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Detailed study report on one of the most attractive market for luxury brand business.

The report offers overview of the market and detailed data for effective marketing strategy development. The report also gives insight for changes in brand business with extensive data and case analysis. Loius Vuitton, GUCCI, CHANEL...etc., contains 194 leading and emerging brands with extensive data on distributor profiles, results of operation, retail channels, store opening plans, advertising and marketing strategies.

The report illustrates brand sales ranking of total luxury brand market, as well as rankings broken down to item categories of men's wear, ladies wear, bags, shoes and other items.

- Market of luxury import brand in 2004 was 1.3 trillion yen, 97.1% of previous year. The item category of "purses and hand bags" consisting the largest part of the market maintained retail market at 500 billion yen level. On the other hand, men's and ladies wears continued to decline.
- Top brands are losing momentum and some brands such as COACH and DIESEL are gaining market shares.
- Majority of leading brands shifted their brand operation strategies from expansion to profit oriented. More large scale independent road side stores opened opposed to the previously focused department store in-shops. Customer satisfaction is their primary focus.
- Import business of general trading companies is in transforming stage. They initiate brand business in the market by establishing the wholly owned local companies or acquiring distributors.
- Parallel imports of luxury brand market estimated for the first time. The market was 480 billion yen in 2003 and projected to be flat or slight decline.
- Visible changes in equity structure of local brand companies in Japan. The difference becomes clearer in the branding strategies either advancing further into Japanese market or entrusting entire brand operation to Japanese distributors.
- Stores operated directly by import brands are gaining importance in retailing luxury brand products accounting for one third of total retail market in 2004. In addition, outlet stores and catalogue sales are also expanding their share.
- Outlet malls established solid existence as retailing channel of luxury brands.

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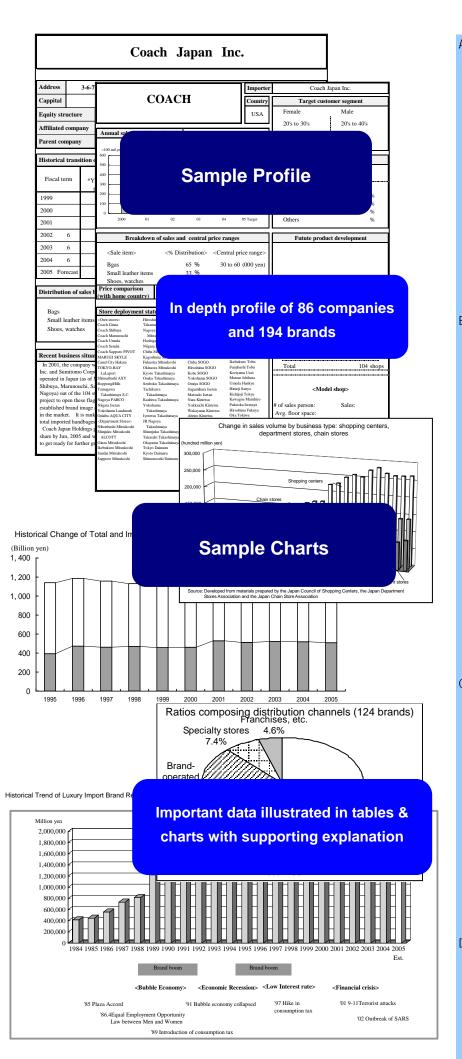
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194 brands



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