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Bikes Corp experienced significant sales growth from 2016 to 2017, driven by balanced contributions from price changes and units & mix adjustments. The Web channel emerged as the fastest-growing sales channel, while the Road Bikes category led growth in absolute terms. The company's gross margin increased, attributed to factors occurring after the calculation of the Cost of Goods Sold (COGS), suggesting effective pricing strategies, cost management, or operational efficiencies. Pages 4 to 13.

Bikes Corp's sales data reveals strong preferences for phone sales in Germany, the United Kingdom, and Austria, while web sales dominate in Italy. Road Bikes have the highest Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) across all channels, with the Phone channel being the most used. The United Kingdom, Germany, and France have the highest gross margins in absolute terms, with smaller markets contributing significantly to Bikes Corp's profitability. Pages 15 to 22.

Bikes Corp's performance in 2017 varied across cities, with high growth in some areas and challenges in others. Germany and France exhibited strong growth, while the UK had moderate but stable growth. Road Bikes dominated sales, COGS, and units sold despite representing only a small portion of products, indicating high profitability and demand. Pages 24 to 32.

The company has experienced a positive trend in gross margin and strong sales growth, with varying performance among salespersons and customer cohorts. Sales from still active customers have grown, while the impact of lost customers on sales has decreased over time. The market for bikes and related products has been healthy and growing, with consistent growth in most months of 2017, except for December. Pages 34 to 42.

At A Glance

Bikes Corp experienced significant sales growth from 2016 to 2017, with an increase of $7.4M (p.7). This growth was driven by a balanced contribution from price changes and units & mix adjustments (p.7). The Web channel emerged as the fastest-growing sales channel, with a 20% increase in sales and a 22% increase in gross margin (p.9, p.12). The Road Bikes category led the growth in absolute terms, with a 15% increase in sales and a 21% increase in gross margin (p.9, p.12).

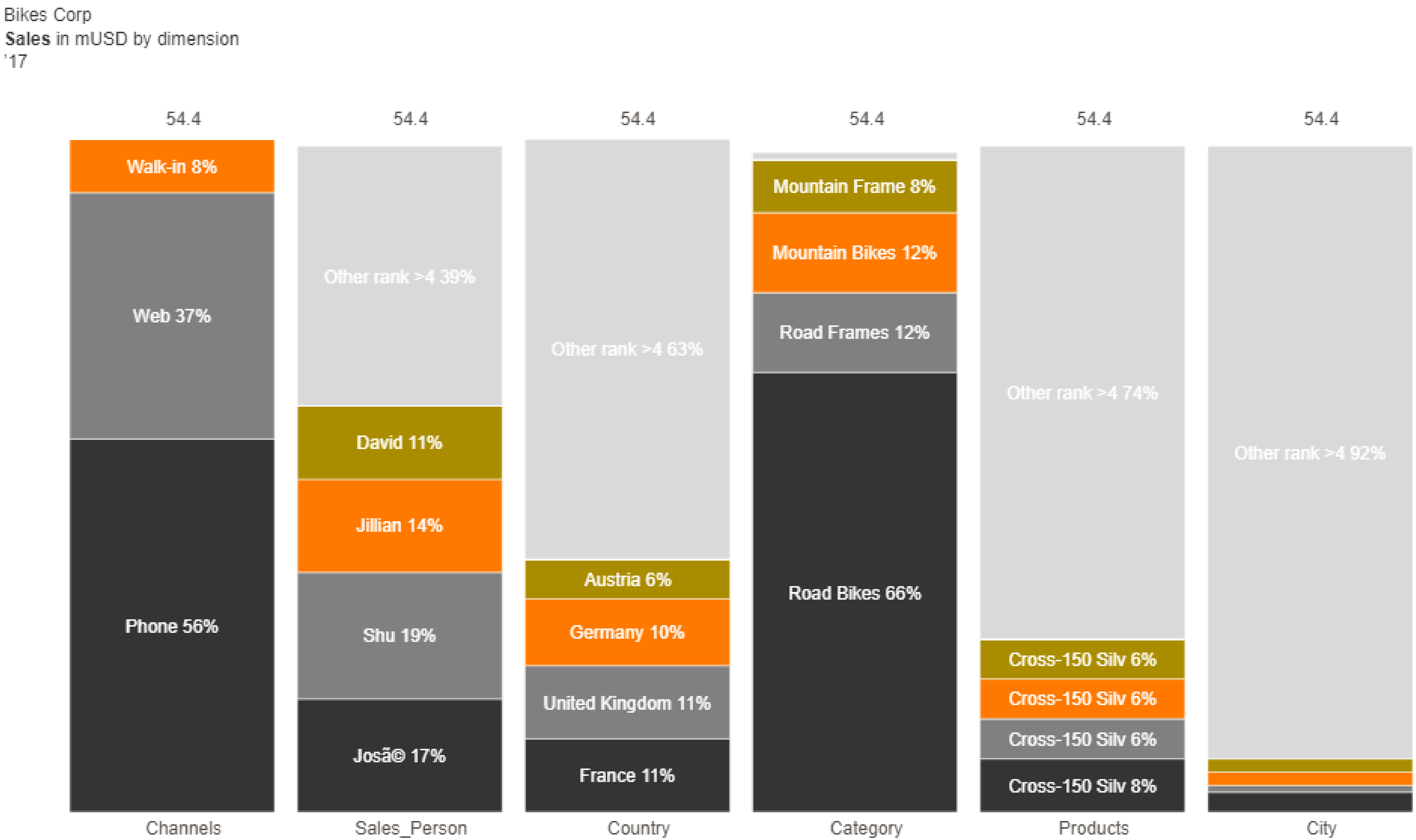
Among sales personnel, Jillian and Pamela showed the highest growth rates at 23% each in sales and 24% each in gross margin (p.9, p.12). Germany experienced the highest growth in sales at 40% and the largest percentage increase in gross margin at 37% (p.8, p.12). The 'Others aggregated' category, representing smaller markets, showed significant increases in both sales and gross margin (p.8, p.11).

Bikes Corp's gross margin increased by $2.8M from 2016 to 2017, attributed to factors occurring after the calculation of the Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) (p.10). This improvement suggests effective pricing strategies, cost management, or operational efficiencies achieved during the period (p.10).

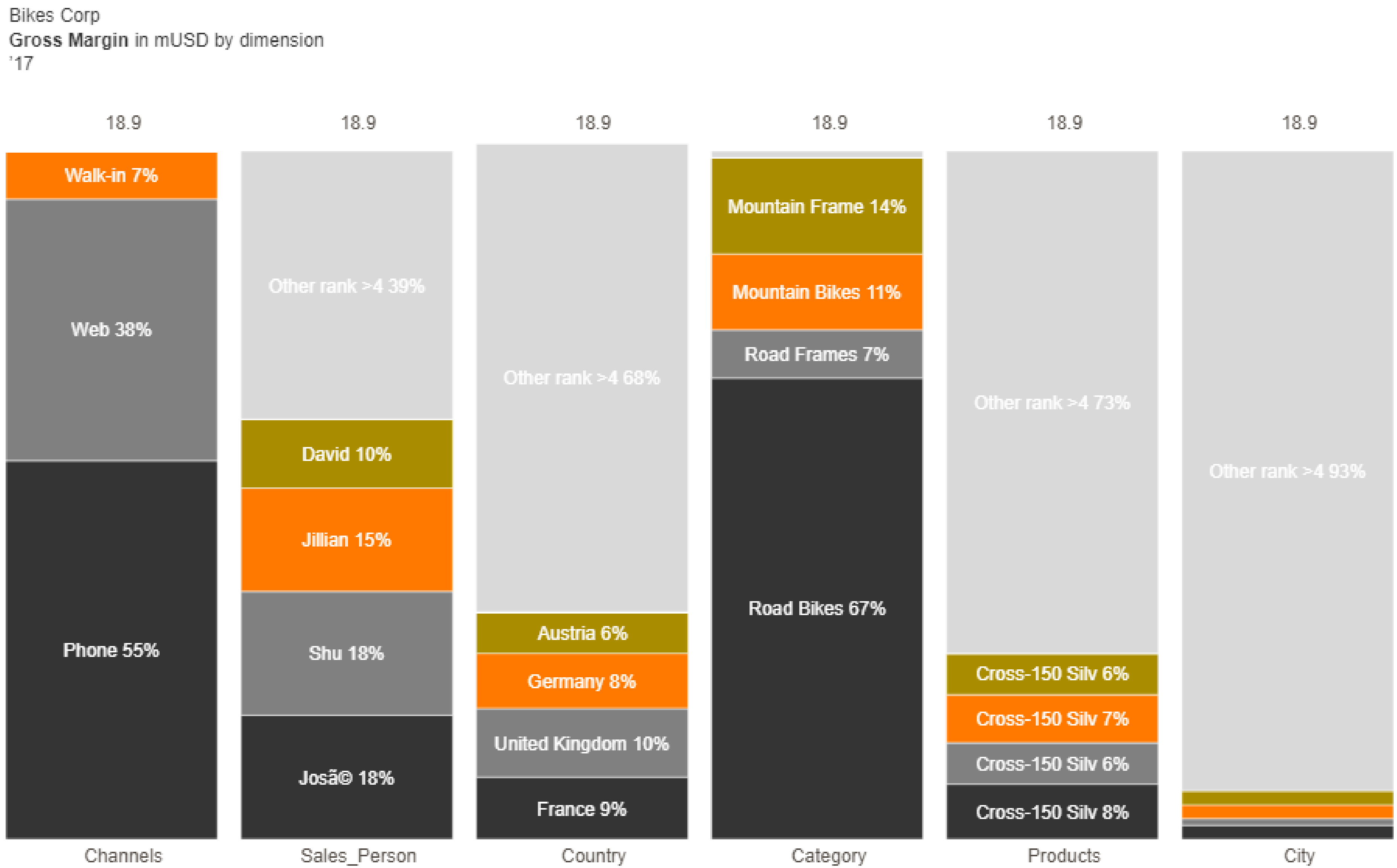
The Phone channel accounted for 56% of total sales and 55% of gross margin in 2017, followed by the Web channel at 37% of sales and 38% of gross margin (p.5, p.6). The top-performing sales personnel were Shu and José, each accounting for around 18% of sales and gross margin (p.5, p.6). France, the UK, and Germany had relatively even sales distribution, while Austria had a slightly smaller share (p.5).

Bikes Corp experienced growth in units sold across all categories and channels from 2016 to 2017 (p.13). The consistent growth across all channels and categories indicates a healthy market demand and the effectiveness of current sales strategies (p.13). The 'Cross-150 Silv' product line accounted for a substantial 26% of product sales (p.5).

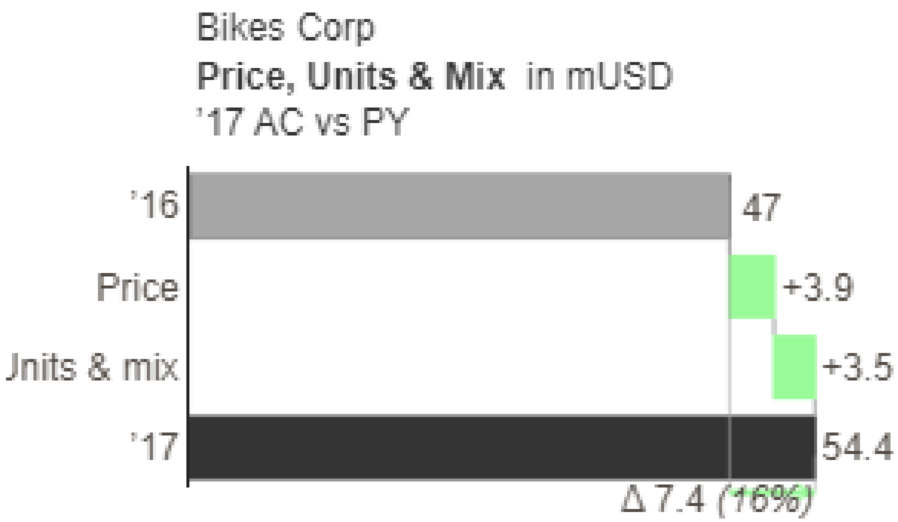
Bikes Corp's sales in 2017 were primarily driven by the Phone channel, accounting for 56% of total sales. The Web channel followed at 37%, while Walk-in sales contributed only 8%. The top-performing sales personnel were Shu at 19% and José at 17%, with a significant 63% of sales not attributed to the top salespeople. France, the UK, and Germany had relatively even sales distribution, while Austria had a slightly smaller share. Road Bikes significantly outperformed other categories with 66% of all sales. The 'Cross-150 Silv' product line accounted for a substantial 26% of product sales.



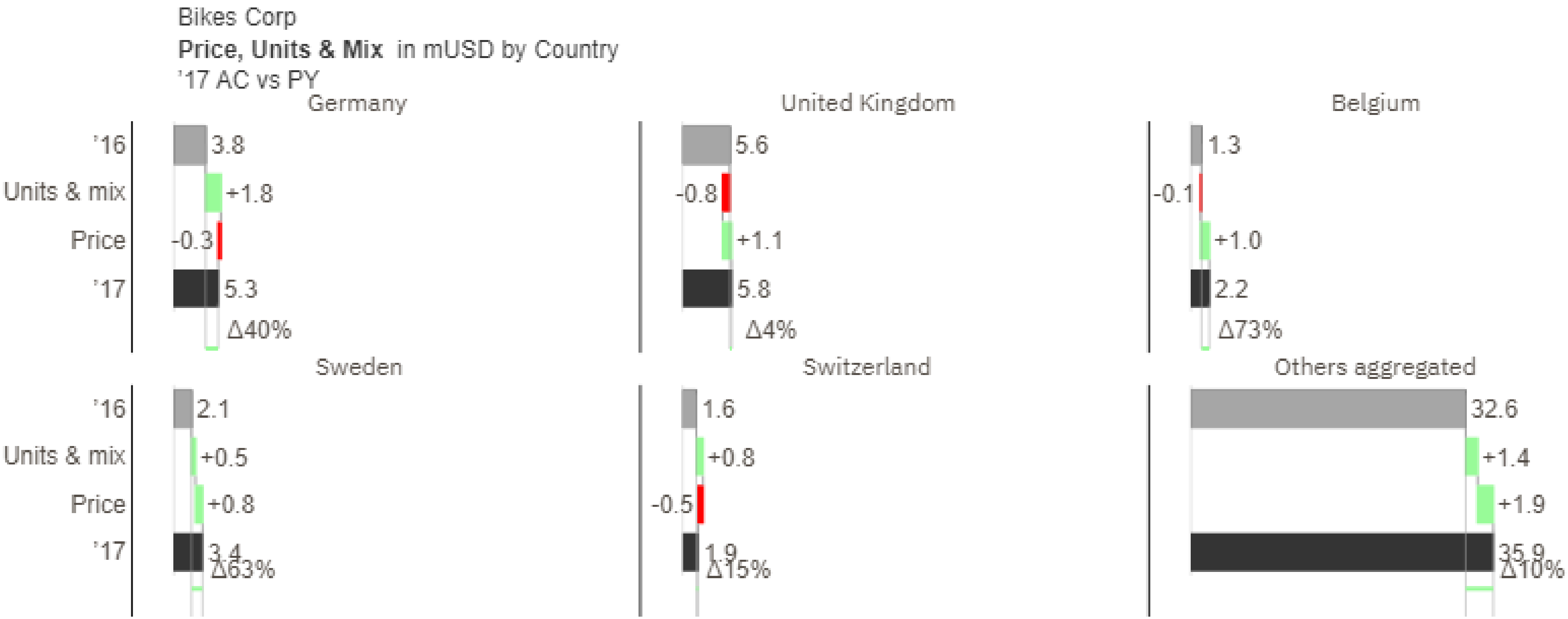
The gross margin distribution for Bikes Corp in 2017 closely mirrored the sales distribution. Phone sales generated 55% of the gross margin, followed by Web sales at 38% and Walk-in sales at 7%. José and Shu were the top contributors among sales personnel, each accounting for 18% of the gross margin. The United Kingdom led the country-wise gross margin contribution at 10%, followed by France at 9%. Road Bikes comprised 67% of the gross margin, while Mountain Frames and Mountain Bikes contributed 14% and 11%, respectively.



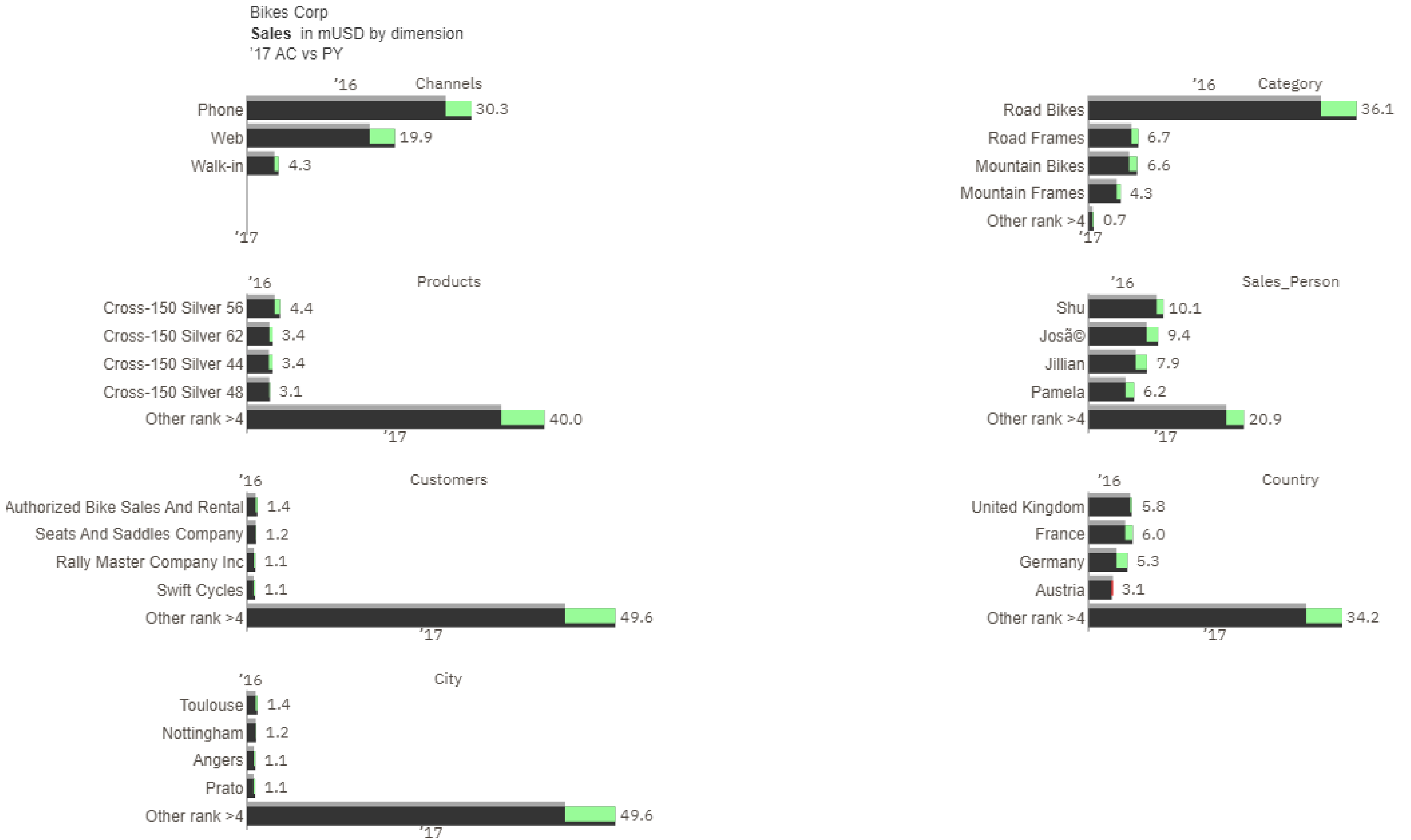
Bikes Corp experienced significant sales growth from 2016 to 2017, with an increase of approximately $7.4M. This growth was driven by a balanced contribution from price changes, which added $3.9M to the sales variance, and units & mix adjustments, which contributed $3.5M. The final sales value for 2017 was $54.4 up from $47.0 in 2016.



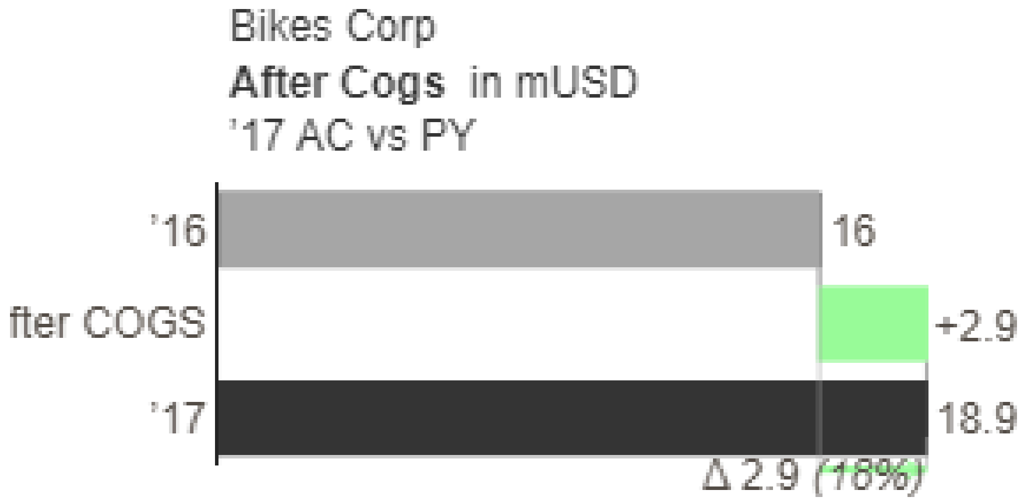
A detailed variance analysis of Bikes Corp's sales from 2016 to 2017 across different countries revealed that Germany experienced the highest growth at 40%, driven primarily by a significant positive variance in Units & Mix. The United Kingdom and Belgium saw sales increases due to strong positive Price variances, despite negative Units & Mix variances. France and Sweden had positive contributions from both Units & Mix and Price. The 'Others aggregated' category, representing smaller markets, showed a significant increase in sales, with positive variances in both Units & Mix and Price, indicating a diversified growth across various regions.



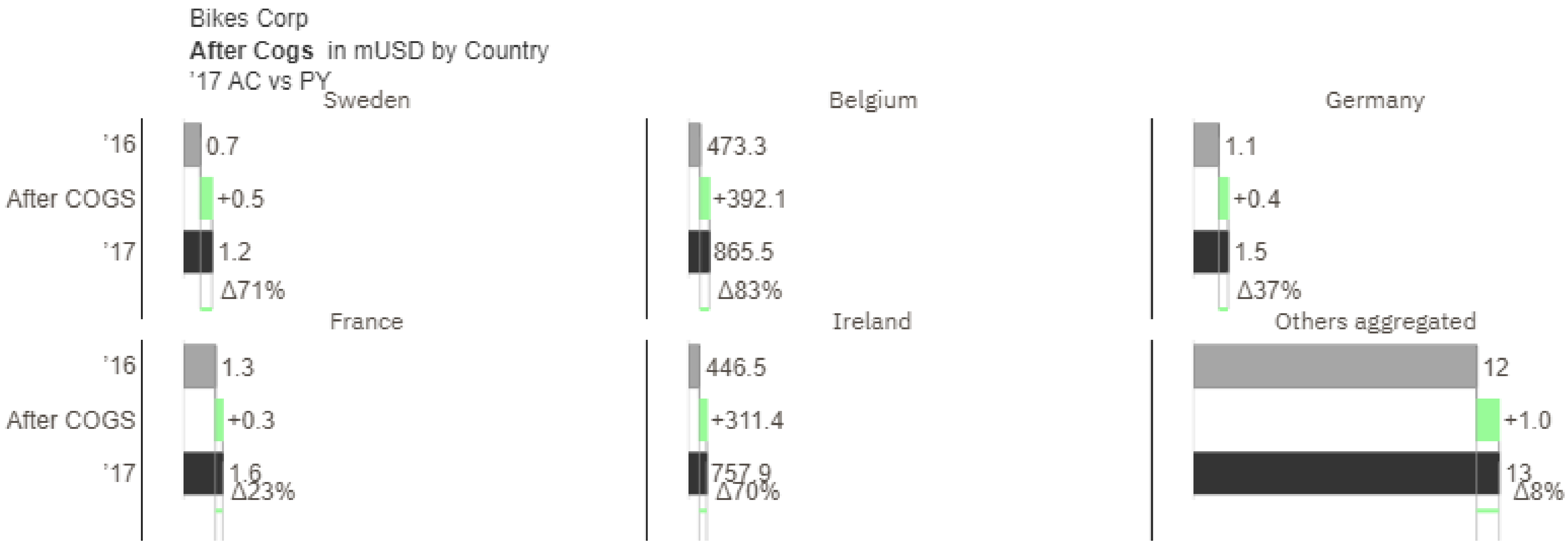
Bikes Corp experienced healthy growth in sales across various dimensions from 2016 to 2017. The Web channel saw the highest growth at 20%, followed by the Phone channel at 13%. The Road Bikes category led the growth in absolute terms with a 15% increase. Among sales personnel, Jillian and Pamela showed the highest growth rates at 23% each. Germany stood out with a 40% increase in sales, while France also showed strong growth at 21%. The data indicates a strong shift towards online sales, well-distributed growth across product categories, and significant contributions from specific countries and sales personnel.



Bikes Corp's gross margin increased by $2.9M from 2016 to 2017, attributed to factors occurring after the calculation of the Cost of Goods Sold (COGS). This improvement suggests effective pricing strategies, cost management, or operational efficiencies achieved during the period, leading to a final gross margin of $18.9M in 2017, up from $16.0M in 2016.

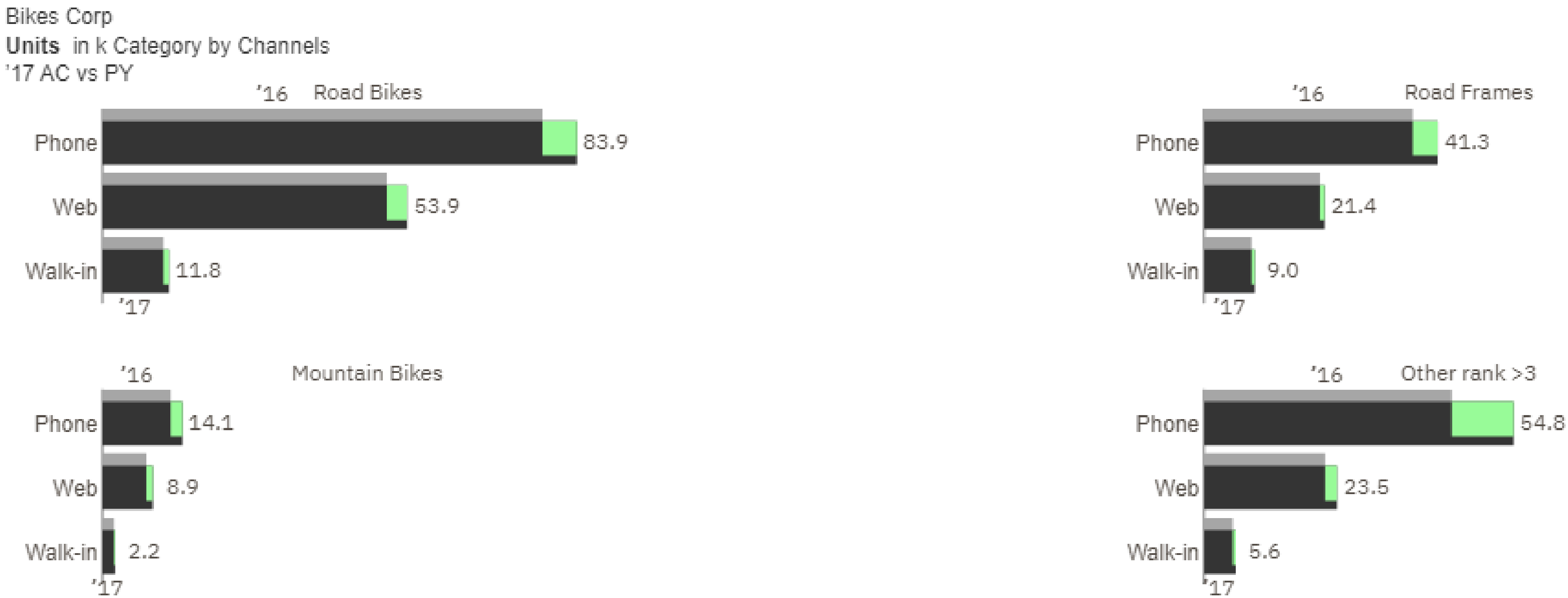


A detailed variance analysis of Bikes Corp's gross margin from 2016 to 2017 across different countries showed that every country dimension analyzed had a positive variance in gross margin after COGS. Sweden had the highest percentage increase, more than doubling its gross margin from 2016 to 2017. Belgium, Germany, France, and Ireland also experienced significant increases. The 'Others aggregated' category, representing several smaller markets, showed the highest absolute growth in gross margin. This suggests that Bikes Corp's strategies in managing costs and enhancing sales effectiveness post-COGS yielded positive results across all markets.



Bikes Corp's gross margin grew across all dimensions from 2016 to 2017. The Web channel emerged as the fastest-growing sales channel with a 22% increase, while the Road Bikes category showed the highest growth in gross margin at 21%. Among sales personnel, Jillian and Pamela had the highest percentage increase at 24% each. Germany experienced the largest percentage increase in gross margin at 37%, and the 'Other rank > 4' customer segment saw a substantial 18% growth, indicating untapped potential in smaller or new customer segments.

Bikes Corp experienced growth in units sold across all categories and channels from 2016 to 2017. The Phone sales channel showed the highest growth, particularly in the 'Other rank >3' category, which experienced a significant increase of 25%. The Web and Walk-in channels showed moderate growth across all categories, with the Web channel in the Mountain Bikes category showing a notable 15% increase. The consistent growth across all channels and categories indicates a healthy market demand and the effectiveness of current sales strategies.



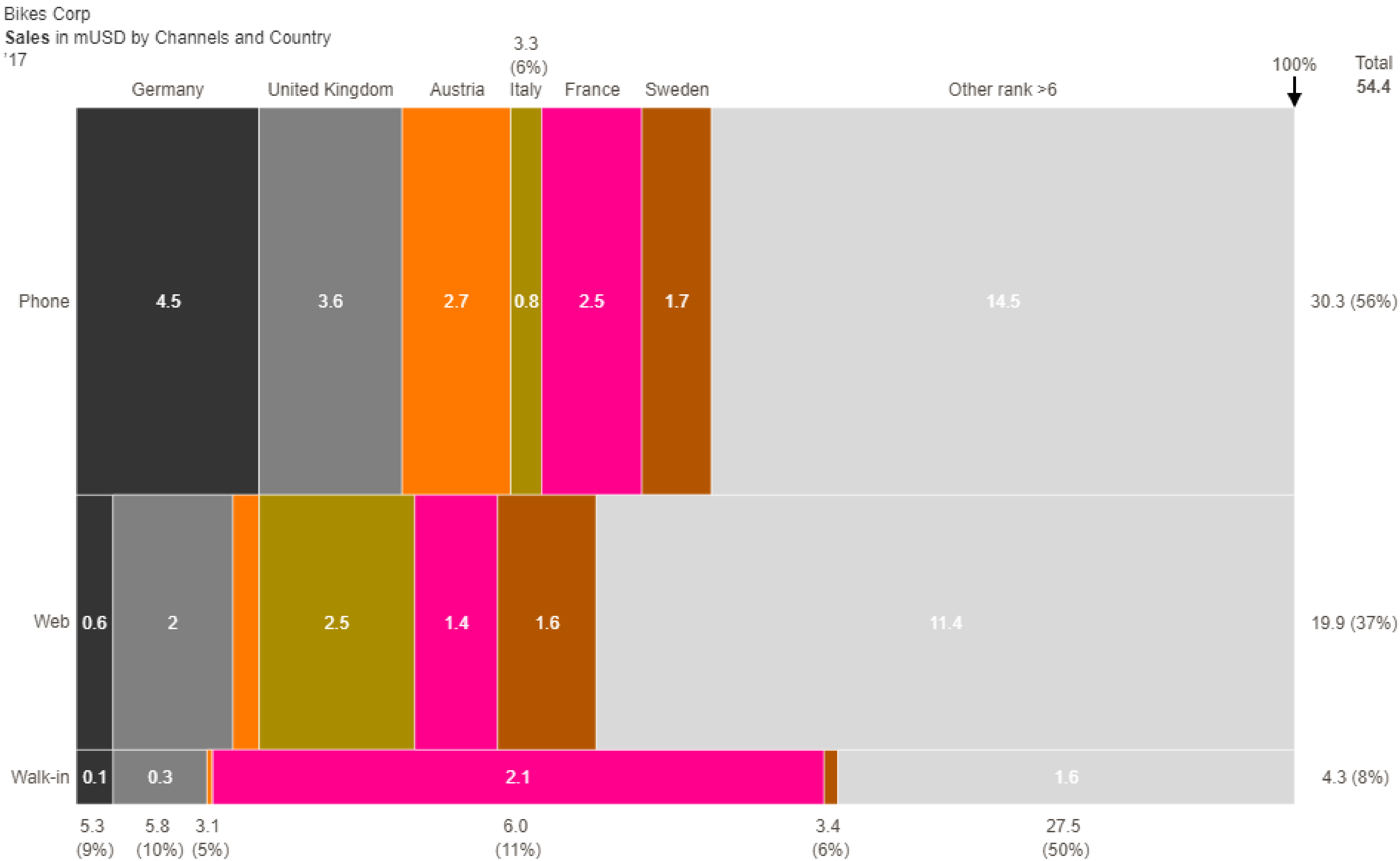
Sales Breakdown

Bikes Corp's sales data reveals a strong preference for phone sales in Germany, the United Kingdom, and Austria, while web sales dominate in Italy (p.16). The Phone and Web channels are the primary sales avenues across all product categories, with Road Bikes being the most popular, followed by Mountain Bikes (p.17). Jillian and José consistently appear as top performers across channels, with David showing mixed performance (p.18). The 'Other rank >4' category indicates a strong team performance beyond the top individuals (p.18).

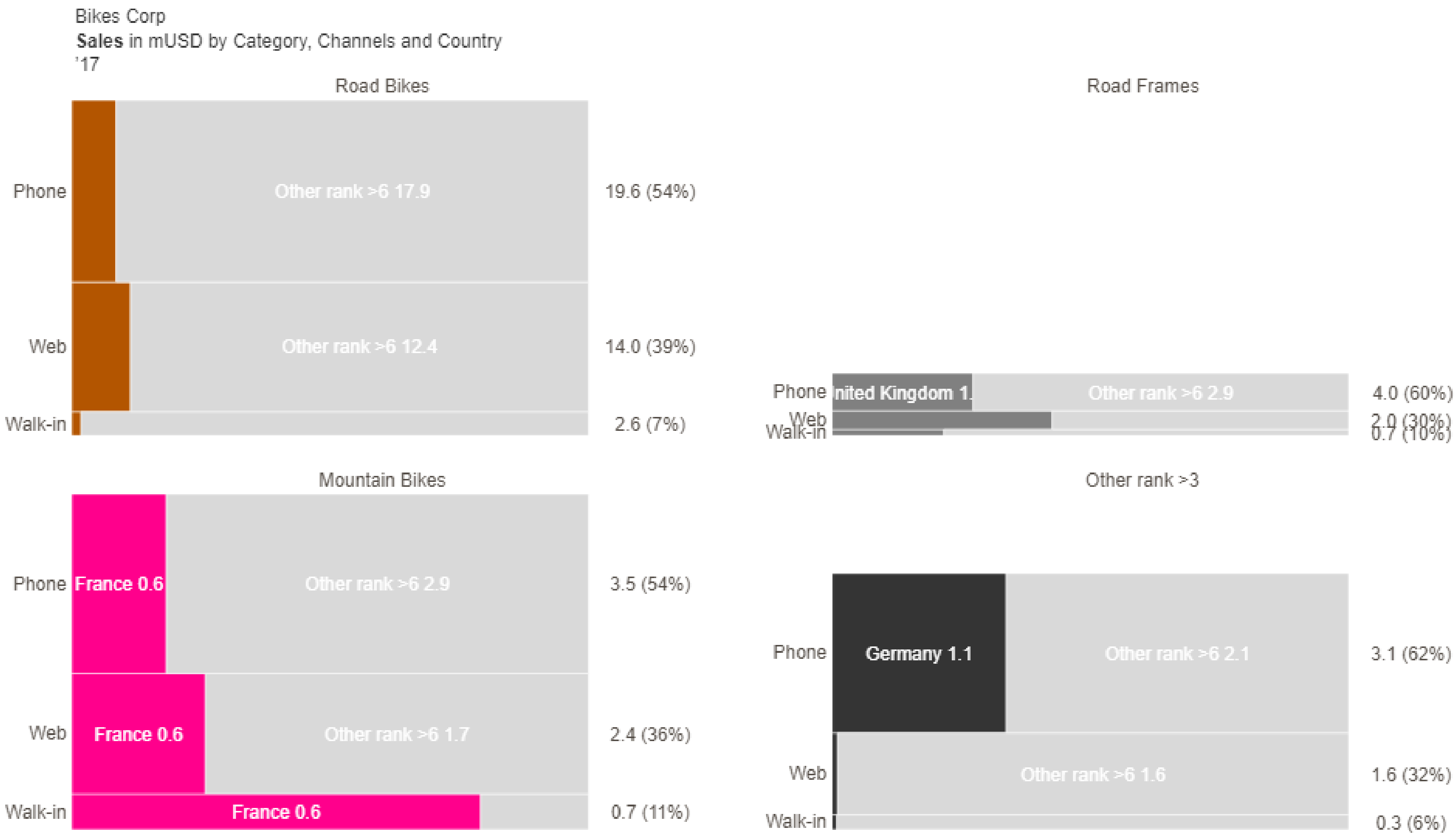
Road Bikes have the highest Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) across all channels, with the Phone channel being the most used, followed by Web and Walk-in (p.19). Road Bikes and Road Frames consistently show the highest COGS across all countries, with the 'Other rank >3' category suggesting that smaller markets combined can significantly impact the overall COGS (p.20).

The United Kingdom, Germany, and France have the highest gross margins in absolute terms, with the United Kingdom leading (p.21). The 'Other rank > 10' category shows substantial total sales and gross margin, indicating that smaller markets contribute significantly to Bikes Corp's profitability (p.21). The 'Other rank > 3' category has exceptionally high gross margin percentages, suggesting that niche or less common products may offer higher profitability (p.22). Sweden leads in the Road Bikes category, while France leads in the Mountain Bikes category for both sales and gross margin (p.22).

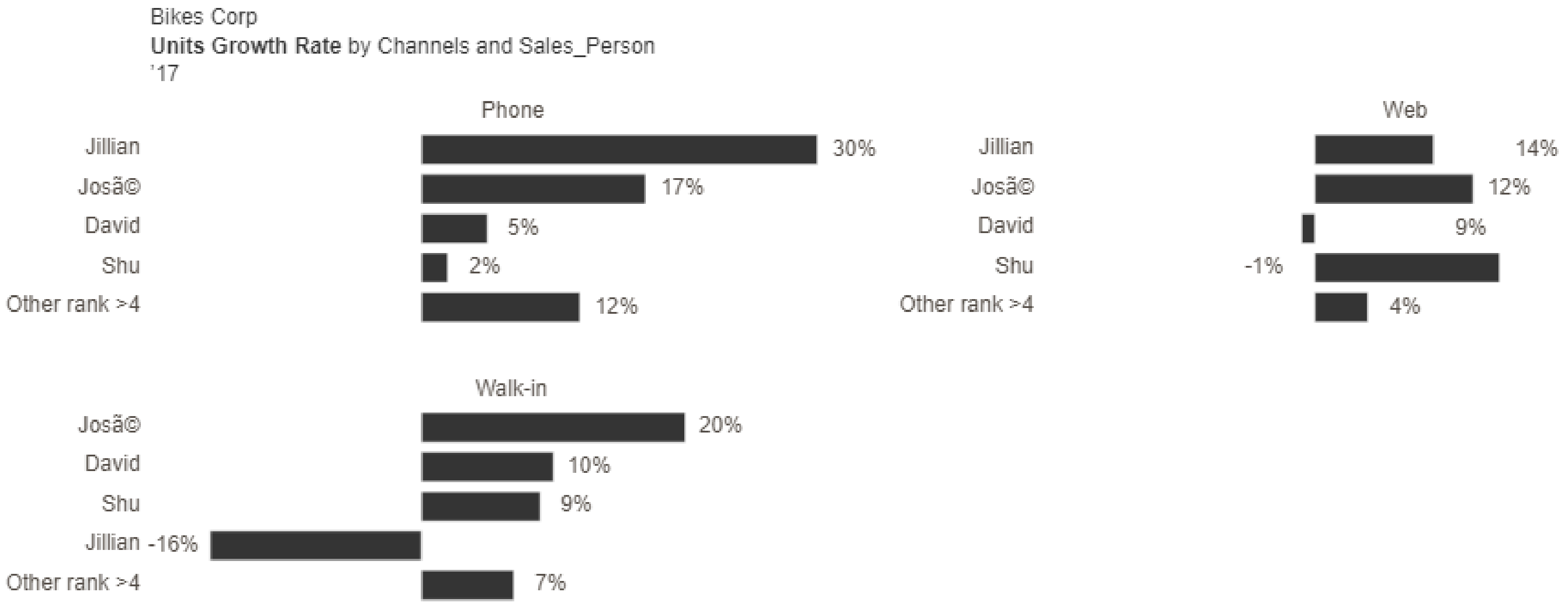
Bikes Corp's sales data for 2017 reveals that phone sales dominate across most countries, especially in Germany (86%), the United Kingdom (61%), and Austria (86%), indicating a strong preference for phone sales in these markets. However, web sales are particularly strong in Italy (77%), suggesting a unique market preference or effective web sales strategy there. Walk-in sales are significantly lower across all countries, with France being an exception where 36% of its sales come from walk-in purchases.



The Phone and Web channels are the primary sales avenues for Bikes Corp across all product categories, with the Phone channel showing a particularly strong performance in the 'Other rank >3' category. 'Other rank >6' countries are the largest market for Bikes Corp across all categories, suggesting a broad international market outside of the specifically listed European countries. Road Bikes are the most popular category, followed by Mountain Bikes, indicating a strong market preference for these types of bicycles.

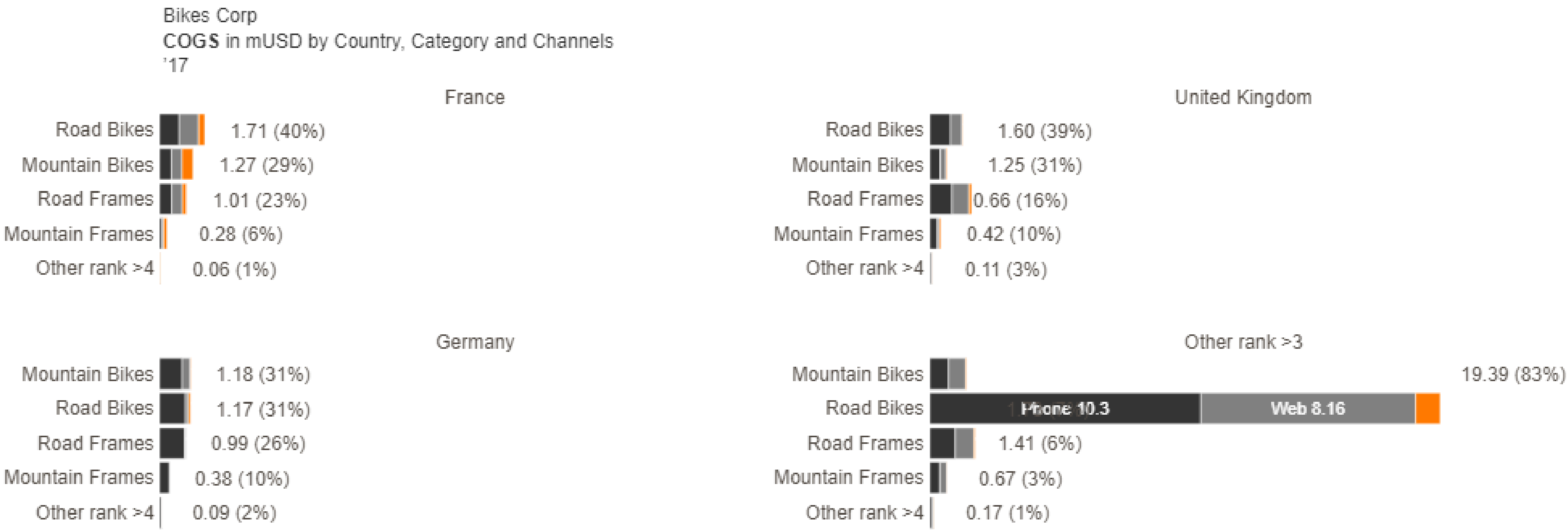


Jillian and José consistently appear as top performers across channels, though Jillian's performance significantly drops in the Walk-in channel. David's performance is varied, showing growth in Phone and Walk-in channels but a decline in the Web channel. The aggregated 'Other rank >4' category shows that there is a notable contribution from sales personnel not ranked in the top 4, especially in the Phone channel (12% growth rate), indicating a strong team performance beyond the top individuals.

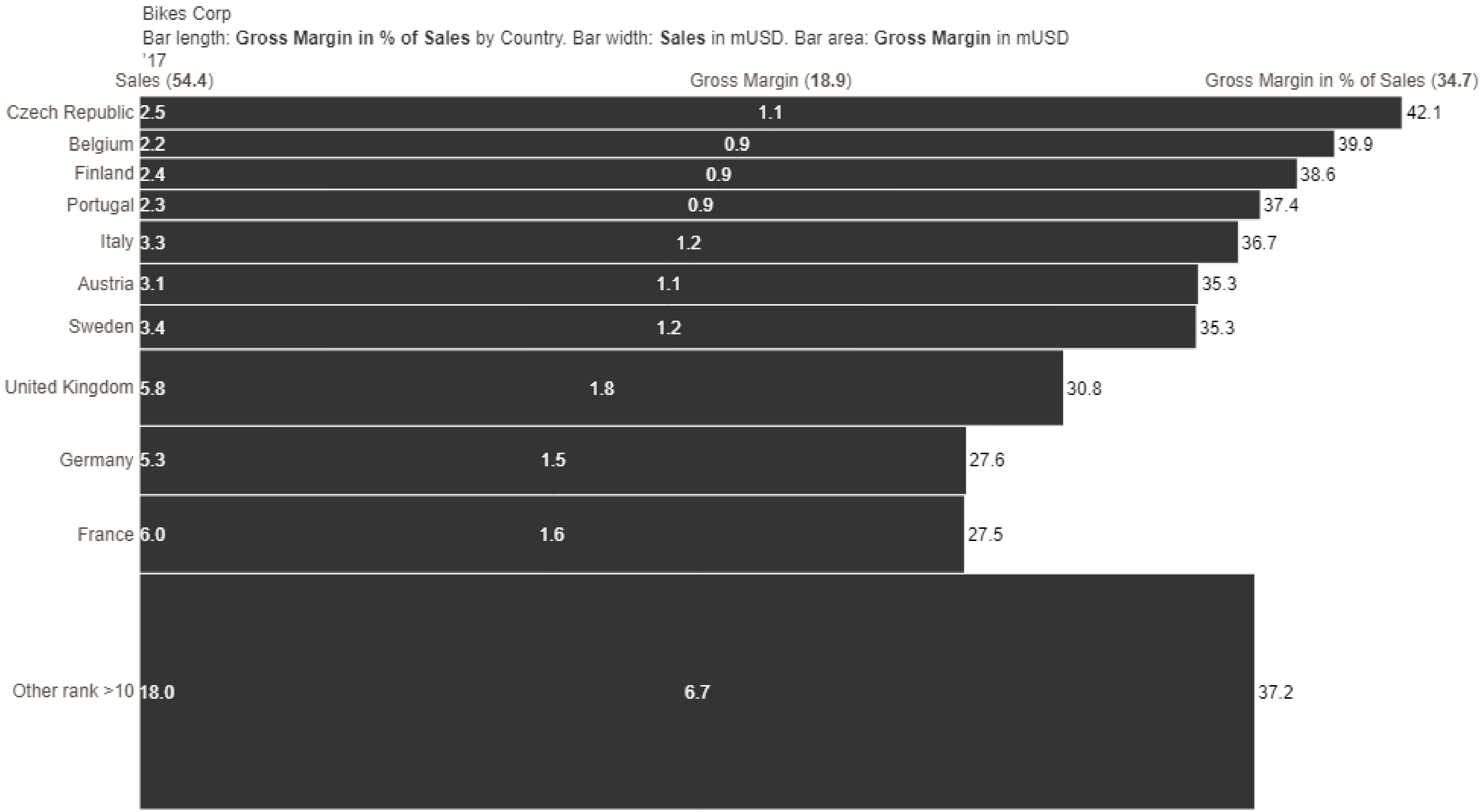


Road Bikes category has the highest Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) across all channels, indicating it is the most significant product for Bikes Corp in terms of cost. The Phone channel is the most used channel across all categories, followed by the Web and then Walk-in. This pattern suggests that customers prefer to order via Phone, possibly due to convenience or customer service factors. The significant difference in COGS between the main categories and the aggregated 'Other rank >4' category highlights the concentration of costs in a few key product lines.

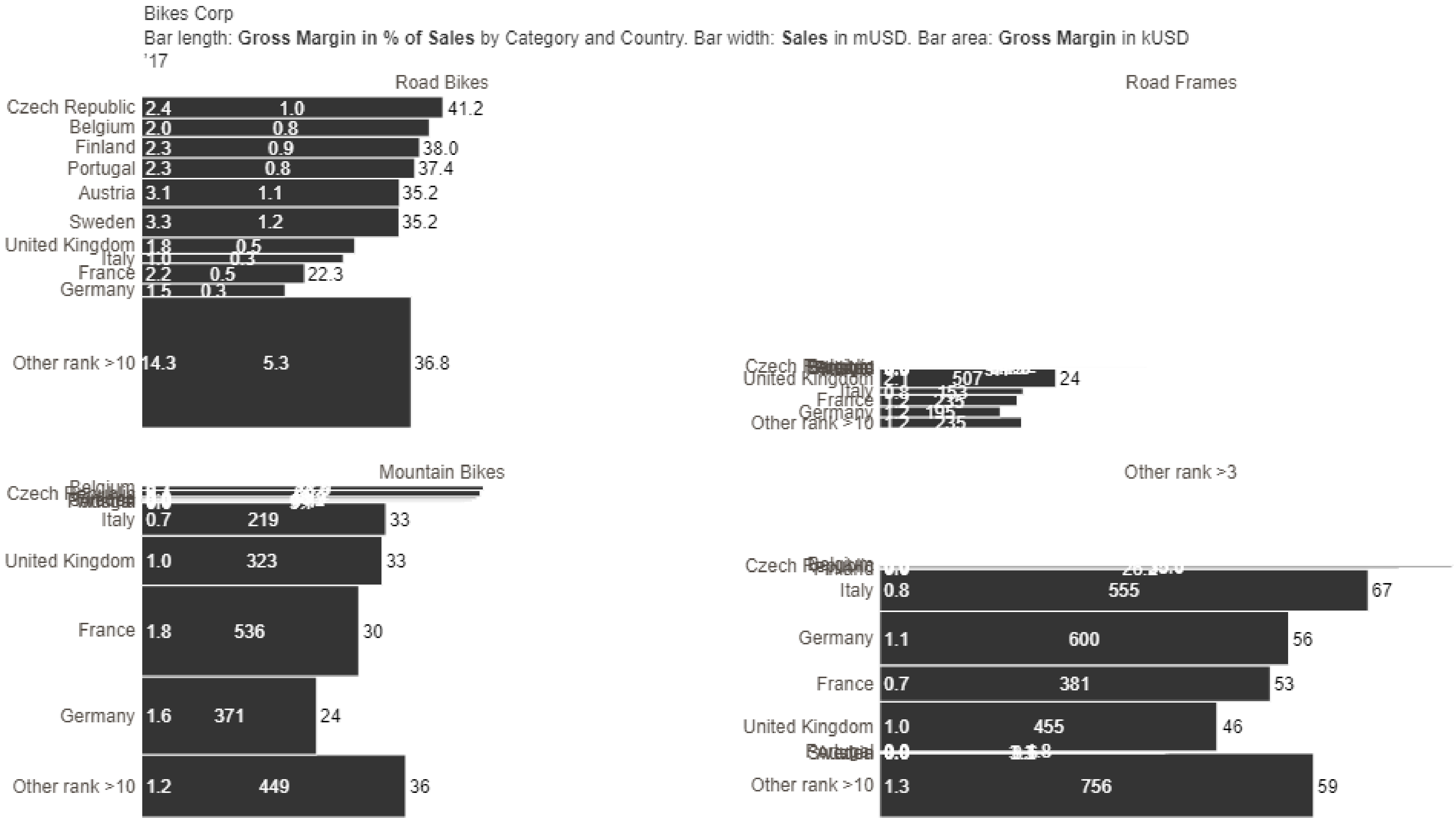
Road Bikes and Road Frames consistently show the highest COGS across all countries, indicating these categories are major contributors to the company's cost structure. The Phone sales channel generally exhibits the highest COGS, suggesting it is a significant sales avenue for Bikes Corp, especially for high-value items like Road Bikes and Road Frames. The aggregated 'Other rank >3' category shows exceptionally high figures for Road Bikes, suggesting that smaller markets combined can significantly impact the overall COGS, particularly through Phone and Web sales channels.



The United Kingdom, Germany, and France stand out with the highest gross margins in absolute terms, with the United Kingdom leading at approximately 1.8 million USD. This indicates that despite the differences in gross margin percentages, the scale of operations in these countries significantly contributes to the overall profitability. The aggregated 'Other rank > 10' category shows a substantial total sales figure of approximately 18.0 million USD and a gross margin of approximately 6.7 million USD, suggesting that smaller markets, when combined, contribute significantly to Bikes Corp's profitability and might be operating with a higher average efficiency or at a higher price point.



The 'Other rank > 3' category shows exceptionally high gross margin percentages, indicating that niche or less common products may offer significantly higher profitability relative to mainstream categories like Road Bikes and Mountain Bikes. Sweden stands out in the Road Bikes category with the highest sales and gross margin, suggesting a strong market presence or preference for road biking in Sweden. France leads in the Mountain Bikes category for both sales and gross margin, indicating a potential market preference or higher demand for mountain biking in France. The aggregated 'Other rank > 10' data across categories shows substantial sales and gross margins, indicating that smaller markets, when combined, represent a significant opportunity.



Data Insights

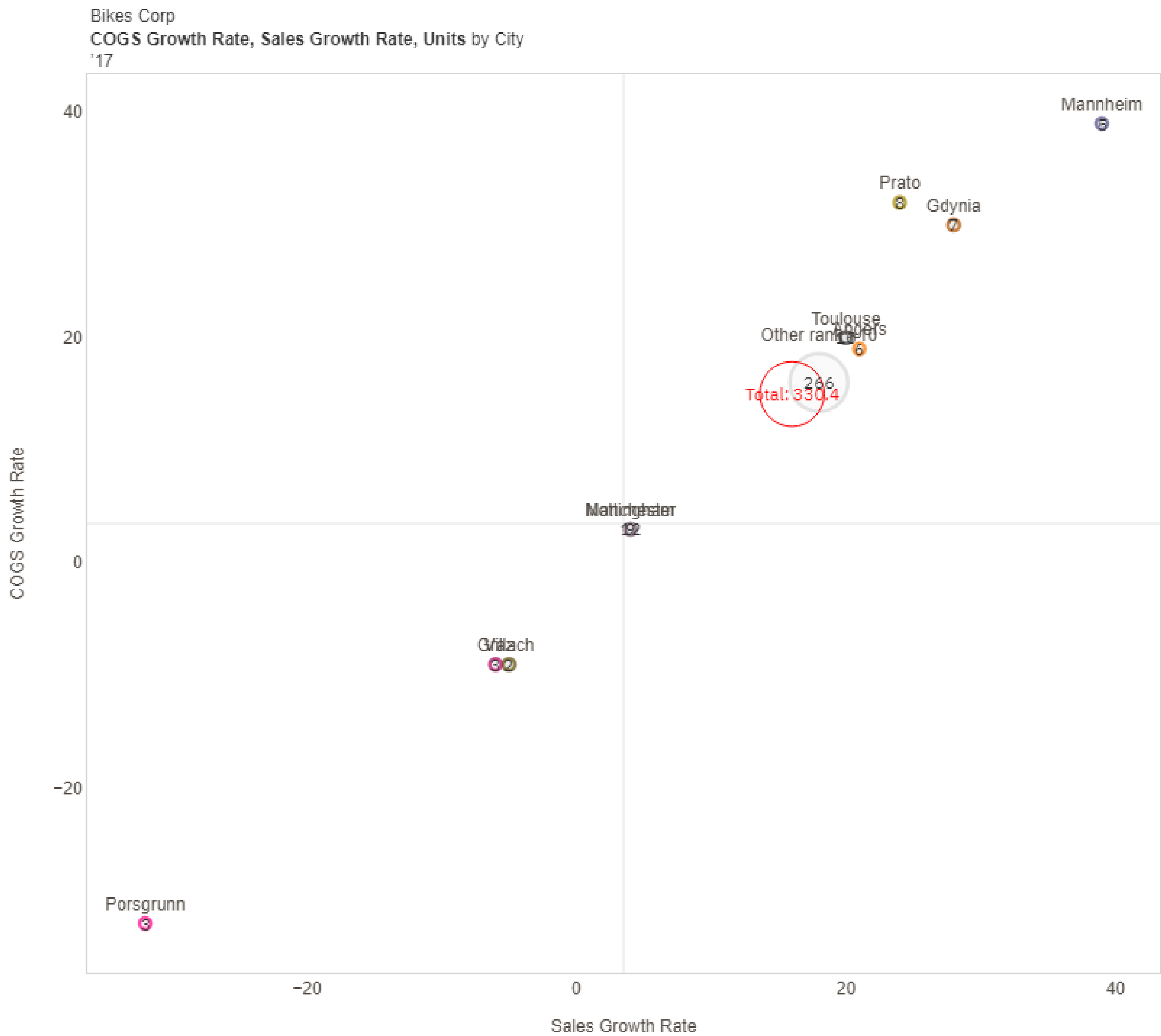
Bikes Corp's performance in 2017 varied across cities, with high growth in Prato, Gdynia, and Mannheim, and challenges in Porsgrunn, Graz, and Villach. Nottingham and Manchester showed stable, modest growth in a mature market, while smaller cities played a crucial role in overall performance (p.25). Germany and France exhibited strong growth, with Germany leading in smaller cities and France showing consistent growth across major and smaller cities. The UK had moderate but stable growth, indicating a mature market (p.26).

Most Bikes Corp products had Units Growth Rates between -50% and 100% and Unit Price Changes between -20% and 20%, with some outliers (p.27). Road Bikes, Road Frames, and Mountain Bikes categories showed stable performance, while the 'Other' category was more dynamic (p.28). Road Bikes dominated sales (66.35%), COGS (66.16%), and units sold (45.27%) despite representing only 22.63% of products, indicating high profitability and demand (p.29).

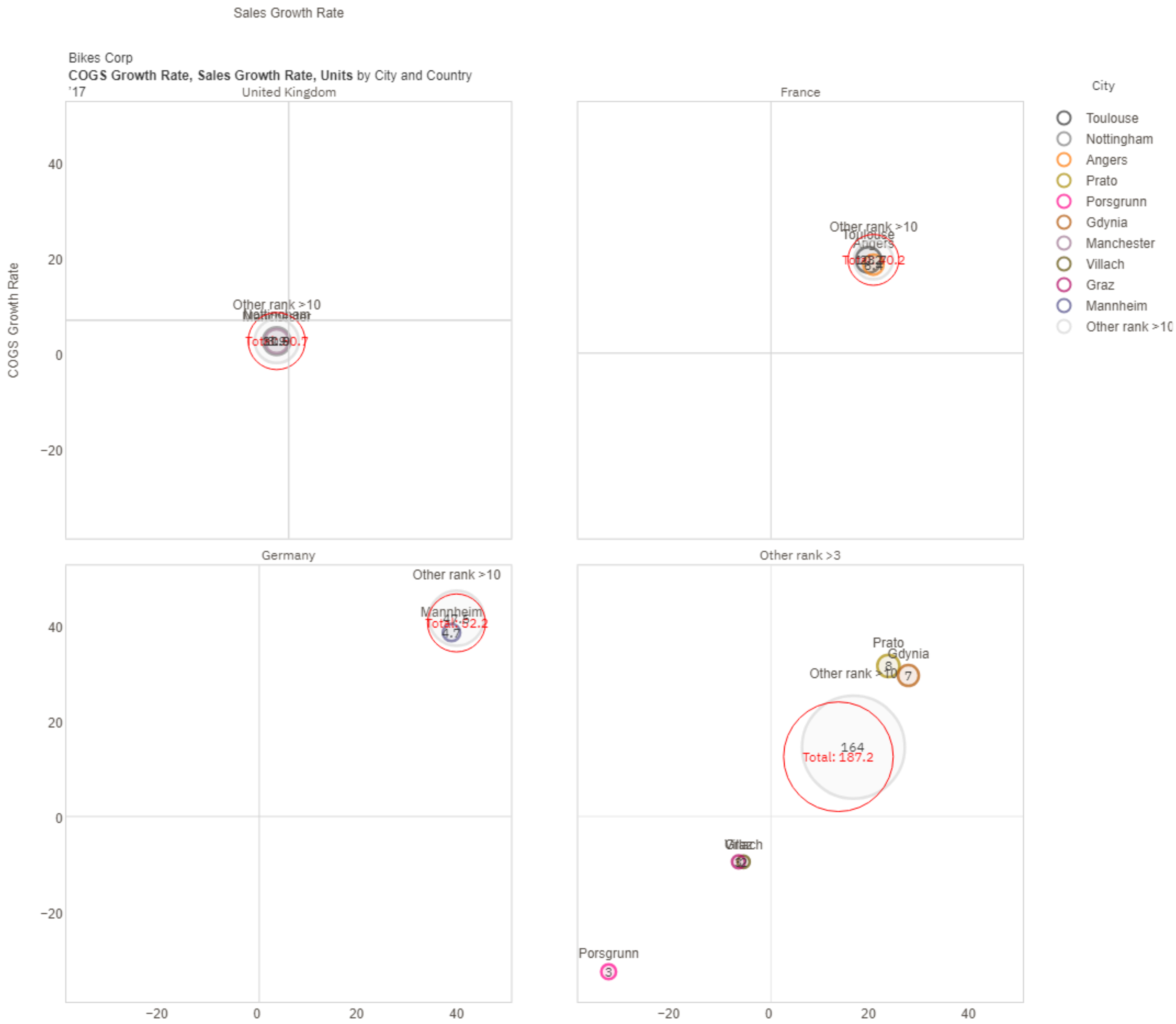
France, the United Kingdom, and Germany led Bikes Corp's sales, units sold, and COGS, with the 'Other Rank >7' category representing the largest portion in each metric (p.30). The company's sales and COGS concentration across cities was moderate, with 35% of cities contributing to 80% of sales and COGS, and 62% of cities accounting for 95% of sales and COGS (p.31).

The largest channel overlap was between 'Walk-in' and 'Web' channels, suggesting they were complementary, while the 'Phone' channel had the largest set size but minimal crossover with other channels (p.32).

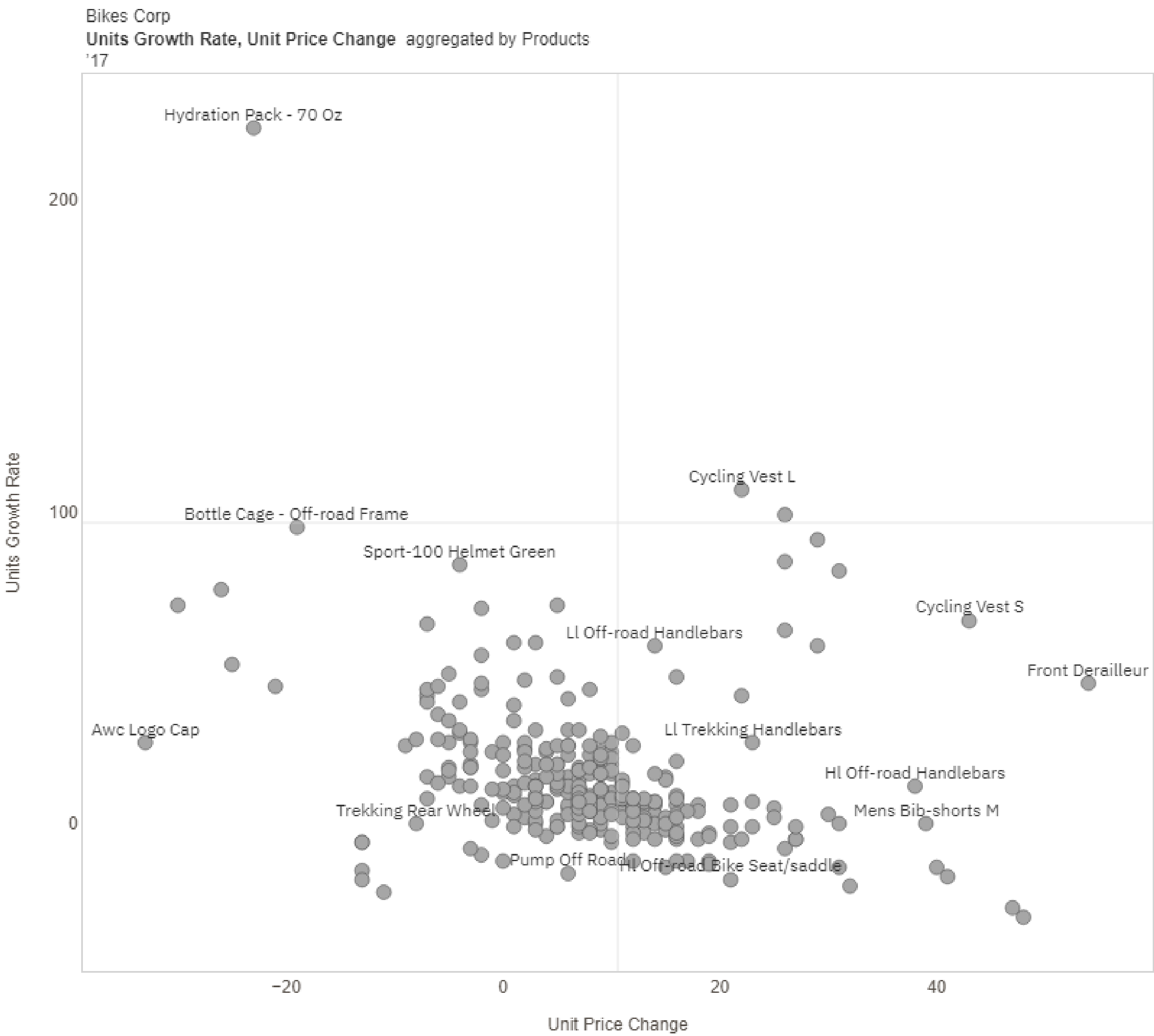
Bikes Corp's performance across cities in 2017 was diverse, with opportunities for strategic growth, cost management, and market repositioning. High growth cities like Prato, Gdynia, and Mannheim showed strong demand but rising costs, while Porsgrunn, Graz, and Villach faced market challenges with negative growth rates. Nottingham and Manchester exhibited stable, modest growth in a mature market. The substantial aggregate performance of smaller cities played a crucial role in overall performance.



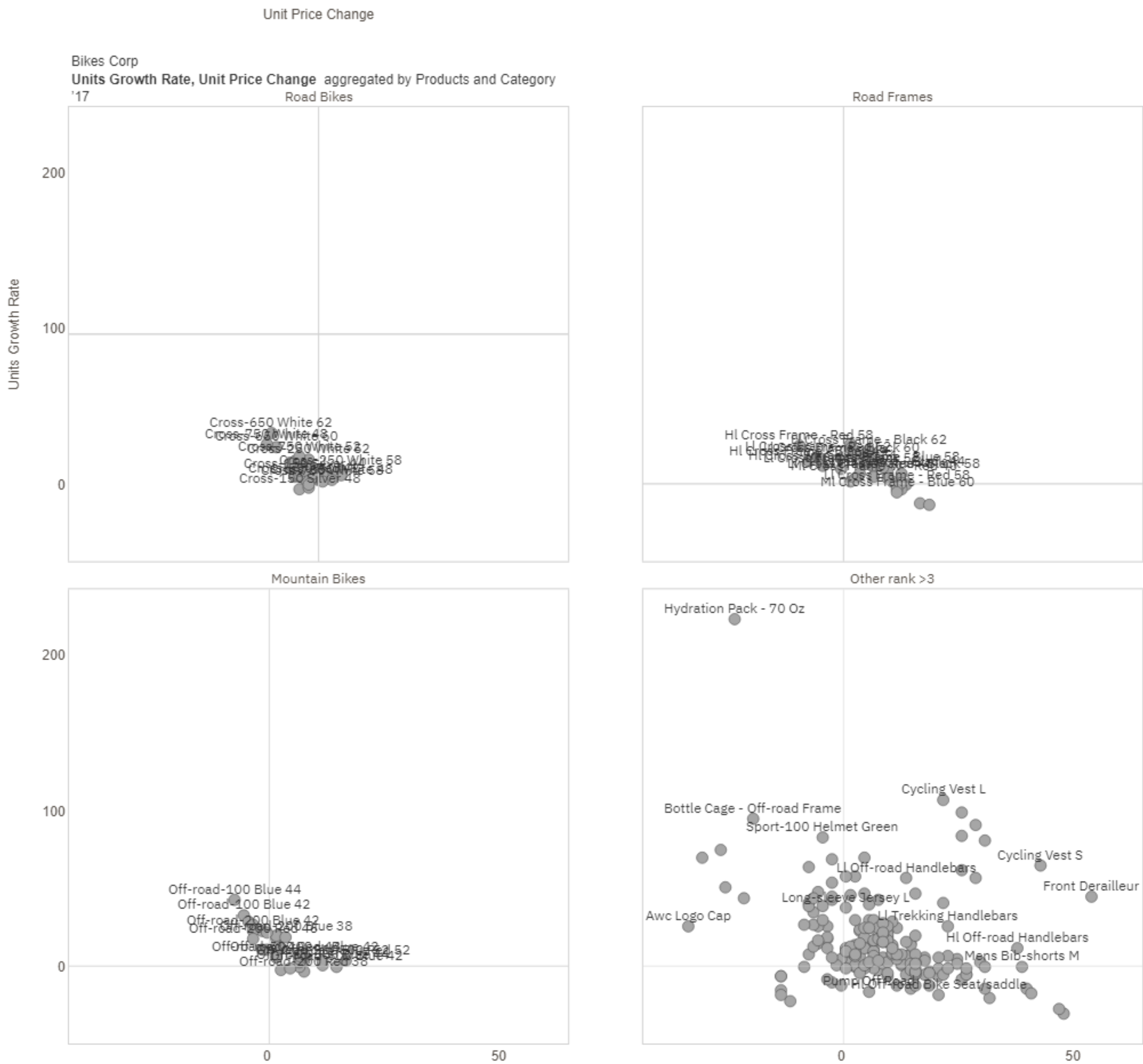
Germany, especially its smaller cities, showed the highest growth rates, indicating a booming market. France had consistent high growth across major and smaller cities, suggesting a strong expanding presence. The UK showed moderate but stable growth, indicating a mature market. The varied performance in other countries highlighted the need for targeted strategies. The number of units sold did not directly correlate with growth rates, suggesting other factors influenced growth.



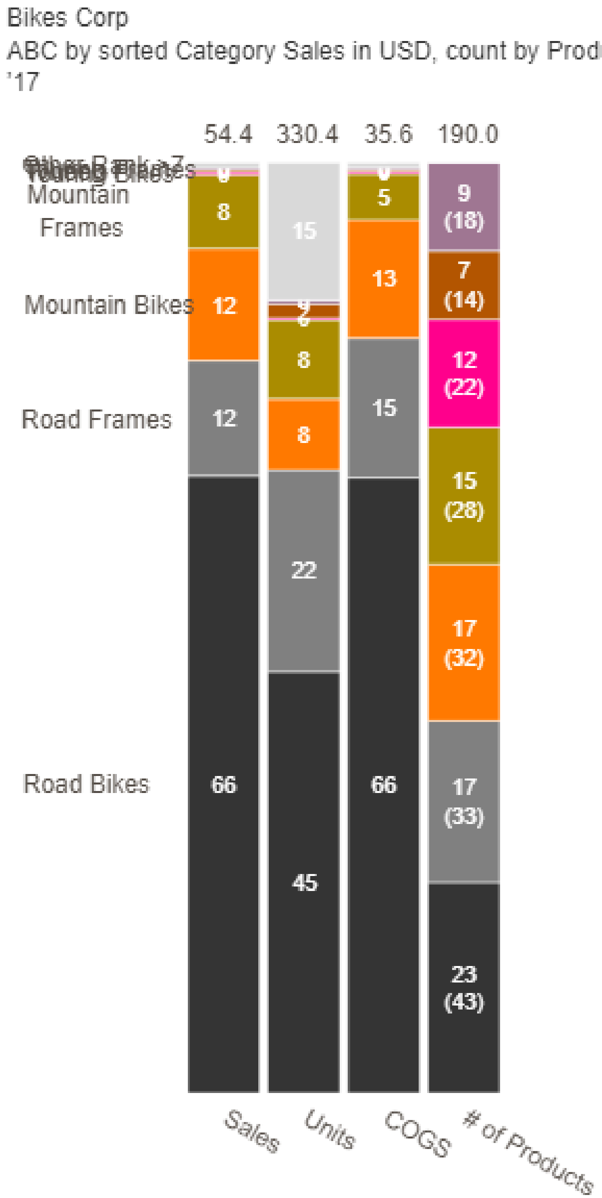
Most Bikes Corp products in 2017 had Units Growth Rates between -50% and 100% and Unit Price Changes between -20% and 20%. Outliers like Hydration Pack - 70 Oz had significantly high Units Growth Rate exceeding 200%. Products with high Units Growth Rate and low Unit Price Change, such as Bottle Cage - Off-road Frames, grew in sales without significant price adjustments, indicating strong market acceptance. Items with high Unit Price Change and low or negative Units Growth Rate, like Cycling Vest L, suggested price elasticity effects.



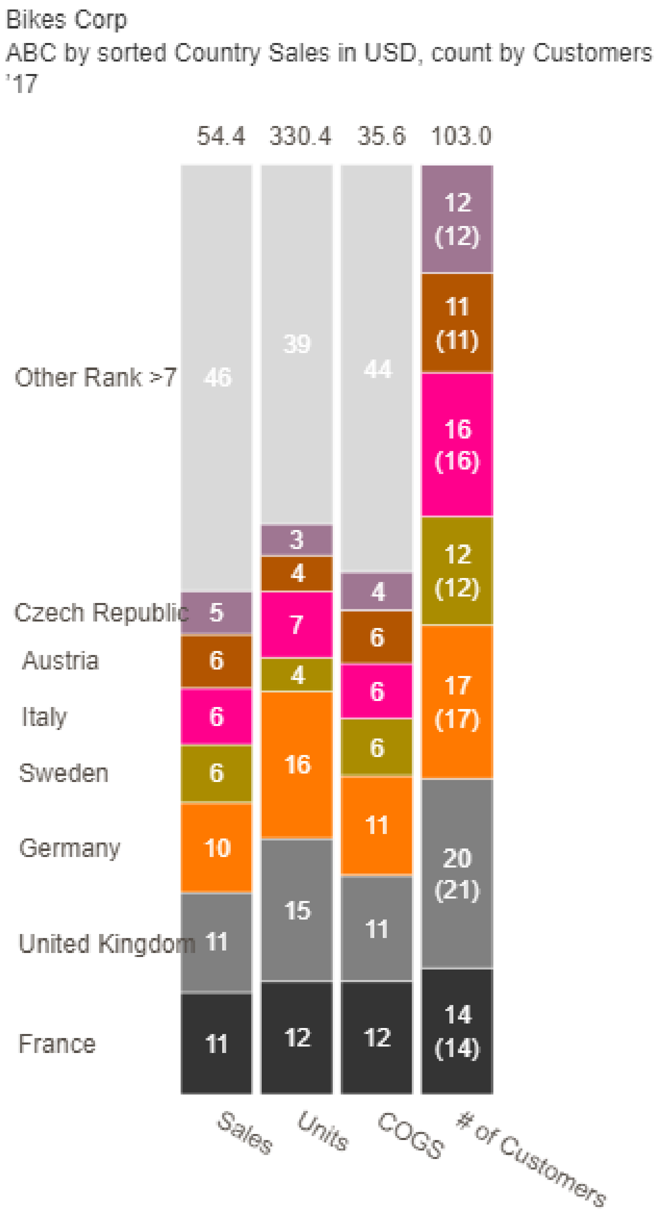
Road Bikes, Road Frames, and Mountain Bikes categories were characterized by low variability in Units Growth Rate and Unit Price Changes in 2017, indicating stable performance. The 'Other' category showed more variation, with some products having both high Units Growth Rate and Unit Price Changes, suggesting a more dynamic segment. Across all categories, there was no strong correlation between Unit Price Change and Units Growth Rate, as most products remained clustered around the origin.



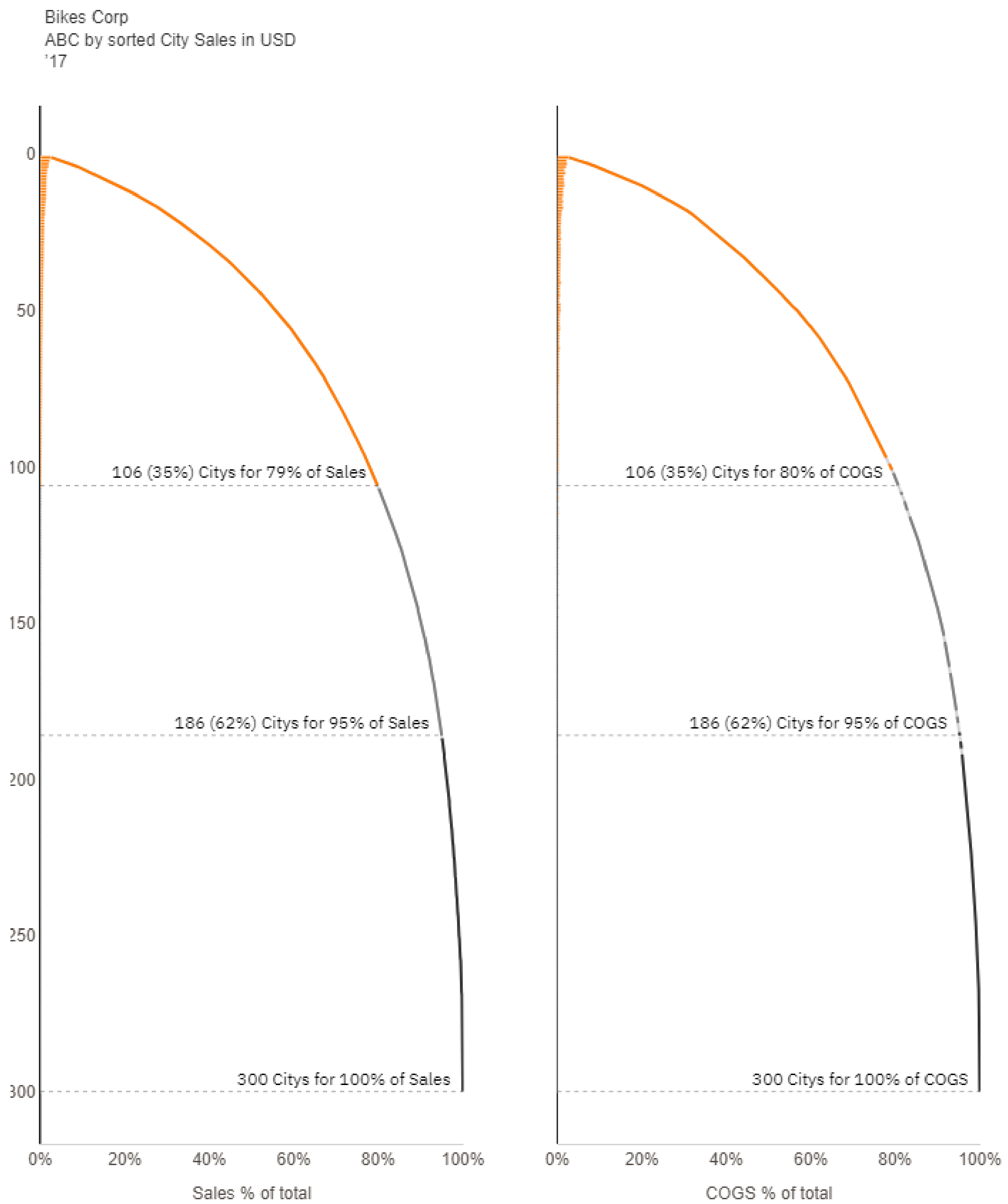
In 2017, Road Bikes dominated Bikes Corp's sales (66.35%), COGS (66.16%), and units sold (45.27%) despite representing only 22.63% of products, indicating high profitability and demand. Road Frames and Mountain Bikes followed in COGS, with Road Frames having a more diverse offering. The Other Rank >7 category contributed notably to overall sales and units sold, highlighting the importance of product diversity. The number of products in a category did not directly correlate with sales or COGS. Bikes Corp's strategy focused on fewer, more profitable items in high-performing categories.



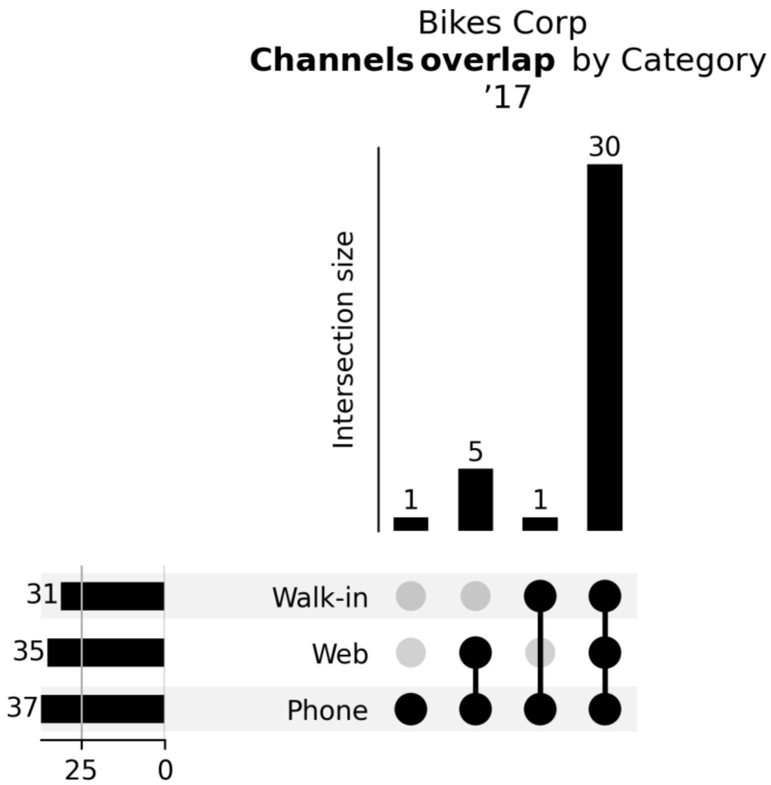
In 2017, Bikes Corp's sales, units sold, and COGS were led by France, the United Kingdom, and Germany, with the Other Rank >7 category representing the largest portion in each metric. The distribution of sales and COGS across countries was relatively proportional, indicating efficient cost management. Germany had a higher percentage of units sold than France but contributed less to sales, suggesting lower average selling prices or differences in product mix. The United Kingdom had the highest percentage and number of customers but not the highest sales, indicating potential for increased sales per customer.



Bikes Corp's sales and COGS concentration across cities in 2017 was moderate, with 35% of cities contributing to 80% of sales and COGS, and 62% of cities accounting for 95% of sales and COGS. The COGS concentration was slightly higher than sales for the top 35% of cities. The absence of negative COGS and the smooth pattern suggested all cities had positive COGS figures, and higher sales correlated directly with higher COGS without anomalies.



In 2017, Bikes Corp's largest channel overlap was between Walk-in and Web channels, suggesting they were complementary. The Phone channel had the largest set size but minimal crossover with other channels. Walk-in and Phone had a moderate overlap. This data indicated that Walk-in and Web may be complementary channels, while Phone tended to have a more distinct customer set with minimal crossover to other channels.



Trends

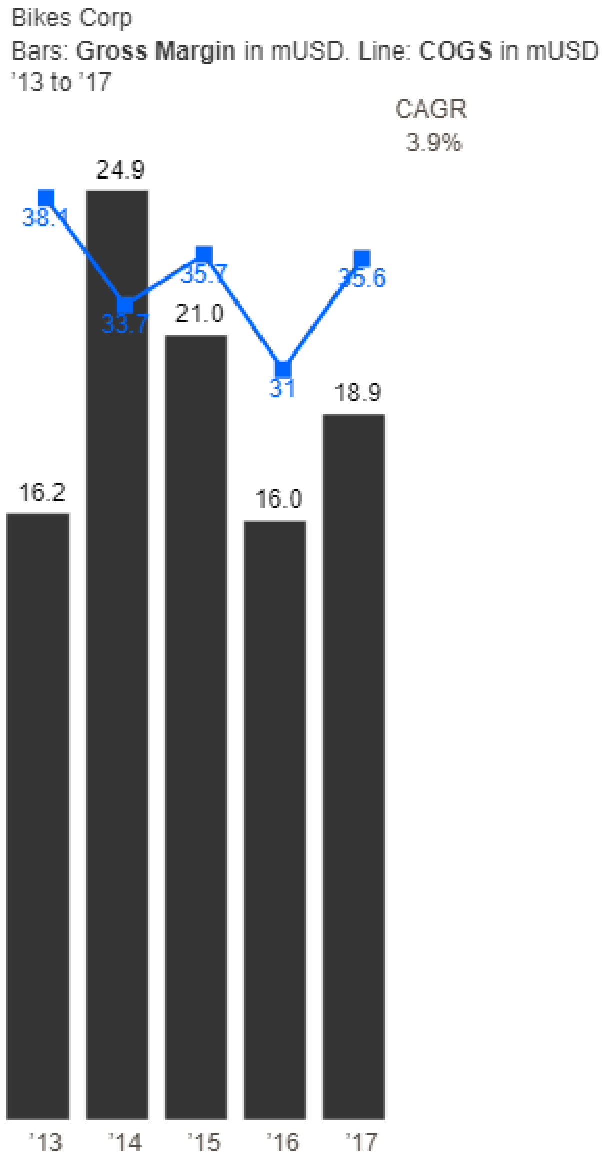
The company has experienced a positive trend in gross margin, with a 3.9% CAGR from 2013 to 2017, indicating improved profitability (p.35). Sales growth has been strong, with a 19.2% CAGR in units sold across all salespersons, although some salespersons, such as Shu, have outperformed others (p.36). The company's customer cohorts show varying growth rates, with the 2013 cohort stagnating and the 2014 cohort exhibiting significant growth (p.37). Sales from still active customers have grown at a 4.3% CAGR, while the impact of lost customers on sales has decreased over time (p.38).

The company's sales by salesperson metric has shown an overall positive trend, with a 2.5% CAGR despite some yearly fluctuations (p.39). The market for bikes and related products has been healthy and growing, with a 19.2% units CAGR across all categories (p.40). In 2017, the company experienced a 16% year-over-year growth compared to 2016, with consistent growth in all months except December (p.41).

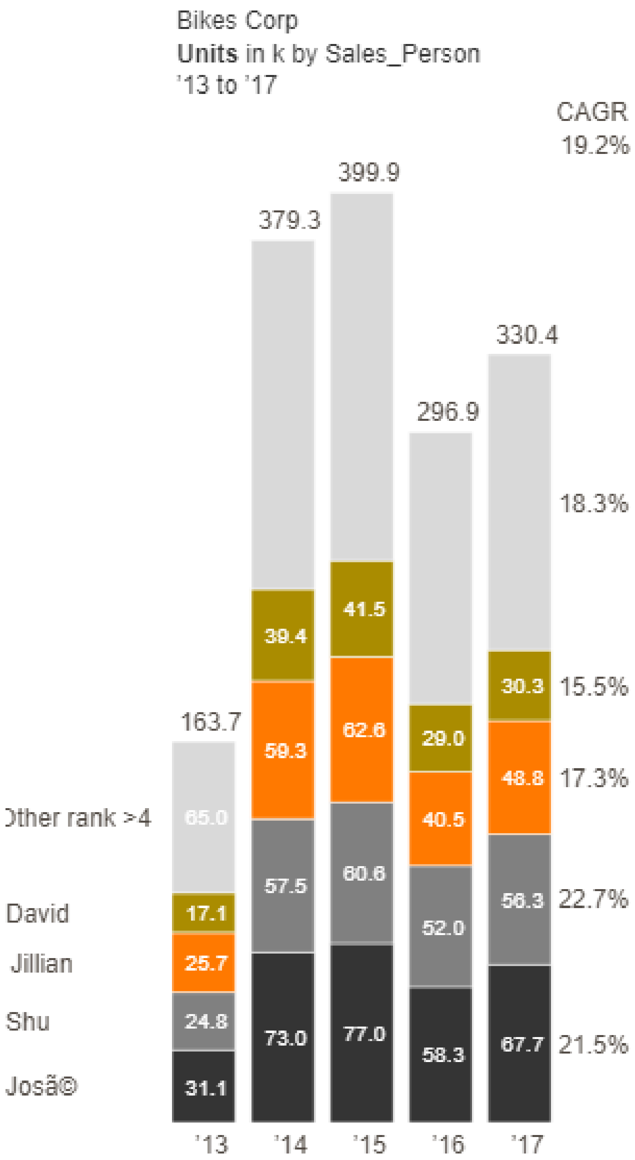
Sales data by channels (Phone and Other rank >1) shows growth across both channels from 2016 to 2017, with the 'Other rank >1' channel showing a higher percentage increase (p.42). Significant growth in sales for both channels was observed in March, April, and September, while both channels experienced a decline in December (p.42).

The data suggests that the company should focus on strategies to retain older customer cohorts, leverage the growth potential of newer cohorts, and increase sales from existing customers (p.37, p.38). Additionally, analyzing the strategies employed by high-performing salespersons and applying them across the team could help maximize overall sales growth (p.36). The company should also investigate factors leading to improved gross margin and capitalize on high-growth periods while addressing challenges in lower-performing months (p.35, p.41).

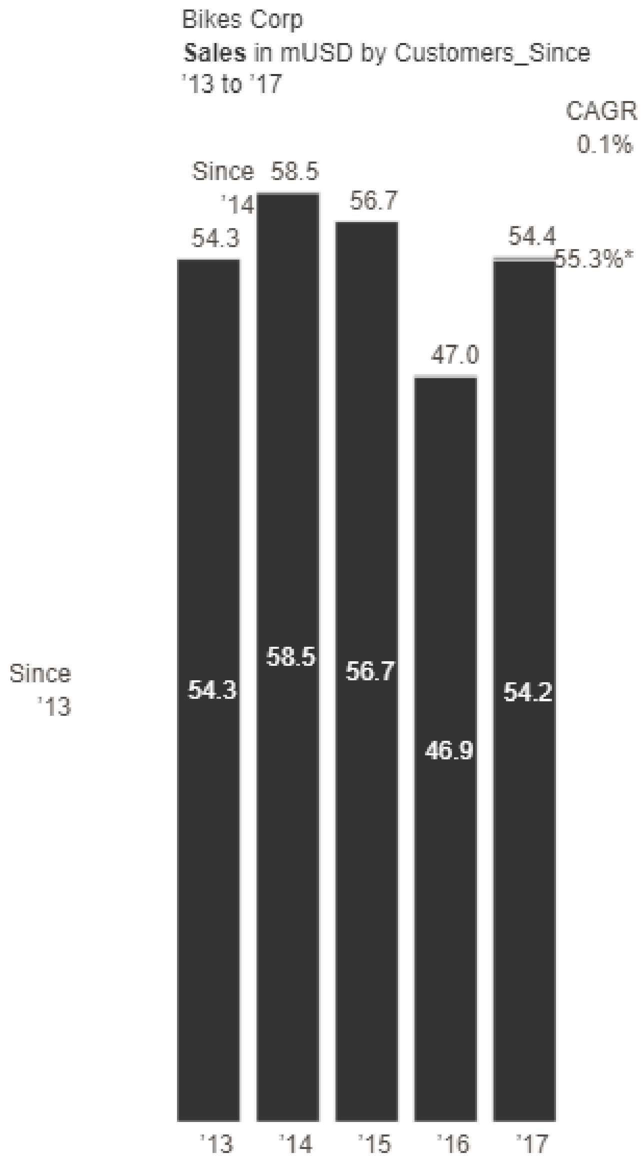
The company's gross margin has shown a moderate growth of 3.9% CAGR over the 2013-2017 period, despite yearly fluctuations. The data suggests that the company has been able to maintain a trend of increasing profitability, possibly due to improved sales pricing strategies, cost management, or operational efficiencies. The company should investigate the factors leading to the improved gross margin in 2014 and the subsequent decreases to inform strategic decisions and enhance profitability.



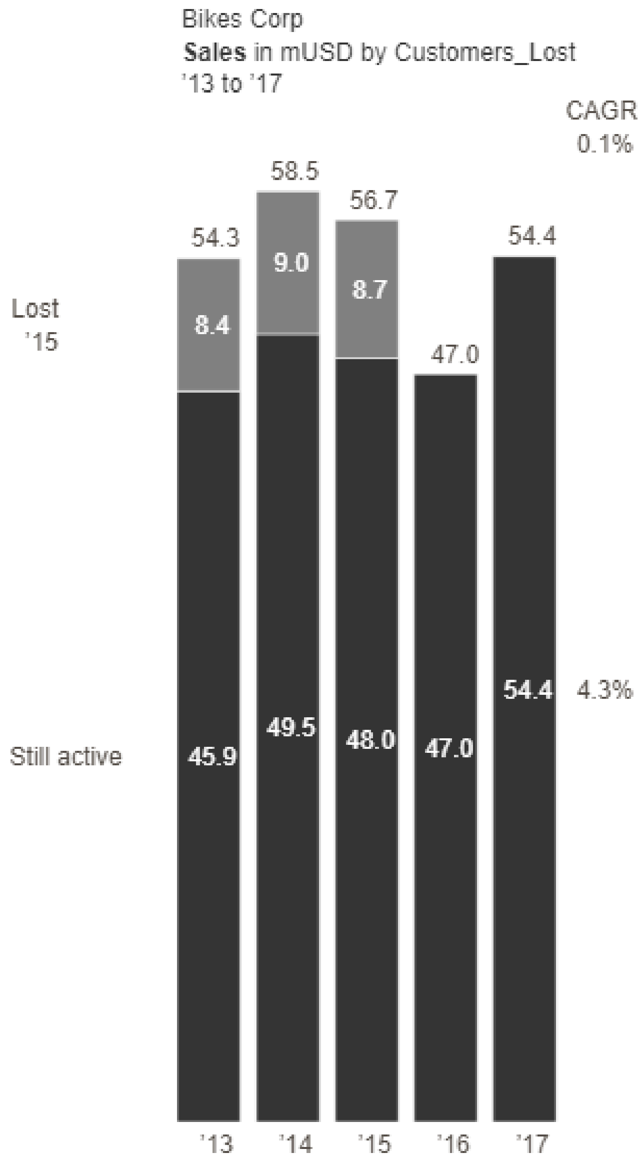
The company has experienced a significant growth in units sold across all salespersons from 2013 to 2017, with an overall CAGR of 19.2%. Shu has been the most effective at increasing sales volume (22.7% CAGR), while David, despite growth, lagged behind the others (15.5% CAGR). The 'Other rank >4' category consistently had the highest number of units sold each year, indicating a strong sales performance distributed across the team. The company might benefit from analyzing the strategies employed by Shu and José, who showed the highest growth rates, and considering how these strategies could be applied across the team to maximize overall sales growth.



The company's sales data by customer cohorts reveals a stagnation in the 2013 cohort (0.0% CAGR) and a significant growth in the 2014 cohort (55.3% CAGR). Despite the 2014 cohort's high growth, its small base results in a minimal impact on the overall sales CAGR (0.1%). The data suggests a need for strategies focused on both retaining the older 2013 cohort and leveraging the high growth potential of newer cohorts like those from 2014.

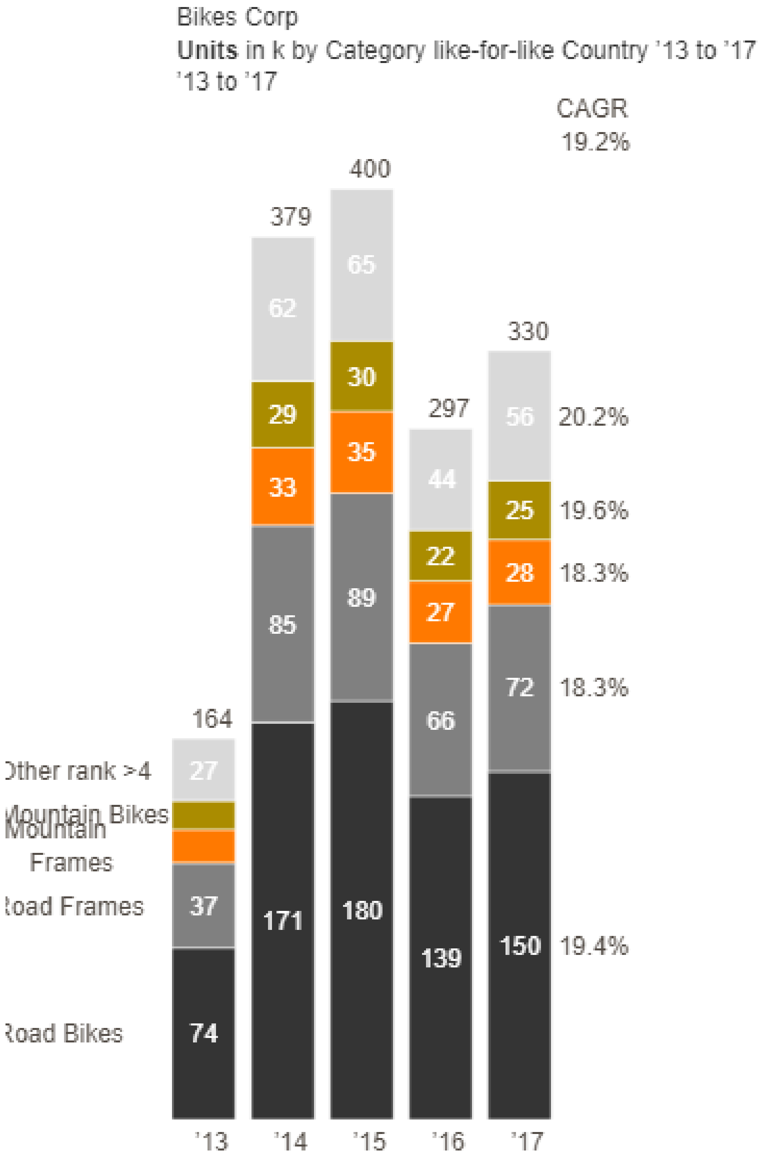


The company's sales from still active customers have shown an overall growth (4.3% CAGR) from 2013 to 2017, despite a slight decrease in 2015. Up to 2015, there is a visible trend of decreasing sales from lost customers, suggesting that while the company is losing customers, the impact on sales from these lost customers is decreasing over time. The absence of data for lost customers in 2016 and 2017 makes it difficult to assess the continuing impact of customer loss on sales. The data suggests a need for strategies focused on customer retention and increasing sales from existing customers.

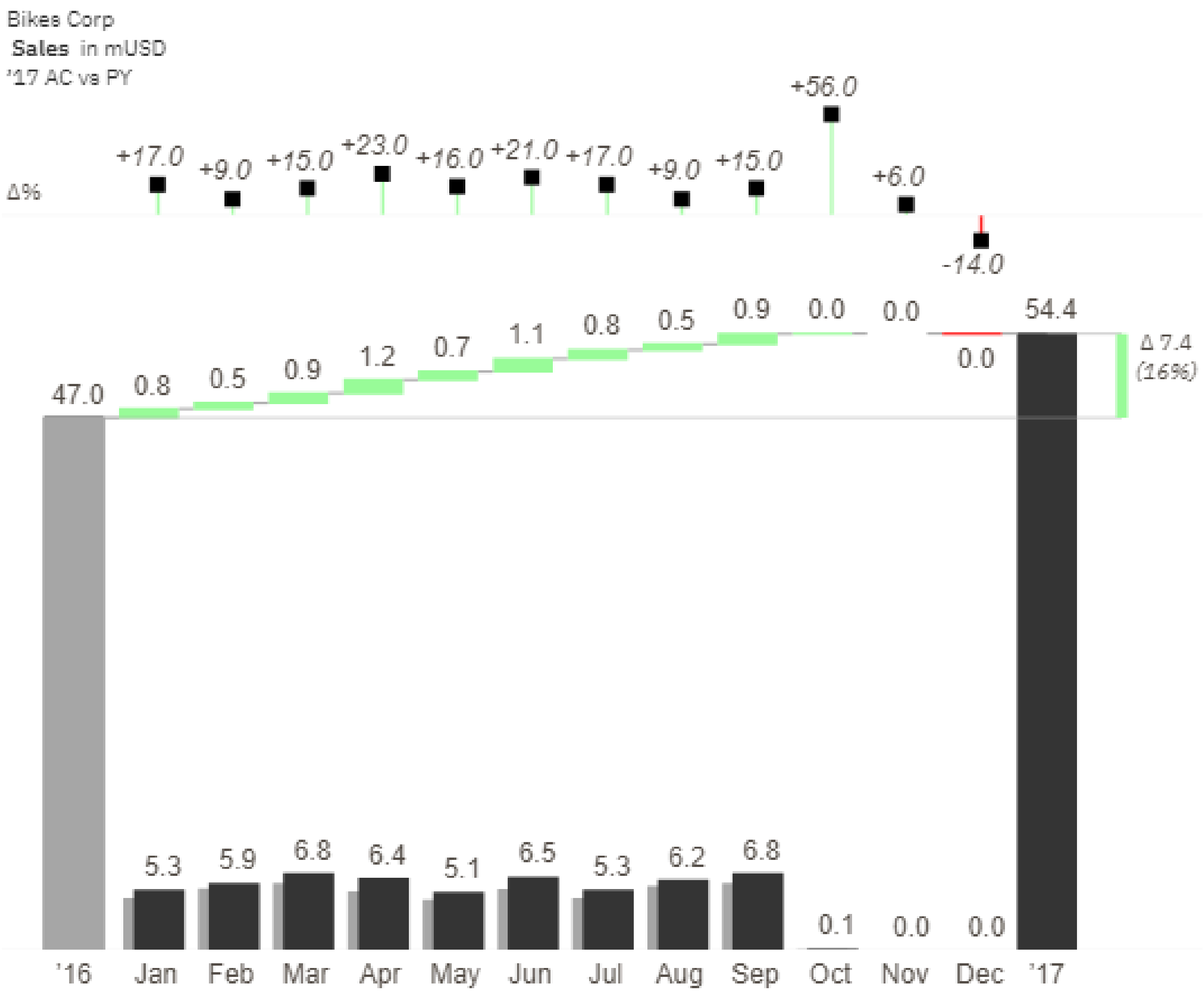


The company's sales by salesperson metric over the 2013-2017 period demonstrates a generally positive trend with some yearly fluctuations, resulting in a 2.5% CAGR. Despite a decline in 2015 and a more pronounced decrease in 2016, the sales figures recovered and reached new heights in 2017, surpassing the earlier peak in 2014. This recovery indicates a successful adaptation to challenges and effective sales strategies.

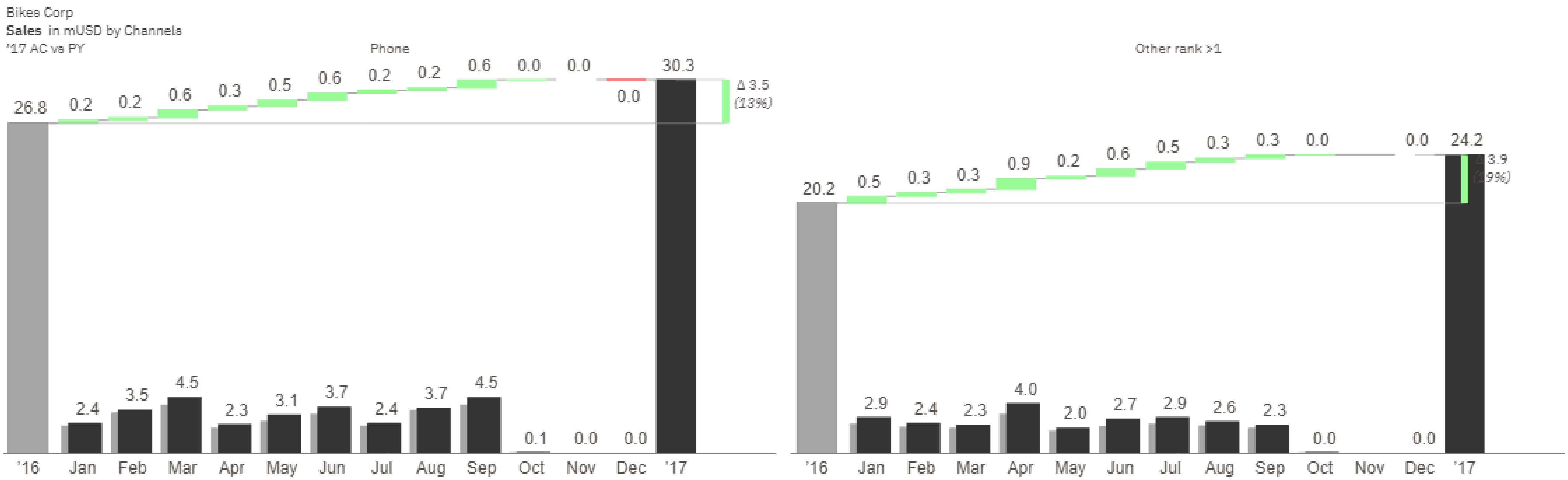
The company has experienced a healthy and growing market for bikes and related products from 2013 to 2017, with an overall units CAGR of 19.2%. All categories experienced growth, with the 'Other (rank >4)' category showing the highest CAGR at 20.2%, indicating a strong market demand for products in this category, potentially due to innovation, diversification, or increased consumer interest in niche products. The data reflects a dynamic market with varying growth rates across different categories, suggesting shifting consumer preferences or the emergence of new, popular products.



The company experienced a robust year-over-year growth of 16% in 2017 compared to 2016, with consistent growth in all months except December. April saw the highest absolute monthly sales variance, indicating a peak in sales performance, while October had the highest growth rate at 56%, although on a significantly lower base figure. The decline in December, the only month that didn't follow the overall upward trend, suggests seasonal demand fluctuations or other external market conditions. The variance in growth rates from a high of 56% in October to a decline of 14% in December highlights opportunities for targeted strategies to enhance performance in lower-performing months and capitalize on high-growth periods.



The company's sales data by channels (Phone and Other rank >1) shows growth across both channels from 2016 to 2017, with the 'Other rank >1' channel showing a higher percentage increase (+19%) compared to the Phone channel (+13%). Significant growth in sales for both channels was observed in March, April, and September, suggesting these months may be key periods for the business. Both channels experienced a decline in December, with the Phone channel seeing a more significant percentage drop (-16%), indicating a seasonal downturn or possibly an operational or market challenge during the holiday season. The overall performance shows a positive trend, with a notable increase in sales across both major sales channels, and the higher growth rate in the 'Other rank >1' channel suggests substantial growth potential in other sales areas.

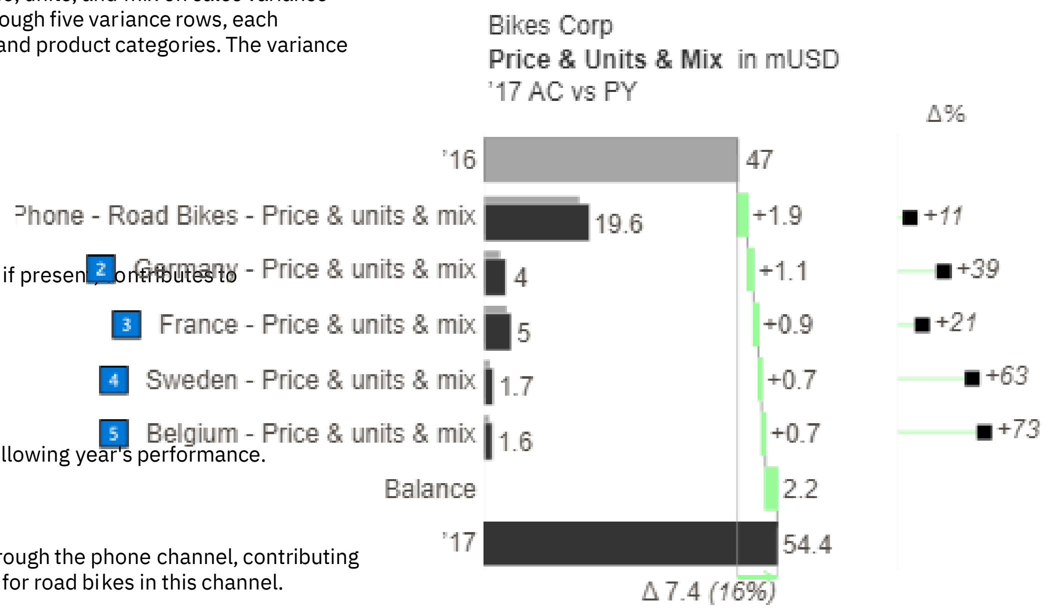


Backup

Textual Interpretation of the Dataset

The dataset presents a multidimensional variance bridge analysis for Bikes Corp, focusing on the impact of price, units, and mix on sales variance from Year ’16 to Year ’17. The initial sales figure for Year ’16 was $46,996,614.70. The analysis progresses through five variance rows, each representing unique combinations of dimension-item pairs, specifically focusing on sales channels, countries, and product categories. The variance rows are as follows:

1. **Channels: Phone, Category: Road Bikes** with a sales variance of $1,913,345.97.
2. **Country: Germany** with a sales variance of $1,134,909.09.
3. **Country: France** with a sales variance of $855,158.80.
4. **Country: Sweden** with a sales variance of $656,256.38.
5. **Country: Belgium** with a sales variance of $654,908.75.



The final sales figure for Year ’17 was $54,427,340.12. The sum of the variances provided, including a balance if present, contributes to understanding the total difference in sales between the two years.

Analysis and Insights

Initial Sales Figures of Year ’16

The starting point is a substantial sales figure of nearly $47 million in Year ’16, setting a high baseline for the following year's performance.

Variance Row Analysis

1. **Phone Sales of Road Bikes**: The most significant positive variance comes from the sales of road bikes through the phone channel, contributing nearly $1.9 million to the sales increase. This suggests a strong market preference or effective sales strategies for road bikes in this channel.

2. **Germany**: The second-largest increase is attributed to sales in Germany, with an increase of over $1.1 million. This indicates a strong performance in the German market, possibly due to increased demand or successful market penetration strategies.

3. **France**: Following Germany, France shows a robust increase in sales, contributing over $855,000. This further emphasizes the importance of the European market to Bikes Corp's overall sales performance.

4. **Sweden**: Sales in Sweden also show a significant positive variance, adding over $656,000 to the sales increase. This suggests a growing or sustained market in Sweden.

5. **Belgium**: Belgium's market performance is nearly on par with Sweden, contributing over $654,000. This indicates a consistent demand across several European countries.

Final Sales Figures of Year ’17

The final sales figure for Year ’17 shows a substantial increase to over $54 million, indicating a successful year with a significant growth in sales.

Underlying Patterns and Insights

- **European Market Strength**: A clear pattern emerges from the data, highlighting the European market's significant contribution to sales growth, with Germany, France, Sweden, and Belgium all showing strong positive variances.
- **Channel Preference**: The significant positive variance associated with phone sales of road bikes suggests a specific consumer preference or a highly effective sales channel for Bikes Corp. This could indicate a trend or market segment worth investing in further.
- **Cumulative Effect**: The sequential impact of each variance row, net of the impact of previous rows, showcases the cumulative effect of targeted strategies across different countries and channels, leading to overall sales growth.

Overall Trend from Year ’16 to Year ’17

The overall trend from Year ’16 to Year ’17 is one of substantial growth, with a clear emphasis on the European market and specific sales channels contributing significantly to the increase in sales. The strategic focus on these areas has evidently paid off, leading to a notable increase in sales of over $7.4 million. This growth trajectory suggests that Bikes Corp has effectively capitalized on market opportunities and consumer preferences, particularly in Europe and within the road bike category sold through phone channels.

Textual Interpretation of the Dataset

The dataset presents a variance analysis for Bikes Corp, focusing on the Gross Margin after the Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) for the years 2016 and 2017. The analysis is structured to highlight the change in Gross Margin as a percentage of sales, providing a clear view of financial performance year-over-year. The key components of the dataset include:

- **Gross Margin in 2016**: The dataset starts with the Gross Margin for the year 2016, which is presented as 34.064219%.
- **Variance Due to After COGS in %**: It then details the variance attributed to changes after COGS, which is a positive 0.603114%. This indicates an improvement or increase in Gross Margin after accounting for the cost of goods sold.
- **Gross Margin in 2017**: The final entry shows the Gross Margin for the year 2017, which has increased to 34.667334%.

The dataset uses a "Running Total" column to track the cumulative effect of the variance components, which in this case, are singular, thus mirroring the variance values directly.

Analysis and Insights

- **Improvement in Gross Margin**: The primary insight from this dataset is the improvement in Gross Margin from 2016 to 2017. The increase from 34.064219% to 34.667334% suggests that Bikes Corp was able to either increase its selling prices, reduce the costs associated with the goods sold, or a combination of both.

- **Impact of After COGS Adjustments**: The positive variance of 0.603114% due to after COGS adjustments is critical to this improvement. This could reflect efficiencies in production, procurement savings, or improved inventory management that reduced the cost of goods sold relative to sales.

- **Financial Health**: The increase in Gross Margin is generally a positive indicator of financial health, suggesting that Bikes Corp is moving in a favorable direction by either controlling costs more effectively or capturing higher value from sales.

- **Strategic Implications**: For management, the key takeaway would be to analyze the specific actions or strategies that led to this improvement in Gross Margin. Understanding these drivers is essential for replicating and building on this success in future periods.

In conclusion, the dataset indicates a positive financial performance for Bikes Corp from 2016 to 2017, with a notable improvement in Gross Margin after COGS. This improvement is a positive sign of the company's ability to manage its costs and/or enhance its pricing strategy effectively.

Textual Interpretation of the Dataset

The dataset presents a multidimensional variance bridge analysis for Bikes Corp, focusing on the change in Gross Margin after the cost of goods sold (COGS) from the fiscal year 2016 to 2017. The analysis breaks down the variance into contributions from different dimension-item pairs or combinations thereof, specifically highlighting the impact of sales channels, product categories, and individual salespersons on the overall Gross Margin performance.

Initial Gross Margin Figures of Year ’16

- The Gross Margin for the year 2016 stood at $16,009,029.90.

Variance Rows Analysis

1. **Channels: Phone, Category: Road Bikes**
  - Variance: +$951,899.99
  - This indicates a significant positive impact on Gross Margin from the sales of Road Bikes through the Phone channel.

2. **Sales_Person: Shu**
  - Variance: +$371,105.36
  - Sales activities by Shu contributed positively to the Gross Margin, indicating effective sales performance.

3. **Sales_Person: Jillian**
  - Variance: +$342,767.35
  - Jillian’s sales efforts also resulted in a positive variance, further contributing to the Gross Margin increase.

4. **Sales_Person: Josã©**
  - Variance: +$305,237.12
  - José’s contribution to the Gross Margin was positive, adding to the cumulative positive impact from the sales team.

5. **Sales_Person: Pamela**
  - Variance: +$248,855.64
  - Pamela’s sales performance contributed positively but to a lesser extent compared to her peers.

Final Gross Margin Figures of Year ’17

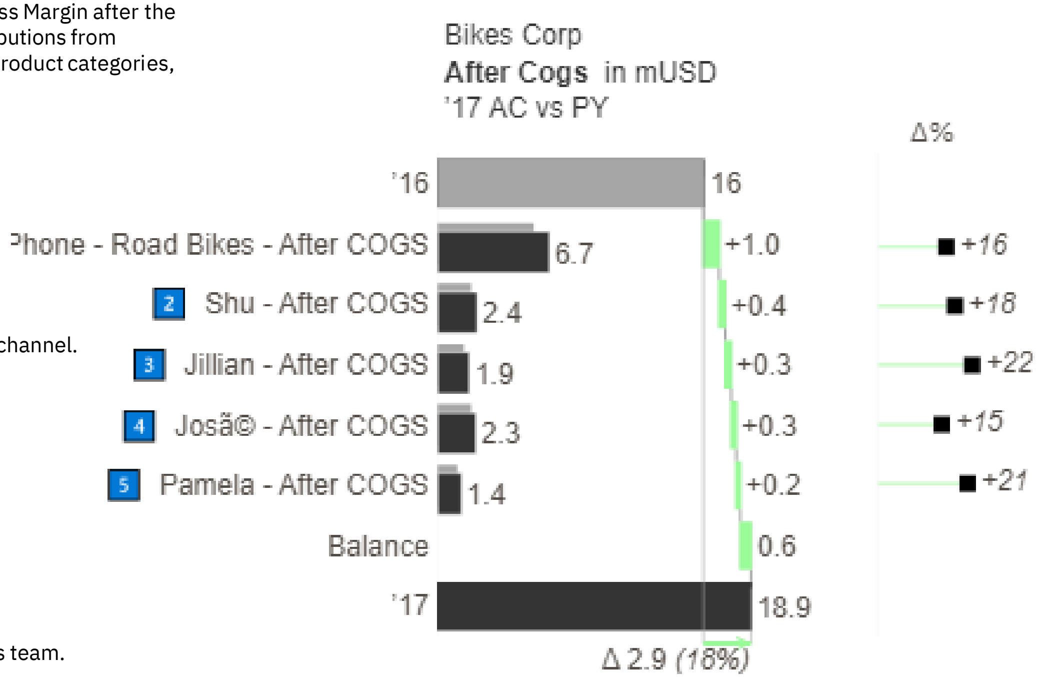
- The Gross Margin for the year 2017 was $18,868,507.61.

Analysis and Insights

- The sequential analysis of variance rows reveals a consistent positive impact on Gross Margin from both specific sales channels and categories, as well as individual salesperson performances. The largest single variance came from the sales of Road Bikes through the Phone channel, suggesting a highly effective sales strategy or market demand in this segment.
- The contributions from salespersons Shu, Jillian, José, and Pamela, although varying in magnitude, all positively affected the Gross Margin. This indicates a strong sales team performance across the board, with each member contributing to the overall increase in Gross Margin.
- The cumulative effect of these variances resulted in a substantial increase in Gross Margin from 2016 to 2017, with a total growth of $2,858,477.70. This growth reflects the effective combination of sales strategies, product focus, and individual performances.

Overall Trend from ’16 Year to ’17 Year

- The overall trend from 2016 to 2017 shows a significant improvement in Gross Margin, driven by strategic sales channel utilization, particularly in the Road Bikes category, and effective sales performances by individual salespersons. The multidimensional variance bridge analysis highlights the importance of aligning sales strategies with market demand and leveraging the strengths of the sales team to maximize Gross Margin.

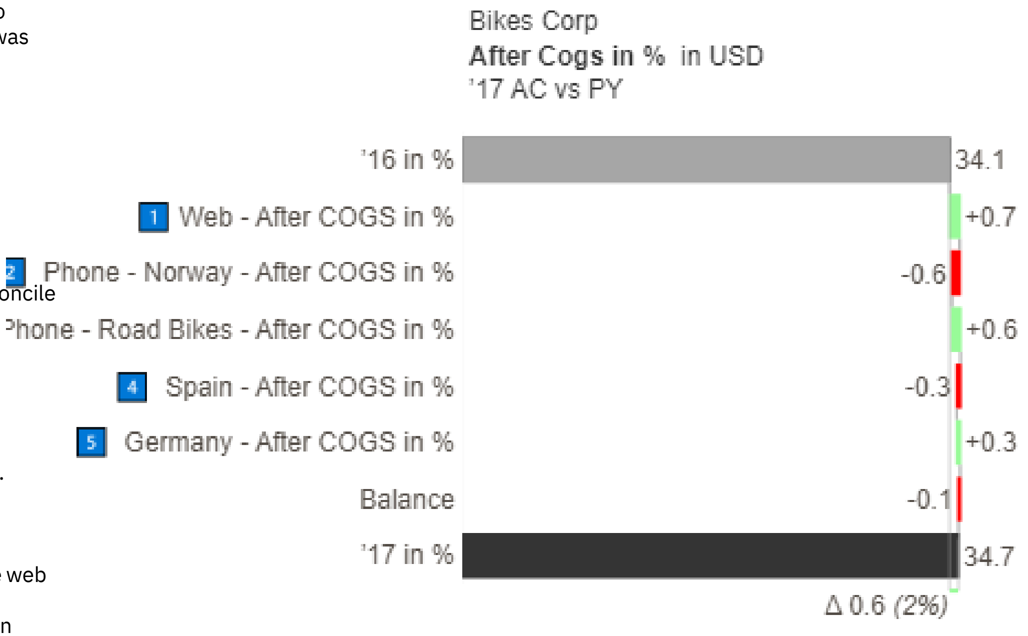


Textual Interpretation of the Dataset

The dataset presents a multidimensional variance bridge analysis for Bikes Corp, focusing on the change in Gross Margin after the cost of goods sold (COGS) from Year ’16 to Year ’17. The analysis breaks down the variance into contributions from different dimension-item pairs or combinations thereof. The initial Gross Margin in Year ’16 was 34.064219319896466%, and it increased to 34.667333675253666% by Year ’17. The variance rows, each representing a unique combination of dimension-item pairs, are as follows:

1. **Channels: Web** showed a positive variance of +0.7093096565861833%.
2. **Channels: Phone, Country: Norway** had a negative variance of -0.5658389543775486%.
3. **Channels: Phone, Category: Road Bikes** showed a positive variance of +0.6193813436895372%.
4. **Country: Spain** had a negative variance of -0.27938639509671503%.
5. **Country: Germany** showed a positive variance of +0.26056945440483004%.

A balance value of -0.14092074984908753% is noted, indicating adjustments or unaccounted variances to reconcile the total difference between the two years.



Analysis and Insights

Initial Gross Margin in Year ’16

The starting point is a Gross Margin of 34.064219319896466% in Year ’16, setting the baseline for the analysis.

Sequential Impact of Variance Rows

1. **Web Channel Sales**: The first positive variance indicates an increase in profitability from sales through the web channel, contributing significantly to the overall Gross Margin improvement.
2. **Phone Sales in Norway**: The second row shows a decline in profitability for products sold over the phone in Norway, reducing the gains made by the web channel sales.
3. **Phone Sales of Road Bikes**: This positive variance suggests that despite the decline in phone sales in Norway, phone sales of road bikes overall contributed positively to the Gross Margin, indicating a strong market or improved efficiencies in this segment.
4. **Sales in Spain**: The negative variance associated with Spain indicates a decrease in profitability, which could be due to various factors such as increased competition, lower sales volume, or higher COGS.
5. **Sales in Germany**: The positive variance from Germany offsets the decline from Spain, suggesting better performance or improved market conditions in Germany.

Final Gross Margin in Year ’17

The Gross Margin increased to 34.667333675253666% by Year ’17, reflecting a net positive change in the company's profitability after accounting for all the variances.

Underlying Patterns and Insights

The analysis reveals a complex interplay of factors affecting Gross Margin:

- **Channel Performance**: The web channel emerged as a strong contributor to profitability, highlighting the importance of digital sales platforms.
- **Geographic Variability**: The mixed performance across different countries (Norway, Spain, and Germany) underscores the impact of local market conditions on profitability.
- **Product Category Significance**: The positive impact from the sale of road bikes through the phone channel suggests that specific product categories can significantly influence overall performance.

Overall Trend from Year ’16 to Year ’17

The overall trend indicates a slight improvement in Gross Margin from Year ’16 to Year ’17, driven by strong performances in specific channels and product categories, despite geographic variability. The detailed variance analysis highlights the importance of a multi-dimensional approach to understanding profitability, where sales channel, product category, and geographic location all play critical roles.

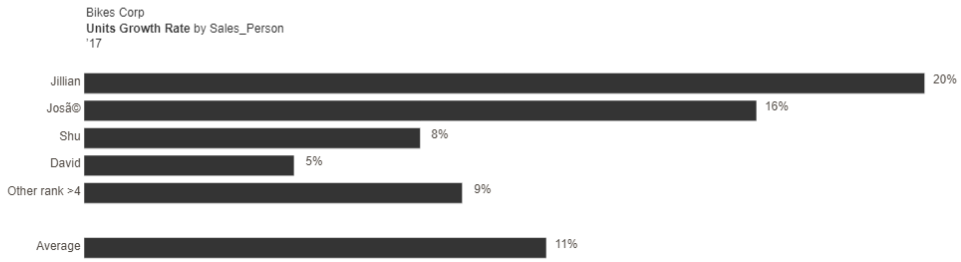
Textual Interpretation of the Dataset

The dataset presents the Units Growth Rate for Bikes Corp by Sales Person for the year 2017. It ranks the sales persons based on their units growth rate, with a special category for those ranked beyond the fourth position aggregated under "Other rank >4". Additionally, it provides an average units growth rate across all sales persons.

- **Average Units Growth Rate**: The average growth rate across all sales persons is 11.0%.
- **Other rank >4**: This category, which aggregates sales persons ranked beyond the fourth position, has a growth rate of 9.0%.
- **David**: David has a growth rate of 5.0%, the lowest among the individually listed sales persons.
- **Shu**: Shu's growth rate stands at 8.0%.
- **José**: José achieved a growth rate of 16.0%, placing him above Shu and David.
- **Jillian**: Jillian leads the chart with the highest growth rate of 20.0%.

Analysis and Insights

- **Jillian's Performance**: Jillian is the top performer with a growth rate significantly higher than the average (20.0% vs. 11.0%), indicating her exceptional contribution to the sales growth.
- **José's Above-Average Performance**: José also performs above the average, with a 16.0% growth rate, showcasing strong sales capabilities.
- **Shu and David's Below-Average Performance**: Both Shu and David have growth rates below the average, with David showing the least growth among the named sales persons. This suggests areas for improvement or potential challenges in their sales territories or strategies.
- **Performance of Other Sales Persons**: The "Other rank >4" category, with a 9.0% growth rate, indicates that the sales persons not individually listed have a collective performance slightly below the overall average. This suggests a relatively uniform performance among the majority of the sales team, with a few standout individuals.
- **Overall Sales Health**: The average growth rate of 11.0% suggests a healthy growth trajectory for Bikes Corp in 2017, with contributions from both top performers and the collective effort of the sales team. However, the variance in individual performance highlights opportunities for targeted training and development to elevate the lower performers.

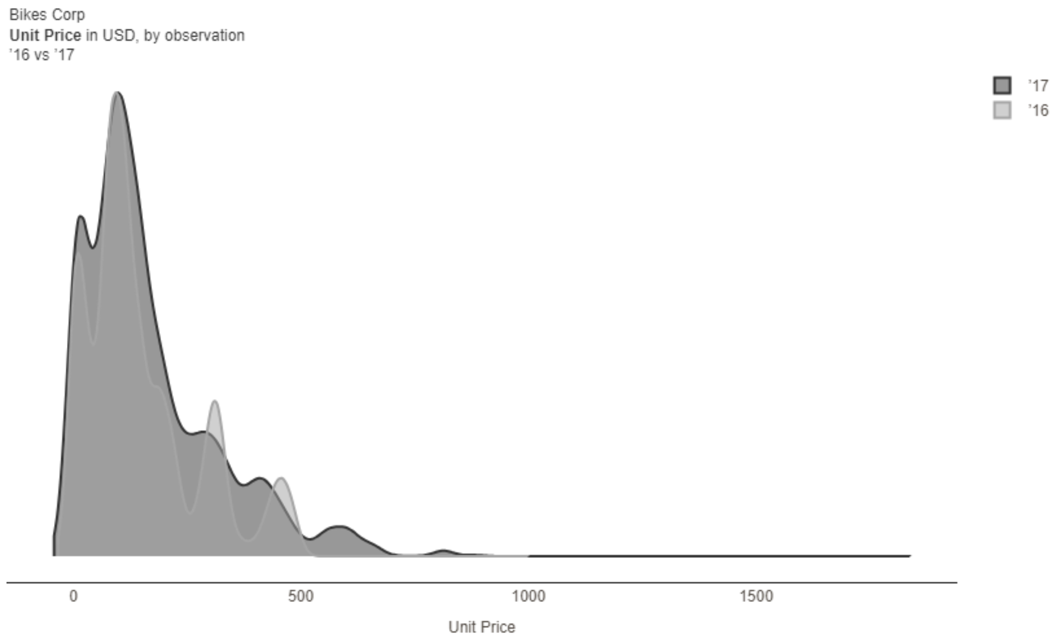


The kernel density chart you've provided illustrates the distribution of unit prices for two different periods, labeled '16 and '17 for an entity named "Billess Corp." The x-axis represents the unit price in USD, while the y-axis, though not explicitly labeled, likely represents the density or frequency of observations at different price points.

In the chart, the '17 period data is represented by a darker shade and the '16 period data by a lighter shade. Observations can be summarized as follows:

1. Both distributions peak below $250, indicating that most observations in both periods fall below this price point.
2. The '17 distribution has a higher peak than the '16 distribution, suggesting more observations clustered around the mode price range in 2017 compared to 2016.
3. Both distributions show long tails stretching towards the higher price points, indicating that there are fewer observations at higher prices.
4. The '16 distribution shows a secondary peak around $500 - $600 which is not present in the '17 distribution.
5. The '17 distribution appears to show a slightly higher occurrence of unit prices in the range above $750, as indicated by a minor but noticeable increase in density in this area compared to the '16 distribution.
6. Beyond approximately $1,500, both distributions have similar low densities, indicating rare observations at these high price points.

Analysis and Insights:
- The mode, or most common price point range, for both years is below $250.
- There was an increase in the concentration of unit prices around the mode from 2016 to 2017.
- The reduction of the secondary peak observed in the '17 distribution suggests a decrease in the frequency of unit prices in the $500 - $600 range compared to 2016.
- The slight increase in the density of higher-priced units ($750 and above) from '16 to '17 could indicate a shift towards selling more higher-priced items in 2017 or the introduction of more expensive products.
- Overall, the '17 distribution appears more skewed to the left compared to the '16 distribution, implying that lower-priced units were more prevalent and potentially more important to the business in 2017 than in 2016.



The provided kernel density chart displays the distribution of unit prices for products, separated into three different sales channels: Phone, Web, and Other rank >2. Each small multiple plot visually expresses the density of unit prices for the years 2016 and 2017, allowing for a comparison of price distribution across two consecutive years.

For the "Phone" channel plot:
- The 2017 data (darker shade) appears to have a higher density of lower-priced units compared to 2016, particularly under $500.
- The peak density for both years is below $500.
- The spread of prices in 2017 is slightly wider, with a notable density still present after $1000, whereas the 2016 data has less presence in that range.

For the "Web" channel plot:
- Similar to the Phone channel, the density in 2017 is higher at the lower end of the price spectrum, with a pronounced peak under $500.
- In both years, the majority of unit prices are concentrated under $500.
- The distribution for 2017 extends further along the x-axis, indicating a broader range of unit prices.

For the "Other rank >2" channel plot:
- This plot shows a different pattern from the Phone and Web channels. The majority of unit prices in 2017 are lower than in 2016, with a significant shift to the left of the graph, indicating a decrease in unit prices.
- The density peak for 2016 is between $500-$1000, while the peak density for 2017 is below $500.
- The 2017 prices show less variability and lower unit prices compared to 2016.

Observations and insights:
- There is a trend across all channels showing a shift towards higher densities of lower-priced units in 2017 compared to 2016.
- Each channel exhibits a peak in density below $500 in 2017, suggesting a pricing strategy or market condition favoring more affordable products that year.
- The distribution of prices in 2017 tends to be broader than in 2016 for Phone and Web channels, possibly indicating a more diverse product range or pricing adjustments.
- The "Other rank >2" channel uniquely shows a significant shift towards lower unit prices from 2016 to 2017, which could imply a strategic change in pricing, product mix, or market conditions specific to that channel.