

Chefs' Warehouse Inc

Cooking Up Strong Results Against A Tough Backdrop

CHEF benefitted from its exposure to higher income end customers in 1Q

We believe CHEF's 1Q results help to demonstrate its unique positioning among food distributors in the current macro. Its decision to focus on servicing customers who target the top 10% of worldwide earners has helped to insulate it from some of the spending pressures that have hindered traffic growth across the broader industry. Its 8.7% net sales growth (inclusive of 70 bps of planned attrition) comfortably outpaced its 4-7% long term algorithm, and the company experienced accelerating trends throughout the quarter. CHEF was able to achieve this growth despite a challenging weather backdrop. Further, it hasn't seen much of an impact from negative consumer sentiment to date, with April showing normal seasonality. Plus, it's seeing reasons to be cautiously optimistic around the summer holidays. While it will be important to monitor the tariff landscape, we expect CHEF to benefit from servicing a core customer that maintains more discretionary spending power and from its ability to operate as a solutions company for high end establishments looking to navigate the rapidly changing landscape. We don't think this is fully built into its current valuation.

- CHEF posted 5.7% organic specialty case growth in 1Q'25, which represented a deceleration from 4Q'24's 6.1% rate, but outpaced its 4.7% growth in 2Q'24 and its 3.1% growth in 3Q'24. This took place in an environment where Black Box traffic to restaurants was down -3.1% YoY (vs. a -1.6% decline in 4Q'24).
- It's doing a solid job of adding new business, with unique customers climbing by 4.5% in 1Q. This was consistent with its pace of growth in 4Q'24.
- Placements ticked up by 7.7% YoY. We believe the company continues to benefit
 from its long tail of SKUs, and its ability to serve as a solutions company for its
 customers
- While center-of-the-plate pounds fell by 1.3% YoY, this was driven by its planned exit of high volume, low margin poultry operation that was acquired in a prior acquisition. Excluding this, center-of-the-plate pounds would have increased by ~3% YoY.
- Its 7.9% gross profit dollar improvement was quite healthy, supported by positive gross profit dollars per case growth and strong gross profit dollar growth per unit in center-of-the-plate (ex attrition impact). We think progress with its Hardie's integration continues to benefit it on this front.

CHEF is well positioned in the wake of tariffs

Equities

Americas

Food Retailers & Wholesalers

12-month rating

Price (30 Apr 2025)

Buy

US\$56.97

12m price target US\$68.00 Prior : US\$67.00

RIC: CHEF.O BBG: CHEF US

Trading data and key metrics

52-wk range US\$66.35-36.50 Market cap. US\$2.63b Shares o/s 46 1m (COM) Free float 88% Avg. daily volume ('000) 572 Avg. daily value (m) US\$32.4 Common s/h equity (12/25E) US\$0.62b P/BV (12/25E) 3.5x Net debt to EBITDA (12/25E) 2.2x

EPS (UBS, diluted) (USD)

		12/25E		
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Q1	0.19	0.25	31	0.19
Q2E	0.42	0.44	6	0.45
Q3E	0.39	0.42	6	0.41
Q4E	0.60	0.62	3	0.61
12/25E	1.60	1.73	8	1.66
12/26E	1.92	2.01	5	1.99
12/27E	2.31	2.30	-1	2.43

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Highlights (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Revenues	2,613	3,434	3,794	4,016	4,327	4,695	5,094	5,942
EBIT (UBS)	106	119	138	148	167	191	218	272
Net earnings (UBS)	59	52	62	76	90	103	123	164
EPS (UBS, diluted) (US\$)	1.54	1.27	1.44	1.73	2.01	2.30	2.74	3.65
DPS (net) (US\$)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net (debt) / cash	(507)	(668)	(592)	(520)	(351)	(204)	94	819
Profitability/valuation	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
EBIT (UBS) margin %	4.1	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.6
ROIC (EBIT) %	13.8	11.7	12.2	13.0	14.7	16.7	18.8	23.2
EV/EBITDA (UBS core) x	10.8	9.5	11.0	13.2	3.1	0.3	0.3	6.4
P/E (UBS, diluted) x	22.1	24.3	27.0	33.0	28.3	24.8	20.8	15.6
Equity FCF (UBS) yield %	(16.0)	(9.5)	5.8	4.0	4.3	4.6	5.4	7.0
Dividend yield (net) %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Company accounts, LSEG Eikon, UBS estimates. Metrics marked as (UBS) have had analyst adjustments applied. Valuations: based on an average share price that year, (E): based on a share price of US\$ 56.97 on 30-Apr-2025

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- Thus far, CHEF noted that tariffed items are only impacting a small proportion of its business (even though it imports a lot of specialty foods). It's really benefitting from its prior efforts to diversify its supply chain after shocks from 9/11 and the GFC. It's able to pass along increases in commodity costs to higher end establishments, and it benefits from having alternative sources for many of its products (including domestic artisanal suppliers that mimic much of what it sources from South America & Europe). Further, CHEF noted that part of its product cost is freight, which isn't tariffed, so this helps to moderate the end impact as well.
- We do see some risk to CHEF's longer term facility growth plans. While its current projects that are underway shouldn't be impacted (e.g. Northwest, New Jersey), it may elect to build smaller buildings going forward that are more efficient in nature. Still, we think its investments in technology and Al can help to mitigate these impacts, and expect for it to be able to accomplish "more with less" if tariffs become more impactful.

We think CHEF's updated full year guidance is achievable

In our conversations ahead of earnings, most investors we talked with were not expecting CHEF to take up the midpoint of its full year guidance in light of all the macro headwinds that are in place. Further, its ability to execute in 1Q on a tough restaurant industry backdrop helps boost confidence that its differentiated business model has staying power if broader consumer headwinds persist. Looking ahead, we expect for CHEF to benefit from its investments in growth markets (e.g. Florida), its cross selling efforts (e.g. Texas), and further market share gains. We're boosting our FY'25 adj. EBITDA from \$237 mm to \$240 mm and our FY'26 adj. EBITDA from \$264 mm to \$266 mm alongside results.

We think CHEF's risk/reward skews favorably from here

Our new \$68 price target (\$67 prior) is based on \sim 12x our NTM adj. EBITDA estimate in 12 months (\sim 11x prior).

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Figure 1: Review to our estimates

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		2Q'25E			FY'25E			FY'26E	
	Old Est.	New Est.	<u>Diff</u>	Old Est.	New Est.	<u>Diff</u>	Old Est.	New Est.	<u>Diff</u>
Revenue	\$1,002	\$1,002	\$0	\$3,988	\$4,016	\$28	\$4,297	\$4,327	\$30
Yr./Yr. Growth	5.0%	5.0%		5.1%	5.8%		7.8%	7.8%	
Organic Growth	3.0%	5.0%		3.1%	5.4%		5.8%	6.3%	
Inflation/Mix/Acquisitions	2.0%	0.0%		2.0%	0.4%		2.0%	1.5%	
Gross Profit	240	240	0	960	965	6	1,039	1,045	6
Gross Margin Yr./Yr. Change (bp)	23.9% (5)	23.9% (5)	0.0%	24.1% (2)	24.0% (6)	-0.03%	24.2% 10	24.1% 10	-0.03%
SG&A Expense	202	202	0	814	818	4	872	877	5
SG&A Margin Yr./Yr. Change (bp)	20.2% (5)	20.2% (5)	0.0%	20.4% (6)	20.4% (11)	0.0%	20.3% (10)	20.3% (9)	0.0%
Operating Income Yr./Yr. Growth	38 5.0%	38 5.0%	0	146 6.2%	148 7.3%	2	166 13.7%	167 13.3%	1
Op. Income Margin %	3.8%	3.8%	0.0%	3.7%	3.7%	0.0%	3.9%	3.9%	0.0%
Yr./Yr. Change (bp)	0	0	0.076	4	5	0.0 /0	20	19	0.0 70
Adjusted EBITDA	61	61		237	240		264	266	2
Yr./Yr. Growth	7.9%	7.9%		8.1%	9.8%		11.4%	10.6%	2
Adj. EBITDA Margin%	6.0%	6.0%		5.9%	6.0%		6.1%	6.1%	
Yr./Yr. Change (bp)	16	16		16	21		20	16	
Net Interest Expense	12	10		48	41		48	41	
Income Tax Expense	8	8		29	31		34	37	
Net Earnings from Cont. Ops	19	21	1	74	80	6	88	94	6
Diluted EPS	\$0.42	\$0.44	\$0.03	\$1.60	\$1.73	\$0.13	\$1.92	\$2.01	\$0.10
Diluted Shares Outstanding	46.3	46.4	0.1	46.3	46.5	0.3	46.1	46.8	0.7

Source: UBS Estimates

We think it is useful to examine how our valuation would respond to various changes in our assumptions for CHEF's earnings outlook over the next few years and the valuation multiples that would be associated with those scenarios. The following figure highlights our base case, upside case, and downside case.

Figure 2: CHEF valuation sensitivity analysis

			Base Case	Ups	ide Case	Down	side Case
\$ mm	LTM	NTM	NTM, 12 mos out	NTM	NTM, 12 mos out	NTM	NTM, 12 mos out
NTM Sales, 12 months out	3,870.5	4,087.	3 \$4,414	\$4,238	\$4,768	\$4,006	\$4,186
YoY		5.6%	8.0%	9.5%	12.5%	3.5%	4.5%
NTM Adj. EBITDA, 12 months out	\$226	\$244	\$271	\$265	\$310	\$232	\$243
Margin	5.8%	6.0%	6.1%	6.2%	6.5%	5.8%	5.8%
YoY		13	17	40	25	-5	0
Multiple			12x		16x		10x
Implied Enterprise Value			\$3,365		\$4,957		\$2,427
Net Debt (12 mos out)			\$432		\$432		\$432
Assume Convertible Portion of Debt Conv	erted		-\$288		-\$288		-\$288
Net Debt ex Convertible (12 mos out)			\$144		\$144		\$144
Implied Market Cap			\$3,220		\$4,525		\$1,995
Share Price			\$69		\$97		\$43
Diluted Shares Outstanding (12 mos out)			46.9		46.9		46.9

Source: FactSet, Company reports, UBS estimates

Figure 3: CHEF quarterly income statement (\$ millions except per share amounts)

				2023					2024					2025E					2026E		
	_	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	FY'23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	FY'24	Mar-25	Jun-25E	Sep-25E	Dec-25E	FY'25E	Mar-26E	Jun-26E	Sep-26E	Dec-26E	FY'26I
	Days in Period	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364
Net Sales		719.6	881.8	881.8	950.5	3,433.8	874.5	954.7	931.5	1,033.6	3,794.2	950.7	1,002.4	982.7	1,080.1	4,015.9	1,022.1	1,077.6	1,061.3	1,166.5	4,327.
Cost of Sales		549.9	673.4	674.1	721.8	2,619.3	665.1	725.7	706.7	782.6	2,880.1	724.8	<u>762.5</u>	746.1	817.3	3,050.6	778.1	818.6	804.7	<u>881.5</u>	3,282.9
Gross Profit		169.7	208.4	207.7	228.6	814.5	209.4	229.0	224.7	251.0	914.1	226.0	240.0	236.6	262.8	965.4	244.0	259.0	256.6	285.0	1,044.0
Selling, general and administrative expenses		153.6	177.0	176.9	188.3	695.7	187.8	193.0	191.0	204.5	776.4	201.6	202.2	200.6	213.2	817.5	216.2	216.2	215.5	229.1	877.
Other operating expenses, net		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0									
Operating Income (Loss)		16.2	31.4	30.8	40.3	118.7	21.6	36.0	33.7	46.4	137.8	24.4	37.8	36.1	49.6	147.8	27.7	42.8	41.1	55.9	167.
Interest Expense		10.0	12.0	11.4	12.1	45.5	13.2	11.7	11.7	12.0	48.7	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	41.0	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	<u>41.</u>
Loss/Gain on Asset Disposal		· <u></u> -		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u> </u>	· <u> </u>	·	· <u></u> -	· <u></u> -	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·	· <u></u>							
Pretax Income		6.1	19.4	19.4	28.2	73.3	8.4	24.3	22.0	34.4	89.1	14.1	27.5	25.8	39.3	106.8	17.5	32.5	30.8	45.6	126.
Taxes		2.0	5.1	5.7	8.0	20.9	2.5	7.3	6.6	10.5	26.9	4.0	8.1	7.5	11.4	31.0	5.1	9.4	8.9	13.2	36.
Interest on convertible notes, net of tax		1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	5.4	0.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	4.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	4.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	4.4
Adjusted Net Income (Loss)		5.4	15.8	15.1	21.5	57.8	6.0	18.3	16.7	25.2	66.2	11.4	20.5	19.4	29.0	80.4	13.5	24.2	23.0	33.5	94.
Adjusted Diluted EPS		0.14	0.35	0.33	0.47	1.27	0.16	0.40	0.36	0.55	1.44	0.25	\$0.44	\$0.42	\$0.62	\$1.73	\$0.29	\$0.52	\$0.49	\$0.72	\$2.01
Diluted Weighted Average Shares		38.2	45.6	45.7	45.8	45.6	38.6	45.9	45.9	46.1	46.0	46.1	46.4	46.7	47.0	46.5	46.9	46.8	46.7	46.6	46.8
Adjusted EBITDA		32.8	51.1	50.3	59.0	193.2	40.2	56.2	54.5	68.2	219.0	47.5	60.6	58.4	73.8	240.4	51.3	67.3	65.2	82.1	265.9
Yr./Yr. Change		53.0%	12.8%	22.6%	17.9%	22.4%	22.4%	9.9%	8.3%	15.6%	13.3%	18.2%	7.9%	7.3%	8.3%	9.8%	8.0%	11.1%	11.6%	11.2%	10.6%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin		4.6%	5.8%	5.7%	6.2%	5.6%	4.6%	5.9%	5.8%	6.6%	5.8%	5.0%	6.0%	5.9%	6.8%	6.0%	5.0%	6.2%	6.1%	7.0%	6.1%
Yr./Yr. Change (bp)		37	(120)	(49)	(12)	(41)	3	9	14	39	14	40	16	10	24	21	2	20	20	20	16
Margin Analysis - as a % of Revenues																					
Cost of Sales		76.4%	76.4%	76.4%	75.9%	76.3%	76.1%	76.0%	75.9%	75.7%	75.9%	76.2%	76.1%	75.9%	75.7%	76.0%	76.1%	76.0%	75.8%	75.6%	75.9%
Gross margin		23.6%	23.6%	23.6%	24.1%	23.7%	23.9%	24.0%	24.1%	24.3%	24.1%	23.8%	23.9%	24.1%	24.3%	24.0%	23.9%	24.0%	24.2%	24.4%	24.1%
Yr./Yr. Change (bp)		64	(43)	(29)	38	5	37	35	58	23	37	(18)	(5)	(5)	5	(6)	10	10	10	10	10
Operating Expenses		21.3%	20.1%	20.1%	19.8%	20.3%	21.5%	20.2%	20.5%	19.8%	20.5%	21.2%	20.2%	20.4%	19.7%	20.4%	21.2%	20.1%	20.3%	19.6%	20.3%
Yr./Yr. Change (bp)		19	110	53	60	65	14	14	45	(2)	20	(27)	(5)	(10)	(5)	(11)	(5)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(9
Operating Income		2.2%	3.6%	3.5%	4.2%	3.5%	2.5%	3.8%	3.6%	4.5%	3.6%	2.6%	3.8%	3.7%	4.6%	3.7%	2.7%	4.0%	3.9%	4.8%	3.9%
Yr./Yr. Change (bp)		44	(154)	(81)	(21)	(60)	23	20	12	25	17	9	0	5	10	5	15	20	20	20	19
Adjusted Operating Income		2.2%	3.6%	3.5%	4.2%	3.5%	1.8%	3.1%	3.0%	3.9%	3.0%	1.9%	3.2%	3.1%	4.0%	3.1%	2.1%	3.4%	3.3%	4.2%	3.3%
Yr./Yr. Change (bp)			(154)	(81)	(21)	(60)	(48)	(44)	(51)	(35)	(47)	16	5	8	10	8	19	20	20	20	20
Pretax Income		0.9%	2.2%	2.2%	3.0%	2.1%	1.0%	2.5%	2.4%	3.3%	2.3%	1.5%	2.7%	2.6%	3.6%	2.7%	1.7%	3.0%	2.9%	3.9%	2.9%
Tax Rate		33.2%	26.0%	29.5%	28.5%	28.5%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.6%	30.2%	28.0%	29.5%	29.0%	29.0%	29.0%	29.0%	29.0%	29.0%	29.0%	29.0%
Net Income		0.7%	1.8%	1.7%	2.3%	1.7%	0.7%	1.9%	1.8%	2.4%	1.7%	1.2%	2.0%	2.0%	2.7%	2.0%	1.3%	2.2%	2.2%	2.9%	2.2%
Year/Year Growth Rates																					
Net sales		40.5%	36.1%	33.2%	20.1%	31.4%	21.5%	8.3%	5.6%	8.7%	10.5%	8.7%	5.0%	5.5%	4.5%	5.8%	7.5%	7.5%	8.0%	8.0%	7.8%
Cost of sales		39.4%	36.8%	33.7%	19.5%	31.3%	20.9%	7.8%	4.8%	8.4%	10.0%	9.0%	5.1%	5.6%	4.4%	5.9%	7.4%	7.4%	7.9%	7.9%	7.6%
Gross profit		44.4%	33.6%	31.6%	22.0%	31.7%	23.4%	9.9%	8.2%	9.8%	12.2%	7.9%	4.8%	5.3%	4.7%	5.6%	8.0%	7.9%	8.4%	8.4%	8.2%
Operating Expenses		41.8%	44.0%	36.8%	23.8%	35.7%	22.3%	9.0%	8.0%	8.6%	11.6%	7.3%	4.7%	5.0%	4.2%	5.3%	7.2%	7.0%	7.5%	7.5%	7.3%
Operating Income		75.0%	-4.9%	8.1%	14.3%	11.9%	33.8%	14.5%	9.4%	15.2%	16.0%	12.8%	5.0%	7.0%	6.8%	7.3%	13.8%	13.2%	13.9%	12.7%	13.3%
Pre-tax earnings		26.4%	-32.1%	-13.3%	12.3%	-9.6%	36.2%	25.1%	13.0%	21.9%	21.6%	68.7%	13.3%	17.5%	14.3%	19.9%	23.8%	18.1%	19.4%	16.0%	18.4%
Net income		51.7%	-27.0%	-11.8%	15.5%	-4.0%	11.2%	16.2%	10.8%	17.0%	14.6%	90.0%	11.9%	16.3%	15.3%	21.4%	18.7%	17.9%	18.3%	15.4%	17.2%
Diluted EPS		48.4%	-32.6%	-18.7%	1.1%	-17.9%	9.8%	15.3%	10.3%	16.3%	13.7%	59.3%	10.8%	14.4%	13.1%	19.9%	16.7%	16.9%	18.2%	16.3%	16.7%
Shares outstanding - diluted		2.3%	8.4%	8.5%	14.3%	16.9%	1.2%	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	19.3%	1.0%	1.6%	1.9%	1.2%	1.7%	0.9%	0.1%	-0.7%	0.4%

Figure 4: CHEF quarterly cash flow statements (\$ millions)

			2023					2024					2025E					2026E		
	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	FY'23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	FY'24	Mar-25	Jun-25E	Sep-25E	Dec-25E	FY'25E	Mar-26E	Jun-26E	Sep-26E	Dec-26E	FY'26
Days in Period	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364
Cash Flows from Operating Activities																				
Net Income	1.4	9.9	7.3	16.0	34.6	1.9	15.5	14.1	23.9	55.5	10.3	20.5	19.4	29.0	79.3	13.5	24.2	23.0	33.5	94.
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to cash provided by operating activities:																				
Depreciation and amortization	7.0	8.7	8.5	8.7	32.9	9.2	9.5	10.6	11.2	40.6	12.2	12.0	11.8	13.0	49.0	12.3	12.9	12.7	14.0	51.
Amortization of intangible assets Provision (benefit) for allowance for doubtful accounts	4.7 1.8	5.8 1.5	6.5 1.9	5.8 2.9	22.7 8.1	6.2 4.4	6.2 1.7	5.9 2.1	6.2 3.8	24.4 12.0	6.1 2.7	6.0	5.9	6.5	24.5 2.7	6.1	6.5	6.4	7.0	26.
Non-cash operating lease expense	0.6	1.5	0.9	2.9	8.1 5.5	1.6	1.7	0.5	2.8	5.5	1.3				1.7					0
Provision for deferred income taxes	0.1	0.9	2.0	5.1	8.1	0.3	2.7	2.4	-4.0	1.5	0.2				0.2					0.
Loss on extinguishment of debt					0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.0				0.0					0.
Amortization of deferred financing fees	1.0	0.8	1.6	-3.4	0.0					0.0										
Stock compensation	5.3	5.2	5.3	4.2	20.0	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.6	17.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	19.0	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.2	20.
Change in fair value of contingent earn-out liabilities Intangible asset impairment	0.4	0.7 1.8	1.8 0.0	0.2	3.1 1.8	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	-2.6	-3.3 0.0	0.0				0.0					0.
Loss on asset disposal	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0					0.0					0.0					0.
Other	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0					0.0					0.0					
Working Capital	-24.7	-23.4	-26.4	-0.7	-75.2	3.4	-12.1	-20.3	27.5	-1.5	12.0	-52.0	-15.8	29.9	-25.9	5.5	-49.9	-19.1	32.2	-31.
Cash from Operating Activities	-2.3	13.0	9.3	41.6	61.6	30.9	29.3	19.8	73.0	153.1	49.6	-8.6	25.9	83.2	150.1	42.6	-1.1	28.0	91.9	161.
Cash Flows from Investing Activites Capital expenditures	-8.7	-14.5	12.0	22.2	-57.4	-17.1	16.1	-8.0	-8.4	-49.5	12.2	10.5	10.2	11.2	-44.5	12.2	11.2	11.1	12.2	40
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	-8.7 -50.9	-14.5	-12.0 -1.0	-22.3 -1.3	-121.9	-17.1	-16.1 0.0	-8.0	-8.4	-49.5	-12.3 0.0	-10.5	-10.3	-11.3	-44.5	-13.3	-11.3	-11.1	-12.2	-48. 0.
Interest on restricted cash	20.9	55.5	1.0		12.1.3	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0				5.5					0.
Proceeds from asset disposals															0.0					0.
Other																				
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	-59.6	-83.1	-13.0	-23.6	-179.3	-17.4	-16.1	-8.0	-8.4	-49.8	-12.3	-10.5	-10.3	-11.3	-44.5	-13.3	-11.3	-11.1	-12.2	-48
Cash Flows from Financing																				
Cash paid for Class C shares					0.0					0.0					0.0	26.6				26.
Redemption of Class A shares																13.3				
Proceeds from new senior secured loan					0.0					0.0					0.0					0.
Change in restricted cash																0.0				
Net proceeds from IPO																				
Net proceeds from secondary offering Payment of debt, finance lease and other financing obligations	-3.4	-8.3	-21.8	0.1	-33.3	-6.8	-7.8	-4.0	-4.5	-23.0	-0.8				-0.8					0.0
Payment for debt, mance lease and other mancing obligations	-3.4	-0.3	-21.0	0.1	-33.3	-0.0	-7.0	-4.0	-4.5	-23.0	-0.0				-0.0					0.1
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs						-5.0	-5.0	0.0	-7.4	-17.4	0.0				0.0					0.0
Proceeds from debt issuance					0.0					0.0					0.0					0.
Debt prepayment penalty and other fees																				
Payment of deferred financing fees			-0.4	-1.4	-1.7					0.0					0.0					0.
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	-1.8	-0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0 -7.1	0.0 -0.2	0.1 -0.1	0.1	0.2 -7.4	0.0 -11.4				0.0 -11.4					0.
Surrender of shares to pay withholding taxes Excess tax benefits on stock compensation	-1.8	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-2.1	-7.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-7.4	-11.4				-11.4					U.
Cash paid for contingent earn-out liabilities		-3.2	-0.4	-8.0	-11.6	-1.3	-2.3	-0.3	0.0	-3.8	0.0				0.0					0.
Borrowings under asset based loan facility and revolving credit facilities		50.0	0.0	10.0	60.0	0.0	0.8	6.0	39.6	46.4	0.0				0.0					0.
Payments under asset based loan facility				-2.2	-2.2				-26.4	-26.4	-20.0									
Distributions to stockholders										0.0	0.0	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-3.3	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-4.
Other						-1.1	-2.7	-1.2	-2.1	-7.1	-3.3				-3.3					0.
Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-5.1 0.0	38.1	-22.5 -0.3	-1.5 0.3	9.0 -0.3	-21.3	-17.1 -0.1	0.5	-0.7	-38.5 0.0	-35.4 0.1	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-18.7	38.8	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	22.
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents Net change in cash	-67.1	-0.2 - 32.2	-0.3 -26.5	16.8	-0.3	-7.6	-0.1 -3.9	12.4	64.0	64.8	1.9	-20.2	14.5	70.8	0.1 86.9	68.0	-13.6	15.8	78.6	135.
net change in cash	07.1	J.L.L	20.5	10.0	100.5	7.0	3.3	12.4	04.0	04.0		20.2	14.5	70.0	00.5	00.0	13.0	13.0	70.0	133.
Net Cash - Beginning Balance	158.8	91.7	59.6	33.1	158.8	49.9	42.3	38.3	50.7	49.9	114.7	116.5	96.3	110.8	114.7	201.6	269.6	256.1	271.8	201.
Net Cash - Ending Balance	91.7	59.6	33.1	49.9	49.9	42.3	38.3	50.7	114.7	114.7	116.5	96.3	110.8	181.6	201.6	269.6	256.1	271.8	350.4	337.
Cash Flow Analysis	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.
Cash Flow from Operations	(2)	13	9	42	62	31	29	20	73	153	50	(9)	26	83	150	43	(1)	28	92	161
Yr./Yr. Change	-122%	37%	-23%	-583%	166%	-1467%	125%	114%	76%	148%	60%	-129%	31%	14%	-2%	-14%	-87%	8%	10%	89
FCF																				
Free Cash Flow (after Capex before Acqs) Yr./Yr. Change	- 11 179%	- 1 -761%	-3 -172%	19 -185%	-119%	14 -226%	13 -1038%	12 -536%	65 235%	104 2359%	37 169%	-19 -244%	16 32 %	72 11%	106 2%	29 -21%	- 12 -35%	17 8%	80 11%	11 79
Free Cash Flow (before Acqs) - Trailing 4Q's	-30	-70170	-38	4	4	29	44	-550 76	104	104	127	95	98	106	106	98	104	106	113	11
Yr./Yr. Change	-38%	9%	163%	-119%	-119%	-197%	-239%	-254%	2359%	2359%	338%	116%	69%	2%	2%	-23%	10%	7%	7%	79
Free Cash Flow (after Capex and Acquisitions)	-62	-70	-4	18	-118	14	13	12	65	103	37	-19	16	72	106	29	-12	17	80	11
Yr./Yr. Change	94%	194%	-40%	-112%	-44%	-122%	-119%	-417%	259%	-188%	175%	-244%	32%	11%	2 %	-21%	-35%	8%	11%	79
Free Cash Flow per Share	-\$0.29	-\$0.03	-\$0.06	\$0.42	\$0.09	\$0.36	\$0.29	\$0.26	\$1.40	\$2.25	\$0.81	-\$0.41	\$0.33	\$1.53	\$2.27	\$0.62	-\$0.27	\$0.36	\$1.71	\$2.4
Free Cash Flow / Net Income	-2.0x	-0.1x	-0.2x	0.9x	0.1x	2.3x	0.7x	0.7x	2.6x	1.6x	3.3x	-0.9x	0.8x	2.5x	1.3x	2.2x	-0.5x	0.7x	2.4x	1.2
EBITDA																				
EBITDA	23.2	40.1	39.3	49.0	151.6	30.9	45.5	44.3	57.6	178.3	36.6	49.8	47.9	62.6	196.9	40.0	55.7	53.8	69.9	219
			14%	17%	151.6	33%	14%	13%	18%	178.3	36.6 19%	49.8 9%	47.9 8%	9%	196.9	9%	12%	12%	12%	219.
Vr. Vr. Change	53%																			
Yr./Yr. Change EBITDA - Trailing 4Q's	53 % 138.5	3% 139.6	144.5	151.6	1076	159.3	164.7	169.7	178.3	10.70	184.1	188.4	191.9	196.9	10 /0	200.2	206.1	212.1	219.4	

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Figure 5: CHEF quarterly balance sheets (\$ millions)

The state of the s			2023					2024					2025E					2026E		
_	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	FY'23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	FY'24	Mar-25	Jun-25E	Sep-25E	Dec-25E	FY'25E	Mar-26E	Jun-26E	Sep-26E	Dec-26E	FY'26E
Days in Period	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364
Assets																				
Cash and cash equivalents	91.7	59.6	33.1	49.9	49.9	42.3	38.3	50.7	114.7	114.7	116.5	96.3	110.8	181.6	181.6	269.6	256.1	271.8	350.4	350.4
Accounts receivable, less allowances	274.6	301.4	316.1	334.0	334.0	313.1	323.4	334.4	366.3	366.3	335.8	339.6	352.8	382.8	382.8	361.0	365.1	381.0	413.4	413.4
Inventories, net	274.8	291.9	312.2	284.5	284.5	271.8	310.4	336.3	316.0	316.0	316.8	326.1	355.0	330.0	330.0	340.2	350.1	382.9	355.9	355.9
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	55.7	60.7	60.2	62.5	62.5	65.5	68.4	71.0	71.1	71.1	65.8	75.2	73.7	81.0	81.0	76.7	80.8	79.6	87.5	87.5
Total Current Assets	696.8	713.6	721.6	730.9	730.9	692.7	740.5	792.3	868.0	868.0	835.0	837.2	892.3	975.4	975.4	1,047.5	1,052.0	1,115.3	1,207.3	1,207.3
Restricted cash																				
Plant and equipment, net	196.3	205.5	208.9	234.8	234.8	250.7	259.6	269.9	275.8	275.8	294.3	292.8	291.3	289.7	289.7	290.7	289.1	287.5	285.7	285.7
Operating lease right-of-use assets	178.9	182.2	177.1	192.3	192.3	185.4	179.8	181.7	191.4	191.4	192.4	199.3	206.2	213.1	213.1	220.0	223.4	223.4	223.4	223.4
Goodwill	307.8	349.0	344.5	356.0	356.0	356.6	356.5	356.6	356.3	356.3	356.3	356.3	356.3	356.3	356.3	356.3	356.3	356.3	356.3	356.3
Intangibles assets, net	167.8	195.8	199.6	184.9	184.9	178.6	172.5	166.6	160.4	160.4	154.3	148.3	142.4	135.9	135.9	129.8	123.3	116.9	109.9	109.9
Deferred tax assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other assets	4.6	4.9	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3
Total Assets	1,552.1	1,651.0	1,658.0	1,705.3	1,705.3	1,670.4	1,715.4	1,773.6	1,858.7	1,858.7	1,838.6	1,840.1	1,894.8	1,976.7	1,976.7	2,050.5	2,050.5	2,105.8	2,189.0	2,189.0
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity																				
Accounts payable	169.9	198.1	209.3	200.5	200.5	183.0	220.4	232.2	266.8	266.8	249.5	231.6	245.1	278.6	278.6	267.9	248.6	264.3	300.5	300.5
Accrued liabilities	72.1	71.7	75.4	70.7	70.7	63.4	61.8	66.2	68.5	68.5	73.9	64.8	69.8	71.6	71.6	79.4	69.7	75.4	77.4	77.4
Short-term operating lease liabilities	21.7	23.1	22.8	24.2	24.2	23.3	23.5	23.0	22.0	22.0	21.9	22.6	23.3	24.1	24.1	24.8	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1
Accrued compensation	27.4	28.5	30.7	37.1	37.1	34.7	37.3	43.0	50.1	50.1	41.7	39.1	45.4	52.3	52.3	44.8	42.1	49.0	56.5	56.5
Current portion of long-term debt	13.2	12.0	12.0	53.2	53.2	55.5	56.6	64.7	18.0	18.0	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3
Total Current Liabilities	304.2	333.4	350.2	385.8	385.8	359.9	399.5	429.1	425.4	425.4	407.3	378.4	403.9	446.9	446.9	437.2	405.8	434.2	479.8	479.8
Long-term debt, net of current portion	654.4	709.1	689.2	664.8	664.8	667.3	660.8	666.6	688.7	688.7	681.1	681.1	681.1	681.1	681.1	681.1	681.1	681.1	681.1	681.1
Operating lease liabilities	172.0	175.1	171.2	184.0	184.0	178.6	173.0	175.0	187.1	187.1	188.6	194.8	201.0	207.2	207.2	213.4	216.5	216.5	216.5	216.5
Deferred taxes, net	6.2	7.3	9.3	14.4	14.4	14.7	17.4	19.8	15.9	15.9	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1
Other liabilities and deferred credits	9.3	3.1	3.3	1.6	1.6	2.1	2.8	2.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
Total Liabilities	1,146.2	1,228.0	1,223.3	1,250.6	1,250.6	1,222.6	1,253.5	1,293.3	1,321.0	1,321.0	1,296.9	1,274.3	1,305.9	1,355.1	1,355.1	1,351.6	1,323.3	1,351.7	1,397.3	1,397.3
Shareholder's Equity																				
Common stock	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Additional paid-in capital	340.9	347.9	352.6	356.2	356.2	347.7	346.4	358.6	399.1	399.1	392.6	397.4	402.1	406.9	406.9	412.0	417.2	422.2	427.4	427.4
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	-2.1	-1.9	-2.1	-1.8	-1.8	-2.2	-2.3	-2.6	-3.8	-3.8	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6	-3.6
Retained earnings (deficit)	66.8	76.6	84.0	100.0	100.0	101.9	117.4	123.9	141.9	141.9	152.2	171.6	190.0	217.9	217.9	290.2	313.3	335.2	367.6	367.6
Total Shareholder's Equity (deficit)	406.0	423.0	434.8	454.7	454.7	447.8	461.9	480.3	537.6	537.6	541.6	565.8	588.8	621.6	621.6	699.0	727.2	754.1	791.7	791.7
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity	1.552.1	1.651.0	1.658.0	1.705.3	1.705.3	1.670.4	1.715.4	1.773.6	1.858.7	1.858.7	1.838.6	1.840.1	1.894.8	1.976.7	1.976.7	2.050.5	2.050.5	2.105.8	2.189.0	2.189.0

Figure 6: CHEF distribution center count information

			2023					2024					2025E			2026E				
	Apr-23	Jul-23	Oct-23	Jan-24	FY'23	Арг-24	Jul-24	Oct-24	Jan-25	FY'24	Apr-25E	Jul-25E	Oct-25E	Jan-26E	FY'25E	Apr-26E	Jul-26E	Oct-26E	Jan-27E	FY'26E
Days in Period	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364	91	91	91	91	364
DC Count																				
Total Distribution Facility count, beg. of period	<u>44</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>50</u>	44	<u>52</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>68</u>
Net Distribution Facility Additions	2	2	2	2	8	2	2	2	2	8	2	2	2	2	8	2	0	0	0	2
Total DCs, end of period	46	48	50	52	52	54	56	58	60	60	62	64	66	68	68	70	70	70	70	70
Total Operating Facility count, beg. of period	<u>58</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>82</u>	82	<u>80</u>
Net Distribution Facility Additions	0	2	2	2	<u>50</u>	2	2	2	2	<u> </u>	2	2	2	2	<u>/2</u> 8	2	0	0	0	2
Total Op. Facilities, end of period	58	60	62	64	64	66	68	70	72	72	74	76	78	80	80	82	82	82	82	82
No. of DCs during period - Average	45	47	49	51	48	53	55	57	59	56	61	63	65	67	64	69	70	70	70	69
DC Additions - trailing 4 Quarters	5	6	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	6	4	2	2
Average DC Size	_																			
Total CHEF Average DC Size - Selling	63,854.9	61,800.7	59,746.5	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3	57,692.3
Yr./Yr. Growth	0.8%	-3.7%	-8.2%	-12.5%	-12.5%	-9.7%	-6.6%	-3.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total CHEF Selling Square Footage	2,937.3	2,966.4	2,987.3	3,000.0	3,000.0	3,115.4	3,230.8	3,346.2	3,461.5	3,461.5	3,576.9	3,692.3	3,807.7	3,923.1	3,923.1	4,038.5	4,038.5	4,038.5	4,038.5	4,038.5
Yr./Yr. Growth	13.1%	10.0%	6.8%	3.4%	3.4%	6.1%	8.9%	12.0%	15.4%	15.4%	14.8%	14.3%	13.8%	13.3%	13.3%	12.9%	9.4%	6.1%	2.9%	2.9%
Avg. Sq Footage - Total	2.918.7	2.951.9	2.976.9	2.993.7	2,950.0	3.057.7	3,173.1	3.288.5	3.403.8	3.230.8	3,519.2	3.634.6	3,750.0	3.865.4	3,692.3	3.980.8	4,038.5	4,038.5	4,038.5	3,980.8
Yr./Yr. Growth	14.5%	11.5%	8.4%	5.1%	9.3%	4.8%	7.5%	10.5%	13.7%	9.5%	15.1%	14.5%	14.0%	13.6%	14.3%	13.1%	11.1%	7.7%	4.5%	7.8%
New Sq Footage - Total	339.9	269.8	189.9	100.0	100.0	178.1	264.3	358.8	461.5	461.5	461.5	461.5	461.5	461.5	461.5	461.5	346.2	230.8	115.4	115.4
Yr./Yr. Growth	5.1%	-22.5%	-49.2%	-75.0%	-75.0%	-47.6%	-2.0%	89.0%	361.5%	361.5%	159.2%	74.6%	28.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-25.0%	-50.0%	-75.0%	-75.0%

Chefs' Warehouse Inc (CHEF.O)

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Income Statement (US\$m) Revenues	12/22 2,613	12/23 3,434	12/24 3,794	12/25E 4,016	% ch 5.8	12/26E 4,327	%ch 7.8	12/27E 4,695	12/28E 5,094	12/29E 5,942
Gross profit	2,613 619	3 ,434 814	914	965	5.6	1,045	8.2	1,138	1,240	1,458
•	158	193	219	240	9.8	983	309.0			337
EBITDA (UBS) Depreciation & amortisation	(52)	(75)	(81)	(93)	-13.9	(816)	309.0 NM	8,427 (8,236)	8,461 (8,243)	(65)
EBIT (UBS)	106	119	138	148	7.3	167	13.3	191	218	272
Associates & investment income	0	0	0	0	7.5	0	13.3	0	0	0
Other non-operating income	0	0	0	0	_	0	_	0	Ö	0
Net interest	(25)	(45)	(49)	(41)	15.7	(41)	0.0	(46)	(44)	(40)
Exceptionals (incl goodwill)	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	81	73	89	107	19.9	126	18.4	145	174	232
Tax	(22)	(21)	(27)	(31)	-15.1	(37)	-18.4	(42)	(50)	(67)
Profit after tax	59	52	62	76	22.0	90	18.4	103	123	164
Preference dividends	0	0	0	0	_	0	_	0	0	0
Minorities	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Net earnings (local GAAP)	59	52	62	76	22.0	90	18.4	103	123	164
Net earnings (UBS)	59	52	62	76	22.0	90	18.4	103	123	164
Tax rate (%)	26.7	28.5	30.2	29.0	-4.0	29.0	0.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
Per Share (US\$)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	%ch	12/26E	%ch	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
EPS (UBS, diluted)	1.54	1.27	1.44	1.73	19.9	2.01	16.7	2.30	2.74	3.65
EPS (local GAAP, diluted)	1.54	1.27	1.44	1.73	19.9	2.01	16.7	2.30	2.74	3.65
EPS (UBS, basic)	1.60	1.39	1.64	1.96	19.6	2.32	18.2	2.66	3.20	4.30
DPS (net) (US\$)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash EPS (UBS, diluted) 1	2.87	2.90	3.21	3.71	15.8	19.46	NM	178.30	179.79	5.07
Book value per share	10.49	9.92	11.70	16.07	37.3	20.43	27.1	24.41	32.56	52.40
Average shares (diluted)	39	46	46	47	1.2	47	0.4	47	47	46
Balance Sheet (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	%ch	12/26E	%ch	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Cash and equivalents	159	50	115	182	58.4	350	93.0	498	795	1,520
Other current assets	562	681	753	794	5.4	857	7.9	929	1,008	1,174
Total current assets	721	731	868	975	12.4	1,207	23.8	1,427	1,803	2,694
Net tangible fixed assets	186	235	276	290	5.0	286	-1.4	284	281	279
Net intangible fixed assets	443	541	517	492	-4.7	466	-5.3	440	415	358
Investments / other assets	160	199	198	219	10.7	230	4.7	237	244	258
Total assets	1,509	1,705	1,859	1,977	6.3	2,189	10.7	2,388	2,743	3,588
Trade payables & other ST liabilities	271	333	407	427	4.7	459	7.7	497	537	622
Short term debt	12	53	18	20	12.4	20	0.0	20	20	20
Total current liabilities	284	386	425	447	5.0	480	7.4	517	557	643
Long term debt	654	665	689	681	-1.1	681	0.0	681	681	681
Other long term liabilities Preferred shares	171 0	200	207	227	9.8	236	4.1	243	249	261
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Total liabilities (incl pref shares)	1,108 402	1,251 455	1,321 538	1,355	2.6 15.6	1,397 792	3.1 27.4	1,441 947	1,487	1,585 2,003
Common s/h equity Minority interests	402	433	0	622 0	13.0		27.4	947	1,256	2,003
Total liabilities & equity	1,509	1,705	1,859	1,977	6.3	2,189	10.7	2,388	2,743	3,588
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Cash Flow (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	%ch	12/26E	%ch	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Net income (before pref divs)	59	52	62	76	22.0	90	18.4	103	123	164
Depreciation & amortisation	52	75	81	93	13.9	816	NM	8,236	8,243	65
Net change in working capital	(98)	(75)	(1)	(26)	NM	(31)	-20.5	(36)	(39)	(43)
Other operating	10	10	11	8	-31.2	(713)		(8,130)	(8,128)	62
Operating cash flow	23	(1.70)	153	150	-1.9	161	7.5	174	199	249
Tangible capital expenditure	(232)	(179)	(50)	(45)	10.6	(48)	-7.8	(52)	(59)	(65)
Intangible capital expenditure	0	0	0	0		0		0	0	0
Net (acquisitions) & disposals	0	0	0	0	-	0		0	0	0
Other investing Investing cash flow	(232)	(179)	(50)	(45)	10.6	(48)	-7.8	(52)	(59)	(65)
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Equity dividends paid Share issues / (buybacks)	0 (3)	0 (2)	0 (25)	0 (15)	- 40.3	0 22	_	0 24	0 171	192
Other financing	(23)	(13)	(25)	(3)	70.0	0	-	0	0	192
Change in debt & pref shares	(2 <i>3</i>) 279	(13)	(3)	(1)	75.0	0	_	0	0	0
Financing cash flow	253	9	(38)	(19)	51.4	22		24	171	192
Cash flow inc/(dec) in cash	44	(109)	65	87	34.1	136	56.1	146	312	376
FX / non cash items	(1)	0	0	(20)	5 4. 1	33	-	1	(14)	349
Balance sheet inc/(dec) in cash	44	(109)	65	67	3.3	169	152.3	147	298	725
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Source: Company accounts, UBS estimates. (UBS) metrics use reported figures which have been adjusted by UBS analysts. Cash EPS (UBS, diluted) is calculated using UBS net income adding back depreciation and amortization.

Chefs' Warehouse Inc (CHEF.O)

Valuation (x)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
P/E (local GAAP, diluted)	22.1	24.3	27.0	33.0	28.3	24.8	20.8	15.6
P/E (UBS, diluted)	22.1	24.3	27.0	33.0	28.3	24.8	20.8	15.6
P/CEPS	11.4	9.1	10.3	13.1	2.4	0.3	0.3	9.5
Equity FCF (UBS) yield %	(16.0)	(9.5)	5.8	4.0	4.3	4.6	5.4	7.0
Dividend yield (net) %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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P/BV		3.1		3.5		2.3	1.7	1.1
EV/revenues (core)	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4
EV/EBITDA (UBS core)	10.8	9.5	11.0	13.2	3.1	0.3	0.3	6.4
EV/EBIT (core)	16.0	15.4	17.5	21.5	18.3	15.2	12.3	8.0
EV/OpFCF (core)	12.2	10.8	12.1	14.3	3.2	0.3	0.3	7.0
EV/op. invested capital	2.2	1.8	2.1	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.3	1.8
Enterprise value (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Market cap.	1,302	1,245	1,782	2,626	2,626	2,626	2,626	2,626
Net debt (cash)	396	588	630	556	435	277	55	(456)
Buy out of minorities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ò
Pension provisions/other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total enterprise value	1,697	1,832	2,412	3,182	3,061	2,903	2,681	2,169
Non core assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Core enterprise value	1,697	1,832	2,412	3,182	3,061	2,903	2,681	2,169
Growth (%)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Revenue	49.7	31.4	10.5	5.8	7.8	8.5	8.5	16.6
EBITDA (UBS)	157.5	22.4	13.3	9.8	NM	NM	0.4	(96.0)
	NM		16.0				13.8	
EBIT (UBS)	IVIVI	11.9		7.3	13.3	14.1		24.8
EPS (UBS, diluted)	-	(17.9)	13.7	19.9	16.7	14.0	19.4	33.2
Net DPS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Margins & Profitability (%)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Gross profit margin	23.7	23.7	24.1	24.0	24.1	24.2	24.3	24.5
EBITDA margin	6.0	5.6	5.8	6.0	22.7	NM	NM	5.7
EBIT (UBS) margin	4.1	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.6
Net earnings (UBS) margin	2.3	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.8
ROIC (EBIT)	13.8	11.7	12.2	13.0	14.7	16.7	18.8	23.2
ROIC post tax	10.1	8.4	8.5	9.2	10.4	11.8	13.4	16.4
ROE (UBS)	15.8	12.2	12.5	13.1	12.7	11.9	11.2	10.1
Capital structure & Coverage (x)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Net debt / EBITDA	3.2	3.5	2.7	2.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	(2.4)
Net debt / total equity %	126.3	146.9	110.1	83.6	44.3	21.5	(7.5)	(40.9)
Net debt / (net debt + total equity) %	55.8	59.5	52.4	45.5	30.7	17.7	(8.1)	(69.2)
Net debt/EV %	23.3	32.1	26.1	17.5	14.2	9.6	2.0	(21.0)
Capex / depreciation %	NM	NM	122.8	90.8	92.4	96.4	95.8	100.0
Capex / revenue %	8.9	5.2	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1
EBIT / net interest	4.2	2.6	2.8	3.6	4.1	4.2	4.9	6.8
Dividend cover (UBS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Div. payout ratio (UBS) %	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenues by division (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Others	2,613	3,434	3,794	4,016	4,327	4,695	5,094	5,942
Total	2,613	3,434	3,794	4,016	4,327	4,695	5,094	5,942
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EBIT (UBS) by division (US\$m)	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25E	12/26E	12/27E	12/28E	12/29E
Others	106	119	138	148	167	191	218	272
Total	106	119	138	148	167	191	218	272

Source: Company accounts, UBS estimates. (UBS) metrics use reported figures which have been adjusted by UBS analysts.

Forecast returns

Forecast price appreciation	19.4%
Forecast dividend yield	0.0%
Forecast stock return	19.4%
Market return assumption	8.6%
Forecast excess return	10.7%

Company Description

Chefs' Warehouse serves as a premier distributor of specialty food and center of the plate items across the US, Canada, and the Middle East. Its customers include independent restaurants, fine dining establishments, country clubs, hotels, and other entities that serve higher income customers. The company currently services over 40,000 core customer locations.

Valuation Method and Risk Statement

Our price target is based on a multiples analysis.

Investing in shares of CHEF carries several risks, including, but not limited to, the overall health of the US restaurant industry, the overall health of the travel and hospitality industries, macroeconomic conditions, consumer confidence, and food inflation/deflation.

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Chefs' Warehouse Inc

Question	Response
1. Is the industry structure facing the firm likely to improve or deteriorate over the next six months? Rate on a scale of 1-5 (1 = getting worse, 3 = no change, 5 = getting better, N/A = no view)	2
2. Is the regulatory/government environment facing the firm likely to improve or deteriorate over the next six months? Rate on a scale of 1-5 (1 = getting tougher 3 = no change, 5 = getting better, N/A = no view)	3
3. Over the last 3-6 months in broad terms have things been improving/no change/getting worse for this stock? Rate on a scale of 1-5 (1 = getting a lot worse, 3 = not much change, 5 = getting a lot better, N/A = no view)	3
4. Relative to the current CONSENSUS EPS forecast, is the next company EPS update likely to lead to: (1 = negative surprise vs consensus, 3 = in-line with consensus, 5 = positive surprise vs consensus expectations, N/A = no view)	3
5. What's driving the difference?	
6. Relative to YOUR current earnings forecast, is there relatively greater risk at the next earnings result of:(1 = downside skew risk to earnings, 3 = equal upside or downside risk to earnings, 5 = upside skew risk to earnings, N/A = no view)	3
7. What's driving the difference?	
8. Is there an upcoming catalyst for the company over the next three months?	No Catalyst
9. Is there an actual or approximate date for the catalyst?	
10. Is the catalyst date an actual or approximate date?	N/A
11. What is the catalyst?	

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Short-Term Rating	Definition	Coverage ³	IB Services ⁴
Buy	Stock price expected to rise within three months from the time the rating was assigned because of a specific catalyst or event.	<1%	<1%
Sell	Stock price expected to fall within three months from the time the rating was assigned because of a specific catalyst or event.	<1%	<1%

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Company Name	Reuters	12-month rating	Price	Price date
Chefs' Warehouse Inc16,28	CHEF.O	Buy	US\$56.97	30 Apr 2025

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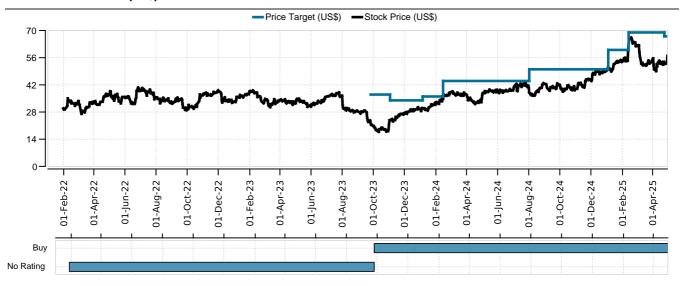
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Chefs' Warehouse Inc (US\$)



Rating	Price Target (US\$)	Stock Price (US\$)	Date
No Rating	-	28.68	2022-01-28
Buy	37.00	23.64	2023-09-25
Buy	34.00	23.72	2023-11-02
Buy	36.00	30.00	2024-01-05
Buy	44.00	36.12	2024-02-14

Date	Stock Price (US\$)	Price Target (US\$)	Rating
2024-08-01	40.60	50.00	Buy
2025-01-03	50.63	60.00	Buy
2025-02-12	59.61	69.00	Buy
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