## **FUCHS GROUP** Financial Results Q1 2024

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#### HIGHLIGHTS Q1 2024 FUCHS WITH GOOD START INTO 2024



# €877 mn

Sales down 6% yoy

# €107 mn

EBIT up 4% yoy

# €15 mn

FCF bef. acq. lower €37 mn yoy

## Q1 2024

- Lower sales yoy due to price adjustments and currency effects
- EBIT driven by all regions
- Q1 EBIT margin at 12.2% reflecting further margin recovery
- FCF bef. acq. down yoy due to usual NOWC build-up
- Outlook for 2024 confirmed

# Signing of agreement to acquire LUBCON group

- LUBCON: High experience and expertise in the development, manufacture, sale and distribution of greases, oils, and pastes
- FUCHS: strengthening of product portfolio for specialty lubrication solutions, as well as boosting global competitiveness



## FUCHS ACQUIRES LUBCON GROUP

FAMILY-OWNED COMPANY WITH FOCUS ON HIGH-PERFORMANCE LUBRICANTS



- Exceptional market position for specialty products
- Expansion of existing key markets
- Diversification in new segments
- Strengthening of global footprint

### **SALES DEVELOPMENT**





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#### **EBIT DEVELOPMENT**



4%

€ mn



### **FY 2023 GROUP SALES**



#### Q1 2024 KPI SUMMARY

KPI in € mn	Q1 2024	Q1 2023
Sales	877	936
Cost of sales	-581	-647
Gross profit	296	289
Other function costs	-191	-188
EBIT bef. at Equity	105	101
EBIT	107	103
Capex	-16	-20
NOWC	-67	-39
FCF bef. acq.	15	52

#### - Sales down by 6% due to price adjustments and currency effects

- Gross margin at 33.8% slightly above the previous quarter (33.6%) and sig. above the margin of 30.9% in the prior-year period
- Other function costs higher by 2%; lower freight and energy costs vs. increases for staff costs and higher digitalization expenses
- EBIT up 4%; EBIT margin at 12.2% vs. 11.0% in the prior-year period
- Capex lower yoy
- Higher NOWC build-up vs. favoured prior-year period
- FCF bef. acq. lower yoy mainly due to NOWC build-up



#### **EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA**



KPI in € mn	Q1 2024	Q1 2023
Sales	511	552
Organic growth	-40 (-7%)	80 (17%)
External growth	-	-
FX effects	-1 (0%)	-9 (-2%)
EBIT bef. at Equity	52	48
EBIT	54	50

- Sales down 7% from price adjustments in almost all companies
- Negative currency effects from South Africa and Eastern Europe largely offset by positive effects from the UK
- EBIT up by 8%; large majority of companies have improved earnings despite lower sales
- Positive earnings contributions from the UK and Poland in particular

#### **ASIA-PACIFIC**

KPI in € mn	Q1 2024	Q1 2023
Sales	245	252
Organic growth	7 (3%)	21 (9%)
External growth	-	-
FX effects	-14 (-6%)	-6 (-3%)
EBIT bef. at Equity	29	28
EBIT	29	28

- Sales down 3% due to high negative exchange rate effects
- Organic growth of 3% thanks to good business development; business development in China continues to recover; India also with pleasing growth rates
- Currencies significantly weaker due to Chinese renminbi and Australian dollar
- EBIT up 4%; China in recovery, well above prior-year period; Australia and Southeast Asia with slow start into 2024



### **NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA**



KPI in € mn	Q1 2024	Q1 2023
Sales	167	181
Organic growth	-3 (-2%)	35 (25%)
External growth	-	-
FX effects	-11 (-6%)	5 (3%)
EBIT bef. at Equity	21	19
EBIT	21	19

- Sales down 8% due to price adjustments and restrained business development as well as high negative FX effects
- Sales in South America below previous year, mainly due to difficult macroeconomic situation in Argentina
- Strong negative currency effects mainly from Argentina as well as from North America
- EBIT up by 11%; North America benefiting from continued positive development in the area of specialty lubricants; South America on prior level in difficult economic environment



### **NET LIQUIDITY**



## **NET OPERATING WORKING CAPITAL (NOWC)**





\*Liabilities include advance payments received and liabilities from customer discounts

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## DIFFERENT PRICE DEVELOPMENTS FOR RAW MAT. BASKET





#### Market Development Q1 2024

- After slight decreases at the beginning of Q1, Group I/II base
   oil prices started to firm up in 2nd half of Q1
- Group III base oils with mixed picture and slight changes in both directions depending on the region
- Stabilization of prices for additive packages and other raw materials detectable, but still on high level

#### Outlook Q2 & beyond

- Base oils: After crude oil price increases, higher base oil prices increases across all sub-categories expected
- Additive packages & other raw materials: Slight price increases possible

Data as at March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 %-changes vs. Dec. 31st, 2021

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KPI* in € mn	2023	March, 12 <sup>th</sup> 2024	April, 30 <sup>th</sup> : Confirming outlook from March,12 <sup>th</sup>
Sales	3,541	~ 3,600	Slight sales growth by mainly volume-driven and assuming stable prices
EBIT	413	~ 430	Strict cost management vs. inflation- and S/4 Hana rollout costs
FVA	212	~ 240	Higher earnings and lower capital employed
FCF bef. acq.	465	~ 250	Higher earnings and normalization of cash conversion rate towards 0.8x
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\* The impact of the ongoing tense geopolitical situation on the global economy and FUCHS cannot be estimated at this time. In addition, the further development of raw material prices remains a matter of great uncertainty.



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May 8, 2024	Annual General Meeting
July 30, 2024	Half-year 2024 Financial Statement
October 30, 2024	Quarterly Statement 9M 2024

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