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# MERCK KGAA SWOT & PESTLE ANALYSIS

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Company Name: Merck KGaA

**Company Sector :** Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals

Operating Geography: Germany, Europe, Global

#### About the Company:

The Merck Group (commonly known as Merck) is one of the oldest multinational chemical and pharmaceutical company globally, founded in 1668 by Friedrich Jacob Merck. Entire business of the group can be broadly divided into three categories: Healthcare, Life Science and Electronics. Headquartered in Darmstadt, Germany, Merck operates in 66 countries with more than 60,348 employees as of 2021. Merck has operations throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania, and the Americas. It has major research and development centres in Darmstadt, Boston, Tokyo, and Beijing, as well as other R&D units in Taiwan, France, Israel, South Korea, India, and the United Kingdom. Merck announced a collaboration with Agilent Technologies to advance Process Analytical Technologies (PAT) in June 2022. PAT is a critical enabler for real-time release and Bioprocessing 4.0, and is strongly encouraged by global regulatory authorities.

The USP of Merck lies in it being ranked under Top 10 largest pharma companies in the world. Merck's mission is "to improve health and well-being and help people in low- and middle-income countries and underserved regions to lead better lives."

#### Revenue:

19,687 million – FY ended 31st December 2021 (year-on-year growth of 12.3%)

17,534 million – FY ended 31st December 2020



## SWOT Analysis:

The SWOT Analysis for Merck KGaA is given below:

Strengths	Weaknesses
1.Global leader in fertility drugs and treatment	1.Weak player in Latin America, middle east
2.Continued investments to expand	and Africa
capabilities and production	
3.Consistently strong financial performance	
4.Risk diversified business portfolio	
5.Strong focus on R&D to introduce new	
product offerings	
6.Strong Investment grade rating	
Opportunities	Threats
1.Great potential to dominate future	1.Changes in political landscape of Europe:
automotive and lighting display market	Brexit and growing protectionism
2.Accelerating demand of semiconductor	2.Increasing relevance of emerging markets
materials	3.Negative political and macroeconomic
3.Growth in pharmaceutical industry due to	developments
Covid-19	
4.Leveraging e-commerce and distribution	
platform	
5.Growth due to CRISPR technology	



### PESTLE Analysis:

The PESTLE Analysis for Merck KGaA is given below:

Political	Economical
1.Policies regarding the health insurance in the	1.Slowdown in European Economy
Germany	2.Asia-Pacific region to present significant
2.Self-governing body to develop healthcare	growth opportunities
frameworks throughout the country	
3.Right to health policies	
Social	Technological
1.Increased awareness towards the heath	1.Privatization of healthcare leading to higher
	use of technologies
	2.Use of tech. to reduce time to market for
	drugs
Legal	Environmental
1.Highly standardized markets with stringent	1.Working towards energy conservation
regulations	2.'Design for sustainability' program to address
2.Involvement in various lawsuits	adverse environmental impacts

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