

# Mondelez International

# There's no fudging Cocoa costs

Reiterate Rating: BUY | PO: 82.00 USD | Price: 76.34 USD

## 4Q23 earnings upside mostly below the line

Yesterday, MDLZ reported 4Q23 adjusted EPS of \$0.82 vs BofAe \$0.77 and consensus of \$0.79. Relative to our estimates organic sales +9.8% beat our +8.4% forecast with upside in 3 out of 4 segments. Operating profits missed by \$30m due to higher-than expected SG&A while a lower tax/interest expense drove EPS upside. Of importance, North America organic sales missed but would have beat (and been positive) excluding some transient items related to Clif and Give & Go. Net, we think the quarter was better than appeared given the one-off items while also revealing more pressure on the business than the rest of the year.

# Organic sales the swing factor for '24

High single digit EPS growth guidance implies ~7% operating profit growth. With inflation running high single digits (Cocoa & Sugar), and most of it concentrated in Europe confection, success in raising prices and consumers accepting them will likely be a critical lever of upside/downside to current guidance. Our estimates (low end of guidance) reflect our view that MDLZ may have less flex in the P&L than it did in FY23.

# FY24 outlook: HSD adj. EPS growth off a \$3.30 base

MDLZ introduced its FY24 outlook including high-single-digit (HSD) adj. EPS growth (constant currency) off a \$3.30 base, with a \$0.03 headwind from FX. With the moves in cocoa and sugar, inflation is expected to be HSD and offset by further pricing actions particularly in Europe. Constant currency organic sales is expected to grow at the upper end of 3-5%, with a 0.5pt headwind from FX. Other items include: 1) interest expense of  $\sim$ \$325mm, 2) tax rate in mid-20%s, 3) FCF  $\sim$ \$3.5bn+, with capex higher than FY23, 4)  $\sim$ \$2bn of share repurchases. We slightly lower our FY24-26e adj. EPS to \$3.50, \$3.78, and \$4.08 from \$3.51, \$3.79, \$4.10.

# Reiterate Buy & \$82 PO

Reiterate Buy & \$82 PO based on 22x our CY25 EPS estimate. A premium multiple is warranted due to 1) portfolio strength given its low exposure to private label vs its peers, categories with elasticities that have held up well in an inflationary environment (snacking) and fast-growing geographies, and high market share in their categories, 2) room for revenue acceleration beyond category growth, & 3) good cash flow generation.

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E		
EPS	2.79	3.19	3.50	3.78	4.08		
GAAP EPS	0	0	0	0	5.38		
EPS Change (YoY)	3.3%	14.3%	9.7%	8.0%	7.9%		
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			3.56	3.82	4.20		
DPS	1.47	1.62	1.78	1.96	2.16		
Valuation (Dec)							
P/E	27.4x	23.9x	21.8x	20.2x	18.7x		
GAAP P/E	NA	NA	NA	NA	14.2x		
Dividend Yield	1.9%	2.1%	2.3%	2.6%	2.8%		
EV / EBITDA*	26.2x	22.9x	21.2x	20.1x	19.2x		
Free Cash Flow Yield*	2.9%	3.4%	3.4%	4.5%	5.1%		
* For full definitions of <i>IQmethod</i> <sup>SM</sup> measures, see page 6.							

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### Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
2024E Rev (m)	37,618.0	37,049.3
2025E Rev (m)	38,977.5	38,393.4
2026E Rev (m)	40,394.2	39,794.2
2024E EPS	3.51	3.50
2025E EPS	3.79	3.78
2026E EPS	4.10	4.08

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### **Stock Data**

ESGMeter™	High
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2023A)	62.1%
ROE (2024E)	0%
Bloomberg / Reuters	MDLZ US / MDLZ.OQ
BofA Ticker / Exchange	MDLZ / NAS
Average Daily Value (mn)	457.97 USD
Free Float	99.6%
(mn)	
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out	104,738 USD / 1,372.0
52-Week Range	60.75 USD - 78.59 USD
Investment Opinion	A-1-7
Date Established	15-Dec-2023
Price Objective	82.00 USD
Price	76.34 USD

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# **iQ**profile<sup>™</sup> Mondelez International

<b>iQ</b> method <sup>™</sup> – Bus Performance*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Return on Capital Employed	7.0%	7.7%	8.4%	8.9%	11.2%
Return on Equity	14.0%	32.5%	NA	NA	NA
Operating Margin	15.5%	15.6%	16.5%	16.9%	17.3%
Free Cash Flow	3,002	3,602	3,525	4,760	5,357
<i>iQ</i> method <sup>™</sup> – <b>Quality of Earnings*</b>					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash Realization Ratio	1.0x	1.1x	1.1x	1.2x	1.3>
Asset Replacement Ratio	0.9x	1.0x	1.2x	1.1x	1.2>
Tax Rate	20.9%	23.2%	23.8%	23.8%	22.8%
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	78.0%	62.1%	64.5%	63.0%	60.0%
Interest Cover	13.5x	19.3x	18.8x	19.0x	20.2x
Income Statement Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Sales	31,496	36,016	37,049	38,393	39,794
% Change	9.8%	14.4%	2.9%	3.6%	3.6%
Gross Profit	11,546	13,334	13,860	14,439	15,046
% Change	6.2%	15.5%	3.9%	4.2%	4.2%
EBITDA	5,992	6,849	7,414	7,793	8,190
% Change	3.9%	14.3%	8.3%	5.1%	5.1%
Net Interest & Other Income	(363)	(292)	(325)	(340)	(340)
Net Income (Adjusted)	3,866	4,371	4,677	4,948	5,246
% Change	1.2%	13.1%	7.0%	5.8%	6.0%
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	3,753	4,138	4,428	4,708	6,938
Depreciation & Amortization	1,107	1,215	1,311	1,319	1,324
Change in Working Capital	(521)	(487)	(1,074)	(163)	180
Deferred Taxation Charge	(42)	(37)	0	(5.260)	0
Other Adjustments, Net	(4,297)	(4,724)	(4,944)	(5,260)	(1.202)
Capital Expenditure  Free Cash Flow	(906)	(1,112)	(1,389)	(1,344)	(1,393)
% Change	3,002 -5.5%	3,602 20.0%	3,525 -2.2%	4,760 35.1%	5,357 12.5%
Share / Issue Repurchase	(2,017)	(1,547)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Cost of Dividends Paid	(1,985)	(2,160)	(2,380)	(2,569)	(2,773)
Change in Debt	3,372	(4,024)	0	0	(2,773)
Balance Sheet Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	20261
Cash & Equivalents	1,923	1,795	939	1,131	1,715
Trade Receivables	3,907	4,512	4,812	4,983	5,162
Other Current Assets	4,261	5,381	6,315	6,526	6,745
Property, Plant & Equipment	9,020	9,694	9,773	9,798	9,866
Other Non-Current Assets	52,050	49,994	49,994	49,994	49,994
Total Assets	71,161	71,376	71,833	72,432	73,482
Short-Term Debt	2,682	2,521	2,521	2,521	2,521
Other Current Liabilities	14,049	16,492	16,652	16,871	17,449
Long-Term Debt	20,251	16,887	16,887	16,887	16,887
Other Non-Current Liabilities	7,259	7,125	7,125	7,125	7,125
Total Liabilities	44,241	43,025	43,185	43,404	43,982
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Total Equity Total Equity & Liabilities	26,920 71,161	28,351 71,376	28,648 71,833	29,028 72,432	29,500 73,482

### **Company Sector**

Food Processors

### **Company Description**

MDLZ is the remaining entity of the original Kraft Inc. (KFT), which spun out its North American Grocery business into a new company called Kraft Foods Group (KRFT). MDLZ enjoys one of the most significant exposures to developing markets across the large CPG players (roughly 37% of revenues), on par with Coke and ahead of multinationals such as Nestle. It is number one or two in every category and region where it competes. 2) MDLZ generated \$31.496bn in net sales and \$6.849bn in EBITDA in 2022.

#### **Investment Rationale**

Our Buy rating is predicated on our view that continued brand investments and bolt on M&A (i.e., Chipita) will enable MDLZ to get ahead of category growth. MDLZ category and geographic mix should support consistent low double digit shareholder returns via a combination of growth, share repurchases and dividend increases. This places it in league with other consumer packaged goods multinationals.

## Stock Data

Average Daily Volume

5,999,132

### **Quarterly Earnings Estimates**

	2023	2024
Q1	0.86A	0.87E
Q2	0.72A	0.76E
Q3	0.77A	0.91E
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# Variance table

# Exhibit 1: 4Q23 variance table

Adj. EPS of \$0.84 came in above BofAe \$0.77

Mondelez							
Dollars in millions	4Q23A	% Sales	4Q23E	% Sales	A vs. E	<b>4Q22</b>	Y/Y Chg
Net Revenue							
Latin America	\$1,262	13.5%	\$1,196	13.0%	\$66	\$1,014	24.5%
AMEA	\$1,736	18.6%	\$1,686	18.4%	\$50	\$1,661	4.5%
Europe	\$3,538	38.0%	\$3,464	37.8%	\$75	\$3,210	10.2%
North America	\$2,778	29.8%	\$2,826	30.8%	(\$48)	\$2,810	-1.1%
Total net revenues	\$9,314	100.0%	\$9,171	100.0%	\$143	\$8,695	7.1%
EBIT Breakout (ex-charges)							
Latin America	\$159	12.6%	\$132	11.0%	\$27	108	47.2%
AMEA	\$246	14.2%	\$219	13.0%	\$27	205	20.0%
Europe	\$643	18.2%	\$693	20.0%	(\$50)	638	0.8%
North America	\$505	18.2%	\$523	18.5%	(\$18)	461	9.5%
Unrealized G/(L) on Hedging	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0	NA
General Corporate expenses	(\$113)	-1.2%	(\$92)	-1.0%	(\$21)	(121)	-6.6%
Amortization of intangibles	(\$37)	-0.4%	(\$32)	-0.4%	(YZ1)	(34)	8.8%
Total EBIT (ex-charges)	\$1,403	15.1%	\$1,436	15.7%	(\$33)	1,257	11.6%
Total EDIT (CX charges)	<b>41,103</b>	13.170	ψ1,130	13.7 70	(433)	1,237	11.070
Underlying Income Statement							
Net sales	\$9,314		\$9,171		\$143	\$8,695	7.1%
Cost of sales	\$5,781	62.1%	\$5,759	62.8%	\$22	\$5,637	2.6%
Gross Profit	\$3,533	37.9%	\$3,412	37.2%	\$121	\$3,058	15.5%
SG&A	\$2,094	22.5%	\$1,937	21.1%	\$157	\$1,765	18.6%
Amortization of Intangibles	\$36	0.4%	\$38	0.4%	(\$2)	\$36	0.0%
Asset impairment and exit costs	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	NA
EBIT	\$1,403	15.1%	\$1,436	15.7%	(\$33)	\$1,257	11.6%
Interest expense, net	\$49	0.5%	\$82	0.9%	(\$33)	\$116	-57.8%
Other	\$22	0.2%	\$15	0.2%	\$7	\$32	NA
Earnings before taxes	\$1,376	14.8%	\$1,369	14.9%	\$7	\$1,173	17.3%
Income taxes	\$281	3.0%	\$363	4.0%	(\$82)	\$287	-2.1%
Tax Rate	20.4%		26.5%		-608bps	24.5%	-16.5%
Discontinued operations	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	NA
Non-controlling interest	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$1	-100.0%
Royalty income from affiliates	\$55	0.6%	\$45	0.5%	\$10	\$51	7.8%
Net income (ex-charges)	\$1,150	12.3%	\$1,052	11.5%	\$98	\$936	22.9%
Diluted EPS (operating)	\$0.84		\$0.77		0.07	\$0.68	23.9%
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Shares Outstanding	1,364		1,362		\$2	1,375	-0.8%

Source of EPS Upside	
Net Sales	\$0.08
COGS	(\$0.01)
Gross Profit	\$0.07
SG&A	(\$0.08)
Amortization of Intangibles	\$0.00
Asset impairment and exit costs	\$0.00
Operating Profit	(\$0.02)
Interest expense	\$0.02
Royalty income from affiliates	\$0.01
Tax rate	\$0.06
Discontinued ops	\$0.00
Net income (loss) to other	\$0.00
Share count	(\$0.00)
Above the line	(\$0.02)
Below the line	\$0.08

**Source:** MLDZ, BofA Global Research estimates

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# **Income statement**

# **Exhibit 2: MDLZ summary income statement** We model FY24E adj. EPS of \$3.50

Income Statement	1	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23		Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24			
(\$ in millions, expect per share data)	2022	1Q23	2023	3Q23	4Q23	2023	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net sales	\$31,496	\$9,166	\$8,507	\$9,029	\$9,314	\$36,016	\$9,147	\$8,579	\$9,344	\$9,980	\$37,049	\$38,393	\$39,794
Cost of Goods Sold	\$19,950	\$5,851	\$5,403	\$5,647	\$5,781	\$22,682	\$5,854	\$5,404	\$5,793	\$6,137	\$23,189	\$23,954	\$24,748
Gross profit	\$11,546	\$3,315	\$3,104	\$3,382	\$3,533	\$13,334	\$3,293	\$3,174	\$3,551	\$3,842	\$13,860	\$14,439	\$15,046
Gross margin	36.7%	36.2%	36.5%	37.5%	37.9%	37.0%	36.0%	37.0%	38.0%	38.5%	37.4%	37.6%	37.8%
SG&A expenses	\$6,529	\$1,752	\$1,798	\$1,906	\$2,094	\$7,550	\$1,739	\$1,810	\$1,917	\$2,140	\$7,607	\$7,815	\$8,030
Amortization of intangibles	132	39	37	38	36	150	38	38	38	38	150	150	150
Asset impairment and exit costs	132	33	31	50	30	130	30	30	30	30	130	130	150
Operating profit	\$4,885	\$1,524	\$1,269	\$1,438	\$1,403	\$5,634	\$1,516	\$1,327	\$1,596	\$1,664	\$6,103	\$6,475	\$6,866
Operating profit margin	15.5%	16.6%	14.9%	15.9%	15.1%	15.6%	16.6%	15.5%	17.1%	16.7%	16.5%	16.9%	17.3%
Interest expense, net	\$363	\$89	\$91	\$63	\$49	\$292	\$60	\$85	\$90	\$90	\$325	\$340	\$340
Marketable securities gains/losses	-	9	5	(1)	-	13							
Benefit plan non-service (income/expense)	126	. 19	22	. 19	. 22	82	20	20	20	20	80	80	. 80
Earnings before taxes	\$4,648	\$1,463	\$1,205	\$1,393	\$1,376	\$5,437	\$1,476	\$1,262	\$1,526	\$1,594	\$5,858	\$6,215	\$6,606
Income taxes	\$1,000	\$332	\$293	\$376	\$281	\$1,282	\$354	\$303	\$366	\$383	\$1,406	\$1,492	\$1,585
Discontinued operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JV Income	227	56	66	48	55	225	55	65	50	55	225	225	225
Noncontrolling interest	9	8	(3)	4	-	9	-	-		-	-	-	-
Net income (ex-charges)	\$3,866	\$1,179	\$981	\$1,061	\$1,150	\$4,371	\$1,177	\$1,024	\$1,210	\$1,267	\$4,677	\$4,948	\$5,246
Diluted E.P.S. (operating)	\$2.79	\$0.86	\$0.72	\$0.77	\$0.84	\$3.19	\$0.87	\$0.76	\$0.91	\$0.96	\$3.50	\$3.78	\$4.08
Diluted shares outstanding	1,385	1,373	1,372	1,370	1,364	1,370	1,346	1,339	1,333	1,326	1,336	1,311	1,286
Dividends per share	\$1.47	\$0.39	\$0.39	\$0.43	\$0.43	\$1.62	\$0.42	\$0.42	\$0.47	\$0.47	\$1.78	\$1.96	\$2.16
FX hit to EPS	\$0.23	\$0.06	\$0.03	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.11	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adjusted EPS at Constant Currency	\$3.02	\$0.92	\$0.75	\$0.79	\$0.84	\$3.30	\$0.88	\$0.77	\$0.92	\$0.96	\$3.53	\$3.78	\$4.08
Growth Analysis (%)	2022	1023	2023	3023	4Q23	2,023	1024E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net sales	9.8%	18.1%	17.0%	16.3%	7.1%	14.4%	-0.2%	0.8%	3.5%	7.1%	2.9%	3.6%	3.6%
Gross profit	6.2%	12.1%	15.4%	19.0%	15.5%	15.5%	-0.7%	2.3%	5.0%	8.7%	3.9%	4.2%	4.2%
Operating profit	5.0%	12.8%	19.9%	18.0%	11.6%	15.3%	-0.5%	4.6%	11.0%	18.6%	8.3%	6.1%	6.0%
Net income	1.2%	6.5%	13.5%	10.6%	22.9%	13.1%	-0.2%	4.4%	14.0%	10.1%	7.0%	5.8%	6.0%
Diluted E.P.S.	3.2%	8.4%	14.9%	11.4%	23.9%	14.3%	1.8%	6.9%	17.2%	13.3%	9.7%	7.8%	8.0%
Adjusted EPS at Constant Currency	11.7%	16.0%	19.8%	14.2%	23.9%	18.3%	2.7%	8.0%	18.2%	14.2%	10.7%	7.9%	8.0%
Margin Analysis	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	2,023	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Gross profit margin	36.7%	36.2%	36.5%	37.5%	37.9%	37.0%	36.0%	37.0%	38.0%	38.5%	37.4%	37.6%	37.8%
bp change	-124 bp	-192 bp	-48 bp	85 bp	276 bp	36 bp	-17 bp	51 bp	54 bp	57 bp	39 bp	20 bp	20 bp
Operating profit margin	15.5%	16.6%	14.9%	15.9%	15.1%	15.6%	16.6%	15.5%	17.1%	16.7%	16.5%	16.9%	17.3%
bp change	-71 bp	-77 bp	37 bp	22 bp	61 bp	13 bp	-5 bp	55 bp	115 bp	161 bp	83 bp	39 bp	39 bp
Cost Analysis (%)	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	2,023	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	2024E	2025E	2026E
COGS % sales	63.3%	63.8%	63.5%	62.5%	62.1%	63.0%	64.0%	63.0%	62.0%	61.5%	62.6%	62.4%	62.2%
SG&A expenses % sales	20.7%	19.1%	21.1%	21.1%	22.5%	21.0%	19.0%	21.1%	20.5%	21.4%	20.5%	20.4%	20.2%
Apparent interest rate	1.9%	1.6%	1.6%	1.2%	1.0%	1.4%	1.2%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%	1.7%	1.8%	1.8%
Effective tax rate	21.5%	22.7%	24.3%	27.0%	20.4%	23.6%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%
Dividend Policy	2022	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	2,023	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Dividend growth rate	10.5%	10.0%	10.0%	10.4%	10.4%	10.2%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Payout ratio	52.7%	44.8%	53.8%	54.9%	45.7%	49.5%	48.4%	55.4%	51.5%	44.3%	49.6%	50.6%	51.6%
Credit Analysis	2022	1Q23	2Q23	<b>3Q23</b>	4Q23	2,023	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Operating profit / interest expense	13.5x	17.1x	13.9x	22.8x	28.6x	19.3x		15.6x	17.7x	18.5x	18.8x	19.0x	20.2x
EBITDA	\$5,992	\$1,827	\$1,559	\$1,747	\$1,716	\$6,849	\$1,844	\$1,654	\$1,923	\$1,993	\$7,414	\$7,793	\$8,190
Net debt / EBITDA	3.5x	3.3x	3.1x	2.8x	2.6x	2.6x	2.8x	2.8x	2.6x	2.5x	2.5x	2.5x	2.3x

**Source:** MDLZ, BofA Global Research estimates

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# Price objective basis & risk

### Mondelez International (MDLZ)

Our \$82 price objective is based on 22x our CY25 EPS estimate. In our view, a premium multiple is warranted due to 1) portfolio strength given its low exposure to private label vs its peers, categories with elasticities that have held up well in an inflationary environment (snacking) and fast growing geographies, and high market share in their categories, 2) room for revenue acceleration beyond category growth, and 3) good cash flow generation.

Upside risks: 1) incremental pricing actions continue to support topline growth and cover inflationary headwinds, 2) the dollar strength tapering off to reduce the FX impact on topline and margins, and 3) inflation to decelerate at a faster pace than expected.

Downside risks: 1) the dollar continues to show strength for an extended period which could continue to hurt topline, 2) hedging roll-offs to impact margin expansion, 3) higher elasticities as consumer wallets continue to be pressure in an inflationary environment, and 4) rates taper off at a slower rate causing elevated interest expense for a longer period than expected.

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	Freshpet, Inc.	FRPT	FRPT US	Bryan D. Spillane
	Kenvue Inc.	KVUE	KVUE US	Anna Lizzul
	Keurig Dr Pepper	KDP	KDP US	Bryan D. Spillane
	Kraft Heinz Company	KHC	KHC US	Bryan D. Spillane
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	The Procter & Gamble Company	PG	PG US	Bryan D. Spillane
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	Celsius Holdings Inc	CELH	CELH US	Jonathan Keypour
	Church & Dwight	CHD	CHD US	Anna Lizzul
	Clorox	CLX	CLX US	Anna Lizzul
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	JM Smucker Company	SJM	SJM US	Peter T. Galbo, CFA
	Kellanova	K	KUS	Peter T. Galbo, CFA
	Molson Coors Beverage Company	TAP	TAP US	Bryan D. Spillane
	The Duckhorn Portfolio, Inc.	NAPA	NAPA US	Peter T. Galbo, CFA



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	Tyson Foods, Inc.	TSN	TSN US	Peter T. Galbo, CFA
RSTR				
	The Vita Coco Company, Inc.	COCO	COCO US	Bryan D. Spillane

Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

# **IQ**method<sup>SM</sup> Measures Definitions

<b>Business Performance</b>	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) $\times$ (1 $-$ Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Total Assets — Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill Amortization
Return On Equity	Net Income	Shareholders' Equity
Operating Margin	Operating Profit	Sales
Earnings Growth	Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual	N/A
Free Cash Flow	Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex	N/A
Quality of Earnings	Numerator	Denominator
Cash Realization Ratio	Cash Flow From Operations	Net Income
Asset Replacement Ratio	Capex	Depreciation
Tax Rate	Tax Charge	Pre-Tax Income
Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio	Net Debt = Total Debt - Cash & Equivalents	Total Equity
Interest Cover	EBIT	Interest Expense
Valuation Toolkit	Numerator	Denominator
Price / Earnings Ratio	Current Share Price	Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)
Price / Book Value	Current Share Price	Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares
Dividend Yield	Annualised Declared Cash Dividend	Current Share Price
Free Cash Flow Yield	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares
Enterprise Value / Sales	EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt + Other LT Liabilities	Sales

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EV / EBITDA

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Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
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Hold	17	25.37%	Hold	10	58.82%
Sell	17	25.37%	Sell	8	47.06%

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