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Dear Sir / Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are enclosing the investor presentation for the quarter and half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

We request you to take the above information on records.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
For **UPL Limited**

**Raj Tiwari**  
**Wholetime Director**  
**DIN: 09772257**

Encl.: As above



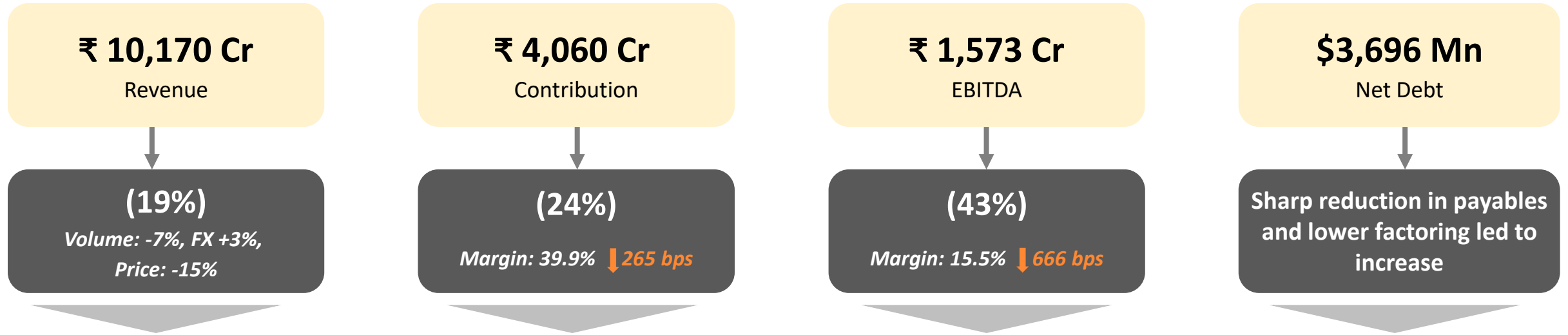
# **Q2 FY24 Performance Presentation**

October 2023

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# Q2 FY24: Industry Destocking Continues; Gained Market Share in International CP Business



- Global ‘**channel destocking**’ drove revenue decline – “**tactical purchases**” and cost management by distributors
- **Farmgate demand continues to be strong**; higher channel inventory to gradually subside in H2 as NAM, LATAM, EU enter cropping season
- Liquidation of high-cost inventory, higher than usual sales returns and rebates to support channel partners impacted contribution margin
  - **Adjusting for the above, H1FY24 contribution margin would have been higher by ~300bps vs LY** (instead of reported 48 bps decline)
  - Above challenges to continue and may impact H2 contribution margin
- **Differentiated and sustainable** segment continued to show resilience - **growing YoY**; share in CP revenue up by **~8% to ~38%**
- Cost reduction initiatives of \$100 Mn over next two years **on track** - realized \$9M in Q2; balance ~\$40M to be realized in H2
- **Decline in payables** (lower by \$526 Mn) due to lower manufacturing activity, and **reduced factoring** (down by \$86M) drove higher net debt
- Target to **reduce gross debt by \$500 Mn by Mar’24 vs LY**

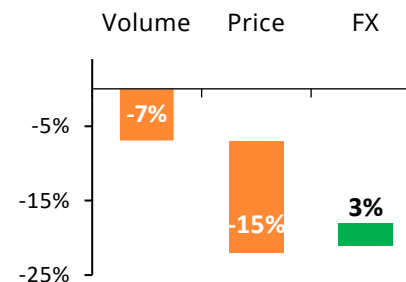
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# UPL Group: CP Market Headwinds Continued to Impact Q2; Seeds Reported a Healthy H1

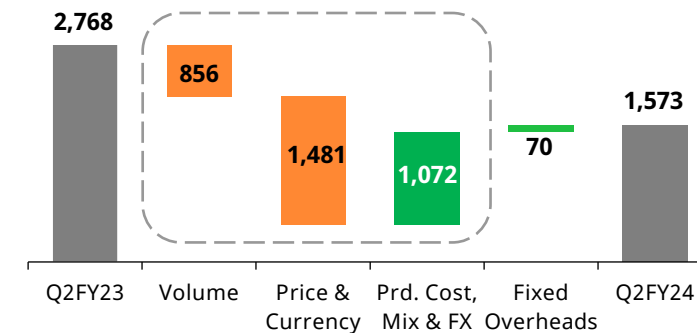
(₹ Crore )	Q2 FY24	Q2 FY23	YoY%	H1 FY24	H1 FY23	YoY%
Revenue	10,170	12,506	(19%)	19,133	23,328	(18%)
Contribution Profit	4,060	5,324	(24%)	8,158	10,058	(19%)
Contribution Margin	39.9%	42.6%	(265 bps)	42.6%	43.1%	(48 bps)
Fixed Overheads	2,486	2,557	(3%)	4,991	4,949	1%
EBITDA	1,573	2,768	(43%)	3,167	5,110	(38%)
EBITDA Margin	15.5%	22.1%	(666 bps)	16.6%	21.9%	(535 bps)
Amortization /Depreciation	656	608		1,293	1,196	
Net Finance Cost	822	698		1,572	1,248	
FX Gain / (Loss)	-229	-200		-431	-308	
Other Income / (Loss)	35	7		69	23	
PBT	-99	1,270	-	-60	2,381	-
Tax	-96	231		-260	290	
PAT before AI, MI and Exceptional Items	-3	1,038	-	200	2,091	(90%)
Income/(Loss) from Associates & JV	-203	-27		-261	3	
Exceptional Cost	88	43		130	121	
Net Profit before MI	-293	969	-	-191	1,974	-
Minority Interest	-105	156		-168	283	
Net Profit	-189	814	-	-23	1,691	-

## Q2FY24 vs Q2FY23

### Revenue Variance

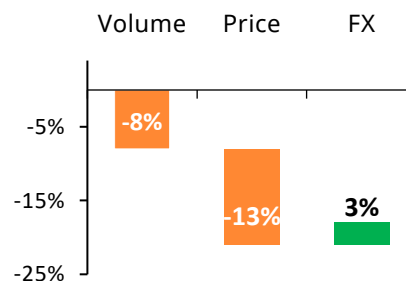


### EBITDA Variance

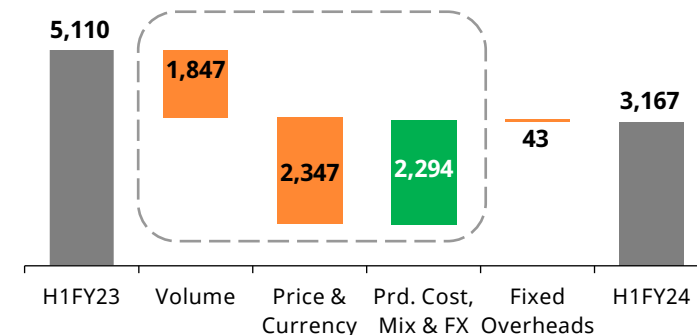


## H1FY24 vs H1FY23

### Revenue Variance



### EBITDA Variance





# Platform-wise Performance Update - Q2 & H1FY24

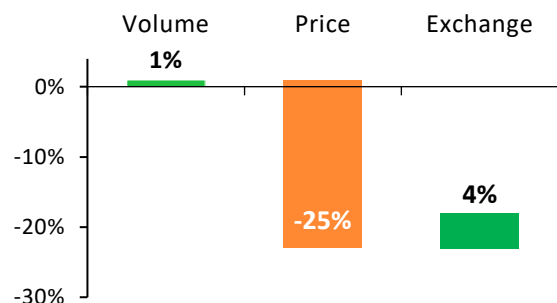
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- *UPL SAS*
- *Advanta Enterprises*
- *UPL Specialty Chemicals*

# UPL Corporation: Continue to Gain Market Share Driven by Volumes

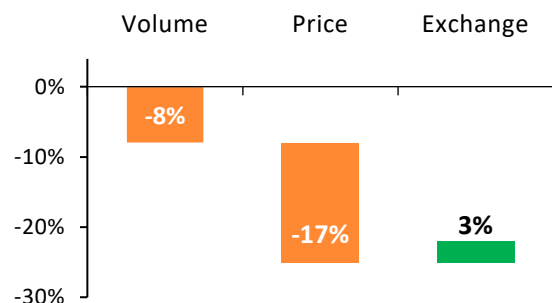
(₹ Crore )	Q2 FY24	Q2 FY23	YoY%	H1 FY24	H1 FY23	YoY%
Revenue	7,415	9,288	(20%)	13,721	16,946	(22%)
Contribution Profit	2,402	3,449	(30%)	4,507	6,493	(31%)
Contribution Margin	32.4%	37.1%	(470 bps)	34.0%	38.3%	(440 bps)
Fixed Overheads	1,584	1,604	(1%)	3,125	3,035	3%
EBITDA	818	1,844	(56%)	1,382	3,458	(60%)
EBITDA Margin	11.0%	19.9%	(880 bps)	10.4%	20.4%	(1,000 bps)

Note: Above financials are after considering proforma adjustments

## Sales Variance - Q2FY24 vs Q2FY23



## Sales Variance - H1FY24 vs H1FY23



## Q2FY24 Performance Update

- **Volumes up** despite high channel inventory across key regions
- Revenue impacted primarily by price erosion in key herbicides in Americas; Europe impacted by herbicides, product bans
- High-cost inventory liquidation, higher sales returns and rebates to channel partners impacted contribution margin
  - **Adjusted for the above, H1 contribution margins would have been higher by ~100bps vs. LY**

## Outlook

- Elevated inventory levels expected to gradually subside with strong farmgate demand
  - **Europe, Asia, and LATAM (ex-Brazil)** channel inventory largely normalized
  - **NAM and Brazil** scenario continues to gradually improve
- **Expect to deliver better profitability in H2FY24 vs. H1FY24:**
  - Seasonally higher sales, stable prices and favorable costing
  - **SG&A optimization** (on-track to reduce ~\$100M over two years; FY24 savings of ~\$50M to majorly accrue in H2FY24)

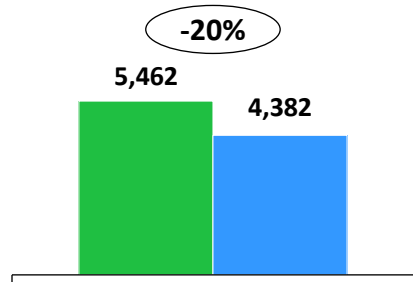
**Differentiated and sustainable segment revenue grew by 9% YoY, led by 17% volume growth in Q2FY24; represents ~36% of revenue versus ~27% LY. Contribution margins up by ~90 bps YoY**

# UPL Corporation: Pricing, De-stocking Impact; Gradual Recovery Across regions from H2

■ Q2FY23 ■ Q2FY24

(₹ crore)

## Latin America



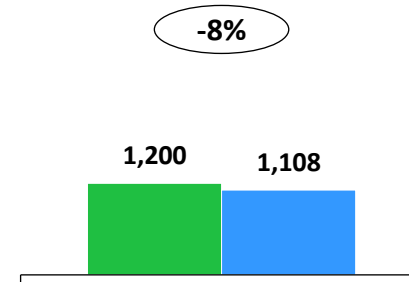
- **Brazil:** pricing decline led impact
  - Glyphotal®, Select®, Trunfo® primarily affected
  - Differentiated vol. up, led by Evolution®, Feroce®
- **Mexico and Argentina** growth led by volumes across portfolios

## North America



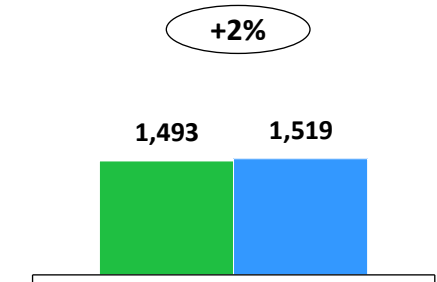
- Sharp drop in post-patent AI prices, along with channel “**de-stocking**”, “**tactical purchases**”, and **cash mgmt.** by distributors
- **Farmgate challenges persist**, along with low AI pricing from China
- **Herbicides** (e.g., glufosinate, s-metolachlor, clethodim, metribuzin) accounted for ~75% of regional decline, due to lower vol.

## Europe



- **Channel inventory continues to be a challenge**, resulting in degrowth in some parts
- Vol. led decline primarily in herbicides, impact of **product ban** (e.g., bifenazate)

## Rest of World



- Strong growth in China and Japan driven by volumes
- Offset by decline in Australia (due to lower s-metolachlor volumes) and Africa (herbicides)

*Note: Regional Revenue Charts exclude Others segment which contributed ₹ 46 crore revenue in Q2FY24 and ₹ 107 crore revenue in Q2FY23*



# UPL SAS: Lower Acreages in Key Crops, High Channel Stock Hit Q2; Expect Improved H2 vs H1

(₹ Crore )	Q2 FY24	Q2 FY23	YoY%	H1 FY24	H1 FY23	YoY%
Revenue	843	1,310	(36%)	2,046	2,705	(24%)
Contribution Profit	144	368	(61%)	478	794	(40%)
Contribution Margin	17.1%	28.1%	(1,096 bps)	23.4%	29.3%	(597 bps)
Fixed Overheads	114	122	(6%)	235	247	(5%)
EBITDA	30	246	(88%)	243	547	(56%)
EBITDA Margin	3.6%	18.8%	(1,521 bps)	11.9%	20.2%	(832 bps)

Note: Above financials pertain to India Crop Protection business only based on proforma adjustments and exclude 'Nurture'

## Nurture - Update

- **Q2FY24:** Revenue: ₹ 26.7 crore (flat YoY); EBITDA: ₹ 25.5 crore loss vs. ₹ 68.5 crore loss LY
- **H1FY24:** Revenue: ₹ 32.7 crore (flat YoY); EBITDA: ₹ 67.5 crore loss vs. ₹ 150.5 crore loss LY
- Notable cost reduction vs last year; streamlined portfolio of nurture.retail, nurture.farm platforms; strengthened sustain division
- **On-track to break-even by FY25**

## Q2FY24 Performance Update

- **Revenue Variance: Volume: -27% YoY, Price: -9% YoY**
- Revenue impacted due to
  - **Lower acreages** for key crops (cotton, pulses); shift from cotton in North India exacerbated impact
  - **Exceptionally high sales returns** due to elevated channel stocks
  - Erratic monsoon in Aug and Sep
- High-cost inventory liquidation, higher sales returns and rebates to channel partners impacted contribution margin
  - **Adjusted for the above, H1 contribution margins would be lower by only ~100 bps vs. LY**
- **New launches and collaboration** led traction in paddy, sugarcane and vegetables portfolio

## Outlook

- **Novel pipeline range** (e.g., Spruce, Feego, Fascinate Flash, Argyle) to drive portfolio diversification and expansion
- **Expect significantly improved performance in H2** led by new launches, higher grower demand

# Advanta: Continues to see Healthy Growth Momentum

(₹ Crore )	Q2 FY24	Q2 FY23	YoY%	H1 FY24	H1 FY23	YoY%
Revenue	1,070	972	10%	2,131	1,814	17%
Contribution Profit	602	531	13%	1,264	1,013	25%
<i>Contribution Margin</i>	<b>56.3%</b>	<b>54.7%</b>	<b>159 bps</b>	<b>59.3%</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>349 bps</b>
Fixed Overheads	337	258	35%	635	503	26%
EBITDA	265	273	(3%)	630	510	24%
<i>EBITDA Margin</i>	<b>24.8%</b>	<b>28.1%</b>	<b>(332 bps)</b>	<b>29.5%</b>	<b>28.1%</b>	<b>145 bps</b>

## Q2 FY24 Performance Update

- **Volume: +1%, Price: +5%, FX: +4%**
- **Revenue Growth driven by higher prices and volumes in Sunflower, Corn, Canola, Sorghum & Vegetables portfolios -**
- Partially offset with volume reductions in Brazil Soya, Australia Sorghum & Ecuador Corn portfolios
- **Contribution margins expanded by 159 bps YoY driven by -**
  - **Improved Mix:** Better growth in high-margin portfolios
  - **Good recovery** in India Vegetable business
- EBITDA marginally down vs LY as healthy contribution growth was offset by higher employee costs (increase in headcount to support budgeted growth for FY25)

## Outlook

- **Q3 to watchout due to El-Nino impact in major geographies**
- **On-track to deliver on FY24 guidance**

# UPL Specialty Chemicals: Lower Agchem Demand Led Revenue Drop; Margins Higher vs LY

(₹ Crore )	Q2 FY24	Q2 FY23	YoY%	H1 FY24	H1 FY23	YoY%
Revenue	3,500	4,580	-24%	6,668	8,648	-23%
Contribution Profit	508	537	-5%	1,166	1,359	-14%
Contribution Margin	14.5%	11.7%	279 bps	17.5%	15.7%	177 bps
Fixed Overheads	11	9	12%	21	18	17%
EBITDA	497	527	-6%	1,145	1,341	-15%
EBITDA Margin	14.2%	11.5%	269 bps	17.2%	15.5%	167 bps

Note: Above financials are after considering proforma adjustments and is inclusive of intercompany revenue

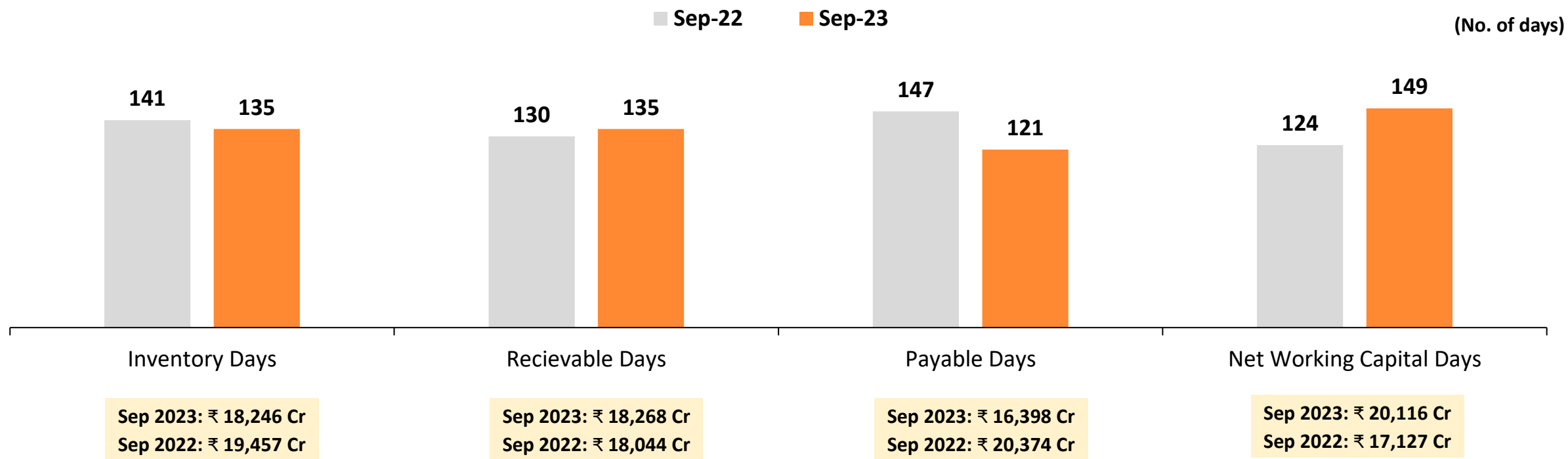
## Q2 FY24 Performance Update

- Lower demand from **AgChem** business
- **Non-Agchem Segment**
  - Domestic business performed better vs. LY
  - Weak demand in US, Europe; and in lubricants market drove down exports
- **EBITDA margins up 269 bps YoY to 14.2%** driven by raw material procurement at lower prices and manufacturing efficiencies
- **Commencement of plant at Kudos expected by early FY25**

## Outlook

- **Expect to deliver improved performance in H2FY24 vs H1FY24** in-line with the recovery in group's Agchem business.
- Green shoots emerging in Non-Agchem specialty chemical business

## Increase in NWC Primarily due to Reduced Factoring and Lower Payable Days



- Working capital days increased by 25 days YoY as on Sep 2023 primarily due to –
  - Payable days lower by 26 days due to sharp decline in procurement given the reduced manufacturing activity in H1.
  - Reduction in non-recourse factoring by ₹ 580 crore on a YoY basis
- Working capital days at FY24-end expected to be ~65 days in-line with last year

# Net Debt at \$3.7 Bn as of Sep'23; Higher vs LY due to Sharp Drop in Payables & Lower Factoring

## Gross & Net Debt Position – Sep 2023 vs Sep 2022

All figures are in US\$ Mn and ₹ Crore

Particulars	Sep'23	Sep'22	Change
Gross Debt	\$4,086 ₹ 33,934	\$3,995 ₹ 32,550	\$91 ₹ 1,384
Cash and cash equivalent	\$390 ₹ 3,237 <sup>2</sup>	\$496 ₹ 4,038	(\$106) (₹ 801)
<b>Reported Net Debt</b>	<b>\$3,696</b> <b>₹ 30,697</b>	<b>\$3,499</b> <b>₹ 28,512</b>	<b>\$197</b> <b>₹ 2,185</b>
<b>Net Debt Adjusted for Currency Impact</b>	<b>₹ 30,116<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>₹ 28,512</b>	<b>₹ 1,604</b>

- **In USD terms, net debt at \$3.7 Bn as of Sep'23.** Adjusted for lower factoring, net debt higher by \$111 Mn vs Sep'22.
- Net Debt higher vs LY on account of **sharp decline in payables** (lower by ₹ 3,975 crore YoY) given lower procurement amid reduced manufacturing activity in H1
- **Cash generated by business before WC** was ₹ 363 crore in H1FY24
- **Target to bring down gross debt by \$500 Mn by March 2024 vs. LY**

**Note:** <sup>1</sup>USD /INR depreciated from 81.47 as on 30 Sep 2022 to 83.05 as on 30 Sep 2023. <sup>2</sup>Includes liquid investment of INR 68 crore as of Sep'23

\*Operating CF before WC less interest, tax and other cash expenses

# UPL Group - FY24 Revised Guidance

Revised  
Guidance

**Flat**

Revenue Growth

**0% to (-5%)**

EBITDA Growth

Old Guidance  
(end of Q1FY24)

**+ 1% to +5%**

Revenue Growth

**+ 3% to +7%**

EBITDA Growth

# ANNEXURE

## Breakdown of Net Finance Cost – Q2 FY24 and H1 FY24

### Net Finance Cost Breakdown

(₹ crore)

Particulars	Q2FY24	Q2FY23	Change	H1FY24	H1FY23	Change
Interest on Borrowings	559	274	285	926	489	437
Interest on Leases & Others	181	261	(80)	468	524	(56)
Other Financial Charges	31	49	(18)	69	74	(5)
NPV – Interest & Finance	122	185	(63)	247	289	(42)
Interest Income	(71)	(71)	0	(137)	(128)	(9)
<b>Total Net Finance Cost</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>324</b>





**Thank You**