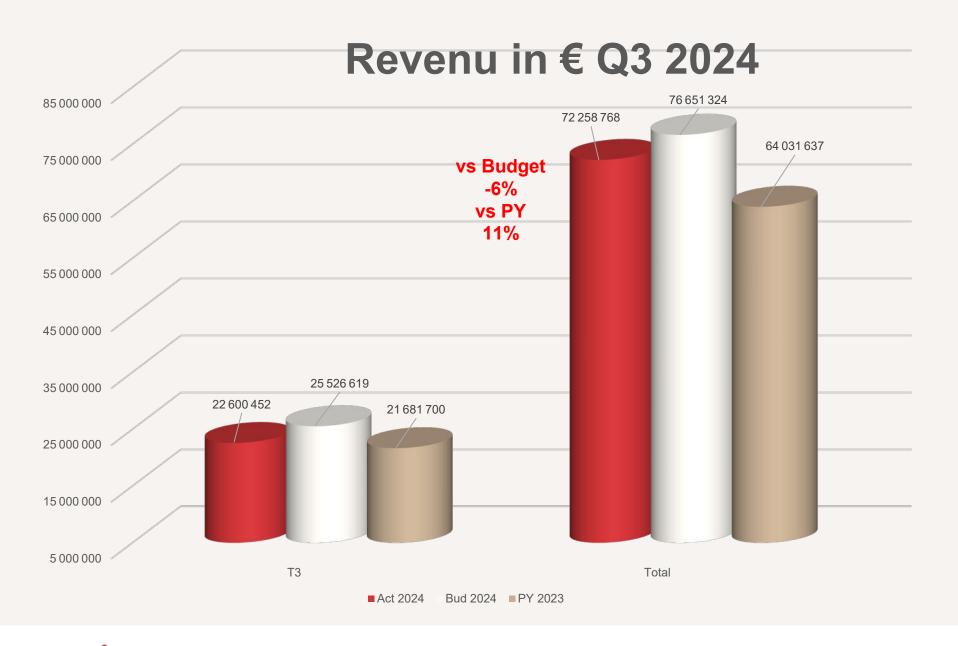
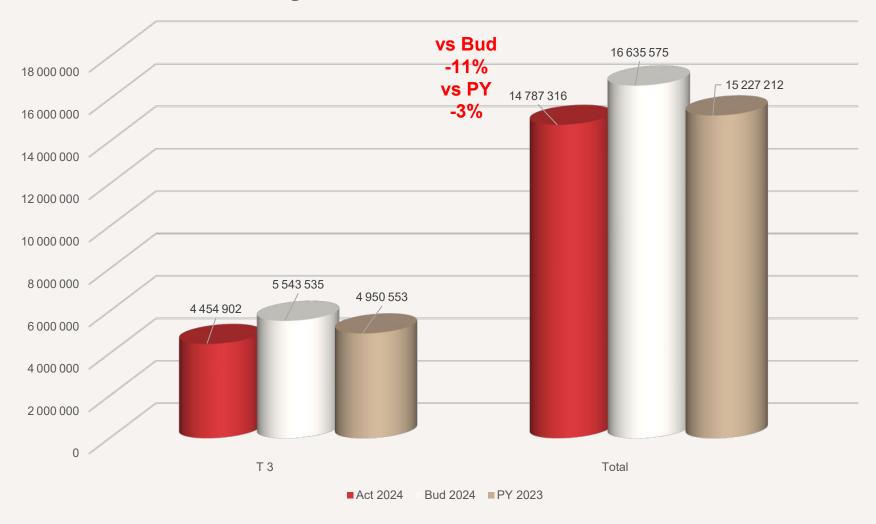


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# BUSINESS REVIEW



# Qty Acacia in Q3 2024



# **COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT**



### 1. General market trends for acacia gum

- a. Global market of gum acacia is around 80.000 to
- b. The growth has slowed down to 2-3% annually
- c. The market price has doubled since the pandemic
- d. ...causing a major problem, in particular for users with a high dosage in the finished product (e.g. pastille producers with 30%)
- e. More competition today, e.g. from India or China
- f. Despite the demand for sustainable products, the lowest price is still the driver

#### 2. Cost driver raw materials

- a. The cost driver for gum acacia is the raw material
- b. The war in Sudan is changing the gum world
- c. Alternatives in sight, but difficulties ahead
- d. A&R purchase volume vom Sudan down from 80-60%
- e. Seyal quantities sufficient, Senegal qualities short
- f. Seyal prices stable or slightly down
- g. Senegal prices up 20%+

3. A&R capacity 32.000 tons (=+50% vs 2023)

a. Tower 1 spray dried

b. Tower 2 instant soluble

c. Tower 3 spray dried

d. Tower 4 instant soluble / Beyond Acacia

#### **Beyond Acacia is our recommendation**

- best product (9 out of 10 clients prefer Beyond over I/A)
- lowest lead time
- most sustainable product

### 4. New competition

- a. Traditional competitors
  - a. Nexira
  - b. Willy Benecke
  - c. Kerry Ingredients
  - d. Ingredion / TIC Gum
  - e. ISC
- b. New competition
  - a. Drytech India
  - china

# 3 TARGETS 2025

### 1. Regain Market Share

- a. Analyse existing market
- b. Competitive market prices against traditional competition
- Better quality/service/sustainability against new competition

### 2. Develop new markets

- a. Use Mintel global market trends from A&R
- b. Share information with other countries
- c. Think outside of the box
- d. Localize your approach
- e. Explore your customer base for other products
- f. Challenge A&R for new categories non-existant

# 4 STRATEGY

#### 1. BEYOND ACACIA

- a. Beyond Acacia works in products where the gum needs to be dissolved in water, not in powdered products
- b. It can replace spray dried as well as instant soluble gum acacia
- c. Beyond Acacia can create an entry barrier for our competitors when a customer recognized the superior product quality over existing products
- d. We offer BA at the same price as spay dried and instant soluble gums
- e. Our target is to win new customers with a better product and to compete at existing customers with a superior product at the same price level as our competitors

#### 2. SYNDEO GELLING

- a. Syndeo Gelling is a gélatine replacer, a blend of 3 hydro colloids
- b. It is for us a vehicle to sell gum acacia
- c. The superior texture over all other products in the market has been confirmed by major gummy/jelly producers
- d. Our pricing has been revised several times, we try to position SG around 10-20% over gelatine (cost-in-use!)
- e. We want to create a new category of high quality vegan gums and marshmallows, not necessarily replace gelatine

#### 3. GUM ACACIA

- a. A&R wants to regain market share and trust
  - We want to set the standards for high quality gum
  - ii. Increase our flexibily
  - iii. Be the driver in the market for innovations and trends
- b. We want to create new markets/categories

# 5 ACTIONS 2025

### Market profiling

- a. We need to understand the size of each market by analysing import and export statistics (HS code 1302 1000)
- b. Who are the potential and exisiting clients, which quality and quantity do they buy from which competitor?
- c. Who are the competitors
  - i. Manufacturer
  - ii. Distributor/direct
  - iii. products/packaging/specialities
  - iv. Advantages/disadvantages in the supply chain (duties, transport cost etc...)

#### 2. Exhibitions / promotions

- a. Create a tailor made promotion plan 2025 with our marketing and sales team
- b. Suggest exhibitioins fairs to co-exibit
- c. Make a proposal for a technical product road show (5 high potential clients in 3 days)

### 3. Commercial proposal

- a. What does A&R need to do to win 3 top clients?
- b. What do we need to do to double sales?
- c. What other products would you like A&R to offer to your clients?

YOUR TURN

