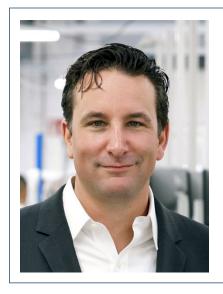


**Earnings Release – Analyst/Media Conference Q4 2023** 

March 5, 2024

## **Agenda & Speakers**



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- Key Messages & Figures Q4 2023 and FY 2023
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## INFICON was formed with three core instrumentation technologies. This strong foundation has been continuously growing with more capabilities and products



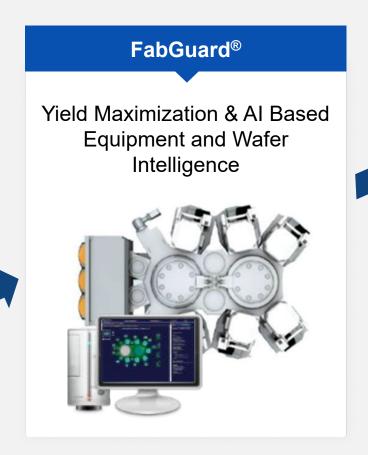






## Leveraging our strong instrumentation foundation, we have been adding for two decades Data Analytics/AI and Smart Manufacturing capabilities to our products

# **Smart Sensors Integrated Process State** Sensors and Gauges with Sophisticated Data Analytics/Al







## 2023 Results

Strong growth in all end markets and all regions in 2023. Book to bill nearly 1. Record profitability. Margin impacted by supply chain and broker costs, improvements in 23H2

#### **SALES**

- Sales increase of 16% YoY to 674 MUSD with growth across all regions and all end markets. Strong growth in GV and RAC&Auto of approx. 30% while Semi developed stable (+2%). S&E also showed strong growth (47%)
- Organic growth at 16% YoY
- Order intake solid and book-to-bill close to 1 in FY23

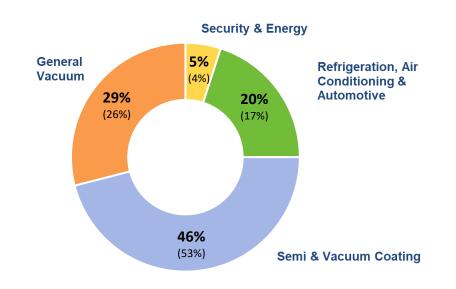
#### **OPERATING RESULT**

- Improved operating income of 135 MUSD or record high 20%, increase of 21% YoY
- Gross margin improved slightly by +0.1 %pts YoY, recovered starting 23Q2 (45.1%). Lower broker costs but still impacted by cost inflation and supply chain quality and availability
- Record high cash generation, operating cash flow of 118 MUSD (+72 MUSD)

#### **ORGANIZATION**

 Continued investments in R&D (7.2% of sales FY) and production capacity (CAPEX 25 MUSD)





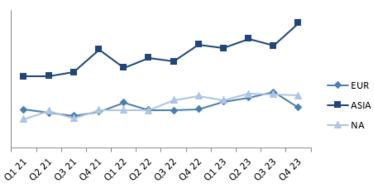


## **Worldwide Markets & Sales**

Good growth in all regions year-on-year. Record quarter in Asia in Q4



#### **Quarterly Sales Trend by Region**



FY 2023 Sales and Growth by Region					
Asia:	~	326	MUSD	+ 18%	
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North America:	~	177	MUSD	+ 14%	
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<b>Total:</b> (including ROW)		674	MUSD	+ <b>16%</b> vs. FY 2022)	



## **Growth Markets for INFICON Technologies**

Display

Providing leading edge measuring and analytics capabilities to growth market segments

## Semiconductor industry Other high tech industries Smart Manufacturing & Leading Logic Battery & Auto Solar Energy **HVAC-R** Sustainable Sub Fab ICAPS\* Security & Environment Old & New Gases Space & Robotics Memory



Tool Makers

Lifescience

**Industrial Vacuum** 

Big Science

## **Semiconductor & Vacuum Coating – Performance & Outlook**

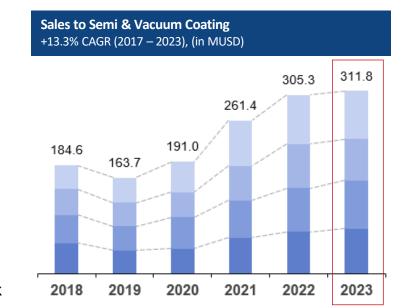
#### Stable Semiconductor sales in 2023. Good growth opportunities starting H2 2024

#### **PERFORMANCE**

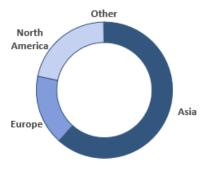
- 2023 sales stable with +2% vs. 2022
- #1 position in process control, leak detection, smart manufacturing software and thin film monitoring
- #2 for pressure measurement. Closing up to #1

#### OUTLOOK

- Market expectations for 2024: H1: Soft / H2: Growth
   Starting soft we see upwards potential in H2. Mid- and long-term very strong growth drivers for Semi
- Memory was the slowest of submarket in 2023 and now shows improvement. Most submarkets have moderately optimistic outlook for 2024 with mixed picture in H1 then positive in H2. For the strong mature edge in '23, now some slight slowdown visible for 2024
- Ongoing investments in leading edge nodes and advanced chip design. Increasing sensor and process monitoring usage in general.
   Semi initiatives globally ongoing
- Strong R&D pipeline at INFICON with new products, applications and solutions

















## Automotive & Refrigeration, Air Conditioning – Performance & Outlook

Strong position with strong growth in RAC & Automotive market with battery testing as largest opportunity, but also RAC with good growth

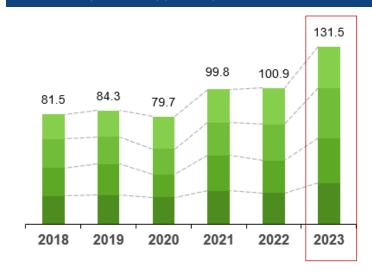
#### **PERFORMANCE**

- Strong growth across regions and product lines with +30%
- #1 position in RAC and Battery market

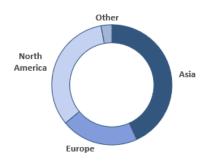
#### **OUTLOOK**

- Market Expectations 2024: Flat/Growth
   Traditional auto slowing, but battery/EV continuously growing, but 2024 expected to be slower growth than 2023
- New mobility and battery storage growth opportunities driven by energy transition (Li-ion batteries, plus other types and fuel cells)
- Good growth with new distribution and product initiatives for hand-held after-sales service products
- Growth in the RAC market. Introduction of advanced, fully automated industry 4.0 solutions, incl. new intelligent software. Change of regulations and new refrigerants supports growth
- Strong R&D pipeline at INFICON with new products, applications and solutions

Sales to Automotive & Refrigeration, Air Con. +11.5% CAGR (2017 – 2023) (in MUSD)



Sales Q4 '23 by Region (in MUSD)













#### **General Vacuum – Performance & Outlook**

The broad industrial market is addressed through a multi-brand strategy and long-term channel partners. Growth '23 in all regions especially Asia and Americas

#### **PERFORMANCE**

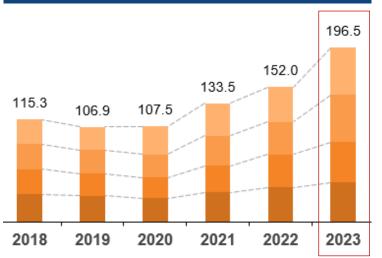
- 2023 sales increase of +29% vs. 2022. Strong growth in Asia and Americas. Record quarter Q4
- Most competitive "full liner" in vacuum instrumentation
- Remain #1 position

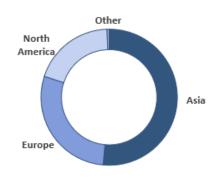
#### **OUTLOOK**

- Overall market expectations 2023: Flat
- After strong market growth in 2023, outlook for Asia and Americas lower. Slower market expected in China vacuum market after strong growth in 2023
- Expand market reach into industrial and analytical OEM markets
- Expand distribution networks (US and Asia)
- Multi-brand strategy













## **Security & Energy – Performance & Outlook**

Strong growth in 2023. Security and energy have both growth potentials but often depend on specific government initiatives and policies with their own dynamic. This is a diversification factor versus the other markets

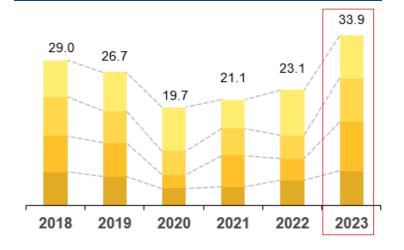
#### **PERFORMANCE**

- 2023 sales increase of +47% vs. 2022 with strong driver from Americas. Continued strong order pipeline
- Typically, significant fluctuations over time due to large programs
- Remain #1 position
- Supply chain at times still instable and limiting sales

#### **OUTLOOK**

- Market expectations 2024: Growth
- New HAPSITE generation with new features and expanded capabilities addressing new additional applications
- US DoD programs awarded. Strong opportunity pipeline across NATO
- Cyclical: Still highly dependent on government spending
- Some Chinese competition for environmental applications





### Sales Q4 '23 by Region (in MUSD)







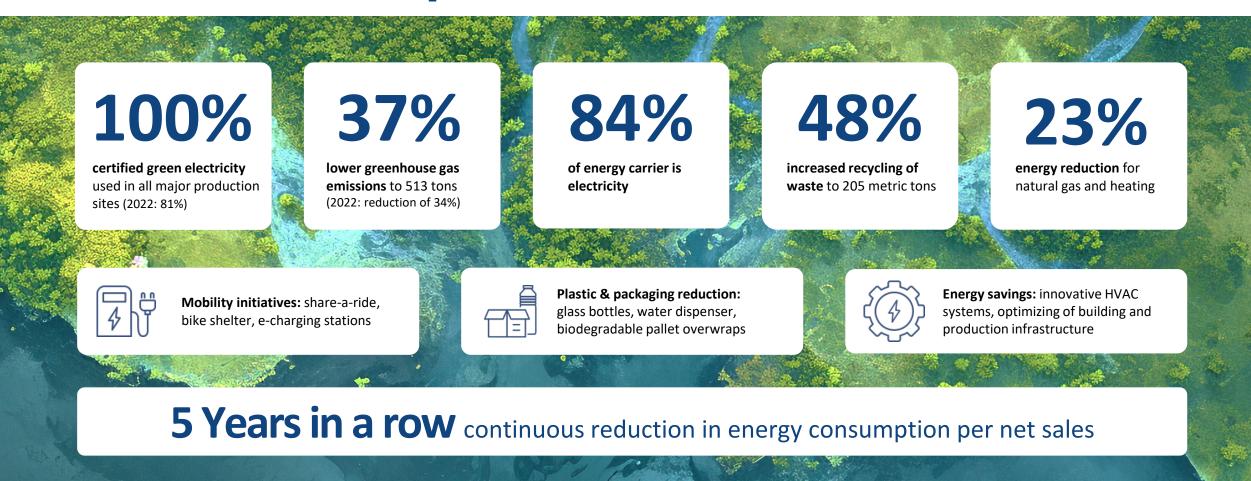






## **Sustainability Achievements in 2023**

INFICON has a smart follower strategy with regards to sustainability. We made good progress recently, in particular around CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



## **Expectations 2024**

Expect soft H1/24 and growth in H2/24. With a solid order situation and the growth in selected markets, we are mostly optimistic for 2024, despite the global uncertainties and risks



- Even with weakness and risks in the markets we are mostly optimistic given the improved supply chain, the solid order situation and the expected Semi upturn in H2
- We see positive momentum in certain markets: most Semi submarkets and selected other markets such as Battery and Security

Guidance for 2024

- → Sales 650 700 MUSD
- → Operating Income approx. 20%



## **Product Highlights 2023**

In 2023, INFICON launched a series of new products and technologies, including various first-of-a-kind innovations as well as updated versions of existing products.



**Trigon**<sup>TM</sup> BCG552 — Next Generation Gauge in Precision, Reliability and Versatility



ELT Vmax
Leading Edge Battery Testing



EcoBoost
Smart Software for faster Leak Testing



IRG080
First of a Kind Scientific Reference Gauge



FabGuard® — Smart Facilities Monitor for Sustainable Manufacturing



FLUE-Mate<sup>TM</sup> — Combustion Gas Analyzer and Maintenance Tool



Quantus® HP100 High Pressure Self Plasma Gas Analyzer



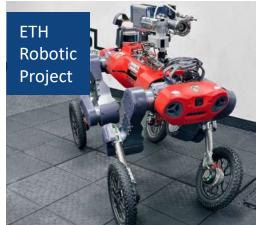
Magnesium Sensitive Crystals Leading Edge OLED Sensor



## **Recently at INFICON**

**Great moments that drive us forward...** 

































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## Q4 2023 Highlights

Strong sales and record profitability, orders improved, growth in all regions, end-markets mixed (strong GV and RAC&Auto), solid cash generation

Book to Bill	Sales	Gross Margin %	Operating Income
< 1	174.5 MUSD +9.5% organic +8.3%	<b>46.7%</b> +0.5 %pts	<b>38.2 MUSD</b> +12.7% 21.9% of Sales

Equity Ratio	Cash Flow	Net cash	CAPEX
<b>65.4%</b>	<b>38.9 MUSD</b>	<b>44.4 MUSD</b>	<b>6.6 MUSD</b>
+0.84%	+24.6 MUSD	+41.9 MUSD	-0.8 MUSD

Except otherwise noted all comparisons vs. previous year Q4



## **FY 2023 Highlights**

Record sales and profitability, Book-t-Bill close to 1, growth in all regions and all end-markets, strong cash generation. Continuous progress in environmental KPIs

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#### Sales

673.7 MUSD +15.9% organic +16.1%

#### Gross Margin %

**46.0%** +0.08 %pts

#### **Operating Income**

**135.2 MUSD** +21.1% 20.1% of Sales

#### **CAPEX**

**25.2 MUSD** -10.0 MUSD

#### Cash Flow

**118.3 MUSD** +72.7 MUSD

#### People

**1'660** +91 +6%

#### Energy

100% certified green electricity

FY22: 81%

#### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

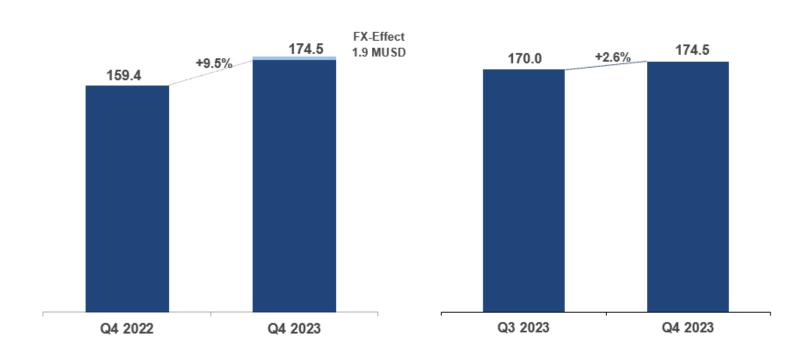
**513 tons** -37%

Except otherwise noted all comparisons vs. previous year



## Sales

#### Year-over-year growth in all regions. Markets mixed, Semi stable



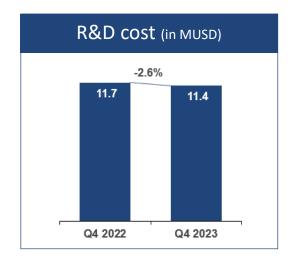
Q4 2023 Sales and Growth by Region				
Asia: Europe: North America: Rest of World:	~ 92 ~ 37 ~ 44 ~ 1	MUSD MUSD MUSD MUSD	+ 18% + 3% + 1%	
Total:	~ 174	MUSD	+ 9%	
(va.Q4 2022)				



## Gross Profit, Costs, and Operating Income Q4

#### **Profit Growth, Gross Margin slightly improved**









Improved margin. Plus 12% in absolute numbers and increased by 54 bps vs. Q4/22 and best GM% since Q1/22. Higher volume and lower broker costs partially offset by material prices and inventory costs as main driver

Slight decrease, some favorable one-offs.
Development efforts continue for future product launches.
Unfavorable FX impacts

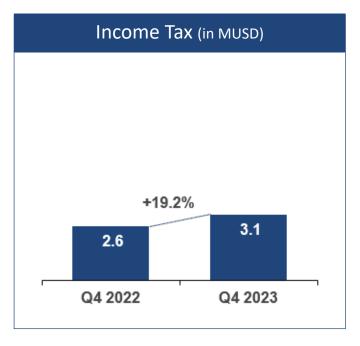
Additional headcounts and related personnel expense as main drivers for the cost increase. Including IT, Service, Digitalization and other initiatives. Unfavorable FX impacts

Improved by 12.7% due to higher sales volume in combination with improved Gross Profit Margin

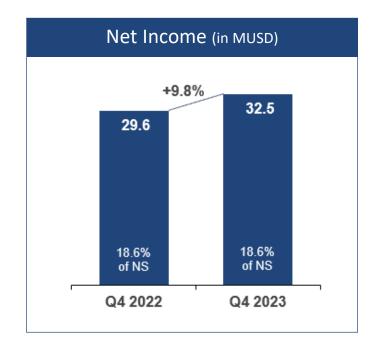


## **Income Tax and Net Income Development**

#### **Net Profit Growth**



Tax rate of 8.8% compared with 8.0% in Q4 last year.

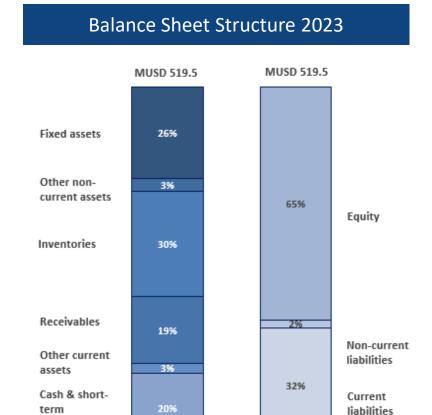


Increase driven by improved operating income at a slightly higher tax rate



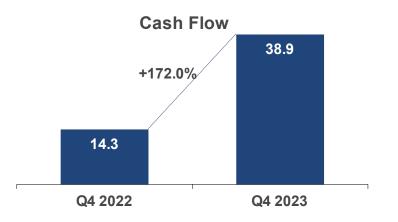
## **Balance Sheet Highlights**

Solid balance sheet; working capital/inventory level slightly increased, strong improved cash flow and net cash



Assets

	Q4 23	Q4 22
Net Cash	44.4	2.5
DSO	51.6	53.1
Inventory Turns	2.4	2.8
Working Capital	225.2	208.5
Operating Cash Flow	38.9	14.3





investments

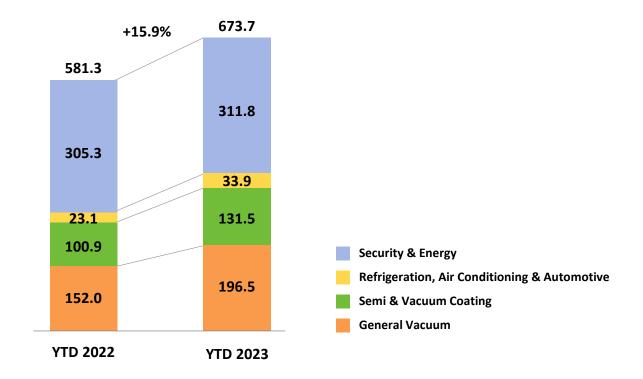
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## **FISCAL YEAR 2023 RESULTS**



## **Full-Year Sales**

#### **Growth in all regions and markets**



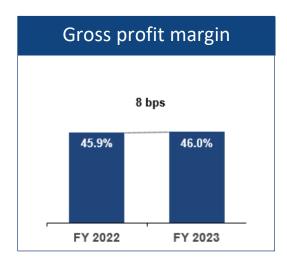
FY 2023 Sales and Growth by Region				
Asia:	~	326	MUSD	+ 18%
Europe:	~	167	MUSD	+ 15%
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Rest of World:	~	4	MUSD	
<b>Total:</b> (vs. FY 2022)		673.7	MUSD	+ 16%

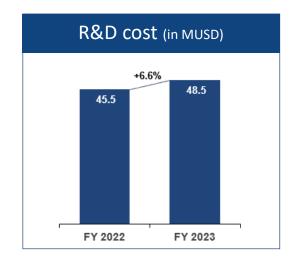


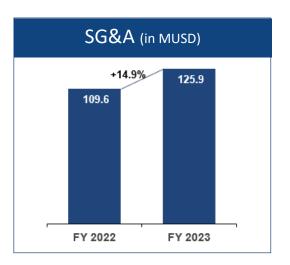
## **Gross Profit, Costs, and Operating Income YoY**

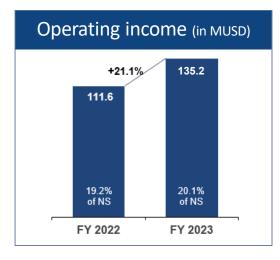
Profit Growth, driven by volume and slightly improved margin.

Margin impacted by supply chain and broker costs, improvements in H2/23









Improved margin. Plus 16% in absolute numbers and increased by 8 bps vs. previous year. Higher volume and lower broker costs mainly in H2 partially offset by material prices as main driver

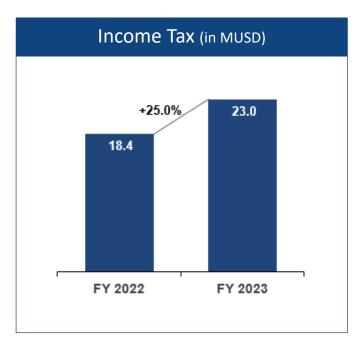
Rise due to continuous development efforts for future product launches as well as higher personnel costs due to additional employees. Unfavorable FX impacts Additional headcounts and related personnel expense as main drivers for the cost increase. Including IT, Service, Digitalization and other initiatives. Unfavorable FX impacts

Improved by 21% due to higher sales volume in combination with slightly improved Gross Profit Margin and moderate growth in cost

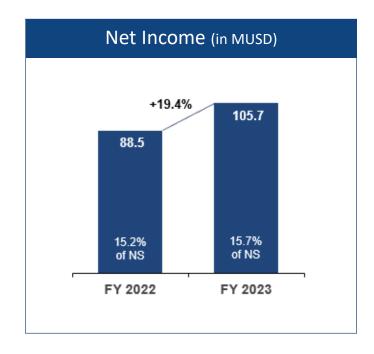


## **Income Tax and Net Income Development YoY**

#### **Net Profit Growth**



Tax rate of 17.9% compared with 17.2% in 2022. A slight increase in the tax rate, which was influenced by the different composition of the profits of our various international units

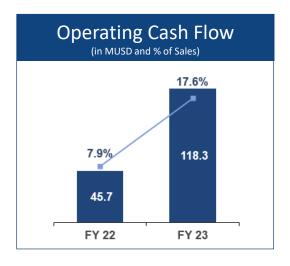


Increase driven by improved operating income at a slightly lower financial result and higher tax rate

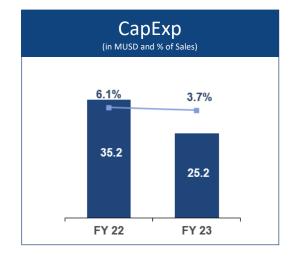


## **Key Balance Sheet Data YoY**

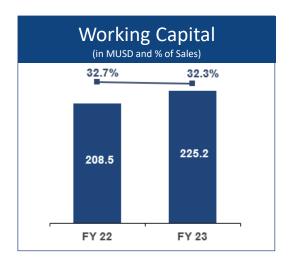
#### Improved cash generation and solid balance sheet



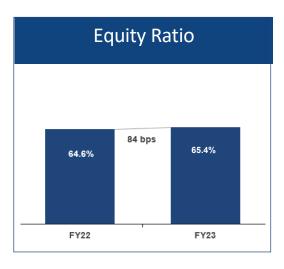
Strong increase driven by higher net income and substantially lower increase of inventory levels



Lower than record level of 2022. Focus on investments in capacity, i.e. mostly buildings and machinery and equipment



Increase mainly due to higher inventory levels, as a % of sales slightly improved



Stable and solid level



## **Full-Year 2024 Guidance**

#### Soft H1 and growth in H2 expected, mostly optimistic





#### Outlook 2024

INFICON is mostly optimistic about the outlook, given all the global uncertainties. This is based on the order situation, the expected SEMI upturn in H2, and the assessment of the various end markets.

Guidance for 2024

- → Sales 650-700 MUSD
- → Operating Income approx. 20%



## **Distribution for 2023**

#### Consideration of future investments and growths plans

- → Further considerable investments in capacities and technology in the coming years
- → Solid Balance Sheet, Cash Generation improved
  - USD 44 million net cash
  - Shareholders' equity ratio at 65%
- → Board of Directors intends to propose a cash distribution of CHF 20 per share
  - CHF 20 as ordinary dividend, represents ~11% increase vs. 2023
  - Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on April 4, 2024
  - Returning ~USD 56 million cash to shareholders in 2024
  - Payout ratio ~53%



## Thank you for your attention.

## Q&A

### **Next Events on Corporate Calendar 2024**

- Annual General Meeting of Shareholders April 4, 2024
- Q1 FY 2024 Earnings Conference Call April 25, 2024
- Q2 and HY 2024 Earnings Conference Call July 31, 2024
- Q3 FY 2024 Earnings Conference Call October 24, 2024
- INFICON Technology Day November 14, 2024



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INFICON believes that a deep understanding of our customers' challenges and their visions for success are paramount to everything we do. These long-standing partnerships and the commitment to see our customers succeed inspire our dedicated, talented employees to develop and build market-leading instruments that are a winning combination of outstanding innovation and proven performance.

And we value the trust our customers have in us to take risks, move fast and

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