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## **EasyGroup**

- Founded by Mr Stelios
- Licensing the easy-branded
- Invest in potential easy-branded business
- Participate in start-up operations

### **SB**Us



(easyCar, 2015)



(easyHotel, 2015)





#### **Vision**

"To develop Europe's leading value brand into a global force."

#### **Mission**

"By managing and expanding Europe's leading value brand to more products and services, while creating wealth for all stakeholders."

(easyGroup, 2015)

# Cultural Analysis Value

#### **OUR VALUES**

**Safety:** We never compromise on safety

**Simplicity:** We cut out the things that don't

matter to keep us lean and make it

easy

One team: Together we'll always find a way

**Integrity:** We stand by our word and do what

we say

Passion: We have a passion for our

customers, our people and the work

we do

**Pioneering:** We challenge to find new ways to

make travel easy and affordable

Human Factors Monitoring Programme (easyJet, 2015)

No meals or drinks included Direct distribution channel (Aladari and Fagan, 2005)

"easyJet people are passionate about working as one team" (Mccall, 2015) Development of Ecojet (easyJet, 2015)

Orange Spirit Award (easyJet, 2015)

Customer satisfaction survey (easyJet, 2015)

# INTRODUCTION All easyJet employees

#### **Belief**

Female
Male

Open culture

Effective communications

Diversity

#### **Behaviour**

Simplicity

#### **Paradigm**

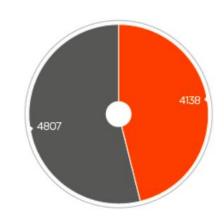
Safety first

See from customers' point of view

A big smile

Make it easy

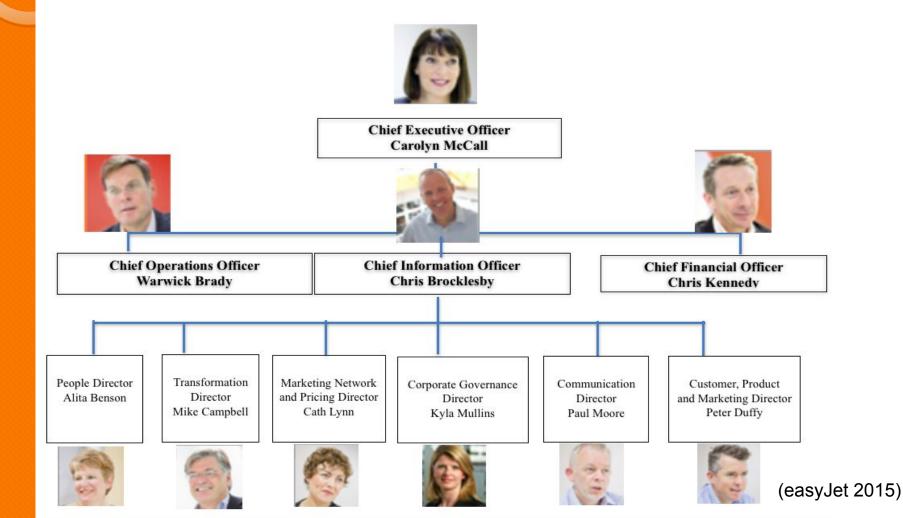
Open and upfront



(easyJet 2015)



# **Strategic Purpose**The Governance Chain - Organizational Chart



### **Strategic Purpose**

Social Responsibility - Triple Bottom Line

- Donation to UNICEF
- Minimize environmental impacts gas emission reduction
- Response to customer demands

#### **Strategic Drift - easyJet History**

1995 by Sir Stelios Haji-loannou and started first flights between Luton and Scotland.

1996 operated its first wholly owned aircraft and started first European route to Amsterdam then to Barcelona and Nice.

1997 opened a new UK base at Liverpool.

1998 ordered 15 new Boeing 737-700 aircrafts and launched its online bookings.

1999 the very first screening of ITV's fly-on-the -wall documentary 'Airline,' which brought the airline's operations to millions of UK viewers every week.

2000 easyJet's flotation on the London Stock exchange at an offer price of 310p, valuing the Company at £777m. Shortly after, easyJet joins the FTSE 250 list of companies.

2001 London Gatwick became easyJet's fifth base.

### Strategic Drift - easyJet History

2002 Sir Stelios Haji-loannou stand down as Chairman but was maintaining as a shareholder. easyJet merged with low cost airline "Go" (which had originally been set up by British Airways) to create Europe's number one air transport network.

2004 easyJet became the first airline to take advantage of the newly-enlarged European Union by starting flights to Hungary and Slovenia.

2005 easyJet took delivery of its 100th aircraft.

2007 new headquarters opened at London Luton Airport.

2008 the airline completed its acquisition of GB Airways, a London Gatwick-based airline operating to destinations across Southern Europe and North Africa.

## Aim & Objectives of Research

- To analyse the various approaches to strategic planning and activities of easyJet.
- To examine the external environment by using PESTEL Analysis.
- To analyze the company's attractiveness for investment by using Porter's
   5 Forces.
- To identify how Easyjet reached competitive advantage by using strategic capabilities, SWOT and TOWS Matrix.
- ...and to propose recommendation by summing up all the results.

**POLICITCAL** 

APD (Air Passenger Duty Tax)

Terrorism

(Milmo 2011) (Myers 2014)

**ECONOMICAL** 

· Inflation and oil price

Euro turns weaker

(4-traders 2014) (EU Business 2015)

SOCIAL

Preference into cheap airfare

Transportation lifestyle

(Eurocontrol 2015)

**TECHNOLOGICAL** 

Cellular utilization

Networking development

(TMI 2015) (Digital strategy consulting project 2015)

**ENVIRONMENTAL** 

Reduce carbon emission

· Ulilization of ecological products

#### **Political**

Air Passenger Duty Tax (APD)

Facts: The rise of APD reduced considerable number of UK airline passengers and shortage the tourist income (Milmo 2011).

Action: Taxation per-plane were not allowed, it had to be splitted into four bands (Milmo 2011).

Terrorism

Facts: Threat of bomb easyJet and British Airways flight (Myers 2014)

Action: Cooperation with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO)

#### **Economical**

Euro

Facts: it turns weaker and boosts easyJet earnings (EU Business 2015).

Actions: Enforcement operations for big potential amount of customer from 2015.

Inflation and Oil prices

Facts: Rise of oil prices due to inflation (4-traders 2014).

Actions: "We have bought 78% of our fuel until the end of September 2015 and 52% for the following 12 months so oil price fluctuations don't have an effect on that proportion of fuel." (4-traders 2014).

#### Social

• Preference into cheap price

Facts: Business and leisure travellers have growing demand in cheap air travel (Eurocontrol 2015)

Actions: To respond the market demand of travellers, EasyJet targets on both business and leisure passengers.

Lifestyle

Facts: Customers lifestyle will decide if the customer will travel by plane, coach, train.

Actions: It can affect all the strategy of the company, if the customer decides go by another way of transportation.

## **Technological**

Cellular utilisation

Facts: Mobile booking is becoming more essential (Travel Management Institution 2015).

Actions: "EasyJet application" for smartphone bookings service.

Development of networking

Facts: Customers purchase the products or services after receiving the advertisement email (Digital strategy consulting project 2015).

Actions: EasyJet will send the same email to every European customers on every Friday with different languages.

#### **Environmental**

Reduce carbon emission

Facts: Reduce the emission of carbon of 20% by 2020.

Actions: EasyJet follows the rules for the environmental regulation and they introduced a program called Carbon Emission.

Utilisation of ecological products

Facts: Recycling the edible products and pet bottles.

Actions: EasyJet recycles all type of waste what is possible to reduce the pollution.

### Legal

Tax Duty

Facts: UK government implemented Fiscal policy to increase tax duties.

Actions: EasyJet suffers from a significant decrease in profit in 2007 after the implementation of Fiscal policy (EasyJet Plc Annual report 2007)

Environmental preservation

Facts: United Nation certified emission reduction project.

Actions: easyJet has invested in installation of new lightweight seats, sharklets to increase fuel efficiency.

#### +Strict environmental regulation

#### Scenarios

Investment in environmental protection.

Ecological reputation gaining.

Sustainable development which is trendy in business is allowed.

Investing in new technology

New energy needed, ecoJet-nuclear.

Sustainability training needed.

Rise of airfare.

-Low oi⊢ price

Open more flight destinations.

Offer more short airways

Lower price and more promotions

Lack of environmental perceptions.

More long airway offers.

+High oil price

Cheap energy is used.

Highly cause pollution.

-Lenient environmental regulation

# ANALYSIS PESTEL Scenarios

Strict envirionmental regulations (+)

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Rise of airfare.

Low oil price (-)

High oil price (+)

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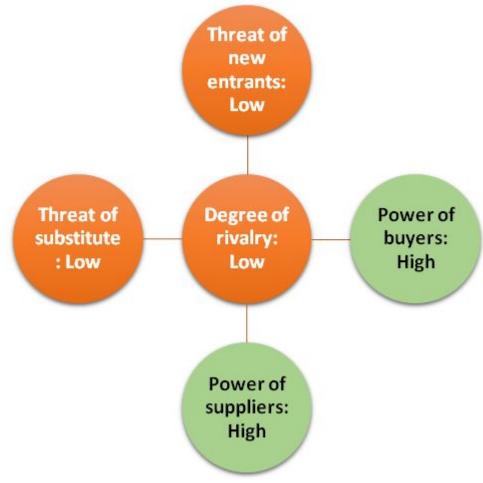
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Lenient envirionmental regulations (-)



Attractive for investment activities!

#### Threat of new entrants: Low

#### **Reasons:**

- Strict entry regulation (CAA 2015)
- Diseconomies of scale (Hurdle et al. 1989)
- Weak distribution channel (Kangis and Reilly 1998)

#### **Barriers:**

- Economies of scale (Hurdle et al. 1989)
- Strong reputation and history (Carolyn McCall 2010)
- Mature pricing strategy system (Carolyn McCall 2012)

#### The Power of Buyers: High

#### **Reasons:**

Customer demands

#### **Barriers:**

- Differentiation
- Lock-In of added service/product
- Contracts (Siebert 2012 and Taylor 2014)

#### The Power of Suppliers: High

#### Reason:

 Economical power (Clarke and Chen 2007)

#### **Barriers:**

- Backward vertical integration (AJW Group 2015)
- Investment in new resources
   (Dugdale 2007)
- Patents

Threat of substitute: Low

#### Reason:

Alternative Transport

#### **Barriers:**

- Natural Disaster
- Expensive substitute product
- Inferior quality substitute product

**Degree of Rivalry: Low** 

#### Reason:

Low competition

#### **Barriers:**

- High market growth
- Strong brand identity
- High cost values in aviation industry

# Strategic Capabilities

	Resources	Competences
	High possession of over 200 aircrafts	To meet the high customers demand with 700 routes (EasyJet 2015)
Threshold capabilities	Large quantity of customers from 32 countries	To ensure great contribution in market share and maintain competitiveness in low fares airlines industry.
	Mature reservation online system	To provide the public with direct reservation channel to eliminate transaction charges from travel agents.  (EasyJet 2013)
	Authorised landing Permission	To ensure landing permission in 32 countries and 24 bases across Europe.  (EasyJet 2015)
	Favourable Headquarters Location at London Luton	To provide business and leisure travellers with great range of destinations and extensive connections.
Unique capabilities for competitive advantage	Excellent pricing strategy development	To provide customers with depressed low fares price by utilizing the aircraft and services.
	Well trained, qualified and loyal employees	To ensure the consistency of reliability and safety air travel experience of the customers.  (EasyJet 2015)
	Strong organizational structure and culture	To act as a strong and fundamental operational basis for the future development of the company.

# SWOT Analysis

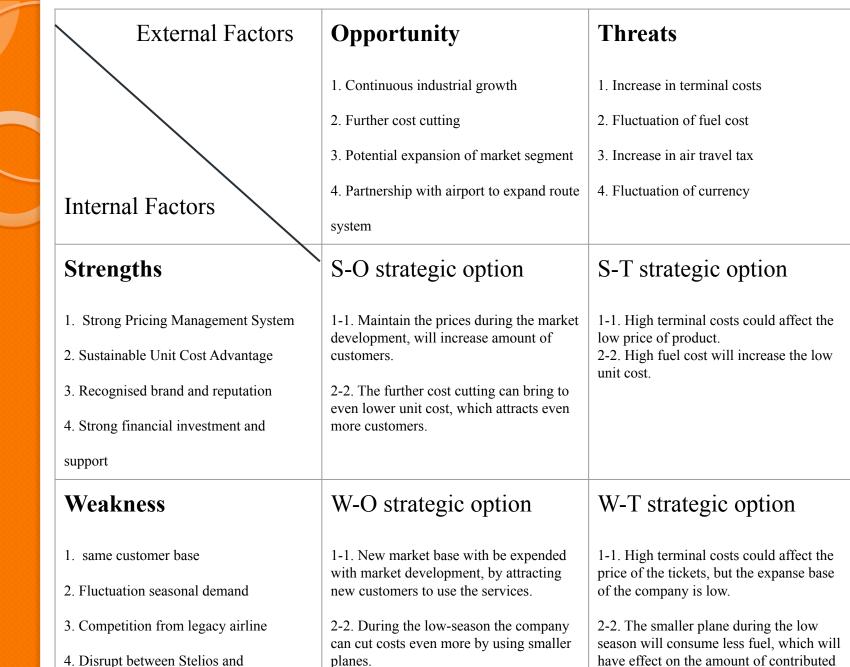
#### **Internal Environment**

	Strengths	Weaknesses
•	Strong Pricing Management System	Share same customer base with other
•	Sustainable Unit Cost Advantage	low cost airlines
•	Recognised Brand and Reputation	Competition from legacy airlines
•	Strong Financial investment and	Fluctuated seasonal demand
	support	Disrupt between Stelios and
		management team
	(CAPA 2013)	(Buesinessteacher 2015)

# **SWOT** Analysis

#### **External Environment**

Opportunities	Threats
Continuous industry growth	Increase in terminal costs
Further cost cutting	• Fluctuation of fuel cost
Potential expansion of market	• Increase in air travel tax
segment	Fluctuation of currency
Partnership with airport to expend	
route system	



management team

fuel so high price for it will not affect the

budget.

### Conclusion

- Significant Amount of SBU's
- Smart Marketing and Low-cost Pricing
- PESTEL Analysis (low oil price going with strict environmental regulations)
- SWOT analysis (strategic capabilities, numerous advantages comparing to competition)
- Triple Bottom Line (sustainable development in long-term period)

### Recommendation

- Investment in new technologies
- Improve strategy
- Improve the SBU's
- Enter new market (competition low)
- Different brand

# Questions and Answers





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