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SAUDI CEMENT SECTOR

Monthly Report - September 2021

Local Sales Volume rises +4% Y/Y for 9M

On a yearly basis, total sales for the Saudi cement sector are down by -11% and by -1% M/M to 4.1 million tons, according to Yamama Cement's monthly bulletin for September 2021. We witnessed a significant growth on both Y/Y and M/M in the Central region in a sign that the region's construction activity is strong due to Giga and Housing projects. Within our coverage universe, Southern has the highest sales in the sector at 487K tons (-27% Y/Y, -3% M/M) followed by Yamama with 456K tons (+18% Y/Y, +12% M/M), Qassim at 422K tons (+4% Y/Y, +27% M/M) and Saudi with 388K tons (-11% Y/Y, -7% M/M). Meanwhile, Yanbu sales fell by -6% Y/Y but were up by +1% M/M to 355K tons.

Exports sales for the month fell on both yearly and monthly basis by -55% and -31% respectively to 82k tons compared to 181K tons in September 2020.

Exhibit 1: Local Sales (000's tons)

5,000
4,000
3,000
2,000
1,000
Sep-20 Oct-20 Nov-20 Dec-20 Jan-21 Feb-21 Mar-21 Apr-21 May-21 Jun-21 Jul-21 Aug-21 Sep-21 (30%)

Growth

Local Cement Sales

Local sales declined by -9% Y/Y.

Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

Exhibit 2: Exports of Saudi Cement Sector (000's tons)



Export sales fell on both yearly and monthly basis by -55% and -31% respectively.

Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

Table 1: Total Cement Sales (000's tons)

	Sep - 20	Aug - 21	Sep - 21	Growth Y/Y	Growth M/M
Local Sales	4,395	3,979	3,979	(9%)	0%
Export Sales	181	119	82	(55%)	(31%)
Total Cement Sales	4,576	4,098	4,061	(11%)	(1%)



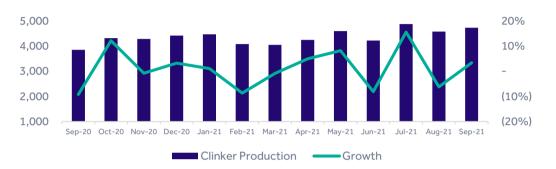
Clinker Production

The industry's clinker production rose on both yearly and monthly basis by +23% and +3% respectively to reach 4.7 million tons in September 2021. The production levels were mixed between the companies in the sector. United Cement's clinker production recorded the highest growth by +392% Y/Y to 123K tons followed by Eastern's clinker production, which jumped by +304% Y/Y to 299K tons. M/M Yanbu's clinker production jumped by +116% to 519K tons.

Clinker inventories for the month fell by -14% Y/Y but were up by +2% M/M to reach 34.6 million tons this month compared with 40.1 million tons in the same month last year.

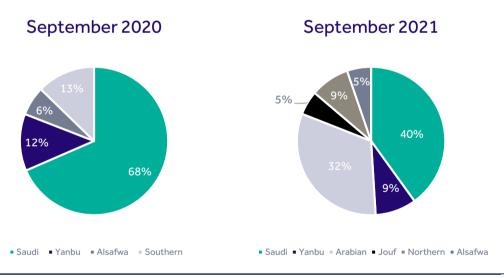
Exhibit 3: Clinker Production of Saudi Cement Sector (000's tons)

 Clinker production rose on both yearly and monthly basis by +23% and +3% respectively.



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

Exhibit 4: Clinker Exports by Companies (%)



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

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Exhibit 5: Clinker Inventory Levels (000's tons)



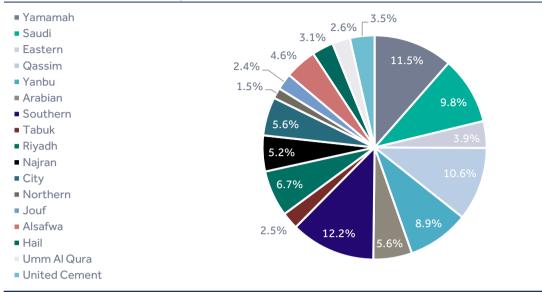
Clinker Inventories fell Y/Y by -14% but was up by +2% M/M.



Southern Cement leads market share

Southern Cement Co. continues to lead the market share to stand at 12.2% in September 2021 while Yamama Cement Co. with a market share of 11.5% managed to become 2nd after a long time.

Exhibit 6: Market Share for September 2021



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement



Stock Rating

Buy	Neutral	Sell	Not Rated	
Expected Total Return	Expected Total Return	Expected Total Return	Under Review/ Restricted	
Greater than +15%	between -15% and +15%	less than -15%		

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