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LOWE'S SWOT & PESTLE ANALYSIS

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Company Name: Lowe's

Company Sector: Retail, Home Improvement

Operating Geography: United States and Canada

About the Company: Founded by Carl Buchan in 1946, Lowe's is a Fortune 50 home improvement company headquartered in Mooresville, North Carolina, USA. The company serves 18 million customers every week across USA and Canada. The company also had a presence in Mexico but had to pull out due to poor performance of its stores in the Mexican market. The company operates 2200 home improvement and hardware stores. The company has 300000 employees. The stores sell merchandise of many top brands like GE, Samsung, Whirlpool, Stainmaster, Sylvania etc. The products are sourced from 7500 vendors around the world. The company also provides installation services through contractors in various product categories like appliances, kitchens, millwork etc. The company also has an Authorised Service Repair network that provides repair services for tools, fireplaces, water heaters etc.

Revenue:

US \$ 71,309 million (FY ended February 1, 2019) (3.9% YoY increase)

US \$ 68,619 million (FY ended February 2, 2018)



SWOT Analysis:

The SWOT Analysis for Lowe's is given below:

Strengths	Weaknesses
1.Presence of well-known brands across	1.Poor overseas performance forcing store
categories attracts customers	closures and suspending expansion plans
2.Efficient supply chain is a win-win scenario	2.Weak performance compared to biggest
for company and customers	competitor Home Depot
3.Strong omni-channel capabilities enabling	
seamless customer experience	
4.Lowe's Innovation Labs \u2013 a major	
source of competitive advantage	
Opportunities	Threats
Opportunities 1.Rising trend of DIY in home improvement	Threats 1.Cybersecurity incidents to affect business
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PESTLE Analysis:

The PESTLE Analysis for Lowe's is given below:

Political	Economical
1.Political campaign contributions by retailers	1.Customer spending on home improvement
in exchange for favourable policies	has a major impact on the market
Social	Technological
1.Consumers increasingly opting for DIY in	1.Predictive analytics helping retailers
home improvement	improve customer experience
2.Social media as a major communication	2.Robotics helping retailers improve
channel between companies and customers	operations and customer experience
	3.3D printing technology to help enabling on
	demand manufacturing
	4.Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality
	techniques are reducing the complexity of
	home improvement
Legal	Environmental
1.Compliance with various local laws and	1.Natural disasters increase the demand for
regulations	home improvement products
	2.Sustainable practices in home improvement

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