## 1. Potential entrants (Threats of new entrants/ barriers to entry)

- Economies of scale
- Product differentiation
- Capital requirements
- Cost disadvantages
- Access to distribution
- Government policy

How strong are the competitive pressures coming from the threat of entry	
of new rivals?	
Entry threats are <b>stronger</b> when:	Entry threats are <b>weaker</b> when:
<ul> <li>Entry barriers are low;</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Entry barriers are high since</li> </ul>
	incumbents enjoy;
<ul> <li>Industry members are unwilling</li> </ul>	Cost advantages due to
or unable to strongly contest	economies of scale,
the entry of newcomers	experience, low fixed cost,
	access to lower cost inputs
Existing industry members are looking to expand their marketing reach by entering product segments or geographic areas where they do not have a presence	<ul> <li>Strong product differentiation and brand loyalty</li> <li>Strong network effects</li> <li>High capital requirements</li> <li>Preferential access to distribution channels</li> <li>Restrictive government policies</li> </ul>
Buyer demand is growing rapidly and newcomers can expect to earn attractive profits without inviting a strong reaction from incumbents	<ul> <li>Industry members are willing and able to contest new entry</li> <li>Industry outlook is risky and uncertain, discouraging entry</li> </ul>