

# Alfen 2023 Q1 trading update

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### Alfen's highlights of Q1 2023

- Q1 2023 revenues amounted to €113.2m, a 19% growth versus Q1 2022 (€95.5m). This growth was driven by its Energy storage systems (+285%) and Smart grid solutions businesses (+22%). The European EV charging market is still hampered by destocking in the distribution channels, leading to a temporary slowdown at EV Charging (-14%).
- > **Gross margin at 32.1%** compared with 35.7% in Q1 2022, purely driven by a shift in the business line mix towards Energy Storage Systems.
- Adjusted EBITDA declined 26% to €12.7m (11.2% of revenues) from Q1 2022 (€17.1m, 17.9% of revenues).
- Alfen will be awarded a long-term contract with the Netherlands' third largest grid operator (Stedin) for its Smart grid solutions.
- Alfen reconfirms its 2023 full-year revenue outlook of €540-600m supported by a strong backlog in energy storage systems exceeding €165m of which a major part is expected to execute in 2023.
- > Alfen set new mid-term financial objectives during its Capital Markets Day on May 10.



### **Segmental review** | EV charging equipment

### Revenues and other income (€ million)



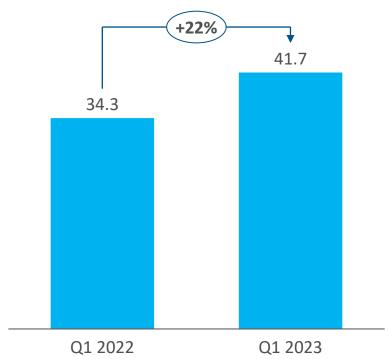
- In the EV charging equipment business line, Q1 revenues were €47.0m (-14% from €54.9m in Q1 2022).
- Note that Q1 2022 was an extraordinary quarter with extremely high demand for charge points as COVID-19 mobility measures were coming to an end.
- The market faces excess inventory in the distribution channels, particularly in the home segment.
- We expected the destocking to go faster than we see currently happening. However, we
  do expect the market to improve after summer due to positive signals we hear from
  customers and the increase in BEVs registered. The market of registered BEVs grew 33%
  in Europe in Q1 2023 compared to Q1 2022 (source: ACEA).
- In the first quarter, approximately 65% of revenues were generated from outside the Netherlands.
- In Q1 2023, Alfen produced approximately 43,800 charge points, a decline of 32% from Q1 2022 with approximately 64,600 charge points.
- Gross margin for EV charging equipment amounted to 41%.



### **Segmental review** | Smart grid solutions

### **Revenues and other income**

(€ million)



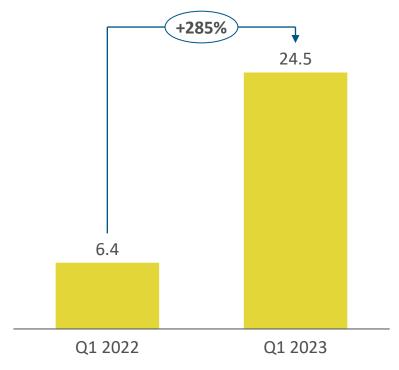
- In the Smart grid solutions business line, Q1 revenues were €41.7m (+22% from €34.3m in Q1 2022).
- Both the grid operator and the private networks businesses contributed to revenue growth.
- Alfen continues to see a long-term growth trend in smart grids solutions underpinned by electrification of society's energy needs.
- The grid operators announced substantially higher ambitions in their 2022 annual reports to roll-out substations until 2030.
- In Q1 2023, Alfen produced approximately 777 substations, a 8% decrease compared with Q1 2022 with approximately 845 substations. The start-up of the Liander tender caused a lower number of substations to be produced in Q1 2023. Also Alfen sees a trend towards higher value substations.
- Gross margin for Smart grid solutions amounted to 31%.



### **Segmental review** | Energy storage systems

### **Revenues and other income**

(€ million)



- In the Energy storage systems business line, Q1 revenues were €24.5m (+285% from €6.4m in Q1 2022). This increase in revenues was driven by both our stationary application ("TheBattery Elements") and our mobile application ("TheBattery Mobile").
- The momentum in the market continues to grow, and Alfen's backlog is growing significantly, now exceeding €165m, due to new contract wins.
- Gross margin for Energy storage systems amounted to 18%. This is at the lower end of the 15% 30% range provided at our Capital Markets Day for this business line due to a relatively high proportion of large-scale projects running in Q1.





### Loyal customers

98%

% of top 50 customers within EV charging that ordered in past 6 months

## Three market developments to call out



Multi-year tender to be awarded

- Alfen is in the final stages with Stedin, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest grid operator in the Netherlands, to sign a multi-year framework contract
- 4-year framework contract with an option for two 2 -year extensions
- Alfen will be awarded 50% of volume



**Strong** backlog

>€165m

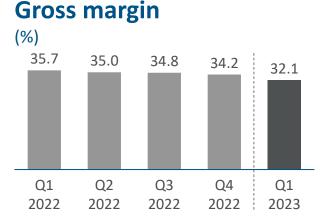
Backlog of signed orders in Energy Storage
Systems



### **Group financials**

### Revenues





### Y-o-y revenue growth



### **Adjusted EBITDA**



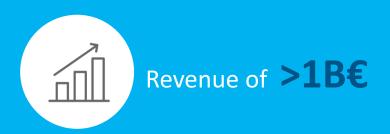
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- **Gross margin at 32.1%** compared with 35.7% in Q1 2022, purely driven by a shift in the business line mix.
- Adjusted EBITDA declined 26% to €12.7m (11.2% of revenues) from Q1 2022 (€17.1m, 17.9% of revenues).
- The main driver for lower adjusted EBITDA is a lower gross margin and lower volumes in EV charging creating deleverage in this quarter, as we continue to invest in our organisation.





### We adopted new medium-term objectives

At our CMD on May 10, Alfen presented its new mediumterm financial objectives to achieve between 2025-2027





15 - 20% adjusted EBITDA margin

Qualitative objectives to achieve/maintain

- Outperform the market in each of our business lines
- II
- Adopt SBTi-approved CO<sub>2</sub> targets
- III
- Maintain asset light business model
- IV
- Remain at technology forefront through innovation
- V
- Grow and educate our people



### Outlook

- The transition to a carbon-free energy system that is not dependent on fossil fuels is building ever more momentum across Europe.
- The energy transition is a priority for the European Union, reflected in stimulative policy towards 2030.
- Alfen continues to anticipate long-term positive market developments for all its business lines and continues to invest in its organisation, production facilities and innovations for the future.
- Alfen reconfirms its 2023 full-year revenue outlook of €540-600m. Currently, we do expect it will be
  more likely to end up in the lower half of the bandwidth than in the upper half.





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