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## **SAUDI CEMENT SECTOR**

Monthly Report - August 2022

# Total Sales Volumes Up Y/Y and M/M

Total sales for the Saudi cement sector are up by +13% Y/Y and +20% M/M to 4.6 million tons, according to Yamama Cement's monthly bulletin for August 2022 in a sign that KSA's construction activity is recovering. In addition, the constructions of the giga projects is in advanced phases. Only 6 out of 17 companies in the sector showed a decline in their local sales Y/Y, meanwhile Jouf Cement Co. and Eastern Cement Co. showed a decline M/M by -22% and -4% respectively. Yamama Cement reported the highest growth in the sector by +64% Y/Y to 667K tons while United Cement reported the highest growth by +49% M/M to 149K tons. Most of the companies in the sector showed a double-digit increase, except Hail Cement, which posted a single-digit increase.

Exports sales jumped by +113% Y/Y and by +37% M/M to 254K tons compared to 119K tons in August 2021, marking the fourth consecutive month of rises.

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

Local sales up on both Y/Y and M/M basis by +10% and +19% respectively.



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

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

Export sales up on both Y/Y and M/M basis by +113% and by +37% respectively.



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

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

	Aug - 21	Jul - 22	Aug - 22	Growth Y/Y	Growth M/M
Local Sales	3,979	3,672	4,376	10%	19%
Export Sales	119	186	254	113%	37%
Total Cement Sales	4,098	3,858	4,630	13%	20%

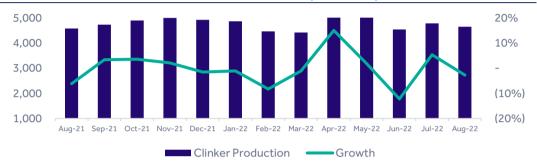


#### **Clinker Production**

The industry's clinker production increased by +2% Y/Y but declined by -3% M/M to reach 4.6 million tons in August 2022. 5 companies out of 17 in the sector showed an increase in their production Y/Y. Yanbu's clinker production recorded the highest growth Y/Y by +153% to 607K tons while Riyadh Cement Co. with a production of 70K tons recorded the biggest decline by -86%. Most of the companies in the sector showed a decline in their clinker production on a M/M basis.

Clinker inventories for the month are up on a yearly basis by +5% but fell on a monthly basis by -1%, reaching 35.8 million tons this month, compared with 34.0 million tons in the same month last year.

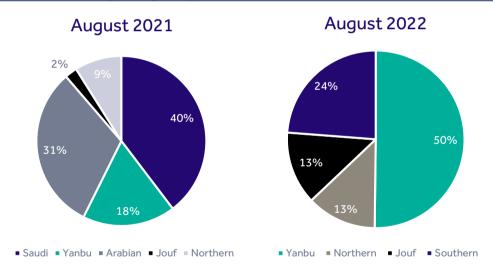
Exhibit 3: Clinker Production of Saudi Cement Sector (000's tons)



Clinker production up by +2% Y/Y but fell by -3% 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)

50,000 60% 42,339 42,523 37.068 35,789 35,626 34.992 40,000 40% 28,116 30,000 22,781 20% 20,000 0% 10,000 -20% 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 Aug-22 Clinker Inventory Growth

Clinker Inventories up by +5% Y/Y but fell by -1% M/M.

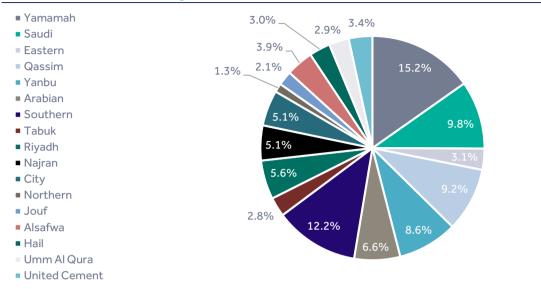
Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement



#### Yamama Cement leads market share

Yamama Cement Co. continues to lead the market share to stand at 15.2% in August 2022 followed by Southern Cement Co. with a market share of 12.2%.

### **Exhibit 6: Market Share for August 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%		

<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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