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Our Purpose



We Are Taking On 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



Strong Foundation in Place to Drive Scale Benefits

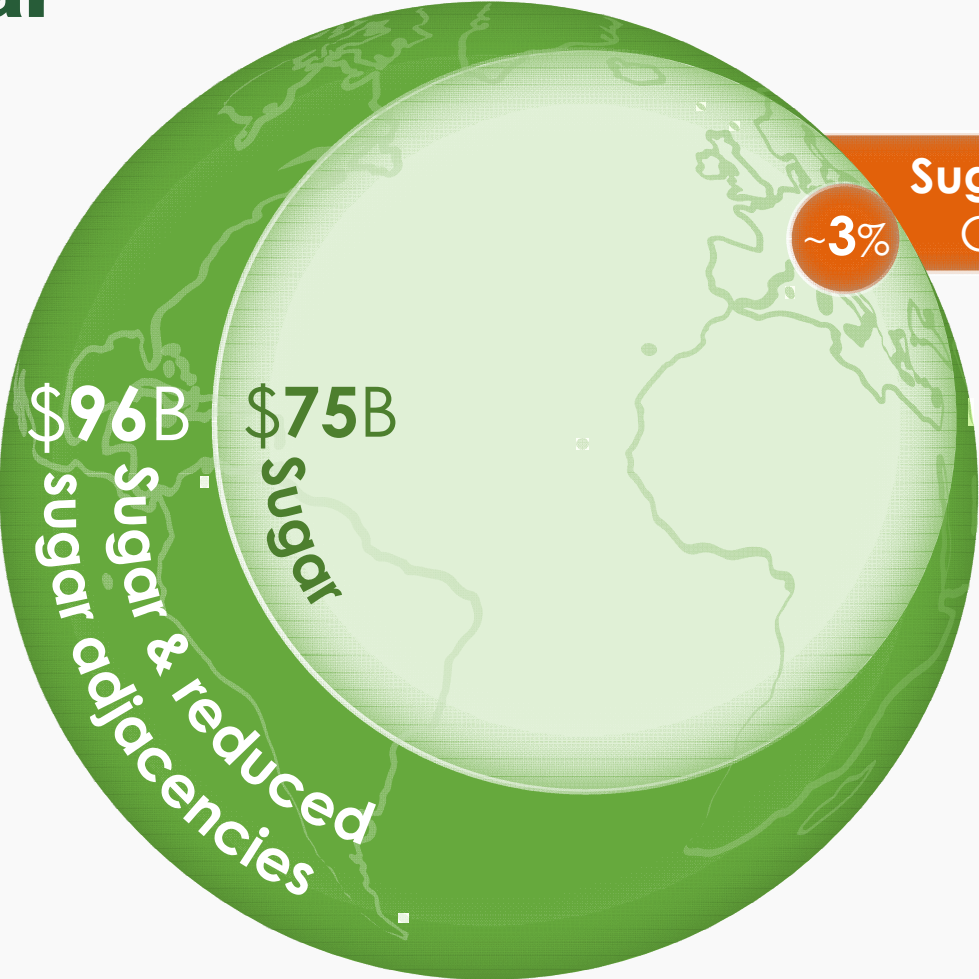


Execution and results affirmed in year one

Nielsen data
Company Materials, SEC Filings

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

Whole Earth Brands is the only global player disrupting the 'Better-for-You' sweetener and reduced sugar categories



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

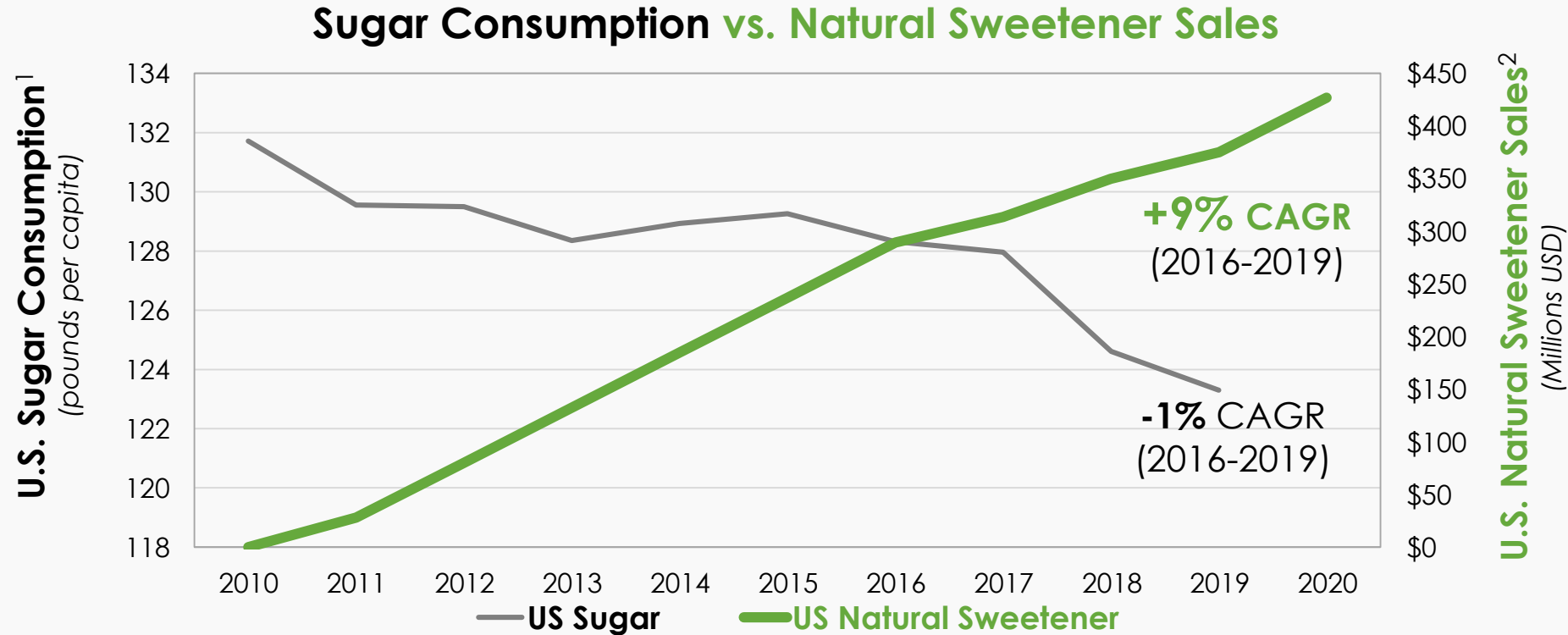
A tremendous opportunity exists for low-calorie sweeteners to gain share against sugar globally

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

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

²Nielsen Total US xAOC 2017-2020, 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

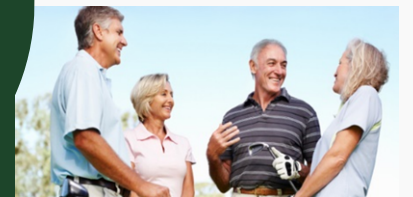
No taste sacrifice
Low sugar
Sustainability
Plant based options
Organic
Gut health



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



¹ foodinsight.org, 2018 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 1975¹



700 million

people will likely have diabetes by 2024²



60%

of consumers find low sugar products to be appealing³



35% believe companies should do more to reduce sugar in their products⁴



Negative eating habits during the COVID-19 pandemic contributed to 42% of Americans gaining weight, further exacerbating health conditions⁵

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

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

³Mintel, The Low-Sugar Destiny of Health, January 2021

⁴Mintel Sugar and Sweeteners Report, December 2016

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

Whole Earth Brands is Part of a Solution to this Growing Problem

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

Whole Earth Brands disrupted sugar, outperforming natural sweetener category in North America¹

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



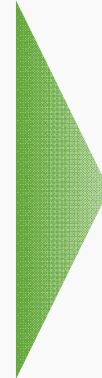
Natural Sweetener Category

+9.6%



Wholesome

+27.5%



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

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

¹ Nielsen Total US xAOC, YTD through 10/2/21 vs. 2019, +27.5% represents WEB Natural Brands Total

² 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 growth¹

Baking accounts for 50% of worldwide sugar consumption



47%
are looking for ways to cook healthier²

46%
are baking more post COVID-19²



Source: Euromonitor, LMC

¹ 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

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



Who We Are

Leading CPG Portfolio Anchors \$1+ Billion Revenue Goal



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

Superior Acquisition and Integration Capabilities


















1. **Highly complementary businesses** that provide portfolio diversification and whitespace opportunity with a focus on baking
2. **Enhances scale and growth** of Whole Earth Brands in natural sweeteners in North America
3. **Expanded shelf presence** allows for increased category management of the aisle for retailers
4. **Wholesome fair trade certified** and sustainable sourcing
5. **Diverse brand portfolio and customers** create financial flexibility and high free cash flow conversion



Strong pipeline of acquisition opportunities

Top Brands in Key Markets

SHARE RANK in Top 7 Markets

BRAND AWARENESS	U.S. #4 (#2 in Natural)	France #1	U.K. #1	Australia #1	Argentina #2	South Africa #1	Thailand #1
 12%							
 48 - 50%							
<i>Wholesome</i> 7%							
 8%							
<i>equal</i> 75 - 90%							
<i>Canderel</i> 80 - 90%							

Share Rank: Market Nielsen latest data YTD period through September 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



How We Grow

Growth Drivers



1

Drive category leadership through innovation and brand building



2

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



3

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



4

Continue to strengthen our world-class supply chain and global manufacturing footprint



5

Selectively target strategic acquisitions to enhance portfolio and penetrate new markets

Products Already Launched in 2021

On track to meet goal of 30 product launches this year

NATURAL



BAKING

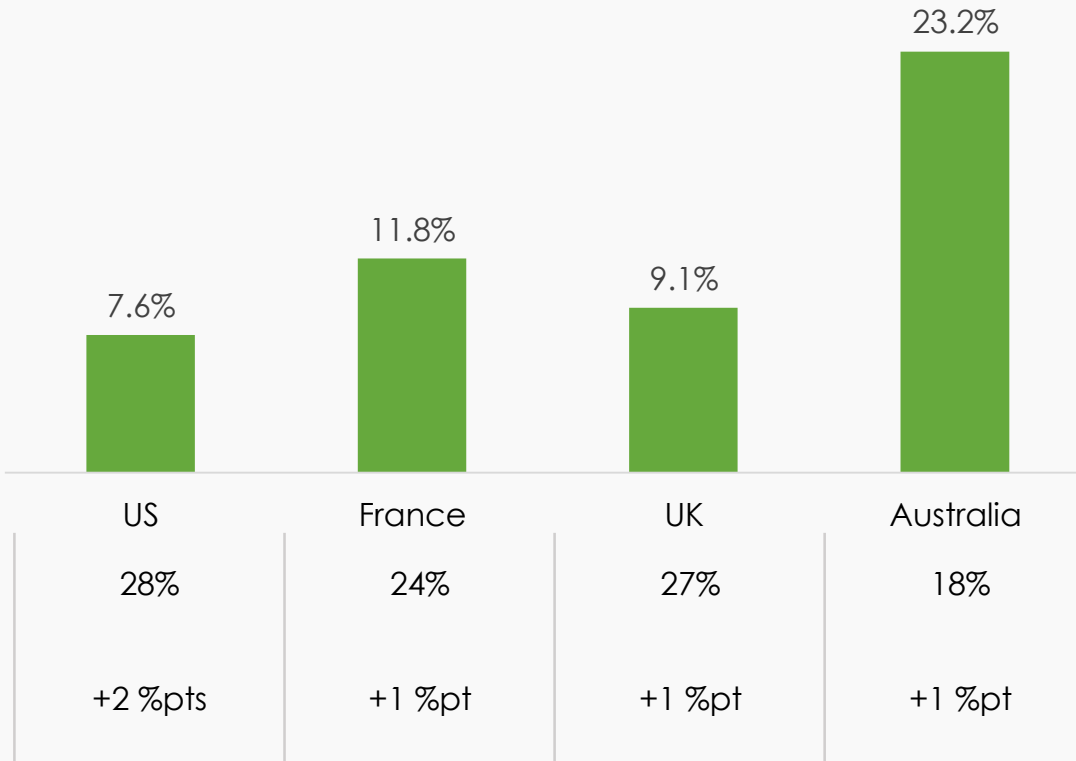


BAKING MIXES / CHOCOLATE / GRANOLA



Total Sugar Substitutes Show Strong Growth in Key Developed Markets

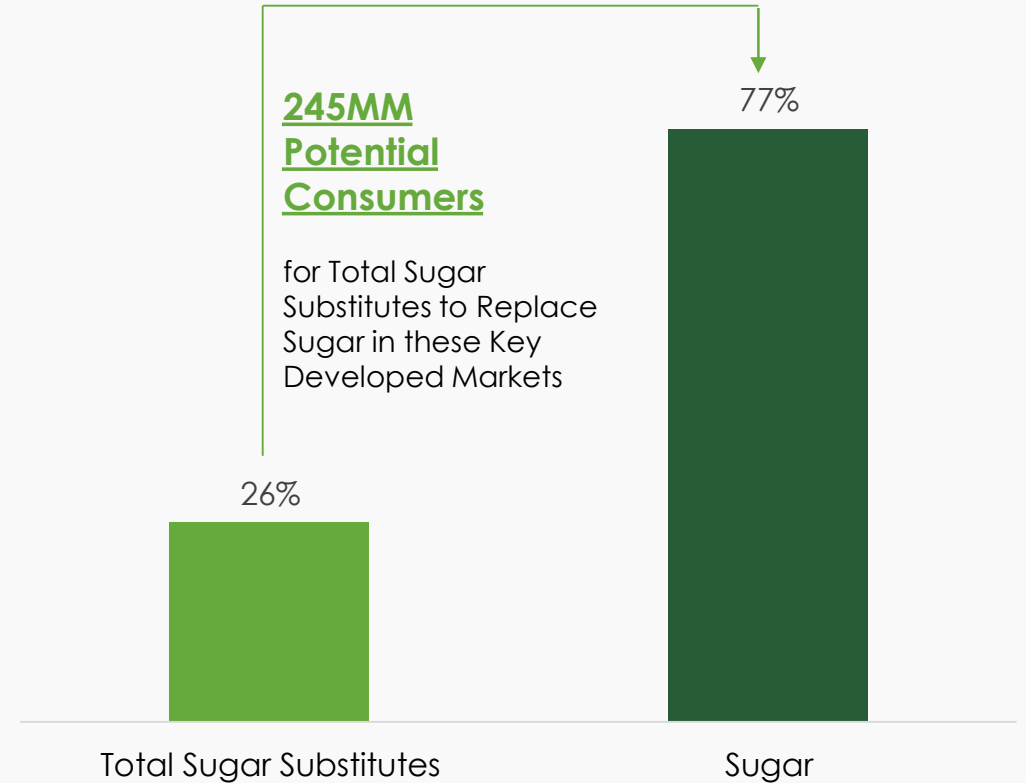
Total Sugar Substitutes¹
Value Sales % Change vs 2YA



Household Penetration²
Penetration %Change vYA³

US	France	UK	Australia
28%	24%	27%	18%
+2 %pts	+1 %pt	+1 %pt	+1 %pt

Household Penetration Opportunity²
(in Key Developed Markets)

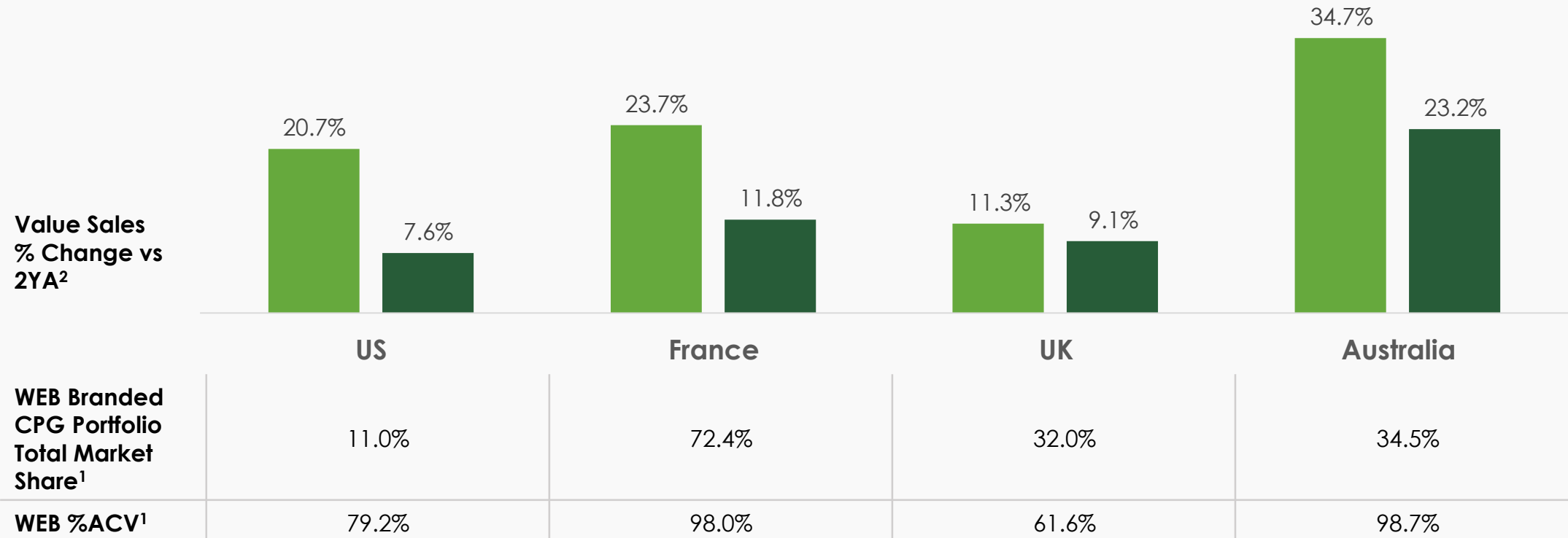


1) US (Nielsen TL US xAOC, YTD ending 10/2/21), FR (Nielsen HMSM Proxi Ecom, YTD ending 10/10/21), UK (Nielsen Scantrack, YTD ending 9/11/21), AUZ (IRI Australian Grocery Weighted, YTD ending 9/26/21); as compared to year-to-date 2019
 2) Nielsen/IRI Panel Data for Penetration as above as of end of calendar year 2020, Calculated on Population Sizes from <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/population-by-country/>
 3) As compared to end of calendar year 2019

Whole Earth Brands Outpacing Total Sugar Subs Category Growth in Key Developed Markets

Total Sugar Substitutes¹

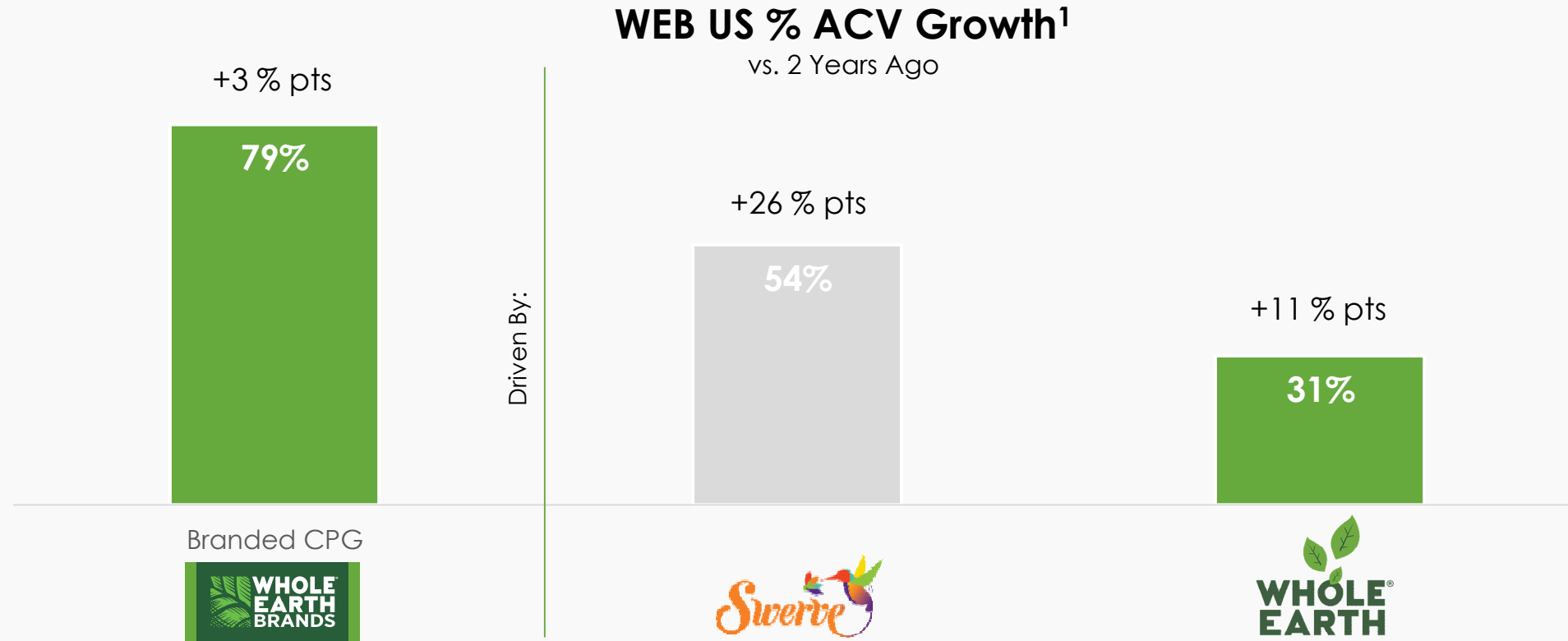
■ Total  ■ Total Sugar Subs



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2) As compared to end of calendar year 2019

Strong YTD Distribution Gains within Branded CPG Segment Driven by On-trend Natural Brands



\$5.2 million incremental dollars per point of ACV growth for Branded CPG Segment

1) Nielsen TL US xAOC, YTD ending 10/2/21, as compared to year-to-date 2019

Long-Standing Flavors & Ingredients Customer Base with Strong Exposure to Growing End-Markets

Continue to increase accounts with exposure to high-growth categories

Consumer Packaged Goods

HARIBO

Mondelēz
International

HERSHEY'S

Over-The-Counter



Flintstones



Phosphogliv



Mucinex

Beauty & Personal Care



Sells to:

SHISEIDO



Stable growth in core accounts

Key North American Customers

Company	Length of Relationship
 Altria	> 20 years
 RJ Reynolds	> 20 years
 itg BRANDS	> 20 years
 IFF	> 20 years
 Flavor PRODUCERS	> 10 years



> 20 years



> 20 years



> 20 years



> 20 years



> 10 years

Source: Company Materials

Best-in-Class Global Supply Chain Capabilities

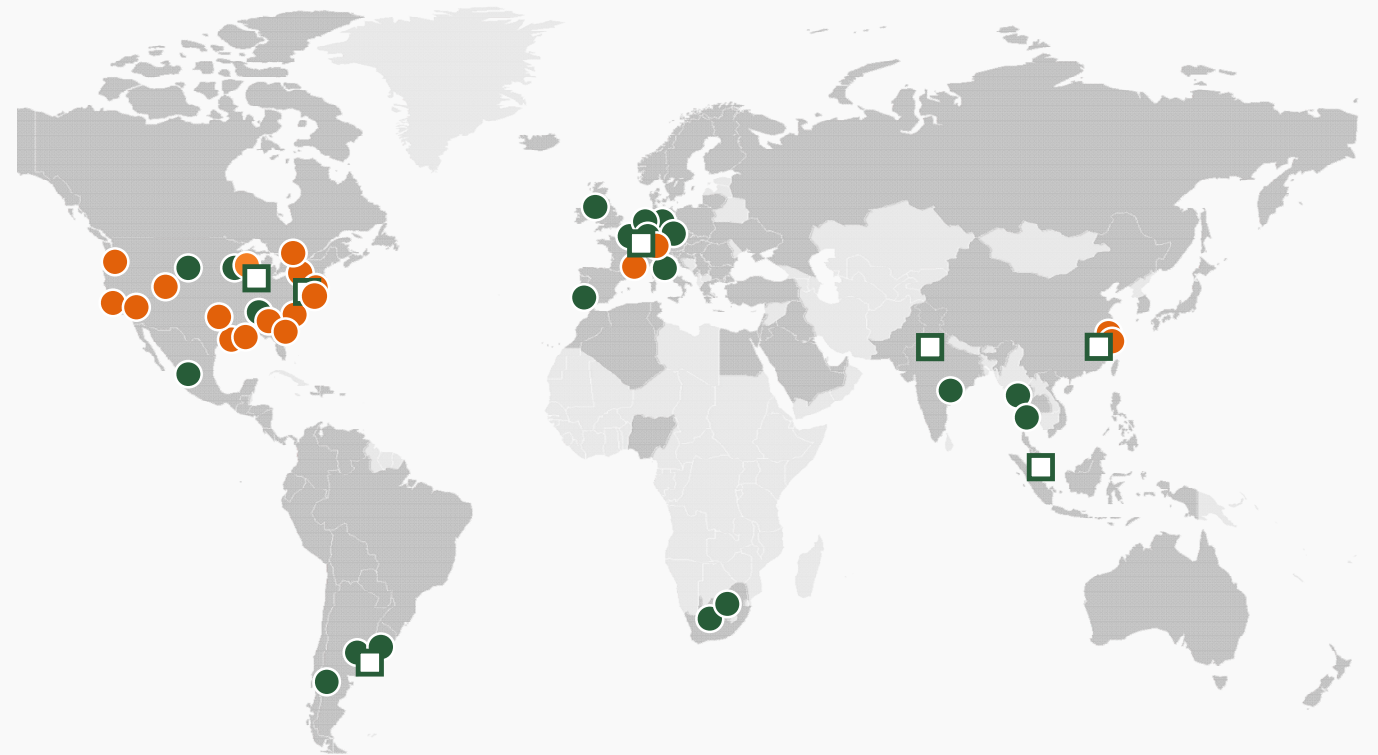
Driving top-line growth, margin expansion and free cash flow generation through:

1. Asset-light manufacturing model

- Serves >100 countries primarily through co-manufacturing facilities

2. World-class supply chain capabilities

- Enable rapid rollout of new products and seamless integration of acquired businesses



□ Whole Earth Brands regional HQ

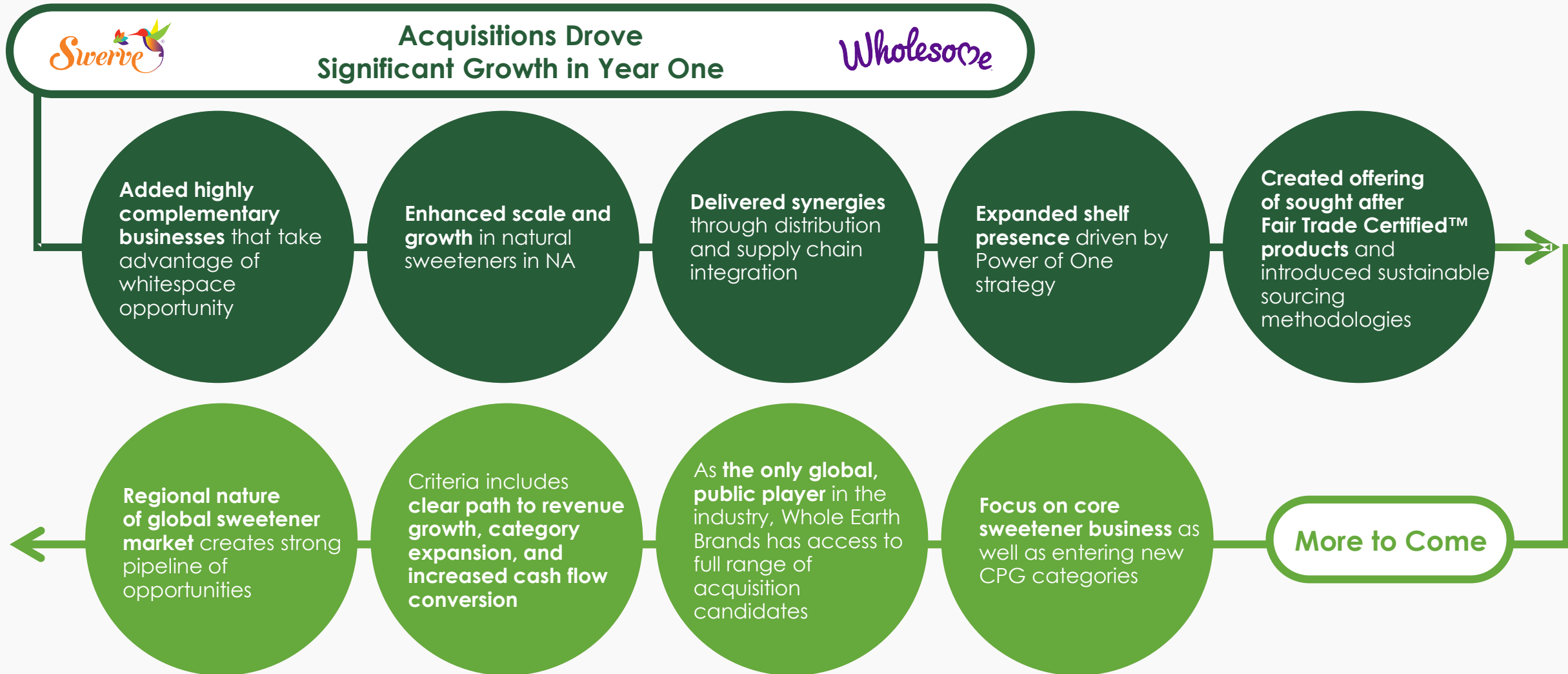
● Manufacturing facilities
● Co-manufacturing facilities

North America Supply Chain Reinvention well underway

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

Proven M&A Strategy and Strong Pipeline

Sharp focus on category leadership and flawless execution



Multi-Billion Dollar Revenue Opportunity



**Core
Sweeteners
& Ingredients**

\$
Sales
Potential



**Reduced Sugar
Adjacencies**

\$
Sales
Potential



**Better-For-You
Foods**

\$
Sales
Potential



Financial Highlights

Mid-Single Digit Long-Term Growth Algorithm

Net Sales	<p>Mid-single digit organic growth through the cycle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Driven by distribution gains, geographic expansion, and continued innovation▪ Accelerated by tuck-in acquisitions
Adjusted EBITDA	<p>Margins of ~17-19%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Operational leverage from existing footprint and SG&A platform <p>Mid-to-High single digit growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Accelerated by accretive and synergistic tuck-in acquisitions
CAPEX	<p>Long-term view of CAPEX approximating ~1.5% of net sales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Asset-light business model▪ Higher spend in 2020/2021 associated with manufacturing footprint optimization project and supply chain reinvention

Strong Momentum in 2021

- Strong Q3 and Year-to-Date (YTD) proforma, organic¹

	Q3	YTD
Branded CPG (vs 2019)	+14.3%	+12.8%
Flavors and Ingredients (vs 2020)	+1.0%	+2.9%

- Acquisitions fully integrated
- 2021 innovation and distribution plans on track
- Continuing to strengthen supply chain
- Offsetting inflation with implementation of several levers
- M&A pipeline is robust and active

FY21 Guidance

<i>\$ millions</i>	Guidance
Revenue	\$493 – \$505
Adjusted EBITDA	\$82 – \$85
Adjusted Gross Profit Margin	34% - 35%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	~17%
Capex	\$10 – \$12
Cash Taxes	\$6 – \$8

Growth vs. 2020

Proforma Organic Growth ¹	Reported Growth
Revenue: 3 – 5%	>78%
Adjusted EBITDA: 3 – 5%	>50%

(1) The Company defines proforma organic growth as if the Company owned both Swerve and Wholesome for the full years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Productivity Gains Help Offset Inflation

Pricing

- Executing list price increases and trade spend optimization
 - Evaluating packaging size opportunities
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COGS Savings

- Commodity pre-buys
 - 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
-

SG&A Savings

- Synergies and Flavors & Ingredients footprint optimization drive savings
- Discretionary spend savings

**Disciplined
Capital
Allocation for
Global Market
Leadership**

Flexibility to pursue synergistic,
growth-enhancing M&A



Long-term leverage target <3.0x



Free cash flow to be used to de-lever back to
<3.0x within a reasonable period of time post-M&A



Priority for capital allocation will be towards
M&A and deleveraging post-M&A

Source: Company Materials, SEC Filings

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

Source: Company Materials

Thank You



Questions?

Appendix



Product Revenues, Net Constant Currency and Proforma Organic Growth

\$ in Thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30,							
	2021	2020	Reported	\$ change		Reported	% change	
				Constant Dollar	Foreign Exchange ⁽²⁾		Constant Dollar	Foreign Exchange
<u>Product revenues, net</u>								
Branded CPG	\$ 102,693	\$ 41,006	\$ 61,687	\$ 61,151	\$ 536	150.4%	149.1%	1.3%
Flavors & Ingredients	26,248	25,996	252	252	-	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%
Combined	\$ 128,941	\$ 67,002	\$ 61,939	\$ 61,403	\$ 536	92.4%	91.6%	0.8%
<u>Proforma Organic⁽¹⁾</u>								
Branded CPG	\$ 102,693	\$ 94,972	\$ 7,721	\$ 7,185	\$ 536	8.1%	7.6%	0.6%
Flavors & Ingredients	26,248	25,996	252	252	-	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%
Combined	\$ 128,941	\$ 120,968	\$ 7,973	\$ 7,437	\$ 536	6.6%	6.1%	0.4%

	Nine Months Ended September 30,							
	2021	2020	Reported	\$ change		Reported	% change	
				Constant Dollar	Foreign Exchange ⁽²⁾		Constant Dollar	Foreign Exchange
<u>Product revenues, net</u>								
Branded CPG	\$ 283,585	\$ 124,306	\$ 159,279	\$ 153,553	\$ 5,726	128.1%	123.5%	4.6%
Flavors & Ingredients	77,674	75,502	2,172	2,172	-	2.9%	2.9%	0.0%
Combined	\$ 361,259	\$ 199,808	\$ 161,451	\$ 155,725	\$ 5,726	80.8%	77.9%	2.9%
<u>Proforma Organic⁽¹⁾</u>								
Branded CPG	\$ 303,959	\$ 290,699	\$ 13,260	\$ 7,534	\$ 5,726	4.6%	2.6%	2.0%
Flavors & Ingredients	77,674	75,502	2,172	2,172	-	2.9%	2.9%	0.0%
Combined	\$ 381,633	\$ 366,201	\$ 15,432	\$ 9,706	\$ 5,726	4.2%	2.7%	1.6%

⁽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.

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

\$ in Thousands

	(Successor)				(Predecessor)
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2021	Three Months Ended September 30, 2020	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021	From June 26, 2020 to September 30, 2020	From January 1, 2020 to June 25, 2020
Product revenues, net	\$ 128,941	\$ 67,002	\$ 361,259	\$ 71,480	\$ 128,328
Net income (loss)	\$ 8,806	\$ (2,835)	\$ 476	\$ (3,340)	\$ (34,136)
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(445)	1,684	(8,294)	1,694	(3,482)
Other expense (income)	780	170	280	232	(801)
Loss on extinguishment and debt transaction costs	-	-	5,513	-	-
Interest expense, net	6,553	2,045	18,027	2,161	238
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	(2,178)	-	425	-	-
Operating income (loss)	13,516	1,064	16,427	747	(38,181)
Depreciation	1,110	754	3,230	797	1,334
Amortization of intangible assets	4,675	2,700	13,532	2,841	4,927
Asset impairment charges	-	-	-	-	40,600
Purchase accounting adjustments	(2,608)	8,701	(882)	8,701	-
Transaction related expenses	-	214	415	883	10,348
Long term incentive plan	2,711	378	7,729	357	562
Non-cash pension expense	-	-	-	32	335
Severance and related expenses	-	311	-	367	1,105
Public company readiness	555	2,183	2,358	2,213	569
Brand introduction costs	-	207	-	229	1,131
Restructuring	-	-	4,503	-	-
M&A transaction expenses	495	-	10,437	-	-
Other items	1,672	(12)	3,825	15	634
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 22,127	\$ 16,500	\$ 61,574	\$ 17,182	\$ 23,366

Q3 2021 / Q3 2020 Operating Income Adjustments by P&L Line

\$ in Thousands

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2020					
	Cost of Goods Sold	SG&A	Amort. Of Intangibles	Asset impairment	Restructuring	Operating Income
Non-Cash adjustments						
Depreciation	\$ 754	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 754
Amortization of intangible assets	-	-	2,700	-	-	2,700
Asset impairment charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restructuring	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-cash pension expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long term incentive plan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase accounting costs	8,701	-	-	-	-	8,701
Other items	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total non-cash adjustments	\$ 9,456	\$ -	\$ 2,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,156
Cash adjustments						
Restructuring	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long term incentive plan	-	378	-	-	-	378
Transaction related expenses	-	214	-	-	-	214
Severance and related expenses	-	311	-	-	-	311
Public company readiness	-	2,183	-	-	-	2,183
Brand introduction costs	207	-	-	-	-	207
M&A transaction expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	-	(12)	-	-	-	(12)
Total cash adjustments	\$ 207	\$ 3,073	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,280
Total adjustments	\$ 9,663	\$ 3,073	\$ 2,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,436

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2021					
	Cost of Goods Sold	SG&A	Amort. Of Intangibles	Asset impairment	Restructuring	Operating Income
	\$ 925	\$ 185	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,110
	-	-	4,675	-	-	4,675
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	375	2,336	-	-	-	2,711
	(2,608)	-	-	-	-	(2,608)
	53	22	-	-	-	75
	\$ (1,255)	\$ 2,543	\$ 4,675	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,963
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	555	-	-	-	555
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	495	-	-	-	495
	1,597	-	-	-	-	1,597
	\$ 1,597	\$ 1,051	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,647
	\$ 341	\$ 3,594	\$ 4,675	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,611

Q3 YTD 2021 / Q3 YTD 2020 Operating Income Adjustments by P&L Line

\$ in Thousands

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020					
	Cost of Goods Sold	SG&A	Amort. Of Intangibles	Asset impairment	Restructuring	Operating Income
Non-Cash adjustments						
Depreciation	\$ 2,131	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,131
Amortization of intangible assets	-	-	7,768	-	-	7,768
Asset impairment charges	-	-	-	40,600	-	40,600
Restructuring	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-cash pension expense	-	367	-	-	-	367
Long term incentive plan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase accounting costs	8,701	-	-	-	-	8,701
Other items	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total non-cash adjustments	\$ 10,833	\$ 367	\$ 7,768	\$ 40,600	\$ -	\$ 59,568
Cash adjustments						
Restructuring	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long term incentive plan	47	872	-	-	-	919
Transaction related expenses	-	11,231	-	-	-	11,231
Severance and related expenses	-	1,472	-	-	-	1,472
Public company readiness	-	2,782	-	-	-	2,782
Brand introduction costs	1,360	-	-	-	-	1,360
M&A transaction expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other items	227	422	-	-	-	649
Total cash adjustments	\$ 1,634	\$ 16,780	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,414
Total adjustments	\$ 12,467	\$ 17,147	\$ 7,768	\$ 40,600	\$ -	\$ 77,982

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021					
	Cost of Goods Sold	SG&A	Amort. Of Intangibles	Asset impairment	Restructuring	Operating Income
	\$ 2,985	\$ 245	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,230
	-	-	13,532	-	-	13,532
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	358	358
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	274	7,551	-	-	-	7,826
	(882)	-	-	-	-	(882)
	141	1,262	-	-	-	1,403
	\$ 2,518	\$ 9,058	\$ 13,532	\$ -	\$ 358	\$ 25,466
	-	-	-	-	4,145	4,145
	(22)	(75)	-	-	-	(97)
	-	415	-	-	-	415
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	2,358	-	-	-	2,358
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	10,437	-	-	-	10,437
	2,900	(477)	-	-	-	2,423
	\$ 2,878	\$ 12,657	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,145	\$ 19,681
	\$ 5,397	\$ 21,715	\$ 13,532	\$ -	\$ 4,503	\$ 45,147

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 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. Impairment charges during the calendar year 2020 were incurred only during the predecessor period. 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 total 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 more closely correlate with the sustainability of our operating performance.
- **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 more closely correlate with the sustainability of our operating performance.
- **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 more closely correlate with the sustainability of our operating performance.
- **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 more closely correlate with the sustainability of our operating performance.
- **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 more closely correlate with the sustainability of our operating performance.
- **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 more closely correlate with the sustainability of our operating performance.
- **Brand Introduction expenses:** To measure operating performance, we exclude the Company's sampling program costs with Starbucks. We believe the exclusion of such amounts allows management and the users of the financial statements to better understand our financial results.
- **Restructuring:** To measure operating performance, we exclude restructuring costs. We believe that the adjustments of these items more closely correlate with the sustainability of our operating performance.
- **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 more closely correlate with the sustainability of our operating performance.
- **Other items:** To measure operating performance, we exclude certain expenses and include certain gains that we believe are 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.