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Continued record performance, successful transformation

- Record Q3 net sales of CHF 8,045m (+16.3% LFL)
- Record Q3 Recurring EBIT of CHF 1,551m (+7.7% LFL)
- Outlook 2022 upgraded: net sales growth to at least 12% (LFL), Recurring EBIT to mid-single digit growth (LFL)
- Debt leverage of around 1x in 2022
- Share buyback up to CHF 2bn

Performance overview Q3

Group (in million CHF)	Q3 2022	Q3 2021	±%	±%LFL
Net sales	8,045	7,286	+10.4	+16.3
Recurring EBIT	1,551	1,534	+1.2	+7.7

Performance overview 9M

Group (in million CHF)	9M 2022	9M 2021	±%	±%LFL
Net sales	22,725	19,842	+14.5	+13.9
Recurring EBIT	3,724	3,516	+5.9	+6.5

Jan Jenisch, CEO: "I thank all members of the Holcim family for delivering another quarter of record results while navigating challenging times.

"Q3 was a quarter of record performance and successful transformation for Holcim. We continued to expand Solutions & Products with four acquisitions and delivered ten bolt-ons in aggregates and ready-mix this year. We also completed the divestments of India and Brazil with cash proceeds of USD 7.3 billion. Solutions & Products is already reaching 25% of our net sales in 2022¹, driven by the roofing business, which is delivering a record Recurring EBIT margin of 20%. We strengthened our footprint in the attractive North America market, accounting for 40% of sales and 41% of Recurring EBIT².

"With these achievements we are accelerating our decarbonization and significantly improving our sustainability profile this year.

¹ On a pro forma basis

² On a pro forma basis, excluding corporate costs

“These record results give us the confidence to upgrade our 2022 guidance for net sales, Recurring EBIT and leverage, and launch a share buyback program.”

Continued record performance

In Q3 2022, Holcim delivered another quarter of record results with net sales of CHF 8,045 million, up 16.3% on a like-for-like basis (LFL) compared to the prior year, or +10.4% of absolute growth. Net sales over the first nine months of 2022 were CHF 22,725 million, or 13.9% higher LFL than the prior-year period.

Recurring EBIT reached a record CHF 1,551 million in the third quarter of 2022, up 7.7% LFL compared to the prior-year period, or +1.2% of absolute growth. Recurring EBIT for the nine months was also a record at CHF 3,724 million, an increase of 6.5% LFL over the prior-year period.

Successful transformation

Q3 was a quarter of successful transformation for Holcim, driven by its portfolio changes, the continued expansion of Solutions & Products, its strengthened geographic footprint and improved sustainability profile.

Portfolio changes

This quarter, Holcim continued to transform its portfolio with four acquisitions in Solutions & Products. In Europe, the Group acquired Cantillana in Belgium and Izolbet in Poland, leaders in specialty building solutions. In the US, Holcim acquired SES Foam, a leader in bio-based insulation systems, and Polymers Sealants North America, a leader in coating, adhesive and sealant solutions. In addition, the company signed a total of ten bolt-on acquisitions in the nine-month period in its aggregates and ready-mix concrete segments. In Q3, Holcim also successfully closed the sale of its businesses in India and Brazil, resulting in cash proceeds of USD 7.3 billion.

Expansion of Solutions & Products

With the expansion of Solutions & Products, Holcim is well-positioned to reach 25% of Group net sales in this segment for 2022 on a pro forma basis, on target to deliver 30% by 2025.

Fast expansion in attractive North American market

In Q3, Holcim strengthened its footprint in the attractive North America region, representing 40% of the Group's net sales and 41% of Recurring EBIT³. With this fast expansion, Holcim's net sales in mature markets with resilient earnings profiles are projected to increase from 59%⁴ in 2019 to 77% in 2022 on a pro forma basis.

Strengthened sustainability profile

Strengthening its sustainability profile, Holcim's carbon emissions per million of net sales will be 30% lower in 2022 on a pro forma basis compared to prior year.

³ On a pro forma basis, excluding trading and corporate costs

⁴ Excluding trading

Accelerating green growth

Accelerating green growth in Q3, Holcim reached 15% of the Group's total sales of ready-mix concrete with ECOPact, the world's broadest range of green concrete. Sales of ECOPlanet green cement also grew significantly and is now available in 26 markets worldwide. In Europe, the EU Innovation Fund awarded Holcim two grants for carbon capture, utilization and storage projects in Germany and Poland.

At New York Climate Week in September, Holcim announced the launch of the world's first 1.5°C science-based framework to decarbonize its industry, resulting from its partnership with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). This framework was independently developed by the SBTi, in collaboration with an Expert Advisory Group representing academia, civil society and industry.

Building better with less with its proprietary 3D concrete printing technology, Holcim's 14Trees won the Financial Times / International Finance Corporation Transformational Business Award for its work in 3D printing homes and schools in Africa using advanced materials and technologies. The award highlights ground-breaking, long-term private sector solutions to major development challenges like bridging the world's infrastructure gap sustainably.

Profitable growth to continue with attractive returns

With the cash proceeds of USD 7.3 billion from the divestments of India and Brazil, Holcim will fund profitable growth and continued acquisitions while maintaining strict value discipline. The cash will also be used to maintain a strong balance sheet, targeting debt leverage of around 1x in 2022, and deliver attractive returns for its shareholders, with the launch of a share buyback program.

This share buyback program of up to CHF 2 billion will start in November 2022, subject to the necessary regulatory approvals. Under this program, Holcim plans to repurchase up to 40 million shares until May 2023, to be approved for cancellation at the Annual General Meeting on 4 May 2023. The share buyback will be executed on a 2nd trading line on the SIX Swiss Exchange. The share buybacks will depend on market conditions.

Changes in Group organization

In line with "Strategy 2025 – Accelerating Green Growth," Holcim is further evolving the efficiency of its organizational model. The Board of Directors has decided to integrate key markets that share similar growth dynamics into one Asia, Middle East & Africa (AMEA) region. Martin Kriegner, current Region Head Asia Pacific, is appointed to take over the responsibility of the broader AMEA region.

Miljan Gutovic will continue to lead the Europe region. In addition, he will take over the Group's Operational Excellence organization, with a focus on decarbonization. In this capacity he will lead the company's increase of renewable and green energy use; the expansion of green formulation with innovative low-emission raw materials such as calcined clay and construction & demolition waste; the acceleration of green mobility to improve efficiencies and reduce the environmental impact of logistics; and the deployment of next-generation technologies such as carbon capture utilization and storage as well as the digitalization of plants.

The company's profit & loss responsibility is now assigned to the five leaders of Region AMEA, Region Europe, Region North America, Region Latin America and the Solutions & Products Global Business Unit.

Outlook and guidance 2022

Holcim upgrades its 2022 net sales and Recurring EBIT guidance with:

- Net sales growth guidance upgraded from at least 10% like-for-like to at least 12% like-for-like, net sales reaching CHF 29 billion
- Double-digit net sales growth in Solutions & Products upgraded to achieve net sales of above CHF 5.5 billion
- Recurring EBIT guidance upgraded from positive growth like-for-like to mid-single digit growth like-for-like
- Free Cash Flow⁵ above CHF 3 billion before divestments and resolution with the US Department of Justice
- Debt leverage of around 1x
- Strengthened sustainability profile with reduction in CO₂ per million of net sales by 30% in 2022⁶

Key Group figures

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Group results by segment 9M	2022	2021	±%	±%LFL
Sales of cement (mt)	139.3	150.0	-7.2	-0.8
Net sales of Cement (CHFm)	12,956	12,203	+6.2	+13.9
Recurring EBIT of Cement (CHFm)	2,580	2,786	-7.4	-1.4
Recurring EBIT margin of Cement (%)	19.9	22.8		
Sales of aggregates (mt)	199.5	201.4	-0.9	-2.1
Net sales of Aggregates (CHFm)	3,164	3,018	+4.8	+5.7
Recurring EBIT of Aggregates (CHFm)	467	456	+2.3	+2.9
Recurring EBIT margin of Aggregates (%)	14.8	15.1		
Sales of ready-mix concrete (m m ³)	36.6	34.6	+5.9	+4.1
Net sales of Ready-Mix Concrete (CHFm)	4,336	3,846	+12.8	+13.2
Recurring EBIT of Ready-Mix Concrete (CHFm)	114	101	+12.9	+18.8
Recurring EBIT margin of Ready-Mix Concrete (%)	2.6	2.6		

⁵ After leases

⁶ On a pro forma basis

Net sales of Solutions & Products (CHFm)	4,283	2,566	+66.9	+26.0
Recurring EBIT of Solutions & Products (CHFm)	563	173	+225.3	+125.7
Recurring EBIT margin of Solutions & Products (%)	13.2	6.7		

Regional performance Q3

Region Asia Pacific

The India divestment was successfully closed in the third quarter. The region was challenged by high inflation, with negative price over cost. China experienced softer demand amid COVID lockdowns. The region accelerated its increase in the use of alternative fuels.

Asia Pacific Q3	2022	2021	±%	±%LFL
Sales of cement (mt)	11.8	15.9	-25.9	-2.6
Sales of aggregates (mt)	8.4	9.0	-5.7	-5.7
Sales of ready-mix concrete (m m ³)	1.8	2.0	-10.8	+0.2
Net sales to external customers (CHFm)	1,147	1,404	-18.3	+3.0
Recurring EBIT (CHFm)	141	307	-53.9	-44.8

Region Europe

Performance was resilient despite softer volumes, with positive price over cost helping to offset inflation. The region significantly increased materials recycled and alternative fuel use while continuing to expand its specialty building solutions business.

Europe Q3	2022	2021	±%	±%LFL
Sales of cement (mt)	10.1	12.8	-21.0	-5.9
Sales of aggregates (mt)	28.7	30.8	-6.7	-8.8
Sales of ready-mix concrete (m m ³)	5.1	5.1	+0.3	-3.7
Net sales to external customers (CHFm)	2,127	2,156	-1.3	+10.2
Recurring EBIT (CHFm)	360	414	-13.1	+1.0

Region Latin America

The region delivered a continued strong performance with good demand in Argentina, Colombia and El Salvador, while demand in Ecuador slowed. ECOPact and ECOPlanet products have now been successfully launched in all markets. Looking forward, the company has an excellent pipeline of infrastructure projects across the region and has made significant investments in materials recycling and alternative fuel use.

Latin America Q3	2022	2021	±%	±%LFL
Sales of cement (mt)	6.6	7.2	-8.1	+1.0
Sales of aggregates (mt)	2.1	1.8	+16.6	+38.9
Sales of ready-mix concrete (m m ³)	1.6	1.2	+28.1	+27.1

Net sales to external customers (CHFm)	802	675	+18.8	+24.6
Recurring EBIT (CHFm)	273	238	+14.7	+18.2

Region Middle East Africa

The region showed continued profitable growth with positive price over cost offsetting inflation for the quarter. The successful turnaround in Egypt was complemented by solid market demand in Nigeria and Algeria. Alternative fuel use in the region increased strongly.

Middle East Africa Q3	2022	2021	±%	±%LFL
Sales of cement (mt)	8.5	9.3	-8.6	-2.0
Sales of aggregates (mt)	1.3	1.2	+8.0	+16.2
Sales of ready-mix concrete (m m ³)	0.9	1.0	-11.8	-5.2
Net sales to external customers (CHFm)	580	653	-11.2	+6.8
Recurring EBIT (CHFm)	91	102	-10.3	+17.3

Region North America

Continued outstanding performance in the region was driven by strong market demand in both the US and Canada and strong pricing across all segments. Three bolt-on acquisitions were closed for the year to date and the region accelerated the shift to low-carbon building products. Net sales from Solutions & Products reached 38% of the region's total for the year to date.

North America Q3	2022	2021	±%	±%LFL
Sales of cement (mt)	6.7	6.0	+12.0	+12.0
Sales of aggregates (mt)	36.2	35.6	+1.9	-1.1
Sales of ready-mix concrete (m m ³)	3.5	3.1	+14.0	+8.3
Net sales to external customers (CHFm)	3,200	2,291	+39.7	+25.9
Recurring EBIT (CHFm)	772	568	+35.8	+28.4

Regional performance 9M

Asia Pacific 9M	2022	2021	±%	±%LFL
Sales of cement (mt)	47.2	51.7	-8.8	-1.6
Sales of aggregates (mt)	24.5	25.8	-5.0	-5.0
Sales of ready-mix concrete (m m ³)	5.8	5.9	-1.8	+2.0
Net sales to external customers (CHFm)	4,245	4,402	-3.6	+3.7
Recurring EBIT (CHFm)	666	1,020	-34.7	-31.6

Europe 9M	2022	2021	±%	±%LFL
Sales of cement (mt)	30.2	35.0	-13.7	-2.3
Sales of aggregates (mt)	85.2	86.9	-2.0	-3.5
Sales of ready-mix concrete (m m ³)	15.2	15.0	+1.5	-0.9
Net sales to external customers (CHFm)	6,350	6,043	+5.1	+12.3

Recurring EBIT (CHFm)	830	883	-6.0	+4.8
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Latin America 9M	2022	2021	±%	±%LFL
Sales of cement (mt)	19.9	20.5	-2.9	+0.2
Sales of aggregates (mt)	5.9	4.7	+26.2	+34.5
Sales of ready-mix concrete (m m ³)	4.3	3.5	+23.1	+21.9
Net sales to external customers (CHFm)	2,266	1,944	+16.5	+18.1
Recurring EBIT (CHFm)	726	663	+9.5	+10.9

Middle East Africa 9M	2022	2021	±%	±%LFL
Sales of cement (mt)	25.8	27.2	-5.0	-2.1
Sales of aggregates (mt)	3.4	3.2	+9.1	+12.7
Sales of ready-mix concrete (m m ³)	2.6	2.4	+8.2	+2.6
Net sales to external customers (CHFm)	1,770	1,815	-2.5	+11.8
Recurring EBIT (CHFm)	291	299	-3.0	+17.8

North America 9M	2022	2021	±%	±%LFL
Sales of cement (mt)	16.7	15.1	+10.5	+10.5
Sales of aggregates (mt)	80.4	80.8	-0.4	-2.3
Sales of ready-mix concrete (m m ³)	8.7	7.8	+11.8	+7.5
Net sales to external customers (CHFm)	7,614	5,275	+44.3	+22.0
Recurring EBIT (CHFm)	1,480	948	+56.1	+36.5

Reconciliation to Group accounts

Reconciling measures of profit and loss:

In million CHF	9M 2022 (unaudited)	9M 2021 (unaudited)
Recurring EBITDA	5,371	5,201
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	(270)	(270)
Recurring EBITDA after leases	5,101	4,931
Depreciation and amortization	(1,377)	(1,414)
Recurring EBIT	3,724	3,516

Alternative Performance Measures

Some Alternative Performance Measures are used in this release to help describe the performance of Holcim.

A full set of these Alternative Performance Measures definitions can be found on our [website](#).

Additional information

Analyst presentation

The analyst presentation of the results is available on our website at www.holcim.com/investors.

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