Market Data	
52-week high/low	SAR 144.0/72.0
Market Cap	SAR 14,660 mln
Shares Outstanding	200 mln
Free-float	47.5%
12-month ADTV	373,631
Bloomberg Code	MOUWASAT AB



## Cost Led Profitability Pressure Continues

March 10, 2025

Upside to Target Price	29.6%	Rating	Buy
Expected Dividend Yield	2.7%	Last Price	SAR 73.30
Expected Total Return	32.3%	12-mth target	SAR 95.00

MOUWASAT	4Q2024	4Q2023	Y/Y	3Q2024	Q/Q	RC Estimate
Sales	756	773	(2%)	711	6%	858
Gross Profit	318	393	(19%)	317	(0.1%)	412
Gross Margins	42%	51%		45%		48%
Operating Profit	185	204	(9%)	168	10%	256
Net Profit	172	184	(7%)	150	15%	231

(All figures are in SAR mln)

- Mouwasat reported below expectations results for the fourth quarter. Revenues were down -2% Y/Y to SAR 756 mln, although they did rise +6% Q/Q. Full year 2024 revenues inclined by +6% to SAR 2.88 bln on the back of both higher inpatient occupancy as well as rising outpatient numbers. Management has stated that there were improvements in contractual terms as well as better specialized resources in the hospitals.
- Gross margins have contracted again this quarter to 42% from 45% in 3Q2024 and 51% in 4Q2023. Margins have been lower Y/Y for each of the quarters in 2024 likely due to rising costs as the new Madinah facility has come online. Gross profit decreased by -19% Y/Y but was almost flat on a quarterly basis. Operating expenses were in check resulting in a yearly decline in operating profit by -9% to SAR 185 mln while operating profit improved Q/Q.
- Net income declined by -7% Y/Y to SAR 172 mln, but improved by +15% Q/Q. Bottomline was below our SAR 231 mln forecast and SAR 209 mln market consensus as higher expenses resulted in contracting margins.
- Higher costs have been driven by increase in operations at the Madinah facility as ramp-up usually takes time. We have observed challenges of rising costs and lower margins in peers as well this quarter. We reduce our target price to SAR 95.00 from SAR 105.00. The stock has declined by -18% in the last 30 days and -28% in 180 days; it now offers a good entry point for long-term investors despite some volume and cost challenges. Thus, we upgrade to a Buy.

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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

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