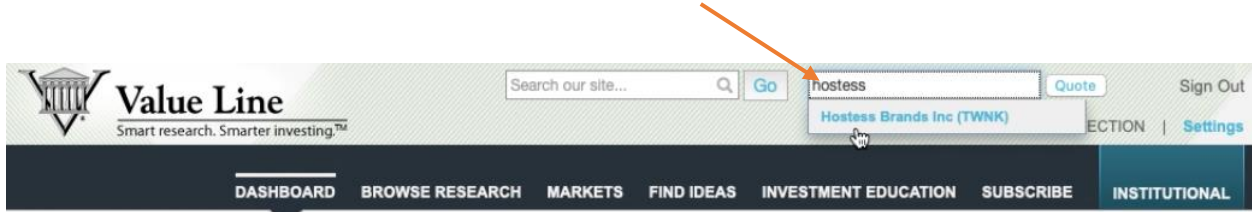


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Harvey S. Katz, CFA | 01/08/2021

It has been a volatile week on Wall Street, which saw an initial selloff on Monday, a mixed showing on Tuesday, ahead of the Georgia vote, which would tip control of the U.S. Senate from the Republican Party to the Democratic Party, and outsized advances the past two days on relief that the transition of authority from the current President to President-Elect Biden would be orderly and peaceful. And today's jobs report, Labor affirmed that the nation lost 140,000 jobs last month (forecasts had been for an increase of 50,000 jobs). Despite a turbulent week, the indexes are at all-time highs as we close out the first full week of the new year.

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**Hostess Brands Inc** NASDAQ:TWNK

Last Price **\$14.68** Day Change **\$0.02 (+0.10%)** Trailing P/E **19.20** Relative P/E Last FY **1.20** Dividend Yield **--** 3 to 5-Year Target Price Range **\$16.00 - 25.00** 18-Month Target Price Range **\$12 - \$21** Midpoint (% to Midpoint) **\$16 (15%)**

Industry Rank: Food Processing - 21 (of 96)    **PDF Reports**

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**SAFETY**  
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**FINANCIAL STRENGTH GRADE RATING**

**FINANCIAL STRENGTH**  
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Downgraded on Aug 4, 2018

Peers: A, B, C; Industry - Food Process...; Investment Surve...  
\$ in millions: 2017, 2018, 2019  
Total Sales: 776.20, 850.40, 907.70  
"Cash Flow" per share: 1.04, 0.98, 0.92

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- % Price to Book Value
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