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## FOOD & BEVERAGE 2H22: WHAT TO KNOW

- ☐ Eating and drinking may be two of the simpler things in life, but the food & beverage industry is far from simple and is going high-tech.
- ☐ Imagine creating "meat" in a lab (and selling it), turning grains into protein ingredients to reinvent food, or ordering and getting a meal all through touchscreens and robotics, because that's happening.
- ☐ And how does growing food help humanity if it ends up in a landfill or compost bin uneaten? There's a new push to "upcycling," finding ways to turn less-than-perfect produce into new, desirable products.

## Not The Best Of Times, But Better Ahead (But Where Are The Eggs?)

After a go-go 2021 and record M&A activity in the food & beverage industry, 2022 saw a cooling-off period. Not surprising. Rising interest rates, food inflation, the war in Ukraine, and supply chain issues created headwinds across the industry. Then, throw in a troublesome disease like Avian flu and an egg shortage. Tough times. It doesn't mean deals didn't get done, but not as many. Still, there are areas worth watching and some exciting possibilities, especially in food tech, from at-home nutrition tracking to the first-ever (mostly) automated McDonald's franchise. Even when it comes to the stuff we put in our bodies, everything seems to come down to tech. 1,2,3,4,5,6

Food producers are turning to tech both to deliver food and to produce new proteins through an emerging new technology called precision fermentation. We're also watching a pretty common sense move into what's being labeled "upcycling," taking what used to be waste products, or less-than-perfect produce, from food processors and turning them into a product someone will want to eat. Waste not, want not. And of course, there's an association for upcycling, and they are "certifying" stuff.<sup>7</sup>

If the public good is in play, we can't help but keep an eye on how Russia's invasion of Ukraine is affecting the industry. Going beyond world hunger and Ukraine's grain production, we've seen multiple food and beverage brands shut down their operations in Russia, including beer maker AB InBev, Krispy Kreme donuts, McDonald's, Sodexo, and Starbucks. If nothing else, these demonstrate how even retail food and beverage brands are impacted by geopolitics. A good reminder that actions have consequences, and in the Food and Beverage industry we need to remain agile and aware. McDonald's made headlines when it opened its first restaurant in the then-Soviet Union in 1990. Now it's out.<sup>8,9</sup>

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#### The Robots That Take Your Order And Make Your Food

Food Tech is driven by both consumer demand and cold hard financial realities.

For the home chef, food tech is sneaking even further into the kitchen. The refrigerator that can remind you when you're running low on eggs was just the beginning. At the CES tech show in Las Vegas, companies unveiled an A.I. driven oven that can tell you if your meal is about to burn; an autonomous ramen maker that can whip up a tasty bowl 24/7 at your office; and a digital cutting board setup that weighs your food as you prepare it and calculates calories (it's aimed at helping people who have goals such as reducing daily calorie intake by a certain percentage.)<sup>5</sup>

If it's fancy home cooking you're after, tech has you covered for that as well. In 2022 we saw a sort of "Peloton of cooking" gadget, a cutting board with a docking station and digital screen where you can follow along with a chef during live cooking lessons (subscription required, of course, \$9.99 a month) as you whip up a gourmet meal. Need that meal prepared absolutely to perfection? A Brazilian company has a "smart" induction stove that weighs your food, connects to an app, and guides you through the cooking process to your specifications. Even the big guys are getting in on kitchen tech as GE unveiled a voice-controlled "smart mixer" that weighs your food and uses sensors to blend to your desired specifications, without overmixing. Only \$1,000 at Crate & Barrel, today.<sup>5,10</sup>

Tech is also rapidly changing the Food Service industry. McDonald's in December opened its first "mostly automated" outlet in Texas, to save on wages but also to address labor shortages. While the minimum wage is still just \$7.25 in Texas, minimum wages are rising rapidly in other areas, and reducing reliance on workers may allow some locations to remain open and reduce operating costs.<sup>6,11</sup>

#### Machine-Made Food

If robotics and tech are already down on the farm doing the work of laborers, and at the drive-through serving your burger, they are also in the middle, preparing food at the factory.

With production labor scarce, or expensive, food processors are making a hard turn to automation. More machines making food means fewer HR headaches, sick days, scheduling issues, training, and recruiting. Somewhere, the argument for automation shifted from safety, quality, and cost savings to full-on workforce alternatives.

While automation has long been used for packaging, we're watching new innovations in sorting, moving, and quality control. And then there are "automated carcass splitters." With the food robotics market expected to reach nearly \$4.4 billion this decade, robots will likely find their way into every avenue of food production, including dairy, bakery, meat, seafood, poultry, grains, and beverages. And, as in other sectors, we're seeing the acceleration of machine learning, artificial intelligence, and real-time data analytics. 14,15,7

If technology is helping us package and deliver food, food tech is also emerging as a way to make food. A developing technology called "precision fermentation" is allowing producers to create raw ingredients such as animal-free proteins by modifying organisms such as yeast to create proteins. A chocolate bar with 70% less sugar, made from sweet proteins? Done. An alcoholic beverage with a protein booster? Why not? Animal-product-free ice cream? Consumer giant Unilever is on it. Why not a vegan pizza with a fermented cheese alternative that tastes like cheese? (They're working on that, too). Technology isn't just about creating these alternatives, it's about creating alternatives people will enjoy eating. And making food is going beyond ingredients, we're watching for FDA and USDA approval (possibly this year) of lab-grown meat, real meat grown from animal cells in a lab.<sup>7</sup>

Food Tech such as precision fermentation is likely to become even bigger within the food industry, as consumers look for alternatives to animal-derived products and the global supply chain adjusts to today's realities. By one account, the estimated precision fermentation market in 2021 of \$1.3 billion is expected to reach \$37.3 billion by 2030 at a 48% compound annual growth rate (CAGR).<sup>16</sup>



## It's Not What You Harvest, It's What You Sell

As much as 40% of the U.S. food supply is lost to waste. The federal government, the food industry, and more recently the public are taking notice, particularly with food inflation at its highest it has been in years. There is a growing quest for catching that waste before it hits the landfill or the compost bin, and in finding alternative uses to make better use of everything we grow and produce. One emerging trend is called "upcycling." The idea is to maximize food usage, eliminate supply chain failures, and find ways to incorporate ingredients that might have gone to waste into other products. A snack maker takes damaged plantains that could have been discarded and turns them into tasty chips. Pits from date processing are being turned into a coffee alternative. Products using upcycled materials saw a 122% increase in the past five years. That's more than a blip, that's a trend. And it's not just about diverting food as it spoils, better tech is on the way to help monitor the freshness, level of ripeness, and better estimate remaining shelf life. Chemical companies, too, are looking for ways to prevent waste, developing products that can kill the pathogens that cause vegetables and fruits to spoil before they are sold. It's a team effort with opportunities throughout.<sup>7,17</sup>

Think about it. When food is wasted, it's not just food, it's the fuel and other inputs, labor, and precious water that goes to waste. And as wasted food rots in a landfill, it produces the greenhouse gas methane. This is an important field to watch.<sup>18</sup>

## Serving Up Deals: Mergers & Acquisitions

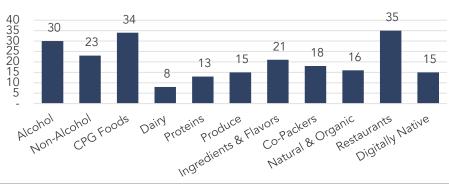
- ☐ The consolidation in the craft beer brewing industry continues at a rapid pace with numerous deals completed during the last half of 2022. Carlsberg Group announced on December 15, 2022, that it had reached a deal with Waterloo Brewing, Ontario, Canada's largest Canadian-owned brewer to acquire the business for \$107 MM (\$144 MM CAD), at a multiple of 1.3x revenue or 8.3x EBITDA.19 And earlier this year, Japanese beer maker, Sapporo announced it had completed the acquisition of California-based Stone Brewing for \$165 MM. Stone Brewing's operations on both the east and west coasts, along with Sapporo's Sleeman brewing operations in Ontario, better positions Sapporo in the North American market to better compete with other brands and with the hard seltzers and ready-to-drink premixed cocktails eating into the craft beer market.20
- ☐ Likewise, M&A activity in the non-alcoholic beverage sector continues, particularly in the coffee industry. Nestle announced its planned acquisition of Seattle's Best Coffee from Starbucks for \$7.15b, while in July Olam Food Ingredients announced a deal to acquire to Canadian-based Club Coffee for \$116mm.<sup>21,22</sup> Consolidation in the coffee sector began a few years ago and seems to be continuing at a robust pace despite a general slowing in the M&A market overall. Brands with niche market positions but low market penetration are benefiting from the marketing and distribution capabilities of the larger players.

## High Tech Solutions For Very Basic Needs

It's humanity's most basic need: eating. Food fuels our lives and drives our existence. You can live without an iPhone, but not without food. But as the global population grows, water supplies shrink, labor becomes a premium, and we continue to deal with the effects of an unstable climate, how we produce food must evolve. Technology is leading the way from production, to preservation, preparation, to packaging and delivery. We're excited to watch developments of not only new products and production, but also a renewed awareness about what we eat, and what we waste. While M&A activity in the sector slowed in 2022, we believe as the foundation of our existence, the food & beverage industry remains a key part of the global economy. While tastes may change, food never goes out of style.





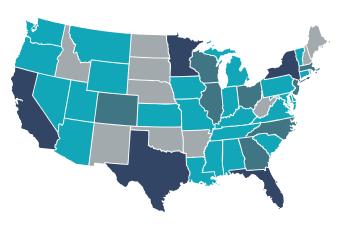


## TRANSACTIONS BY TYPE



## TRANSACTIONS BY LOCATION







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## TRANSACTION ACTIVITY

Date	Target	Buyer(s)	Segment	Amount (\$ in Mil)	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA
12/19/2022	Mondelez International	Perfetti Van Melle	CPG Foods	1350.00	-	-
12/14/2022	Waterloo Brewing	Carlsberg	Alcohol	106.89	1.3x	8.3x
11/1/2022	Denali Ingredients	Orkla Food Ingredients	Ingredients & Flavors	168.00	1.7x	11.7×
10/28/2022	Recipe Unlimited	Fairfax Financial Holdings	Restaurants	834.98	-	-
10/28/2022	Qdo ba Restaurant	Butterfly Equity, King Street Capital Management, Modern Market	Restaurants	-	-	-
10/19/2022	Seattle's Best Coffee	Nestlé	Non-Alcohol	7150.00	-	-
10/3/2022	Winland Foods	Investindustrial	CPG Foods	950.00	-	-
8/31/2022	Stone Brewing	Sapporo Holdings	Alcohol	165.00	-	-
8/9/2022	BBQ Holdings	M TY Food Group	Restaurants	200.00	-	-

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Sources: PitchBook Financial Data and Analytics

Note: This data represents recorded transactions only, and is not all-inclusive. Nevertheless, they are typically representative of the industry.





## **ACTIVE BUYERS**

## MOST ACTIVE STRATEGIC BUYERS

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## SELECT SPONSORS WITH ACTIVE PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

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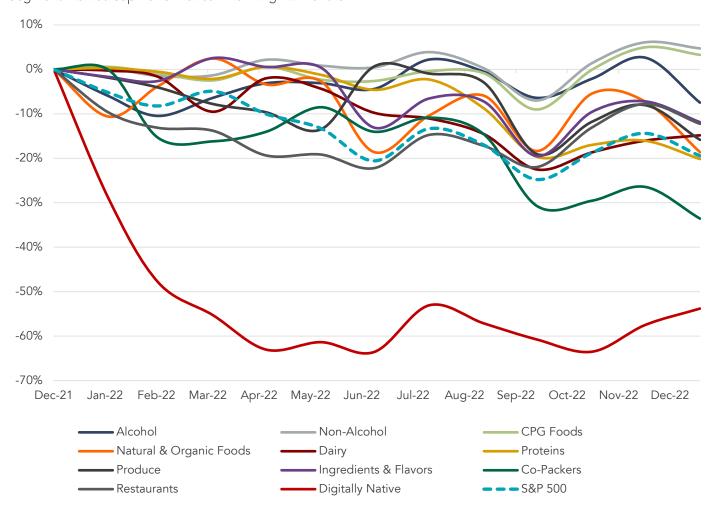




## **PUBLIC BASKET**

#### **FOOD & BEVERAGE SEGMENTS VS. S&P 500**

Segment Market Cap Performance – Running 12 Months



## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

			М	arket St	tats			Operati	ng Stats	L	ΓM Multi	ples	NTM M	ultiples
Company Name	Symbol	Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	Р	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Diageo	DGE	\$ 99,849	\$	44.00	3.8%	(19.2%)	79.2%	6.6%	34.0%	5.8x	17.1x	23.7x	5.4x	15.8x
Constellation Brands	STZ	42,742		231.75	0.9%	(7.7%)	88.6%	4.3%	13.9%	5.7x	41.1x	NM	5.5x	15.1x
Brown-Forman	BF.B	31,484		65.68	(1.3%)	(9.9%)	84.0%	0.5%	31.8%	7.9x	24.9x	35.7x	7.9x	23.1x
Molson Coors Beverage Company	TAP	11,220		51.52	7.4%	11.2%	85.7%	2.7%	14.6%	1.6x	11.2x	22.7x	1.6x	8.3x
Boston Beer Co	SAM	4,051		329.52	1.8%	(34.8%)	61.6%	6.0%	5.7%	2.0x	NM	NM	1.8x	14.6x
MGP Ingredients	MGPI	2,340		106.38	0.2%	25.2%	84.6%	7.4%	24.2%	3.3x	13.8x	19.9x	3.1x	14.3x
Willamette Valley Vineyards	WVVI	30		5.97	(3.3%)	(31.1%)	55.0%	NM	7.9%	2.6x	32.4x	NM	NM	NM
Abcourt Mines	ABI	15		0.04	33.6%	(37.5%)	51.1%	NM	(26.2%)	1.2x	NM	NM	NM	NM
Canstar Resources	ROX	7		0.06	7.2%	(71.4%)	26.5%	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Segment Average					5.6%	(19.5%)	68.5%	4.6%	13.2%	3.8x	23.4x	25.5x	4.2x	15.2x
Segment Median					1.8%	(19.2%)	79.2%	5.1%	14.2%	3.0x	21.0 x	23.2x	4.3x	14.8 x





## PUBLIC BASKET (CONTINUED)

## **NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

			М	arket Si	ats			Operati	ng Stats	L1	「M Multi	ples	NTM M	ultiples
Company Name	Symbol	Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	Р	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Coca-Cola	KO	\$ 275,082	\$	63.61	13.5%	7.4%	94.7%	4.0%	32.6%	7.2x	22.0x	27.9x	6.9x	21.3x
Pepsico	PEP	248,897		180.66	10.7%	4.0%	96.7%	5.0%	20.1%	3.4x	16.4x	25.8x	3.2x	17.4x
Monster Beverage	MNST	53,011		101.53	16.8%	5.7%	97.0%	14.6%	26.5%	8.1x	30.5x	44.9x	7.1x	23.1x
Coca Cola Consolidated	COKE	4,803		512.36	24.4%	(17.3%)	78.1%	1.0%	10.7%	0.9x	8.4x	14.6x	0.9x	NM
National Beverage	FIZZ	4,344		46.53	20.7%	2.6%	80.7%	4.1%	18.2%	3.7x	20.3x	32.1x	3.6x	NM
Treehouse Foods	THS	2,769		49.38	16.4%	21.8%	96.7%	(19.2%)	5.5%	1.3x	35.2x	NM	1.3x	14.5x
Primo Water Corporation	PRMW	2,478		15.51	22.4%	(11.4%)	86.9%	5.9%	13.3%	1.8x	13.9x	NM	1.7x	8.9x
The Hain Celestial Group	HAIN	1,445		16.18	(4.1%)	(62.0%)	37.2%	0.7%	8.3%	1.3x	15.5x	22.8x	1.3x	11.5x
Coffee Holding	JVA	12		2.04	(18.4%)	(53.5%)	43.4%	NM	0.4%	0.3x	82.3x	29.1x	NM	NM
Reed's	REED	9		0.07	(42.1%)	(80.5%)	16.2%	20.7%	(30.3%)	0.6x	NM	NM	0.5x	NM
Segment Average Segment Median					6.0% 15.0%	(18.3%) (4.4%)	72.8% 83.8%	4.1% 4.1%	10.5% 12.0%	2.9x 1.6x	27.2x 20.3x	28.2x 27.9x	2.9x 1.7x	16.1x 15.9x

## **CPG FOODS (INCLUDING SNACKS)**

			М	arket St	ats			Operati	ng Stats	Li	TM Multi	ples	NTM M	ultiples
Company Name	Symbol	Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	Pı	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Mondelez International	MDLZ	\$ 91,018	\$	66.65	21.6%	0.5%	95.9%	7.4%	16.7%	3.6x	21.9x	29.6x	3.4x	17.2x
General Mills	GIS	49,439		83.85	9.5%	24.4%	94.9%	4.1%	22.6%	3.1x	13.9x	17.5x	3.0x	15.2x
Hormel Foods	HRL	24,890		45.55	0.2%	(6.7%)	82.7%	2.4%	12.6%	2.2x	17.3x	25.0x	2.1x	16.5x
Kellogg's	K	24,313		71.24	2.3%	10.6%	92.3%	4.0%	17.3%	2.1x	12.3x	16.4x	2.0x	13.1x
McCormick & Company	MKC	22,219		82.89	16.3%	(14.2%)	77.2%	4.0%	18.0%	4.3x	23.8x	32.4x	4.1x	21.2x
Campbell Soup	CPB	16,995		56.75	20.4%	30.6%	98.2%	4.8%	17.6%	2.4x	13.9x	21.6x	2.3x	12.6x
Flowers Foods	FLO	6,068		28.74	16.4%	4.6%	95.3%	6.2%	9.2%	1.5x	16.3x	27.9x	1.4x	13.5x
Lancaster Colony	LANC	5,436		197.30	31.3%	19.1%	92.2%	9.2%	9.7%	3.2x	32.3x	56.5x	2.9x	17.6x
Post Holdings	POST	5,302		90.26	10.2%	22.4%	94.2%	5.2%	27.2%	1.9x	6.9x	7.7x	1.8x	NM
J&J Snack Foods	JJSF	2,878		149.71	15.6%	(5.2%)	90.2%	14.1%	8.4%	2.1x	25.5x	60.9x	1.9x	NM
B&G Foods	BGS	799		11.15	(32.4%)	(63.7%)	32.5%	3.2%	7.6%	1.5x	20.2x	NM	1.5x	9.9x
Farmer Brothers	FARM	90		4.61	(1.7%)	(38.1%)	58.5%	9.4%	2.8%	0.5x	16.7x	NM	0.4x	15.7x
Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory	RMCF	36		5.70	(5.2%)	(27.4%)	63.8%	NM	(8.0%)	1.0x	NM	NM	NM	NM
Segment Average					8.0%	(3.3%)	82.2%	6.2%	12.4%	2.3x	18.4x	29.5x	2.2x	15.3 x
Segment Median					10.2%	0.5%	92.2%	5.0%	12.6%	2.1x	17.0 x	26.5x	2.1x	15.4x

## **NATURAL & ORGANIC FOODS**

			M	arket St	ats			Operati	ng Stats	Li	「M Multi	ples	NTM M	lultiples
Company Name	Symbol	Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	Р	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Sprouts Farmers Market	SFM	\$ 3,426	\$	32.37	16.6%	9.1%	91.6%	6.6%	9.3%	0.7x	7.8x	14.1x	0.7x	9.4x
United Natural Foods	UNFI	2,316		38.71	12.6%	(21.1%)	75.7%	3.4%	2.5%	0.2x	8.2x	10.0x	0.2x	7.0x
The Hain Celestial Group	HAIN	1,445		16.18	(4.1%)	(62.0%)	37.2%	0.7%	8.3%	1.3x	15.5x	22.8x	1.3x	11.5x
SunOpta	SOY	906		8.40	(8.8%)	22.1%	71.9%	10.4%	3.3%	1.4x	43.2x	NM	1.3x	13.2x
Calavo Growers	CVGW	521		29.40	(7.4%)	(30.7%)	64.6%	0.3%	1.3%	0.5x	39.1x	NM	0.5x	9.8x
Limoneira	LMNR	216		12.21	(7.4%)	(18.6%)	75.0%	(0.2%)	6.7%	1.9x	NM	NM	1.9x	NM
Natural Grocers	NGVC	208		9.14	(15.3%)	(35.9%)	37.7%	2.1%	5.3%	0.5x	10.1x	9.7x	0.5x	NM
Destination Italia	DIT	14		1.15	46.0%	(23.8%)	67.2%	NM	NM	0.8x	NM	NM	0.3x	NM
Reed's	REED	9		0.07	(42.1%)	(80.5%)	16.2%	20.7%	(30.3%)	0.6x	NM	NM	0.5x	NM
RiceBran Technologies	RIBT	5		0.74	(58.6%)	(78.7%)	8.3%	(3.4%)	(22.4%)	0.3x	NM	NM	0.3x	NM
Segment Average					(6.8%)	(32.0%)	54.5%	4.5%	(1.8%)	0.8x	20.7x	14.1x	0.7x	10.2x
Segment Median					(7.4%)	(27.2%)	65.9%	2.1%	3.3%	0.7x	12.8x	12.0 x	0.5x	9.8x





## PUBLIC BASKET (CONTINUED)

## **DAIRY**

			M	arket St	ats			Operati	ng Stats	LT	M Multi	oles	NTM M	lultiples
Company Name	Symbol	Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	Р	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Danone	BN	\$ 33,563	\$	52.47	9.9%	(15.1%)	78.6%	3.7%	15.6%	1.6x	10.0x	19.0x	1.5x	9.3x
Lifeway Foods	LWAY	77		5.55	(3.0%)	20.7%	61.7%	11.2%	2.8%	0.6x	22.3x	NM	0.6x	NM
Segment Average					3.5%	2.8%	70.1%	7.4%	9.2%	1.1x	16.1x	19.0 x	1.0 x	9.3x
Segment Median					3.5%	2.8%	70.1%	7.4%	9.2%	1.1x	16.1x	19.0 x	1.0 x	9.3x

## **PROTEINS**

			M	arket St	ats			Operati	ng Stats	L1	rM Multi	oles	NTM M	ultiples
Company Name	Symbol	M arket Cap (\$ in M il)	Р	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Hormel Foods	HRL	\$ 24,890	\$	45.55	0.2%	(6.7%)	82.7%	2.4%	12.6%	2.2x	17.3x	25.0x	2.1x	16.5x
Tyson Foods	TSN	22,275		62.25	(5.6%)	(28.6%)	61.8%	4.8%	10.7%	0.6x	5.2x	7.0x	0.5x	6.4x
Pilgrim's Pride	PPC	5,611		23.73	3.1%	(15.9%)	68.5%	(2.2%)	10.0%	0.5x	4.9x	6.1x	0.5x	8.0x
Post Holdings	POST	5,302		90.26	10.2%	22.4%	94.2%	5.2%	27.2%	1.9x	6.9x	7.7x	1.8x	NM
Nomad Foods	NOMD	3,001		17.24	21.4%	(32.1%)	64.1%	3.7%	14.2%	1.6x	11.5x	11.5x	1.6x	8.4x
Bridgford Foods	BRID	108		11.92	(15.8%)	(1.6%)	76.9%	NM	24.0%	0.4x	1.5x	NM	NM	NM
Pingtan Marine Enterprises	PME	34		0.40	(52.7%)	(30.4%)	35.7%	NM	NM	2.4x	12.3x	20.0x	NM	NM
Segment Average Segment Median					(5.6%) 0.2%	(13.3%) (15.9%)	69.1% 68.5%	2.8% 3.7%	16.5% 13.4%	1.4 x 1.6 x	8.5x 6.9x	12.9x 9.6x	1.3 x 1.6 x	9.9x 8.2x

## **PRODUCE/AGRIBUSINESS**

			М	arket St	ats			Operati	ng Stats	L1	ΓM Multi	ples	NTM M	ultiples
Company Name	Symbol	Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	Р	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Sysco	SYY	\$ 38,742	\$	76.45	8.1%	(2.7%)	83.5%	9.1%	4.7%	0.7x	14.9x	27.1x	0.6x	11.4x
US Foods	USFD	7,651		34.02	28.7%	(2.3%)	85.6%	8.5%	2.8%	0.4x	14.1x	NM	0.4x	8.8x
Nomad Foods	NOMD	3,001		17.24	21.4%	(32.1%)	64.1%	3.7%	14.2%	1.6x	11.5x	11.5x	1.6x	8.4x
United Natural Foods	UNFI	2,316		38.71	12.6%	(21.1%)	75.7%	3.4%	2.5%	0.2x	8.2x	10.0x	0.2x	7.0x
Fresh Del Monte Produce	FDP	1,253		26.19	12.7%	(5.1%)	83.3%	1.9%	4.3%	0.4x	10.2x	18.2x	0.4x	NM
SpartanNash	SPTN	1,066		30.24	4.2%	17.4%	80.1%	4.8%	2.0%	0.2x	9.9x	19.6x	0.2x	7.4x
SunOpta	SOY	906		8.40	(8.8%)	22.1%	71.9%	10.4%	3.3%	1.4x	43.2x	NM	1.3x	13.2x
Calavo Growers	CVGW	521		29.40	(7.4%)	(30.7%)	64.6%	0.3%	1.3%	0.5x	39.1x	NM	0.5x	9.8x
Seneca Foods	SENEA	464		60.95	20.8%	27.1%	88.7%	NM	7.1%	0.6x	7.8x	10.9x	NM	NM
Limoneira	LMNR	216		12.21	(7.4%)	(18.6%)	75.0%	(0.2%)	6.7%	1.9x	NM	NM	1.9x	NM
Alico	ALCO	181		23.87	(15.5%)	(35.5%)	54.7%	(33.8%)	34.2%	3.2x	9.4x	14.5x	4.9x	17.0x
Segment Average					6.3%	(7.4%)	75.2%	0.8%	7.6%	1.0 x	16.8 x	16.0 x	1.2 x	10.4x
Segment Median					8.1%	(5.1%)	75.7%	3.5%	4.3%	0.6x	10.9 x	14.5 x	0.6x	9.3x

## **INGREDIENTS & FLAVORS**

			М	arket St	ats			Operati	ng Stats	L1	ΓM Multi	ples	NTM M	ultiples
Company Name	Symbol	Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	Pi	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
McCormick & Company	MKC	\$ 22,219	\$	82.89	16.3%	(14.2%)	77.2%	4.0%	18.0%	4.3x	23.8x	32.4x	4.1x	21.2x
Ingredio n	INGR	6,420		97.93	21.6%	1.3%	96.1%	13.5%	12.0%	1.1x	9.3x	14.8x	1.0x	8.0x
Sensient Technologies	SXT	3,065		72.92	5.2%	(27.1%)	71.7%	3.7%	17.4%	2.5x	14.4x	22.1x	2.4x	13.8x
SunOpta	SOY	906		8.40	(8.8%)	22.1%	71.9%	10.4%	3.3%	1.4x	43.2x	NM	1.3x	13.2x
Segment Average Segment Median					8.6% 10.7%	(4.5%) (6.4%)	79.2% 74.5%	7.9% 7.2%	12.7% 14.7%	2.3x 2.0x	22.7x 19.1x	23.1x 22.1x	2.2x 1.9x	14.0 x 13.5 x





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## **CO-PACKERS**

			M	arket St	ats			Operati	ng Stats	Li	TM Multi	ples	NTM M	ultiples
Company Name	Symbol	Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	Р	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Pilgrim's Pride	PPC	\$ 5,611	\$	23.73	3.1%	(15.9%)	68.5%	(2.2%)	10.0%	0.5x	4.9x	6.1x	0.5x	8.0x
Herbalife International of America	HLF	1,457		14.88	(25.2%)	(63.6%)	32.5%	(9.1%)	12.3%	0.7x	6.0x	4.8x	0.8x	6.9x
John B. Sanfilippo & Son	JBSS	937		81.32	7.4%	(9.8%)	88.3%	(4.2%)	9.9%	1.0x	10.2x	16.3x	1.1x	NM
Bridgford Foods	BRID	108		11.92	(15.8%)	(1.6%)	76.9%	NM	24.0%	0.4x	1.5x	NM	NM	NM
Coffee Holding	JVA	12		2.04	(18.4%)	(53.5%)	43.4%	NM	0.4%	0.3x	NM	NM	NM	NM
RiceBran Technologies	RIBT	5		0.74	(58.6%)	(78.7%)	8.3%	(3.4%)	(22.4%)	0.3x	NM	NM	0.3x	NM
Segment Average					(17.9%)	(37.2%)	53.0%	(4.7%)	5.7%	0.5x	5.6x	9.1x	0.7x	7.5x
Segment Median					(17.1%)	(34.7%)	55.9%	(3.8%)	10.0%	0.4x	5.4x	6.1x	0.7x	7.5x

#### **FINE DINING**

			Ма	arket St	tats			Operati	ng Stats	<u> </u>	TM Multi	ples	NTM M	lultiples
Company Name	Symbol	Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	Pr	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Darden Restaurants	DRI	\$ 16,930	\$	138.33	9.5%	(8.2%)	89.1%	9.4%	15.4%	2.1x	14.3x	19.1x	2.0x	12.8x
Ruth's Hospitality Group	RUTH	514		15.48	(8.2%)	(22.2%)	62.1%	11.1%	13.3%	1.5x	11.6x	13.0x	1.4x	8.8x
The One Group	STKS	203		6.30	(5.1%)	(50.0%)	45.5%	22.0%	8.9%	1.0x	11.7x	14.7x	0.9x	6.2x
Segment Average					(1.3%)	(26.8%)	65.6%	14.2%	12.5%	1.6 x	12.5 x	15.6x	1.4 x	9.3x
Segment Median					(5.1%)	(22.2%)	62.1%	11.1%	13.3%	1.5 x	11.7 x	14.7 x	1.4 x	8.8x

## **CASUAL DINING**

			Mari	ket St	ats			Operati	ng Stats	L	TM Multij	oles	NTM M	lultiples
Company Name	Symbol	Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	Price	e (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Restaurant Brands International	QSR	\$ 19,762	\$ 6	64.60	20.2%	7.4%	94.0%	6.9%	33.5%	5.5x	16.4x	21.0x	5.1x	13.9x
Texas Roadhouse	TXRH	6,086	ę	90.95	4.2%	1.9%	89.4%	13.7%	11.6%	1.7x	14.8x	23.7x	1.5x	12.5x
Cracker Barrel Old Country Store	CBRL	2,103	(	94.74	2.3%	(26.4%)	67.7%	5.5%	7.5%	1.0x	13.1x	18.9x	0.9x	11.8x
Bloomin' Brands	BLMN	1,766		20.12	9.8%	(4.1%)	78.9%	7.3%	8.4%	0.8x	10.0x	19.7x	0.8x	6.8x
Dave & Buster's	PLAY	1,711		35.44	14.2%	(7.7%)	67.5%	29.8%	21.7%	2.6x	11.8x	14.1x	2.0x	8.2x
The Cheesecake Factory	CAKE	1,631		31.71	8.3%	(19.0%)	71.0%	10.4%	4.5%	1.0x	23.0x	NM	0.9x	12.4x
Brinker International	EAT	1,405		31.91	27.7%	(12.8%)	72.5%	5.6%	7.3%	0.9x	13.0x	19.7x	0.9x	9.4x
DineBrands	DIN	1,013	(	64.60	1.6%	(14.8%)	76.8%	(12.1%)	24.1%	2.6x	10.9x	12.1x	3.0x	9.7x
BJ's Restaurants	BJRI	617	2	26.38	10.6%	(23.6%)	70.9%	8.7%	4.4%	0.9x	20.6x	NM	0.8x	10.8x
Denny's	DENN	527		9.21	(2.1%)	(42.4%)	54.3%	5.3%	37.9%	2.1x	5.6x	5.5x	2.0x	10.1x
Chuy's Holdings	CHUY	509	2	28.30	22.1%	(6.0%)	81.7%	9.8%	13.7%	1.5x	10.9x	22.3x	1.4x	11.5x
Fiesta Restaurant Group	FRGI	191		7.35	15.9%	(33.2%)	62.9%	9.6%	0.9%	0.8x	87.7x	NM	0.8x	6.6x
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers	RRGB	89		5.58	(17.1%)	(66.2%)	29.9%	4.1%	3.5%	0.5x	15.5x	NM	0.5x	9.8x
Carrols Restaurant Group	TAST	72		1.36	(16.6%)	(54.1%)	41.8%	5.8%	1.2%	0.8x	68.6x	NM	0.8x	16.4x
Segment Average Segment Median					7.2% 9.0%	(21.5%) (16.9%)	68.5% 71.0%	7.9% 7.1%	12.9% 7.9%	1.6 x 1.0 x	23.0x 14.0x	17.4x 19.7x	1.5 x 0.9 x	10.7x 10.5x

## **FAST CASUAL RESTAURANTS**

Company Name	Symbol			Operating Stats		LTM Multiples			NTM Multiples					
		Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	Pı	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Starbucks	SBUX	\$ 113,862	\$	99.20	17.7%	(15.2%)	84.2%	14.9%	19.1%	4.2x	21.9x	35.1x	3.6x	18.1x
Chipotle Mexican Grill	CMG	38,463		1,387.49	(7.7%)	(20.6%)	78.8%	17.1%	15.5%	4.9x	31.8x	48.3x	4.2x	21.8x
Shake Shack	SHAK	1,631		41.53	(7.7%)	(42.4%)	52.2%	24.8%	5.2%	2.4x	NM	NM	1.9x	20.8x
El Pollo Loco	LOCO	369		9.96	11.7%	(29.8%)	67.3%	5.0%	9.4%	1.2x	12.8x	17.8x	1.1x	9.9x
Potbelly Sandwich Works	PBPB	160		5.57	23.0%	(0.2%)	78.0%	12.0%	3.1%	0.8x	25.9x	NM	0.7x	13.7x
Segment Average					7.4%	(21.7%)	72.1%	14.8%	10.5%	2.7x	23.1x	33.7x	2.3x	16.9 x
Segment Median					11.7%	(20.6%)	78.0%	14.9%	9.4%	2.4x	23.9x	35.1x	1.9 x	18.1x





## PUBLIC BASKET (CONTINUED)

## **FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS**

		Market Stats							Operati	ng Stats	LTM Multiples			NTM Multiples	
Company Name	Symbol		Market Cap (\$ in Mil)	F	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	%of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
McDonald's	MCD	\$	193,016	\$	263.53	14.2%	(1.7%)	93.6%	1.8%	45.7%	10.2x	22.3x	33.2x	10.0x	18.3x
Yum! Brands	YUM		36,079		128.08	20.4%	(7.8%)	91.7%	6.4%	34.4%	7.0x	20.4x	29.2x	6.6x	18.8x
Domino's Pizza	DPZ		12,262		346.40	11.7%	(38.6%)	61.0%	6.3%	19.0%	3.9x	20.5x	28.0x	3.7x	18.8x
The Wendy's Company	WEN		4,821		22.63	21.1%	(5.1%)	92.4%	3.1%	24.0%	4.1x	17.2x	26.3x	4.0x	16.8x
Wingstop Restaurants	WING		4,117		137.62	9.7%	(20.4%)	78.0%	28.3%	26.6%	14.3x	53.9x	NM	11.2x	NM
Papa John's International	PZZA		2,908		82.31	17.6%	(38.3%)	60.5%	3.8%	7.7%	1.7x	22.3x	42.6x	1.7x	15.8x
Four Corners Property Trust	FCPT		2,175		25.93	7.2%	(11.8%)	86.1%	10.3%	79.1%	14.2x	18.0x	21.3x	12.9x	17.0x
Jack In The Box	JACK		1,418		68.23	(7.9%)	(22.0%)	70.4%	14.2%	20.8%	3.0x	14.7x	12.5x	2.7x	13.9x
Segment Average						11.8%	(18.2%)	79.2%	9.3%	32.2%	7.3x	23.7x	27.6x	6.6x	17.1x
Segment Median						12.9%	(16.1%)	82.0%	6.3%	25.3%	5.6x	20.5x	28.0x	5.3x	17.0x

## **DIGITALLY NATIVE**

		Market Stats						Operati	ng Stats	LTM Multiples			NTM Multiples		
Company Name	Symbol		M arket Cap (\$ in Mil)	Р	rice (\$)	Quarter Change	YTD Change	% of 52 Week High	Est. Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV/ Rev	TEV/ EBITDA	Price/ EPS	TEV/ NTM Revenue	TEV/ NTM EBITDA
Delivery Hero	DHER	\$	12,246	\$	47.73	28.0%	(57.1%)	41.8%	49.6%	(11.0%)	1.8x	NM	NM	1.2x	NM
Yelp	YELP		1,906		27.34	(19.4%)	(24.6%)	69.6%	11.7%	8.5%	1.4x	16.3x	53.6x	1.2x	5.3x
Blue Apron	APRN		33		0.83	(85.6%)	(87.7%)	9.0%	3.4%	(18.7%)	0.1x	NM	NM	0.1x	NM
Segment Average						(25.7%)	(56.5%)	40.1%	21.6%	(7.0%)	1.1x	16.3 x	53.6x	0.9x	5.3x
Segment Median						(19.4%)	(57.1%)	41.8%	11.7%	(11.0%)	1.4 x	16.3 x	53.6x	1.2 x	5.3x





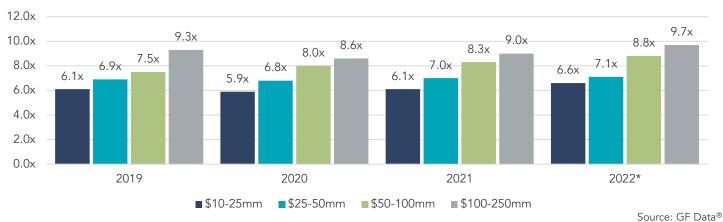
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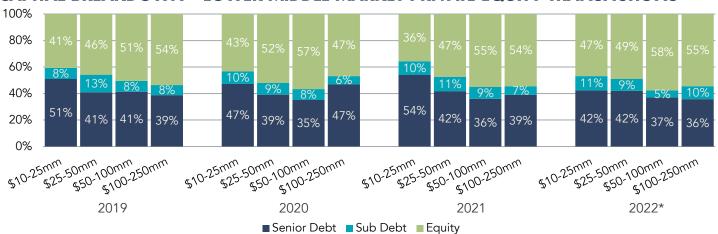


## **LOWER MIDDLE MARKET PRIVATE EQUITY TRANSACTION MULTIPLES**

**EBITDA Multiples By Transaction Size** 



#### CAPITAL BREAKDOWN – LOWER MIDDLE MARKET PRIVATE EQUITY TRANSACTIONS



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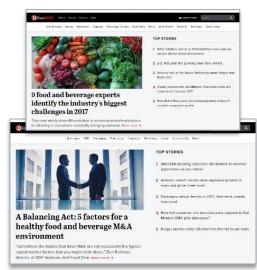
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