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RIIR (Reportable Injuries and Illness per 200,000 work hours)





Q1 2024 results

Strong FCF supported by resilient EBITDA, cost and capex discipline





Key Q1 accomplishments

to drive us forward

- Capacity expansion in France, Italy linked to SOLVAir® bicarbonate and in China for photovoltaic grade H₂O₂
- **New** bio-based carbon neutral Augeo® for the Americas
- New sustainable blowing agent Alve-One®
- First cost savings initiatives already bearing fruit
- Inaugural €1.5bn bond placement , strengthening our balance sheet





€1 201m in Q1 2024

VS

€1 355m in Q1 2023

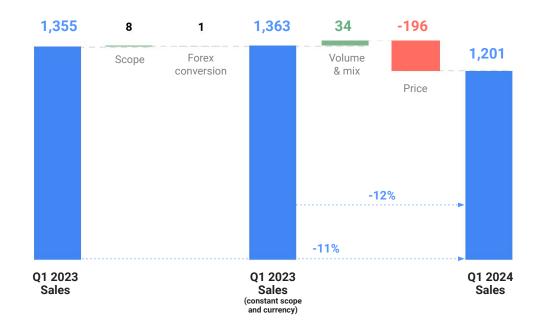
€34m from volumes

positive for the first time in 7 quarters

Negative pricing

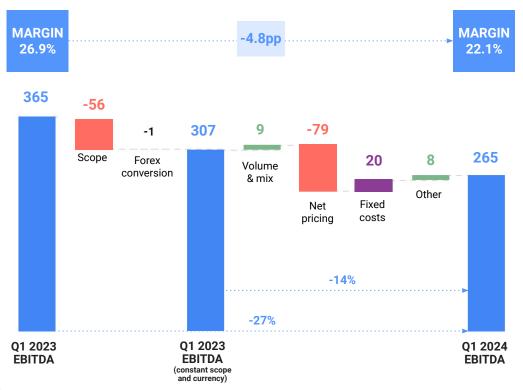
mostly reflecting the lower energy and raw material costs

Q1 Sales bridge





Q1 EBITDA bridge



€265m in Q1 2024

VS

€365m in Q1 2023

Volumes growth for the first time in 7 quarters

Negative net pricing

mostly from soda ash other businesses very resilient

Lower fixed costs

cost discipline in challenging environment structural savings initiatives

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Basic Chemicals results

	Q1 2024 (€m)	% YoY	% YoY organic
Soda Ash & Deriv.	493	-18%	-18%
Peroxides	222	+13%	-6%
Net Sales	715	-10%	-15%
EBITDA	202	-19%	-22%
EBITDA Margin	28.2%		

Q1 Highlights

- Soda Ash & Derivatives: lower sales driven by prices. Flat soda ash volumes with seaborne market volume offsetting lower demand in container glass applications in Europe and North America. Bicarbonate volumes up in food and pharma markets.
- Peroxides: consolidation of the Peroxidos do Brasil sales mechanically increased top line. Though organically, sales decreased from lower pricing (lower energy cost environment), offset by recovery in volumes in most end markets, especially in Europe.



Performance Chemicals results

	Q1 2024 (€m)	% YoY	% YoY organic
Silica	145	-11%	-12%
Coatis	155	-9%	-12%
Special Chem	183	-18%	-1%
Net Sales	484	-13%	-8%
EBITDA	80	-31%	-16%
EBITDA Margin	16.5%		

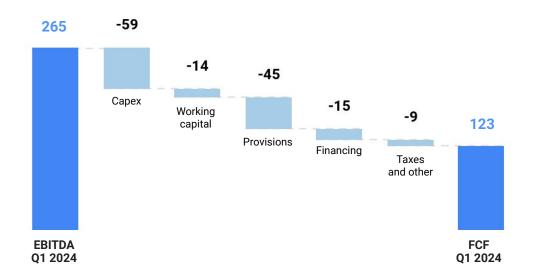
Q1 Highlights

- Silica: Sales down from prices formula indexations. Higher volumes in tire and consumer & industrial goods markets.
- Coatis: Sales down from slightly lower volumes but improving sequentially especially on solvents.
- Special Chem: Sales down from the exit of the thermal insulation activities. Organically, flat sales with higher volumes in automotive and rare earth healthcare markets balanced by lower volumes in rare earth electronics and other fluorine markets.



Strong FCF generation

Supported by resilient EBITDA and disciplined Capex and Working capital



€123m in Q1 2024

VS

€-130m in Q1 2023

Resilient EBITDA
Performance

Capex discipline

Mostly essential Capex

Limited WC outflow

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Strong balance sheet stabilized with inaugural €1.5bn refinancing



Dual tranches bond

4 year €750m7.5 year €750m

3.875% coupon on 4y bond 4.250% coupon on 7.5y bond





Outlook unchanged

Expectations for 2024

01

Underlying EBITDA organic growth ranging between **-10% to -20%** compared to 2023 restated

02

Free Cash Flow¹ greater than **€260 million**



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