Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC)

3Q2024 First Look

Upside to Target Price Expected Dividend Yield Expected Total Return	d Dividend Yield 4.7%			Rating Last Price 12-mth target		Neutral SAR 72.50 SAR 80.00
SABIC	3Q2024	3Q2023	Y/Y	2Q2024	Q/Q	RC Estimate
Sales	36.88	35.98	3%	35.72	3%	33.89
Gross Profit	7.00	6.40	10%	7.19	(3%)	6.82
Gross Margins	19%	18%		20%		20%
Operating Profit	2.48	1.68	48%	2.10	18%	2.52
Net Profit	1.00	(2.88)	_	2.18	(54%)	1.70

- SABIC reported a topline of SAR 36.88 bln (+3% Y/Y and Q/Q), higher than our SAR 33.89 bln estimate. Management commented on profitability during the quarter, stating the gross profit decrease of -3% Q/Q was driven by lower selling prices and higher feedstock costs. Major KPIs which supported results, such as sales volumes, increased +4% Q/Q; whilst average sales prices for 3Q24 decreased -1% Q/Q. SABIC's Petrochemicals segment (92% of revenues and 82% of EBITDA) revenue increased +2% Q/Q, driven by further growth in sales, specifically Polypropylene and Polyethylene. While Agri-Nutrients performed strong last quarter in comparison to 1Q24, in 3Q24, revenue further increased by +17% Q/Q, on the back of a +17% Q/Q increase in prices. It is worth noting that management stated this was driven via supply tightness of Urea, which we have also observed as a key market factor, specifically influenced by the Chinese Urea export restrictions during the quarter.
- SABIC's operating profit came in at SAR 2.48 bln, a significant improvement Y/Y again, while also growing by +18% Q/Q. With some non-recurring items having been excluded this quarter (from 2Q24), our estimates for operating income were in-line. It also worth noting, that operating margins did improve both Y/Y and Q/Q, by +205 bps and +85 bps, respectively. These are most likely attributed to management's dedication to cost controls, efficiency improvement initiatives, as well as optimizing their current asset portfolio.
- SABIC reported net profits of SAR 1.00 bln, down-54% Q/Q but reversed a loss from last year, owed to one-time items, zakat expenses, and derivative charges, which caused our estimates to deviate. Management stated in their 3Q24 conference call there were some positive economic indicators during 3Q24, such as global GDP growth of 2.7% and although delayed, they also noted that the easing of interest rates by major central banks could have positive effects. We maintain our target price and Neutral rating.



Market Data			
52-week high/low	SAR 89.0 / 72.0		
Market Cap	SAR 217,500 mln		
Shares Outstanding	3,000 mln		
Free-float	30.00%		
12-month ADTV	1,666,934		
Bloomberg Code	SABIC AB		



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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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