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STANDARD BANK GROUP SWOT & PESTLE ANALYSIS

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Company Name: Standard Bank Group

Company Sector : Banking and Financial Services

Operating Geography: Africa, Global

About the Company: The Standard Bank Group is one of South Africa's largest financial services groups having presence in 20 countries in sub-Saharan Africa as of 2018. Established in 1864, it is headquartered in Johannesburg, South Africa and has over 55,000 employees as of 2016. The bank also has a strategic partnership with the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC). Its mission is to provide exemplary service to its customers, up-skilling its people and delivering a superior rate of return to its shareholders.

Revenue: R23 009 million- 31st Dec 2016 (up 4% from FY15)



SWOT Analysis:

The SWOT Analysis for Standard Bank Group is given below:

Strengths	Weaknesses
1.Consistent value creation and returns for	1.Downgrade in credit ratings by Moody's
shareholders	
2.Strategic cooperation agreement with ICBC	
3.Revised strategic direction with Africa	
growth focus	
4.Strong core banking platform built for the	
digital journey	
Opportunities	Threats
1.Rapid urbanization in Africa to increase the	1.Economic slowdown in most African
potential customer segment	economies
2.Project financing in renewable energy sector	2.Cyber-security resilience required to combat
	fraud



PESTLE Analysis:

The PESTLE Analysis for Standard Bank Group is given below:

Political	Economical
1.Political instability in South Africa	1.Slowing economic growth in most African
	economies owing to weak commodity prices
	2.Depreciation in major African currencies
Social	Technological
1.Proactive social leadership integrated with	1.Digital technology solutions in CIB segment
business through affordable house financing	like Forex, Securities trading to drive growth
2.Rapid urbanization in Africa to increase the	
potential customer segment	
Legal	Environmental
1.Maturing regulatory environment in Africa	1.Renewable energy projects by Standard Bank
2.Compulsory regulatory training for	2.Reduction in carbon footprint and
employees to ensure risk and regulatory	environmental screening of transactions
compliance	

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