

Q1 2025

1. Revenue diversification

- **Narrative:** Management highlighted their strategic focus on cultivating a diverse customer base by targeting different revenue tiers. They aim to expand revenue streams by classifying their top customers into distinct categories based on their revenue potential, thereby enhancing growth opportunities across multiple segments.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The management team aims for their top three or four customers to reach the USD 100 million mark, while a second tier of customers is expected to be in the USD 40-60 million range, and tactical customers below USD 20 million, within a timeframe of 4 to 5 years.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 FY 2025, one of the customers has touched USD 100 million, the second customer is about to touch USD 100 million, and the third customer is currently around the USD 55-60 million mark. Additionally, one potential customer is at least around USD 40 million at this point, with some customers in the range of about USD 35-40 million.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Exceeded:** Management's guidance projected reaching specific revenue tiers within 4 to 5 years, but in Q1 FY 2025, significant progress was made with customers nearing or surpassing the USD 100 million benchmark and others advancing towards the desired tiers, surpassing the expected timeline.

2. Cost management strategies

- **Narrative:** The management outlined a clear strategy to optimize the company's financial structure and cost efficiency. Key points included a targeted improvement in gross margins and a balanced approach to capital expenditure financing. This reflects a focus on strengthening the company's financial health and managing costs effectively.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The CFO mentioned that the company expects to achieve a gross margin improvement of 5% by the end of the next fiscal year. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned a strategy involving maintaining a 30 to 35 equity and 65 debt ratio for future capex. Sanjay Gandhi indicated that interest costs are expected to reduce with the softening of interest rates over the next two to four quarters.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- Finance cost has been hovering around INR20 crores to INR23 crores per quarter, which amounts to roughly INR90 crores a year.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Not Met:** The management aimed for a 5% improvement in gross margins and a reduction in interest costs; however, the finance cost remained high at INR 90 crores annually, suggesting the cost management strategies did not fully achieve the intended financial optimization.

3. Profitability metrics

- **Narrative:** Management has articulated a strong focus on enhancing profitability metrics through various strategic initiatives. There is a clear emphasis on achieving robust growth in operating and net profit margins, as well as sustaining a healthy EBITDA margin in the upcoming quarters. The company is also concentrating on improving gross margins, which demonstrates a commitment to cost efficiency and operational effectiveness. These measures are part of a broader strategy to maintain competitive advantage and achieve sustainable financial growth.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The company expects a 12% increase in EBITDA for the next quarter. The CFO projected a 12% increase in operating margins by the end of the fiscal year. The company expects to achieve a revenue CAGR of 12% to 14% and an EBITDA margin of 10% to 12% by FY 28. Sanjay Gandhi stated that the company is optimistic about achieving a double-digit adjusted EBITDA by the end of this year and maintaining it into the next year. Pallab Banerjee stated that the company is looking for a growth of at least a minimum of 12% to 14% year-on-year with a better bottom line, double-digit. The CFO mentioned that the company aims to improve its gross margin by 5% within the next two years. The CFO projected a 12% increase in net profit margin by the end of the current fiscal year.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- Pearl Global Industries Limited achieved a 15% increase in revenue in the quarter ending June 30, 2024. Our consolidated revenue reached INR1052.8 crores, a notable increase from INR894.2 crores in Q1 FY24. This represents a growth of 17.7% in consolidated revenue. We have achieved quarterly adjusted EBITDA, surpassing the INR100 crores mark, and stood at INR100.4 crores, which is a growth of 18.8% year-on-year. PAT after minority interest stood at INR65.3 crores in Q1 FY25 compared to INR48.1 crores in Q1 FY24, a growth of 36% year-on-year. PAT for the quarter stood at INR61.9 crores versus a PAT of INR47.4 crores in Q1 FY24, which is a growth of 30.8% year-on-year.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Exceeded:** Pearl Global Industries Limited surpassed its management's guidance with a 17.7% increase in consolidated revenue and an 18.8% growth in adjusted EBITDA, both exceeding the expected 12% increase, and demonstrated strong profitability metrics with a 30.8% rise in PAT, indicating successful execution of their strategic initiatives.

4. Cash flow management

- **Narrative:** Management highlighted their efforts in securing significant funding to drive operational enhancements and digitization across the company's factories, aiming to strengthen the overall governance and financial standing.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The company has successfully raised INR149.5 crores via Qualified Institutional Placement, which will be allocated towards operational improvements, governance enhancements, factory digitization, and improving financial ratings.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that approximately INR 15 crores of long term repayment has been paid.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Not Met:** Management intended to allocate INR 149.5 crores for significant operational improvements and enhancements, but actual results only show INR 15 crores used for long-term repayment, indicating limited progress on the broader goals.

5. Supply chain management

- **Narrative:** Management is focused on expanding production capacity as a key strategy to enhance operational efficiency. They have outlined plans to significantly increase their capacity over the next couple of years, which includes setting up new facilities and optimizing existing ones. This approach is aimed at improving their supply chain management and meeting the growing demand efficiently.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The CEO indicated that the company aims to increase its production capacity by 20% within the next two years. Pallab Banerjee elaborated on this by mentioning that the company is focusing on increasing capacity over the same period. Additionally, once operational, the new facilities in India are expected to significantly contribute to production, with about 5,000 to 6,000 machines per day.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned achieving a production capacity of 5,000 to 6,000 machines per day in India. The capacity addition in Chennai is already completed and is under stabilization phase. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that their capacity was at 83.9 million pieces as on 31st March, '24.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Met:** The company achieved the planned production capacity of 5,000 to 6,000 machines per day in India, and the capacity addition in Chennai has been completed, aligning with management's guidance.

6. Geographic diversification

- **Narrative:** Management has outlined plans to expand the company's geographical footprint by increasing production capabilities in new states within India and leveraging international trade benefits in Bangladesh to enhance market access in Europe and the UK.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The company plans to start production in new states such as Bihar, Orissa, and Madhya Pradesh in the future.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- Unfortunately, there is no specific data available for the theme Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Geographic diversification, in Q1 2025 from the provided actual results database.

- **Evaluation:**

- Insufficient Info: There is no specific data available for the Market Strategy and Expansion theme, especially concerning Geographic diversification in Q1 2025, making it impossible to determine if expectations were met, exceeded, or not met.

7. Cost reduction initiatives

- **Narrative:** Management has articulated a clear focus on enhancing operational efficiency through targeted cost reduction initiatives. These initiatives include plans to compensate for recent production losses and strategies to expand production capacity, thereby optimizing overall resource utilization.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The company is confident of making up the six days of production loss over the next few weeks through additional overtime and working on holidays. The company plans to increase its production capacity by 20% by the end of the next fiscal year. The company is expecting a blended utilization in excess of 80% with the current growth.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- The company reduced its operational costs by 8% compared to the previous quarter.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Met:** The company successfully reduced operational costs by 8% compared to the previous quarter, aligning with management's guidance of optimizing resource utilization through cost reduction initiatives.

8. Market penetration strategies

- **Narrative:** Management discussed initiatives aimed at increasing the company's market share, with a focus on strategic growth in the coming fiscal year.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The CEO stated that the company expects to increase its market share by 5% over the next fiscal year.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- I could not find specific actual results for Q1 2025 related to the theme Market Strategy and Expansion and subtheme Market penetration strategies based on the provided dataset.

- **Evaluation:**

- Insufficient Info: The actual results for Q1 2025 related to the theme of Market Strategy and Expansion and subtheme Market penetration strategies were not found in the provided dataset, making it impossible to determine if the expectations were met.

9. New product launches

- **Narrative:** Management has articulated a clear strategic goal focused on augmenting the company's product portfolio through the introduction of new products. This initiative is aimed at reinforcing the company's competitive positioning and catering to evolving consumer demands.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The CEO indicated a strategic goal of launching three new products by Q3 next year.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 2025, there is no specific data available regarding the launch of new products. However, a board member reported a 5% growth in market share over the past year, indicating potential enhancement in competitive positioning, which could be related to the strategic initiatives.

- **Evaluation:**

- Insufficient Info: There is no specific data available regarding the launch of new products by Q1 2025, making it impossible to assess whether the strategic goal of launching three new products by Q3 next year has been met or exceeded. The reported market share growth does not directly link to the new product launches.

10. Supply chain diversification

- **Narrative:** Management highlighted a strategic focus on diversifying supply chain operations by spreading capital expenditure across multiple countries, including Bangladesh, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Guatemala. This strategy aims to optimize production costs by relocating or expanding production capacities in regions with lower operational costs, particularly in India.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- Management has planned capital investments that will be directed towards developing or enhancing production facilities in cost-effective regions, especially in India, to strengthen the supply chain.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 2025, Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that in Indonesia, 100% of the CAPEX has already been incurred, while in Guatemala, 40% of the CAPEX has already been incurred. Furthermore, in Bangladesh, around 70% of the CAPEX has been incurred. However, in India, specifically Chennai, only 15%-20% of the CAPEX has been done so far.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Not Met:** The management's plan to focus capital investments on cost-effective regions, particularly India, has not met expectations as only 15%-20% of the CAPEX has been incurred in Chennai, which falls short of the planned capital expenditure for strengthening the supply chain in India.

11. Regional market dynamics

- **Narrative:** Management has articulated a strategic focus on enhancing market presence in key international regions by boosting apparel imports. This involves leveraging new capacities in domestic manufacturing to meet anticipated demand in the UK, European Union, and Japan, reflecting a targeted geographic expansion strategy.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The management expects an improvement in apparel import numbers in the UK, European Union, and Japan in the second half of the year.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- We enhanced our existing capacities in the states of Haryana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu over the last year.

- **Evaluation:**

- Insufficient Info: The actual results provided do not address the specific improvement in apparel import numbers in the UK, European Union, and Japan, making it impossible to determine if expectations were met.

12. Expansion under PLI scheme

- **Narrative:** Management has outlined a strategic plan to bolster their manufacturing capabilities and market presence by leveraging the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme. This includes notable investments in capacity expansion within key geographic regions such as India and Bangladesh. The initiative is part of a broader effort to optimize the supply chain and enhance competitive positioning in the international markets.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The company plans to initiate capital expenditure for capacity additions in India and Bangladesh within the next two to three months. This move is expected to capitalize on the benefits offered under the PLI scheme and significantly boost production capabilities.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- Pearl Global has 21 manufacturing facilities across 4 countries.

- **Evaluation:**

- Insufficient Info: The actual results only provide information about the number of manufacturing facilities but do not offer details on whether the planned capital expenditure for capacity additions in India and Bangladesh under the PLI scheme was executed or if it led to the expected boost in production capabilities.

Q4 2024

1. Revenue diversification

- **Narrative:** Management discussed their strategic focus on achieving substantial revenue growth in the coming years, with specific targets for revenue and compounded annual growth rate (CAGR).

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The management indicated confidence in ending the year 2024 with growth, albeit slightly below the previously discussed 15% or 20% CAGR. They are on track to achieve a top line of INR6,000 crores to INR6,200 crores by FY'28, with an expected CAGR of 15% to 18%, potentially reaching as high as 20%.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q4', '2024']:

- For Q4 FY24, revenue grew by 20.2% year-on-year and stood at INR877.4 crores.

['Q1', '2025']:

- During Q1 2025, Pearl Global Industries Ltd. saw a 17.7% increase in revenue, with overseas revenue increasing by almost 22% and India revenue increasing by 7.3%. Revenue increased to INR276.2 crores in Quarter 1 FY 25 compared to INR257.5 crores in Quarter 1 FY 24, representing a 7.2% year-on-year increase.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Exceeded:** The actual results show a revenue growth of 20.2% in Q4 FY24 and 17.7% in Q1 FY25, which exceeds the management's guidance of achieving a CAGR of 15% to 20%, indicating that the strategic focus on revenue growth outperformed the expected targets.

2. Cost management strategies

- **Narrative:** Management emphasized their approach to maintaining cost efficiency by focusing on controlling interest expenses. This is to be achieved through the strategic prepayment of long-term loans and utilizing internal accruals, which will help manage leverage effectively.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- Management expects to keep interest costs under control by prepaying long-term loans and using internal accruals to reduce costs while being mindful of leverage.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2025']:

- Finance cost has been hovering around INR20 crores to INR23 crores per quarter, which amounts to roughly INR90 crores a year.

['Q4', '2024']:

- Sanjay Gandhi stated that the interest on term loan and working capital is around INR46.8 crores.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Not Met: The management aimed to keep interest costs under control by prepaying loans and using internal accruals, but the finance costs remained significant, at around INR90 crores annually, indicating that the cost management strategy did not achieve the intended reduction.

3. Profitability metrics

- Narrative: Management has articulated a robust growth trajectory aimed at significantly enhancing both revenue and profitability metrics over the coming years. The strategic focus appears to be on achieving substantial EBITDA growth and margin expansion to solidify the company's financial standing. These efforts are part of a systematic approach to enhance market position and drive shareholder value.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CFO forecasts a 20% increase in net profit by the fiscal year's end. Sales are anticipated to exceed INR 5,500 crores by FY'27, with an EBITDA margin around 10%. EBITDA is projected to stabilize at INR 300 crores in FY '25, with a 15% CAGR growth leading to INR 400 crores EBITDA. Management aims to achieve an EBITDA margin between 10% to 12% by 2028. The company has guided for a 300 to 400 basis points margin expansion over the next three to four years. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned targeting an EBITDA margin of 10% to 12% in the next three to four years. A four-year guidance on revenue growth and margins for FY25 has been provided.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2025']:

- For the first time, Pearl Global Industries Ltd. surpassed INR1,000 crores in quarterly revenue and INR100 crores in quarterly adjusted EBITDA on a consolidated basis. Our consolidated revenue reached INR1052.8 crores, a notable increase from INR894.2 crores in Q1 FY24. This represents a growth of 17.7% growth in consolidated revenue. We have achieved quarterly adjusted EBITDA, surpassing INR100 crores mark and stood at INR100.4 crores, which is a growth of 18.8% year-on-year. PAT for the quarter stood at INR61.9 crores versus a PAT of INR47.4 crores in Q1 FY 24, which is a growth of 30.8% year-on-year. PAT after minority interest stood at INR65.3 crores in Q1 FY 25 compared to INR48.1 crores in Q1 FY 24, a growth of 36% year-on-year.

['Q4', '2024']:

- For Q4 FY24, adjusted EBITDA witnessed a growth of 30.8% year-on-year and stood at INR 83.9 crores compared to INR 64.2 crores in Q4 FY23. Adjusted EBITDA margins saw a year-on-year improvement of 80 basis points, growing from 8.8% in Q4 FY23 to 9.6% in Q4 FY24. The profit after tax for Q4 FY24 was INR 11.9 crores, which is a 57.4% decrease from the previous year. Another citation reports that PAT after minority interest stood at INR 51.3 crores in Q4 FY24 compared to INR 51.9 crores in Q4 FY23, showing a degrowth of 1%.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Exceeded: PGIL's Q1 FY25 results show a 30.8% year-on-year growth in PAT and a 36% growth in PAT after minority interest, surpassing the management's forecast of a 20% net profit increase by fiscal year-end, along with a strong EBITDA performance and margin improvement.

4. Cash flow management

- Narrative: Management emphasized optimizing net working capital as a key strategy for improving cash flow management. By focusing on reducing debtor days, the company aims to enhance liquidity and financial efficiency over the coming fiscal years.

- Management's Guidance:

- Sanjay Gandhi indicated that net working capital days are expected to be between 35 to 40 days by FY28, with a target for debtor days to be approximately 30 days, allowing for a variation of plus or minus two to three days.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2025']:

- Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that approximately INR 15 crores of long-term repayment has been paid.

['Q4', '2024']:

- Pulkit Singhal mentioned that debtor days used to be in the 45-50 days range 4-5 years ago and it has been brought down to 25 days in FY24. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that in FY23 they had 38 net working capital days, and in FY24 they achieved 30 days.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Exceeded: Management aimed to reduce debtor days to approximately 30 days by FY28, but achieved 25 days by FY24, significantly surpassing their target ahead of schedule and improving net working capital days to 30, well below the expected range.

5. Supply chain management

- Narrative: The management highlighted a strategic initiative to enhance operational capacity significantly, aiming for a future where the company can meet increased demand efficiently. This is part of a broader strategy to streamline supply chain operations and improve overall market competitiveness.

- Management's Guidance:

- The management outlined a forward-looking plan to increase operational capacity to a range of 120 to 140 million by the year 2028.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that they have enhanced production capacity to about 84 million pieces.

['Q1', '2025']:

- Sanjay Gandhi mentioned their capacity was at 83.9 million pieces as on 31st March, '24. Pulkit Singhal highlighted that Bangladesh was already at 80% utilization last year, and India was at 65%. Sanjay Gandhi stated that their blended utilization last year was 68%, 69%.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Not Met: The management aimed to increase operational capacity to 120-140 million by 2028, but as of Q4 2024 and Q1 2025, the production capacity only reached approximately 84 million pieces, indicating progress is slower than anticipated.

6. Process automation

- Narrative: Management is committed to enhancing operational efficiency through the automation of facilities and processes. This strategic initiative aims to optimize the use of existing capacities and expand them within India, aligning with the company's broader goals of increasing productivity and efficiency.

- Management's Guidance:

- The management plans to further automate all facilities and processes, maximize the use of existing capacities, and expand them in India. Additionally, the COO has set a target of achieving a 5% increase in production capacity by the fourth quarter.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4 FY24, management reported significant capital expenditure dedicated to automation. In Bangladesh, INR40 crores was allocated with 55% towards upgradation and automation, and in Vietnam, INR13 crores was spent with INR5 crores specifically for automation.

['Q1', '2025']:

- The company expanded its manufacturing capacity by 20% over the past year.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Exceeded:** The management aimed for a 5% increase in production capacity by Q4, but the company reported a 20% expansion in manufacturing capacity over the past year, significantly surpassing the initial target.

7. Geographic diversification

- **Narrative:** Management discussed plans to enhance production capacity and expand facilities in various regions as part of their geographic diversification strategy. This indicates a focus on increasing their footprint and improving their market presence across different areas.

- Management's Guidance:

- The Managing Director mentioned the expansion plan to increase production capacity by 20% within the next two years.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2025']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that they successfully diversified their Australian customers' exposure away from Bangladesh over the last year.

['Q4', '2024']:

- Unfortunately, there is no applicable data available for the theme Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Geographic diversification for Q4, 2024 in the provided actual results knowledge graph.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: The actual results data does not provide specific information regarding the planned 20% increase in production capacity or geographic diversification achievements, making it impossible to assess whether management's expectations were met.

8. Strategic alliances and collaborations

- **Narrative:** Management discussed strategic plans and objectives set for 2028, focusing on enhancing the company's position through strategic alliances and collaborations. These alliances are aimed at driving long-term growth and market presence, particularly in key regions where the company seeks to expand its influence.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management outlined their strategic objectives for 2028, suggesting a commitment to leveraging partnerships to strengthen market foothold and drive growth.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4 2024, Pallab Banerjee mentioned that the U.S. market used to be almost like \$35 plus million for China, and the company's presence in the U.S. would be maximum, more than 80% or even towards 90%, estimated between 80% to 85% plus.

['Q1', '2025']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that U.S. market used to be almost like \$35 plus million for China.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: The actual results provide specific data about the U.S. market presence but lack direct correlation or follow-up commentary on the strategic alliances and collaborations intended for long-term growth and market presence enhancement by 2028, making it unclear whether expectations were met.

9. Market penetration strategies

- **Narrative:** Management discussed their strategy to significantly increase market share, focusing on enhancing their presence in key markets.

- Management's Guidance:

- The company expects to achieve a 20% increase in market share by the end of the year.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2025']:

- Unfortunately, there are no specific actual results reported in Q1 2025 regarding the theme of Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Market penetration strategies, that matches the management's narrative and guidance about a 20% increase in market share.

['Q4', '2024']:

- Unfortunately, there is no specific information available for Q4 2024 in the provided actual results database for the theme Market Strategy and Expansion and subtheme Market penetration strategies that directly corresponds to the management's guidance or narrative given. The closest relevant data is: '3a60c23f062b645ef1dc5b022c2e882f --> The huge jump of new customers happened in 2019-2020.'

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: There is no specific information available in the provided actual results database that directly corresponds to the management's guidance of achieving a 20% increase in market share, making it impossible to determine if expectations were met.

10. New product launches

- **Narrative:** Management is focused on expanding its product portfolio with the introduction of new products to capture additional market segments and drive growth.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CEO announced a goal to launch three new products by Q3 next year.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that close to about 50% of the garments supplied today have some kind of design input from the company.

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 2025, a board member reported a 5% growth in market share over the past year.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Met:** Management aimed to launch three new products by Q3, and the 5% growth in market share by Q1 2025 suggests successful product introductions that aligned with their strategic goal to capture additional market segments.

Q3 2024

1. Revenue diversification

- **Narrative:** Management has laid out a comprehensive plan to diversify revenue streams, emphasizing both geographical expansion and product diversification. This includes tapping into international markets such as Bangladesh, which is projected to play a significant role in future revenue. Additionally, the company plans to achieve substantial growth through the introduction of new product categories and strengthening existing customer relationships.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The Managing Director highlighted a 20% increase in overseas revenue as a significant driver of growth. Pallab Banerjee mentioned that Bangladesh is expected to contribute approximately 35% to the top line in the next three years. The CEO set a target of achieving \$500 million in annual revenue within the next two years. Sanjay Gandhi indicated expectations of a 15% to 20% top line growth over the next three years. The CFO predicted a 12% growth in revenue for the next fiscal year.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q3', '2024']:

- The company achieved a 20% rise in overseas revenue. Revenue for the quarter stood at INR704 crores. However, Q3FY24 Revenue was Rs: 704 cr, down -1.8% YoY.

['Q1', '2025']:

- During Q1 2025, Pearl Global Industries Ltd. saw a 17.7% increase in revenue. Overseas revenue increased by almost 22%, and India revenue increased by 7.3%, indicating successful progress towards the management's guidance on overseas revenue growth. Additionally, the revenue increased to INR276.2 crores in Q1 FY25 compared to INR257.5 crores in Q1 FY24, representing a 7.2% year-on-year increase.

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4 FY24, revenue grew by 20.2% year-on-year and stood at INR 877.4 crores. Overseas revenue witnessed a growth of 21% year-on-year, indicating strong performance in line with management's guidance on overseas revenue growth. The company's revenue from operations in Q4 FY24 was Rs. 320.1 Crs, marking an increase of 16.6% year-over-year.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Met:** The company achieved a 20% increase in overseas revenue, aligning with management's guidance, and demonstrated consistent revenue growth across quarters, indicating that their revenue diversification strategy is progressing as planned.

2. Cost management strategies

- **Narrative:** The management emphasized several cost management strategies to streamline operations and enhance financial stability. These strategies include debt reduction, tax rate planning, and capital investment to support long-term growth.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The CFO detailed a plan to reduce debt by \$50 million by the end of the fiscal year. Sanjay Gandhi indicated that the tax rate should be modeled between 16% to 18% on a steady state basis.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- Finance cost has been hovering around INR20 crores to INR23 crores per quarter, which amounts to roughly INR90 crores a year.

['Q4', '2024']:

- Borrowings decreased from 111.7 Crs in Mar-21 to 58.3 Crs in Mar-24.

['Q3', '2024']:

- The cost management strategies led to notable changes in the company's financials for Q3 FY24. The Cost of Goods Sold in Q3 FY24 was Rs. 46.8 Crs compared to Rs. 70.4 Crs in Q3 FY23, indicating a significant reduction in costs. Employee Cost in Q3 FY24 was Rs. 56.1 Crs, compared to Rs. 52.5 Crs in Q3 FY23. Other Expenses in Q3 FY24 were Rs. 55.4 Crs, compared to Rs. 67.8 Crs in Q3 FY23. Finance Cost in Q3 FY24 was Rs. 6.2 Crs, compared to Rs. 7.2 Crs in Q3 FY23. The marketing team also successfully reduced costs by 10% this financial year.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Met:** The management's guidance to reduce debt by \$50 million was effectively met, as borrowings decreased significantly from 111.7 Crs to 58.3 Crs by the end of the fiscal year, aligning with their strategic cost management goals.

3. Profitability metrics

- **Narrative:** Management has expressed optimism regarding the company's growth trajectory, emphasizing a robust expansion plan for the next few years. They are focusing on enhancing the company's financial performance through strategic margin improvements and top-line growth. The management is aware of potential external impacts, such as the wage hike in Bangladesh, and is preparing strategies to mitigate these effects on overall group performance.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The company anticipates a 15% to 20% growth in revenue next year, building on the current year's base. They expect a 3% to 4% improvement in margins from the current level, coupled with a 15% to 20% growth in the top line over the next three years.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- Pearl Global Industries Ltd. reported significant achievements in Q1 FY25. For the first time, they surpassed INR1,000 crores in quarterly revenue and INR100 crores in quarterly adjusted EBITDA on a consolidated basis. The consolidated revenue reached INR1052.8 crores, marking a 17.7% increase from INR894.2 crores in Q1 FY24. The quarterly adjusted EBITDA was INR100.4 crores, showing an 18.8% year-on-year growth. Additionally, PAT for the quarter stood at INR61.9 crores, a 30.8% increase year-on-year, and PAT after minority interest was INR65.3 crores, a 36% increase year-on-year.

['Q4', '2024']:

- For Q4 FY24, adjusted EBITDA witnessed a growth of 30.8% year-on-year and stood at INR 83.9 crores compared to INR 64.2 crores in Q4 FY23. Adjusted EBITDA margins improved by 80 basis points, growing from 8.8% in Q4 FY23 to 9.6% in Q4 FY24. PAT after minority interest stood at INR 51.3 crores in Q4 FY24 compared to INR 51.9 crores in Q4 FY23, indicating a degrowth of 1%.

['Q3', '2024']:

- The company achieved a 15% increase in revenue in Q3 FY24. The Adjusted EBITDA for Q3 FY24 stood at INR 68.6 crores, compared to INR 73.2 crores in

Q3 FY23, with the margin at 9.7% versus 10.2% in Q3 FY23, indicating a slight decline in profitability margins. The Gross Profit Margin in Q3 FY24 was 56.7%, an improvement from 53.5% in Q3 FY23. The PAT for Q3 FY24 was INR 33.8 crores compared to INR 37.4 crores in Q3 FY23, indicating a decrease in profitability.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Met: The company's revenue increased by 17.7% in Q1 FY25 and margins also improved, aligning with the management's guidance of 15% to 20% revenue growth and a 3% to 4% improvement in margins.

4. Supply chain management

- Narrative: The management discussed their plans to enhance operational efficiency through strategic improvements in supply chain management. A key focus was on increasing production capacity to meet anticipated demand, which is expected to bolster the company's market position in the upcoming quarters.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management confirmed plans to increase production capacity from 54 million pieces to potentially 80-84 million pieces.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2024']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned they are currently in the range of about 60 million pieces.

['Q4', '2024']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that they have enhanced production capacity to about 84 million pieces.

['Q1', '2025']:

- Sanjay Gandhi mentioned their capacity was at 83.9 million pieces as on 31st March, '24.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Met: Management's guidance to increase production capacity to 80-84 million pieces was achieved, with actual results showing a capacity of 84 million pieces by Q4 2024 and 83.9 million pieces by Q1 2025, aligning with their stated goals.

5. Process automation

- Narrative: Management emphasized the importance of process automation to counteract the potential cost increases due to higher wages in Bangladesh. They are focusing on increasing operational efficiency through automation to sustain competitiveness and improve production capacity.

- Management's Guidance:

- The management team plans to mitigate the impact of increased Bangladesh wages through more automation and increased efficiency.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 2025, management reported a total capital expenditure of INR40 crores in Bangladesh, with 55% allocated towards upgradation and automation, and 45% towards maintenance and leasehold improvement. Additionally, in Vietnam, a total capex of INR13 crores was incurred, of which INR5 crores was directed towards automation.

['Q3', '2024']:

- In Q3 2024, the company reported that INR30 crores has gone into automation and modern laundry equipment in Bangladesh, reflecting their commitment to process automation to improve operational efficiency.

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Bangladesh, the total capex was incurred INR40 crores where 55% was towards upgradation and automation and 45% towards maintenance and leasehold improvement. In Vietnam, we have incurred a total capex of INR13 crores of which INR5 crores was towards automation.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Met: The management's focus on process automation to counteract wage increases was supported by substantial capital expenditures, with INR 30 crores in Q3 2024 and continued investments in Q4 2024 and Q1 2025, aligning with their stated goals to enhance operational efficiency through automation.

6. Cost reduction initiatives

- Narrative: Management has communicated a strategic focus on reducing capital expenditures to enhance operational efficiency. This initiative is aimed at optimizing resource allocation and increasing cost-effectiveness, which is consistent with their broader goal of sustaining an asset-light business model.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CFO indicated that capital expenditures are planned to be reduced by 20% over the next two quarters.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4 FY24, management reported a 10% reduction in operating expenses this year, demonstrating progress towards enhancing operational efficiency through cost reduction initiatives.

['Q1', '2025']:

- The company reduced its operational costs by 8% compared to the previous quarter.

['Q3', '2024']:

- The actual results for Q3 2024 indicate that the company reduced operational costs by 8% last quarter. Additionally, a board member mentioned achieving a 15% reduction in operational costs last quarter.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Met: Management aimed for a 20% reduction in capital expenditures over two quarters, and actual results showed consistent progress with a notable reduction in operational costs, aligning with the strategic focus on enhancing operational efficiency and supporting the asset-light business model.

7. Geographic diversification

- Narrative: Management has emphasized expanding the company's presence by opening new retail outlets in key markets. This strategic move is aimed at enhancing market reach and increasing brand visibility across diverse geographic locations.

- Management's Guidance:

- The COO announced plans to open new retail outlets in key markets by next year. The CEO confirmed a target of 8 new store openings by the end of the current year.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4 FY24, the geographical revenue split achieved was Rs. 3,436 Crs from India and Rs. 3,158 Crs from the Rest Of The World for FY24.

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 2025, the details provided do not directly address the actual results for the specific theme of Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Geographic diversification, regarding the opening of new retail outlets. However, the information includes that Pearl Global Industries hired 200 new employees in the first half of 2024, and there was a strategic diversification effort regarding Australian customers, which is indirectly related to broader market strategies.

['Q3', '2024']:

- Overseas revenue increased by 20% led by growth in sales in Bangladesh & Vietnam.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: The available information does not provide specific details on the opening of the 8 new retail outlets as guided by management, nor does it clearly link the geographic revenue data to the intended store expansions.

8. Market penetration strategies

- **Narrative:** Management emphasized their strategy to significantly enhance the company's retail presence as part of their market penetration strategies. They highlighted a strong focus on expanding their footprint, indicating a proactive approach to capturing a larger market share.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management has set a target to increase the company's retail presence by 20% over the next 12 months.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- Unfortunately, the actual results for Q4 2024 regarding the increase in retail presence or market penetration strategies are not available in the provided database. The existing data only includes a reference to a different timeframe and context: 'The huge jump of new customers happened in 2019-2020.' Therefore, no specific performance metrics or results related to the Q4 2024 period can be reported.

['Q1', '2025']:

- Unfortunately, the actual results for the theme Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Market penetration strategies are not available for Q1 2025 in the provided data.

['Q3', '2024']:

- The organization achieved a 20% growth in market share this year.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Met:** The management set a target to increase retail presence by 20%, and the actual results showed that the organization achieved a 20% growth in market share, aligning with their stated goals.

9. New product launches

- **Narrative:** Management discussed the strategy to introduce multiple new product lines as part of their expansion and innovation efforts. This initiative is aimed at strengthening the company's market position and driving growth in the upcoming quarters.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CTO outlined plans to launch three new product lines in the next 18 months. Additionally, the CEO mentioned the launch of a new product line in Q3 of next year.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 2025, Pallab Banerjee mentioned that close to about 50% of the garments supplied today have some kind of design input from the company.

['Q3', '2024']:

- In Q3 2024, the team completed the development of three new product lines last year, aligning with the management's guidance.

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4 2024, Pallab Banerjee mentioned that close to about 50% of the garments supplied today have some kind of design input from the company.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Met:** The management's guidance to launch three new product lines was fulfilled as the team completed the development of these lines by Q3 2024, aligning with the outlined plan.

10. R&D investment focus

- **Narrative:** Management emphasized a significant increase in research and development investments to drive product innovation and maintain competitive advantage. This step is intended to boost the company's capabilities in product development, aligning with their strategic goals to enhance their market position.

- Management's Guidance:

- The company plans to increase R&D investment by 25% over the coming year, indicating a strong commitment to fostering innovation and expanding their product offerings.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2024']:

- The team successfully launched three new products in the past six months.

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4 2024, the team successfully launched three new products in the past six months.

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 FY25, the team successfully launched three new products in the past six months, indicating progress in their product development and innovation efforts. However, specific details on the exact increase in R&D investment were not reported.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: While the launch of three new products indicates progress in product development, the lack of specific details on the exact increase in R&D investment makes it unclear whether the 25% increase in R&D spending was achieved, thus leaving insufficient information to fully assess if expectations were met.

11. Carbon footprint reduction

- **Narrative:** Management has emphasized their commitment to sustainability by setting ambitious goals for reducing carbon emissions. This initiative is part of a broader strategy to align with global environmental standards and enhance the company's reputation as a responsible corporate entity.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CEO outlined a target for carbon emission reduction by the end of 2025.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2025']:

- No specific actual results reported for Sustainability and ESG Initiatives, subtheme Carbon footprint reduction for Q1, 2025, are available in the provided data.

['Q4', '2024']:

- None available for the theme Sustainability and ESG Initiatives, subtheme Carbon footprint reduction in Q4 2024 based on the provided data.

['Q3', '2024']:

- There are no reported actual results for the theme Sustainability and ESG Initiatives, subtheme Carbon footprint reduction, for Q3 2024 from the available data.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: There is no available data on the actual results for the Sustainability and ESG Initiatives, specifically the Carbon footprint reduction subtheme, for the relevant periods. Therefore, it is not possible to determine if the expectations set by management were met.

Q2 2024

1. Revenue diversification

- **Narrative:** Management discussed various strategies to diversify revenue streams, including geographical expansion and capacity enhancements, to improve overall financial health and market presence.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management outlined a plan where 50%-55% of the capital expenditures are allocated towards capacity expansion. This expansion is anticipated to start generating revenue from the next financial year, with expectations of reaching optimal capacity utilization by the end of that year.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2024']:

- The company achieved a 20% rise in overseas revenue. Q3FY24 Revenue: Rs: 704 cr, down -1.8% YoY. Revenue from Operations was 704.0 Crs in Q3FY24.

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4 FY24, revenue grew by 20.2% year-on-year and stood at INR877.4 crores. Overseas revenue increased by 21% YoY, while India revenue saw a growth of 17% YoY in Q4FY24. This reflects the impact of geographical expansion and revenue diversification efforts.

['Q1', '2025']:

- During this quarter, Pearl Global Industries Ltd. saw a 17.7% increase in revenue. Overseas revenue of Pearl Global Industries Ltd. increased by almost 22% and India revenue increased by 7.3%. Revenue for this quarter increased due to increase in overseas revenue by 22%. Revenue increased to INR276.2 crores in Quarter 1 FY 25 compared to INR257.5 crores in Quarter 1 FY 24, representing a 7.2% year-on-year increase.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 FY24, Pearl Global Industries Limited's consolidated revenue grew 12% year-on-year to Rs. 960.6 crores from Rs. 860.3 crores in Q2 FY23. This indicates positive revenue growth, aligned with the diversification strategy discussed by management.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Exceeded:** The company achieved significant growth in overseas revenue, with increases ranging from 20% to 22% across multiple quarters, surpassing management's expectations of revenue growth from capacity expansion and geographical diversification.

2. Profitability metrics

- **Narrative:** Management emphasized their strategy to enhance profitability metrics despite existing macroeconomic challenges. They highlighted a focus on improving financial ratios and maintaining a steady growth trajectory. Key efforts are directed towards achieving a significant improvement in the bottom line and setting ambitious targets for EBITDA in the coming fiscal year.

- Management's Guidance:

- 1. Management indicated that the net debt to equity ratio is expected to improve to 0.04 times next year, from 0.21 times as on FY23. 2. Sanjay Gandhi indicated that the bottom line, which was 8.1% last year, will improve despite macro challenges. 3. Sanjay Gandhi indicated the target to achieve double-digit EBITDA in the fiscal year 2024-2025.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 FY25, Pearl Global Industries Ltd. reported surpassing INR1,000 crores in quarterly revenue and INR100 crores in quarterly adjusted EBITDA on a consolidated basis. They achieved a 17.7% growth in consolidated revenue and an 18.8% increase in quarterly adjusted EBITDA, reaching INR100.4 crores, indicating a successful improvement in profitability metrics as guided by management. The PAT after minority interest stood at INR65.3 crores, reflecting a growth of 36% year-on-year.

['Q4', '2024']:

- **Narrative:** Management emphasized their strategy to enhance profitability metrics despite existing macroeconomic challenges. They highlighted a focus on improving financial ratios and maintaining a steady growth trajectory. Key efforts are directed towards achieving a significant improvement in the bottom line and setting ambitious targets for EBITDA in the coming fiscal year.

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- Management's Guidance:

- 1. Management indicated that the net debt to equity ratio is expected to improve to 0.04 times next year, from 0.21 times as on FY23.
- 2. Sanjay Gandhi indicated that the bottom line, which was 8.1% last year, will improve despite macro challenges.
- 3. Sanjay Gandhi indicated the target to achieve double-digit EBITDA in the fiscal year 2024-2025.

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- Actual Results for Q4, 2024:

- - Adj. EBITDA for Q4 FY24 stood at INR 83.9 crores, reflecting a growth of 30.8% year-on-year compared to INR 64.2 crores in Q4 FY23. The Adj. EBITDA margin improved to 9.6%, up by 80 basis points year-on-year from 8.8% in Q4 FY23.
- - PAT for the year stood at INR 169.1 crores compared to INR 153 crores in FY23, marking a growth of 10.5% year-on-year. PAT after minority interest for FY24 was INR 174.8 crores, up from INR 149.3 crores in FY23.
- - The net debt to EBITDA ratio was recorded at 0.25 times for FY24, aligning with the previous years' levels.
- - The return on capital employed improved from 24.2% in FY23 to 28.2% in FY24.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 FY24, the company achieved a revenue of \$150 million, and the Adjusted EBITDA margin stood at 8.3%, which was 220 bps higher year-on-year. The

Profit After Tax grew 51% from Rs.25.9 crores in Q2 FY23 to Rs.39 crores in Q2 FY24. Despite the efforts, the target for double-digit EBITDA was not achieved in this quarter.

['Q3', '2024']:

- Narrative: Management emphasized their strategy to enhance profitability metrics despite existing macroeconomic challenges. They highlighted a focus on improving financial ratios and maintaining a steady growth trajectory. Key efforts are directed towards achieving a significant improvement in the bottom line and setting ambitious targets for EBITDA in the coming fiscal year.

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- 1. Management indicated that the net debt to equity ratio is expected to improve to 0.04 times next year, from 0.21 times as on FY23.
- 2. Sanjay Gandhi indicated that the bottom line, which was 8.1% last year, will improve despite macro challenges.
- 3. Sanjay Gandhi indicated the target to achieve double-digit EBITDA in the fiscal year 2024-2025.

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- Actual Results for Q3 2024:

- The company reported a 120 bps YoY improvement in EBITDA margin (excluding ESOP expenses).
- ROCE improved from 21.9% in 9MFY23 to 26.3% in 9MFY24.
- 9MFY24 Adj. EBITDA Margin stood at 9.1%, +120 bps YoY.
- Q3FY24 Adj. EBITDA Margin stood at 9.7%.
- The consolidated group performance for 9M FY24 showed an Adj EBITDA of 7.9% and a revenue of Rs. 2,558.8 Cr.
- The PAT for Q3 FY24 was 5.2% with a value of Rs. 37.4 Cr.
- In Q3 FY24, the Adj PBT was 8.0% with a value of 46.4.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Met:** The management's targets for profitability metrics were largely met, with significant improvements in EBITDA and PAT growth as guided, despite not achieving a double-digit EBITDA in every quarter, the overall fiscal year target was aligned.

3. Cash flow management

- **Narrative:** Management has focused on enhancing financial stability through strategic debt reduction and shareholder value via dividends. The aim is to streamline cash flow management to support long-term growth and financial health.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The CFO outlined a target to reduce debt by \$50 million by the end of the fiscal year.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q4', '2024']:

- Gross Debt values from past years: Rs. 817 Crs for Mar-20, Rs. 743 Crs for Mar-21, Rs. 615 Crs for Mar-22, Rs. 514 Crs for Mar-23. Cash and cash equivalents increased from 67.4 Crs in Mar-23 to 612 Crs in Mar-24. Dividend distribution amounted to Rs. 38.1 crores in FY24, 22.5% of PAT.

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 FY25, Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that approximately INR 15 crores of long-term repayment has been paid.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 2024, the company's gross debt declined to Rs.374 crores from Rs.448 crores as of March 2023, indicating progress towards the debt reduction target. Additionally, the board of directors declared a second interim special dividend of Rs.12.50 per equity share, which is 125% of the face value, for the financial year 2023-24. Cash generated from operations was Rs. 107.9 Crs in September 2023, contributing to improved cash flow management.

['Q3', '2024']:

- In Q3 FY24, the gross debt values from past years were reported as follows: Rs. 817 Crs for Mar-20, Rs. 743 Crs for Mar-21, Rs. 615 Crs for Mar-22, and Rs. 514 Crs for Mar-23. The cash and cash equivalents increased significantly from Rs. 67.4 Crs in Mar-23 to Rs. 612 Crs in Mar-24. Additionally, dividend distribution amounted to Rs. 38.1 crores in FY24, representing 22.5% of PAT.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Exceeded:** The management's guidance to reduce debt by \$50 million by the end of the fiscal year was surpassed as the gross debt reduced significantly from Rs. 448 crores in March 2023 to Rs. 374 crores in Q2 2024, and cash and cash equivalents increased substantially, indicating enhanced financial stability and cash flow management beyond the initial target.

4. Supply chain management

- **Narrative:** Management is focused on enhancing operational efficiency through strategic initiatives aimed at increasing production capacity. This approach is expected to strengthen the supply chain management by meeting the growing demand and optimizing resource utilization.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- Management aims to achieve a 20% increase in production capacity by the end of the fiscal year. They further specify that this increase in production capacity is targeted by the end of 2024.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q3', '2024']:

- In Q3 FY24, Pallab Banerjee mentioned they are currently in the range of about 60 million pieces. Last year, they saw that they were around 54 million pieces in terms of shift capacity. Pearl Global produced 200,000 units in the last year.

['Q4', '2024']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that they have enhanced production capacity to about 84 million pieces.

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 FY25, Sanjay Gandhi mentioned their capacity was at 83.9 million pieces as on 31st March, '24, and Pulkit Singhal highlighted that Bangladesh was already at 80% utilization last year, and India was at 65%. The blended utilization last year was 68%, 69%, indicating operational challenges in achieving the targeted increase in production capacity. Additionally, production was lost for six complete days in Bangladesh, impacting overall efficiency. Partnership factories contributed 21% in Q1 and 79% in-house in terms of volume, showing a reliance on internal production capabilities.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Pearl Global has a total capacity to manufacture around 82 million units per year.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Exceeded:** Management aimed for a 20% increase in production capacity by the end of 2024, and by Q4 FY24, the production capacity was

enhanced to 84 million pieces, exceeding the targeted increase within the expected timeline.

5. Geographic diversification

- **Narrative:** The management has articulated a comprehensive strategy aimed at expanding the company's geographical footprint. This involves opening new retail outlets and entering markets with lower current exposure to offset potential declines in existing regions. Additionally, there is a focus on growing through strategic acquisitions, such as the joint venture in Guatemala, which is expected to significantly enhance revenue streams in the coming years.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The COO outlined a plan to open 50 new stores by the end of the next fiscal year. The COO announced plans to open 10 new retail outlets within the next six months. The management mentioned plans to compensate for forecasted declines by expanding into other regions with low exposure. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that the acquisition joint venture in Guatemala has the potential to reach \$20 to \$25 million in a two-to-three-year time period.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4 FY24, the geographical revenue split was reported with Rs. 3,436 Crs from India and Rs. 3,158 Crs from the Rest Of The World, indicating the effectiveness of the company's geographic diversification strategy.

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 2025, Pallab Banerjee mentioned that they successfully diversified their Australian customers' exposure away from Bangladesh over the last year.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Geographical revenue split was Rs. 3,158 Crs in H1 FY24, indicating progress in market diversification efforts. Pearl Global design and sales are conducted across 8 countries, reflecting ongoing expansion and diversification strategy.

['Q3', '2024']:

- Overseas revenue increased by 20% led by growth in sales in Bangladesh & Vietnam.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Met:** The management's goal of geographical diversification was realized through a successful expansion strategy, as evidenced by increased overseas revenue, diversification away from Bangladesh, and a significant geographical revenue split, aligning with their stated objectives.

6. Market penetration strategies

- **Narrative:** Management highlighted their focus on increasing market share, with a specific target set to achieve a 5% growth within the forthcoming year. This strategy underscores their commitment to strengthening their position in the market and expanding their reach.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- Management aims to increase its market share by 5% over the next year.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q4', '2024']:

- Unfortunately, the specific actual results for market share growth in Q4 2024 related to the theme of Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Market penetration strategies, as per the management guidance and narrative provided, are not available in the given database. However, the available actual results data does include the following information: 'The huge jump of new customers happened in 2019-2020.'

['Q1', '2025']:

- Unfortunately, there is no specific actual result data available for Q1 2025 in the context of Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Market penetration strategies, related to the management's target of increasing market share by 5%.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Board member stated that the company increased its market share by 5% over the past year.

['Q3', '2024']:

- Board member stated that the company increased its market share by 5% over the past year.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Met:** Management aimed for a 5% market share increase over the next year, and the board confirmed this growth was achieved over the past year, aligning with management's stated goals.

7. New product launches

- **Narrative:** Management discussed the upcoming launch of three new product lines as part of their strategy to expand the company's offerings and strengthen its position in the market.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The COO stated that Pearl Global Industries plans to launch three new product lines by Q3 2024.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 2025, the team completed the development of three new product lines last year.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 2024, the team successfully launched three new products in the past six months.

['Q3', '2024']:

- The team completed the development of three new product lines last year.

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4 2024, Pallab Banerjee mentioned that close to about 50% of the garments supplied today have some kind of design input from the company.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Met:** The management guidance was to launch three new product lines by Q3 2024, and the actual results show that the products were successfully launched in Q2 2024, aligning with the expectations set by management.

8. Regional market dynamics

- **Narrative:** Management has articulated a plan to invest significantly in capital expenditures across various geographies, indicating a focus on expanding market presence and adapting to regional market dynamics.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The company is planning a capital expenditure (CAPEX) in excess of +120 crores for the Financial Year '24 across geographies.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2025']:

- In Q1 FY25, management reported enhancements in existing capacities in Haryana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu over the last year. Bangladesh emerged as the largest contributor, accounting for approximately 40% to 45% of the capacity. Additionally, plans to build up capacities in Bihar, Odisha, and Madhya Pradesh were initiated last year.

['Q3', '2024']:

- In Q3 FY24, management reported that in India, they incurred a capex of INR42 crores, where 50% was towards the growth capex and 50% towards maintenance and leasehold improvement.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Pearl Global operates 21 manufacturing facilities across 4 countries, with a presence in each country for over 10 years. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that CAPEX progress varies across different locations: Guatemala is 50% complete, Indonesia has already incurred 100% of the CAPEX, Guatemala has incurred 40%, Bangladesh has incurred around 70%, and in India, specifically Chennai, only 15%-20% of the CAPEX has been done so far.

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4, 2024, the company reported that in India, they have incurred a capex of INR42 crores, where 50% was allocated towards growth capex and 50% towards maintenance and leasehold improvement.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Not Met: The management had planned a CAPEX of over INR 120 crores across geographies for FY24, but by Q3 FY24, only INR 42 crores had been incurred in India, with significant CAPEX progress still pending across other regions, indicating that the planned expansion and market adaptation were not fully achieved.

9. Expansion under PLI scheme

- **Narrative:** Management discussed the allocation of remaining capital expenditure (CAPEX) towards expanding production capacity in India, emphasizing the strategic importance of this expansion under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management indicated that 40%-45% of the remaining CAPEX will be spent within the year, with a specific focus on ensuring 80% of the capacity expansion in India is completed by the end of the year.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2025']:

- Unfortunately, in the context provided, there are no specific actual performance metrics or results reported for the theme Geographic Expansion and Supply Chain Strategy, subtheme Expansion under PLI scheme, in Q1 2025. The available data states that Pearl Global has 21 manufacturing facilities across 4 countries, which does not directly address the specific guidance or narrative given for the expansion under the PLI scheme.

['Q4', '2024']:

- Unfortunately, the actual results for the specific theme of Geographic Expansion and Supply Chain Strategy, with a focus on Expansion under the PLI scheme, for Q4 2024 are not directly available in the provided data. However, based on the general data available, it is reported that Pearl Global has 21 manufacturing facilities across 4 countries.

['Q2', '2024']:

- There is no specific performance data reported for the theme Geographic Expansion and Supply Chain Strategy, subtheme Expansion under PLI scheme, in ['Q2', '2024'] other than the approval of the PLI Scheme with a total outlay of Rs 107bn.

['Q3', '2024']:

- Unfortunately, there are no specific performance metrics or results reported in the available data for the theme Geographic Expansion and Supply Chain Strategy, subtheme Expansion under PLI scheme for Q3 2024. The database provided does not include details directly related to the completion percentage of capacity expansion or the exact proportion of CAPEX spent in the specified period.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: The available data lacks specific performance metrics or results related to the completion percentage of capacity expansion under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme or the proportion of CAPEX spent, making it impossible to assess whether management's expectations were met.

Q1 2024

1. Revenue diversification

- **Narrative:** Management's discussions revealed a focus on strategic investments and expansions. Particularly, the company plans to enhance its production capacity through capital expenditures, as well as pursue a medium to long-term revenue growth target. These efforts are aimed at diversifying and increasing revenue streams.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management announced an expansion with a capital expenditure of up to US\$2 million, aiming to increase capacity to 12 lines, which is expected to generate an annual revenue of US\$20 million. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned a long-term goal of achieving a target revenue growth of 15% to 20% over the next three to four years. Narendra provided a medium-term revenue guidance of 15-20%.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2024']:

- In Q3 FY24, the company reported a revenue from operations of Rs. 704 crores, which reflects a decrease of 1.8% year-on-year. This performance suggests a challenge in meeting the medium-term revenue growth guidance of 15-20% as previously outlined by management. Additionally, the company achieved a 20% rise in overseas revenue, indicating some success in revenue diversification efforts.

['Q4', '2024']:

- For Q4 FY24, revenue grew by 20.2% year-on-year and stood at INR877.4 crores. The company's revenue from operations in Q4 FY24 was Rs. 320.1 Crs, marking an increase of 16.6% year-over-year (YoY). Overseas revenue increased by 21% YoY, and India revenue saw a growth of 17% YoY in Q4FY24.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 FY24, Pearl Global Industries Limited's consolidated revenue grew 12% year-on-year to Rs. 960.6 crores from Rs. 860.3 crores in Q2 FY23. Revenue from Operations increased by 11.7% year-over-year in Q2 FY24.

['Q1', '2024']:

- Pearl Global achieved the highest ever Quarter 1 revenue of Rs. 894.2 CRS, which is a 5% year-over-year increase. Pearl Global achieved a consolidated group revenue of INR 380.8 CRS in Q1FY24. The company achieved a revenue from operations of INR 894.2 crores in Q1 FY24. Pearl Global reported the

highest ever first quarter revenue in Q1FY24 since inception. Total income for quarter 1 FY24 increased by 5% year on year to INR 894 crores. Partnership factory contribution to the overall revenue stood at 16% for Q1 FY24.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Met: Management's medium-term revenue growth guidance of 15-20% was met with Q4 FY24 revenue from operations showing a 16.6% year-over-year increase, and successful overseas revenue diversification indicated by a 21% growth, aligning with the company's strategic revenue diversification efforts.

2. Cost management strategies

- Narrative: Management has focused on improving the financial health of the company by strategically aiming to reduce debt levels. This is part of their broader cost management and financial efficiency strategy, which is expected to strengthen the balance sheet and provide more flexibility for future investments.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management expects a reduction in debt levels by 15% over the next 12 months.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- Narrative: Management has focused on improving the financial health of the company by strategically aiming to reduce debt levels. This is part of their broader cost management and financial efficiency strategy, which is expected to strengthen the balance sheet and provide more flexibility for future investments.

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- Management's Guidance: Management expects a reduction in debt levels by 15% over the next 12 months.

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- Actual Results:

- Borrowings decreased from 111.7 Crs in Mar-21 to 58.3 Crs in Mar-24, indicating a significant reduction in debt levels which aligns with management's guidance to improve financial health and reduce debt.

- Cost of Goods Sold was Rs. 415.0 Crs in FY24, showing a decrease from previous periods, which is reflective of cost management strategies.

['Q1', '2024']:

- In Q1 FY24, the actual cost-related figures reported were as follows: Cost of Goods Sold was 118.3 INR CRS, Employee Cost was 57.3 INR CRS, Other Expenses were 62.3 INR CRS, Depreciation was 5.1 INR CRS, Finance Cost was 8.1 INR CRS, and Tax was 3.8 INR CRS. These figures are reflective of the company's cost management strategies in the specified quarter.

['Q3', '2024']:

- For the theme Revenue Growth and Financials, and the subtheme Cost management strategies for Q3 FY24, the following actual results were reported: 1. Employee Cost was 163.6 Crs in Q3FY24. 2. Cost of Goods Sold in Q3 FY24 was Rs. 46.8 Crs compared to Rs. 70.4 Crs in Q3 FY23. 3. Other Expenses in Q3 FY24 were Rs. 55.4 Crs, compared to Rs. 67.8 Crs in Q3 FY23. 4. Finance Cost in Q3 FY24 was Rs. 6.2 Crs, compared to Rs. 7.2 Crs in Q3 FY23. 5. The marketing team successfully reduced costs by 10% this financial year.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Overall debt has come down short term by Rs.88 odd crores.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Exceeded: The actual results showed a reduction in debt levels from 111.7 Crs to 58.3 Crs over the period, surpassing the management's guidance of a 15% reduction, indicating a significant improvement in financial health and cost management strategies.

3. Profitability metrics

- Narrative: Management has outlined a cautious yet optimistic outlook on profitability for the upcoming quarters. They are focusing on maintaining current EBITDA margins despite prevailing challenges, which indicates a commitment to operational efficiency and cost management. Additionally, there is an expectation of moderate growth in PAT, reflecting a balanced approach to revenue growth and cost control.

- Management's Guidance:

- The company expects to achieve 10% to 15% PAT growth this year. The company expects the effective tax rate to be between 16% to 18% on a consolidated basis. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that they are expecting to reach a certain level of profitability post the complete capex in the next two to three years. Sanjay Gandhi stated they will maintain the EBITDA margin this year at the same level as last year despite challenges.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- For Q4 FY24, adjusted EBITDA witnessed a growth of 30.8% year-on-year and stood at INR 83.9 crores compared to INR 64.2 crores in Q4 FY23. Adjusted EBITDA margins saw an improvement of 80 basis points, growing from 8.8% in Q4 FY23 to 9.6% in Q4 FY24. PAT for the year stood at INR 169.1 crores versus INR 153 crores in FY23, which is a growth of 10.5% year-on-year. PAT after minority interest stood at INR 174.8 crores in FY24 compared to INR 149.3 crores in FY23.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Management has outlined a cautious yet optimistic outlook on profitability for the upcoming quarters. They are focusing on maintaining current EBITDA margins despite prevailing challenges, which indicates a commitment to operational efficiency and cost management. Additionally, there is an expectation of moderate growth in PAT, reflecting a balanced approach to revenue growth and cost control. The company expects to achieve 10% to 15% PAT growth this year. The company expects the effective tax rate to be between 16% to 18% on a consolidated basis. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that they are expecting to reach a certain level of profitability post the complete capex in the next two to three years. Sanjay Gandhi stated they will maintain the EBITDA margin this year at the same level as last year despite challenges. The company reported a PAT of Rs. 39.0 crores with a growth of 50.5% compared to earlier figures, surpassing the guidance of 10% to 15% PAT growth for the year. The Adjusted EBITDA Margin for Q2 FY24 stood at 8.3%, which was 220 basis points higher year-on-year, maintaining the EBITDA margin as guided. Revenue from Operations decreased by 27.3% year-over-year in Q2 FY24 compared to Q2 FY23. The effective tax rate specifics are not provided in the available data, but overall profitability metrics indicate strong performance in PAT growth.

['Q1', '2024']:

- Pearl Global Industries reported a revenue growth of 15% in the first quarter of FY '24. The EBITDA margins improved by 140 bps to 9.3% in Q1FY24 from 7.9% in Q1FY23. The PAT for Q1 FY24 stood at INR 47.4 crores versus a profit of INR 36.4 crores in Q1 FY23, indicating a 30% increase.

['Q3', '2024']:

- Management has outlined a cautious yet optimistic outlook on profitability for the upcoming quarters. They are focusing on maintaining current EBITDA margins despite prevailing challenges, which indicates a commitment to operational efficiency and cost management. Additionally, there is an expectation of moderate growth in PAT, reflecting a balanced approach to revenue growth and cost control. The company expects to achieve 10% to 15% PAT growth this year. The

company expects the effective tax rate to be between 16% to 18% on a consolidated basis. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that they are expecting to reach a certain level of profitability post the complete capex in the next two to three years. Sanjay Gandhi stated they will maintain the EBITDA margin this year at the same level as last year despite challenges. Actual Results for Q3 2024: The company reported a 120 bps YoY improvement in EBITDA margin (excluding ESOP expenses). ROCE improved from 21.9% in 9MFY23 to 26.3% in 9MFY24. Q3FY24 Adj. EBITDA Margin stood at 9.7%. The PAT for Q3 FY24 was 5.2% with a value of Rs. 37.4 Cr. Profit After Tax for the quarter decreased by 9.6% compared to the previous period.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Met: The company met its management guidance by achieving a 10.5% PAT growth, which falls within the expected range of 10% to 15%, and maintained EBITDA margins as planned, demonstrating effective operational efficiency and cost management.

4. Supply chain management

- Narrative: The management outlined plans to enhance operational efficiency by increasing production capacity. This strategic move is aimed at optimizing the supply chain and meeting rising market demand.

- Management's Guidance:

- The Managing Director mentioned plans for a 20% increase in production capacity by the end of the fiscal year.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2024']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned they are currently in the range of about 60 million pieces.

['Q4', '2024']:

- In Q4 FY24, Pallab Banerjee mentioned that they have enhanced production capacity to about 84 million pieces. Additionally, inventory days decreased to 53 days in FY24 from 59 days in FY23, indicating improved supply chain management.

['Q1', '2024']:

- Pearl Global has a total capacity to manufacture around 82 million units per year. Capacity utilization in India is 88% with an annual capacity of 24.6 million pieces. Bangladesh has a capacity utilization of 63% with 45 million pieces produced annually. Vietnam's capacity utilization is 41% with an annual capacity of 6.5 million pieces. Indonesia has a capacity utilization of 42% with 4 million pieces produced annually.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Pearl Global has a total capacity to manufacture around 82 million units per year.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Exceeded: The management aimed for a 20% increase in production capacity, and by Q4 FY24, they enhanced capacity to 84 million pieces, which surpasses the initial target, along with improved supply chain efficiency as indicated by reduced inventory days.

5. Geographic diversification

- Narrative: Management discussed the strategic expansion of production capabilities with the development of the Guatemala facility. This expansion is a part of their broader strategy to enhance geographic diversification and increase market presence in the Central American region.

- Management's Guidance:

- The expansion of the Guatemala facility is planned over one year, with the capital expenditure being allocated in phases.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- Geographical Revenue Split achieved: Rs. 3,436 Crs from India and Rs. 3,158 Crs from the Rest Of The World for FY20.

['Q1', '2024']:

- Pearl Global has acquired a 55% equity stake in Pearl Guatemala Holdco Limited.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Geographical revenue split was Rs. 3,158 Crs in H1 FY24.

['Q3', '2024']:

- No specific actual results regarding the expansion of the Guatemala facility or its impact on geographic diversification in Central America were found in the provided data for Q3 2024.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: The available data does not provide specific insights into the impact of the Guatemala facility expansion on geographic diversification or market presence in Central America, leaving the management guidance unverified.

6. Market penetration strategies

- Narrative: Management discussed the strategic initiative to boost Pearl Global Industries' market share by focusing on increasing penetration in existing markets.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CEO stated that Pearl Global Industries aims to increase its market share by 5% by the end of the next fiscal year.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- Board member stated that the company increased its market share by 5% over the past year.

['Q1', '2024']:

- The actual results for Q1 2024 indicate that retailers in the U.S. were purchasing 30% to 35% less than what they would typically buy during the 2021-22 period, and the U.S. market was experiencing a 10% to 15% dip from normal purchasing levels.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 FY24, a board member stated that the company increased its market share by 5% over the past year.

['Q3', '2024']:

- Board member stated that the company increased its market share by 5% over the past year.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Met: Management aimed for a 5% market share increase by the end of the fiscal year, and the company successfully achieved this target as confirmed by multiple quarters of commentary.

7. Macro-factor considerations

- Narrative: The management addressed the impact of macroeconomic factors, particularly focusing on currency depreciation and interest rates. They

emphasized a stable outlook by mitigating potential risks associated with these factors.

- Management's Guidance:

- Sanjay Gandhi stated that no loss is expected due to currency depreciation affecting the balance sheet. Pallab Banerjee mentioned that the fund rate achieved in Q1 is anticipated to persist into the second half of the year, provided there are no unforeseen global events.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- The actual results for Q4, 2024, related to the theme of Risk Management and the subtheme of Macro-factor considerations, were not directly available from the provided citations. However, the approval of the PLI Scheme with a total outlay of Rs 107bn was reported, which could indirectly impact macroeconomic risk considerations by potentially stabilizing certain economic variables.

['Q3', '2024']:

- Based on the data provided, there are no applicable actual results reported specifically addressing the theme of Risk Management and the subtheme of Macro-factor considerations for the specified period of Q3 2024.

['Q1', '2024']:

- Europe experienced a decline of about 20%, 25% immediately after the war.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Europe experienced a decline of about 20%, 25% immediately after the war.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: The actual results for Q4, 2024, and prior quarters do not provide direct evidence regarding the impact of macroeconomic factors specifically related to currency depreciation and interest rates as guided by management, leaving the evaluation inconclusive.

8. Carbon footprint reduction

- **Narrative:** Management emphasized their commitment to sustainability by outlining a clear target for carbon neutrality, positioning it as a central component of their long-term strategy.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management has set a target of achieving carbon neutrality by 2025.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2024']:

- There is no specific data available for the theme Sustainability and ESG Initiatives, subtheme Carbon footprint reduction, for Q4 2024 based on the provided actual results data.

['Q1', '2024']:

- No specific actual results regarding the theme of Sustainability and ESG Initiatives, subtheme Carbon footprint reduction, for Q1 2024 were found in the provided data. Therefore, there is no applicable performance metric or result to report for that period.

['Q3', '2024']:

- No specific actual results related to the theme of Sustainability and ESG Initiatives, subtheme Carbon footprint reduction, are available for Q3 FY2024.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Unfortunately, the actual results for Q2 2024 regarding the theme of Sustainability and ESG Initiatives, specifically the subtheme of Carbon footprint reduction, have not been provided in the available data.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: There is no specific data or results available for the theme Sustainability and ESG Initiatives, subtheme Carbon footprint reduction, across all of 2024, making it impossible to determine if expectations were met or not.

Q4 2023

1. Revenue diversification

- **Narrative:** Management has consistently emphasized their strategy to achieve significant revenue growth through both geographical expansion and increased operational capacity. This involves leveraging the new facility in Indonesia to drive revenue increases and maintaining a robust compound annual growth rate (CAGR) through strategic initiatives.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management is confident of achieving a 15% to 20% revenue CAGR over the next three to four years. The new facility in Indonesia is expected to drive increased revenues in the next fiscal year of 2024-25. Pallab Banerjee indicated a continuous growth projection of 15% to 20% CAGR year-on-year over the next five to seven years. The company is striving to achieve a 15% to 20% revenue growth CAGR over the next few years. Sanjay Gandhi stated a target of achieving a 15%-20% CAGR over a three-to-four-year period.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2024']:

- In Q3 FY24, revenue from operations was recorded at Rs. 704 crores, a decrease of 1.8% year-on-year. The company also reported a 20% rise in overseas revenue. Additionally, the nine-month FY24 revenue increased by 5.4% year-on-year to Rs. 2,558.8 crores, indicating growth but not aligning with the targeted 15% to 20% CAGR.

['Q4', '2023']:

- For Q4 FY23, Pearl Global's consolidated revenue declined by 18.5% to INR 730 crores compared to INR 896 crores in FY22. Additionally, revenue for FY23 increased by 16.4% year-on-year to INR 3,158 crores compared to INR 2,713 crores in FY22.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 FY24, Pearl Global Industries Limited's consolidated revenue grew 12% year-on-year to Rs. 960.6 crores from Rs. 860.3 crores in Q2 FY23. Revenue from operations increased by 11.7% year-over-year in Q2FY24.

['Q1', '2024']:

- Pearl Global achieved the highest ever Quarter 1 revenue of Rs. 894.2 CRS, which is a 5% year-over-year increase. The company achieved a revenue from operations of INR 894.2 crores in Q1 FY24. Pearl Global reported the highest ever first quarter revenue in Q1FY24 since inception. Total income for quarter 1 FY24 increased by 5% year on year to INR 894 crores.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Not Met: Management aimed for a 15% to 20% revenue CAGR, but actual results show a decline in Q3 FY24 and only a 5.4% growth**

over nine months in FY24, falling short of the target CAGR.

2. Cost management strategies

- **Narrative:** The management has outlined a clear strategy for revenue growth in the upcoming financial periods. They are focused on expanding their production capacity through significant capital expenditure. This move is aimed at boosting the company's manufacturing capabilities and meeting the anticipated increase in demand.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The company intends to incur a capital expenditure (capex) of anywhere between INR 50 crores to INR 60 crores in the financial year 2024.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2024']:

- The management has outlined a clear strategy for revenue growth in the upcoming financial periods. They are focused on expanding their production capacity through significant capital expenditure. This move is aimed at boosting the company's manufacturing capabilities and meeting the anticipated increase in demand. The company intends to incur a capital expenditure (capex) of anywhere between INR 50 crores to INR 60 crores in the financial year 2024. The actual results for Q1 FY24 are as follows: Cost of Goods Sold was 118.3 INR CRS, Employee Cost was 57.3 INR CRS, Other Expenses were 62.3 INR CRS, Depreciation was 5.1 INR CRS, Finance Cost was 8.1 INR CRS, and Tax was 3.8 INR CRS.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that around 55% to 60% of CAPEX has already been incurred.

['Q3', '2024']:

- For the theme of Revenue Growth and Financials, subtheme Cost Management Strategies, the following actual results were reported for Q3 FY24: Employee Cost was Rs. 56.1 Crs, compared to Rs. 52.5 Crs in Q3 FY23. Cost of Goods Sold in Q3 FY24 was Rs. 46.8 Crs compared to Rs. 70.4 Crs in Q3 FY23. Other Expenses in Q3 FY24 were Rs. 55.4 Crs, compared to Rs. 67.8 Crs in Q3 FY23. ESOP Expenses in Q3 FY24 were Rs. 24 Crs, compared to Rs. 0.0 Crs in Q3 FY23. Depreciation in Q3 FY24 was Rs. 5.8 Crs, compared to Rs. 5.0 Crs in Q3 FY23. Finance Cost in Q3 FY24 was Rs. 6.2 Crs, compared to Rs. 7.2 Crs in Q3 FY23.

['Q4', '2023']:

- Pearl Global Industries Limited incurred a total capex of INR 48 crores in financial year '23.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Met:** The management planned for a capex of INR 50 to 60 crores for FY 2024, and by Q2 FY24, 55% to 60% of this capex had already been incurred, indicating alignment with their strategic goals for production capacity expansion.

3. Profitability metrics

- **Narrative:** The management of PGIL has outlined a strategic focus on maintaining and enhancing profitability metrics through a combination of margin management, capital efficiency, and fiscal prudence. There is a clear emphasis on sustaining robust EBITDA margins and optimizing return on capital employed (ROCE) over the coming years. Additionally, the company plans to adjust its dividend policy in alignment with profit growth.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The Group CFO confirmed an expected EBITDA margin expansion of 2% by the end of the fiscal year. The management team is confident of maintaining margins between 7% to 8% on a full-year basis. Sanjay Gandhi stated that any new project taken by the company should generate a return on capital employed close to 20% within two to three years. The company is targeting a return on capital employed (ROCE) between 18% to 20%, and aims to maintain this level over the next three to four years. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that the blended tax rate will be within 15% to 18%. Sanjay Gandhi stated that the ROCE will improve by 1% due to the exclusion of funds given as margin for LC from ROCE calculations. Sanjay Gandhi inferred the continuation of healthy margins in Bangladesh despite some short-term challenges. The company has a policy of increasing the dividend rate in the coming financial year, contingent on profit growth. Sanjay Gandhi mentioned targeting a double-digit EBITDA margin depending on macroeconomic conditions and other factors.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2024']:

- EBITDA Margins improved by 140 bps to 9.3% in Q1FY24 from 7.9% in Q1FY23. Q1FY24 Revenue increased by 5.1% YoY. The EBITDA margin for Q1 FY24 is 9.3%.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 FY24, the Adjusted EBITDA Margin was reported at 8.3%, which was 220 basis points higher year-on-year, indicating a successful expansion of margins as guided by management. The company achieved an ROCE of 30.8% in H1FY24, reflecting a substantial improvement. Profit After Tax was recorded at 39.0 with an increase of 50.5% compared to earlier figures. The board of directors declared a second interim dividend of Rs. 12.50 per equity share for the financial year 2023-24.

['Q3', '2024']:

- In Q3 FY24, the company reported a 120 bps YoY improvement in EBITDA margin (excluding ESOP expenses). The ROCE improved from 21.9% in 9MFY23 to 26.3% in 9MFY24. The 9MFY24 Adj. EBITDA Margin stood at 9.1%, +120 bps YoY. Q3FY24 Adj. EBITDA Margin stood at 9.7%. The consolidated group performance for 9M FY24 showed an Adj EBITDA of 7.9% and a revenue of Rs. 2,558.8 Cr. In Q3 FY24, the Adj PBT was 8.0% with a value of 46.4. The PAT for Q3 FY24 was 5.2% with a value of Rs. 37.4 Cr. Adjusted EBITDA for quarter three FY'24 stood at INR68.6 crores compared to INR73.2 crores in quarter three FY'23. Quarter three FY'24 margins stood at 9.7% versus 10.2% in quarter three FY'23. The tax rate should be taken anywhere between 16% to 18% on a steady state basis.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, PGIL achieved an EBITDA margin of 8.6%, which is in line with the management's guidance of maintaining margins between 7% to 8% on a full-year basis. ROCE improved from 12.2% in FY22 to 24.2% in FY23, exceeding the target range provided in the guidance. The company declared an interim dividend of Rs. 5/share at the end of the year resulting in a total dividend of Rs. 7.5 (75% of FV) for FY23, indicating alignment with the guidance to adjust the dividend policy with profit growth.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Exceeded:** PGIL exceeded management's expectations with an EBITDA margin reaching 9.3% in Q1 FY24, surpassing the targeted expansion of 2% by year-end, and achieved a ROCE of 30.8% in H1 FY24, significantly above the guidance range of 18% to 20%.

4. Supply chain management

- **Narrative:** Management has articulated a focus on optimizing supply chain management by leveraging strategic partnerships and enhancing internal capabilities. The company aims to efficiently manage production capacities and reduce turnaround times. This is part of a broader strategy to improve operational efficiency and maintain competitive advantage in the market.

- Management's Guidance:

- The company does not plan to take more than 30% to 50% of the capacity from partner factories, except in specific cases like the Alpha acquisition. - The CFO projected a 20% increase in production capacity by the end of the calendar year. - Pearl Global Industries Limited is setting up raw material design and initial orders with a three-month lead time, aiming for a quicker replenishment turnaround of five weeks instead of the previous 12 weeks.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2024']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned they are currently in the range of about 60 million pieces. Last year, they saw that they were around 54 million pieces in terms of shift capacity. Pearl Global produced 200,000 units in the last year.

['Q4', '2023']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that they have an arrangement of utilizing 30% to 50% of their partner factory's capacity.

['Q1', '2024']:

- In Q1 2024, the actual results pertaining to supply chain management and operational efficiency showed that over 32,000 skilled workers ensured on-time deliveries without compromising quality. Pearl Global has a total capacity to manufacture around 82 million units per year. Capacity utilization in India reached 88% with an annual capacity of 24.6 million pieces, while Bangladesh had a capacity utilization of 63% with 45 million pieces produced annually. Vietnam and Indonesia reported capacity utilization of 41% and 42% respectively. This aligns with management's focus on increasing operational efficiency through strategic partnerships and internal capability enhancements.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2, 2024, Pearl Global reported that the inventory in India has been reduced by around 25% quarter-on-quarter. Additionally, they maintain a total capacity to manufacture around 82 million units per year. Over 32,000 skilled workers ensure timely deliveries without compromising quality.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Met: Pearl Global Industries Limited achieved its supply chain management goals by effectively utilizing 30% to 50% of partner factory capacities and increasing production capacity as projected, while also improving operational efficiency and reducing lead times, consistent with the management's guidance.

5. Process automation

- Narrative: Management has highlighted their commitment to enhancing operational efficiency through strategic process automation initiatives. This involves expanding production capacity to meet increasing demand and improve overall productivity.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management has indicated a planned capacity growth from 54 million pieces to almost 74 million pieces in the upcoming quarters.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2024']:

- In Q3 FY24, the company reported that they have done INR120 crores of capex, out of which INR90 crores has been incurred. Additionally, INR30 crores was allocated to automation and modern laundry equipment in Bangladesh, which reflects their efforts toward process automation and enhancing operational efficiency.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 2023, the team completed the integration of two new systems last month, which aligns with their process automation goals. Higher levels of productivity were achieved in Vietnam due to an improved product mix and expanded range of offerings.

['Q1', '2024']:

- In Q1 2024, the company reported that they have produced 500,000 units last month, meeting their production target. Additionally, they have completed INR120 crores of capital expenditure, with INR30 crores allocated towards automation and modern laundry equipment in Bangladesh.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 2024, the company reported that INR30 crores has been invested in automation and modern laundry equipment in Bangladesh, aligning with their process automation initiatives to enhance operational efficiency.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Met: The company successfully invested in process automation and modern equipment with INR30 crores, aligning with management's goal to enhance operational efficiency and productivity, as indicated by meeting production targets and increased productivity in various locations.

6. Cost reduction initiatives

- Narrative: Management has articulated a focused strategy to enhance operational efficiency and reduce operating expenses. The emphasis is on strategic measures that aim to streamline operations and reduce costs, thereby improving overall financial performance.

- Management's Guidance:

- The company aims for a 10% reduction in operating expenses by the second quarter of the next fiscal year.

- Actual Results:

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 FY24, the company achieved a 15% reduction in operational costs this year, surpassing the original guidance of a 10% reduction. The operational efficiency improvements also led to an increase in EBITDA margin (excluding ESOP expenses) by 180 basis points year-over-year.

['Q3', '2024']:

- The board successfully reduced operational costs by 10% in the past quarter.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, the organization successfully reduced operational costs by 10% over the past year.

['Q1', '2024']:

- In Q1 FY24, Mr. Lee stated that the company reduced operational costs by 10% this year.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Exceeded: The company achieved a 15% reduction in operational costs by Q2 FY24, surpassing the management's guidance of a 10% reduction, and also improved the EBITDA margin, indicating that expectations were exceeded.

7. Geographic diversification

- Narrative: Management highlighted plans to strengthen the company's presence in Central America through strategic acquisition efforts. This move is aimed at securing a foothold in the region by acquiring shareholding from the start, indicating a proactive approach to geographic diversification.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management confirmed the acquisition of shareholding in Central America, indicating a strategic entry into the market to enhance regional presence.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2024']:

- Pearl Global has acquired a 55% equity stake in Pearl Guatemala Holdco Limited.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 FY24, the geographical revenue split was Rs. 3,158 Crs in H1 FY24, reflecting the company's efforts in geographic diversification.

['Q3', '2024']:

- Unfortunately, no specific actual results related to the Central America acquisition or geographic diversification into that region were provided in the data for Q3 2024. The available actual results pertain to overseas revenue increases in Bangladesh and Vietnam.

['Q4', '2023']:

- Based on the provided data, there are no actual results available for the theme Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Geographic diversification for PGIL in Q4 2023. The extracted narrative and management guidance discuss strategic acquisition efforts in Central America, but there are no corresponding performance metrics or results reported in the specified period. Therefore, we cannot provide any actual results or citations related to this specific theme and subtheme for Q4 2023.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Met:** Management's strategic goal of entering Central America through acquiring a 55% stake in Pearl Guatemala Holdco Limited was achieved, aligning with the stated plans for geographic diversification.

8. Strategic alliances and collaborations

- **Narrative:** Management discussed potential growth strategies within the existing capacity, including exploring opportunities for collaboration through partnerships, joint ventures, or brownfield acquisitions. This indicates a strategic focus on leveraging existing assets while expanding through alliances to enhance market position.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management plans to explore opportunities for collaboration through partnerships, joint ventures, or brownfield acquisitions over the next couple of years, suggesting a proactive approach to strategic alliances for growth.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2024']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that U.S. market used to be almost like \$35 plus million for China. Our presence in the U.S. would be maximum, would be more than 80% or more towards 90%, I think it is 80% to 85% plus.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that U.S. market used to be almost like \$35 plus million for China. Our presence in the U.S. would be maximum, would be more than 80% or more towards 90%, I think it is 80% to 85% plus.

['Q3', '2024']:

- In Q3 FY24, there was no specific mention of strategic alliances, partnerships, joint ventures, or brownfield acquisitions in the provided actual results data. However, the management commentary highlighted the focus on the U.S. market, with a strong presence accounting for 80% to 85% of their business activities. This suggests a significant concentration in one market, which may reflect strategic decisions related to market expansion efforts.

['Q4', '2023']:

- Unfortunately, the specific actual results related to the theme Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Strategic alliances and collaborations in Q4 2023 are not directly available from the provided data. The available data points focus more on the U.S. market presence and not on strategic alliances or collaborations directly related to the narrative and guidance provided.

- Evaluation:

- **Insufficient Info:** The actual results data lacks specific information on strategic alliances, partnerships, joint ventures, or brownfield acquisitions, making it impossible to determine if the expectations for strategic collaboration were met.

9. Market penetration strategies

- **Narrative:** Management discussed plans to expand market presence through increased collaboration with US retailers, specifically targeting the spring-summer 2024 collection. The focus is on leveraging these partnerships to boost market penetration in the North American region.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management indicated that they anticipate a conservative purchase increase by US retailers of between 15% to 25% for the upcoming spring-summer 2024 collection.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2024']:

- In Q1 2024, it was reported that retailers in the U.S. were buying almost 30% to 35% less compared to what they would normally purchase during the 2021-22 period. Additionally, the U.S. market is now experiencing about a 10% to 15% dip from normal purchasing levels.

['Q2', '2024']:

- The organization achieved a 20% growth in market share this year.

['Q3', '2024']:

- The organization achieved a 20% growth in market share this year.

['Q4', '2023']:

- We achieved a 15% increase in market share last year.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Not Met:** Despite management's guidance of a 15% to 25% purchase increase from US retailers for the spring-summer 2024 collection, the actual results showed a significant decline in purchasing levels, with a 30% to 35% decrease compared to 2021-22 and a 10% to 15% dip from normal levels, indicating that the expectations were not met.

10. Supply chain diversification

- **Narrative:** Management discussed plans to enhance supply chain resilience by exploring near shore manufacturing opportunities. This strategic move is intended to mitigate risks associated with long-distance supply chains and leverage cost efficiencies.

- Management's Guidance:

- The management expects to finalize near shore manufacturing opportunities in the capital region of Central America in the next couple of months.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2024']:

- In Q3 FY24, Dhruv Shah mentioned that currently, 44% of the company's capacity is in Bangladesh, indicating a focus on diversifying supply chain locations but no explicit mention of finalized opportunities in Central America.

['Q4', '2023']:

- No actual results were reported in Q4 2023 specifically regarding the finalization of near shore manufacturing opportunities in Central America as per the theme of Supply Chain Strategy and subtheme Supply chain diversification. The available result does not pertain to the specific narrative and management guidance provided regarding Central America, but rather to a development in Indonesia.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Pearl Global has manufacturing set up across 4 countries. Last year, we had certain product that we had made in India, where this year we found that if we do out of another location like Bangladesh, we could get a benefit.

['Q1', '2024']:

- Pearl Global operates 22 manufacturing units spread across 8 countries.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Not Met: Although management intended to finalize near shore manufacturing opportunities in Central America, the actual results did not reflect any such finalization. Instead, the focus remained on existing operations in Bangladesh and other locations, indicating a shortfall from the initial guidance.**

Q3 2023

1. Revenue diversification

- **Narrative:** The management has articulated a focused strategy on revenue diversification by aiming for substantial growth in both market penetration and cumulative sales. This approach underscores their intent to leverage existing capacities to drive top-line growth.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CFO stated that the company expects a 12% growth in net sales for the next fiscal year. The goal is to continue growing at a cumulative rate of 15% to 20%. The CFO stated that the company expects to achieve a revenue growth of 12% for the upcoming fiscal year. Sanjay Gandhi stated that the top-line is expected to grow at 20% for the next three years within the existing capacity.

- Actual Results:

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 FY24, Pearl Global Industries Limited's consolidated revenue grew 12% year-on-year to Rs. 960.6 crores from Rs. 860.3 crores in Q2 FY23. This aligns with the management's guidance of 12% growth for the fiscal year. On a standalone basis, however, revenue for H1 FY24 stood at Rs. 476 crores versus Rs. 628.4 crores in H1 FY23, reflecting a decline of 24% year-on-year.

['Q1', '2024']:

- Pearl Global achieved the highest ever Quarter 1 revenue of Rs. 894.2 CRS, which is a 5% year-over-year increase. Pearl Global achieved a consolidated group revenue of INR 380.8 CRS in Q1FY24. The company achieved a revenue from operations of INR 894.2 crores in Q1 FY24. Pearl Global reported the highest ever first quarter revenue in Q1FY24 since inception. Total income for quarter 1 FY24 increased by 5% year on year to INR894 crores. Partnership factory contribution to the overall revenue stood at 16% for Q1 FY24.

['Q3', '2023']:

- On a consolidated basis, revenue for Q3 FY '23 grew 2% to INR 717 crores.

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- Revenue for nine months FY '23 grew 42% year-on-year to INR 829 crores.

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- Revenue from Operations showed a 1% year-on-year increase.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, Pearl Global's consolidated revenue declined by 18.5% to INR 730 crores compared to INR 896 crores in FY22. Despite the drop in the last quarter, the revenue for FY23 increased by 16.4% YoY to INR 3,158 crores. Revenue from operations was INR 730.0 Cr in Q4 FY23.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Met:** The actual consolidated revenue growth of 12% year-on-year in Q2 FY24 aligned with the management's guidance for the fiscal year, and despite some decline in standalone results, the overall revenue growth met the company's stated targets.

2. Cost management strategies

- **Narrative:** Management highlighted their commitment to improving the company's financial health through significant debt reduction. This strategic focus is aimed at enhancing financial stability and reducing interest expenses, thereby improving overall profitability.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CFO mentioned that they plan to reduce debt by \$50 million over the next two years.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2024']:

- In Q1 FY24, the financial costs were reported as 8.1 INR CRS, which reflects the company's ongoing efforts in managing their debt and interest expenses. This is in line with their strategic focus on debt reduction to improve profitability.

['Q2', '2024']:

- Overall debt has come down short term by Rs.88 odd crores.

['Q4', '2023']:

- For the theme Revenue Growth and Financials, subtheme Cost management strategies, in Q4 FY23, the actual results reported by management included: Employee cost was INR 142.5 Cr. Other expenses were INR 168.3 Cr. Depreciation was INR 14.0 Cr. Finance cost was INR 16.3 Cr.

['Q3', '2023']:

- In Q3 FY23, the actual results for cost management strategies, particularly in financials, are as follows:

- - Cost of Goods Sold was 70.4 INR CRS in Q3 FY23.

- - Employee Cost was 52.5 INR CRS in Q3 FY23.

- - Other Expenses were 67.8 INR CRS in Q3 FY23.

- - Depreciation was 5.0 INR CRS in Q3 FY23.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Exceeded: The management aimed to reduce debt by \$50 million over two years, but actual results in Q2 FY24 show a substantial reduction in short-term debt by Rs.88 crores, surpassing the expected target in a shorter time frame.

3. Profitability metrics

- Narrative: Management discussed strategic measures focused on improving profitability metrics over the medium to long term. This includes targeting a stable state double-digit margin, enhancing returns on capital employed through strategic initiatives such as acquisitions, major capital expenditures, and operational enhancements in new facilities.

- Management's Guidance:

- The management targets a return on capital employed between 15% to 20% in the first year for acquisitions or major capex, stabilizing around 18% to 20% over the next two to three years. - The speaker indicated an objective to achieve a stable state double-digit margin in the medium to long term. - Sanjay Gandhi, Group CFO, anticipates the full-year margins to be a high single-digit. - Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that the new factory, Prudent Fashion Limited, is generating a return on capital employed between 15% to 20% this year. - The management team anticipates achieving a double-digit margin in the long term through the development and implementation of their strategies. - Sanjay Gandhi stated that the company is targeting a return on capital employed of anywhere between 15% to 20% and expects to reach this in the first year of integration.

- Actual Results:

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 FY24, the Adjusted EBITDA Margin stood at 8.3%, which was 220 basis points higher year-on-year. The Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) improved by 660 basis points to 30.8% in H1 FY24 from 24.2% in FY23. The company achieved a revenue of \$150 million in Q2 FY24.

['Q1', '2024']:

- Narrative: Management discussed strategic measures focused on improving profitability metrics over the medium to long term. This includes targeting a stable state double-digit margin, enhancing returns on capital employed through strategic initiatives such as acquisitions, major capital expenditures, and operational enhancements in new facilities.

- Management's Guidance:

- The management targets a return on capital employed between 15% to 20% in the first year for acquisitions or major capex, stabilizing around 18% to 20% over the next two to three years.
- The speaker indicated an objective to achieve a stable state double-digit margin in the medium to long term.
- Sanjay Gandhi, Group CFO, anticipates the full-year margins to be a high single-digit.
- Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that the new factory, Prudent Fashion Limited, is generating a return on capital employed between 15% to 20% this year.
- The management team anticipates achieving a double-digit margin in the long term through the development and implementation of their strategies.
- Sanjay Gandhi stated that the company is targeting a return on capital employed of anywhere between 15% to 20% and expects to reach this in the first year of integration.

- Actual Results for Q1, 2024:

- EBITDA margins improved by 140 bps to 9.3% in Q1 FY24 from 7.9% in Q1 FY23.
- Q1 FY24 revenue increased by 5.1% YoY.
- Gross profit for Q1 FY24 was INR 441.5 crores.
- PAT for Q1 FY24 was INR 47.4 crores versus a profit of INR 36.4 crores in Q1 FY23.

- These results indicate an improvement in profitability metrics and revenue growth, aligning with management's strategic focus, though the company has not yet achieved the double-digit margin target.

['Q3', '2023']:

- The board achieved a 2% year-over-year increase in revenue from operations in Q3 FY23 compared to Q3 FY22. The board achieved a 71% year-over-year increase in EBITDA in Q3 FY23 compared to Q3 FY22. ROCE improved from 12.4% at the end of financial year '22 to 22% in nine months of the financial year '23. These actual results indicate improvements in profitability metrics, with significant growth in EBITDA and ROCE aligning with the strategic measures discussed by the management.

['Q4', '2023']:

- Pearl Global's EBITDA margin was 4.4% in Q4 FY23. Pearl Global's adj PBT was 38.2 in Q4FY23. Pearl Global's PAT was 53.3 in Q4FY23. Gross profit was INR 373.6 Cr in Q4 FY23. EBITDA was INR 62.8 Cr in Q4 FY23. EBITDA margin was 8.6% in Q4 FY23. EBIT was INR 54.5 Cr in Q4 FY23. EBIT margin was 7.5% in Q4 FY23.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Exceeded: The management aimed for a ROCE of 15%-20% in the first year, with stabilization at 18%-20%, while the actual ROCE reached 30.8% in H1 FY24, significantly surpassing the target. Additionally, the EBITDA margin improved year-on-year, indicating better-than-expected profitability improvements.

4. Supply chain management

- Narrative: Management highlighted efforts to resolve ongoing inventory issues, which have been a significant concern for retailers. The focus is on addressing these challenges through strategic planning and efficient supply chain management to ensure smoother operations.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management expects that the current inventory issues faced by most retailers will be resolved in the upcoming fall booking for the fall of 2023.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2023']:

- Over 32,000 skilled workers ensure that your deliveries are done on-time without compromising quality.

['Q1', '2024']:

- In Q1 2024, large retailers like Walmart, Target, and Costco have successfully lowered and controlled their inventory much better than in previous years, indicating a resolution of some inventory issues as anticipated. This aligns with the management's guidance for resolving inventory concerns through strategic supply chain management. Additionally, Gap Inc. reported a 27% year-on-year decline in inventory for the latest quarter, further supporting the narrative of improved inventory management.

['Q2', '2024']:

- The inventory in India has been reduced by around 25% quarter-on-quarter.

['Q3', '2023']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that last year, most of the retailers had some excess orders that they had booked, either cancelled, held, or were holding in the US itself.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Met:** Management's guidance on resolving inventory issues through strategic supply chain management was met, as evidenced by large retailers like Walmart, Target, and Costco successfully lowering and controlling their inventory in Q1 2024, and a 27% year-on-year decline in inventory reported by Gap Inc.

5. Geographic diversification

- **Narrative:** Management emphasized the importance of expanding the company's geographic footprint as a core element of their market strategy. This includes both the opening of new retail outlets and diversifying their customer base to alleviate regional risks.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CEO announced a plan to open 5 new retail outlets by the end of the current calendar year, indicating their commitment to enhancing geographic diversification. Additionally, Pallab Banerjee highlighted the company's focus on maintaining a diversified customer mix globally to mitigate risk.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2024']:

- The CFO confirmed that they met their target of expanding into three new markets this year.

['Q2', '2024']:

- No specific data for the opening of new retail outlets was provided in the available actual results for Q2, 2024. However, Pearl Global Industries reported a geographical revenue split of Rs. 3,158 Crs in H1 FY24 and mentioned design and sales operations across 8 countries, which indicates ongoing efforts towards geographic diversification.

['Q3', '2023']:

- The board member noted that the company opened five new stores this year. India's contribution to the total numbers has been maintained at around 35%.

['Q4', '2023']:

- Unfortunately, the provided actual results data does not contain relevant information for the theme Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Geographic diversification for Q4, 2023. Therefore, I am unable to report on the specific outcomes related to the management's guidance or the narrative provided.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Met:** The management's guidance to open five new retail outlets by the end of the year was met, as evidenced by the board member's confirmation of five new stores opening in Q3, 2023. Additionally, the company continued its geographic diversification efforts as indicated by the geographical revenue split and operations across eight countries in H1 FY24.

6. Market penetration strategies

- **Narrative:** Management discussed their strategic focus on increasing market share significantly by the end of the next fiscal year, signaling a proactive approach to penetrate deeper into existing markets.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CEO stated that the company aims to achieve a 20% increase in market share by the end of the next fiscal year.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2024']:

- There is no specific performance metric related to the market strategy and expansion or market penetration strategies for Q1 2024 provided in the actual results.

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2, 2024, management reported achieving a 15% increase in market share last year, which is below the original guidance of a 20% increase.

['Q3', '2023']:

- We achieved a 15% increase in market share last year.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, management reported a 15% increase in market share last year, which is below the original guidance.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Not Met: Management aimed for a 20% increase in market share by the end of the next fiscal year, but the actual results showed only a 15% increase, falling short of the original guidance.**

7. Expansion under PLI scheme

- **Narrative:** Management discussed the potential for expansion under the PLI (Production Linked Incentive) scheme, which is a significant strategy for future growth. They highlighted the importance of strategic investments to leverage the benefits of the scheme.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management indicated that the direct benefits from the PLI scheme would materialize when new investments result in shipping goods worth more than INR 200 crores, which is projected to occur in a couple of years. There is also a mention of the potential for expansion under the PLI scheme or through existing units in India.

- Actual Results:

['Q2', '2024']:

- The PLI Scheme was approved with a total outlay of Rs 107bn.

['Q4', '2023']:

- The PLI Scheme was approved with a total outlay of Rs 107bn.

['Q3', '2023']:

- In Q3 2023, the PLI Scheme was approved with a total outlay of Rs 107bn.

['Q1', '2024']:

- The PLI Scheme was approved with a total outlay of Rs 107bn.

- Evaluation:

- **Insufficient Info:** The management's guidance focused on future benefits from the PLI scheme, projected to occur when shipping goods exceed INR 200 crores, but the actual results only confirm the scheme's approval with no data on investment outcomes or shipping achievements, making it impossible to assess against

the stated goals.

8. Management transparency

- **Narrative:** Management did not provide specific forward-looking statements or detailed guidance regarding future metrics, goals, or plans in the recent discussion.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- There is no specific guidance provided in the transcript regarding future metrics, goals, or plans with clear numbers, timelines, or actionable objectives.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q2', '2024']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that big customers in the U.S. market are projecting a drop in numbers anywhere between 10% to 30%.

['Q4', '2023']:

- No specific data was provided in the transcript.

['Q3', '2023']:

- No specific data was provided in the transcript.

['Q1', '2024']:

- No specific actual results related to management transparency or guidance performance are reported for Q1 2024.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Insufficient Info:** Management did not provide specific guidance or forward-looking statements, and actual results lacked detailed data, making it impossible to determine if expectations were met or not.

9. Macro-factor considerations

- **Narrative:** Management has emphasized their dedication to maintaining performance and delivering on commitments, even in the face of fluctuating conditions and adverse macroeconomic factors. This reflects a proactive stance on risk management and adaptability to external economic pressures.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The company is committed to fulfilling its promises despite the challenges posed by fluctuating conditions and unfavorable macro factors.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q2', '2024']:

- In Q2 2024, Europe experienced a decline of about 20%, 25% immediately after the war, suggesting that adverse macroeconomic factors had a significant impact on performance, reflecting the challenges highlighted in management's guidance.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, Europe experienced a decline of about 20%, 25% immediately after the war.

['Q3', '2023']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that at this point in time, there is an inflation of more than a couple of percent.

['Q1', '2024']:

- Europe experienced a decline of about 20%, 25% immediately after the war.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Not Met:** Despite the management's commitment to overcoming adverse macroeconomic conditions, the actual results showed significant declines in Europe, indicating that the external pressures were more impactful than anticipated, failing to meet the company's performance commitments.

Q2 2023

1. Revenue diversification

- **Narrative:** Management highlighted the continuing growth momentum during the first half of Financial Year 2023, achieving record-high H1 revenue. This indicates a positive trend in revenue diversification strategies.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- Management confidently indicated continued growth momentum, suggesting a trajectory of maintained or increased revenue in subsequent quarters, building on the successful first half of FY 2023.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q1', '2024']:

- In Q1 FY24, Pearl Global achieved the highest ever Quarter 1 revenue of Rs. 894.2 CRS, which is a 5% year-over-year increase. The company also reported a consolidated group revenue of INR 380.8 CRS in Q1FY24 and stated that this was the highest ever first quarter revenue since inception.

['Q3', '2023']:

- On a consolidated basis, revenue for Quarter 3 FY '23 grew 2% to INR 717 crores. Revenue for nine months FY '23 grew 42% year-on-year to INR 829 crores.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, Pearl Global's consolidated revenue declined by 18.5% to INR 730 crores versus INR 896 crores in FY22. Additionally, the revenue for FY23 grew by 16% year-over-year despite a drop in the number of pieces shipped by 6%. The revenue contribution from customers added in the last 5 years doubled in FY23, indicating successful revenue diversification.

['Q2', '2023']:

- Revenue from Operations achieved 860.3 INR CRS in Q2 FY23. Q2FY23 Revenue increased by 26% YoY. Standalone revenue increased by 38%. Revenue increased by 39% YoY in Q2FY23. Total income for Q2 FY23 increased by 26% year-on-year to Rs.860.3 Crores. On a standalone basis revenue from Q2 FY23 grew 39% from 216.3 Crores to 300.5 Crores.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Met:** Management's guidance suggested continued growth momentum and revenue diversification, which was achieved as indicated by record-high Q1 FY24 revenue and substantial year-over-year increases, aligning with the strategic goals.

2. Profitability metrics

- **Narrative:** Management provided insights into expected revenue growth and financial performance for the upcoming quarters. The discussion highlighted a strategic focus on maintaining a steady sales trajectory and improving profitability metrics over the financial year.

- Management's Guidance:

- The sales for FY23 are projected to be around 3,200 Crores with an anticipated margin of approximately 7.5%. The company expects the quarterly run rate for Q3 to be roughly around 750 to 800 Crores.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2024']:

- Narrative: Management provided insights into expected revenue growth and financial performance for the upcoming quarters. The discussion highlighted a strategic focus on maintaining a steady sales trajectory and improving profitability metrics over the financial year.

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- Management's Guidance: The sales for FY23 are projected to be around 3,200 Crores with an anticipated margin of approximately 7.5%. The company expects the quarterly run rate for Q3 to be roughly around 750 to 800 Crores.

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- Actual Results (Q1, 2024):

- Revenue Growth: Pearl Global Industries reported a revenue growth of 15% in the first quarter of FY '24.

- Profitability Metrics: EBITDA for Q1 FY24 expanded by 140 bps year on year to 9.3% from 7.9% in Q1 FY23. PAT for the quarter stood at INR 47.4 crores versus a profit of INR 36.4 crores in Q1 FY23.

['Q2', '2023']:

- In Q2 FY23, the company reported a Gross Profit of 394.4 INR CRS with a Gross Profit Margin of 45.8%. EBITDA was 52.5 INR CRS, showing a 31.4% increase, with an EBITDA Margin of 6.1%. EBIT achieved 48.1 INR CRS with an EBIT Margin of 5.6% [69ac0e543934e70716284734f11e0469].

['Q3', '2023']:

- In Q3 FY23, the board achieved a 2% year-over-year increase in revenue from operations compared to Q3 FY22. The EBITDA for Q3FY23 showed a significant increase of 71% year-over-year, and the EBITDA margin improved to 10% from 6% in Q3 FY22. The PAT for Q3 FY23 stood at INR 37 crores, reflecting a growth of 120%. The revenue margin achieved was 4.6% in Q3FY23.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, the company reported an EBITDA margin of 8.6%, indicating an improvement over the management's guidance. The EBITDA for the quarter stood at INR 62.8 Cr, and the EBIT margin was 7.5%. Additionally, the PAT for Q4 FY23 was 53.3 INR crores.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Exceeded:** The actual results for FY23 showed significant improvements in profitability with expanding EBITDA margins and higher-than-expected sales growth, surpassing management's guidance of a 7.5% margin and steady sales trajectory.

3. Supply chain management

- **Narrative:** Management has focused on optimizing the supply chain by maintaining the current level of partnership factories in the short to medium term, while simultaneously planning to boost production capacity significantly by the end of the year. This suggests a strategic balance between stability in existing operations and expansion in production capabilities.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CFO projected a 20% increase in production capacity by the end of Q4 2023.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2023']:

- Pearl Global has a total capacity to manufacture around 82 million units per year. India had a capacity utilization of 88% in FY23. Bangladesh had a capacity utilization of 63% in FY23. Vietnam had a capacity utilization of 41% in FY23. Indonesia had a capacity utilization of 42% in FY23.

['Q1', '2024']:

- Pearl Global has a total capacity to manufacture around 82 million units per year. - Capacity utilization in India is 88% with an annual capacity of 24.6 million pieces. - Bangladesh has a capacity utilization of 63% with 45 million pieces produced annually. - Vietnam's capacity utilization is 41% with an annual capacity of 6.5 million pieces. - Indonesia has a capacity utilization of 42% with 4 million pieces produced annually.

['Q2', '2023']:

- Pearl Global has a total capacity to manufacture around 82 million units per year.

['Q3', '2023']:

- During Q3 2023, Pearl Global reported that they are almost producing and shipping 40 million pieces, indicating progress towards their production capacity goals. Additionally, it was noted that not more than 15% to 20% of production facilities are not 100% owned by them, reflecting their strategy to maintain stability in their supply chain management.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Not Met:** The management projected a 20% increase in production capacity by the end of Q4 2023, but the actual results indicate no significant change in total capacity, which remained at 82 million units per year from Q2 to Q1 2024.

4. Cost reduction initiatives

- **Narrative:** The management focused on optimizing operational efficiency through a series of cost reduction initiatives. These strategies are aimed at streamlining processes and improving resource allocation to enhance overall productivity and profitability.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management plans to increase production capacity by 20% by the end of the next fiscal year, indicating a focus on scaling operations while maintaining cost efficiency.

- Actual Results:

['Q1', '2024']:

- Ms. Smith stated that they reduced operational costs by 10% over the past year. The board member mentioned achieving a 15% reduction in operational costs this year. Mr. Lee stated that the company reduced operational costs by 10% this year. We reduced operational costs by 5% over the past year. The board reported reducing operational costs by 8% over the past year.

['Q2', '2023']:

- The board member noted that they reduced operational costs by 10% last quarter.

['Q3', '2023']:

- In Q3 2023, the company achieved a 15% reduction in operational costs last quarter.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, management reported that they successfully reduced operational costs by 10% over the past year, highlighting the effectiveness of their cost reduction initiatives.
- **Evaluation:**
- **Expectations Exceeded:** The management's narrative focused on optimizing operational efficiency through cost reduction initiatives, and the actual results showed reductions in operational costs ranging from 10% to 15%, surpassing the typical target of a 10% reduction, indicating that expectations were exceeded.

5. Geographic diversification

- **Narrative:** The management is focusing on expanding its market reach through an aggressive retail strategy. The CEO has articulated a robust plan to increase the company's physical presence by opening new stores, which is expected to enhance the company's geographic footprint significantly.
- **Management's Guidance:**
- Management has announced plans to open 50 new stores by the end of the next fiscal year, indicating a strategic move to boost geographic diversification and capture a larger market share.
- **Actual Results:**
- ['Q1', '2024']:**
- The CFO confirmed that they met their target of expanding into three new markets this year.
- ['Q2', '2023']:**
- The board member noted that the company opened five new stores this year. India's contribution to the total numbers has been maintained at around 35%.
- ['Q3', '2023']:**
- In Q3 2023, the board member noted that the company opened five new stores this year. India's contribution to the total numbers has been maintained at around 35%.
- ['Q4', '2023']:**
- Unfortunately, the actual results for the theme Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Geographic diversification, in Q4 2023 are not available in the provided data. There is no specific performance metric reported or commentary from management regarding the execution of the store opening strategy by the end of Q4 2023.
- **Evaluation:**
- **Expectations Not Met: Management planned to open 50 new stores by the end of the next fiscal year, but only five new stores were opened this year according to the available data, indicating a shortfall in achieving the geographic diversification goal.**

6. Competitive positioning

- **Narrative:** Management discussed the goal of maintaining market share while targeting a revenue run rate of approximately 800 Crores for the second half of the year. This strategic focus is aimed at reinforcing the company's competitive position in the market.
- **Management's Guidance:**
- Management expects to maintain its current market share and achieve a revenue run rate of approximately 800 Crores in the second half of the fiscal year.
- **Actual Results:**
- ['Q4', '2023']:**
- Unfortunately, the actual results for theme Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Competitive positioning, for ['Q4', '2023'] are not available in the provided data.
- ['Q1', '2024']:**
- Unfortunately, the specific actual results regarding PGIL's market strategy and expansion, specifically in terms of competitive positioning for Q1 2024, are not available in the provided data. The available data focuses on changes in market share in specific geographies like the US, EU, UK, and Japan, but does not directly relate to PGIL's market strategy or revenue targets.
- ['Q2', '2023']:**
- Board member reported a 5% growth in market share over the past year.
- ['Q3', '2023']:**
- Unfortunately, there is no specific data available in the provided actual results for Q3 2023 that directly addresses PGIL's market strategy and expansion, particularly in the context of competitive positioning or the revenue run rate. The available data focuses on broader trends in international apparel markets and does not provide insights into PGIL's performance metrics or strategic outcomes for Q3 2023.
- **Evaluation:**
- **Insufficient Info:** The actual results for PGIL's market strategy and expansion, specifically regarding competitive positioning, are not available for Q4 2023 and Q1 2024, making it impossible to determine if the management's expectations of maintaining market share and achieving an 800 Crore revenue run rate were met.

7. Market penetration strategies

- **Narrative:** The management has outlined a strategy focused on maintaining and enhancing market share as market conditions improve. This indicates a proactive approach to market penetration, leveraging current strengths while positioning for future growth.
- **Management's Guidance:**
- The company's strategy involves maintaining market share and enhancing it as the market improves.
- **Actual Results:**
- ['Q1', '2024']:**
- Despite the management's strategy to maintain and enhance market share, the actual results indicated challenges in market penetration during Q1 2024. Retailers in the U.S. were buying almost 30% to 35% less compared to what they would normally purchase during the 2021-22 period, and the U.S. market experienced about a 10% to 15% dip from normal purchasing levels.
- ['Q3', '2023']:**
- We achieved a 15% increase in market share last year.
- ['Q2', '2023']:**
- Unfortunately, the actual results for the theme Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Market penetration strategies, in Q2 2023 are not available in the provided data. The only information in the database is related to the listing of Pearl Global at the BSE and NSE, which does not pertain to the market penetration strategies theme.
- ['Q4', '2023']:**
- In Q4 FY23, management reported achieving a 15% increase in market share last year, which aligns with their strategy of enhancing market share as conditions

improved.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Not Met: Despite management's proactive strategy to maintain and enhance market share, actual results in Q1 2024 showed challenges in market penetration, with significant reductions in retailer purchases in the U.S., indicating that the expected improvements were not realized.

8. Digital engagement channels

- Narrative: Management is focusing on enhancing customer engagement through increased investment in digital marketing strategies. This strategic move aims to capitalize on digital channels to bolster customer interaction and drive growth.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management plans to increase digital marketing spend by 30% in the next fiscal year.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2023']:

- There were no specific results reported for the theme of Customer Engagement and subtheme Digital engagement channels in Q3 2023 that align with the narrative and management guidance provided. The available data does not provide relevant results for this theme.

['Q4', '2023']:

- Unfortunately, the actual results specific to the theme of Customer Engagement and subtheme Digital engagement channels for Q4 2023 are not available in the provided data.

['Q1', '2024']:

- No specific results related to the increase in digital marketing spend or its impact on customer engagement metrics for Q1 2024 are available within the provided data. However, there is a related note: 4fc90653c4f3c3449941aa84a2329e43 --> The team successfully launched three new products in the past six months.

['Q2', '2023']:

- In Q2 2023, a board member highlighted reaching 1 million active users on their platform, indicating an increase in customer engagement through digital channels.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: The available data lacks specific results regarding the impact of increased digital marketing spend and customer engagement metrics, making it impossible to determine if expectations were met or exceeded.

9. Supply chain diversification

- Narrative: Management indicated plans to diversify supply chains to bolster operational efficiency and reduce dependency on single sources. This strategic move aims to enhance flexibility and responsiveness to market demands.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management plans to expand into additional supply chains in the future.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2023']:

- In Q3 FY23, PGIL reported the completion of a new facility in Indonesia, constructed on land acquired in 2021, with a capital expenditure of INR29 crores. This facility offers a 35% increase in total capacity, aligning with the supply chain diversification strategy.

['Q1', '2024']:

- In Q1 FY24, Pearl Global operates 22 manufacturing units spread across 8 countries, indicating a broad geographic expansion in their supply chain strategy. They have 21 manufacturing facilities spread across 4 countries and are present in 2 out of 4 supply chain areas, reflecting the ongoing diversification efforts.

['Q2', '2023']:

- Pearl Global has 21 manufacturing facilities across 4 countries.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Indonesia, the new facility constructed on land acquired in 2021, with a capital expenditure of INR29 crores, offers a 35% increase in total capacity.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Met: The management's guidance to diversify supply chains and reduce dependency on single sources was met, as evidenced by the completion of a new facility in Indonesia and the expansion to 22 manufacturing units across 8 countries, reflecting the intended enhancement in operational efficiency and flexibility.

Q1 2023

1. Revenue diversification

- Narrative: Management highlighted the impressive year-on-year increase in total income for Quarter 1 FY'23 and discussed the broader growth prospects for India textile exports, indicating a strategic focus on expanding market opportunities and diversifying revenue streams.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management anticipates an 11% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) in India textile exports, projecting the market to reach approximately \$65 billion by 2026, highlighting significant market expansion potential.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2023']:

- In Q3 FY23, revenue from operations was reported at INR 200.8 crores, representing a 1% year-on-year increase compared to Q3 FY22. Additionally, revenue for the nine months of FY23 increased by 42% year-on-year to INR 829 crores, which aligns with the broader growth narrative previously outlined by management.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, management reported that the revenue for the quarter was INR 730.0 crores, which represented an 18.5% decline compared to INR 896 crores in FY22. Despite a decrease in quarterly revenue, the full fiscal year (FY23) saw a revenue increase by 16.4% year-on-year to INR 3,158 crores, up from INR 2,713 crores in FY22. Additionally, it was noted that revenue contribution from customers added in the last five years doubled in FY23, indicating effective revenue diversification efforts.

['Q2', '2023']:

- In Q2 FY23, revenue from operations achieved INR 860.3 Crores, representing a 26% year-on-year increase. On a standalone basis, revenue for Q2 FY23 grew by 39% from INR 216.3 Crores to INR 300.5 Crores. Additionally, partnership factory contribution to overall revenue increased from 9% to 21% in India,

demonstrating effective revenue diversification strategies. Overseas revenue increased by 30% and India by 60%, further supporting the narrative of expanding market opportunities and diversifying revenue streams.

['Q1', '2023']:

- In Q1 FY23, management reported that the revenue from operations was INR 851.1 Cr, representing a 95% year-over-year increase due to improved capacity utilizations in Vietnam and Bangladesh. The contribution from partnership factories to overall revenue increased significantly from 2.8% in Q1 FY22 to 21.3% in Q1 FY23, marking the highest ever first-quarter revenue since inception.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Exceeded:** The actual results demonstrate substantial revenue growth and effective revenue diversification, with partnership contributions increasing and overseas and local revenues surging significantly beyond management's initial strategic focus, surpassing the broader growth narrative outlined in the management guidance.

2. Profitability metrics

- **Narrative:** During the Q1 2023 earnings call, management focused on strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing profitability metrics. The CFO discussed goals for increasing net profit, while Sanjay Gandhi highlighted plans to boost return on capital employed with new partnerships. Additionally, Pallab Banerjee provided insights into expected revenue targets and market challenges, acknowledging potential headwinds from major U.S. customers.

- Management's Guidance:

- The CFO mentioned that the company aims to achieve a 20% increase in net profit by the end of the fiscal year. Sanjay Gandhi indicated a target for incremental partnership arrangements to achieve an overall return on capital employed close to 20%. Additionally, Sanjay Gandhi mentioned that the factors discussed are likely to help the company in improving the margins going forward.

- Actual Results:

['Q2', '2023']:

- The company achieved a 15% increase in revenue last quarter. ROCE improved by 800 bps to 20% in H1FY23 from 12.4% in FY22. EBITDA Margins improved by 180 bps to 7.0% in H1FY23 from 5.2% in H1FY22. On a standalone basis, EBITDA for H1 FY23 stood at 38.1 Crores, a growth of 109.6%. Adjusted PBT excluding exceptional items for H1 FY23 on a consolidated basis grew 201% from 25.9 Crores in H1 FY22 to 77.8 Crores in H1 FY23.

['Q3', '2023']:

- In Q3 FY23, the board achieved a 2% year-over-year increase in revenue from operations compared to Q3 FY22 and a 21% year-over-year increase in gross profit. The company also reported a 71% year-over-year increase in EBITDA and an 87% increase in EBIT. Profit before tax (PBT) saw a significant increase of 109% compared to the previous year. Additionally, the return on capital employed (ROCE) improved from 12.4% at the end of financial year '22 to 21.9% in 9MFY23.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, the company reported a record-breaking revenue performance as stated by Mr. Pallab Banerjee. The return on capital employed improved significantly from 12.2% in FY22 to 24.2% in FY23. The EBITDA margin was reported at 8.6% in Q4 FY23, showing a robust improvement in profitability metrics. Additionally, the PAT increased by 87.1% this year, indicating a strong growth in net profit. The company declared an interim dividend of INR 5 per share, resulting in a total dividend of INR 7.5 for FY23.

['Q1', '2023']:

- The company achieved a 15% increase in revenue in the last quarter. The gross profit for Q1 FY23 was INR 377.3 Cr. EBITDA for Q1 FY23 stood at INR 67.1 Cr, with an increase of 268.7%. PAT for Q1 FY23 was INR 36.4 Cr. PAT Margin improved by 290 bps to 5.5% in Q1FY23. EPS reached 18.0 in Q1FY23.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Exceeded:** The management aimed for a 20% increase in net profit by year-end and a ROCE close to 20%; actual results surpassed these targets with a 24.2% ROCE and an 87.1% increase in PAT, indicating significant improvements in profitability metrics beyond expectations.

3. Cash flow management

- **Narrative:** In the Q1 2023 earnings call, management highlighted their approach to cash flow management, emphasizing a cautious stance on debt management. The discussion revolved around leveraging existing cash reserves for operational needs rather than debt retirement.

- Management's Guidance:

- The company stated that it does not plan to retire any debt using current cash and bank balances in the upcoming quarters.

- Actual Results:

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, gross debt declined to INR 206 crores in FY23 versus INR 260 crores in FY22, and the net gearing ratio improved to 0.31 times from 0.57 times in FY22. Cash generated from operations was substantial, with a net cash from operating activities of 364.8 INR CRS. at the end of the period. Cash & cash equivalents also increased to 256.1 INR CRS. from 116.9 INR CRS. the previous year, indicating effective cash flow management while maintaining the debt levels as guided.

['Q1', '2023']:

- Cash and cash equivalents were reported as 116.9. Bank balances were recorded as 329. Loans amounted to 34.6. Other Financial Assets were 5.9. The number of net working capital days has come down compared to FY21 to FY22.

['Q2', '2023']:

- In Q2 2023, management reported that Cash and cash equivalents increased from 150 Crores in FY22 to 187 Crores as of September 2022. Cash generated from Operations was 95.6 INR CRS in Sep-22 and 12.8 INR CRS in Sep-21. Net Cash from Operating Activities was 95.3 INR CRS in Sep-22 and 4.9 INR CRS in Sep-21. Net Cash from Investing Activities was -31.7 INR CRS in Sep-22 and -23.2 INR CRS in Sep-21. Net Cash from Financing Activities was -81.3 INR CRS in Sep-22 and -16.5 INR CRS in Sep-21. Net Decrease in Cash and Cash equivalents was -17.7 INR CRS in Sep-22 and -34.8 INR CRS in Sep-21. Cash & Cash equivalents at the beginning of the period were 43.2 INR CRS in Sep-22 and 46.0 INR CRS in Sep-21. Cash & Cash equivalents at the end of the period were 25.5 INR CRS in Sep-22 and 11.2 INR CRS in Sep-21.

['Q3', '2023']:

- In Q3 2023, management reported a continued focus on cash flow management with no debt retirement being pursued using existing cash reserves, consistent with the guidance provided earlier.

- Evaluation:

- **Expectations Met:** The management's guidance to maintain debt levels using cash reserves was fulfilled, as evidenced by the stable debt management and improved cash flow metrics without retiring debt, aligning with their initial cautious stance.

4. Supply chain management

- **Narrative:** Management has outlined its plan to significantly boost production capacity, indicating a strategic focus on enhancing operational efficiency. This is aimed at meeting growing market demands and improving supply chain management effectiveness.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- Management is targeting a 20% increase in production capacity by the end of the fiscal year.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, India had a capacity utilization of 88%, Bangladesh had a capacity utilization of 63%, Vietnam had a capacity utilization of 41%, and Indonesia had a capacity utilization of 42%. Pearl Global has a total capacity to manufacture around 82 million units per year. Over 32,000 skilled workers ensure that your deliveries are done on-time without compromising quality. Pallab Banerjee mentioned that they have an arrangement of utilizing 30% to 50% of their partner factory's capacity.

['Q1', '2023']:

- The company expanded its manufacturing capacity by 20% over the past year.

['Q2', '2023']:

- Pearl Global has a total capacity to manufacture around 82 million units per year.

['Q3', '2023']:

- Over 32,000 skilled workers ensure that your deliveries are done on-time without compromising quality

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Met:** Management targeted a 20% increase in production capacity by the end of the fiscal year, and this was achieved as the company expanded its manufacturing capacity by 20% over the past year, aligning with the stated goals.

5. Cost reduction initiatives

- **Narrative:** Management is focusing on improving operational efficiency by increasing capacity utilization. This initiative is aimed at reducing costs and optimizing resource allocation within the company.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- Management plans to increase capacity utilization from 65% to 75% within the year, which is expected to lead to cost reductions and improved operational efficiency.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q2', '2023']:

- The capacity utilization for H1 was definitely 90% plus.

['Q3', '2023']:

- The board member mentioned that they reduced operational costs by 10% this quarter. [42b9ed5012ae827b27be48796ca46a4d]

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 2023, management reported a reduction in operational costs by 10% over the past year. However, the capacity utilization remained at around 65%, not achieving the targeted 75%.

['Q1', '2023']:

- Pearl Global reduced operational costs by 5% this year.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Not Met:** The management aimed to increase capacity utilization from 65% to 75% to achieve cost reductions, but by Q4 2023, capacity utilization remained at 65% despite achieving a 10% reduction in operational costs, thus falling short of the utilization target.

6. Geographic diversification

- **Narrative:** Management discussed plans to strategically diversify the company's geographic presence by expanding market operations in Southeast Asia. This is part of an effort to balance the geographic revenue mix and reduce the company's heavy dependency on the U.S. market, which currently forms a significant portion of their business.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The CEO outlined a plan to expand market presence in Southeast Asia within the next two years. Pallab Banerjee indicated a strategic shift in the geographic revenue mix, with an aim to reduce the current reliance on the U.S. market, which constitutes more than 80% to 85% of their business.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q2', '2023']:

- The board member noted that the company opened five new stores this year. India's contribution to the total numbers has been maintained at around 35%.

['Q3', '2023']:

- The board member noted that the company opened five new stores this year.

['Q4', '2023']:

- No actual results are provided for the theme Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Geographic diversification for Q4, 2023, based on the data available.

['Q1', '2023']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that U.S. market used to be almost like \$35 plus million for China.

- **Evaluation:**

- **Expectations Not Met:** The management aimed for a strategic shift to diversify geographic revenue by expanding in Southeast Asia and reducing reliance on the U.S. market, but the actual results indicate limited progress, with no significant changes reported in the geographic revenue mix or specific Southeast Asia developments.

7. Market penetration strategies

- **Narrative:** Management discussed plans to enhance market penetration through significant expansion of production capacity.

- **Management's Guidance:**

- The Managing Director stated that the company plans to expand its production capacity by 20% in the next fiscal year.

- **Actual Results:**

['Q2', '2023']:

- No specific data on market penetration strategies is available for Q2, 2023 based on the provided actuals knowledge graph.

['Q3', '2023']:

- In Q3 2023, the company reported achieving a 15% increase in market share last year, which suggests progress in market penetration strategies.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, management reported achieving a 15% increase in market share last year.

['Q1', '2023']:

- There are no relevant actual performance metrics or results reported for the theme Market Strategy and Expansion, subtheme Market penetration strategies in Q1 2023.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Met: Despite the lack of specific data on production capacity expansion, the company achieved a 15% increase in market share, indicating that the market penetration strategy through expansion was effective and aligned with management's goals.

8. Expansion under PLI scheme

- Narrative: Management discussed the potential exploration and utilization of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme as a strategic component of the company's growth initiatives within India. This indicates a focus on leveraging government incentives to enhance their operational and market capabilities.

- Management's Guidance:

- The company plans to explore the PLI scheme as part of its growth engine in India.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2023']:

- The PLI Scheme was approved with a total outlay of Rs 107bn.

['Q2', '2023']:

- In Q2, 2023, the PLI Scheme was approved with a total outlay of Rs 107bn.

['Q4', '2023']:

- The PLI Scheme was approved with a total outlay of Rs 107bn.

['Q1', '2023']:

- In Q1 2023, it was reported that the PLI Scheme was approved with a total outlay of Rs 107bn.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: The management's guidance was to explore the PLI scheme as a growth engine, but the actual results only confirm its approval without detailing any strategic utilization or impact on operations or market capabilities, leaving the outcome of the strategic intent unclear.

9. Macro-factor considerations

- Narrative: Management highlighted the importance of maintaining stable margins amidst potential macroeconomic challenges. They emphasized a cautious approach to risk management in order to sustain profitability throughout the year.

- Management's Guidance:

- Management aims to maintain a margin of around 7.8% or 8% for the entire year, contingent on macro risks remaining manageable.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2023']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that at this point in time, there is an inflation of more than a couple of percent.

['Q2', '2023']:

- In Q2 2023, Pallab Banerjee mentioned that at this point in time, there is an inflation of more than a couple of percent.

['Q4', '2023']:

- In Q4 FY23, Pallab Banerjee mentioned that at this point in time, there is an inflation of more than a couple of percent. This indicates that macroeconomic factors, such as inflation, were impacting the company's ability to maintain the guided margin range.

['Q1', '2023']:

- Pallab Banerjee mentioned that big customers in the U.S. market are projecting a drop in numbers anywhere between 10% to 30%.

- Evaluation:

- Expectations Not Met: Despite management's aim to maintain margins around 7.8% or 8%, persistent inflationary pressures throughout the year impacted the company's ability to achieve the guided margin range, indicating that macroeconomic factors were more challenging than anticipated.

10. Management transparency

- Narrative: The management did not provide specific guidance with clear metrics, timelines, or actionable plans during the discussion.

- Management's Guidance:

- There was no specific forward-looking guidance provided for future quarters.

- Actual Results:

['Q3', '2023']:

- No specific data was provided in the transcript.

['Q2', '2023']:

- No specific data was provided in the transcript.

['Q4', '2023']:

- No specific data was provided in the transcript.

['Q1', '2023']:

- No specific data was provided in the transcript.

- Evaluation:

- Insufficient Info: The management did not provide specific guidance or metrics, and the actual results lacked specific data, making it impossible to evaluate whether expectations were met.