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 **Q1 2024 RESULTS**  
COLABOR GROUP INC.(TSX: GCL)

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# FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENT

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# PHASE II OF OUR TURNAROUND



**Our transformation strategy had delivered 11 consecutive quarters of year-over-year revenue growth, with a slight slowdown for the first time in Q1 2024**

**Implementation of strategic initiatives helped mitigating the effect of the weakness in the restaurant industry in Q1 2024 results:**

- 2.0% decrease in revenue growth;
- a stable gross margin;
- 12.4% decrease in Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>.
- \$11.7M in cash flow generated from operating activities.

**Maintaining solid balance sheet:**

- Leverage ratio <sup>(2)</sup> decreased to 2.3x from 2.4x at end of FY2023.

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**A diversified clientele across the distribution activities, along with efforts to attract new clients and expand into new territories, partially mitigated the effect of the weakness in the restaurant industry.**

- Revenue from distribution activities increased slightly by 0.4%;
- Revenue from wholesale activities decreased by 8.7%.

**Developments of the new hybrid Distribution / Wholesale facility:**

- Certain chain customers are served from the new facility, service levels are maintained;
- Planned relocation in Q2 of Western Quebec customers, actually served from our facility in Eastern Quebec, to the new facility in Saint-Bruno will allow us to generate synergies and integrate new customers in our eastern Québec facility.

# NEW HYBRID FACILITY (ST-BRUNO, QUEBEC)

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# EVOLUTION OF THE 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

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## **PROFITABILITY** GENERATE PROFITABLE GROWTH

- Improve customer & product mix.
- Optimizing the management of our private label to achieve an optimal mix with our national brands.

### Q1 RESULTS

- Stable gross margin.
- 12% decrease in Adjusted EBITDA due to lower sales volume.



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

- Growing distribution activities in Western Quebec.
- Continuously evaluating pipeline of M&A opportunities.

### Q1 RESULTS

- Gradual startup of new distribution activities.
- Integration of Assets acquired in March 2024.



## **PEOPLE** ATTRACT, RETAIN AND DEVELOP

- HR focus on attracting and retaining talent.
- Employer brand.

### Q1 RESULTS

- More resources available, ready for the strong summer season.

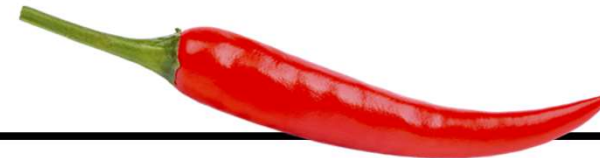


## **BRAND** RENEW, REFRESH

- Focus on raising local offering and customer service.

### Q1 RESULTS

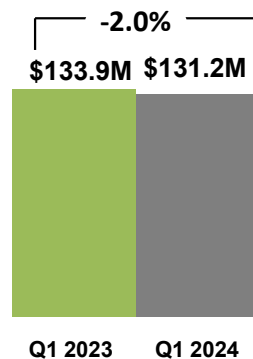
- Differentiated, locally-inspired, high-quality offerings.
- Highlight on our customer service approach.



# FIRST QUARTER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

## Q1 2024 SALES AND PROFITABILITY

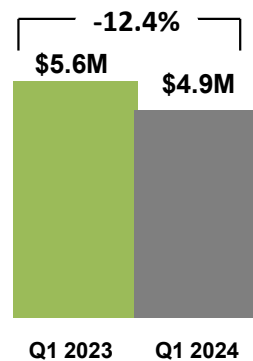
### CONSOLIDATED SALES



**DISTRIBUTION SALES UP BY 0.4%**  
**WHOLESALE SALES DOWN BY 8.7%**

- Higher distribution volume;
  - New HRI customers and territories;
  - Impact of inflation estimated at 2.7%;
- Lower sales volume from restaurant industry in our wholesale and distribution activities in a more difficult macroeconomic environment.

### ADJUSTED EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>



**Lower adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> in 2024 by \$0.7M.**

- Lower sales volume;
- Higher operating expenses.



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# Q1 2024 NET LOSS AND CASH FLOW TREND

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## NET LOSS

Net loss increased to \$1.8M (-\$0,02 per share), from a net loss of \$0.2M (\$nil per share)

- Decrease in EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>;
- Increase in depreciation and amortization, and finance expenses related to the increase in lease obligations, particularly the one for our premises located in Saint-Bruno.



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## CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS

Cash flows generated amounted to \$11.7M, up from \$0.8M

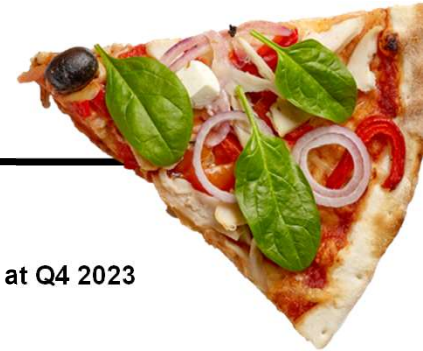
- Q1 2024 lower utilization of working capital requirements explained by a higher collection of receivables in 2024 and timing of inventory purchases and supplier payments.

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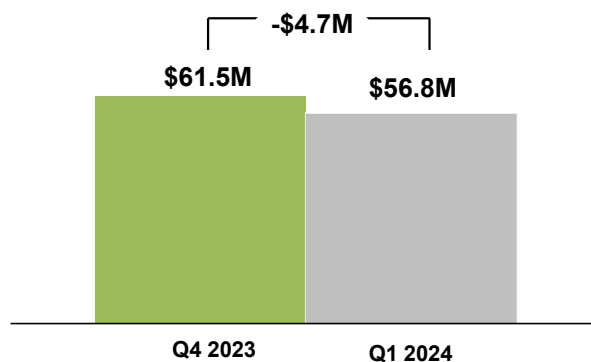
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# Q1 2024 NET DEBT AND LEVERAGE RATIO TREND



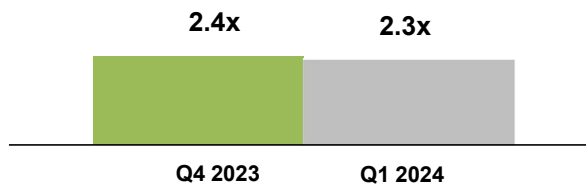
## NET DEBT (1)



Net debt decreased to \$56.8M, from \$61.5M at Q4 2023

- Repayment of credit facility of \$3M;
- Decrease in bank indebtedness.

## LEVERAGE RATIO(2)



Leverage ratio decreased to 2.3x

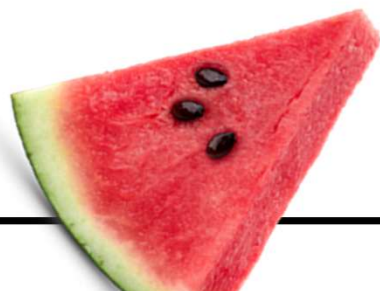
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# Q1 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in thousands of dollars, except percentages, per share data and financial leverage ratio)	12-week period	
	2024	2023
Sales from continuing operations	131,200	133,923
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	4,882	5,574
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup> margin (%)	3.7	4.2
Net loss from continuing operations	(1,776)	(160)
Net loss	(1,776)	(160)
Per share – basic and diluted	(0.02)	-
Cash flow from operating activities	11,745	807
<b>Financial Position</b>	<b>As at March 23, 2024</b>	<b>As at December 30, 2023</b>
Net debt <sup>(2)</sup>	56,813	61,487
Financial leverage <sup>(3)</sup>	2.3x	2.4x



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# SHARE INFORMATION (TSX: GCL)



## LAST 52 WEEKS



**STOCK PRICE (as at April 30th, 2024)** **\$1.24**

**52-week low-high** **\$0.72 - \$1.33**

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

**Average volume (30 days)** **199k**

**Market capitalization** **\$126.0M**

**Institutional and management ownership** **≈ 40%**

**Analyst coverage:**  
**Kyle McPhee, CFA**  
**Cormark Securities**

# NON-IFRS MEASURES



Reconciliation of Net Loss to Adjusted EBITDA (in thousands of dollars)	First quarter	
	2024 12-weeks	2023 12-weeks
<b>Net loss from continuing operations</b>	(1,776)	(160)
Income taxes recovered	(616)	(107)
Financial expenses	2,589	1,242
<b>Operating earnings</b>	197	975
Expenses for stock-based compensation plan	15	89
Costs not related to current operations	99	49
Depreciation and amortization	4,571	4,461
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	4,882	5,574

Calculation of Net Debt (in thousands of dollars)	As at March 23, 2024	As at December 30, 2023
Bank indebtedness	1,063	2,731
Current portion of long-term debt	3,000	3,000
Long-term debt	52,750	55,750
<b>Net debt</b>	56,813	61,481



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