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# SAUDI CEMENT SECTOR

Monthly Report - August 2023

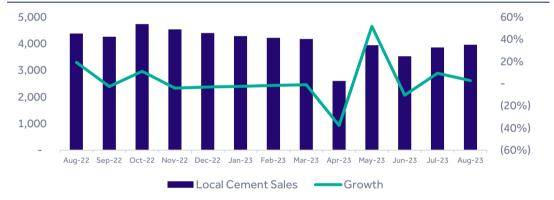
## Total Cement Sales Up +2% M/M

Total sales for the Saudi cement sector went down -11% Y/Y but is up +2% M/M to 4.1 million tons in August 2023, according to Yamama Cement's monthly bulletin. Local sales volume fell -10% Y/Y but went up +3% M/M for August. However, only four companies in the sector showed an increase Y/Y as Eastern Cement recorded the highest growth Y/Y of +38% to 185K tons followed by Riyadh Cement, which grew +15% Y/Y to 282K. On the other hand, Umm Al Qura Cement fell -44% Y/Y to 71K tons. On M/M basis, only 7 out of 17 companies in the sector showed a M/M increase in their local sales volume, led by Arabian Cement (up +30% M/M to 284K tons) followed by Qassim Cement, which is up +16% to 347K tons while Jouf Cement's sales of 97K tons recorded the biggest decline of -16% M/M.

Exports sales for the month fell to 156k tons versus 254K tons in August 2022 and 178K tons in the previous month.

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

Local sales fell -10% Y/Y but is up +3% M/M.



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

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



Source: Riyad Capital, Yamama Cement

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

	Aug - 22	Jul - 23	Aug - 23	Growth Y/Y	Growth M/M
Local Sales	4,376	3,855	3,957	(10%)	3%
Export Sales	254	178	156	(39%)	(12%)
Total Cement Sales	4,630	4,033	4,113	(11%)	2%

 Export sales fell on both yearly and monthly basis by -39% and -12%,

respectively.



#### **Clinker Production**

The industry's clinker production is up +3% Y/Y but went down -5% M/M to 4.8 million tons in August 2023. Clinker production for the companies in the sector were mixed Y/Y and M/M. For the fourth month in a row, Riyadh Cement, with a production of 147K tons, recorded the biggest increase by +110% Y/Y while Umm Al Qura Cement, with a production of 53K tons, recorded the highest growth M/M by +279%.

Clinker inventories continue the rising trend for the ninth month in a row and are up +10% on a yearly and +1% on a monthly basis to 39.5 million tons this month (highest level since September 2020).

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

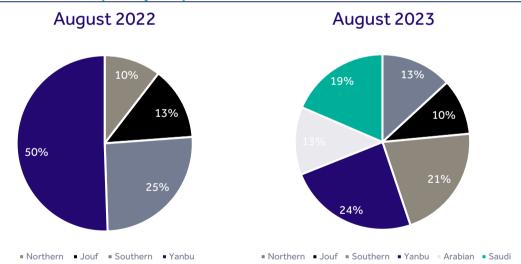
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Aug-22 Sep-22 Oct-22 Nov-22 Dec-22 Jan-23 Feb-23 Mar-23 Apr-23 May-23 Jun-23 Jul-23 Aug-23

Clinker Production
Growth

Clinker production rose by +3% Y/Y but fell -5% 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% 42,523 42,339 39.536 37,068 35,626 34.992 35.061 40,000 40% 28,116 30,000 20% 20,000 0% 10.000 -20% 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 Aug-23 Growth Clinker Inventory

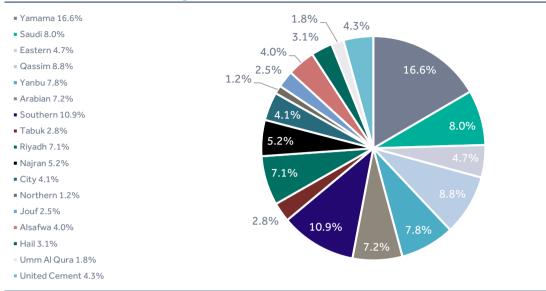
Clinker Inventories rose by +10% Y/Y and +1% M/M.



### Yamama Cement leads market share

Yamama Cement Co. continues to lead the market share at 16.6% in August 2023 followed by Southern Cement Co. with a market share of 10.9%.

### **Exhibit 6: Market Share for August 2023**



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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