

First rays of hope

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Trough reached - slight upward trend

Sales and earnings increase compared to Q4 2023

Rising volumes in numerous industries

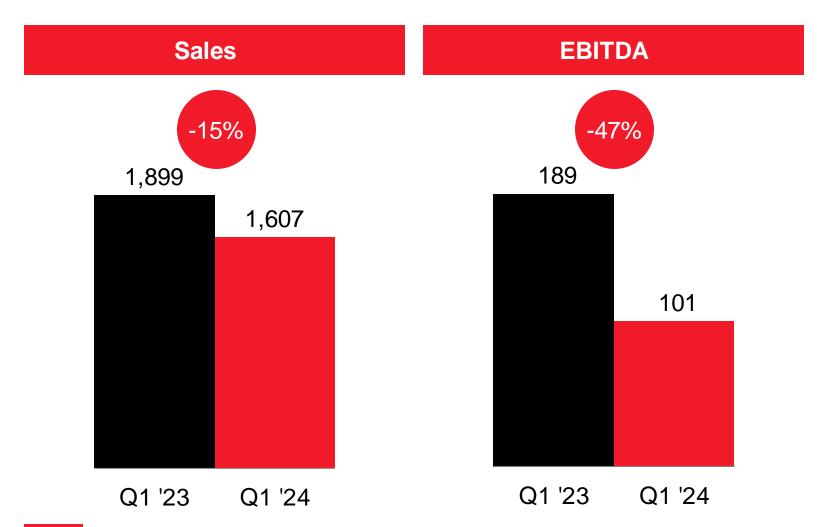
Cost reduction and sale of Urethane Systems on track

Guidance for full year specified



Expected weak start to the year compared to strong prior-year quarter ...

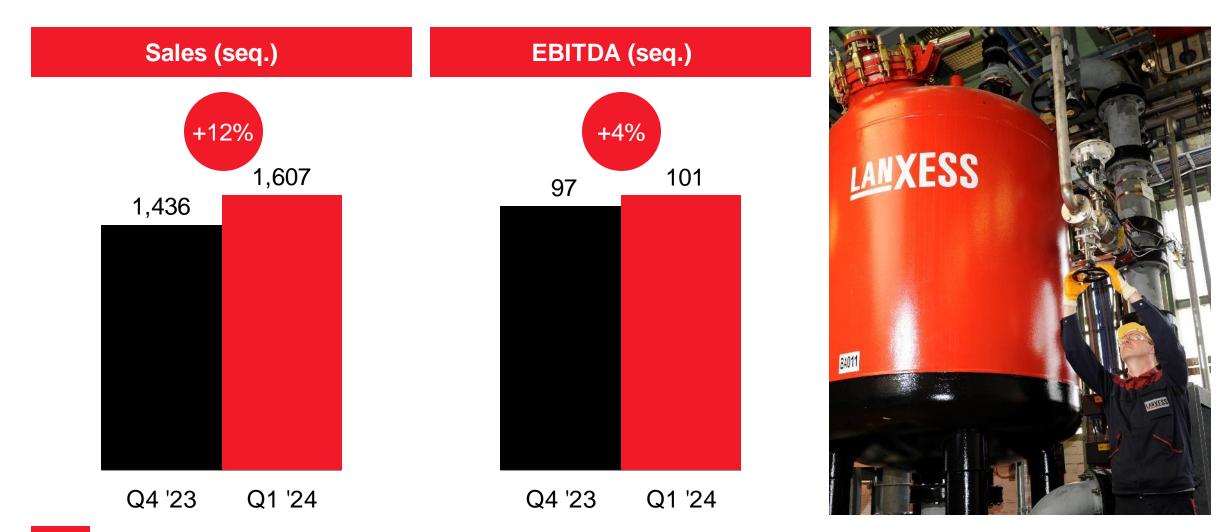






... but current trend is positive: volume growth compared to Q4 2023

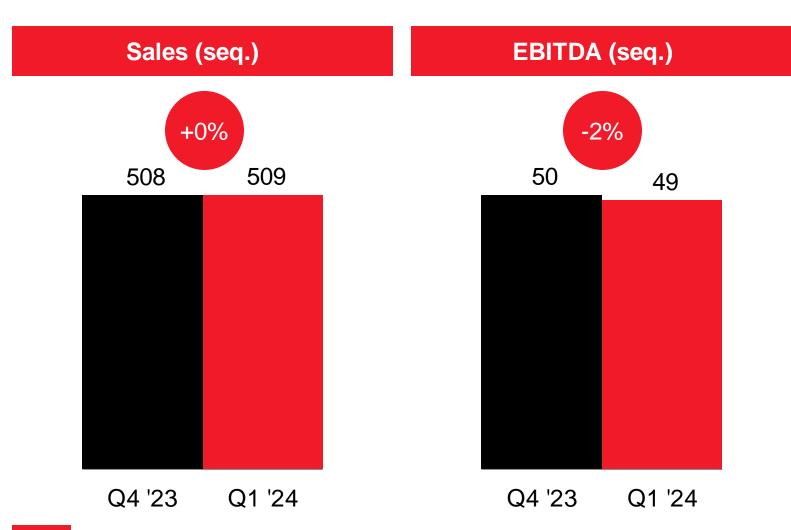


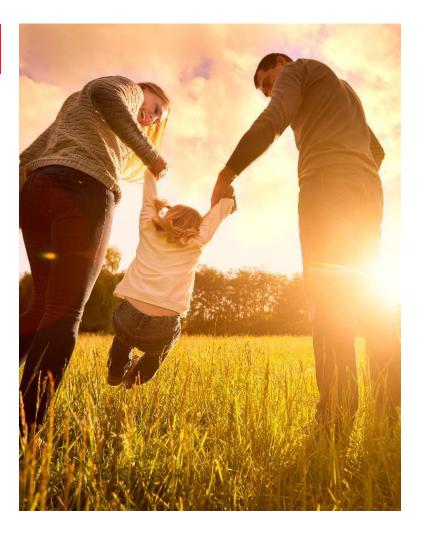




Consumer Protection: destocking in the agro market compensated by recovery in other markets

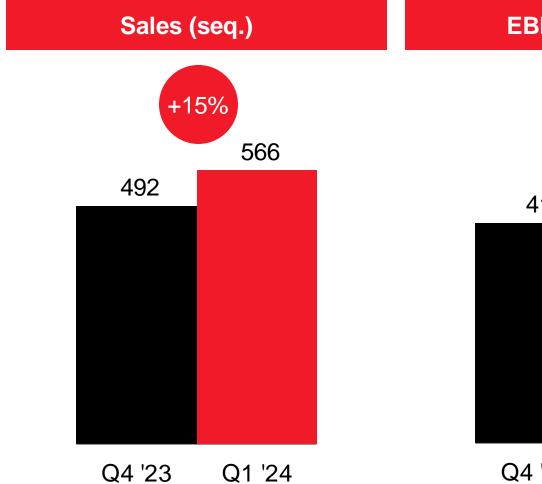


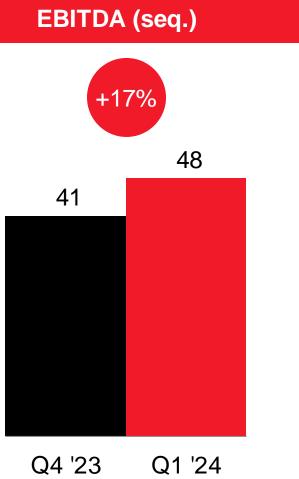


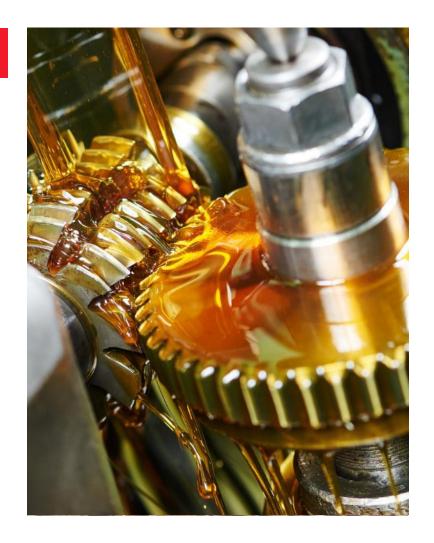


Specialty Additives: All business units with increasing sales





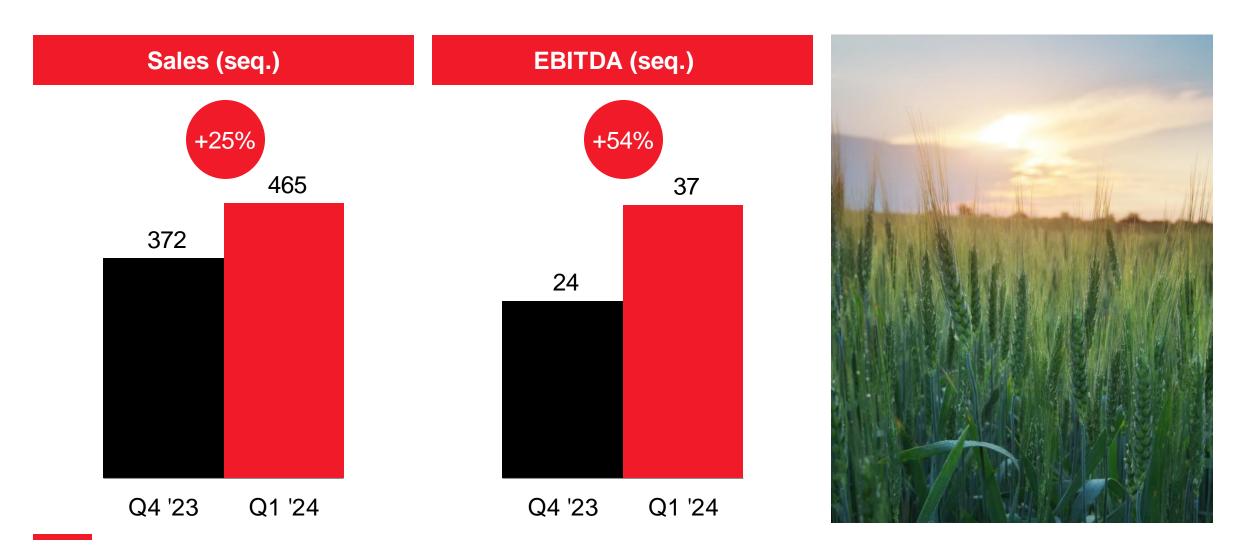




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Advanced Intermediates: Significant volume growth



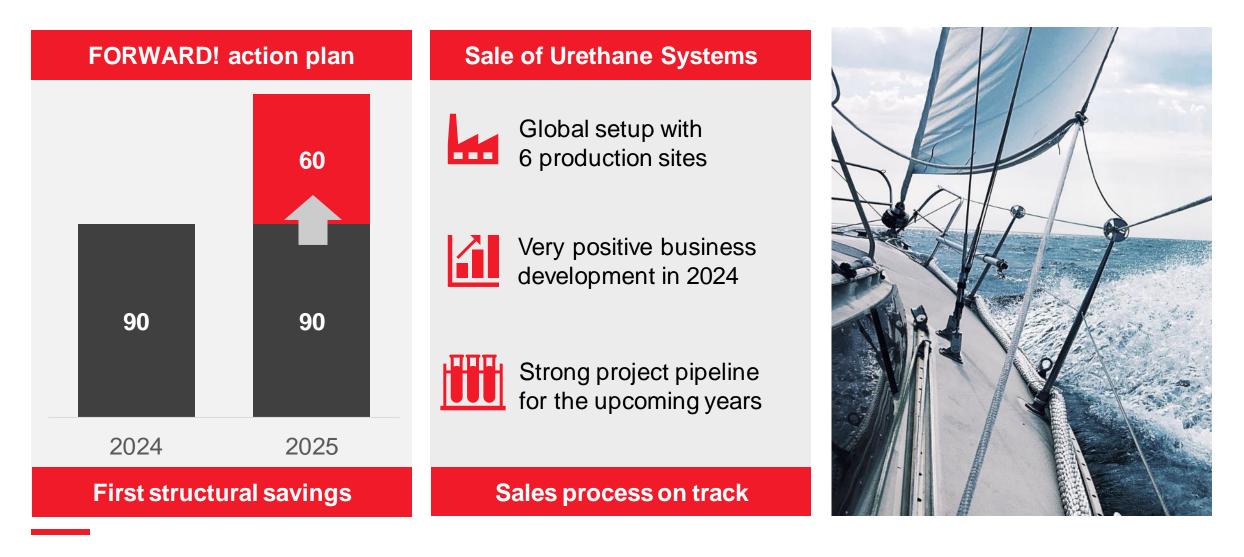


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Strategic developments





Guidance: EBITDA expected to increase by 10 to 20 %



Market development

- Demand is slowly picking up again
- Continued destocking among agro customers

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- Further sequential EBITDA increase in Q2 and Q3, Q4 more dampened due to normal seasonality
- Full year 2024: EBITDA growth of 10 to 20% (incl. Urethane Systems business)



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