MITA SECURITIES Equity Research

April 4, 2022

Skylark Holdings

TSE Prime 3197 Industry: Food service, retail

March sales negatively affected by Omicron again but started to recover in late March

March SSS: 99.0% vs. 2021; 71.0% vs. 2019 (pre-pandemic)

Skylark HD (3197, the company) disclosed monthly data for March (on a preliminary basis). March same-store sales were almost flat YoY, but still weak compared to the pre-pandemic levels. The company was negatively affected by the large number of cases of the new coronavirus and the operating restrictions on restaurants through mid-March. However, the restrictions were lifted on March 21, and it appears that customer traffic started to recover in late March. The company was able to meet spring break demand to some extent.

Same-store sales were 99.0% vs. March 2021 (93.0% for February), 92.8% vs. March 2020, and 71.0% vs. March 2019. The number of holidays (weekends and holidays) was one day more than in March 2021, one day less than in March 2020, and two days less than in March 2019. Compared to March 2021, the guest count was 98.7% (94.0% for February), and the average check was 100.4% (99.0% for February).

In March, the company opened one new store. The number of stores at the end of March was 3,094 (-3 MoM). The company has deployed 953 cat-like floor service robots at 659 stores. It appears that the digitalization of the stores has been progressing well.

Please refer to the report dated February 24, 2022 for the rationale of the rating and target price.

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Update

Rating Hold Target price (JPY) 1,600 Stock price (JPY) (Apr 4) 1,561 Market cap (JPYbn) 355.1 Key changes Rating No Target price No Earnings forecast No



Source: Bloomberg Finance LP

Earnings						
IFRS		12/20	12/21	12/22E	12/23E	12/24E
Sales	JPYbn	288.4	264.6	311.9	343.1	359.2
OP	JPYbn	-23.0	18.2	8.8	10.0	17.6
Pre-tax Profit	JPYbn	-26.4	14.3	6.2	7.4	15.1
NP	JPYbn	-17.2	8.7	3.8	4.6	10.0
EPS	JPY	-87.2	38.4	16.7	20.4	44.2
BPS	JPY	576	730	735	749	784
DPS	JPY	0.0	12.0	6.0	10.0	20.0
PER	x	NA	40.6	93.4	76.6	35.4
PBR	x	2.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0
Div. yield	%	0.0	0.8	0.4	0.6	1.3
ROA	%	-3.8	1.9	0.8	1.0	2.1
ROE	%	-14.0	6.2	2.3	2.7	5.8

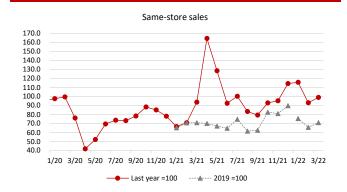
Source: Company data, Mita Securities

Company profile

Skylark HD is Japan's largest operator of family restaurants, including "Gusto," and "Bamiyan." The company had 3,098 stores at the end of December 2021. FY12/21 sales were 264.6bn yen.

Monthly data for Skylark Holdings

Figure: Same-store sales



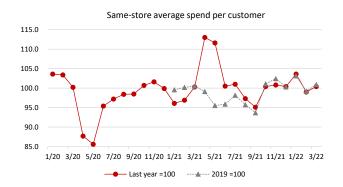
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Figure: Same-store guest count



Source: Company data, Mita Securities

Figure: Same-store average check



Source: Company data, Mita Securities

Monthly data for food service companies

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

1/22 2/22 3/2 123.5 99.1 109.4 95.8 125.0 102.9 101.5 88.2 129.9 103.6 110.7 95.2
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115.8 93.0 99
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109.4 97.2
99.3 102.9
107.2 108.5
104.6 108.1

Source: Companies' data, Mita Securities

Note: "vs. pre-COVID" is indexed to the same month in 2019 as 100

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

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Ticker	Company name		3/20	4/20	5/20	6/20	7/20	8/20	9/20	10/20		12/20	1/21	2/21	3/21	4/21	5/21	6/21	7/21	8/21	9/21		11/21		1/22	2/22	3/22
2702	McDonald's HD Japan	vs. prev yr	99.9	106.5	115.2	96.8	101.0	112.4	106.3	110.7	109.6	107.2	118.7	101.0	107.5	109.2	105.7	114.7	121.0		114.7	113.4	105.4	102.4	101.2	115.3	
		vs. pre-COVID												115.8			121.8	111.0	122.2		121.9					133.6	
3053	Pepper Food Service	vs. prevyr	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	98.2	104.4	106.3	92.1	
	(Ikinari! Steak)	vs. pre-COVID											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	40.4	
3085	Arcland Service HD	vs. prev yr	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	104.2	105.8		110.4
	(Katsuya)	vs. pre-COVID											104.5	105.2	95.5		102.4		114.2	98.2	94.5	104.4	108.3		110.6	107.2	105.4
3087	Doutor Nichires HD	vs. prev yr	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	103.6	
	(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	73.3	
3397	Toridoll HD	vs. prev yr	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	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	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												111.9	103.6	99.0	91.7	93.3	99.9	84.5	87.4	98.0	91.2	98.8		104.7	
7550	Zensho HD	vs. prev yr	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	100.6	107.2		111.6	99.3	101.4	110.6		119.7		112.9	107.4
7581	Saizeriya	vs. prev yr	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	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	118.3	99.3	78.9	74.2	62.6	62.2	81.6	95.4	103.5	129.2	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	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	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.prevyr	79.7	42.1	54.2	78.2	86.1	81.2	83.5	95.3	90.8	79.8	69.5	76.4	103.2	191.6	148.8	99.7	97.2	85.9	85.1	100.2	105.9	118.0	140.6	104.9	110.6
		vs. pre-COVID											72.1	79.4	82.3	80.7	80.6	78.0	83.7	69.8	71.1	95.5	96.2	94.2	101.4	83.3	91.0
	Tendon Tenya	vs. prev yr	79.1	58.1	63.6	80.1	81.6	86.4	83.6	92.0	88.6	84.1	89.3	96.6	108.7	157.6	147.7	110.1	114.1	104.5	107.7	108.7	112.3	111.3	111.3	100.9	107.9
		vs. pre-COVID											85.6	94.9	86.0	91.6	93.9	88.2	93.1	90.3	90.0	100.0	99.5	93.6	95.3	95.7	92.8
8200	Ringer Hut	vs. prev yr	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	173.4	136.2	101.6	107.8	98.0	97.3	100.5	103.7	109.0	114.5	98.8	
		vs. pre-COVID											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	Yoshinoya HD	vs. prev yr	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	107.4	104.0	106.1	
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9887	Matsuya Foods HD	vs. prev yr	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	100.2	96.8	102.2
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Figure: Monthly data for food service companies (average for companies covered by Mita Securities and non-covered companies above)

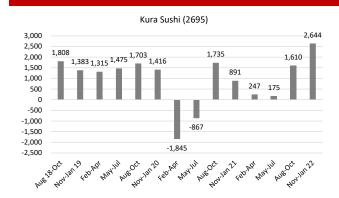
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Simple average for	vs. prev yr	86.1	58.6	68.8	83.2	87.5	85.6	88.4	97.4	94.9	87.8	80.7	80.9	96.6	205.0	124.2	95.8	100.5	89.7	88.1	97.3	100.7	110.2	117.2	102.6	
21 companies	vs. pre-COVID											82.7	85.8	83.4	84.9	84.2	80.5	88.8	78.4	78.8	95.0	95.1	95.8	93.7	87.8	

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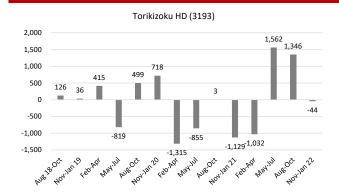
Pre-tax profits for food service companies covered by Mita Securities

Figure: Quarterly pre-tax profit (JPYm)



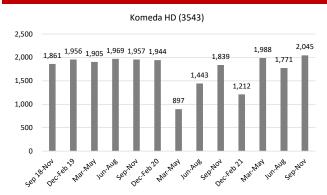
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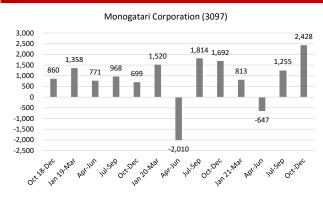
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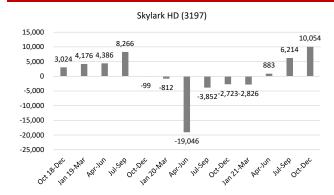
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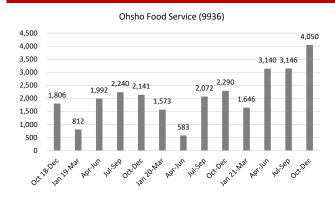
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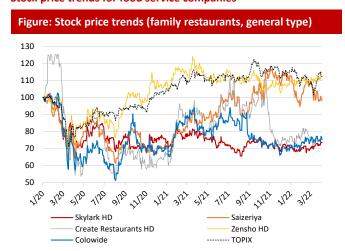
Comparison of valuations with peers

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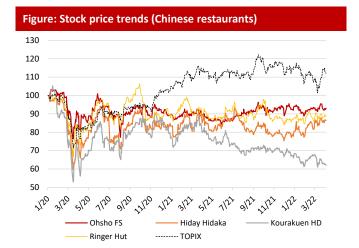
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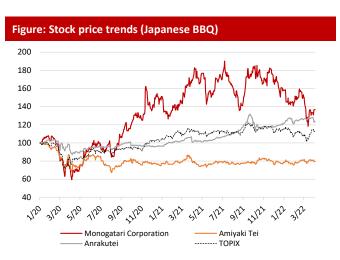
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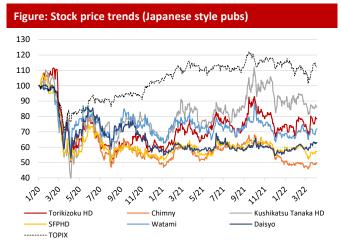
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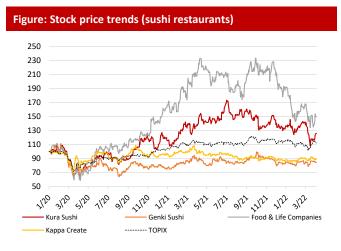
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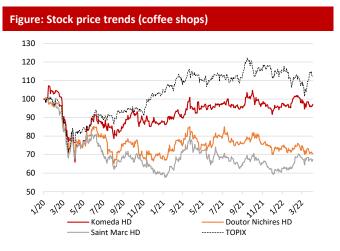
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