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BRIDGESTONE SWOT & PESTLE ANALYSIS

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Company Name: Bridgestone

Company Sector : Tires

Operating Geography: Japan, Asia, Global

About the Company:

Bridgestone is a Japanese company, founded by Shojiro Ishibashi on 1st March 1931, headquartered in Kyobashi, Tokyo. Initially the company dealt in the manufacturing and sale of tires exclusively based on Japanese known-how but now it also deals with the manufacturing and sale of tires and diversified products such as rubber and other products. The company also manufactures and sells scales used to weigh race cars and jumbo jets, as well as sporting goods such as golf clubs, tennis rackets, and bicycles. Bridgestone has operations all over the world. The company works with 135,636 employees as of early 2022. It ranks #484 in Fortune Top 500 of 2021. Its global brand is due to its commitment to deliver the best product, quality and technology in all its business activities. Bridgestone received the prestigious '2022 Product of the Year' award in recognition of its impressive global R&D investments and achievements in sustainable manufacturing. Bridgestone Corporation announced a collaboration with Microsoft in August 2022 to use Microsoft Azure to accelerate development and go-to-market strategies in support of Bridgestone's digital transformation and sustainable solutions portfolio.

The USP of Bridgestone lies in it being the largest manufacturer of tires globally. Its corporate philosophy is "Serving Society with Superior Quality". Bridgestone's mission lies in the pupose, "Serving Society with Superior Quality."

Revenue:

?¥ 3246.1 billion (FY ended December 31st, 2021) (y-o-y growth of 8.4%)

?¥ 2994.5 billion (FY ended December 31st, 2020)



SWOT Analysis:

The SWOT Analysis for Bridgestone is given below:

Strengths	Weaknesses
1.Solid global footprint in 150 countries	1.High dependency on Southeast Asia for
2.Diverse product portfolio with constant new	natural rubber
additions	2.Cyber-attacks leading to shutting down of
3.Leveraging R&D to strengthen innovation	operations
and increase productivity	
4.Strong performance in tire segment through	
the years	
5.Focused strategy for efficient business	
execution	
Opportunities	Threats
1.Growing global demand for passenger car	1.High risks from natural disasters
tires	2.Stiff competition in domestic and
2.Growth opportunity in hybrid and electric	international markets
vehicle wheel segment	3.Subject to class-action lawsuits and other
	various litigations



PESTLE Analysis:

The PESTLE Analysis for Bridgestone is given below:

Political	Economical
1.US tariffs on steel to adversely affect sales	1.Impact of macroeconomic condition
2.Suspension of manufacturing activities in	prevailing in operating zones
Russia due to Russia Ukraine war	2.Fluctuations in foreign currency leads to
	adverse impact
Social	Technological
1.Rise of e-commerce to spur tire demand	1.Development of fuel-efficient tire designs
2.Strong after-sales customer support and	2.Partnering with strategic cloud providers to
employee engagement build a trusted brand	support sustainable mobility solutions
3.Increasing wear resistant properties to	
enhance safety	
Legal	Environmental
1.Litigation risks across geographies	1.Sustainable practices and initiatives
2.Compliance burden of regulations imposed	2.Heavy investments on eco tires
by NSPS & NHTSA	3.Impact of weather conditions on tire
	business

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