





















### Jones Soda Co. (JSDA.OB)

Christopher Golden Long Fund Manager





### Jones

Soda Co.



#### **Presentation Outline**

- Brief background
- Thesis
- Additional opportunities
- Risks
- Summary
- Questions







- Beverage History
  - Jones Soda Co. launched 6 flavors in 1995
  - Energy drink, Whoopass launched in 2000
  - Jones Juice launched in 2001







- "Alternative Beverages" (aka "New Age")
  - » Contain less sugar, less carbonation, all-natural ingredients
- 3 main products
  - » Jones Soda
  - » Jones Naturals
  - » Jones Energy (including Whoopass)







- Distribution History
  - Began with grass roots distribution strategy
     » Unique venues, national clothing/ music stores
  - Continues with unique marketing strategy
     » Jones RV, emerging athletes
  - Incorporates large direct-to-retail accounts







- Marketing
  - Targets 12-24 year old market segment
    - » Dependence on image more than taste
    - » Trendy
  - Sets premium price points
  - Gathers raw materials from third party vendors

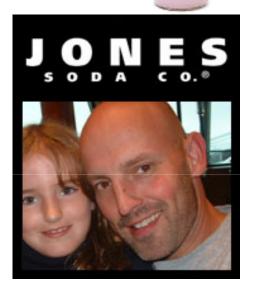








The Management



#### Peter Van Stolk

Strong leadership, experience from past distribution before starting Jones







- Financial Snapshot
  - Recent Price: \$4.24
  - Market Cap: \$88 Million
  - Forward P/E: 30.29
  - Revenue: \$25.15 Million







- Forecasts (Prudential Equity Group)
  - Volume of case sales up over 1.7 million
  - Sales to increase over 26%
  - Free cash flow increase \$3 million
  - EPS to \$0.14, up from \$0.06







• Thesis 1

#### Jones maximizes first mover status

- First mover provides differentiation with:
  - » Brand promotion strategy
  - » High product quality
  - » Price Premium





Jones
Soda Co.



- Thesis 1 (first mover appeal)
  - Characteristics provide easy distinction from mainstream CSD
    - Low cost marketing
      - » "attacking the streets"
    - Powerful brand strength







- Thesis 1 (first mover differentiation)
  - High product quality extends to all products
    - » Sugar-free provides healthier alternative (Splenda)
    - » Management awareness of rising obesity
  - Supplemental ingredients add nutrients
    - » Ginseng, zinc, taurine, vitamins (Naturals)
    - » Riboflavin, niacin, vitamin B6, thiamin (Energy)
    - » Appeal in a heath conscious world







- Thesis 1 (first mover benefits)
  - Price points adds to profitability
  - Other first movers have achieved \$100,0000,000 in sales
    - » Examples: Clearly Canadian, Snapple, Sundance
  - Strong branding will help to maintain high gross margin







• Thesis 2

### Jones succeeds with dynamic marketing

- New flavors, labels keep with fashion trends
- Dynamic marketing keeps appeal over long run
- Direct customer interaction with "my jones"







- Thesis 2 (product cycle)
  - Jones constantly analyzes flavor success
    - » Management structure allows for quick reaction
    - » Out with the bad, in with the new
  - New flavors create buzz, more revenue
    - » Holiday Pack was large success
    - » Flavors like Green Bean Casserole, Mashed Potatoes and Butter, Turkey and Gravy







- Thesis 2 (labeling like nothing else)
  - Labels match company's review of fashion trends
  - Customers personalize 12 packs
  - Every label originates from customer submission
  - Strategy keeps old customers, encourages new







• Thesis 3

### Jones begins retail conquest, greater revenue

- New "direct-to-retail" distribution finds early success
- More distribution translates into greater sales







- Thesis 3 ("direct-to-retail")
  - High profile partnerships provide opportunity
    - » Starbucks, Panera, Costplus, Barnes & Noble, 7-Eleven, Target
  - 12-ounce cans exclusive to Target opens door







- Thesis 3 (top line, bottom line)
  - Net Sales (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter) increased 31.6%
  - Net Income (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter) increased 47%
  - Lot of room for growth: currently holds 5% of the 3.2% of the soda market for New Age beverages







### Additional Opportunities

### Buyout

- Thomas H. Lee bought Snapple at 44 cents a share, sold at \$14....investment of \$27.9 million made profit of \$872.1 million
- Later.. Cadbury Scheppes purchased Snapple from Triarc for \$1.45 billion
- Cadbury buys Nantucket Nectars from Ocean Spray at an undisclosed price (Orangina also purchased)







### Additional Opportunities

- Nasdaq Small Cap
  - Mkt value of securities: \$50 million
  - NI greater than \$750,000
  - Minimum bid price: \$4 (90 days)
  - 300 Round lot holders (>100 shares)

So far, looking good......







- Before you pull your wallet out: RISKS
  - Beverage industry highly competitive
    - Pressure from larger distributors
  - Heavy dependence on distributors
    - Must continue to develop strong relationships
  - Poor performance will maim company
    - Loss of high-profile accounts hurt reputation





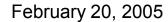
### Jones

Soda Co.



### The Chart











- Closing Points and Summary
  - Smaller company poised for growth
  - MII loves easy VAR experience
  - Other company set buyout example
  - Status on OTC Bulletin Board makes the riskaverse (spineless) weary of investment
  - Trust your taste buds











Run with the little guy... create some change.

















Jones Soda Co.









