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Unaudited financial
results for the quarter
and nine months ended
31 December 2023

(Consolidated & Standalone)



Bengaluru, India – January 23, 2024: United Spirits Ltd., one of the leading beverage alcohol companies in India, reported its unaudited consolidated & standalone results for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December 2023.

Key Highlights for the quarter:

Consolidated

- Net sales value (NSV) at INR3,002 Cr.; EBITDA at INR487 Cr.
- NSV grew by 8.0% and EBITDA grew 30.8%

Standalone

- Net sales value (NSV) at INR2,989 Cr., with Prestige & Above saliency of 88%
- Total NSV grew 7.5%, Prestige & Above NSV grew 10.0%
- EBITDA at INR491 Cr., grew 33.6%, with EBITDA margin at 16.4%

Ms. Hina Nagarajan, CEO & Managing Director, commenting on the Q3FY24 performance, said:

“We have delivered a resilient quarter in a challenging macro environment. While the sequential demand momentum was relatively muted, reassuringly, the premiumisation trend continues.

Our consumer engagement remained high with a slew of festivals, the cricket world cup and peak wedding season. The focus on continuous improvement and value chain productivity is reflected in the performance.

Looking ahead, we remain cautiously optimistic on growth on the back of sustained investments in our brands, belief in our innovation and renovation pipeline and the long-term India consumer potential.”

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Q3FY24 performance highlights:

Consolidated:

- Consolidated net sales at INR3,002 Cr., up 8.0% y-o-y, in-line with growth in the standalone business.
- Consolidated EBITDA was at INR487 Cr., growth of 30.8% y-o-y.
- Q3FY24 consolidated profit after tax was at INR350 Cr.

Standalone:

- Net sales at INR2,989 Cr. increased 7.5% year-on-year driven by continued premiumisation, and resilient consumer demand. Within the above, Prestige & Above segment grew 10.0%.
- Net sales for the Popular segment declined 12.4%, primarily due to muted demand. Duty increases in the segment's salient state further impacted demand adversely.
- Gross margin was 43.4%, up 286 bps versus last year, however, flat sequentially versus the last trailing quarter.
- A&P re-investment rate was 11% of sales, reflecting the seasonality and investment behind the brands during the festive quarter as well as in the cricket world cup.
- EBITDA at INR491 Cr., an increase of 33.6% year-on-year. The EBITDA margin was 16.4%, up 321 bps versus prior year.
- Interest cost at INR16 Cr., is down 32.5%, due to savings on retirement of debt of PDL post-merger and other operational efficiencies.
- Profit after tax was INR348 Cr. with a net profit margin of 11.6%.

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9MFY24 performance highlights:

Consolidated:

- 9MFY24 Consolidated net sales was at INR8,537 Cr., up 15.2% on rebased prior year comparators. This was led by the robust growth in the standalone business and new five-year media rights cycle (2023-27) for the Indian Premier League starting from Q1FY24.
- 9MFY24 Consolidated EBITDA was at INR1,667 Cr., a growth of 56.2% on rebased prior year comparators.
- 9MFY24 consolidated Profit after tax was at INR1,166 Cr.

Standalone:

- Net sales at INR8,026 Cr. increased 11.7% on rebased prior year comparators driven by continued premiumisation as well as competitive performance of our innovation and renovation offerings. Within the above, Prestige & Above segment grew 13.8%.
- Net sales for the Popular segment declined 4.6% on rebased prior year comparator, weighed by inflation impacting the target consumer & duty increases in the segment's salient state.
- Gross margin was 43.5%, up 245 bps versus last year, driven by healthy headline pricing flow-thru, revenue growth management and COGS productivity initiatives.
- A&P re-investment rate was 8.9% of sales, largely reflecting the ramped-up investment behind the brands and the cricket world cup in the July – December period.
- EBITDA at INR1,347 Cr. is an increase of 39.3% over rebased prior year comparator. The underlying EBITDA margin was 16.6%, up 280 bps versus last year. This was largely driven by gross margin expansion and productivity across the value chain.
- 9MFY24 Interest cost at INR47 Cr. is down 30.9% versus same period prior year. Excluding the one-off reversal benefit of INR15 Cr. in Q1FY24, interest cost was INR62 Cr., up 8.5% against prior year. Interest cost, in the current financial year, is on account of customary non-debt related expenses.
- Exceptional gain of INR14 Cr. is on account of INR31 Cr. Income from the slump sale recognised as exceptional in Q2FY24 after completion of customary post-transaction closure obligations partially offset by a charge of INR17 Cr. related to the supply agility programme in Q1FY24.
- Profit after tax was INR928 Cr. with a net profit margin of 11.6%.

Key Financial Information (Standalone basis)

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In compliance with Schedule III of the Companies Act, 2013, the company has reported revenue from operations inclusive of excise duty.

Key performance indicators as a % of net sales (Rebased)				
	Q3FY24	Q3FY23	9MFY24	9MFY23
Gross profit margin (%)	43.4	40.6	43.5	41.0
Staff cost (%)	(4.7)	(5.8)	(5.1)	(6.6)
Marketing spends (%)	(11.0)	(10.0)	(8.9)	(8.0)
Other Overheads (%)	(11.3)	(11.6)	(12.7)	(13.0)
Rebased EBITDA margin (%)	16.4	13.2	16.8	13.5
Rebased underlying EBITDA margin (%)	16.4	13.2	16.6	13.8

Summary Financial Information (Rebased) - For the period ended 31 December 2023				
<i>All figures in INR Crores unless mentioned otherwise</i>	Q3FY24	Q3FY23	9MFY24	9MFY23
Volume ('000 cases)	16,476	16,783	45,848	45,277
Net sales	2,989	2,781	8,026	7,183
COGS	(1,691)	(1,653)	(4,537)	(4,237)
Gross profit	1,298	1,128	3,489	2,946
Staff cost	(141)	(161)	(409)	(473)
Marketing spends	(328)	(277)	(715)	(575)
Other Overheads	(338)	(323)	(1,019)	(932)
EBITDA	491	368	1,347	967
Other Income	46	23	106	57
Depreciation	(63)	(64)	(193)	(193)
EBIT	475	327	1,259	831
Interest	(16)	(24)	(47)	(68)
PBT before exceptional items	458	303	1,212	763
Exceptionals [#]	-	(151)	14	182
PBT	458	152	1,226	945

[#]In Q1FY23, INR38 Cr. was towards Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS). In Q2FY23, exceptional items primarily comprise a one-time profit of INR381 Cr. arising from the slump sale of the business undertaking associated with 32 brands in the 'Popular' segment. In Q3FY23, exceptional charge of INR 151Cr was primarily on account of the supply agility program.

[#]In Q1FY24, INR17 Cr. charge was related to supply agility program. In Q2FY24, INR31 Cr. was on account of final tranche of income from the slump sale, which is now recognised as exceptional income, post completion of customary obligations.

Business Segment Review (Standalone basis)

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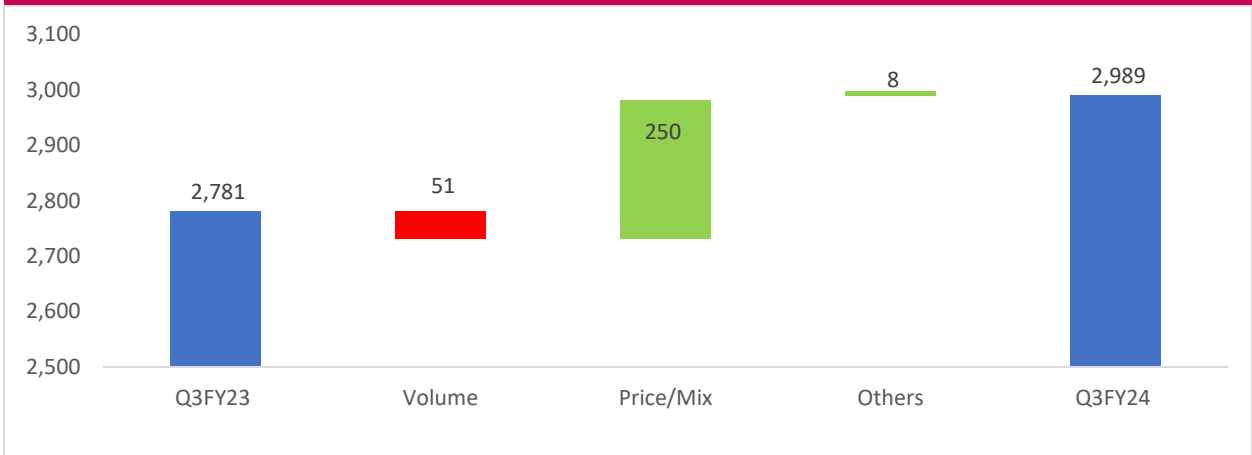
For the nine months ended 31 December 2023 (Rebased)								
Segment	Volume				Net Sales			
	9MFY24	9MFY23	Rebased movement	Underlying movement	9MFY24	9MFY23	Rebased movement	Underlying movement
	Rebased '000 cs	Rebased '000 cs	%	%	Rebased INR Cr.	Rebased INR Cr.	%	%
P&A	37,768	35,653	5.9	5.9	7,035	6,182	13.8	13.8
Popular	8,080	9,624	(16.0)	(16.0)	804	843	(4.6)	(4.6)
Other					186	159	17.1	17.1
TOTAL	45,848	45,277	1.3	1.3	8,026	7,183	11.7	11.7

- The **Prestige & Above segment** accounted for 87.7% of net sales during the first nine months of fiscal 2024, up 1.6ppts over the prior year. Prestige & Above segment net sales increased 13.8% during the first nine months of fiscal 2024.
- The **Popular segment** accounted for 10.0% of net sales during the first nine months of fiscal 2024, down 1.7ppt compared to the same period last year. The Popular segment net sales declined 4.6% during the first nine months of fiscal 2024.

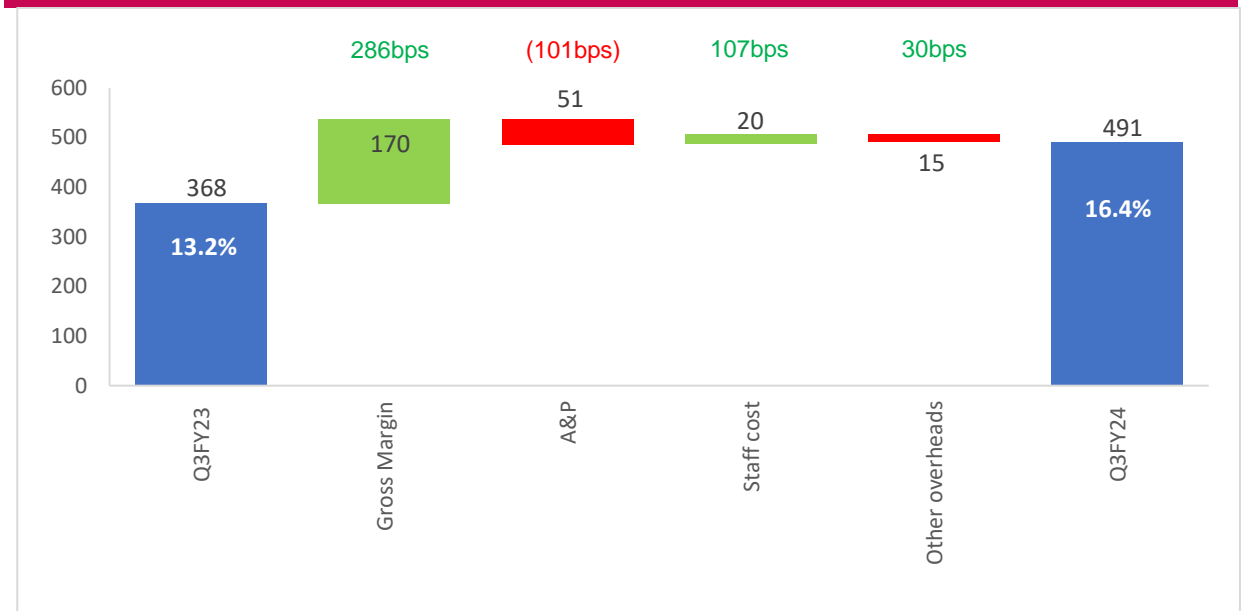
For the quarter ended 31 December 2023						
Segment	Volume			Net Sales		
	Q3FY24	Q3FY23	Underlying movement	Q3FY24	Q3FY23	Underlying movement
	'000 cs	'000 cs	%	INR Cr.	INR Cr.	%
P&A	13,419	12,823	4.6	2,639	2,400	10.0
Popular	3,057	3,959	(22.8)	305	348	(12.4)
Other				48	34	36.0
TOTAL	16,476	16,783	(1.8)	2,989	2,781	7.5

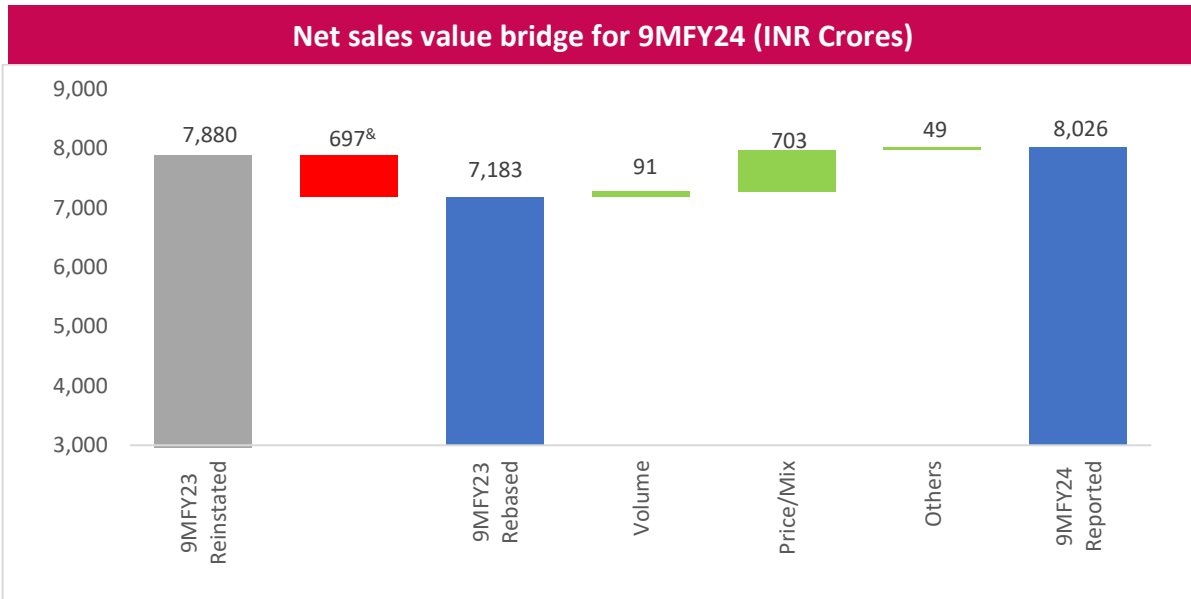
- The **Prestige & Above segment** accounted for 88.3% of net sales during the third quarter of fiscal 2024, up 2.0ppts over the prior year. Prestige & Above segment net sales increased 10.0% during the second quarter.
- The **Popular segment** accounted for 10.2% of net sales during the third quarter of fiscal 2024, down 2.3ppt compared to the same period last year. The Popular segment net sales declined 12.4% during the third quarter.

Net sales value bridge for the Quarter (INR Crores)

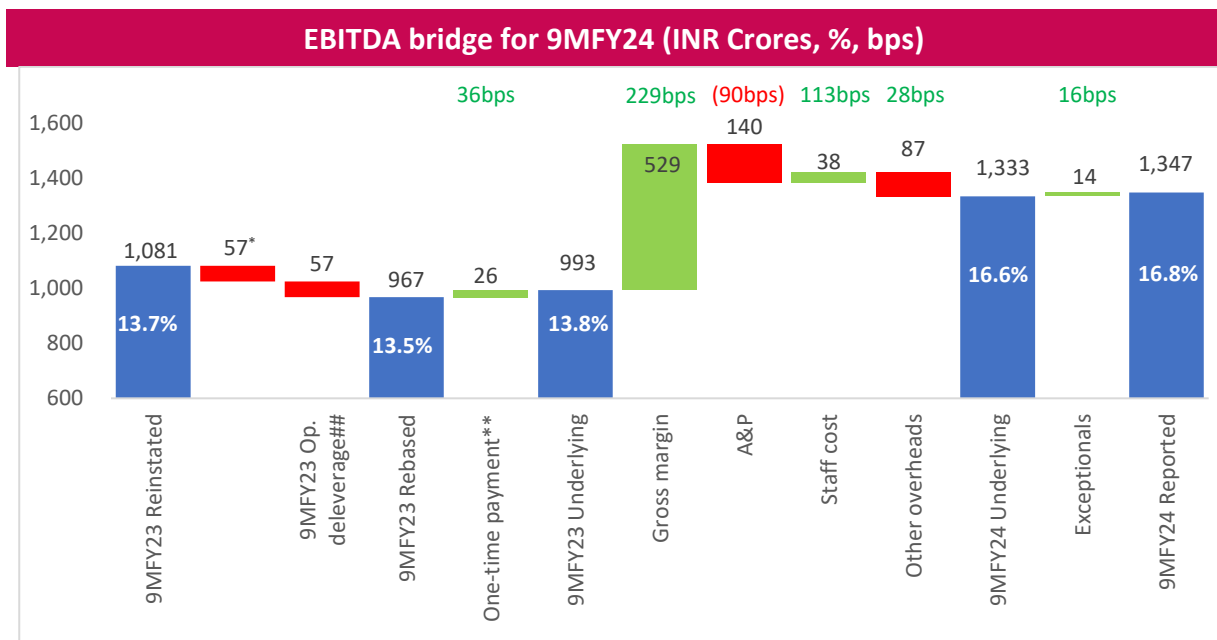


EBITDA bridge for the Quarter (INR Crores, %, bps)





&Net sales of the strategically reviewed portfolio for 6 months ending Sept.30th, 2022 wherein the slump sale and franchising transaction was completed on Sept. 30th, 2022.



*Net sales of the strategically reviewed portfolio wherein the slump sale & franchising transaction was completed on Sept. 30th, 2022.

##Operating deleverage on account of the slump sale and franchising of the strategically reviewed popular portfolio

**One-time special payout to employees in Q1FY23

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Key performance indicators (Reported)				
<i>All figures in INR Crores unless mentioned otherwise</i>	Q3FY24	Q3FY23	9MFY24	9MFY23
Net sales	2,989	2,781	8,026	7,880
Gross profit	1,298	1,128	3,489	3,170
Reported EBITDA	491	368	1,347	1,081
PAT	348	111	928	848
Gross profit margin (%)	43.4	40.6	43.5	40.2
Staff cost (as % of net sales)	(4.7)	(5.8)	(5.1)	(6.2)
Marketing spends (as % of net sales)	(11.0)	(10.0)	(8.9)	(7.3)
Other Overheads (as % of net sales)	(11.3)	(11.6)	(12.7)	(13.1)
EBITDA (%)	16.4	13.2	16.8	13.7
PAT margin (%)	11.6	4.0	11.6	10.8
Basic earnings per share (INR)*	4.79	1.52	12.75	11.65

Summary Financial Information (Reported)				
For the period ended 31 December 2023				
<i>All figures in INR Crores unless mentioned otherwise</i>	Q3FY24	Q3FY23	9MFY24	9MFY23
Volume ('000 cases)	16,476	16,783	45,848	57,448
Net sales	2,989	2,781	8,026	7,880
COGS	(1,691)	(1,653)	(4,537)	(4,710)
Gross profit	1,298	1,128	3,489	3,170
Staff cost	(141)	(161)	(409)	(485)
Marketing spends	(328)	(277)	(715)	(576)
Other Overheads	(338)	(323)	(1,019)	(1,029)
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Other Income	46	23	106	57
Depreciation	(63)	(64)	(193)	(202)
EBIT	475	327	1,259	936
Interest	(16)	(24)	(47)	(68)
PBT before exceptional items	458	303	1,212	868
Exceptional items	-	(151)	14	182
PBT	458	152	1,226	1,050
Tax	(110)	(42)	(298)	(202)
PAT	348	111	928	848

*EPS of INR5.25 per share in 9MFY23 & INR0.42 per share in 9MFY24 was pertaining to the gains from the slump sale of the strategically reviewed popular portfolio.

Business Segment Review (Standalone basis)

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Key segments (Reported)				
For the nine months ended 31 December 2023				
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Popular	8,080	21,794	804	1,539
Other			186	152
TOTAL	45,848	57,448	8,026	7,880

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For the quarter ended 31 December 2023				
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Popular	3,057	3,959	305	348
Other			46	34
TOTAL	16,476	16,783	2,989	2,781

Q&A CONFERENCE CALL

Ms. Hina Nagarajan, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Pradeep Jain, Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer will be hosting a Q&A conference call on **Wednesday, 24th January 2024** at **4:00 pm IST**. You can listen to the call or ask a question using the information below.

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