

FY 2003 Performance Review Analysts Briefing

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Performance Highlights

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- Turnover grew 24.5% to S\$139.6 million
 - Strong market position in core markets
 - Expansion of distribution networks
 - Strong brand management
- Net Profit declined 31.3% to S\$10.2 million
 - Higher operating and staff expenses
 - Higher A&P expenses & logistics costs



Financial Review

Profit & Loss Statement



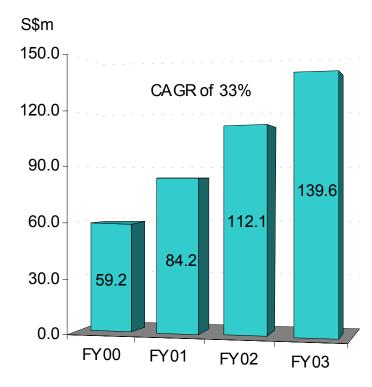
S\$million	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY02</u>	% Change
Revenue	139.6	112.1	24.5
EBITDA	15.1	21.2	(28.8)
Profit before tax	13.4	19.9	(32.5)
Net Profit	10.2	14.8	(31.3)
EBITDA Margin	10.8%	18.9%	
Net Profit Margin	7.3%	13.2%	
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Revenue grew 24.5% to S\$139.6 million

- Achieved 3-yr CAGR of 33%
- Double digit sales improvement in core markets
- Expanded distribution networks
- Effective A&P activities

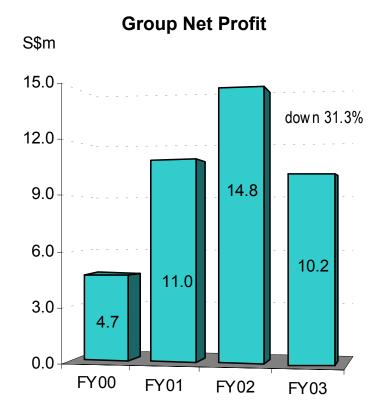
Group Revenue





Net profit declined 31.3% to S\$10.2million

- Higher operating and staff costs to strengthen infrastructure for further growth
- Intensive A&P activities to build brand equity

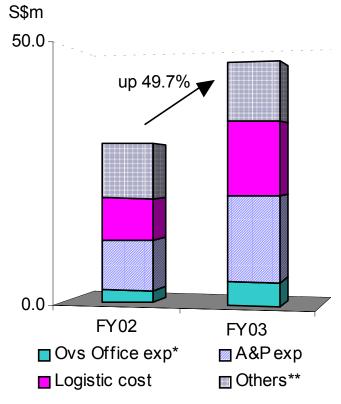




Other Operating Expenses rose 49.7% to S\$46.2 million

 Due primarily to higher A&P expenses, Overseas Office expenses and Logistic costs

Group Other Operating Expenses



*Ovs office exp excludes staff costs

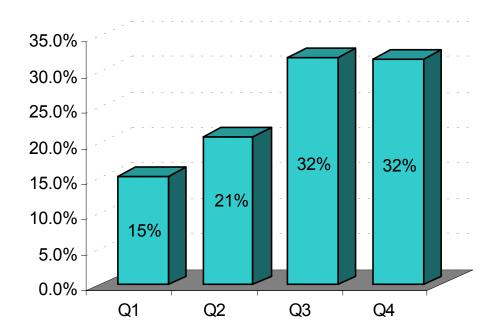
^{**} Others include doubtful debt provision of S\$1.4m



Quarterly A&P activities ranging from media advertisements, wet sampling & sponsorships

Quarterly A&P expenses trend (FY03)

% of total A&P expenses



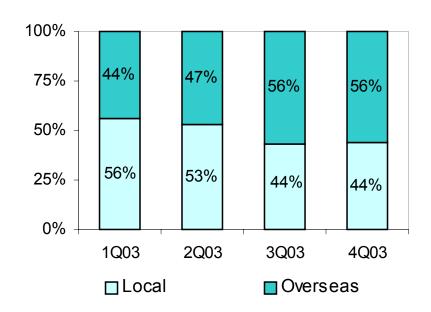


Increase in Group Headcount tapered towards 4Q03

Headcount trend (FY03)

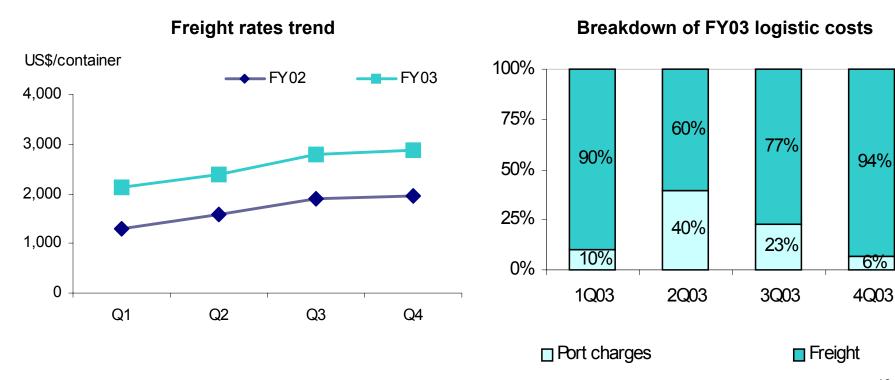
No. of headcount Slow dow n in expansion of headcount 450 1Q03 2Q03 3Q03 4Q03

Breakdown of FY03 headcount





Slowdown in Freight rates increases and port charges under control



Financial Ratios



	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY02</u>
PER SHARE DATA (CENTS)		
EPS	2.95	4.30
NAV per share	16.57	14.63
<u>LIQUIDITY</u>		
Current ratio	4.4X	3.3X
Quick ratio	2.6X	1.6X
GEARING	0.01/	0.007
Debt ratio	0.0X	0.0X
ACTIVITY (DAYS)		
Receivables turnover	53.8	51.7
Inventory turnover	61.8	95.2
Payables turnover	20.7	34.6
Cash conversion cycle	94.9	112.3



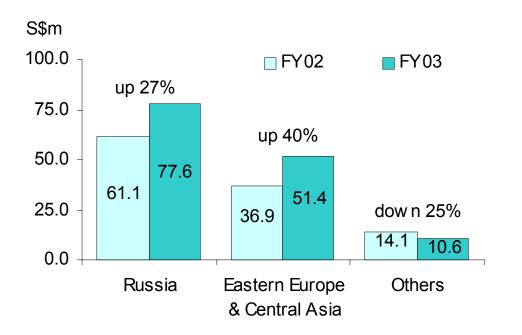
Segmental Review

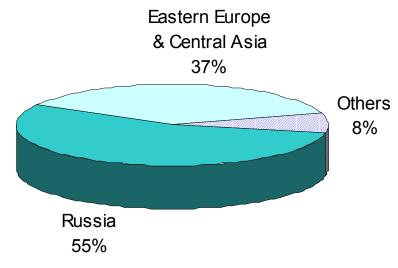
Segmental Review - By Market (Revenue)



Segmental Revenue Trend

Segmental FY03 Revenue Contribution

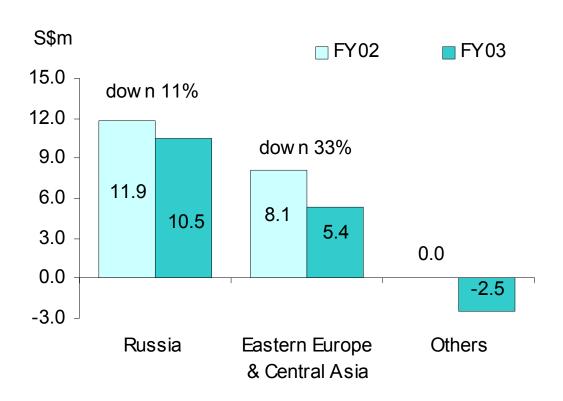




Segmental Review - By Market (Profit Before Tax)



Segmental PBT Trend



Segmental Review - By Market



RUSSIA and EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

- Russia sales grew by 27% while Eastern Europe & Central Asia grew by 40%
- Aggressive A&P activities to boost sales of core and new products
- Expansion of distribution networks
- Extension of product portfolio

OTHERS

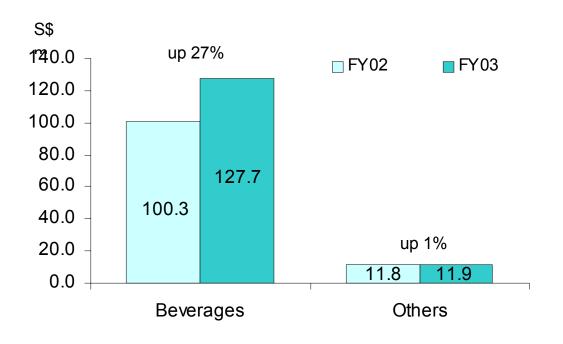
Revenue declined due to cessation of frozen seafood trading

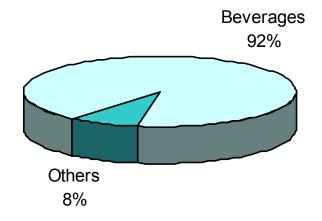
Segmental Review - By Product (Revenue)



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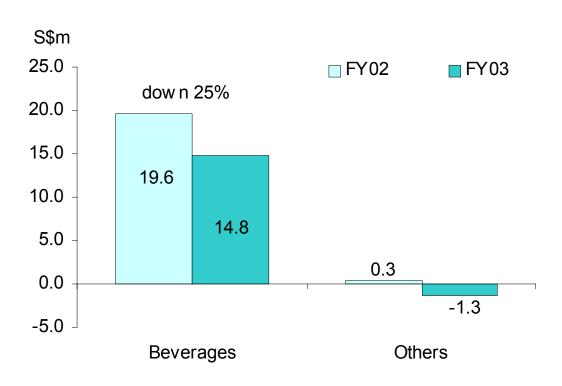




Segmental Review - By Product (Profit before Tax)



Segmental PBT Trend



Segmental Review – By Product



Beverage

- Stronger demand for 3in1 instant coffee and coffee in tins
- Top 3 best selling instant coffee MacCoffee, FesAroma and Express
- Core brand MacCoffee ranked as one of the leading instant coffee brands in Russia, Ukraine & Kazakhstan

Others

- Snack food and Frozen Convenience food posted higher sales
- Frozen seafood sales declined



Proposed Dividends



Subject to shareholders' approval:-

Proposed ordinary dividends of 0.5 cents (less tax) per ordinary share and special dividends of 0.75 cents (less tax) per ordinary share*

Total Dividends of 1.25 cents (less tax) per ordinary share

25% of par value of 5 cents

^{*} Utilise Section 44 balance for dividends







MacCoffee Billboard in Rostov-on-Don, Russia

MacCoffee Strong Promo in Tambov, Russia





Lottery draw in Ukraine



MacCoffee wins first rally of the Ukrainian Rally Championship of the Stolitsa Rally in Kiev





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MacCoffee Deluxe promotion in Kazakhstan



MacCoffee freebies in Kazakhstan



Sponsorship of Cricket tournament in Ukraine



MacCoffee Promotion in Serbia





Product display in Mongolia

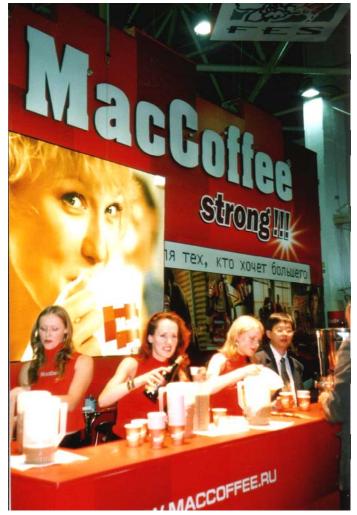
Trade Shows



World Food '03 in Russia



8th International Exhibition For Food, Beverage & Consumer goods, in Egypt



Trade Shows





Anuga 2003, Germany



Trade Shows





Traditional World Food Show in Paris

Food Expo '03 in Uzbekistan



Branding

Awards



- Food Empire was recognised as one of the Most Valuable Singapore Brands at the Singapore Brand Award 2003. Food Empire's portfolio of brands was awarded a high value of S\$114 million
- MacCoffee was awarded one of 'The Strongest Singapore Brands' (ranked 8 out of 15)
- MacCoffee 3-in-1 once again won in the category 'Top Instant Coffee drink' in the 'Choice of the Year 2003' Award in Kiev, Ukraine.
- MacCoffee also won the national Golden Trade Marks award held in Ukraine recently.
- For the 4th consecutive year, Food Empire won the Singapore Star Packaging Award 2003 for Klassno Gold (freeze-dried coffee in glass jar) and Kracks Potato Crisps
- ➤ Food Empire was accorded the Gold award in "The Judge's Choice Award" category at the 17th Annual International ARC Awards 2003

Brand Valuation

(Singapore Brand Award 03)





2003		Brand Value	2002	Brand Value
Position	Brand	2003 S\$M	Position	2002 S\$M
1	Singtel (fixed & mobile)	2,635	1	3,000
2	UOB	1,211	3	950
3	DBS Bank	1,118	2	1,000
4	Asia Pacific Breweries	943	4	820
5	OCBC Bank	658	5	625
6	Great Eastern	429	6	400
7	Singapore Airlines	304	7	380
	F&N (Soft Drinks +			
ô	100Plus)	118	9	95
9	Food Empire	114	N.A.	N.A.
10	Tiger Balm	110	8	110
11	Creative	102	10	90
12	OSIM	95	13	45
13	Brand's	92	12	75
14	Sincere	42	N.A.	N.A.
15	Eu Yan Sang	35	4	30

Source: IE Singapore

Brand Strength

(Singapore Brand Award 03)





2003		Brand Strength
Rank	Brand	(/100)
1	SIA (Airline)	60
2	Creative	59
3	Tiger Balm	57
3	Tiger Beer	57
5	Brand's	56
6	OSIM	54
7	Eu Yan Sang	53
8	Ranyan Tree	52
8	MacCoffee	52
Õ	F&N	52
11	Informatics	49
11	Raffles International	49
11	Super CoffeeMix	49
14	Singtel	48
14	AKIRA	48

Source: IE Singapore



Looking Back

2003 Review



"2003 is a year of brand building and expansion

We continued our efforts to build up our overseas operations and to invest brand equity

Revenue continued to grow but profitability was impacted as a result of the strategic actions taken to gear up for increasing our market reach "



Going Forward

2004 Outlook



"Market environment in our core markets is expected to remain competitive and challenging.

Foreign currency fluctuations will continue to be an important consideration and raw material costs are expected to rise in 2004 "

We will continue to step up efforts to strengthen our operations and distribution networks, reinforce our marketing and branding. More importantly improve market reach and bottomline."

