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Franchised Units:	105	In Business Since:	2005	Royalty:	6%
Company-Owned Units:	16	Average Franchise Fee:	\$7.5K	IFA Member:	Yes
Total Operating Units:	121	Total Investment Range:	\$585.5 – 1,197.5K	Term of Initial Contract:	10 Years

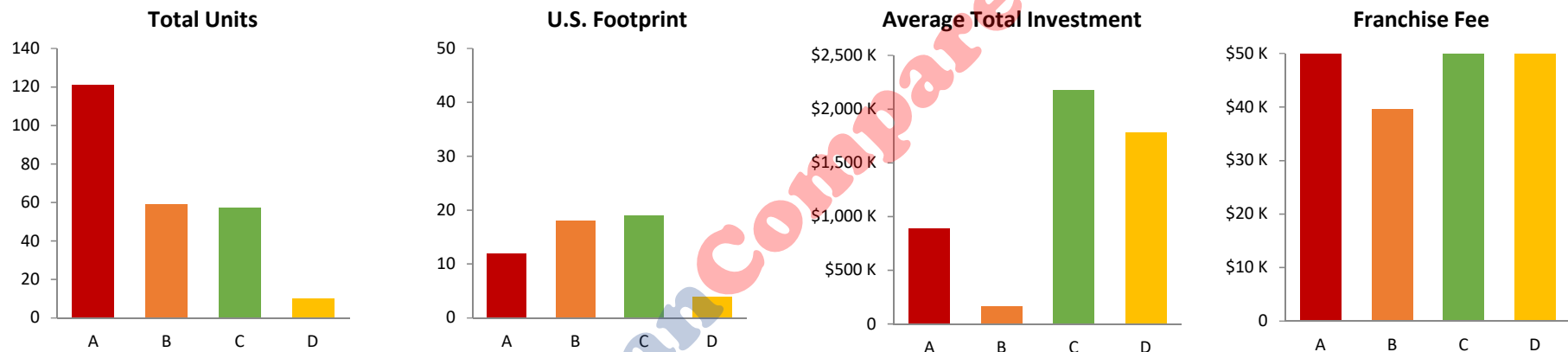
COMPANY'S DESCRIPTION HERE
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Swim Schools Industry

	Company Name (DBA)	Legal Name	Final Score
A	SafeSplash Swim School (Dedicated Location)	SafeSplash Brands, LLC	793
B	British Swim School	British Swim Centers Franchising, LLC	741
C	Goldfish Swim School	Goldfish Swim School Franchising, LLC	690
D	Bear Paddle Swim School	Bear Paddle Swim Schools, LLC	348

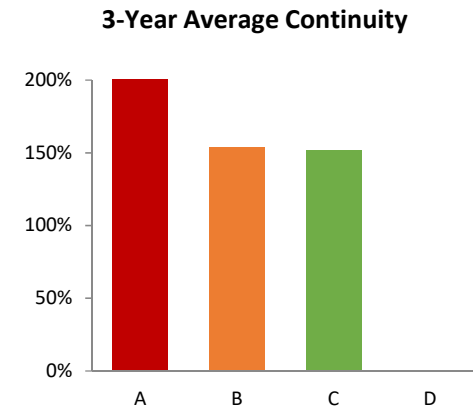
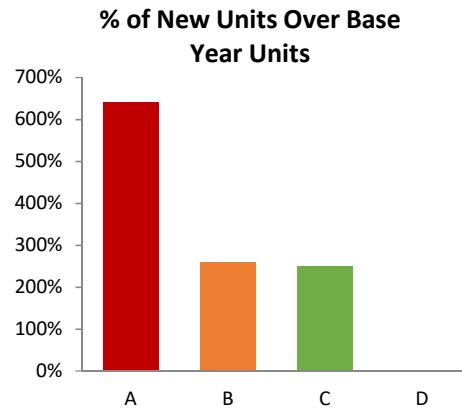
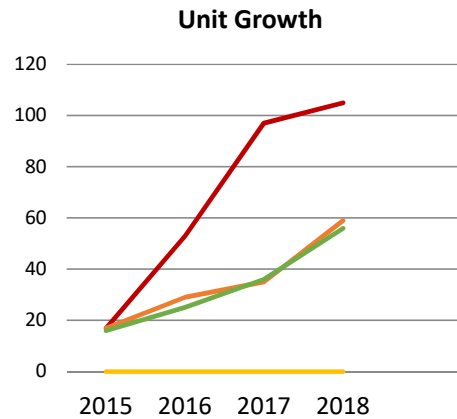
Key Unit Investment Variables

30%



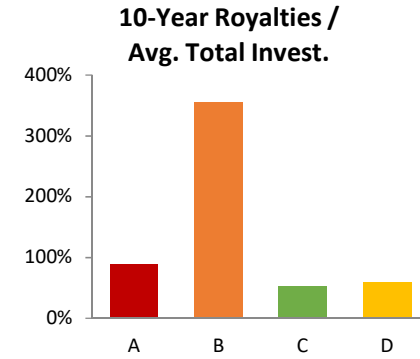
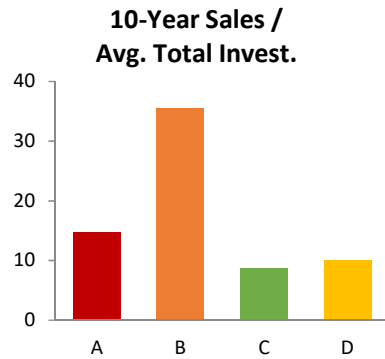
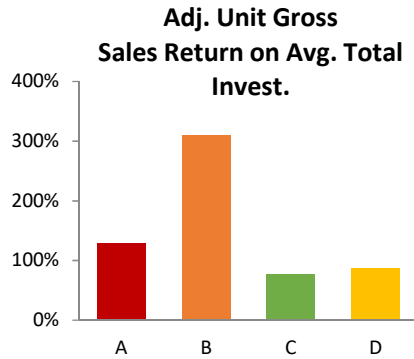
- **Total Units** is a valuable measure if recent growth was accompanied by proper support. Meteoric growth, however, with the help of third parties, frequently means franchisees are left to fend for themselves while management focuses on growth for its own sake.
- The greater the **Footprint/Geographical Coverage**, the better all franchisees are served. Only U.S. states are included.
- For the purpose of the Franchise Matrix™ analysis, the **Average Total Investment** is used in all cases.
- The **Franchise Fee** should not significantly exceed the franchise fee of its primary competitors.

	SafeSplash Swim School (Dedicated Location)		British Swim School		Goldfish Swim School		Bear Paddle Swim School		
Weighting for Primary FDD Variables (300 Points)	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Max. Score
Year-End Total Franchised Units	105		59		56		0		
Year-End Total Company-Owned Units	16		0		1		10		
Year-End Total Units	121	40	59	30	57	30	10	15	50
% of Franchised Units	86.8%		100.0%		98.2%		0.0%		
% of Company-Owned Units	13.2%	10	0.0%	0	1.8%	5	100.0%	0	10
U.S. Footprint (# of U.S. States)	12	26	18	26	19	26	4	8	35
Total Low Investment	\$585,500		\$92,900		\$1,315,283		\$1,484,900		
Total High Investment	\$1,197,500		\$239,400		\$3,045,358		\$2,088,650		
Average Total Investment Per Unit	\$891,500		\$166,150		\$2,180,321		\$1,786,775		
Low Unit Size Estimate (Square Feet)	1,200		No Data		7,500		7,500		
High Unit Size Estimate (Square Feet)	1,200		No Data		9,500		11,000		
Average Unit Size (Square Feet)	1,200		N/A		8,500		9,250		
Average Total Investment Per Square Feet	\$743		N/A		\$257		\$193		
Average Franchise Fee (Single Unit)	\$50,000	12	\$39,500	21	\$50,000	12	\$50,000	12	40
Average Annual Royalty Fee (On-Going After Trial Period)	6.0%	80	10.0%	20	6.0%	80	6.0%	80	90
Term of Initial Contract (Years)	10	20	10	20	10	20	10	20	35
Term of First Contract Renewal (Years)	10	11	10	11	10+10	20	5+5	11	20
Average Transfer Fee (Single Unit)	\$7,500	9	\$20,000	3	\$25,000	2	\$32,500	1	10
Year Incorporated	2005	7	2011	5	2005	7	2009	5	10
Franchising Since	2014		2011		2006		2018		
Issuance Date of FDD (Issue Date)	3/29/2018		4/19/2018		3/7/2018		2/16/2018		



- **3-Year Compound Annual Unit Growth** measures the unit growth from base year to end of 2017. Assuming proper support on the part of the franchisor, higher growth is rewarded. Steady and controlled **Unit Growth** are preferred over meteoric growth. Negative unit growth raises red flags.
- **% of New Units Over Base Year Units** is the Total End of 2017 Units divided by Base Year Beginning Units.
- **3-Year Average Continuity Rate** is an important and commonly used metric within the franchising industry that measures the success of a franchise system over its most recent past. Continuity rate is determined for each year by dividing end-of-year total units by beginning-of-year total units and dividing the 3 annual rates by 3 to arrive at an average. If there are a high number of closures or non-renewals within a franchise, the continuity rate will generally result in a rate of less than 100%, as will a system that cannot support its growth and, accordingly, its franchisees are failing. A high continuity rate is evidence of strong support systems. Continuity rates of over 100% were rewarded and ones with less than 100% were penalized.

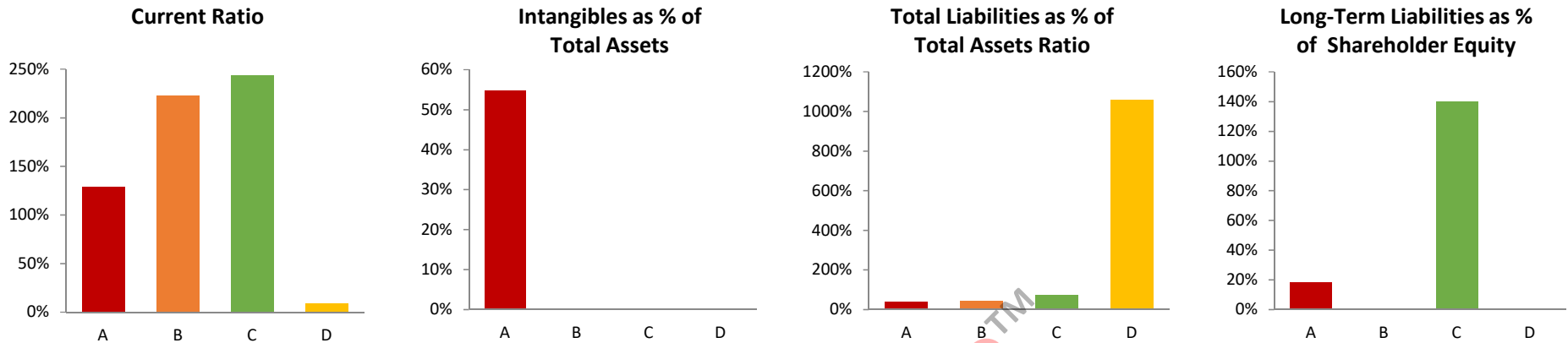
Weighting for Primary FDD Variables (250 Points)	SafeSplash Swim School (Dedicated Location)		British Swim School		Goldfish Swim School		Bear Paddle Swim School		Max. Score
	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	
Base-Year Beginning Franchised Units	17		17		16		0		
New Franchised Units Over Following 3 Years	109		44		40		0		
Total Franchised Units at the End of Year 3	105		59		56		0		
% of New Units Over Base Year Units	641.2%	40	258.8%	40	250.0%	40	N/A	0	40
3-Year Compound Annual Unit Growth	83.5%	70	51.4%	68	51.8%	68	N/A	0	70
3-Year Average Continuity Rate	201.0%	140	153.3%	140	151.9%	140	N/A	0	140



- Adjusted Unit Gross Sales by itself is not as important as **Adjusted Unit Gross Sales as percentage of the Average Total Investment**. Sales and profits must be evaluated as a function of the total investment.
- Whereas a modest difference in year 1 sales as a function of the average investment might be considered of minor importance, a 10-year time horizon puts these differences into perspective.
- Similarly, while a modest difference in year 1 royalty rates between franchisors might be considered of minor importance, cumulative **Royalty** payments over a 10-year time frame as a percentage of Average Total Investment put these differences into perspective.

Weighting for Primary FDD Variables (350 Points)	SafeSplash Swim School (Dedicated Location)		British Swim School		Goldfish Swim School		Bear Paddle Swim School		Max. Score
	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	
Company-Wide Average Gross Sales or Revenue	\$996,835		\$447,391		\$1,440,978		\$1,348,176		
Period Operated	At Least 12 Months		1 to 3 Years		12 to 24 Months		1 Year		
Calculation Based on # of Units Evaluated	4 of 121		19 of 59		11 of 56		6 of 10		
Calculation Based on Franchised or Company-Owned Units	Both		Franchised		Franchised		Company-Owned		
% Adjustment*	115%		115%		115%		115%		
Adjusted Average Gross Sales or Revenue	\$1,146,360		\$514,500		\$1,657,125		\$1,550,402		
Adjusted Unit Gross Sales Return on Avg. Total Investment	128.6%	120	309.7%	175	76.0%	70	86.8%	80	175
Cum.10-Year Gross Sales (Compounded at 5% Growth / Year)	\$13,164,988		\$5,908,598		\$19,030,690		\$17,805,067		
10-Year Sales / Average Total Investment	14.8	35	35.6	75	8.7	15	10.0	25	75
10-Year Total Royalty Payments	\$789,899		\$590,860		\$1,141,841		\$1,068,304		
10-Year Royalties / Average Total Investment	88.6%	50	355.6%	0	52.4%	50	59.8%	50	50
Detailed Income Statement (EBITDA All Units Optimal)	90%	45	20%	10	90%	45	0%	0	50

* To adjust stated Average Gross Sales to a "standard" of greater than 2 years, the following adjustments were applied:
 Over 1 Year = 115%; Over 2 Years = 100%; Over 3 Years = 95%; Over 4 Years = 90%; Over 5 Years = 85%.



- The **Current Ratio (or Working Capital Ratio)** is a liquidity ratio that reflects the franchisor's ability to pay back its short-term liabilities. A ratio of less than 1 raises a red flag as to whether a franchisor can pay its short-term obligations when due.
- **Intangibles**, including **Goodwill**, are long-term assets represented by non-physical assets. Franchisors whose brands are household names may justify a higher value for intangibles than a relatively new brand with limited experience in the marketplace.
- **Total Liabilities as percentage of Total Assets Ratio** reflects the long-term strength of the franchisor's balance sheet. Over time, one would expect the percentage to decrease. A lower percentage is preferred over a higher percentage.
- **Long-term Liabilities as percentage of Shareholder Equity** reflects the franchisor's long-term capital structure. Over time, one would expect the percentage to decrease. A lower percentage is preferred over a higher percentage.

Balance Sheet Items (\$000)	SafeSplash Swim School (Dedicated Location)		British Swim School		Goldfish Swim School		Bear Paddle Swim School		Max. Score
	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	
Weighting for Primary FDD Variables (100 Points)									
Ending Date for Financials (Closing Date on Balance Sheet)	12/31/2017		12/31/2017		12/31/2017		12/31/2017		
Current Assets	\$628		\$364		\$3,991		\$10		
Intangibles & Goodwill	\$923		\$0		\$0		\$0		
Other Assets	\$134		\$21		\$379		\$0		
Total Assets	\$1,685		\$385		\$4,370		\$10		
Current Liabilities	\$488		\$163		\$1,636		\$106		
Long-Team Liabilities	\$185		\$0		\$1,594		\$0		
Total Liabilities	\$673		\$163		\$3,230		\$106		
Shareholders' Equity	\$1,012		\$222		\$1,140		-\$96		
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity	\$1,685		\$385		\$4,370		\$10		

Key Financial Ratio (%)s	SafeSplash Swim School (Dedicated Location)		British Swim School		Goldfish Swim School		Bear Paddle Swim School		Max. Score
	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	
Weighting for Primary FDD Variables (100 Points)									
Current Ratio (or Working Capital Ratio)	128.7%	22	223.3%	25	243.9%	25	9.4%	1	25
Intangibles & Goodwill as % of Total Assets	54.8%	4	0.0%	20	0.0%	20	0.0%	20	20
Total Liabilities as % of Total Assets Ratio	39.9%	33	42.3%	32	73.9%	15	1060.0%	0	35
Long-Term Liabilities as % of Shareholders' Equity Ratio	18.3%	19	0.0%	20	139.8%	0	0.0%	20	20

Total Score	793	741	690	348	/1000
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