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## HINDUSTAN UNILEVER LIMITED (HUL) SWOT & PESTLE ANALYSIS

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**Company Name :** Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)

**Company Sector :** Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG)

**Operating Geography :** India, Asia, Global

**About the Company :**

Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) is one of the largest Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) companies in India. It was established in 1933 as Lever Brothers India Limited and later renamed as HUL in 1956. The company is a subsidiary of Unilever, a British-Dutch multinational corporation. HUL has a diverse portfolio of products that includes household and personal care items such as soaps, detergents, shampoos, skin care products, toothpastes, and deodorants, among others. Some of the well-known brands under HUL's umbrella include Dove, Lipton, Pepsodent, Surf Excel, Lux, Lifebuoy, and Knorr, to name a few. HUL has a strong distribution network that covers over 2.5 million direct retail outlets and a total reach of 9 million retail outlets across the country, which helps the company reach its target customers effectively. The company operates in different segments such as Home Care, Personal Care, Foods, and Refreshments, and has a workforce of over 21,000 employees as over early 2023. HUL is committed to sustainability and has taken several initiatives in this direction, such as reducing its carbon footprint, water conservation, and waste management. The company has also been actively involved in community development programs aimed at improving the lives of people in the surrounding areas.

Hindustan Unilever Limited's USP is that it is a leader in the Indian FMCG sector and is known for its quality products and innovative marketing strategies. With a rich heritage and a strong commitment to sustainability, HUL is poised for continued growth and success in the years to come.

**Revenue :**

INR 50,336 crores - FY ending 31st March 2022 (y-o-y growth 11.04%)

INR 45,331 crores - FY ending 31st March 2021

## SWOT Analysis :

The SWOT Analysis for Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) is given below:

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wide range and portfolio of brands with resilient products</li> <li>2.Recent acquisitions have helped in expanding products across brands</li> <li>3.Strong presence across both online and offline channels</li> <li>4.One of the leading FMCG players with significant market share in the country</li> <li>5.Strong innovation capability through use of technology and insights</li> <li>6.Constant growth in revenue across the years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Company has lost market share across some of its category and brands</li> <li>2.Problems with the offline distributors has troubled the company from time to time.</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Drive growth in the untapped rural markets</li> <li>2.Increase sales portion through e-commerce</li> <li>3.Expand into new product offerings and brand categories</li> <li>4.Leverage new technologies to build an efficient consumer ecosystem</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Macroeconomic conditions may affect the demand for the company's products.</li> <li>2.Disruptions in supply chain can affect the availability of raw materials.</li> <li>3.Increase in competition from new D2C brands and existing firms may affect growth.</li> <li>4.Legal troubles may affect the brand image of the company.</li> </ul>

## PESTLE Analysis :

The PESTLE Analysis for Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) is given below:

Political	Economical
1.Ukraine-Russia war is causing supply chain problems for businesses	1. Inflation is affecting the sales volume of FMCG brands
Social	Technological
1.Brands should take care of consumer sentiments before marketing their products. 2.Increased number of consumers are looking for superior and healthy products. 3.More and more consumers are shopping online giving rise to D2C brands.	1.Data analytics is becoming important for brands to understand consumer insights 2.Technology is helping brands in creating a superior omnichannel experience for brands
Legal	Environmental
1.The FSSAI has issued a set of amendments to advertising and claims on food products by the FMCG brands. 2.Companies face trouble in protecting their brands against IPR violation.	1.Brands are adopting sustainable packaging to reduce plastic waste

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