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Part 1. J.B. Hunt Transport Services risk management plan 1.1 Overview of the Company

JB Hunt Transport Services Inc is a prominent multi-modal transportation and delivery firm that aims to establish the most expansive and highly efficient transportation network throughout North America (jbhunt n.d.). JB Hunt is a constituent of the Dow Jones Transportation Average, specifically (finance.yahoo 2023) the stock index in question serves as a barometer for assessing the overall well-being of the United States economy (Terrell 2017).

1.2 The impact of the global conflicts

The ongoing geopolitical tensions between Russia and Ukraine have significantly influenced global oil prices, including the United States. Specifically, there has been a notable surge in gasoline prices, reaching a historical peak of \$5.02 USD, representing a substantial rise of 42% compared to previous levels (Isidore 2023). The escalation in oil prices is also associated with a strengthening of the US currency (Farley 2020). Moreover, it is worth noting that the inflation rate had a significant increase, reaching 9.1% in June of the previous year, as shown by Figure 1, while this year it has decreased to 3%.

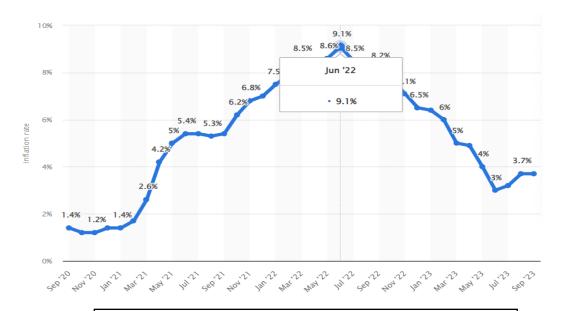


Figure 1: Inflation rate in the US from 2020 to 2023 (Statista 2023)

On the one hand, according to the data shown in Figure 2, it is evident that the net income for the preceding year exceeded the current year by a margin of 30%. The third quarter of 2023 saw a significant financial loss for JB Hunt, mostly attributed to increased driver pay, equipment-related perks and maintenance expenditures, and losses incurred from equipment sales. Moreover, the year 2022 signifies the pinnacle of consumer demand during the ongoing pandemic, resulting in a notable upsurge in international freight volumes (Buxbaum 2023). Consequently, this surge in freight volumes contributes to a flourishing intermodal industry, alongside the occurrence of inflation. If such an event were to occur, it is probable that it would

alleviate the burden of fleet management for customers, primarily due to the factors of density, scalability, and flexibility, as well as the subpar performance of Intermodal in the year 2023 (Buxbaum 2023). This phenomenon has resulted in a decrease in import-related endeavors, thus prompting customers to redirect their expenditures towards services. In contrast, JB Hunt implemented an anti-cyclical approach by acquiring 326 traction units and over 1,000 capacity units within the current economic slump, demonstrating their anticipation of a forthcoming

J.B. Hunt Transport Services

Earnings per share are fully diluted, and all figures in parentheses are losses or declines.

Quarter ended 9/30	2023	2022	% change
Operating revenues	\$3,163,753,000	\$3,838,257,000	-17.6%
Operating income	241,716,000	362,029,000	-33.2%
Net income	187,431,000	269,382,000	-30.4%
Earnings per share	1.80	2.57	-30.0%

change in freight demand (Buxbaum 2023).

1.3 JB Hunt risk management plan

Risk Type	Situation
Financial Risk:	Interest Rate Risk
	Figure 2: JB Hunt's Q3 earnings for 2023 and 2022 (Furnituretoday 2023) in interest rates. Iion USD (Simply Wall St 2023), which exerts an impact on its profits as a consequence of fluctuations in short-term interest rates associated with interest rates. Presently, the Federal Reserve has set the federal funds rate at a level of 5.25% to 5.5%, which is the highest point seen in the last 22 years (Trading economics 2023).
Operational Risks:	• Cost of Diesel Fuel Risk The occurrence of sudden rises in fuel expenses detrimental consequences for Jb Hunt. These consequences include a reduction in the frequency of service supply, so compromising the company's quality standards. Additionally, such circumstances can lead to product inflation and have an influence on future profitability (Post 2023).

Strategic Risks:

• Competition Risk

JB Hunt is positioned somewhat lower in comparison to other transportation businesses culture, since it is placed fourth out of a total of six companies (Comparably n.d.). The aforementioned factor significantly impacts the valuation of the firm in relation to its competitors. Furthermore, it is noteworthy that the growth rate exhibits a level of mediocrity (Brashear 2023), while the product quality is rated at a modest 3.5/5.

Table 1: JB Hunt risks type and explanation.

Risk Type	Strategy	Benefits	Drawbacks
Financial Risk:	• Forward Rate Agreement (FRA) -The purpose of its creation was to incentivize parties engaged in contractual agreements to establish a predetermined interest rate for a certain duration, irrespective of movements in the market (Murphy 2023).	-One may mitigate the impact of rising interest rates and reduce exposure to external factors such as inflation and political concerns by effectively managing borrowing expenses (Mnp 2022). -Efficiently administer your business and surmount income challenges.	-The incapacity to derive advantages from swings in interest rates(Guichet 2018).
Operational Risks:	• Fuel price risk insurance -Insurance is a mechanism that may effectively mitigate the potential escalation of gasoline expenses. Minimize workforce reductions and achieve financial gains for proprietors and stakeholders (Somera 2022). - Analyzing the fuel market leads to the development of insurance products. The capacity to choose and engage in discussions over policy words that are by the organization's core principles.	- Fuel price insurance provides companies with protection against unexpected and abrupt rises in gasoline costs (Riskwolf 2022) The implementation of improved planning strategies and the establishment of long-term stability inside firms may result in significant cost savings.	-The expenditure associated with gasoline price risk insurance may pose a substantial financial burden for enterprises, and in addition, its coverage duration is restricted.
Strategic Risks:	Strategic Partnerships Strategic alliances are established with the purpose of mitigating competitive challenges arising from	- The potential for expansion exists in order to enhance the client base and explore new market prospects (Brooks 2023).	- The detrimental consequences of this situation include the erosion of the distinctive identities and brands of both organizations,

imitation and substitution, while also	- Provide competitive	resulting in consumer
leveraging shared strategy and	advantages that contribute	confusion (Semwal 2022).
objectives (Imd 2022).	to the maintenance of	
- Establishing and nurturing	market stability and the	
connections with prospective partners	achievement of sustainable	
is crucial in order to establish a strong	development.	
basis for cooperation, hence		
mitigating possible risks associated		
with the partnership.		

Table 2: JB Hunt risk management plan.

Part 2. Currency Echange
1.1 Calculation

Banks List	SGD/VND	USD/VND	SGD/USD	SGD/USD
	Ask rate	Bid rate	Spot rate	Forward Rate
ACB	17,682	24,450	0,723	0,735
VietinBank	17,477	24,505	0,713	0,725
MB	17,678	24,470	0,722	0,734
BIDV	17,636	24,445	0,721	0,733
VCB	17,515.79	24,455	0,761	0,774

Table 3: Forward rate, spot rate of bid and ask of 5 banks.

The interest rate in Singapore is 3.75%, but in the United States, it is at 5.5%.

The Spot rate(SGD/USD) is calculated is: Ask rate(SGD/VND)/ Bid rate(USD/VND)

Then Forward rate = Spot rate* $\left[\frac{(1+domestic\ interest\ rate)}{(1+foreign\ interest\ rate)}\right]$

Based on the data shown in Table 3, it can be seen that Vietinbank has the lowest forward rate, which is recorded at 0.725. Therefore, I have decided to use the most optimal SGD transaction option available at Vietinbank.

1.2 Relationship between foreign exchange rates and interest rates

The connection between interest rates and exchange rates is evident since changes in one variable impact the other. One potential consequence of high-interest rates is the attraction of foreign capital inflows, which in turn may lead to an appreciation of the currency rate. Conversely, when low interest rates influence the value of the native currency, they often lead to a decrease in the exchange rate(Twin 2023). In a more particular context, it is seen that in the year 2023, the United

States Federal Reserve implemented four interest rate hikes (Tepper 2023), resulting in a subsequent appreciation of the national currency. Consequently, this appreciation has stimulated a surge in demand for the US dollar, thus generating substantial profits. The phenomenon of exchange rates is seeing an upward trend.

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APPENDIX

Currency	Currency name	Buy	Transfer	Sell
USD	US Dollar	24,145	24,145	24,445
USD(1-2-5)	Dollar My	23,925	-	-
USD(10-20)	Dollar My	23,925	-	-
GBP	Euro	29,465	29,643	30,583
HKD	HKD	3,047	3,069	3,157
CHF	Franc	26,762	26,924	27,763
JPY	JPY	156.74	157.69	165
ТНВ	JPY	655.24	661.86	706.83
AUD	AUD	15,437	15,530	15,965
CAD	CAD	17,372	17,476	18,008
SGD	SGD	17,636	17,743	18,238

Appendix 1: BIDV Exchange Rate.

Currency	Buy in cash	Buy in transfer	Sell for cash	Sell by transfer
USD USD	24,100	24,150	24,450	24,450
SGD Singapore Dollar	17,682	17,798	18,245	18,245
JPY Yen	157.67	158.47	163.1	163.1
AUD Australian dollar	15,491	15,592	16,048	16,048
CAD Canada	17,439	17,544	17,985	17,985

Appendix 2: ACB Exchange Rate.

NGOẠI TỆ	MUA VÀO (TIỀN MẶT)	MUA VÀO (CHUYỂN KHOẢN)	BÁN RA (TIỀN MẶT)	BÁN RA (CHUYỂN KHOẢN)
USD (USD 50-100)	24,000.00	24,010.00	24,470.00	24,470.00
USD (USD 5 - 20)	24,000.00	-	-	-
USD (Dưới 5 USD)	24,000.00	-	-	-
EUR	25,824.00	25,914.00	27,078.00	27,078.00
GBP	29,640.00	29,740.00	30,714.00	30,714.00
JPY	156.12	158.12	165.62	165.62
HKD	3,036.00	3,046.00	3,173.00	3,173.00
CNY	-	3,312.35	3,430.42	3,430.42
AUD	15,334.00	15,434.00	16,054.00	16,054.00
NZD	-	14,273.00	-	14,887.00
CAD	17,308.00	17,408.00	18,056.00	18,056.00
SGD	17,678.00	17,778.00	18,376.00	18,376.00

Appendix 3: MB Exchange Rate.

Currency		Buying Rates		Selling Rates
Currency Name	Currency Code	Cash	Transfer	
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	AUD	15,309.32	15,463.96	15,961.2
CANADIAN DOLLAR	CAD	17,269.13	17,443.56	18,004.4
SWISS FRANC	CHF	26,640.41	26,909.50	27,774.7
YUAN RENMINBI	CNY	3,276.55	3,309.65	3,416.5
DANISH KRONE	DKK	-	3,462.11	3,594.9
EURO	EUR	25,630.69	25,889.59	27,038.0
POUND STERLING	GBP	29,310.14	29,606.20	30,558.2
HONGKONG DOLLAR	HKD	3,031.40	3,062.02	3,160.4
INDIAN RUPEE	INR	-	291.09	302.7
YEN	JPY	155.98	157.55	165.1
KOREAN WON	KRW	16.13	17.93	19.5
KUWAITI DINAR	KWD	-	78,472.35	81,615.4
MALAYSIAN RINGGIT	MYR	-	5,104.05	5,215.7
NORWEGIAN KRONER	NOK	-	2,190.58	2,283.7
RUSSIAN RUBLE	RUB	-	258.36	286.0
SAUDI RIAL	SAR	-	6,461.54	6,720.3
SWEDISH KRONA	SEK	=	2,245.92	2,341.4
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	SGD	17,515.79	17,692.72	18,261.6
THAILAND BAHT	THB	603.10	670.11	695.8
US DOLLAR	USD	24,085.00	24,115.00	24,455.0

Appendix 4: VCB Exchange Rate.

Currency	Central Rate	Buy		Call
		Cash & Check	Transfer	Sell
AUD	-	15,418	15,438	16,038
CAD	-	17,348	17,358	18,058
CHF	-	26,824	26,844	27,794
CNY	-	-	3,284	3,424
DKK	-	-	3,447	3,617
EUR	-	#25,522	25,532	26,822
	-	&25,512	-	-
GBP	-	29,617	29,627	30,797
HKD	-	2,984	2,994	3,189
JPY	-	157.21	157.36	166.91
KRW	-	16.62	16.82	20.62
LAK	-	-	0.68	1.38
NOK	-	-	2,143	2,263
NZD	-	14,289	14,299	14,879
SEK	-	-	2,219	2,354
SGD	-	17,477	17,487	18,287
THB	-	637.4	677.4	705.4
USD	23,971	#24,045	24,085	24,505
	\	&23,195	-	-

Appendix 5: VietinBank Exchange Rate.

INTEREST RATE IN SINGAPORE

Indicator	Data	Period
Interest Rate	3.75 %	Oct/23

U.S. Fed Funds Target Rate



 Latest Release
 Actual
 Forecast
 Previous

 Nov 01, 2023
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 5.50%
 5.50%

Appendix 6: Interest rate in Singapore and US.

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