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March 9, 2022

## Kura Sushi

TSE 1st Section 2695 Industry: Food service, retail

## Solid 1Q results. Building competitive advantage through differentiation

#### OP successfully on track with company target despite large-scale promotions

On March 9, Kura Sushi (2695, the company) announced 1Q FY10/22 (Nov-Jan) results, with sales of 46.452bn yen (+19.5% YoY; +25.5% QoQ), OP of 687m yen (-22.4% YoY; vs. -1.668bn yen in 4Q FY10/21), and RP of 2.656bn yen (+189.8% YoY; +50.7% QoQ). Subsidy income included in RP was 1.917bn yen (vs. no subsidy in 1QFY10/21). Progress toward the company's full-year guidance (188.869bn yen for sales, 2.827bn yen for OP, 4.955bn yen for RP) was 25% for sales, 24% for OP, and 54% for RP. OP was in line with the company's target, and the subsidy included in RP was above its plan. OPM was slightly lower at 1.5% (vs. 2.3% in 1QFY10/21), but this was mainly due to the implementation of large-scale collaboration campaigns and increased costs from the resumption of operations at overseas stores, which is not surprising.

The company imports food ingredients such as crab, salmon roe, flounder fin, and whelk from Russia. For the time being, the company can cope with the situation with its inventory, but if import difficulties persist for a prolonged period of time, procurement should become an issue. Also, the company imports some salmon and mackerel in part from Norway. The company is prepared to deal with the situation with its inventory for the time being, but it is highly likely that the air transportation will become difficult going forward.

#### Segment earnings: Japan, US, and Taiwan entering full-scale recovery phase

Japan posted sales of 39.524bn yen (+12.1% YoY; +23.3% QoQ) and RP of 2.439bn yen (1.474bn yen in 1QFY10/21; 2.166bn yen in 4Q). Same-store sales exceeded the prepandemic level. November-December saw a recovery in foot traffic due to fewer cases of the new coronavirus, and January saw a significant increase in overall sales despite the Omicron impact, which resulted in many stores being asked to shorten operating hours from late January onward. During this period, the company successfully differentiated itself from the competition through large-scale collaborations with "Demon Slayer" and "BT21".

In North America, sales were 3.355bn yen (+239.2% YoY; +10.8% QoQ), and RP was -142m yen (-664m yen in 1Q FY10/21; -90m yen in 4Q).

In Asia, sales were 3.573bn yen (+36.1% YoY; +85.5% QoQ), and RP was 359mn yen (106m yen in 1Q FY10/21; -252m yen in 4Q).

#### Store openings on track

The number of stores at end-1Q was 579 (+12 QoQ). The breakdown is: 504 stores in Japan (+9 stores QoQ), 33 stores in North America (+1 QoQ), and 42 stores in Asia (+2 QoQ).

#### Large-scale collaboration with Detective Conan in March and April

The company will run a collaboration campaign with "Detective Conan" from March 11 to April 30. The timing coincides with the release of the new movie "Detective Conan: Bride of Halloween" on April 15. The "Conan" movie, which has a large fixed fan base, is highly likely to be a hit, and the collaboration is expected to have a solid effect of attracting customers. The company has been running a series of large-scale collaborations with "Demon Slayer," "BT21," and "Detective Conan." The company's strength lies in its ability to plan promotions that attract a variety of customers to its stores.

Please refer to the report dated October 20, 2021 for the rationale of the rating and target price.

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#### **Update**

# Rating Buy Target price (JPY) 5,000 Stock price (JPY) (Mar 9) 3,360 Market cap (JPYbn) 139.1 Key changes Rating No Target price No Earnings forecast No



Source: Bloomberg Finance LP

#### Earnings

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		10/20	10/21	10/22E	10/23E	10/24E
Sales	JPYbn	135.8	147.6	176.7	198.8	223.4
OP	JPYbn	0.4	-2.7	5.5	8.0	10.6
RP	JPYbn	1.1	3.2	6.2	8.7	11.3
NP	JPYbn	-0.3	1.9	3.9	5.6	7.2
EPS	JPY	-6.6	47.9	98.4	140.4	181.9
BPS	JPY	1,116.1	1,216.4	1,280.4	1,396.8	1,548.7
DPS	JPY	20.0	20.0	24.0	30.0	40.0
PER	х	NA	70.5	34.4	24.1	18.6
PBR	x	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.2
Div. yield	%	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.2
ROA	%	-0.3	2.1	4.0	5.2	6.2
ROE	%	-0.6	4.1	7.9	10.5	12.4

Source: Company data, Mita Securities

#### Company profile

Kura Sushi is an Osaka-based restaurant company that operates the "Kura Sushi" revolving sushi bar chain nationwide. The company is also active in overseas business and has listed subsidiaries in the US and Taiwan. As of end-October 2021, the company had 567 stores (32 in the US and 40 in Taiwan). Sales in FY10/21 were 147.6bn yen.

#### **Quarterly results for Kura Sushi**

#### Figure: Sales (JPYm) Sales (quarterly, JPYm) 50,000 45,000 40,000 35.000 30,000 25,000 20,000 15,000 10,000 5,000 2Q 3Q 4Q 1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q 1Q 2Q 3Q

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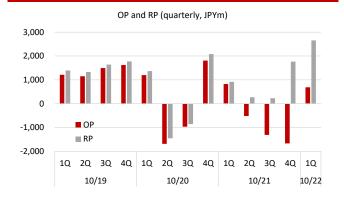
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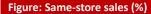
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#### Figure: Operating profit and recurring profit (JPYm)



Source: Company data, Mita Securities

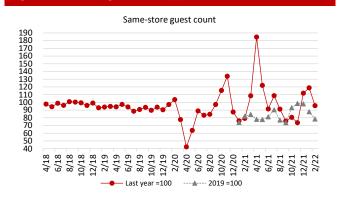
#### Monthly data for Kura Sushi





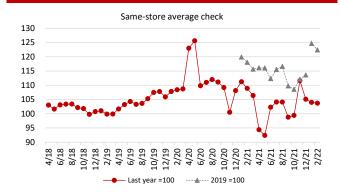
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#### Figure: Same-store guest count (%)



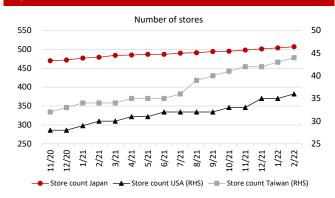
Source: Company data, Mita Securities

#### Figure: Same-store average check (%)



Source: Company data, Mita Securities

#### **Figure: Number of stores**



Source: Company data, Mita Securities

#### Monthly data for food service companies

#### Figure: Monthly data for food service companies covered by Mita Securities

Ticker	Company name		1/20	2/20	3/20	4/20	5/20	6/20	7/20	8/20	9/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	1/21	2/21	3/21	4/21	5/21	6/21	7/21	8/21	9/21	10/21	11/21	12/21	1/22	2/22
2695	Kura Sushi	vs. prev yr	104.8	112.2	84.5	51.9	80.0	97.4	92.3	94.6	107.9	126.1	134.4	94.6	84.5	86.2	115.4	174.2	112.7	93.5	113.1	94.8	74.8	80.1	82.2	117.6	123.5	99.1
		vs. pre-COVID													88.6	96.7	97.5	90.4	90.2	91.1	104.4	89.7	80.7	101.0	110.5	111.2	109.4	95.8
3097	Monogatari Corporation	vs. prev yr	105.3	125.7	97.2	13.8	48.6	96.1	104.0	92.2	97.3	109.3	114.0	93.9	77.1	68.2	86.9	600.4	160.4	76.9	91.7	81.6	80.8	102.6	95.2	113.9	125.0	102.9
		vs.pre-COVID													81.2	85.7	84.5	82.9	78.0	73.9	95.4	75.2	78.6	112.1	108.5	107.0	101.5	88.2
	Yakiniku division	vs. prev yr	106.4	137.5	103.7	14.9	50.3	103.3	111.5	97.6	101.6	116.7	123.3	99.2	80.1	66.8	84.7	577.0	163.1	74.0	91.5	84.8	90.3	108.6	97.0	118.7	129.9	103.6
		vs. pre-COVID													85.2	91.9	87.8	86.0	82.0	76.4	102.0	82.8	91.7	126.7	119.6	117.8	110.7	95.2
	Ramen division	vs. prev yr	104.6	107.7	90.5	14.3	54.1	90.8	93.7	88.3	94.5	99.7	96.7	91.6	82.2	76.4	87.9	546.9	148.9	82.9	95.4	82.1	76.3	96.1	100.0	111.3	115.2	113.8
		vs. pre-COVID													86.0	82.3	79.5	78.2	80.6	75.3	89.4	72.5	72.1	95.8	96.7	102.0	99.1	93.6
	Yuzuan division	vs. prev yr	103.6	107.6	84.7	10.9	42.6	83.7	96.1	84.9	91.0	101.2	106.6	89.4	71.1	69.1	94.3	697.3	162.7	81.6	90.7	71.4	65.8	94.3	85.6	100.4	116.8	90.4
		vs.pre-COVID													73.7	74.4	79.9	76.0	69.3	68.3	87.2	60.6	59.9	95.4	91.2	89.8	86.0	67.2
3193	Torikizoku HD	vs. prev yr	107.5	106.0	83.9	3.9	12.1	73.2	76.8	59.1	77.2	93.1	81.3	51.9	28.1	32.7	55.4	948.7	41.5	18.0	38.9	16.6	8.8	66.7	92.7	155.0	200.1	112.8
		vs. pre-COVID													30.2	34.7	46.5	37.0	5.0	13.2	29.9	9.8	6.8	62.1	75.4	80.4	56.2	36.9
3197	Skylark HD	vs. prev yr	97.6	99.6	76.1	41.8	52.2	69.4	73.6	73.2	78.3	88.4	85.1	78.1	66.5	70.9	93.7	164.6	128.6	92.5	100.3	83.3	79.4	92.9	95.3	114.4	115.8	93.1
		vs. pre-COVID													65.3	70.7	70.9	70.0	67.1	64.7	74.7	61.5	62.5	82.5	81.0	89.8	75.5	65.7
3543	Komeda HD	vs. prev yr	101.8	112.9	90.5	53.1	71.3	85.5	89.9	92.5	101.0	101.6	96.0	95.2	89.2	93.8	109.5	188.1	134.0	108.2	119.7	98.7	89.6	104.0	105.9	107.6	109.4	
		vs. pre-COVID													90.8	105.9	99.0	99.9	95.6	92.8	107.9	91.6	90.7	105.8	101.8	102.6	99.3	
9936	Ohsho Food Service	vs. prev yr	109.9	111.3	96.6	78.3	88.2	93.5	93.9	95.8	94.6	100.7	97.5	96.1	88.8	89.5	95.8	121.2	103.7	102.4	104.6	91.4	90.6	101.9	100.6	105.4	107.2	108.5
		vs. pre-COVID													97.6	99.6	92.5	94.9	91.5	95.7	98.2	87.6	85.7	102.6	98.1	101.3	104.6	108.1

Source: Companies' data, Mita Securities

Note: Pre-COVID is indexed with same month in 2019 as 100

#### Figure: Monthly data for food service companies not covered by Mita Securities

Ticker	C		1/20	2/20	3/20	4/20	5/20	6/20	7/20	8/20	9/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	1/21	2/21	3/21	4/21	5/21	6/21	7/21	8/21	9/21	10/21	11/21	12/21	1/22	2/22
2702	Company name McDonald's HD Japan	vs. prev yr	102.6	114.7	99.9	106.5	115.2	96.8		112.4	106.3		109.6		118.7	101.0	107.5	109.2	105.7	114.7	121.0	105.3	114.7	113.4	105.4			115.3
2/02	INCOORIAGES HD Japan	vs. pre-COVID	102.0	114.7	99.9	100.5	115.2	90.8	101.0	112.4	100.5	110.7	109.0	107.2	121.8	115.8	107.5		121.8	111.0			121.9				123.2	
3053	Pepper Food Service	vs. prev yr	66.5	61.3	51.1	37.4	49.4	57.6	64.0	62.0	67.1	74.6	71.1	67.6	64.6	71.5	86.9	144.7	157.4	80.5	81.2	79.9	76.3	84.3		104.4		133.0
3033	(Ikinari! Steak)	vs. pre-COVID	00.5	01.5	31.1	37.4	43.4	37.0	04.0	02.0	07.1	74.0	/1.1	07.0	43.0	43.8	44.4	54.1	77.8	46.4	52.0	49.5	51.2	62.9	69.8	70.6	45.7	
3085	Arcland Service HD	vs. prev yr	104.3	106.3	94.6	89.6	97.7	96.4	106.9	103.2	94.7	101.7	104.7	100.6	100.2	99.0	100.9	114.1	104.8	101.2	106.8	95.2	99.8	102.7	103.4			101.9
	(Katsuva)	vs. pre-COVID													104.5	105.2	95.5	102.2	102.4	97.6	114.2	98.2	94.5	104.4			110.6	107.2
3087	Doutor Nichires HD	vs. prev yr	100.6	96.2	77.9	35.9	36.5	67.0	68.8	69.3	71.8	79.6	76.2	77.2	68.4	73.5	97.4	204.6	192.3	113.5	112.8	96.3	95.9	102.0	109.2	110.6	117.6	
	(Doutor Coffee Shop)	vs. pre-COVID													68.8	70.7	75.9	73.5	70.2	76.2	77.9	67.0	69.1	81.4	83.5	85.7	80.9	
3397	Toridoll HD	vs. prev yr	106.4	108.9	84.7	50.0	63.2	83.6	85.5	88.4	86.2	94.6	93.4	87.0	79.1	78.4	99.5	184.8	147.6	108.3	113.5	94.5	103.2	101.9	101.7	106.2	113.3	104.0
		vs. pre-COVID													84.2	85.4	84.3	92.4	93.3	90.5	97.0	83.5	89.0	96.4	95.0	92.4	95.4	88.8
	Marugame Seimen	vs. prev yr	108.1	110.0	86.5	50.3	63.6	85.2	86.2	90.0	86.5	94.4	83.8	88.0	78.0	82.0	99.5	184.0	147.9	109.1	115.4	94.7	105.6	102.4	101.4	104.8	112.0	104.1
		vs. pre-COVID													84.3	90.2	86.1	92.6	94.1	93.0	99.5	85.2	91.3	96.7	85.0	92.2	94.4	93.9
3563	Food & Life Companies	vs. prev yr	107.0	112.0	86.3	55.6	81.4	97.9	96.5	87.7	97.1	104.3	94.7	98.7	95.1	99.9	120.0	178.0	112.6	95.3	103.5	96.4	90.0	94.0	96.3	100.1	96.0	93.6
	(Sushiro)	vs. pre-COVID													101.8	111.9	103.6	99.0	91.7	93.3	99.9	84.5	87.4	98.0	91.2	98.8	97.7	104.7
7550	Zensho HD	vs. prev yr	101.9	110.0	92.2	88.1	90.8	91.3	102.7	98.8	98.4	104.9	100.5	101.3	99.8	92.1	104.6	114.2	118.1	108.9	108.7	100.5	103.0	105.4	104.6	118.2	110.9	111.4
	(Sukiya)	vs. pre-COVID													101.7	101.3	96.4		107.2		111.6		101.4		105.1	119.7	112.8	112.9
7581	Saizeriya	vs. prev yr	105.1	106.6	78.5	38.6	47.8	66.5	72.9	71.5	77.3	90.1	84.0	75.2	62.0	67.1	91.3	192.3	139.7	98.9	101.1	83.4	76.7	98.7	104.6	115.8	125.3	109.1
		vs. pre-COVID													65.2	71.5	71.7	74.2	66.8	65.8	73.7	59.6	59.3	88.9	87.9	87.1	81.6	78.0
7611	Hiday Hidaka	vs. prev yr	100.8	104.7	82.0	49.3	48.0	65.8	73.9	75.7	80.7	87.0	82.3	77.9	55.7	54.3	70.5		99.3	78.9	74.2	62.6	62.2	81.6				110.2
		vs. pre-COVID													56.1	56.9	57.8	58.3	47.7	51.9	54.8	47.4	50.2	71.0	78.5	80.6	72.5	62.7
7630	Ichibanya	vs. prev yr	100.3	102.5	90.2	74.0	79.5	85.1	89.3	91.4	89.2	96.2	89.8	91.0	84.2	80.9	91.3	118.7	110.0	95.8	96.0	89.0	88.8	95.5	97.4	103.3	106.7	96.6
		vs. pre-COVID													84.5	82.9	82.4	87.8	87.5	81.5	85.7	81.3	79.2	91.9	87.5	94.0	90.1	80.1
8153	Mos Food Services	vs. prev yr	108.7	115.9	100.9	103.7	112.2	106.2	106.6	102.9	100.3	107.7	123.5	114.2	108.9	110.0	109.3	112.6	120.5	111.0	113.4	111.5	117.3	115.1	97.5	98.5	113.7	97.6
		vs. pre-COVID													118.4	127.5	110.3	116.8	135.2	117.9	120.9	114.7	117.7	124.0	120.4	112.5	134.6	124.4
8179	Royal HD																											
	Royal Host	vs. prev yr	103.8	103.9	79.7	42.1	54.2	78.2	86.1	81.2	83.5	95.3	90.8	79.8	69.5	76.4			148.8	99.7	97.2	85.9	85.1					105.4
	Total or Total	vs. pre-COVID	05.0	00.2	70.4	50.4	62.6	00.4	04.6	00.4	83.6	92.0	88.6	04.4	72.1	79.4	82.3	80.7	80.6 147.7	78.0	83.7	69.8	71.1	95.5	96.2		101.4	83.7
	Tendon Tenya	vs. prev yr vs. pre-COVID	95.9	98.2	79.1	58.1	63.6	80.1	81.6	86.4	83.6	92.0	88.6	84.1	89.3 85.6	96.6 94.9	108.7 86.0	157.6 91.6	93.9	88.2	114.1 93.1	104.5 90.3	107.7 90.0	108.7	112.3 99.5	111.3 93.6	95.3	100.9 95.7
8200	Ringer Hut	-	98.1	97.5	74.8	42.6	51.3	70.9	74.9	73.3	76.9	87.2	84.7	79.5	69.2	76.3	96.2		136.2	101.6	107.8	98.0	97.3	100.0	103.7	109.0		98.8
8200	Killger nut	vs. prev yr vs. pre-COVID	96.1	97.5	74.8	42.0	51.5	70.9	74.9	/3.3	70.9	67.2	64.7	79.5	67.9	74.4	72.0	73.9	69.9	72.0	80.7	71.8	74.8	87.6	87.8	86.7	77.7	73.5
9861	Yoshinova HD	vs. pre-covid	109.5	97.9	98.2	96.0	92.7	87.7	94.3	83.2	90.9	100.4	93.4	89.6	91.9	81.4	89.5	89.9	99.4	99.6	95.9	107.3	102.2	98.7	108.7			106.1
3001	(Yoshinoya)	vs. pre-COVID	105.5	37.3	50.2	50.0	32.7	67.7	54.5	03.2	50.5	100.4	55.4	85.0	100.6	79.7	87.9	86.3	92.1	87.3	90.4	89.3	92.9	99.1	101.5		104.7	84.6
9887	Matsuya Foods HD	vs. pre-covid	106.4	115.5	94.8	77.8	77.8	83.3	88.4	87.6	85.3	97.1	91.1	91.0	84.9	81.0	91.6	108.9	112.2	98.8	95.5	96.1	93.0	89.7	99.1	96.5	104.7	97.0
3007	(Matsuya)	vs. pre-COVID	100.4	113.3	54.0	, ,		55.5	55.4	57.0	55.5	37.1	51.1	51.0	90.3	93.6	86.8	84.7	87.3	82.3	84.4	84.2	79.3	87.1	90.3	87.8	90.5	90.7
	I(************************************	pre covid													50.5	25.0	00.0	04.7	07.3	02.3	07.4	04.2	75.5	07.1	50.5	07.0	50.5	50.7

Source: Companies' data, Mita Securities

Note: Pre-COVID is indexed with same month in 2019 as 100  $\,$ 

#### Figure: Monthly data for food service companies (average for companies covered by Mita Securities and non-covered companies above)

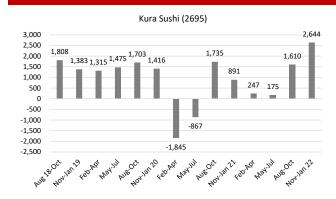
·		1/20	2/20	3/20	4/20	5/20	6/20	7/20	8/20	9/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	1/21	2/21	3/21	4/21	5/21	6/21	7/21	8/21	9/21	10/21	11/21	12/21	1/22	2/22
Simple average for	vs. prev yr	102.0	105.4	86.1	58.6	68.8	83.2	87.5	85.6	88.4	97.4	94.9	87.8	80.7	80.9	96.6	205.0	124.2	95.8	100.5	89.7	88.1	97.3	100.7	110.2	117.2	
21 companies	vs. pre-COVID													82.7	85.8	83.4	84.9	84.2	80.5	88.8	78.4	78.8	95.0	95.1	95.8	93.7	

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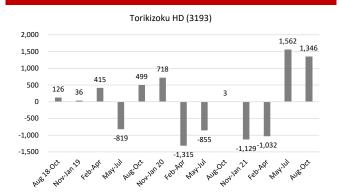
#### Pre-tax profits for food service companies covered by Mita Securities

#### Figure: Quarterly pre-tax profit (JPYm)



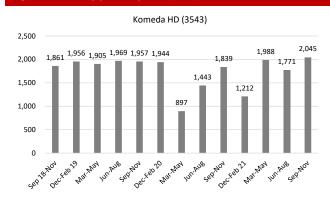
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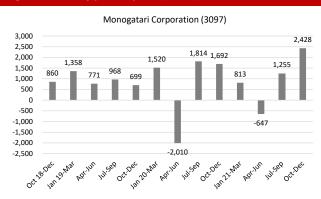
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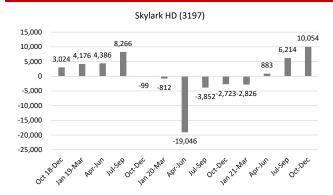
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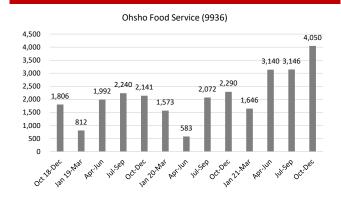
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#### Figure: Quarterly pre-tax profit (JPYm)



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#### Comparison of valuations with peers

#### Figure: Comparison of valuations for food service companies Ticker PX Net D/E Sales YoY EBITDA Mgn ROE ROE ROE PER PER PER PBR EV/EBITDA EV/Sales Div yield 1M зм 1YR Mkt cap ITM Nxt F Chg -9.3 139.9 0.1 8.7 2.3 0.8 KURA SUSHI INC 3,380 4.1 8.3 10.6 70.5 23.8 (TP 5,000 Buy) MCDONALD'S HOLDINGS CO JAPAN 4,930 10.2 14.0 13.0 10.8 28.9 -4.1 2702 655. -0.3 10.9 27.4 26.8 3.4 11.6 1.7 0.8 -1.2 -3.1 NA 10.8 OOTOYA HOLDINGS CO LTD 2705 2.884 20.9 0.2 -0.4 11.7 N/ NA NA 15.5 NA N/ NA NA NA 3.9 NA FUJIO FOOD GROUP INC NA 2752 1,264 56.4 -10.0 16.3 17.7 78.0 67.6 38.9 0.0 -10.4 1.7 -5.0 2.0 -6.6 -9.3 2753 2764 19.8 14.4 -0.1 4.1 38.1 N/ -3.2 -6.8 AMIYAKI TEI CO LTD -14.5 2.6 NA NA NA 48.8 36.7 NA NA 0.5 0.3 -0.6 -1.5 PEPPER FOOD SERVICE CO LTD 3053 335 13.2 -0.1 -0.8 N. -8.4 20.7 NA NA NA NA 42.4 NA NA NA 4.0 2.1 NA NA NA NA 0.5 -5.1 14.8 18.4 CHOUSHIMARU CO LTD 3075 10.2 NA NA -0.6 -0.4 1,111 16.1 -1.7 1.3 21.3 -1.7 70.3 -0.7 -0.3 8.8 14.6 ARCLAND SERVICE HOLDINGS CO 3085 3087 2,124 14.4 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Source: Bloomberg Finance LP data, Mita Securities

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10.1 Note: Forecasts are based on Bloomberg consensus. Shading indicates stocks covered by Mita Securities

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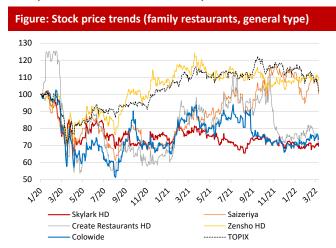
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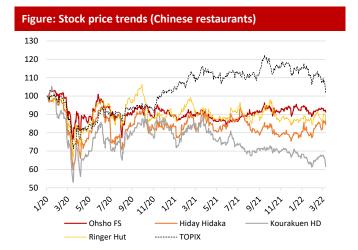
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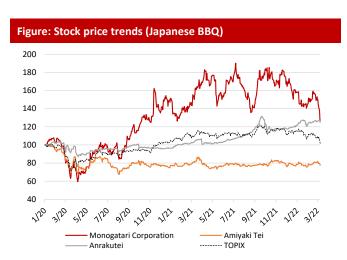
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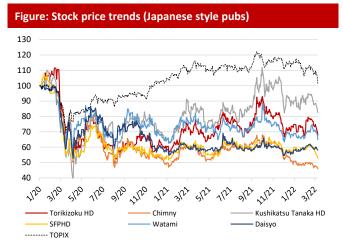
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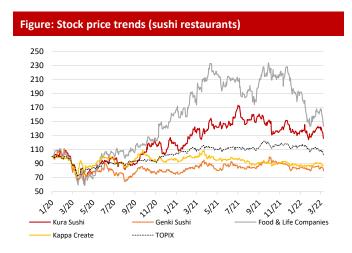
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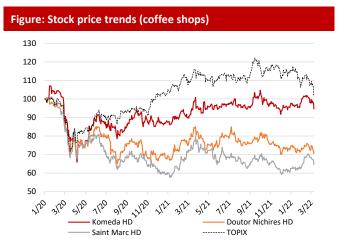
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#### Stock price trends for overseas subsidiaries

### Figure: Kura Sushi USA's stock price (USD)



Source: Bloomberg Finance LP data, Mita Securities

#### Figure: Kura Sushi Asia's stock price (TWD)



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