# Godiva Case: <br> Should Godiva launch a new category? 

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## Chocolate Market Overview

- Market value: $¥ 4 \mathrm{~B}$ (retailer)
- Home consumption*: 234,869 MT (1.84 kg/ capita)
- 2013: negative sales growth in chocolate confectionary
- Volume growth: -4.54\% CAGR
- Value growth: -3.44\% CAGR
- Market expected to shrink in volume (-1.49\%) and value (-1.17\%)
- Japan's aging population and birth rate decline
- longer summers
- higher prices of ingredients commodities such as cocoa
- Chocolate confectionary => store-based retail
- Supermarkets/hypermarkets: 34.9\% (based on retail value)
- Traditional grocery retailers: 13.83\%
- CVS: 19.58\%
- Major competitors: Meiji (17.8\%), Lotte (13.41\%), Morinaga (11.79\%), Nestle (Kit Kat) (4.78\%)
- Meiji: leading company
- 2013: products targeting adults (i.e. Kyo Mocha Chocolate)
- 2013: 50th anniversary of Ghana
- Milkier and richer taste + simpler packaging
- Introduction of seasonal Ghana Marriage: bi-layer chocolate (milk chocolate + flavored chocolate)


## Customer Segment

## Persona 1: Shoko <br> - young professional in

 late 20s- fast-paced work day
- eats chocolate when feeling tired or stressed at work
- channels: CVS, train station
- decision made on-the-spot

Persona 2: Mariko

- office lady in mid 30s
- relaxed working environment
- eats chocolate during afternoon break
- channels: CVS, grocery stores or supermarket
- some considerations of alternatives when purchasing

Persona 3: Fumiko

- housewife in late 40s
- buys chocolate to eat when relaxing at home or for children
- channels: grocery stores or supermarket
- careful comparisons with similar product before making purchase decision


## Segment Evaluation

| Persona | Age | Size | Avg Annual Income | Avg Monthly Spending | Highest Price Willing to Pay | Frequency |  |
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| Shoko | $\begin{aligned} & \text { late 20s } \\ & (20-29) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6,386,000 \\ & (5.02 \%) \end{aligned}$ | 2,580,000 | 2618 | 340/unit | Everyday: 6.7\% <br> 3-5x/wk: 13.2\% <br> 1-2x/wk: 22.8\% | 42.7\% |
| Mariko | $\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{mid} 30 \mathrm{~s} \\ & (30-39) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,224,000 \\ & (6.46 \%) \end{aligned}$ | 2,945,000 | 2982 | 350/unit | Everyday: 2.7\% <br> 3-5x/wk: 9.3\% <br> 1-2x/wk: 28.7\% | 40.7\% |
| Fumiko | $\begin{aligned} & \text { late 40s } \\ & (40-49) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,957,000 \\ & (7.04 \%) \end{aligned}$ | 2,845,000 | 3039 | 328/unit | Everyday: 3\% 3-5x/wk: 6.6\% 1-2x/wk: 15.7\% | 25.3\% |
| Currency $=$ Yen <br> Sources: Japan Statistics Bureau, National Tax Agency, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, VLC, Dentsu |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Forecasting Demand

- Target segment (20-39, working females):
- Population (20s) $=6,386,000 \times 80 \%=5,108,800$
- Population (30s) $=8,224,000 \times 70 \%=5,756,800$
- 40\% purchase at least once/wk from CVS
- 10,865,600 x $40 \% \times 4=17,384,960$ units $/ \mathrm{mon}$.
- 25\% purchase at least once/mon. from CVS
- $10,865,600 \times 25 \%=2,716,400$ units $/ \mathrm{mon}$.
- Of which, $41 \%$ is chocolate
- $20,101,360 \times 41 \%=8,241,558$ units of chocolate $/ \mathrm{mon}$.
- Total est. demand of approx. 800 million yen per month (assuming 100 gram per unit charged at 100 yen)




## Marketing Mix

## Product

- Satisfies the desire to occasionally indulge in some quality chocolate snacks as a break away from work
- Projects an image of stylish luxuriousness
- Variety (shape,colors and taste)
- Instantly recognizable packaging

Price

- Above most confectionaries= keep the luxury image of Godiva
- Below 510 as it would be beyond the estimated possibilities


## Place

- Convenience stores (7-Eleven, Lawson, Family mart, Sunkiss) raise awareness and generate interest for the product (LINE and Facebook)
- In-store advertising
- Stands in train stations=> introducing the product
- On-pack promotion (i.e. chance to win a million yen)
- Godiva stores in train stations
- Supermarkets/grocery stores


## Financial Projections

Conservative

- Price point:
- 338 per unit
- Demand:
- 28.6\% willing to pay 301-500 yen
$10,865,600 \times 28.6 \% \times 338$
$1,050,355,820$ yen per month

Optimistic

- Price point:
- 510 per unit
- Demand:
- total of 49,323 CVS in Japan
$49,323 \times 2 \times 510 \times 30$
$1,509,283,800$ yen per month


## Risks and Uncertainties

Internal

- Supply chain
- Personnel training
- Top management
- Premium value delivery

External

- Rising cocoa and sugar prices
- Local competitors premiumizing
- Aging population
- Longer summers


## Implementation

- Introduce the product in CVS first before expanding to other channels
- Monitor sales and customer feedback
- Modify product to better accommodate customer needs
- Expand to other locations


# Thank you for your time 

Any Questions?

