

FOOD INDUSTRY Q3 2024 VALUATION UPDATE



# Introduction

We are pleased to share our Food Industry Multiples Valuation Update for Q3 2024.

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#### **Food Industry Overview**

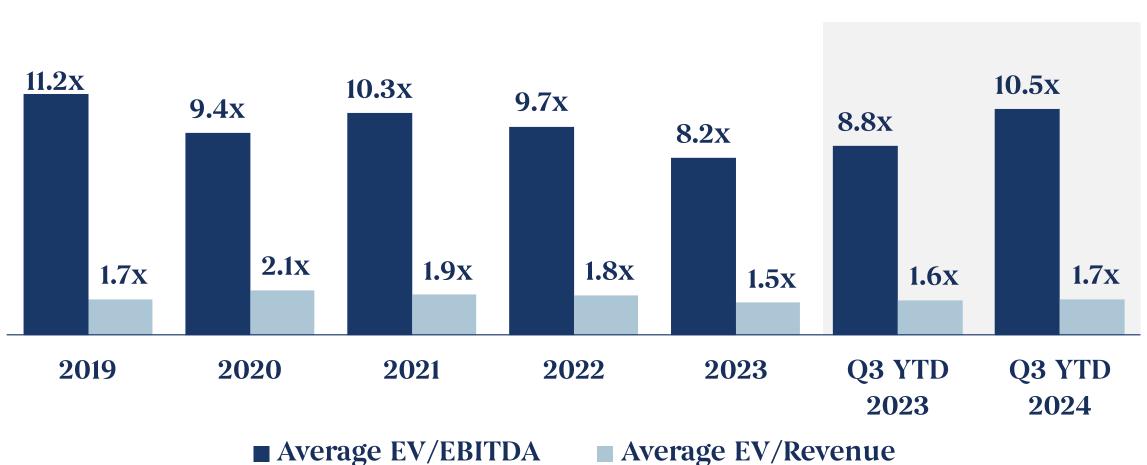
- The global food market hit **US\$9,130.0 billion** in 2024 in terms of revenue. The market is expected to grow annually by 6.6% (CAGR 2023-2028)
- In North America, the markets largest segment is the segment of confectionary & snacks. The North American food market amounts to **US\$1,408 billion** and the market is expected to grow annually by a 4.3% (CAGR 2024-2028)
- The shift towards plant-based diets has been gaining momentum, driven by concerns over sustainability, animal welfare, and health. The global plant-based food market Is expected to reach US\$77.8 billion in 2025
- Food inflation is expected to **moderate** in 2024, with the consumer price index for all food products projected to increase by **2.9% by year-end**, potentially influencing M&A strategies focused on volume-driven earnings growth
- Portfolio diversification enables companies to acquire niche and premium brands, catering to consumers seeking unique, high-quality, and specialized products such as organic, glutenfree, or plant-based options. These **acquisitions** help businesses tap into emerging market segments, achieve higher profit margins, and differentiate themselves in increasingly competitive markets

**Source:** Statista, Other Industry Reports

#### Food Industry M&A Deal Size and Volume



#### Food Industry M&A Average EV/EBITDA and EV/Revenue







## Bread & Bakery Products Global Comparable Public Companies

Company		Country	Market Cap.	Enterprise Value	Revenue	EBITDA		Average BITDA		Quarter 0, 2024
Company		Country	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
ARYZTA AG	AREZTA Passion for good food	CHE	\$1,900	\$2,392	\$2,392	11.9%	7.7x	7.5x	8.4x	1.0x
Flowers Foods, Inc.	<b>Flowers</b>	USA	\$4,858	\$6,240	\$5,130	12.0%	11.5x	11.0x	10.1x	1.2x
Grupo Bimbo, S.A.B. de C.V.	GRUPO BIMBO	MEX	\$15,010	\$23,282	\$20,414	14.8%	7.9x	8.7x	7.7x	1.1x
Grupo Nutresa S. A.	Grupo nutresa	COL	\$7,662	\$8,697	\$4,334	13.0%	14.5x	13.8x	15.4x	2.0x
J&J Snack Foods Corp.		s USA	\$3,343	\$3,452	\$1,575	13.7%	19.2x	20.4x	16.0x	2.2x
Lotus Bakeries NV	Lotus Since 1932	BEL	\$10,906	\$11,116	\$1,295	19.4%	30.7x	34.3x	44.2x	8.6x
M. Dias Branco S.A. Indústria e Comércio de Alimentos	H. Dias Branco-	BRA	\$1,569	\$1,638	\$1,826	15.1%	13.9x	13.9x	5.9x	0.9x
Excluded from mean and median						Mean	12.4x	12.6x	10.6x	1.4x
						Median	13.9x	13.8x	10.1x	1.2x















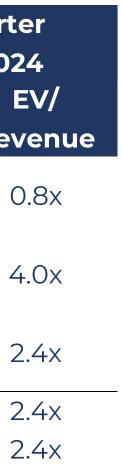




## **Seasonings Products Global Comparable Public Companies**

	Country	Market	Enterprise Value	Revenue	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Third Quart Sep. 30, 20	
Company	Country	Cap. US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	E Rev
Atlantic Grupa d.d.	C HRV	\$741	\$982	\$1,192	8.8%	8.1x	6.7x	9.3x	0
McCormick & Company, Incorporated	USA	\$22,112	\$26,443	\$6,679	20.6%	22.4x	21.0x	19.2x	4
The Kraft Heinz Company Kraft Heinz	USA	\$42,451	\$61,621	\$26,130	28.0%	8.8x	8.6x	8.4x	2
Excluded from mean and median					Mean	8.4x	7.7x	8.9x	2
					Median	8.8x	8.6x	9.3x	2



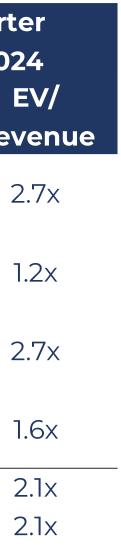




## Grains & Cereals Products Global Comparable Public Companies

		<b>6</b>	Market	Enterprise Value	Revenue	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Third Qua Sep. 30, 20	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	E Rev
General Mills, Inc.	General Mills	USA	\$40,998	\$54,102	\$19,801	22.6%	13.5x	13.7x	12.1x	2
Gruma, S.A.B. de C.V.		MEX	\$6,787	\$8,121	\$6,572	17.0%	5.0x	7.9x	7.3x	٦.
Kellanova	Kellanova	USA	\$27,820	\$34,112	\$12,799	15.9%	12.1x	13.0x	16.7x	2
Post Holdings, Inc.	Post	USA	\$6,763	\$12,835	\$7,923	17.1%	12.1x	12.0x	9.5x	1.
Excluded from mean and median						Mean	12.6x	12.9x	12.8x	2
						Median	12.1x	12.5x	10.8x	2







## **Dairy Products Global Comparable Public Companies**

Company		Country	Market	-	Revenue	EBITDA Margin	Annual A EV/EE	<u> </u>	Third Qua Sep. 30, 20	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	E Rev
Danone S.A.	DANONE ONE PLANET. ONE HEALTH	FRA	\$46,906	\$58,181	\$30,347	18.3%	9.2x	10.2x	10.5x	1.
Emmi AG	GROUP	CHE	\$5,478	\$5,994	\$4,920	9.0%	13.8x	13.9x	13.5x	1.
Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited	Fonterra	NZL	\$4,063	\$5,951	\$14,524	9.3%	6.3x	3.8x	4.4x	0.
Glanbia plc	glanbia	IRL	\$4,555	\$5,337	\$4,470	11.2%	11.5x	10.4x	10.7x	1.
Leche Gloria S.A.	GLORIA	PER	\$583	\$1,003	\$1,459	10.6%	7.5x	7.2x	6.5x	0
Meiji Holdings Co., Ltd.	meiji	JPN	\$6,788	\$6,923	\$7,877	11.8%	6.9x	7.8x	7.5x	0
Saputo Inc.	Saputo	CAN	\$9,169	\$11,733	\$13,417	8.1%	14.3x	11.9x	10.8x	0
Savencia SA	SAVENCIA FROMAGE & DAIRY	FRA	\$776	\$1,666	\$7,579	6.3%	3.8x	3.8x	3.5x	0
Unibel S.A.	for all for	FRA	\$1,869	\$3,049	\$4,110	13.4%	9.0x	8.8x	5.5x	0
Yakult Honsha Co.,Ltd.	Yakult	JPN	\$7,023	\$6,169	\$3,527	18.5%	13.1x	12.6x	9.5x	1.
Excluded from mean and median						Mean Median	8.4x 9.1x	9.4x 9.5x	8.7x 8.5x	1. O.





























## Meat & Seafood Products Global Comparable Public Companies

			Market Cap.	Enterprise	Revenue	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Third Quar Sep. 30, 20	
Company	C	Country		Value US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	, Rev
BRF S.A.	erf 🌏	BRA	\$7,189	\$9,810	\$10,699	11.8%	7.9x	13.1x	7.8x	0
Floridienne S.A.	<b>FLORIDIENNE</b> GROUP	BEL	\$683	\$1,237	\$668	10.6%	20.6x	17.3x	17.4x	1.
Hormel Foods Corporation	Hormel	USA	\$17,383	\$19,691	\$11,981	16.2%	14.0x	12.0x	10.2x	1.
JBS S.A.	(JBS)	BRA	\$12,885	\$31,668	\$72,834	6.4%	3.5x	5.5x	6.8x	0.
L.D.C. S.A.		FRA	\$2,743	\$2,220	\$6,913	9.3%	3.8x	3.5x	3.5x	0
Minerva S.A.	Minerva Foods	BRA	\$683	\$2,551	\$5,421	9.0%	5.4x	5.0x	5.2x	0
Mowi ASA	MQWI°	NOR	\$9,318	\$12,162	\$6,168	21.8%	10.8x	7.4x	9.1x	2.
ORIOR AG	PREMIUM FOOD	CHE	\$395	\$571	\$764	8.2%	12.7x	10.5x	9.1x	0
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Pilgrim's	USA	\$10,920	\$13,075	\$18,035	10.0%	5.6x	6.8x	7.3x	0
Tyson Foods, Inc.	(F) Tyson	USA	\$21,193	\$29,662	\$53,309	6.1%	5.0x	6.9x	9.1x	0
Excluded from mean and median						Mean	7.6x	7.7x	8.0x	1.
						Median	6.7x	7.1x	8.4x	0

























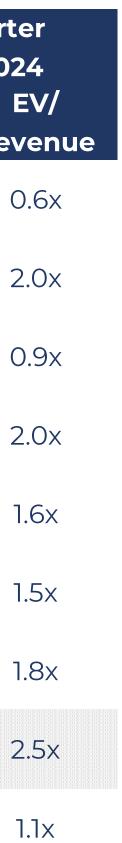
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## **Preserved Products Global Comparable Public Companies**

				Enterprise	Revenue	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Third Quar Sep. 30, 20	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	Value US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	, E Rev
CJ Cheiljedang Corporation	CJ CHEILJEDANG	KOR	\$3,535	\$14,253	\$22,160	10.7%	6.5x	6.5x	6.0x	0
Conagra Brands, Inc.	CONAGRA	USA	\$15,579	\$24,225	\$11,942	21.6%	12.4x	10.1x	9.4x	2
Ebro Foods, S.A.	Ebro	ESP	\$2,735	\$3,064	\$3,486	13.0%	9.1x	8.7x	6.7x	0
Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.	LambWeston	USA	\$9,301	\$13,198	\$6,456	23.0%	17.6x	14.7x	8.9x	2
Nissin Foods Holdings Co.,Ltd.	NISSIN	JPN	\$8,370	\$8,536	\$5,309	14.0%	12.8x	14.2x	11.5x	1.
Nomad Foods Limited	Nomad Foods	GBR	\$3,091	\$5,033	\$3,421	16.0%	11.2x	9.3x	9.2x	1
Orkla ASA	* Orkla	NOR	\$9,430	\$11,713	\$6,610	17.2%	10.2x	9.2x	10.3x	1.
The J. M. Smucker Company	THE J.M. SMUCKER Cº	USA	\$12,886	\$21,504	\$8,499	24.7%	11.4x	10.9x	10.3x	2
TreeHouse Foods, Inc.	TreeHouse	USA	\$2,179	\$3,603	\$3,359	10.6%	10.6x	12.0x	10.1x	1
Excluded from mean and median						Mean Median	11.1x 11.2x	11.1x 10.1x	9.9x 9.4x	]. ].





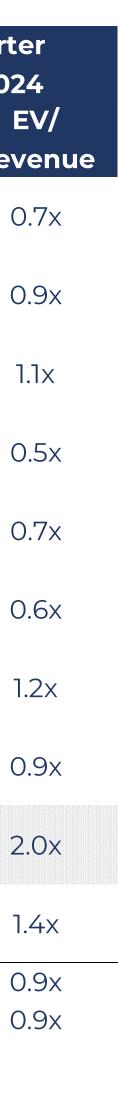




## LatAm Products Global Comparable Public Companies

		Country	Market	Enterprise Value	Revenue	EBITDA	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Third Quar Sep. 30, 20	
Company		Country	Cap. US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	Margin	2022	2023	EV/ EBITDA	E Rev
Alicorp S.A.A.	alicorp	PER	\$1,253	\$2,310	\$3,367	10.6%	6.5x	6.8x	6.5x	0
BRF S.A.	erf 😽	BRA	\$7,189	\$9,810	\$10,699	11.8%	7.9x	13.1x	7.8x	0.
Grupo Bimbo, S.A.B. de C.V.	GRUPO BIMBO	MEX	\$15,010	\$23,282	\$20,414	14.8%	7.9x	8.7x	7.7x	1.
Camil Alimentos S.A.	© Camil	BRA	\$540	\$1,173	\$2,175	8.0%	7.2x	8.4x	6.7x	0
Carozzi S.A.	C carozzi	CHL	\$478	\$1,192	\$1,666	16.4%	6.7x	5.5x	4.4x	0
Colombina S.A.	Colombina (	COL	\$131	\$467	\$773	12.9%	6.5x	4.8x	4.7x	0.
Gruma, S.A.B. de C.V.		MEX	\$6,787	\$8,121	\$6,572	17.0%	5.0x	7.9x	7.3x	1.
Grupo Herdez, S.A.B. de C.V.	GRUPO HERDEZ	MEX	\$902	\$1,803	\$1,907	19.2%	6.3x	5.7x	4.9x	0.
Grupo Nutresa S. A.	Grupo nutresa	COL	\$7,662	\$8,697	\$4,334	13.0%	14.5x	13.8x	15.4x	2.
Molinos Rio de la Plata S.A.	MOLINOS	ARG	\$631	\$655	\$474	10.8%	12.2x	41.9x	12.9x	٦.
Excluded from mean and median						Mean	6.8x	8.3x	6.2x	0.
						Median	7.0x	8.2x	7.0x	0.





## Food Industry – Global Transactions (1/2)

Date	Target	Country	Description	Buyer	Seller	% Acquired	Size US\$M	EV/ EBITDA	Re
Sep-24	Saputo	CAN	<b>CDPQ</b> , a global investment group managing public pension and insurance funds, increased its stake in <b>Saputo</b> , a leading dairy processor, by acquiring 13.5 million shares	CDPQ	-	3.2%	\$378.0	10.5x	
Sep-24*	ABC PAST P	AUS	<b>Nissin Foods Company</b> , a leader in instant noodles and packaged foods, agreed to acquire <b>ABC Pastry Holdings</b> , an Australian frozen food company, to strengthen its presence in the Asia-Pacific frozen food market	NISSIN	-	100.0%	\$23.3	-	
Sep-24*	Nutkao	ITA	<b>Al Mada</b> , through its portafolio company <b>Teralys</b> , agreed to acquire <b>Nutkao</b> , an Italian producer of nut-based spreads and chocolate products, to expand its presence in the global confectionery market	AL MADA Positive Impact	-	100.0%	\$503.0	-	
Sep-24	· A SANTE . ÉVIRTH + 恩喜村 + Guil de la Jrance	CHN	<b>Mondelez International</b> , a global leader in snacks and confectionery, acquired <b>Evirth</b> , a Chinese food company, to strengthen its presence in the Asia-Pacific market	Mondelēz, International	-	50.0%>	-	-	
	U.S. Yogurt Business	USA	General Mills, a global food company, agreed to sell its <b>U.S. yogurt business</b> to <b>Lactalis</b> , a	G R O U P E LACTALIS	General	100.0%	¢2100.0		
Sep-24*	Canadian Yogurt Business	CAN	French dairy leader, and its <b>Canadian yogurt business</b> to <b>Sodiaal</b> , a French dairy leader, to streamline its operations and focus on core segments	SODIAL	Mills	100.0%	\$2,100.0	-	









## Food Industry – Global Transactions (2/2)

Date	Target	Country	Description	Buyer	Seller	% Acquired	Size US\$M	EV/ EBITDA	Re
Sep-24*	remora.	ZAF	Lactalis South Africa, a subsidiary of Lactalis Group, agreed to acquire the Nestlé Cremora business	LACTALIS SOUTH AFRICA	Nestle	100.0%	-	-	
Aug-24	Original Gourmet Sweet Teriyaki Marinade & Cooking Sauce	USA	Yoshida Food International, a food company specializing in Asian-inspired sauces and seasonings, acquired the Original Gourmet Sweet Teriyaki Marinade & Cooking Sauce brand to expand its product portfolio	Yoshida Foods International	Kraft <i>Heinz</i>	100.0%	-	-	
Aug-24	POP-SECRET	USA	<b>Our Home</b> , a U.Sbased better-for-you snack company, acquired the <b>Pop Secret</b> popcorn brand	Our Home	THE Campbells COMPANY	100.0%	\$75.0	-	
Aug-24	Kellanova	USA	<b>Mars</b> , manufacturer of snacking and food, agreed to acquire Kellanova, manufacturer of snacks and convenience foods, boosting its growth and capabilities	MARS	-	100.0%	\$35,900.0	16.4x	
*Annound	ced transactions pending a	ipproval an	d other customary closing conditions				Mean	13.5x	
							Median	13.5x	













# **GRUPO CHEN**

#### **TARGET** Grupo Chen

#### **TRANSACTION TYPE** Divestiture advisory

#### **INDUSTRIES** Food & Beverage

#### **GEOGRAPHY** Monterrey, Mexico

#### SITUATION

Seale & Associates was retained by the owner of Grupo Chen to advise on a sale of the company as part of succession planning. Grupo Chen produces, markets and distributes dairy products, including cheese, yogurt, butter, and dairy cream with a market leadership position in Northern Mexico.

#### **SEALE & ASSOCIATES' APPROACH**

Seale managed a preferred buyer process with Sigma Alimentos, while maintaining the option to initiate a competitive auction process with other interested strategic buyers for Grupo Chen. Seale's disciplined approach allowed our client to maintain momentum and negotiating leverage throughout the process and ensure closing at a premium value and more favorable terms.

#### OUTCOME

The process resulted in a successful acquisition of Grupo Chen by Sigma Alimentos, a subsidiary of ALFA (BMV:ALFA). Grupo Chen became Sigma's branded dairy products growth platform for the Mexican market.

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"Seale gave me "peace of mind" as they expertly guided me through the sale process"



"When it came time to decide on a viable succession plan for my business, I knew that none of my children were interested in taking over, and the last thing I wanted was to leave them a potential mess after I was gone. Seale gave me "peace of mind" as they expertly guided me through the sale process for my life's work and made certain I got the very best price and terms."

Reynaldo Villarreal CEO and Owner, Grupo Chen



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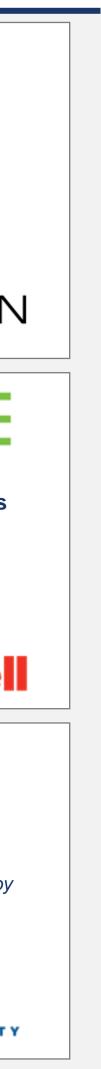


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