

Vinamilk (VNM)

Many difficulties amid fierce competition

Analyst Nguyen Truong Giang June 7, 2023 giangnt1@kbsec.com.vn VNM's 1Q23 business results are By the end of 1Q23, Vinamilk's (VNM) net revenue modestly gained 0.1% to positive despite the difficulties of VND13,954 billion, ending three straight quarters of negative growth despite the the economy difficulties of the economy and weak purchasing power. However, GPM was still low at 38.8% due to large inventories from previous quarters, NPAT declined 16.5% YoY to VND1,906 billion on the slight increase in many expenses such as interest expenses and SG&A during the period. Domestic market continues to face The domestic market continued to face many difficulties as we had forecast. The difficulties, and VNM's revenue was purchasing power declined, so even though VNM's products are essential flat as expected commodities, the company could not avoid these challenges. Total domestic sales reached VND11,491 billion (Moc Chau Milk - MCM added VND734 billion), slightly decreasing 1% YoY. The bright spots are MCM's stable growth and the effectiveness of Viet Milk Dream chain with 652 stores nationwide. Foreign markets recovered but Revenue from foreign markets hit VND1,225 billion (+7.5% YoY). The export have not contributed significantly market recovered from the low bases thanks to rebounding demand from the to total revenue Middle East market. VNM dairy products have gradually gained popularity in Asian markets. Foreign branches have achieved stable growth, AngkorMilk in Cambodia continues to get a double-digit growth. HOLD recommendation - target We forecast VNM's 2023 results include net sales of VND62,536 billion (+4% YoY) price VND72,000 and NPAT of VND8,929 billion (+4.1% YoY). We recommend HOLD for VNM stock with a target price of VND72,000/share.

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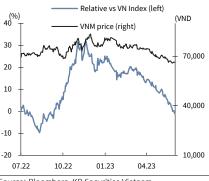
Target price	VND72,000
Upside	9%
Current price (Jun 7, 2022)	VND66,200
Market cap (VNDtn/USDmn)	139/5.9

Free float	44%
3M avg trading value (VNDbn/USDmn)	195/8.3
Foreign ownership	55.63%
Major shareholder	SCIC (36%)

Forecast	earnings	&	valuation

FY-end	2021	2022	2023F	2024F
Net sales (VNDbn)	60,919	59,956	62,356	66,259
Operating profit (VNDbn)	11,760	9,753	9,730	10,986
NPAT (VNDbn)	10,633	8,578	8,929	10,001
EPS (VND)	4,517	3,632	4,243	4,756
EPS growth (%)	-5%	-20%	17%	12%
P/E (x)	14.7	18.3	15.7	14.0
Р/В (х)	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.8
ROE (%)	30%	25%	26%	28%
Dividend yield (%)	35%	52%	40%	40%

Share price performance						
(%)	1M	3M	6M	12M		
Absolute	-5	-14	-18	-17		
Relative	-10	-19	-25	9		



Source: Bloomberg, KB Securities Vietnam

Business performance updates

Table 1. VNM - 1Q23 business results

	1Q22	1Q23	+/-%YoY	KBSV's notes
Revenue (VNDbn)	13,878	13,919	+0.1%	Revenue was flat due to economic difficulties and weak purchasing power even for essential products like VNM's.
Domestic	11,658	11,491	-1%	The domestic market has slowed down in recent years, which was along with the weak purchasing power in the domestic market during the economic downturn.
Export	1,139	1,225	+8%	The majority of export revenue came from the Middle East market, which is showing positive signs of recovery with many new contracts valued up to USD100 million. Other markets did not show many positive signs.
Foreign branches	1,081	1,203	+11%	Driftwood and AngkorMilk continued to perform well with steady double-digit growth. The products have begun to be well received.
Gross profit (VNDbn)	5,625	5,398	-4%	Gross profit and GPM both declined as VNM continued to use high-priced inventories from previous quarters, Besides, many other costs such as packaging and domestic materials also increased in price,
Gross profit margin (%)	40.5%	38.8%	-4%	GPM continued to be low because the company still uses high-priced inventories from previous quarters, and many other input costs also increased due to inflation.
Financial income (VNDbn)	320	420	+31%	
Financial expenses (VNDbn)	-133	-158	+19%	
SG&A (VNDbn)	3,005	3,331	+11%	Selling expenses climbed as the company increased promotions for retail points to increase competitiveness.
SG&A/Revenue (%)	21.7%	23.9%	10%	
Operating profit (VNDbn)	2,772	2,315	-16%	
Other incomes (VNDbn)	-7.80	-2.75	-65%	
Profit before taxes (VNDbn)	2,764	2,312	-16%	
Profit after taxes (VNDbn)	2,283	1,906	-17%	GPM dropped sharply due to increased input costs, increased advertising and promotion costs, leading to a decrease in NPAT.

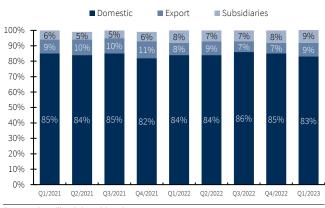
Source: Vinamilk, KB Securities Vietnam

Fig 1. VNM - Net revenue & GPM (VNDbn, %)



Source: Vinamilk, KB Securities Vietnam

Fig 2. VNM - Revenue structure by market



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Investment catalysts

1. Domestic market continued to experience difficulties

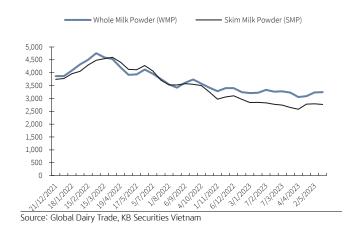
In 2023, Vietnam's dairy industry's According to Nielsen, Vietnam's dairy industry should only grow 3% this year. growth may slow down The main reason comes from the decline in purchasing power, although dairy products are quite essential, consumers will tend to find cheaper products to replace high-end products. Regarding the selling price, most companies will raise prices, but with essential product characteristics, the prices may only slightly gain 2-3% while the output is almost unchanged. We forecast that VNM's revenue growth rate will only approximate the industry's growth rate because VNM will find it difficult to regain too much market share. VNM lost market share in some Flat and negative sales in a long term show that VNM is facing fierce areas due to fierce competition competition and has lost its market share in some segments. Currently, VNM's market share is still ranked first with more than 40% market share, however, there are many names both from domestic and foreign markets such as Abbott, FrieslandCampina, TH True Milk, and IDP are fiercely competing. In that context, VNM has implemented many marketing and promotional policies to its points of sale to attract customers and regain market share. As a result, VNM's ratio of selling expenses to revenue increased from 19% to 21.1% YoY. However, due to the high competitiveness of the industry, if the promotions help to gain market share, the costs will be higher. Furthermore, if the promotions are stopped, other firms will also jump in to gain the market share. GPM is forecasted to slightly VNM's GPM is significantly influenced by the cost of raw materials (accounting improve in 2H23 for 60% of production costs), of which raw milk accounts for the majority. However, VNM had to import more than half of the amount of raw milk, so it is subject to price volatility risk. Although the prices of milk declined 20-30% from the peak, other costs such as packaging, sugar, domestic fresh milk, and imported raw materials all increase with inflation. In general, the company did not increase BLNG too much. VNM Chairwoman, Ms Mai Kieu Lien, shared at the AGM that it would take until 2024 for the company to return to prepandemic levels. We expect VNM's GPM to recover by 1-1.5ppts per guarter in

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Fig 3. Global - WMP and SMP prices (USD/MT)

Fig 4. Global - Sugar prices (USD/pound)



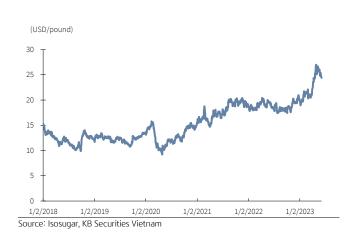
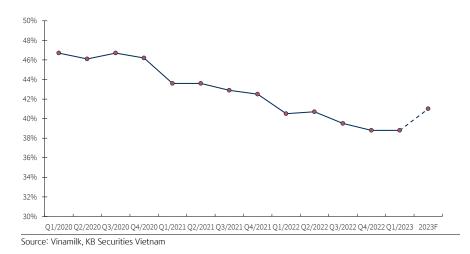
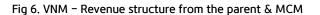
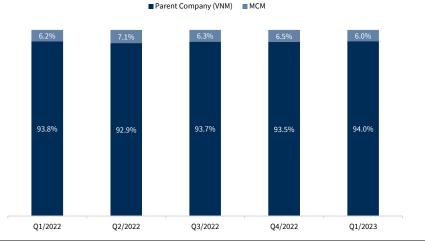


Fig 5. VNM - GPM in the past and in 2023F (%)



MCM and Viet Milk Dream store chain both recorded growth but have not yet made a significant contribution to the parent's domestic revenue MCM has continued to record growth since joining VNM. At the end of 1Q23, MCM posted VND101.5 billion in NPAT (+18.4% YoY) on revenue of VND734 billion (+8.8% YoY). MCM maintained its growth momentum thanks to (1) investing in the distribution system, building a reliable brand image at the points of sale; (2) following lean business model and cooperating with VNM to implement marketing strategies; and (3) opening new stores, the number of existing stores has reached more than 60 stores. However, the contribution of MCM to the domestic market revenue is still limited.





Source: Vinamilk, KB Securities Vietnam

Meanwhile, Viet Milk Dream stores also recorded a growth of 12% YoY (specific revenue has not yet been announced). The number of stores also increased to 652 stores nationwide, helping VNM increase its coverage and brand awareness. However, we assess that the store chain may not yet make a big contribution to VNM's total revenue in the coming years. VNM's distribution channels are already large, the chain may only help to increase brand awareness, implement marketing programs for the parent, and attract a number of specific customer groups.

2. Foreign markets are fruitful

Revenue from foreign markets hit VND1,225 billion (+7.5% YoY), ending the decline for many years thanks to the recovery of the Middle East market (80% of VNM's export revenue). In the first months of 2023, VNM's export market had many positive signs. The management said that they had successfully signed many contracts with a total value of USD100 million mainly to serve the demand for powdered milk from the Middle East. However, we believe that relying too much on one market will be risky if the market is in trouble, so VNM should find more partners from other markets.

Net revenue from foreign branches reached VND1,203 billion, maintaining a double-digit growth of 11.3%. Driftwood in the US and AngkorMilk in Cambodia saw revenue growth of 7% and 11% YoY, respectively as distribution networks in these markets expanded and people well received VNM's products. Revenue at foreign branches is also increasingly contributing a large proportion to the revenue structure of the foreign market.

Export growth on from low bases thanks to the recovery of the Middle East market

Foreign branches continued to grow strongly

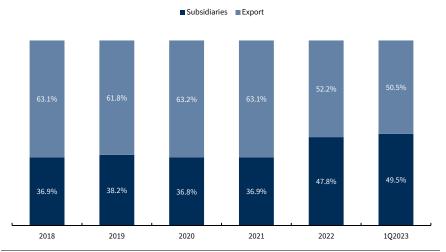


Fig 7. VNM - Revenue contribution from foreign subsidiaries & export markets

Source: Vinamilk, KB Securities Vietnam

Forecast & valuation

2023F performance

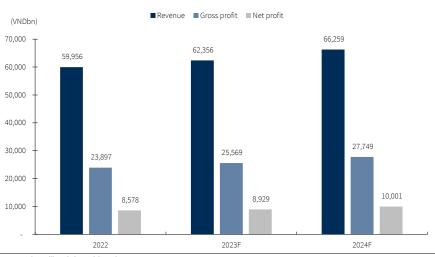
We believe that the dairy industry in 2023 will grow at a very slow rate as the demand is affected by weak purchasing power while VNM can hardly regain too much market share due to its 2023E flat results. We forecast VNM's net revenue to be VND62,356 billion (+4% YoY) with GPM of 41%, based on the drop in the prices of raw milk powder and other input materials. NPAT may hit VND8,929 billion (+4.1% YoY). In 2024, when the economy recovers, the recovery of purchasing power is also the driving force for VNM's stronger growth.

Table 8. VNM - 2023F results

(VNDbn)	2022	2023F	+/-% YoY	2024F	+/- YoY	KBSV's notes
Revenue	59,956	62,356	4.0%	66,259	6.3%	
Domestic	50,704	52,235	3.0%	54,878	5.1%	The domestic market is growing slowly in the context of fierce competition and difficulties in gaining market share.
Export	4,828	5,166	7.0%	5,683	10.0%	The export market shows signs of recovery with many large contracts. When the global economy recovers, VNM's export markets also benefited.
Foreign branches	4,424	4,954	12.0%	5,698	15.0%	Branches continued to operate effectively with double-digit growth as consumers receive VNM products well.
Gross profit	23,897	25,569	7.0%	27,749	8.5%	
GPM	39.9%	41.0%	2.9%	41.9%	2.1%	GPM may improve slightly when milk powder prices fall, but many other input costs may surge
SG&A	(14,144)	(15,838)	12.0%	(16,763)	5.8%	SG&A continues to increase as VNM has to spend more money on advertising to regain market share
EBIT	9,753	9,730	-0.2%	10,986	12.9%	
EBT	10,496	10,889	3.8%	12,196	12.0%	
NPAT	8,578	8,929	4.1%	10,001	12.0%	NPAT in 2023 may increase slightly. When the economy recovers in 2024, VNM's GPM and NPAT will also grow stronger.

Source: KB Securities Vietnam





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Valuation: HOLD recommendation - target price VND72,000 We used two methods (1) DCF and (2) comparables to give a reasonable price for VNM stock.

(1) For DCF, we set a target price of VNM stock at VND67,600/share.

(2) For the comparables approach, we use a target P/E of 18x, which is close to the industry average and lower than the previous forecast due to the lower long-term growth potential of VNM. The target EPS is VND4,250/share, and the target price is VND76,500/share.

With each method weighting 50%, we recommend HOLD for VNM stocks with the target price of VND72,000/share, 9% higher than the closing price on June 7, 2023.

Table 10.	. VNM -	FCFF	valuation	&	assumptions
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Cost of equity	11.14%	PV of terminal value	84,902
Cost of debt	6%	PV of FCFF	39,584
Risk free rate	5%	Cash and Cash Equivalent	5,037
Beta	0.76	ST Investment	17,771
Terminal growth rate	3%	Firm value	147,294
Estimated time	5 years	Total debt	5,940
WACC	10.82%	Equity value	141,355
		Number of share outstanding	2,089,955,445
Target price			VND67,600

Source: KB Securities Vietnam

Table 11. VNM - Vauation according to comparables method

Peers	P/E	Peers	P/E
URC PM Equity	23.1	1117 HK Equity	11
ICBP IJ Equity	25.3	ZYWL IN Equity	19
NESTLE PA Equity	18.2	CNPF PM Equity	16.7
151 HK Equity	14.7	FNH MK Equity	18.6
ULTJ IJ Equity	15.8	DNL PM Equity	16.3
Average P/E			17.9
P/E forward for VNM			18
EPS forward 2023			4250
Target price			76,500

Source: KB Securities Vietnam

2023F

2024F

VNM - 2021A-2024F financials

ncome Statement					Balance Sheet
(VND Billion)	2021	2022	2023F	2024F	(VND Billion)
Net sales	60,919	59,956	62,356	66,259	Total assets
Cost of sales	-34,641	-36,059	-36,787	-38,510	Current assets
Gross profit	26,278	23,897	25,569	27,749	Cash & equivalents
Financial Income Financial Expenses	1,215 -202	1,380	1,416 -362	1,471 -371	ST investments
of which: interest expenses	-202	-618 -166	-362	-371	Accounts receivable Inventory
Gain/(loss) from joint ventures	-45	-100	-105	-58	Long-term assets
Selling expenses	-12,951	-12,548	-14,030	-14,908	LT trade receivables
General & admin expenses	-1,567	-1,596	-1,808	-1,855	Fixed assets
Dperating profit/(loss)	12,728	10,491	10,785	12,086	Investment properties
Net other income/(expenses)	195	4	104	111	Liabilities
Pretax profit/(loss)	12,922	10,496	10,889	12,196	Current liabilities
ncome tax	-2,290	-1,918	-1,960	-2,195	Trade accounts payable
Net profit/(loss)	10,633	8,578	8,929	10,001	Advances from customer
Minority interests	100	62	62	62	ST borrowings
Net profit after MI	10,532	8,516	8,868	9,939	Long-term liabilities
Manada antin					LT payables
Margin ratio	2021	2022	2023F	2024F	LT borrowings
Gross profit margin	43.1%	39.9%			Other LT liabilities
EBITDA margin	43.1% 24.3%	39.9% 20.6%	41.0% 20.0%	41.9% 20.8%	Shareholders' equity Paid-in capital
EBIT margin			17.6%		Share premium
Pre-tax profit margin	21.4% 21.4%	17.8% 17.8%	17.6% 17.6%	18.6% 18.6%	Share premium Undistributed earnings
Operating profit margin	21.4%	17.8%	17.6%	18.6%	Reserve & others
Net profit margin	17.3%	14.2%	14.2%	15.0%	Minority interest
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Cash flow statement					Key ratio
(VND Billion)	2022	2022	2023F	2024F	(x, %, VND)
Net profit	12,922	10,496	10,889	12,196	Multiple
Plus: depreciation & amort	2,121	2,095	2,182	2,319	P/E
Plus: investing (profit)/loss	-987	-1,098	-1,208	-1,329	P/E diluted
nterest Expense	-89	-166	-109	-98	P/B
Change in working capital	13,967	11,326	11,755	13,089	P/S
(Inc)/dec - receivables	-517	-288	98	-195	P/Tangible Book
(Inc)/dec - inventory	-2,261	851	-1,350	541	P/Cash Flow
nc/(dec) - payables	1,484	-386	301	-236	
nc/(dec) - advances	1,-10-1	-73	-33	52	EV/EBITDA
					EV/EBIT
Other adj for operations	0	0	0	0	
Operating cash flow	9,432	8,827	7,807	10,006	Operating Performance
Purchase of Fixed Assets and long term assets	-1,531	-1,457	-1,559	-1,656	ROE%
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets	134	137	137	146	ROA%
Loans granted, purchases of debt instruments	-3,514	0	0	-2,257	ROIC%
Collection of loans, proceeds from sales of debts instruments	0	3,635	-13	0	Financial Structure
nvestments in other entities	-23	-43	-22	-30	Cash ratio
Proceed from divestment in other entities	1	0	9	7	Quick Ratio
Dividends and interest received	1,000	1,201	1,237	1,274	Current Ratio
	-3,933	3,473	-211	-2,516	LT Debt/Equity
nvesting cash flow					
Proceeds from issue of shares	318	338	0	0	LT Debt/Total assets
	0	0	0	0	ST Debt/Equity
Payment for share returns and repurchase		6,258	8,024	8,997	ST Debt/Total assets
Proceeds from borrowings	9,597				CT Lie billities / Caulton
	9,597 -7,551	-10,789	-7,041	-7,804	ST liabilities/Equity
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(VND Billion)	2021	2022	2023F	2024
Total assets	53,332	48,483	50,013	51,680
Current assets	36,110	31,560	33,170	34,982
Cash & equivalents	2,349	2,300	2,518	2,842
ST investments	21,026	17,415	20,290	22,388
Accounts receivable Inventory	4,368	4,634	4,536	4,731 6,369
Long-term assets	6,820 17,222	5,560 16,922	6,910 16,843	16,698
LT trade receivables	17,222	38	24	25
Fixed assets	11,620	10,860	10,398	9,94
Investment properties	835	1,471	1,577	1,710
Liabilities	17,482	15,666	14,386	15,56
Current liabilities	17,068	15,308	13,961	15,125
Trade accounts payable	4,214	4,284	4,585	4,34
Advances from customers	4	4	8	
ST borrowings	9,382	4,867	5,889	7,08
Long-term liabilities LT payables	414 0	358 0	425 0	44
LT borrowings	76	66	51	5
Other LT liabilities	338	292	374	39
Shareholders' equity	35,850	32,817	35,627	36,11
Paid-in capital	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,90
Share premium	34	34	34	20,50
Undistributed earnings	7,594	3,353	5,304	4,72
Reserve & others	4,555	5,469	6,421	7,48
Minority interest	2,767	2,967	2,967	2,96
Key ratio (x, %, VND)				
Multiple				
P/E	14.7	18.3	15.7	14.
P/E diluted	14.7	18.3	15.7	14.
P/B	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.
P/S	1.9	2.3	2.2	2.
P/Tangible Book	4.0	4.4	4.0	3.
P/Cash Flow	575.5	(2,295)	635.5	429.
EV/EBITDA	14	13	12	1
EV/EBIT	16	16	14	1
Operating Performance				
ROE%	32%	27%	29%	309
ROA%	20%	17%	18%	209
ROIC%	25%	25%	23%	259
Financial Structure				
Cash ratio	0.14	0.52	0.44	0.4
Quick Ratio	1.72	1.70	1.88	1.8
Current Ratio	2.12	2.06	2.38	2.3
LT Debt/Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
LT Debt/Total assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
ST Debt/Equity	0.28	0.16	0.18	0.2
ST Debt/Total assets	0.28	0.16	0.18	0.2
ST liabilities/Equity	0.24	0.36	0.26	0.2
ST liabilities/Total assest	0.15	0.22	0.17	0.1
Total liabilities/Equity	0.24	0.36	0.26	0.2
Total liabilities/Total				
assets	0.15	0.22	0.17	0.1
Activity Ratio				
Account receivable	13.9	12.9	13.7	14.
turnover				
Inventory turnover	5.1	6.5	5.3	6.

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Buy:	Hold:	Sell:	
+15% or more	+15% to -15%	-15% or more	

Investment Ratings for Sectors

(based on expectations for absolute price gains over the next 6 months)			
Positive:	Neutral:	Negative:	
Outperform the market	Perform in line with the market	Underperform the market	

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