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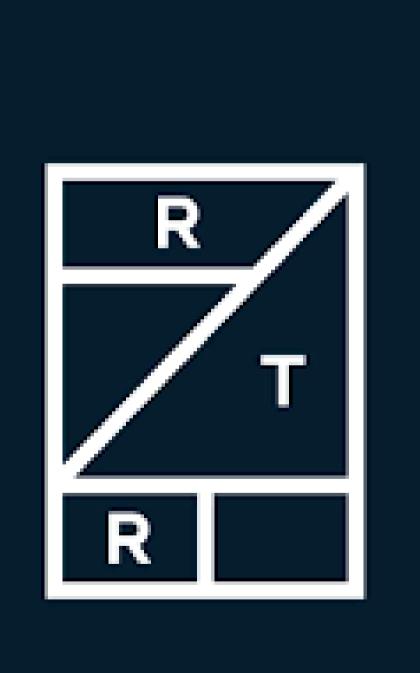
## RENT THE RUNWAY

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DESIGNER RENTAL FASHION

### BACKGROUND

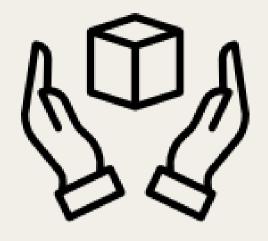


- COMPANY LAUNCHED IN 2009 WITH THE GOAL OF INTRODUCING DESIGNER ITEM RENTALS, A CONCEPT THAT HAD NOT EXISTED IN THE MARKETPLACE PRIOR
- ORIGINAL GOAL WAS TO ALLOW CUSTOMERS TO RENT CLOTHES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS FOR A CHEAPER PRICE THAN BUYING THE DESIGNER CLOTHES
  - STARTED OFFERING MORE CASUAL
     CLOTHES IN 2016

## RTR PLACE IN THE MARKET



- RTR IS A PIONEER IN THE FASHION RENTAL INDUSTRY, INTRODUCING THE IDEA OF RENTING DESIGNER CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES AND BRINGING IT TO FRUITION THROUGH THEIR ONLINE INTERFACE AND LIMITED STOREFRONTS
- RTR PROVIDES CUSTOMERS ACCESS TO LUXURY ITEMS
  THAT MAY BE FINANCIALLY OUT OF REACH OTHERWISE,
  THEREFORE APPEALING TO A BROADENED CUSTOMER
  BASE AS OPPOSED TO THE TRADITIONAL CONSUMERS OF
  DESIGNER PIECES
- BY INTRODUCING THE RENTAL MODEL, WHICH REDUCES THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSOCIATED WITH FAST FASHION, RTR TAPS INTO A GROWING CONSUMER INTEREST IN SUSTAINABLE AND ECO-FRIENDLY FASHION



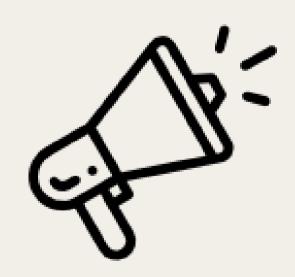
RTR OFFERS RENTAL
SERVICES FOR
DESIGNER BRANDS,
INCLUDING
CLOTHING AND
ACCESSORIES



5 ITEM MEMBERSHIP: \$94/MONTH 10-ITEM MEMBERSHIP: \$144/MONTH 15-ITEM MEMBERSHIP: \$193/MONTH



RENT THE RUNWAY CAN BE
PURCHASED ON THEIR WEBSITE OR
1 OF 5 RTR STORES



RTR USES A MIX OF SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING, EMAIL MARKETING, SEARCH ENGINE MARKETING, AND INFLUENCER MARKETING

## MARKETING MIX

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CURRENTLY RENT THE RUNWAY TARGETS MIDDLE-AGED AFFLUENT WOMEN IN US COASTAL CITIES. THE WOMEN ARE TYPICALLY BETWEEN 25 AND 50 AND HAVE WELL-PAID PROFESSIONAL JOBS IN CITIES LIKE NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, OR SAN FRANCISCO.

## TARGET SEGMENT



#### MARKET GROWTH

RTR HAS
EXPERIENCED A 7.6%
SUBSCRIBER
INCREASE IN FROM
2022 TO 2023

THE GLOBAL ONLINE
CLOTHING RENTAL
MARKET IS EXPECTED
TO GROW
8.5% FROM 2022 TO
2030



### CUSTOMER LIFE CYCLE

#### WITH SUBSCRIPTION BASED BUSINESSES CUSTOMER RETENTION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

- RTR has about 2.5 Million lifetime customers
- As of July 31, 2021, 97.614% of customers were active which implies that 2.4 million have churned and that amounts to 96% over 12 years which is 85 annually
- COVID sparked a churn disaster, but RTR has recovered customers since then by adding 43,386 customers which is 80% YoY growth



## KEYCOMPETITOR: THE VOLTE

- Has an active presence on social media
- Accessible: variety in sizes, designers are listed in alphabetical order on the website
- Connects people who want to rent out clothes with people who want to rent
- Peer to Peer model promotes community and sustainable fashion



## KEY COMPETITOR: NULLY

- Clothing rental service operated by UBGN, the parent company of brands such as Urban, Free People, Anthropologie
- As of November 3, they had about 198,000 subscribers and they expect an increase
- Offers contemporary and vintage clothing



# KEY COMPETITOR: LE TOTE

- Founded in 2012 and acquired Lord and Taylor in 2019
- Uses a subscription monthly based service
- Similar to other competitors, Le Tote offers clothing and accessories for different occasions
- Options for everyday, casual outfits

### LE TOTE

#### BRAND POSITIONING STATEMENT

RENT THE RUNWAY ALLOWS WOMEN TO ELEVATE AND EXPLORE THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND EVERY-DAY WARDROBE BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO THOUSANDS OF DESIGNER PIECES WITHOUT THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT THROUGH A SUSTAINABLE VIRTUAL RENTAL MARKETPLACE.

- TRENDSETTER
- LUXURY
- CREATIVE
- SUSTAINABLE



### RTR CURRENT CRM STRATEGY

#### **CURRENTLY, RTR USES A VARIETY OF CRM STRATEGIES SUCH AS:**

- LOYALTY PROGRAMS
- CUSTOMER SEGMENTATION
- RETURN AND FEEDBACK HANDLING
- CUSTOMER RETENTION
- CUSTOMER COMMUNICATION
- PERSONALIZATION



# WHAT WE WOULD DO DIFFERENTLY

THERE ARE THREE AREAS OF RTR
CRM STRATEGY THAT SHOULD BE
RE-DEVELOPED:

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CUSTOMER COMMUNICATION

2

CUSTOMER RETENTION

3

CUSTOMER SEGMENTATION

#### CUSTOMER COMMUNICATION

#### 1.) LIVE CHAT WITH CUSTOMER SERVICE AGENT

• HIRE AGENTS FROM DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES/DIFFERENT TIME ZONES IN ORDER TO WIDEN THE HOURS THAT THE CUSTOMER SERVICE CHAT IS AVAILABLE

#### 2.) COMMUNICATING TO THE CUSTOMER THROUGH INSTAGRAM PRESENCE

• THEIR INSTAGRAM DOES NOT ALIGN WITH THEIR BRAND POSITIONING STATEMENT AND GOALS THEREFORE NOT EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATING THE ESSENCE OF THE BRAND TO THE CUSTOMER

#### CUSTOMER RETENTION

#### 1.) LOWER THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICES

- MARKET BEYOND "SPECIAL EVENT". ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO SHOP FOR EVERYDAY LIFE TO SHOW THAT THEIR SERVICES HAVE VALUE BEYOND ONE-TIME CIRCUMSTANCES.
- BESIDES HAVING MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION-BASED SERVICES, RTR CAN ALSO HAVE A SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE IN WHICH YOU PAY FOR ONE YEAR AND IT IS CHEAPER THAN PAYING MONTHLY.

#### 2.) INCENTIVIZE CUSTOMERS

- INTRODUCE LOYALTY PROGRAM THAT REWARDS CUSTOMERS FOR BEING SUBSCRIBED FOR X AMOUNT OF MONTHS OR FOR SPENDING X AMOUNT OF MONEY
- OFFERING MONETARY AND MATERIAL PRIZES FOR LOYALTY TO THE BRAND WILL INCREASE CUSTOMER RETENTION

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#### CUSTOMER SEGMENTATION

#### 1.) BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF AGE SEGMENTATION WHEN ADVERTISING

 MUCH OF THE EMAIL MARKETING IS NOT SPECIFIC ENOUGH TO THE CUSTOMER AGE, LEAVING CUSTOMERS TO FEEL THAT RTR IS A BRAND FOR OLDER WOMEN

## 2.) INCREASE COLLABORATIONS WITH MORE YOUTHFUL DESIGNER BRANDS AND INFLUENCERS

 TO ATTRACT A YOUNGER AUDIENCE, RTR SHOULD COLLABORATE WITH INFLUENCERS SUCH AS VICTORIA PARIS. SHE CAN EXPAND THE AUDIENCE OF DESIGNER FASHION BY PROMOTING THE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION THROUGH RTR