

# First Quarter 2024 Earnings

April 30, 2024

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

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#### **NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES & RECONCILIATIONS**

• This presentation includes certain historic financial measures that exclude or adjust for charges or income associated with business combinations, facility shutdowns, extended mill outages, sales of assets and other special charges or income ("Non-GAAP Financial Measures"). The Company's management believes that the presentation of these Non-GAAP Financial Measures provides useful information to investors because these measures are regularly used by management in assessing the Company's performance. These Non-GAAP Financial Measures are not calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") and should be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered substitutes for or superior to GAAP results. In addition, these Non-GAAP Financial Measures may not be comparable to similarly-titled measures utilized by other companies, since such other companies may not calculate such measures in the same manner as we do. A reconciliation of these Non-GAAP Financial Measures to the most relevant GAAP measure can be found in the Company's earnings press releases. Note that a reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures provided as future performance guidance to the most relevant GAAP measure is not provided, as the Company is unable to reasonably estimate the timing or financial impact of items such as charges associated with business combinations and other special charges. The inability to estimate these future items makes a detailed reconciliation of these forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures impracticable.



## First Quarter 2024 Highlights

#### **Strategic Updates**

- Vision 2030 introduced at Investor Day in February: more ambitious, better aligned
- Agreement to sell Augusta, GA bleached paperboard manufacturing facility to Clearwater Paper
- Waco investment on schedule, progressing well

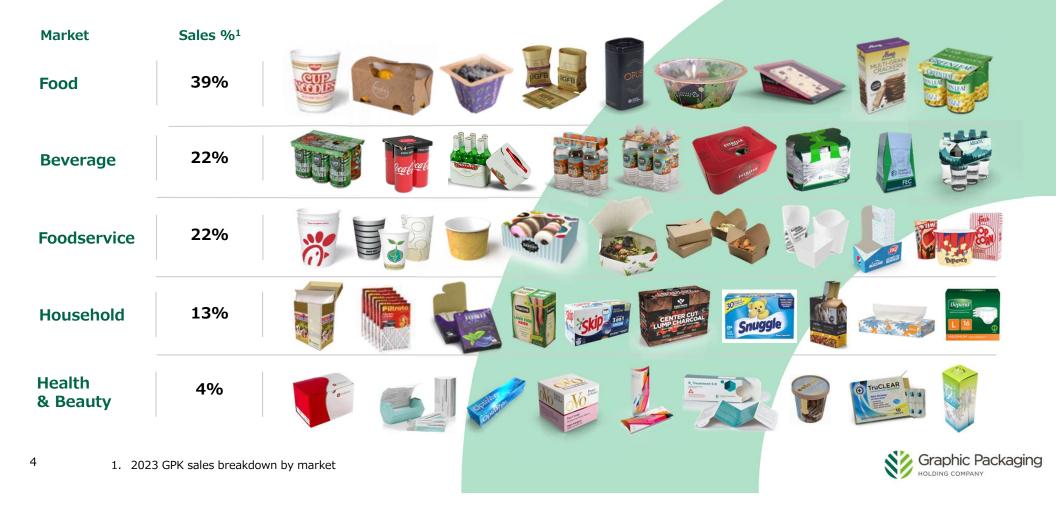
#### **Diversified Consumer Packaging Portfolio**

- Strength in Foodservice and Beverage markets partially offset weakness in Food and Household markets
- Growth in club channel helped offset modest declines in grocery channel
- Pockets of improvement in Q1 and high customer engagement provide confidence in expected positive full-year sales growth (excluding impact of Augusta bleached paperboard manufacturing facility sale)
- Innovation Sales Growth of \$37M, in line with expectations
  - Contributions from all five innovation platforms
  - Cup programs ramping up include Chick-fil-A and Nissin Noodles
  - Multiple Boardio<sup>™</sup> canisters customers
- On track to achieve \$200M of Innovation Sales Growth<sup>1</sup> in 2024
  - 1. Innovation Sales Growth is defined as incremental sales of a product that delivers a significant change in materials used, package functionality, or design to a new or existing customer.



## **Unmatched Consumer Packaging Market Depth and Breadth**

Portfolio moves with the consumer



## **Consumer Packaging Sales by Market**<sup>1</sup>

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Growth in Beverage and Foodservice partially offset weaker results elsewhere<sup>1</sup>



## Seasonality, Experience, and Expectations

| Typical<br>Seasonality | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Food                   |    |    |    |    |
| Beverage               |    |    |    |    |
| Foodservice            |    |    |    |    |
| Household              |    |    |    |    |
| Health & Beauty        |    |    |    |    |
| Total                  |    |    |    |    |

#### Total company:

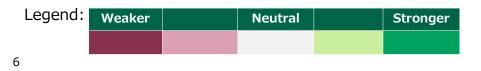
Relatively weaker Q1, relatively stronger Q3

#### Stronger months:

March, August, October

#### Weaker months:

February, July, December



#### First Quarter 2024 Experience

- Easter holiday timing and fewer shipping days (~2%) YoY
- Days-adjusted sales (~1%) YoY
- Days-adjusted sales modestly below expectation of flat YoY due to weaker Food and Household results

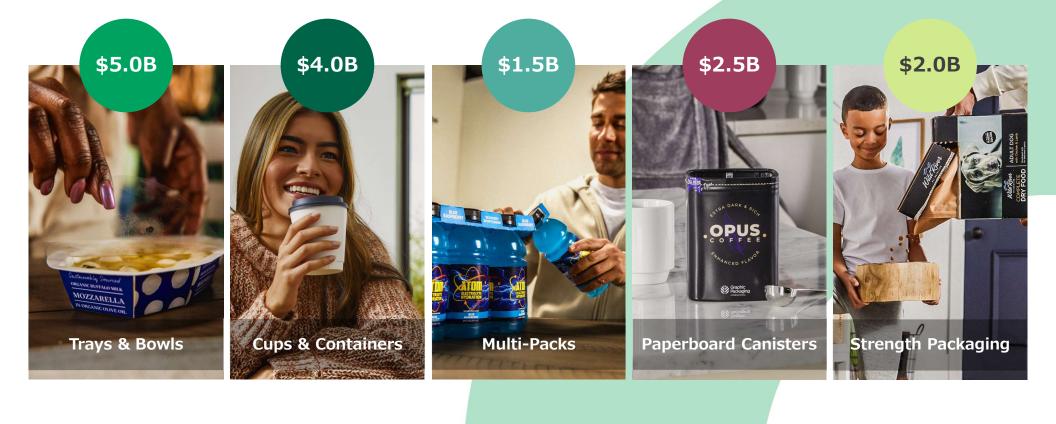
#### Second Quarter Expectations & Trends

- Higher prices continue to drive consumers' search for value and favor at-home consumption of food and beverages
- Return-to-office trend supports consumer preference for prepared foods, convenience, and on-the-go meal options



## **Active Engagement with Customers Across Five Innovation Platforms**

Addressable Market Opportunity \$15B





## **Commercializing Innovation**



Boardio<sup>™</sup>, a high barrier paperboard package, now with an innovative degassing valve for freshly roasted coffee



#### CUSTOMER LAUNCH

Preparations underway for first U.S. market coffee launch; two Boardio™ coffee customers have won awards for sustainability impact



#### ADDRESSABLE OPPORTUNITY

- + \$2.5B global market opportunity
- + Primarily rigid and flexible plastic replacement

#### **VALUE PROPOSITION**

Streamlined Customer Operations

 Reduced transport and warehouse space on inbound logistics

More Circular

- ✓ Plastic reduction of ~50%
- ✓ More than 80% paperboard
- ✓ Recyclable<sup>1</sup>

More Functional, More Convenient

- ✓ Integrated lid
- ✓ Integrated degassing valve



1. Verified to be recyclable by Western Michigan University (WMU) and How2Recycle-certified as widely recyclable.



## **Global Leader in Sustainable Consumer Packaging**



Build the leading sustainability-focused consumer packaging innovation platform

- > 2% annual sales growth from innovation
- Every new product innovation more circular, more functional and more convenient than existing alternatives
- Create multi-generational portfolio of solutions leverageable across products and geographies



Enable a safe, inclusive, customer-focused

culture

- Zero life injuries
- 75<sup>th</sup> percentile in employee engagement
- Women in leadership positions to 35%; US ethnic diversity to 40%
- Enhance the communities in which we operate



#### Steadily and measurably improve the environmental footprint of consumer packaging

- Achieve approved 2032 SBT for Scope 1, 2, and 3 GHG reductions
- 90% renewable fuel use in wood fiber paperboard manufacturing facilities
- > 50% purchased renewable electricity
- 100% purchased forest products sustainably sourced



# Consistently execute for customers, shareholders and all stakeholders

- Leverage unmatched global capabilities for customers and consumers
- Deliver consistent and strong financial results across all economic conditions
- Invest in team & innovation capabilities to be the global leader in sustainable consumer packaging

*With an exceptional team, unmatched capabilities, and a clear and compelling vision, Graphic Packaging is positioned to deliver* 



## **First Quarter 2024 Financials**

#### **Sales**

- Lower open market sales of paperboard (~4%)
- Easter holiday timing and fewer shipping days (~2%)
- Input cost pass through in Europe (~1%)
- Days-adjusted sales (~1%)
- Net acquisitions, divestitures, and F/X<sup>1</sup> +1%
- Sequential improvement from Q4'23

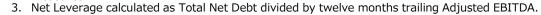
### **Adjusted EBITDA**

- Decline driven by lower production and open market sales of bleached paperboard
- Margin strength reflects strong packaging performance and execution

| (\$M excl EPS)                  | Q1′24   | Q1′23   | Δ ΥοΥ  |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Net Sales                       | \$2,259 | \$2,438 | -7%    |
| Net Income                      | \$165   | \$207   | -20%   |
| Adj. EBITDA <sup>2</sup>        | \$443   | \$484   | -8%    |
| Adj. EBITDA Margin <sup>2</sup> | 19.6%   | 19.9%   | -30bps |
| EPS                             | \$0.53  | \$0.67  | -21%   |
| Adj. EPS <sup>2</sup>           | \$0.66  | \$0.77  | -14%   |
| Net Leverage <sup>2,3</sup>     | 3.0x    | 3.1x    | -0.1x  |

1. The impact of foreign exchange is measured as the increase or decrease in results for the period by applying prior period foreign currency exchange rates to present a constant currency comparison.

2. Adjusted and Net Leverage figures represent Non-GAAP Financial Measures. Please refer to earnings press release for reconciliations to GAAP measures.





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## **Operations and Capital Investment Update**

## **Bleached Paperboard Optimization**

- Augusta, GA bleached paperboard manufacturing facility sale expected to close May 1st
- Texarkana, TX production capabilities aligned with consumer packaging and cup demand

### Waco, TX Recycled Paperboard Investment

- Major concrete installations in place, foundation for new recycled paperboard machine complete
- Q1'24 capital spend of ~\$170M; ~\$500M project spend through March; expected ~\$1B total investment
- Extends unmatched competitive position across North America
- \$80M incremental EBITDA expected in each of 2026 and 2027
- Leveraging Kalamazoo capital investment, teams and experience

### **Packaging Capabilities**

- Investing to support Cold&Go<sup>™</sup> cup growth
- Started up Bristol, U.K. beverage packaging/innovation facility upgrade and expansion
- Bell integration expands foodservice packaging network and ability to serve growing demand



## Full-Year 2024 Outlook

- Expect positive full-year sales growth (excluding impact of Augusta, GA bleached paperboard manufacturing facility sale)
- On track to achieve \$200M Innovation Sales Growth
- Margin strength, strong execution, and solid customer engagement set the stage to achieve full-year expectations
- Sale of Augusta, GA bleached paperboard manufacturing facility expected May 1, 2024
- Guidance midpoint unchanged, except to reflect partial year ownership of Augusta



## **2024 Guidance Update**

Reflects the planned sale of the Augusta, GA bleached paperboard manufacturing facility<sup>1</sup>

|                           | <b>Initial Guidance</b><br>as of February 21 | <b>Updated</b><br>for Augusta sale |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Adjusted EBITDA           | \$1,750 - \$1,950M                           | \$1,730 - \$1,830M                 |
| of which Augusta          | \$90 - \$110M                                | \$30 - \$35M <sup>2</sup>          |
| Adjusted EPS <sup>3</sup> | \$2.50 - \$3.00                              | \$2.65 - \$2.85                    |

Second quarter expected to be impacted by ~\$50M YoY, including ~\$40M relating to the sale timing and exclusion of two months contribution from the Augusta, GA bleached paperboard manufacturing facility, and ~\$10M of higher planned maintenance downtime costs

- 1. Expected closing May 1, 2024
- Expected four months ending April 30, 2024
  Based on 307 million diluted shares as of December 31, 2023



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## Vision 2030 Base Financial Model

# Vision 2030Annual Sales GrowthLow-Single DigitsAnnual ADJ EBITDA GrowthMid-Single DigitsAnnual ADJ EPS GrowthHigh-Single Digits

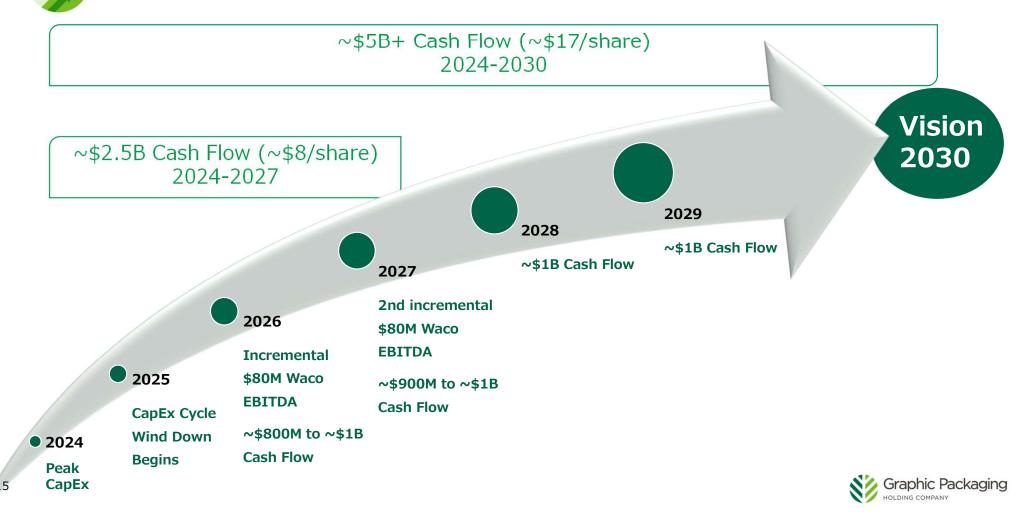
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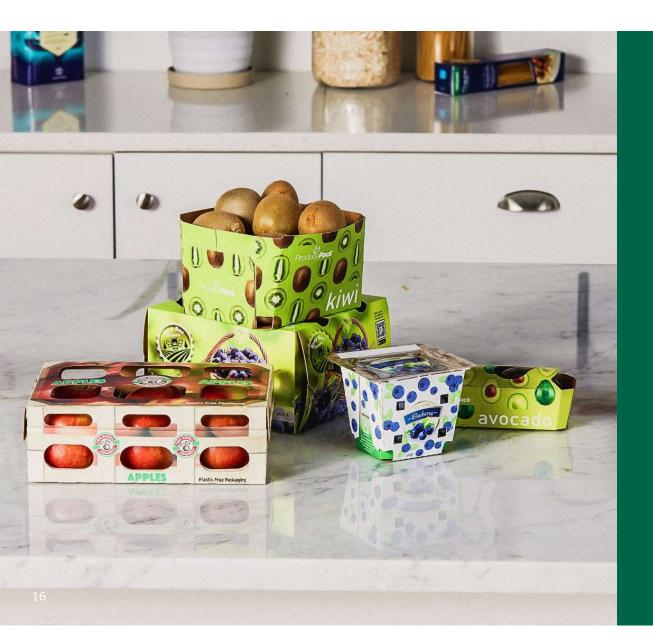
Normalized Capex (% of Sales)

Base financial model generates above cost of capital returns and significant cash flow, creating a range of capital allocation opportunities to drive shareholder value



## Significant Cash Flow to Deploy for Value Creation





## Appendix



## **Supplemental Information**

First Quarter 2024

| \$ in millions                                       | Δ ΥοΥ   |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Net Sales                                            |         |
| Net Price/Volume/Mix                                 | (\$197) |
| Open Market Paperboard Sales                         | (~4%)   |
| Easter Timing, Shipping Days                         | (~2%)   |
| Input Cost Pass Through in Europe                    | (~1%)   |
| Days-adjusted Sales                                  | (~1%)   |
| Net Acquisitions/(Divestitures)                      | \$15    |
| Impact of F/X <sup>1</sup>                           | \$3     |
| Adjusted EBITDA                                      |         |
| Lower Production and Open Market Sales of Paperboard | (\$~50) |
| Net Acquisitions/(Divestitures)                      | \$6     |
| Impact of F/X <sup>1</sup>                           | (\$1)   |
|                                                      |         |

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## **Supplemental Guidance Information**

| \$ in millions                       | 2024          |  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Capital Spending                     | ~\$950        |  |
| Cash Interest                        | \$210 - \$225 |  |
| Cash Taxes, Working Capital, Pension | ~\$300        |  |
| Effective Tax Rate                   | ~25%          |  |



