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SAUDI CEMENT SECTOR

Monthly Report - November 2022

■ Total Sales Volume Up +1% Y/Y

Total sales for the Saudi cement sector went up by $\pm 1\%$ Y/Y but fell by $\pm 4\%$ M/M to $\pm 4\%$ million tons, according to Yamama Cement's monthly bulletin for November 2022. The increase Y/Y was supported by higher export sales compared with the same month last year as well as stable local sales volumes due to higher construction activities. Local sales volumes declined by $\pm 2\%$ Y/Y after six months of growth. Only 9 companies out of 17 in the sector showed an increase in their local sales volumes as United Cement recorded the highest growth of $\pm 110\%$ Y/Y to 225K tons while Umm Al Qura reported a decline in local sales volumes Y/Y by $\pm 46\%$ to $\pm 10\%$ Tons. On M/M basis, only 5 companies out of 17 showed an increase led by Jouf Cement, which reported a $\pm 16\%$ M/M growth to $\pm 10\%$ tons followed by United Cement with $\pm 14\%$ growth M/M. Yanbu Cement, with $\pm 33\%$ tons, recorded the biggest decline M/M by $\pm 13\%$ followed by Yamama Cement, which recorded a $\pm 9\%$ M/M decline.

Exports sales for the month jumped up by +166% on a yearly basis and by +8% on a monthly basis to 239k tons compared to 90K tons in the same month last year.

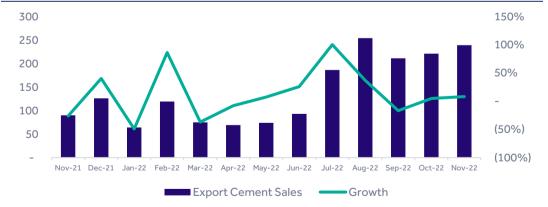
Exhibit 1: Local Sales (000's tons)



Local sales fell on both yearly and monthly basis by -2% and -4% respectively.

Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

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



Export sales rose on both yearly and monthly basis by +166% and +8% respectively.

Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

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

	Nov - 21	Oct - 22	Nov - 22	Growth Y/Y	Growth M/M
Local Sales	4,619	4,733	4,538	(2%)	(4%)
Export Sales	90	221	239	166%	8%
Total Cement Sales	4,709	4,954	4,777	1%	(4%)



Clinker Production

The industry's clinker production fell on yearly basis by -4% and was stable M/M to 4.8 million tons in November 2022. 7 companies out of 17 in the sector showed an increase in their production Y/Y. Northern Cement's clinker production recorded the highest growth Y/Y by +139% to 153K tons while City Cement Co. with production of 95K tons recorded the biggest decline by -62%. Also, 7 companies showed an increase M/M in their clinker production led by Yanbu Cement, which reported the biggest growth of +102% to 607K tons.

Clinker inventories for the month were stable Y/Y but showed a decline by -2% M/M to reach 34.8 million tons this month (lowest level since April 2022) compared with 35.0 million tons in the same month last year.

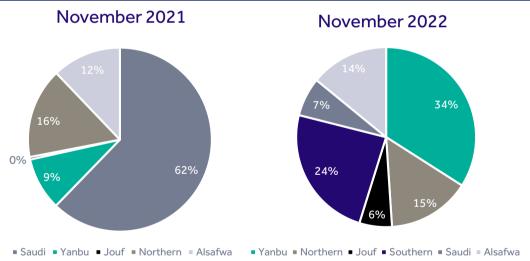
Exhibit 3: Clinker Production of Saudi Cement Sector (000's tons)

5,000 20% 4,000 10% 3,000 (10%) 2 000 1,000 (20%)Nov-21 Dec-21 Jan-22 Jul-22 Aug-22 Sep-22 Oct-22 Nov-22 Clinker Production Growth

Clinker production fell by -4% Y/Y.

Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

Exhibit 4: Clinker Exports by Companies (%)



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

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

50.000 60% 42,339 42,523 37,068 35,626 34.992 34,800 40,000 40% 28,116 30,000 22.781 20% 20,000 0% 10.000 -20% 2015 2016 2018 2017 2019 2020 2021 Nov-22 Clinker Inventory Growth

2% M/M.

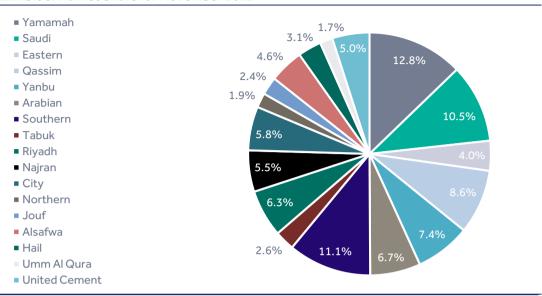
Clinker Inventories fell by -



Yamama Cement leads market share

Yamama Cement Co. continues to lead the market share to stand at 12.8% in November 2022 followed by Southern Cement Co. with a market share of 11.1%.

Exhibit 6: Market Share for November 2022



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%	

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