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Mr. Chavijit Singh Bawa - Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Yousef Mustafa - Managing Director - Ali Alghanim & Sons Automotive Company.

Chairperson:

Mr. Krim Sahan - EFG Hermes

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Karim Hi, everyone. This is Karim Sahan from EFG Hermes, and welcome to Ali Alghanim Sons Automotive's Third Quarter 2024 results conference call. I'm pleased to be joined on the call by Yousef Al-Qatami, the Vice Chairman and CEO of the company; Chavijit Bawa, the CFO; and Yousef Mustafa, the Managing Director. As usual, we'll be starting from a brief presentation from the management side, and then we'll open the floor for your Q&A's. Management please go ahead.

Yousef Mustafa Thank you very much. Welcome, everyone, to our quarter three results presentation. We'll take you through all the financial results we managed to achieve year to date and quarter three of the year. We'll start with first the board of directors. There is no change in the board of directors as of now.

With regards to our performance highlights, we have managed to achieve in quarter three a total revenue of KWD 56.4 million with a net profit of KWD 8.46 million. Our revenue year to date is KWD 186.5 million and our net profit is KWD 25.36 million.

In terms of the revenue breakdown, the passenger cars stood at 71% of our revenue with growth and after sales revenue to 12% of the total, used cars is at 9% grew from 5% to 9%, and the remaining are almost the same.

Revenue wise, year to date, we have a drop of approximately 5.24% year to date. However, our net profit increased by 3.2% year to date to KWD 25.36 million, as I said earlier. The reasons of the drop in the year to date is dominantly in quarter three, mostly related to the stop delivery from BMW Group on some of the cars. I'm sure that you saw the news already where BMW had to halt sales for at least three weeks in our region, and specifically in Kuwait, and it took us around three to four weeks of almost no sales until the recall campaign finished. However, even with that, we have managed to have growth in our year to date net profit, as you can see.

Profit attributed to equity holders, a growth of 2.66%. And in terms of earnings per share, a growth of 2.68% year to date, standing at 78.42 fils.

Our revenue, as mentioned, there was a drop, dominantly due to BMW. Other than that, our profits continue to be healthy, as mentioned before, with a growth of 3.2%. We reached KWD 25.358 million as you can see in the income statement here, and the earnings per share, 78.42 fils.

The balance sheet, property, plant and equipment, as you can see, there is a growth of 3% non-current assets and others, 3.34%. Current assets is 20.44% growth. Our total assets standing at 10.78% growth year to date versus last year.

Total equity and liability is up 10.78 obviously percent overall.

The cash flow statement, strong performance year to date. As you can see, we're standing at KWD 31.85 million cash from operating activities. And overall, the performance of the year has been strong given the fact that we had almost four weeks of no BMW sales and disruption in after sales with regards to the recall campaign, until we managed to get all the recall campaign components fixed on the cars and start selling again. We're very happy with the results and our ability to overcome it with the diversified portfolio that we have from other brands and geographical coverage.

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Ratios, straightforward, very healthy. Our gross profit margin is something to mention. We're standing at a very good gross profit margin of 24.88%. Given all what I've mentioned before, we're very happy with the results for the quarter and the year to date.

Something, just to go back to, we have achieved 126% of the forecasted net profit mentioned in the offering memorandum within nine months of the year only. And we have achieved 112% of the forecasted net profit attributed to equity holders of the parent company mentioned in the offering memorandum within nine months of the year. We're still ahead of what we have promised, and, inshallah, we're going to continue to perform ahead of our promises in the memorandum.

I'll leave the floor for you guys if you have any questions. Thank you.

Karim Thank you, management. Now we'll be opening the floor for the Q&A session. Just as a reminder, if you'd like to ask a question, you can either type it through the Q&A chat box, or alternatively, you can use the raise hand function at the bottom of your screen, and I'll unmute your line.

Let's wait for a minute or two until the questions come in.

And again, if you'd like to ask a question, you can either type it through the Q&A chat box. Or alternatively, you can raise your hand and I'll unmute your line.

We have the first question in the Q&A box. "So would you please inform us when exactly the BMW issue will be resolved? Do you think the fourth quarter 2024 will also see a drop in revenues due to the same issue?"

Yousef Mustafa No, we don't. Let me answer the question, as it's a two-part question. They issued it around August, and we were finished with the recall campaign by mid towards the last week of September. All the cars that are impacted with the recall campaign has been recalled and finished fully. There is no information on any more fixing required for the cars. Until now, we have been delivering cars back to normal, so we do not foresee any disruption from recall campaigns, as of the info that we have right now at all.

Karim Alright. Thank you. We have another question on the same thing. "Hi team, so great numbers, despite the speed bump with BMW. What is the current backlog of orders?"

Yousef Mustafa We still do have backlog in orders. On the Land Rover side, we do have, I think, if I'm not mistaken, is around 400 cars total backordered on different models. And the positive thing about the backorder is that most of the backorder that we have is on extremely high ticket items. For example, Land Rover has introduced a new Defender called OCTA. I'm not sure where the question came from, but I'll just convert it to dollar, so it's universal currency. The OCTA selling price is close to \$300,000 and we have a backorder for that car for more than a year. Likewise, on the Ranger Sport SV, we also have a backorder for that car for close to six to seven months, and it's almost in the same price range, around \$250,000 to \$300,000. We do have also a backorder on the new BMW M5, which is in the range of \$160,000 to \$170,000. That's on top of the usual backorder on the Defenders and the Rage rover.

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- KarimAlright, thank you for that. The next question is, "Hello there. I'm very sorry, but I missed the
beginning. What's behind the drop in revenues during the third quarter of 2024?"
- Yousef Mustafa It was a recall campaign issued by BMW. I think it's all over the news, where BMW had to recall hundreds of thousands of cars, and the region, not only Kuwait, was impacted, obviously, just like the rest of the world, where our sales of new cars almost got to standstill, almost full halt, because it basically impacted most of the models and derivatives within the BMW Group. So, we had to stop selling cars until we got the parts to fix it. It was related to a small sensor in the brakes, nothing dangerous, but BMW is extremely cautious when it comes to these things. So, although the failure rate was extremely minimal, it's between 2% to 3%, BMW went ahead and did the recall campaign for all the cars regardless, and that stopped our sales for close to four weeks. It started in August, ended towards the end of September, until we were done with all the cars on road or new cars in stock until we started delivering again.
- Karim Thank you. The next question is, "Could you please let us know the current total backlog in number of vehicles?"
- Yousef Mustafa I think I've answered that question, like two minutes ago, it's close to 400 cars. And the good thing is not only the number, obviously, I would like to have these cars and have no backlog, I'll have higher revenue, higher profits. However, the backlog quality is also a bit different this time, because the backlog has a big chunk of it on cars that are priced above \$200,000 and \$250,000, a big chunk of it on the Defender OCTA, Range Rover SV and BMW M5.
- Yousef Al-Qatami Since this is the second question on backlog, I'd like to highlight to our investors that when there was a huge backlog back then, we always mentioned that having lower backlog is better. We make more profit. The backlog back then was an indication of less profit that we can attain because of the backlog. And lo and behold, a year later, or a year and a half later, you can see the profitability coming in. We went from around KWD 14 million in '22 and now we're in the range of around KWD 27 million in '23. So, this just proves to you that having a big backlog is not necessarily the best thing to have at any one point. Having a backlog on certain cars here and there is good for future sales. However, using that backlog to attain profitability is the most important thing, and that's why it's being controlled now to a better level. We're getting better allocation from other companies, and that's why it transferred to profitability.
- Karim Thank you. We have another question. "Could you please give us an update on the operations in Egypt and Iraq?"
- Yousef Mustafa With regards to Egypt, we have managed to, basically, as you can see from shared results, the operation is running really well. And with regards to Geely itself, which is the latest update, we have managed to get the first test car out of the factory and, Alhamdulillah, it went well and we're looking forward to a full production capacity.
- Yousef Al-Qatami Hopefully in January or February, Inshallah, we'll be there.
- Karim Alright. Second part of the question was about Iraq as well, if you'd like to give any highlights on that.
- Yousef Al-Qatami Iraq, Alhamdulillah, is doing very well. Obviously, it's consolidated in our financials, but we do have very good growth in BMW over there, and it continues to do well. We're looking for an expansion in the near future, in new governorate that we're studying currently, and hopefully, with these expansions, we'll continue to expand our sales.





- Karim Thank you. As a reminder to everyone, if you'd like to ask a question, you can either type it through the Q&A chat box, or alternatively, you can use the raise hand function at the bottom of the screen, and I'll unmute your line. So, there do not seem to be any further questions at this point, so I'll be handing it back to the management for any concluding remarks.
 Yousef Al-Qatami Well, thank you. I'm looking forward to a very great big quarter four to close the year, inshallah.
- Karim Thank you, management and thank you to all participants for attending the call. This concludes today's call.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Eng. Fahad Ali Alghanim Chairman Non - Executive



Mr. Yousef Al Qatami Vice Chairman and CEO Executive



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Mr.Yousef Al Qatami Chief Executive Officer



Mr. Chavijit Singh Bawa Chief Financial Officer



COMPANY OVERVIEW

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COMPANY OVERVIEW: PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

A large-scale Kuwaiti shareholding company comprising of a group of automotive businesses that supply the Kuwaiti market, and some of the Arab Markets, with the finest international automotive brands and services.



Brands: Ali Alghanim Sons Automotive deals with numerous brands in the category of Passenger Cars, Heavy Commercial Equipment and Auto parts





REVENUE BREAKDOWN (YTD Sept 2024)

Passenger Cars	After Sales	Used Cars	Commercial Heavy Equipment
 BMW Land Rover Rolls Royce McLaren MINI Geely Great Wall Haval 	 Service Body Shop Parts and Accessories Revenue YTD 24 12% YTD 23 11% 	 BMW Land Rover MINI Geely Haval Revenue YTD 24 9% YTD 23 5%	 MAN Truck & Bus Putzmeister Hyundai Baoli Fassi Service & Parts

Rental and Leasing	Synergistic Lines	Technology Initiatives
 Renting among the available selection of affordable, luxury and ultra luxury vehicles Leasing of vehicles WTD 24 2% YTD 23 1% 	 Sale of Aftermarket Products: Tires – Sumitomo, Roadstone, Kinforest Lubricants – Liquimoly Batteries – Exide, Livguard Sparkplugs – NGK Finance & Insurance Technical inspections and renewal of vehicle registration for all types of passenger cars 	4 YTD 24 1%



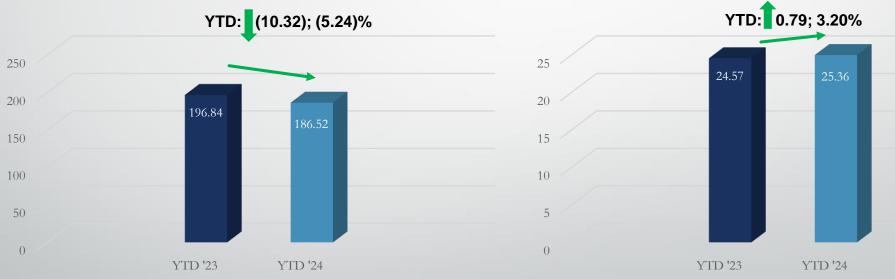
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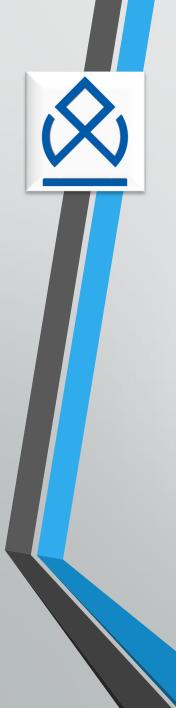
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: YTD Sept 2024

Revenue (in KWD Million) Net Profit (in KWD Million)





FINANCIAL OVERVIEW: YTD Sept 2024

Profit attributable to equity holders (in KWD Million)

Earnings per share attributable to equity holders (in FILS)





INCOME STATEMENT – YTD 2024 (JAN-SEP)

INCOME STATEMENT	YTD Sep '24	YTD Sep '23	CHANGE
REVENUE	186,523,267	196,839,099	(5.24)%
Cost of sales and services rendered	(140,117,723)	(148,511,157)	(5.65)%
GROSS PROFIT	46,405,544	48,327,942	(3.98)%
Share of results of equity-accounted investees	2,853,545	2,270,442	25.68%
Net Expenses (S&D, Admin & Others)	(23,900,277)	(26,025,946)	(8.17)%
NET PROFIT	25,358,812	24,572,438	3.20%
Profit attributable to equity holders of parent company	21,485,861	20,928,834	2.66%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	78.42	76.37	2.68%

Amount in KWD



BALANCE SHEET

	Amount in KWD		
BALANCE SHEET	Sep'24	Dec'23	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Property, plant, and equipment	113,242,539	109,949,266	3.00%
Other Non-Current assets	14,385,170	13,920,455	3.34%
Current assets	119,610,577	99,312,747	20.44%
TOTAL ASSETS	247,238,286	223,182,468	10.78%
Equity and Liability			
TOTAL EQUITY	90,844,748	92,428,822	(1.71)%
Non-current liabilities	56,253,929	51,277,462	9.70%
Current liabilities	100,139,609	79,476,184	26.00%
TOTAL LIABILITY	156,393,538	130,753,646	19.61%
Total Equity and Liabilities	247,238,286	223,182,468	10.78%



CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Amount in KWD	
CASH FLOW STATEMENT	Sep'24	Sep'23
Cash from operating activities before working capital changes	31,851,096	33,008,289
Changes in working capital	(17,616,031)	(16,095,572)
Other items	(2,027,900)	(1,213,628)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	12,207,165	15,699,089
PPE & Intangible Assets	(10,035,940)	(5,257,961)
Investment in Associates & Others	(4,579,125)	(7,788,775)
NET CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(14,615,065)	(13,046,736)
Net movement in Islamic Finance payables & Finance Costs	13,984,831	21,695,510
Dividends Paid to Equity Holders & NCI	(20,022,188)	(19,702,942)
Lease Liability & Movement in Payables	261,764	2,639,142
NET CASHFLOW (USED IN) FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(5,775,593)	4,631,710
NET MOVEMENT IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(8,183,493)	7,284,063



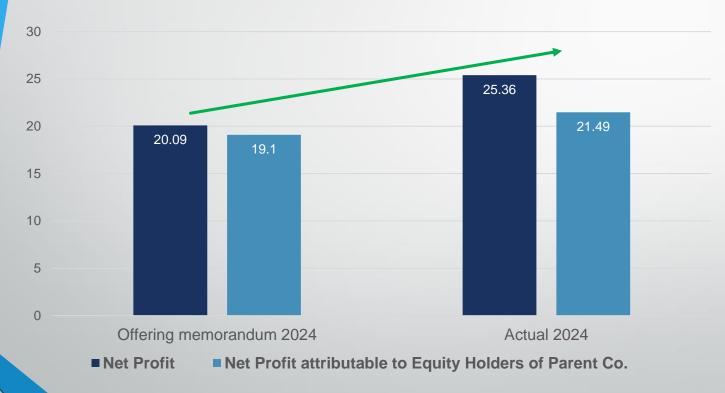
KEY RATIOS – SEP 24 (JAN – SEP)

	KEY RATIOS	YTD SEP '24	YTD SEP '23
LIQUIDITY RATIOS			
Current Ratio	(Current Assets/Current Liabilities)	1.19	1.17
Quick Ratio	(Current Assets-Inventories/Current Liabilities)	0.36	0.44
Cash Ratio	(Cash/Current Liabilities)	0.16	0.25
PROFITABILITY RATIOS			
Gross Profit Margin	(Gross Profit/Revenue)	24.88%	24.55%
Net Profit Margin	(Net Profit/ Revenue)	13.60%	12.48%
PERFORMANCE RATIOS			
Return on Asset (ROA) ™	(Net Profit/ Average Assets)	14.49%	15.69%
Return on Equity (ROE) ™	(Net Profit/ Average Equity)	38.76%	41.01%
SOLVENCY RATIOS (Cash not adjusted)			
Bank Borrowing to Asset Ratio	(Debt/Total Assets)	0.22	0.18
Bank Borrowing to Equity Ratio	(Debt/Total Equity)	0.59	0.47



STRONG PERFORMANCE AND AHEAD OF FORECAST

Net Profit (in KWD Million)



- Achieved 126.23% of the Forecasted Net Profit mentioned in the Offering Memorandum within 9 Months of the year.
- Achieved 112.51% of the Forecasted Net Profit attributable to Equity Holders of the Parent Co. mentioned in the Offering Memorandum within 9 Months of the year.





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