BRAZILIAN DISTRIBUTION CO COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTR CBD

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 2007

Brazilian Distribution Company
(Translation of Registrant s Name Into English)

Av. Brigadeiro Luiz Antonio, 3126 São Paulo, SP 01402-901 Brazil

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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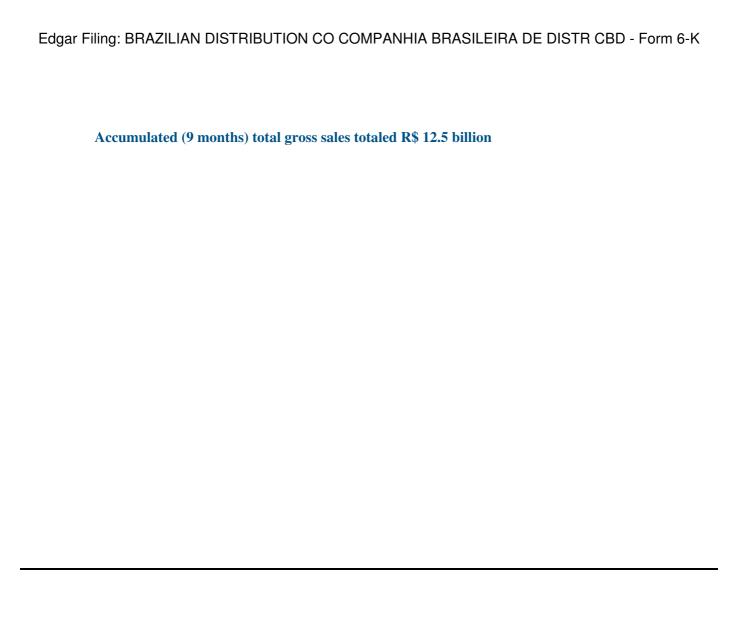
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2007 Performance (Jan-Sept)

Main initiatives

2008 Outlook



Highlights same stores sales:

Pão de Açúcar banner (higher than the other formats for the 4th quarter in a row)

Sales of food products leveraged by the perishables category

Sales of non-food products affected by the video and audio category.

	9M06		
(R\$ million)	9M07	Pro-forma	chg.
Gross Income	2,981	2,879	3.6%
Gross Margin - %	28.2%	29.0%	-80 bps

Accumulated gross margin of 28.2%, 80bps lower than the pro forma gross margin in the prior year

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(R\$ million)	9M07	9M06	Var.
Exp. w/Sales	1,851.0	1,753.2	5.6%
General and Adm. Exp.	358.9	352.4	1.8%
Operating Exp. (before taxes and rates)	2,209.9	2,105.6	5.0%
% net sales	20.9%	21.2%	-30 bps

Analysis of Operating Expenses:

Collective union agreement around R\$ 50.0 million

opening of 38 new stores in the last 12 months

Restructuring: R\$ 16,4 million

Strategic projects R\$ 40.1 million

(millions of R\$)	9M07	9M06 Pro forma	Var.
EBITDA (after Taxes and Rates)	701	710	-1.2%
EBITDA Margin (after Taxes and Rates) - %	6.6%	7.1%	-50 bps

EEBITDA margin of 6.6% in 9M07 as opposed to 7.1% in 9M06 (pro-forma)

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Gross Income represented 18.7% of the Group s total gross sales in the 9 months

Significant operational recovery in 3Q07

Better gross margin in the period: review of the pricing and assortment review policy

Lower **operating expenses** 150 bps

EBITDA margin that attained 3.5% in 3Q07 and 2.2% in 9M07

New Formats and Investments

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RReviewed Organic Growth : we are estimating the opening of 1 hypermarket, 6 Pão de Açúcar stores, 3 Comprebem stores, 1 Extra Perto store and 80 Extra Fácil stores.

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Positioning and Differentiation as Key Competitiveness Factors

1. Strategic Multi-brand and Multi-format Differentiation **Brand Architecture**

Simplification of the banner brand portfolio $\sqrt{}$ Focus: Pão de Açúcar, Extra and Comprebem Simplification and optimization of the number of Private Label products $\sqrt{}$

From 24 to around 12 (end of 2008) Transversal Brand Strategy

i.e.: Taeq, Pão de Açúcar and Custo-benefício (cost-benefit) brand

Experience in Store √

Assets reflecting positioning (way of life, service, visual communication)

Socio-environmental responsibility aligned with positioning of the corporate brands and banners

Products

Review of assortments √

New Businesses and Services

Creation of area and processes (funnel) $\sqrt{}$ Review of Gift and Purchase Cards √ Creation of service pool in the stores $\sqrt{}$ Digital Photo Development Cell Phone Recharging

Positioning and Differentiation as Key Competitiveness Factors

2. Strengthening of Pricing Model

Methodological Review of Competitiveness $\sqrt{}$ Notability from the Consumer s point of view $\sqrt{}$ New brand pricing model/strategy $\sqrt{}$

EDLP, EDFP and HILO $\sqrt{}$

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Main Drivers to reduce expenses:

Lower corporate expenses (holding costs):

Headcount reduction
Dilution of fixed expenses
SAP
Zero Based Budget
External clients for the Shared Services Cente

Lower renting expenses

Stores productivity programs

2008 will be the first year of profitability

Growth of the activity levels of the Private label card related to new aggregated benefits:

MasterCard banner for heavy and good users (PL Embandeirado)
Increased of limit with the bill from the competitor
Different and better terms of payment (# of installments, lower interest rates)
Creation of CDC light in the Private Label
Associated exclusive discounts
Database marketing initiatives
Electronic CDC (with higher credit limits for installments)

FIC reaching 15% to 20% share in GPA s volume of sales

One million PL new clients

Evolution in the penetration of Extended Warranty and Insurance Policies.

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Gross Sales above R\$ 20 billion

Same stores sales above inflation:

food in line with inflation

non-food growth close to 2 digit

Gross Margin below 2007 due to the consolidation of Assai and maintenance of the competitiveness strategy (27%-27.5%)

Reduction of total operating expenses (20%-20.5%)

Growth of Ebitda due to growth of sales and greater dilution of expenses (Assai) and gains of efficiency (7%-7.5%)

Net Debt/EBITDA ratio around 1.3x

Investments R\$ 1 billion

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTRIBUIÇÃO

Date: December 17, 2007 By: /s/ Enéas César Pestana Neto

Name: Enéas César Pestana Neto Title: Administrative Director

By: /s/ Daniela Sabbag

Name: Daniela Sabbag

Title: Investor Relations Officer

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