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3Q24 业绩点评:部分市场需求较为疲软,多项举措助力销量增长

Demand was Weaker in Several Markets, and a Number of Initiatives Assisted Volume Rising



观点聚焦 Investment Focus



(Please see APPENDIX 1 for English summary)

公司发布3Q24业绩公告,在固定汇率场景下,公司收入实现同比增长 0.1%,分业务看,其中消费者(consumer)/定制餐调(flavor solution)业务同比收入增速分别为+0.2%/-0.2%。 从量价来看,销量同比增长 0.6%,实现了 10 个季度以来的首次同比增长,价格同比下降 0.2%。

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公司的价格管理、包装更新以及产品创新为公司销量增长助力。公司持续优化产品组合,在2024年贯彻价格管理机制,缩小关键 SKU 与竞品的价格差距,从而吸引价格敏感的消费者。此外公司不断在包装以及产品方面创新,提升产品形象,这些营销策略均已初见成效。

产品组合的优化以及 CCI 节约计划的执行带来公司利润率的提升。3Q24 公司毛利率达到 38.7%,同比提升 1.7pct; 渠道费用率为 21.5%,同比降低 0.6pct,从而公司营业利润率达到 17.1%,同比提升 2.6pct。

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表 1 行业主要可比公司 PE 水平

		EPS			PE	
Wildenson.	Mar-25E	Mar-26E	Mar-27E	Mar-25E	Mar-26E	Mar-27E
Kikkoman	63.72	65.18	68.36	26.03	25.44	24.26
Lancaster Colony	Jun-25E	Jun-26E	Jun-27E	Jun-25E	Jun-26E	Jun-27E
	6.71	7.15	7.32	26.92	25.27	24.69
海天味业	Dec-24E	Dec-25E	Dec-26E	Dec-24E	Dec-25E	Dec-26E
	1.12	1.25	1.38	41.54	37.46	33.8
行业平均				31.50	29.39	27.58

资料来源:彭博、wind 市场一致预期,HTI

表 2 公司主要财务指标

Rmb mn	Nov23A	Nov24E	Nov25E	Nov26E
P&L				
Revenue	6662	6681	6872	7059
(+/-)	4.9%	0.3%	2.9%	2.7%
Net profit	681	804	834	876
(+/-)	-0.5%	18.1%	3.7%	5.0%
Diluted EPS (US\$)	2.52	2.98	3.09	3.24
GPM	37.6%	38.9%	39.2%	39.4%
ROE	13.4%	14.7%	14.3%	14.2%
EBITDA	1217	1309	1369	1429
EBIT	963	1095	1148	1202
Interest Revenue	0	0	0	0
Interest Expense	208	209	207	207
Operating Profit	963	1095	1148	1202
Gross Profit	2503	2596	2692	2784
Depreciation	199	214	220	226
Pre-Tax Profit	799	936	991	1045
Balance Sheet				
Total Assets	12,862	13,504	13,879	14,252
Total Liabilities	7,779	8,025	8,052	8,079
Shareholder Equity	5,084	5,479	5,826	6,173
Total Equity	12,862	13,504	13,879	14,252
Cash Flow				
Profit before tax	681	804	834	876
Net Cash from operations	1,237	1,082	1,098	1,148
Net Cash from investment activity	-261	-280	-288	-296
Net Cash from financing activity	-1,184	-512	-552	-596
Net change in Cash	-167	291	258	256
Implied cash at end of period	167	530	788	1,045
Free Cash Flow	-207	291	258	256

APPENDIX 1

Summary

The company released its Q3 2024 financial report, demonstrating a yoy revenue growth of 0.1% in constant currency. By segment, the consumer and flavor solutions businesses experienced respective yoy growth rates of +0.2% and -0.2%.

In terms of volume and price, sales volume increased by 0.6% yoy, marking the first yoy volume growth in 10 quarters, while pricing declined by 0.2%. Consumers have generally reduced their budgets for home cooking, with demand particularly weak in China. The consumer segment achieved volume growth of +0.7% in the Americas, +3.5% in EMEA, and -0.6% in APAC. Growth in the Americas was driven by the company's core product sales, while the overall volume decline in APAC was primarily attributed to weak consumer demand in China. Price decreases were observed in both the Americas and EMEA at -0.9%, whereas APAC saw a 0.6% increase, reflecting consumer cutbacks in home cooking budgets.

The flavor solutions business encountered weak demand across global quick-service restaurant (QSR) chains. Volume growth in this segment was +1.6% in the Americas, -4.5% in EMEA, and -0.4% in APAC, with price changes of +1.0%, -1.4%, and +0.3%, respectively. Volume growth in the Americas was driven by branded foodservice, while QSR demand was soft in EMEA and non-China APAC markets. However, promotional activities in China's QSR sector contributed positively to demand.

The company's efforts in pricing management, packaging renovation, and product innovation have supported sales growth. It continues to optimize its product portfolio, implementing pricing management strategies throughout 2024 to reduce the price gap between key SKUs and competitor offerings, thus attracting price-sensitive consumers. Additionally, the company has made significant strides in both packaging and product innovation, enhancing its brand image, with initial success evident from these marketing strategies.

The optimization of the product portfolio and the implementation of the CCI savings plan have driven improvements in the company's profitability. In Q3 2024, the gross profit margin reached 38.7%, a yoy increase of 1.7 pct, while the selling expense ratio was 21.5%, a yoy decrease of 0.6pct. Consequently, the operating profit margin increased to 17.1%, representing a yoy improvement of 2.6pct.

Earnings Forecast and Investment Recommendation: The company continues to enhance the competitiveness of its products and services, thereby capturing greater market share. Furthermore, consumer sentiment in China is expected to improve on a sequential basis. We project the company's revenues for 2024, 2025, and 2026 to reach \$6.7 billion, \$6.9billion, and \$7.1billion, reflecting yoy growth rates of +0.3%, +2.9%, and +2.7%, respectively. The improvement in gross margins and reduction in expense ratios are expected to be sustainable. We forecast the company's earnings per share (EPS) for 2024/2025/2026 to be \$2.98/\$3.09/\$3.24 (previous estimates were \$2.80/\$3.00/NA), corresponding to price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios of 26.63x, 25.67x, and 24.48x. Based on comparable companies, we assign a P/E ratio of 28x (previously 25x), resulting in a target price of \$83.39, with a NEUTRAL rating.

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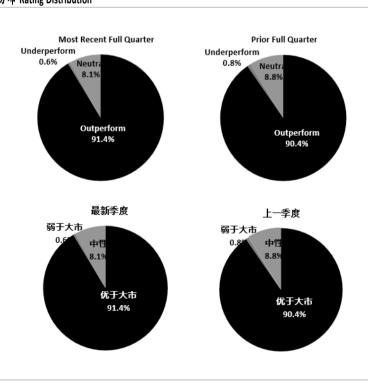
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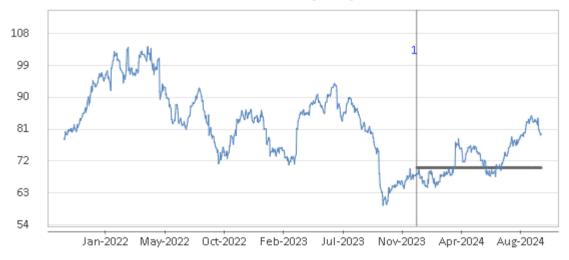
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1. 28 Dec 2023 NEUTRAL at 68.16 target 70.13.

Source: Company data Bloomberg, HTI estimates

