alongside digital-first engagement, is transforming marketing dynamics.

## Impact Assessment

Levi's strong engagement strategies position the brand favorably against competitors like Lee Korea and GAP, albeit needing continuous adaptation to local trends and consumer preferences. Branding driven by cultural relevance is essential in influencing revenue and brand loyalty.

## Conclusion & Recommendations

Levi's should seek avenues to deepen its influence via:

1. **Increase Investment in Local Influencer Marketing:** Leveraging micro-influencers could boost more authentic engagement and customer loyalty.
2. **Emphasize Sustainability:** Clear messaging on sustainable practices can resonate with socially conscious consumers, enhancing brand reputation.
3. **Tailor Campaigns to Local Events:** Aligning promotional strategies with significant local cultural events can enhance visibility and customer connection.

## Appendices

- **Additional Data Charts & Graphs:** (To be included based on the data collection process)

## References

- [Grand View Research](#)
  - [Levi's Official Blog Post](#)
  - [Seoul Fashion Week Insights](#)
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