

Earnings Release

Q1 FY23



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GROUP PRESIDENT

Over 30 years in the Paper industry and others.
Held leadership position for over 20 years in MEPCO and others.
Bachelor of Industrial Chemistry in 1992.



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Q1 FY23 Key Performance Indicators

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Q1 FY 23 Performance*



SALES REVENUES SAR 224 M

- 27 % YoY



GROSS PROFIT SAR 35 M

- 75 % YoY



EBITDA SAR 27 M

- 79 % YoY



NET LOSS SAR 7 M

- 107 % YoY



COST OF SALES SAR 188 M

+ 17 % YoY



GROSS PROFIT MARGIN 16 %

- 3117 bps YoY



EBITDA MARGIN 12 %

- 2939 bps YoY



NET INCOME MARGIN - 3 %

- 3322 bps YoY

* Consolidated financial statement for Q1 FY 2023

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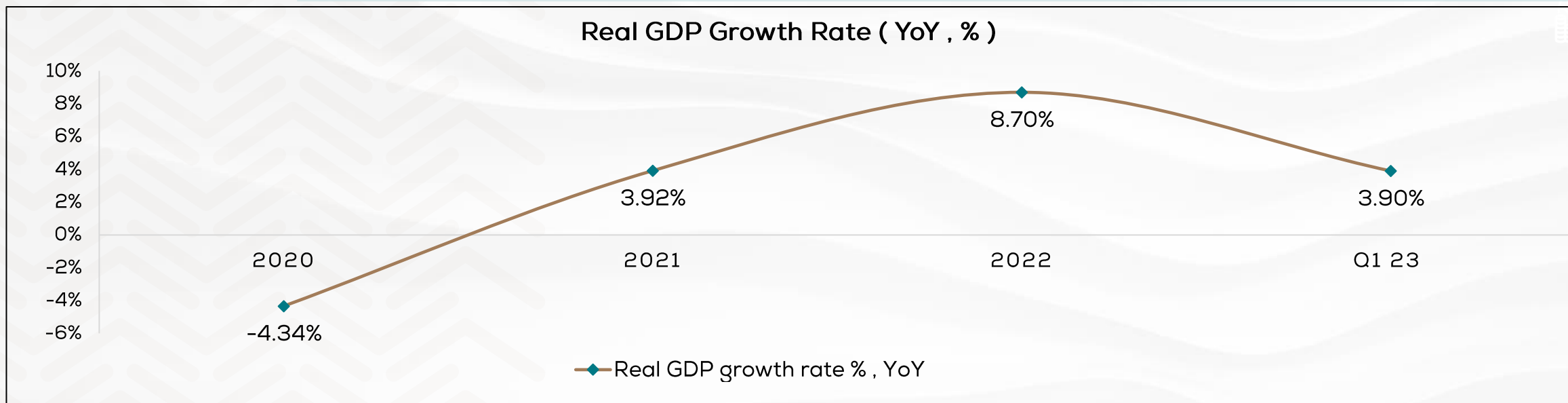
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Macro Economic Review

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Economic Review

Saudi Arabia Economy is still growing in the non oil activities



Brent Crude Oil spot price averaged \$ 81 /b in Q1 23

According to quarter estimates by the General Authority for Statistics (GASTAT), the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Saudi Arabia grew by 3.9% in Q1/2023 compared to Q1/2022. This growth was due to the increase in non-oil activities by 5.8%, government services activities by 4.9%, and oil activities by 1.3% in Q1/2023 year-on-year

According to the world bank estimates the world economy is projected to grow by 1.7% , while emerging markets excluding China , growth in emerging market and developing economies is expected to decelerate from 3.8% in 2022 to 2.7% in 2023



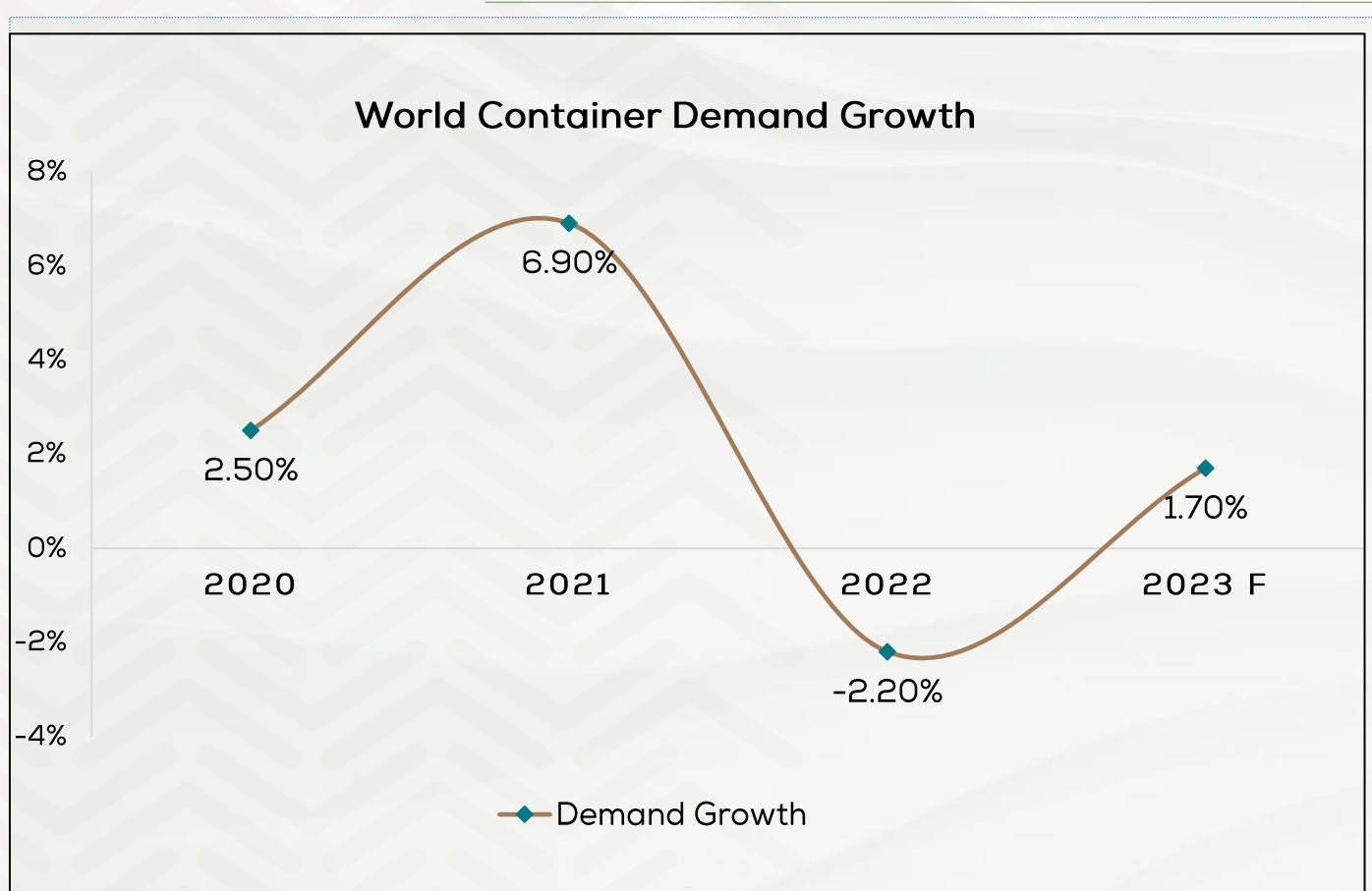
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Industry & Market Containerboard Review

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Industry & Market Review For Containerboard

Saudi Arabia Demand for Container Board backed by healthy economy

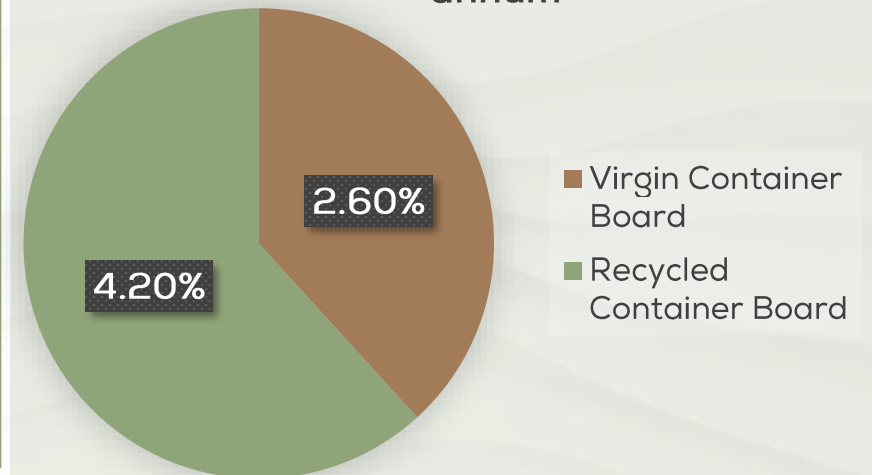


**MEPCO 's current
Market Share
31 % in KSA**

- Global Container board is c. 186 million tonnes
- MENA is c. 4.1 million tonnes
- Saudi Arabia is c. 1 million tonnes

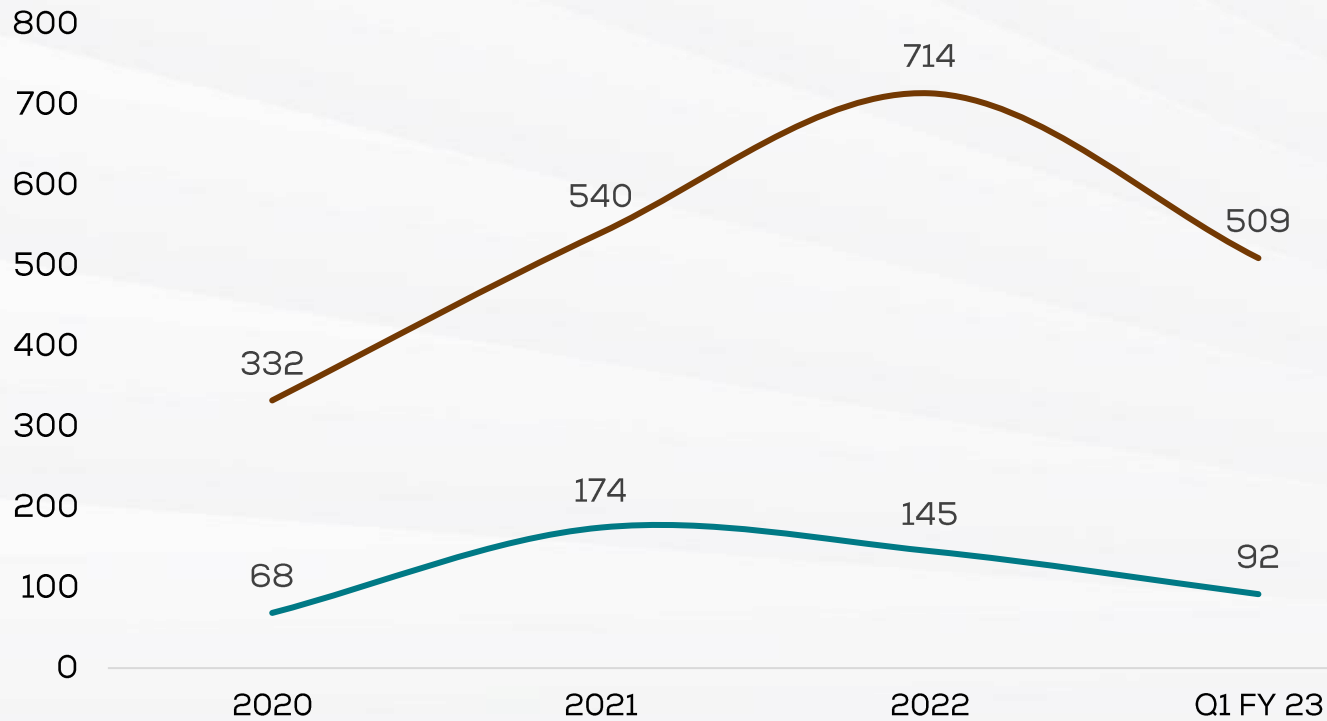


Saudi Arabia Demand Growth per annum



International Prices For Containerboard

Benchmarking with international prices for test liner 2 and OCC international price (Europe) *, USD/ton



— Average Testliner 2 — Average OCC

In 2023 , the global container board demand is in lower levels versus 2022 , due to the current decline in demand globally ,as a result container board international prices are facing downward pressure



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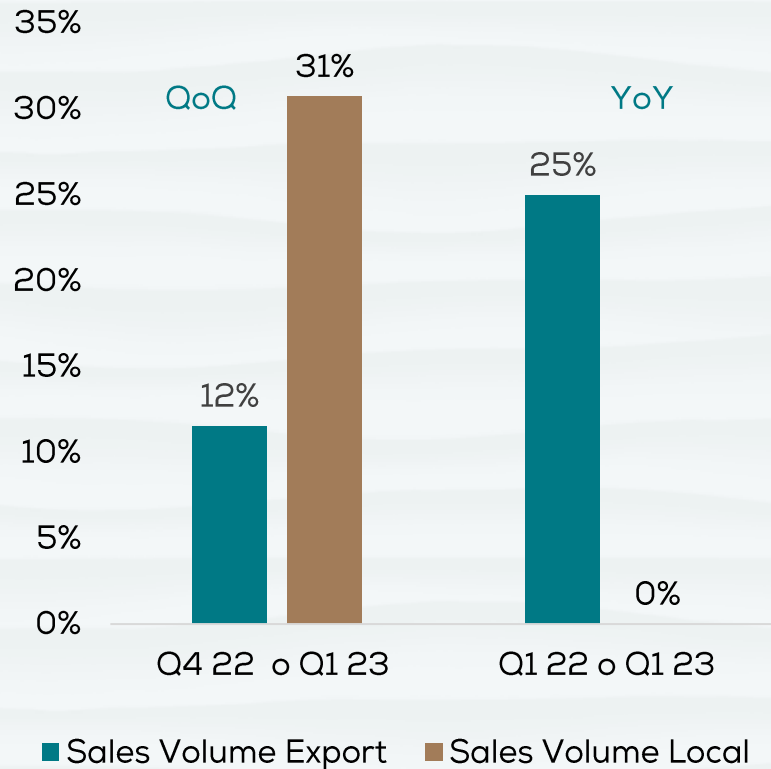
Exports & Local Sales Review

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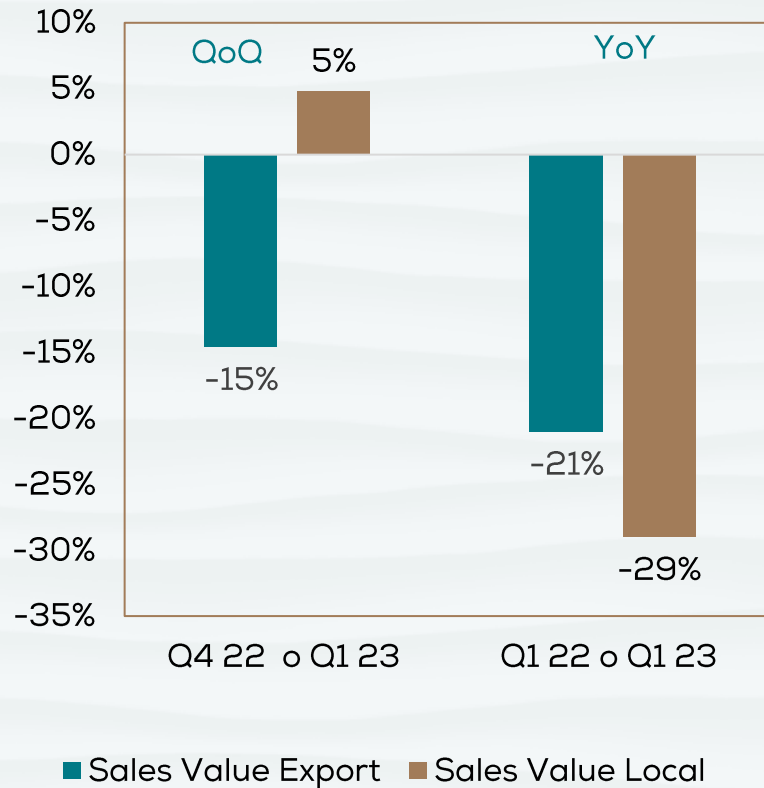
Exports and Local Sales

Despite the current global decline in the demand , MEPCO Sales & Marketing Strategy strives backed up with operational excellence

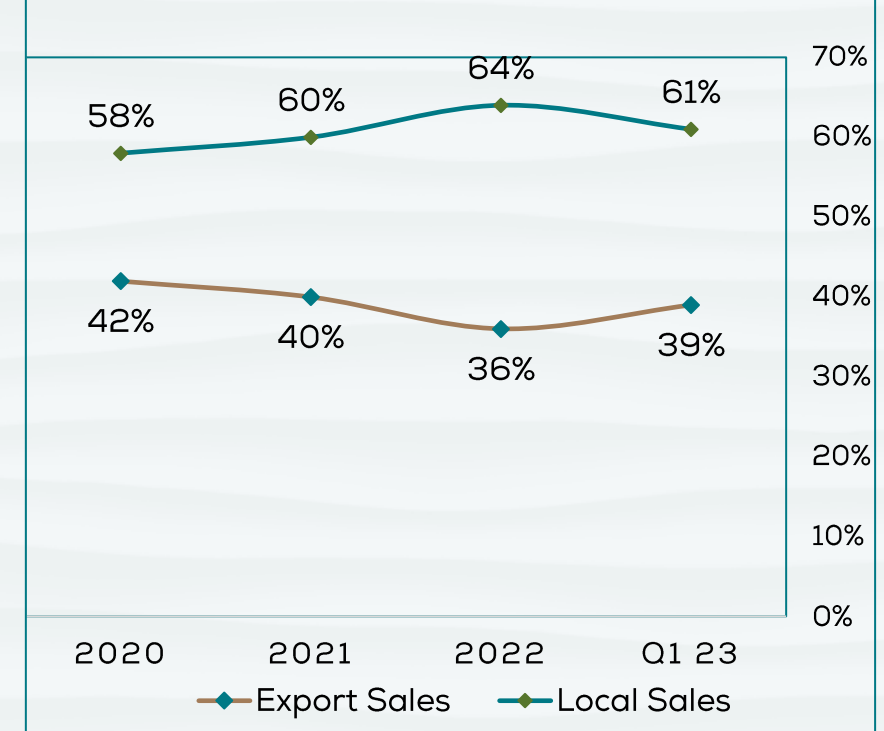
Sales Volume Growth change



Sales Value Growth change



Sales distribution in Value



QoQ : Total Sales Volume increased by 21 %

YoY : Total Sales Volume increased by 7 %

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Financial Review

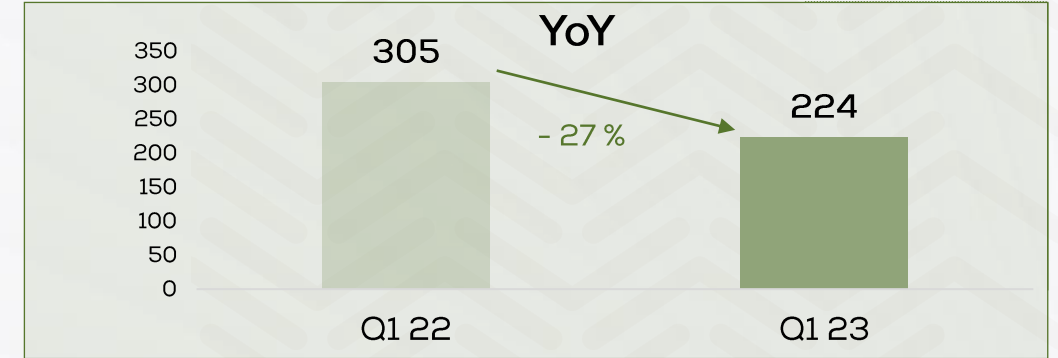
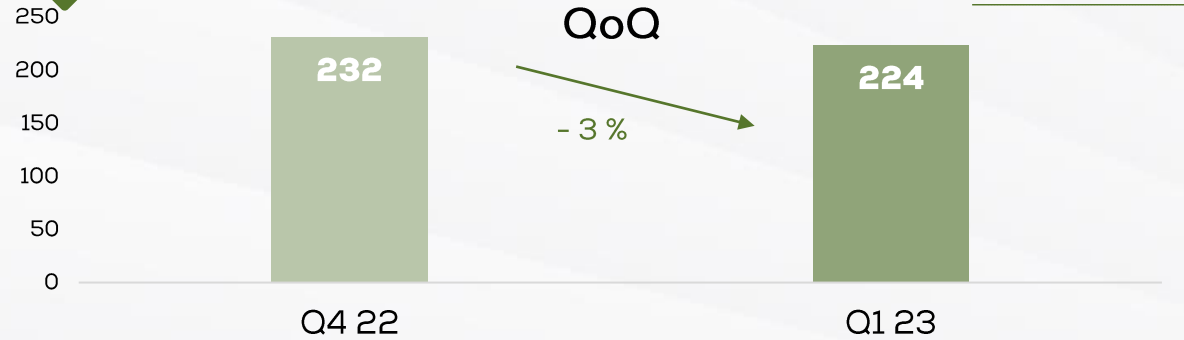
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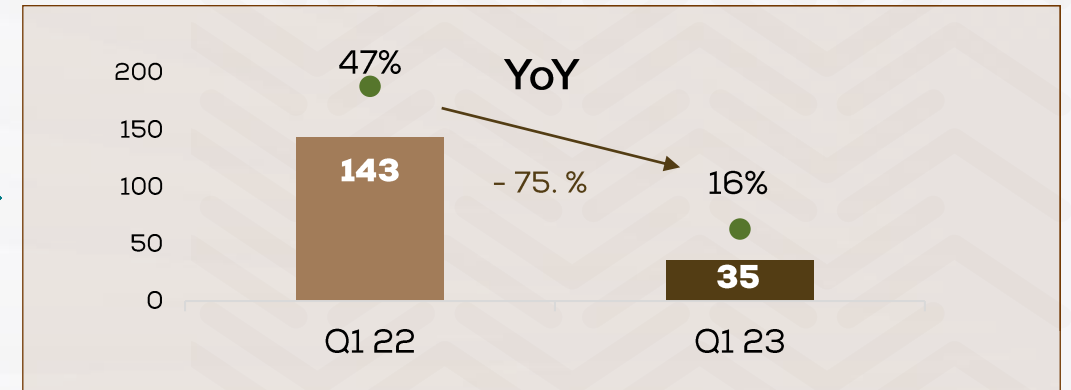
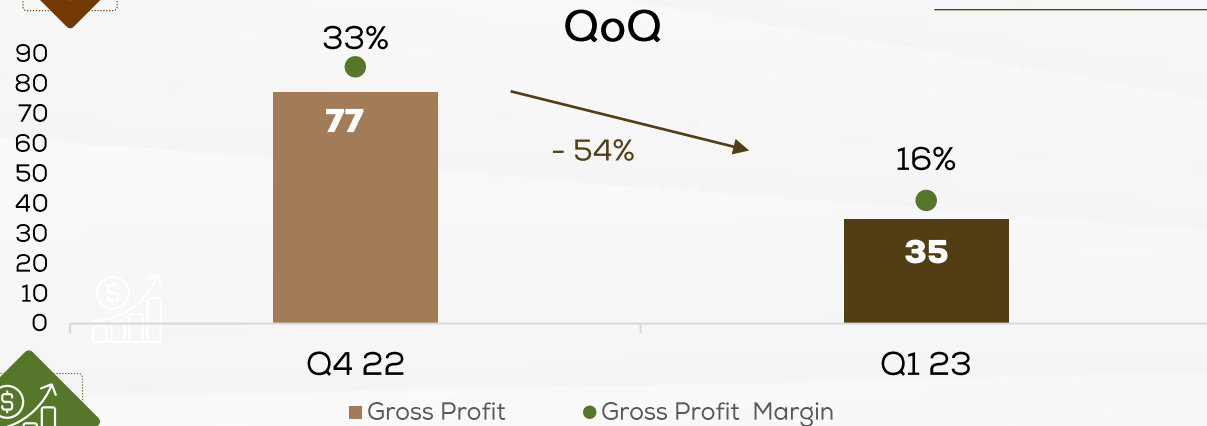
Key Financial Indicators



Sales Revenues , SAR M



Gross Profit & Profit Margin, SAR M.%

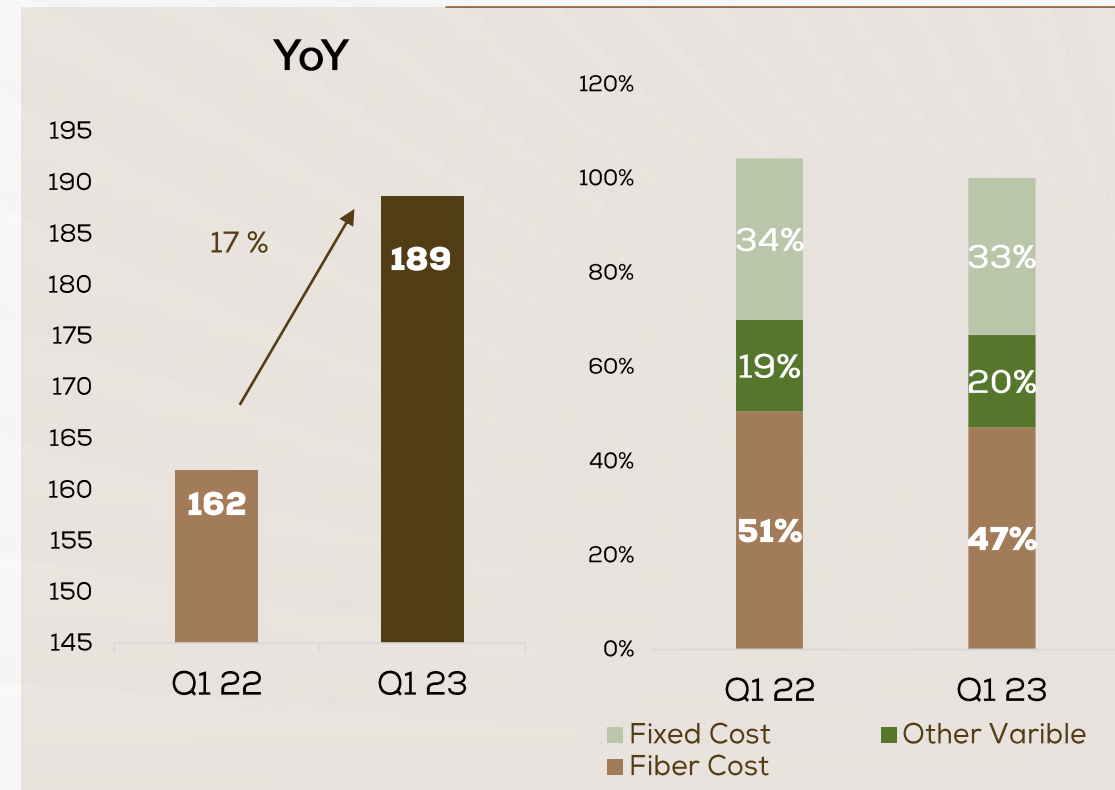
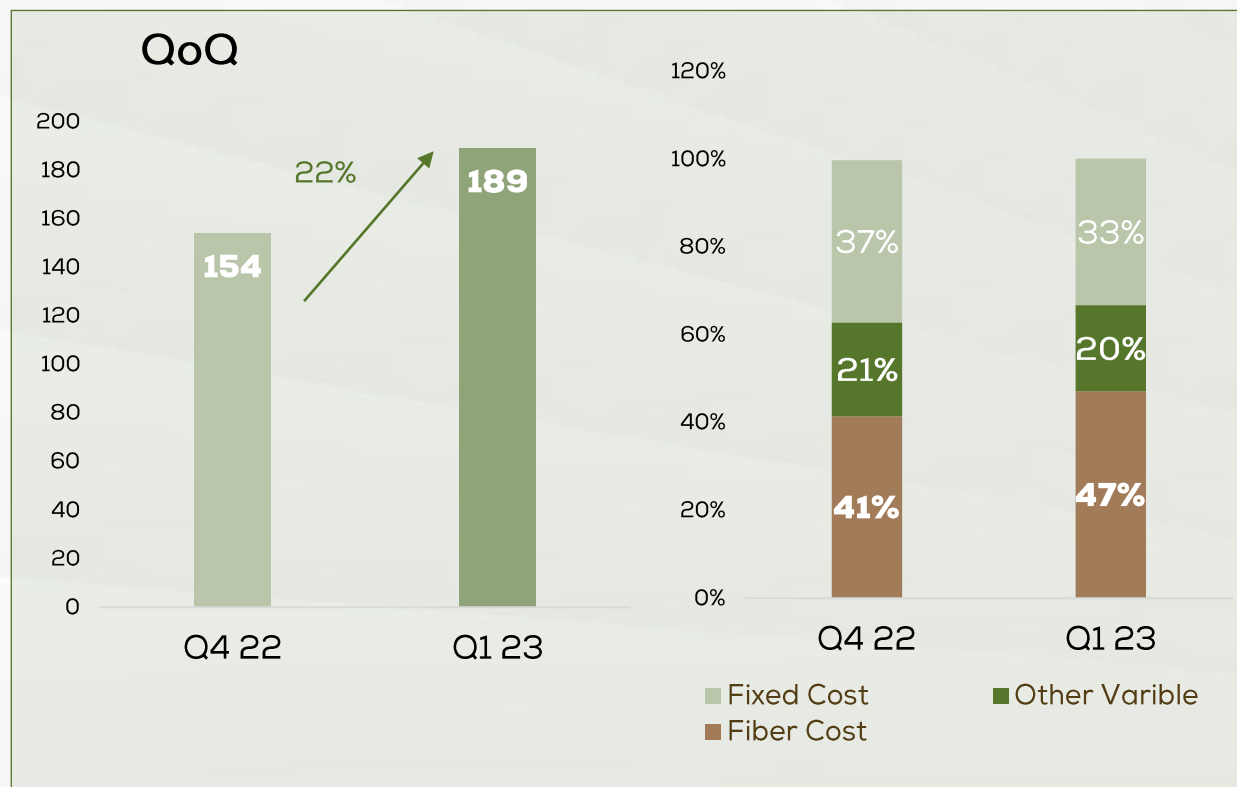


Sales Revenues QoQ decreased by 3 % , YoY decreased by 27 % due to the downward pressure in the international prices . Which impacted the gross profit YoY decreased by 75 % , QoQ decreased 54 %

Key Financial Indicators



Cost of Sales Breakdown , SAR M

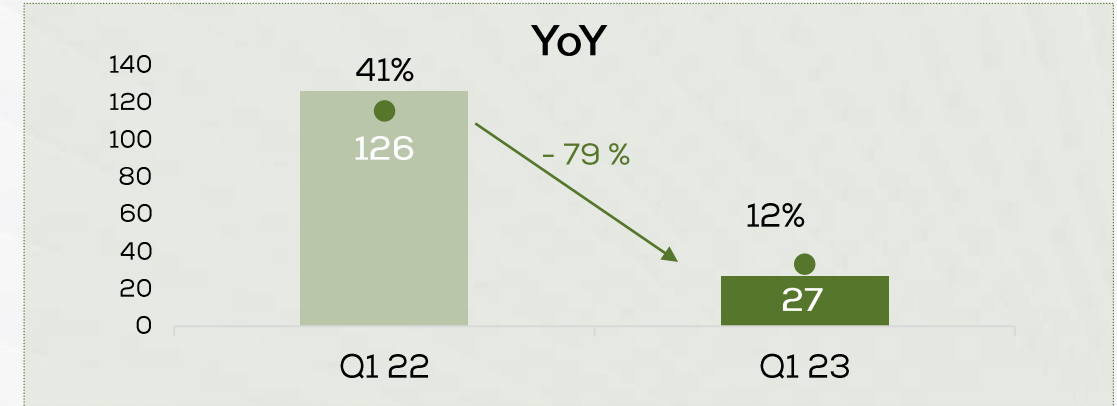
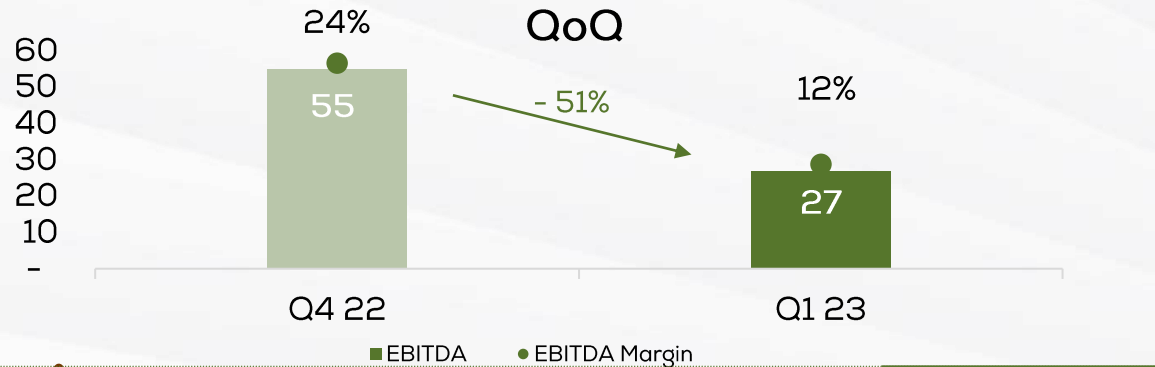


QoQ increased by cost of sales 22 % , the increase of cost of sales is due to an increase in the fiber cost by 36 % which is due to the increase of production volume (QoQ : 5 %) and some change in the product mix (higher special grades)
 Cost of sales YoY increased by 17 % ,mainly due to higher volume of production by 2% and normal yearly expense increase

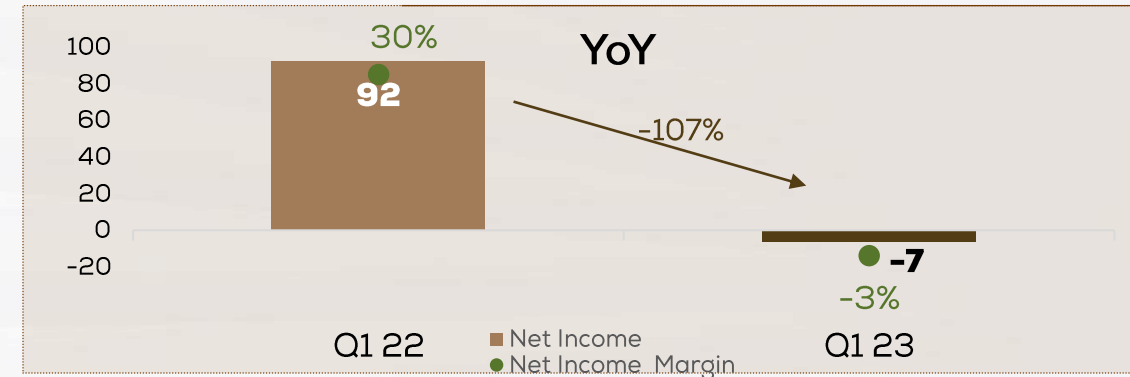
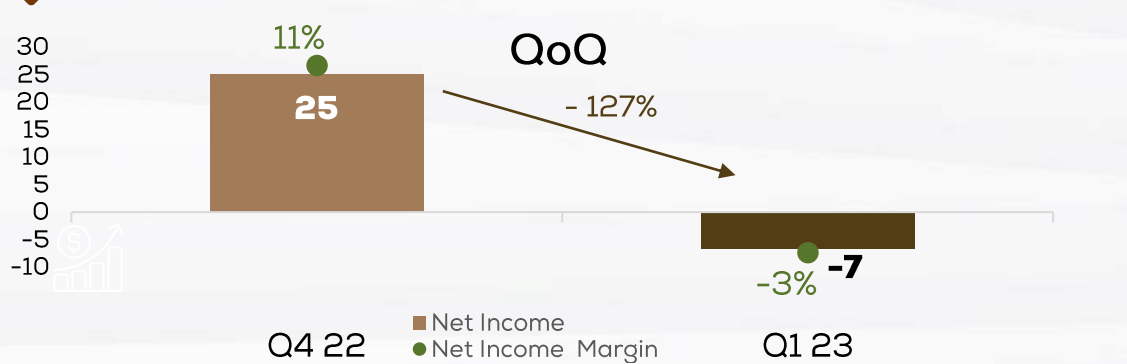
Key Financial Indicators



EBITDA and EBITDA margin, SAR M



Net Income and Net Income Margin SAR M, %



EBITDA decreased QoQ by 51% , YoY by 79 % , while Net income QoQ decreased 127 % & YoY decreased 107 %
On QoQ & YoY basis , yet there has been some an improvement in SG&A expenses

Key Financial Indicators



SG&A and Other expenses breakdown , SAR M

QoQ

SAR , M	Q4 FY22	Q1 FY 23	%
Selling & distribution	20	15	-20%
General & Admin	33	20	-40%
Net Impairment losses on financial assets	-7	-3	-64%
Other income/loss	11	5	-60%
Finance cost	5.5	6	8%

- A decrease in transportation and shipping cost by SAR 19 M
- A decrease in share based payment for employees
- Decrease in AR provision due to higher collection QoQ
- FX gain SAR 9 M
- Increase of SAIBOR by 6 % from average 5.3 % to 5.6%

YoY

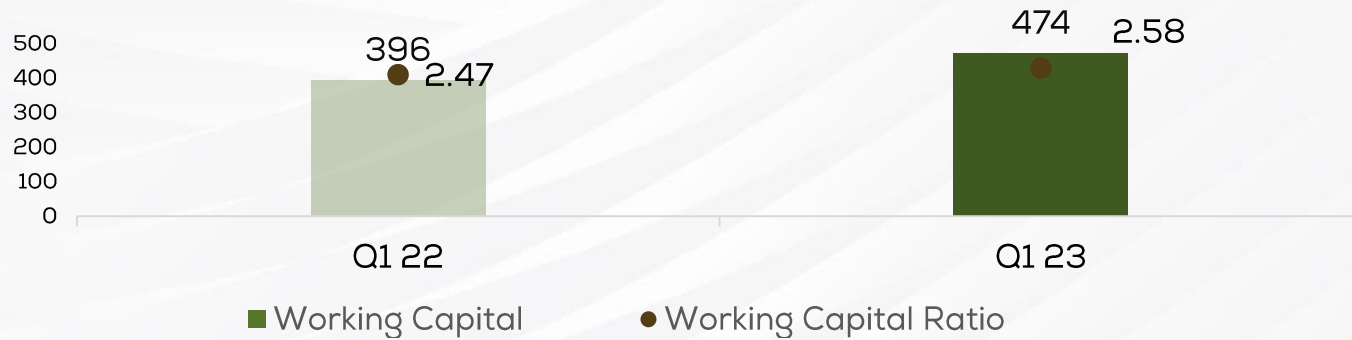
SAR , M	Q1 FY22	Q1 FY 23	%
Selling & distribution	18	15	-18%
General & Admin	19	20	5 %
Net Impairment losses on financial assets	-1	-3	143%
Other income/loss	-3	5	240%
Finance cost	3	6	73 %

- A decrease in transportation and shipping cost
- Increase in impairment loss (AR) by SAR 1.6 M due to increase in customer collection days as sales volume increased from 91 days to 116 days
- FX gain by SAR 1.8 M , Insurance recovery gain SAR 1.7 M , sales of scrap SAR 1 M
- Increase in SAIBOR by 137 % from average 2.39 % to 5.65 %

Key Financial Indicators



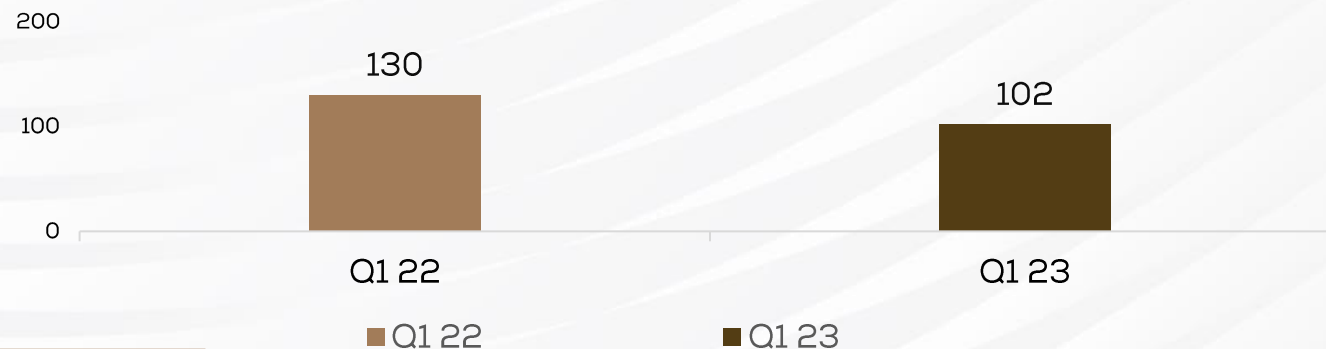
Working Capital And Working Capital Ratio SAR M



The working in capital increased by 20% due to improvement in AR and Inventory YoY, hence the liquidity and the working capital ratio improved



Cash Flow From Operations SAR M

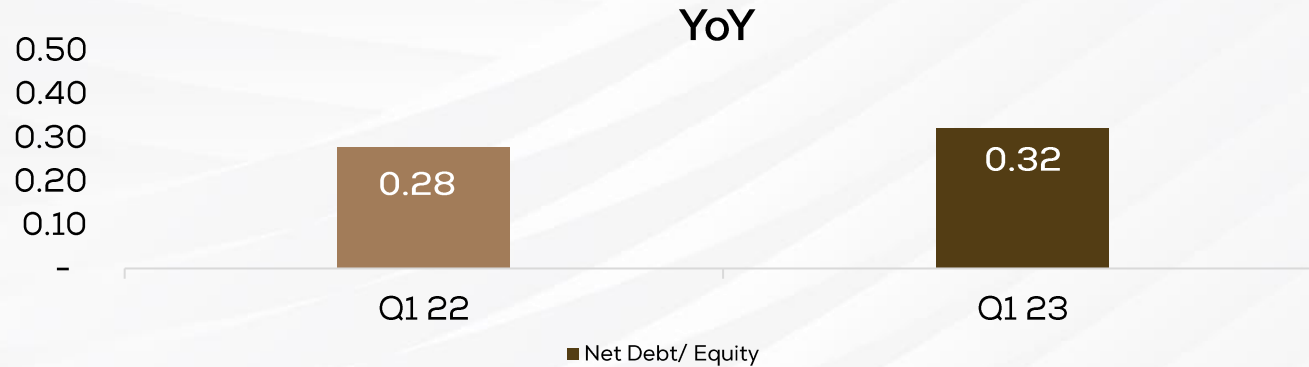


Cash Flow from operations decreased **YoY** by 22% mainly due to finance costs paid in Q1 23 amounted to SAR 10 M ,

Key Financial Indicators



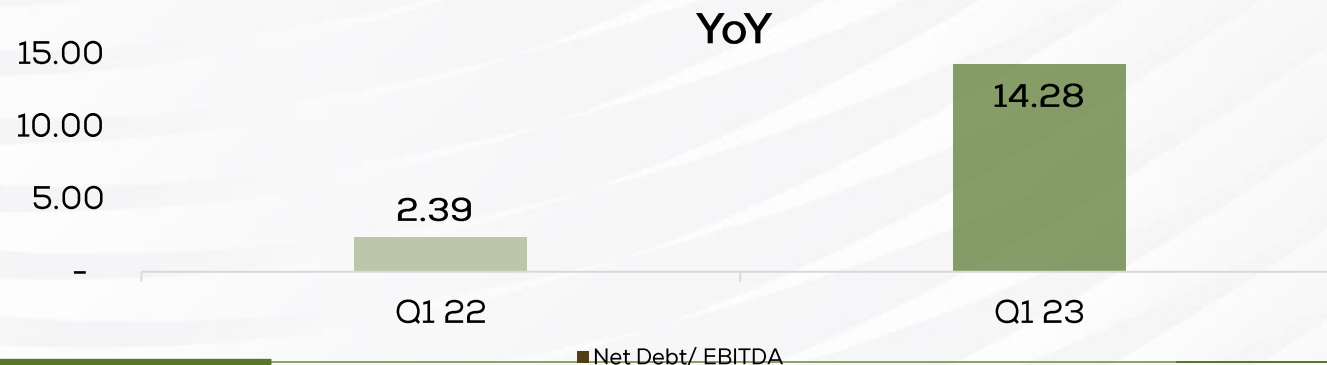
Net Debt to Equity SAR M



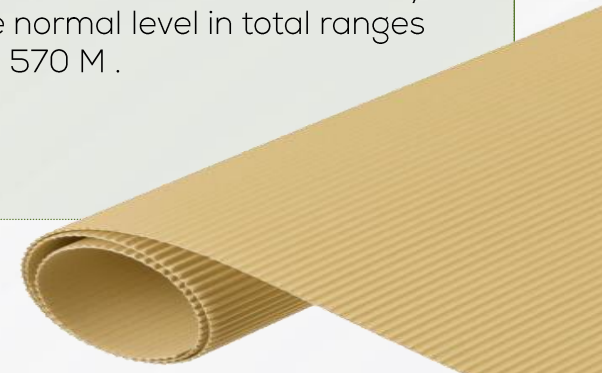
Net Debt to Equity increased by 0.04 as there is an increase in the short term debt by SAR 14 M , but still lower than the average for the short term debt that ranges in SAR 100 M .



Net Debt to EBITDA %



Net Debt to EBITDA increased by 11.89 due to the decrease in the EBITDA but total debt has increased from SAR 451 M to SAR 566 M by 25.4% , while the normal level in total ranges from SAR 560 – 570 M .





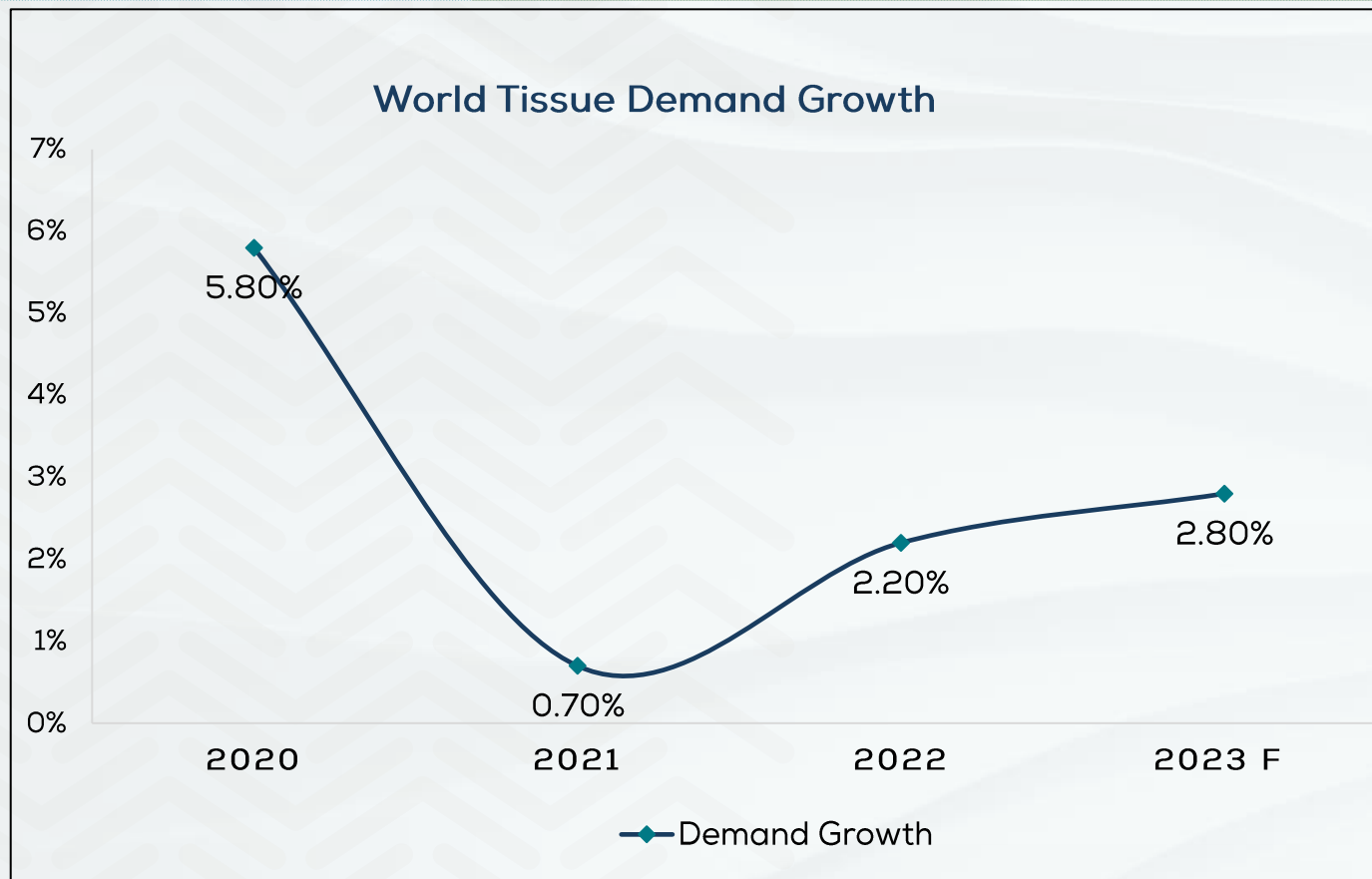
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Macro Economic and Market Tissue Review

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Tissue Market Review

Globally the Tissue demand is reviving , Tissues attractiveness for a local producer



**JUTHOR 's Targeted
Market Share
c.24 % in KSA**

**Products : Kitchen Towels,
Facial Tissues, Pocket
Tissues, Napkins, C Fold**

- Global Tissue consumption c.44 M ton
- Saudi Arabia is c. 250 million tonnes
- Average Global demand growth for tissue consumption : 3.3-3.4%
- Saudi demand growth : 3.5 %

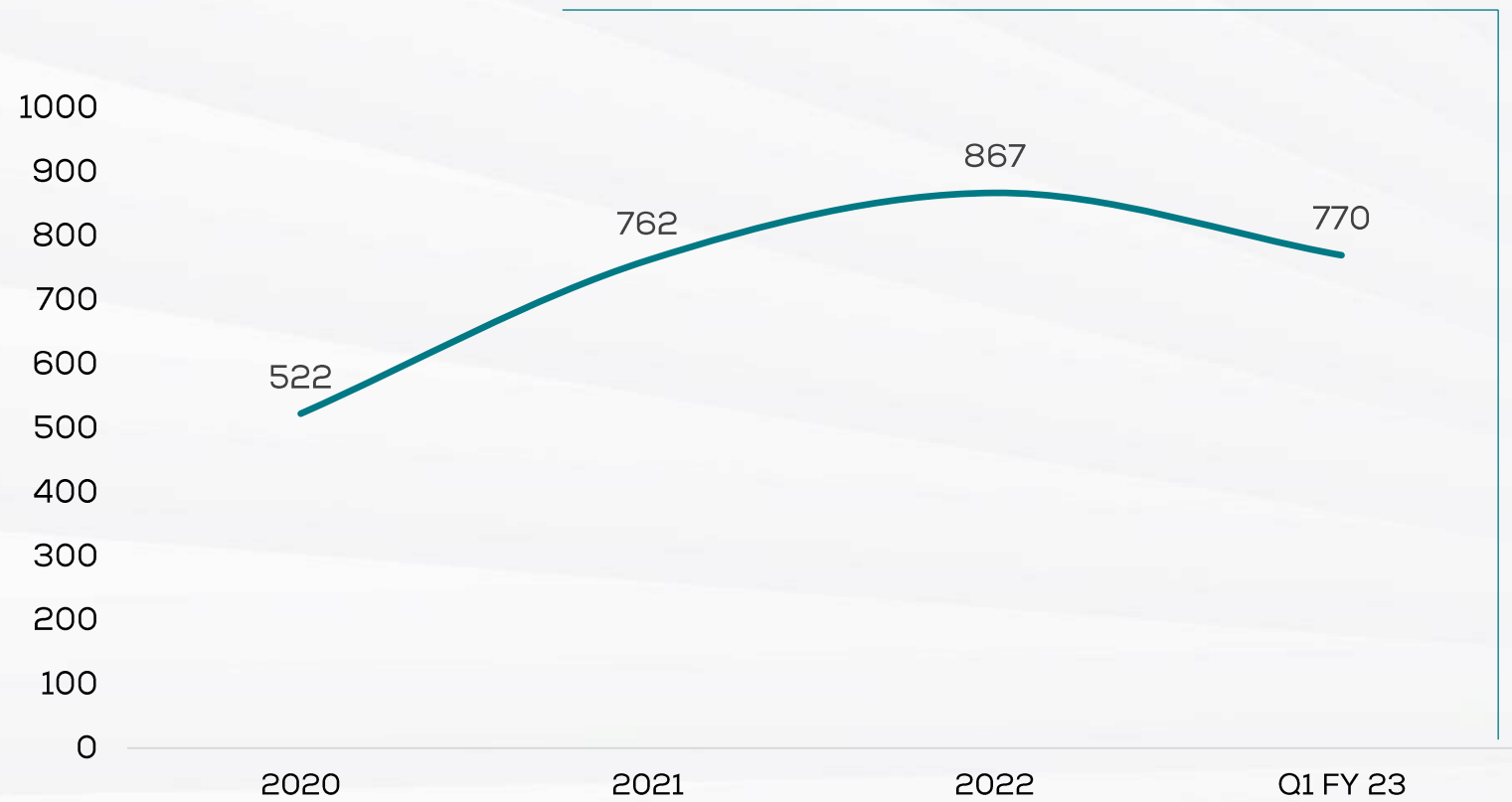


- Expected to break even within Q3 2023
- Contribution to the top line for MEPCO consolidated financial statements c . 18-20%
- Expected Gross profit c. 25%-27%



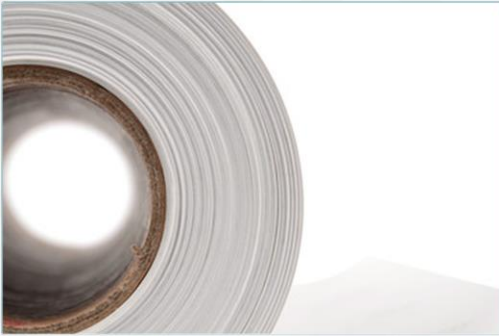
International Prices For Tissue Paper

Benchmarking with international prices for average of bleached hardwood kraft price and Northern bleached softwood kraft (China) *, USD/ton



JUTHOR end products are priced in relation to the virgin pulp prices , the bleached hardwood kraft pulp (BHKP) northern bleached softwood kraft pulp (NBSKP) are types virgin pulp that are imported from countries such as Scandinavian countries , South America .
used to provide strength , purity , superior quality.

Pulp is c. 60 % of cost base of cost of sales



* RISI Pulp and Paper , Fast markets price reports

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Management Outlook

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Mid Term Out look



- Continuous improvement in production efficiency to sustain lower production cost
- Market repositioning where higher market demand exists locally & Internationally
- JUTHOR commercial launch to start in few weeks



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