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FAMILY BUSINESS AS A FACTOR OF STABILITY IN INTERNATIONAL JEWELRY TRADE: THE EXPERIENCE OF KOVE JEWELRY S.R.O.

Summary. *This article examines the role of the family business model in ensuring the stability and competitiveness of companies engaged in international jewelry trade. Using the example of the Czech company Kove Jewelry s.r.o., the article analyzes the managerial, logistical, and commercial advantages of family entrepreneurship in the B2B segment. Special attention is given to issues of trust, quality control, long-term partnerships, and adaptation to demand fluctuations in the European gold jewelry market. The conclusion is made that the family management model contributes to reducing transaction costs and increasing business resilience in conditions of high price and regulatory volatility.*

Key words: *family business, international trade, jewelry industry, B2B market, gold, supply chains, business resilience.*

Introduction. International jewelry trade is characterized by a high dependency on precious metal prices, currency fluctuations, changes in consumer demand, and regulatory requirements. In these conditions, business stability is determined not only by the scale of operations but also by the quality of management decisions, speed of adaptation, and the level of trust between supply chain participants.

Family businesses are traditionally seen as a special form of entrepreneurship, combining economic goals with a long-term focus on maintaining reputation and stability. In the jewelry industry, where reliability of supply, quality control, and confidentiality of commercial terms are critically important, the family management model can provide a significant competitive advantage.

The aim of this article is to analyze family business as a factor of sustainable development in international jewelry trade using the example of Kove Jewelry s.r.o., a company engaged in wholesale supply of gold jewelry to countries in Central and Eastern Europe.

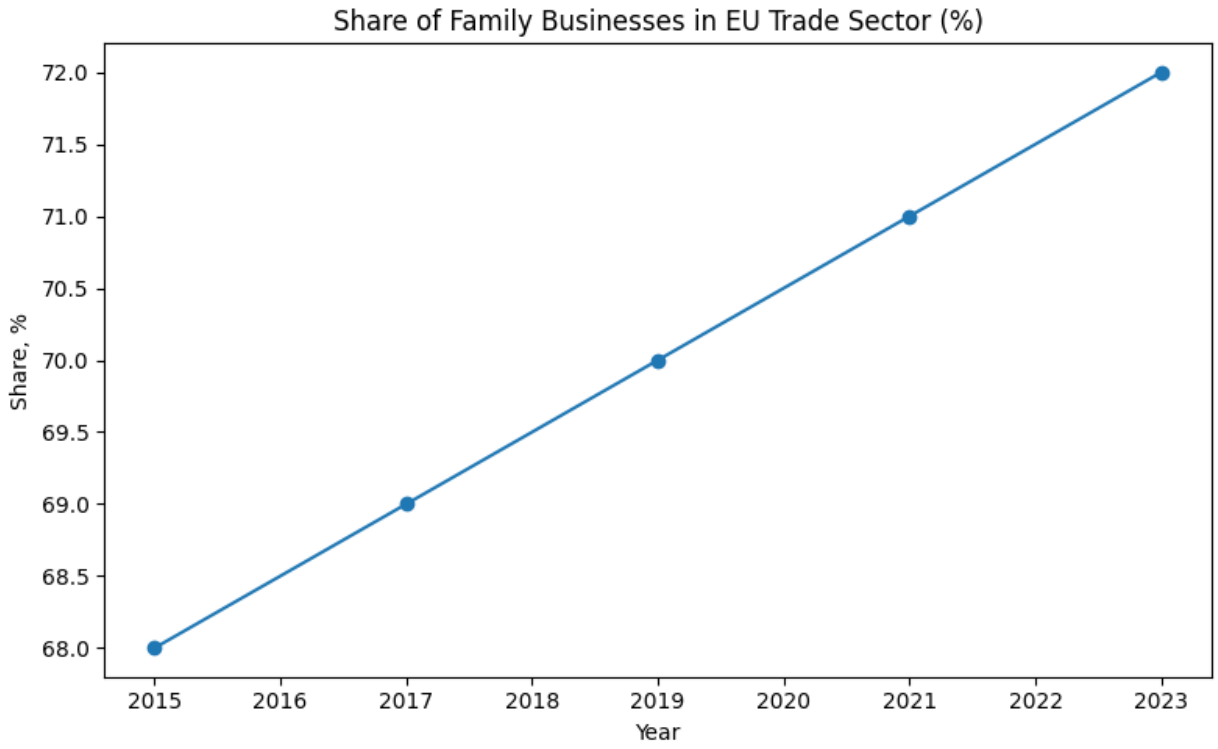
1. Family Business in the System of International Trade

Family enterprises account for a significant share of the global economy, especially in the sectors of trade, manufacturing, and services. Their key feature is the concentration of managerial functions within the family, which ensures a high level of control over both strategic and operational processes.

In international trade, this manifests in the following aspects:

- Reduction of agency and management costs
- High degree of decision-making coherence
- Focus on long-term partnerships rather than short-term profits
- Increased attention to reputation and commitment to obligations

For the jewelry business, these factors are of particular importance since deals are often associated with high costs, delayed payments, and complex logistics.



2. Specifics of the European Jewelry B2B Market

The European jewelry market is characterized by a fragmented structure and a predominance of the B2B model. The main buyers are retail chains, jewelry boutiques, and regional distributors. Demand is formed not only under the influence of fashion trends but also with consideration of local preferences, purchasing power, and the investment attractiveness of gold.

In these conditions, the key success factors are:

- Accurate demand forecasting
- Flexible product range
- Reliable supply channels
- The ability to work with multiple countries simultaneously

Kove Jewelry s.r.o. has built a business model based on the preliminary analysis of customer needs and the formation of orders with manufacturers in Italy

and Turkey tailored to specific demand, which differentiates it from traditional wholesale intermediaries.

3. Family Management Model at Kove Jewelry s.r.o.

The management of Kove Jewelry s.r.o. is carried out by members of one family, allowing for centralized decision-making and ensuring a high level of owner involvement in operational activities. The family controls key processes:

- Supplier selection and contract terms
- Logistics and product storage
- B2B client relations
- Financial planning and risk management

This structure reduces the likelihood of conflicts of interest between owners and management and increases the speed of response to changes in market conditions. Furthermore, the personal participation of the owners in negotiations helps strengthen trust among European partners.

4. Resilience and Trust as Competitive Advantages

In the context of gold price volatility and increasing regulatory requirements, the family management model helps build stable business relationships. The company's clients receive:

- Predictable supply
- Transparent collaboration terms
- Stable product quality
- A personalized approach to product range formation

The presence of over 100 regular B2B clients in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, and Romania confirms the effectiveness of this model. The family nature of

the business also facilitates the transfer of knowledge and experience between generations, reducing strategic risks in the long term.

Conclusion. The analysis conducted shows that family business can be an important factor of stability in international jewelry trade. The example of Kove Jewelry s.r.o. demonstrates that centralizing management within the family, focusing on demand analysis, and fostering long-term partnerships allow for successful competition in the European B2B market.

The family management model helps reduce transaction costs, increase trust from clients, and form resilient supply chains. The conclusions drawn from this study can be used in developing strategies for the growth of family-owned businesses in international trade and related industries.

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