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1. INTRODUCTION

Samsung Electronics serves most of the technology industry's examples of successful international business expansion. Samsung started as a small trading business in 1938, South Korea, relocated its headquarters to Seoul, and in the 21st century, Samsung is a global leader in about 60 countries. Samsung enjoys the forefront position in consumer electronics, semiconductors, and telecommunications services due to its focus on emerging economies, relentless innovation, and a unique approach to the local markets (Pulcrano et al, 2025). Therefore, this report examines international business operations in detail, focusing on Samsung's unique strategies in emerging markets and providing an in-depth analysis of the organization. Finally, using India as a case study, this report seeks to pinpoint additional successful elements in the expansion of other Samsung business units in emerging markets, increasing Samsung's competitiveness.

Furthermore, Samsung's global strategy relies heavily on its ability to form and maintain strategic partnerships, particularly with government and local industry relations, to improve supply chain efficiencies, and to streamline systems. Within the company's vertical integration structure, especially for semiconductor fabrication and component production, it is able to harness more competitive advantages through quality control, cost efficiencies, and responsiveness to dynamism in the global environment. Such internal systems and processes further enhance the organization's ability to innovate more rapidly, and to continually maintain that innovation, particularly in sectors of the technology industry that experience rapid advancements.

Considering its advantages, Samsung has much to consider when defining the role of emerging markets in its global business activities. Within the emerging markets, India has become the most strategically important and dynamic market for the company. The country has various opportunities including an expanding middle class, a large proportion of younger people, improving digital infrastructure, and increased needs for technology that is at both the lower and higher ends of the market. Due to Samsung's significant and long-standing manufacturing investment, the company has become well positioned to compete against major global players as well as fast emerging domestic players. However, India has significant challenges such as low-price tolerance, the regulatory environment, local market players, and shifting consumer expectations which require balancing global and local considerations when designing a market strategy.

Thus, the report focuses on the impact of strategy employed by Samsung in the emerging markets on its international business activities. Specifically, the report seeks to understand the reasons for the company's sustained competitive advantage in its diverse business activities through the assessment of the business expansion, innovation, and localisation strategies employed by the company. Finally, the report uses India as a case study to assess the ways in which Samsung customises product, operations, and marketing strategies to suit the particular conditions of one of the most important emerging economies in the world.

2. BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

2.1 Designation as a Multinational/Transnational Corporation

There is no doubt that Samsung Electronics is a multinational corporation (MNC) as well as a transnational corporation (TNC). In the case of MNC, Samsung operates as a cohesive unit with different, but integrated, operational branches in different countries (Samsung, 2025). While Samsung maintains operational autonomy with the regional subsidiaries, the company maintains a tightly controlled master strategy from the headquarters in Suwon, South Korea. The structure of the company includes, but is not restricted to, Samsung Display, Samsung SDI, Samsung Semiconductor, and about 1600 other subsidiary companies which operate regionally, but independently of one another (Lee, 2025). An even greater differentiating factor is that Samsung employs a transnational strategy whereby globalization and local responsiveness act as business focal points. Samsung does not utilize a one-size-fits-all strategy, but rather employs a geographically differentiated approach in order to customize products to address the unique needs of individual markets (Studycorgi, 2023). Cost savings are achieved through mass production using the principle of economies of scale. The combination of the differentiated approach and the mass production is the defining feature of Samsung's transnational operations.

2.2 Nature of Global Operations and Value Chain

Samsung demonstrates remarkable vertical integration as their global operations cover all sectors of their value chain. The company has several global R&D hubs in South Korea, the USA, India, China, and Europe, employing over 33,000 engineers (Lee, 2025). In R&D, Samsung historically invests around 10% of her revenues to initiatives to continuously innovate, while research in AI which will consume 28% of her R&D budget for 2024 (Lee, 2025).

Samsung's operational sourcing exploits the dual function of Samsung as the producer of components as well as the finished products. The firm influences the supply chains of semiconductors, particularly DRAM and NAND flash memory, where Samsung possessed a 43.5% and 32.8% market share, respectively, in 2025 (Lee, 2025). Production sites are located in South Korea, Vietnam, China, India, Brazil, and South Korea to efficiently manage the operational costs and to align the supply chain with the demand. Samsung operates in over 200 countries with a vigorous retail and online portal. In the consumer electronics business, the company reported 300 billion in South Korea in 2024, with a notable contribution of 46% from the Asia Pacific (Samsung Newsroom, 2025).

2.3 Market Entry Modes

Samsung continues to adapt its entry strategies based on how developed, or how emerging, markets are structured. Developed markets are managed via wholly-owned subsidiaries and direct foreign investments, giving Samsung the ability to control the brand and dictate its quality. Samsung's flexibility in developed markets demonstrates complexity in how the company spends its resources. Greenfield Investments, for example, are implicit in Samsung's

Noida plant the first manufactured Noida plant in India in 1996, which has now expanded to be the largest mobile phone manufacture and produced facility for Samsung (Mandaliya, 2024).

Other countries are notably Joint ventures, which, in select markets, provide the opportunity to share the risk. Samsung's entry to the lower tier markets (emerging markets) is primarily through exporting; however, as markets grow Samsung is more likely to invest more into the region (as purchasing power increases). Samsung's entry into Vietnam for example, which has more than 50% of probable manufacturing factories producing Samsung's smartphones (Strong, 2024). However, as the emerging markets stabilize, there is a clear pattern that more foreign direct investment through wholly-owned subsidiaries becomes evident from Samsung, demonstrating a clear confidence in long-term viability in the emerging markets.

2.4 Key Benefits from International Operations

International Operations provides notable competitive advantages for Samsung. To begin, there is a geographical scope whereby a diversification of markets leads to a reduction of the overall risks of developing a dependent market. Developed markets tend to stagnate and/or recede; however, the growth of developing markets counterbalances a decline in performance. Moreover, this yields a positive net gain overall in revenues and systemically, lower risks. Secondly, there is an increased efficiency of cost within the operational structure. For Vietnam, there are less costs associated to transport and tariffs as there are within the operational structure of the target market such as the competitive levels of labour and the overall positive strategic position within the supply chain of Asia. This leads to a less cost overall within the operational structure and an improvement within quality due to Vietnam's access to the quality labour markets (Taylor, 2025).

Fifth, there is the transfer of technology and/or operational knowledge within different markets, whereby Samsung is able to maintain continuous operational innovation. This is especially encountered on new consumer markets within which Samsung competes. Samsung prepares the overall operational structure to gain market insight, and to further drive operational innovation focused on product development that out competes all rivals. This situation connects to the overall strategic program N-Q, the 'Made for India' program, where operational insight identified the new consumer demands as improved battery life, a heat sink that is programmed to work based on local operational conditions, and product features that met the overall needs of the local market. The operational focus resulted in Samsung attaining a high degree of market control within the low-priced market segments (Samsung Newsroom, 2015). Moreover, Samsung can sell the surplus of overall produced components to 3rd party manufacturers, for instance, Apple. In addition, Samsung is able to establish operational programs on new emerging markets where there are an overall quality building and expertise on Engineering (i.e., Global Emerging Markets) and where the operational support provides the development of local capabilities.

2.5 Challenges in International Operations

Even with the advantages, Samsung faces numerous difficulties in transnational operations. Geopolitical tensions are the first of these difficulties. Samsung has lost considerable revenue, with certain quarters experiencing a drop of 32% in revenue. This was due to the US

implementation of export restrictions on certain semiconductor technologies directed to China (Bytebridge, 2025). The second challenge relates to Samsung facing unyielding competition from regional and emerging tech rivals, along with China's Xiaomi who, has, through unrelenting aggressive pricing, captured price sensitive emerging markets which places Samsung on the losing end of the competitive edge (Rayaprolu, 2025).

The third challenge is the complexity of cultural adaptation which is linked to the need to conduct in depth market research and the need to localize operations. The need to balance organizational complexity with the other counter responsive local balance to standardization is counter intuitive to the organizational efficiency desired and can lead to a counterproductive situation. The fourth challenge is the prevalence of supply chain issues which poses a significant burden to Samsung and other third-party manufacturers due to the high volumes of semiconductors and rare earth materials needed, as Samsung is constructing a global manufacturing network. Due to geopolitical risk and market instability, Samsung is losing materials, some of which are essential. The fifth challenge pertains to the requirements of compliance on these operations having a greater underlying investment, especially on manufacturing processes. Hence, Samsung's commitment to net zero carbon by 2050 has significant short-term capital loss to profit balance (umbrex, 2024).

3. CRITICAL EVALUATION OF OLI FACTORS: SAMSUNG'S INDIA MARKET ENTRY

John Dunning's Ownership - Location - Internalization (OLI) model offers guidance on Samsung's choices on the entry mode and the structuring of activities in an emerging economy like India (Dunning 1980).

3.1 Ownership Advantages

Samsung has major ownership advantages that allow them to compete internationally against the local and global players in India as well. From technology ownership advantages, we mean the ability to design semiconductors, the ability to manufacture them by using advanced processes, and the broad range of patents that Samsung holds the IP for, with thousands of them registered (Lee, 2025). Samsung technology leadership has been sustained in the recent past where, in 2024, USA patents 8972 was the second most numerous in the world. This ability translates to Samsung being able to offer different products in the market that other competitors with differentiated products to offer.

Advantages of ownership by the manifold aspects of the organization highlight the operational organization, efficiency, and management of the decades of international business that the company has done. The management of the company aimed at new initiatives that facilitated the shaping of the organization in hierarchies of companies that aided in the speeding of resource allocation and decision making in the companies that the company has which are located in different parts of the world (Mahmood, Zintel & Chang, 2013). The company derives equity that is considerable which is as a result of the brand as the company is known and is trusted in the technology that it provides in India which is of high and considerable value despite the competition that is of high and considerable value. There are other financial aspects that allow the company to obtain equity that also allows the company to obtain financial

ownership of the company that gives access to the financial markets that allows considerable investment in the resource infrastructure as well as in the areas of the development of advanced manufacturing. There is a high multifaceted and valuable resource ownership that allows the company to survive what Hymer calls for the ‘liability of foreignness’, which allows the company to have a high and competitive activity of the company as well as for the company to be able to survive and for the company as a high and trusted manufacturers in India to be able to survive and for the company as a high and trusted manufacturers in India to be able to survive and for the company as a high and trusted manufacturers in India to be able to survive (Rajvanshi, 2024).

3.2 Location Advantages

The location of India provides advantages that justify Samsung's investments of time and money in this location. From an economic viewpoint, there is an advantage related to the increased access to new and developing markets. These markets developing in India having a new growing middle class and a higher level of spending is attractive for Samsung's products which includes new high-priced Galaxy models and budget models for the more economically challenged. India's location provides benefits to Samsung's manufacturing as a result of having a great deal of affordable, highly educated customers and government incentive benefits for manufacturing including tax reductions.

Samsung's resource location advantages provide access to technical pools available and engineering know-how to support localized research and development activities. The development of Lifestyle Research Labs and Product Innovation Teams in India reflects further recognition of the opportunity for India to serve as an innovator. In addition, the India government through the “Make in India” initiative, has provided multinational tech firms with tax holidays, lower import duties, and infrastructure to broaden their manufacturing investment to India, incentivizing technology transfers (Samsung Newsroom, 2020). India's geo location also provides proximity to wider Asian markets and thus integrates efficiently within the supply chain and regional distribution networks. Nevertheless, location disadvantages such as the complex nature of bureaucracy, uneven application of rules and regulations, and the lack of confidence in legal protection and enforcement of Intellectual property must be countered with location strategy design.

3.3 Internalization Advantages

Samsung's strategic choice to engage in foreign direct investment and establishing wholly-owned subsidiaries, instead of opting for a licensing agreement, points to important internalization advantages. Internalization advantages begin with knowledge protection. Competitors are unlikely to gain important technology-related monopolies through operational secrets, thus controlling proprietary methods in manufacturing, design, and quality holding standards. Internalizing manufacturing in India through the Noida facilities and subsequent expansion, allows Samsung to compete, and learn the market dynamics and consumer behaviour.

The factors affecting transactional costs facilitate internalizing rather than maintaining the market. Licensing necessitates negotiating numerous detailed contracts with potentially

untrustworthy local partners, verifying compliance with quality standards, managing disputes, and navigating India's problematic legal system. With full ownership, Samsung would avoid these transactional costs and maintain complete autonomy over product launch timings, quality, and market strategy. Strategic operational efficiencies can also be derived from vertical integration, allowing Samsung to manage the entire supply stream and effectively align production with demand forecasts, while also establishing a culture of continuous improvement across manufacturing.

The internalization of Indian operations is warranted by the market access benefits which is due to the size and growth potential of the market. Fully owned production facilities register a positive manufacturing presence in the Indian market, which also benefits the Indian consumers and the Government regulators, improving brand image and securing positive social and industrial policy benefits with the government. The operational benefits from knowledge creation are the advantages of internalizing the research and development function, allowing a rapid conversion of market needs into product development, and maintaining technological dominance in the Indian market.

4. CULTURAL DIFFERENCES AND MARKET ENTRY STRATEGY

4.1 Critical Evaluation of Cultural Differences

The differences in culture between South Korea and India pose challenges that necessitate rethinking and adjusting Samsung's market entry and operational strategies. Hofstede's cultural dimensions are helpful in clarifying and understanding such differences. India has a greater power distance of 77 than South Korea's 60 which indicates greater acceptance of hierarchical, authoritative, and centralized functions and control. Such a power distance dimension has a bearing on the structure of an organization, and Indian subsidiaries more than Korean headquarters may have a command hierarchy structure that is more formal than what Korean headquarters may be used to.

In the individualism- collectivism dimension, South Korea is more individualistic (58) than India (48), which shows that there are more pronounced differences in the orientation of the group as opposed to the individual. There is a greater family and community influence on purchasing decisions in India than on an individual, and as such, it is necessary for Samsung to market its products as a family and community social unit, going against the Korean way of marketing that focuses on individual achievement. With South Korea (85) having a higher score than India (40), in the uncertainty avoidance dimension, a greater degree of comfort with risk, and the adoption of innovative Korean products is expected of Indian consumers. Conversely, there is more of an organizational culture in Korean firms that leans towards risk avoidance in planning and the mitigation of such risks (Nor Shahar Rani *et al.*, 2016).

The distinctions in consumer behaviour are manifestations of more profound, underlying, and culturally entrenched beliefs. The way Samsung emphasizes durability, reliable after-sales and servicing, and low prices on their products, is due to the Indian consumer's aversion to premium branding and preference for economy and functionality (Mandaliya, 2024). There are also other products for which the Indian consumer's product patriotism is because of their culturally

divergent preference in the vegetable chamber of the refrigerator, which larger), to which Samsung design standards minimal interior changes (Samsung Newsroom, 2015). Samsung's product development by integrating culturally sensitive understandings for Indian consumers is further illustrated by their special cricket mode in selected televisions for the Indian market.

4.2 Impact on Market Entry Strategy

Cultural differences lead to a re-adjustment, in its entirety, of Samsung's Market Entry Strategy. The adoption of Samsung's Korean organizational management system, without a proper fit to the Indian context, would lead to a disfigured design of the Indian workforce and the Indian labour market system. The merging of Samsung's Korean hierarchy with Western's system of promotion, based on merit is a compromise on the organizational culture, which, although creates friction, results in a diverse motivated workforce that bridges the Korean company's identity and the Indian labour system. (Simonin, 2014)

This Marketing communication strategy focusing on adaptation of culture. Family-focused marketing campaigns in India, along with a sense of community, integration of the rural-urban marketing dichotomy, and middle-class aspiration narratives eclipse the technological focus. Culturally adapted distribution channel strategy also focuses cross the integrations of the channel. Unlike direct retailing through Samsung's stores in Korea, the Indian subcontinent necessitated across the integration of a large network of retail partnerships with small neighbourhood electronic stores in rural towns, a cross-village community distribution system, and a price easily accessible to rural purchase adapted to rural retail pricing. (Mandaliya, 2024)

Charging also reflects culturally educated perceptions of value. Samsung's low-cost alternatives in the Indian subcontinent means a focus on marketing the low-price devices in order to compete with Chinese devices. Unlike the focus in Korea and most developed markets, a strong premium positioning is utilized in flagship devices the Galaxy S and Note. However, more culturally appropriate features across the subcontinent include device pocketing options, bundled climate specific premium regional content, enhancements to the devices thermal management system, and language localization.

4.3 Implications for Market Success

One of the reasons Samsung succeeds in India is cultural adaptation. Without cultural understanding, products can be seen as irrelevant, marketing communications can be ineffective, and there can be a disconnect in organizational culture where employees are dissatisfied and companies fail to retain talent. On the other hand, Samsung's demonstrated cultural understanding as seen in the "Made for India" initiatives, the setting up of research and development locally, and the development of products tailored to culture has helped Samsung cultivate deep commitment to the success of the Indian market, gaining loyalty from consumers who are unwilling to switch for lower priced products (Samsung Newsroom, 2015).

5. RECOMMENDED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES ADJUSTMENTS

5.1 Supply Chain Localization and Vendor Development

Recommendation 1: Implement Comprehensive Supplier Localization Program

Samsung must formalize extensive supply chain localization initiatives allowing for increased Korean manufacturer component sourcing. Current operations exhibit a sustained dependency on Korean and global competitors that creates foreign exchange and supply chain risk. Samsung should implement organized vendor development assistance programs for Indian component manufacturers that aim for a particular quality and certification. This assistance should include training on quality control system design and implementation, training on production processes, and system improvements that will allow Indian suppliers to meet Samsung's quality demands while reducing import reliance.

The localization of production for semiconductors and display components remains crucial. Even though Samsung's Noida facility is the largest mobile phone factory in the world, additional component production remains in Korea and Vietnam. Having semiconductor production capabilities in India would allow Samsung to take advantage of current government-sponsored incentive programs geared toward semiconductor manufacturing while also aiding competitors in the market as well as the US out of their trade squabbles with China. It also would lighten the operational cost burden, increase supply chain flexibility, and demonstrate to the Indian government and Indian consumer that Samsung is interested in the socio-economic development of their country.

Implementation metrics: Increase Indian suppliers' contribution from current 20% to 40% in component sourcing in the next three years; set up a Bangalore supplier development centre with a 50-person technical staff; reduce supply chain lead times from 90 days to 30 days by increasing local sourcing.

5.2 Organizational Cultural Integration and Talent Development

Recommendation 2: Establish Dual-Culture Management Framework

Samsung ought to institutionalize its organizational practices with respect to the cultural diversity between its Korean headquarters and Indian branches. Instead of attempting to achieve total cultural homogeneity, Samsung ought to construct a dual culture management framework which balances the integration of disparate organizational cultures and the preservation of alignment on fundamental business goals. This will involve coaching senior Korean executives on Indian business practices, organizational culture, and inter-personal communication styles. At the same time, it would be important to provide Indian managers with high potentials, longer-term assignments in the Korean headquarters to gain insights on its corporate strategy and organizational culture.

Proposed changes to human resources functions are to substantially accommodate practices in the Indian labour market and employee expectations. Evaluation of employee performance may be augmented by Indian preferred systems whereby feedback is collected in a 360-degree manner and supplemented by Korean systems where management hierarchically supervisor's

feedback. In compensation systems the Indian employee preference for performance recognition should be allotted a higher percentage to the variable pay, and bonus potential linked to the performance of the individual and the group. In career development, Indian organizations commonly have sponsored mentees, which should be formalized by the creation of structured programs designed to facilitate mentorship, knowledge transfer, and the development of leaders.

Metrics for Implementation are to: conduct workshops on cultural integration on a quarterly basis; develop dual cross cultural mentorship arrangements which pair Korean and Indian managers; apply performance management systems to be culturally integrated; increase representation of Indians to senior management roles from the present 15% to 35% in a 5-year timeframe.

5.3 Research and Development Localization and Product Innovation

Recommendation 3: Expand Localized Research and Development Autonomy

Significantly more independence with respect to development of products and investments in innovations should be granted to Indian units in research and development of Samsung. Presently Indian R&D units do little more than make slight customizations to products designed by Koreans. There is a clear strategic advantage to be gained by allowing R&D Indian units to independently develop, design and commercially launch products tailored to specific market needs and price points in India.

This entails the construction of individualized product development budgets so that the Indian units can explore opportunities in cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence for developing market consumers, Internet of Things (IoT) solutions for resource-constrained environments, and health technologies that respond to the peculiarities of Indian healthcare. More research and development spending should concentrate on developing affordable technologies that cater to the “bottom of the pyramid” consumers and reverse innovations that can later be applied to other emerging markets or even advanced markets that are looking for low-cost alternatives (Christensen et al., 2009).

Projected spending should go well above the baseline for proposed amounts for the research and development facilities in Bangalore and Noida. Samsung Lifestyle Research Labs and Product Innovation Teams will need more advanced consumer behaviour research centres, more complex prototyping and the addition of digital innovation labs, as well as research and development centres. This increase of spending illustrates Samsung’s vision of India as a key innovation hub, rather than a developing market or a secondary market to receive derivative innovations from Korea.

The democratization of research and development autonomy within Samsung follows a definite logic of advancing competitiveness in developing markets. Indian consumers increasingly seek technologically advanced products tailored to their unique socioeconomic scenarios, preferences, and aspirations. Instead of trying to squeeze Korean-designed goods (which are considered premium products) into a price-sensitive market, Samsung would be better off allowing their Indian research and development teams to craft original products to solve local

Indian problems. Indian engineers from Samsung identified market opportunities in low-power consumption smartphones, water-resistant devices suitable for the monsoons, and displays that were temperature-compensated to contend with extreme heat. (Lee, 2025)

The retention of talented personnel from Indian research is of great importance, and the autonomy of research and development in Indian research is of great importance. Top-tier Indian engineers have demonstrated an unwillingness to take up subordinate roles where they are required to implement Korean strategies and directives, and do not have the autonomy to contribute to the design. Fostering local design capabilities to implement sustains the battle against attrition to rival multinationals and local tech start-ups while developing the company's assets for sustainable competitive advantage. Apple, Samsung's rival, experienced significant retention problems when engineers, felt confined in their ability to contribute to products, within a system that had little flexibility and control. Samsung's competitive position is strengthened when it is able to make the contrary choice and allow these Indian teams the autonomy to create.

Research and development expansion focuses on healthcare technology, Internet of Things, and artificial intelligence applications reflecting India's one-of-a-kind development priorities. In India, healthcare technology is one of the most underdeveloped sectors because of the chronic shortage of healthcare providers, poor rural healthcare access, and limited government support of digital health technologies. Samsung will establish itself as a corporate socially responsible company by developing low-cost diagnostic tools, telemedicine, and health monitoring technologies to address the challenges posed by healthcare inequities and social determinants of health in India.

Focusses innovation opportunity represent the Internet of Things in India, which is an underdeveloped resource constrained environment. Internet of Things solutions in developed markets rely on stable, high-quality power and capital. Advanced markets also have a high power, very fast Internet built environment. In India, solutions must have low power and offline capability. The Indian research. Samsung should invest in agricultural monitoring, urban water management, industrial automation, and environmental sensing IoT systems to improve the value of the rural economy. Other developing markets will value these systems. In India, the systems will supply numerous infrastructures challenged developing markets. Benefiting the development of rural economies, reverse innovation describes the process.

Investments in artificial intelligence have the potential to enhance Samsung's technological competence, especially in the Indian market. Samsung can tailor Indian AI-enabled products targeting local language(s), culture(s), and socio-economic preferences to outperform competitors. Samsung can develop customized multilingual AI virtual assistant(s) integrating Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Telugu, and other Indian vernaculars for more effective and less commonplace applications. There is potential for the development of AI-enabled tools that enhance the capabilities of Indian farmer(s) by predicting effects of weather on crop yield(s), diagnosis and treatment of crop disease(s), and optimize yield(s). There is foreign market potential for other developing countries that have similar agricultural challenges to India.

Improving the indicators would involve consistently increasing the expenditure on Indian research and development to 20 percent of the global R&D budget, spending 20 percent in India within 3 years to improve the establishment of 3 new advanced India research and development units in Indian technological centres, developing at least 5 new products annually focused on “India-first” for Samsung to localize innovation, creating dedicated India innovation funds for emergent technologies in healthcare, IoT, and AI in R&D, achieving 30 percent of the research-and-development team in India holding senior roles in the organizational structure responsible for R&D governance.

6. CONCLUSION

Samsung Electronics is a case study on how multinational corporations master complex international business challenges as they find the right balance between adaptation and global integration. The company was the first global technology company to operate in both developed and emerging markets due to its recognition of market opportunity when competition like Nokia and Apple was Missed. Analysing Samsung's ownership advantages, the specific location advantages of India, and the internalization gains from India, the report affirms Samsung's policies fit perfectly in the Dunning's OLI paradigm with additional evidence of remarkable cultural assimilation and market innovation.

Samsung Electronics cultural approaches recognized the fabric of South Korea and India and the cultural challenges that the "Made for India" strategy and localized manufacturing in India would overcome. Continuing to adapt standardized procedures to be more India market sovereign, relocating research and development, and creating more autonomy from South Korea would be the most effective in sustaining the competitive advantage. Samsung would be able to significantly improve its standing in India and provide a template for other emerging markets.

Samsung's investments in India, Brazil, and other developing economies are important as international business dynamics shift toward these emerging markets. The geographical diversification benefits provided from these developing markets will be crucial in sustaining competitive advantages for Samsung over the long-term, as per the developing market strategy. The alterations suggested in this consulting report are not merely peripheral, but rather central to Samsung's strategy to maintain its position at the apex of technology and financial returns, given the rapid technological and global business transformations.

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APPENDIX: SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES AND FIGURES

Table 1: Samsung's Global Manufacturing Locations and Strategic Objectives

Manufacturing Location	Primary Products	Strategic Objective	Year Established
South Korea (Suwon, Hwaseong)	Semiconductors, Displays, Premium Electronics	Core Technology Hub, Quality Control Center	1969
Vietnam (Bac Ninh, Thai Nguyen)	Smartphones (50% of global production), Consumer Electronics	Cost Optimization, Market-Responsive Manufacturing	2008
India (Noida)	Smartphones (World's Largest Factory), Consumer Electronics	Emerging Market Penetration, "Make in India" Alignment	1996
China (Tianjin, Suzhou)	Semiconductors, LCD Displays, Components	Cost Efficiency, Supplier Proximity	1995
Brazil (Manaus, Sao Paulo)	Consumer Electronics, Smartphones, TVs	South American Market Access, Regional Distribution Hub	2000
United States (Austin, San Jose)	Semiconductor R&D, Component Manufacturing	Advanced Technology Development, Market Research	2004

Source: Compiled from Samsung official reports and industry analysis (2024-2025)

Table 2: Samsung's Market Entry Mode Strategy by Market Development Stage

Market Development Stage	Entry Mode Preference	Rationale	Indian Example
Low-Income Emerging Markets	Export-Based Entry	Minimizes capital requirements, tests market demand, reduces risk exposure	Initial CDMA phone exports (1997)
Early-Stage Medium-Income Markets	Joint Ventures/Strategic Partnerships	Shares market-specific risks, facilitates knowledge acquisition, enables market access	Samsung-Indian telecom partnerships (2000s)

Developing Medium-Income Markets	Greenfield Foreign Direct Investment	Enables manufacturing control, supports local employment, demonstrates commitment	Noida mobile factory establishment (1996)
Mature Emerging Markets	Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries	Complete operational control, intellectual property protection, strategic autonomy	Current Indian operations structure
Developed Markets	Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries + Strategic Alliances	Premium positioning, innovation leadership, technology licensing partnerships	Apple memory chip supply partnership (2005+)

Source: Derived from Samsung entry strategy analysis and Dunning OLI framework application

Figure 1: Samsung's OLI Framework Application in Indian Market Entry

