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# Our Purpose



# We Are Taking On Refined Sugar

## Our MISSION

Enabling healthier lifestyles and providing access to high-quality plant-based sweeteners, flavor enhancers and other foods through our diverse portfolio of trusted brands and delicious products



Wholesome



Canderel

equal

# Strong Foundation in Place to Drive Scale Benefits

**JUNE 25, 2020**

Formed from legacy brands, Merisant and MAFCO; **Begins trading on Nasdaq**

**JULY 16, 2020**

**CPG branded segment reaches 31% market share in the U.K;** Pure Via became one of the fastest growing natural sweetener brands following 2019 launch



**FEB. 8, 2021**

Acquires **Wholesome Sweeteners**, nearly doubling Branded CPG revenue



**AUGUST 9, 2021**

Announces **completion of Flavors & Ingredients footprint optimization**  
**Branded CPG Supply Chain Reinvention milestone** with opening of Decatur, AL production facility

**MAY 10, 2022**

**Branded CPG: successful production ramp-up** following Supply Chain Reinvention actions

**JULY 7, 2020**

**Whole Earth becomes fastest growing stevia-based sweetener**, 6x faster than the category



**NOV. 10, 2020**

**Acquires Swerve**, doubled Company's North American market share to 10%



**MAY 14, 2021**

Announces **completion of Swerve and Wholesome Integrations**



**FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

**Launches ESG Framework**  
Wholesome receives earnout for strong performance



Nielsen data  
Company Materials, SEC Filings

# Disrupting a Massive ~\$100B+ Market Dominated by Refined Sugar

Whole Earth Brands is the only global player disrupting refined sugar



Sugar Substitutes  
Global Penetration

Low-calorie sweeteners represent only ~3% of global tabletop sweetener volumes

Natural sweeteners category is in its infancy, commercialization of Stevia began in 2008

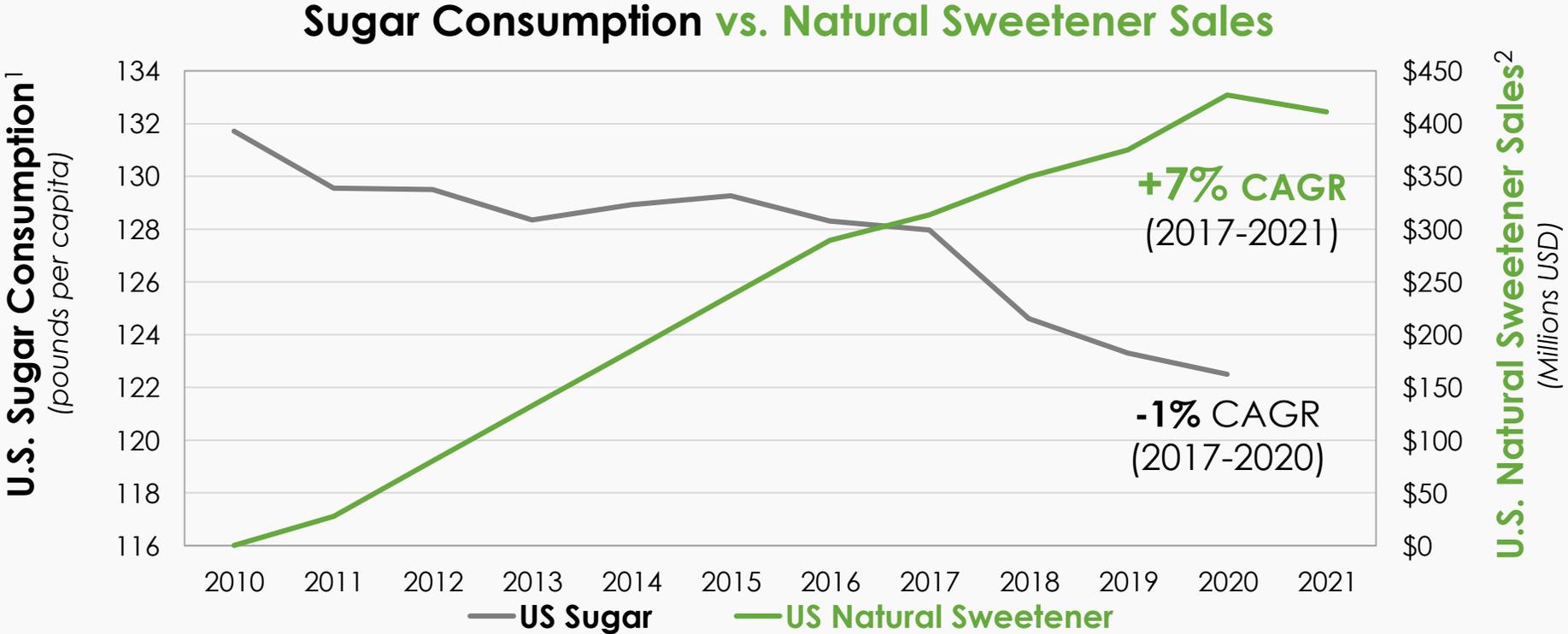
A tremendous opportunity exists for low-calorie sweeteners to gain share against sugar globally

Sources:  
Global Sugar  
Global Reduced Sugar (ex. Beverages)  
Sugar Substitutes

<https://www.researchandmarkets.com/reports/4801651/global-sugar-market-forecasts-from-2019-to-2024#src-pos-8>  
Euromonitor Passport Market Sizes  
Global penetration measured as percentage of Sugar TAM; LMC, L.E.K. research and analysis

# Consumers Are Seeking Alternatives to Refined Sugar

Sugar consumption peaked in 1999 and has been steadily declining in the U.S.



**Penetration opportunity extends globally**

<sup>1</sup>USDA Economic Research Service, U.S. per capita caloric sweeteners in pounds estimated deliveries for domestic food and beverage use, by calendar year

<sup>2</sup>Nielsen Total US xAOC 2017-2021, Historical Data estimated at standard rate of growth from zero in 2010

# Refined Sugar Is a Concern Across All Generations



Health at  
**18-24**

No taste sacrifice  
Low sugar  
Sustainability  
Plant based options  
Organic

Low Sugar  
&  
Sustainability  
Plant-based  
Organic



Health at  
**25-44**

No taste sacrifice  
Low sugar  
Sustainability  
Plant based options  
Organic  
Gut health



Health at  
**45-54**

No taste sacrifice  
Low sugar  
Sustainability  
Low Fat  
Avoid diets

Low Sugar  
&  
Low Fat  
Low Calorie



Health at  
**55+**

No taste sacrifice  
Low sugar  
Low fat  
Low sodium  
Low Cholesterol  
Avoid diets



<sup>1</sup> foodinsight.org, IFIC 2021 Food & Health Survey

All Other: Mintel. Consumer Approach to Nutrition. US. January 2020; Mintel. Free-From Foods. US. June 2019

# The Cause? Our Diet Is Leading to a Global Health Problem

## WHERE WE'VE BEEN...

The consumption of refined sugar is a major cause of obesity and many chronic diseases, such as type 2 diabetes and heart disease



## CURRENT & FUTURE STATE...

Growing demand for healthier food choices will continue to reduce refined sugar usage

**3X** the number of people have **obesity** today than in 1975<sup>1</sup>



**700 million**

people will likely have diabetes by 2045<sup>2</sup>



**60%**

of consumers find low sugar products to be appealing<sup>3</sup>



**35%** believe companies should do more to reduce sugar in their products<sup>4</sup>



Negative eating habits during the COVID-19 pandemic contributed to 42% of Americans gaining weight, further exacerbating health conditions<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup><https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/obesity-and-overweight>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.idf.org/aboutdiabetes/what-is-diabetes/facts-figures.html>

<sup>3</sup>Mintel, The Low-Sugar Destiny of Health, January 2021

<sup>4</sup>Mintel Sugar and Sweeteners Report, December 2016

<sup>5</sup><https://www.healthline.com/health-news/61-percent-of-americans-say-they-gained-weight-during-the-pandemic>

# Whole Earth Brands is Part of the Solution to this Growing Problem

We are aggressively leading the charge to catalyze industry innovation, product trial and consumer awareness

Whole Earth Brands is displacing refined sugar

Looking to keep on displacing refined sugar by bringing modern, sugar-conscious attributes to sweet adjacencies including baking, chocolate, and beyond



Natural Sweetener Category



“Free from added sugar” is claimed on 12% of total edible products, growing +16%<sup>2</sup>

Whole Earth Brands is tackling the problem through a multi-prong strategy of providing consumers with delicious, sugar substitutes, baking solutions and other ready to eat no-sugar-added products

Nielsen IQ Answers, Total Edibles, L52Wk ending 1/23/21 Total US xAOC Incl. Convenience

# Global Beverage Consumption and In-Home Baking Trends Perfectly Aligned with Business Strategy



Coffee and tea consumption continues mid-to-high single digit growth<sup>1</sup>

Baking accounts for 50% of worldwide sugar consumption



**47%**  
are looking for ways to cook healthier<sup>2</sup>

**46%**  
are baking more post COVID-19<sup>2</sup>



Source: Euromonitor, LMC

<sup>1</sup> Coffee and tea are the most common applications for low calorie sweeteners. Coffee and tea are primarily self sweetened; therefore, as consumption increases, sweetener demand is expected to increase accordingly

<sup>2</sup> Food Navigator-usa.com, Survey: Cooking more at home could become the new normal post-pandemic

# ESG Framework: 3 Pillars Supported by 2030 Goals Across 7 Material Sustainability Categories will be Released by End of Q2

## Our MISSION

Enabling healthier lifestyles to delight customers through our diverse portfolio of trusted brands & delicious products

## Our ESG VISION

Bring goodness to people & the planet

## Our ESG PILLARS

### PILLAR GOAL AREAS

1



#### Produce Sustainability

- ✓ Climate
- ✓ Packaging
- ✓ Waste & Water

2



#### Support Workers & Communities

- ✓ Responsible Sourcing
- ✓ Diversity & Inclusion

3



#### Enable Healthier Lifestyles

- ✓ Innovation & Transparency
- ✓ Equitable Access



## Who We Are

# Leading CPG Portfolio of Brands



**Premium, plant-based sweeteners and beyond with wellness at heart**



**High quality, responsibly-sourced organic, fair trade, clean indulgence**



**Zero sugar, Keto-friendly sweeteners & mixes for ultimate enjoyment**



**Premium, natural ingredient sweeteners for beverages, baking, & pure joy**



**Leading legacy sweeteners brand for beverages, baking & more**



**Trusted, value-oriented sweeteners for beverages & baking**



**Expansion into category adjacencies – including baking and ready-to-eat products – drives revenue growth**

# CPG Portfolio of Brands in Key Markets

## SHARE RANK in Top 7 Markets

BRAND AWARENESS		U.S.	France	U.K.	Australia	Argentina	South Africa	Thailand
		#4	#1	#1	#1	#2	#1	#1
 <b>WHOLE EARTH</b>	<b>12%</b>							
 <b>PURE VIA</b>	<b>48 - 50%</b>							
<i>Wholesome</i>	<b>7%</b>							
 <b>Swerve</b>	<b>8%</b>							
<i>equal</i>	<b>75 - 90%</b>							
<b>Canderel</b>	<b>80 - 90%</b>							

"Share Rank": Market Nielsen latest data YTD period through 2021

"Brand Awareness": UK data from 2018 Dig Insights study. U.S. and France data from 2018 Brand Health Tracking Study; Australia data from 2018 Colmar Brunton report; South Africa data from TNS report 2014; Argentina Estudio Nora Reyes report 2017; L.E.K. management data for Swerve

# Flavors & Ingredients Segment is Driving Growth

A very strong foundation to build upon



World-class supply chain knowledge and experience



Long-term strategic relationships with critical supply partners



Mafco is the security of supply “backstop” for global licorice supply as a critical performance ingredient



GFSI certified manufacturing to use any type/origin of licorice raw material to make Mafco's finished licorice products



Best in class licorice product applications development and technical support

**Empowered by experienced leadership, an application-focused sales strategy, and a stronger R&D & sales team to drive growth**



## How We Grow

# Growth Drivers



1

Drive category leadership through innovation and brand building



2

Disrupt adjacent categories with reduced/no-sugar-added / better-for-you new product offerings



3

Expand distribution by leveraging Whole Earth Brands “Power of One” portfolio across channels



4

Continue to strengthen our global supply chain and manufacturing footprint



5

Selectively target strategic acquisitions to enhance portfolio and penetrate new markets

# Pillars to Grow North America Market Share

1

## Improved product supply

Decatur Alabama plant output improved throughout Q1

March production levels best in over a year

2

## Exciting Innovation pipeline

2022 innovation slate in progress combining optimal ingredients and format by consumer need

3

## “Power of One” Distribution wins

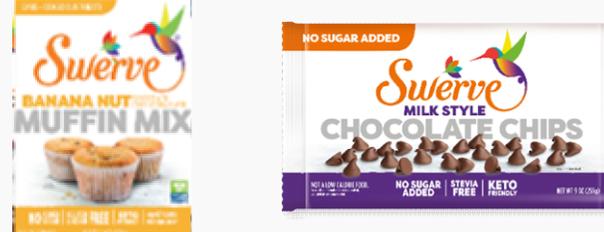
Several distribution gains secured for 2022  
Channels unmeasured by Nielsen account for 27% of WEB North America’s channel mix

4

## Brand Building initiatives underway

Activate consumer to drive household penetration and build share through social, digital, and customer specific advertising

# North America 2022 Innovation Pipeline

BRAND	CORE PRODUCT	CORE PACKAGING	ADJACENCY
			
			
	<p data-bbox="575 908 927 965">Coming Soon</p>		<p data-bbox="2002 901 2354 958">Coming Soon</p>
			

# North America “Power of One” Distribution Gains for 2022

## Key Distribution Wins

Customer Type	Key National Discount Retailer	Key National Grocer	Key National Grocer
Brand(s) Accepted		   	 
Format(s) Accepted	Sachets	Bags & Sachets	Baking Mixes & Sachets

# North America 2022 Brand Building Initiatives

## 1 CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT

Influencer activations to drive relevancy, cross-channel content, and omni-channel velocities



Activated at Key National Mass Merchandiser

## 2 SOCIAL & DIGITAL ADVERTISING

Impactful Social, Digital programmatic advertising to maintain cultural relevance

## 3 CUSTOMER SPECIFIC ADVERTISING

Drive Innovation and amplify promotional drives with targeted Social

### Key National Grocer



### Innovation Trial & Velocities

### Key Regional Grocers

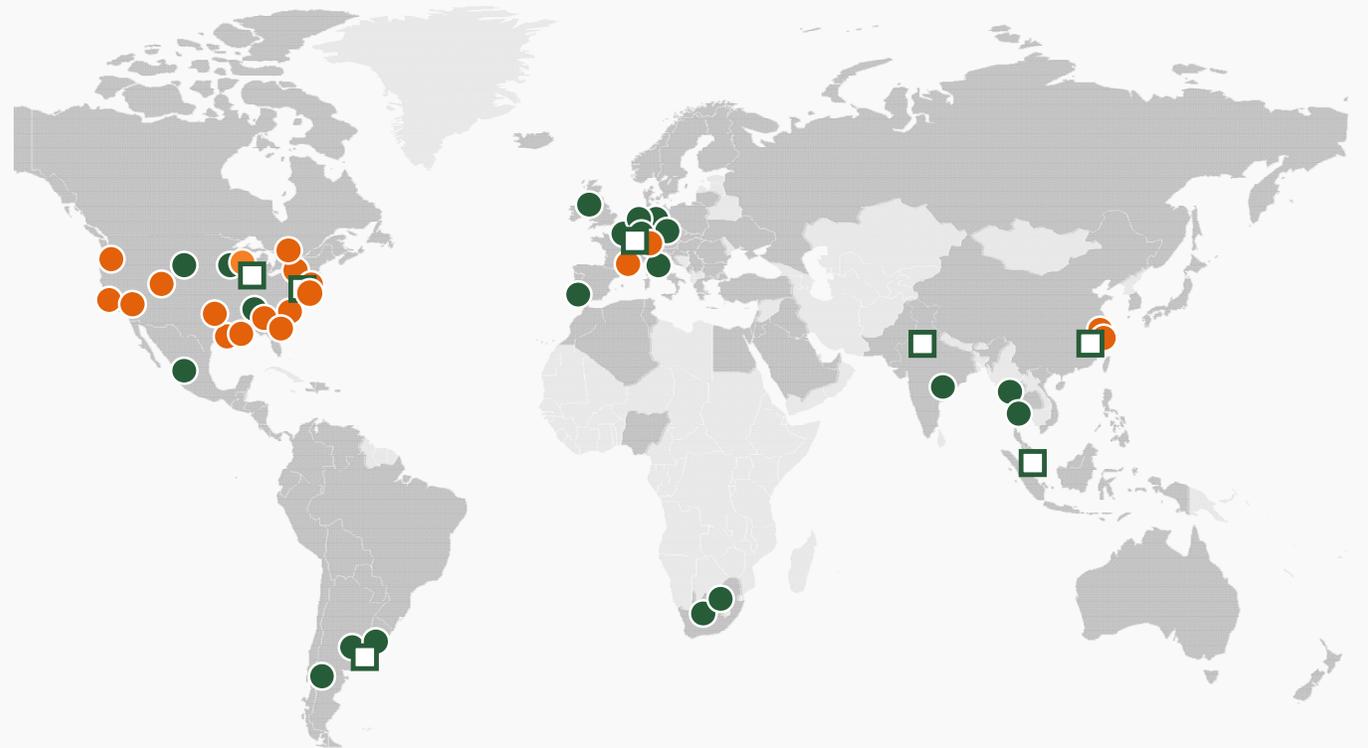


### Q2 Promo Amplification

# Global Supply Chain Capabilities

Driving top-line growth, margin expansion and free cash flow generation

- **Asset-light manufacturing model**
  - Serves >100 countries primarily through co-manufacturing facilities
- **World-class supply chain capabilities**
  - Enable rapid rollout of new products and seamless integration of acquired businesses



## North America Supply Chain Reinvention well underway

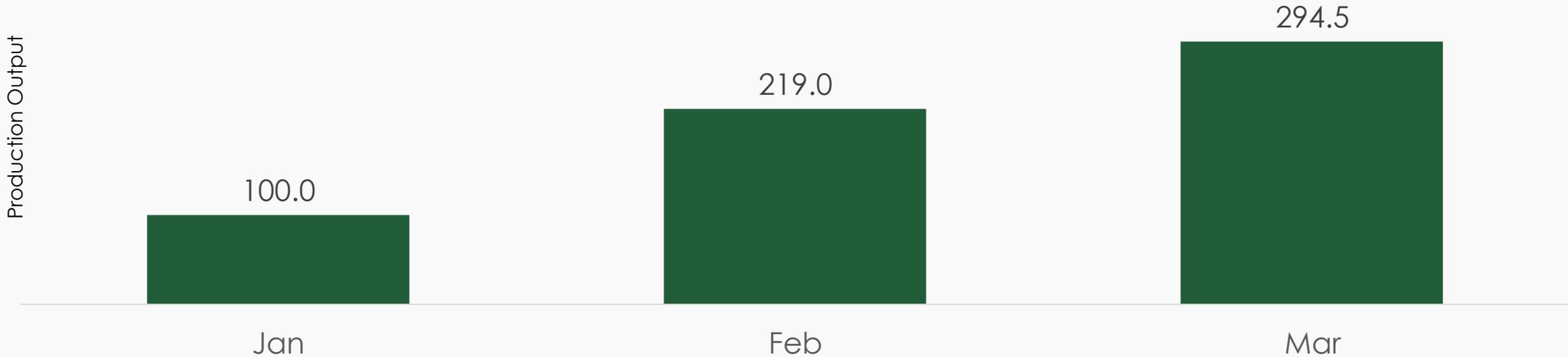
- Streamline sourcing, manufacturing, and logistics
- Enables future M&A plug-ins/synergies capture

□ Whole Earth Brands regional HQ

● Manufacturing facilities  
● Co-manufacturing facilities

# Improved Product Supply in North America

Decatur Alabama plant output improved throughout Q1



- COVID-19 Omicron spike in early January cause staffing shortage that continue through majority of the month
- Reduced number of operational days to ready plant and install new lines

- Staffing levels improved as Omicron reduces and training takes hold

- Continuing to improve staffing levels
- Begin production on new lines

Note: chart data indexed at January output levels for comparison purposes

# Productivity Gains to Help Offset Inflation

## Pricing

- Execute list price increases and trade spend optimization
  - Evaluate packaging size opportunities
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## COGS Savings

- Commodity pre-buys ahead of 2022
  - Productivity initiatives include:
    - Flavors & Ingredients Footprint Optimization including Camden plant closure, driving approximately \$2-3 million in savings in both 2021 and 2022
    - North America Supply Chain Reinvention
    - Synergies from acquisitions driving cost favorability
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## SG&A Savings

- Synergies and Flavors & Ingredients Footprint Optimization drive savings
- Discretionary spend savings



## Financial Highlights

# 2022 Guidance

Adjusted EBITDA guidance reflects 2 – 6% proforma organic growth

\$ in millions	2021 Proforma Reconciliation				2022 Guidance		
	2021 Reported	Wholesome stub period	Bonus to full cash program	2021 Proforma	2022	Proforma Organic Growth <sup>(1)</sup>	Reported Growth
Revenue	\$494	\$20	--	\$514	\$530 - \$545	3-6%	7-10%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$82	\$2	(\$2)	\$82	\$84 - \$87	2-6%	2-6%
CAPEX	\$12				~\$10		

(1) The Company defines proforma organic growth to be as if the Company owned Wholesome for the full years 2021 and 2022.

# Mid-Single Digit Long-Term Growth Algorithm

<b>Net Sales</b>	<p><b>Mid-single digit organic growth through the cycle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Driven by distribution gains, geographic expansion, and continued innovation</li><li>▪ Accelerated by tuck-in acquisitions</li></ul>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<p><b>Margins of ~16-18%</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Operational leverage from existing footprint and SG&amp;A platform</li></ul> <p><b>Mid-to-High single digit growth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Accelerated by accretive and synergistic tuck-in acquisitions</li></ul>
<b>CAPEX</b>	<p><b>Long-term view of CAPEX approximating ~1.5% of net sales</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Asset-light business model</li><li>▪ Higher spend in 2020/2021 associated with manufacturing footprint optimization project and supply chain reinvention</li></ul>

**Disciplined  
Capital  
Allocation for  
Global Market  
Leadership**

Opportunistically pursue synergistic,  
growth-enhancing M&A



Long-term leverage target ~3.0x



Priority for capital allocation will be towards  
deleveraging

# Investment Highlights

Targeting a massive \$100B sugar and reduced-sugar adjacencies market



Secular shift towards health and wellness and plant-based provides multi-decade tailwinds and large opportunities in sugar-laden products



Global platform serving long-standing customer relationships across 100+ countries through our leading brands



Asset-light and scalable business model with leading market positioning allows for sustainably high-margin profile



Attractive balance sheet and stable free cash flow supports growth initiatives and opportunity to drive complementary M&A

**Thank You**



**Questions?**



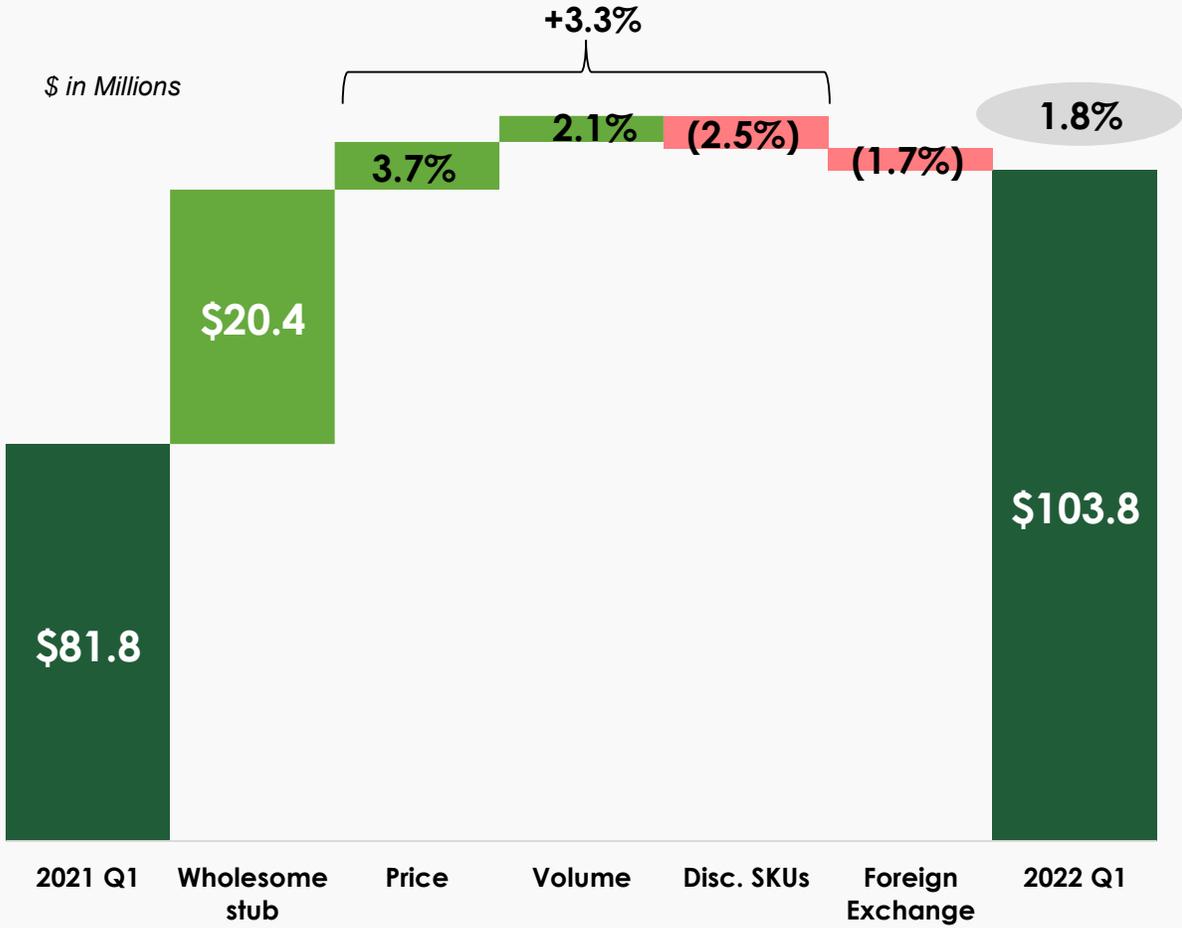
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# Q1 2022 Financial Summary

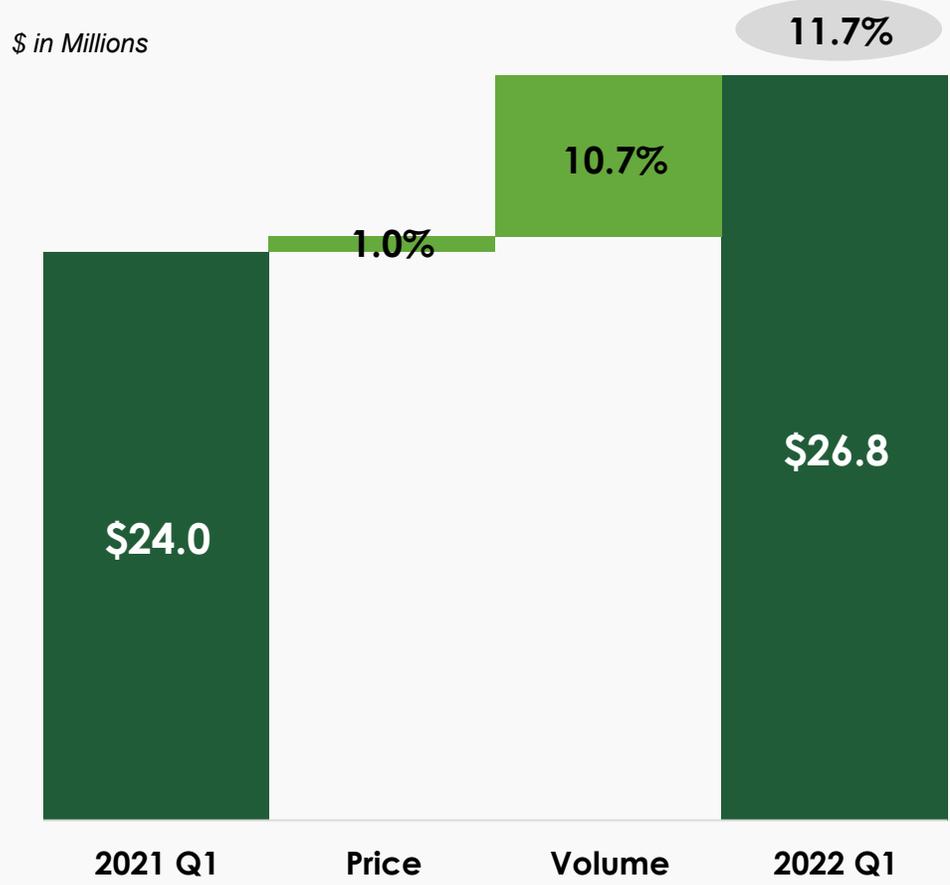
- **Consolidated product revenues of \$130.6 million** increased 23.4% versus prior year, driven by:
  - Wholesome acquisition and growth in the base business
  - Offset by -\$1.8 million, or -1.7%, Forex impact as the USD strengthened against most currencies
- **Branded CPG proforma organic revenue growth was +3.3%**, driven by price increases taken throughout Q1
  - Volumes were flat, with decreases in North America driven by continued production ramp-up, low margin SKU rationalization, offset by gains in international
- **Flavors & Ingredients revenues increased by 11.7%**, driven by:
  - Strong volume growth across the portfolio and some price increases
- **Adjusted EBITDA delivery of \$17.8 million**, an increase of 1.8%, driven by:
  - Growth from Wholesome acquisition, offset by -\$0.4 million, or -2%, Forex impact as the USD strengthened against most currencies
- **Adjusted Free Cash Flow generation was \$5.4 million** for Q1 2022 (excluding one-time Adjusted EBITDA cash adjustments)
- **Net debt as of March 31, 2022, was \$387.3 million** net of unamortized debt discount and issuance costs
  - Represents a net leverage ratio of 4.53x using full year 2022 Adjusted EBITDA (mid-point of guidance). The increase from December 31, 2021 was driven by the Wholesome final earnout payout in Q1.

# Q1 2022 Segment Revenue Performance

## Branded CPG Segment



## Flavors & Ingredients Segment



Branded CPG growth rates, shown on a proforma organic basis;  
 Wholesome stub period represents pre-acquisition period from Jan 1 – Feb 5, 2021

# Product Revenues, Net Constant Currency and Proforma Organic Growth

\$ in Thousands

	Three Months Ended March 31,							
			\$ change			% change		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Constant Dollar</u>	<u>Foreign Exchange<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Constant Dollar</u>	<u>Foreign Exchange</u>
<u>Product revenues, net</u>								
Branded CPG	\$ 103,761	\$ 81,797	\$ 21,964	\$ 23,725	\$ (1,761)	26.9%	29.0%	-2.2%
Flavors & Ingredients	<u>26,831</u>	<u>24,028</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11.7%</u>	<u>11.7%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Combined	\$ 130,592	\$ 105,825	\$ 24,767	\$ 26,528	\$ (1,761)	23.4%	25.1%	-1.7%
<u>Proforma Organic<sup>(1)</sup></u>								
Branded CPG	\$ 103,761	\$ 102,171	\$ 1,590	\$ 3,352	\$ (1,761)	1.6%	3.3%	-1.7%
Flavors & Ingredients	<u>26,831</u>	<u>24,028</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11.7%</u>	<u>11.7%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Combined	\$ 130,592	\$ 126,199	\$ 4,393	\$ 6,155	\$ (1,761)	3.5%	4.9%	-1.4%

(1) Product revenues, net shown on a like for like basis, including the impact of both acquisitions for all periods in both the current and prior year periods.

(2) The "foreign exchange" amounts presented, reflect the estimated impact from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates on product revenues.

# Q1 2022 / Q1 2021 Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

\$ in Thousands

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022	Three Months Ended March 31, 2021
Product revenues, net	\$ 130,592	\$ 105,825
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,726	\$ (12,025)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	1,124	(3,682)
Other income, net	(1,956)	(310)
Loss on extinguishment and debt transaction costs	-	5,513
Interest expense, net	6,032	5,078
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	(861)	2,362
Operating income (loss)	7,065	(3,064)
Depreciation	1,460	969
Amortization of intangible assets	4,705	4,151
Purchase accounting adjustments	(1,599)	1,619
Transaction related expenses	-	210
Long term incentive plan	1,650	2,093
Severance and related expenses	230	-
Non-cash pension expense	10	-
Public company readiness	-	454
Restructuring	-	1,657
M&A transaction expenses	650	8,472
Supply chain reinvention	3,354	102
Other items	236	788
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 17,763	\$ 17,452

# Q1 2022 / Q1 2021 Operating Income Adjustments by P&L Line

\$ in Thousands

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2022				
	Cost of Goods Sold	SG&A	Amort. Of Intangibles	Restructuring	Operating Income
<b>Non-Cash adjustments</b>					
Depreciation	\$ 1,194	\$ 266	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,460
Amortization of intangible assets	-	-	4,705	-	4,705
Restructuring	-	-	-	-	-
Non-cash pension expense	-	10	-	-	10
Long term incentive plan	132	1,519	-	-	1,650
Purchase accounting costs	(1,599)	-	-	-	(1,599)
Other items	210	26	-	-	236
<b>Total non-cash adjustments</b>	<b>\$ (64)</b>	<b>\$ 1,822</b>	<b>\$ 4,705</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,463</b>
<b>Cash adjustments</b>					
Restructuring	-	-	-	-	-
Long term incentive plan	-	-	-	-	-
Transaction related expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Severance and related expenses	-	230	-	-	230
Public company readiness	-	-	-	-	-
M&A transaction expenses	-	650	-	-	650
Supply chain reinvention	3,354	-	-	-	3,354
Other items	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total cash adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 3,354</b>	<b>\$ 881</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,235</b>
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 3,291</b>	<b>\$ 2,702</b>	<b>\$ 4,705</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,698</b>

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2021				
	Cost of Goods Sold	SG&A	Amort. Of Intangibles	Restructuring	Operating Income
	\$ 969	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 969
	-	-	4,151	-	4,151
	-	-	-	358	358
	-	-	-	-	-
	247	1,943	-	-	2,189
	1,619	-	-	-	1,619
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total non-cash adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 2,835</b>	<b>\$ 1,943</b>	<b>\$ 4,151</b>	<b>\$ 358</b>	<b>\$ 9,287</b>
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	1,299	1,299
	(22)	(75)	-	-	(97)
	-	210	-	-	210
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	454	-	-	454
	-	8,472	-	-	8,472
	102	-	-	-	102
	475	313	-	-	788
<b>Total cash adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 556</b>	<b>\$ 9,374</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,299</b>	<b>\$ 11,229</b>
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 3,391</b>	<b>\$ 11,317</b>	<b>\$ 4,151</b>	<b>\$ 1,657</b>	<b>\$ 20,516</b>

# Definitions of the Company's Non-GAAP Financial Measures

- **Constant Currency Presentation:** We evaluate the results of our operations on both a reported and a constant currency basis. The constant currency presentation, which is a non-GAAP measure, excludes the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. We believe providing constant currency information provides valuable supplemental information regarding our results of operations, thereby facilitating period-to-period comparisons of our business performance and is consistent with how management evaluates the Company's performance. We calculate constant currency percentages by converting our current period local currency financial results using the prior period exchange rates and comparing these adjusted amounts to our current period reported results.
- **Adjusted EBITDA:** We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income or loss from our consolidated statements of operations before interest income and expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, as well as certain other items that arise outside of the ordinary course of our continuing operations specifically described below:
- **Asset impairment charges:** We exclude the impact of charges related to the impairment of goodwill and other long-lived intangible assets. We believe that the exclusion of these impairments, which are non-cash, allows for more meaningful comparisons of operating results to peer companies. We believe that this increases period-to-period comparability and is useful to evaluate the performance of the company.
- **Purchase accounting adjustments:** We exclude the impact of purchase accounting adjustments, including the revaluation of inventory at the time of the business combination. These adjustments are non-cash and we believe that the adjustments of these items allows for more meaningful comparability of our operating results.
- **Transaction-related expenses:** We exclude transaction-related expenses including transaction bonuses that were paid for by the seller of the businesses acquired by the Company on June 25, 2020. We believe that the adjustments of these items allows for more meaningful comparability of our operating results.
- **Long-term incentive plan:** We exclude the impact of costs relating to the long-term incentive plan. We believe that the adjustments of these items allows for more meaningful comparability of our operating results.
- **Non-cash pension expenses:** We exclude non-cash pension expenses/credits related to closed, defined pension programs of the Company. We believe that the adjustments of these items allows for more meaningful comparability of our operating results.
- **Severance and related expenses:** We exclude employee severance and associated expenses related to roles that have been eliminated or reduced in scope as a productivity measure taken by the Company. We believe that the adjustments of these items allows for more meaningful comparability of our operating results.
- **Public company readiness:** We exclude non-recurring organization and consulting costs incurred to establish required public company capabilities. We believe that the adjustments of these items allows for more meaningful comparability of our operating results.
- **Restructuring:** To measure operating performance, we exclude restructuring costs. We believe that the adjustments of these items allows for more meaningful comparability of our operating results.
- **M&A transaction expenses:** We exclude expenses directly related to the acquisition of businesses after the business combination on June 25, 2020. We believe that the adjustments of these items allows for more meaningful comparability of our operating results.
- **Supply chain reinvention:** To measure operating performance, we exclude certain one-time and other costs associated with reorganizing our North America Branded CPG operations and facilities in connection with our supply chain reinvention program, which will drive long-term productivity and cost savings. These costs include incremental expenses such as hiring, training and other temporary costs primarily related to taking control over production that was previously outsourced to a contract manufacturer. We believe that the adjustments of these items allows for more meaningful comparability of our operating results.
- **Other items:** To measure operating performance, we exclude certain expenses and include certain gains that we believe are not operational in nature. We believe the exclusion or inclusion of such amounts allows management and the users of the financial statements to better understand our financial results.
- **Free Cash Flow:** "Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities" (as stated in our Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows) less capital expenditures.
- **Adjusted Free Cash Flow:** We define Adjusted Free Cash Flow as Free Cash Flow excluding cash-related items that arise outside the ordinary course of our continuing operations such as transaction-related expenses and severance and related expenses.
- **Adjusted Gross Profit Margin:** We define Adjusted Gross Profit Margin as Gross Profit excluding all cash and non-cash adjustments impacting Cost of Goods Sold, included in the Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation, as a percentage of Product Revenues, net. Such adjustments include: depreciation, purchase accounting adjustments, long term incentives and other items adjusted by management to better understand our financial results.
- **Proforma organic growth:** We define proforma organic growth as if acquisitions were owned in both periods of comparison.