u-blox 2023 Results

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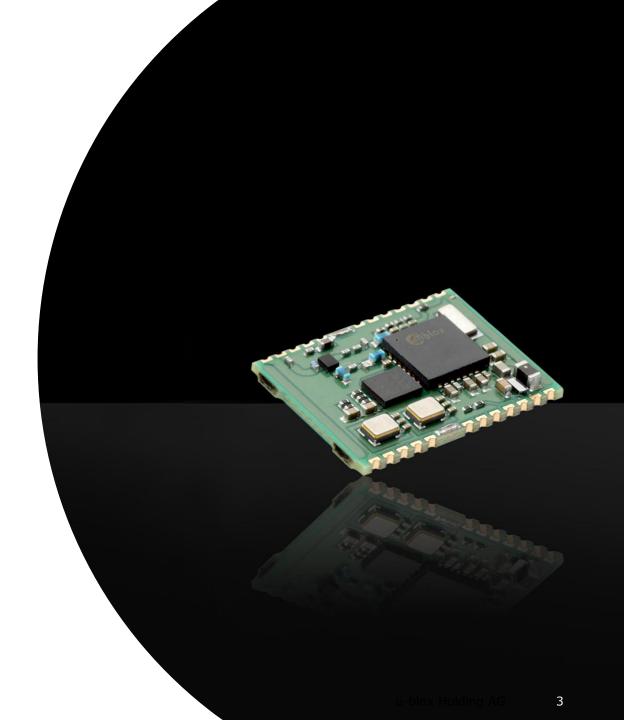
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Highlights 2023





Resilient 2023 results and significant design wins

• 2023 results

- Revenue decline of -2.7% at constant FX rates vs 2022
 - Semiconductor market -9.4% in 2023*
- EBIT adjusted CHF 69.7 million vs. CHF 131.3 million in 2022
- Positive free cash flow of CHF 23.8 million in H2'23 vs CHF -12.9 million in H1'23
- Record design wins in Automotive
- Integrated terrestrial and satellite IoT solution with new hybrid module
- Strategy << Focus Innovate Execute >>
 - Implementation ongoing and according to plan

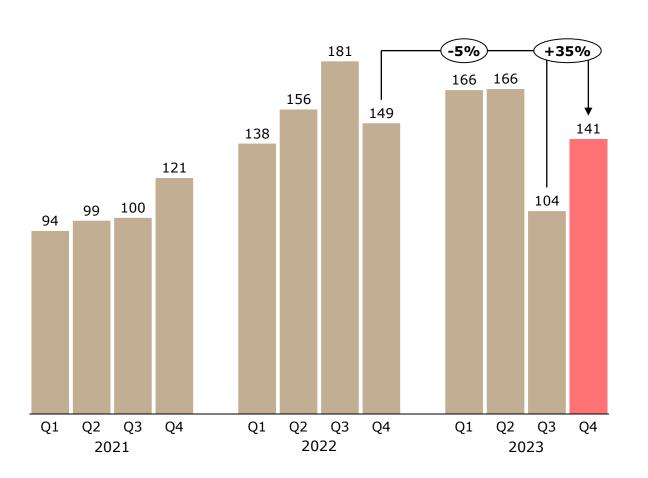




Stronger Q4 2023 driven by contractual deliveries – as expected

Revenue

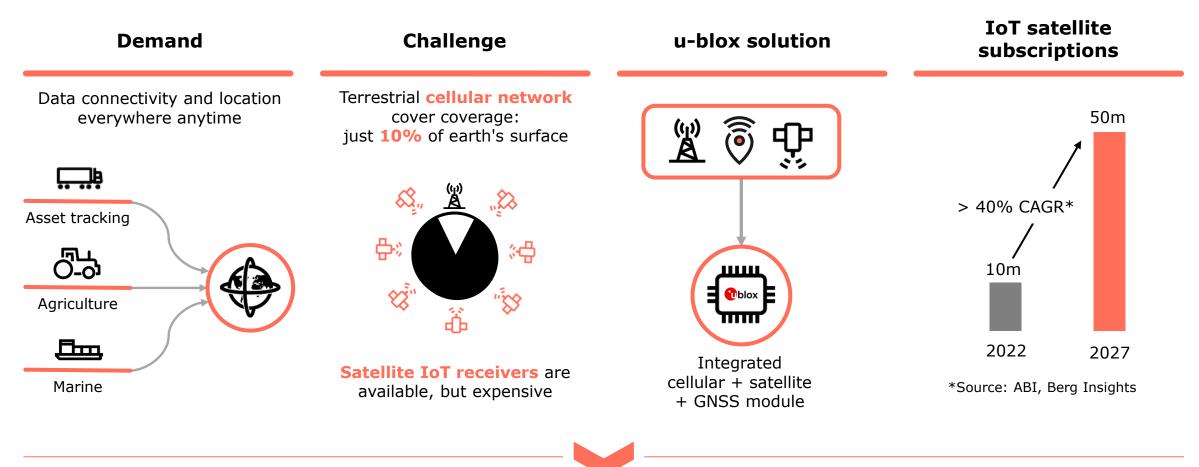
(CHF million)



- Revenue +35% in Q4 2023 QoQ (+33% in constant F-X rates) and -5% YoY (+2% in constant exchange rates)
- Revenue in Q4 was supported by contractual deliveries agreed during the supply shortage period
- Deliveries over demand generated overstock at customers



Integrated terrestrial and satellite IoT communications solutions enable new applications



u-blox and its partner Orbcomm **enable a new multi-million-dollar market** by a unique combination of cellular, satellite communication, and GNSS competencies



Record design wins in the key growth application automated driving

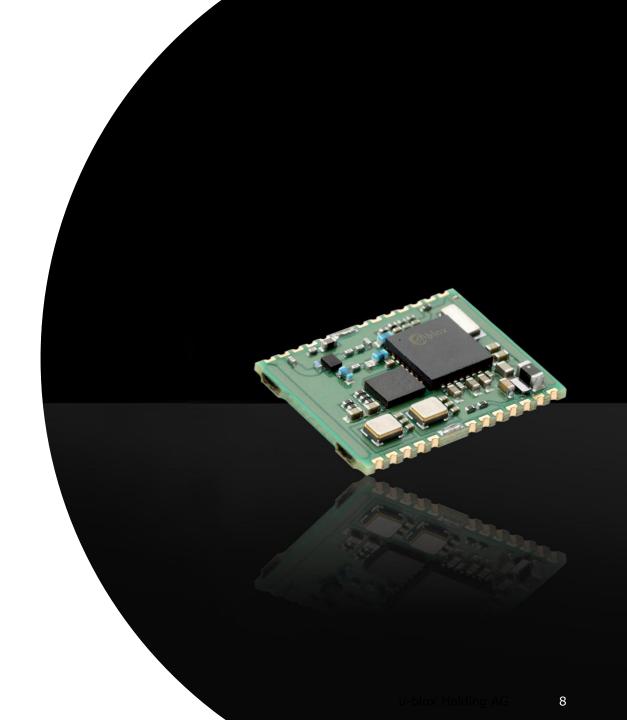
- Important milestone for u-blox's automotive business as it reached record design wins in 2023
- USD 100 million expected from 2026 over the lifetime of the automotive projects
- Wins are a strong sign of the potential of automated driving for u-blox
- u-blox is the market leader for positioning solutions used in Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS)
- The use of dedicated GNSS positioning solutions for ADAS is expected to have a penetration of 32% by 2030*, an increase from 10% in 2023



*Based on ABI, TSR, u-blox market research



FY 2023 Results

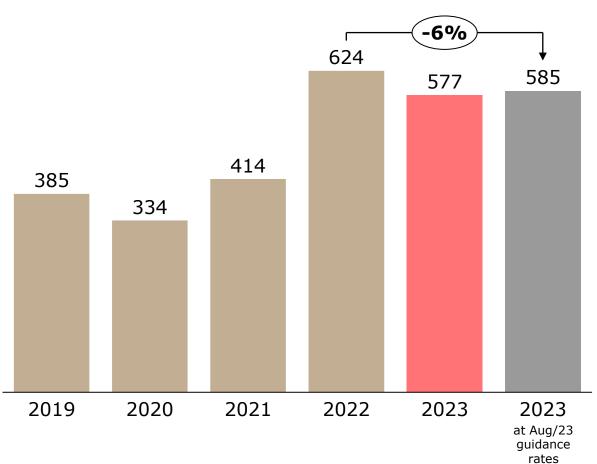




u-blox revenue in 2023 was resilient compared to the overall semiconductor market

Revenue

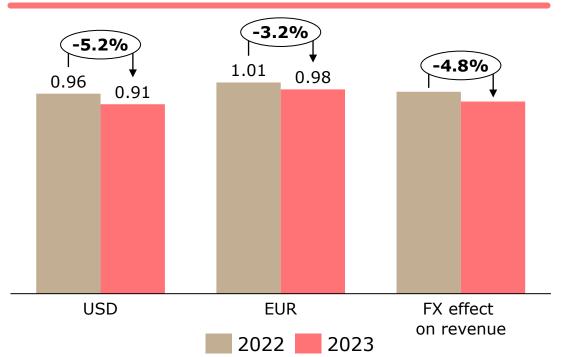
(CHF million)



- FY 2023 revenue of CHF 577 million
 - Decrease of -7.5% in Swiss Francs
 - Decrease of -6.3% at guidance FX rates
 - Decrease of -2.7% at constant FX rates
- Q4 2023 was positively impacted by contractual deliveries, mainly in CEL



Negative FX impact due to the strengthening of the CHF



Development of main currencies

Revenue by currency

85%	15%
USD	EUR

FX sensitivity vs the Swiss Franc

+10% of	USD	EUR	GBP
Revenue	+ 9%	+ 1%	0%
EBITDA	+ 14%	0%	- 2%
EBIT	+ 19%	0%	- 4%

- The strengthening of the Swiss Franc versus the Euro and the US Dollar continues to generate a negative translational FX impact on revenue
- u-blox is exposed mainly to the US Dollar on a revenue and profitability basis
- Small impact from EUR and GBP exposure

Lower gross profit margin is caused by change of product mix towards CEL

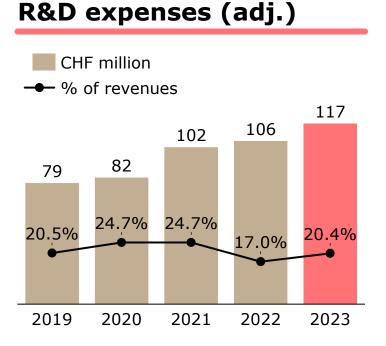
Gross profit (adjusted)

Gross Profit (CHF million)

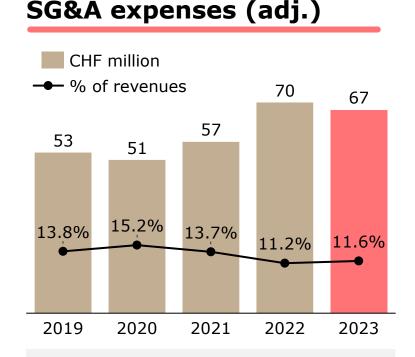
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- --- Gross margin 307 254 194 175 49.2% 151 44.1% 46.8% 45.5% 45.3% 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 Note: For the definitions of u-blox's alternative performance measures, please refer u-blox's 2023 Annual Report page 92
- Gross profit (adjusted) decreased to CHF 254 million from CHF 307 million in FY 2022
 - Gross profit margin (adjusted) reached 44.1% from 49.2%
 - Decline mainly due to product mix, as CEL performed better than other products
 - No significant price deflation

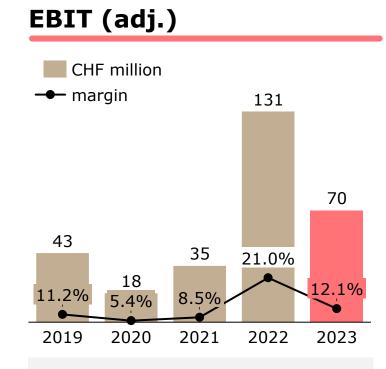
Lower EBIT is mainly caused by operational deleverage



 R&D expenses (adjusted) increase in the period mainly due to an increase in cash expenses and higher amortization of capitalized development costs.



 SG&A (adjusted) as a percentage of revenue was 40bps higher in 2023 versus 2022. These expenses were well managed thanks to cost discipline and lower sales bonus.

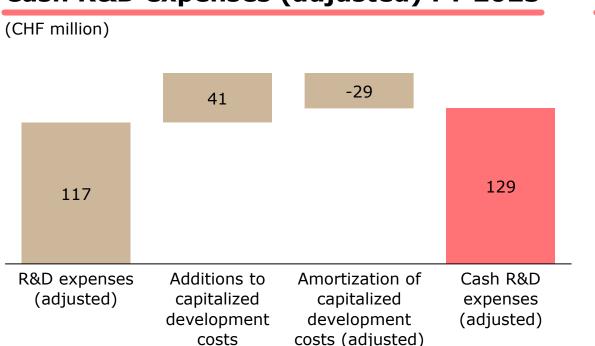


 EBIT (adjusted) reached CHF 69.7 million in 2023, yielding a margin of 12.1%.

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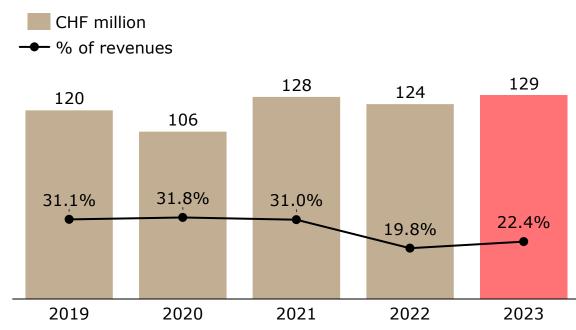
Cash R&D expenses managed well



Cash R&D expenses (adjusted) FY 2023

- R&D expenses in the P&L exclude capitalized development costs and include amortization
- u-blox believes the economic value of our R&D efforts is better measured by cash R&D expenses rather than R&D expenses

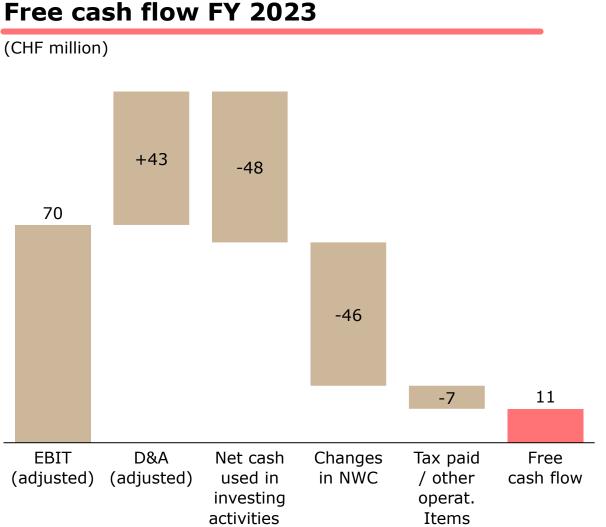
Historical



 Cash R&D expenses grew by 4.3% in 2023, mainly due to new hires in H1 2023

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Positive Free Cash Flow in 2023



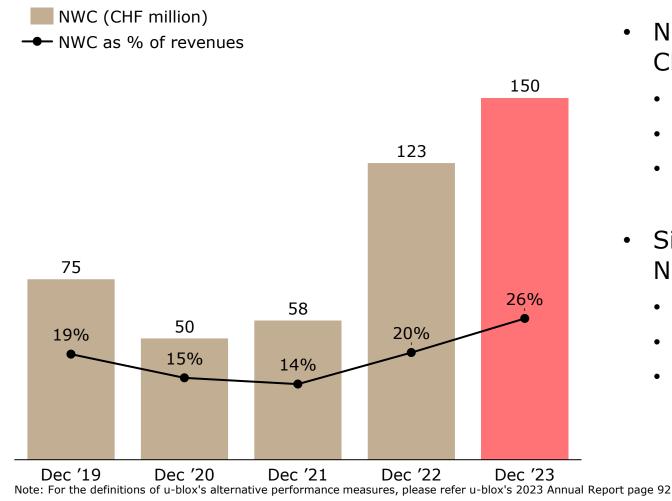
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- Changes in net working capital of CHF -46 million
- Capex of CHF 48 million
- Free cash flow CHF 11 million

Balance sheet: Working capital

Net working capital



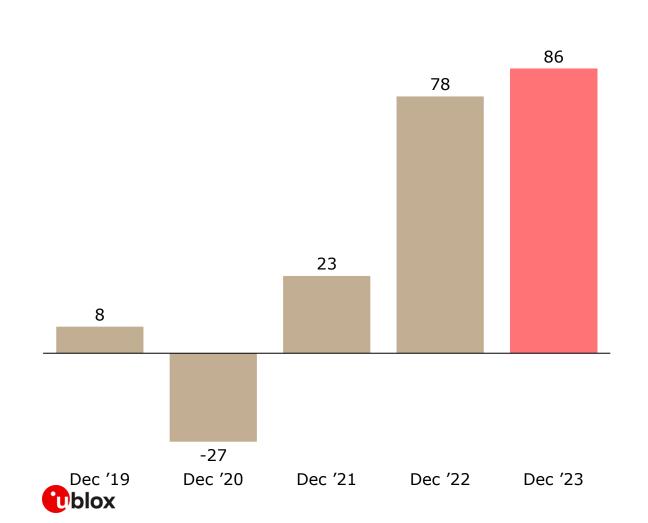
- Net working capital increased by CHF 27 million versus Dec '22
 - Inventories down by CHF 21 million
 - Receivables up by CHF 19 million
 - Payables down by CHF 29 million
- Significant improvement in H2'23.
 NWC reduced by CHF 22 million vs Jun '23
 - Inventories down by CHF 29 million
 - Receivables down by CHF 7 million
 - Payables down by CHF 14 million



Net cash and Liquidity

Net cash position

(CHF million)



- Net cash position reflecting
 - Positive free cash flow
 - Dividends of CHF 14.2 million
 - Proceeds from the sale of treasury shares of CHF 11.6 million
- New CHF 140 million credit facility from a bank consortium led by Zürcher Kantonalbank
 - Revolving facility
 - Ensures financial flexibility
 - 3 + 2 year's duration
- Dividend payment of CHF 1.00 per share proposed for the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Discontinuation of cellular own chip development leads to CHF 65 million impairment

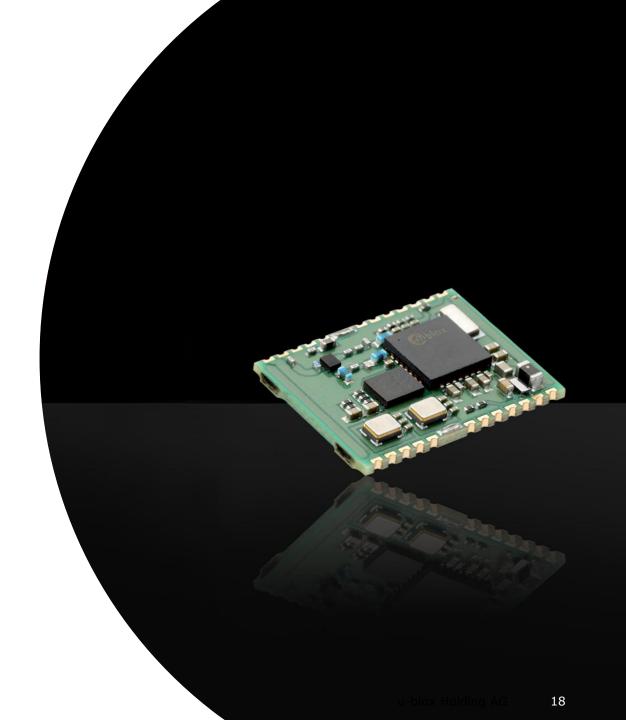
Intangible Assets - Capitalized R&D

CHF million

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Cellular	46%	 Part of R&D efforts are capitalized in the Balance Sheet as Intangible Assets Own cellular chip development did not provide the anticipated economic benefit Impairment charge of CHF 65 million in Dec 2023 	141 21%	
Positioning	47%	 Intangibles are now mostly related to the rock- solid Positioning business The R&D capitalization rate will be reduced over time due to changes in project structure 	69%	
Others	6%		10%	
	30.09.2023		31.12.2023	

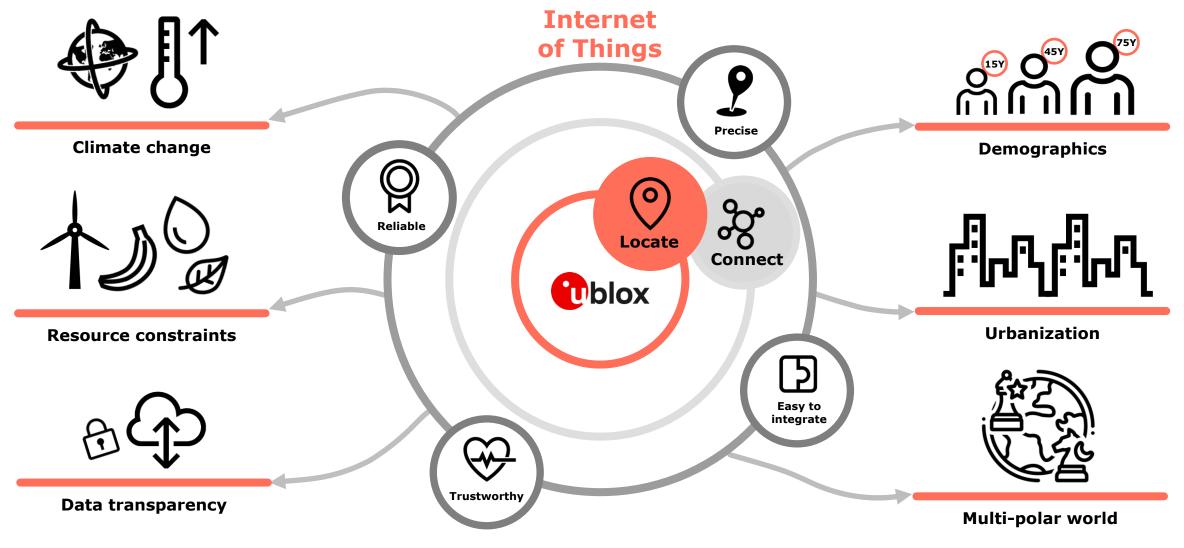


Strategy





u-blox addresses megatrends by locating and connecting every thing

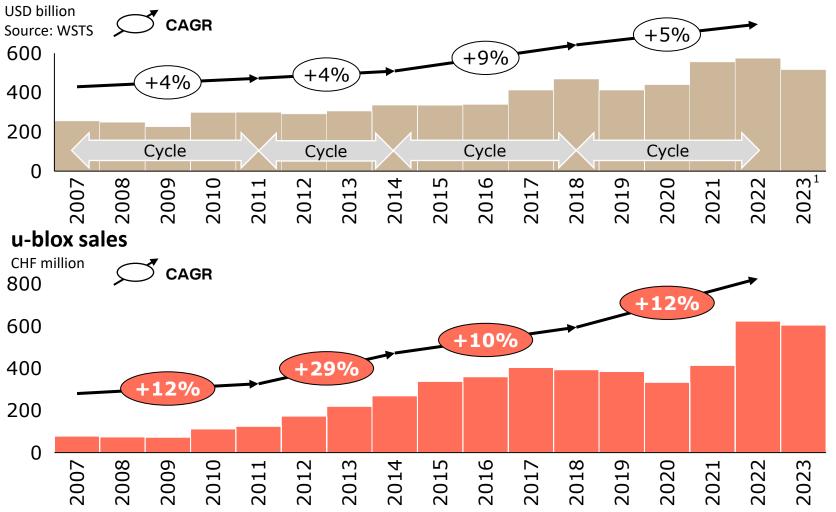




u-blox outperformed the semiconductor market growth rates consistently

Worldwide semiconductor sales

Ublox



- u-blox's business is correlated with the semiconductor cycle
- u-blox outperformed the semiconductor market over every cycle
- A cycle could last 3-7 years

Notes: ¹ Source: World semiconductor trade association

Strategic changes

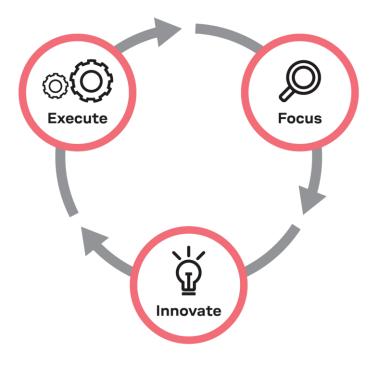
- To support the development of u-blox to the next level, we have announced strategic changes at our CMD in November 2023
- These strategic changes have already been initiated and will support u-blox to achieve its new Target Operating Model



Increase focus on Positioning business



Improve execution performance



Target Financial Model (over the cycle)

- >10% revenue growth (CAGR)
- ~14% EBIT margin (adj.)
- ~8% Free cash flow margin

Increase focus on the Positioning business

- Goal
 - Secure continued profitable growth
 - Expand into new application and customer segments

Key measures

- Intensify R&D efforts for Positioning to accelerate product innovations
 - Executed: 60% of internal R&D staff dedicated to POS
 - Ongoing: further strengthening of POS
- Develop offerings for new applications
- Use services as additional customer value creator



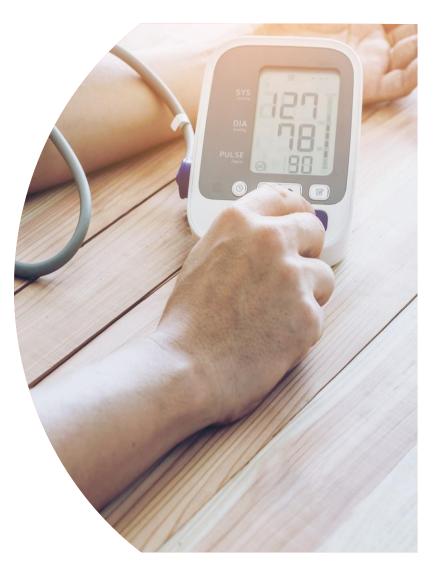


2 Turn-around the Connectivity business

- Target
 - Accelerate winning market share
 - Gain economies of scale to improve margins

Key measures

- Win market share by leveraging our trustworthiness as a Swiss supplier in a multi-polar world
- Use scale to become the Western cost leader
- Stop future cellular chip development
- Focus on differentiating innovations, e.g. cellular + satellite + positioning hybrid modules



3 Improve execution performance

- u-blox grew from a start-up to a relevant IoT solutions company in the semiconductor sector
- To allow the company to reach the next level, more systematic approaches need to be introduced while staying efficient and agile

Effectiveness

- Improve R&D output with agile methods
- Implement an integrated company-wide ERP system, replacing the current multiple systems in place
- Improve focus on profitability to effectively steer the organization

Efficiency

- Improve procurement performance
- Improve product cost, especially for cellular, by establishing a design-to-cost toolset
- Improve net working capital management
- Leverage global site footprint to optimize cost







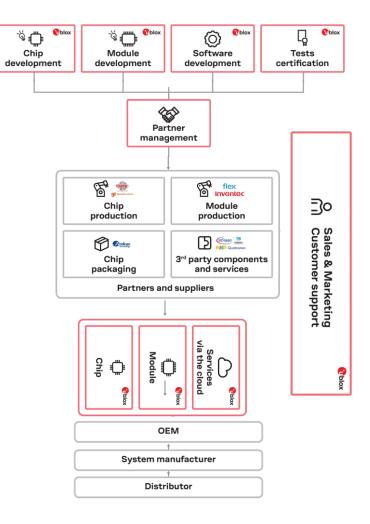
- u-blox identified improvement potential in its management systems that provide information for decision-making
 - Ownership
 - Data consistency across departments
 - Planning processes
- Integrated Business Plan approach kicked-off in 2023
 - Monthly reviews
 - 3-18 months horizon
 - Cross-functional
 - Drive alignment, transparency, and accountability
- Results achieved so far
 - Synchronized planning steps and data transparency across departments
 - Increased cross-functional visibility and collaboration
- Focus to continue on building solid management systems and processes to allow for timely and accurate decision-making





3 Significant changes in our procurement organization and approach, already implemented

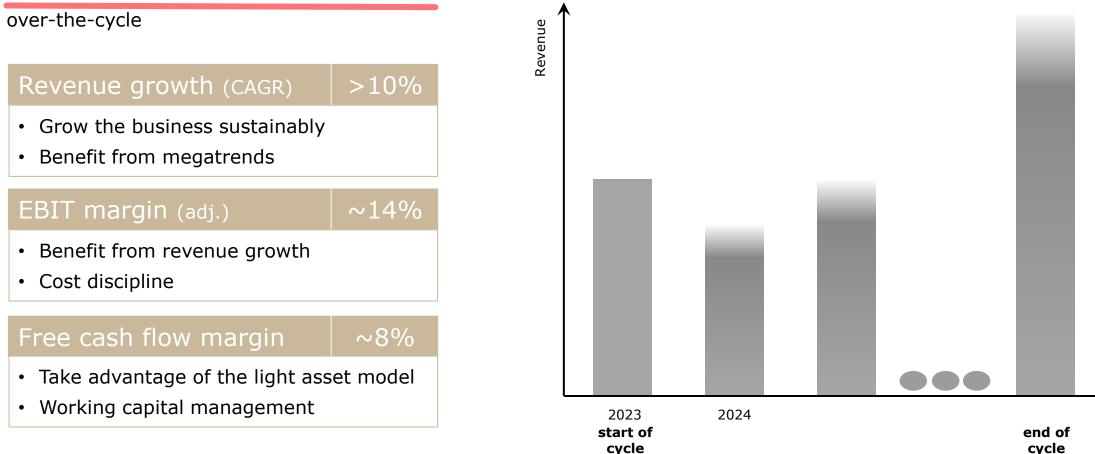
- With a sourcing volume of over CHF 300 million in 2023, u-blox identified improvement potential in its procurement activities
- Procurement organization was reorganized: Global responsibility and volume pooling for key commodities
- Process adaptation to involve procurement early in the development process, enabling a systematic design-to-cost approach
- Benchmarking and product cost and process improvement projects initiated
- New procurement information systems in place





Strategic changes will allow for reaching our new Target Financial Model

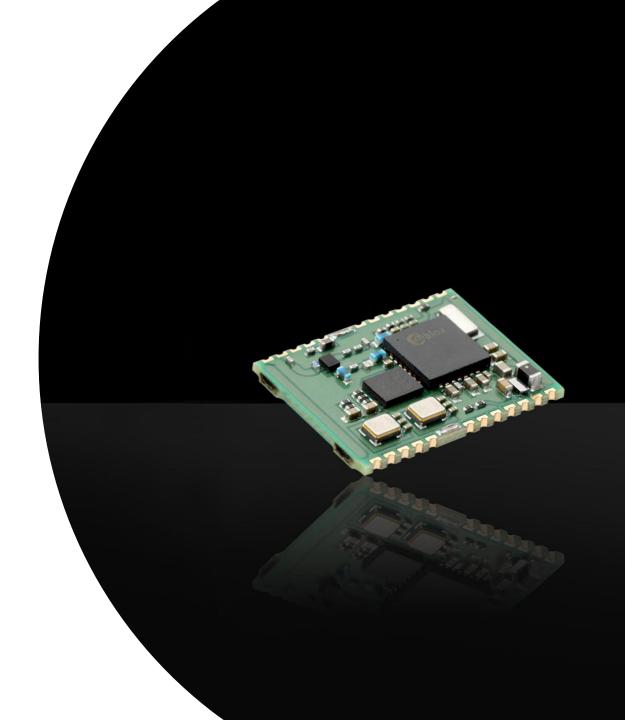
Target Financial Model



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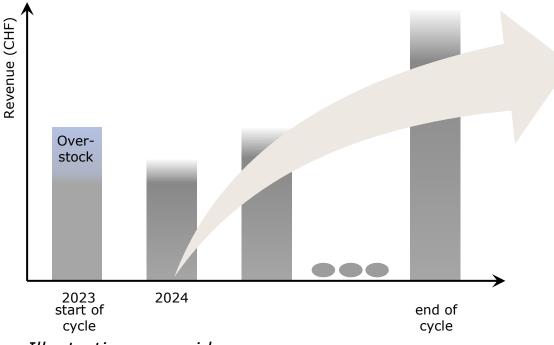
Outlook





2024 will be a transition year with a weak H1 and expected recovery in H2

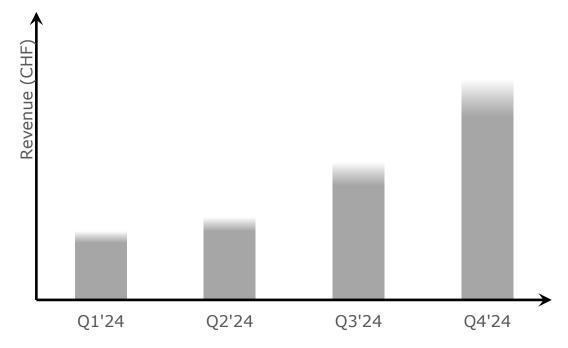
Target Operating Model



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- Deliveries in 2023 higher than underlining demand created an overstocking situation
- Customers started 2024 with high inventories

Illustrative 2024 quarterly development



Illustrative, no guidance

- Q1'24 is expected to be the lowest level, sequentially improving thereafter
- H2'24 is expected to show a more robust improvement

Outlook

Q1 2024 guidance

Revenue	EBIT margin
CHF 50-60 million	-40% to -30% EBIT margin (adjusted)

- Q1 2024
 - Low revenue due to high inventory levels at customers accentuated by contractual deliveries in Q4 2023
- Improvement expected for Q2 2024 (over Q1 2024) and more robust pick-up in H2 2024
- Cost reduction program in place to generate doubledigit CHF million in savings in 2024



u-blox investment thesis

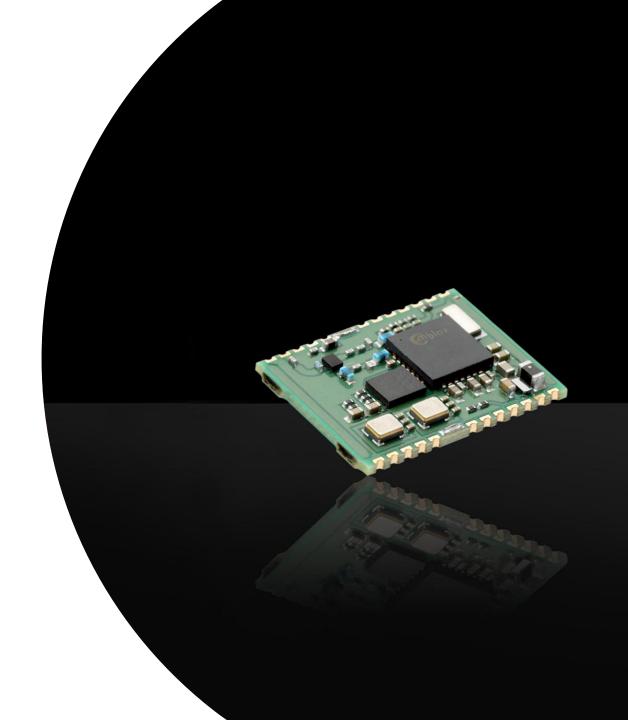


Strong in structural growth markets

Undisputed market leader in Positioning based on unique IP Sustainable value creation



Q&A





Upcoming events

AGM 2024	18/Apr
Q1 2024 trading update	24/Apr
H1 2024 results	07/Aug
9M 2024 trading update	23/Oct



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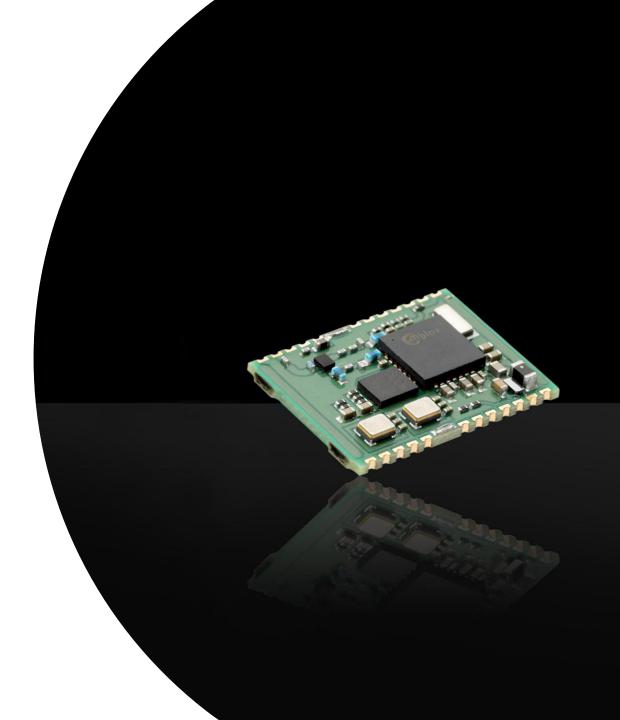
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Appendix





Adjusted Income Statement

		2023			2023		2022	YoY %
(CHF million)	IFRS	%	adjustments	adjusted	%	adjusted	%	adjusted
Revenue	576.9	100.0%	-	576.9	100%	623.9	100%	-7.5%
Gross profit	253.9	44.0%	+0.4	254.3	44.1%	307.2	49.2%	-17.2%
R&D expenses	(188.1)	-32.6%	+70.7	(117.4)	-20.4%	(106.3)	-17.0%	10.5%
SG&A expenses	(69.1)	-12.0%	+2.0	(67.2)	-11.6%	(69.6)	-11.2%	-3.5%
EBIT	(3.4)	-0.6%	+73.1	69.7	12.1%	131.3	21.0%	-46.9%
Finance income	2.2	0.4%	-	2.2	0.0%	0.1	0.0%	292.6%
Finance costs	(11.1)	-1.9%	+0.2	(10.9)	-1.9%	(2.1)		427.2%
Share of loss of equity-accounted investees, net of taxes	(0.2)	0.0%	-	(0.2)	0.0%	(0.1)	0.0%	67.1%
EBT	(12.5)	-2.2%	+73.3	60.7	10.5%	129.6	20.8%	-53.1%
Income tax	3.9		-13.5	(9.6)	-1.7%	(16.1)	-12.5%	-53.2%
Net profit	(8.6)	-1.5%	+59.7	51.1	8.9%	109.0	17.5%	-53.1%
Basic EPS (in CHF)	(1.21)			7.17		15.65		-54.2%
Diluted EPS (in CHF)	(1.21)			7.01		15.36		-54.4%
EBIT	(3.4)	-0.6%	+73.1	69.7	12.1%	131.3	21.0%	-46.9%
Depreciation and amortization	45.6	7.9%	-2.8	42.7	7.4%	38.7	6.2%	10.6%
Impairment	65.4	11.3%	-65.4	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	
EBITDA	107.6	18.7%	+4.8	112.4	19.5%	169.9	27.2%	-33.8%

Note: Revenue in constant FX rates -2.7% in 2023 vs 2022

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