

Beijer

Sustainable Growth Hypothesis:

Beijer is a Swedish distributor of refrigeration and heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment, as well as being a manufacturer of eco-friendly refrigeration systems and heat pumps. Buildings account for a significant chunk of global emissions. Beijer has the opportunity and ambition to steer both customers and manufacturers towards more energy efficient units. It aligns with our **planet** theme through influential business **practices** which enable the energy transition.

1. Growth: How likely is the company to deliver 10% p.a. profit growth over the next decade?

- Tighter environmental regulation is driving strong industry growth, bringing heat pumps into the scope of the industry. Further growth will stem from distributing in new regions as well as growth in original equipment manufacturing.

2. Resilience: How much control does the company have over its own success?

- World's leading refrigeration distribution business and biggest distributor of heating, ventilation and air conditioning units outside of the US & China. Beijer have a global presence while most of their peers are local.

3. Valuation: What is our insight?

- The potential duration of growth is unique. Not many companies can sustain mid-high single-digit organic growth for an extended period, underpinned by an impressive product offering.

4. Products: To what extent will the core products & services create value for society over the next decade?

- Neutral. Beijer Ref plays an important role in connecting suppliers to contractors in a highly fragmented industry. Its impact as a distributor is amplified by its scale and the types of products it distributes.

5. Practices: Does the company show leadership in its business practices?

- As a leading HVAC distributor, Beijer has the opportunity to accelerate the market's transition to more efficient, lower-emitting HVAC units by influencing the decisions of both suppliers and installers in the industry.

6. Ambition: What is the company's purpose, and how ambitious are they?

- Reducing its negative environmental impact seems to be important to Beijer and in addition to committing to Scope 1,2 and 3 emissions reductions, it has sustainability goals which focus on the environmentally most material areas.

7. Trust: Should we trust the company with our clients' capital?

- We have a long-standing relationship with Beijer, however the level of independence on the board is underwhelming.

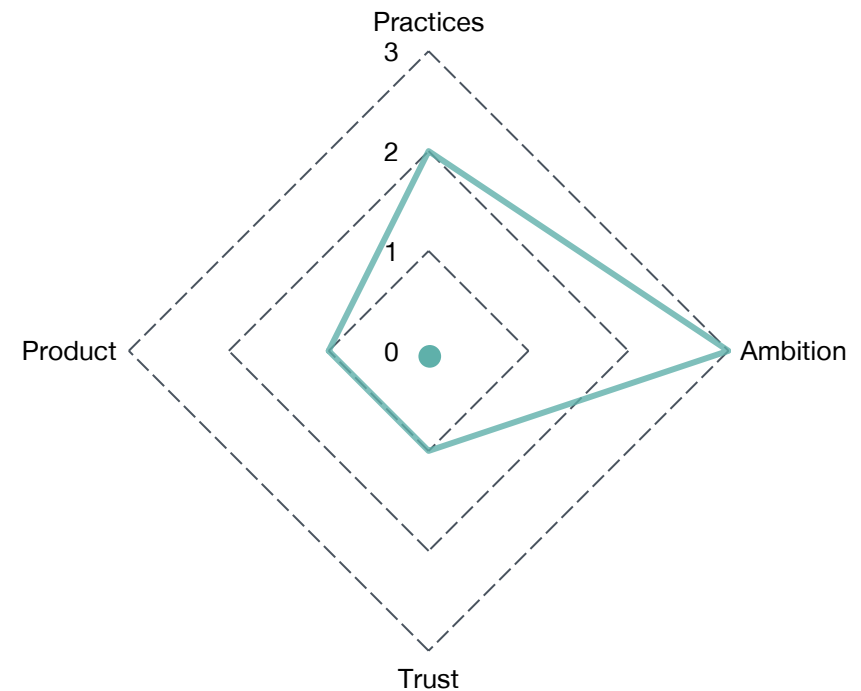
8. Engagement: No company is perfect, what should be our engagement priority?

- Continue monitoring progress on independence levels and dual share structure.

9. Milestones: What developments should we pay most attention to? Where could we be wrong?

- Adoption of heat pumps across Beijer's core markets and movement of environmental regulation likely to drive industry growth.

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