

# 3Q FY2023 RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

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#### **OVERVIEW OF 3Q FY2023**





#### **PLANTATION**

- Identified approximately 13,000 Ha of rehabilitated areas that have difficulties to do harvesting due to excessive underpruning and under-weeding to enhance productivity. As of Oct, around 4,200 Ha have been successfully rehabilitated.
- Continuously monitoring crop harvesting and mill efficiency, optimising planting material performance tailored to site suitability, enhancing FFB quality and delivery, and minimising leakages caused by pest and disease damage.
- Conducted awareness programmes with suppliers, including dealers and smallholders to ensure adherence to the Group Sustainability Policy, RSPO principles and FFB quality requirements.



#### **SUGAR**

- The price of raw sugar continues to rise, reaching approximately USD25.0 cents per pound due to tight global supply and extreme weather conditions in producing countries.
- The stronger USD rate exacerbated the losses in the sugar business.
- Energy prices remain high, with a 30% increase YoY due to the supply constraint.



#### **LOGISTICS**

 Lower vegetable oil throughput as players are keeping stockpiles, despite higher CPO production. Nevertheless, oleochemical throughput has improved due to higher demand in Europe.



#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

- FGV has reimbursed its current workers through three payments made in March, June and September 2023, totalling RM72.2 mn.
- Elevate is currently verifying the second and third payments and will conduct a verification assessment on the implementation of FGV's overall remediation plan.
- Engaged and actively participated in various impactful initiatives, such as the Child Protection Programme, the Sun Bear Conservation Programme, the International ESG conference, and Sustainability Week, aiming to cultivate awareness and foster active stakeholder engagement.
- As of Sep, FGV has invested around RM227.0 mn in sustainability activities, emphasising the Company's commitment to complying with the highest standards for a sustainable future.

FGV registered a **Profit Before Tax of RM83 mn, against RM385 mn** achieved in the same quarter last year. This result was recorded on the back of **RM4,907 mn revenue, a 21% decline from RM6,182 mn** in 3Q FY2022.

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#### 9M FY2023 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



FGV registered an Operating Profit of RM414 mn due to lower contributions from Palm Upstream and losses in the Sugar Sector.

| INCOME STATEMENT (RM mn)         | 9M FY2023 | 9M FY2022 | VAR. (% | <b>%</b> ) |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Revenue                          | 13,994    | 19,463    | (28)    | •          |
| Operating Profit                 | 414       | 1,786     | (77_    |            |
| Fair value charge in LLA         | (127)     | (268)     | (53)    | •          |
| Impairment (net)                 | (63)      | (11)      | >(100)  | •          |
| EBIT                             | 224       | 1,507     | (85)    | •          |
| Share of results -<br>Assoc & JV | 1         | 46        | (98)    | •          |
| Finance costs (net)              | (68)      | (66)      | (3)     | •          |
| PBT                              | 157       | 1,487     | (89)    | •          |
| Zakat and Taxation               | (144)     | (547)     | (74)    | •          |
| PAT                              | 13        | 940       | (99)    | •          |
| PATAMI                           | 31        | 985       | (97)    |            |

Operating Profit was impacted by the following:

- Margin squeezed due to lower FFB processed, stemming from the decline in external crops that led to a 35% increase in CPO cost ex-mill. The margin for palm products was further impacted by a 21% reduction in the average CPO price realised.
- Losses in the Sugar Sector due to an increase in production costs by 15%, driven by higher refining costs following the increase in gas prices. However, the losses were cushioned by the 15% increase in the average selling price.
- Nevertheless, the Logistics Sector recorded higher profits as a result of improved tank rental and other operating income.

The impairments and lower share of profits from JV and associates also impacted profit.

#### **Operating Profit**

| BUSINESS (RM mn) | 9M FY2023 | 9M FY2022 | VAR. (%)             |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Plantation       | 375       | 1,809     | (79) ▼               |
| Sugar            | (50)      | (113)     | <i>(56)</i> <b>▼</b> |
| Logistics        | 95        | 86        | 10 🔺                 |
| Others           | (6)       | 4         | >(100) ▼             |
| Total            | 414       | 1,786     | (77) ▼               |





FGV recorded an Operating Profit of RM207 mn due to lower FFB processed and lower palm products' margins resulting from the decline in average CPO prices and the higher CPO cost ex-mill.

| INCOME STATEMENT (RM mn)         | 3Q FY2023 | 3Q FY2022 | VAR. (% | <b>%</b> ) |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Revenue                          | 4,907     | 6,182     | (21)    | •          |
| Operating Profit                 | 207       | 449       | (54)    | •          |
| Fair value charge in LLA         | (67)      | (51)      | (31)    | _          |
| Impairment (net)                 | (24)      | (13)      | (85)    |            |
| EBIT                             | 116       | 385       | (70)    | •          |
| Share of results -<br>Assoc & JV | (11)      | 10        | >(100)  | <b>\</b>   |
| Finance costs (net)              | (22)      | (10)      | >(100)  | •          |
| PBT                              | 83        | 385       | (78)    | •          |
| Zakat and Taxation               | (60)      | (168)     | (64)    | •          |
| PAT                              | 23        | 217       | (89)    | •          |
| (L)/PATAMI                       | 32        | 242       | (87)    | •          |

Operating Profit was impacted by the following:

- Margin squeezed due to lower FFB processed, stemming from the decline in external crops that led to a 25% increase in CPO cost ex-mill. The margin for palm products was further impacted by a 20% reduction in the average CPO price realised.
- Narrowing losses from higher margins and better capacity utilisation despite the high input costs, as well as the reversal of onerous and NRV provisions.

Nevertheless, the Logistics Sector recorded higher profits as a result of improved tank rental and other operating income.

Profit was also impacted by an impairment of RM24 mn during the quarter.

#### **Operating Profit**

| BUSINESS (RM mn) | 3Q FY2023 | 3Q FY2022 | VAR. (%)       |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Plantation       | 208       | 486       | (57) ▼         |
| Sugar            | (21)      | (67)      | <i>(</i> 69) ▼ |
| Logistics        | 37        | 34        | 9              |
| Others           | (17)      | (4)       | >(100) ▼       |
| Total            | 207       | 449       | (54) ▼         |





The Sector's profit was impacted by the lower FFB processed, lower average CPO price and higher CPO cost ex-mill.

| PLANTATION<br>(RM mn)         | 3Q FY2023 | 3Q FY2022 | VAR. (%) |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| REVENUE                       |           |           |          |
| Upstream                      | 2,702     | 3,715     | (27) 🔻   |
| Downstream                    | 1,107     | 1,444     | (23) 🔻   |
| R&D and Fertiliser            | 146       | 241       | (39) 🔻   |
| Total Revenue                 | 3,955     | 5,400     | (27) 🔻   |
| OPERATING PROFIT              |           |           |          |
| Upstream                      | 180       | 449       | (60) 🔻   |
| Downstream                    | 14        | 30        | (53) 🔻   |
| R&D and Fertiliser            | 14        | 7         | 100 🔺    |
| <b>Total Operating Profit</b> | 208       | 486       | (57) 🔻   |
| Fair Value charge in LLA      | (67)      | (51)      | (31)     |

#### **Upstream**

- The margin was squeezed due to a reduction in FFB processed, resulting in a 12% decrease in CPO sales volume. The margin was further impacted by a 25% increase in CPO cost ex-mill driven by higher upkeep & maintenance, manuring and labour costs, along with a 20% decrease in the average CPO price realised.
- FFB production and yield decreased by 7% and 5%, respectively.

#### **Downstream**

- Lower profit margins due to higher refining and processing costs, combined with a decline in CPKO and oleochemical sales volume resulting from the impact of the European Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) on Malaysia and Indonesia, and fragile economic conditions in the US affecting the demand for household and beauty products.
- Lower sales volume for bulk and repacker segments due to CPO price volatility and intense price competition from local and regional brands.

#### **R&D** and Fertiliser

- Increase in seed sales volume by 21%.
- Higher fertiliser gross margin by 27%, driven by a higher sales volume in the compact and compound segments.





#### **Upstream Operations**

| FFB (MT)               | 3Q FY2023 | 3Q FY2022 | VAR. (%) |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Internal               | 986,865   | 1,054,860 | (6) •    |
| External (Third Party) | 1,007,094 | 1,144,441 | (12) ▼   |
| Settlers               | 1,361,919 | 1,746,772 | (22) 🔻   |
| Total FFB Received     | 3,355,878 | 3,946,073 | (15) ▼   |

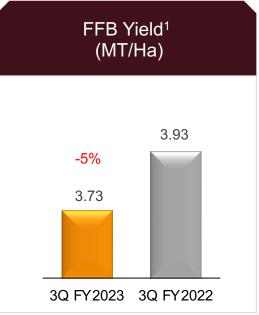
- Total FFB received decreased by 15% in 3Q FY2023 to 3.36 mn MT compared to 3.95 mn MT in the same quarter last year. In total, 0.99 mn MT (29%) were produced internally, 1.05 mn MT (30%) came from third parties, and 1.36 mn MT (41%) were received from FELDA Settlers.
- The nation's decline in FFB production is mainly due to lesser rainfall and increased dryness nationwide. The decreases of 22% and 12% in settlers' and external parties' crops align with the overall reduction in the nation's FFB output. Additionally, strict due diligence on sustainability compliance for external parties has further contributed to the decrease in the number of FFB received.

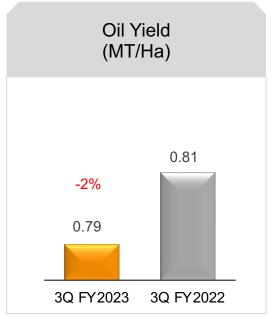




#### **Upstream Operations**









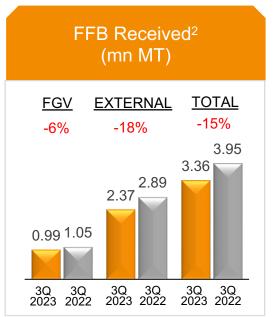
- FFB production and yield decreased by 7% and 5%, respectively. The yield was affected by the lower average bunch weight due to lower fertiliser application over several years following labour shortages and the MCO period.
- The oil yield was reduced by 2% in tandem with the reduction in FFB yield.
- Despite the decrease in production, OER increased by 3% as a result of better mill performance from the OER improvement programme.

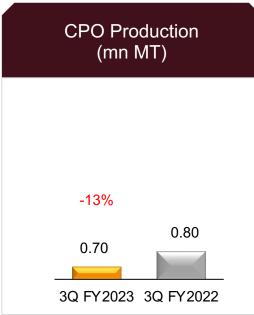
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on mature area of 267,813 Ha (3Q FY2022: 273,875 Ha)

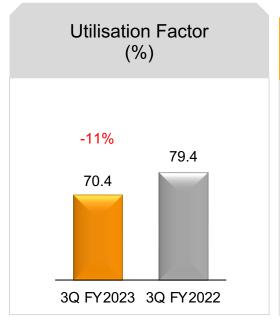




#### **Upstream Operations**









- Total FFB received decreased by 15% due to lower crop volume during the quarter, which reduced CPO production and UF by 13% and 11%, respectively.
- The CPO cost ex-mill increased by 25% due to higher upkeep and maintenance, manuring and labour costs.

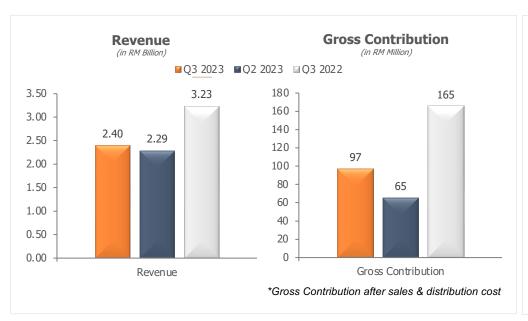
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> External FFB received includes settlers and third-party crops

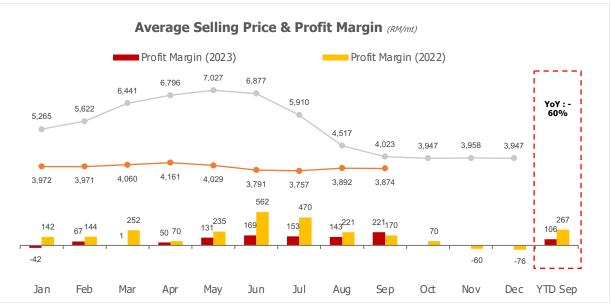
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> CPO cost ex-mill includes estate cost for internal FFB production only and milling cost for the internal and external FFB processed

#### EXTERNAL FFB MILLING MARGIN



#### 3Q FY2023



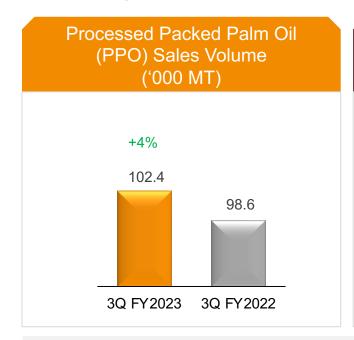


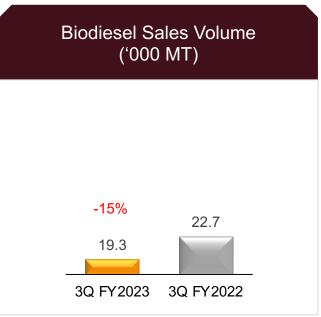
- External FFB recorded a gross contribution of RM97 mn, which increased by 48% from the preceding quarter (RM65 mn) but 42% lower compared to the same quarter last year (RM165 mn).
- The decrease in gross contribution YoY was primarily attributable to a **lower margin** achieved at RM178/MT CPO (Q3 2022: RM275/MT) as a result of a **lower realised price** by 19% (Q3 2023: RM3,847/MT; Q3 2022: RM4,747/MT). However, the lower margin was compensated with a 57% increase in **oil margin** during the quarter compared to the same period last year (Q3 2023: 1.61%; Q3 2022: 1.02%).
- The amount of FFB processed during the third quarter of 2023 reduced by 16% to 3.21 mn mt compared to the same period in 2022 at 3.80 mn mt which is in line with the lower production from Felda (-14%) and external crop (-12%).

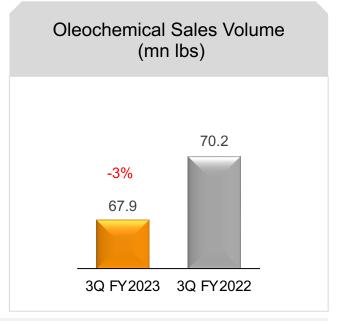




#### **Downstream Operations**







- The PPO sales volume increased by 4%, contributed by the local demand following the Government's RAHMAH programme, which featured Saji cooking oil as one of the key products.
- Biodiesel sales volume decreased by 15% due to lower local diesel consumption.
- The oleochemical sales volume decreased by 3% due to lower demand for fatty acids across all market segments.



#### **SECTOR PERFORMANCE: SUGAR**

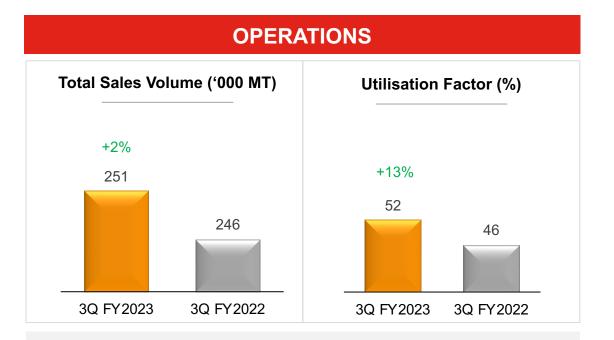


| FINANCIAL |           |           |         |  |  |  |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|--|--|--|
| (RM mn)   | 3Q FY2023 | 3Q FY2022 | VAR (%) |  |  |  |
| Revenue   | 807       | 665       | 21 🔺    |  |  |  |
| (L)BT     | (32)      | (71)      | (55) ▼  |  |  |  |

The Sugar Sector recorded losses of RM32 mn primarily due to the following:

 A 19% increase in production costs resulted from higher refining costs due to a 5% surge in gas prices and a higher NY11, despite a decrease in freight costs.

However, the lower loss was attributable to an increase in the overall average selling price by 18% and better capacity utilisation.



- Increased total sales volume by 2%, driven by higher demand for wholesale and export segments.
- Improved average UF to 52%, in line with higher total sales volume.



#### SECTOR PERFORMANCE: LOGISTICS



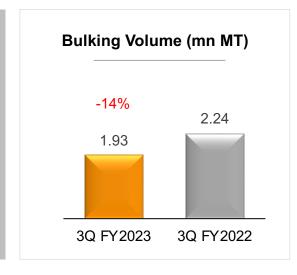
## **FINANCIAL**

| BULKING |                            |    |    |   |  |  |  |
|---------|----------------------------|----|----|---|--|--|--|
| (RM mn) | RM mn) 3Q FY2023 3Q FY2022 |    |    |   |  |  |  |
| Revenue | 77                         | 67 | 15 |   |  |  |  |
| PBT     | 35                         | 35 | -  | - |  |  |  |

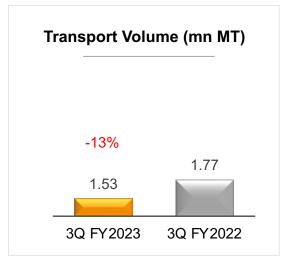
| TRANSPORT                            |    |    |      |   |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|------|---|--|--|--|
| (RM mn) 3Q FY2023 3Q FY2022 VAR. (%) |    |    |      |   |  |  |  |
| Revenue                              | 71 | 81 | 12   | • |  |  |  |
| PBT                                  | 2  | -2 | >100 |   |  |  |  |

The Logistics business registered a profit of RM37 mn, driven by improved tank rental and other operating income.

## OPERATIONS



 Lower bulking volume was in line with lower CPO production and a decline in exports to China and India.



transport
volume was in
line with lower
CPO
production.

#### **KEY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**



|                                      | 30.09.2023 | 31.12.2022 | Changes (%) |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents (RM mn)    | 1,240      | 1,397      | -11         |
| Total Borrowings without LLA (RM mn) | 3,684      | 3,059      | +20         |
| Liquidity Ratio (times)              | 1.08       | 1.17       | -8          |
| Gearing Ratio* (times)               | 0.49       | 0.39       | +26         |

<sup>\*</sup>Gearing ratio equals to Borrowings, Loans due to ultimate holding company divided by Total Equity.

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#### **BUSINESS UPDATES (1/2)**





#### **CORPORATE UPDATES**

- Achieved multiple awards and recognitions as a testament to our efforts in becoming a sustainable company:
  - Felda Travel was awarded 'The Most Active Supplier in the Travel and Logistic Category' by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC).



 MSM received the MSOSH OSH Award 2023 in the Manufacturing and Chemical Sectors category.



#### **PLANTATION**

- Completed 12,629 Ha of felling and planted 12,326 Ha to achieve the FY2023 replanting target.
- To date, around 193,000 MT of fertiliser have been applied, equivalent to 73% coverage against the FY2023 target.
- The labour shortage maintained at 13% due to ongoing sustainability enhancements in source countries.
   Despite this, there has been a reduction in both abscondments and repatriations during this period.
- The application of power barrows to assist in FFB evacuation has been implemented in around 13,500 Ha of hilly terrace areas.
- Expansion of the PPO market into new areas such as Lebanon and Togo.



#### LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT BUSINESSES

- Felda Travel successfully managed 311 Hajj pilgrims, contributing approximately RM20.0 mn in revenue.
- Sahabat Bulking Installation has been approved as Bursa Malaysia's Port Tank Installation for CPO effective 1st September 2023.
- FGV Prodata was awarded two contracts with a total value of around RM50.0 mn.
  - Supply of 6,157 laptops to the Ministry of Education for the Northern Region.
  - Enhancement of Smart Plantation Management Solution 3.0 for FELDA.

#### **BUSINESS UPDATES (2/2)**





#### **SUGAR**

- Completed the new warehouse with an additional capacity of 10,000 MT to minimise external warehouse rental and support plant ramp-up.
- Introduced its first 100% Electric Vehicle (EV) van for last-mile delivery in Klang Valley as part of its ongoing ESG initiatives.



 To date, the new Gula Super has recorded total sales of around 11,000 MT and contributed around 13% of revenue in the wholesale segment.





#### **FOODS**

- **Increased export of MD2 pineapple** to the Middle East with a sales volume of 30MT in August 2023.
- Launched two new products, Acerola Yoghurt and UHT milk to the market.





#### ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE

- Completed the reimbursement of its current workers through three payments made in March, June and September 2023, **totalling RM72.2 mn**.
- Organised a **Child Protection Programme in Lahad Datu** to raise awareness of the child labour issue, emphasising the importance of child protection in business operations.
- Participated in Environmental and conservation programmes, such as the Sun Bear Conservation CSR programme in Sandakan and International Environment, Social and Governance 2023 (i-ESG).
- Organised Sustainability Week in conjunction with Malaysia's National Environment Day (NED), with the aim of raising awareness on sustainability issues, best practices and innovation.



#### **FY2023 OUTLOOK**



### PLANTATION

- The nation's palm oil production is expected to remain stagnant at 18.5 million MT for 2023 2024.
- Feedstock for fertilisers is expected to stabilise as supply improves.
- The cost of production is expected to remain challenging for FY2023.
- The CPO price is expected to remain between RM3,800 and RM4,000 per MT.

### SUGAR

- The surge in global raw sugar prices, and elevated freight and oil costs, have resulted in negative margins. The volatility of the Malaysian ringgit against the USD is additionally driving up material costs. The price of raw sugar is expected to remain high, hovering between USD 24 cents and USD 27.50 cents/lbs for 2023 – 2024.
- The government's special incentive of RM1,000/MT for 24,000 MT/month of CGS 1kg/2kg and FGS 1kg in Nov and Dec 2023 will alleviate the negative margin faced by the Sugar Sector.

# LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT BUSINESSES

- The bulking and storage industry anticipates growth opportunities driven by increased cross-border trades and domestic demand.
- A decrease in FFB production vs FY2022 is forecaste to reduce the tonnage carried for CPO and Palm Kernel.
- Malaysia's Software as a Service (SaaS) market is expected to grow at an encouraging CAGR of 11.6% from 2023 to 2028.
- The travel industry is expected to improve with the resumption of tourism and travel.

### FOODS

- Resilient demand for staple-related products, improved domestic consumption, increased tourism activities, and the decline in global commodity prices, such as wheat, dairy, and vegetable oils, are expected to provide a positive outlook for the sector.
- Inflationary pressures are expected to decrease gradually, averaging around 2.5%.
- As inflation started to moderate in 2023, it offered some relief and improved consumer purchasing power and affordability.



#### **THANK YOU**

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#### **MOVEMENT IN LAND LEASE LIABILITY IN FGVPM**



| RM million   | Q1<br>2023 | Q2<br>2023 | Q3<br>2023 | 2023    | Q1<br>2022 | Q2<br>2022 | Q3<br>2022 | Q4<br>2022 | 2022    |
|--|------------|------------|------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------|
| At the start of the period   | 3,680.4    | 3,602.0    | 3,564.0    | 3,680.4 | 3,804.8    | 3,833.2    | 3,773.8    | 3,708.3    | 3,804.8 |
| Total payments made during the period                                  | (110.6)    | (65.5)     | (60.9)     | (237.0) | (130.7)    | (117.3)    | (116.9)    | (112.4)    | (477.2) |
| Recurring income statement charges/(credits)                           | 59.5       | 54.0       | 72.4       | 185.9   | 68.4       | 62.7       | 85.7       | 99.0       | 315.7   |
| Total income statement charges/(credits) from revisions in projections | (27.3)     | (26.5)     | (5.3)      | (59.1)  | 90.7       | (4.8)      | (34.3)     | (14.5)     | 37.1    |
| Total charges/(credits) to the income statement                        | 32.2       | 27.5       | 67.1       | 126.8   | 159.1      | 57.9       | 51.4       | 84.5       | 352.8   |
| Closing LLA liability balance  | 3,602.0    | 3,564.0    | 3,570.2    | 3,570.2 | 3,833.2    | 3,773.8    | 3,708.3    | 3,683.7    | 3,680.4 |

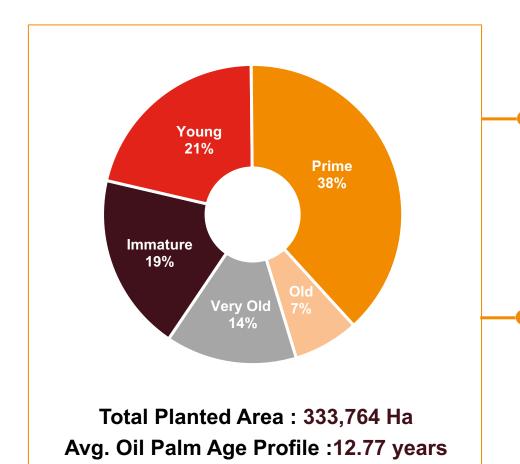
Total charges/(credits) to Income Statement

| RM million                                     | FY2023 | FY2022 |
|--|--------|--------|
| Unwinding of discounts                         | 246.9  | 171.7  |
| Under accrual for current quarter              | (61.0) | (40.6) |
| Revisions in projections and other adjustments | (59.1) | 85.9   |
| Total charges to the Income Statement          | 126.8  | 217.0  |





FGV's current age profile has improved with bigger area of prime palm oils and reduction in old palm trees in FY2023.



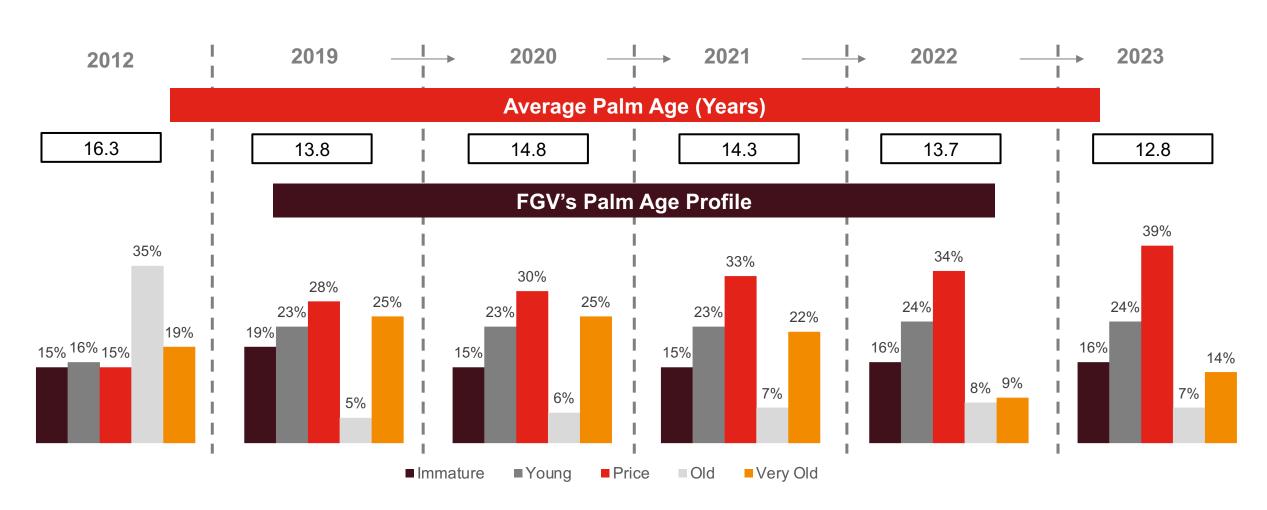
|   | CATEGORY | ACE (VEAD) | FGV GROUP |      |  |
|---|----------|------------|-----------|------|--|
|   | CATEGORY | AGE (YEAR) | На        | %    |  |
|   | IMMATURE | 0 – 3      | 62,938    | 19%  |  |
|   | YOUNG    | 4 – 8      | 71,059    | 21%  |  |
|   | PRIME    | 9 – 20     | 128,390   | 38%  |  |
|   | OLD      | 21 – 25    | 24,308    | 7%   |  |
| Ī | VERY OLD | > 25       | 47,070    | 14%  |  |
|   | TOTAL    |            | 333,764   | 100% |  |

| TOPOGRAPHY | TOTAL HECTARAGE (Ha) | %   |  |
|------------|----------------------|-----|--|
| FLAT       | 113,989              | 34% |  |
| UNDULATING | 98,956               | 30% |  |
| HILLY      | 120,820              | 36% |  |

#### **AGE PROFILE**



Our current age profile has improved with bigger area of prime palm oils and reduction in old palm trees in 2023 compared to 2022.







|                                      | 3Q FY2023 | 3Q FY2022 | YOY  | 9M FY2023 | 9M FY2022 | YOY  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|-----------|------|
| FFB Production ('000 MT)             | 999       | 1,075     | -7%  | 2,595     | 2,861     | -9%  |
| FFB Yield* (MT/Ha)                   | 3.73      | 3.93      | -5%  | 9.69      | 10.44     | -7%  |
| CPO Production ('000 MT)             | 698       | 801       | -13% | 1,855     | 2,067     | -10% |
| PK Production ('000 MT)              | 162       | 200       | -19% | 454       | 514       | -12% |
| OER (%)                              | 20.89     | 20.36     | +3%  | 20.52     | 20.43     | +1%  |
| KER (%)                              | 4.85      | 5.08      | -5%  | 5.03      | 5.08      | -1%  |
| Avg. PK Price (RM/MT)                | 2,016     | 2,427     | -17% | 2,000     | 3,318     | -40% |
| Avg. CPO Price (RM/MT)               | 3,879     | 4,830     | -20% | 3,948     | 4,989     | -21% |
| CPO Cost Ex-mill (RM/MT)             | 2,780     | 2,224     | +25% | 2,871     | 2,125     | +35% |
| CPKO Sales Volume (MT)               | 51,128    | 63,197    | -19% | 170,180   | 183,147   | -7%  |
| Oleochemical Sales Volume ('000 lbs) | 67.9      | 70.2      | -3%  | 196.7     | 220.4     | -11% |