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# **SAUDI CEMENT SECTOR**

Monthly Report - October 2023

# Total Cement Sales Up +5% M/M

Total sales for the Saudi cement sector went down -11% Y/Y but is up +5% M/M for the fourth month in a row to 4.4 million tons in October 2023, according to Yamama Cement's monthly bulletin. The M/M increase was on the back of higher construction activity during the month. We expect steady growth in local sales volume in November and December this year mainly due to the higher construction activities driven by lower average prices for most construction materials in Saudi Arabia. Most of the companies in the sector showed a Y/Y decline in their local sales volume as Northern Cement reported the highest decline of -50% to 42K tons while Umm Al Qura recorded the highest growth of +48% Y/Y. On a M/M basis, only Northern, Yamama and Qassim reported lower local sales volumes by -71%, -27% and -11%, respectively, while Saudi Cement recorded the highest growth of +61% M/M to 437K tons

Exports sales for the month fell -5% Y/Y but is up by +15% M/M to 211k.

#### Exhibit 1: Local Sales (000's tons)

5,000
4,000
3,000
2,000
1,000

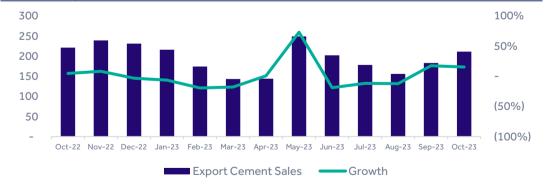
Oct-22 Nov-22 Dec-22 Jan-23 Feb-23 Mar-23 Apr-23 May-23 Jun-23 Jul-23 Aug-23 Sep-23 Oct-23

Local Cement Sales Growth

Local sales fell -11% Y/Y but is up +5% M/M.

Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

#### Exhibit 2: Exports of Saudi Cement Sector (000's tons)



Export sales fell -5% Y/Y but is up +15% M/M.

Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

Table 1: Total Cement Sales (000's tons)

	Oct - 22	Sep - 23	Oct - 23	Growth Y/Y	Growth M/M
Local Sales	4,733	4,009	4,208	(11%)	5%
Export Sales	221	183	211	(5%)	15%
Total Cement Sales	4,954	4,192	4,419	(11%)	5%



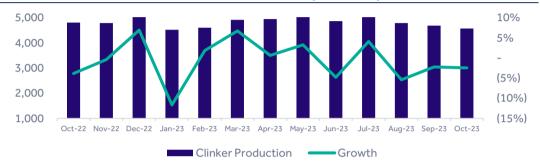
#### **Clinker Production**

The industry's clinker production fell on both yearly and monthly basis by -5% and -2%, respectively, to 4.6 million tons in October 2023. Clinker production for the companies in the sector were mixed Y/Y and M/M. On a Y/Y basis, Yanbu Cement, with a production of 632K tons, recorded the biggest increase by +111% Y/Y while Umm Al Qura Cement with a production of 109K tons recorded the biggest increase on a M/M basis by +118%. Northern Cement with a with a production of 44K tons recorded the biggest decline on both Y/Y and M/M.

Clinker inventories continue the rising trend for the eleventh month in a row and are up +12% on a yearly and slightly up on a monthly basis to 39.7 million tons this month.

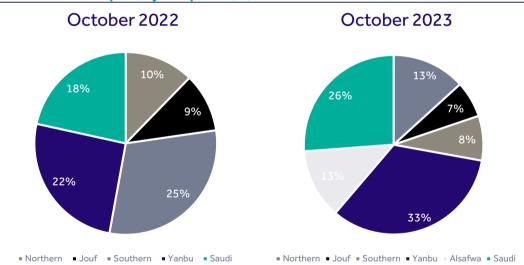
Exhibit 3: Clinker Production of Saudi Cement Sector (000's tons)

 Clinker production fell on both Y/Y and M/M.



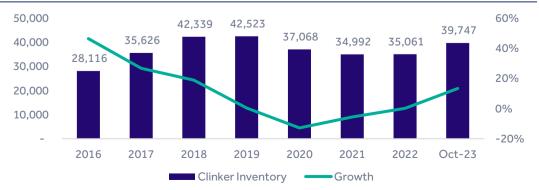
Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

**Exhibit 4: Clinker Exports by Companies (%)** 



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

Exhibit 5: Clinker Inventory Levels (000's tons)



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

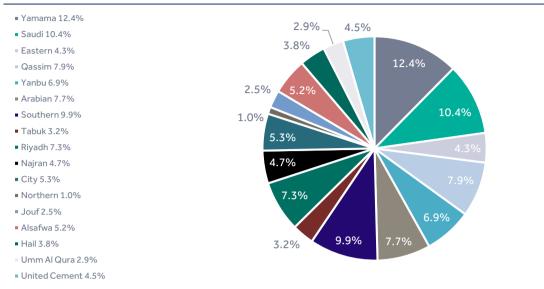
Clinker Inventories rose by +12%.



## Yamama Cement leads market share

Yamama Cement Co. continues to lead the market share at 12.4% in October 2023 followed by Saudi Cement Co. with a market share of 10.4%.

## **Exhibit 6: Market Share for October 2023**



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement



# Stock Rating

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

<sup>\*</sup> The expected percentage returns are indicative, stock recommendations also incorporate relevant qualitative factors For any feedback on our reports, please contact research@riyadcapital.com

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