

Food & Beverage

Quarterly Update | Q1 2024

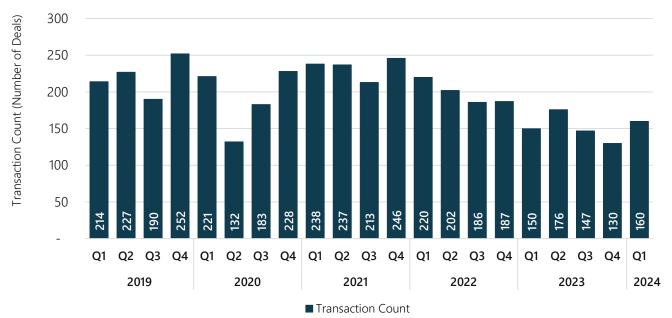


Industry Overview

M&A Transactions & Performance



North American Food & Beverage M&A Transactions¹



Q1 Transactions (Canada)

14

(+27.3% vs. Q4 2023)

Q1 Transaction Value (Canada)

\$34.0 million

(+206.6% vs. Q4 2023)

Q1 Transactions (U.S.)

146

(+23.0% vs. Q4 2023)

Q1 Transaction Value (U.S.)

\$2.8 billion

(-1.2% vs. Q4 2023)

M&A Market Update – Q1 2024¹

- M&A transaction volume in the North American food and beverage industry increased by 23% during Q1 2024, compared to the previous quarter. However, the disclosed transaction value remained steady at \$2.8 billion, compared to the previous quarter. The largest deal during the quarter was Restaurant Brands International's \$1.7 billion acquisition of Carrols Restaurant Group Inc.
- Industry M&A activity in Q1 2024 was primarily driven by strategic acquisitions, which accounted for 72% of the total transaction volume. The transaction activity by strategic acquirers illustrates the appetite for consolidation as strategic players seek operational synergies through acquisitions.
- In Q1 2024, the food products, restaurants, and beverages industries accounted for 38.1%, 30.6%, and 15.0% of total volume, respectively.
- Transaction volume in the North American food and beverage industry increased in Q1 2024. This is due to steady interest rates and improved dealmaking confidence among strategic acquirers, backed by strong earnings and valuations. M&A activity is expected to increase in 2024, driven by an easing labour market and anticipated interest rate cuts, lowering the cost of debt. Strategic and financial buyers are expected to be active in the market as they vie for accretive investments.

Macroeconomic Indicators



Key external factors that affect the Canadian food and beverage industry include per capita disposable income, consumer spending, the consumer price index for food, and the consumer confidence index.

Per capita disposable income returned to positive growth in 2023 as the job market remained strong, despite recessionary fears. However, the continued high cost of living restricted the increase in per capital disposable income. Per capita disposable income is forecasted to grow at an annualized rate of 1.6% through 2028 as inflationary pressures alleviate and the cost of debt decreases, driving discretionary food and beverage expenditures in Canada.

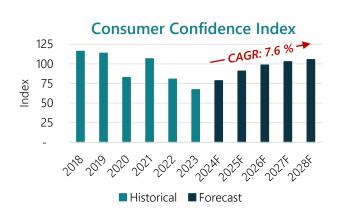
The consumer price index for food continued its upward trajectory in 2023, despite efforts to combat inflation through interest rate hikes. The increase in food prices has primarily been driven by a weakening Canadian dollar compared to the U.S. dollar, volatile commodity prices arising from geopolitical tension and labour shortages in key sectors such as food processing, crop harvesting, and transportation. Uncertainty around geopolitical tension and the effects of climate change on crop production may result in increased food prices. However, prices are expected to stabilize in 2024 and increase at a more palatable annualized rate of 1.6% through 2028.

The consumer confidence index in 2024 is forecasted to increase at an annualized rate of 7.6% through 2028, driven by growing optimism towards central bank monetary policies, an improved outlook on inflation, and a strengthening Canadian labour market. High consumer confidence is expected to drive demand in the food and beverage industry. Additionally, consumer spending is forecasted to increase at an annualized rate of 1.9%, fueled by improvement in consumer confidence and growth in per capita disposable income.





\$1,500 \$1,100 \$1,100 \$900 Historical Forecast



Select Recent M&A Transactions

North America





acquired



Closed	Feb 27, 2024
EV	\$120.2 million
EV/EBITDA	Not Disclosed
EV/Revenue	0.5x

- PTF Holdings LLC. (PTF) is the holding company for Pacific Trellis Fruit. The company produces premium fresh fruit, such as table grapes, cherries, plums, peaches, and more. PTF was founded in 1999 and is based in Fresno, California.
- Progressive Produce Corporation (Progressive Produce) grows and distributes fresh produce. The company offers produce, such as potatoes, onions, grapefruits, cauliflower, and more. Progressive Produce was founded in 1967 and is based in Los Angeles, California.
- The transaction enables PTF to expand its product portfolio into the fresh vegetable produce market while enhancing the company's fresh produce market position.



acquired



Closed	Feb 15, 2024					
EV	\$62.0 million					
EV/EBITDA	Not Disclosed					
EV/Revenue	Not Disclosed					

- Grocery Outlet Inc. (Grocery Outlet) is a highgrowth retailer of name-brand consumables and fresh products sold through a network of independently operated stores. The company provides grocery products including produce, frozen foods, fresh meat, and more. Grocery Outlet was founded in 1983 and is based in Emeryville, California.
- The Bargain Barn Inc. (Bargain Barn) operates grocery retail outlets throughout the Southeastern region of the U.S. The company's retail stores provide grocery products including dairy, produce, meat, and more. Bargain Barn was founded in 1974 and is based in Athens, Tennessee.
- The transaction enables Grocery Outlet to strengthen its foothold as a grocery retailer and facilitates its growth into the Southeastern region.

Select Recent M&A Transactions

North America





acquired the operational assets of



Closed	Jan 30, 2024
EV	\$24.0 million
EV/EBITDA	Not Disclosed
EV/Revenue	Not Disclosed

- FreshRealm Inc. (FreshRealm) is a producer of fresh meals for health-conscious customers. The company offers ready-to-heat and ready-to-cook meals. FreshRealm was founded in 2013 and is based in Ventura, California.
- Marley Spoon Inc. (Marley) is a provider of weekly meal kit services. The company prepares various recipes such as vegetarian meals, meat lovers and fish-based meals. Marley was founded in 2009 and is based in New York, New York.
- The transaction enables FreshRealm to leverage economies of scale by adding meal production and fulfilment facilities in New Jersey, California, and Texas.



acquired



Closed	Jan 22, 2024
EV	\$28.3 million
EV/EBITDA	8.6x
EV/Revenue	1.3x

- **Prime Drink Group Corp.** (Prime) is a leading developer of spring water sources in North America. The company seeks to acquire, integrate, and grow beverage businesses in diverse sectors. Prime was founded in 2015 and is based in Montreal, Quebec.
- Triani Canada Inc. (Triani) is a leading producer of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. The company produces malt beverages, microbrewery beers, and wines. Triani was founded in 2015 and is based in Terrebonne, Quebec.
- The transaction helps Prime to become a fully integrated beverage business from production to distribution.

Public Comparable Analysis

Trading Multiples & Operating Statistics



(Figures in USD Millions, except percentages and ratios)

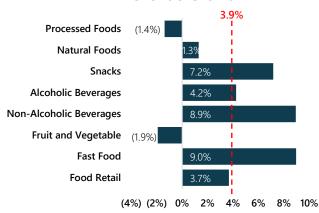
			LTM Operating Figures		es	NTM Consensus Estimates			Valuation		
Company	Market Capitalization	Enterprise Value	Revenue	Revenue Growth	EBITDA	EBITDA Margin	Revenue Growth		NTM EV/EBITDA	LTM EV/EBITDA	LTM EV/REV
Processed Foods	·										
Nestlé S.A.	\$278,244	\$333,712	\$110,860	(1.5%)	\$21,561	19.4%	(5.7%)	21.3%	15.0x	15.5x	3.0x
Tyson Foods, Inc.	\$20,928	\$29,152	\$52,940	(1.2%)	\$2,080	3.9%	0.0%	5.5%	10.1x	14.0x	0.6x
Campbell Soup Company	\$13,251	\$17,902	\$9,271	1.0%	\$1,742	18.8%	11.6%	19.1%	9.1x	10.3x	1.9x
B&G Foods, Inc.	\$899	\$2,976	\$2,062	(4.7%)	\$310	15.1%	(4.4%)	15.8%	9.6x	9.6x	1.4x
Median Mean	\$17,089 \$78,331	\$23,527 \$95,936	\$31,106 \$43,783	(1.4%) (1.6%)	\$1,911 \$6,423	16.9% 14.3%	(2.2%) 0.4%	17.4% 15.4%	9.8x 10.9x	12.1x 12.3x	1.7x 1.7x
Natural Foods											
The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.	\$706	\$1,552	\$1,782	(3.8%)	\$130	7.3%	3.7%	9.0%	9.3x	11.9x	0.9x
Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.	\$6,526	\$7,985	\$6,837	6.8%	\$519	7.6%	7.0%	7.5%	14.6x	15.4x	1.2x
United Natural Foods, Inc.	\$683	\$4,317	\$30,251	1.3%	\$378	1.2%	2.8%	1.8%	7.8x	11.4x	0.1x
Median Mean	\$706 \$2,638	\$4,317 \$4,618	\$6,837 \$12,957	1.3% 1.4%	\$378 \$342	7.3% 5.4%	3.7% 4.5%	7.5% 6.1%	9.3x 10.6x	11.9x 12.9x	0.9x 0.7x
Snacks											
General Mills	\$39,501	\$51,681	\$20,173	1.1%	\$4,296	21.3%	0.2%	20.8%	12.3x	12.0x	2.6x
The Hershey Company	\$39,719	\$44,443	\$11,165	7.2%	\$2,952	26.4%	2.9%	26.7%	14.5x	15.1x	4.0x
J&J Snack Foods Corp.	\$2,802	\$2,899	\$1,556	10.1%	\$176	11.3%	1.8%	13.0%	14.1x	16.4x	1.9x
Median Mean	\$39,501 \$27,341	\$44,443 \$33,008	\$11,165 \$10,965	7.2% 6.1%	\$2,952 \$2,475	21.3% 19.7%	1.8% 1.6%	20.8% 20.2%	14.1x 13.6x	15.1x 14.5x	2.6x 2.8x
Alcoholic Beverages	·	•	-		•						
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV	\$120,777	\$197,661	\$59,380	2.8%	\$18,211	30.7%	4.7%	34.5%	9.2x	10.9x	3.3x
Heineken N.V.	\$54,308	\$74,369	\$33,560	5.7%	\$6,304	18.8%	2.0%	21.8%	10.0x	11.8x	2.2x
Brown-Forman Corporation	\$24,617	\$27,434	\$4,260	2.0%	\$1,290	30.3%	1.4%	32.2%	19.7x	21.3x	6.4x
Molson Coors Beverage Company	\$14,299	\$20,104	\$11,702	9.4%	\$2,282	19.5%	1.2%	20.9%	8.1x	8.8x	1.7x
Median	\$39,463	\$50,901	\$22,631	4.2%	\$4,293	24.9%	1.7%	27.0%	9.6x	11.3x	2.8x
Mean	\$53,500	\$79,892	\$27,226	4.9%	\$7,022	24.8%	2.3%	27.4%	11.8x	13.2x	3.4x
Non-Alcoholic Beverages											
The Coca-Cola Company	\$263,759	\$296,179	\$45,754	6.4%	\$14,441	31.6%	0.1%	33.1%	19.6x	20.5x	6.5x
PepsiCo, Inc.	\$240,553	\$277,745	\$91,471	5.9%	\$16,328	17.9%	3.7%	19.0%	15.4x	17.0x	3.0x
Starbucks Corporation	\$103,472	\$124,589	\$36,687	11.5%	\$7,247	19.8%	8.2%	20.9%	15.0x	17.2x	3.4x
Monster Beverage Corporation	\$61,689	\$58,502	\$7,140	13.1%	\$2,081	29.1%	11.7%	30.9%	23.7x	28.1x	8.2x
Median Mean	\$172,012 \$167,368	\$201,167 \$189,254	\$41,221 \$45,263	8.9% 9.2%	\$10,844 \$10,024	24.5% 24.6%	6.0% 5.9%	25.9% 26.0%	17.5x 18.4x	18.9x 20.7x	4.9x 5.3x
Fruit and Vegetable											
Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.	\$15,380	\$18,932	\$6,346	40.7%	\$1,380	21.7%	11.6%	23.9%	11.2x	13.7x	3.0x
Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc.	\$1,234	\$1,813	\$4,321	(2.7%)	\$247	5.7%	3.3%	5.6%	N/A	7.3x	0.4x
Seneca Foods Corporation	\$403	\$1,065	\$1,482	(1.9%)	\$113	7.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.5x	0.7x
Median Mean	\$1,234 \$5,673	\$1,813 \$7,270	\$4,321 \$4,049	(1.9%) 12.0%	\$247 \$580	7.6% 11.7%	7.5% 7.5%	14.7% 14.7%	11.2x 11.2x	9.5x 10.2x	0.7x 1.4x
Fast Food											
McDonald's Corporation	\$203,582	\$252,152	\$25,494	10.0%	\$13,684	53.7%	5.5%	54.5%	17.2x	18.4x	9.9x
Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.	\$203,302 \$79,707	\$82,463	\$9,872	14.3%	\$1,916	19.4%	13.7%	19.9%	36.9x	43.0x	9.9x 8.4x
Yum! Brands, Inc.	\$39,007	\$50,502	\$7,076	3.4%	\$2,542	35.9%	10.0%	35.5%	18.3x	19.9x	7.1x
Restaurant Brands International	\$24,896	\$40,094	\$7,022	7.9%	\$2,328	33.2%	6.7%	36.9%	14.5x	17.2x	5.7x
Inc. Median	\$59,357	\$66,483	\$8,474	9.0%	\$2,435	34.5%	8.3%	36.2%	17.8x	19.1x	7.7x
Mean	\$86,798	\$106,303	\$12,366	8.9%	\$5,117	35.5%	9.0%	36.7%	21.7x	24.6x	7.7x 7.8x
Food Retail											
Costco Wholesale Corporation	\$324,924	\$324,036	\$248,828	6.2%	\$11,072	4.4%	5.7%	4.6%	26.9x	29.3x	1.3x
The Kroger Co.	\$41,101	\$58,465	\$150,039	1.2%	\$8,153	5.4%	(0.8%)	5.3%	7.5x	7.2x	0.4x
Median Mean	\$183,013 \$183,013		\$199,434 \$199,434	3.7% 3.7%	\$9,613 \$9,613	4.9% 4.9%	2.4% 2.4%	4.9% 4.9%	17.2x 17.2x	18.2x 18.2x	0.8x 0.8x
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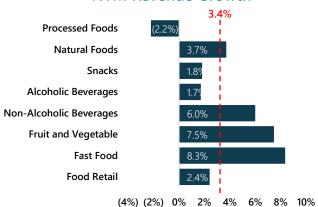
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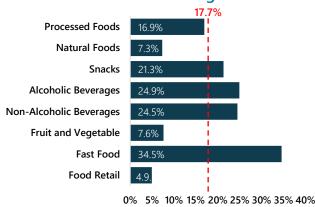
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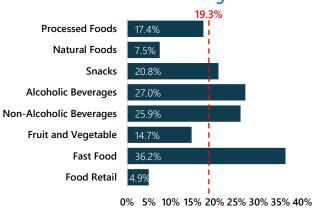
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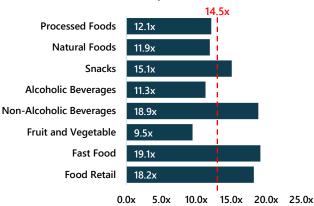
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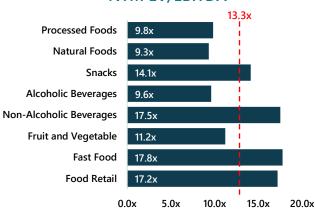
NTM EBITDA Margin



LTM EV/EBITDA



NTM EV/EBITDA



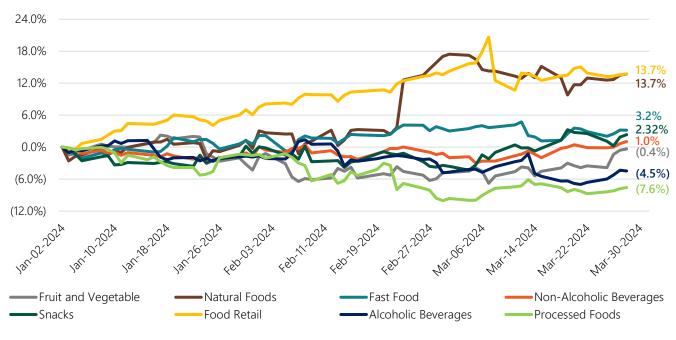


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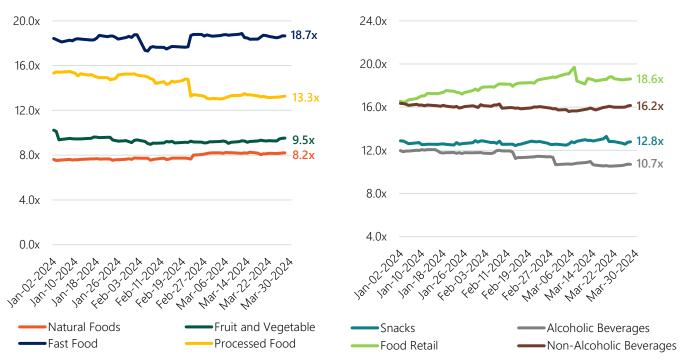
Performance Analysis



Food & Beverage Peer Group Stock Performance



Food & Beverage Peer Group EV/EBITDA Multiples



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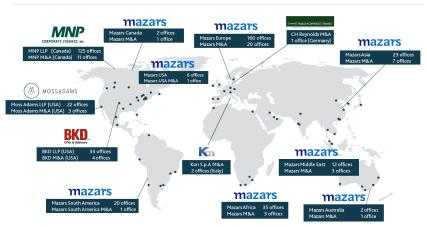
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Recently Closed Deals (National)





















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- Agriculture
- Automotive
- Materials
- Healthcare
- Pharmaceutical

- Transportation
- Construction
- Software
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