# dermograph

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**Project Goal** 

Can Dermograph be profitable today and in the future? If so, what is the business model for future growth?

# **Current State**

Dermograph is a Beloved, High-Margin Product, but Sales and Pricing Strategy Needs to be Addressed

## **Key Strengths**

## **Key Opportunities**

## **Key Sales Channels**

Brands

Brands provide high margin, high volume potential (high WTP, low cost of sales, large reach)

## Retailers

 Specialty retailers are growing in the beauty industry, and their customers are the perfect target for a Dermograph-like



#### **Customers love the Dermograph**

- Majority of the interviews conducted show that the product solves a need for estheticians, brands, and distributors
- Customer referrals are a leading sales pipeline

#### The Dermograph is a high-margin product

 Although margins vary by price point, many sales have been at a very high gross margin percentage

## Many hardware and software issues will be solved with Dermograph 2.0

 Majority of improvements / requests identified from customers through interviews will be addressed in the new version of the Dermograph

#### Unstructured sales strategy affects revenue

- Dermograph has focused on developing the product and not on sales
- Inconsistency in sales strategy (clear sales targets, resource allocation, and working capital) has held back revenues

#### Pricing is highly variable by customer, and margin is largely not tracked/ignored

- There is insufficient information on COGS, overhead costs, and margins by price point
- As a result, margin is ignored when determining price point per contract

#### **Custom installation reduces scalability**

• Labor hours required to install, test, and support each Dermograph post-sale are significant, and reduce ability to scale

- Historical success as well as customer interviews suggest Dermograph should shift more focus here
- Develop partnerships and integrate with a brand to become part of the brand's program for nationwide or global sales and marketing

## Distributors

- Distributors are typically lower margin customers, but are an efficient vehicle to use to enter a new geography or region (Asia potentially given the importance of that region)
- After entering a market and growing brand recognition, do not rely heavily on distributors as they are generally margin dilutive customers

#### product

- Focus on personalization, data-driven purchasing behavior, high WTP
- Department stores are losing market share in the beauty retail space, but still represent a huge percentage of total sales and customers

## Spas

- Estheticians and spas are typically low volume, low price, high cost of sales customers
- Due to Dermograph's resource constraints and the importance of growing sales profitably, we believe estheticians and spas should not be a focal point for the salesforce
- Do not spend time / effort pursuing these sales

# Workstreams

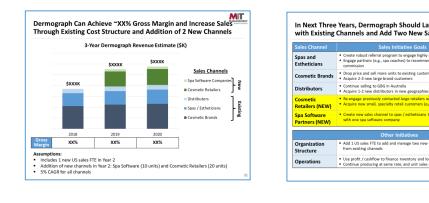
#### Customer Outreach

Create new sales leads and explore the existing pipeline of current customers



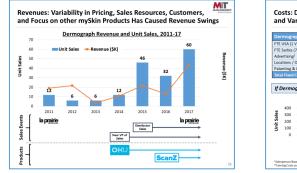
## **Channel Expansion**

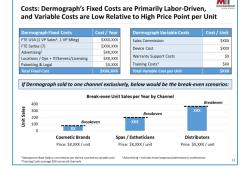
Identify and explore new sales channels to expand topline growth



## **Business Projections**

*Estimate defensible revenue, costs, and profitability for 1-, 3-, and 5-year time horizons* 





## **Financial Model** Develop and utilize a comprehensive, fact-

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# **Findings and Recommendations**

## Dermograph Can be Profitable Today, with Room for Sustainable Growth in the Future

Key Business Issues for Dermograph		Answer	Investment
Next Year	Can Dermograph be profitable today?	Yes	None; existing resources
Next 3 Years	Can Dermograph grow sustainably in the future?	Yes	None; existing resources
Invest for Growth	What is the business model for future growth? What are the results?	Organization + Operations Changes	Significant

Immediately, Dermograph should reduce headcount, increase sales resources, and set clear quarterly targets

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In the long-run, Dermograph should look to expand sales channels and invest in hardware/software upgrades

