

Alternative Performance Measures

Bobst Group SA

Alternative Performance measures (APM)

Bobst Group uses certain key figures to measure its performance that are not defined by Swiss GAAP FER. Management believes that these non-Swiss GAAP FER performance measures provide useful information regarding the Group's financial and operating performance.

As these measures are not defined by Swiss GAAP FER, the calculation may differ from similar figures presented by other companies. The APM used by Bobst Group are explained and reconciled to Swiss GAAP FER performance measures as explained below.

Net cash / Net debt

Net cash / Net debt is our financial liquidity metric that measures our company ability to pay all its debts if they were due today. This ratio describes the cash and cash equivalents minus the borrowings. A positive amount indicates net cash while a negative amount means net debt. It is defined as:

Net cash / Net debt	31 December 2023 (In million CHF)	31 December 2022 (In million CHF)
+ Cash and cash equivalent	252.4	410.5
- Non-current borrowings	-201.2	-336.9
- Current borrowings	-185.0	-6.6
Total	-133.8	67.0

Capital expenditure (CAPEX)

CAPEX corresponds to the addition of the cash outflows relating to the purchase of intangible fixed assets and the purchase of tangible assets.

Capital expenditure (CAPEX)	31 December 2023 (In million CHF)	31 December 2022 (In million CHF)
Purchase of intangible assets	11.1	17.5
Purchase of tangible assets	26.9	23.8
Total	38.0	41.3

Return on capital employed (ROCE)

ROCE is a profitability ratio that measures how efficiently a company can generate profits from its capital employed by comparing operating result to capital employed. At BOBST it is defined as:

Return on capital employed (ROCE)	31 December 2023 (In million CHF)	31 December 2022 (In million CHF)
Non-current assets	463.4	469.4
- Investments in associates	-62.9	-61.2
- Employer contribution reserves	-25.7	-25.7
+ Inventories	580.9	534.2
+ Receivables	413.3	453.2
+ Finance lease receivables	4.3	7.1
+ Income tax receivables	8.1	12.6
+ Prepaid expenses	27.3	21.1
- Non-current trade and other payables	-40.7	-48.6
- Current trade and other payables	-556.8	-690.0
- Accrued expenses	-206.3	-174.5
- Income tax payables	-12.8	-5.8
Capital employed	592.1	491.8
Operating result (EBIT)	147.2	141.3
ROCE	24.9%	28.7%

Net working capital (NWC)

The NWC is the receivables accounts and the inventories minus the payables accounts. It is a measure of a company's liquidity and its ability to meet short-term obligations, as well as fund operations of the business. At BOBST it is defined as:

Net working capital (NWC)	31 December 2023 (In million CHF)	31 December 2022 (In million CHF)
+ Inventories	580.9	534.2
+ Current receivables	413.3	453.2
+ Current finance lease receivables	4.3	7.1
+ Current prepaid expenses	27.3	21.1
+ Non-current receivables	15.3	5.0
+ Non-current finance lease receivables	8.6	4.1
+ Non-current prepaid expenses	1.5	1.6
- Current trade and other payables	-556.8	-690.0
- Current accrued expenses	-206.3	-174.5
- Non-current trade and other payables	-40.7	-48.6
Net working capital	247.3	113.2

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Potential risks and uncertainties include such factors as general economic conditions, foreign exchange rate fluctuations and interest rate fluctuations, competitive product and pricing pressures, the Company's operating conditions, and regulatory developments.