# 1Q 2023

# **Results** Presentation





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# Key Messages

# **Key Messages**

Robust financial performance continued in 1Q 2023 on the back of benign macroeconomic backdrop, favourable industry dynamics, solid market position and M&A activity

#### 💈 Macro Tailwinds

Higher oil prices, Vision 2030, +3.1% real GDP growth forecast in 2023

#### Favourable Industry Dynamics

KSA-wide digital transformation, KSA IT Spending % of GDP at 0.9%, KSA ICT growth +13.0% in 2022

#### Solid Market Position

Market share 19.8% in 2022

#### Strong M&A activity

The Giza transaction successfully completed on 3 October 2022. The ccc transaction successfully completed on 3 April 2023.



#### Strong Revenue Growth

Diversified business portfolio generated +19% YoY revenue growth to SAR 2.68 bn in 1Q 2023 Core ICT Services growth +18% YoY to SAR 1.56 bn

#### 😥 Improving profitability

EBITDA of SAR 419 mn in 1Q 2023, +14% YoY Net Profit of SAR 304 mn, +7% YoY ROAE of 41.3%, -6pps YoY

#### Strong Cash Flow & Balance Sheet

Free cash flow of SAR 319 mn in 1Q 2023 Net cash position of SAR 2.85 bn as of end March 2023

#### Attractive Dividend

DPS of SAR 5.0 in 2022, implying a 57% payout ratio and a dividend yield of 1.7%



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# M&A Strategy and Update

# In the MENA region, the market for IT services is ripe for consolidation

MENA's IT market is dynamic and fragmented - perfect ingredients for strong M&A activity going forward

#### MENA is following in the footsteps of mid-market ICT M&A activity globally

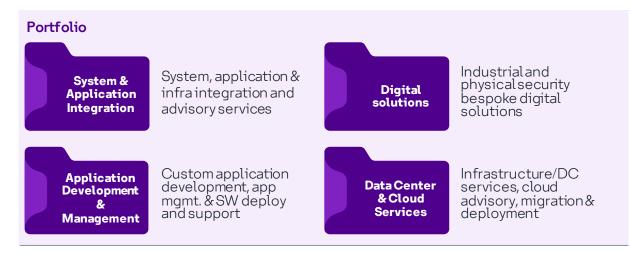
solutions' M&A strategy is built on three pillars with the aim to scale, widen the offering, and remain the industry leader:





## **Giza Transaction Update**

Giza transaction will further enhance solutions' one stop shop offering and enable access to new markets



#### Highlights

- The transaction **completed** on the 3rd of October 2022
- The **purchase consideration** was SAR466 mn of which SAR160 mn were identified as **intangible assets** and SAR193 mn was recognized as **goodwill**



#### Verticals, Sectors and Partners

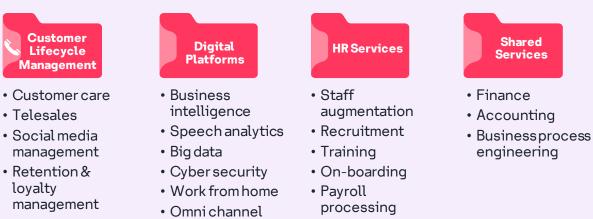




## ccc Transaction Update

ccc acquisition completed on the 3rd of April 2023

Services Portfolio





#### **Transaction Details and Rationale**

#### Transaction details:

- The transaction to acquire of 100% in Contact Center Company (ccc) was initially announced on the 10th of November 2022 and closed on the 3rd of April 2023
- The acquisition was based on 100% Enterprise Value amounting to SAR 450 million
- solutions financed the acquisition from its own resources
- Good strategic fit ccc ticks three boxes for solutions:
  - 1. ccc Serves solutions' Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) aspirations by expanding its portfolio in scope - beyond MPO and HR - and scale
  - 2. It completes solutions' coverage of ICT customer journey by enabling end-to-end offerings from design to operations
  - 3. ccc was acquired at an attractive 2022 EBITDA multiple of 4.4x

#### **Financials Highlights**

Shared

Services

FY 2022
915
53
11.2%
575
None



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# **Solution** Financial Performance

# solutions 1Q 2023 Financial Dashboard

solutions delivered a good performance in 1Q 2023

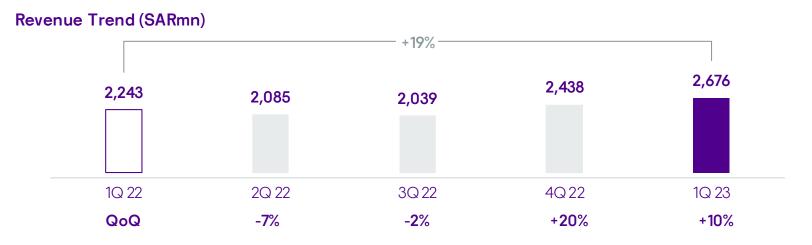


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# **Revenue Trend and Growth Drivers**

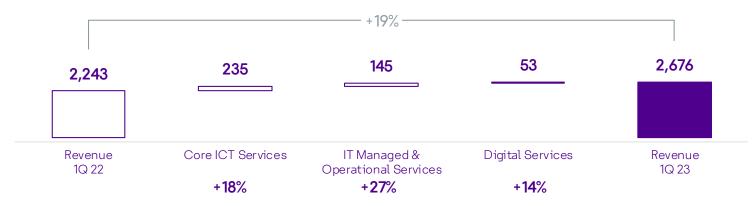
Group revenue growth of +19% YoY in 1Q 2023, driven by IT Managed and Operational Services



#### **Management Commentary**

- Strong 1Q 2023 performance in Core ICT Services (+18% YoY) and IT Managed & Operational Services (+27% YoY).
- Revenue growth was supported by a contribution from Giza.

#### Revenue Movement YoY (SARmn)



#### 1Q 2023 Revenue Composition (by Business Segment)

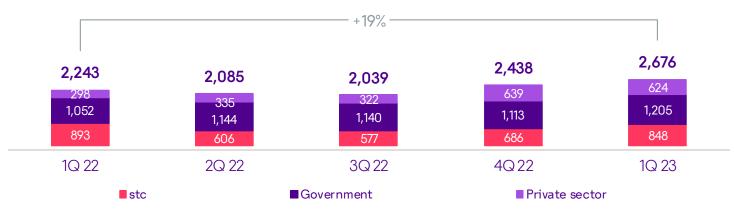


i Services = II Managed & Operational Services = Digital Services

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### **Revenue Analysis**

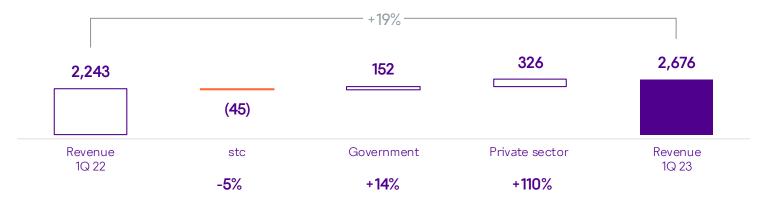
stc together with Government accounted for 77% of revenue in 1Q 2023



#### **Management Commentary**

 Revenue growth was driven by +110% YoY growth in private sector revenues and +14% YoY increase in revenues from the Government in 1Q 2023, which offset -5% YoY decline in revenues from stc.

#### Revenue Movement YoY (SARmn)







#### Revenue Breakdown by Customer Type (SARmn)

# Profitability - Gross Profit Performance

Gross profit margin in 1Q 2023 increased by 65 bps YoY

# Gross Profit Trend (SARmn) +23% 494 505 499



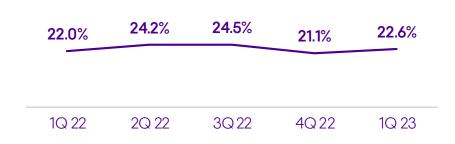
#### Gross Profit Movement (SARmn)



#### **Management Commentary**

- Cost of sales in 1Q 2023 increased by 18% YoY, lagging the overall revenue growth.
- Gross profit margin grew 65 bps YoY to 22.6% in 1Q
   2023 due to improved profitability across all business lines.

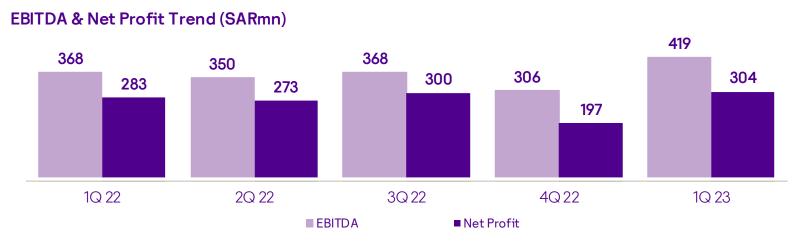
#### Gross Profit Margin (%)



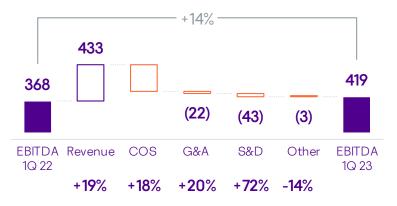
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# **Profitability - EBITDA and Net Profit**

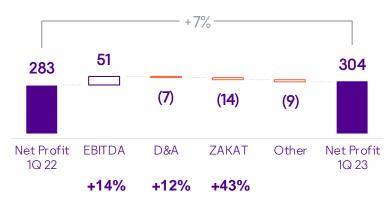
Strong EBITDA growth driven by revenue growth and gross margin gains.



EBITDA Movement YoY (SARmn)

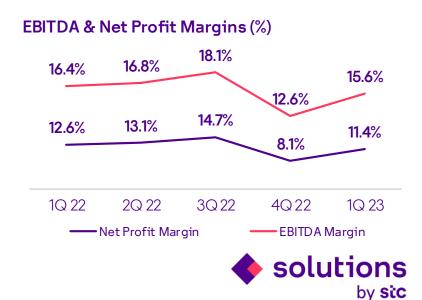


Net Profit Movement YoY (SARmn)



#### **Management Commentary**

- EBITDA grew 14% YoY in 1Q 2023 as revenue growth and gross margin gains offset +38% YoY growth in operating expenses.
- Net profit increased by 7% YoY in 1Q 2023 affected by lower operating margin, FX losses and higher Zakat related to Giza acquisition last year.



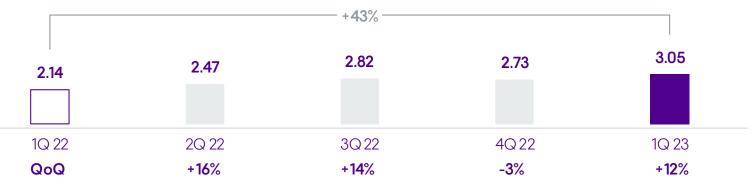
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# **Balance Sheet - Working Capital**

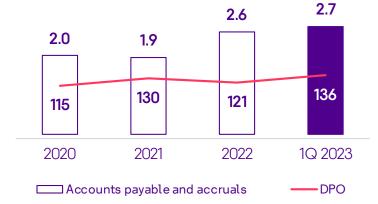
Working capital changes reflect the strong revenue growth



#### Working Capital Performance (SARbn)



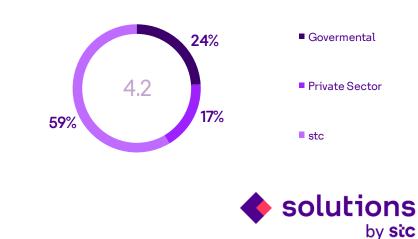
#### Accounts Payable (SARbn)



#### Management Commentary

• As of the end of 1Q 2023, stc and the Government accounted for 83% of solutions' receivables.

#### Accounts Receivable Composition (%)



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Working Capital = Current Assets - Current Liabilities

## **Cash Flow Generation**

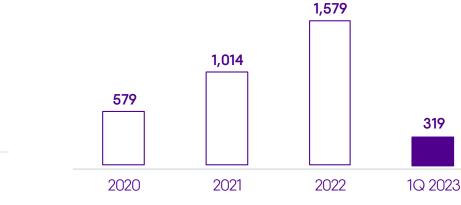
solutions maintains a strong cash position and generates solid FCF, which reached SAR 319 mn in 1Q 2023

#### **Capital Expenditures (SARmn)** 537 7.8% 154 134 26 2.1% 1.5% 1.0% 2020 2021 2022 1Q 2023 -CAPEX / Revenue Capex Free Cash Flow Movement (SARmn) 136 319 (6) (8) 196 CFO CAPEX Free Cash flow Lease liabilities payments Free Cash flow 1Q 23 1Q 22

#### Management Commentary

Free Cash Flow (SARmn)

- Net cash position of SAR 2.85 bn at 1Q 2023.
- FCF of SAR 319 mn during 1Q 2023, an increase of SAR 123 mn from 1Q 2022 as a result of higher cash flow from operations.

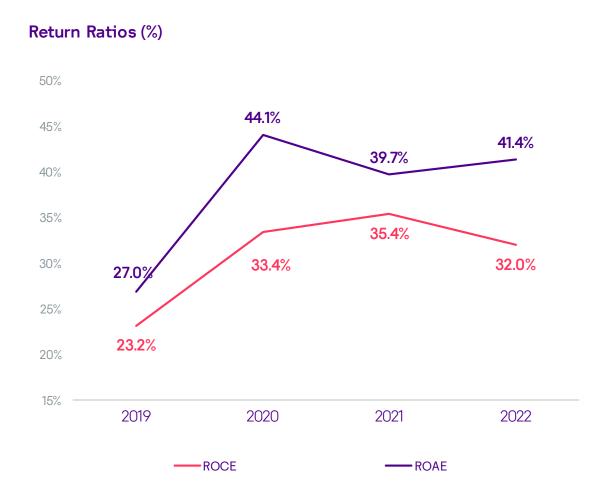


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Free Cash Flow= CFO- CAPEX - Lease liabilities payments - Purchase of treasury shares – Payment for acquisition of subsidiary

## **Returns and Dividends**

#### High returns and a dividend per share of SAR 5.0 in 2022



#### **Management Commentary**

- Capex-light business model generates high returns.
- DPS of SAR 5.0 in 2022 up from SAR 4.0 in 2021 implying a 57% payout ratio.



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## **Outlook, Guidance and Targets**

solutions upgrades 2023 revenue growth guidance to 16%-19% from 11%-13% previously

	2023 Outlook
Oil Price	\$85 / bbl
KSA GDP Growth	3.1%
KSA Fiscal Budget	SAR 16 bn surplus
KSA IT Growth	2023: +12% 2022-2026 CAGR: 12.7%
KSA IT Spending % of GDP	1.2%

	1Q 2023 results	FY 2023 Guidance
Revenue Growth	19%	16% to 19%
EBITDA Margin	15.6%	13% to 15%
Capex Intensity	1.0%	1.5% to 2%



Source: EIA, IMF, MOF, IDC, internal Company research

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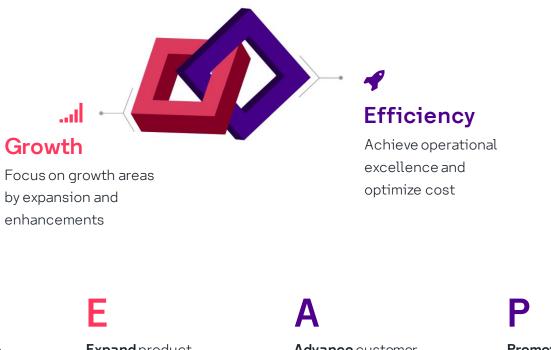
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# Strategy Highlights

# Strategic Objectives

solutions provides innovative technology solutions that enable our customers to succeed in evolving market needs



**Lead** in managed & professional services

**Expand** product portfolio & market reach

Advance customer success&partner ecosystems **Promote** internal efficiencies & collaboration



## **Market Positioning**

solutions currently has ~20% market share in the Saudi Arabian IT market



#### KSA Pure Play

Majority of solutions revenue is generated in Saudi Arabia

#### Public & Private Sector

51% of revenue generated from Government (Direct and Indirect), but increasing contribution from private sector

#### E2E solutions

solutions comprehensive portfolio offers a One-Stop-Shop approach covering the entire IT value chain



## **Competitive Landscape**

solutions is in an unrivalled position to maintain its leadership position in Saudi Arabia

#### solutions competitive positioning High barriers to entry solutions' key strengths: International Competition +20 years track record (+ + (+ International players are stcs' partners rather Regulatory compliance Access to customers $\blacksquare$ than competitors Customer relationships Cross-selling + Local Competition (+)Local experience Sharing brand equity + Fragmented local industry primarily focused Delivery capability (large government projects) Sharing best practices on reselling hardware and software with minimal professional services Opportunities as customers Market reputation + • Other telco operators represent limited threat as they underinvested in their infrastructure for years



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