

## Q1 2025 AIDE MEMOIRE

A number of events in 2024 and 2025 have an impact on the year-on-year comparison for Q1 and FY 2025. These include the following items, which you may wish to consider in your modelling. Please note that the items listed below are not exhaustive and that other factors may affect the comparisons for Q1 and FY 2025 versus the same period last year.

### FACTORS IMPACTING COMPARATIVE FIGURES

#### Western Europe

At the Q1 2024 conference call, we commented impact from the inclusion of the excise taxes in revenue on Kronenbourg in the UK (that ended in April 2024):

*“...this increase was mainly due to price increases last year and price increases in Q1. But it was also supported by the inclusion of excise duties on Kronenbourg 1664 in the UK, the impact from this accounted for around 180 basis points of the regional revenue per hectoliter increase”*

At the Q4 2024 conference call we commented on the San Miguel impact:

*“...the vast majority of volume is off-trade. And in off-trade, the expectation is that the initial hit is large. And that’s also in our guidance, of course. The work is ongoing on both replacing on-trade and off-trades volumes.”*

...and at the H1 2024 conference call, we commented on the volume and revenue contribution from the of the San Miguel brand in the UK:

*“...volume impact of about 1.8 million hectoliter and a revenue impact of DKK 1.4 billion...”*

#### Asia

At the Q4 2024 conference call, we commented on the stock levels and the beginning of 2025 in China:

*“We believe that the destocking was completed in December, allowing us to start 2025 with normal stock levels. This view is supported by a solid start to the year.”*

...and continued:

*“Basing Q1 just on January sell-in, that’s of course – it’s too difficult to evaluate the full quarter on that. We need to see the consumer offtake during Chinese New Year and the subsequent distributor restocking in February and March...”*

At the Q1 2024 conference call we commented on the Q1 volume performance in China:

*“...our business delivered 5% volume growth thanks to well-executed Chinese New Year.”*

At the Q4 2024 conference call we commented on Vietnam:

*“We continued to see solid growth of our premium brands as we expanded outside of our core central stronghold, but the mainstream brand, Huda, declined slightly in its stronghold in the central part of the country due to bad weather and weak consumer offtake.”*

## **Central Eastern Europe & India**

At the Q4 2024 conference call we commented on Ukraine:

*“In Q4, the environment became even more difficult due to an increasing number of attacks, causing electricity shortages and less traffic in traditional trade and on-trade outlets.”*

...and commented on Southeast Europe and the Baltics:

*“Performance in the markets in Southeast Europe and the Baltics was very good. Supported by good weather, the markets grew and our volume growth was in mid-single digits.”*

## **Transactions**

Please see the document ‘Overview Transaction Impacts’ below or under the FAQ section at the Investor Relations section on [carlsberggroup.com](https://www.carlsberggroup.com) that describes all previously communicated financial impacts from the different acquisitions, minority buy-outs and disposals in 2024:

<https://www.carlsberggroup.com/investor-relations/investor-home/faq/>

## **OUTLOOK**

In the FY 2024 announcement we gave the following 2025 outlook:

*“For 2025, we are expecting a relatively stable consumer environment, although uncertainty related to consumer sentiment in both Asia and Europe remains. For the business excluding Britvic, we expect a moderate increase in our total cost base due to slightly higher marketing investments and investments in capability building and technology, while we expect a flattish development in cost of sales/hl.*

*The organic development in volumes, revenue and operating profit will be impacted by the loss of the San Miguel brand in the UK as of 31 December 2024, with an estimated negative impact of 2-3 percentage points on organic operating profit growth for the Group (included in the earnings expectations).*

*Consequently, our earnings expectations for 2025 are:*

- *Organic operating profit growth of 1-5%.*

*Based on the currency spot rates at 5 February, we assume a translation impact of around DKK +150m for 2025. The currency impact does not include the impact of hyperinflation accounting in Laos or the currency impact on profits in Britvic, as the latter will be included in the acquisition impact in 2025.*

## **Expectations for Britvic**

*Britvic has been consolidated into Carlsberg's financial statements as of 16 January 2025.*

*Having owned the business for only three weeks, we are still in the process of assessing the commercial and financial details of the company in terms of historical performance and plans for the future. Our current assessment is that the commercial and financial situation is in line with our expectations, giving us confidence in the business case on which we based our offer.*

*For the full-year ending 30 September 2024, Britvic plc reported an adjusted operating profit of GBP 250m. We currently assume a similar level in 2025, driven by underlying business growth and initial cost synergies offset by items such as additional commercial investments, write-offs, accounting differences and impact of purchase price allocation adjustments.*

### **Other relevant assumptions**

*Other relevant assumptions, including the impact of the Britvic acquisition, are:*

- Financial expenses, excluding foreign exchange losses or gains, of DKK 2.6-2.7bn. The increase compared with 2024 is due to higher financial leverage as a result of the acquisition of Britvic plc and the buyout of the partner in CSAPL.*
- Reported effective tax rate of around 23%. The increase compared with previous years is due to the acquisition of Britvic plc and deferred tax deductibility of the acquisition-related interest expenses.*
- Capital expenditure of around DKK 7-8bn (including estimated capital expenditure for Britvic), impacted by the construction of a soft drinks bottling facility in Kazakhstan ahead of the takeover of the Pepsi licence in 2026"*

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