



### **Market Overview**

	Ind	lices Perform	ance (% change)		
	March 2023	<u>LTM</u>		March 2023	<u>LTM</u>
S&P 500	3.5%	(9.6%)	DЛА	1.9%	(4.4%)
Nasdaq	11.2%	(6.7%)	Russell 3000	2.5%	(10.5%)

Source: Federal Reserve: Bank of St. Louis

# Food & Beverage Market Overview

	Largest Beverag	ge Movers an	nd Losers (largest '	% changes)	
	March 2023	<u>LTM</u>		March 2023	<u>LTM</u>
National Beverage	13.0%	18.0%	Brown-Forman	(0.9%)	(5.3%)
Anheuser-Busch InBev	10.2%	9.9%			
Monster Beverage	6.2%	31.5%			
Diageo	5.2%	(12.0%)			
Pepsico	5.1%	7.4%			

Source: PitchBook

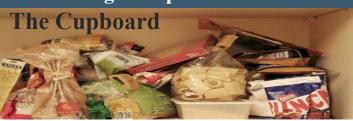
La	argest Food Producers/l	Distributors <b>N</b>	Movers and Losers (lar	gest % change	es)
	March 2023	<u>LTM</u>		March 2023	<u>LTM</u>
B&G Foods	22.6%	(42.1%)	Calavo Growers	(10.8%)	(23.3%)
Kroger	14.4%	(14.1%)	Hormel Foods	(10.1%)	(23.9%)
Weis Markets	10.8%	14.5%	SpartanNash	(7.3%)	(26.6%)
Danone	10.6%	12.3%	Seneca Foods	(6.0%)	(2.2%)
Nestlé	7.6%	(6.8%)	The Hain Celestial Group	(3.8%)	(51.4%)
Bridgford Foods	7.5%	28.0%	Fresh Del Monte Produce	(3.7%)	13.6%

Source: PitchBook

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## **Publicly Traded Company Performance: Beverage**

(\$ in millions, except per share data)														
							Valuation Multiple	es	PE Mu	ltiples	LTM	Operating 1	Margins	
Company		Share Price 03/31/2023	% of 52 Wk High	Market Capitalization	Enterprise Value	TEV/Total Revenue	TEV/EBITDA	TEV/EBIT	LTM P/E	CY23 P/E	Gross	EBIT	EBITDA	Net Debt/EBITDA
Coca-Cola	ко	\$62.03	92.3%	\$268,361	\$297,600	6.9x	22.2x	24.6x	28.3x	27.9x	58.1%	28.2%	31.1%	2.1x
Pepsico	PEP	\$182.30	97.6%	\$251,084	\$285,414	3.3x	19.1x	24.5x	28.4x	25.8x	53.0%	13.5%	17.3%	2.3x
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BRU:ABI	\$66.88	98.9%	\$132,667	\$213,468	3.7x	11.7x	15.8x	23.0x	24.2x	54.5%	23.4%	31.7%	3.8x
Diageo	LSE:DGE	\$44.76	84.2%	\$100,952	\$120,523	5.8x	16.0x	18.7x	23.2x	23.7x	60.7%	30.9%	36.1%	2.3x
Constellation Brands	STZ	\$225.89	86.4%	\$41,676	\$53,991	5.6x	39.7x	54.4x	370.3x	584.9x	51.7%	10.4%	14.2%	8.8x
Monster Beverage	MNST	\$54.01	99.7%	\$56,431	\$53,761	8.5x	33.5x	34.9x	48.4x	44.9x	50.3%	24.4%	25.4%	(1.7x)
Brown-Forman	BF.b	\$64.27	82.2%	\$30,957	\$33,557	8.0x	30.1x	32.4x	42.6x	36.2x	59.5%	24.8%	26.7%	2.3x
Boston Beer Co	SAM	\$328.70	77.8%	\$4,037	\$3,910	1.9x	23.0x	44.0x	60.4x	151.2x	41.2%	4.3%	8.1%	(0.7x)
National Beverage	FIZZ	\$52.72	91.4%	\$4,922	\$4,844	4.1x	22.4x	26.5x	35.4x	30.5x	33.5%	15.6%	18.5%	(0.4x)
Mean				\$99,009	\$118,563	5.3x	24.2x	30.6x	73.3x	105.5x	51.4%	19.5%	23.2%	2.1x
Median				\$56,431	\$53,991	5.6x	22.4x	26.5x	35.4x	30.5x	53.0%	23.4%	25.4%	2.3x
High				\$268,361	\$297,600	8.5x	39.7x	54.4x	370.3x	584.9x	60.7%	30.9%	36.1%	8.8x
Low				\$4,037	\$3,910	1.9x	11.7x	15.8x	23.0x	23.7x	33.5%	4.3%	8.1%	(1.7x)

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LTM = Last Twelve Months

## **Publicly Traded Company Performance: Retail & Distribution**

(\$ in millions, except per share data)														
							Valuation Multipl	es	PE Mu	ltiples	LTM	Operating	Margins	
Company	Ticker	Share Price 03/31/2023	% of 52 Wk High	Market Capitalization	Ente rpris e Value	TEV/Total Revenue	TEV/EBITDA	TEV/EBIT	LTM P/E	CY23 P/E	Gross	EBIT	EBITDA	Net Debt/EBITDA
Sysco	SYY	\$77.23	84.4%	\$39,202	\$50,525	0.7x	15.8x	21.9x	27.9x	27.1x	18.1%	3.1%	4.3%	3.5>
Kroger	KR	\$49.37	78.6%	\$35,421	\$53,663	0.4x	14.7x	15.6x	16.1x	14.0x	21.4%	2.3%	2.5%	5.0x
Casey's	CASY	\$216.46	86.6%	\$8,066	\$9,325	0.6x	9.8x	14.5x	18.0x	21.3x	20.0%	4.2%	6.3%	1.35
Weis Markets	WMK	\$84.67	88.6%	\$2,277	\$2,096	0.4x	7.9x	13.0x	18.2x	18.6x	25.2%	3.4%	5.6%	(0.7x)
SpartanNash	SPTN	\$24.80	65.7%	\$870	\$1,629	0.2x	9.9x	23.4x	26.1x	19.6x	15.5%	0.7%	1.7%	4.69
Ingles Markets	IMKTA	\$88.70	86.1%	\$1,685	\$2,037	0.4x	4.0x	5.3x	6.1x	6.7x	24.8%	6.7%	8.7%	0.75
Village Super Market	VLGEA	\$22.88	91.5%	\$332	\$612	0.3x	7.6x	13.6x	10.3x	11.2x	28.1%	2.1%	3.8%	3.59
Mean				\$12,550	\$17,127	0.4x	10.0x	15.3x	17.5x	17.0x	21.9%	3.2%	4.7%	2.69
Median				\$2,277	\$2,096	0.4x	9.8x	14.5x	18.0x	18.6x	21.4%	3.1%	4.3%	3.55
High				\$39,202	\$53,663	0.7x	15.8x	23.4x	27.9x	27.1x	28.1%	6.7%	8.7%	5.0x
Low				\$332	\$612	0.2x	4.0x	5.3x	6.1x	6.7x	15.5%	0.7%	1.7%	(0.7x)

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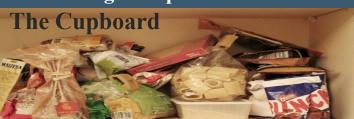
# Publicly Traded Company Performance: Fruits, Vegetables & Nuts

(\$ in millions, except per share data)														
							Valuation Multiple	s	PE Mu	ıltiples	LTM	Operating N	Margins	
Company		Share Price % 03/31/2023		Market Capitalization	Enterprise Value	TEV/Total Revenue	TEV/EBITDA	TEV/EBIT	LTM P/E	CY23 P/E	Gross	EBIT	EBITDA	Net Debt/EBITDA
Calavo Growers	CVGW	\$28.77	63.2%	\$510	\$591	0.5x	37.7x	NA	NA	NA	6.6%	(0.1%)	1.4%	5.0x
Fresh Del Monte Produce	FDP	\$30.11	92.7%	\$1,441	\$2,232	0.5x	9.5x	15.8x	14.6x	18.2x	7.7%	3.2%	5.3%	3.1x
Seneca Foods	SENEA	\$52.27	76.0%	\$402	\$846	0.6x	7.5x	11.6x	8.5x	10.9x	9.6%	4.8%	7.5%	3.9x
Mean				\$784	\$1,223	0.5x	18.2x	13.7x	11.6x	14.6x	7.9%	2.6%	4.7%	4.0x
Median				\$510	\$846	0.5x	9.5x	13.7x	11.6x	14.6x	7.7%	3.2%	5.3%	3.9x
High				\$1,441	\$2,232	0.6x	37.7x	15.8x	14.6x	18.2x	9.6%	4.8%	7.5%	5.0x
Low				\$402	\$591	0.5x	7.5x	11.6x	8.5x	10.9x	6.6%	-0.1%	1.4%	3.1x

Source: Capital IO

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## **Publicly Traded Company Performance: Protein Products**

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							Valuation Multiple	s	PE Mu	ltiples	LTM	Operating !	Margins	
Company		Share Price 03/31/2023	% of 52 Wk High	Market Capitalization	Enterprise Value	TEV/Total Revenue	TEV/EBITDA	TEV/EBIT	LTM P/E	CY23 P/E	Gross	EBIT	EBITDA	Net Debt/EBITDA
Tyson Foods	TSN	\$59.32	59.6%	\$21,096	\$28,943	0.5x	6.2x	8.3x	8.8x	7.0x	10.5%	6.5%	8.8%	1.6x
Hormel Foods	HRL	\$39.88	72.4%	\$21,796	\$24,485	2.0x	15.8x	19.1x	22.3x	24.9x	17.1%	10.4%	12.5%	1.7x
Pilgrim's Pride	PPC	\$23.18	66.9%	\$5,487	\$8,602	0.5x	5.5x	7.4x	7.5x	6.1x	10.4%	6.7%	9.0%	2.0x
Bridgford Foods	BRID	\$13.96	90.0%	\$127	\$123	0.5x	1.8x	1.9x	2.8x	2.5x	27.6%	24.0%	26.5%	(0.1x)
Mean				\$12,126	\$15,538	0.9x	7.3x	9.2x	10.3x	10.1x	16.4%	11.9%	14.2%	1.3x
Median				\$13,292	\$16,543	0.5x	5.8x	7.8x	8.1x	6.5x	13.8%	8.5%	10.8%	1.7x
High				\$21,796	\$28,943	2.0x	15.8x	19.1x	22.3x	24.9x	27.6%	24.0%	26.5%	2.0x
Low				\$127	\$123	0.5x	1.8x	1.9x	2.8x	2.5x	10.4%	6.5%	8.8%	(0.1x)

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## **Publicly Traded Company Performance: Dairy**

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							Valuation Multiples		PE Multip	les	LTM	Operating N	Margins	
Company		Share Price 03/31/2023	% of 52 Wk High	Market Capitalization	Enterprise Value	TEV/Total Revenue	TEV/EBITDA	TEV/EBIT	LTM P/E	CY23 P/E	Gross	EBIT	EBITDA	Net Debt/EBITDA
Danone	BN	\$62.49	99.3%	\$39,971	\$50,214	1.7x	12.4x	24.1x	40.2x	19.0x	46.1%	7.2%	13.9%	2.5x
Saputo	SAPIF	\$25.86	92.3%	\$10,855	\$13,724	1.0x	13.8x	25.3x	28.1x	32.3x	30.0%	4.1%	7.5%	2.9x
Lifeway Foods	LWAY	\$6.04	74.6%	\$88	\$91	0.6x	17.9x	43.0x	100.7x	NA	18.9%	1.5%	3.6%	0.4x
Mean				\$16,972	\$21,343	1.1x	14.7x	30.8x	56.3x	25.6x	31.7%	4.3%	8.3%	1.9x
Median				\$10,855	\$13,724	1.0x	13.8x	25.3x	40.2x	25.6x	30.0%	4.1%	7.5%	2.5x
High				\$39,971	\$50,214	1.7x	17.9x	43.0x	100.7x	32.3x	46.1%	7.2%	13.9%	2.9x
Low				\$88	\$91	0.6x	12.4x	24.1x	28.1x	19.0x	18.9%	1.5%	3.6%	0.4x

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## Publicly Traded Company Performance: Organics & Healthy

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							Valuation Multiple	es	PE Mu	ltiples	LTM	Operating !	Margins	
Company		Share Price 03/31/2023	% of 52 Wk High	Market Capitalization	Enterprise Value	TEV/Total Revenue	TEV/EBITDA	TEV/EBIT	LTM P/E	CY23 P/E	Gross	EBIT	EBITDA	Net Debt/EBITDA
Lamb Weston Holdings	LW	\$104.52	99.9%	\$15,037	\$17,384	3.9x	19.5x	24.9x	32.0x	31.4x	25.1%	15.5%	19.9%	2.6x
The Hain Celestial Group	HAIN	\$17.15	48.4%	\$1,534	\$2,461	1.3x	17.1x	26.0x	34.3x	22.8x	21.7%	5.1%	7.8%	6.4x
Simply Good Foods	SMPL	\$39.77	86.9%	\$3,957	\$4,300	3.6x	20.4x	23.3x	32.6x	36.9x	37.0%	15.5%	17.7%	1.6x
Mean				\$8,285	\$9,922	2.6x	18.3x	25.4x	33.1x	NM	23.4%	10.3%	13.8%	4.5x
Median				\$8,285	\$9,922	2.6x	18.3x	25.4x	33.1x	NM	23.4%	10.3%	13.8%	4.5x
High				\$15,037	\$17,384	3.9x	19.5x	26.0x	34.3x	31.4x	25.1%	15.5%	19.9%	6.4x
Low				\$1,534	\$2,461	1.3x	17.1x	24.9x	32.0x	22.8x	21.7%	5.1%	7.8%	2.6x

Source: PitchBook

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## **Publicly Traded Company Performance: Food Conglomerates**

(\$ in millions, essays per share data)														
Сонирану		Share Price 02/28/2023	% of 52 Wk High	Market Capitalization	Enterprise Value	TEV/Total Revenue	Valuation Multiples TEVÆBITDA	TEVÆBIT	LTM PÆ	CY21 P/E	Cross	Operating h	ERITDA	Net Debt/EBITDA
Next li-	NESN	\$119.95	84.9%	\$308,177	\$360,419	9.6x	21.7x	279x	31.6x	29.lz	45.4%	13.0%	16.7%	9.1:
Mondeles International	MILZ	\$65.18	94.7%	\$89,487	\$111,048	3.5z	25.5x	30.4x	39.9x	21.1x	35.9%	11.6%	15.1%	4.5
Ceneral Mills	GIS	\$79.51	90.0%	\$47,747	\$59,094	9.1x	19.5x	15.5x	16.6x	16.4x	32.7%	19.7%	22.6%	2.5
Kellogg's	ĸ	\$65.94	85.4%	\$23,077	\$30,383	20x	163x	220x	23.6x	17.6x	30.1%	9.0%	12.1%	9.7
The JM. Saucher Co.	SIM	\$147.89	90.7%	\$15,789	\$20,472	2.5x	149x	22.2≖	27.7x	20.1x	31.9%	11.3%	16.8%	3.4:
Gongra Brands	CAG	\$96.41	88.2%	<b>\$</b> 17, <b>5</b> 21	\$26,954	2.2=	17.8x	29.5x	25. <b>8</b> x	12.9x	25.4%	9.5%	12.6%	6.2
Champbell Soop	CEB	\$52.52	90.9%	\$15,908	\$20,692	29x	13.2x	169x	20.0x	14.0±	30.8%	13.7%	17.6%	9.0
Post Holdings	POST	\$89.96	91.0%	\$5,984	\$10,985	1 <b>2</b> x	6.4x	8.lx	6.4x	47.4x	25.5%	22.3%	28.4%	9.1:
Lancaster Colony	LANC	\$19198	89.7%	\$5,338	\$5,260	3.0x	30.3x	419x	52.0x	33.6x	20.9%	7.2%	9.9%	(0.4x
Trechouse Foods	THS	\$48.79	94.6%	\$2,763	\$4,313	1.2x	22.7x	925z	NA.	30.7x	149%	1.3%	5.5%	\$.l:
JAJ SmekFoods	JUSE	\$141.21	\$5.1%	\$2,760	\$2,850	20x	25.1x	49.4x	69.6x	54.9x	27.0%	4.1%	8.0%	0.2
BitCFoods	BGS	\$12.67	41.9%	\$903	\$3,394	1 <b>f</b>	20.9x	559x	NA.	24.0x	183%	2.9%	7.6%	15.2
Mean				\$44,571	\$54,645	2.4x	18.8x	33.8x	30.1x	26.7x	28.2%	10.5%	14.4%	4.4:
Media n				\$15,848	\$20,552	2.3x	19.3 x	25.7x	26.8x	22.6x	28.5%	10.4%	13.9%	3.3:
High				\$308,177	\$360,419	3.6x	30.3 x	92.5x	63.6x	54.3x	45.4%	22.3%	28.4%	15.2:
Low				\$903	\$2,850	1.2x	6.4x	8.1x	6.4x	12.3x	14.9%	13%	5.5%	(0.4x

## Select M&A and Capital Raising News

#### **BFY Foods Manufacturer Buys Nutrition Bar Maker**

March 3, 2023 – Better-for-you foods manufacturer Wella has acquired Austin-based Thunderbird, a maker of nutrition bars. The acquisition is an extension of the two companies' partnership, which began last year when Wella signed on as Thunderbird's co-packer. Thunderbird was founded in 2010 by two triathletes. The premise for the creation of the Company was "simple, real food is all that's needed to make a delicious bar." The bars are 100% soy free, dairy free, gluten-free and contain no added sugar.

#### **\*** Great Kitchens Acquires Uno Foods

March 3, 2023 – Private label take-and-bake pizza company Great Kitchens Food Co., a subsidiary of Chicago-based Brynwood Partners VIII, LP, has acquired frozen pizza company Uno Foods, a division of Uno Restaurant Holdings Corp., from its owner, Newport Global Advisors.

#### \* Patagonia Acquires Cracker Brand

March 8, 2023 – Patagonia Provisions, the food and beverage division of Patagonia, has acquired Moonshot, a Plant Forward, Inc. snack brand. Moonshot's main ingredient, wheat, is grown with regenerative agriculture and organic practices, and it is traceable to the farm and the field. Farmers, the miller and the manufacturer in the supply chain are within 100 miles of each other, which results in a lower carbon footprint.

#### **ADM**, Marel Partner on Protein Innovation Center

March 8, 2023 – ADM has entered a joint venture agreement with Marel, a provider of advanced food processing solutions, to build an innovation center in The Netherlands for collaborating with customers on creating new alternative protein products.

### ❖ Scoular, Nepra in Plant-Based Ingredients Pact

March 9, 2023 – Scoular has partnered with Nepra Foods Inc., Centennial, Colo., a manufacturer of allergen-free food and plant-based food ingredients and consumer products, to manufacture and distribute specialized plant-based ingredients.





### **❖** Next Gen Foods Acquires Non-Dairy Gelato Startup

March 14, 2023 – Next Gen Foods, a maker of meat alternatives, has acquired non-dairy gelato startup Mwah! Mwah! has created a process combining natural flavorings, plant proteins and lipids to recreate the creaminess and indulgence of dairy products, according to the Company. The startup closed a seed round, led by Next Gen Foods, early last year, raising more than \$2 million to develop its plant-based Madagascan vanilla gelato, featuring cashews, coconut oil, vegetable fibers, natural flavors, sugar, salt and organic Madagascan vanilla.

### \* Ziyad Acquires Turkish, Middle Eastern Food Brand

March 20, 2023 – Middle Eastern and Mediterranean food provider Ziyad Brothers has acquired Vintage Food Corp. Founded in 1992, Vintage distributes more than 2,000 branded Turkish, Eastern European and Middle Eastern food and beverage products to specialty grocers, supermarkets and national accounts. Vintage's offerings include a variety of canned jams, chocolates, cookies and biscuits, baking ingredients, yogurts, cheeses, olives, frozen foods and more. The deal comes one year after Ziyad was acquired by Peak Rock Capital, a private equity firm whose food and beverage portfolio includes Halo Foods Ltd., Turkey Hill, Pretzels Inc. and others.

### Custom Ingredient Manufacturer Adds Shelf-Stable Capabilities

March 24, 2023 – Custom ingredients manufacturer Baldwin Richardson Foods has completed an asset acquisition from Aseptic Solutions USA Ventures, LLC. The acquisition expands the Company's aseptic beverage manufacturing capabilities for shelf-stable, preservative-free products. The agreement also accelerates Baldwin Richardson's strategy to become a full-portfolio liquid product supplier.

## **Recent Industry News**

### **❖** King's Hawaiian Names New Chief Marketing Officer

March 6, 2023 – Holger Kraetschmer has joined King's Hawaiian as Chief Marketing Officer. Mr. Kraetschmer spent the past nearly 12 years with Adidas in a variety of roles, most recently as head of consumer foresight and strategy. Prior to Adidas he was VP of Brand Management at SunPower Corp., and earlier was Senior Brand Marketing Director for global X Games at ESPN. He also has worked as a Senior Global Brand Director at Hasbro, a Senior Managing Director at RC2, and a Senior Brand Manager at Mattel.

### **State of the Energy Parent Names New CEO**

March 10, 2023 – John C. DiDonato has been named interim CEO and CTO of Vital Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the owner of the Bang Energy brand. John (Jack) H. Owoc, former CEO, Chief Science Officer and Chairman, is no longer serving a role with the Company or as a member of the Board, according to the Company.

### \* Former Chipotle Exec to Join McDonald's USA as CDO

March 17, 2023 – Tabassum Zalotrawala has been named Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer of McDonald's USA. Ms. Zalotrawala most recently was chief development officer at Chipotle Mexican Grill for the past four years.

#### **❖** New CEO Takes Over at Starbucks

March 20, 2023 – Laxman Narasimhan has become CEO at Starbucks, succeeding Company founder Howard Schultz, and will join the Company's Board of Directors. Starbucks named Mr. Narasimhan incoming CEO on Sept. 1, 2022. Mr. Narasimhan has more than 30 years of experience leading global consumer goods businesses and advising retail, grocery, restaurant and e-commerce companies.

### ❖ FrieslandCampina Names New CEO

March 21, 2023 – Jan Derck van Karnebeek has been named CEO of Royal FrieslandCampina, effective June 1. Mr. Van Karnebeek takes over the role from Hein Schumacher, CEO of the Company since 2018, following Mr. Schumacher's departure to lead Unilever in May 2023.





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