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FIRSTRAND SWOT & PESTLE ANALYSIS

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Company Name : FirstRand

Company Sector : Banking and Financial Services Sector

Operating Geography : South Africa, Sub Saharan Africa, United Kingdom

About the Company : FirstRand limited which came into existence in the year 1998, was founded as a specialist investment bank in the year 1970 by three entrepreneurs, Paul Harris, GT Ferreira and Paul Harris. FirstRand is one of the largest and fully integrated financial services group in South Africa. This group mainly operates through its subsidiaries namely: Discovery Holding Limited, Momentum Group Limited and FirstRand Bank Holding Limited. FirstRand provides services in retail and commercial banking, Corporate and financial banking and installment finance and asset management. These all services are provided by the RMB, FNB, WesBank and Ashburton Investments, which are the brands under the FirstRand Group. The UK banking part of FirstRand is taken care by Aldermore Group. It was named by 2018 Brand Finance® Banking 500 Report as Most Valuable Banking Brand in Africa.

Revenue :

Net income from operations Rand 36,262 million – FY ended 30th June 2018 (year-on-year growth of 9.22%) Rand 33,200 million – FY ended 30th June 2017



SWOT Analysis :

The SWOT Analysis for FirstRand is given below:

Strengths	Weaknesses
1.Diverse Product range	1.Low credit rating compared to international
2.Broad portfolio of brands	peers
3.Presence in both banking and non-banking	2.Less diversified into the rest of Africa
financial sector	
4.Sustainable Business Model	
5.Socially responsible activities	
Opportunities	Threats
Opportunities 1.Further International Expansion	Threats 1.Increasing threat of bad debt in operating
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PESTLE Analysis :

The PESTLE Analysis for FirstRand is given below:

Political	Economical
1.Political instability in South Africa	1.Slow economic growth and policy
2.Implication of Brexit for Banking and	uncertainty in South Africa
Financial Services	2.Economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa.
Social	Technological
1.Customer segmentation and differentiation	1.Financial services regulatory architecture
in digital offerings	developments in South Africa ","1Initiatives to
2.Potential to create enormous social benefits	combat climate change
through financial inclusion	2Reduction of energy risk
3.Ethical Foundation for the employees	
Legal	Environmental
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