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Saur delivers strong profitable growth across all segments in 2024

Revenues: €2,317m, up +10.8%

Organic growth: +7.8%

EBITDA*: €274m, up +23.3%

Operating result*: €19m

Leverage: 4.9x (vs 5.4x in December 2023) (1)

Outlook 2025:

- Revenue growth: Robust organic growth

- EBITDA: Operational excellence and costs focus

- Continued deleveraging

Paris, March 26th, 2025 – Saur Group reported FY 2024 revenues of 2,317 million, up +7.8% year-on-year in organic.

Patrick Blethon, Chief Executive Officer of Saur, said:

"Saur delivered a strong performance in 2024, with revenues reaching €2,317 million, up +10.8%, demonstrating the dedication of our teams and the strength of our business model. Our EBITDA increased significantly by +23.3%, along with profitability improvements, driven by strong operational execution, tariff increases, and disciplined cost management. The Group achieved its deleveraging trajectory for the year, while successfully realizing strategic targeted acquisitions in Europe and the U.S. Looking ahead, we remain focused on executing our strategy, enhancing operational efficiency, and driving long-term value."

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KEY FIGURES

(in millions of euros)	2023	2024	Change
Revenues	2 092	2 317	+10.8%
EBITDA*	222	274	+23.3%
as a % of revenues	10.6%	11.8%	+1.2 pts
Operating result*	(9)	19	n.a
as a % of revenues	-0.4%	0.8%	+1.3 pts
Net result	(55)	(19)	n.a
as a % of revenues	-2.6%	-0.8%	+1.8 pts
Free cash flow	(76)	(3)	n.a
as a % of revenues	-3.7%	-0.1%	+3.5 pts
Net Debt	(1 241)	(1 398)	
Leverage (1)	5.4x	4.9x	

⁽¹⁾ Leverage: 4.9x as of Dec 24 vs 5.2x in Dec 23 as per Dec 23 definition (cf reconciliation in appendice between previous and new definition)

Saur reported revenues of €2,317 million in 2024, up +10.8%. Organic growth was 7.8%, reflecting price increase in Water services, sustained organic growth in Industrial water solutions and a successful commercial development across all Business Units. Acquisitions had a net positive impact on growth, due to the integration of Ekos Poznań in Poland as well as the acquisition of Natural Systems Utilities in the USA and CTGA in Portugal.

EBITDA* came in at €274 million in 2024, up +23.3%. Profitability growth was driven by all business units coupled with a margin increase of +1.2 pts, notably driven by Water services through commercial development, price increase and improving productivity, despite lower volumes in France. Industrial water solutions benefitted from a strong commercial momentum.

Operating result* was positive, at €19 million in 2024 (compared to €(9) million last year), as a result of a strong EBITDA* performance combined with a significant reduction in exceptional costs, despite higher depreciation & amortization expenses.

Financial result* was €(32) million in 2024. The improvement compared to 2023 is mainly explained by the positive impact of unrealized gains linked to the marked-to-market of the Virtual PPA in Iberia which offset the increase in financial interest following the new bond issued in 2024.

Net result was €(19) million in 2024 (compared to €(55) million last year).

Free cash flow breaking even at €(3) million (compared to €(76) million last year). Funds from operations increased by €30 million compared to last year mainly driven by EBITDA* growth and strict monitoring of exceptional costs. Change in working capital significantly improved by €48 million compared to the year prior, mainly driven by a successful Group led initiative. Organic capital expenditures stable compared to the year prior.

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The Chief Executive Officer has decided to not recommend to the General assembly the payment of a dividend for the year ended December 31st, 2024.

BUSINESS UNITS

	Revenues		EBI		BITDA	
(In millions of euros)	2023 ⁽¹⁾	2024 ⁽¹⁾	Change	2023 ⁽¹⁾	2024 ⁽¹⁾	Change
Water services - France	1 344	1 399	+4.1%	119	132	+11.4%
as a % of revenues				8.8%	9.5%	+0.6 pts
Water services - International	303	374	+23.2%	40	66	+63.1%
as a % of revenues				13.3%	17.6%	+4.3 pts
Industrial water solutions	445	545	+22.5%	63	76	+20.2%
as a % of revenues				14.2%	14.0%	(0.2) pts
Total	2 092	2 317	+10.8%	222	274	+23.3%
as a % of revenues				10.6%	11.8%	+1.2 pts

Note: (1) The transfer of French Overseas Territories from Water Services - France to International starting 1st January 2024 is reflected. 2023 figures have been restated for comparability for both adjustments. Please refer to appendix for a reconciliation.

Water services - France

Water services - France revenue increased by +4.1% to €1,399 million in 2024. Growth dynamic was positive, underpinned by tariff indexation, works development and commercial momentum, despite lower volumes and unfavorable weather.

EBITDA* came in at €132 million in 2024, up by 11.4% compared to the same period last year. EBITDA margin improved despite lower volumes thanks to commercial development and productivity gains. Inflationary impacts on costs have been offset by tariff increase.

Water services - International

Water services - International delivered revenues of €374 million in 2024. Revenues increased by 23.2%, driven by volumes, price increase, works development and commercial activity. The acquisitions of Ekos Poznań in Poland and CTGA in Portugal also had a positive impact on the topline (+6.4pts).

EBITDA* came in at €66 million in 2024. This represents an increase of +63.1% compared to 2023. EBITDA margin significantly improved by 4.3pts, thanks to cost reduction especially on energy, and price increase, notably following successful negotiations with Las Palmas municipality.

Industrial water solutions

Industrial water solutions posted a growth of +22.5%, of which +12.8% organic, reaching €545 million revenues in 2024. This success was driven across all business lines and by the strategic acquisition of Natural Systems Utilities, which bolstered market presence in the United States.

EBITDA* increased by +20.2% in 2024 to reach €76 million, with sustainable margin level at 14.0%.

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BALANCE SHEET

Net debt was €1,398 million, up +€157 million compared to December 31st, 2023.

At December 31st, 2024, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of €671 million (including treasury liabilities and €53 million NEU commercial paper) and total liquidity of €821 million.

Group leverage decreased by (0.5)pts to reach 4.9x as of December 31st, 2024 $^{(1)}$.

In October 2024, the Group successfully refinanced its revolving credit facility for an amount of €400 million with a final maturity of five years. Additionally, the Group issued a Blue Bond with a nominal amount of €550 million and a five-year maturity to refinance the bond maturing in September 2025.

As part of this transaction, a partial buyback of the €450 million tranche was executed for an amount of €208 million.

ESG

In 2024, Saur's overall CSR performance continues to be recognized:

- EcoVadis Gold Medal (77/100): Recognized leadership in CSR performance
- 99/100 on Gender Equality Index for the second consecutive year

In 2024, Saur strengthened its commitment to climate change by taking actions both to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to new climatic conditions.

The methodology for calculating the carbon footprint has been completely overhauled for all scopes 1, 2 and 3, making it possible to update the data more accurately and improve the reliability of the results. For scope 3 in particular, Saur has relied as much as possible on physical rather than monetary flows.

At the same time, Saur has launched a first wave of analysis of the sites it operates in terms of their exposure and vulnerability to climate hazards in order to identify risks and adapt infrastructures accordingly.

As at December 2024, the Group considered that based on the current trajectory it will not be able to meet the objectives set for 2025 in our April 2027 and September 2028 sustainability linked bonds.

OUTLOOK

FY2025 outlook:

- Revenue: Robust organic growth
- EBITDA: Operational excellence and costs focus
- Continued deleveraging

(1) 4.9x in Dec 24 vs 5.2x in Dec 23 as per Dec 23 definition 4.9x in Dec 24 vs 5.4x in Dec 23 as per new leverage definition (cf. reconciliation in appendice between previous and new definition)

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CONFERENCE CALL

Patrick Blethon, Chief Executive Officer and Alice Schmauch, Chief Financial Officer, will present this press release during a conference call in English to be held today at 11.00 a.m. Paris time (CET). The press release will be posted on the Saur investor website.

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As the first water company to issue blue bonds in 2024, Saur is pioneering the integration of environmental responsibility and financial innovation, offering high-quality services and smart water solutions to all, from small towns to large cities and industrial clients, while protecting the environment. Guided by our purpose "to advocate that everyone gives water the value it deserves," Saur serves 20 million consumers and partners with 9,200 local authorities and industrial clients. In 2024, the Group achieved over €2.3 billion in revenue and employed 12,000 people worldwide, operating in over 25 countries, including Cyprus, Finland, France, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Spain, United-Kingdom, United States of America. We provide essential water distribution, wastewater treatment, and smart water solutions to communities and industries.

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APPENDIX

DEFINITIONS

Non-IFRS

Non-IFRS EBITDA and operating result include the realized gains and losses under the Virtual Power Purchase Agreement (VPPA) entered into in July 2022 in Iberia, which are recorded in financial result under IFRS. Reconciliation with IFRS figures is presented in the appendix to this presentation.

Organic growth (like-for-like growth)

M&A activity is excluded from the growth rate as the metric is calculated at a constant perimeter.

EBITDA

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization.

Proportional EBITDA

Non IFRS EBITDA adjusted for (i) Minorities & Associates and (ii) M&A proforma impacts.

Adjusted EBITDA (December 2023 definition)

Non IFRS EBITDA adjusted for (i) Discontinued activities, (ii) Minorities & Associates and (iii) M&A proforma impacts.

Adjusted EBITDA (New definition as from December 2024)

Non IFRS EBITDA adjusted for (i) Dividends received and (ii) M&A proforma impacts.

Free cash flow

Funds from operations less change in working capital and organic capital expenditures.

Net debt

Net financial debt (post IFRS16) including current and non-current financial debt less cash & cash equivalents.

Adjusted Net debt (December 2023 definition)

Detailed calculation included in appendix: Reported Net debt adjusted for (i) Discontinued activities debt, (ii) Minorities & Associates debt, (iii) refinancing fees and (iv) financial instruments.

Adjusted Net debt (New definition as from December 2024)

Detailed calculation included in appendix: Reported Net debt adjusted for financial instruments.

Leverage

Adjusted net debt (post IFRS16) / Adjusted EBITDA (post IFRS 16)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Income statement

		Full \	/ear	
In €m	IFRS	S	NON	IFRS
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Revenue	2 092	2 317	2 092	2 317
Direct Costs	(1 672)	(1 858)	(1 670)	(1 859)
Margin on Direct Costs	420	460	422	459
%	20.1%	19.8%	20.2%	19.8%
Operational Support	(211)	(225)	(211)	(225)
Functional & HQ Support	(203)	(208)	(203)	(208)
Profit sharing	(3)	(2)	(3)	(2)
Add-back (Depreciation, Provision, other)	217	249	217	249
EBITDA	220	275	222	274
%	10.5%	11.9%	10.6%	11.8%
Depreciation & Amortization	(215)	(247)	(215)	(247)
Other operating income and expenses	(25)	(18)	(25)	(18)
Share of Group companies	9	11	9	11
Operating result	(11)	20	(9)	19
%	-0.5%	0.9%	-0.4%	0.8%
Financial result	(38)	(33)	(40)	(32)
Income tax	(5)	(7)	(5)	(7)
Net result	(55)	(19)	(55)	(19)

Balance sheet

Assets	Dec -23	Dec -24
In €m		
Intangible and tangible assets	1 434	1 590
Net goodwill	1 549	1 611
Investment in equity affiliates	135	136
Other non-current financial assets	31	26
Non-current financial instruments asset	1	0
Deferred tax asset	5	6
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	3 155	3 370
Inventory	64	66
Accounts receivables	1 475	1 595
Other current assets	168	191
Current financial instruments asset	2	0
Cash and Cash Equivalent	324	679
CURRENT ASSETS	2 032	2 530
TOTAL ASSETS	5 187	5 900

Equity and Liabilities	Dec -23	Dec -24
In €m		
Shareholders equity	1 087	1 118
Minority interests	36	42
EQUITY	1 123	1 160
Non-current provision	165	168
Financial Debt (Non-Current)	1 344	1 444
Other non-current liability	148	211
Non-current financial instruments liability	9	3
Deferred tax liability	59	65
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1 725	1 892
Current provision	10	8
Financial Debt (Current)	197	619
Accounts payable	438	465
Customer advance payments	586	618
Payables to collectivities	676	724
Other current liabilities	416	404
Current financial instruments liability	1	4
Treasury liabilities	17	7
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2 339	2 849
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	5 187	5 900

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Cash flow statement

	Full Y	'ear
In €m	2023	2024
EBITDA IFRS	220	275
Realized gain/(loss) on VPPA	2	(1)
EBITDA NON IFRS	222	274
Income taxes (paid)/earned	(10)	(9)
Dividends received from companies under the equity method	8	10
Exceptional items from operations	(32)	(22)
Change in Working Capital	(93)	(44)
Other	(2)	(2)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS	94	206
Net capital expenditures	(213)	(213)
Net cash from (used in) investing in financial assets	(23)	(61)
Perimeter change	1	(0)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING	(234)	(274)
Increase in share capital	0	40
Dividends earned/(paid)	(0)	(0)
Financial interests paid	(13)	(39)
Changes in facility lines	(50)	150
NEU commercial paper	40	13
Sharing plan	0	(9)
Net bond issued	300	343
Other changes in financial debt	(72)	(68)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING	205	430
Cash and Cash equivalents - BoP	242	307
Cash flow for the period	65	363
Impact of changes in exchange rates and other	1	1
Cash and Cash equivalents - EoP	307	671

Free cash flow

	Full Year	
<u>In €m</u>	2023	2024
EBITDA NON IFRS	222	274
IFRS 16 impact	(50)	(60)
Exceptional costs	(32)	(22)
Financial interests	(11)	(35)
Income tax	(10)	(9)
Dividends received	8	10
Funds from operations (FFO)	128	158
Change in Working Capital	(93)	(44)
Cash flow generated by operations	35	114
Organic capital expenditures	(112)	(116)
Free cash flow	(76)	(3)

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Net financial debt

In €m	Dec -23	Dec -24
Bonds	1 250	1 592
Facility lines	100	250
NEUCP	40	53
Leases	108	126
Put on minorities	6	6
Earn-out	8	12
Financial instruments	7	6
Other debts	29	24
Financial debts	1 548	2 070
Cash and Cash equivalents (1)	(307)	(671)
NET FINANCIAL DEBT	1 241	1 398

Note: (1) Including treasury liabilities

Leverage ratio

December 2023 definition

24	
274	In €m
	EBITD

New definition (As from December 2024)

	FY	
In €m	Dec -23	Dec -24
EBITDA NON IFRS	222	274
Minorities	(8)	(14)
Associates	24	25
M&A - Acquisitions pro forma impacts	1	1
M&A - Disposals pro forma impacts		-
Proportional EBITDA	239	286

IN EM	Dec -23	Dec -24
EBITDA NON IFRS	222	27
Dividends	6	10
M&A - Acquisitions pro forma impacts	1	:
M&A - Disposals pro forma impacts	-	
Adjusted EBITDA	229	28

In €m	Dec -23	Dec -24
Reported net financial debt	(1 241)	(1 398)
Minorities	0	1
Associates	(9)	(10)
Refinancing fees	(11)	(16)
Financial instruments	7	6
Adjusted net financial debt	(1 253)	(1 417)
Leverage ratio	5.2x	4.9x

In €m	Dec -23	Dec -24
Reported net financial debt	(1 241)	(1 398)
Financial instruments	7	6
Adjusted net financial debt	(1 234)	(1 392)
Leverage ratio	5.4x	4.9x

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Restated Revenue/EBITDA by Business Unit

In €m		Full year		
	2023	FOT transfer	2023	2024
	2023	Adjustment	restated	2024
Water services - France	1 428	(85)	1 344	1 399
Industrial water solutions	445		445	545
Water services - International	219	85	303	374
Revenue	2 092	0	2 092	2 317

In €m		Full year			
	2023	IFRS 8 Adjustment	FOT transfer Adjustment	2023 restated	2024
Water services - France	128	1	(11)	119	132
Industrial water solutions	63	(0)		63	76
Water services - International	31	(1)	11	40	66
EBITDA	222	0	0	222	274
%	10.6%			10.6%	11.8%

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