



 **Q3 2023 RESULTS**
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FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENT



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ENTERING PHASE II OF OUR TURNAROUND



Our transformation strategy has delivered 10 consecutive quarters of year-over-year revenue growth

Implementation of strategic initiatives sustained strong Q3 2023 results:

- 13% revenue growth;
- 80 basis points gross margin increase;
- 24% Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ growth.

Maintaining solid balance sheet:

- Leverage ratio ⁽²⁾ down at 2.2x from 2.3x at end of FY2022.

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Now entering the second phase of growth of our 5-year strategic plan:

- Sustained demand: revenue growth came in part from our organic and non-organic growth push in Western Quebec, new major account wins as announced in Q4 2022 and from existing customer growth.
- We are gaining momentum in our current markets and winning market share in our coveted markets.

We are well positioned to capture available growth opportunities:

- The upcoming move to the new strategic facility in St-Bruno at the end of 2023 will grow our Distribution footprint, allowing us to efficiently reach 90% of the HRI market in the province from our current 30%.

NEW HYBRID FACILITY (ST-BRUNO, QUEBEC)

WE ARE
ON TIME & BUDGET
TO START MOVING-IN
BY END OF 2023
(HEAD OFFICE &
WHOLESALE
ACTIVITIES)

START OF
DISTRIBUTION
ACTIVITIES TARGETING
WESTERN QUÉBEC
IN Q1 2024



321,000 square feet facility
Floor pouring completed earlier in Q3



40 feet high ceilings
Racking installation in progress

FEATURES:

- Custom-built facility offering optimal refrigeration and freezing capabilities
- Ability to conduct both wholesale and distribution activities on the same footprint
- Improves stock turnover and capacity output
- Improves operating and cost efficiencies

EVOLUTION OF THE 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN



PROFITABILITY GENERATE PROFITABLE GROWTH

- Improve customer & product mix.
- Optimizing category management and procurement and investing in our private label to achieve an optimal mix of national brands / private label.

RESULTS YTD

- 60 bp gross margin improvement.
- 35% Adjusted EBITDA growth.
- Growing private label sales.



GROWTH POTENTIAL REACH FROM 30% TO 90% OF THE HRI MARKET

- Organic investments in sales and marketing continued.
- Evaluating pipeline of M&A opportunities.

RESULTS

- Organic and non-organic growth initiatives and Q42022 chain wins were significant contributors to revenue growth.
- Demonstrating demand in Western Quebec.



PEOPLE ATTRACT, RETAIN AND DEVELOP

- HR focus on attracting and retaining talent

RESULTS

- More resources available to support strong summer season.
- New facility to attract and retain talent. New employer brand will be launched shortly.

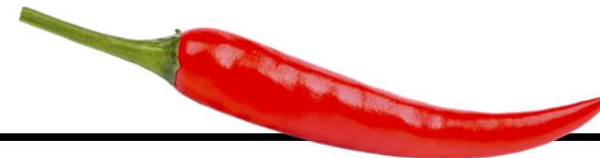


BRAND RENEW, REFRESH

- Focus on raising local offering and customer service.

RESULTS

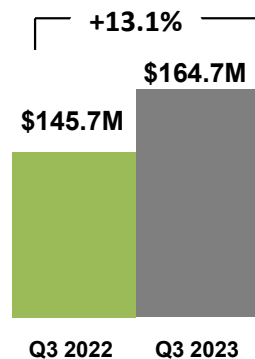
- Fourchette Bleue certification
- Maturin minority investment (local farm-to-table offering).



THIRD QUARTER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Q3 2023 SALES AND PROFITABILITY

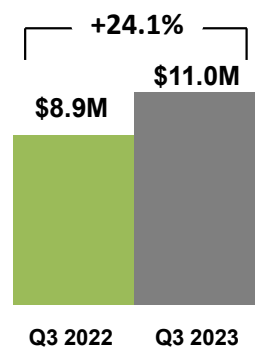
CONSOLIDATED SALES



DISTRIBUTION SALES UP BY 20.4% WHOLESALE SALES DOWN BY 8.6%

- Higher Distribution volume;
- New chains and street customers;
- Impact of rising inflation estimated at 3.7%;
- Decrease of Wholesale sales segment to the Distribution segment, as part of a supply optimization project between our warehouses.

ADJUSTED EBITDA⁽¹⁾



Higher adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ in 2023 by \$2.1M.

- Higher volume.



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Q3 2023 NET EARNINGS AND CASH FLOW TREND

NET EARNINGS

Net earnings improved to \$3.5M (\$0.03 per share), from a net earnings of \$2.8M (\$0.03 per share)

- Higher EBITDA⁽¹⁾ ;
- Improving operational leverage leading to better fixed cost absorption.



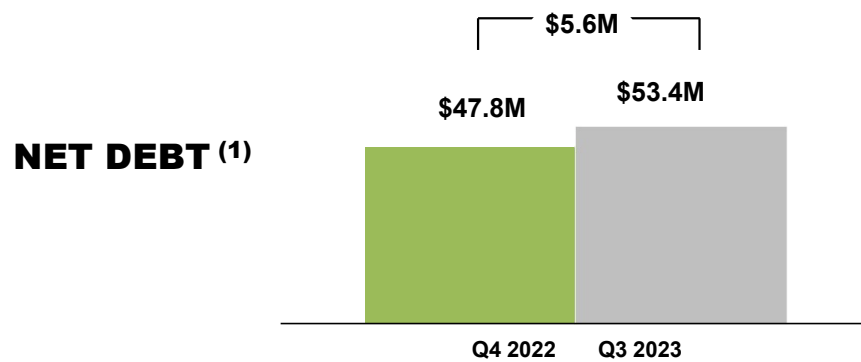
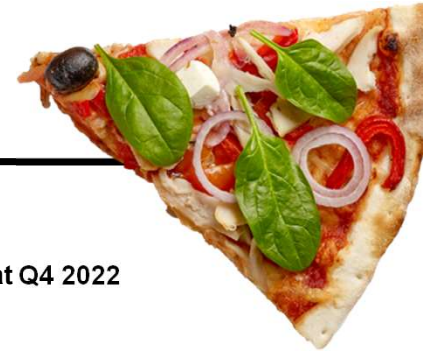
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS

Cash flows generated amounted to \$8.0M, down from \$8.8M

- Q3 2023 higher working capital requirements explained by a higher supplier payments in 2023 related to inventories purchases.

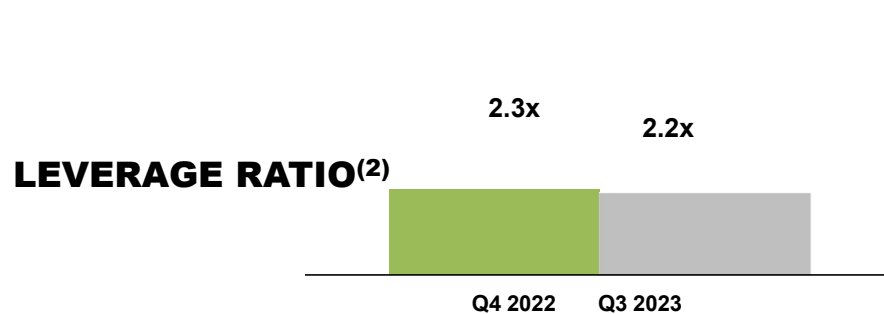
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Q3 2023 NET DEBT AND LEVERAGE RATIO TREND



Net debt increased to \$53.4M, was \$47.8M at Q4 2022

- Use of credit facility for \$6.5M;
- Investment in capex for our new site.



Leverage ratio down at 2.2x

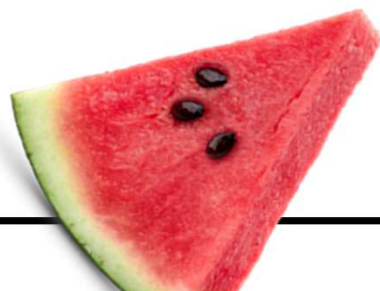
- Contribution of higher Adjusted EBITDA;
- Investment in growth.

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Q3 2023 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in thousands of dollars, except percentages, per share data and financial leverage ratio)	12-week period		36-week period	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Sales from continuing operations	164,700	145,670	462,809	380,825
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	11,034	8,894	25,902	19,213
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾ margin (%)	6.7	6.1	5.6	5.0
Net earnings from continuing operations	3,539	2,832	5,693	2,869
Net earnings	3,539	2,832	5,693	2,802
Per share – basic and diluted	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.03
Cash flow from operating activities	7,969	8,757	20,044	19,962
Financial Position			As at September 9, 2023	As at December 31, 2022
Net debt ⁽²⁾			53,364	47,764
Financial leverage ⁽³⁾			2.2x	2.3x



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SHARE INFORMATION (TSX: GCL)



LAST 52 WEEKS



STOCK PRICE (as at October 17th, 2023) **\$1.11**

52-week low-high **\$0.69 - \$1.19**

Number of shares issued and outstanding **101,986,464**

Average volume (30 days) **83k**

Market capitalization **\$113.2M**

Institutional and management ownership **≈ 40%**

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NON-IFRS MEASURES



Reconciliation of Net Earnings to Adjusted EBITDA (in thousands of dollars)	2023 12-weeks	2022 12-weeks	2023 36-weeks	2022 36-weeks
Net earnings from continuing operations	3,539	2,832	5,693	2,896
Income taxes	1,362	1,097	2,109	1,140
Financial expenses	1,271	1,080	3,896	3,030
Operating earnings	6,172	5,009	11,698	7,039
Expenses for stock-based compensation plan	63	111	212	313
Costs not related to current operations	99	102	150	1,247
Depreciation and amortization	4,700	3,672	13,842	10,614
Adjusted EBITDA	11,034	8,894	25,902	19,213

Calculation of Net Debt (in thousands of dollars)	As at September 9, 2023	As at December 31, 2022
Bank indebtedness	114	1,014
Current portion of long-term debt	3,000	3,000
Long-term debt	50,250	43,750
Net debt	53,364	47,764



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