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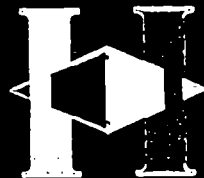
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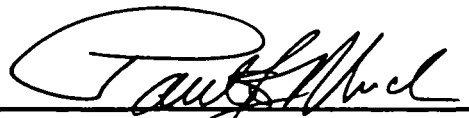
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The attached bound volume constitutes the expert report of Paul J. Much. This report and Mr. Much's opinions and testimony will be based on his academic training and experience and his ongoing review of publicly available corporate financial data and internal tobacco industry documents and discovery. A listing of the documents relied upon by Mr. Much is attached. Defendants have yet to fully answer discovery upon which portions of this report are based. Mr. Much may review additional documents and discovery produced or to be produced by defendants and may rely on other experts in this case. Mr. Much reserves the right to supplement and revise this report, in accordance with the court's orders of March 13, 1997, and May 16, 1997. Mr. Much also may offer testimony in response to related issues raised by defendants. A listing of the matters in which Mr. Much has testified, as well as Mr. Much's curriculum vitae, which includes a listing of his publications, are attached.



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Senior Managing Director

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Tobacco Profit Summary

Defendant Companies Summary

1954-96

GLOBAL CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Operating Profits</u>
American Tobacco	\$235,401,000,000	\$25,931,000,000
Brown & Williamson (BAT) ⁽¹⁾	474,369,000,000	43,179,000,000
Liggett	30,650,000,000	2,519,000,000
Lorillard	205,023,000,000	20,333,000,000
Philip Morris	681,433,000,000	103,119,000,000
RJ Reynolds	<u>301,892,000,000</u>	<u>46,944,000,000</u>
Total	\$1,928,782,000,000	\$242,023,000,000

GLOBAL TOBACCO OPERATIONS

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Operating Profits</u>
American Tobacco	\$149,593,000,000	\$16,643,000,000
Brown & Williamson (BAT) ⁽¹⁾	272,474,000,000	25,790,000,000
Liggett	20,902,000,000	1,870,000,000
Lorillard	40,372,000,000	9,996,000,000
Philip Morris	342,617,000,000	76,338,000,000
RJ Reynolds	<u>169,207,000,000</u>	<u>36,401,000,000</u>
Total	\$995,165,000,000	\$167,037,000,000

(1) Represents operations of Brown & Williamson's parent company BAT Industries, PLC.

Defendant Companies Summary

1954-96

DOMESTIC TOBACCO INDUSTRY

Aggregate Revenues	\$463,237,000,000
Aggregate Operating Profits	114,904,000,000

DOMESTIC TOBACCO OPERATIONS

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Operating Profits</u>
American Tobacco	\$50,770,000,000	\$10,200,000,000
Brown & Williamson	58,143,000,000	10,222,000,000
Liggett	20,902,000,000	1,870,000,000
Lorillard	40,372,000,000	9,996,000,000
Philip Morris	165,398,000,000	52,186,000,000
RJ Reynolds	<u>127,653,000,000</u>	<u>30,430,000,000</u>
Total	\$463,247,000,000	\$114,906,000,000

Defendant Companies Summary

1954-96

MINNESOTA TOBACCO MARKET

Aggregate Revenues	\$7,430,922,000
Aggregate Operating Profit	1,851,753,000

MINNESOTA TOBACCO OPERATIONS

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Operating Profits</u>
American Tobacco	\$697,441,000	\$146,777,000
Brown & Williamson	995,784,000	173,950,000
Liggett	312,480,000	26,470,000
Lorillard	618,756,000	147,228,000
Philip Morris	2,550,814,000	801,055,000
RJ Reynolds	<u>2,255,647,000</u>	<u>555,893,000</u>
Total	\$7,430,922,000	\$1,851,373,000

United States Tobacco Market

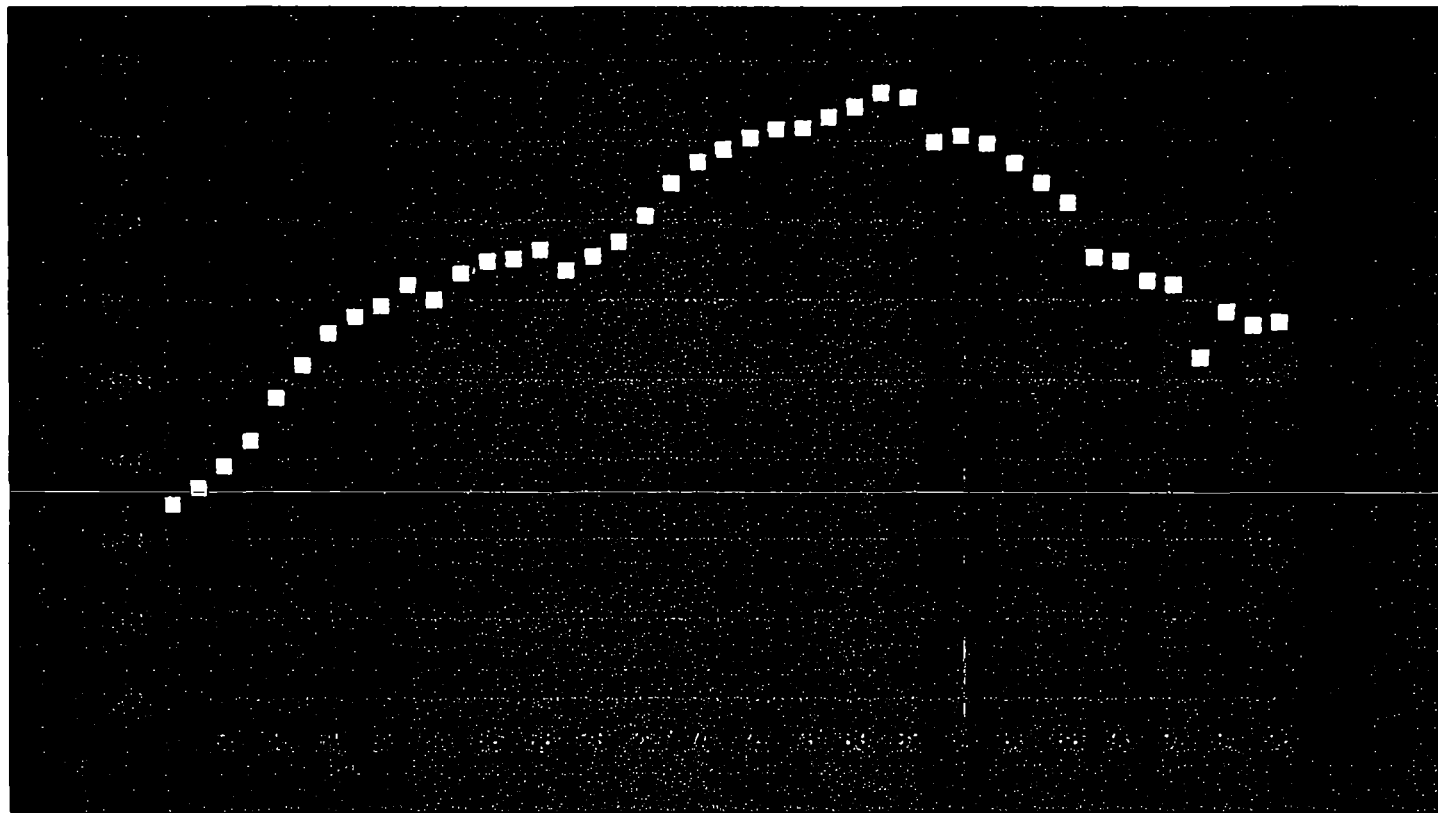
United States Tobacco Market

- Historically dominated by six manufacturers.
 - American Tobacco Company
 - Brown & Williamson
 - Liggett
 - Lorillard
 - Philip Morris
 - RJ Reynolds
- Diversification began in the 1960's.
 - Initial diversification related to tobacco packaging and other packaging materials.
 - Subsequent diversification included expansion into international tobacco and other consumer products using profits from domestic tobacco.

United States Tobacco Market

Domestic Unit Volume

(billions of cigarettes)

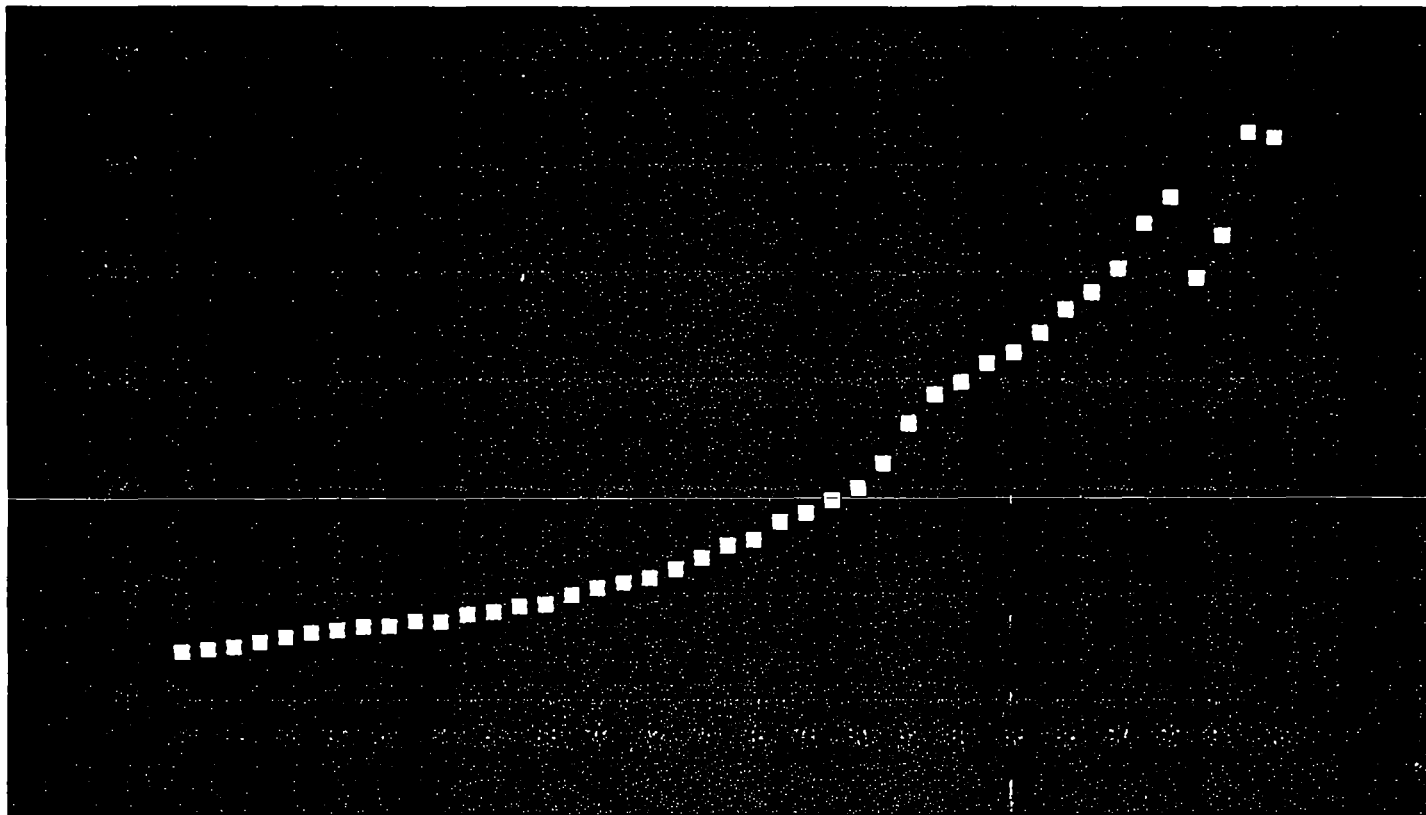


Source: Maxwell Reports

United States Tobacco Market

Domestic Retail Dollar Volume

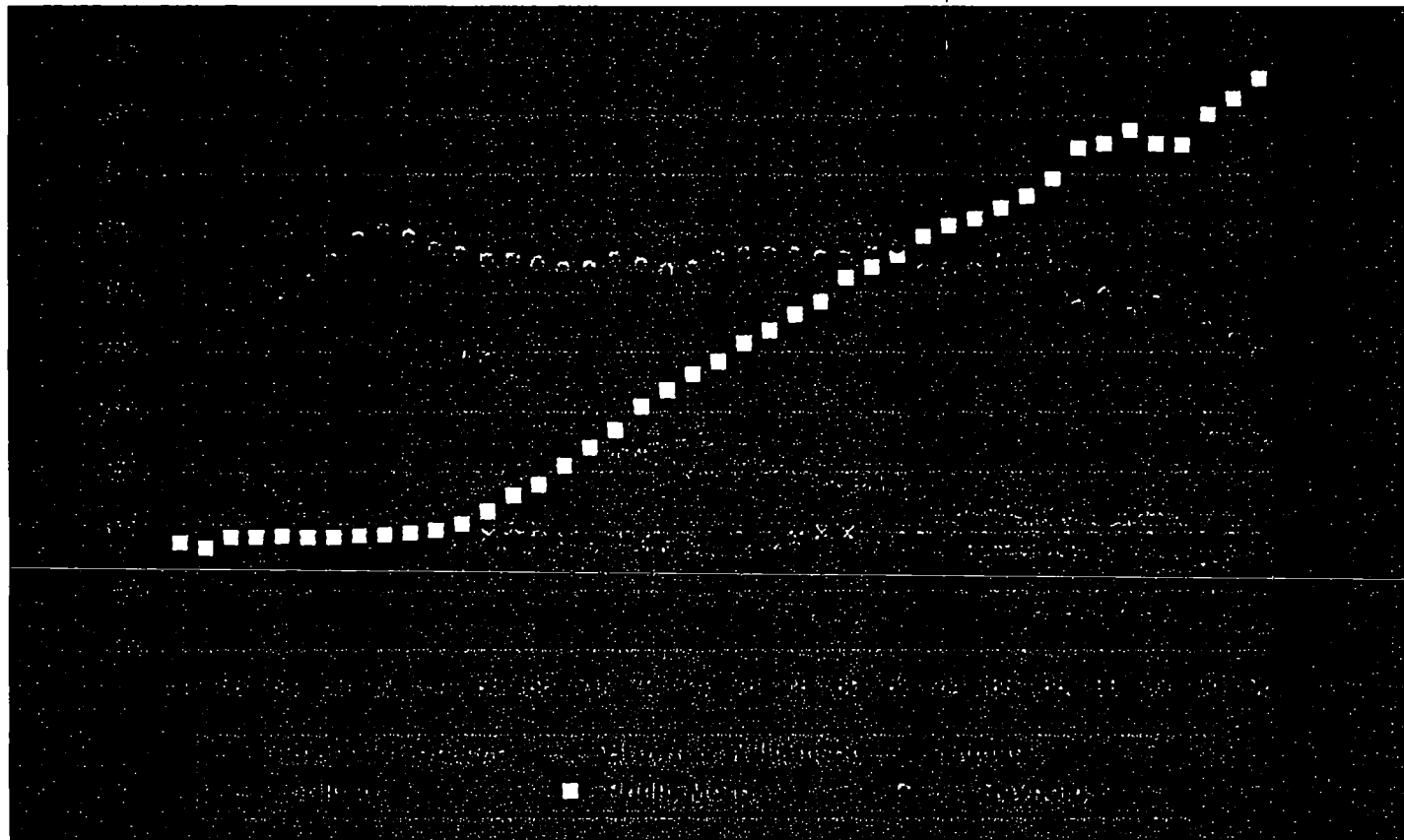
(\$billions)



Source: Maxwell Report and Tobacco Burden Report

United States Tobacco Market

Market Share Data



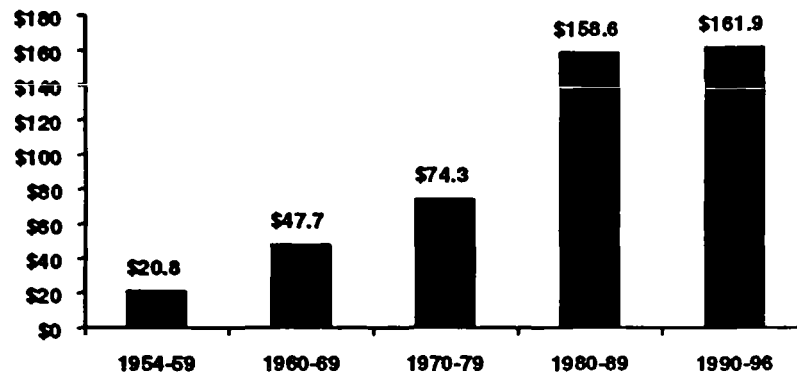
Source: Maxwell Reports

* Brown & Williamson 1995, 1996 data reflects the combination of Brown & Williamson and American Tobacco which are both part of BAT Industries PLC.

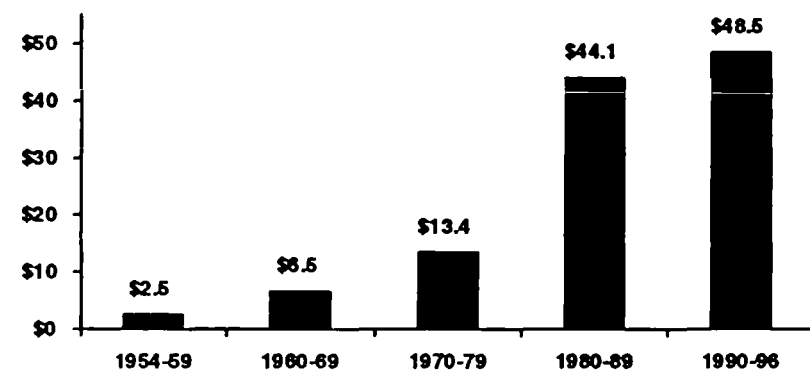
United States Tobacco Market

Tobacco has generated significant revenue and operating profits for decades.

**Aggregate Domestic Tobacco
Revenues 1954-1996 ⁽¹⁾**
(\$billions)



**Aggregate Domestic Tobacco
Operating Profits 1954-1996 ⁽¹⁾**
(\$billions)

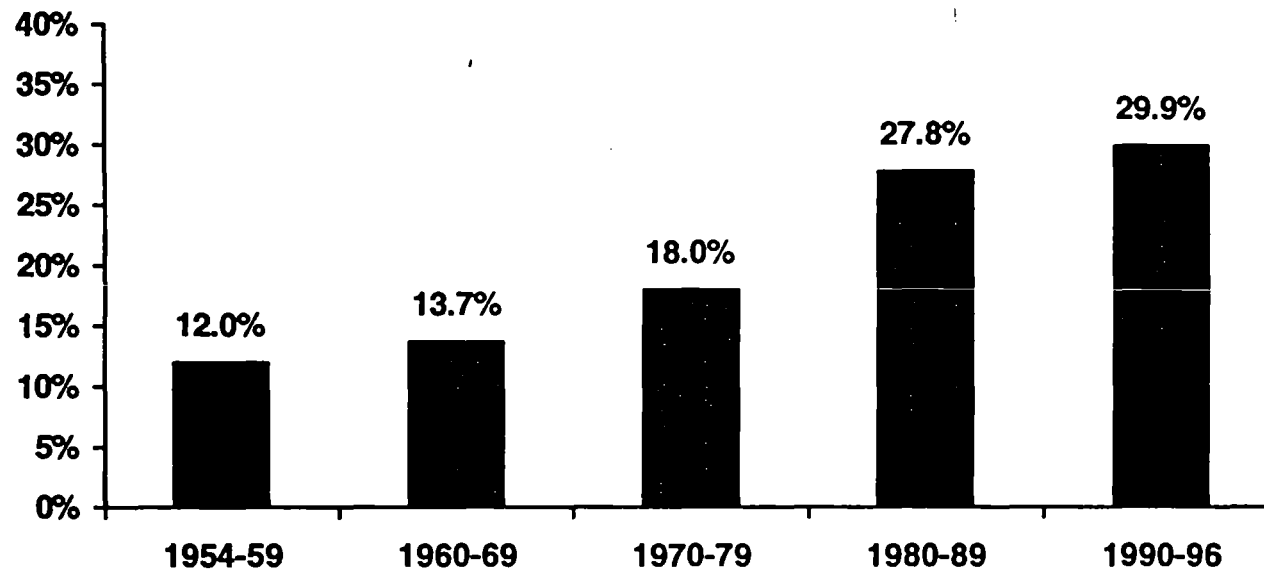


(1) Does not include results of Brown & Williamson from 1954-57 which was not disclosed by Brown & Williamson.

United States Tobacco Market

Tobacco has enjoyed increasing operating profit margins and redeployed those profits through diversification into other businesses.

Composite Domestic Operating Profit Margin⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾



(1) Does not include results of Brown & Williamson from 1954-57 which was not disclosed by Brown & Williamson.

(2) Composite Margin represents weighted average margin based upon dollar volume not unit volume.

Minnesota Tobacco Analysis

Minnesota Tobacco Analysis

Applying a weighted average domestic Operating Profit Margin, yields aggregate Minnesota Operating Profit of \$1.85 billion detailed by decade.

	Average Domestic	Minnesota
	<u>Operating Profit Margin</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Operating Profit</u>
-1954-59	11.2%	\$26,731,000
-1960-69	13.4%	81,393,000
-1970-79	17.9%	206,257,000
-1980-89	27.8%	775,282,000
-1990-96	<u>28.8%</u>	<u>761,711,000</u>
Total Operating Profit	24.9%	\$1,851,373,000

(1) Weighted average margin is based on unit volume not dollar volume and therefore is slightly different than the results on page 14.

Cross-Check of Minnesota Analysis

Based on Tobacco Burden Report

Total US Retail Market	\$804,386,264,000	based on summation of Line 37 Tab4B in Exhibit Volume
Minnesota Retail Revenue	12,188,896,000	based on summation of Line 5 Tab 4A in Exhibit Volume
Minnesota Market Size based on Retail Dollars	1.8%	

Based on Tobacco Burden Report and Maxwell Report

Total US Domestic Market (bn sticks)	22,631	based on summation of Line 30 Tab4B in Exhibit Volume
Minnesota Market (bn sticks)	348	based on summation of Line 32 Tab4B in Exhibit Volume
Minnesota Market Size based on Unit Volume	1.5%	

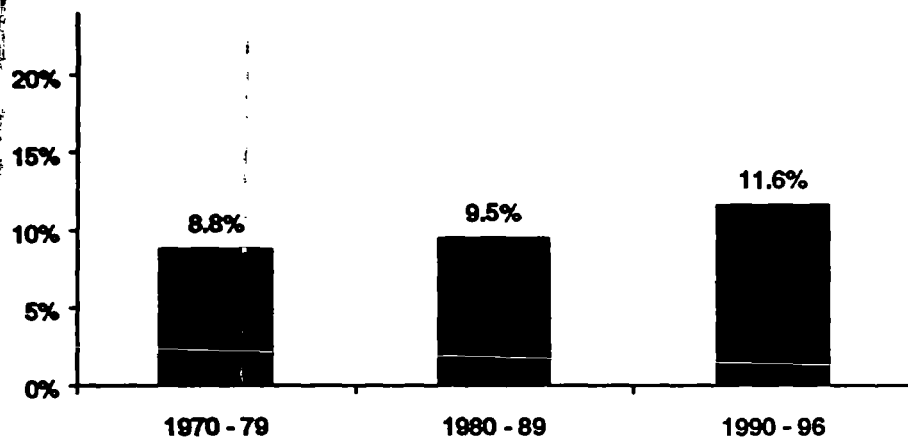
Based on Houlihan Lokey Calculations

Total US Profits	\$114,903,806,000	based on summation of financial data
Calculated Minnesota Profits	1,851,373,000	based on calculation as detailed in Minnesota Analysis
Minnesota Market Size based on Profits	1.6%	

Pharmaceuticals & Consumer Products

Branded Food Products

Operating Profit Margin



Companies Include

1970-79

General Foods(Maxwell House, Post Cereals)
General Mills (Wheaties, Betty Crocker, Cheerios)
Kellogg's (Frosted Flakes, Special K, Pop Tarts)
Kraft Foods (Cheese, Miracle Whip, Crystal Light)
Nabisco Foods (Oreo, Life Savers, Planter's)
Pepsico (Fritos, Lays)

1980-89

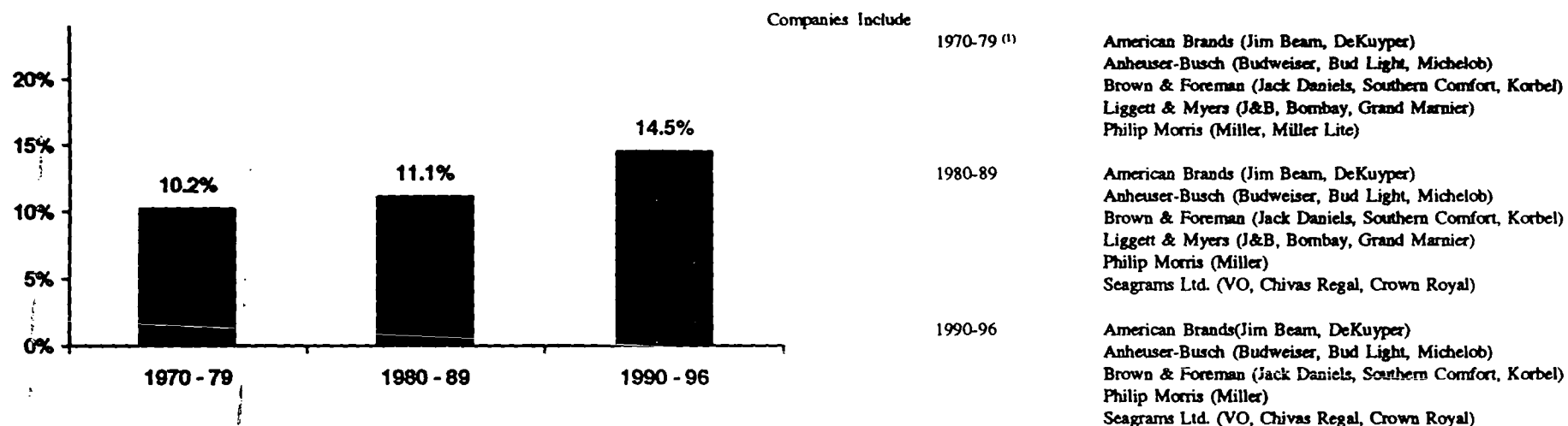
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Pepsico (Fritos, Lays)

1990-96

General Mills (Wheaties, Betty Crocker, Cheerios)
Kellogg's (Frosted Flakes, Special K, Pop Tarts)
Nabisco Foods (Oreo, Life Savers, Planter's)
Pepsico (Fritos, Lays)
Philip Morris Foods (Kraft-General Foods)

Alcoholic Beverages

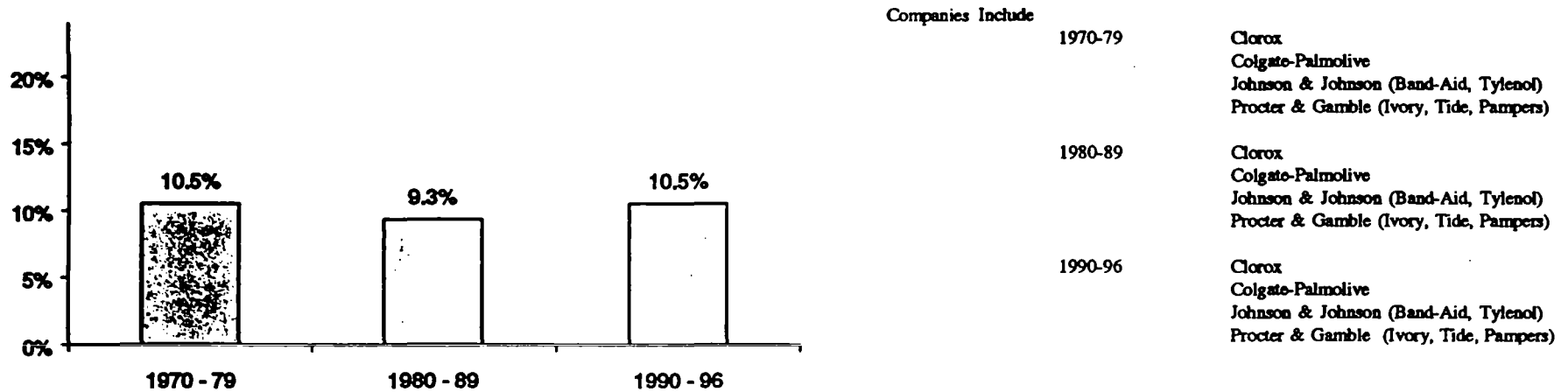
Operating Profit Margin



(1) Seagrams Ltd was not included in the 1970-79 period due to lack of publicly disclosed information.

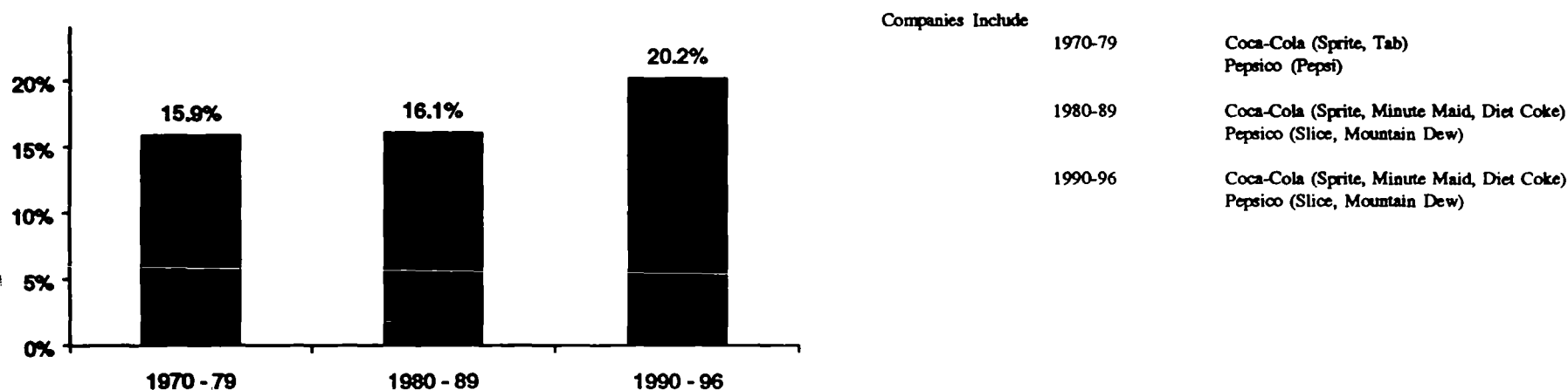
Branded Consumer Products

Operating Profit Margin



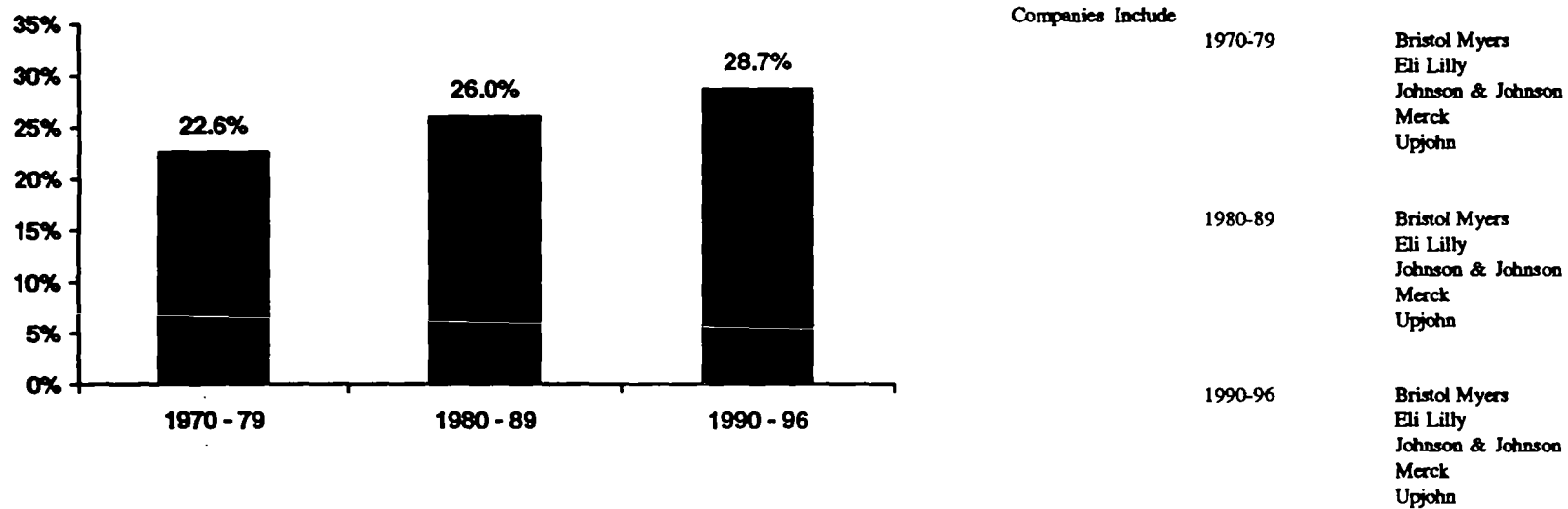
Branded Non-Alcoholic Drinks

Operating Profit Margin



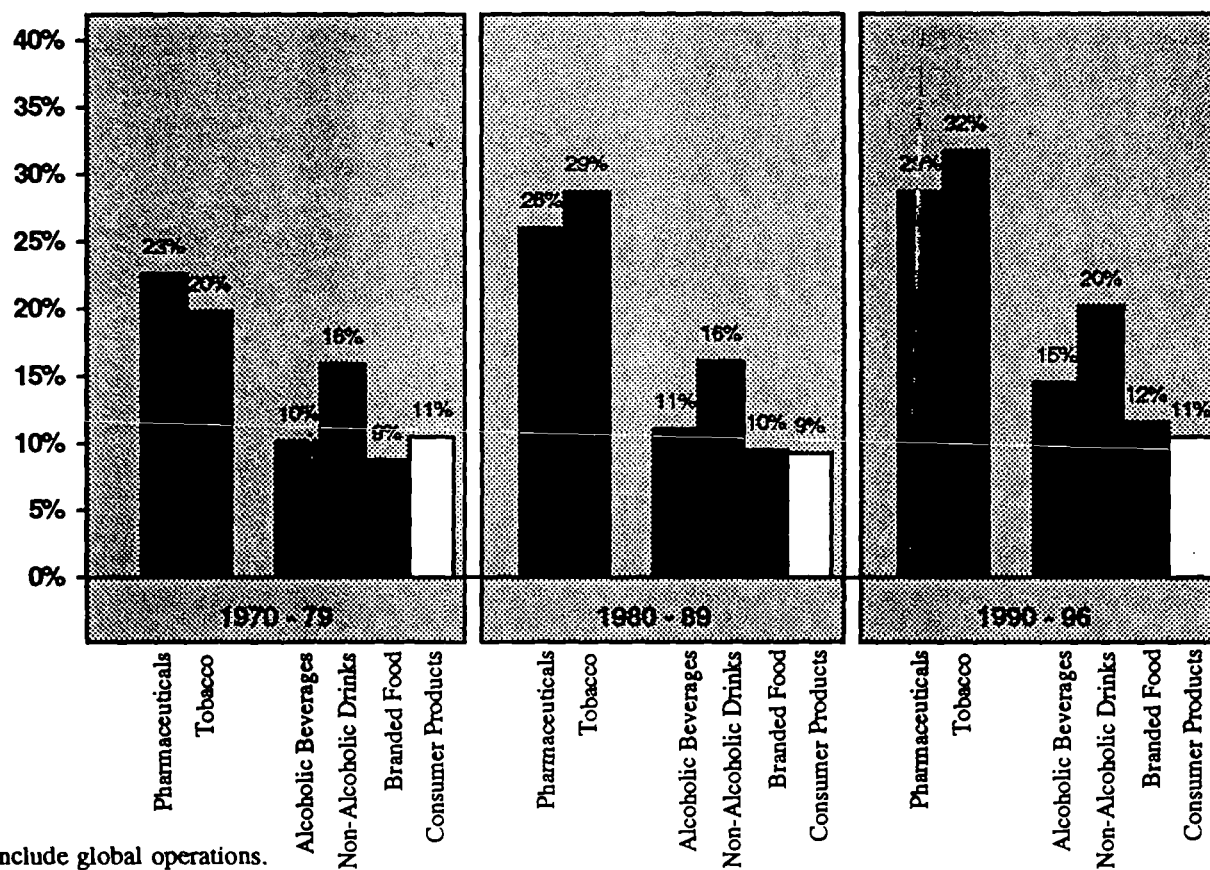
Pharmaceuticals

Operating Profit Margin



Tobacco and Pharmaceuticals vs. Consumer Products ⁽¹⁾

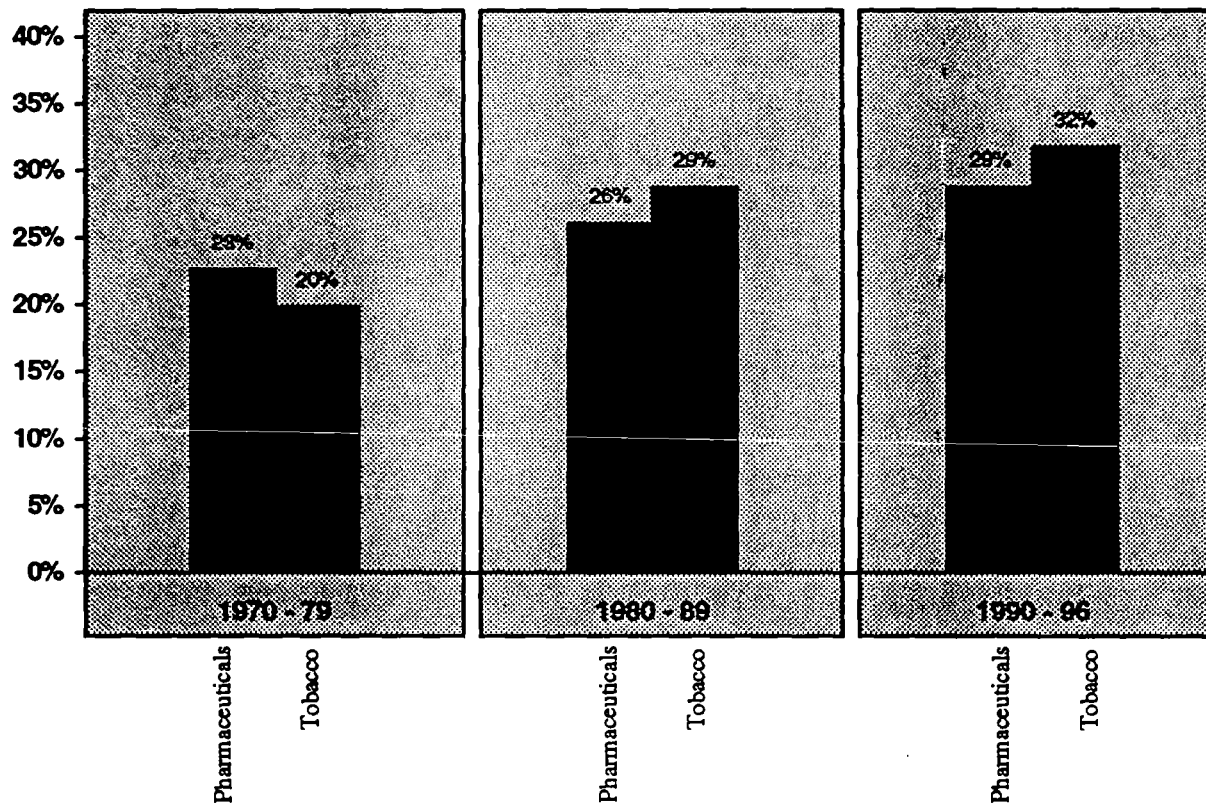
Summary Operating Profit Margin



(1) All operating results include global operations.

Tobacco and Pharmaceuticals ⁽¹⁾

Summary Operating Profit Margin



(1) All operating results include global operations.

Observations

- Tobacco Operating Profit Margins exceed those of other consumer products.
- Tobacco Operating Profit Margins are similar to those of pharmaceutical companies.

Defendant Company Summaries

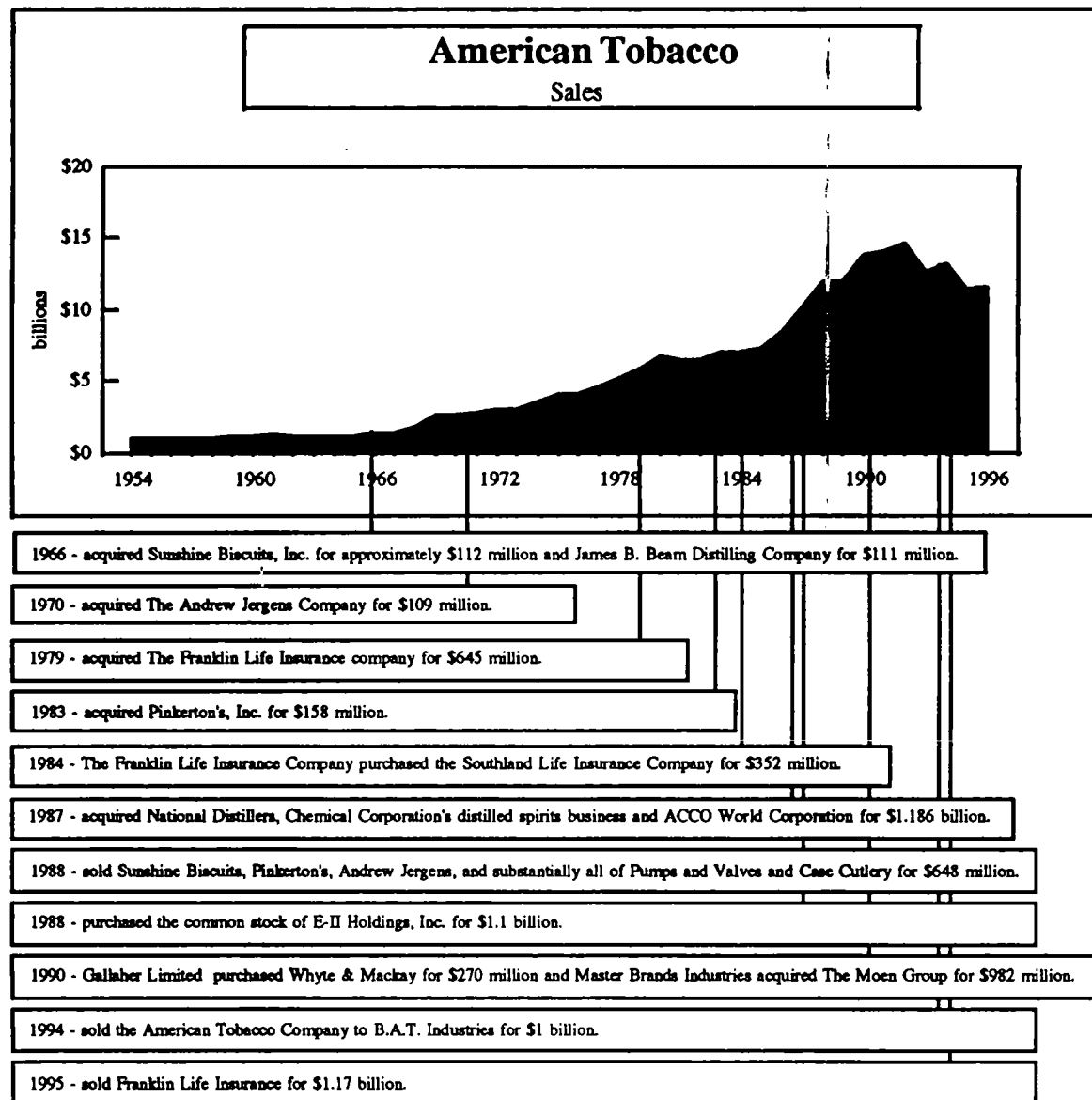
American Tobacco

- Started in 1864 as W. Duke and Sons, a small tobacco company started by Washington Duke, a North Carolina farmer.
- Domestic tobacco is currently part of B.A.T. Industries PLC (since 1994, American Brands pre 1994)
 - Diversified Global Tobacco and Consumer Product Company
 - Pre-BAT 1994 - American Brands Business Mix ⁽¹⁾

– Global Tobacco	\$7.8 billion Revenue (65%), \$764.8 million Operating Profit (58%)
– Distilled Spirits	\$1.3 billion Revenue (11%), \$221.2 million Operating Profit (17%)
– Home Improvement	\$1.3 billion Revenue (11%), \$176.5 million Operating Profit (14%)
– Golf & Leisure/Office Products	\$1.6 billion Revenue (13%), \$147.8 million Operating Profit (11%)
 - Major brands include

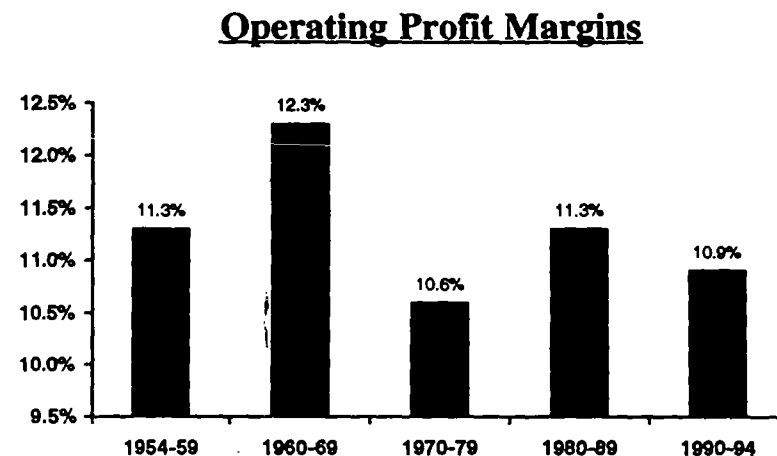
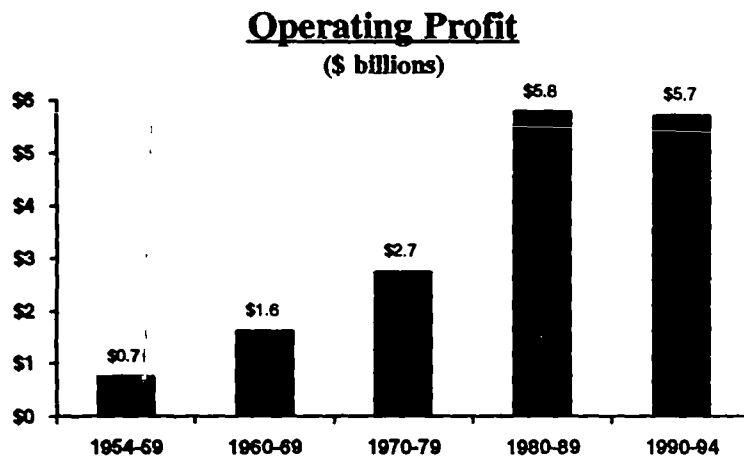
– Tobacco:	Lucky Strike, Pall Mall, Carlton and Tareyton
– Distilled Spirits:	Jim Bean, Whyte & Mackay
– Home Improvement:	Moen, Master Lock and AristoKraft

(1) American sold their Domestic Tobacco operations to B.A.T. in December 1994. International Tobacco is represented by Gallaher International, a leading tobacco company in the U.K.



American Tobacco

- American Tobacco Global Financial Results by Period
 - Aggregate Results 1954-94
 - Total Revenues \$149.6 billion
 - Total Profits \$16.6 billion
 - Avg. Operating Margin 11.1%



American Tobacco

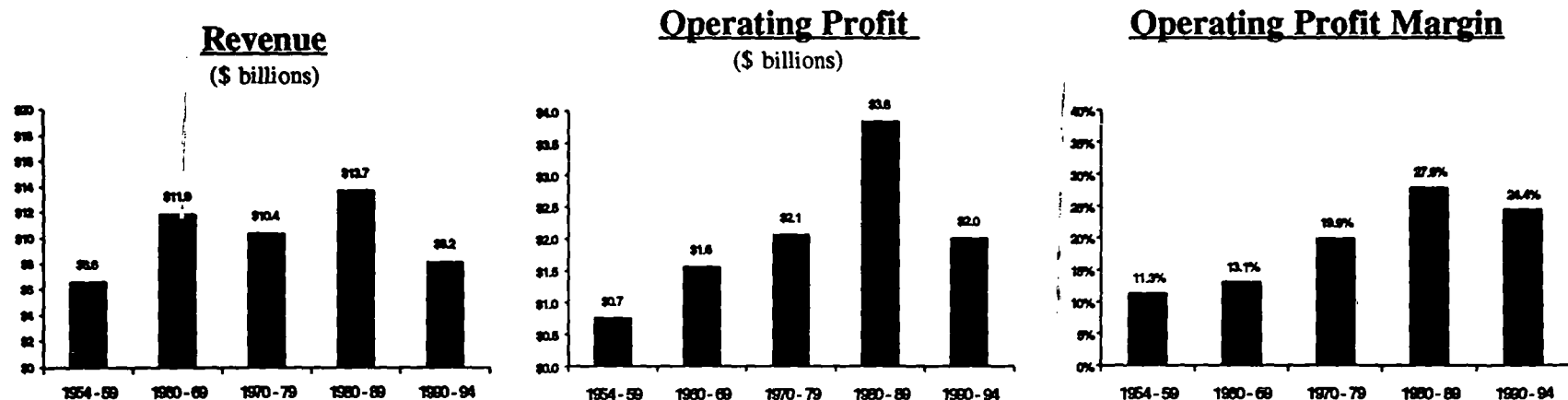
- American Tobacco Domestic Tobacco Results by Period

- Aggregate Results 1954-94⁽¹⁾

- Total Tobacco Revenues \$50.8 billion

- Total Tobacco Profits \$10.2 billion

- Avg. Operating Margin 20.1%

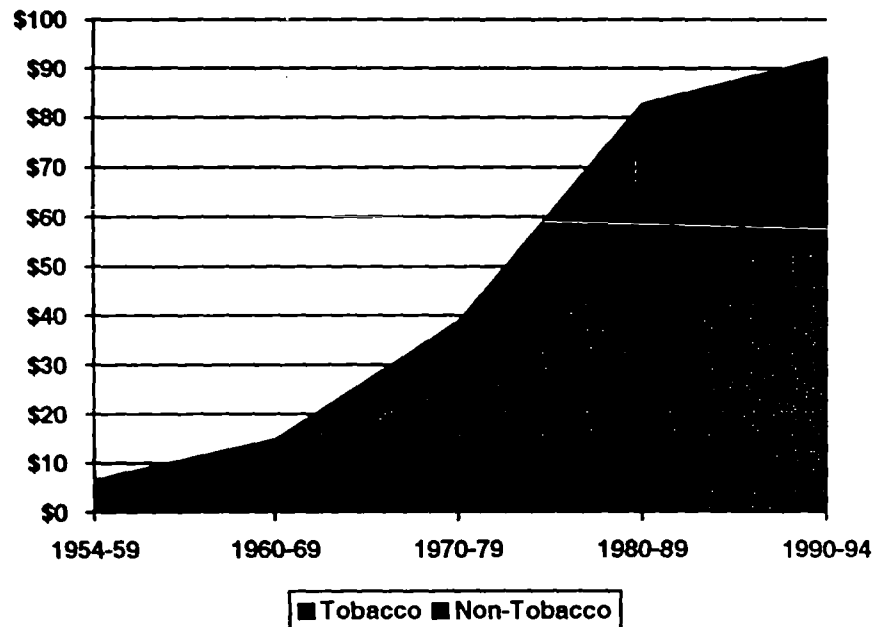


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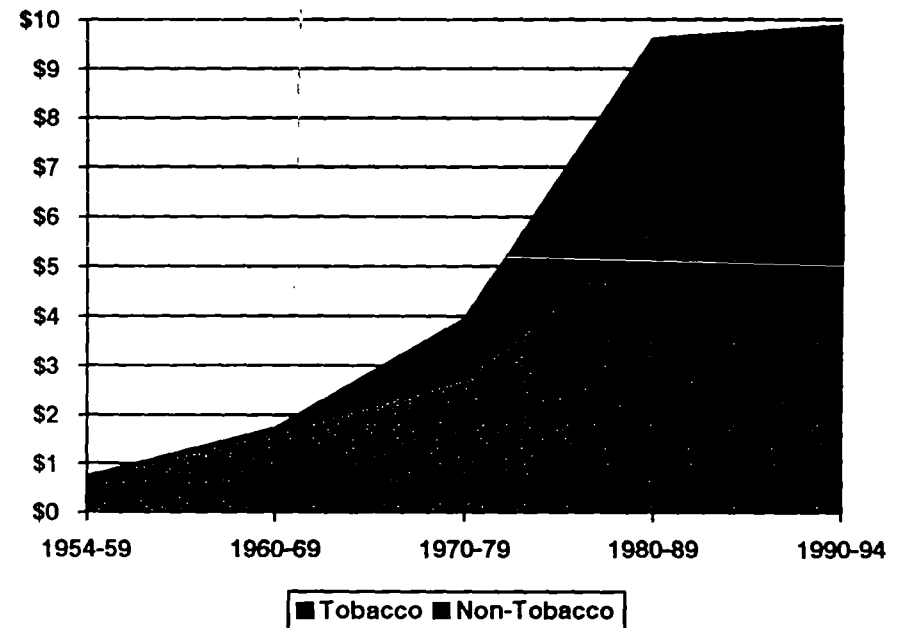
American Tobacco

Global Tobacco Contribution vs. Other Global Operations

Revenue by Decade
1954-94



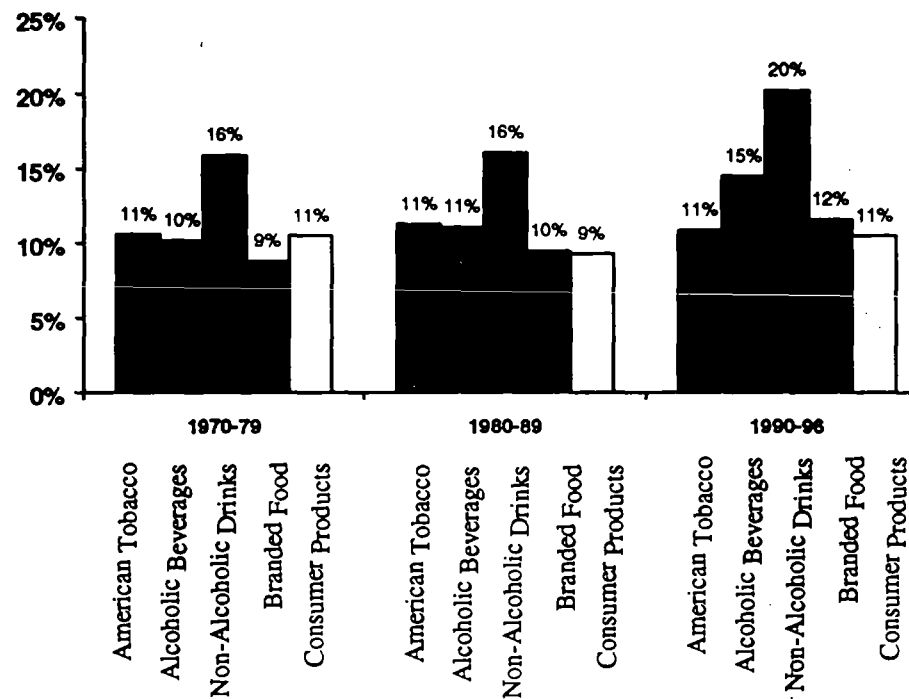
Operating Profits by Decade
1954-94



American Tobacco

American Tobacco's Global Tobacco historical profitability has not proven to be substantially greater than other branded consumer products over time periods analyzed.

Operating Profit Margin



Brown & Williamson

- Started in 1894 by George Brown and Robert Williamson
- Currently part of B.A.T. Industries PLC
 - Diversified Global Tobacco and Financial Services Company
 - Current Business Mix
 - Commercial ⁽¹⁾ \$17.9 billion Revenue (72%) \$1.6 Operating Profit (61%)
 - Financial Services \$6.7 billion Revenue (28%) \$1.0 Operating Profit (39%)
 - Major brands include
 - Tobacco: Kool, Viceroy, Barclay and Raleigh
 - Financial Services: Farmers Insurance Group, Canada Trust & Eagle Star

(1) Predominantly tobacco operations

Brown & Williamson

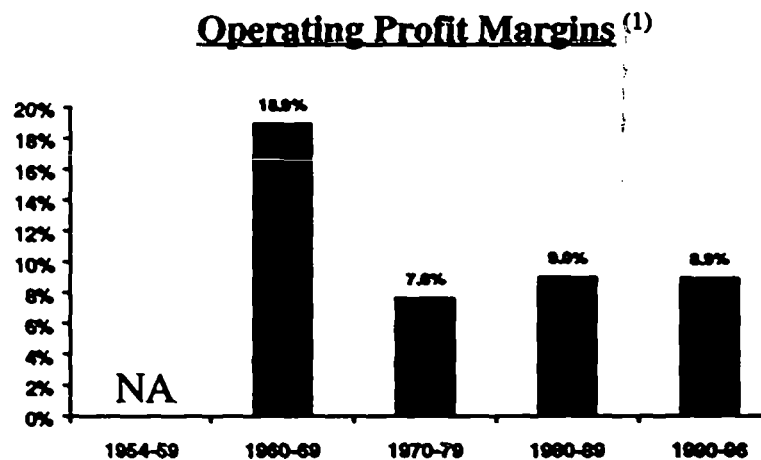
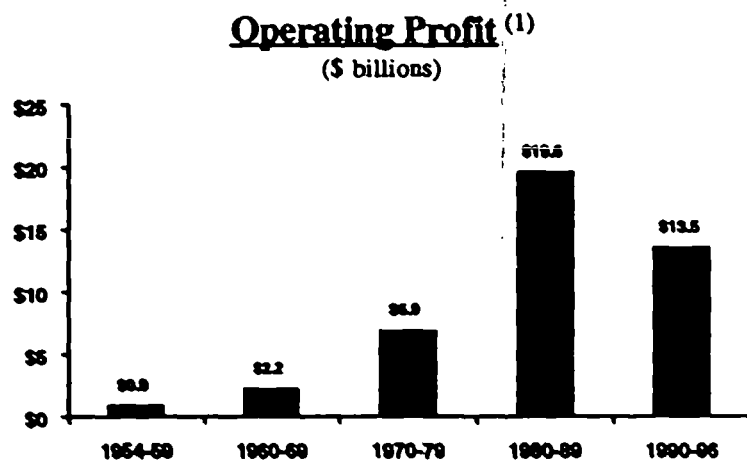
- BAT Industries PLC Global Financial Results by Period

- Aggregate Results 1958-96

- Total Revenues \$474.4 billion

- Total Profits \$43.2 billion

- Avg. Operating Margin 9.1%



(1) BAT Global data excludes revenue data prior to 1966 due to UK GAAP disclosure requirements. Therefore, Operating Profit Margin is not available for 1954-59.

Brown & Williamson

- BAT Industries PLC Worldwide Tobacco Results by Period

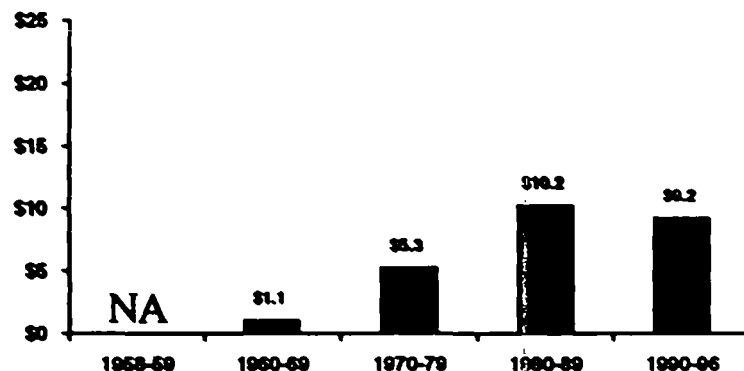
- Aggregate Results 1958-96

- Total Tobacco Revenues \$272.5 billion

- Total Tobacco Profits \$25.8 billion

- Avg. Operating Margin 9.5%

Operating Profit ⁽¹⁾
(\$ billions)



Operating Profit Margins ⁽¹⁾



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Brown & Williamson

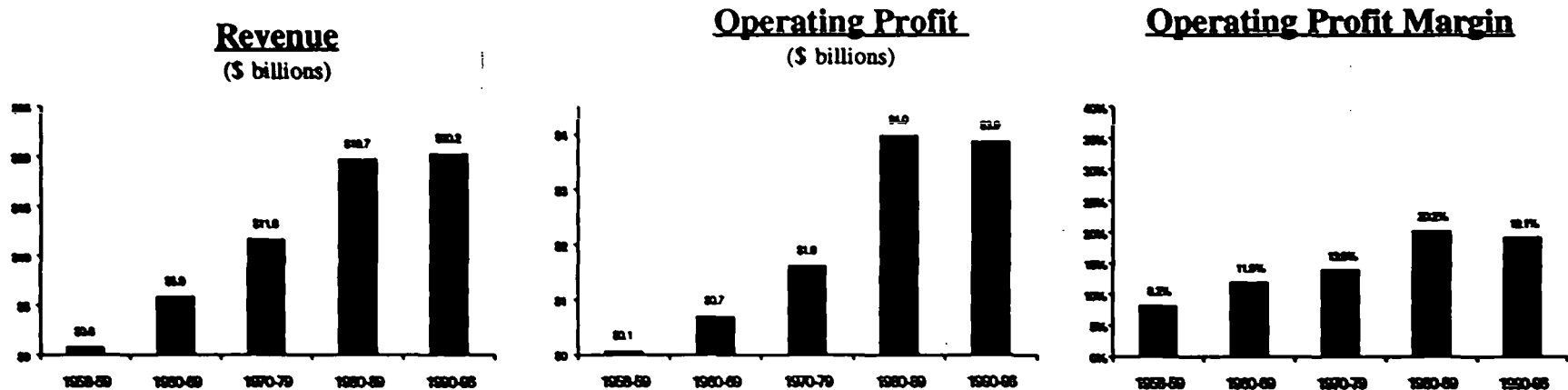
- Brown & Williamson Domestic Tobacco Results by Period

- Aggregate Results 1958-96

- Total Tobacco Revenues \$58.1 billion

- Total Tobacco Profits \$10.2 billion

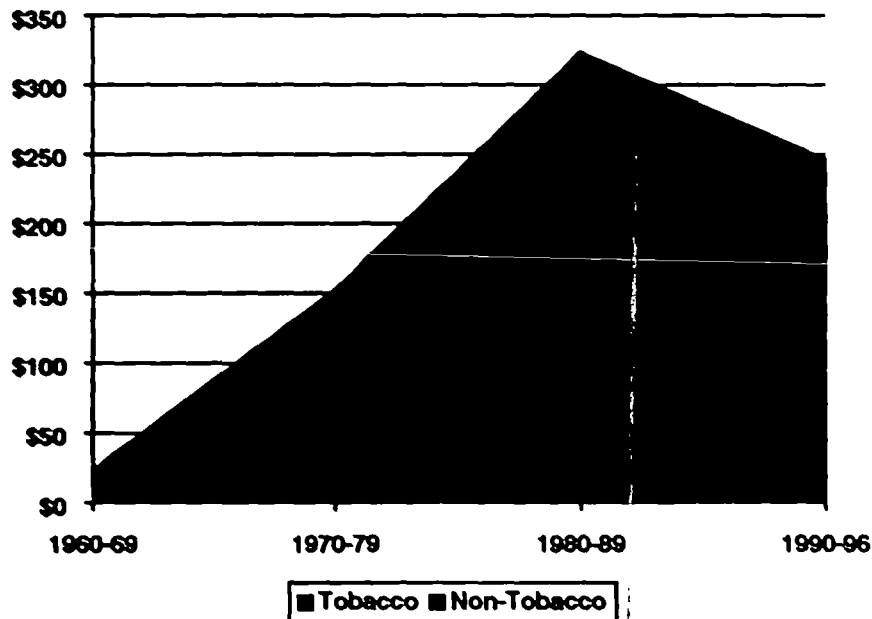
- Avg. Operating Margin 17.6%



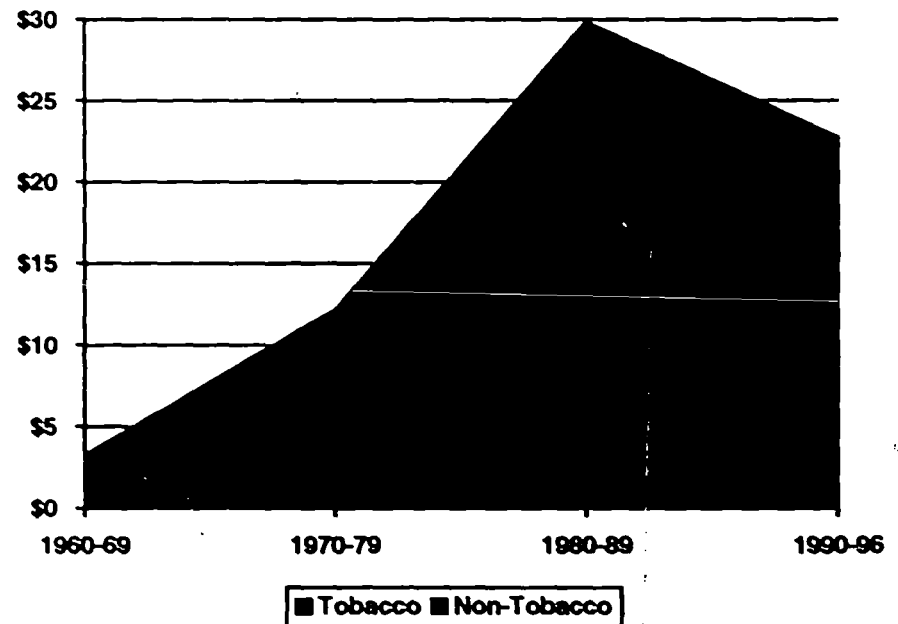
Brown & Williamson

BAT Global Tobacco Contribution vs. Other Global Operations

Revenue by Decade
1958-94



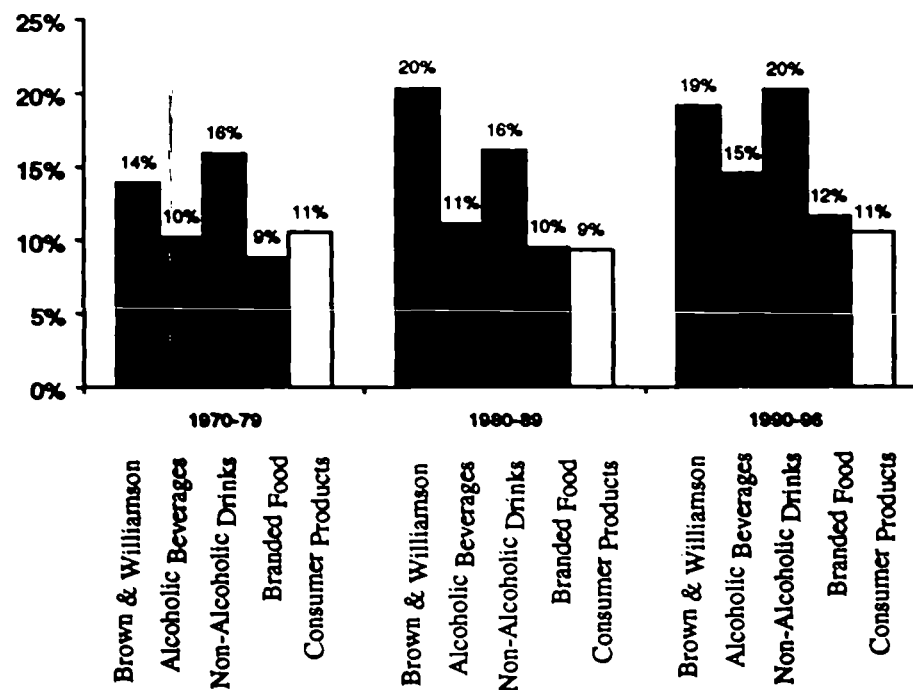
Operating Profits by Decade
1958-94



Due to lack of disclosure, results from 1954-59 have been excluded.

Brown & Williamson

Brown & Williamson's Global Tobacco historical profitability has proven to be greater than most other branded consumer products.



Liggett

- Started in 1870 as Liggett & Myers Tobacco.
- Currently part of Brooke Group, Ltd.
 - Brooke Group Ltd. primarily operates in the U.S. tobacco industry.
 - Other operations include a tobacco firm and real estate development firm in Russia

→ Current Business ⁽¹⁾

- Tobacco

Revenue	\$448 million
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Operating Profit	\$5 million
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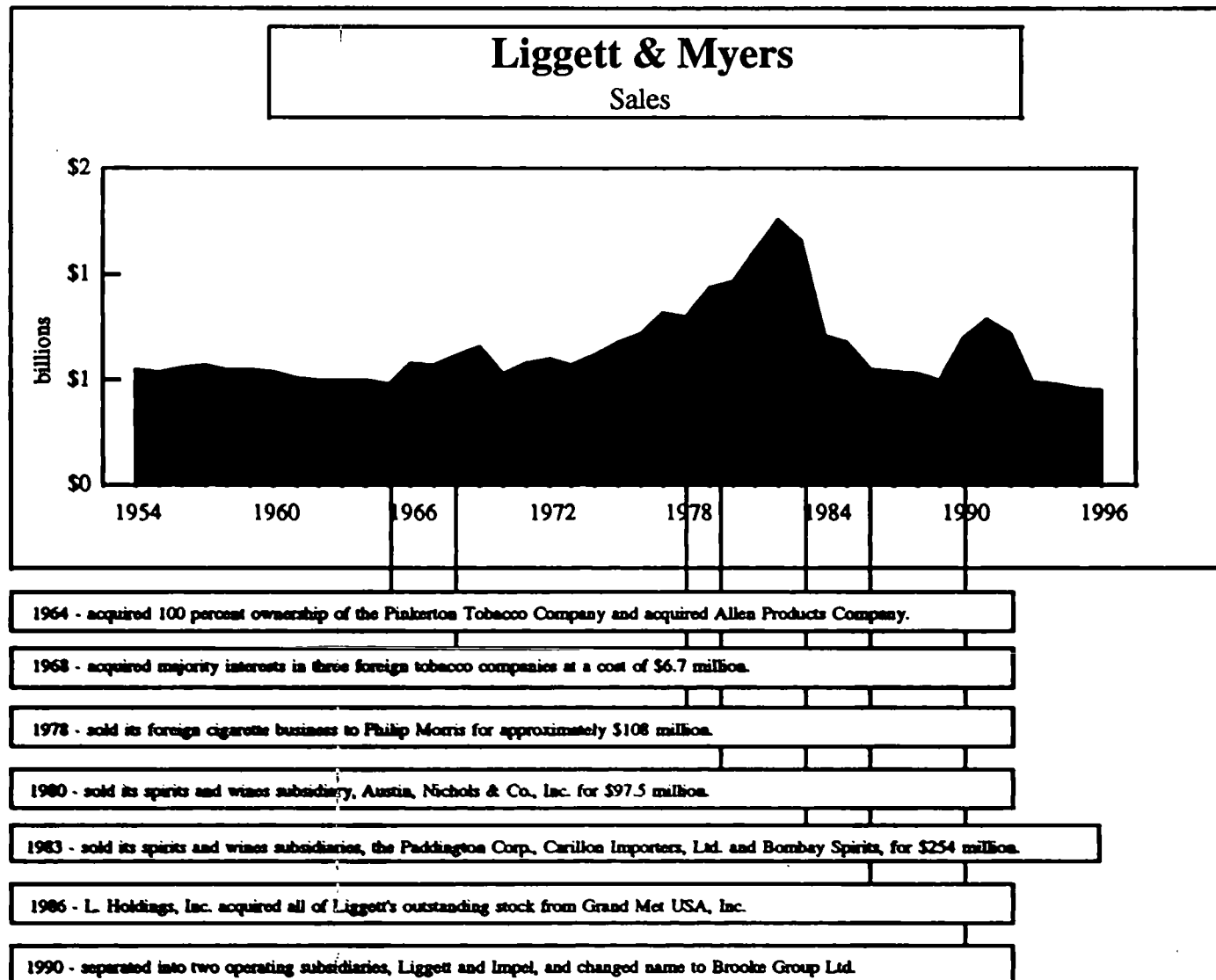
- Real Estate

Revenue	\$2.7 million
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Operating Profit	\$0.1 million
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- Major brands include: L&M, Chesterfield and Lark

(1) Financial results are based solely on publicly available financial statements.



Liggett

- Liggett Global Financial Results by Period

- Aggregate Results 1954-96 ⁽¹⁾

- Total Tobacco Revenues \$30.7 billion

- Total Tobacco Profits \$2.5 billion

- Avg. Operating Margin 8.2%

Operating Profit
(\$ billions)



Operating Profit Margins



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Liggett

- Liggett Domestic Tobacco Results by Period

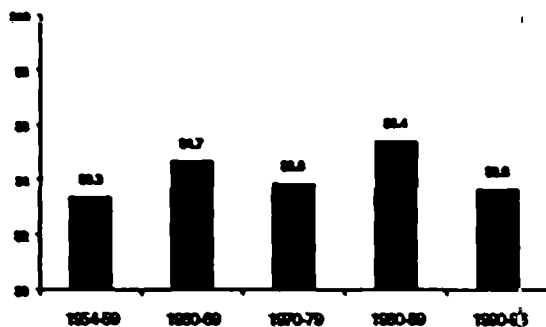
- Aggregate Results 1954-96 ⁽¹⁾

- Total Tobacco Revenues \$20.9 billion

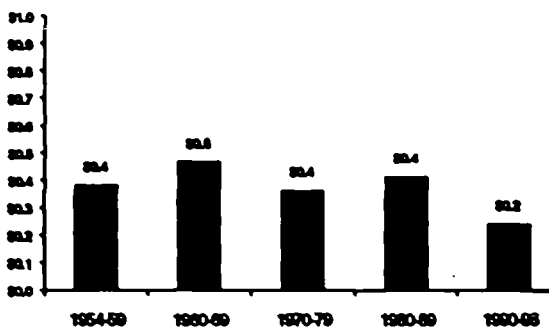
- Total Tobacco Profits \$1.9 billion

- Avg. Operating Margin 8.9%

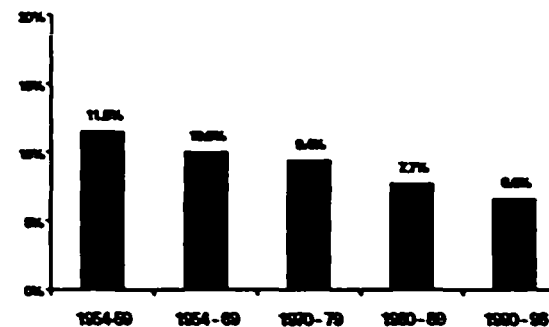
Revenue
(\$ billions)



Operating Profit
(\$ billions)



Operating Profit Margin

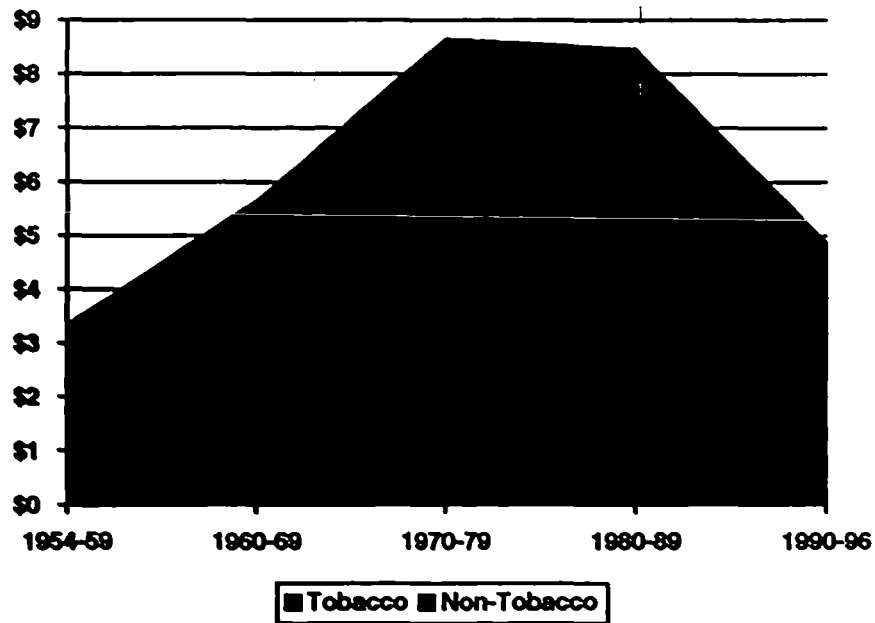


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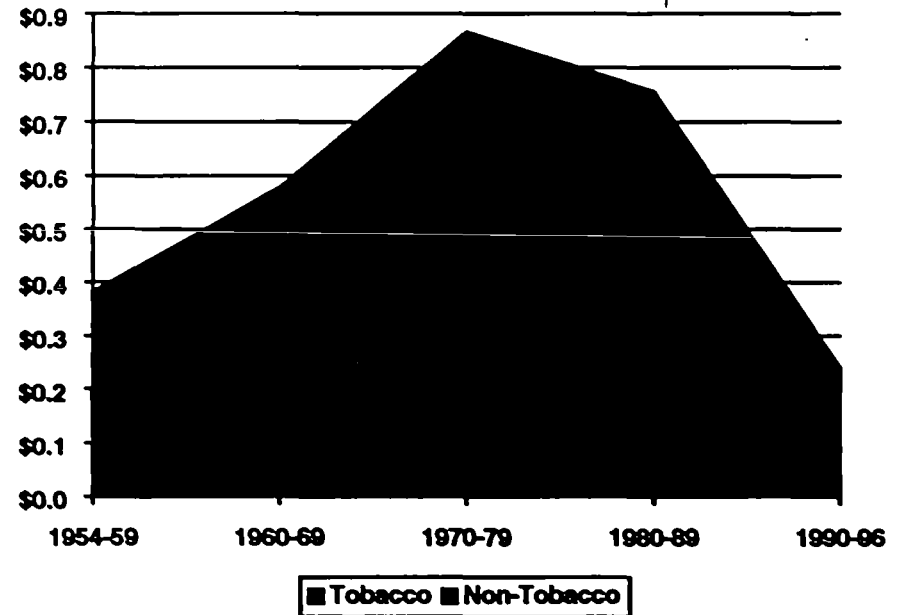
Liggett

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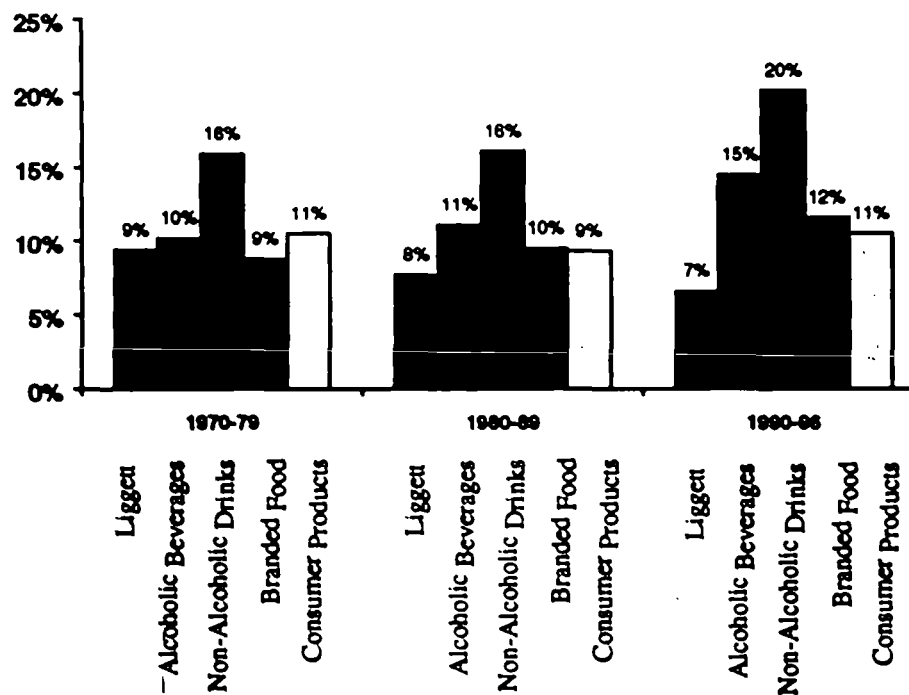
Operating Profits by Decade
1954-96



Liggett

Liggett's historical profitability has proven to be lower than other branded consumer products over all time periods analyzed.

Operating Profit Margin



Lorillard

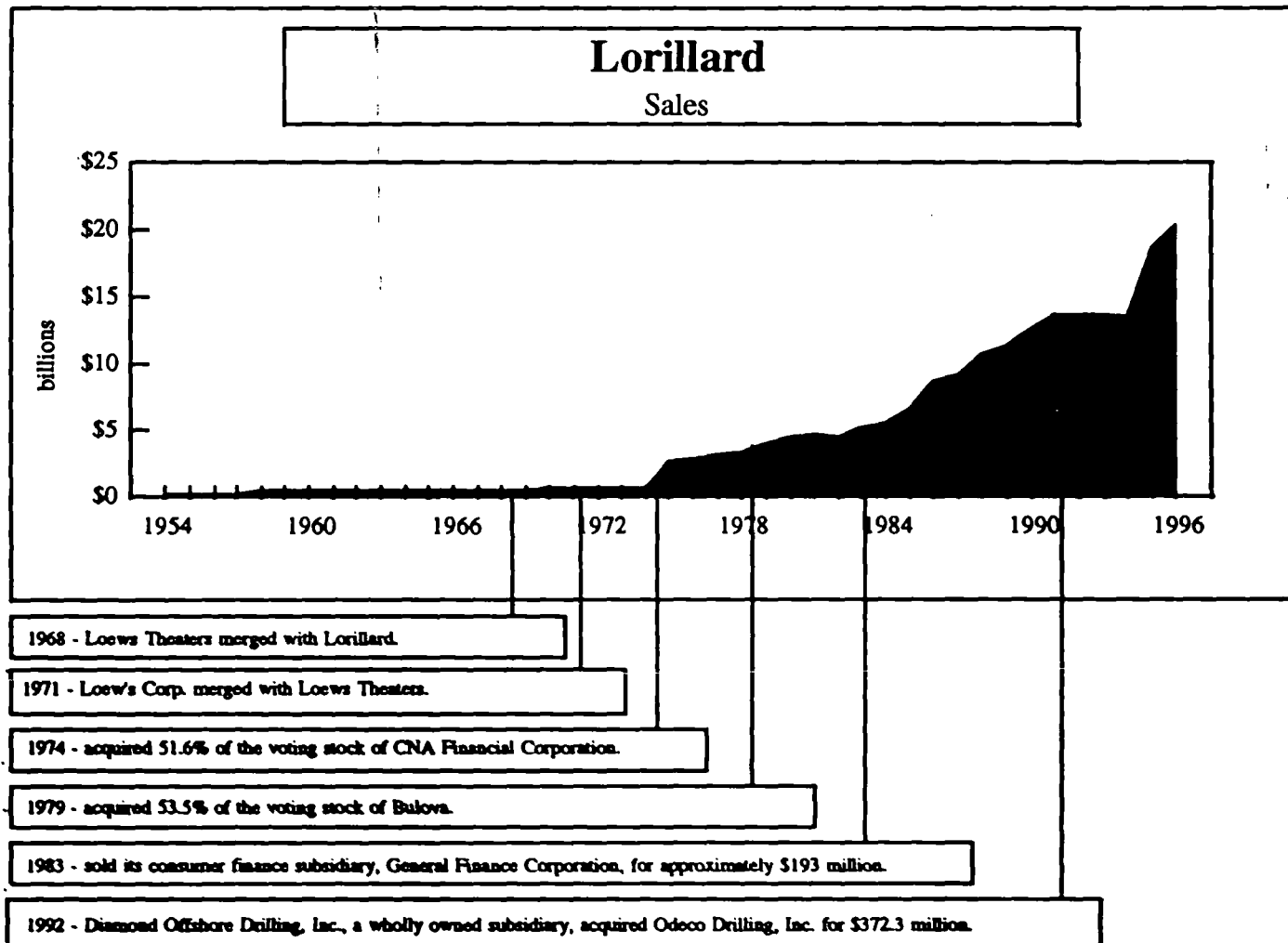
- Started in 1760 by Pierre Lorillard in New York City. Merged with Loews Corp. in 1968.
- In 1977 Lorillard sold all of its major tobacco trademarks outside of the U.S.
- Currently part of Loews Corporation
 - Diversified Tobacco, Consumer Products and Entertainment Company

→ Current Business Mix

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Operating Profit</u>
– Tobacco	\$2.2 billion (11%)	\$0.7 billion (26%)
– Insurance	\$17.3 billion (84%)	\$1.8 billion (65%)
– Offshore Drilling	\$ 0.7 billion (3%)	\$0.2 billion (8%)
– Consumer Products	\$ 0.3 billion (2%)	\$0.0 billion (1%)

→ Major brands include

- Tobacco: Newport, Kent and True
- Insurance: CNA Financial Corporation



Lorillard

- Loews Global Financial Results by Period

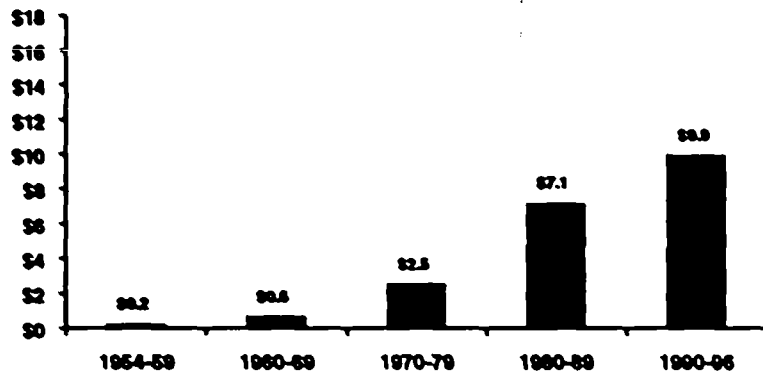
- Aggregate Results

- Total Revenues \$205.0 billion

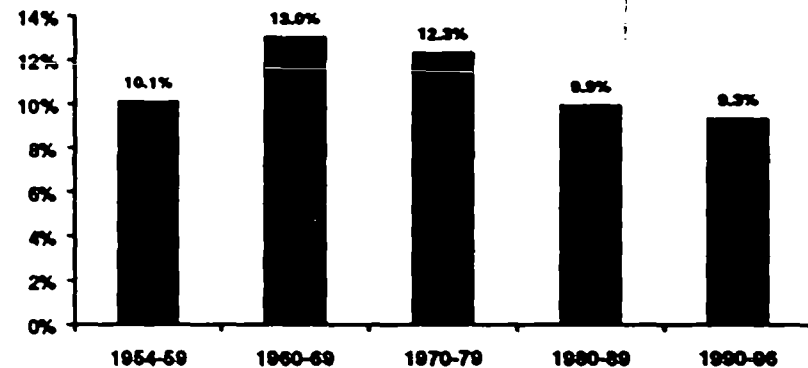
- Total Profits \$20.3 billion

- Avg. Operating Margin 9.9%

Operating Profit
(\$ billions)



Operating Profit Margins



Lorillard

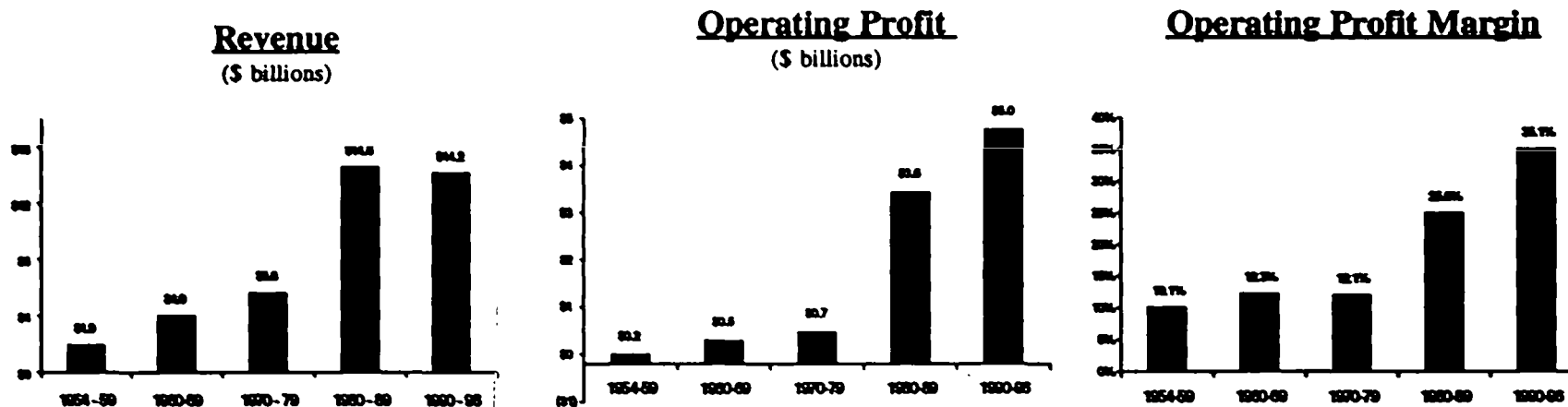
- Lorillard Domestic Tobacco Results by Period

- Aggregate Results ⁽¹⁾

- Total Tobacco Revenues \$40.4 billion

- Total Tobacco Profits \$10.0 billion

- Avg. Operating Margin 24.8%

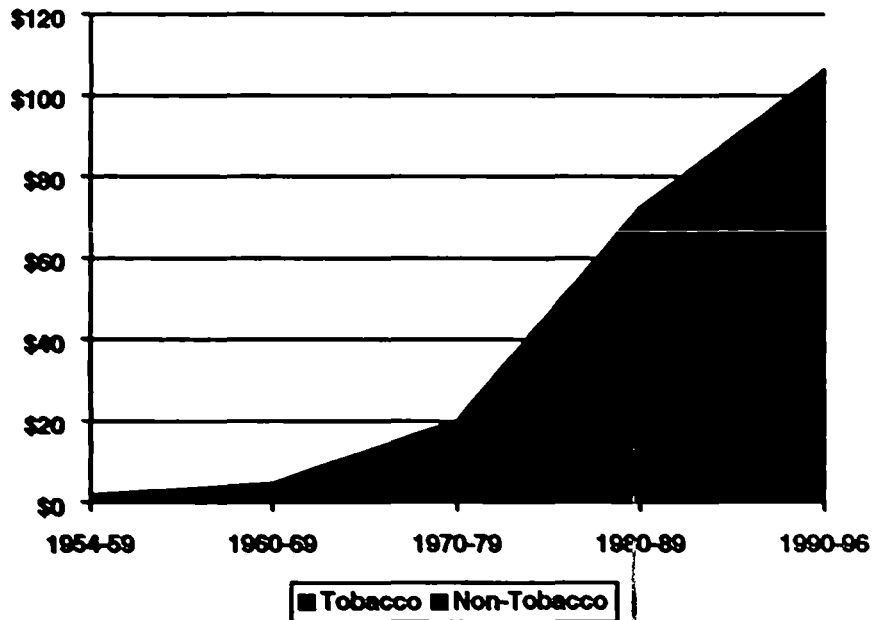


(1) In 1997, Lorillard sold its major tobacco trademarks outside of the U.S.

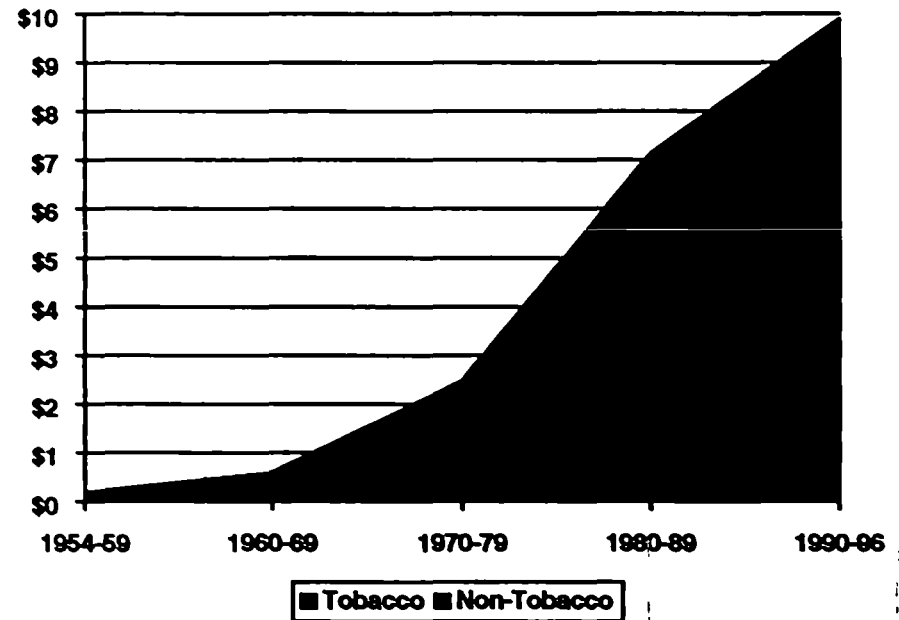
Lorillard

Global Tobacco Contribution vs. Other Global Operations

Revenue by Decade
1954-96

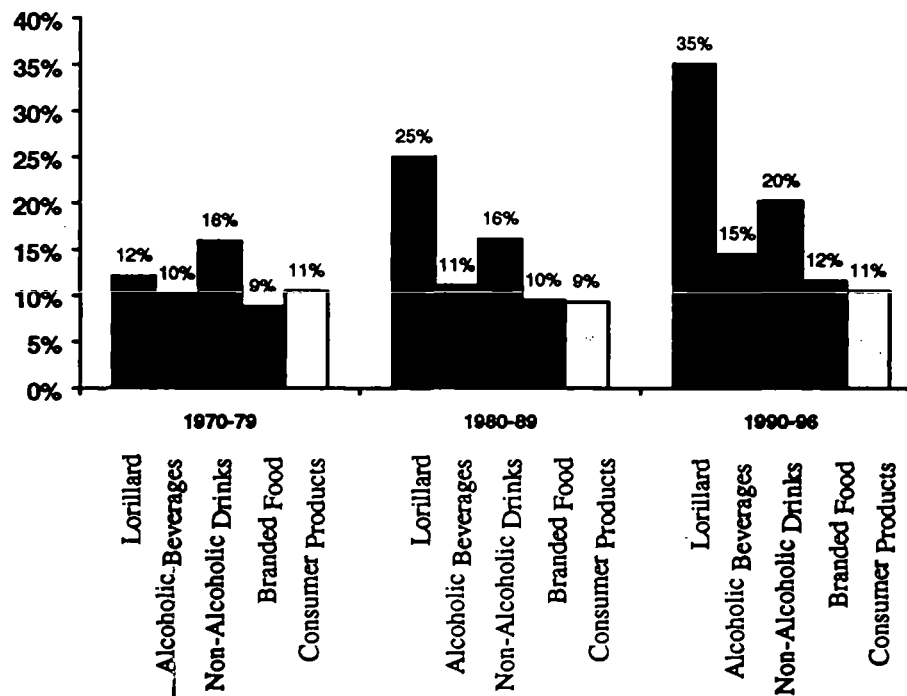


Operating Profits by Decade
1954-96



Lorillard

Lorillard's historical tobacco profitability has proven to be substantially greater than comparable branded consumer products over most time periods analyzed.



Philip Morris

- Philip Morris opened his London tobacco store in 1847 and by 1854 was making his own cigarettes. American investors purchased the right to leading Philip Morris brands in 1919.
- Currently part of Philip Morris, Inc. a Diversified Global Tobacco, Food and Beverage Company

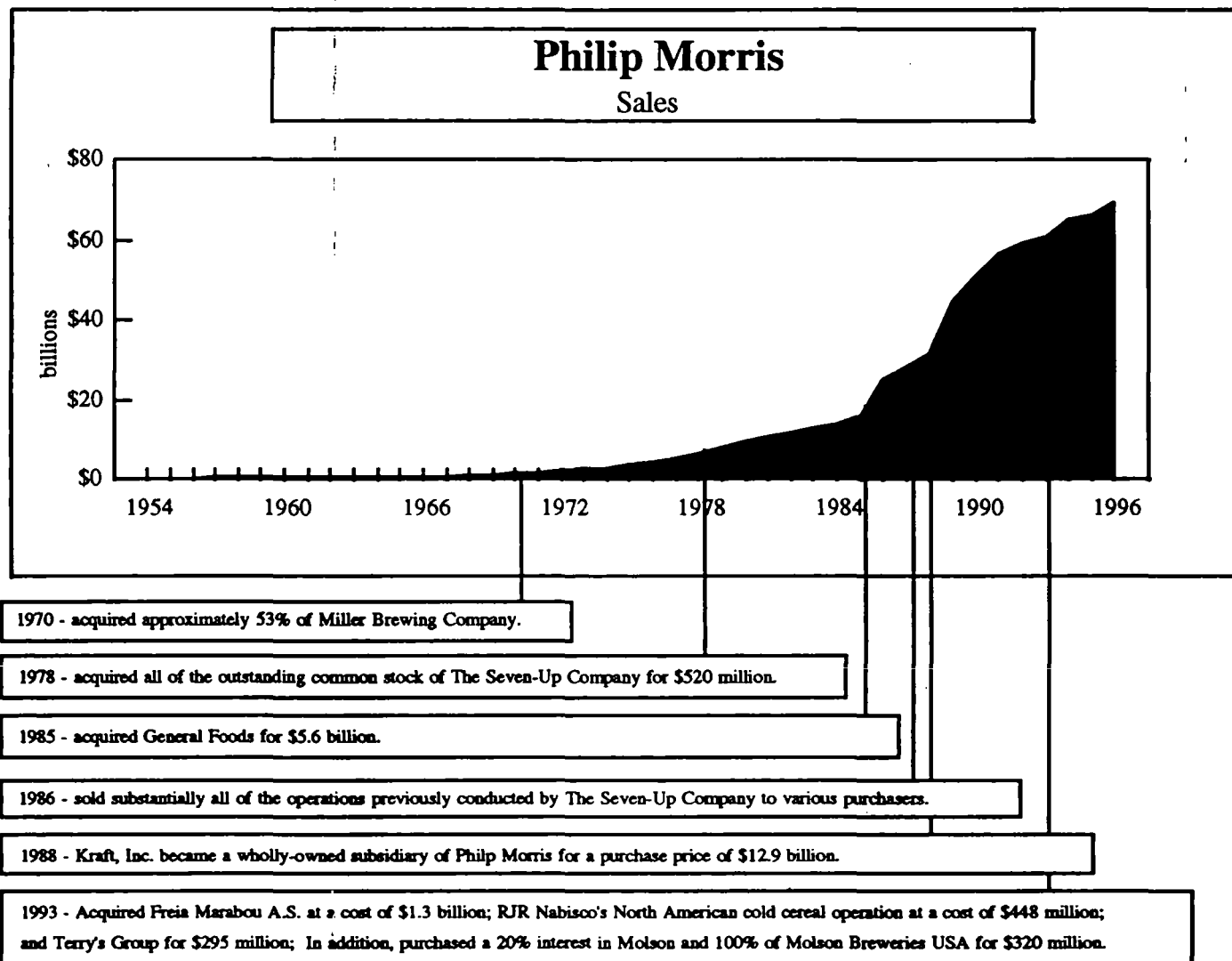
→ Current Business Mix

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Operating Profit</u>
– Tobacco	\$36.5 billion (53%)	\$ 8.3 billion (65%)
– Food	\$28.0 billion (40%)	\$ 3.4 billion (31%)
– Beer	\$4.3 billion (6%)	\$ 0.4 billion (3%)
– Financial Services	\$0.4 billion (1%)	\$0.2 billion (1%)

→ Major brands include

- Tobacco: Marlboro, Merit and Virginia Slims
- Food: Kraft, Velveeta, Oscar Mayer, Maxwell House, etc.
- Beer: Miller, Molson, Fosters, Asahi

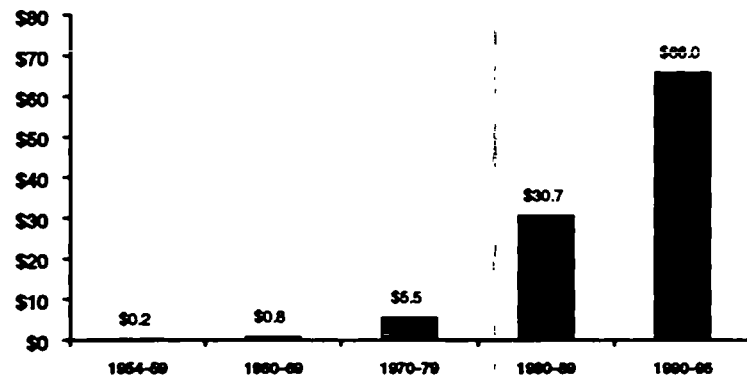
→ Diversification started in 1960 with the purchase of American Safety Razor Products Corporation.



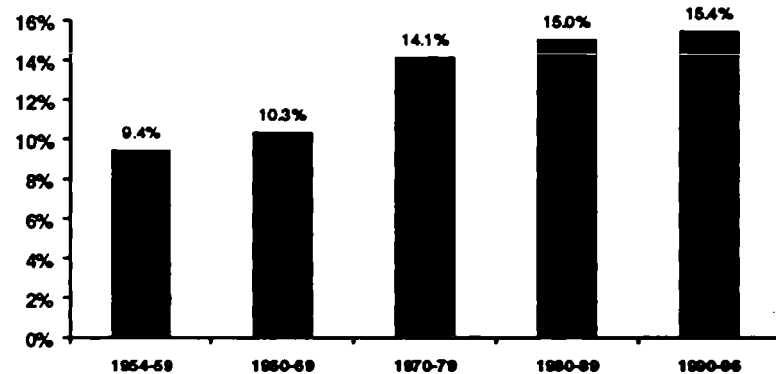
Philip Morris

- Philip Morris Global Financial Results by Period
 - Aggregate Results 1954-96
 - Total Revenues \$681.4 billion
 - Total Operating Profits \$103.1 billion
 - Avg. Operating Margin 15.1%

Operating Profit
(\$ billions)



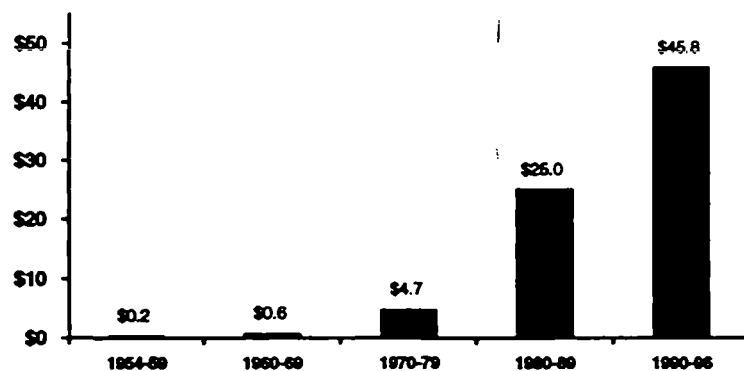
Operating Profit Margins



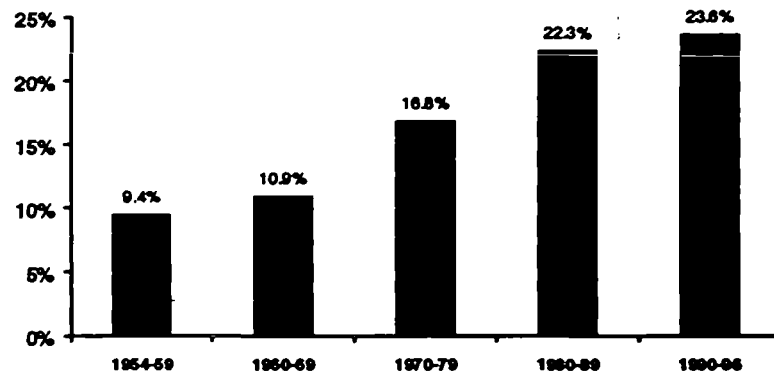
Philip Morris

- Philip Morris Global Tobacco Results by Period
 - Aggregate Results 1954-96
 - Total Tobacco Revenues \$342.6 billion
 - Total Tobacco Profits \$ 76.3 billion
 - Avg. Operating Margin 22.3%

Operating Profit
(\$ billions)



Operating Profit Margins



Philip Morris

- Philip Morris Domestic Tobacco Results by Period

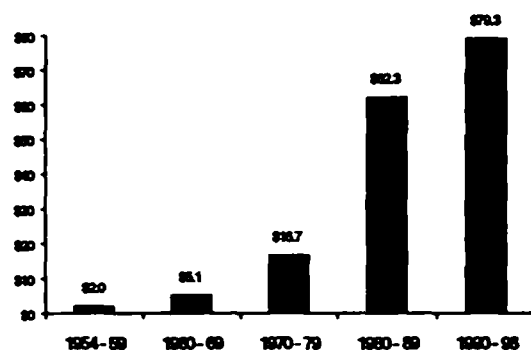
- Aggregate Results 1954-96

- Total Tobacco Revenues \$165.4 billion

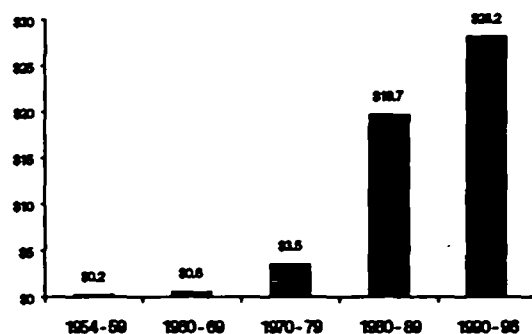
- Total Tobacco Profits \$52.2 billion

- Avg. Operating Margin 31.6%

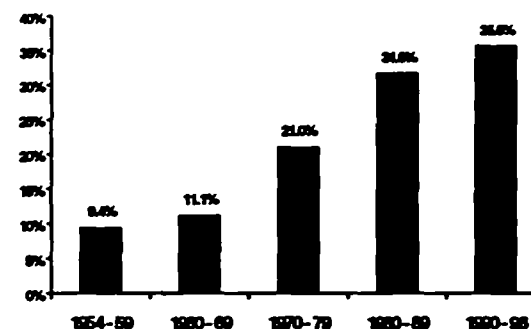
Revenue
(\$ billions)



Operating Profit
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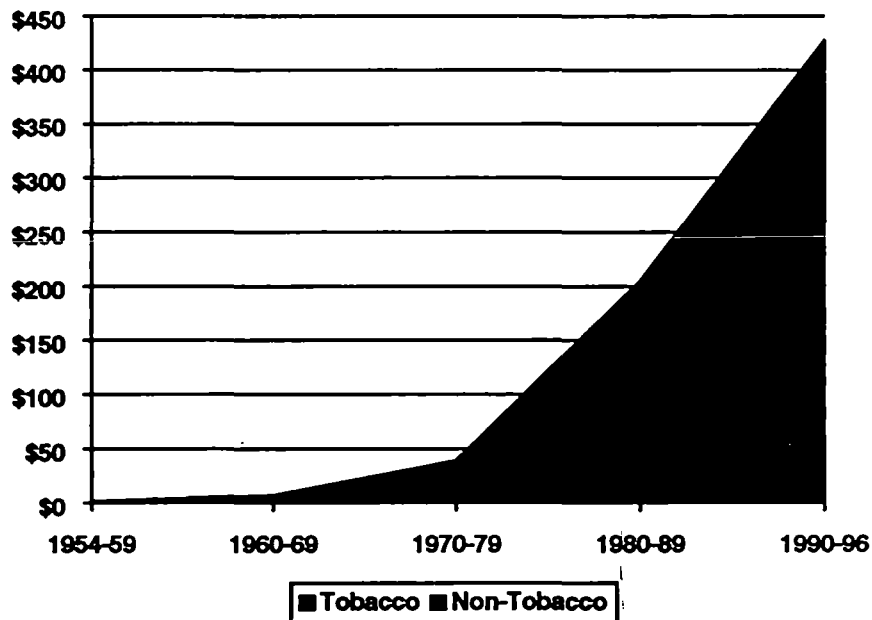
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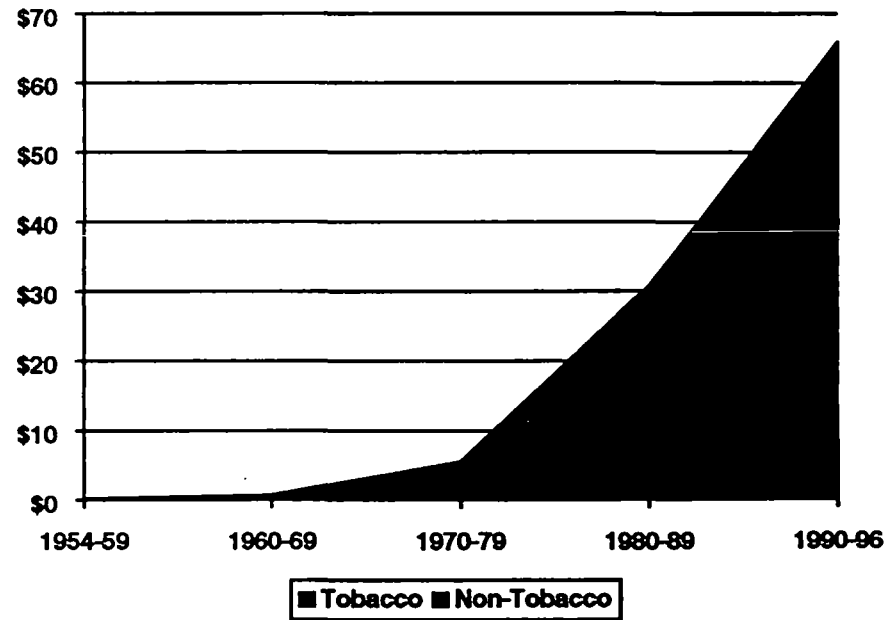
Philip Morris

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Revenue by Decade
1954-96



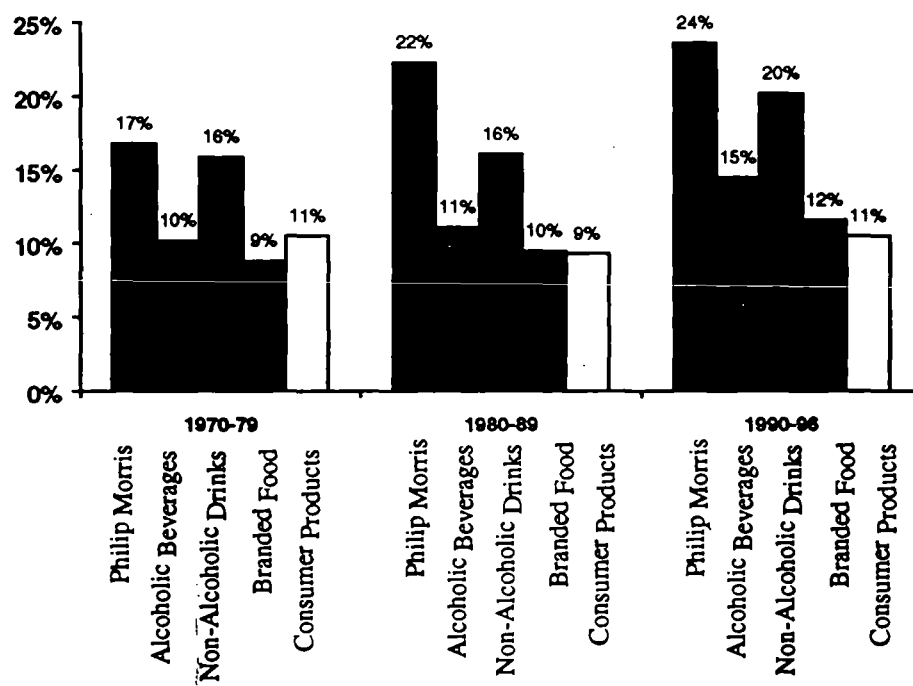
Operating Profits by Decade
1954-96



Philip Morris

Philip Morris' historical Global Tobacco profitability has proven to be substantially greater than other branded consumer products over all time periods analyzed.

Operating Profit Margin



RJ Reynolds

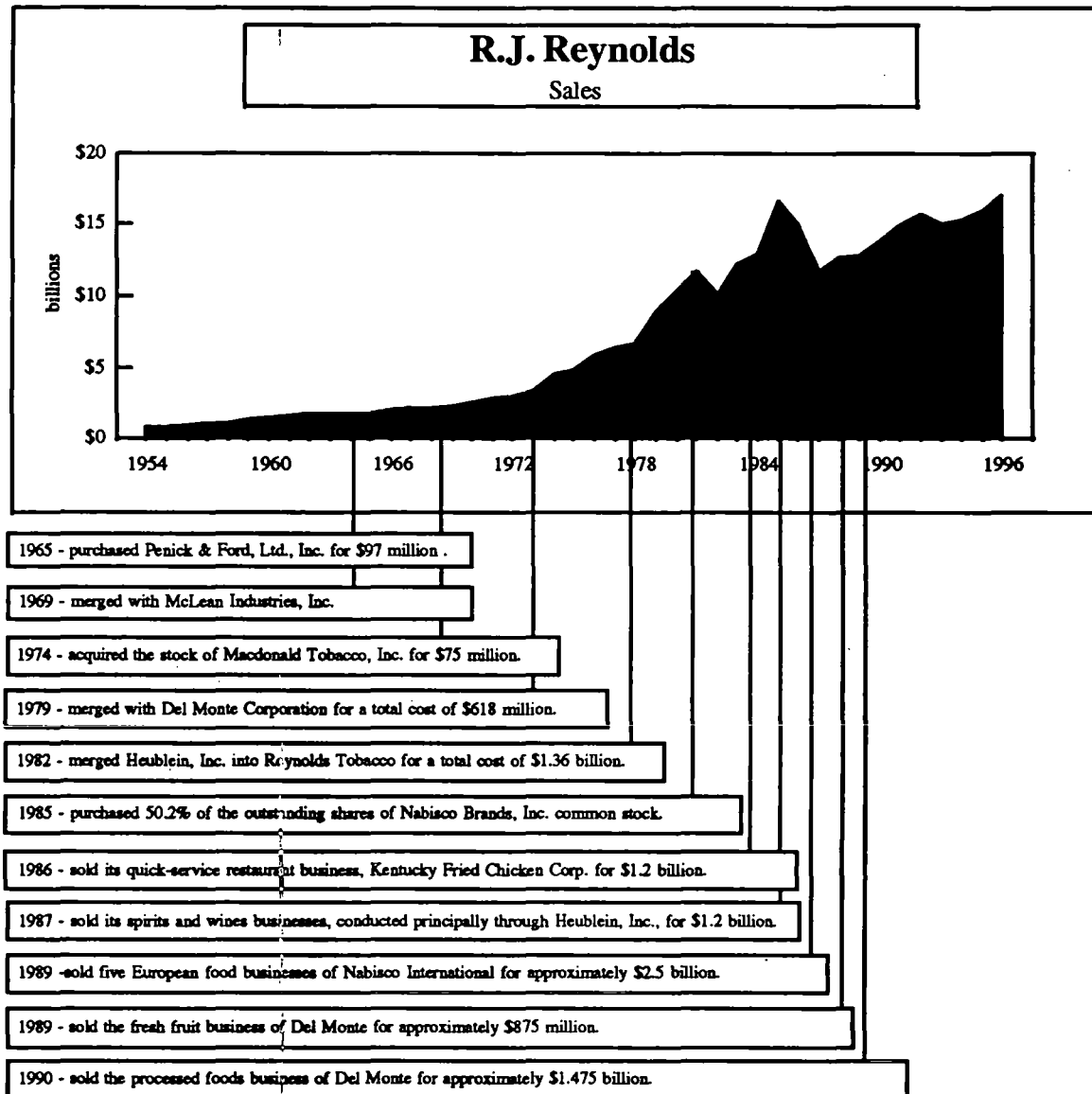
- RJ Reynolds formed the RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company in 1875 in Winston, North Carolina to produce chewing tobacco.
- Currently part of RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. a Diversified Global Tobacco and Food Company

→ Current Business Mix

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Operating Profit</u>
– Tobacco	\$8.2 billion (48%)	\$ 1.8 billion (79%)
– Food	\$8.9 billion (52%)	\$ 0.5 billion (21%)

→ Major brands include

- Tobacco: Winston, Salem, Camel, Doral
- Food: Nabisco, Planters, Life Savers
- Diversification started in the 1960s with investments in transportation, energy and food industries.



RJ Reynolds

- RJR Nabisco Global Financial Results by Period

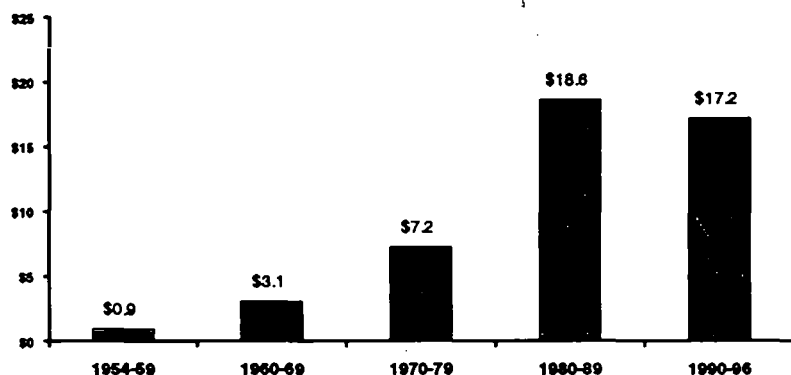
- Aggregate Results 1954-96

- Total Revenues \$301.9 billion

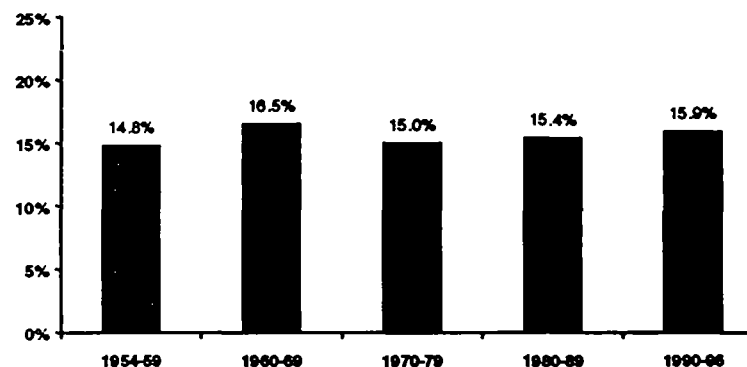
- Total Profits \$46.9 billion

- Avg. Operating Margin 15.5%

Operating Profit
(\$ billions)



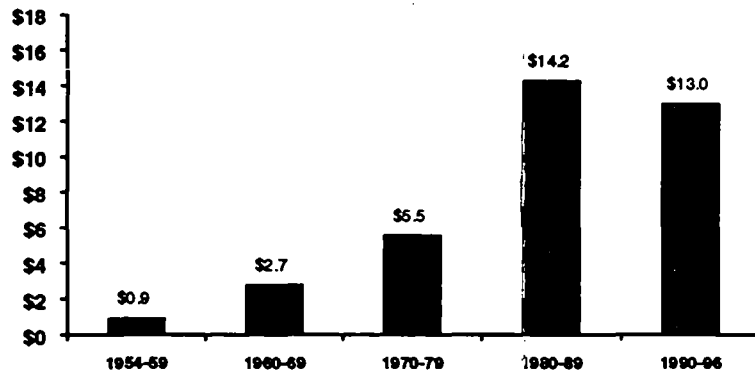
Operating Profit Margins



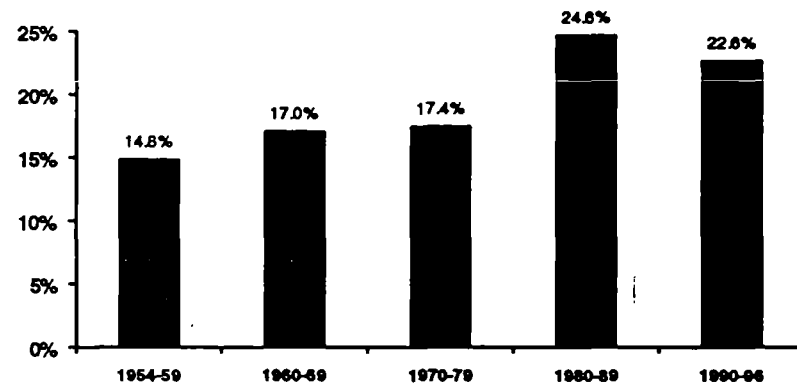
RJ Reynolds

- RJ Reynolds Global Tobacco Results by Period
 - Aggregate Results 1954-96
 - Total Tobacco Revenues \$169.2 billion
 - Total Tobacco Profits \$36.4 billion
 - Avg. Operating Margin 21.5%

Operating Profit
(\$ billions)



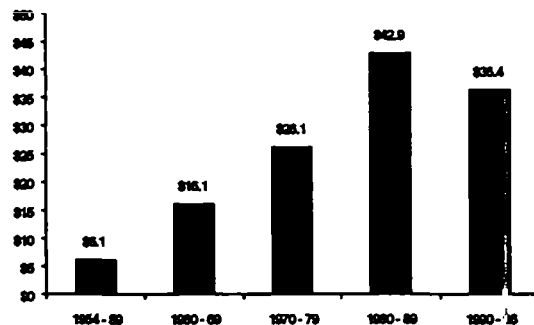
Operating Profit Margins



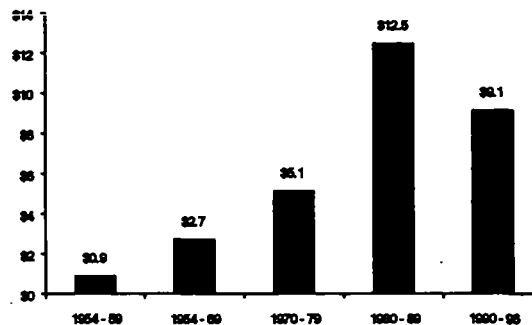
RJ Reynolds

- RJ Reynolds Domestic Tobacco Results by Period
 - Aggregate Results 1954-96
 - Total Tobacco Revenues \$127.7 billion
 - Total Tobacco Profits \$30.4 billion
 - Avg. Operating Margin 23.8%

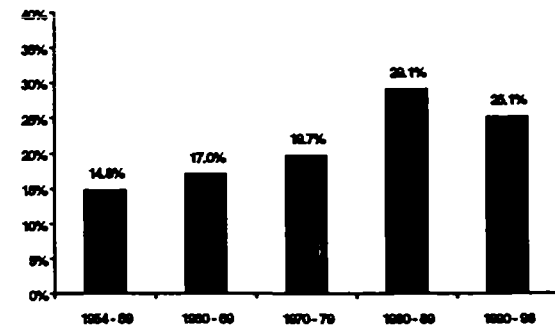
Revenue
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Operating Profit
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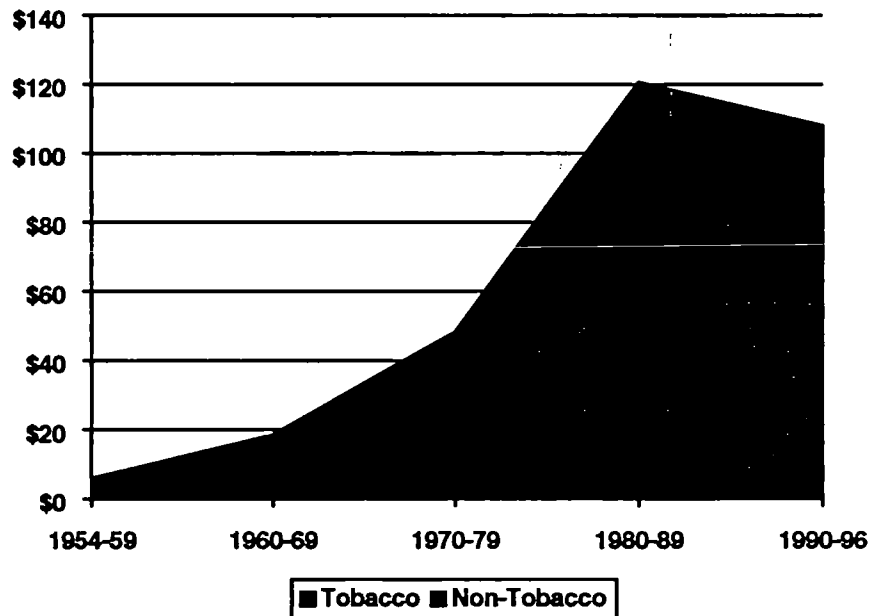
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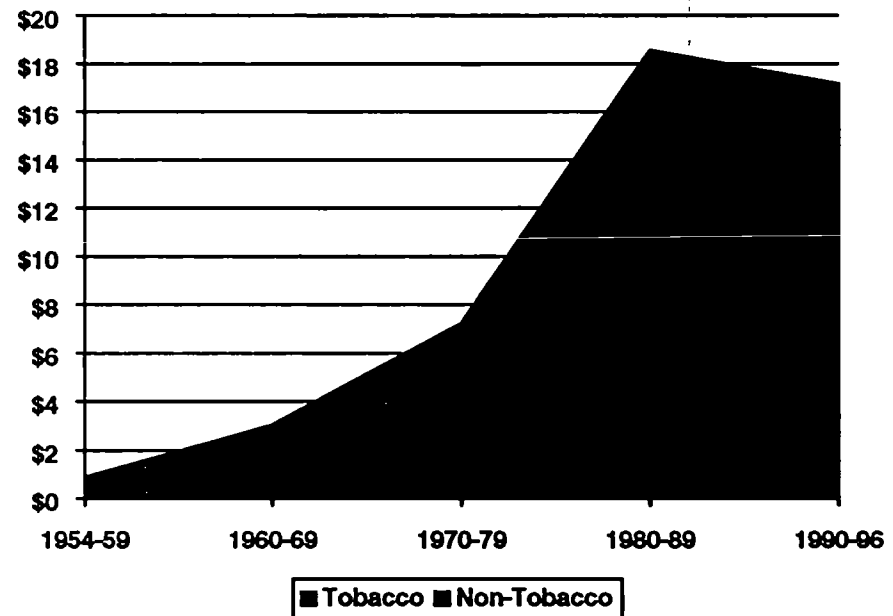
RJ Reynolds

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Operating Profits by Decade
1954-96



RJ Reynolds

RJ Reynolds' Global Tobacco Segment's historical profitability has proven to be substantially greater than other branded consumer products over all time periods analyzed.

