

# Alfen 2023 FY results

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More details on Alfen's 2023 performance can be found in the 2023 annual report and the 2023 results press release, published together with this presentation. A more comprehensive discussion of the risk factors affecting Alfen's business as well as reconciliation of EBITDA with adjusted EBITDA can be found in Alfen's annual report 2023 which can be found on Alfen's website, <a href="https://www.alfen.com">www.alfen.com</a>.



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## Alfen's highlights of 2023

- 2023 revenue grew 15% to €504.5m compared with FY 2022 (€439.9m). Balanced business line contributions: Smart Grid Solution: (37%), Energy Storage Systems (32%) and EV Charging Equipment (31%).
- > Adjusted EBITDA of €57.1m represents 11.3% of revenue, with improving trend throughout 2023, versus €79.4m (18.0% of revenue) in 2022.
- Adjusted net profit at €30.7m versus €54.4m in 2022.
- > Full-year 2024 revenue outlook of €590-660m driven by continued energy transition momentum throughout Europe.
- > Alfen reconfirms its strategy and medium-term objectives from its Capital Markets Day in May 2023, continuing to expect strong contributions from all 3 business lines.



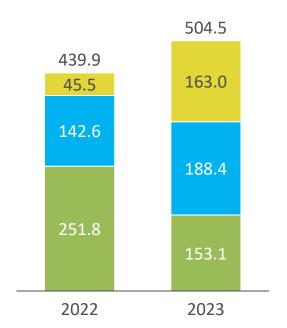
# Alfen's 2023 revenues exceeds €0.5 billion with balanced business line contributions

## **Revenues and other income** (€ million)

Energy storage

Smart grids

EV charging



#### **Energy storage**

- 2023 revenues were €163.0m, a 258% growth compared with €45.5m in 2022.
- TheBattery Elements has more projects in the execution phase and the average project size is increasing. Market momentum remains strong.
- For TheBattery Mobile, Alfen strengthened its position in the market by introducing TheBattery MobileX, its 4th generation mobile energy storage solution.

#### **Smart grid solutions**

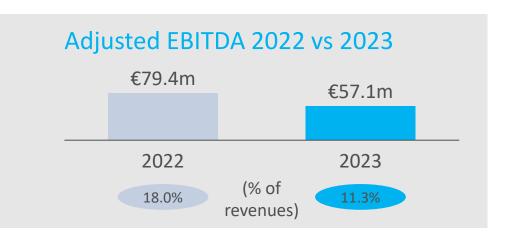
- 2023 revenues were €188.4m, a 32% growth compared with €142.6m in 2022 driven by the grid companies significantly ramping their investment, as demonstrated by the draft investment plans.
- The private network business also grew strongly, as it was no longer constrained by supply chain pressures.

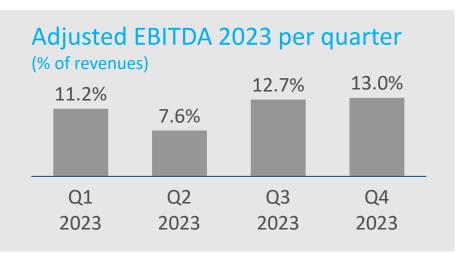
#### **EV** charging

- 2023 revenues were €153.1m, a 39% decline compared with €251.8m in 2022
- In 2023 the channel partners used their inventory levels to supply to end markets and Alfen revenue declined.
- From Q4 onwards we saw the destocking end with order intake at a higher level.
- Alfen notes that Q4 2023 revenues increased 10% compared to Q3 2023.



# Adjusted EBITDA of €57.1m represents 11.3% of revenue, with improving trend throughout 2023





- Adjusted EBITDA amounted to €57.1m, a decrease of 28.1% versus €79.4m in financial year 2022.
- EBITDA adjustments in financial year 2023 amounted to €1.1m (versus €1.5m in 2022) and comprised of share-based payment expenses.
- The overall EBITDA margin decreased in 2023 as lower volumes created deleverage of the fixed cost base in the EV charging business line.
- 2023 on quarterly basis shows improving trend driven by higher volumes within Smart Grid Solutions and Energy Storage Systems.



## Some highlights from 2023 on our Sustainability agenda

**Direct impact** 

99%

of 2023 revenue aligned with EU Taxonomy.

374,000

households can be supplied with renewable energy due to solar PV farms that Alfen connected to the public grid in 2023 (relative to 283,000 in 2022).

**Future impact** 

**CSR-D** 

Strategic program in place to implement Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive under direct supervision of Management Board.

**SBTi** 

Alfen also mapped its full scope 3 emissions and filed its SBTi-targets, which are now pending approval. When approved, Alfen will share more details.



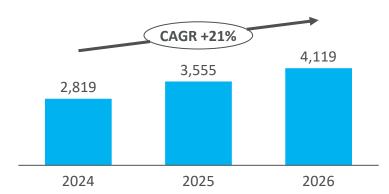
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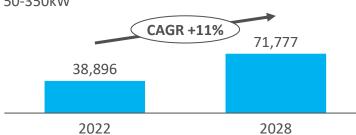
# Markets keep on developing favourably for all our 3 business lines, from which Alfen expects to profit

#### **Smart grids**

<u>Annual</u> substation investments Dutch DSOs<sup>1</sup> (# of new substations)

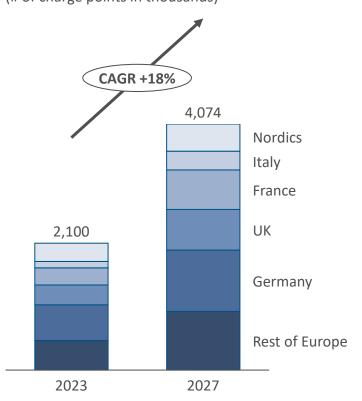


### Annual installed fast chargers in Europe<sup>2</sup> 50-350kW



#### **EV** charging

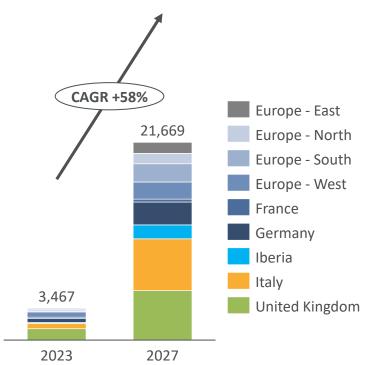
Annual installed EV charge points in Europe<sup>2</sup> (# of charge points in thousands)



#### **Energy storage**

Annual installed energy storage capacity in Europe, excluding residential<sup>3</sup>

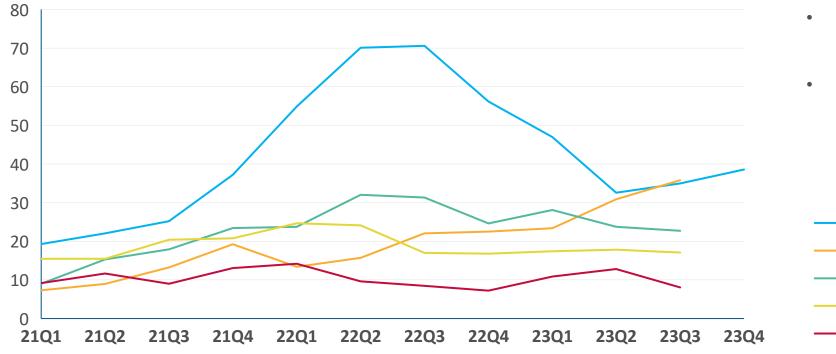
(Battery energy storage in MWh)





# Alfen remains leading among its EV charging peers in Europe in 2023





#### **Insights**

- Alfen remains leading among peers in Europe in 2023
- Alfen scaled faster in 2022 and therefore experienced a more profound destocking challenge in 2023

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Peer 1

Peer 2

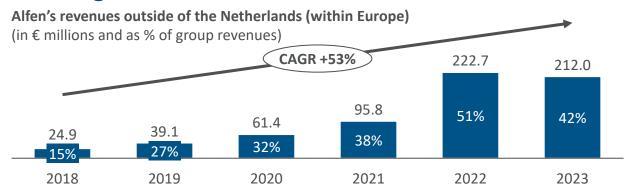
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**Note:** No peer has released its Q4 figures at the time of writing.

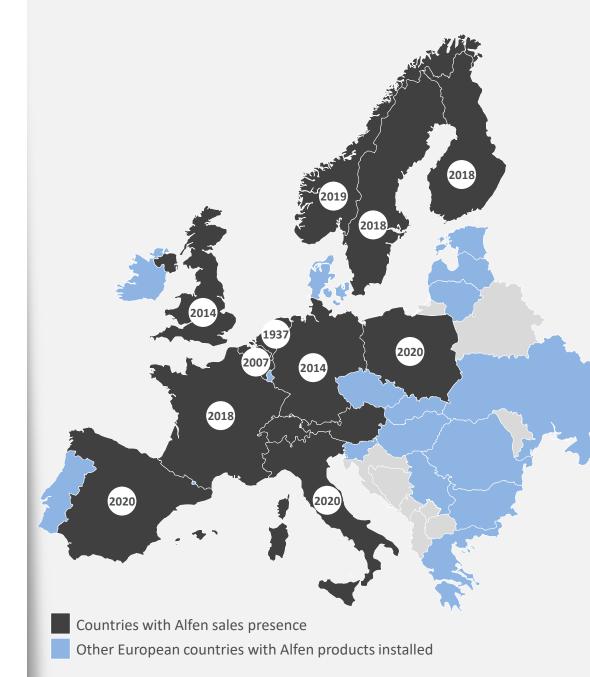


## Alfen continues to drive internationalisation

#### **Growing international revenues**



- We employ staff in 13 countries. Alfen has its products installed in approximately 30 European countries.
- Alfen's international revenue declined as % of revenue in 2023 (42%) relative to 2022 (51%), mainly due to lower EV charging revenues from outside the Netherlands and the 32% revenue growth of Smart grids with most activity in the Netherlands.
- However, the strategy to internationalise the organisation as well as have internationalising customers is unchanged.
- Two drivers of international revenue growth: (1) Alfen strengthens its pan-European presence and organisation leading to new clients across Europe, (2) internationalisation and growth of Alfen's existing customers.



## Revenue growth was underpinned by many (international) commercial successes

#### **EV** charging

- Equipped large parking lots through our partners with Alfen chargers
- Delivered solutions to electrify large last mile fleets
- Continued expansion of public infrastructure

#### **Smart grids**

- Continued delivery to the large Dutch grid operators
- Signed new contracts to grid connect solar and wind parks
- Signed contracts for microgrids at various locations

#### **Energy storage**

- Continued rollout of BESS projects at new locations for existing customers
- Signed new agreements for utilityscale storage, for instance co-located with renewables
- Delivered Mobile batteries for existing customers and new customers

Selected examples

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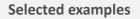
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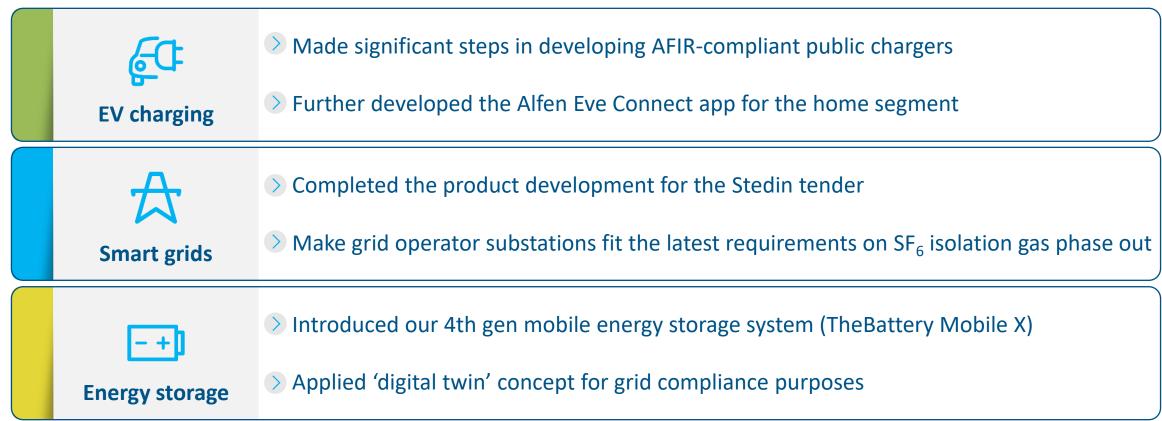






# For that reason, Alfen keeps investing in innovation across all business lines

#### **Selected examples of innovations in 2023**





## Alfen continues to invest for further growth



Alfen expanded its personnel across the company from 787 FTE on average in 2022

to **942** FTE on average in 2023.



Example from Operational Excellence program:

Alfen implemented an integral solution for forecasting, demand planning and inventory control. It facilitates automated ordering with suppliers (via ERP).



Alfen is constructing our new headquarters / production facility that is located next to our existing buildings in

Almere that will be 3X larger than our current largest facility.



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## Income statement

In € '000	2023	2022
Revenue and other income	504,477	439,876
EV charging	153,120	251,761
Smart grids	188,378	142,617
Energy storage	162,979	45,498
Gross margin	151,095	153,512
as % of revenues	30.0%	34.9%
Personnel cost	68,511	53,749
Other operating cost	26,562	21,859
EBITDA	56,022	77,904
as % of revenues	11.1%	17.7%
Adjusted EBITDA	57,076	79,370
as % of revenues	11.3%	18.0%
Adjusted net profit	30,738	54,393

**Revenue** and other income increased 15% from €439.9m in 2022 to €504.5m in 2023, due to continued growth in Smart Grids Solutions (+32%) and Energy Storage Systems (+258%). EV Charging declined by 39% y-o-y, but Q4 2023 increased 10% compared to Q3 2023.

**Gross margin** was 30.0% in 2023 compared with 34.9% in 2022, mainly driven by a revenue mix shift from EV Charging Equipment to Energy Storage Systems.

**Personnel costs** increased by 27% to €68.5m compared with €53.7m in 2022. Average FTEs increased from 787 in 2022 to 942 in 2023.

Adjusted EBITDA amounted to €57.1m, a decrease of 28.1% versus €79.4m in 2022. EBITDA adjustments in 2023 amounted to €1.1m (versus €1.5m in 2022) and comprised of share-based payment expenses.



## Balance sheet

In € '000	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Non-current assets	81,468	58,678
Current assets	314,501	262,396
Of which Cash and cash equivalents	2,073	22,841
Total assets	395,969	321,074
Non-current liabilities	25,653	18,582
Current liabilities	190,703	151,909
Equity	179,613	150,583
Total equity and liabilities	395,969	321,074



Capital expenditure amounts to €34.7m (or 6.9% of revenues) compared to €21.0m (or 4.8% of revenues) in 2022. CapEx includes acquiring a new building, with a purchase price of €10.0m, at Damsluisweg 70 in Almere, to further facilitate the growth of the Energy Storage business line. Alfen capitalised €10.7m (versus €9.6m in 2022) of development costs, demonstrating continuous efforts to invest in innovations.

Working capital¹ increased to €128.1m versus €87.6m at 31 December 2022. The increase in working capital is primarily related to our increased stock levels and strategic stock down payments (*more details on next page*).

Free cash flow was €27.2m negative compared with €24.4m negative in 2022. Note that within first half 2023 it was €58.0m negative, while Alfen generated a positive free cash flow of €30.8m in the second half of 2023.



<sup>1.</sup> Calculated as total current assets excluding cash and cash equivalents, minus total current liabilities excluding bank overdrafts

# Increase in working capital primarily related to increased stock levels and strategic stock down payments

In € millions	31 Dec 2023 (Audited)	30 Jun 2023 (Unaudited)	31 Dec 2022 (Audited)
Inventory – On hand	150.8	155.4	131.8
Inventory – Down payments	23.6	39.2	15.4
Total inventory, including downpayments	174.4	194.7	147.2

Working capital increased to €128.1m versus €87.6m at 31 December 2022. The increase in working capital is primarily related to our increased stock levels and strategic stock down payments (presented under Trade and other receivables) as shown below.

Given the growth perspective within Alfen's Energy storage business line in conjunction with a solid backlog for financial 2024, Alfen maintained higher stock levels, further supported by strategic stock down payments for batteries, inverters and containers for both our TheBattery Elements and TheBattery Mobile storage solutions.



Alfen expects the markets for all business lines to continue to develop favourably, driven by the increased momentum in Europe's energy transition to zero carbon.

With the anticipated further growth of the business in 2024. Alfen plan

2024 outlook

With the anticipated further growth of the business in 2024, Alfen plans to further invest in its organisation, people, production and innovations.

Alfen expects its revenue to be between €590m and €660m.

Alfen expects to improve its adjusted EBITDA margin in FY2024 relative to the 11.3% in FY2023 and it aims to generate positive free cash flow.





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