# Evaluation of The Coca-Cola Company stock using multiples method and discounted cashflow method

**April 25, 2023, at close : \$63.85** 

\* 12- Month Target: \$80

**Upside: 25%** 

\* Recommendation: **BUY** 

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### **Company Overview**

- Coca-Cola is a global beverage firm that manufactures and distributes non-alcoholic drinks.
- Worldwide, Coca-Cola employs over 700,000 people and conducts business in over 200 nations and territories.
- One of the most valuable brands in the world is continuously Coca-Cola.

#### **Historical Data**

- In 1886, Coca-Cola was established in Atlanta, Georgia.
- The company went public in 1919 on the NYSE, IPO price of \$40 per share. Since then, it has undergone eleven 2-for-1 stock splits.
- Coca-Cola is listed globally, such as the London Stock Exchange, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.





#### **Product Line**

#### COFFEE & TEA

- Costa Coffee
- Honest Tea
- •Fuze Tea
- •Gold Peak
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- Ades
- Minute Maid
- •Simply
- •Fairlife
- •Odwalla
- •Innocent

SPARKLING SOFT DRINKS

- •Coca-Cola
- •Diet Coke
- Sprite
- •Fanta
- Appletiser
- •Barq's
- •Fresca
- •Schweppes

WATERS & HYDRATION

- Dasani
- •Smartwater
- Vitaminwater
- Topo Chico
- Powerade





### **SWOT Analysis**

#### Strength

- Strong brand identity
- Unparalleled distribution system
- Acquisitions
- Repositioning portfolio

#### **Threats**

- Changing Consumer Preferences
- Environmental Concerns
- Direct and indirect competition
- Lawsuits



#### Weakness

- Aggressive competition with Pepsi
- Health concerns
- Environmentally
   Destructive Packaging
- Product diversification

#### **Opportunities**

- Developing Healthier Beverages
- Investing in Sustainability
- Expanding into New Markets
- Entry into the Alcoholic Beverage
   Sector

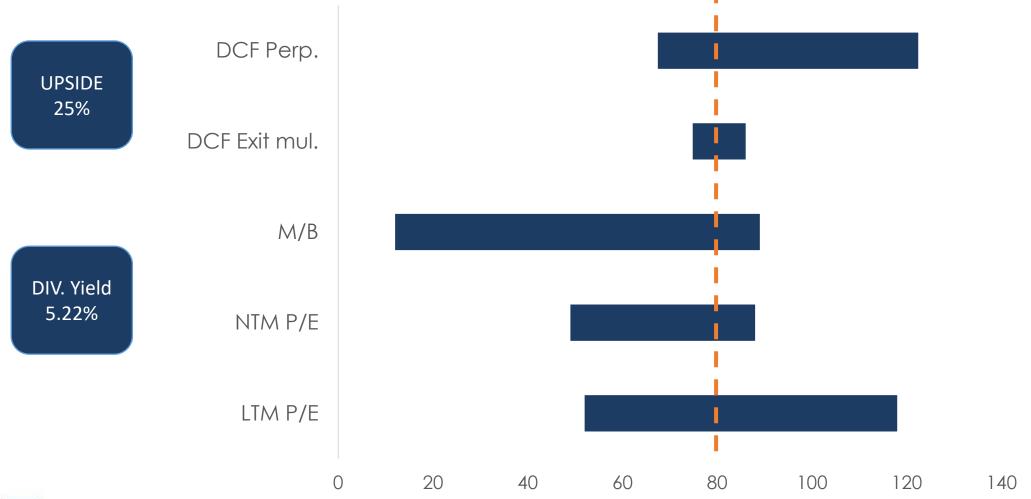


### **Industry Positioning**

Company	Market Cap (in millions)	Main Focus	Product lineups
The Coca-Cola Company (NYSE:KO)	\$276,120.00	non- alcoholic beverages	Carbonated Soft Drinks,Non- Carbonated Soft Drinks,EnergyDrinks, Tea and Coffee,Sports Drinks and Water
PepsiCo, Inc. (NasdaqGS:PEP)	\$255,367.90	food and beverage	Carbonated Soft Drinks,Non- Carbonated Soft Drinks,EnergyDrinks, Tea and Coffee,Snacks and Water
Monster Beverage Corporation (NasdaqGS:MNST)	\$59,301.30	energy drink	Energy Drinks and Non- Energy Beverages
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc. (NasdaqGS:KDP)	\$49,661.60	hot and cold beverages	Tea and Coffee,Juice , Water , Soda,EnergyDrinks



### Valuation Summary







# **Comparables Analysis**

Aggregated Comparable Company Multiples (in millions)								
	Stock Price	EPS		<u>Market</u> capitalization	Book Value	<u>P/E</u>	<u>ratio</u>	M/B ratio
Comparable Company		LTM	NTM			LTM	NTM	
PepsiCo, Inc. (NasdaqGS:PEP)	\$185.41	\$6.79	\$7.26	\$255,368	\$17,149.00	27.3x	25.5x	14.9x
Monster Beverage Corporation (NasdaqGS:MNST)	\$ 53.07	\$1.12	\$1.50	\$59,301	\$7,025.00	47.4x	35.4x	8.4x
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc. (NasdaqGS:KDP)	\$35.31	\$1.68	\$1.79	\$49,662	\$25,126.00	21.0x	19.7x	2.0x
The Coca-Cola Company (NYSE:KO)		\$2.48	\$2.60		\$25,826.0	)		





### **Comparables Analysis**

#### **Subject Company Valuation Summary**

Descriptive	Stock	Price	Market Capitalization	
<u>Statistic</u>	LTM P/E	NTM P/E		Per share price
PepsiCo, Inc. (NasdaqGS:PEP)	\$68	\$63	\$384,578	\$88.89
Monster Beverage Corporation (NasdaqGS:MNST)	\$118	\$88	\$218,009	\$50.39
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc. (NasdaqGS:KDP)	\$52	\$49	\$51,045	\$11.80
Average	\$79.12	\$66.67	\$217,878	\$50.36
Median	\$67.72	\$63.34	\$218,009	\$50.39





### **DCF Model Assumptions**

- •Revenue estimates have been taken from CapitalIQ.
- •Coca-Cola maintains its 2023 capital structure, with a Debt-equity ratio of 15.3%.
- •Depreciation & Amortization % remains at 2022 levels throughout the projection period.
- •Days Sales outstanding, Days Inventory held, Days Payable outstanding, Deferred revenue, Accrued liabilities & other current liabilities remain at 2022 levels throughout the projection period.
- •Exit multiple after the projection period is 20x EBITDA.
- •The perpetual growth rate is estimated at 2.5%.
- •The marginal tax rate is assumed to be 21%.
- •The Market risk premium is assumed to be 5%.

Component	Rate
Risk Free rate	3.8%
<b>Equity Premium</b>	5.0%
Levered Beta	0.54
Cost of Equity	6.4%
Pre-Tax cost of Debt	4.0%
Marginal Tax rate	21.0%
After tax cost of Debt	3.2%
WACC	6.0%





# **DCF Sensitivity Analysis**

		Impl	ied Enterprise Value	Sensitivity Analysis		
				Terminal Multiple		
		18.0x	19.0x	20.0x	21.0x	22.0x
WACC	5.0%	363,300	379,999	396,698	413,397	430,096
≸	5.5%	355,505	371,812	388,119	404,426	420,733
	6.0%	347,922	363,848	379,774	395,700	411,626
	6.5%	340,545	356,101	371,657	387,213	402,768
	7.0%	333,368	348,564	363,759	378,955	394,151
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# **DCF Sensitivity Analysis**

		Implied Enterpr	ise Value / 2023E E	BITDA Sensitivity An	nalysis	
				Terminal Multiple		
		18.0x	19.0x	20.0x	21.0x	22.0x
WACC	5.0%	20.4x	21.3x	22.3x	23.2x	24.2x
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	6.0%	19.5x	20.4x	21.3x	22.2x	23.1x
	6.5%	19.1x	20.0x	20.9x	21.8x	22.6x
	7.0%	18.7x	19.6x	20.4x	21.3x	22.1x
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		1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%
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WACC	5.5%	20.8x	23.4x	26.8x	31.6x	38.8x
WAC	5.5% 6.0%	20.8x 18.5x	23.4x 20.5x	26.8x 23.0x	31.6x 26.4x	38.8x 31.1x
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#### Conclusion

- KO is expected to remain one of the strongest players in the industry.
- Innovative & diversified product lines provide a huge upside to the firm.
- Solid brand reputation and future earnings estimates led us to believe that the company is undervalued.
- The company has shown relative strength in all phases of an economic cycle. Thus, we assign a BUY recommendation to the stock.



