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Pakistan's Largest B2B Raw Materials Procurement & Credit Platform

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# **& ZAREA** About The Company

# **About Us**

Zarea is at the forefront of transforming the commodity trading and distribution landscape in Pakistan. Through innovative approaches and cutting-edge solutions, we are shaping the future of the industry and setting new standards for efficiency, reliability, and sustainability.

# Mission

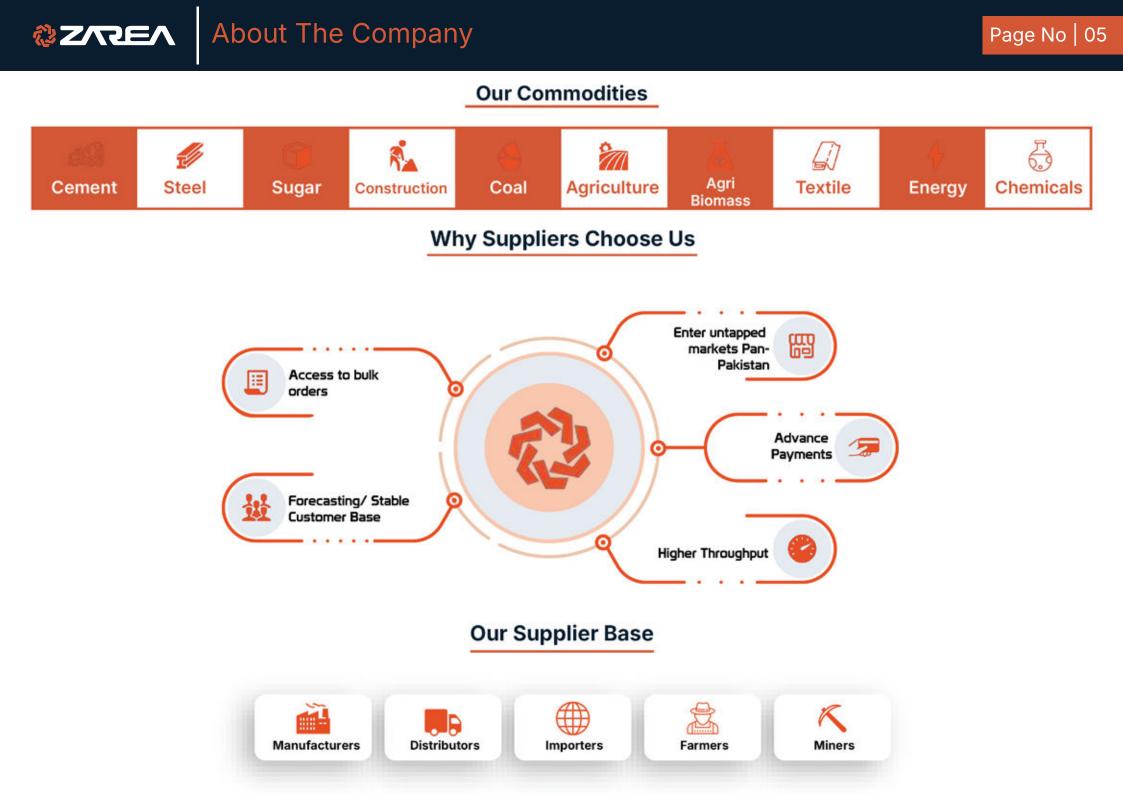
- Founded on innovation, integrity, inclusivity
- Transforming the commodity sector
- Unlocking economic prospects
- Simplifying market engagement
- Serving farmers, businesses, and investors
- Gateway to opportunities

# Vision

- Transcending boundaries
- Innovation and efficiency
- Revolutionizing the industry
- Cutting-edge technology
- Strong partnerships
- Commitment to excellence
- Empowering stakeholders
- Economic growth and positive change

# Zarea Commodities Marketplace

- Pioneering future trading
- Innovative B2B platform
- Connecting buyers and sellers
- Seamless and secure
- Fair pricing and fast delivery
- Quality products and lower costs
- Growth opportunities



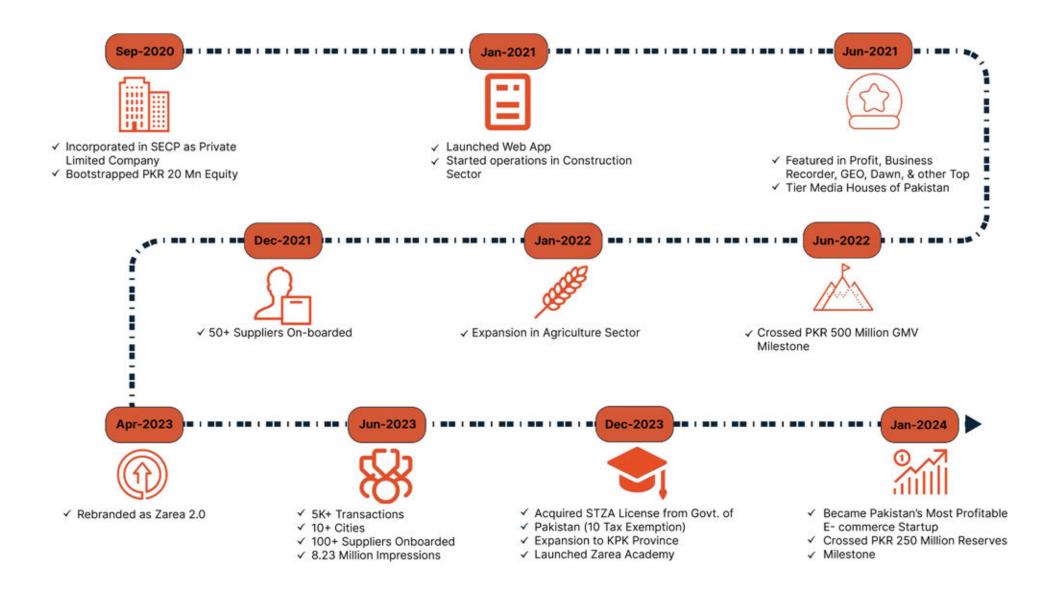
# Why Customers Choose Us:



### **Our Customer Base**



# **Our Journey & Milestones Achieved**



## **Board Of Directors**

Chairperson / Director Mrs. Misbah Momin

Director Mr. Sohail Wajahat Siddiqui

Director Mr. Juneid Akram

#### Director Mrs. Meezan Fahd Mukhtar

C.E.O / Director Mr. Ali Alam Qamar

Director Mr. Muhammad Afzal Chaudhry

Director Mr. Nouman ul Hassan

Company Secretary	Asad Majeed
Company Registration	0158011
Company National Tax Number	8379488
Head Office	Zarea Limited, Delta 6 Office No. 6011, NASTP, Abid Majeed Rd, Lahore Cantt.
Other Offices	Zarea Limited, Pak Austria Fachhochschule: Institute of Applied Science and Technology (Special Technology Zone), Mang, Haripur.
Auditors	Naveed Zafar Ashfaq Jaffery & Co.
Legal Counsel	Mohsin Tayebaly & Co.
Share registrar	THK Associates (Pvt.) Limited
Bankers	Meezan Bank, Al- Falah Bank, UBL





## Misbah Momin (Chairperson/Director)



Misbah Momin is an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and social activist. She is the President of Misbah Momin Foundation and MM Talks, and Editor-in-Chief of Mindful Magazine. She has experience in communications and business development with Bonds Travel Bureau and Flying Group of Companies. Misbah is a core member of the CARE Foundation and has served on the National Commission on the Status of Women(NCSW) in Pakistan.



### Ali Alam Qamar (CEO\Director)

Ali Alam Qamar is a Pakistani Industrialist, Investor and Entrepreneur. He completed his Masters of Finance from University of Cambridge. Ali has founded Zarea which is Pakistan's Largest B2B E-Commerce Platform for Commodities. Ali is also Vice President at MM Foundation which is one of Pakistan's largest charitable organisations striving for educational reforms and mental health awareness.



# Sohail Wajahat Siddiqui (Director)



A prominent corporate leader and former Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources, he significantly increased order intake, share price, and dividends as MD of Siemens Pakistan. With 30+ years in the energy sector, he restructured PSO, saving millions. Holder of a master's in Electronics Engineering and the Sitara-e-Imtiaz award, he developed a respected energy plan saving billions. He also served as Chapter Chair of YPO/YPO Gold and President of OICCI and MAP.

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### M. Afzal Chaudhry (Director)

He holds a Postgraduate degree in Economics from Punjab University and a Diploma in Banking with "Role of Honour" from the Institute of Bankers, Pakistan. With a 43-year banking career, he worked at UBL, Commercial Bank of Oman, First Women Bank, and Silk Bank. He served as Chief of Special Assets Management, Senior Credit Officer, Deputy General Manager, and Regional Head, gaining extensive experience in commercial, corporate, industrial, and banking sectors.



### Nouman UI Hassan (Director)

Nouman ul Hassan brings over 10 years of extensive experience in software development and digital marketing to our company. He has honed his skills in reputable organizations such as IBEX and has established himself as a top-rated professional on platforms like Upwork and Fiverr. His proficiency spans a diverse range of technical and strategic areas. He is adept at leveraging cutting-edge technologies to develop robust software solutions and has a deep understanding of digital marketing dynamics.



### Juneid Akram (Non-Executive Director)

Juneid Akram is a seasoned leader and ex-bureaucrat with over 30 years of experience in Pakistan's Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), where he played a pivotal role in tax administration and customs operations. As Director General, he led key initiatives in policy implementation, tax collection and customs enforcement. As Collector of Customs at Port Qasim, Karachi, and Director of Intelligence and Investigation in Lahore, Juneid was instrumental in significantly increasing national revenue. His contributions to national projects like the Sales Tax Automated Refund Repository (STARR) and the Pakistan Automated Customs Clearance System (PACCS) modernized the country's tax and customs operations. Post-retirement, Juneid transitioned into the private sector. His deep expertise in risk management, strategic planning, and organizational transformation brings strong oversight and valuable insights to the board.



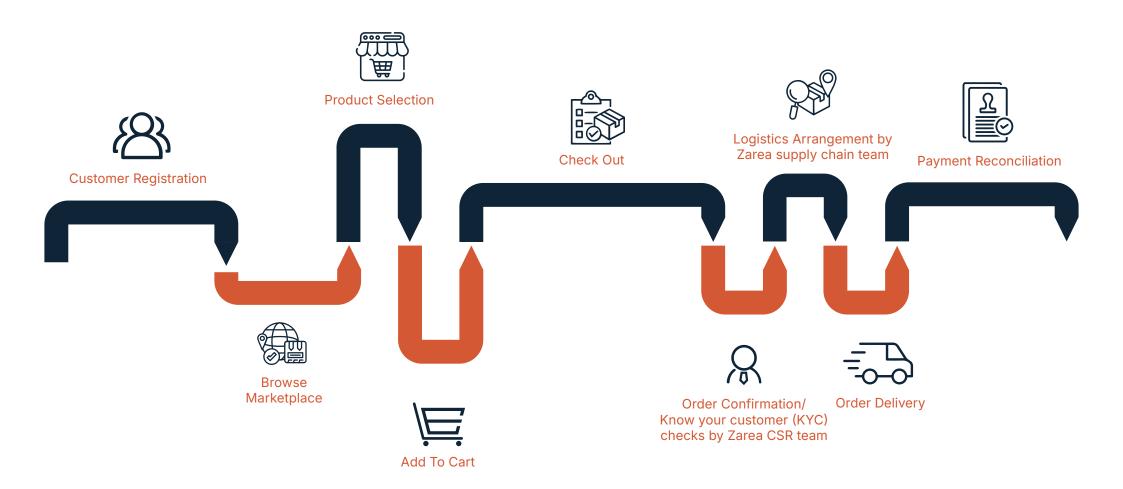
### Meezan Fahd Mukhtar (Director)



Meezan holds a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences from the prestigious School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. She is a dynamic entrepreneur in the fashion industry, bringing innovative ideas and a keen sense of style to her ventures. With a strong academic background and a passion for creativity, Meezan has successfully established herself as a prominent figure in the fashion world. She is married to Fahd Mukhtar, sponsor and director of Fatima Group

# **ZREA Business Model**

# **CUSTOMER JOURNEY**



**ZREA** 

# **The Solution - Digital Ecosystem**



# **ZREA** | Revenue and Cost Drivers

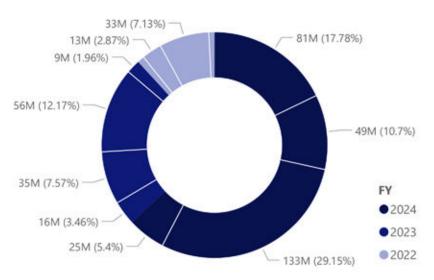


# **Revenue Drivers**

Zarea Limited drives its topline from a mix of products including Cement, Steel, Building & Finishing materials and Agri Biomass. It is clearly evident from the product analysis shown below that 60%, 48% and 46% of the revenue is derived from the sale of Cement in FY22, FY23 and FY24 respectively. Further, the Company has also witnessed 211% growth in Agri Biomass in FY24 as compared to FY22.



#### Percentage of Commodity Revenue by FY





# **Cost Drivers**

Administrative and General Expenses for our e-commerce marketplace include Salaries and Benefits, Repair and Maintenance, Legal and Professional Charges, Fees and Subscriptions, General Office Expenses, Software Maintenance, Charity and Donations, Auditor's Remunerations, Depreciation, and Amortization. These elements are vital for operational efficiency, infrastructure upkeep, compliance, daily operations, and financial health.



Administrative & General Expenses



Salaries, Benefits & Allowances



Software maintenance Expenses



Salaries, Benefits and Allowances



Selling & Distribution

Expenses

Repair & Maintenance

Charity & Donations



**Finance Cost** 



Auditor's Remunerations



Travelling & Conveyance

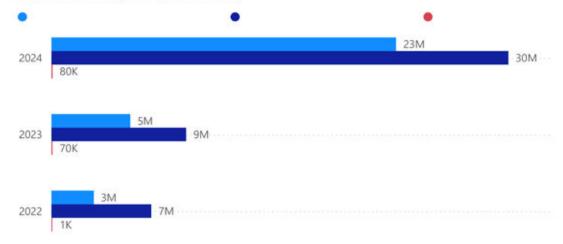
Entertainment Expenses

Advertisement &

Marketing



Administrative and General Expenses, Selling and Distribution Expenses and Finance Cost by FY (Cost Driver)







General Office

Expenses

FEE

Fee & Subscription

Depreciation

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# **ZREN** Technology Overview

# **Commodities:**

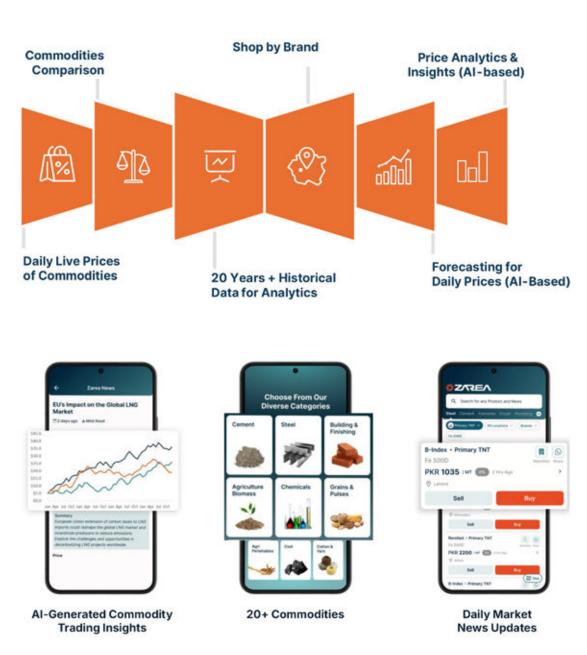
Al-generated Commodity Trading Insights Zarea's platform leverages cutting-edge Al for real-time market analysis, predicting price movements and identifying lucrative trading opportunities, helping traders make informed decisions and maximize returns.

#### 20+ Commodities

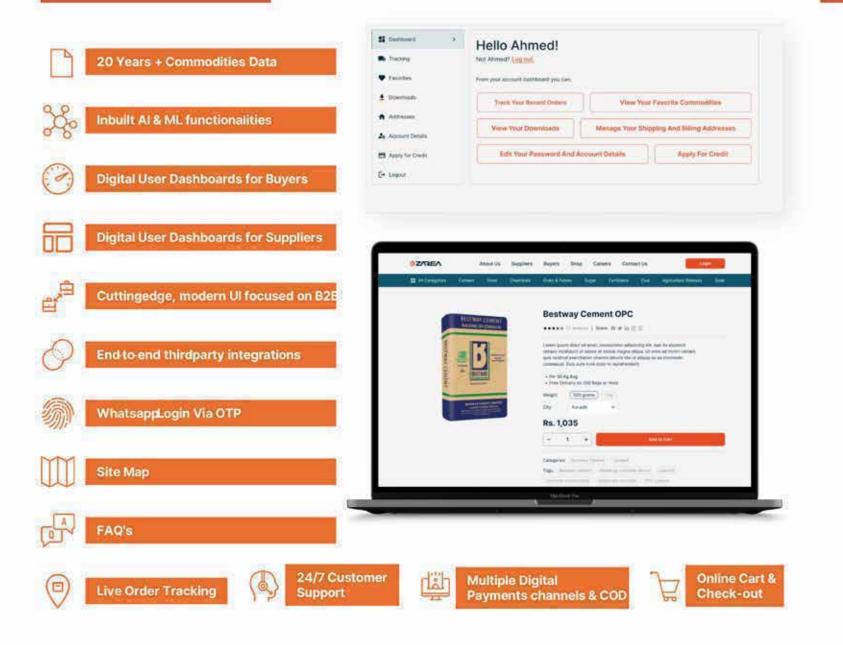
The platform offers daily live prices for over 20 commodities, real-time market trends, and 20 years of historical data for analytics. Users can compare commodities, shop by brand or city, and access Al-based price forecasting and daily market news updates.

#### **Daily Market News Updates**

Stay ahead with Zarea Platform's Daily Market News Updates, providing real-time, comprehensive coverage on global markets. Receive timely updates on trends, economic events, and key financial developments to make informed decisions and stay competitive in commodity trading.



# Technology



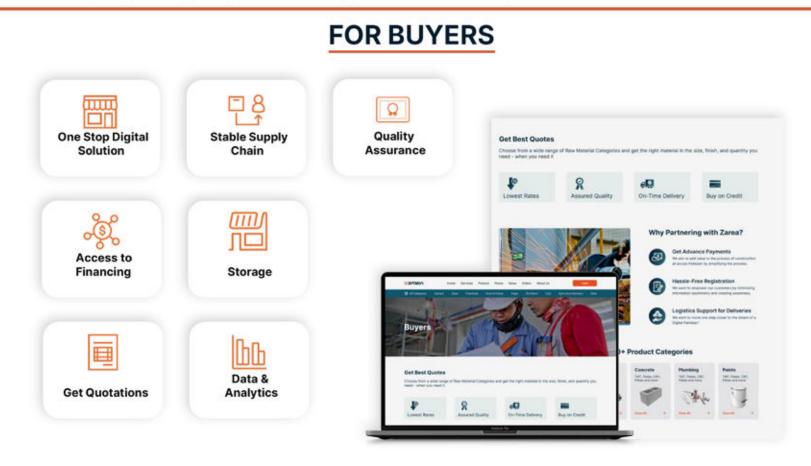
#### State of the art Mobile App





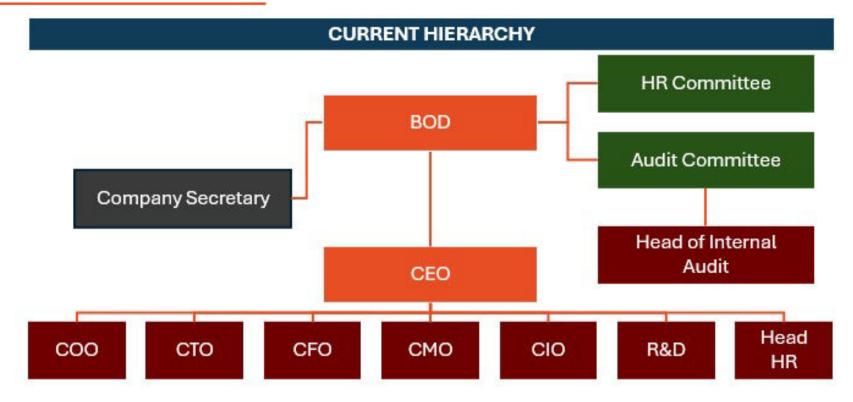


Zarea offers a diverse range of services to cater to various business needs. Their logistics and warehousing solutions ensure efficient storage and distribution of goods. They provide automated credit scoring and approval services, utilizing AI-based technology for accurate and swift financial assessments. Additionally, Zarea handles import and export operations, facilitating smooth international trade. They also specialize in data and analytics, offering insights and strategic information to help businesses make informed decisions.





#### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**





- Management
- Operations
- Sales & Marketing
- Accounts & Finance
- Supply Chain
- Technology



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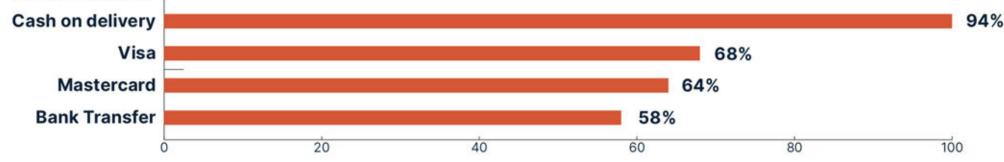
#### **E-COMMERCE OVERVIEW**

#### **Market Overview**

- Pakistan is still largely a cash-based, informal economy. Most transactions are conducted in cash, except for large ones requiring a bank draft or pay order.
- ✓ Revenue in the eCommerce Market is projected to reach US\$8.55 billion in 2024.
- ✓ Pakistan is the 36th largest market for eCommerce with a revenue of \$8.09 billion in 2023.

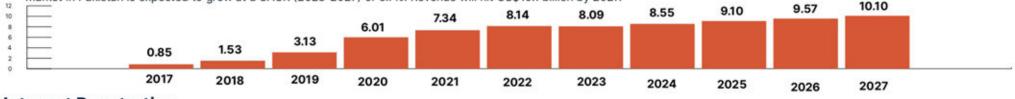
#### **Top Payments Methods in the Pakistani Ecommerce Market**

In terms of payment methods, the eCommerce market in Pakistan is fragmented, where no single payment service provider dominates. Cash on delivery emerges as the prevalent method used by online shoppers.



#### Ecommerce Revenue Development in Pakistan, 2017-2027 (in billion US\$)

Revenue rocketed by over 93%: from US\$3.13 billion in 2019 to US\$6.01 billion in 2020. This development happened during the pandemic period when online sales underwent a global increase. Like consumers elsewhere, Pakistanis saw online platforms as safer alternatives to brick-and- mortar stores, many of which shuttered down amidst lockdowns. The online market in Pakistan is expected to grow at a CAGR (2023-2027) of 5.7%. Revenue will hit US\$10.1 billion by 2027.



#### Internet Penetration

- There were 111.0 million internet users in Pakistan in January 2024.
- ✓ Pakistan's internet penetration rate stood at 45.7 percent of the total population at the start of 2024.
- ✓ Internet users in Pakistan increased by 24 million (+27.1 percent) between January 2023 and January 2024.
- There were also 71.70 million active social media identities in Pakistan in January 2024, and severallocal companies now use social media to promote their products and services.

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#### **E-COMMERCE OVERVIEW**

#### **Key Players**

- Google Chrome is the most popular browser, accounting for 56 percent of total visitors, followed by Microsoft Internet Explorer/Edge (21 percent). The
  remaining 23 percent of searches are through Android, Safari, Opera, Opera Mini, UC Browser, Safari, and Maxthon respectively.
- Electronics is the largest market and accounts for 23.1% of the Pakistani eCommerce revenue. It is followed by Hobby & Leisure with 22.0%, Fashion with 18.3%, Furniture & Homeware with 11.8%, Grocery with 8.6%, Care Products with 8.5%, and DIY with the remaining 7.8%.



#### **Key Growth Drivers**

The integration of AI, machine learning, and blockchain technologies is expected to significantly enhance transaction security and operational efficiency in B2B e-commerce.	Technological Advancements
The global shift towards digital transactions, reflected in Pakistan through increased use of digital payment solutions like Raast and growing mobile commerce, is a critical growth driver.	Increased Digital Adoption
Pakistani businesses targeting international markets through e-commerce platforms are expected to drive significant revenue and market growth.	Market Expansion & Global Reach
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Utilizing social media and advanced digital marketing strategies helps businesses reach a wider audience, build brand recognition, and generate leads more effectively.	Social Media and Digital Marketing
The rise of sophisticated B2B marketplaces, enabling third-party selling and integrating data analytics and AI personalization, is simplifying selling and driving growth.	Third-Party Marketplaces

#### **E-COMMERCE OVERVIEW**

#### Challenges

01	Regulatory Framework The need for clear and supportive e-commerce regulations remains a significant challenge, with inadequate consumer protection laws hindering sector growth.
02	Cybersecurity Concerns Ensuring secure transactions and protecting business data are critical issues that need addressing to build trust among businesses and customers.
03	Logistics Infrastructure Improving outdated logistics systems is essential for the success of e-commerce, with current challenges including inefficient supply chains.
)4	Economic Instability High inflation and economic downturns pose significant risks, affecting consumer spending power and business operations
05	Consumer Trust Issues Building consumer trust in online transactions remains a challenge, with issues like fraud and inadequate product information impacting consumer confidence.

#### **Opportunities**



#### **COMMODITIES OVERVIEW**

#### Cement

- Cement Sector is organized and is oligopolistic in nature with most players listed on PSX
- Market capitalization of the sector was around PKR 584 billion in March 2024. Overall economic growth and government spending on development projects are main drivers of the sector's growth.



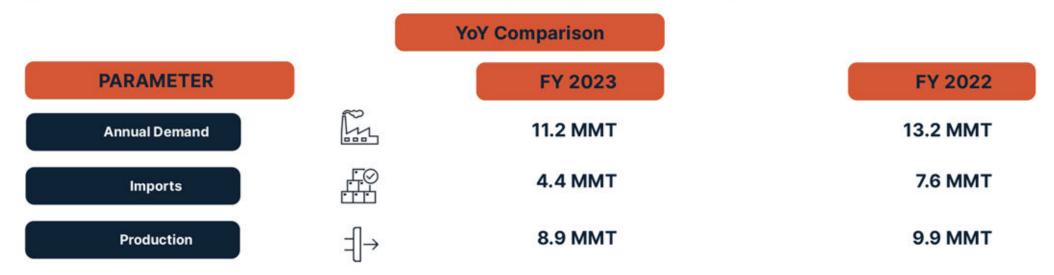
#### All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA)

Description	FY21	FY22	FY22	8MFY23	8MFY24
Offtake (Million Metric Tons)	48	48	40	27	26
Exports (Million Metric Tons)	9	5	5	3	4
Total Production (Million MTs)	57	53	45	30	30
North Region (Avg price / 50kg in PKR)	613	764	1,064	1,041	1,205
South Region (Avg price / 50kg in PKR)	613	777	1,081	1,038	1,192

#### **COMMODITIES OVERVIEW**

#### Steel

- The country's annual demand for steel products was recorded at 11.2 million metric tons during FY23 with a with imports comprising of 39.2%.
- Total imports were down by 42% YoY, from 7.6 million MT in FY22 to 4.4 million MT in FY23. This was largely due to SBP-imposed import curbs during FY23, a short-term intervention to control the depleting foreign exchange reserves.
- Due to non-availability of raw materials, the local production also faced a decline of 10% from 9.9 million MT in FY22 to 8.9 million MT in FY23 leading to higher local steel prices as well as lower consumption.
- Slowdown in the construction sector also contributed to the fall in the overall consumption resulting in 17.6% reduction in country's annual demand YoY.



#### **SMEs OVERVIEW**

#### Introduction

SMEs are defined by SMEDA as enterprises with up to 250 employees and annual sales up to PKR 250 million. SMEs represent over 90% of all businesses in Pakistan.

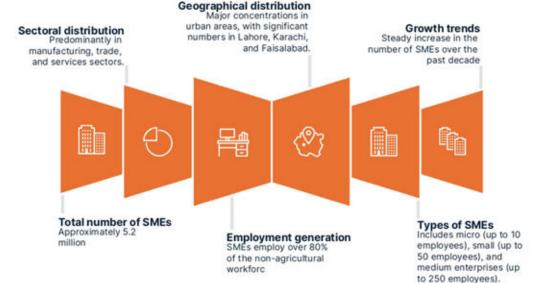
They play a crucial role in economic development, innovation, and employment generation.

SMEs are often more flexible and adaptable compared to larger enterprises.

The sector includes a diverse range of industries, from manufacturing to services.

Government policies and support are vital for the growth and sustainability of SMEs.

#### **Current Size and Numbers of SMEs in Pakistan**



#### Sector Distribution of SMEs



#### **SMEs OVERVIEW**

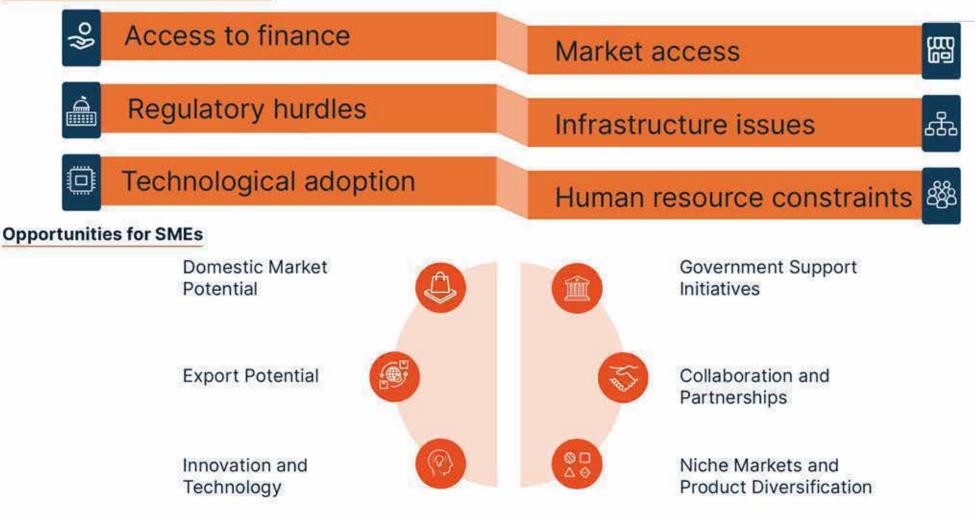
#### **Contribution to GDP**



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#### **SMEs OVERVIEW**

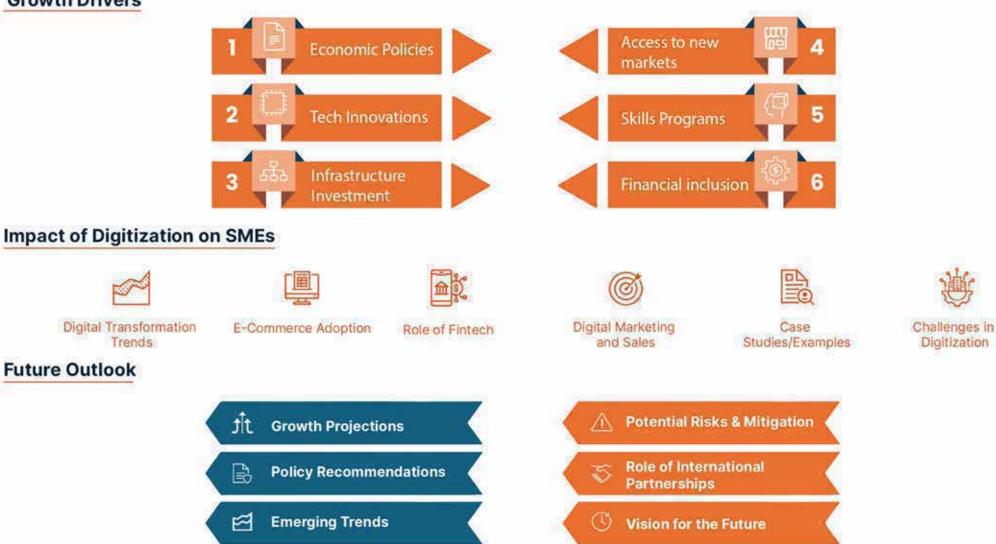
#### Key Challenges Faced by SMEs



Digitization



**Growth Drivers** 





# **Income Statement**

Figures in "PKR"	2021 (A)	2022 (A)	2023 (A)	2024 (A)
Platform Usage Revenue	11,752,862	54,357,649	114,912,232	281,060,855
General & Administrative Expenses	(2,707,207)	(2,044,450)	(4,023,614)	22,026,428
Selling & Distribution Expenses	(1,506,799)	(6,582,266)	(8,882,572)	28,759,730
Finance Cost	(12,588)	(849)	(70,133)	79,577
EBITDA	7,526,268	45,730,084	101,935,913	294,479,343
Depreciation	(397,584)	(651,066)	(1,017,356)	1,762,227
Amortization	2	(100,675)	(159,932)	851,394
EBIT	7,128,684	44,978,343	100,758,625	291,865,722
Investment Gain / (Loss)	(312,480)	(12,920,498)	2,918,342	64,204,646
Other Income	i.	265,000	÷	
Profit Before Tax	6,816,204	32,322,845	103,676,967	291,945,299
Тах	(1,782,171)	(8,714,644)	(22,424,895)	1,024,940
Net Profit	5,034,033	23,608,201	81,252,072	292,970,239

### **BALANCE SHEET**

Figures in "PKR"	2021 (A)	2022 (A)	2023 (A)	2024 (A)
Assets				
Non - Current Assets				
Property, Plant & Equipment	4,903,539	6,256,923	12,239,640	25,891,413
Investment in Subsidiary			70	750,000
Intangible Assets	1,006,750	906,075	4,309,771	22,058,377
Total Non - Current Assets	5,910,289	7,162,998	16,549,411	50,930,665
Current Assets				
Investments held for Trading	41,687,520	31,746,011	36,131,603	70,653,024
Investments in Commodities		<u></u>	72,845,210	241,982,657
Trade and Other Receivable	6,528,802	64,800,092	53,663,495	157,503,596
Advances, and Prepayments	4,532,840	379,976	55	15,364,620
Cash and Bank Balances	11,111,107	28,096,632	67,426,298	93,013,441
Total Current Assets	63,860,269	125,022,711	230,066,606	578,517,338
Total Assets	69,770,558	132,185,709	246,616,017	629,448,003
Equities & Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payables	2,427,382	29,534,511	32,196,771	31,0803,646
Tax Payable	-			
Total CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,427,382	29,534,511	32,196,771	31,0803,646
Non-Current Liabilities				
Leases				
Deferred Tax	309,143	508,964	1,024,940	31
EOSB				
Total Non - Current Liabilities	309,143	508,964	1,024,940	
Equity				
Share Capital	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	300,000,000
Share Premium				
Loans from Sponsors	42,000,000	53,500,000	83,500,000	597,644,357
Retained Earnings	5,034,033	28,642,234	109,894,306	
Total Equity	67,034,033	102,142,234	213,394,306	
Total Liabilities & Equity	69,770,558	132,185,709	246,616,017	629,448,003

### CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Figures in "PKR"	2021 (A)	2022 (A)	2023 (A)	2024 (A
PBT	6,816,204	32,322,845	103,676,967	291,786,145
Non - Cash Changes:				
Depreciation	397,584	651,066	1,017,356	1,762,227
Amortization	7	100,675	159,932	851,394
Capital Loss	10	41,880,780	8,815,056	6,974,809
Unrealized (Gain)/Loss	312,480	2.535,729	(1,200,648)	41,496,230
Finance Cost	12.588	849	70,133	79,576
Cashflows before Working Capital Changes	7,538,856	77,491,944	112,538.796	259,957,921
Working Capital Changes:				
Trade and Other Receivable	(6,528,802)	(58,271,290)	11,136,597	103,840,100
Advances, Deposits and Prepayments	(4,532,840)	4,152,864	379,976	15,364,620
Accounts Payables	954,354	27,107,129	2,662,260	2,291,737
Tax Paid				2,684,860
Finance Cost Paid	(12,588)	(849)	(70,133)	79,577
Cashflows from Operating Activities	(2,581,020)	50,479,798	126,647,496	28,856,946
Cashflows from Investing Activities:				
Capex - PPE	(5,301,123)	(2,004,450)	(7,000,073)	15,414,001
Capex -Intangible Assets	(1,006,750)		(3,563,628)	18,600,000
Investments in Commodities	-	20	(72,845,210)	*
Investments held for Trading	(42,000,000)	(34,475,000)	(12,000,000)	750,000
Investment in Subsidiary				
Cashflows from Investing Activities	(48,307,873)	(36,479,450)	(95,408,911)	36,994,876
Cashflows from Financing Activities:				
Share Capital	20,000,000		3.00	180,000,000
Share Premium	34	2	245	
Loans from Sponsors	42,000,000	11,500,000	30,000,000	83,500,000
Cashflows from Financing Activities	62,000,000	11,500,000	30,000,000	91,438,965
Net Cash and Cash Equivalents	11,111,107	25,500,348	61,238,585	25,587,143
Opening Cash	24	11,111,107	28,096,632	67,426,298
Closing Cash	11,111,107	28,096,632	89,335,217	93,013,441





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