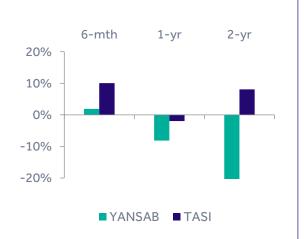
# Yanbu National Petrochemical Co. (YANSAB)

# 2Q2023 First Look

# Market Data52-week high/lowSAR 53.60/ 38.85Market CapSAR 25,144 mlnShares Outstanding562.5 mlnFree-float49.00%12-month ADTV728,777Bloomberg CodeYANSAB AB



# Modest Profit After Challenging Quarters

**July 24, 2023** 

Upside to Target Price	(10.5%)	Rating	Neutral
Expected Dividend Yield	4.5%	Last Price	SAR 44.70
Expected Total Return	(6.0%)	12-mth target	SAR 40.00

Yansab	2Q2023	2Q2022	Y/Y	1Q2023	Q/Q	RC Estimate
Sales	1,323	2,069	(36%)	667	98%	1,372
Gross Profit	92	407	(77%)	(240)	-	212
Gross Margins	7%	22%		-	-	15%
Operating Profit	13	322	(96%)	(367)	-	90
Net Profit	27	289	(91%)	(370)	-	79

### (All figures are in SAR mln)

- Yansab top-line improved by +98% Q/Q but declined -36% Y/Y to SAR 1.3 bln, matching with our forecast. The increase came on the back of restarting factories which led to higher sales volume (up +124% Q/Q, down -8% Y/Y) although average selling prices declined on both Q/Q and Y/Y by -11% and -30%, respectively.
- Gross margin was in excess of 7% for the quarter versus negative margins for the past 3 quarters and 22% in 2Q2022. This
  was mainly attributed to much lower average feedstock prices as compared to product prices, particularly as Propane
  returned to lower levels.
- Operating profit declined by -96% Y/Y to reach SAR 13 mln compared to SAR (367) mln in the preceding quarter. We believe this was mainly due to lower operating efficiency and gross margins. Moving forward, we believe a decline in operating expenses tied with lower shipping cost will be a key positive.
- Net profit was reported at SAR 27 million for the quarter, after 3 quarter of losses and compared to SAR (370) mln in the preceding quarter. This was much lower than market consensus estimate of SAR 78 mln. Lower gross margin followed higher than expected operating expenses, resulting in the deviation versus our estimates. Net margins were thin compared to the same period last year, reported at 2% for the quarter as compared to 14% in 2Q2022.
- While 2Q has been below expectations, we believe 3Q would be better on the back of lower feedstock prices. We maintain our target price of SAR 40.00 and a Neutral 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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