

Strauss Group ends Q1 2022 with 11.5%¹ revenue growth and a decline of 79.2% in net income

Revenue growth was due to an increase in sales in Strauss Coffee, the Health & Wellness segment and Strauss Water; operating profit decline was largely due to the recall incident in the Confectionery Division and the adjustment plan at Sabra's manufacturing plant

This morning, Strauss Group published its financial statements for the first quarter of 2022, which were materially impacted by the Confectionery Division recall made by the Company at the end of April². The Company reported approximately NIS 2.2 billion in revenue, reflecting approximately 11.5% organic growth excluding FX effects, but recorded a deterioration of approximately 64.7% in operating profit, which totaled approximately NIS 102 million, and a sharp decline of approximately 79.2% in net income attributable to shareholders, which amounted to approximately NIS 43 million in the quarter.

Strauss Group President & CEO, **Giora Bardea**, commented: "Along with growth in the Group's international coffee business, including a recovery in business activity in Ukraine, continued growth in the Group's water company in Israel and in China, and growth in all activities in Israel, the Group is dealing with complex challenges in Sabra and in the confectionery business in Israel. Strauss is a strong group that has experienced difficult times and crises in the past. Its resilience has always enabled it to not only exit these situations successfully, but to grow from them and emerge a better company. The challenge include operational, financial and marketing aspects. I am convinced that the resilience of our brands, finances and people will enable us to successfully overcome and return to activity and growth in the near term.

The process of restoring activities at the Nof Hagalil plant is fully underway. We are making every effort to complete this process well within the timeframe defined by the Ministry of Health, with the aim of resuming the production of our beloved confectionery brands as soon as possible.

At the same time, the Company continues to implement its work plans and to further its strategic priorities, with an emphasis on innovation in our activities in FoodTech through "The Kitchen Hub". In line with our strategy and after winning the tender for the establishment of a second FoodTech incubator, we are presently launching "The Kitchen Hub 2" with international partners. As of the date of the report, the fair value of the Group's holdings in the incubator companies is approximately NIS 412 million, compared to approximately NIS 149 million in the corresponding period last year."

Strauss Israel The impact of the recall in Q1 2022 was reflected in a decrease of approximately NIS 60 million in the Fun & Indulgence segment sales. The Health & Wellness segment, which includes, among others things, the dairies, Yad Mordechai and the Food Division, grew by approximately 4.8% to NIS 669 million. Total sales by Strauss Israel in the quarter, including the negative impact on the Confectionery Division, amounted to c. NIS 975 million, an increase of approximately 0.1% compared to the corresponding period last year, and an operating loss of approximately NIS 15 million.

¹ Organic growth, excluding foreign currency effects.

² Since the recall incident occurred after the date of the statement of financial position, which, according to IFRS, necessitates adjustment, the Company adjusted its financial statements for Q1 2022 accordingly.

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Strauss Coffee benefited from a strong first quarter, with approximately 32.6% growth following increased sales by the International Coffee segment as well as the Israel Coffee segment, and operating profit increase of approximately 7% to approximately NIS 105 million. The coffee business in Brazil, Poland, Romania and Serbia experienced double-digit growth in the quarter in local currency, and the business in Israel grew by approximately 2.7%. Sales in Russia and Ukraine declined by approximately 13.3% in local currency as a result of the war between the two countries. In March, business operations in Ukraine were partially resumed and have steadily increased in the second quarter.

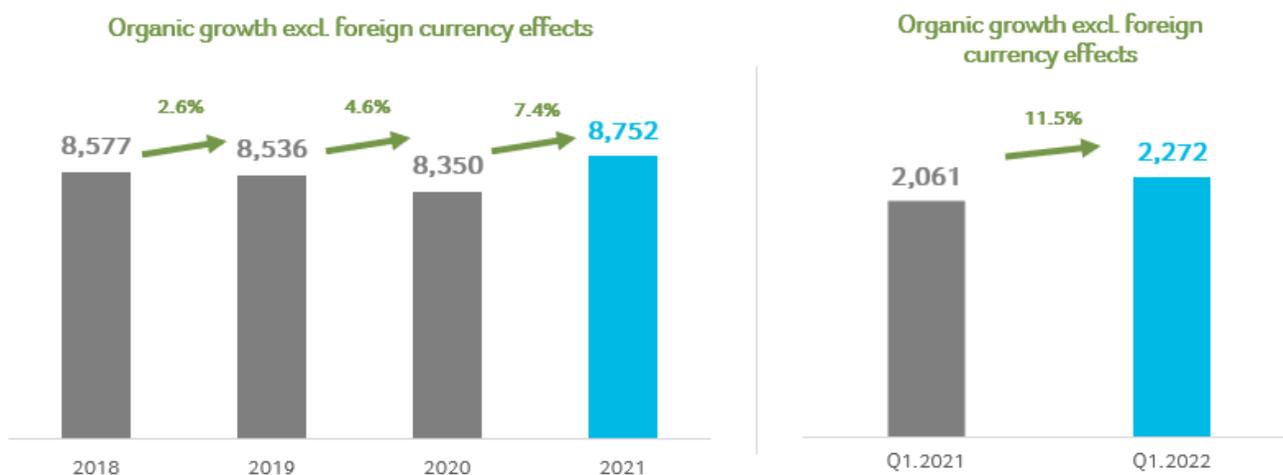
Sabra, which produces and markets refrigerated dips and spreads in North America, concluded the first quarter with a drop of approximately 32.4% in sales, which amounted to approximately NIS 97 million (reflecting 50% ownership), and an operating loss of approximately NIS 15 million (50%) due to disruptions in its manufacturing operations arising from the plant's adjustment plan. As products were not supplied to the market, Sabra (leader of the hummus market in the US) lost market share, which declined from approximately 61.7% to 45.8% in the first quarter of 2022 compared to the corresponding period last year. In the past few weeks, the company resumed partial production and sales. The company estimates that full production capacity will be restored in the second half of 2022 and estimates that the operating loss in the second quarter will amount to approximately USD 15 to 17 million (for 50% ownership), of which approximately USD 6 to 8 million is nonrecurring.

Strauss Water finished the first quarter with approximately NIS 183 million in revenue and an increase of approximately 7.5% compared to last year, due to growth in the customer base and sales of new appliances in Israel. The company's operating profit was approximately NIS 25 million, an increase of approximately 15.5% following sales growth in Israel and an improvement in net profit in the water company in China, which grew by approximately 47.6%.

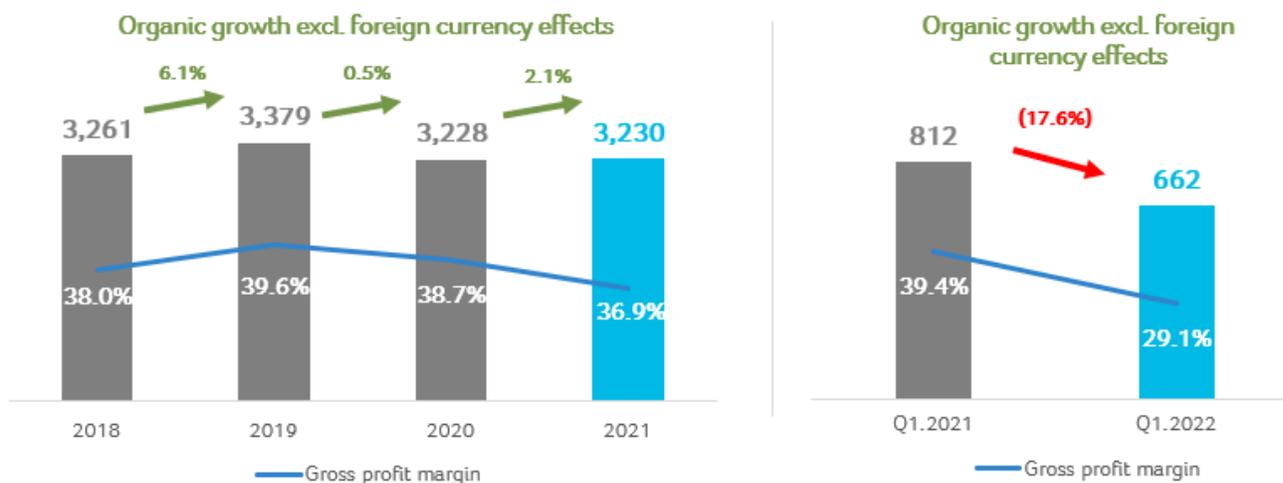
In Q1 2022, two FoodTech incubator companies from "The Kitchen" completed funding rounds, following which the Group recognized a profit of approximately NIS 20 million. On March 31, 2022, the fair value of the investments in incubator investees was approximately NIS 412 million, compared to approximately NIS 149 million on March 31, 2021.

Following are key financial data in a quarterly and multi-year comparison, according to the Management (Non-GAAP) Reports:

Net Sales

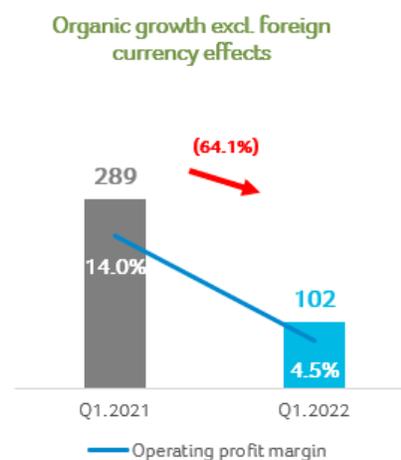
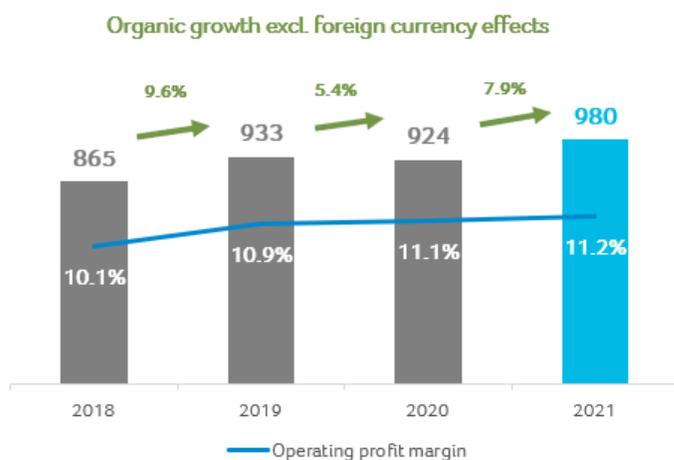


Gross Profit and Gross Margin

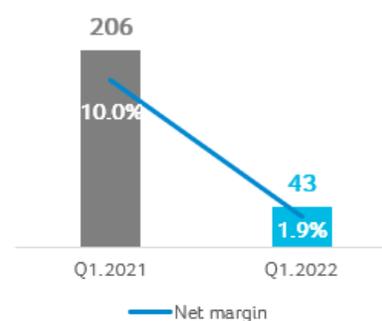
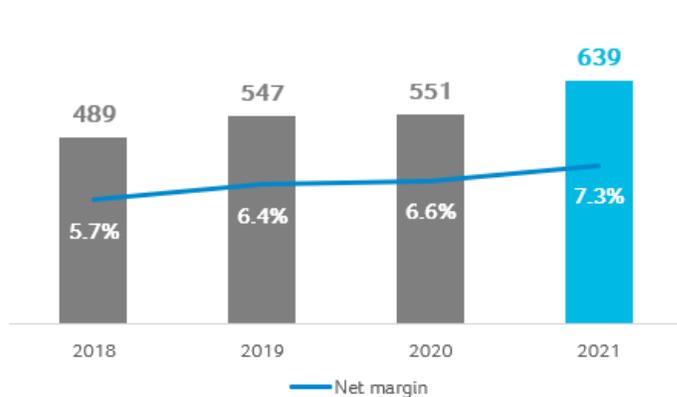


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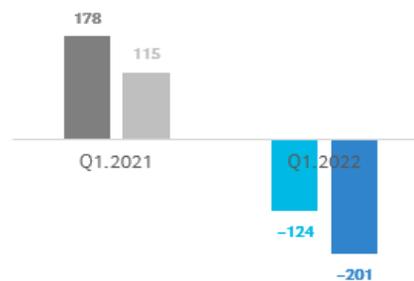
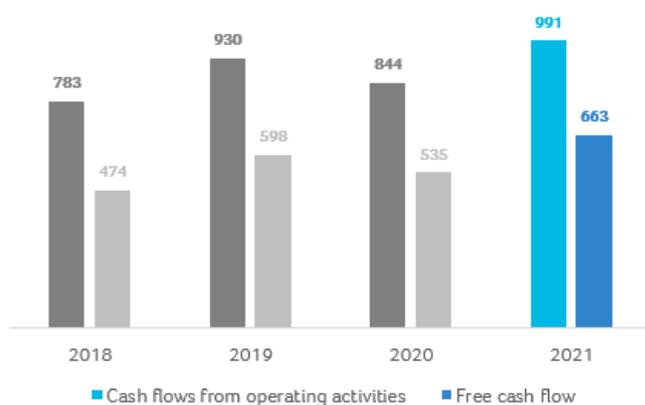
Operating Profit and Operating Margin



Net Profit and Net Margin



Cash Flows from Operating Activities and Free Cash Flow



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Non GAAP Figures ⁽¹⁾

First Quarter			
	2022	2021	Change
Total Group Sales (NIS mm)	2,272	2,061	10.2%
Organic Sales Growth excluding FX	11.5%	-0.4%	
Gross Profit (NIS mm)	662	812	-18.5%
Gross Margins (%)	29.1%	39.4%	-1030 bps
EBITDA (NIS mm)	194	373	-48.2%
EBITDA Margins (%)	8.5%	18.1%	-960 bps
EBIT (NIS mm)	102	289	-64.7%
EBIT Margins (%)	4.5%	14.0%	-950 bps
Net Income Attributable to the Company's Shareholders (NIS mm)	43	206	-79.2%
Net Income Margin (Attributable to the Company's Shareholders) (%)	1.9%	10.0%	-810 bps
EPS (NIS)	0.37	1.77	-79.2%
Operating Cash Flow (NIS mm)	-124	178	-169.8%
Capex (NIS mm) ⁽²⁾	77	63	22.2%
Net debt (NIS mm)	2,107	1,843	14.3%
Net debt / annual EBITDA	1.8x	1.4x	0.4x

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(2) Investments include the acquisition of fixed assets, investment in intangible assets and proceeds from the sale of fixed assets.

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Non GAAP Figures ⁽¹⁾

	First Quarter							
	Sales (NIS mm)	Sales growth vs. prior year	Organic sales growth excluding FX	EBIT (NIS mm)	NIS Change in EBIT	% Change in EBIT	EBIT margins	Change in EBIT margins vs. 2021
Sales and EBIT by Operating Segments and Activities								
Strauss Israel:								
Health & Wellness	669	4.8%	4.8%	82	6	7.2%	12.2%	+20 bps
Fun & Indulgence ⁽²⁾	306	-8.8%	-8.8%	-97	-150	-285.9%	-31.8%	-4740 bps
Total Strauss Israel	975	0.1%	0.1%	-15	-144	-111.8%	-1.6%	-1480 bps
Strauss Coffee:								
Israel Coffee	215	2.7%	2.7%	47	-12	-19.4%	21.8%	-600 bps
International Coffee ⁽²⁾	781	44.2%	49.1%	58	18	45.9%	7.5%	+10 bps
Total Strauss Coffee	996	32.6%	35.8%	105	6	6.9%	10.6%	-250 bps
International Dips & Spreads:								
Sabra (50%) ⁽²⁾	97	-32.4%	-30.8%	-15	-31	-194.9%	-15.5%	-2650 bps
Obela (50%) ⁽²⁾	21	-3.5%	5.1%	-2	1	18.9%	NM	NM
Total International Dips & Spreads	118	-28.6%	-26.3%	-17	-30	-226.1%	-14.3%	-2240 bps
Strauss Water ⁽²⁾	183	7.5%	7.7%	25	3	15.5%	13.8%	+100 bps
Other	0	NM	NM	4	-22	-85.1%	NM	NM
Total Group	2,272	10.2%	11.5%	102	-187	-64.7%	4.5%	-950 bps

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(2) Fun & Indulgence figures include Strauss's 50% share in the salty snacks business. International Coffee figures include Strauss's 50% share in the Três Corações joint venture (3C) – Brazil – a company jointly held by the Group (50%) and by the local São Miguel Group (50%). International Dips & Spreads figures reflect Strauss's 50% share in Sabra and Obela. Strauss Water EBIT figures include Strauss's share in Haier Strauss Water (HSW) in China (49%).

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Condensed financial accounting (GAAP)			
First Quarter			
	2022	2021	Change
Sales	1,511	1,509	0.1%
Cost of sales excluding impact of commodity hedges	1,054	878	20.1%
Adjustments for commodity hedges	-2	1	
Cost of sales	1,052	879	19.6%
Gross profit	459	630	-27.2%
% of sales	30.4%	41.7%	
Selling and marketing expenses	324	321	1.0%
General and administrative expenses	107	104	2.9%
Total expenses	431	425	1.5%
Share of profit of equity-accounted investees	45	*42	8.8%
Share of profit (loss) of equity-accounted incubator investees	8	*26	-69.0%
Operating profit before other expenses	81	273	-70.4%
% of sales	5.4%	18.1%	
Other expenses, net	-28	4	
Operating profit after other expenses	53	277	-80.7%
Financing expenses, net	-14	3	-513.3%
Income before taxes on income	39	280	-86.1%
Taxes on income	-8	-59	-87.2%
Effective tax rate	19.4%	21.1%	
Income for the period	31	221	-85.8%
Attributable to the Company's shareholders	14	203	-93.0%
Attributable to non-controlling interests	17	18	-2.8%

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