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Molson Coors Brewing Company

*Reshaping the Competitive Brewing Landscape*

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Molson Inc.

**October 2004**

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Molson's Vision Has Remained Consistent

1. To become one of the best performing brewers in the world, as measured by
2. To remain one of the best performing brewers in the world, as measured by
3. To regain the position as one of the best performing brewers in the world, as measured by

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**Long Term Returns to Shareholders**

Current Footprint has Experienced Challenges in  
Last Six Months Increasing Risks of Previous Plan

Clear Priorities Exist in Each of the Existing Businesses				Growth Beyond Core
Canada	Brazil	USA	Export Strategy	M&A Activity
Share Gain: Segments Regions Outlets	Share Gain: With price  Volume	Resolve growth strategy with Coors  Gain import price status	Build international volume through focus on 2-3 investment markets	Address risks from continued market consolidation
Strategic Pricing	Distribution	Identify product portfolio	Seek to export to additional markets with limited investment of people or dollars	Provide potential for sustained growth and shareholder value potential
Innovation				
Deliver P125				
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A-B like consistency	Achieve targets	Execute plan to become large	Growth driver	
	Three Year Focus / Immediate Priorities			Moved up in importance

Consolidation Could Lead to Value Destruction  
 Most Immediate Impact with Coors and/or Heineken

	<b>Potential Deals with Risk to Molson</b>	<b>Conflict with Molson Portfolio of Brands</b>
	[GRAPHIC] <b>Interbrew/AmBev</b>	<b>Coors brand in Canada Molson brands in US</b>
<b>Coors</b>	[GRAPHIC] <b>Heineken</b>	<b>Heineken and Coors brands in Canada Risk they go alone or team with other Cdn brewer</b>
	[GRAPHIC] <b>SAB/Miller</b>	<b>Moderate risk in Canada US marginalized</b>
	[GRAPHIC] <b>Anheuser-Busch</b>	<b>Heineken brand in Canada Increased domestic competition or pricing pressure</b>
<b>Heineken</b>	[GRAPHIC] <b>Femsa</b>	<b>Modelo brands in Canada</b>

**Risk to Molson is not only immediate impact, but loss of choice  
and options: Molson must preempt the outcome**

Merger Improves Likelihood of  
Regaining the Vision

To secure the current commercial relationship with Coors, which represents 20% of Molson's total shareholder value

To identify and obtain \$175 million in synergies, which would not be available to Molson otherwise:

Capitalizes on Molson's proven track record in delivering cost savings

To be able to drive top line sales in Canada through increased marketing investments behind Molson Canadian and Coors Light

To reduce the financial impact of Brazil, allowing Molson shareholders greater time to receive the payback from the Brazil investment

To expand brewing operations in Montreal and Toronto by adding 2M hl of beer: new jobs supported with new capital investment



Enhanced Platform in Developed Markets,  
Balanced Emerging Market Exposure

Strong positions in world's highest margin beer markets

Growth opportunities through underdeveloped regions/brands in mature markets and Brazil

**2003 Volume 60M hl**

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**LTM Net Sales US\$6B**

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**LTM EBITDA US\$1B**

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(1) **Includes Coors' America's segment**

(2) **Includes Coors' Europe segment**

**Strong geographically diversified company**

With Leading Positions in Key Markets

Country	Top Brand	Rank	Market Share	All Brands Rank
Canada	[GRAPHIC]	#1	43%	#1
United Kingdom	[GRAPHIC]	#1	21%	#2
United States	[GRAPHIC]	#3	11%	#3
Brazil	[GRAPHIC]	#3	11%	#3

Source: Datamonitor and Brewers of Canada (2003)

Strong brands in some of the world's largest beer markets

Ability to Focus Investments on Highest-Margin Sectors: Canada and UK

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**Allocation of incremental marketing spend behind growth in high margin segments, markets and channels**

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Molson Canada  
Pricing and Margin Drive Operating Leverage

	% Increase	EBITDA	Amount	EPS	Percent(1)
<b>Volume</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$ 8M</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Pricing</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$ 25M</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>EBITDA Margin</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$ 15M</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>5%</b>

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**Historically, Molson has delivered a combination of these profit drivers.**

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Note: (1) Based on CAD\$2.10 EPS LTM excluding special items and 1.34 exchange rate CAD\$/US\$.

Coors Americas Leverage: 1997-2001 vs. 2003

	5-Year CAGR (97- 01)	2003
<b>Volume:</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>(1.4)%</b>
<b>Pricing:</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>COGS per barrel:</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
<b>MG&amp;A per barrel:</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
<b>Pre-tax income:</b>	<b>21.4%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

Coors Americas

Operating Leverage Offers Significant Upside

	% Increase	EBITDA	Amount	EPS	Percent(1)
<b>Volume</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$ 11M</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Pricing</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$ 28M</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>11%</b>

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**Reinvest in the business—Drop to the bottom line**

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Note: (1) Based on 2003 diluted EPS of \$4.77.

Coors Global Growth Model

**Leverage strength in high-share markets to grow more strong markets**

**U.S. 1<sup>st</sup>: distribution, 2<sup>nd</sup>: invest with distributors (50/205)**

Drivers: YAM, Hispanic programming, trial channels

**U.K. Scotland, SE/London, Carling X-Cold, Coors Fine Light**

**International:**

Mexico: Export with FEMSA sales/distribution

China: largest global beer market (volume), 20 cities (no breweries)

Japan: Zima (Coors sales force)

**Reduce costs to reinvest against the front-end, grow returns on capital**

Coors Americas Segment: Coors Brewing Co

Continued strong U.S. pricing environment

Share maintained in a flat, highly competitive beer market

Refined marketing strategy gaining traction with key demographic groups

Sales organization strengthened and making progress in key markets (Hispanic) and channels (national accounts, convenience stores)

Proven track record in improving efficiency and reducing cost of U.S. operations (Goal: US\$100mm in next 5 years)

Consistently able to generate cash, pay down debt

Canada: 7+% volume growth; 28% pretax income growth in 2003



Coors Europe Segment: Coors Brewers Ltd

Carling #1 U.K. beer brand 30% larger than #2 brand

Significant improvements in balancing volume and margins

Achievements in productivity and cost reductions (new packaging lines in Burton, outsourcing of kegs and pub servicing)

Long-term market trends play to Coors strengths: growth in lagers, move toward off-premise/chains, where brand building is key

2003: Grew volume 7% and share 1.2 percentage points to 20.3%

In the UK, Consistent Strong Growth  
in Both the On-Trade

Owned Brand Market Share - On Trade

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**On-Trade (~65% of CBL volume)**

and the Off-Trade

Owned Brand Market Share - Off-Trade

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**Off-Trade (~35% of CBL volume)**

## Synergies

	Expected Savings (US\$M)	% of Pro Forma Cost Base
<b>Brewery Network Optimization</b>	\$ 60	1.1%
<b>Procurement Savings</b>	43	0.8
<b>SG&amp;A</b>	40	0.8
<b>Best In Class Savings</b>	12	0.2
<b>Organizational Design</b>	10	0.2
<b>Other</b>	10	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 175</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

**Molson Coors has identified a clear path to substantial synergies**

## Significant Opportunity for Margin Expansion

	EBITDA to Net Sales					Molson Coors	
	CY99	CY00	CY01	CY02	CY03	Without Synergies	With 100% Synergies
<b>Molson*</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>20.3%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>22.8%</b>		
<b>Coors</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>16.5%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>
AmBev	21.1%	28.7%	30.5%	36.9%	35.4%		
A-B	25.9%	26.4%	27.6%	28.2%	28.8%		
Interbrew	23.3%	21.2%	21.0%	21.0%	21.3%		
Heineken	17.2%	17.1%	17.5%	17.6%	20.2%		

\* Years aligned for comparison purposes; CY99 to CY01 as reported in F 02 annual report under the comparable basis; CY02 and CY03 exclude gains on sales and charges for rationalization

**US\$175M in synergies represent 300 basis points of margin improvement  
with significant opportunities for further margin expansion**

## Last Twelve Months Pro Forma Income Statement

(US\$M)	Molson	Coors	Pre-synergies	Combined \$175M Synergies
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>4,146</b>	<b>6,036</b>	<b>6,036</b>
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>871</b>
<i>Margin</i>	<i>19.3%</i>	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>11.5%</i>	<i>14.4%</i>
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1,173</b>
<i>Margin</i>	<i>21.8%</i>	<i>14.1%</i>	<i>16.5%</i>	<i>19.4%</i>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>475(1)</b>
<b>Free cash flow*</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>900</b>

LTM as of June 30, 2004

CAD/USD exchange rate of 1.34

Excludes purchase accounting adjustments

\* EBITDA Capex

(1) Synergies taxed at 35%

**Margin Expansion, Stronger Cash Flow, Increased Profits**

## Pro Forma Balance Sheet

(US\$M)	Molson		Coors		Combined
Cash	\$	10.8	\$	36.2	\$ 47.1
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>367.6</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,128.5</b>	<b>\$ 1,496.1</b>
PP&E		742.3		1,411.0	2,153.3
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,931.2</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,532.0</b>	<b>\$ 7,463.1</b>
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>760.9</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,175.9</b>	<b>\$ 1,936.8</b>
Total debt		840.6		1,142.1	1,982.7
Minority interests		93.5		29.8	123.2
Shareholders equity		929.7		1,425.4	2,355.1
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders equity</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,931.2</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,532.0</b>	<b>\$ 7,463.1</b>

As of June 30, 2004

CAD/USD exchange rate of 1.34

Excludes purchase accounting adjustments

**Low leverage provides Molson Coors the financial flexibility to grow**

Pro Forma Credit Statistics

**Debt to EBITDA**

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**Interest Coverage**

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LTM as of June 30, 2004; CAD/USD exchange rate of 1.34. Excludes purchase accounting adjustments; Interest coverage = EBITDA / Interest Expense

**All-stock merger preserves financial flexibility and strength to grow**



Solid Canada and UK Base with  
Major US Growth Sector and Brazil Option

Canada	United Kingdom	United States	Brazil	International Activities
<b>US\$175M IN SYNERGIES: COST SAVINGS</b>				
Scale benefits	TBD	Close part of cost gap	TBD	TBD
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<b>ADDITIONAL SYNERGIES / IN-COUNTRY PRODUCTIVITY: REVENUE LIFT</b>				
Coors Light support + Reallocation Cdn light to Cdn	On-trade distribution + Regional development spend	Regional development spend	Rescale and reposition	Development markets + Export seeding spend
<b>Merger addresses growth on two-levels: costs savings and investments to grow revenue</b>				

Revenue Growth Opportunities

<b>Canada</b>	Incremental market investment in Canada; unleash Coors Light Redirect dollars from Canadian Light to Canadian Support value entry to regain share and drive volume savings
<b>USA</b>	Continue to enhance Coors Light focus/positioning Leverage Molson brands in full US system Expand testing of Marca Bavaria
<b>UK</b>	Incremental market investment; opportunity for Molson Lager
<b>Brazil</b>	Investigate the appeal of Coors Light (1)
<b>International</b>	Mexico: Strong FEMSA sales and distribution for Coors Light China: Selective investments in world's largest beer market Japan: High-end Zima profitable and growing Export: Coors Light in seed markets; Bavaria in Australia, NZ

**Additional synergies = more support for critical brands in key markets**

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Note: (1) Limited quantitative testing in 1999 and qualitative testing in 2001 yielded positive results.

Molson Coors A Key Strategic Step

**Value Creation**

Transaction unlocks shareholder value through US\$175M of merger synergies

Experienced management team can deliver upon key objectives

**Critical Mass**

Creates top-5 brewer with global scale and diversity

Strong cash flow and balance sheet for further investment in business and Molson Coors growth

**Vision**

Natural strategic and cultural fit new company to combine best of both organizations

Vision shared by family owners who have been growing the future business for generations

Best-run global beer company

**Enhanced position in consolidating global brewing industry**

## **Supplemental Information**

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Molson and Coors: The Right Combination

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North America's oldest brewer

Established in 1873 by Adolph Coors

13th largest brewer in the  
world

8th largest brewer in the world

Leading position in Canada;  
growth opportunity in Brazil

Leading brands in US and UK beer  
markets

**Rich Brewing Heritage, Experienced Management, Leading Brands**

and Makes Perfect Sense

Creates top-5 brewer with the operational scale to succeed in the global brewing industry

Strong market positions in some of the world's largest beer markets

Broader geographic base provides diversified sources of revenue, profit and cash

Experienced management team to ensure smooth integration and capitalize on growth opportunities

126 years of consumer industry experience

Proven integration skills

Natural strategic and cultural fit

Complementary product lines and operational geography

Existing strong working relationships

Common values, operating philosophies and heritages

**Objective is to deliver top quartile shareholder returns**

With Broad Scope & Scale

Pro forma LTM net sales and EBITDA(1) of approximately US\$6.0 billion and US\$1.0 billion, respectively

Combined 2003 volume of 60M hl/51M US bbls

Combined product portfolio of more than forty brands

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Distribution and/or licensing agreements with leading international brewers including Heineken, Grolsch, FEMSA, and Grupo Modelo

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(1) EBITDA represents earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization.

Balanced Board & Management Team

**Molson  
Independent**

**Chairman  
E. Molson**

**Coors  
Independent**

**Molson  
Independent**

**Office of Synergies & Integration**

**Coors  
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**CEO  
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Profit Impact and Estimated Timing

**Impact on EBITDA of 100% Synergies**

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**Expected Timing of Synergies**

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**50% of synergy capture to occur in the first 18 months**