

# Presentation of Q3 results 2023/24

**Increased attendance to Hagar's stores and for services** 

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# **Quarter in a nutshell:** Key figures

Q3 2023/24 (changes from Q3 2022/23)



#### **External factors:** Weakening exchange rate and falling fuel price in Q3







Data : Statistics Iceland (hagstofa.is), Central Bank (sedlabanki.is), Data from partners

#### This stands out in the quarter

- Operations in Q3 proceeded well in all sections and earnings were satisfactory - the management's guidance was revised as rising in December
- Continued good revenue growth, due to inflation and volume increase - sold units in grocery stores and fuel litres increase
- Better results due to increased visits to Hagar's stores, and continuing strong demand for fuel at Olís
- Gross margin rate strengthens between the years drop in world fuel prices and comparison with historically low margin proportion in grocery
- Continuing costs escalations, in grocery supplies, operating costs and interest - focus on optimisation and procurement to reduce the need for price rise
- An analysis of Olíudreifing's strategy and future possibilities has begun



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#### **Stores and warehouses:** Increased activities and better revenue

Income Statement Q3 2023/24 (m.ISK)

- Income from groceries, specialty products and warehouses grew by 15.5% between the years and amounted to 30.3 b.ISK
- Stronger results where EBITDA was 2.4 b.ISK or 7.9% of sales
- Sold units in groceries grew by just under 4% between the years - Customers visits grew by just about 9% in the quarter
- First year of Eldum rétt as a part of Hagar turned out excellently - enlargement of production spaces necessary
- Aðföng and Bananar have advanced well in supporting increased volume in Hagar's stores -Stórkaup accelerates grocery sales to bulk users
- Although price rises from wholesalers and manufacturers have decreased, these are still persistent - higher rise on domestic products
- Emphasis on procurement and cooperation with suppliers to counteract price increases and support the criteria of labour agreements

	Q3 '23/24	Q3 '22/23	Δ	%∆
Income	30.271	26.217	4.054	+15,5%
Expenses	-27.890	-24.459	-3.431	+14,0%
EBITDA	2.381	1.758	623	+35,4%
EBITDA %	7,9%	6,7%	+1,2%	+17,3%
EBIT	1.434	882	552	+62,6%
EBIT %	4,7%	3,4%	+1,4%	+40,8%



## **Bónus:** Operations strengthening with more visits than ever

- Sales in Q3 amounted to just about 21 b.ISK and grew by just over 15% from previous year - results getting proportionally stronger between the years
- Continuing increased activity customers visits and sold units rising considerably between the years
- More customers visiting Bónus stores than before positive effects from extended opening hours, better stores and new services
- Bónus, again and again, most often with the lowest price according to the ASÍ survey - the most cost economical choice being desirable in the current economic environment
- Bónus helping customers to find the most cost economical selection in each product category - possibility to lower the grocery basket by choosing cheaper brands
- A new Bónus store in Miðhraun opened at the end of November and became a "destination" over the holidays - a certain end of an investment phase with increasing efficiency as a priority
- "Gripið & Greitt" in five stores reception / usage better than expected





#### Hagkaup: Continuing rise in visits and operations getting stronger

- Sales in Q3 amounted to just over 6 b.ISK and grew by just about 8% from the previous year operations getting stronger between the years
- Use of operational technology and automation successful - automatic orders and electronic shelf labels facilitated Christmas shopping extensively
- Well attended special offer days and events during the quarter, e.g. singles' day, health days, 100-year anniversary presentation in Pálmi's memory, Christmas market, etc.
- November and December are the major months of the year at Hagkaup - Christmas shopping proceeded well (more details in the coming report for Q4)
- Hagkaup makes a good impression Bleika Slaufan (the pink bow tie) i.a. sponsored by Hagkaup and customers by 2 m.ISK

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# **Olís:** Continuing strong operations with increased demand



Income Statement Q3 2023/24 (m.ISK)

- Income in Q3 amounted to 13.8 b.ISK and decreased by 7% between the years - world fuel market price lower than in the last year
- Some increase in sold litres, especially to bulk users but the retail market is similar between the years
- EBITDA amounted to 849 m.ISK (6,1%) and remains unchanged between the years - excellent increase considering one-off items last year
- Revenue slightly exceeding plans explained a.o. by excellent demand, efficient basic operations and effective inventory control
- Structural changes have resulted in efficient operating costs - operating costs are increasing slightly despite wage increases and last year's inflation
- ÓB station at Egilsgata closed at the end of the year according to the agreement with the City of Reykjavík due to the reduction policy for fuel stations - the site has been put to another use

	Q3 '23/24	Q3 '22/23	Δ	%∆	
Income	13.839	14.833	-994	-6,7%	
Expenses	-12.990	-13.993	1.003	-7,2%	
EBITDA	849	840	9	+1,1%	
EBITDA %	6,1%	5,7%	+0,5%	+8,3%	
EBIT	571	665	-94	-14,1%	
EBIT %	4,1%	4,5%	-0,4%	-8,0%	





# **Executive positions :** Björgvin and Ingunn Svala employed at Bónus and Olís



- Björgvin Víkingsson took over as the CEO of Bónus on January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Ingunn Svala Leifsdóttir took over as the CEO of Olís on January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Ingunn Svala previously worked as a manager of operations at Dohop and before that as a manager at the Reykjavík University -Ingunn Svala has also extensive experience in management and moreover worked previously for Kaupping, Kaupping's creditors committee and Actavis Group PTC
- Ingunn Svala holds a B.Sc. degree in economics and Cand. Oecon from the University of Iceland, and she has as well completed an AMP programme from IESE Business School in New York in 2018



# *Eldum rétt:* Extensive volume increase and excellent operation in the first year

- Hagar acquired Eldum rétt operations in November 2022, but the integration of Eldum rétt into Hagar has been successful
- Eldum rétt is an imposing addition to Hagar's operations, increased variety for customers and an extensive step for Hagar into the market of online food sales
- Operations exceeded expectations during the year and makes an important contribution to Hagar - a relatively small unit, but growing rapidly and delivering excellent results
- Volume increase during the year has been significant and new products have arrived in stores - it is clear that the service and product range of Eldum rétt helps the locals to simplify and improve cooking at home
- The expansion and improvement of the production facilities was recently completed to increase the efficiency and economy of operations increased capability to handle demand
- The managers of Eldum rétt and Hagar see splendid opportunity for further growth in the coming months and quarters



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#### **Results exceeding plans in Q3**

Income statement Q3 2023/24 (m.ISK)

- Sales in Q3 amounted to 43.7 b.ISK and grew by 8.6% between the years or by 3.5 b. ISK
- Gross margin in ISK totalled 9.1 b.ISK and increased by 24.1% between the years
- The gross margin was 20.7% and rose by 2.6%, which can be mainly attributed to Olís' activities - the margin in grocery has improved slightly, but last year it was historically low
- In Q3 of the comparison year, a one-off refund to Olís amounted to 451 m.ISK due to the governmental transport equalisation fund booked under other operating income
- EBITDA increased by 24.3% in Q3 if one-off effects of the previous year are excluded the EBITDA increased by 50.4% between the years
- Profit amounted to 1.1 b.ISK and increased b 22.6% from the previous year

		Q3 '23/24	Q3 '22/23	Δ	%Δ
	Sales	43.683	40.220	3.463	+8,6%
I	Gross profit	9.062	7.301	1.761	+24,1%
d	Other operating income	139	587	-448	-76,3%
	Salaries	-4.094	-3.578	-516	+14,4%
0	Other operating expenses	-1.877	-1.712	-165	+9,6%
	EBITDA	3.230	2.598	632	+24,3%
ff	Depriciation	-1.285	-1.085	-200	+18,4%
	Net finance expense	-625	-414	-211	+51,0%
by	Profit for the period	1.116	910	206	+22,6%

# Excellent operation in the first nine months of the operational year

Income statement 9M 2023/24 (m.ISK)

- Sales 9M grew by 7.1% between the years or by 8.7 b.ISK
- Stores and warehouses sales increase amounted to 16.2%, while the decline at Olís amounted to 9.0%
- The gross margin was 20.7% and increased by 1.6% from the previous year - this originates from the fuel part of the Group, but in groceries, the gross margin has increased slightly
- EBITDA of stores and warehouses increased by 18.6%, while Olís' EBITDA decreased by 16.4%, mainly due to one-off items from the previous year
- EBITDA increased by 6.1% year on year increase without one-off items amounted to 24.4%
- Profit 9M amounted to 3.9 b.ISK or 8.6% lower than the previous year

	9M '23/24	9M '22/23	Δ	%Δ
Sales	130.482	121.832	8.650	+7,1%
Gross profit	27.037	23.248	3.789	+16,3%
Other operating income	543	1.818	-1.275	-70,1%
Salaries	-11.907	-10.459	-1.448	+13,8%
Other operating expenses	-5.450	-4.972	-478	+9,6%
EBITDA	10.223	9.635	588	+6,1%
Depriciation	-3.767	-3.205	-562	+17,5%
Net finance expense	-1.890	-1.384	-506	+36,6%
Profit for the period	3.853	4.214	-361	-8,6%

#### Good sales increase characterise the last years

Operational key factors (9M 2019/20 - 9M 2023/24)

- Continued good increase in sales between the years - driven by increased activity in operations and the impact from inflation
- The gross margin increased, year on year, now for the first time since 2019/20

   an effect of stronger operations at Olís and due to the consequence of the world fuel market price
- Salaries and cost ratios give away compared to last year - i.a as the result of large salary and cost increases in recent quarters
- EBITDA ratio of 7.8% in the period and profit ratio of 3.0% - the effect of one-off items of the previous year distort fairly comparisons between years



## Strong cash flow the first nine months of the operational year

Cash flow statement 9M 2023/24 (m.ISK)

- Cash from operations in the period amounted to 7.0 b.ISK and increased compared to previous year by 467 m.ISK
- Investment in properties amounted to 1.5 b.ISK for the period - mainly due to Norðlingabraut in Reykjavík
- Investment in opening of three new Bónus stores, new Olís service station at Fitjar, sustainable projects, digital development and information technology
- Buy-back of own shares in the first 9M of the year amounted to 2.3 b.ISK and paid dividends were 2.5 b.ISK
- Cash decreased by 986 m.ISK in the first 9M and amounted to 1.9 b.ISK at the end of the period

	9M 2023/24	<u> </u>	OM 2022/23	Change	
Profit for the period	3,85	3	4,214	-361	
Adjustments		6,257	4,432	1,825	
Working capital		10,110	8,646	1,464	
Change in current assets	-1,77	9	-3,635	1,856	
Change in current liabilities		1,107	3,433	-2,326	
Interest and taxes paid	-2,408		-1,881	-527	
Cash prov. by operating activi	ties	7,030	6,563	467	
Investment activities	-4,007	-	2,752	-1,255	
Financing activities -4,0	009	-3,276		-733	
Change in cash -	986		535	-1,521	
Net cash at the end of the peri	od 1,883	1,	318	<b>565</b> 16	

#### Assets increase to a reasonable extent in the period

#### Balance sheet 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (m.ISK)

- Non-current assets grew by 3.7 b.ISK from the end of the year 2022/23 – mainly due to investments in properties, operating assets and a rising leasing properties
- Current assets amounted to 22.3 b.ISK and grew by 821 m.ISK from the end of the year 2022/23
- Inventory increased by 212 m.ISK from the end of the year 2022/23 but have decreased by 1.3 b.ISK since the end of Q3 last year - inventory turnover rate 10.0
- Trade receivable have increased and the credit period of receivables is now 11.9 days compared to 10.4 days last year
- Equity amounted to 27.0 b.ISK at the end of the period and the company had own shares with a nominal value of 22.1 m.ISK

	30. 11. 2023	28. 2. 2023	%∆		30. 11. 2023	28. 2. 2023	%Д
Property, plant and equipment	22.426	21.236	+6%	Borrowings	11.357	11.829	-4%
Intangible assets	12.783	12.430	+3%	Lease liabilities	8.232	7.056	+17%
Other non-current assets	18.980	16.836	+13%	Income tax	3.119	2.216	+41%
Non-current assets	54.189	50.502	+7%	Non-current liabilities	22.708	21.101	+8%
Inventories	12.929	12.717	-	Borrowings	6.318	3.325	+90%
Trade receivables	7.514	5.919	+27%	Lease liabilities	2.484	2.012	+23%
Cash	1.883	2.869	-34%	Trade payables	18.008	17.638	+2%
Current assets	22.326	21.505	+4%	Current liabilities	26.810	22.975	+17%
Total assets	76.515	72.007	+6%	Total liabilities	49.518	44.076	+12%
Liabilities and equity	76.515	72.007	+6%	Total equity	26.997	27.931	-3%

# The Board's objective for equity ratio realised

Economic key factors (9M 2019/20 - 9M 2023/24)

- Return on equity 16.9% over the last 12 months
- The equity ratio at the end of Q3 was 35.3%, but the board's target is a ratio of 35%
- Net interest-bearing debt at the end of Q3, including leasing liabilities, were 26.5 b.ISK or 2.1 x 12-month EBITDA
- The current ratio at the end of Q3 was 0.83 compared to 0.98 at the end of Q3 the previous year
- The cash conversion cycle was 16.3 days compared to 16.2 days in the previous year
- The assets turnover ratio was 2.3 at the end of Q3 as in the previous year



1) Net interest bearing liabilities (including leasing liabilities) / 12 months EBITDA 2) Current assets/ current liabilities

3) Cash conversion cycle = number of inventory days + number of days for accounts receivables - number of days for accounts payable 4) Sale / assets

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#### Market price and largest shareholders



#### Largest shareholders, shares held at end of 30.11.2023

1.	Gildi - Pension fund	18.5%
2.	The Pen.fund for state employees, A div.	11.3%
3.	The Pension fund of commerce	10.4%
4.	Brú pen.fund, municipalities employees	8.6%
5.	Birta Pension fund	7.8%

6.	Kaldbakur Ltd.	7.4%
7.	Festa - Pension fund	4.5%
8.	Stapi Pension fund	3.6%
9.	SL Pension fund	3.0%
10.	The Pen.fund for state employees, B div.	2.2%

#### Earning per share continue to grow

Accumulated earnings per share last 12 months (ISK per share)

- Earnings per share continue to grow accumulated profit now 4.16 ISK per share for the last 12 months, which is a 107% increase from Q3 2020/21
- Hagar's improved revenue in the last quarter is based on a general streamlining of operations, strategic decisions that have proven to be successful, new sections and increased activity in the main operating sections
- Continued focus on projects that affect short-term operations, but also on larger projects that affect the medium and long-term operations



Hagar strategic planning and subsidiaries, and upgraded focus

# Status and prospects (1/2)



- Operations have strengthened alongside with increased volume sold in groceries and fuel, and due to streamlining and new business sections
- Prospects continue to be excellent
  - **Operational units with excellent standing** general demand increase
  - The most economical food basket has rarely been more appropriate
  - Equilibrium (hopefully) to be achieved in the grocery prices
  - Prospects for **better economical balance** of the country
- The management's guidance for the operating year 2023/24 assumes that EBITDA will be between 12,900 13,400 m.ISK
- Traditional uncertainties will affect operations and revenue, e.g. world fuel prices, exchange rates, inflation, interest rates and labour agreements















# Status and prospects (2/2)

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- Labour agreements that promote price stability have the utmost importance for homes and businesses - the most vital task today
  - Hagar's special emphasis on procurement strives against price increases of supplies for shops and supports the criteria for labour agreements
  - Price changes in stores are mostly driven by price changes from wholesalers and producers, many of whom have announced price rises around the beginning of the year.
  - Recent dialog of parties on the labour market promote hopes for optimism about long-term labour agreements that contribute to lower inflation
  - Conditions have therefore changed greatly since the wholesalers and manufacturers made their plans for 2024 in the autumn months should affect the previous decisions about their price increases
  - In Hagar's discussion with suppliers in the past few days, an understanding of the changed situation and the importance of consensus as basis of labour agreements has been shown many partners have already withdrawn or reduced plans for rises
  - Hagar's stores will take a clear stand against price increases that are considered to be in excess of what can be supported
  - In good cooperation between store, wholesalers and manufacturers, it is possible to contribute to a decrease in inflation of food

















### **Companies within the Hagar Group**



Bónus is a chain of discount stores that, from its founding, has offered the customers the lowest possible food price in Iceland. There are in total 33 stores but the product range covers all the primary household needs.

# HAGKAUP

Hagkaup is a leading retail company which emphasises on excellent service and a wide range of products. There are 7 stores, plus an online store, but the main product categories are food, cosmetics and toys.

# olis

Olís specialises in the sale and service of fuel and other oil products, as well as fast food, various essential products for car owners, products for outdoor activities and travel as well as multi-faceted services for e.g. fishing, contracting and transport enterprises throughout the country.



Eldum rétt offers it's customers food packages through an online and Hagkaup's stores, with recipes and ingredients in the right amount to cook healthy and tasty meals, with as little effort as possible.

## A Ð F Ö N G

Aðföng is a purchasing and logistics centre for the retail and bulk consumer market, but the company's activities consist of purchases, inventory management and distribution for Bónus, Hagkaup, Olís and Stórkaup stores.

# Bananar

Bananar is the largest importer and distributor of fresh vegetables, fruits and berries in Iceland and also one of the largest import companies in the country. Bananar are also the largest buyer and distributor of domestic vegetable and berry products.

# **STÓRKAUP**

Stórkaup is a wholesaler servicing bulk users with supplies on a broad basis, with operational guiding principles in efficiency, modern level of service and a simple sales organisation and distribution. The main product categories are operational supplies, health products and food products.

# ZARA

Zara is one of the world's largest fashion store chains selling clothing for adults as well as children at decent prices. Hagar manages the elegant Zara store in Smáralind.



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