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A Study on Financial Performance Analysis Through Hasdeo Traders

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ABSTRACT
The global economy is expanding and thus the service sector in India is constantly expanding. As part of the larger role of business finance, financial analysis involves looking at historical data to learn more about a company's current and future financial health. Transport has great potential to act as an engine of accelerated economic growth, efficiency, improvement in all economic sectors, strengthen India's export market position, reduce trade deficit and be a tool for effective management. According to the results of the current research, "Hasdeo Traders Financial Performance and Analysis Study" was conducted for HASDEO TRADERS for three periods from 2021 to 2023. Information was taken through company archives and books and magazines were used. In this research, the researcher used sample data from companies' files to understand the financial indicators. The purpose of this study is to find out financial stability by analyzing data using financial ratios as a tool.

Keywords: *Financial analysis, Financial ratios, Financial Performance through Hasdeo Traders.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Financing is the key that unlocks all production and sales possibilities. Financial success is critical in preparing and managing financial decisions. It is a method of determining how well a company is using its core business assets to generate cash, as well as a method of determining the overall financial health of the organization over time. Every large, medium and small business needs financing to continue operations. Finance is very important today because it is rightly called the "life" of businesses. No business can survive for long without proper financing. Therefore, the study of financial performance is critical because it is the process of calculating the financial results of a company's operations. Financial performance analysis is the process of determining a company's financial strengths and weaknesses by accurately determining the relationship between balance sheet and income components. It also helps in short-term and long-term forecasting and identifying economic growth using various financial techniques to analyse financial performance. It plays a very important role in the development of Indian economy.

COMPANY PROFILE

"Hasdeo Traders" is a B2B transportation company based in Champa, Chhattisgarh that sells its services to contract companies and specializes in providing reliable B2B transportation services to companies of all sizes and industries across India. Focused on safety, security and reliability, the company is equipped with the latest technology to enable real-time tracking and tracing of shipments. The company operates on the work orders of its contractors. The company offers the best road transport in the "Janjgir-Champa" area to meet all the needs of the customer. The company also offers services by providing affordable heavy machinery such as loaders and JCBs to people in need of employment across the region.

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This channel apparently features videos on a ten-year financial performance analysis using a combination of absolute and relative data. While YouTube videos can be informative, it's important to be critical of the source and ensure the information is accurate and up-to-date.

12. Book titled 'ACCOUNTANCY FOR CLASS 12' by SHELLY GOEL, D.K. GOEL, RAJESH GOEL: This book sounds like a good starting point, especially if you're new to financial statement analysis. Textbooks provide a structured learning path and foundational knowledge.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

HASDEO TRADERS is one of those companies that has survived all situations as it has been hugely affected during the COVID19 pandemic. However, the company has been facing many problems recently - downsizing, minimizing operations, laying off employees to cut costs. Overall financial performance is an important factor that tells about the growth of the company, which includes growth, trend value and efficiency. Therefore, this study attempted to analyse financial performance using data obtained from company records.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

This research paper aims to conduct a comprehensive financial performance analysis of a transportation company using various financial ratios. The study will analyse the company's profitability, liquidity, efficiency, and solvency over a specific period. By employing financial ratios such as profitability ratios, liquidity ratios, efficiency ratios, and debt collection period. This research intends to provide valuable insights into the financial health and performance of the transportation company. The findings of this study will not only aid in evaluating the company's financial position but also provide recommendations for improvement and better decision-making.

OBJECTIVES OF THIS STUDY

To study about the financial performance as well as the financial position through Hasdeo Traders by using Ratio analysis as a tool.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The main objective of the study is to find out the financial performance analysis through the data provided by 'HASDEO TRADERS' from company archives file. The study is purely based on the secondary data. The researcher has used various methods for analysing financial statement through financial ratios to determine the overall performance of the company.

TIME PERIOD OF THE STUDY

The study covers the period of 3 financial years starting from 2021 to 2023.

ANALYTICAL TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES USED

An analytical tool for analysing financial data is Financial Ratios.

FRAMEWORK OF ANALYSIS

The Framework is derived from the archives data file containing financial statements.

LIMITATION OF THE STUDY

This study is based only on secondary data, which has its own limitations. The main limitation of this study is limited to one specific industry such as the transportation industry. It is limited only to measuring the financial performance of the company.

INFORMATION AND DATA FOR THE PAPER

The income statement for the years ended 31.3.2021, 31.3.2022 and 31.3.2023 includes balance sheets and appendices. The information obtained in this way was used to calculate the proportions. The calculation of the proportions is given at the end of the conclusion of the work note. The proportions calculated for the three years are presented as graphs to facilitate understanding. Positions were formed and presented based on calculated ratios. The information provided by the company is presented below:

HASDEO TRADERS (ARCHIVE FILE LTD.) **Income Statement** (IN RS)	2021	2022	2023
(I) INCOME			
(a) REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS (NET SALES)	8,00,000.0	12,60,000.0	17,40,000.0
(b) OTHER INCOME	10,000.0	40,000.0	85,000.0
TOTAL	**8,10,000.0**	**13,00,000.0**	**18,25,000.0**
(II) EXPENDITURES			
(a) PURCHASE OF STOCK-IN-TRADE	6,00,000.0	8,00,000.0	9,50,000.0
(b) CHANGE IN INVENTORIES OF STOCK-IN-TRADE (NOTES TO A/C)	(30,000.0)	(50,000.0)	(75,000.0)
(c) EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES	1,10,000.0	2,00,000.0	2,80,000.0
(d) FINANCE COSTS	-	-	70,000.0
(e) DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION EXPENSES	8,000.0	9,000.0	10,000.0
(f) OTHER EXPENSES	80,000.0	1,00,000.0	1,20,000.0
TOTAL	**7,68,000.0**	**10,59,000.0**	**13,55,000.0**
(III) PROFIT BEFORE TAX (I-II)	42,000.0	2,41,000.0	4,70,000.0
(IV) LESS: TAX	21,000.0	1,00,000.0	1,80,000.0
(V) NET PROFIT AFTER TAX	**21,000.0**	**1,41,000.0**	**2,90,000.0**

HASDEO TRADERS (ARCHIVE FILES LTD) BALANCE SHEET RS (IN LAKHS)	2021	2022	2023
I) EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
1. Shareholders fund			
a) Share capital	2,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
b) Reserves and surplus	33,000	89,500	1,50,000
2. Non-Current Liabilities			
a) Long-term Borrowings (Debentures)	-	-	2,00,000
b) Other long term liabilities	60,000	40,000	20,000
c) Long- term provisions	10,000	15,000	15,000
3. Current liabilities			
a) Short-term borrowings	20,000	15,000	20,000
b) Trade payables	1,12,000	2,24,000	3,32,000
c) Other current liabilities	20,000	20,000	20,000
d) Short-term provisions (Provisions for Tax)	5,000	40,000	65,000

Total Liabilities	**4,60,000**	**6,43,500**	**10,22,000**
II) ASSETS			
1) Non-current assets			
a) Property, Plant and equipments and Intangible Assets:			
(i) Property, Plant and Equipment	78,000	97,000	1,40,000
(ii) Intangible assets	30,000	38,000	42,000
(iii) Capital WIP	50,000	40,000	-
(iv) Intangible assets under progress	20,000	11,000	-
b) Non-current investments	60,000	66,500	30,000
d) Long-term loans and advances	30,000	32,000	35,000
2) Current assets			
a) Current investments	2,000	7,000	43,000
b) Inventories	70,000	1,20,000	1,95,000
c) Trade receivables	80,000	1,90,000	4,80,000
d) Cash and cash equivalents	15,000	10,000	20,000
e) Short term loans and advances	10,000	20,000	24,000
f) Other current assets	15,000	12,000	13,000
Total Assets	**4,60,000**	**6,43,500**	**10,22,000**

HASDEO TRADERS (ARCHIVE FILE LTD.) **NOTES TO A/C** PARTICULARS	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**
1. CHANGE IN INVENTORIES OF STOCK-IN-TRADE			
OPENING INVENTORIES	40,000	70,000	1,20,000
LESS: *CLOSING INVENTORIES*	70,000	1,20,000	1,95,000
TOTAL	**-30,000**	**-50,000**	**-75,000**

HASDEO TRADERS (ARCHIVE FILE LTD.) **WORKING NOTE** PARTICULARS	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**
REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS (SALES)	8,00,000	12,60,000	17,40,000
LESS: COST OF REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS *	5,70,000	7,50,000	8,75,000
GROSS PROFIT	**2,30,000**	**5,10,000**	**8,65,000**

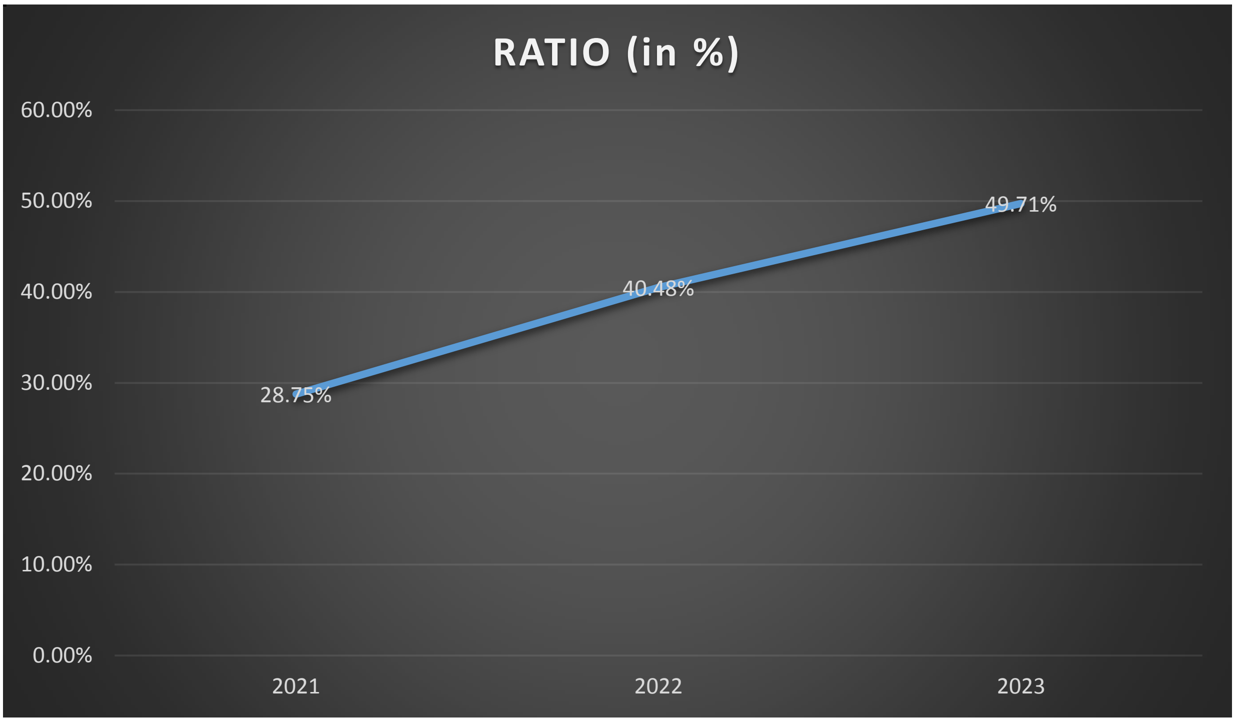
CALCULATION OF FINANCIAL RATIOS

1) GROSS PROFIT RATIO

The gross profit ratio (GPR) is a financial metric that shows how profitable a company is by looking at the portion of its revenue that remains after deducting the cost of goods sold (COGS). Simply put, it shows how efficiently a company converts its sales revenue into operating income, ignoring additional costs such as marketing or administrative expenses. The formula for gross profit and its calculation is given below:

Gross Profit Ratio = (Revenue - Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)) / Revenue*100 (%)

YEAR	GROSS PROFIT	NET SALES	RATIO
31/03/2021	RS.2,30,000	RS.8,00,000	28.75%
31/03/2022	RS.5,10,000	RS.12,60,000	40.48%
31/03/2023	RS.8,65,000	RS.17,40,000	49.71%



INTERPRETATION: The turnover of the company's activity increases significantly every year. The gross margin percentage also increased significantly. This means that the company was able to realize a better price for its products, which resulted in a better gross profit. This is a good indicator for the company.

2) NET PROFIT RATIO

The net profit ratio, also referred to as the net profit margin ratio, is a profitability metric used to assess a company's efficiency in converting its revenue into net profit. It indicates the percentage of revenue that remains as profit after accounting for all expenses, including:

- Cost of goods sold (COGS)
- Operating expenses
- Interest
- Taxes

In essence, it shows how much profit a company generates from each rupee of revenue.
Here's the formula for calculating the net profit ratio:
Net Profit Ratio = (Net Income / Revenue) x 100 (%)
Net income, also found on the income statement as the bottom line, represents the company's profit after all expenses.

YEAR	NET PROFIT(AFTER TAX)	NET SALES	RATIO
31/03/2021	RS.21,000	RS.8,00,000	2.63%
31/03/2022	RS.1,41,000	RS.12,60,000	11.19%
31/03/2023	RS.2,90,000	RS.17,40,000	16.67%

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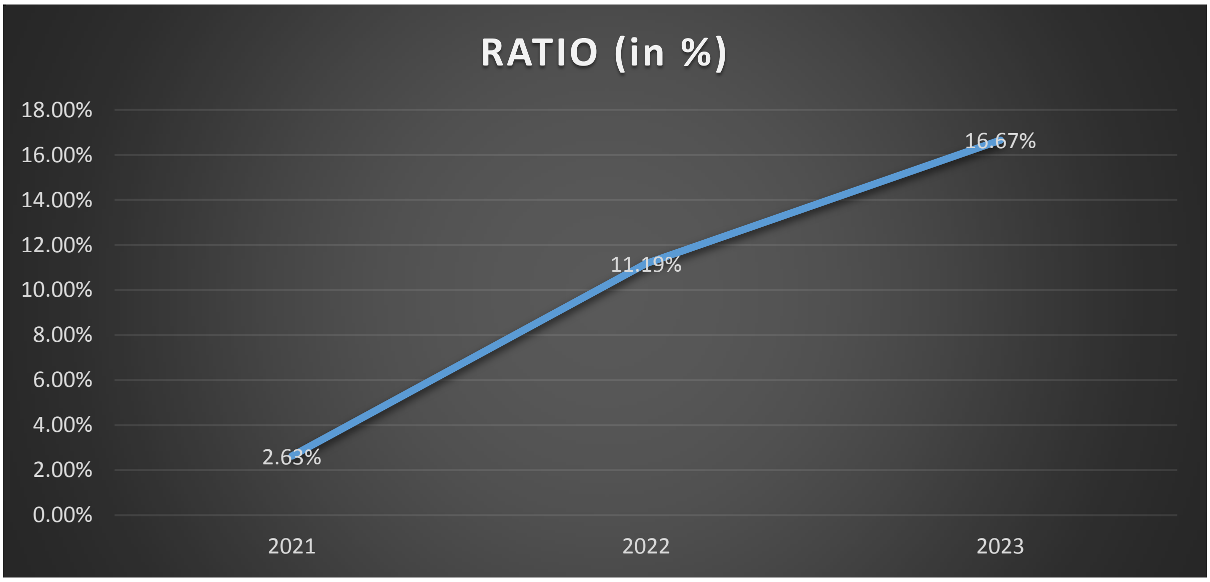


INTERPRETATION: There is a significant increase in the NET PROFIT RATIO as well. So it's a healthy sign for the company.

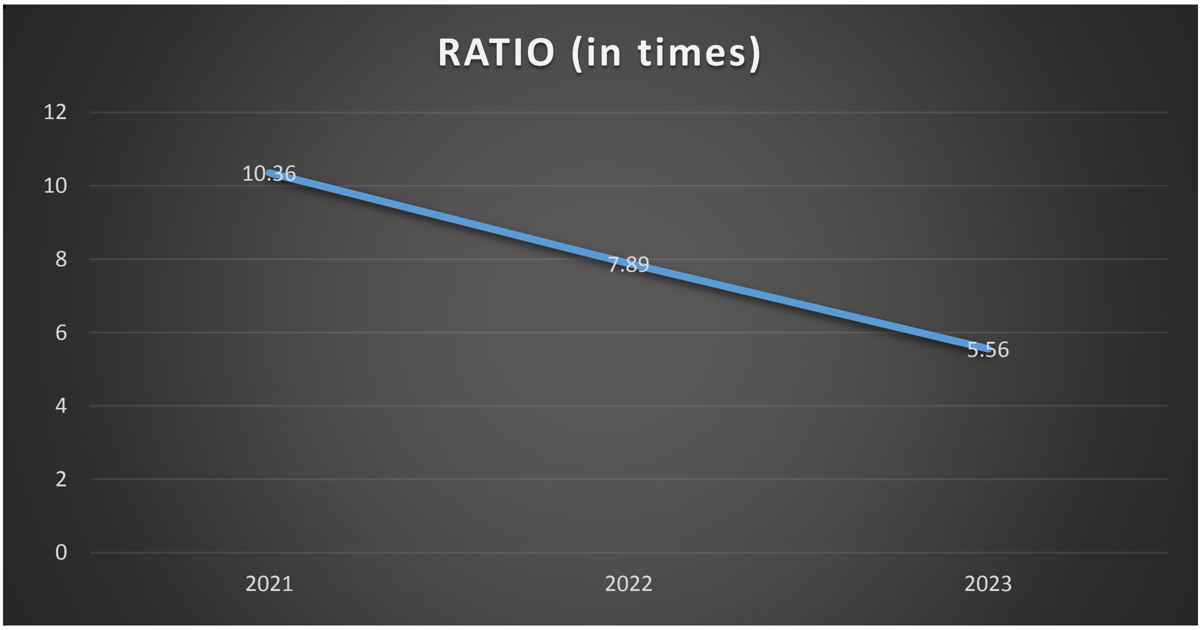
3) INVENTORY TURNOVER RATIO

The inventory turnover ratio (ITR) is a metric that gauges a company's efficiency in managing its inventory. It essentially tells you how many times a company sells and replenishes its stock over a specific period.

In simpler terms, a higher ITR indicates better inventory management, signifying the company is efficiently selling its stock and not holding onto excess inventory for extended periods. This can lead to several benefits, such as reduced storage costs, lower risk of obsolescence, and improved cash flow.

- **To calculate inventory turnover, do the following.**
- **Inventory Turnover (ITR) = Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) / Average Inventory.**
- **Cost of Goods Sold (COGS):** This figure represents the direct costs associated with producing the goods a company sells. You can find it on the company's income statement.
- **Average Inventory:** (Beginning Inventory + Ending Inventory) / 2

YEAR	COGS	AVG.INVENTORY	RATIO
31/03/2021	RS.5,70,000	RS.55,000	10.36
31/03/2022	RS.7,50,000	RS.95,000	7.89
31/03/2023	RS.8,75,000	RS.1,57,500	5.56



INTERPRETATION: Inventory Turnover Ratio is 10.36 in the year 2021; it decreased to 7.89 in the year 2022 and further decreased to 5.56 in the year 2023.This means that company started maintaining more inventory to make the sale. This should be analysed whether maintaining more inventory is required or not. It means that the company has invested more than required capital in inventories.

4) CURRENT RATIO

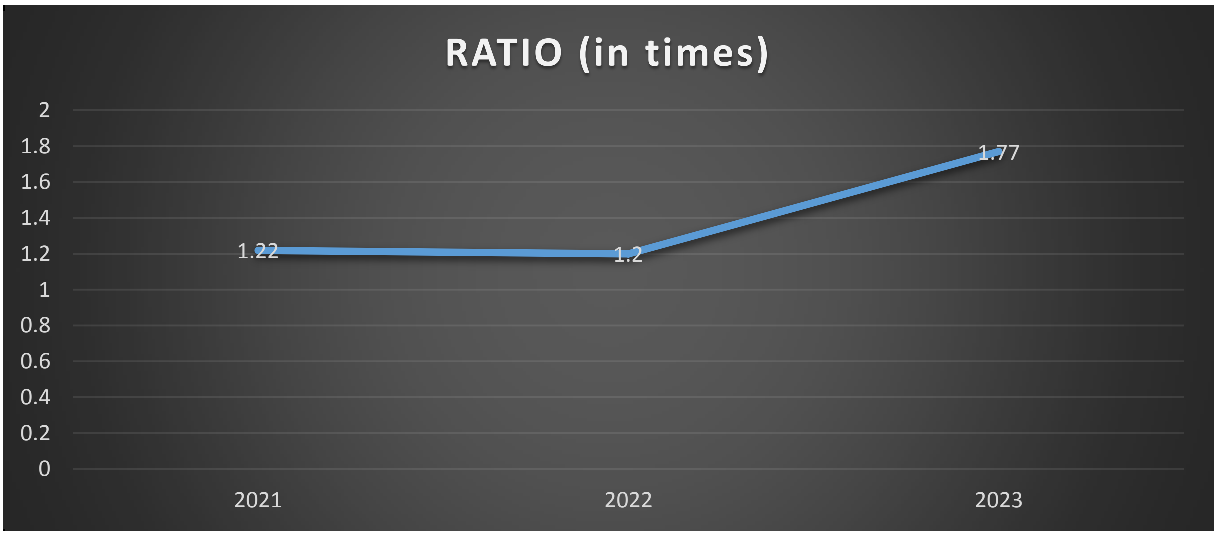
The current ratio is a financial metric that measures a company's ability to pay off its short-term liabilities (debts due within a year) using its current assets (assets that can be converted to cash within a year). In simpler terms, it indicates a company's short-term liquidity. A higher current ratio generally suggests better short-term financial health, as the company has more wiggle room to cover its upcoming bills.

Here's how to calculate the current ratio:

Current Ratio = Current Assets / Current Liabilities

- **Current Assets:** These include cash, cash equivalents (assets readily convertible to cash), accounts receivable (money owed by customers), and inventory.
- **Current Liabilities:** Examples include accounts payable (money owed to suppliers), short-term debt, and accrued expenses (expenses incurred but not yet paid).

YEAR	CURRENT ASSETS	CURRENT LIABILITIES	RATIO
31/03/2021	RS.1,92,000	RS.1,57,000	1.22:1
31/03/2022	RS.3,59,000	RS.2,99,000	1.20:1
31/03/2023	RS.7,75,000	RS.4,37,000	1.77:1



INTERPRETATION: Current Ratio is approximately the same in the first two years. However, it has improved in the third year, i.e., in 2023. However, in all the three years, Current Ratio is lower than the accepted norm of 2: 1. The company may face difficulty in meeting its short-term liabilities on time. Improvement in the Current Ratio in the year 2023 to 1.77 is a significant improvement. It is good for the company but needs to be improved further.

5) LIQUID RATIO

The Liquidity Ratio, also known as the Acid-Test Ratio or Quick Ratio, measures a company's ability to meet its short-term obligations with its most liquid assets. It provides a more stringent measure of liquidity than the current ratio as it excludes inventory, which may not be easily convertible into cash.

The formula to calculate the Liquidity Ratio is:

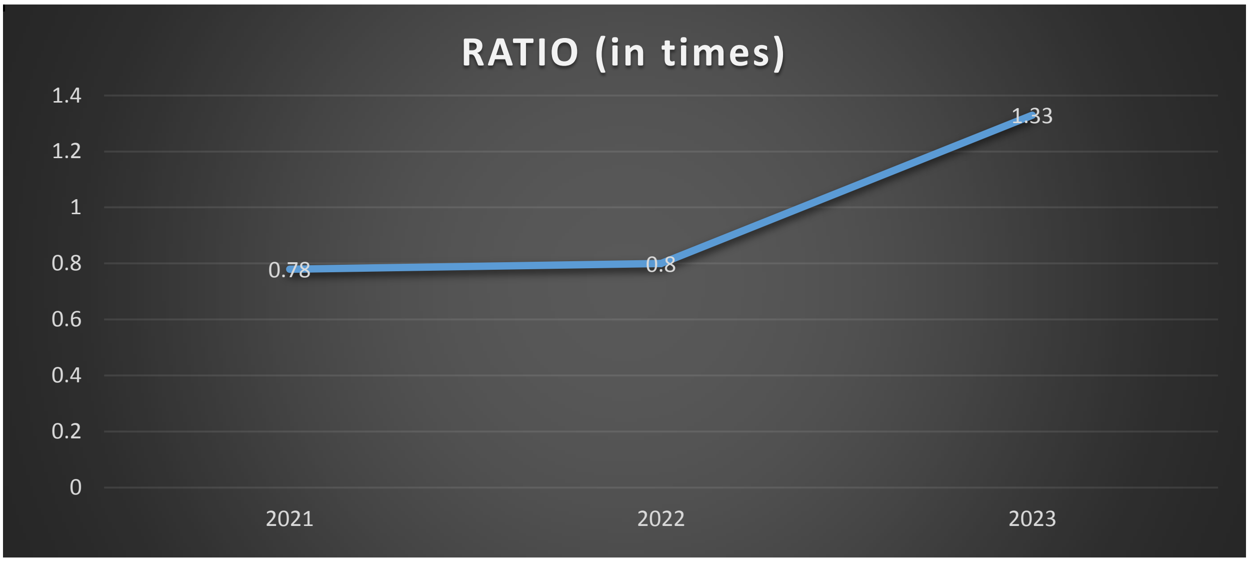
Liquidity Ratio = Current Assets - Inventory/Current Liabilities

Where:

- Current Assets include cash, cash equivalents, marketable securities, accounts receivable, and other assets that are expected to be converted into cash within one year.
- Inventory includes goods held for sale and raw materials used to produce goods.
- Current liabilities are liabilities that are due within a year, such as accounts payable, short-term loans, and accrued liabilities.

The Liquidity Ratio indicates the company's ability to pay off its short-term liabilities using its most liquid assets. A ratio of 1:1 is deemed as ideal because it indicates that the company has enough liquid assets to cover its current liabilities without relying on inventory.

YEAR	CA-INV	CURRENT LIABILITIES	RATIO
31/03/2021	RS.1,22,000	RS.1,57,000	0.78:1
31/03/2022	RS.2,39,000	RS.2,99,000	0.80:1
31/03/2023	RS.5,80,000	RS.4,37,000	1.33:1



INTERPRETATION: It is observed that the **Liquid Ratio** is also on the same pattern as the Current Ratio. The Liquidity Ratio is about the same in the first two years, but improved in the third year. In the year 2023, the company should be able to meet its financial commitment on time.

6) DEBT COLLECTION PERIOD

The debt collection period, also known as the average collection period (ACP), is a financial metric that measures the average time a company takes to collect payment from its customers after a sale is made on credit. In simpler terms, it indicates how efficiently a company recovers the money owed by customers for its credit sales.

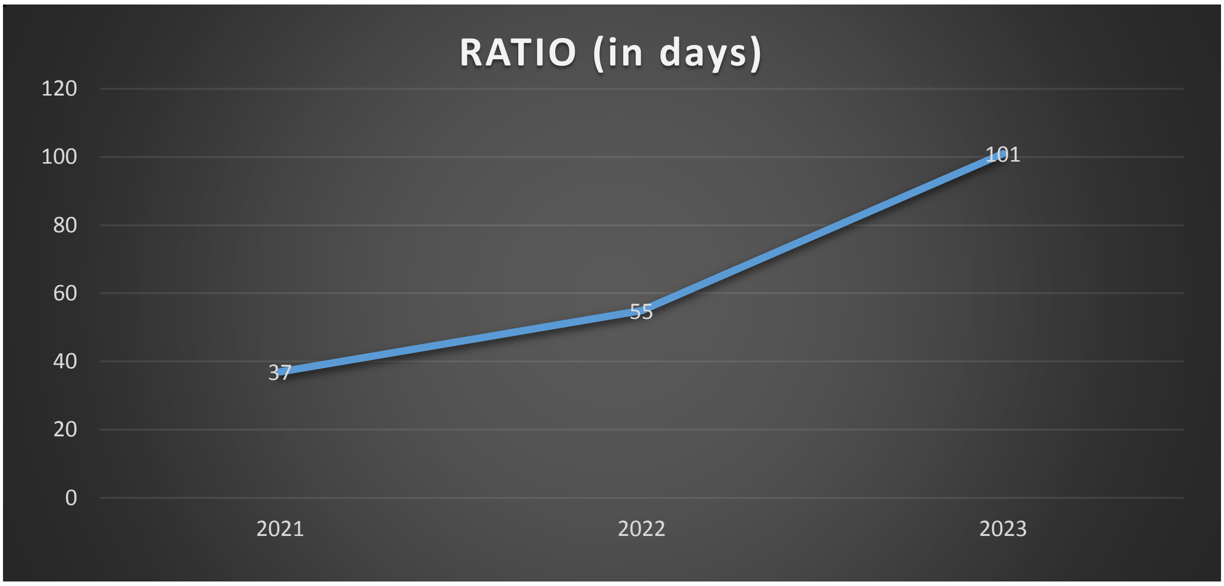
A lower debt collection period suggests faster collection times and better management of credit sales. This translates to improved cash flow for the company, as they receive their payments quicker. Conversely, a longer debt collection period signifies slower collections and can potentially lead to cash flow problems.

Here's how to calculate the debt collection period:

Debt Collection Period (DCP) = (Average Accounts Receivable / Net Credit Sales) x Number of Days in a Period

- **Average Accounts Receivable:** This represents the average amount of money owed by customers to the company throughout a specific period (usually a month or a year). You can calculate this by adding the opening and closing balances of the invoices and dividing the amount by two.
- **Net Credit Sales:** This refers to the total revenue from credit sales minus any returns, allowances, and discounts offered to customers.
- **Number of Days in a Period:** The number of days in the period you're considering for the calculation (365 days for a year or 30 days for a month).

YEAR	TRADE RECEIVABLES	CREDIT SALES	RATIO
31/03/2021	RS.80,000	RS.8,00,000	37 DAYS
31/03/2022	RS.1,90,000	RS.12,60,000	55 DAYS
31/03/2023	RS.4,80,000	RS.17,40,000	101 DAYS



INTERPRETATION: Debt Collection Period has negative growth and has increased from 37 days in the year 2021 to 55 days in the year 2022 and further to 101 days in the year 2023. It shows that the company is selling its stock by offering higher credit period which may result in requirement of more working capital and higher bad debts. Therefore, the company may face problem in realisation from debtors.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Based on this study conducted on behalf of Hasdeo Traders, the following conclusions can be drawn:

1. Proper accounting and financial practices are crucial for the success of the business. This includes maintaining accurate financial records, preparing regular financial statements, and analysing financial data to make informed business decisions.

2. It is important for the business to have a solid understanding of their revenue and expenses, as well as their profit margins, in order to effectively manage their finances.

3. The use of technology, such as accounting software and online payment systems, can streamline accounting and financial documentation processes and improve efficiency.

4. Effective communication and collaboration between accounting staff and finance department and other departments, such as operations and sales, is essential for the smooth running of the business.
5. Regular monitoring and analysis of financial data can help identify areas of the business that need improvement, as well as opportunities for growth and expansion.

Overall, the study highlights the importance of financial stability and growth of the business. By implementing best practices and utilizing technology, this businesses can improve their financial management and make informed decisions to drive success.

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