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### **Strategic Highlights in 2023**

Expansion of product portfolio through M&As and R&D





**Expansion of geographical footprint** through a greenfield investment in India and M&As in Brazil and Finland



**New OEMs customer contracts** in Transport and Agriculture as well as in Construction to boost mid-term growth





Further improvements in **carbon footprint reduction** to support customers' needs and mitigate climate change





Groupwide gains in production efficiency paired with product portfolio adjustments **enhanced profitability in all segments** 









# **JOST Expands its Product Portfolio Through M&A and R&D**



- Three-point linkages
- Coupling hooks
- Pick-up hitches
- + Counterweights
- + Centerboom
- **+** BusLink Systems



### Financial Highlights in 2023

Sales at €1.25bn on prior year's level, with organic sales in Transport up by +9% offsetting decline in Agriculture of organic -25%

Adj. EBIT margin expanded significantly by 1.5pp to 11.3% and adj. EBIT reached at €141m a new record level

Free cashflow increased significantly to €+112m and leverage improved to below 1.0x net debt/adj. EBITDA

Adj. EPS went up by +8% to €6.24 per share

Dividend proposal raised by +7% to €1.50 per share





# **Financial Targets for 2023 Achieved**

Sales	On previous year's level (2022: €1,265m)	-1% to €1,250m	<b>~</b>
Adj. EBIT	High-single digit growth y-o-y (2022: €124m)	+14% to €141m	<b>~</b>
Adj. EBIT margin	Significant increase (2022: 9.8 %)	11.3%	<b>~</b>
Capex (% of sales) <sup>1</sup>	Approx. 2.5% of sales (2022: 2.6%)	2.5%	<b>~</b>
Leverage	Lower than previous year (2022: 1.278x)	0.998x	<b>~</b>



1: Excluding M&A



### Market Development FY 2023 vs. FY 2022

#### **EUROPE TRUCK** Robust demand for trucks +14% MARKET driven by pent-up demand. INDUSTRY (volume) Trailer market contracted. **TRAILER** -11% especially in H2 2023. MARKET Tractor market declined due **TRACTOR** -4% to uncertainties regarding MARKET inflation and interest rates. ORGANIC Strong demand for trucks -3% compensated for weakness in trailer and agriculture.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

Production of class 8 truck +4% remained strong, softening some in H2 2023.

Trailer demand grew further +4% from an already high level supported by strong economy.

Demand for compact and small-9% tractors slumped with only high HP tractors achieving growth.

Sharp decline in agricultural
 compact market could not by offset by growth in Transport.

#### **ASIA-PACIFIC-AFRICA**

**+31%** Truck market in China recovered some, up from very low levels.

Demand in other APA countries remained strong.

Robust trailer demand, driven
+11% by India and the Pacific region.
China, too, started a slow
recovery.

JOST benefited from strong
+30% demand in APA as well as the
slowly recovering Chinese market.

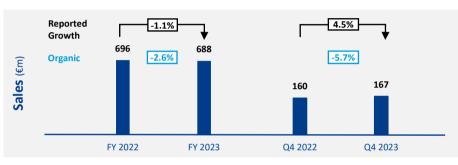
Note: Market estimates based on LMC, Clear Consulting, FTR, OEM announcements (March 2024)







### Europe – Profitability Improvements Despite Weakness in Agriculture



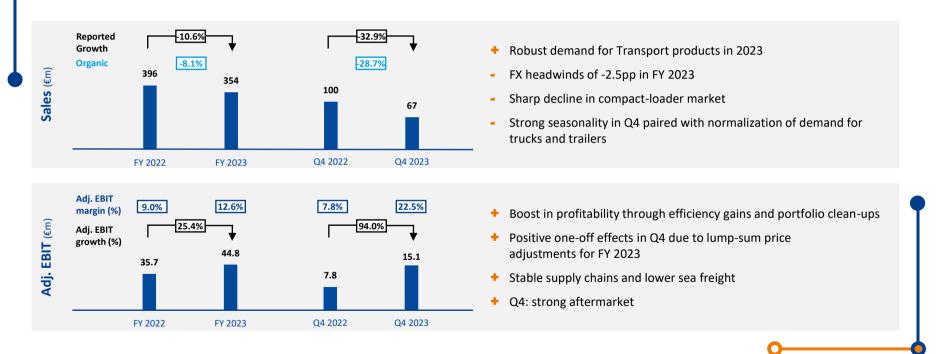
- Strong demand for trucks partially offset weakness in trailer and agriculture
- + Consolidation of Crenlo do Brasil and LH Lift increased sales in Q4 2023
- FX headwinds of -2.0pp burdened sales in FY 2023



- Efficiency gains and strict cost control supported margin improvement in FY 2023
- Stable supply chains and lower freight rates
- Q4 burdened by negative product mix and stronger seasonality
- Longer year-end breaks in Ag plants to safeguard operational efficiency

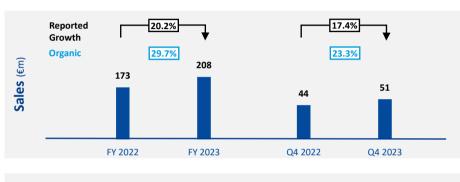


### North America – Strong Profitability Boost Despite Sales Decline





### **Asia-Pacific-Africa – Strong Market Demand Continues**



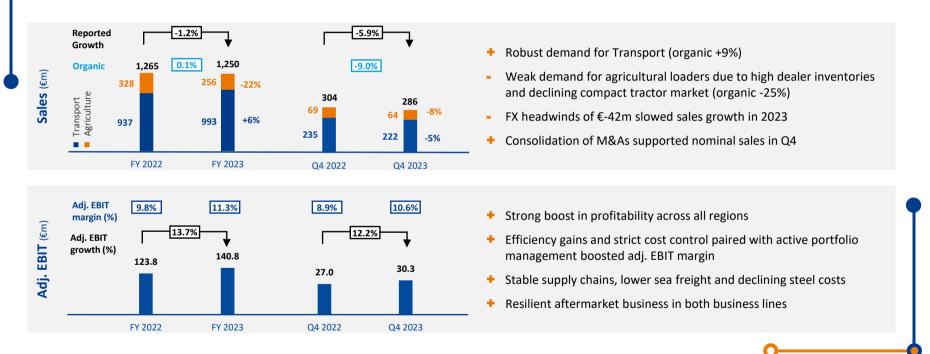
- Strong markets in India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa
- Ongoing recovery of Chinese truck market (export-driven in 2023)
- + LH Lift sales in China supported Q4 growth
- Strong FX headwinds of -10.4pp in FY 2023



- Strong profitability due to high share of off-road business
- Slightly less favorable regional mix due to growing China sales
- Ramp-up costs for production plant in India
- Increasing proportion of agricultural business

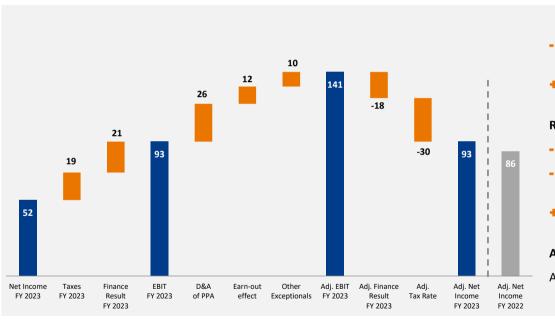


### **Group – JOST Profitability Improves Significantly Despite Flat Sales**





## **Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted EPS Improved**



- Interest payments for loans tripled as a result of rising EURIBOR
- Taxes declined by 5% compared to 2022

#### Reported EPS declined from €4.02 to €3.51

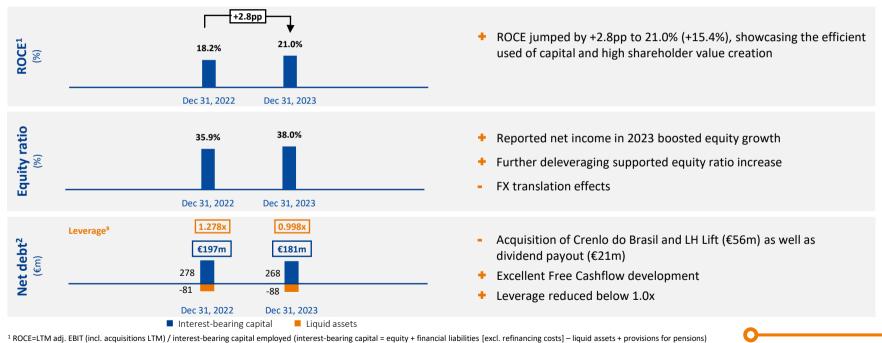
- Final earn-out for Ålö acquisition
- M&A consulting fees, ramp-up costs in India as well as site relocation and reorganization costs
- PPA D&A declined compared to 2022

#### Adj. EPS increased from €5.76 to €6.24

Adj. tax rate amounts to 25%



### **ROCE, Equity Ratio and Leverage Development**



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net debt = interest bearing capital [excl. refinancing costs] - liquid assets

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Leverage = Net debt/LTM adj. EBITDA [LTM adj. EBITDA 2023 = € 181m (incl. acquisitions LTM); LTM adj. EBITDA PY = € 154m



### **Cash Flow and Working Capital Development**



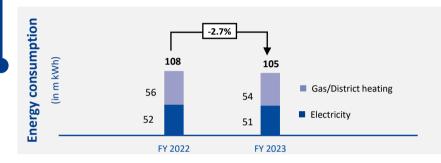
 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Free cash flow = Operating cash flow – capex (excl. M&A)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cash conversion = Free cash flow/adj. Net Income

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Capex = Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment + payments to acquire intangible assets



## Strong Reductions of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Energy Consumption Achieved



- + Energy consumption down due to investments in energy efficiency
- Consolidation of Crenlo do Brasil and LH Lift contributed additional 5.7m kWh to energy balance



- Further increases of renewable energies in power mix up by +7pp to 37%
- Increase of own green energy production through new roof top solar plants
- Scope 1 and Scope 2 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per production hour down -46% compared to basis year 2020, faster than anticipated







### **Market Development Expectations for FY 2024**

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**TRUCK** 

INDUSTRY (Volume)

LEADING TO THE PROPERTY (VOLUME)

**TRACTORS** 

**EUROPE** 

(5) - (10) %



(5) – (10) %

in prior year



Outlook for trailer demand in Europe continues to soften, given slow economy

(5) – (10) %



Demand for agricultural tractors expected to decline further in Europe.

NORTH AMERICA

(15) - (20) %



Demand for Class 8 trucks expected to contract, compared to very high of 2023

(20) - (25) %



Trailer production expected to contract, following very high volumes in 2023

(10) - (15) %



Demand for agricultural tractors in light and medium HP segment expected to contract

ASIA-PACIFIC-AFRICA

5 – 10 %



Chinese truck market should continue its recovery, supporting demand. Other markets in APA expected to remain strong.

5 – 10 %



Recovery of Chinese market and solid fundamentals in other countries in APA should boost demand

(5) - 0 %

Demand for agricultural tractors should stagnate or shrink slightly compared to 2022



# **JOST Outlook for 2024**

Sales	Single digit decline y-o-y; (2023: €1,250m)
Adj. EBIT	Single digit decline y-o-y (2023: €141m)
Adj. EBIT margin	Decline y-o-y, remaining within strategic corridor of 10.0-11.5%
Capex (in % of sales) 1	Approx. 2.5% - 2.9% of sales
Working Capital	Below 19% from sales (2023: 18.0%)



1: Excluding M&A





### **Strategic Focus in 2024**

**In Agriculture:** Generate new global cross-selling opportunities for JOST's new agricultural products and continue acquiring new OEM contracts.

**In Transport:** Increase revenue per customers by upselling new products and continue strengthening market positioning in all regions.

**In Operations:** Localize production of JOST's loader design to Brazil and consolidate production plants in Ningbo, China.

**In ESG:** Identify and implement further measures to reduce JOST's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and start measuring Scope 3 emissions across the supply chain.

**In Finance:** Defend high profitability through flexibility, sharpen cost focus, improve Working Capital and identify potential for further efficiency gains.





### **Executive Summary**

JOST is posed to **achieve strong**, **profitable mid-term growth** by leveraging its excellent market positioning to grow its global business further.

**High flexibility and continued efficiency gains** supported major increase in profitability despite the flat sales development in 2023.

Improvements in Working Capital and **operational excellence** boosted free cash flow and accelerated deleveraging to below the 1.0x mark

Despite cyclical slow-down in 2024, **JOST will defend its high profitability** and keep adj. EBIT margin within its strategic target corridor.

JOST sees the current market environment as a **window of opportunity** to invest in further strategic organic and inorganic growth.





# Q&A Appendix

Further information



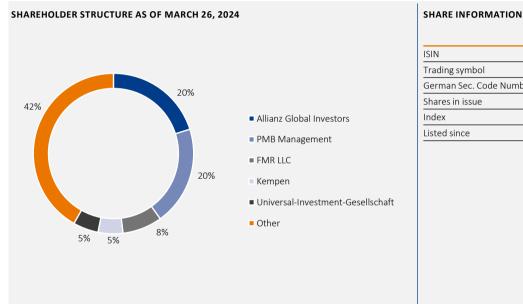
### **Development of JOST's Sales and Adjusted EBIT by Quarter**



JOST boosted adj. EBIT and adj. EBIT margin further in Q4 2023, despite strong decline in Agriculture and negative currency effects leading to a decline in sales, compared to Q4 2022.



### **Shareholder Structure and Share Information**



ISIN	DE000JST4000
Trading symbol	JST
German Sec. Code Number (WKN)	JST400
Shares in issue	14,900,000
Index	SDAX
Listed since	July 20, 2017



#### **Financial Calendar 2024**

March 26 Publication of Annual Group Report 2023

May 8 Annual General Meeting

May 15 Publication of Q1 2024 Interim Report

Aug 14 Publication of Q2 2024 Interim Report

Nov 14 Publication of Q3 2024 Interim Report

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