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# (Competition)

- \* Our competition makes bars with *meat*, *fruit & nuts*; we're first to market with bars of *meat AND veggies*!
- \* We have our own USDA-inspected facility;
- \* and while challenging to be inspected daily by the federal government it's a barrier-to-entry and competitive advantage.

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- \* Unlike our competitors, we have our own USDA facility,
- \* which means I can maintain the highest possible quality,
- \* even though it is a pain to be inspected *daily* by the federal government!

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## (Team)

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(The Ask)

(We only have 2-minutes, so...)

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# **Possible Questions:**

**Allergens:** Over 30 million American families affected by food allergies; more than 1/3rd choosing to eat Gluten-Free; more than half with some kind of diet restriction (gluten-free, paleo, diabetic, IBS, nut-allergies, AIP, etc.)

**Margins:** We have a detailed Financial Projection that analyzes both Gross and Net margins — if you want more details, please speak to us in private.

**Sales:** Sales Velocity is around 3-400 bars per month/store, depending on demo activity. We're in about 50 total locations; about half are grocery stores; half are gyms, coffeeshops, & doctor's offices.

**Capital:** We put in \$250,000 from savings & a personal loan... we need another \$250k to \$1 million, depending how fast we decide to grow.

**Previous Businesses:** J: "That's an answer I can't give in under 3-minutes... but suffice to say, it's the reason I joke with Zora that, 'we're rich... in learnings.'" Z: "Hopefully we can put some of those learnings to good use, finally."

**BHAG:** Get our bars into a majority of purses & lunch-boxes in America.

**Exit:** We saw Krave exit for more than 5X their top-line revenue... but if our kids are interested, we can imagine passing it on to them.