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### **COMPANY BACKGROUND**

Photobook Worldwide is the leading e-commerce photo product company in Southeast Asia. The company was founded in 2005 to capture the potential of digital photography and has since to more than a million customers in over 100 countries.

### **PROJECT APPROACH**

We had three work streams to explore a subscription model at Photobook:

- Customer Data Analysis: Segmented customers by ulletspend and frequency for all customers. We split demographic & behavioral insights by cluster.
- Value Proposition: Analyzed post-sale surveys from Malaysian customers and interviewed eight customers to develop value propositions

### **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

**Objective:** Determine if and how a subscription model help Photobook achieve its goal of would increasing customer lifetime value (CLV) by raising order frequency and/or order values for existing customers in Southeast Asia

#### Challenges:

- Competitive industry (deep discounts, high margins)
- Few successful subscription models in SE Asia or in photo product industry
- Several possible subscription models to test

# **CUSTOMER ANALYSIS**

Using K-Nearest Neighbors analysis on historical purchasing data, customers were divided into four clusters with regards to spend, frequency and recency: super-high frequency (SH), High Frequency (H), Medium Frequency (M), and Low Frequency (L)

Pricing & Financial Model: Determined break-even price through Single Customer Value (SCV)).

# FINANCIAL MODELING

## Subscription price was determined by setting the Single Customer Value (SCV) to zero

Variable	Definition	All		Sens. Anal.	
CAC <sub>mean</sub>	Average cost of acquiring a customer through all channels	MYR	16.90	MYR	0.80
СС	Cost of retaining a customer beyond the trial period	MYR	-	MYR	-
r <sub>pt</sub>	Revenue per unit time	MYR	27.43	MYR	1.00
c <sub>pt</sub>	Cost per unit time	MYR	13.88	MYR	1.00
P <sub>CTr</sub>	Probability of entering trial after acquisition	9%		MYR	(0.15)
CRinit	Initial Churn Rate	0.48		MYR	0.24
CRnat	Natural Churn Rate	0.16		MYR	(0.22)
k	Decay or Churn Parameter	0.266		MYR	0.16

### Pricing bundle at RM69 generates 5Y after-tax NPV of RM2.4M





#### Key insights:

- Majority of customers satisfied with Photobook experience
- NPS is positive, especially among high-frequency users
- Photobook purchases driven mostly by external factors and price

# **IMPLEMENTATION & NEXT STEPS**

## Sample concept: Photobook savings passport

Special Discounts for Passport Holders Access design features: stickers, backgrounds, etc. Free shipping & upgrades on purchases **Digital Passport for Account Members** Enables PB to track demographic information and purchases

### Expires 1 year from purchase

Incentivizes spending within set period of time Heavy promotion during Holiday season **Company Implementation Steps:** 

- Revise subscription model scenario(s) and financial model based on company needs and strategic goals
- Identify key implementation considerations  $\bullet$ including pilot or beta test