

Debenhams plc

International Strategy & Introduction to Magasin du Nord

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Today's Programme

08:00	Presentations
09:15	Depart hotel for Kongens Nytorv store
09:30	Visit to Kongens Nytorv store
11:30	Free time to visit other city centre retailers
12:30	Lunch at hotel
13:15	Depart hotel for Field's store
14:00	Visit to Field's store
16:00	Depart for airport

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Debenhams International Strategy

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Strategy

Emerging or distant markets Franchise or JV model

W. European markets Potential for owned/JV or

franchise model

Brand exports Principles, Designers at

Debenhams

Multi-channel Extending our reach

internationally

Extending brand awareness

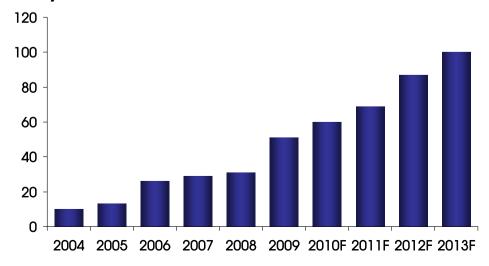
Potential for sub-brands

International Franchise Stores

60 stores in 23 countries by end of FY 10.....



....and 100 stores by end of FY 13



Why Magasin?

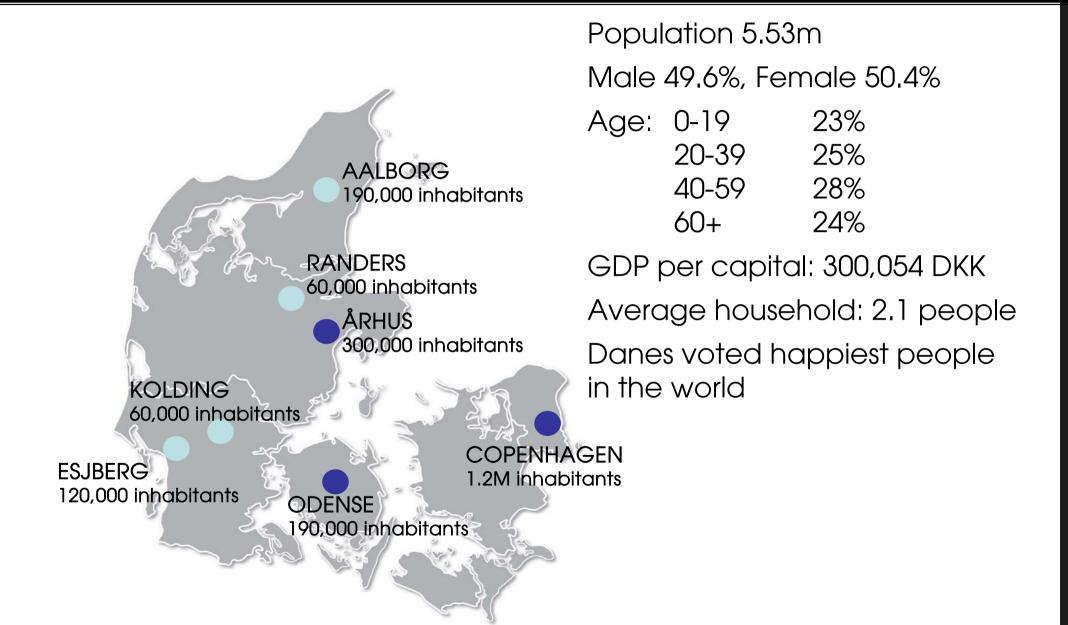
- Iconic Danish retail brand
- Low cost, low risk acquisition
- Previous sales experience in Denmark through franchise store
- English widely spoken
- Can be serviced from UK distribution network
- Well-invested stores
- Creates a platform and business model for further expansion of internationally owned assets
- Gross capital investment £10m
- Annual turnover c£185m

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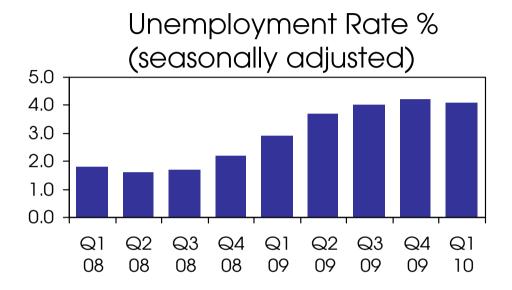
Denmark



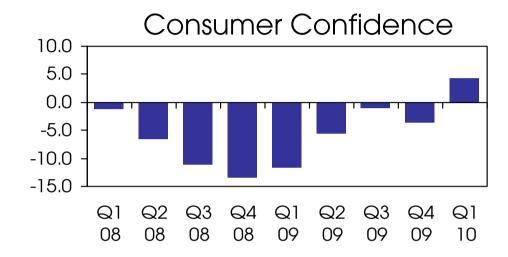
Danish Economic Environment

- Tax cuts implemented in 2009 have resulted in higher net income for consumers
- Low interest rates (discount rate 0.75%)
- Low unemployment (4.1%)
- Low inflation (2.2%)
- Signs of increased consumer confidence
- Recession ended in Q3 2009
- High household leverage
- Government spending to exceed 1 trillion DKK in 2010

Data Points







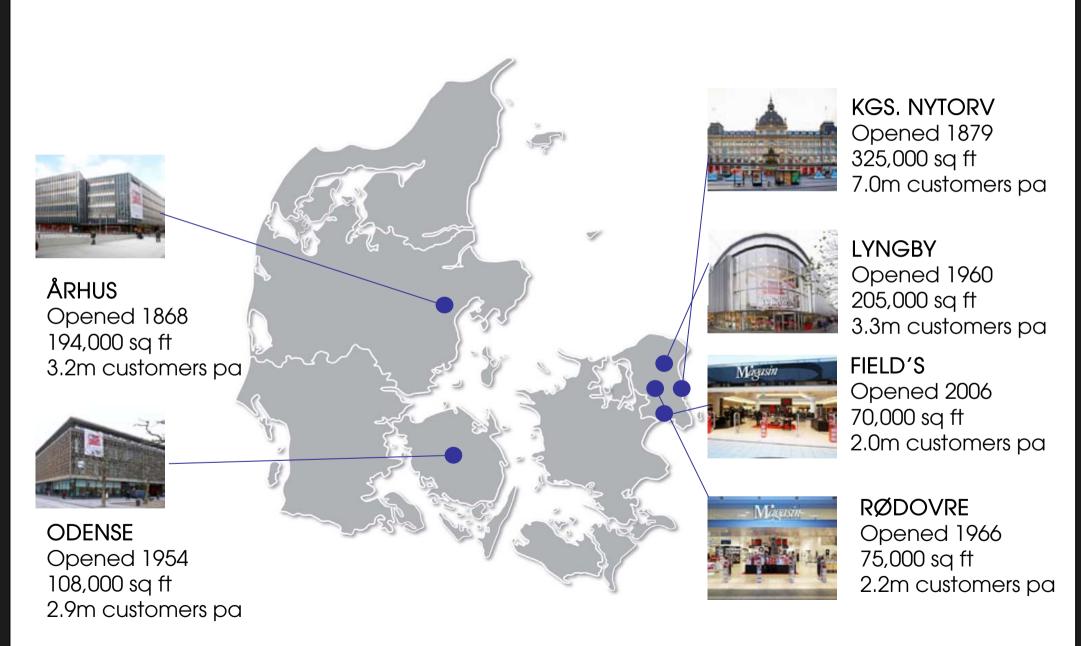


Magasin History

"An iconic brand in Denmark for nearly 150 years."

1868	Magasin founders Theodor Wessel and Emil Vett open a textile store in Århus
1870	First store opened in Copenhagen
1909	Magasin has more than 100 stores and 10,000 employees
1932	Magasin store portfolio peaks with 170 sales outlets
1952	Magasin changes strategy from many small speciality shops to the Magasin department stores we know today. Company listed on stock exchange
2004	Acquired by Baugur
2008	Acquired by Icelandic bank Straumur
2009	Acquired by Debenhams

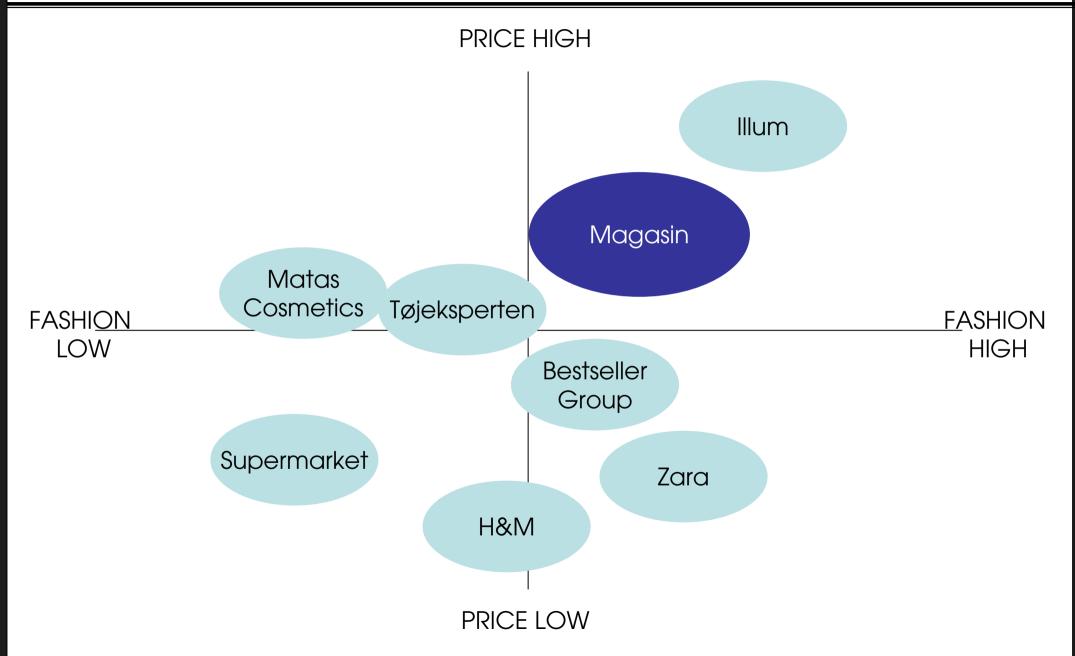
Magasin Stores



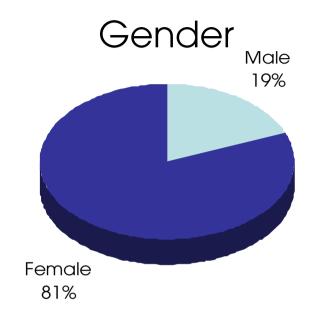
Competitive Landscape

- Historically have been many small independent retailers, dominated by local brands
- Largest clothing retailers are IC Companys and Bestseller
- Now more international brands (e.g. H&M, Zara, Next, Topshop, Foot Locker)
- Beginning to see consolidation towards large, multinationals
- Very little department store competition
 - Illum: one store in Copenhagen
 - Salling: one store in Aalborg

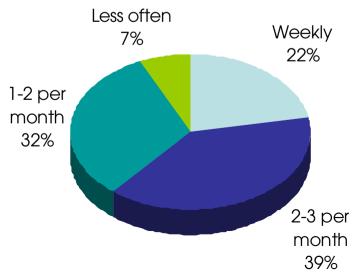
Brand Positioning

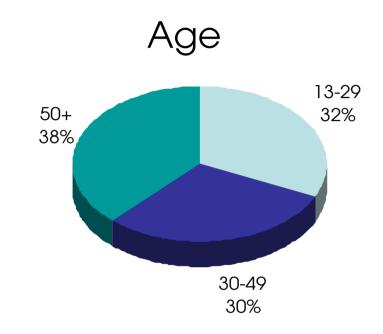


Customer Profile

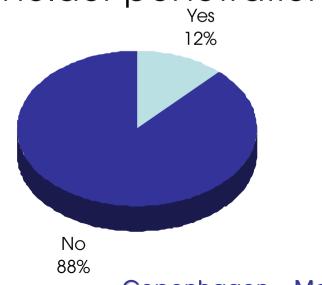


Frequency of visits



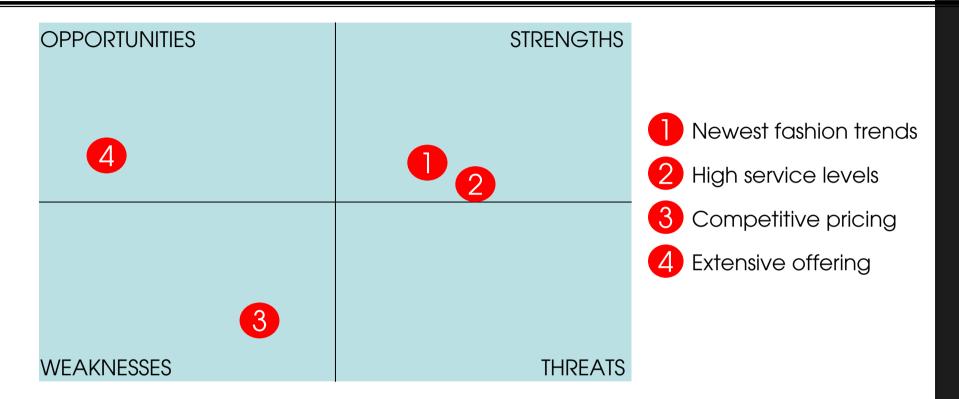


Cardholder penetration



Copenhagen - May 2010

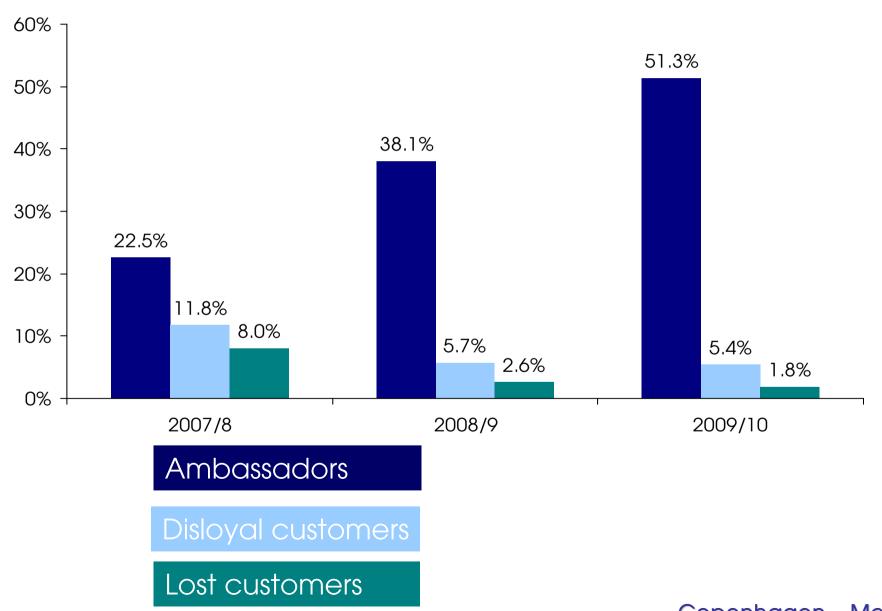
Customer Satisfaction



Conclusions

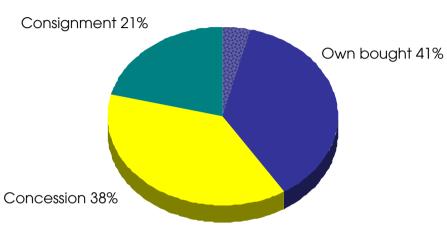
- Leading aspirational brand that represents fashionability, quality and customer service......
-but pricing perception could be improved

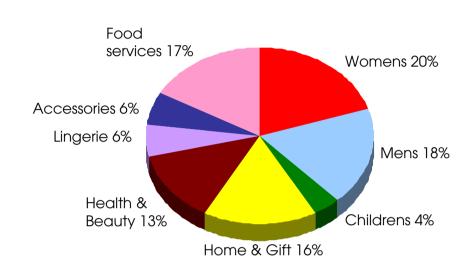
Customer Exit Polls



Sales Analysis

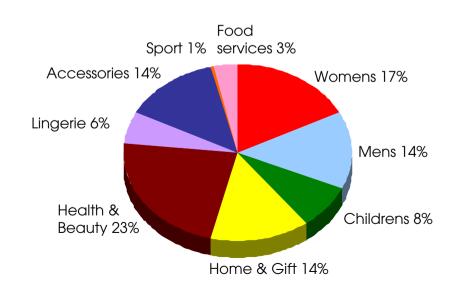
Magasin





Debenhams (ex Magasin)





Own Bought Private Label

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ADDITION
BY WESSEL & VETT

Own Bought International Brands









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Concessions





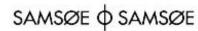








































Consignment

































Our Priorities In 2005

POSITIONING

RETAIL OPERATIONS

GIVE THE BRAND EQUITY

Create attractiveness

Fashion and female focus

Trust the brand

Undercapitalised

WORKING CAPITAL

Different buying models

Improve stock efficiency and working capital management

Exit/convert cash leaking activities

OPERATIONAL VISIBILITY

Replace systems

Set up KPIs

Set up business report structure

Introduce concept of merchandising

SIMPLIFY THE MODEL

Big culture small company

Replace specialist culture with trading culture

Provide the right tools

Have a vision and a strategy and stick to it

Key Achievements By 2010

- Market position improved
- Terminal stock reduced from 30% to less than 3%
- All stores refurbished (255m DKK invested over 5 yrs)
- IT systems replaced (50m DKK invested)
- Improvement substantially funded by improved stock management & creditor terms
- Number of suppliers reduced by over two-thirds
- Lack of retail discipline replaced by dedicated and professional organisation
- Key financials for year to February 2010
 - Net sales 1,880m DKK
 - EBITDA 22m DKK
 - Cash positive

Our Position Today

- Great locations
- Iconic brand that customers trust and care for
- Health & Beauty
 - Market share 20%
 - Number one destination in Scandinavia with more than 100 international brands
 - Amongst the 10 leading health & beauty departments in Europe
- Good representation in all major categories
- Two successful loyalty card programmes with more than 130,000 cardholders

The Future With Debenhams

- Safeguards future of one of Denmark's strongest brands
- Sourcing skills and purchasing economies of scale for Magasin to draw from; access to Debenhams' management and expertise
- Opportunity to extend the Magasin brand, both nationally and internationally
- Part of a plc with cash resources
- Ability to deploy capital expenditure for high returning projects
- Wider career prospects across a much larger group that has ambitions for future growth

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Magasin: The Opportunity

Strengths

- One of the best known brands in Denmark
- Aspirational
- Fashionable
- Wide choice
- Quality

Weaknesses

- Little product differentiation
- Customers perceive as expensive
- No buying strength or sourcing strategy
- Margin too low

Investment Thesis

"Create and test a platform for future growth." Sales expansion Margin expansion Synergies

Sales Expansion

- Widen consumer appeal to drive market share whilst retaining Magasin's brand heritage
- Improve linear conversion and space utilisation to widen choice
- Introduce selected Debenhams' ranges
- Expand Magasin private label ranges
- Utilise some margin gains to reduce prices
- Introduce full multi-channel offer
- Space expansion: opportunity for 2-3 more stores

Sales Expansion: Debenhams' Brands

Introduce selected Debenhams' brands into Magasin stores







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MATTHEW WILLIAMSON



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Sales Expansion: Price Realignment

- Utilise some margin gains to reduce prices
- Examples
 - Levi's jeans
 - men's shirts
 - jersey
 - towels
 - china

Sales Expansion: Multi-Channel

Opportunity: 85% of the Danish population uses the internet

Current

- Internet sales c.10m DKK p.a.
- Only limited range of home products available

Future

- All product categories and ranges available
- Harmonisation with Debenhams website
- Market multi-channel offer, particularly in areas in Denmark where no store presence and in Sweden

Margin Expansion

- Leverage Debenhams' supply chain
 - Use Debenhams' expertise and size to achieve better cost prices
 - Volume rebates
 - Economies of scale
- Increase own bought product participation
 - Better space utilisation through improved linear conversion
 - Introduction of Debenhams and Magasin branded products
 - New product categories (e.g. men's accessories, gifts)
- Concession/consignment business model

Synergies

"The Magasin opportunity is about sales and margin expansion rather than cutting costs."

- Modest savings in head office
- Eliminate some double functions
- Closure of over-spaced warehouse
- Integration of some back office functions

Magasin: Action Time Line

Sales expansion

- Fields and Rødovre: c30% Debenhams' products by end June
- Other stores: c15% Debenhams' products by year-end
- Full price realignment by SS10
- Multi-channel: 12-18 months

Margin expansion

- Work in progress
- Some impact for AW10
- Full impact for SS11

Synergies

Largely complete

Magasin Operating Performance: H1 10

	£m
Gross transaction value	88.2
Gross margin	28.7
Gross margin rate	32.5%
EBITDA	4.9
Operating profit before exceptionals	3.1

Note: Consolidated from effective date of control 7 Nov 2009 (16 weeks)

Guidance and Targets

Guidance

- FY10: gross transaction value £180-190m; profit neutral
- FY11: gross transaction value maintained; EBITDA contribution £13-14m; PBT contribution £7m

Targets

- Sales: growth driven by widening customer appeal
- Gross margin: increase by 500-600bps over medium-term
- EBITDA margin: improve to double digit over medium-term

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