

Case Study: Seatback – A Startup with a Health Vision



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The Seatback case study delves into the management challenges faced by Seatback, a startup specializing in the development of a smart chair capable of monitoring user posture and sitting habits, providing valuable feedback. The critical management dilemma confronting the company revolves around transitioning from a startup phase to a stable and profitable entity capable of accommodating large volumes. The founders of Seatback find themselves at a crossroads, grappling with pivotal decisions such as whether to position the company as a premium office chair or a sophisticated gaming chair. Additionally, they must determine whether to anchor the value proposition in the unique chair equipped with sensors or the bio-feedback application. Considerations extend to whether Seatback should offer a comprehensive health ecosystem and which platforms could support such an endeavor. Further decisions loom, including whether to target the B2B or B2C markets, defining the pricing strategy (premium or universally accessible), and establishing the distribution infrastructure. The complexity of Seatback's strategic decisions extends to the marketing mix, scrutinizing the company's ability to produce, distribute, and market its product in a fiercely competitive landscape.