Market Data	
52-week high/low	SAR 79.30/39.00
Market Cap	SAR 4,347 mln
Shares Outstanding	90 mln
Free-float	89.9%
12-month ADTV	144,104
Bloomberg Code	QACCO AB



Net Income Doubles Y/Y

May 05, 2020

Upside to Target Price	11.8%	Rating	Neutral
Expected Dividend Yield	3.11%	Last Price	SAR 48.30
Expected Total Return	14.9%	12-mth target	SAR 54.00

Qassim Cement	1Q2020	1Q2019	Y/Y	4Q2019	Q/Q	RC Estimate
Sales	262	153	71%	294	(11%)	219
Gross Profit	153	65	136%	190	(19%)	109
Gross Margins	58%	42%		65%		50%
Operating Profit	129	57	126%	166	(22%)	100
Net Profit	111	56	98%	144	(23%)	98

(All figures are in SAR mln)

- Qassim Cement announced a net income of SAR 111 mln (+98% Y/Y, -23% Q/Q) above both our and market expectations of SAR 98 million and SAR 99 million respectively. On yearly basis, bottom-line was driven by an increase in sales volume and average selling prices, despite the increase in operational expenses and an increase in Zakat expense, in addition to impairment in long term financial investments.
- On a quarterly basis, local cement sales grew by +12% Q/Q to reach 14.3 mln tons, Qassim Cement showed an increase in sales volume by +20% to reach 1.1 mln tons. Qassim managed to outperform the sector, but wasn't reflected into the Company results due to reverse of sales allowances during 4Q2019.
- Given recent news flow as well as our expectations of likely reduction in government spending for 2020 and going into 2021, we reduce our target price to SAR 54.00 but maintain a Neutral rating.

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Stock Rating

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

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