

Jollibee Foods (JFC PM)

Fries or rice with your chicken?

BUY JFC: at the forefront of foodservice growth

GlobalData forecasts the Philippine food service industry to grow to PHP1.1t p.a. in sales by 2027E (2022-27E CAGR of 13.7%) on 8.6% growth in the QSR segment each year. QSR accounts for c.56% of the total industry. Growth in the QSR segment will be driven by the rise in value-conscious consumers, a rebound in tourism and an increase in restaurants. As the largest QSR operator in the country, JFC will lead this growth. Despite mounting inflationary pressures from rising oil prices, we believe our 14%/18% YoY FY23/24E earnings growth forecast for JFC is achievable given growing private consumption, which drives JFC's daily sales, value-positioning and store expansion strategy. Maintain BUY and PHP288 TP.

Return of dine-in customers

In 2017-19, restaurants and hotels accounted for 9.4-9.6% of total Filipino household expenditure. While this dipped to 5.9-6.9% in 2020-22, it recovered to 9.6% in 1Q23. Before Covid, dine-in customers generated roughly 60%/58% of PIZZA/JFC's system-wide 2019 sales, recovering to 60%/43% in 1H23, as looser mobility restrictions lifted foot traffic in public areas like schools, airports and CBDs. Rising dine-in revenue usually results in higher average daily sales for QSRs and full-service restaurants, driven by a wider menu selection and more social gatherings.

Food delivery has become a habit

Although mobility restrictions have been completely lifted, revenues from food deliveries continue to grow. In the latest *GrabFood* survey, 7 out of 10 consumers say ordering deliveries has become a habit. Despite having to pay, we believe demand for deliveries will continue to grow due to the convenience and wider menu selection, boosted by aggregators' bundled deals and free delivery promotions. To address this trend, QSRs have also started to invest in their own digital platforms, complemented by aggregators such as GrabFood and FoodPanda, to service delivery orders.

Top Pick: JFC

JFC is our Top Pick in the foodservice sector due to its dominant position in the domestic QSR market and its highly profitable domestic business (88% of 1H23 EBIT), which leverages its price leadership, optimised operations and franchised outlets (c.67%). Even at 3,195 domestic stores as of YE22, JFC still only represents 17% of total QSR outlets in the country, implying substantial room to open more stores given its low penetration rate in other provinces in the Philippines. Moreover, we expect JFC's FY23-25E earnings to grow by double digits, which should boost ROE to 18-19% in the medium term from 17.1% in FY22.

FYE Dec (PHP m)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	153,576	211,902	250,450	278,321	305,080
EBITDA	19,757	25,540	27,642	30,522	33,851
Core net profit	5,982	7,559	8,644	10,217	11,274
Core EPS (PHP)	5.39	6.79	7.76	9.17	10.12
Core EPS growth (%)	nm	25.8	14.4	18.2	10.3
Net DPS (PHP)	1.66	2.52	2.59	3.06	3.37
Core P/E (x)	40.1	33.9	27.2	23.0	20.8
P/BV (x)	4.3	4.1	3.5	3.2	2.9
Net dividend yield (%)	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.6
ROAE (%)	14.8	17.1	17.9	18.9	18.7
ROAA (%)	2.9	3.4	3.7	4.4	4.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.3	12.7	10.5	9.0	8.2
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	19.0	20.0	9.1	net cash	net cash
Consensus net profit	-	-	8,049	10,000	11,848
MIBG vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	7.4	2.2	(4.8)

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BUY

Share Price	PHP 211.00
12m Price Target	PHP 288.00 (+36%)
Previous Price Target	PHP 288.00

Company Description

Engaged in the development, operation, and franchising of quick-service restaurants in the Philippines and worldwide

Statistics

52w high/low (PHP)	261.00/210.00
3m avg turnover (USDm)	2.3
Free float (%)	45.6
Issued shares (m)	1,103
Market capitalisation	PHP232.8B USD4.1B

Major shareholders:

Hyper Dynamic Corp.	43.3%
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Price Performance



— Jollibee Foods - (LHS, PHP) — Jollibee Foods / PSEI Philippine SE Index - (RHS, %)

	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	(7)	(18)	(6)
Relative to index (%)	(5)	(10)	(6)

Source: FactSet

Acronyms used:

CBD: central business district
QSR: quick service restaurant

Other stocks mentioned:

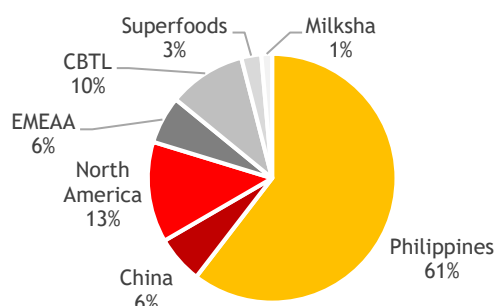
Shakey's Pizza Asia Ventures (PIZZA PM, CP: PHP9.55, BUY, TP: PHP12.00)

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Value Proposition

- JFC is the country's biggest QSR operator with 3,285 stores and 3,195 outlets overseas as of 31 Dec 2022.
- Euromonitor estimates JFC's market share in the Philippines at 42% in 2022, beating multi-nationals, including McDonald's and KFC.
- JFC's growth strategy is centred on: (i) the expansion of core brands both locally and internationally; and (ii) acquisitions of established businesses (e.g. Smashburger and The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf).
- It targets 50:50 Philippines:international revenue split by FY28E.

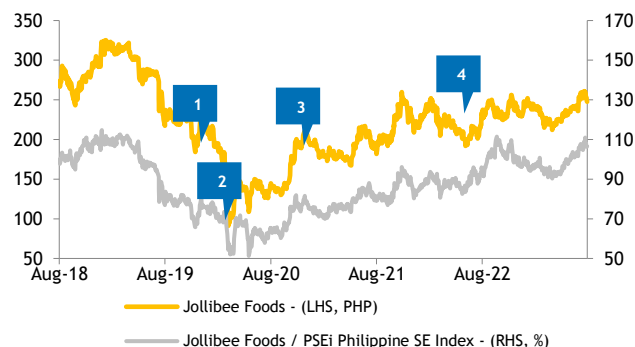
System-wide sales breakdown (FY22)



Source: Company

Price Drivers

Historical share price trend



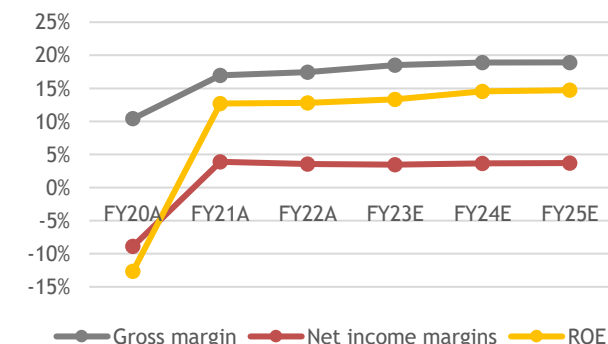
Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

- In Sept'19 JFC acquired The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf for USD350m.
- COVID-19 forced most restaurant outlets to close down for at least two months in 2020.
- Announced plans to spend PHP7.0b for business restructuring to adjust to the new normal.
- Higher-than-expected domestic inflation dampened investor sentiment.

Financial Metrics

- We expect FY22-25E revenue CAGR of 13% on the back of 500/500 new stores and the recovery of basket sizes in the Philippines and in China.
- JFC's cash-based operations and underleveraged balance sheet should be sufficient to fund its capex requirements and planned acquisitions.
- We believe JFC's core ROE may have bottomed out at 8.6% in FY19 and should recover to 17.9% by YE23E.

Profitability ratios



Source: Company

Swing Factors

Upside

- Faster-than-expected turnaround of Smashburger and The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, which we estimate to account for c.10-13% of revenue.
- Sustained momentum in the Philippines business, resulting in stronger-than-expected EBIT margin expansion.
- Acquisition that is value and earnings-accretive.

Downside

- Worsening of operating losses for Smashburger and The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf.
- Higher-than-expected inflation, which could dampen consumer spending, especially for discretionary items such as JFC's offerings.
- Unexpected supply chain or logistics issues that could adversely affect sales and/or increase costs.

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Risk Rating & Score ¹	33.9
Score Momentum ²	+1.0
Last Updated	01 Mar 2023
Controversy Score ³ (Updated: 24 May 2022)	2

Business Model & Industry Issues

- JFC’s long-term goals of being a top five restaurant operator (in terms of market capitalisation) in the world and achieving a 50:50 domestic/international revenue split have been under heavy scrutiny from investors given the negative impact to profitability in the past few years. JFC remains committed to these goals and the company is planning to achieve these via a three-pronged approach: i) continuous domestic store expansion; ii) international expansion of core brands in areas with a strong Filipino base; and iii) acquisitions of businesses. The latter presents risk of earnings-dilution and mispriced acquisitions.
- Overall, JFC has some catching up to do in its ESG initiatives. On the ESG front, JFC has just launched its first sustainability report titled ‘Joy for Tomorrow’ in 2023, with limited details on its long-term initiatives. The company has just formalized an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Council to oversee the company’s sustainability efforts. In our view, more concrete targets and formalisation of a sustainability roadmap will greatly improve ESG perception for JFC.

Material E issues

- JFC has been consciously increasing its use of renewable materials, especially for packaging. In 2022, JFC used renewable packaging materials for 30% of its SKUs. JFC has also been in compliance with various sustainability programs initiated by local government units (e.g. the prohibition of plastic straws and plastic bags).
- JFC was able to reduce energy use ratio by 21.5% in 2022 (vs. 2020 baseline). JFC’s Solar Rooftop Project which will begin in 2023 is aimed at installing 9 MWp solar PV across four big commissaries and is expected to cover 19% of the total electricity requirement in the Philippines.
- In the past four years, there were a couple of isolated cases of temporary store closures due to non-compliant wastewater disposal (i.e. one in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro; one in Manila Bay). The stores have already reopened as JFC fixed its wastewater disposal to comply with local government rules and the Clean Water Act.

Material S issues

- JFC had 19,224 employees in the Philippines as of end-2022 with a male-to-female ratio of 49:51. Out of Philippine-based employees, only 11% are covered with collective bargaining agreements.
- In 2018, the Department of Labour and Employment accused JFC of engaging in illegal labour-only contracting with 14,690 workers yet to be regularised. JFC argued that all of its employees are regularised and the issue was on what roles can be outsourced. In 2019, House Bill 4444 or more popularly known as the “Security of Tenure” bill intended to totally prohibit labour outsourcing. However, President Duterte vetoed the bill on 26 Jul 2019.
- JFC’s charitable initiatives are mostly done through the Jollibee Group Foundation (JGF). Currently, two key programmes of JGF include the: i) Farmer Entrepreneurship Program; and ii) Access, Curriculum, Employability Programme.

Key G metrics and issues

- JFC has nine directors on its board all of which are men. Three out of nine directors are independent. Five out of nine directors have been part of the board for more than 30 years.
- Tony Tan Caktiong serves as JFC’s Chairman with his brothers (Ernesto Tanmantiong and William Tan Untiong) also being part of the board. Two other directors (Ang Cho Sit, Antonio Chua Poe Eng) also share familial relationships with the brothers.
- In 2022, the top five most highly compensated executive officers received PHP253.2m (0.1%/3.3% of reported FY22sales/net income). Meanwhile, all officers and directors as a group received PHP1.016b (0.4%/13.4% of reported FY22 sales/net income).
- Sycip, Gorres, Velayo & Co. (SGV & Co.) has served as JFC’s auditor for more than 10 years.
- JFC’s overseas expansion has been one of the main concerns for investors, especially as its most recent big acquisitions (i.e. Smashburger, The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf) have been drags to profitability. JFC paid a total of USD210.3m/USD100.0m for 100%/80% stake in Smashburger/CBTL.
- JFC had no material related-party transactions that negatively affected minority interests in the past.

¹**Risk Rating & Score** - derived by Sustainalytics and assesses the company’s exposure to unmanaged ESG risks. Scores range between 0 - 50 in order of increasing severity with low/high scores & ratings representing negligible/significant risk to the company’s enterprise value, respectively, from ESG-driven financial impacts. ²**Score Momentum** - indicates changes to the company’s score since the last update - a **negative** integer indicates a company’s improving risk score; a **positive** integer indicates a deterioration. ³**Controversy Score** - reported periodically by Sustainalytics in the event of material ESG-related incident(s), with the impact severity scores of these events ranging from Category 0-5 (0 - no reports; 1 - negligible risks; ...; 5 - poses serious risks & indicative of potential structural deficiencies at the company).

Quantitative Parameters (Score: 20)						
	Particulars	Unit	2020	2021	2022	URC (2021)
E	Scope 1 GHG emissions	m tCO2e	30.75	17.41	46.30	294.7
	Scope 2 GHG emissions	m tCO2e	177.45	209.58	440.56	260.6
	Total	m tCO2e	208.2	227.0	486.9	555.3
	Scope 3 GHG emissions	m tCO2e	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Total	m tCO2e	N/A	N/A	N/A	555.3
	RE share of energy consumption	kgCO2e/MWh	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Water recycled as % of usage	%	N/A	N/A	0.2%	N/A
	% of recycled material used	%	N/A	N/A	N/A	16%
	% of packaging from reusable/recyclable/renewable material	%	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.0%
% of palm oil sourced from RSPO certified	%	N/A	25.0%	54.0%	51%	
S	% of women in workforce	%		47.9%	49.0%	51.0%
	% of women in management roles	%		60.0%	60.0%	59.0%
	Lost time injury frequency rate	Number		5	5	13
	CPMT (complaints per million transactions)	Number		N/A	N/A	181
G	MD/CEO salary as % of net profit	%		-1.5%	3.0%	3.4%
	Top 10 employees salary as % of profit	%		-5.0%	10.1%	13.4%
	Independent director tenure <10 years	%		20%	38%	33%
	Women directors on board	%		0%	0%	11%

Qualitative Parameters (Score: 100)	
a) Is there an ESG policy in place and is there a standalone ESG committee or is it part of the risk committee?	<i>Yes - JFC has formalised a ESG Council to oversee its sustainability efforts. It has formulated a global sustainability agenda around food, planet and people</i>
b) Is the senior management salary linked to fulfilling ESG targets?	<i>No.</i>
c) Does the company follow the task force of climate related disclosures (TCFD) framework for ESG reporting?	<i>No.</i>
e) Does the company have a mechanism to capture Scope 3 emissions - which parameters are captured?	<i>No.</i>
f) What are the 2-3 key carbon mitigation/water/waste management strategies adopted by the company?	<p><i>1. JFC's wastes are properly managed and segregated so that they may still be reused or recycled. From JFC's manufacturing plants, wastes such as paper, cartons, tin cans, etc., are bought by accredited scrap buyers; meat trimmings are repurposed by accredited buyers; and pastry trimmings are reprocessed as feed mix by a third party.</i></p> <p><i>2. In 2021, JFC delivered a 10.4% reduction in energy use ratio versus 2020, which indicates that its initiatives on reduction of fuel and electricity were effective. This exceeded its internal target of 5% reduction.</i></p>
g) Does carbon offset form part of the net zero/carbon neutrality target of the company?	<i>No.</i>

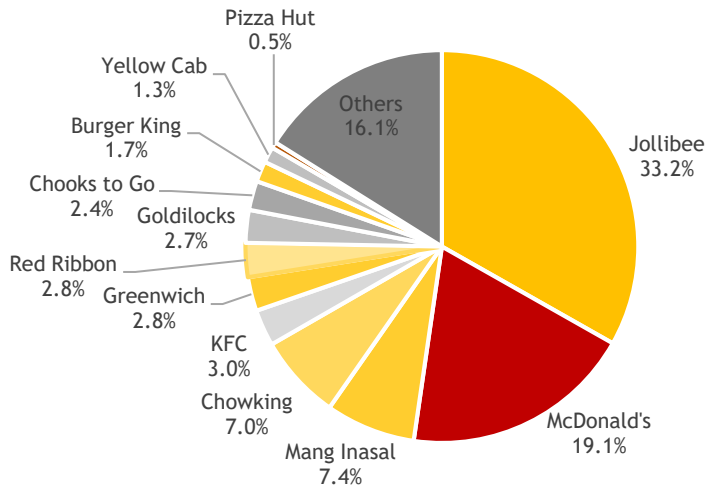
Target (Score: 100)		
Particulars	Target	Achieved
5% reduction every year in water usage in Philippines logistics site	5% p.a.	45%
Reduce energy use ratio (EUR) by 5% annually.	5% p.a.	21.5% over 2020
CO2 emissions reduction target / net zero	N/A	N/A
Impact		
NA		
Overall Score: 44		
As per our ESG matrix, Jollibee Foods Corporation (JFC PM) has an overall score of 44.		

ESG score	Weights	Scores	Final Score
Quantitative	50%	29	15
Qualitative	25%	50	13
Target	25%	67	17
Total			44

As per our ESG assessment, JFC has yet to fully establish its ESG policy and integrate it into its daily operations. JFC's overall ESG score is 44, which makes its ESG rating below average in our view (average ESG rating of stocks under our coverage = 50).

Focus charts

Fig 1: Market share for limited service restaurants (2022)



The JFC Group has 47.5% market share in the limited service restaurant space.

Source: Euromonitor

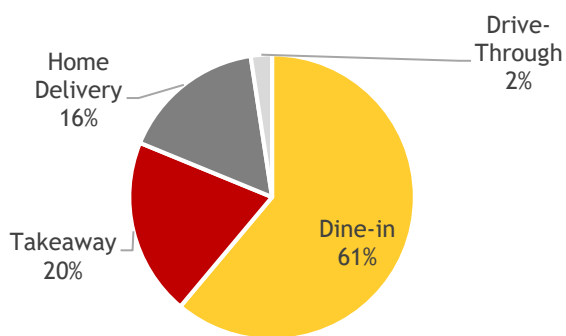
Fig 2: Philippine consumer foodservice chains: units/outlets 2022

QSR chain	Number of outlets
Chooks to Go	1,860
Jollibee	1,191
Mister Donut	1,119
Angel's Burger	1,110
Potato Corner	1,041
McDonald's	716
Mang Inasal	579
Chowking	560
Red Ribbon	529
Starbucks	421
KFC	332
Shakey's	312

Jollibee had 66% more outlets than McDonald's in the Philippines in 2022.

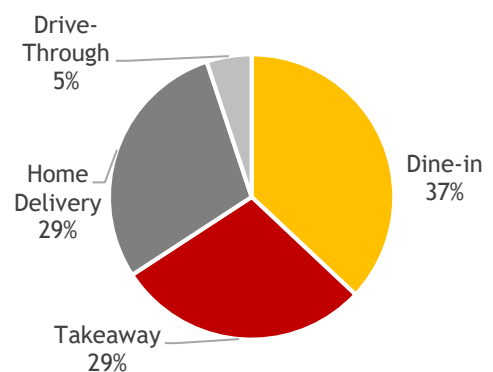
Source: Euromonitor

Fig 3: Split of foodservice (2019)



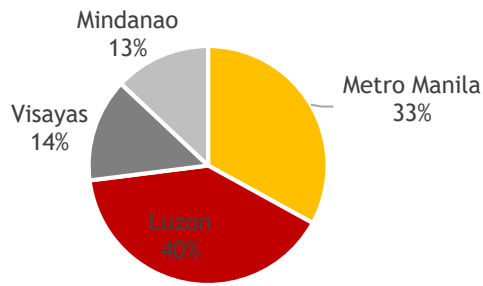
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Fig 4: Split of foodservice (2022)



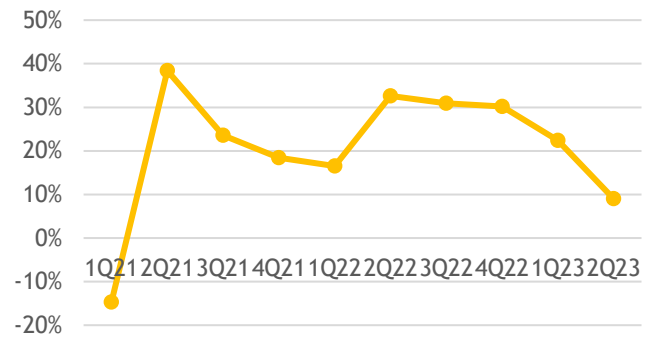
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Fig 5: JFC's store locations in the Philippines (1H23)



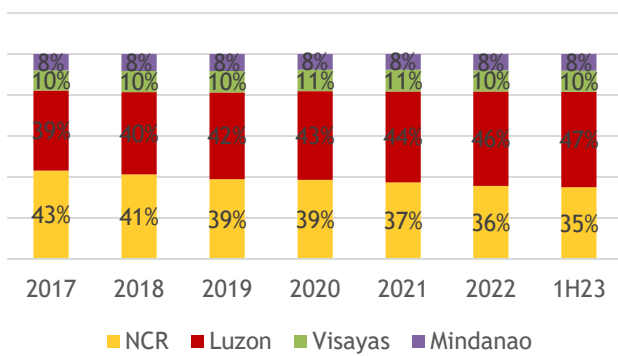
Source: Company

Fig 6: JFC's domestic SSSG



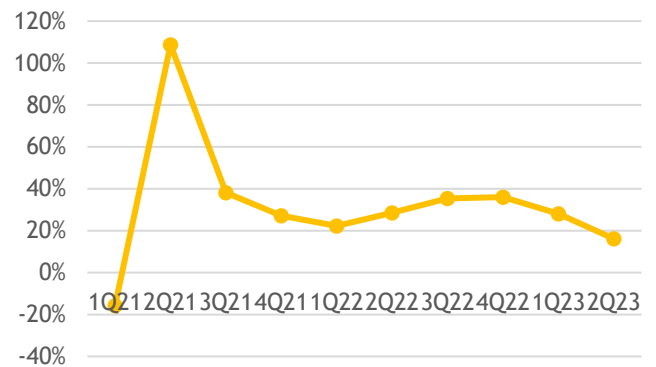
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Fig 7: McDonald's store locations in the Philippines



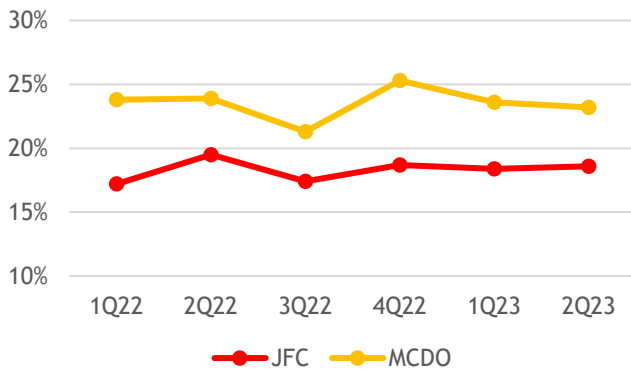
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Fig 8: McDonald's domestic SSSG



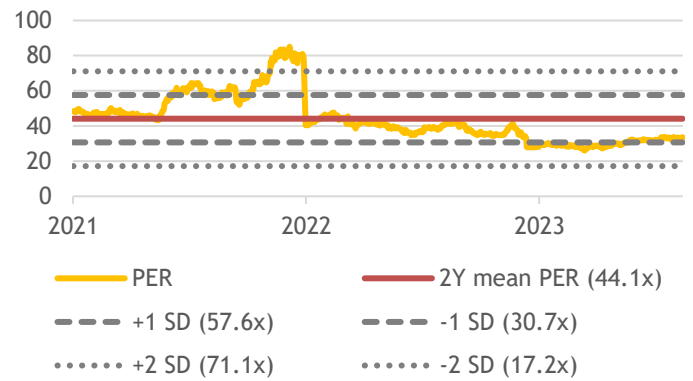
Source: Company

Fig 9: McDonald's Philippines vs JFC PH GPM



Source: Company, MIBG Research

Fig 10: JFC's 2-year PER



Source: Company

FYE 31 Dec	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	37.1	33.3	27.2	23.0	20.8
Core P/E (x)	40.1	33.9	27.2	23.0	20.8
P/BV (x)	4.3	4.1	3.5	3.2	2.9
P/NTA (x)	48.1	24.4	15.1	10.8	8.2
Net dividend yield (%)	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.6
FCF yield (%)	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.5	7.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	15.3	12.7	10.5	9.0	8.2
EV/EBIT (x)	48.2	32.7	28.1	23.4	21.6
INCOME STATEMENT (PHP m)					
Revenue	153,575.6	211,902.2	250,450.4	278,320.7	305,079.6
EBITDA	19,756.9	25,540.0	27,641.9	30,522.0	33,851.3
Depreciation	(13,482.3)	(15,598.6)	(17,289.9)	(18,798.8)	(20,955.2)
Amortisation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	6,274.6	9,941.4	10,352.0	11,723.2	12,896.1
Net interest income / (exp)	(3,980.8)	(4,427.5)	(3,860.8)	(3,623.9)	(3,953.4)
Associates & JV	(43.4)	4.1	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)
Exceptionals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other pretax income	3,893.0	5,669.7	5,009.0	5,566.4	6,101.6
Pretax profit	6,143.4	11,187.6	11,450.2	13,615.7	14,994.3
Income tax	(641.4)	(3,849.1)	(2,862.5)	(3,403.9)	(3,748.6)
Minorities	479.7	220.0	56.1	5.1	28.3
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	5,981.7	7,558.5	8,643.8	10,216.9	11,274.1
Core net profit	5,981.7	7,558.5	8,643.8	10,216.9	11,274.1
Preferred Dividends	(112.8)	(451.2)	(790.3)	(790.3)	(790.3)
Distributable Income	5,868.8	7,107.3	7,853.5	9,426.6	10,483.8
BALANCE SHEET (PHP m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	39,185.3	37,739.4	37,560.8	43,414.6	44,147.7
Accounts receivable	7,246.0	9,627.4	9,971.5	11,081.1	12,146.5
Inventory	9,355.3	17,297.6	15,541.8	17,192.3	18,841.8
Reinsurance assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	30,608.8	36,485.7	40,379.0	44,420.0	48,623.5
Intangible assets	50,610.9	51,715.5	51,583.0	51,451.8	51,321.9
Investment in Associates & JVs	15,426.6	18,111.3	18,020.4	17,929.6	17,838.7
Other assets	58,405.3	62,425.6	58,232.9	50,319.6	65,520.0
Total assets	210,838.2	233,402.7	231,289.5	235,809.1	258,440.2
ST interest bearing debt	5,460.6	9,047.9	4,981.0	3,229.9	2,346.9
Accounts payable	32,952.8	43,243.7	44,431.5	49,150.0	53,865.5
Insurance contract liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LT interest bearing debt	47,835.8	44,880.0	40,383.8	39,353.9	30,307.1
Other liabilities	50,405.0	55,316.0	55,662.0	52,228.0	73,375.0
Total Liabilities	136,654.1	152,487.7	145,458.1	143,961.6	159,894.9
Shareholders Equity	55,601.5	62,220.8	67,193.2	73,214.5	79,940.6
Minority Interest	(1,682.2)	(1,570.5)	(1,626.7)	(1,631.8)	(1,660.2)
Total shareholder equity	53,919.4	60,650.2	65,566.6	71,582.7	78,280.5
Perpetual securities	20,264.8	20,264.8	20,264.8	20,264.8	20,264.8
Total liabilities and equity	210,838.2	233,402.7	231,289.5	235,809.1	258,440.2
CASH FLOW (PHP m)					
Pretax profit	6,143.4	11,187.6	11,450.2	13,615.7	14,994.3
Depreciation & amortisation	13,482.3	15,598.6	17,289.9	18,798.8	20,955.2
Adj net interest (income)/exp	3,980.8	4,427.5	3,860.8	3,623.9	3,953.4
Change in working capital	(133.5)	(2,296.6)	2,599.6	1,958.4	2,000.7
Cash taxes paid	(2,077.4)	(3,337.3)	(2,862.5)	(3,403.9)	(3,748.6)
Other operating cash flow	(1,677.7)	(1,963.5)	(8,087.8)	(8,087.8)	(8,087.8)
Cash flow from operations	19,717.8	23,616.3	24,250.2	26,505.0	30,067.1
Capex	(7,863.8)	(9,682.7)	(11,116.5)	(12,228.2)	(13,451.0)
Free cash flow	13,841.1	15,752.5	14,567.5	15,388.5	17,839.0
Dividends paid	(1,839.6)	(2,804.3)	(2,881.0)	(3,405.3)	(3,757.7)
Equity raised / (purchased)	12,243.5	1,597.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	(23,451.8)	(2,535.1)	(8,563.1)	(2,781.0)	(9,929.9)
Perpetual securities distribution	(1,245.2)	(835.2)	(790.3)	(790.3)	(790.3)
Other invest/financing cash flow	5,743.3	(5,177.9)	(1,077.9)	(1,446.4)	(1,405.2)
Effect of exch rate changes	27.1	(2.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash flow	3,331.2	4,176.6	(178.6)	5,853.8	733.1

FYE 31 Dec	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	18.6	38.0	18.2	11.1	9.6
EBITDA growth	1,254.1	29.3	8.2	10.4	10.9
EBIT growth	nm	58.4	4.1	13.2	10.0
Pretax growth	nm	82.1	2.3	18.9	10.1
Reported net profit growth	nm	26.4	14.4	18.2	10.3
Core net profit growth	nm	26.4	14.4	18.2	10.3
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	12.9	12.1	11.0	11.0	11.1
EBIT margin	4.1	4.7	4.1	4.2	4.2
Pretax profit margin	4.0	5.3	4.6	4.9	4.9
Payout ratio	30.8	37.1	33.3	33.3	33.3
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.7
Revenue/Assets (x)	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2
Assets/Equity (x)	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.2
ROAE (%)	14.8	17.1	17.9	18.9	18.7
ROAA (%)	2.9	3.4	3.7	4.4	4.6
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	(51.1)	(36.6)	(34.3)	(34.9)	(35.0)
Days receivable outstanding	16.8	14.3	14.1	13.6	13.7
Days inventory outstanding	24.9	27.4	29.0	26.1	26.2
Days payables outstanding	92.8	78.4	77.3	74.6	75.0
Dividend cover (x)	3.3	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.0
Current ratio (x)	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	19.0	20.0	9.1	net cash	net cash
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	26.2	26.7	11.9	net cash	net cash
Net interest cover (x)	1.6	2.2	2.7	3.2	3.3
Debt/EBITDA (x)	2.7	2.1	1.6	1.4	1.0
Capex/revenue (%)	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4
Net debt/ (net cash)	14,111.0	16,188.4	7,804.0	(830.8)	(11,493.8)

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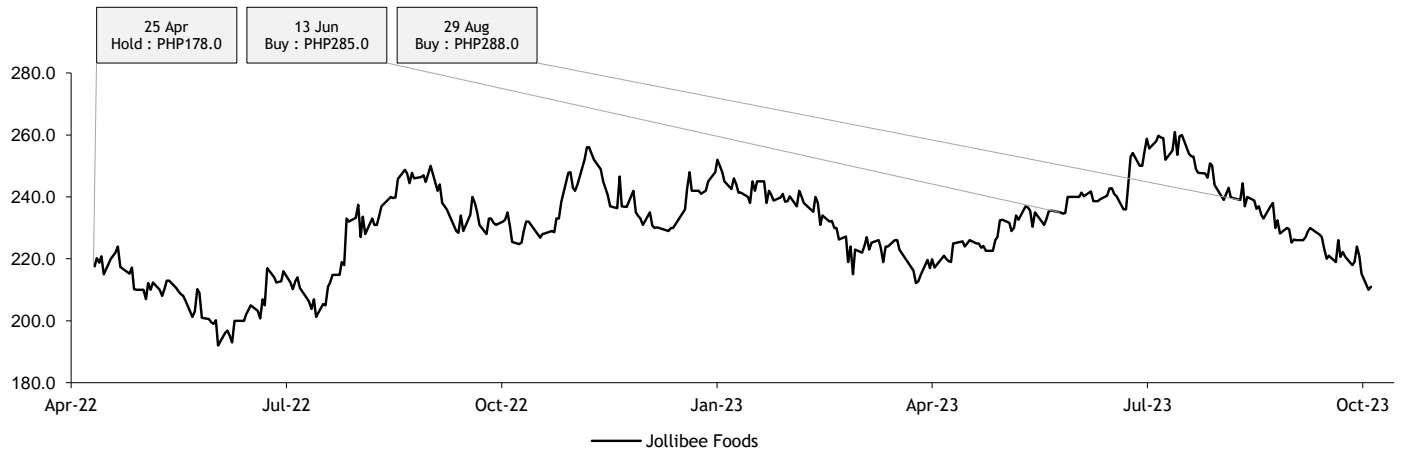
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