Market Data	
52-week high/low	SAR 9.31 / 5.44
Market Cap	SAR 8,655 mln
Shares Outstanding	1,500 mln
Free-float	65.00%
12-month ADTV	2,944,620
Bloomberg Code	KAYAN AB



Negative Gross Margins Persist

May 04, 2025

Upside to Target Price	12.7%	Rating	Neutral
Expected Dividend Yield	-	Last Price	SAR 5.77
Expected Total Return	12.7%	12-mth target	SAR 6.50

SAUDI KAYAN	1Q2025	1Q2024	Y/Y	4Q2024	Q/Q	RC Estimate
Sales	2,062	1,976	4%	2,245	(8%)	2,040
Gross Profit	(389)	(275)	(41%)	(390)	0%	(410)
Gross Margins	(19%)	(14%)		(17%)		(20%)
Operating Profit	(649)	(442)	(47%)	(523)	(24%)	(573)
Net Profit	(776)	(572)	(36%)	(686)	(13%)	(742)

(All figures are in SAR mln)

- Saudi Kayan posted a decline in sales of -8% Q/Q and a +4% Y/Y increase, coming in at SAR 2.1 bln, in-line with our estimates. According to management, Kayan's average sales prices and volumes both decreased Q/Q, with volumes decreasing -1% and average prices declining -7%, since 4Q24. Y/Y changes were mixed, with volumes decreasing slightly (-1%), while sales prices traded up +6% Y/Y. However, the Y/Y increase in prices was not high enough to offset the increase in feedstock costs this quarter, which was announced by Aramco in January.
- Gross margins came in at (19%), lower than (17%) in the previous quarter, and a notable decrease from (14%) in 1Q24. We believe our estimates for gross losses were sober, noting that Q/Q changes in feedstock costs, such as Butane 2% and Ethane +20%, would have a net-negative effect on gross margins.
- Net losses were SAR (776) mln in 1Q25, compared to losses of SAR (686) mln in 4Q24, and SAR (572) mln in 1Q24. The Company finished 2024 with the restoration of Bisphenol A and Polycarbonate production, however, the financial effect of this has included some insurance payouts which reduced previous losses. One of these insurance collections occurred in 1Q24, totaling SAR 47 mln, while in 4Q24, Kayan received SAR 75 mln. To avoid misinterpretation, we focus on free cash flow generation, which reduced significantly Q/Q and Y/Y; we trim our target price and maintain our rating.



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Stock Rating

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

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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