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THE K-WAVE AND ITS IMPACT ON THE SOUTH KOREAN ECONOMY

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THE K-WAVE

- PARASITE
- Hallyu (한류)

- Cause



• What is the K-Wave? • Popularity in Asia • Popularity in the West • Accomplishments

KOREAN CONTENT



- Goal Korea Asia
- and J Contenttree

• Increase popularity in South

• Increase popularity in Southeast

• 2017 production of *Love Alarm* • 2019 contracts with Studio Dragon

STUDIO DRAGON



- South Korea's Largest Scripted **Production House**
- CJENM Group
- Guaranteed 21 Dramas in 3 years
- 2022

• Revenue Increased 12% in 2020 • Revenue Increased 32.7% in

JCONTENTTREE

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- Majority Shareholder of SLL
 Partnered with Netflix, Disney+,
- Partnered with and HBO Max.
- Guarante years.
- Profits doubled between 2020 and 2021
- Guaranteed 22-23 dramas in 3

NETFLIX

• 2021: Squid Game

- Most Watched Series in Netflix History
- #1 Show in Over 90
 Countries
- Increased Success of Genre
- Contributed \$900 million in Value

Awards 6 Emmys 3 BAFTAs 1 Golden Globe

NETFLIX: THE ROLE OF

- Netflix Lead Provider of Korean Content Internationally
- 130 titles launched
- Solid first-mover advantage
- \$2.5 Billion Investment

• Disney+ Entered Asian Markets in 2021 Launched 7 K-Dramas South Korean Production Expect to Benefit from Competition

MUSIC INDUSTRY: THE BIG THREE

 K-Pop
 One of the Biggest
 J Parts of the K-Wave
 Increased Demand in
 S the West
 Growth in Industry

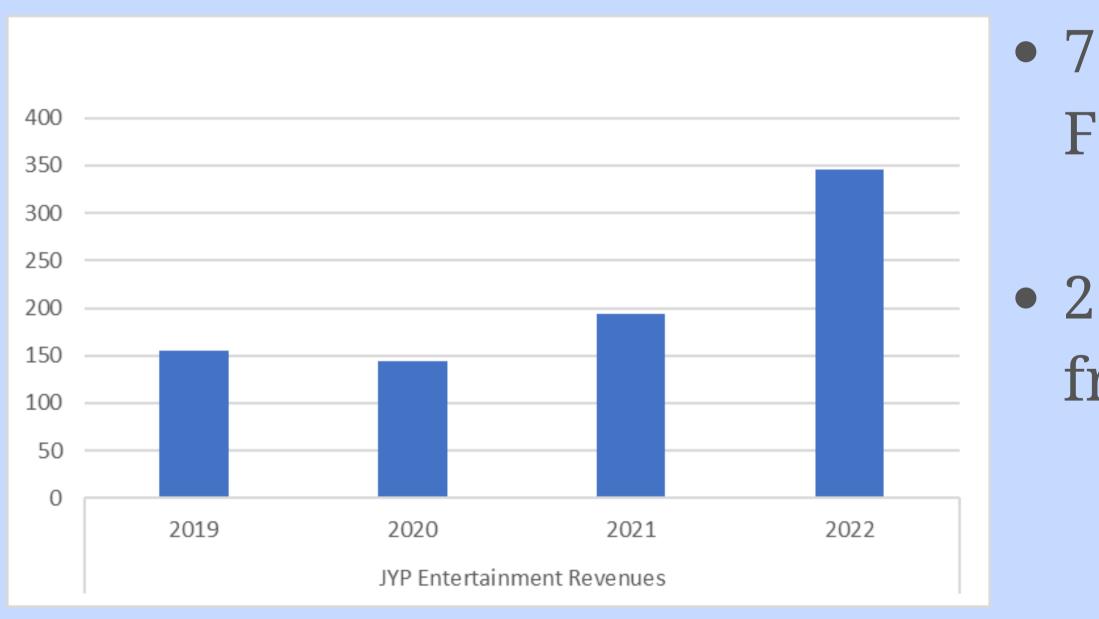
The Big Three JYP Entertainment YG Entertainment SM Entertainment The New Player: HYBE Corporation

JYP ENTERTAINMENT

- Founded in 1996 3 International **Subsidiaries**
- IPO in 2001
 - 70% Growth in 2022
 - Led By Foreign Investors
 - 42.8% of Shares Held by Foreign Investors

- Resumption of Live **Events**
- Increased Popularity of **Groups Overseas**
 - 107% Growth in
 - **Global Streaming**
 - Led by Stray Kids,
- Twice, and ITZY

JYP ENTERTAINMENT



- 75% of Total Streams
 From Overseas

 Increased from 52%

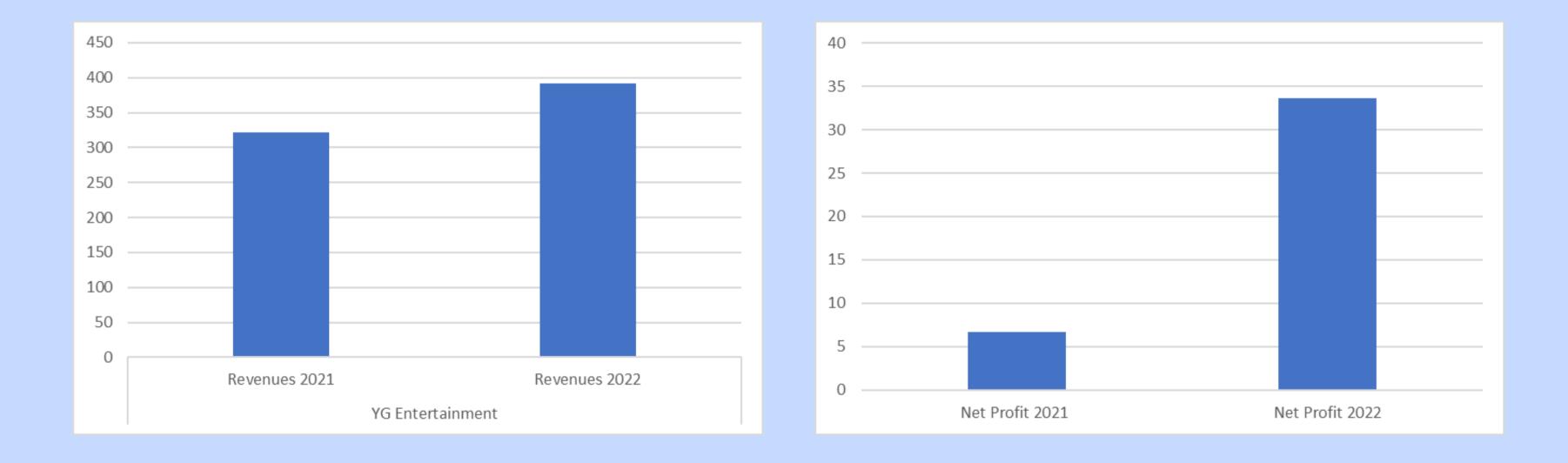
 25% of Total Revenues
 from Overseas
 - Not Including Japan or China
 - Increased from 8%

YG ENTERTAINMENT

- Founded in 1996
- Initial Growth Led By Psy
 - Hit single "Gangnam Style"
- Continued Growth Led By Blackpink
- 3 International Offices

- Leadership Restructure in 2019
- IPO in 2011
 - 37.97% Growth YTD
 - 2.26% Decrease in Last
 - 12-Months
 - Foreign Investment

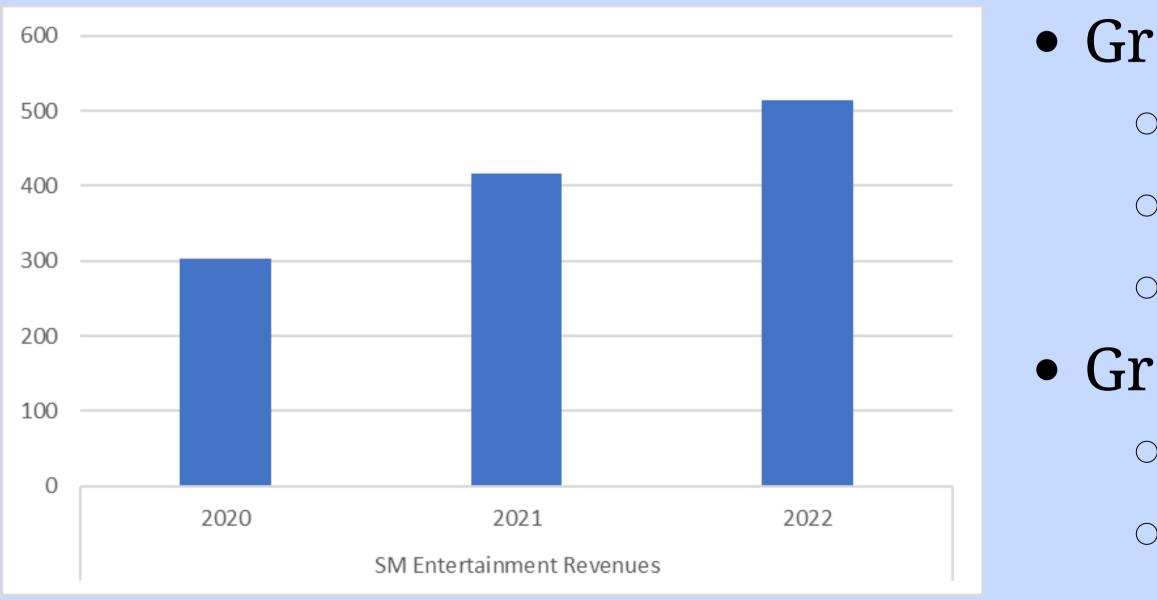
YG ENTERTAINMENT



SM ENTERTAINMENT

- Founded in 1995 • IPO in 2000 • First Entertainment • First Entertainment Company Listed on the **Company to Enter Foreign** Markets KOSDAQ O 27.21% Growth YTD • SM Groups Led K-Wave
 - Introduced Systematic • 30.31% Growth in Last 12-Training Months
- 2 International Subsidiaries 17% of Shares Held by
 - **Foreign Investors**

SM ENTERTAINMENT



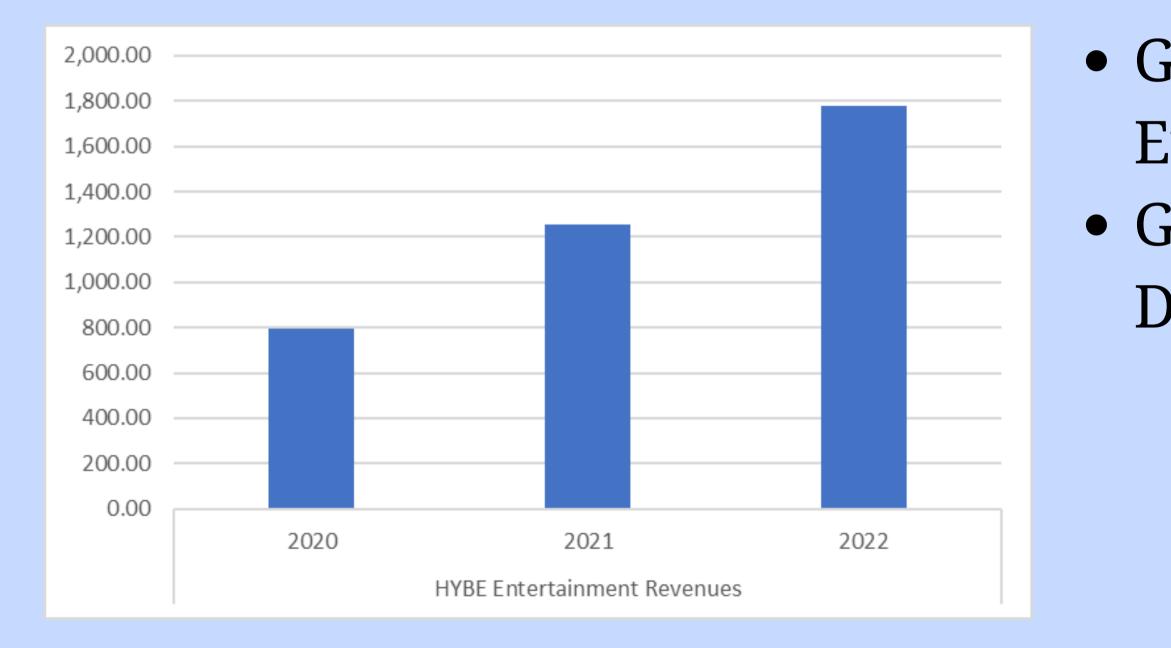
- Growth From Live Events
 - Increased 207% Q/Q
 - Totaled ₩26.7 Billion
- 10.4% Overall Revenue
 Growth From Album Sales
 - owth From Album Sales
 - 78% Growth In America
 1200 Growth in Function
 - 128% Growth in Europe
 - Totaled ₩80.4 Billion
 - 15.4% Overall Revenue

THE NEW PLAYER: HYBE CORPORATION

- IPO in 2020 • Founded in 2005 • Growth Driven by BTS • Biggest Listing in 3 Years • \$43.5 million in Revenue 27.95% Growth YTD • 21.69% Decline in Last 12from Single Event • Pledis Acquisition in 2020 Months • Ithaca Holdings Acquisition BTS Hiatus in 2021 16.44% of Shares Held by
- SM Purchase in 2023

Foreign Investors

THE NEW PLAYER: HYBE CORPORATION



- Growth Led By Live Events and Album Sales
 Geographic Revenue
 - Distribution
 - 2017: 72% South Korea
 9% North America
 - 2022: 33% South Korea
 - 32% North America

- Steady Increase in Content **Industry Exports Since 2005**
- Content Exports Doubled Between 2015-2020
- Increased 16.3% to \$11.92 Billion in 2020
 - Decrease of 5.5% in Overall Exports

- Indirect Impact Soft Power Increased Reputation Increased Tourism COVID-19 Increased Interest in South Korea's Culture and History.

CONCLUSIO



QUESTIONS?



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