



# TOLARAM GROUP presents STRATATHON

A Strategy Case Study Competition

**Indian Institute of Management Lucknow** 

Indomie Instant Noodles came to Nigeria in 1988 when Mr. Haresh Aswani, Tolaram Group, MD imported the first container from Indonesia. First manufacturing plant was set up in 1996 by De-United Foods Ltd (a subsidiary of Tolaram group responsible for manufacturing and marketing of Indomie) and since then, Nigeria, which was a typical non-noodle eating nation, has come a long way and is now the 11<sup>th</sup> largest nation in the world in terms of per capita consumption of instant noodles.

The story of Indomie is synonymous with developing the instant noodles category in Nigeria so much so that Indomie has become a generic brand name for the category in general. Since its inception in the country, Indomie has become the favorite food brand among the children aged 4-12 years and their corresponding mothers. All marketing campaigns (ATL/BTL) have been focused towards this target audience with brand positioning around being the loving and caring brand. Indomie is also revered for some of its exemplary campaigns and commercials with great recall and strong emotional engagement (see TV commercials on Indomie Nigeria YouTube channel) among its target audience.



IMG 1.1: The progression of thematic campaigns targeting kids (4-12 yrs) and mothers

With a dominant market share of 61% and strong brand equity index (BEI is a measure of brand performance which measures how often consumers are ready to buy and recommend the brand and what is their willingness to pay premium for the brand) of 7.6, Indomie has been able to grow the category penetration from almost nothing to 80% currently (category penetration is defined as number of households who consumed instant noodles in last 3 months).

With such strong brand parameters and a highly penetrated category, the marketing managers of Indomie were looking to find the roots of the next phase of Indomie growth story. While analyzing the consumer research data from AC Nielsen and Kantar World Panel, the marketing managers of Indomie tumbled upon a striking piece of insight. 75% of consumption of Indomie was happening amongst consumers aged less than 18 years.

Moreover, there was a clear indication that though Indomie is a very popular brand and top food choice among kids, there was a clear attrition of consumers from category as they passed the age of 18 years. Constituting 52% of the Nigerian population, Indomie was clearly losing out on a huge chunk of consumers who were switching to other food categories after having relished Indomie during their childhood.

Looking at this huge opportunity, the marketing managers of Indomie now decided that they now clearly need to talk to this population segment to grow the category and the brand to the next level. They narrowed down this population segment to the young adults (18-25 yrs of age) to build on the relationship with the young generation. They, however faced a very difficult and pertinent predicament: how to target this new group of young adults while retaining the loyalty among their primary TG: kids (4-12 years) and their corresponding mothers.

As a newly appointed marketing manager of Indomie Nigeria, you are required to come up with an exhaustive and robust marketing strategy including ATL and BTL activities to solve this issue. You can do research and quote examples of how other brands have achieved a similar feat across the globe. Feel free to use various primary/secondary data and kindly mention the source.

However, you can also drop us an email to know the answers to any specific question that you might have to solve the case. We have also provided a brief of Tolaram group to help you understand the group better.

#### **Submission Guidelines**

• The deadline for submission is 2100 hrs, Oct 30, 2018

#### Round 1:

- A 1-page executive summary has to be submitted. Use of tables, etc. is allowed
- Additional information from online and offline sources can be used to solve your case and is encouraged in order to make your plan more implementable
- Font style to be used is Arial and font size should be 10
- The submission should be a PDF file at <a href="dare2compete.com">dare2compete.com</a>
- Naming convention to be followed: <Team Name>\_<College Name>\_Stratathon\_R1

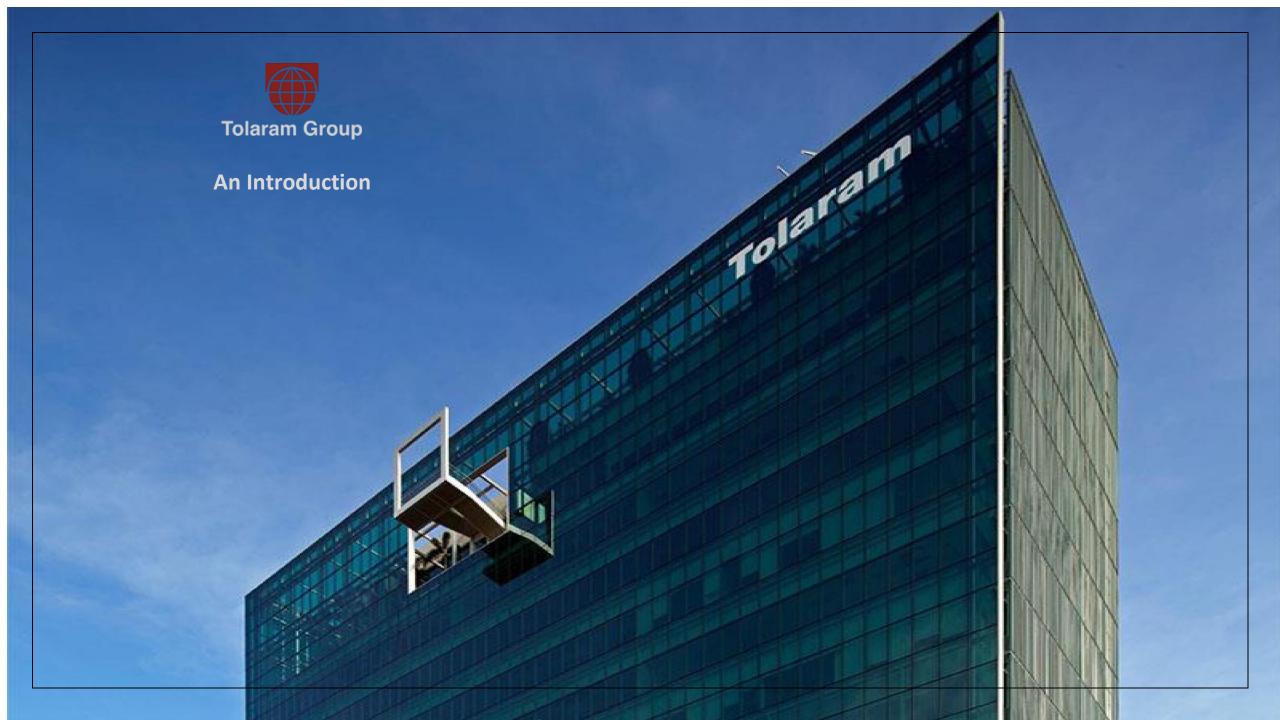
#### Round 2 (on campus final round):

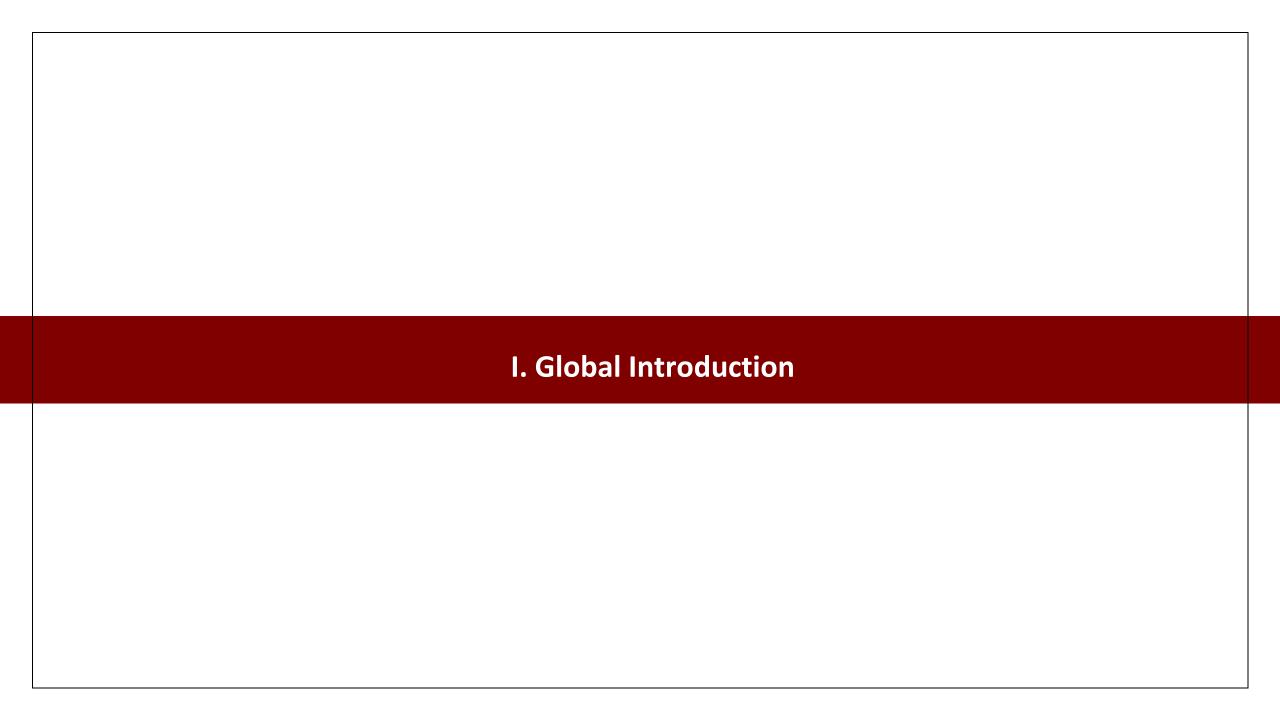
- The final presentation will be a Power-point deck (.pdf/.ppt/.pptx)
- The presentation should not be more than 5 slides
- Further details will be informed in due course

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

- Exhaustive understanding of the case scenario and context
- Depth of analysis of industry & key challenges Novelty, feasibility and practicality of ideas proposed
- Structure of presentation & clarity of ideas conveyed

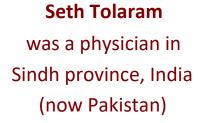
# APPENDIX





# History







Khanchand Vaswani (Seth Tolaram's youngest son) migrated to Malang, Indonesia and established Tailor Tolaram in 1948



Mohan Vaswani (Khanchand Vaswani's son) joined the business in 1957 and is the current Chairman

# **TRUST**

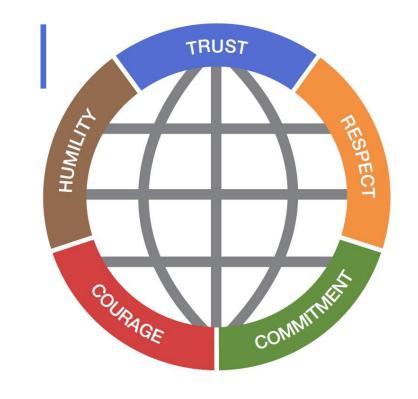
we are honest and direct in our dealings and always act with transparency

# **HUMILITY**

we always endeavour to keep learning; we always let our actions speak louder than our words

### **COURAGE**

we want to surround ourselves with bold thinkers, and to always act with conviction



# **RESPECT**

we respect our heritage, our stakeholders, and our universe; we always seek a win-win outcome

# **COMMITMENT**

we are committed to being sustainable over the long-term through focus and depth in everything that we do

# **Our Vision**

To create sustainable value for all our stakeholders

# **Our Vision & Mission**



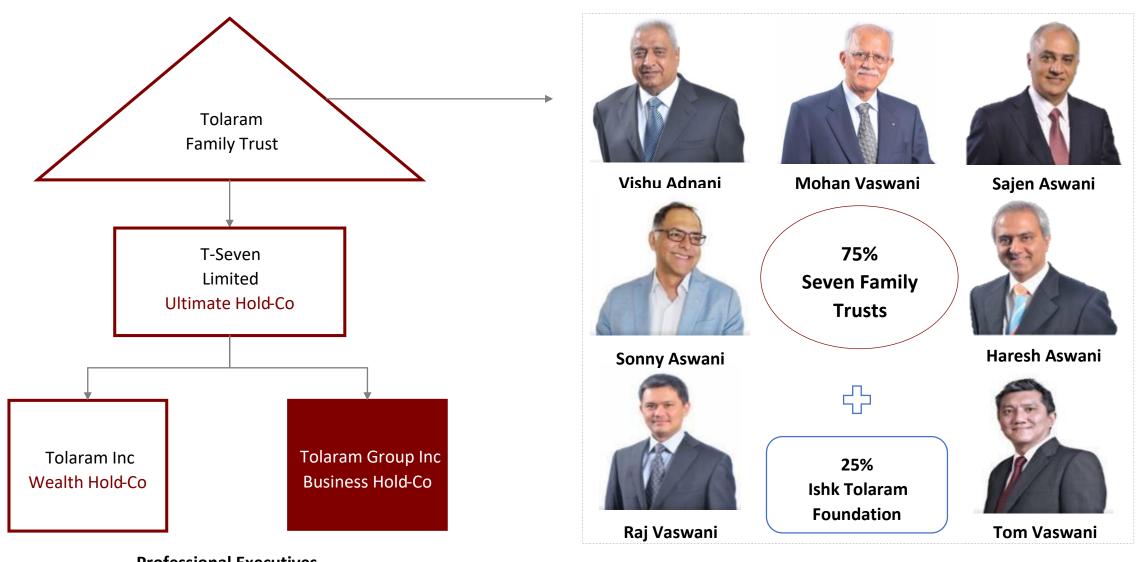
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To be a Consumer Goods & Services Leader in Africa and Emerging Asia



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**Professional Executives** 



#### **2010s**

Brand builders across
Consumer Goods & Services

#### 2000s

Forays into Digital Services, Energy, Infrastructure

#### 1990s

Further country diversification

#### 1980s

Diversification of businesses into Consumer and Real Estate

#### 1970s

Entry into Textiles Manufacturing and internationalisation of business

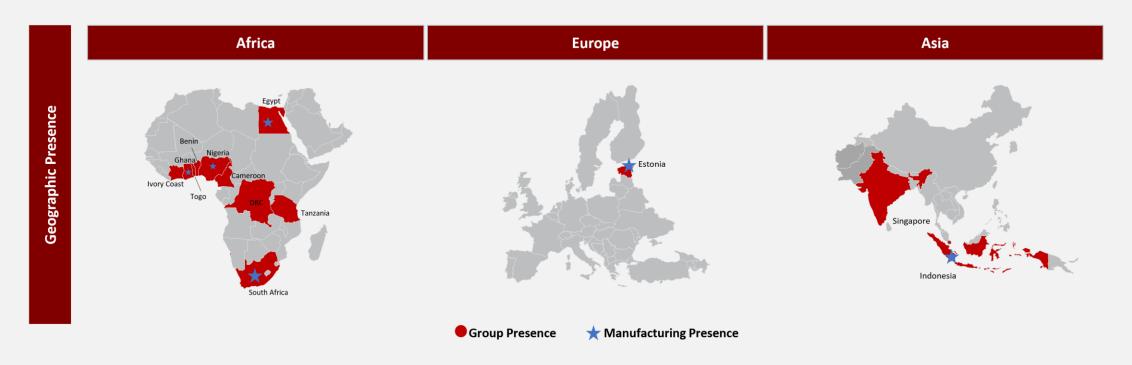
#### 1950s

**Expansion into Textiles Trading** 

#### 1948

Tailor Tolaram founded

- Global HQ in Singapore with corporate offices in Jakarta and Lagos
- Group turnover in excess of \$1bn and over 11,000 employees worldwide
- Two primary sector verticals: Consumer and Infrastructure
- Presence in Nigeria, Ghana and West Africa for over four decades deep knowledge of the local terrain and culture
- Recently launched operations in South Africa and Egypt, with plans underway to expand into Kenya and East Africa



#### **Consumer Goods**













**Consumer Services** 

# **V**connect

"Uber" for Consumer Services



Data-Driven Consumer Finance







# Infrastructure



Lekki Deep Sea Port



Lagos Free Trade Zone



MBH Power (Transmission & Distribution EPC)



**Salim Group (Indonesia)** entered into a 50-50 joint venture with Tolaram in 1995. The JV entity Dufil develops, manufactures, and markets instant noodles under the Indomie and Minimie brand names in Nigeria and Ghana. Apart from instant noodles, the JV produces a diverse product

portfolio including snacks, edible oils, pasta and flour.



**Arla Foods (Denmark)** placed its current and future business for West Africa in a 50-50 JV with Tolaram in 2014. The JV entity TG Arla imports and packages dairy products under the Dano brand name.



**Kellogg Company (USA)** entered into a 50-50 JV with Tolaram in 2015 to expand in the cereals and snacks categories in West Africa. In addition, the JV develops, manufactures and markets Instant noodles under the Kellogg's brand name across Africa and Asia. As part of the JV, Kellogg Company

also acquired 51% of our distribution-co in Nigeria.



# **Africa – Consumer Strategy**



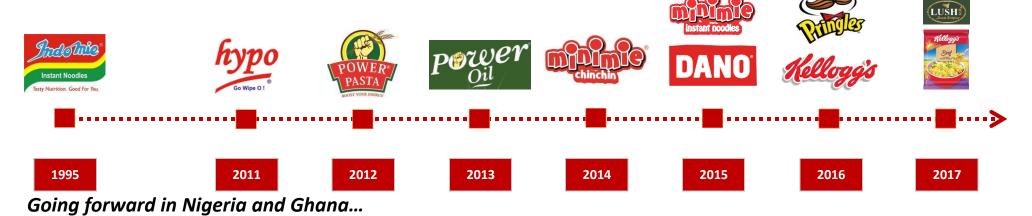
#### **Evolution of Products in Market**

Future...

Snacks

**Beverages** 

**Biscuits** 



- Continue to dominate in instant noodles; current market share is 70%+
- Continue to establish a strong position in the snacks category
- Enter new product categories with low market penetration and/or high growth potential

#### Going forward In other major African markets...

• Introduce product base into new African markets; South Africa and Egypt recently launched

•	Future expansion into East African markets, starting with Kenya	o East African markets, starting with Kenya			



Seasoning factory, Ota



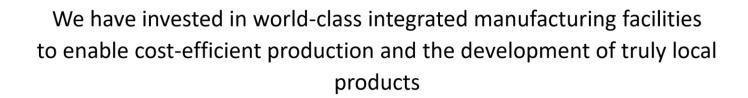
Palm Oil factory, LFTZ



Flexi Packaging factory, LFTZ



Milk Packaging factory, LFTZ





Carpet factory, Ikorodu



Noodles factory, Ota



Bleach factory, Ikorodu



Noodles factory, Kaduna



Pasta factory, PHC



Pasta factory Ghana

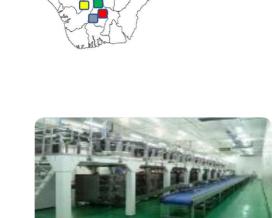


Cereal Factory, LFTZ



Noodles factory, Egypt

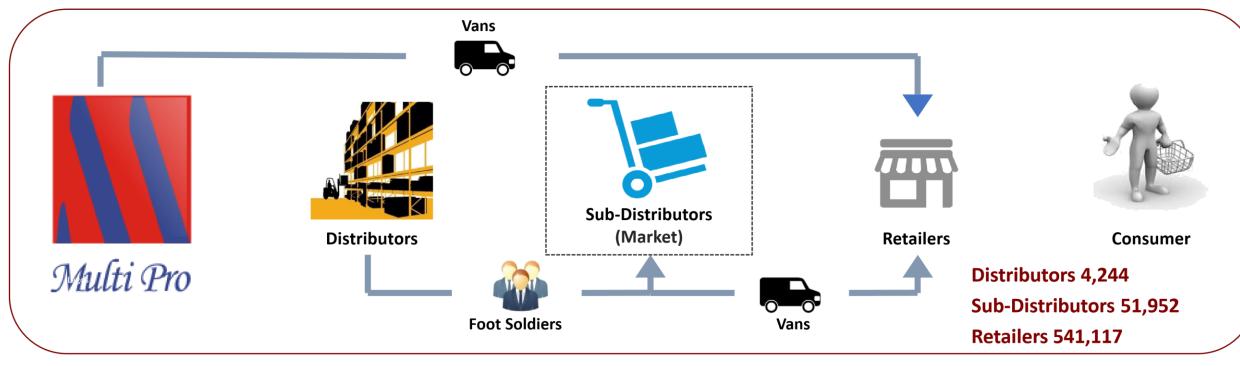


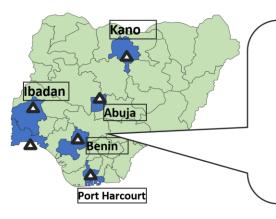


Snacks factory, PHC



Noodles factory, Ikorodu





**12 Regional Offices** 

**25** Warehouses

Truck Fleet: 2,385

Vans: 1,471



Open Market Availability 70%

Numeric 55%
Distribution

Category 80 Penetration

70%	
55%	
30%	

Outlet	Total in Nigeria	Direct Coverage	Total Coverage
Wholesalers	32,561	25,998	4,118
Supermarkets	14,098	3,547	7,881
Shops	461,674	67,572	213,885
Kiosks	302,505	50,004	139,197
Table tops	368,221	29,144	176,096
Total	1,179,059	176,625	541,177



**ATL** 

#### **TV Commercials**



#### **Radio Commercials**



#### **Social Media**







BTL



Market Activations



**Trade Promos** 



**Consumer Sampling** 



**Fan Clubs** 



**OOH Branding** 





# Key to our products' success

**3 Strategic Pillars** 

**Key attributes** 

**Localised manufacturing** 

**Deep Distribution Network** 

**Brand Building** 





**Successful FMCG Product** 



90% market share



hypo is now synonymous with household sanitation in just 4-years since launch

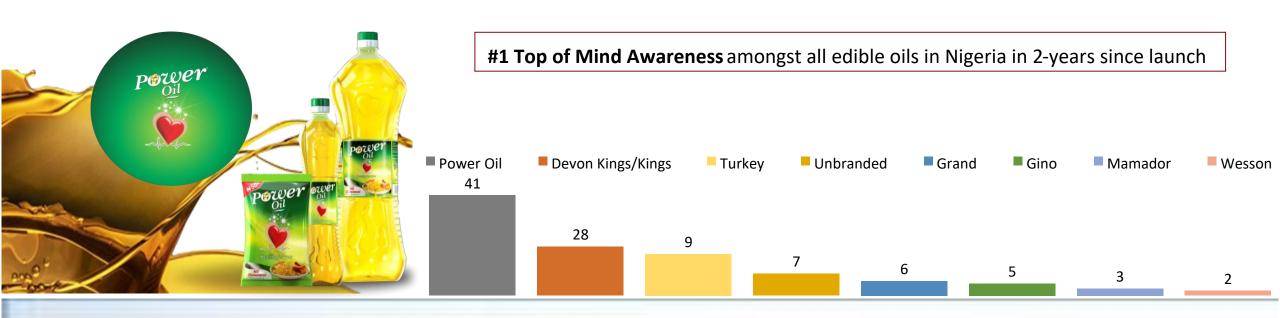
Households using bleach grew from 2.7% to 27% in 4-years

Dano is the #2 milk powder brand in Nigeria

**DOUBLED volumes within one year of creating the JV** 









Sold 1 million cartons within 6 months of launch!

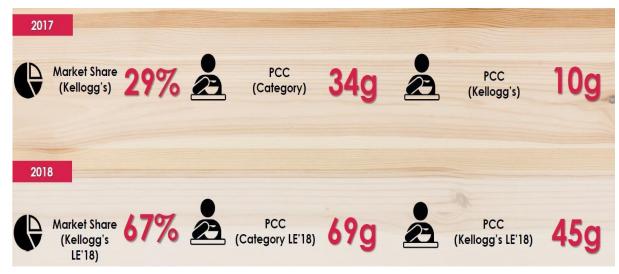




**Kellogg's** cereals capacity of 10,000 MT in Nigeria soldout within 6-months of factory opening

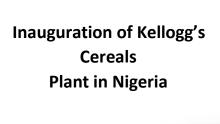
Sampled 1.4 million kids in Q1 2018 while covering 12,000 schools





**Creating market demand via N50 single-serve** 







Start of Kellogg's Noodles production in Egypt





Launch of Kellogg's Noodles in South Africa and Egypt