

Doing Business in Asia

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- Non-homogenous
- How regulated?
- Sales and distribution channels
- Profitability
- Marrying corporate culture with local culture

GUIDANT Guidant's view of Asia



BUIDANT Non-Homogeneity

- Different cultures
- Political stability
- Economic stability

How regulated are these markets?

- More Regulated
 - China
 - Korea
 - Taiwan
 - Thailand

Less Regulated

- Singapore (this is changing)
- Hong Kong (this is changing)
- India
- Pakistan
- Indonesia
- Malaysia

GUIDANT Sales & Distribution Channels

- Finding talent?
- Who conveys your company's ethics?
- Ability to pay?
- When to have a distributor versus a direct operation?

GUIDANT Profitability

- Reimbursement structure
- Barriers to competitive entry
- Cost of living in various countries
- Ability to segment markets and customers
- Ability to protect IP



- Getting the corporation "feel" & sensitive to local environment
- Code of Business Conduct compliance
- Expatriate versus local hire