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Molson Coors Brewing Company
Reshaping the Competitive Brewing Landscape

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October 2004

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Molson's Vision Has Remained Consistent

1. To become one of the best performing brewers in the world, as measured by
2. To remain one of the best performing brewers in the world, as measured by
3. To regain the position as one of the best performing brewers in the world, as measured by

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Long Term Returns to Shareholders

Molson Has Delivered Best in Class Returns to Shareholders in Last Five Years

Last Five Fiscal Years

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Fiscal 2004

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Source: Bloomberg

Total returns in US\$ at March 31, 2004

** Since IPO November 2000*

Current Footprint has Experienced Challenges in Last Six Months Increasing Risks of Previous Plan

Clear Priorities Exist in Each of the Existing Businesses				
Canada	Brazil	USA	Export Strategy	Growth Beyond Core M&A Activity
Share Gain: Segments Regions Outlets	Share Gain: With price	Resolve growth strategy with Coors	Build international volume through focus on 2-3 investment markets	Address risks from continued market consolidation
Strategic Pricing	Volume	Gain import price status		Provide potential for sustained growth and shareholder value potential
Innovation	Distribution	Identify product portfolio	Seek to export to additional markets with limited investment of people or dollars	
Deliver P125				
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A-B like consistency	Achieve targets	Execute plan to become large	Growth driver	
	Three Year Focus / Immediate Priorities			Moved up in importance

Global Industry Consolidation Driving Partners to Moves that Could Impact Molson Value

Interbrew / AmBev deal is a potential trigger for next wave of bigger consolidation moves

All players revisiting their M&A growth game plan

Mid-sized players realizing that they are likely sellers

Giants are awake: AB and Heineken could accelerate the consolidation

Molson's major partners (Coors, Heineken) very likely to be involved in major deals impacting their Canadian and US strategies

Consolidation Could Lead to Value Destruction
 Most Immediate Impact with Coors and/or Heineken

Potential Deals with Risk to Molson

Conflict with Molson Portfolio of Brands

	⇒	Interbrew/AmBev	Coors brand in Canada Molson brands in US
Coors	⇒	Heineken	Heineken and Coors brands in Canada Risk they go alone or team with other Cdn brewer
	⇒	SAB/Miller	Moderate risk in Canada US marginalized
Heineken	⇒	Anheuser-Busch	Heineken brand in Canada Increased domestic competition or pricing pressure
	⇒	Femsa	Modelo brands in Canada

Risk to Molson is not only immediate impact, but loss of choice and options: Molson must preempt the outcome

Molson and Coors: The Right Combination

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North America's oldest brewer
13th largest brewer in the world
Leading position in Canada; opportunity in

Brazil

Established in 1873 by Adolph Coors
8th largest brewer in the world
Leading brands in US and UK beer growth
markets

Rich Brewing Heritage, Experienced Management, Leading Brands

Merger Improves Likelihood of Regaining the Vision

To secure the current commercial relationship with Coors, which represents 20% of Molson's total shareholder value

To identify and obtain \$175 million in synergies, which would not be available to Molson otherwise:

Capitalizes on Molson's proven track record in delivering cost savings

To be able to drive top line sales in Canada through increased marketing investments behind Molson Canadian and Coors Light

To reduce the financial impact of Brazil, allowing Molson shareholders greater time to receive the payback from the Brazil investment

To expand brewing operations in Montreal and Toronto by adding 2M hl of beer: new jobs supported with new capital investment

Makes Perfect Sense

Creates top-5 brewer with the operational scale to succeed in the global brewing industry

Strong market positions in some of the world's largest beer markets

Broader geographic base provides diversified sources of revenue, profit and cash

Experienced management team to ensure smooth integration and capitalize on growth opportunities

126 years of consumer industry experience

Proven integration skills

Natural strategic and cultural fit

Complementary product lines and operational geography

Existing strong working relationships

Common values, operating philosophies and heritages

Objective is to deliver top quartile shareholder returns

With Broad Scope & Scale

Pro forma LTM net sales and EBITDA(1) of approximately US\$6.0 billion and US\$1.0 billion, respectively

Combined 2003 volume of 60M hl/51M US bbls

Combined product portfolio of more than forty brands

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Distribution and/or licensing agreements with leading international brewers including Heineken, Grolsch, FEMSA, and Grupo Modelo

(1) EBITDA represents earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization.

Enhanced Platform in Developed Markets, Balanced Emerging Market Exposure

Strong positions in world's highest margin beer markets

Growth opportunities through underdeveloped regions/brands in mature markets and Brazil

2003 Volume 60M hl

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LTM Net Sales US\$6B

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LTM EBITDA US\$1B

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- (1) **Includes Coors America's segment**
 - (2) **Includes Coors Europe segment**

Strong geographically diversified company

With Leading Positions in Key Markets

Country	Top Brand	Rank	Market Share	All Brands Rank
Canada	[GRAPHIC]	#1	43%	#1
United Kingdom	[GRAPHIC]	#1	21%	#2
United States	[GRAPHIC]	#3	11%	#3
Brazil	[GRAPHIC]	#3	11%	#3

Source: Datamonitor and Brewers of Canada (2003)

Strong brands in some of the world's largest beer markets

Coors Growth Model

Leverage strength in high-share markets to grow more strong markets

U.S. 1st: distribution, 2nd: invest with distributors (50/205)

Drivers: YAM, Hispanic programming, trial channels

U.K. Scotland, SE/London, Carling X-Cold, Coors Fine Light

International:

Mexico: Export with FEMSA sales/distribution

China: largest global beer market (volume), 20 cities (no breweries)

Japan: Zima (Coors sales force)

Reduce costs to reinvest against the front-end, grow returns on capital

Coors Performance Overview: 2003

Improvements made in key areas of the business

Continued investments in future growth

Generated cash and exceeded debt repayment goals

Strengthened financial position; strengthened and grew returns on capital

In the most recent fiscal year, Coors emerged a stronger company in a very tough year.

Coors Americas Segment: Coors Brewing Company

Continued strong U.S. pricing environment

Share maintained in a flat, highly competitive beer market

Refined marketing strategy gaining traction with key demographic groups

Sales organization strengthened and making progress in key markets (Hispanic) and channels (national accounts, convenience stores)

Proven track record in improving efficiency and reducing cost of U.S. operations (Goal: US\$100mm in next 5 years)

Consistently able to generate cash, pay down debt

Canada: 7+% volume growth; 28% pretax income growth in 2003

Coors Europe Segment: Coors Brewers Limited

Carling #1 U.K. beer brand 30% larger than #2 brand

Significant improvements in balancing volume and margins

Achievements in productivity and cost reductions (new packaging lines in Burton, outsourcing of kegs and pub servicing)

Long-term market trends play to Coors strengths: growth in lagers, move toward off-premise/chains, where brand building is key

2003: Grew volume 7% and share 1.2 percentage points to 20.3%

In the UK, Consistent Strong Growth in Both the On-Trade

Owned Brand Market Share - On Trade

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On-Trade (~65% of CBL volume)

and the Off-Trade

Owned Brand Market Share - Off-Trade

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Off-Trade (~35% of CBL volume)

Balanced Board & Management Team

**Molson
Independent**

**Chairman
E. Molson**

**Coors
Independent**

**Molson
Independent**

Office of Synergies & Integration

**Coors
Independent**

**Molson
Independent**

**Vice Chairman
D. J. O Neill**

**CEO
L. Kiely**

**Coors
Independent**

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Synergies

	Expected Savings (US\$M)	% of Pro Forma Cost Base
Brewery Network Optimization	\$ 60	1.1%
Procurement Savings	43	0.8
SG&A	40	0.8
Best In Class Savings	12	0.2
Organizational Design	10	0.2
Other	10	0.2
Total	\$ 175	3.3%

Molson Coors has identified a clear path to substantial synergies

Profit Impact and Estimated Timing

Impact on EBITDA of 100% Synergies

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Expected Timing of Synergies

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50% of synergy capture to occur in the first 18 months

Significant Opportunity for Margin Expansion

	CY99	CY00	EBITDA to Net Sales CY01	CY02	CY03	Molson Coors Without Synergies	Molson Coors With 100% Synergies
Molson*	18.3%	18.9%	20.3%	22.9%	22.8%	16.5%	19.5%
Coors	12.1%	12.2%	12.2%	14.1%	13.6%		
AmBev	21.1%	28.7%	30.5%	36.9%	35.4%		
A-B	25.9%	26.4%	27.6%	28.2%	28.8%		
Interbrew	23.3%	21.2%	21.0%	21.0%	21.3%		
Heineken	17.2%	17.1%	17.5%	17.6%	20.2%		

* Years aligned for comparison purposes; CY99 to CY01 as reported in F 02 annual report under the comparable basis; CY02 and CY03 exclude gains on sales and charges for rationalization

US\$175M in synergies represent 300 basis points of margin improvement with significant opportunities for further margin expansion

Revenue Growth Opportunities

Canada

Unleash Coors Light; redirect dollars from Canadian Light to Canadian

Support value entry to regain share and drive volume savings

Utilize the ARC technology from UK to drive on-premise listings

USA

Continue to support Coors Light in developmental regions, capitalizing on improving brand attribute ratings

Expand testing of Marca Bavaria

Leverage Molson Canadian, Zima, and Molson XXX in the complete US system

UK

Opportunity for Molson Lager

Brazil

Investigate the appeal of Coors Light

Funding from synergies provides additional support for critical brands in key markets

Enhanced Financial Strength

Pro Forma LTM Molson Coors

(US\$M)

Net sales	\$	6,036
Operating income		694
<i>Margin</i>		<i>11.5%</i>
EBITDA		996
<i>Margin</i>		<i>16.5%</i>
Free cash flow*		723

* Defined as EBITDA - CAPEX

CAD/USD exchange rate of 1.34

Excludes potential synergies

LTM (last twelve months) ended June 30, 2004

Substantially enhanced financial strength, and financial flexibility

Net Debt / LTM EBITDA ratio of 1.9x

LTM Interest coverage of 7.1x

US\$175M in identified synergies

Financial strength and flexibility drives growth in revenue, profits and returns

Molson Coors A Key Strategic Step

Value Creation

Transaction unlocks
shareholder value through
US\$175M of merger synergies

Experienced management
team can deliver upon key
objectives

Critical Mass

Creates top-5 brewer with
global scale and diversity

Strong cash flow and balance
sheet for further investment in
business and Molson Coors
future growth

Vision

Natural strategic and cultural
fit new company to
combine best of both
organizations

Vision shared by family
owners who have been
growing the business for
generations

Best-run global beer company

Enhanced position in consolidating global brewing industry

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Supplemental Information

Last Twelve Months Pro Forma Income Statement

(US\$M)	Molson	Coors	Pre-synergies	Combined \$175M Synergies
Net sales	1,890	4,146	6,036	6,036
EBIT	365	331	696	871
<i>Margin</i>	<i>19.3%</i>	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>11.5%</i>	<i>14.4%</i>
EBITDA	413	585	998	1,173
<i>Margin</i>	<i>21.8%</i>	<i>14.1%</i>	<i>16.5%</i>	<i>19.4%</i>
Net income	187	174	361	475(1)
Free cash flow*	348	377	725	900

LTM as of June 30, 2004

CAD/USD exchange rate of 1.34

Excludes purchase accounting adjustments

* EBITDA Capex

(1) Synergies taxed at 35%

Margin Expansion, Stronger Cash Flow, Increased Profits

Pro Forma Balance Sheet

(US\$M)	Molson		Coors		Combined	
Cash	\$	10.8	\$	36.2	\$	47.1
Total current assets	\$	367.6	\$	1,128.5	\$	1,496.1
PP&E		742.3		1,411.0		2,153.3
Total assets	\$	2,931.2	\$	4,532.0	\$	7,463.1
Total current liabilities	\$	760.9	\$	1,175.9	\$	1,936.8
Total debt		840.6		1,142.1		1,982.7
Minority interests		93.5		29.8		123.2
Shareholders equity		929.7		1,425.4		2,355.1
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$	2,931.2	\$	4,532.0	\$	7,463.1

As of June 30, 2004

CAD/USD exchange rate of 1.34

Excludes purchase accounting adjustments

Low leverage provides Molson Coors the financial flexibility to grow