Godiva Case:

Should Godiva launch a new category?

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Chocolate Market Overview

- Market value: ¥ 4B (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

Sources: Chocolate and Cocoa Association of Japan, International Markets Bureau, "Consumer Trends: Confectionery in Japan", Euromonitor

- Chocolate confectionary => store-based retail
 - Supermarkets/hypermarkets: 34.9% (based on retail value)
 - Traditional grocery retailers: 13.83%
 - o 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)

Sources: MacroMill, ZDNet Japan

Customer Segment

Persona 1: Shoko

- young professional in late 20s
- fast-paced work day
- eats chocolate when feeling tired or stressed at work
- channels: CVS, train station
- decision made onthe-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

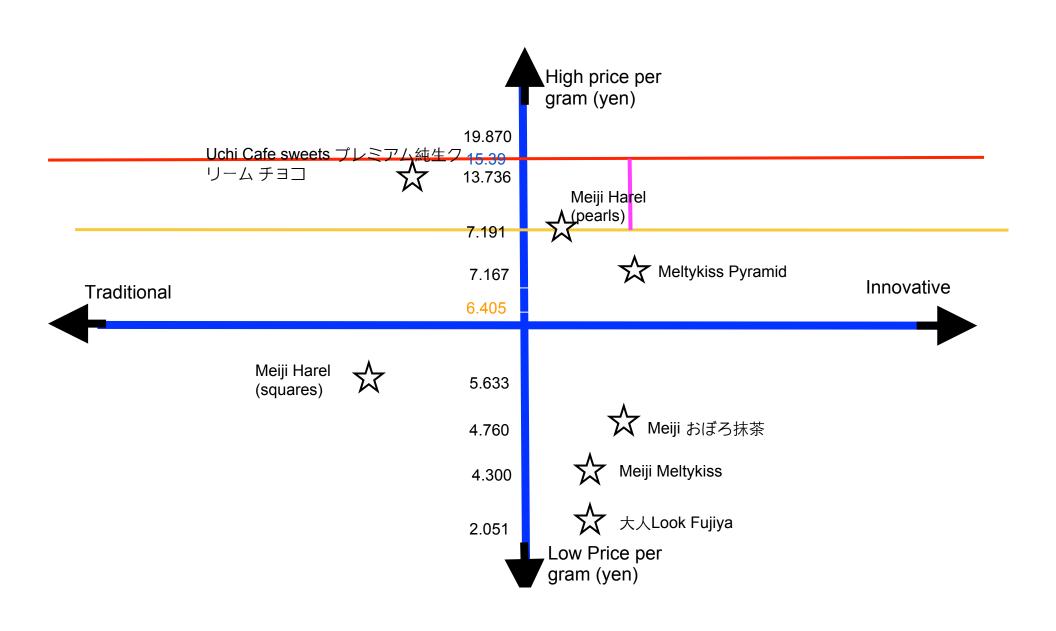
Persona	Age	Size	Avg Annual Income	Avg Monthly Spending	Highest Price Willing to Pay	Frequency	
Shoko	late 20s (20-29)	6,386,000 (5.02%)	2,580,000	2618	340/unit	Everyday: 6.7% 3-5x/wk: 13.2% 1-2x/wk: 22.8%	42.7%
Mariko	mid 30s (30-39)	8,224,000 (6.46%)	2,945,000	2982	350/unit	Everyday: 2.7% 3-5x/wk: 9.3% 1-2x/wk: 28.7%	40.7%
Fumiko	late 40s (40-49)	8,957,000 (7.04%)	2,845,000	3039	328/unit	Everyday: 3% 3-5x/wk: 6.6% 1-2x/wk: 15.7%	25.3%

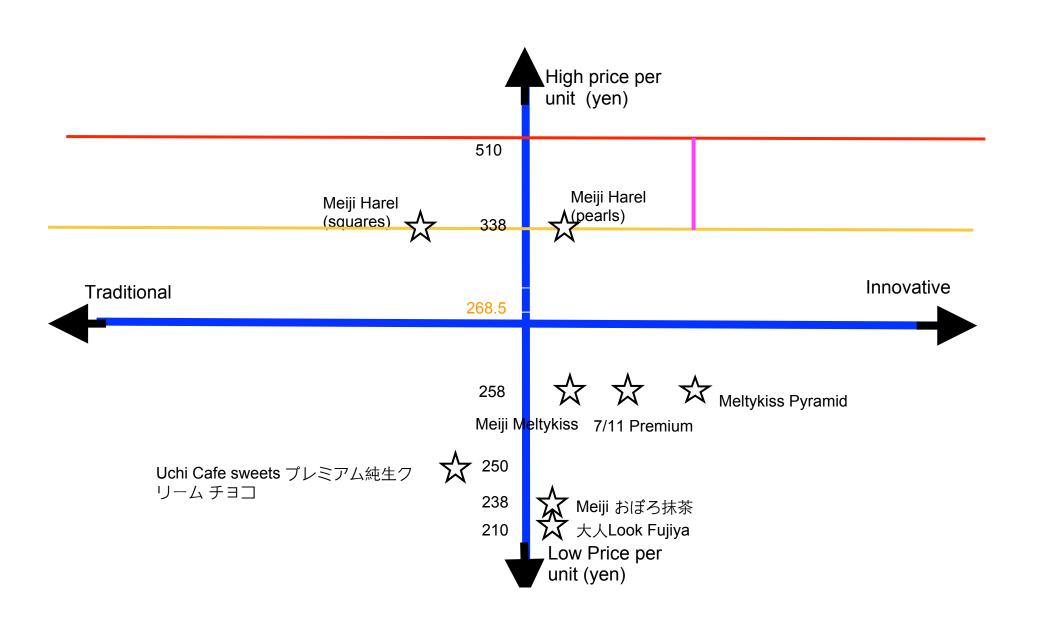
Currency = Yen

Sources: Japan Statistics Bureau, National Tax Agency, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, VLC, Dentsu

Forecasting Demand

- Target segment (20-39, working females):
 - \circ Population (20s) = 6,386,000 x 80% = 5,108,800
 - \circ Population (30s) = 8,224,000 x 70% = 5,756,800
 - 40% purchase at least once/wk from CVS
 - $10,865,600 \times 40\% \times 4 = 17,384,960 \text{ units/mon.}$
 - 25% purchase at least once/mon. from CVS
 - $10,865,600 \times 25\% = 2,716,400 \text{ units/mon.}$
 - Of which, 41% is chocolate
 - 20,101,360 x 41% = 8,241,558 units of chocolate/mon.
 - O 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

Promotion

- Advertising: social media campaigns to 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)

Place

- Convenience stores (7-Eleven, Lawson, Family mart, Sunkiss)
- Godiva stores in train stations
- Supermarkets/grocery stores

Financial Projections

Conservative

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

Optimistic

- Price point:
 - o 510 per unit
- Demand:
 - total of 49,323 CVSin Japan

49,323 x 2 x 510 x 30 1,509,283,800 yen per month

Sources: Japan Franchise Association, VLC Co. Ltd.

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?