

Appendix 3: Performance Comparisons for Danone's Main Competitors, 2011

	Danone	Nestlé SA	Friesland Campina NV ^a	Kraft Foods	Parmalat SpA	Tingyi Holding Corp.
Revenues (€m)	19.3	68.7	9.6	42.1	4.5	6.9
Net income (€m)	2.04	8.06	0.22	2.75	0.17	0.4
Total assets (€bn)	28.4	93.8	5.7	72.7	2.7	3.4
Debt (€m)	9.0	18.3	0.7	20.9	0.1	0.5
Employees	101,886 ^b	328,000	19,036	126,000	13,932	64,309
Market capitalization (7 May 2012, €bn)	34.5	151.7	n.a.	41.0	3.0	11.5
Ratios						
Operating margin (%)	14.1	15.0	4.2	12.2	4.4	8.4
Net margin (%)	9.1	11.3	2.2	6.5	3.8	6.4
Revenue growth, 2009–2011 (%)	+28.7	–5.6	+17.6	+44.7	+2.6	+66.7
ROE (%)	10.3	13.8	10.1	10.0	4.8	18.6
Asset turnover (Revenues/assets)	0.56	0.73	1.68	0.58	1.63	1.79
Revenue per employee (€k)	185	209	507	334	324	73
Operating profit per employee (€k)	31	31	21	40	14	9
Five-year total return to shareholders, to May 2012 (%)	+16	+58	n.a.	+62	–27	+235

Notes:

ROE: Return on equity.

^aFriesland Campina data is for 2008.

^bIncluding Unimilk.

n.a.: not available.

Sources: Amadeus; companies' annual reports.

Notes

1. Although Danone owned Wahaha's 49% share, the joint venture was entirely controlled by Mr Zong, and the drinks were sold under Wahaha's brand. The dispute concerned a series of contracts for the production and sale of the joint venture's products. See: Steven M. Lieberman, "Danone's Lessons for Joint Ventures," *nalawblog.com/Danone*, accessed September 28, 2012.
2. S. Daneshkhu, "The Last of These Biscuits," *Times*, November 20, 2011.
3. The last of these biscuits was added in 2007 with the brand name (usually known simply as "Danone's biscuits").
4. Speech to the meeting of the board of directors, Evian, October 12–13, 2011.
5. F. Mougin and B. Berthoin, *Latin Approach to Knowledge*, Les Amis de la Philosophie, 2011.
6. Interview – April 2012.

