

Marley Spoon Group SE

Consumer Goods - Germany



Buy (old: Buy)

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Healthy Q1 results // FY'24 guidance confirmed; chg.

On Tuesday, Marley Spoon Group ("MSG") released healthy Q1'24 and final FY'23 consolidated results that were in line with expectations. **Q1'24 sales came in at € 80.7m or -12% yoy** (excluding bistroMD c. € 76m; eNuW: € 75.6m). Cautious consumer behavior in the meal-kit segment continued to weigh on sales as the number of active subscribers fell 23% yoy to 194k (eNuW: 189k) - the effect of which was more pronounced for Europe and Australia than for the US – while revenue from bistroMD partially offset this decline and had a noticeable impact on Q1'24 group sales of c. € 5m (eNuW).

Importantly, after several quarters of decline, **MSG was able to observe bottoming-out effects in its subscriber base** (+0.5% qoq) as well as a **recovery in both order frequency** (+5% qoq to 6.5; +2% yoy) **and basket size** (+3% qoq to € 64; +11% yoy) indicating a return to healthy growth and KPI levels. This positive development was overwhelmingly driven by (1) a higher-quality subscriber base with enhanced retention levels on the back of a rectified voucher strategy in H2'23, (2) higher-priced and larger-sized plan items and (3) an overall stabilizing consumer sentiment.

While topline headwinds persisted, **MSG managed to expand its industry-leading contribution margin in Q1 to 34.4%** (+335bps yoy, eNuW: 32.5%) on account of reduced voucher and promotional activity and first cost savings in fulfilment (-37% yoy to € 9.2m) derived from the FreshRealm partnership. Notably, **MSG translated a higher contribution margin into a healthy operating EBITDA margin of 0.2% for Q1** (c. +700bps yoy) impacted by an increased marketing efficiency (-33% yoy to € 13.8m) and a more streamlined G&A setup (-3% yoy to c. € 21.5m excluding one-offs) as cost reduction measures from automation, centralization, and the closure of underutilized operations began to kick in.

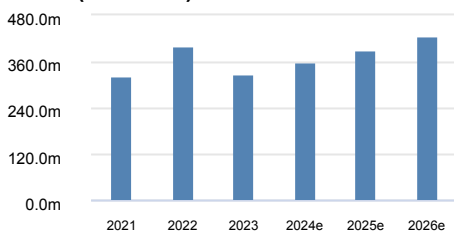
This promising Q1 performance led the company to confirm its FY'24 guidance, expecting sales to grow by a single-digit percentage figure (eNuW: +9% yoy) and a flat contribution margin of c. 31.5% (eNuW: 31.8%). Operating EBITDA is seen to grow to a positive mid-single-digit figure (eNuW: € 2m). In our view, this guidance looks achievable and - aided by a promising strategic outlook and operational progress towards group profitability - MSG looks set to disproportionately benefit from an eventual return of consumer confidence.

We reiterate our **BUY** rating with an **unchanged PT of € 7.00 based on DCF**.

Y/E 31.12 (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	322.4	401.2	328.5	357.6	390.4	430.3
Sales growth	26.9%	24.5%	-18.1%	8.9%	9.2%	10.2%
EBITDA	-34.3	-11.5	-72.9	-1.5	9.9	17.8
Net debt (if net cash=0)	17.9	59.6	59.1	45.8	52.8	51.1
FCF	-36.5	-29.4	-23.0	-4.7	7.0	15.7
Net Debt/EBITDA	-0.5	-5.2	-0.8	-31.5	5.3	2.9
EPS pro forma	-173.62	-1.33	-4.27	-0.87	-0.44	-0.10
EBITDA margin	-10.6%	-2.9%	-22.2%	-0.4%	2.5%	4.1%
ROCE	-119.4%	-71.2%	-266.1%	-52.0%	-15.4%	31.7%
EV/sales	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
EV/EBITDA	-0.8	-12.4	-1.6	-70.8	11.1	6.1
PER	-0.2	-2.1	-0.7	-3.2	-6.3	-27.0
Adjusted FCF yield	-59.0%	-2.0%	-50.8%	11.1%	17.9%	24.4%

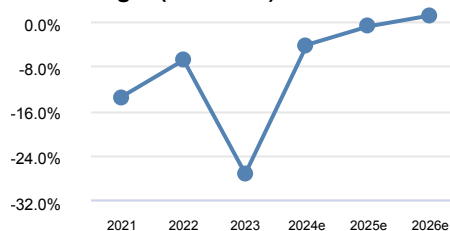
Source: Company data, NuWays, Close price as of 30.04.2024

Sales (2021-26e)



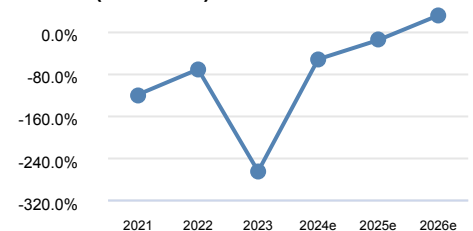
Source: NuWays Research

EBIT margin (2021-26e)



Source: NuWays Research

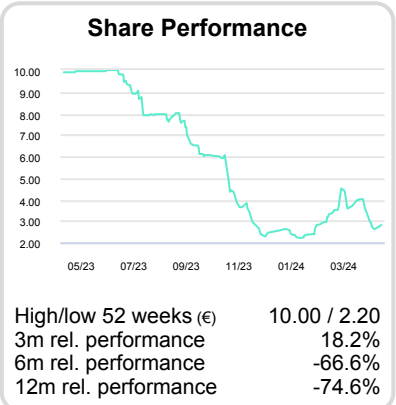
ROCE (2021-26e)



Source: NuWays Research

Company description

Marley Spoon is a global direct-to-consumer meal kit delivery company. The company offers customers meal kits through its two brands Marley Spoon and Dinnerly and ready-to-heat meals through its brand Chefgood. Marley Spoon serves customers in the US, Australia, and Europe.



Market data

Share price (in €)	2.80
Market cap (in € m)	56.9
Number of shares (in m pcs)	20.3
Enterprise value (in € m)	102.7
Ø trading volume (6 months)	1,955

Identifier

Bloomberg	MS1 GR
Reuters	MS1.DE
WKN	A3C81B
ISIN	LU2380748603

Key shareholders

468 Capital	17.2%
BistroMD	15.2%
Sudeep Ramesh Ramnani	11.2%
USV	5.7%
Jai Ashok Mahtani	5.6%
Free Float	19.4%

Estimates changes

	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	0%	0%	0%
EBIT	0%	0%	-0%
EPS	21%	27%	51%

Comment on changes

- Adjustments reflect negative EPS spread over a larger share count as a result of recent M&A activity and a changed capital structure

Guidance

- Single-digit net revenue growth
- Contribution margin flat yoy
- Mid-single-digit pos. Op. EBITDA

Financials

Profit and loss (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	322.4	401.2	328.5	357.6	390.4	430.3
Sales growth	26.9%	24.5%	-18.1%	8.9%	9.2%	10.2%
Cost of sales	173.3	216.8	174.1	188.5	202.1	222.3
Gross profit	149.1	184.4	154.4	169.2	188.2	207.9
Sales and marketing	71.2	64.0	55.6	55.2	61.6	68.1
General and administration	64.0	79.0	138.0	73.1	72.3	73.3
Research and development	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other operating income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other operating expenses	57.3	69.1	50.6	55.6	57.6	61.5
Total operating expenses	192.5	212.1	244.2	183.9	191.4	203.0
Unusual or infrequent items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBITDA	-34.3	-11.5	-72.9	-1.5	9.9	17.8
Depreciation	7.2	10.6	11.0	8.0	7.2	6.4
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amortisation of intangible assets	2.0	5.5	6.0	5.3	5.9	6.4
Impairment charges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	-43.4	-27.6	-89.9	-14.8	-3.2	5.0
Interest income	2.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest expenses	6.0	12.3	3.9	7.4	7.4	7.4
Investment income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial result	-3.2	-12.2	-3.9	-7.4	-7.4	-7.4
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	-46.6	-39.9	-93.7	-22.2	-10.6	-2.5
Extraordinary income/loss	0.1	-0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings before taxes	-46.4	-39.9	-93.7	-22.2	-10.6	-2.5
Income tax expense	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net income from continuing operations	-46.6	-40.0	-93.5	-22.2	-10.6	-2.5
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net income	-46.6	-40.0	-93.5	-22.2	-10.6	-2.5
Minority interest	-0.4	-0.3	-6.7	-4.4	-1.6	-0.4
Net profit (reported)	-46.2	-39.7	-86.8	-17.8	-9.0	-2.1
Average number of shares	0.3	30.0	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3
EPS reported	-173.62	-1.33	-4.27	-0.87	-0.44	-0.10

Profit and loss (common size)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	53.8%	54.0%	53.0%	52.7%	51.8%	51.7%
Gross profit	46.2%	46.0%	47.0%	47.3%	48.2%	48.3%
Sales and marketing	22.1%	16.0%	16.9%	15.4%	15.8%	15.8%
General and administration	19.8%	19.7%	42.0%	20.4%	18.5%	17.0%
Research and development	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other operating income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other operating expenses	17.8%	17.2%	15.4%	15.6%	14.7%	14.3%
Total operating expenses	59.7%	52.8%	74.4%	51.4%	49.0%	47.2%
Unusual or infrequent items	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EBITDA	-10.6%	-2.9%	-22.2%	-0.4%	2.5%	4.1%
Depreciation	2.2%	2.6%	3.3%	2.2%	1.8%	1.5%
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Amortisation of intangible assets	0.6%	1.4%	1.8%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
Impairment charges	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	-13.5%	-6.9%	-27.4%	-4.1%	-0.8%	1.2%
Interest income	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Interest expenses	1.9%	3.1%	1.2%	2.1%	1.9%	1.7%
Investment income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Financial result	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	-14.5%	-9.9%	-28.5%	-6.2%	-2.7%	-0.6%
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0%	-0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Earnings before taxes	-14.4%	-9.9%	-28.5%	-6.2%	-2.7%	-0.6%
Tax rate	-0.3%	-0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Net income from continuing operations	-14.4%	-10.0%	-28.5%	-6.2%	-2.7%	-0.6%
Net income	-14.4%	-10.0%	-28.5%	-6.2%	-2.7%	-0.6%
Minority interest	-0.1%	-0.1%	-2.0%	-1.2%	-0.4%	-0.1%
Net profit (reported)	-14.3%	-9.9%	-26.4%	-5.0%	-2.3%	-0.5%

Source: Company data, NuWays

Balance sheet (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Intangible assets	8.8	25.4	26.6	29.3	32.0	34.6
Property, plant and equipment	48.7	47.4	54.4	48.7	42.2	36.5
Financial assets	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
FIXED ASSETS	60.4	75.7	83.9	80.9	77.1	74.1
Inventories	9.4	13.1	9.3	10.5	11.3	12.4
Accounts receivable	0.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.2
Other assets and short-term financial assets	3.7	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Liquid assets	38.7	19.0	12.7	15.5	8.5	10.2
Deferred taxes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CURRENT ASSETS	52.2	36.2	27.2	30.6	24.5	27.4
TOTAL ASSETS	112.6	111.9	111.1	111.5	101.6	101.5
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	-16.3	-41.5	-35.2	-23.1	-34.6	-30.7
MINORITY INTEREST	-1.3	-1.6	-8.6	-13.1	-14.7	-15.0
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	1.0	2.3	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Short-term liabilities to banks	7.3	7.8	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Accounts payable	27.6	26.4	26.0	29.1	32.3	36.8
Advance payments received on orders	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts)	41.5	44.0	52.2	52.2	52.2	44.0
Deferred taxes	0.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Deferred income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CURRENT LIABILITIES	72.6	72.3	79.5	82.7	85.9	82.2
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	112.6	111.9	111.1	111.5	101.6	101.4
Balance sheet (common size)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Intangible assets	7.8%	22.7%	23.9%	26.3%	31.5%	34.1%
Property, plant and equipment	43.2%	42.3%	49.0%	43.6%	41.5%	36.0%
Financial assets	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.9%	2.9%
FIXED ASSETS	53.6%	67.7%	75.5%	72.5%	75.9%	73.0%
Inventories	8.3%	11.7%	8.4%	9.4%	11.1%	12.2%
Accounts receivable	0.4%	0.7%	1.4%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%
Other assets and short-term financial assets	3.3%	2.9%	3.3%	3.2%	3.6%	3.6%
Liquid assets	34.3%	17.0%	11.5%	13.9%	8.4%	10.0%
Deferred taxes	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CURRENT ASSETS	46.4%	32.3%	24.5%	27.5%	24.1%	27.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	-14.5%	-37.1%	-31.7%	-20.7%	-34.0%	-30.2%
MINORITY INTEREST	-1.1%	-1.4%	-7.8%	-11.7%	-14.4%	-14.8%
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	0.9%	2.0%	1.6%	1.6%	1.8%	1.8%
Short-term liabilities to banks	6.5%	7.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%	4.4%
Accounts payable	24.5%	23.6%	23.4%	26.1%	31.8%	36.3%
Advance payments received on orders	3.2%	1.7%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%
Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts)	36.8%	39.4%	46.9%	46.8%	51.3%	43.4%
Deferred taxes	0.0%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.8%	1.8%
Deferred income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CURRENT LIABILITIES	64.5%	64.7%	71.6%	74.2%	84.5%	81.1%
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Company data, NuWays

Cash flow statement (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Net profit/loss	-46.6	-40.0	-93.5	-22.2	-10.6	-2.5
Depreciation of fixed assets (incl. leases)	7.2	10.6	11.0	8.0	7.2	6.4
Amortisation of goodwill & intangible assets	2.0	5.5	6.0	5.3	5.9	6.4
Other costs affecting income / expenses	6.2	11.8	67.5	12.0	12.0	12.0
Cash flow from operating activities	-14.9	-18.7	-13.2	5.6	16.8	25.5
Increase/decrease in inventory	-2.8	-3.7	3.8	-1.2	-0.8	-1.1
Increase/decrease in accounts receivable	-0.9	-1.0	-1.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.1
Increase/decrease in accounts payable	13.5	-1.4	-6.7	3.2	3.2	4.4
Increase/decrease in other working capital positions	6.5	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Increase/decrease in working capital	16.3	-6.6	-4.1	2.4	2.3	3.1
Cash flow from operating activities	-14.9	-18.7	-13.2	5.6	16.8	25.5
CAPEX	-21.5	-10.7	-9.8	-10.3	-9.8	-9.8
Payments for acquisitions	0.0	-7.8	-2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Income from asset disposals	0.0	0.0	16.8	24.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from investing activities	-21.5	-18.5	4.6	13.7	-9.8	-9.8
Cash flow before financing	-36.5	-29.4	-23.0	-4.7	7.0	15.7
Increase/decrease in debt position	50.9	18.8	-9.9	-10.5	0.0	0.0
Purchase of own shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital measures	0.0	15.9	35.0	8.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	-9.3	-17.0	-22.8	-14.0	-14.0	-14.0
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	-0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from financing activities	41.6	17.6	2.3	-16.5	-14.0	-14.0
Increase/decrease in liquid assets	4.2	-11.8	-20.6	-21.2	-7.0	1.7
Liquid assets at end of period	38.7	19.0	12.8	15.5	8.5	10.2

Key ratios (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
P&L growth analysis						
Sales growth	26.9%	24.5%	-18.1%	8.9%	9.2%	10.2%
EBITDA growth	3559.8%	-66.3%	531.6%	-98.0%	-782.8%	79.2%
EBIT growth	484.5%	-36.3%	225.0%	-83.6%	-78.6%	-257.2%
EPS growth	-62.3%	-99.2%	222.3%	-79.5%	-49.3%	-76.6%
Efficiency						
Sales per employee	234.1	239.4	166.7	169.5	246.1	216.1
EBITDA per employee	-24.9	-6.9	-37.0	-0.7	6.2	8.9
No. employees (average)	1,377	1,676	1,970	2,110	1,586	1,991
Balance sheet analysis						
Avg. working capital / sales	-5.0%	-4.5%	-4.7%	-5.0%	-5.2%	-5.3%
Inventory turnover (sales/inventory)	18.5	16.5	18.7	17.9	17.9	17.9
Accounts receivable turnover	0.5	0.7	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.0
Accounts payable turnover	58.1	44.4	54.4	56.4	58.4	60.4
Cash flow analysis						
Free cash flow	-36.5	-29.4	-23.0	-4.7	7.0	15.7
Free cash flow/sales	-11.3%	-7.3%	-7.0%	-1.3%	1.8%	3.6%
FCF / net profit	78.3%	73.6%	24.6%	21.3%	neg.	neg.
Capex / sales	-6.7%	-2.7%	-3.0%	-2.9%	-2.5%	-2.3%
Solvency						
Net debt	17.9	59.6	59.1	45.8	52.8	51.1
Net Debt/EBITDA	-0.5	-5.2	-0.8	-31.5	5.3	2.9
Dividend payout ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Interest paid / avg. debt	15.4%	18.2%	5.1%	11.2%	12.1%	12.1%
Returns						
ROCE	-119.4%	-71.2%	-266.1%	-52.0%	-15.4%	31.7%
ROE	284.0%	95.7%	246.6%	77.0%	26.0%	6.9%
Adjusted FCF yield	-59.0%	-2.0%	-50.8%	11.1%	17.9%	24.4%
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
DPS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EPS reported	-173.62	-1.33	-4.27	-0.87	-0.44	-0.10
Average number of shares	0.3	30.0	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3
Valuation ratios						
P/BV	-0.6	-2.0	-1.6	-2.5	-1.6	-1.9
EV/sales	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
EV/EBITDA	-0.8	-12.4	-1.6	-70.8	11.1	6.1
EV/EBIT	-0.6	-5.2	-1.3	-7.0	-34.8	21.8

Source: Company data, NuWays

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	14.02.2024	Schüssler, Mark	Buy	EUR 8.00	EUR 2.36
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