

# **PRESENTATION VOSSLOH** METZLER SMALL CAP DAYS CONFERENCE

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# **GLOBAL MEGATRENDS BOOST THE RAILROADS**



### **Urbanization**

Today, about 55 percent of people live in cities. By 2050, this share is expected to rise to 68 percent, which will lead to an increase in local transport volumes.



### **Globalization**

International trade flows will continue to increase despite current developments. This requires efficient transport systems.

### Population growth

The global population will grow to more than 11 billion by the end of the century. This will lead to a higher demand for transportation of people and goods.



### **Sustainability**

Rail is the mass transport mode with the best  $CO_2$  footprint and thus a key driver of green mobility.

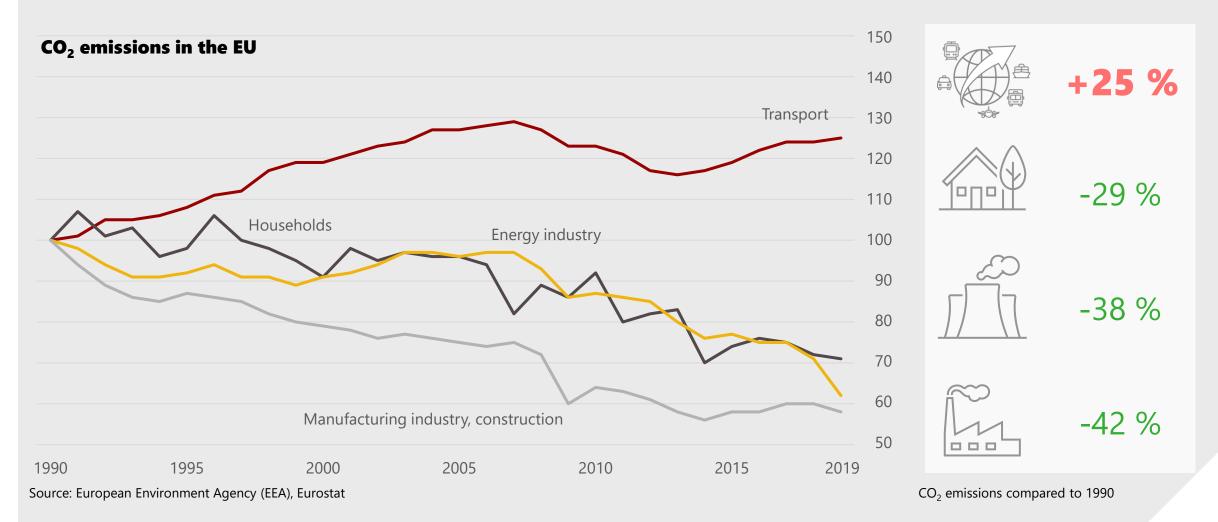
## Digitalization

Digitalization including IoT, AI, Big Data & Data Analytics is a process of change for society, but will also lead to significant changes in the rail industry. Sustained higher traffic volumes can best be served <u>sustainably</u> by the environmentally friendly mode of rail transport!



# DECARBONIZATION IS THE KEY TO LIMITING GLOBAL WARMING

TRANSPORT WITH HIGHER CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS THAN IN 1990

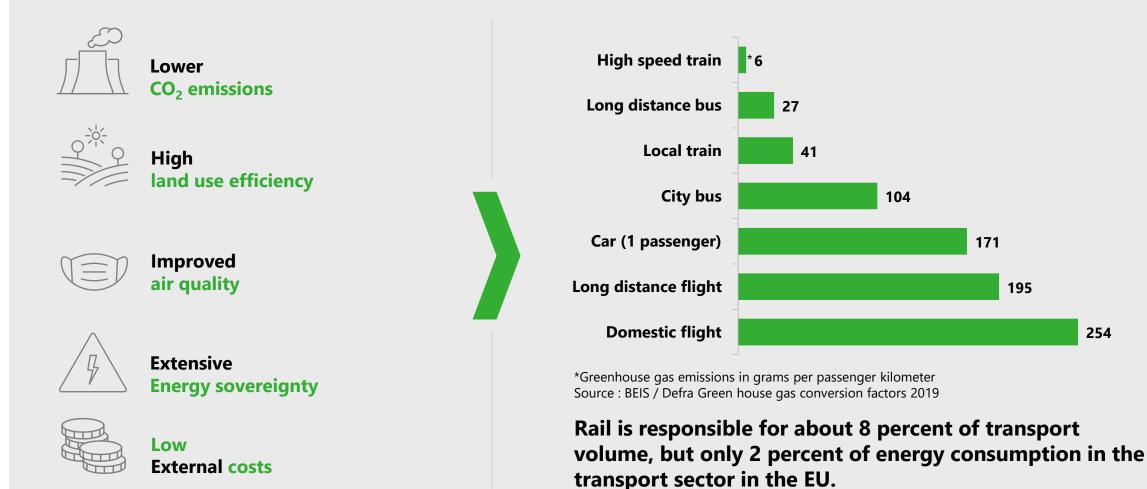


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# RAIL IS THE KEY TO SOLVING SOME OF THE MOST PRESSING CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME...

RAIL AS THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MODE OF TRANSPORT

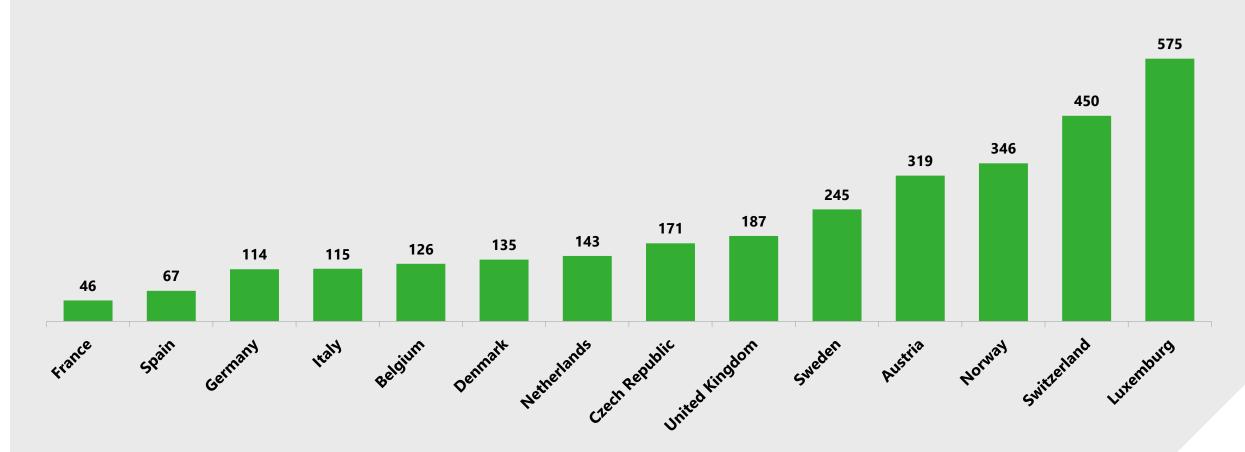


Source: Fostering the railway sector through the European Green Deal, Study 2020



# ...BUT OVERALL, THERE IS STILL TOO LITTLE INVESTMENT IN RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE IN MANY COUNTRIES

NUMEROUS COUNTRIES HAVE RUN ON WEAR AND TEAR WITH THE RAILROADS



\*Source: Allianz pro Schiene, Per capita investments of governments on rail infrastructure in selected European countries in 2022.

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# **RAIL INVESTMENT PROGRAMS WORLDWIDE**

MANY COUNTRIES HAVE RECOGNIZED THIS AND ARE COUNTERACTING



### USA

# €1 trillion

"Biden Infrastructure Plan"

- ✓ €60 billion for the Modernization of longdistance passenger transport
- ✓ €82 billion for public transit traffic

# Germany

# ~€86 billion

"Starke Schiene" & "Leistungsund Finanzierungsvereinbarung" III

**~€4 billion** "Digital rail" including interlocking technology/ETCS

### ~€30 billion

additional for maintenance and expansion of the rail network in the coming years

> Egypt ~€46 billion "Egypt Vision 2030"

Italy

195

**€25 billion** EU Recovery and Resilience Facility

**€1.5 billion** "Complementary Fund"

> C\* Turkey

+6,000 km Expansion of the entire rail network

+4,300 km Expansion of high-speed lines



China

+50.000 km Expansion of the entire rail network

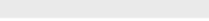
+30,400 km Expansion of high-speed lines



Australia €66 billion Infrastructure Investment Plan

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€8 billion Inland Rail Project



# **GLOBAL TRENDS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS**

GLOBAL GROWTH OF RAIL AS A MODE OF TRANSPORT REQUIRES INNOVATIVE AND HIGHLY RELIABLE SYSTEM SUPPLIERS

## Railroad undergoing global upheaval

- Megatrends lead to a rail renaissance
- Political will and capital expenditure after decades of neglecting the rail track
- **/** Focus on sustainability in society and on the customer side
- / Focus on life cycle instead of prices
- / Track availability as a key success criterion
- / Outsourcing of larger service packages increasing
- / Demand for new technologies and digital solutions

### An increasingly demanding role for suppliers

- Innovations and application capability
- System expertise as a prerequisite for holistic solutions to higher track availability
- Taking on greater responsibility and work packages
- Heavy-duty and maintenance-free products
- Intelligent, condition-based & predictive maintenance using digital capabilities
- Closer cooperation and reduction of interfaces
- Unconditional customer and service orientation

### As a specialist for the rail track, Vossloh offers sustainable solutions - from a single source



# UNIQUE FOCUS ON THE RAIL TRACK WORLDWIDE

VOSSLOH CONNECTING THE REAL AND THE DIGITAL WORLD IN RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE



# We are manufacturer



Comprehensive hardware portfolio covering all applications



Technology leadership, engineering expertise and global customer presence



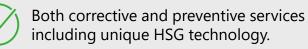
Systemic understanding of the rail track



# We are maintainers



Broad portfolio of track supply (welding and logistics) and maintenance services





# We are digital



Smart offerings for condition-based and perspectively predictive maintenance

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Tailored maintenance solutions combined with digital expertise in all aspects of the rail track system



# **THE VOSSLOH GROUP 2023**



**€1.214 billion** Sales revenues



€98.5 million EBIT



**40+** production sites in roughly 30 countries 26

around **4,000** Employees around the globe

\*as of end of March 2024

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**100+** Countries with Vossloh products and services



around **€803 million** Market capitalization\*



Technologically leading group in the rail infrastructure sector with headquarters in Werdohl. We offer our customers around the globe integrated solutions for the rail track.

# **Market position**

Vossloh is a world leader in rail fastener and switch systems, a leading manufacturer of concrete ties in North America and Australia, and the world's sole supplier of the innovative High Speed Grinding process.

# **Shareholder structure**



Nadia Thiele; Robin Brühmüller

Free float



# THE CORPORATE STRUCTURE

FOCUS ON THE RAIL TRACK



# **Core Components**

Industrially manufactured series products, in high quantities for railroad infrastructure projects

Vossloh Fastening Systems (rail fastening systems)

Vossloh Tie Technologies (concrete ties)

\*Average number of employees in 2023





# **Customized Modules**

Project-specific adapted modular solutions

## **Business units:**

Vossloh Switch Systems (switch systems, signaling products and systems)

# 163.5

Sales in € million, 2023



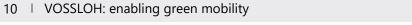
# **Lifecycle Solutions**

Specialized services for the life cycle of rails and switches

### **Business units:**

### **Vossloh Rail Services**

(maintenance, machining, preventive and corrective care, and welding services/rail logistics).





# **CORE COMPONENTS DIVISION**

# VOSSLOH FASTENING SYSTEMS







€349.4 million Sales revenues in 2023, of which over 90 percent outside Germany



**€69.8 million** EBIT 2023 of the Core Components division

260,000+ km track equipped with fastening systems of Vossloh

- State-of-the-art production for rail fastening systems at Werdohl location
- Over 50 million tension clamps per year at the main production sites in Germany, China, Poland and the USA
- Significant increase in vertical integration (plastics, screws)

- 85+ countries with Vossloh system, 70 percent of lines in Europe equipped with Vossloh system
- Highly elastic, maintenance-free, for ballasted and slab tracks
- / Products protected with more than 70 patents



# **CORE COMPONENTS DIVISION**

VOSSLOH TIE TECHNOLOGIES





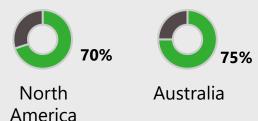
Market leader in Australia and North America **€224.1 million** Sales revenues in 2023 €69.8 million

EBIT 2023 of the Core Components division



**40+ million** Produced concrete ties

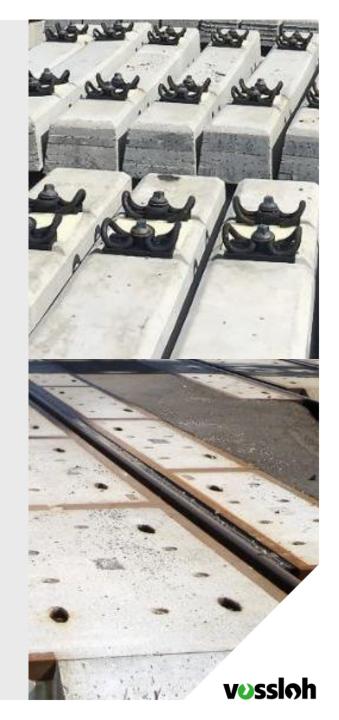
## **Market share**



10 plants in North America and Australia

for concrete ties (track and switches) and

- Rocla Concrete Tie, Inc. has formed the Tie Technologies business unit since 2017; 2018 acquisition of Austrak Pty Ltd.
- / High synergy with rail fastening systems in sales & development



level crossing systems

# CUSTOMIZED MODULES DIVISION



World leading manufacturer around the system switches

**€537.4 million** Sales revenues in 2022

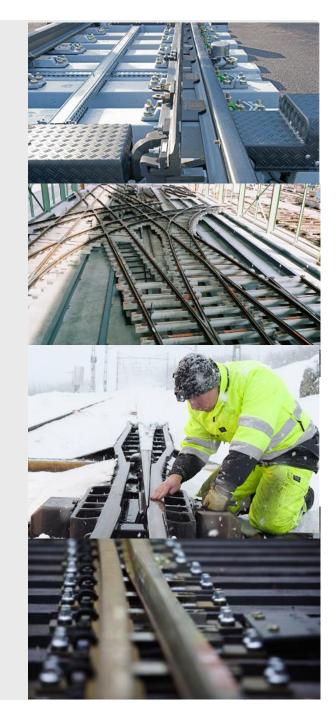


**€42.7 million** EBIT 2022



- / Vossloh has been producing switches for > 100 years and is among the market & technology leaders
- Single product for the site of use for maximum safety, durability and comfort
- Product portfolio includes, among others, signaling technology, point machines, closure devices, and track monitoring systems

- Production of complete turnouts and components at +20 locations in +15 countries
- Supply of switches for all applications (incl. highspeed and heavy-haul) in 80+ countries
- Vossloh holds the speed record of 560 km/h on a switch

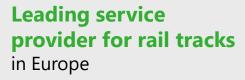


# LIFECYCLE SOLUTIONS DIVISION

VOSSLOH RAIL SERVICES







€163.5 million Sales revenues in 2023



**€11.6 million** EBIT 2023



- Stationary welding plants for long rail preparation & logistics (complete lifecycle)
- Broad portfolio of products and services for preventive and corrective rail and switch maintenance (including high-speed grinding)
- / Own machine park (largest milling fleet), own machine production

- Services currently offered in 20 countries on 3 continents
- / VRS operates largest rail transport fleet in Europe with 500+ special wagons
- / Provider of intelligent, condition-based maintenance
- / Greatest growth potential within the Vossloh Group



# **VOSSLOH IS TRUSTED BY CUSTOMERS WORLDWIDE**

WE ARE PARTNERS OF ALL MAJOR NETWORK OPERATORS ON FIVE CONTINENTS



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# **OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS**



- / Expansion of the product portfolio
- / Differentiation through **targeted** innovations

maintenance business



# **Optimize processes and** structures, institutionalize sustainability

- / Commercial excellence & increase sales efficiency
- / Building and expanding **digital** capabilities
- / Group-wide efficiency program
- / Sustainability Strategy
- / Expand leadership competence



# WE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

LONG-TERM SUCCESS REQUIRES BALANCING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTERESTS



# Sustainability as a corporate value

**/ enabling green mobility** as a leitmotif

Central component of the Group strategy

Positive contribution and sustainable business model as a goal

# Positive view of stakeholders

Increasing importance of ESG criteria in customer tenders

**/ Employees** demand purpose & positive contribution

**/ Top ratings from renowned ESG agencies** ISS ESG (Prime, Top 10 %), MSCI ESG (AA) (Top 30 %), Ecovadis (Silver, Top 7 %)



# **Group-wide sustainability strategy**

**/** Sustainability Commitment of the Executive Board

- / Focus topics defined and group-wide sustainability targets adopted
- / Global sustainability organization



# Sustainability in facts & figures

- **/ CO**<sub>2</sub> **intensity reduced by 18.7 percent** (compared to 2022), and around **46 percent lower** than in 2017
- / 100 percent of sales revenues taxonomy-eligible and
   63 percent of sales revenues taxonomy-aligned,
   leading in Germany
- / Member of the UN Global Compact



# ► HIGHLIGHTS 2023

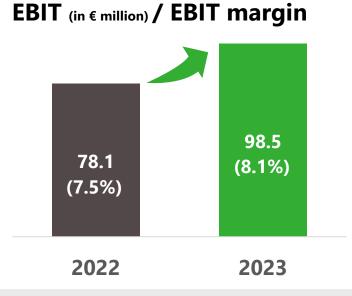
# **VOSSLOH GROUP: HIGHLIGHTS 2023**

VOSSLOH AGAIN ACHIEVES STRONG SALES REVENUES AND EARNINGS GROWTH, FREE CASH FLOW SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED

# Sales revenues (in € million) 1,046.1 1,046.1 2022 2023

- **/ Sales revenues rise by 16.1%** to new all-time high in rail infrastructure
- / All divisions with significant sales growth
- / Well above the original guidance range

(€1.05 billion to €1.15 billion) and at the upper end of the most recently raised corridor (€1.175 billion to €1.225 billion)



/ EBIT increases significantly by 26.2%

## / Well above the original guidance range

(€79 million to €88 million) and at the upper end of the most recently raised corridor (€94 million to €100 million)

/ Return on capital employed (ROCE) in the double-digit range at 10.5%

# Free cash flow (in € million)



### / Free cash flow increases significantly by €43.0 million

- **/ Higher earnings** key driver for sustainably higher free cash flows
- In addition, first successes of the group-wide Cash4Growth initiative, which aims to achieve a sustainable reduction in working capital

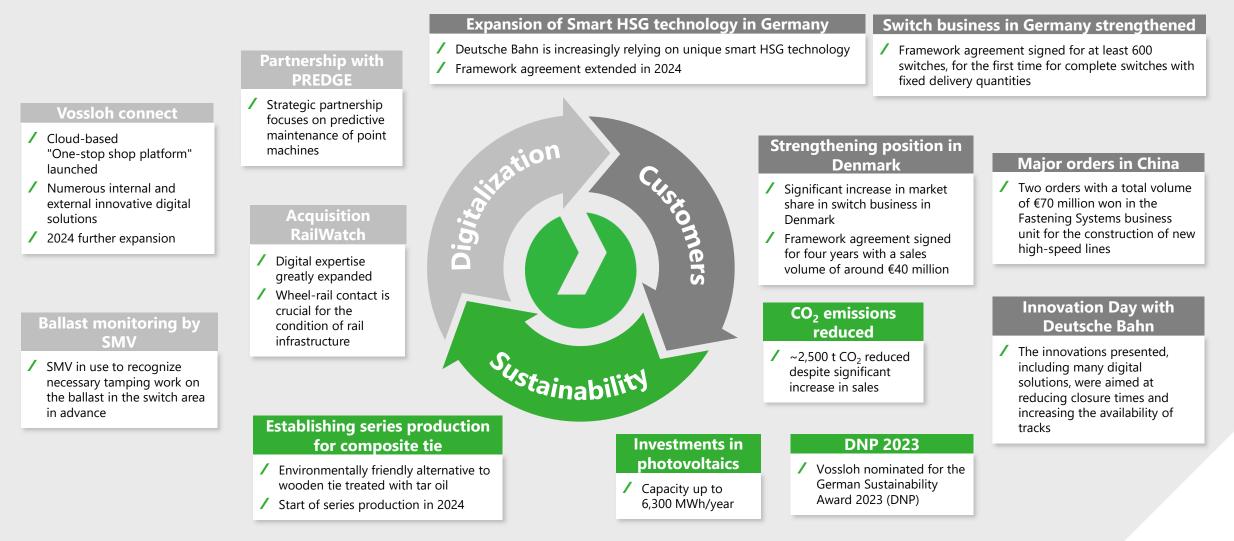
## / Dividend proposal increased to €1.05

**per share** (prior year: €1.00) due to positive business performance



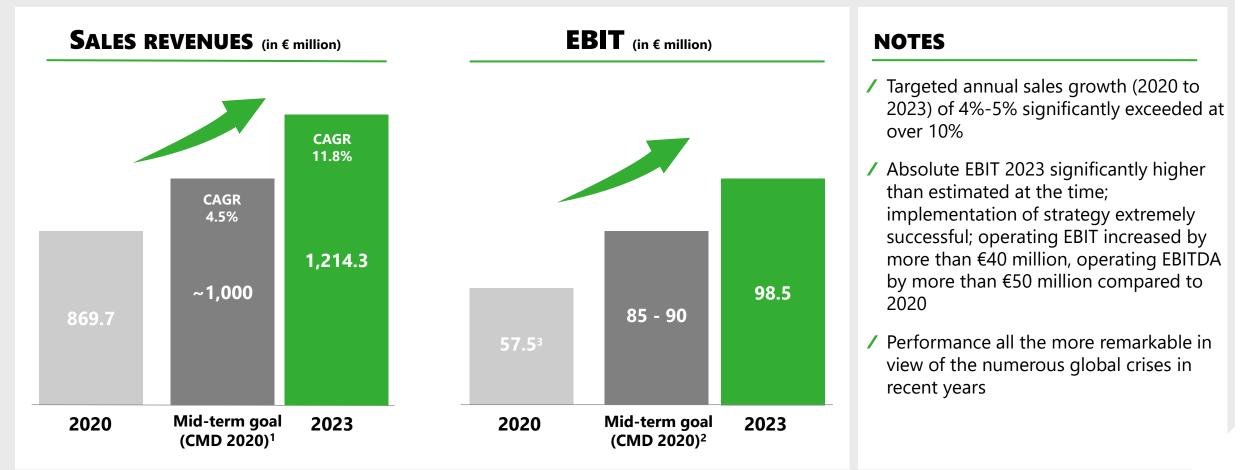
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VOSSLOH EXPANDS ITS PIONEERING ROLE AS A PROVIDER OF INNOVATIVE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS



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STRATEGY REVIEW: MID-TERM TARGETS FOR SALES REVENUES AND ABSOLUTE EBIT CLEARLY EXCEEDED DESPITE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS



<sup>1</sup> The CAGR of 4.5% corresponds to the mean value of the communicated mid-term sales growth target of 4% to 5% p.a. by the end of 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Absolute EBIT is based on the mid-term margin target communicated at the end of 2020.

<sup>3</sup> Reported EBIT 2020 adjusted for the effect of the transitional consolidation of a company in the Fastening Systems business unit.

### 21 | Financial year 2023

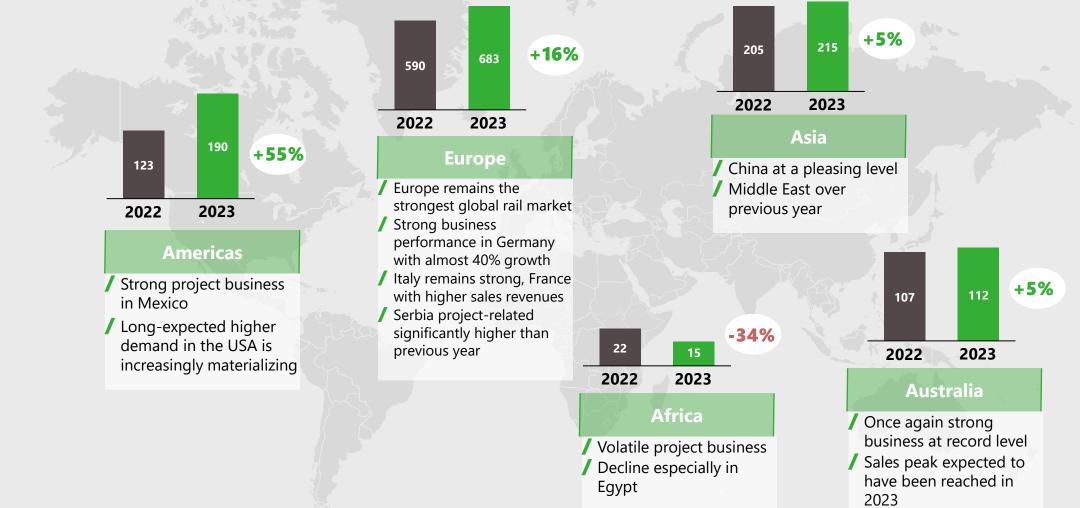
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# SALES DEVELOPMENT BY REGION SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE 2023

# **VOSSLOH GROUP: SALES GROWTH PRIMARILY IN EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS**

CONTINUED STRONG MARKET ENVIRONMENT DUE TO THE FUNDING OF RAIL AS THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MODE OF TRANSPORT





VOSSLOH CONTINUES STRONG SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE IN 2023

# **Energy intensity** (MWh/€ million)



- Energy intensity reduced by 9.0% compared to 2022
- Greatest savings in gas and electricity consumption, primarily through efficiency improvements

**CO**<sub>2e</sub> intensity (t CO<sub>2e</sub> /€ million)



- CO<sub>2e</sub> intensity (Scope 1 and 2) reduced by 18.7% compared to 2022, already around 46% lower than in 2017
- CO<sub>2e</sub> emissions reduced by around 2,500 tons in absolute terms (corresponds to approx. 5.6%) despite 16.1% increase in sales
- / Decline due to efficiency improvements and a steadily increasing share of green electricity

# Accident frequency (LTAFR)



- Lost Time Accidents Frequency Rate (key figure for the frequency of accidents) increased by 9.6%
- After significant improvement in the previous year, still second-best result in the last five years
- / Occupational safety as a focus topic with intensified measures



EU TAXONOMY AND EXTERNAL RATINGS UNDERLINE SUSTAINABLE COMMITMENT

EU taxonomy	<b>100%</b> taxonomy-eligible sales revenues	<b>63%</b> taxonomy- aligned sales revenues	Leading in Germany
ESG rating	Scale	Score	
ISS ESG >>	A+ to D-	B-	Top 10% in its industry
		(Prime Status)	
MSCI 💮	AAA to CCC	AA 93rd	Top 30% in its industry
ecovadis	0 to 100	percentile	Top 7% of all rated companies





# ► FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT 2023

SIGNIFICANT RISE IN SALES REVENUES AND EBIT, CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED FREE CASH FLOW

KEY GROUP INDICA	TORS	20	)22	20	023	
Sales revenues	€ mill.	1,	1,046.1		1,214.3	
EBITDA / EBITDA margin	€ mill. / %	131.2 /	12.5	158.0 /	13.0	
EBIT / EBIT margin	€ mill. / %	78.1 /	7.5	98.5 /	8.1	
Net income	€ mill.		56.0		55.3	
Earnings per share	€		2.38		2.21	
Free cash flow	€ mill.		27.9		70.9	
Capital expenditure	€ mill.		58.2		74.5	
Value added	€ mill.		11.5		18.9	
ROCE	%		8.2		10.5	

### NOTES

**Sales revenues** up by 16.1%; all divisions achieve strong sales growth, Lifecycle Solutions with strongest percentage growth

**EBIT** 26.2% higher year on year; Core Components in particular significantly up on the previous year, Customized Modules also with noticeably higher EBIT

**Net income** at previous year's level due to higher tax rate (exceptionally low in 2022 due to capitalization of deferred taxes) and higher interest expenses

**Earnings per share** slightly below prior year, dividend proposal of €1.05 per share corresponds to a payout ratio of 47.5%

Significant improvement in **free cash flow**, primarily due to higher operating profitability and first effects from the group-wide Cash4Growth initiative

**Capital expenditure** significantly above previous year's level; all divisions with noticeably higher capital expenditure, e.g. production site for composite ties and new turnout plant in Australia

Value added noticeably above previous year despite higher cost of capital



POSITIVE EFFECTS FROM WORKING CAPITAL PROGRAM, NET FINANCIAL DEBT NOTICEABLY REDUCED

KEY GROUP INDICATORS		2022 <b>12/31/2022</b>	2023 <b>12/31/2023</b>	
Equity	€ mill.	- 625.1	638.5	
Equity ratio	%	45.7	45.8	
Average Working capital	€ mill.	218.1	209.4	
Average Working capital intensity	%	20.8	17.2	
Closing working capital	€ mill.	191.6	193.1	
Fixed assets	€ mill.	731.6	746.1	
Average Capital employed	€ mill.	950.6	937.2	
Closing capital employed	€ mill.	923.2	939.2	
Net financial debt (excl. lease liabilities)	€ mill.	197.6	182.9	
Net financial debt	€ mill.	237.5	219.5	

### NOTES

**Equity** increased slightly as a result of the positive earnings performance; Equity ratio remains at a high level

No significant increase in **closing working capital** despite significant increase in sales of 16.1%; **average working capital intensity** subsequently improved by 3.6 percentage points; group-wide working capital program Cash4Growth launched in 2023 with first positive effects

**Closing capital employed** increased compared to 12/31/2022 mainly due to higher capital expenditure, growth is attributable to Customized Modules and Lifecycle Solutions

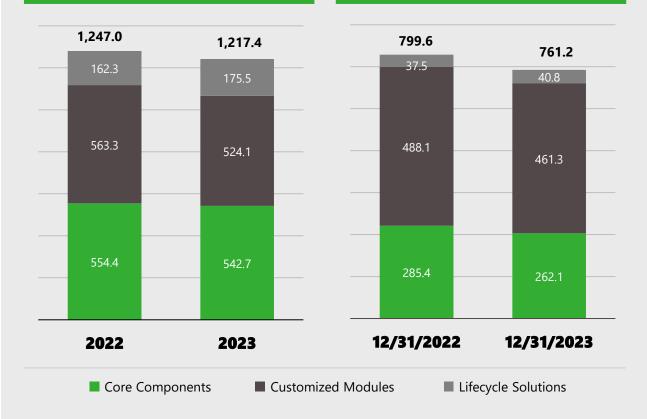
**Net financial debt** incl. lease liabilities down by €18.0 million compared to year-end 2022, free cash flow 2023 exceeds dividend, lease and interest payments in total; new syndicated loan concluded at the beginning of 2024



ORDER BACKLOG REMAINS WELL ABOVE HISTORICAL AVERAGE

**ORDERS RECEIVED** (in € million)

**ORDER BACKLOG** (in € million)



## NOTES

**Orders received** mark the second-highest figure in the infrastructure business in the company's history, slightly below the record figure in the previous year; lower orders received in particular in Egypt, Australia, Italy and the Middle East region, but project-related notably higher orders received in Mexico; order situation in Western Europe remains positive, especially in Germany, with France also showing a noticeable improvement

**Order backlog** negatively impacted by exchange rate effects; nevertheless second-highest figure in the company's history at the end of a year achieved; Core Components below previous year, primarily lower order backlog in Australia; Customized Modules slightly below previous year, including lower order backlog in Italy and Serbia; Lifecycle Solutions slightly above previous year, higher order backlog primarily in Germany

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# **VOSSLOH GROUP: OUTLOOK**

VOSSLOH EXPECTS NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN EARNINGS IN 2024

### **Sales revenues**

### 2023: €1.21 billion

### Outlook 2024: €1.16 billion to €1.26 billion

Despite the expiry of some major projects for new lines, mainly in Mexico and Serbia, which contributed to exceptionally strong sales growth in 2023, Vossloh expects sales in 2024 - based on the mean value of the sales guidance - to be roughly on a par with the previous year based on overall positive market demand.

### Value added

### 2023: €18.9 million

### Outlook 2024: €7.5 million to €22.5 million

The weighted average cost of capital before taxes (WACC) relevant for internal management will be raised to 9.5% in the 2024 financial year (2023: 8.5%) as a result of the general interest rate trend.

### EBIT

### 2023: €98.5 million

### Outlook 2024: €100 million to €115 million

A further increase in EBIT is forecast for the 2024 financial year. The expected growth is attributable to the Customized Modules and Lifecycle Solutions divisions. Based on the mean value of the sales guidance, the forecast corridor for the EBIT margin is between 8.3% and 9.5% (2023: 8.1%).





