#### Not Your GrandMother's Coffee Roasters

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- D.E Master Blenders 1753 (D.E) was spun out of Sara Lee (now Hillshire Brands) in June 2012
- Parent company shareholders received one share of D.E for each share of Sara Lee owned
- Unlike its parent, D.E is not a component of the S&P 500 Index nor is it listed on a US stock exchange
- D.E trades on the pink sheets (DEMBF) and on Euronext Amsterdam (DE)

- Management told us they have no plans to list DEMBF on a US exchange
- As of May 1, 2012, only <u>0.022%</u> of Sara Lee's outstanding shares were held by residents of the Netherlands
- <u>97.10%</u> of Sara Lee's outstanding shares were held by residents of the United States
- We suspect that over 10 million shares may be owned by motivated sellers



D.E shares have performed surprisingly well since the spinoff. Management has hosted roadshows with several European banks.

- Douwe Egberts Master Blenders 1753 is
  headquartered in Amsterdam, Netherlands
- D.E was founded in 1753 as a grocery store selling coffee, tobacco and tea
- From the 1940s to 1970s D.E acquired leading coffee makers in Western Europe; as well as the British tea maker, Hornimans

- In 1978 D.E was acquired by Sara Lee and began to expand outside of Europe, in fastgrowing markets such as Brazil
- The Away from Home business also expanded rapidly during the 1990s, with the Cafitesse liquid coffee system becoming popular in offices, hospitals, hotels, and other public buildings

- D.E operates in two main segments
  - At Home: roast and ground multi-serve coffee/single serve coffee capsules, instant coffee and tea
  - Away from Home: products are sold either directly to businesses, hotels, hospitals and restaurants or to foodservice distributors for distribution to the customer

#### Leading Brands







L'OR EspressO France



Marcilla Spain



Hornimans Spain



**Merrild** Denmark



Prima Poland



**Pilão** Brazil



Moccona Australia



Douwe Egberts Global



Pickwick Global



Cafitesse: unique liquid coffee system, serving fresh coffee – quickly



Fresh Brew and filter coffee: traditional filter coffee machines and coffee vending machine concepts for small, medium and large locations with Roast & Ground Fresh Brew coffee



Instant: From small instant machines to full automatic machines with Douwe Egberts quality instant ingredients



Espresso: Espresso coffee machines for restaurants, cafés, and hotels, who want to provide their customers with top quality espressos

- In 2001 D.E formed a 50-50 joint venture with Philips Electronics to launch the Senseo single serve coffee system (one year before Keurig's brewer)
- In January 2012 D.E purchased the remaining 50% stake in Senseo from Philips for €170 million
- D.E now owns full rights to the global Senseo trademark; Philips will continue to design, manufacture and distribute all Senseo machines until 2020

Fiscal Year Ending July				
in millions of €	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total Revenue	2,234.50	2,315.50	2,601.60	2,795.00
Growth y/y	n/a	3.62%	12.36%	7.43%
COGS	1,333.90	1,346.10	1,616.60	1,787.10
Gross Profit	900.60	969.40	985.00	1,007.90
Gross Margin %	40.30%	41.87%	37.86%	36.06%
Total SG&A	554.1	622.7	653.7	898.2
Operating Income	346.50	346.70	331.30	109.70
Operating Margin %	15.51%	14.97%	12.73%	3.92%
Financial Income and Other	119.4	72.7	48.7	149.8
Pre-Tax Profit	465.90	419.40	380.00	259.50
Income Taxes	127.4	179.4	104	127.3
Net Income	338.50	240.00	276.00	132.20

Market Valuation		Valuation Multiples	
Stock Price	€9.30	€ Multiple	
Diluted Shares Out.	595M	Revenue 2012 €2,793.00 1.86x	
Market Cap	€5,533	Revenue 2013E €2,904.72 1.79x	
Net Debt	<u>€337</u>	EBIT 2012 €321.00 16.19x	
Enterprise Value	€5,870	EPS 2012€0.2046.50x	
		Normalized EPS €0.45 20.67x	

**Bear Case** 



- D.E cannot quickly pass increasing commodity costs (green coffee) on to consumers
- Reported revenue growth of 3.6%, 12.4% and 7.4% in 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively, is substantially lower than COGS growth
- D.E's gross margins have declined from 42% in 2010 to 36% in 2012
- Two-thirds of D.E's revenue comes from Western Europe



#### New Competitors in Single Serve Category



*Keurig Vue* brews coffee, lattes and cappuccinos, as well as tea, hot cocoa and iced beverages

Brewer price: \$299.99 Price per serving: 67-92¢

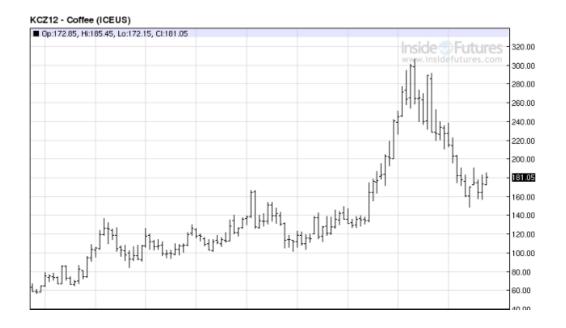


Starbucks Verismo 580 Brewer uses pods to create caffè lattes, espresso and steamed milk

Brewer price: \$199.00 Price per serving: 83-162¢

Source: Honne Capital price checks on Amazon.com

- As green coffee prices surged in 2010-2011, D.E raised prices in line with competitors
- Margins should benefit as coffee prices have dropped almost 50% from their 2011 peak

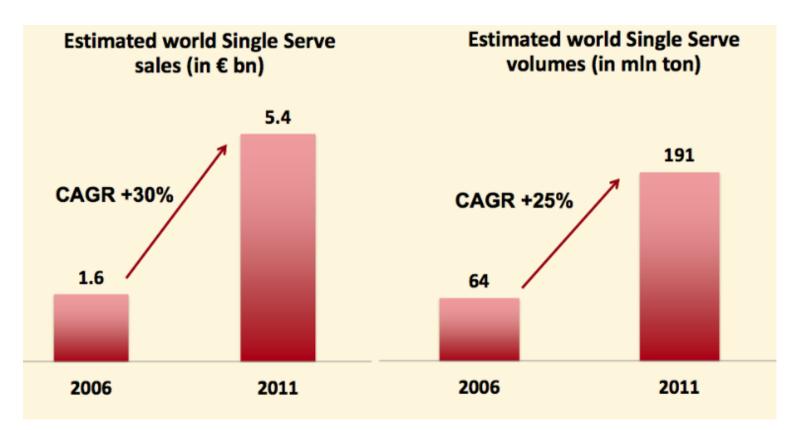


# Leader in Roast & Ground Market Share (Excludes Single Serve)

Country	D.E Share	D.E Position
Netherlands	60%	#1
Belgium	52%	#1
Hungary	35%	#1
Denmark	31%	#1
Brazil	22%	#1
Spain	20%	#2
France	15%	#3
Poland	18%	#4

- 72% of D.E's revenue comes from markets where it has a No. 1 or No. 2 position
- Senseo has share of mind, with over 33 million brewers sold since 2001
- We estimate that global Senseo brewer sales have outpaced Keurig (though GMCR stopped disclosing Keurig brewer sales after fiscal year 2009)

Single Serve is the Fastest Growing Segment in Coffee



- Unlike its competitors in single serve, D.E does not have a "razor and razor blade" model
- Philips designs, manufactures and distributes all Senseo coffee machines; sells machines above cost instead of at cost
- This sales practice appears to work well in Europe
- We have suggested to management that it tries a "razor and blade" model in the US

- In the Away from Home segment, 58% of sales are direct to businesses, hotels and restaurants; 42% of sales are to foodservice distributors
- Foodservice distributors are wellestablished and geographically diverse: Sodexo, Compass, Metro/Makro, Mahou, UCC Japan



#### D.E Generates High Returns on Capital

2011	2010	2009
<u>276.00</u>	<u>240.00</u>	<u>338.50</u>
474.80	386.00	350.90
24.08	n/a	7.36
369.90	365.60	372.60
<u>77.50</u>	<u>65.70</u>	<u>76.60</u>
946.28	817.30	807.46
29.2%	29.4%	41.9%
	276.00 474.80 24.08 369.90 <u>77.50</u> 946.28	276.00    240.00      474.80    386.00      24.08    n/a      369.90    365.60      77.50    65.70      946.28    817.30



#### D.E Generates Significant Free Cash Flow

€ (000,000 omitted)	2011	2010	2009
Operating Cash Flow	281.70	364.80	194.00
CapEx	(77.50)	(65.70)	(76.60)
Acquisitions	<u>(24.08)</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>(7.36)</u>
Free Cash Flow	180.12	299.10	110.04

- D.E began selling a new single serve coffee machine, Sarista, in the Netherlands this October
- Unlike other brewers, Sarista starts with <u>unground beans</u>, then grinds them immediately before brewing
- Sarista creates fresher coffee than other machines

#### Conventional Single Serve (Ground Beans)



K-cups

Coffee Pads

#### Sarista Funnel (Full Beans)



- Machine is expensive at €249 MSRP
- Cost per serving is
   €0.24 (\$0.31) <u>half</u>

  <u>the price of K-cups and</u>
  <u>one-third the price of</u>
  <u>Starbucks Verismo</u>
  pods



Brand	Price \$	Servings	Per Serving
<u>K-cup - Lower End</u>			
Folgers : Black Silk Dark Roast	11.28	18	63¢
GMCR : Breakfast Blend	16.28	24	68¢
Tully's (GMCR) : Kona Blend	11.99	18	67¢
K-cup - Higher End			
Barista Prima (GMCR) : Coffeehouse Blend	20.49	24	85¢
Café Escapes (GMCR) : Chai Latte	12.99	16	81¢
Dunkin Donuts : Original Blend	11.99	14	86¢
D.E Coffee Pod & Sarista Funnel			
Senseo Coffee Pods - Dark Roasted	35.99	108	<b>33¢</b>
Senseo Origin Coffee Pods - Colombia	24.99	64	<b>39¢</b>
Sarista Funnels	6.20	20	31¢
Verismo Coffee Pod – Higher End			
Verismo Caffe Latte Pods	12.95	8	\$1.62
Verismo Espresso Roast	11.95	12	\$1.00
Verismo House Blend Brewed Coffee Pods	11.95	12	\$1.00

Source: Honne Capital pricing checks on Amazon.com and Starbucks.com

- Despite their low cost per serving, Sarista bean funnels are high-margin for D.E, as they are just canisters of unground beans
- Capex related to Sarista is minimal, as D.E uses existing facilities to fill funnels with roasted beans
- Philips manufactures, distributes and sells all Senseo coffee machines
- Retailers have ordered twice as many Sarista machines as management expected

#### **Patent Issues**

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- In 1998 D.E was granted a patent for Senseo and started with a monopoly over high-margin coffee pouches
- Competitors soon entered the market for coffee pouches and delivered copy-cat products in shops
- At the end of 2001 Sara Lee began infringement proceedings against several competitors in Belgium and in the Netherlands

### **Patent Issues**

- In 2002 the Court of Appeal in Hague held that there was no indirect infringement action
- Dutch competitors were allowed to continue selling their copy-cat products
- In 2006 the European Patent Office completely revoked Sara Lee's patents for lack of "inventive step"

#### **Patent Issues**

- Learning from experience, D.E has built up an extensive patent portfolio to protect Sarista canisters/funnels as well as the coffee brewer, and their interaction
- D.E has filed 10 patent families for Sarista
- Most of these have already been granted in the Netherlands, France and Germany with expiration in 2031
- A few are still pending at the European Patent Office

#### **Patent Issues**

- D.E has focused on preventing patent workarounds
- Patents provide D.E with an exclusive right to manufacture and sell Sarista canisters/funnels
- D.E has ensured that its funnels cannot be refilled

- Tax rate was abnormally high in 2010 and 2012
- In fiscal 2010, D.E recognized €50.8 million of additional tax expense as a result of its decision to repatriate certain income that will result in recapture taxes and an increase in tax reserves of €31.7 million for a tax claim in Belgium
- D.E also recorded additional tax expense associated with a change in tax reserves recorded in prior years of €30.7 million

- Q: Clearly, the tax rate is above the norm for the year. What do you see as the effective tax rate going forward?
- A: <u>We reported an effective tax rate of approximately 53%.</u> If you look at what is the normalized effective tax rate, that is around 32% for 2012. Going forward to 2013, I expect the effective tax rate to be around 30% and from 2014, as I also already announced in March, <u>we expect an effective tax rate of around 25%</u>.

- Applying a 25% effective tax rate, D.E's net income in 2010, 2011, and 2012 would have been higher by 31%, 3.3%, and 58.9%
- Management does not apply the goingforward tax rate in its calculation of adjusted earnings

- Non-recurring charges amount to €221 million in fiscal 2012:
  - Spin-related items
  - Restructuring
  - Termination costs related to prior Senseo contract with Philips
  - New business model
- Normalized EPS is €0.45 vs. reported EPS of €0.20

- In July 2012 D.E began a restructuring program to become simpler and more commercially driven
- 7% of workforce eliminated, with annual savings of €5 million
- 30% of general managers have been given new positions
- Cost saving programs aim to cut expenses €25-30 million in 2013; €55-75 million by 2015

- In 2011 D.E generated approximately 95% of Senseo sales in the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany
- D.E plans to expand geographically into Eastern Europe, Asia and Latin America
- As emerging markets grow wealthier, buying will shift away from instant coffee to single serve and roast and ground (where D.E has an advantage)
- Extension of new products and selective acquisitions where appropriate

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- D.E has been under-managed as a division of Sara Lee, with inconsistent sales execution and a lack of urgency
- After the spinoff, D.E is leaner and more profitable
- D.E is a great business with ~30% return on invested capital
- With Sarista, D.E has a second chance to generate large profits in the single serve category

# Conclusion

- We project that over the next few years D.E will grow the top line in the mid-single digits
- Net income will improve *ceteris paribus* due to lower tax rates going forward
- P/E multiple of 20x 2012 adjusted earnings is misleading due to 49% tax rate
- Applying going-forward tax rate, P/E drops to ~10
- Given the quality and potential of D.E's business, 10x earnings is cheap

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