

Third Quarter 2024 Earnings

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# **Third Quarter 2024 Highlights**

### **Strategic Updates**

- Waco coated recycled paperboard investment on schedule; hiring commenced; on track for Q4 2025 startup
- Packaging network investments expanding capabilities and driving productivity
- Virtual Power Purchase Agreement advances commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Europe
- Eliminating third-party price-change mechanisms from new paperboard sales contracts effective Q1 2025

### **Diversified Consumer Packaging Portfolio**

- Pivot to positive volume growth
- Volume/Mix 1%, Price (2%)
- Foodservice and Beverage remain strong, Food, Health & Beauty and Household all improved
- Mass retail/superstore channel growth continues
- Innovation Sales Growth<sup>1</sup> of \$54M in the quarter; \$142M YTD; on track for \$200M full-year 2024
  - New contributions in Cups & Containers and Multipacks platforms
  - Europe continues to outperform



<sup>1.</sup> We define Innovation Sales Growth as incremental sales of a product that delivers a significant change in materials used, package functionality, or design to a new or existing customer.

# Graphic Packaging's products are in the hands of tens of millions of consumers multiple times a day





# **Consumer Packaging Sales by Market**

Incremental improvement in Food, Household, and Health & Beauty

	2022		FY		2023		FY		2024		
	Q3	Q4	2022	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2023	Q1	Q2	Q3
Food	1	1	•	1	<b>→</b>			-	1	<b>^</b>	<b>-</b>
Beverage	•		1	<b>→</b>		<b>→</b>	<b></b>	<b>→</b>	1	<b>→</b>	<b></b>
Foodservice	1	1	•	1	•	1	•	•	1		
Household	•	1	•	•		•	•	<b>→</b>	•	•	<b>→</b>
Health & Beauty	1	1	•	1	•	1	•	•	•	•	
Total	1	•	•	1		<b>→</b>	<b>=</b>				<b></b>

 $^{\bullet}$  = >5%,  $^{\bullet}$  = 2 to 5%,  $^{\bullet}$  = -2 to+2%,  $^{\bullet}$  = -2 to -5%,  $^{\Downarrow}$  = <-5%



# Seasonality, Experience, and Expectations

Typical 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

Legend:	Weaker	Neutral	Stronger

### **Third Quarter 2024 Experience**

- Pivot to positive volume growth
- Higher promotional activity
- Private label outpacing branded growth
- Pricing similar to Second Quarter

### **Fourth Quarter Expectations & Trends**

- Consumers remain focused on value
- Food customers focused on promotion, new products, and new configurations
- Foodservice promotional activity to remain high
- Mass retail/superstore market share gains



# **Customer Focus on Innovation Remains High**

Addressable Market Opportunity \$15 Billion













### **Commercializing Innovation: Cups and Containers**

# **OLD CONTAINER** (United States)



### **INNOVATION**

McDonald's McFlurry and Mini McFlurry paperboard cups with built-in, four-flap lid reduces plastic use and supports circularity



### ADDRESSABLE OPPORTUNITY

- + \$4.0B cup & container opportunity
- + Primarily plastic/foam replacement

#### **More Sustainable**

✓ Reduces plastic packaging and singleuse plastic waste

### **More Functional and Convenient**

- ✓ Improved experience with wider cup and open top: easier blending of toppings, easier to prepare, serve and eat
- ✓ SKU reduction with elimination of plastic lid
- ✓ New smaller size for those wanting sweet treat with fewer calories



# 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



# **Third Quarter 2024 Financials**

### Sales

- Packaging sales (\$35M), or (1.5%)
  - Volume/Mix up 1%
  - Price down (2%)
- Impact of Augusta divestiture and related bleached paperboard sales (\$109M) YoY, or (5%)
- Other M&A \$9M, F/X¹ \$2M

### **Adjusted EBITDA**<sup>3</sup>

- Net Performance<sup>2</sup> of \$86M fully offset lower Price and inflation
- Weather and power disruptions reduced Adjusted EBITDA by (\$25M)
- (\$34M) decline due to impact of Augusta divestiture and related bleached paperboard sales
- Favorable other M&A (excluding Augusta) \$3M, favorable F/X \$5M

### Liquidity

Average cost of debt ~4.7%

(\$M excl EPS)	Q3′24	Q3′23	Δ ΥοΥ	
Net Sales	\$2,216	\$2,349	-6%	
Net Income	\$165	\$170	-\$5	
Adj. EBITDA <sup>3</sup>	\$433	\$482	-\$49	
Adj. EBITDA Margin <sup>3</sup>	19.5%	20.5%	-100bps	
EPS	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.00	
Adj. EPS <sup>3</sup>	\$0.64	\$0.74	-\$0.10	
Net Leverage Ratio <sup>3,4</sup>	3.1x	3.0x	0.1x	

4. Net Leverage Ratio calculated as Net Debt divided by twelve months trailing Adjusted EBITDA.



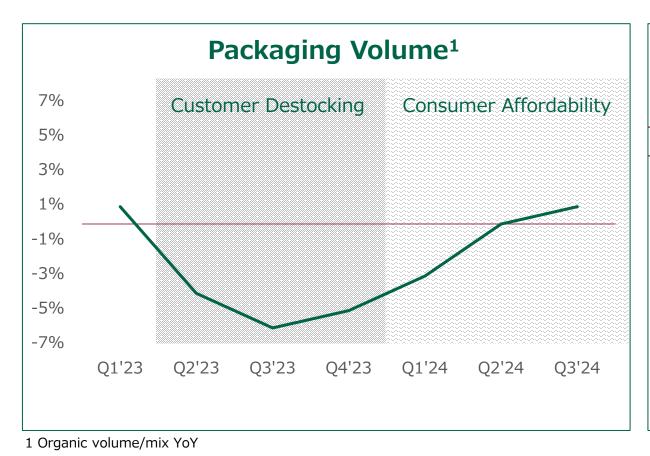
<sup>1.</sup> Foreign exchange (F/X) impact measured as the increase/decrease in results after applying prior period rates to make a constant currency comparison.

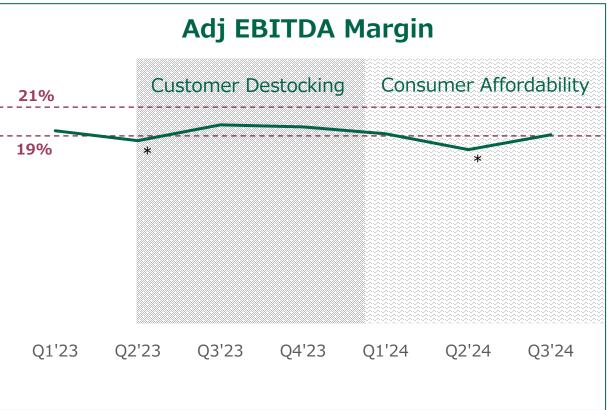
<sup>2.</sup> Net Performance includes cost and productivity initiatives, production efficiencies/disruptions, and other operating impacts.

<sup>3.</sup> Adjusted figures and Net Leverage represent Non-GAAP Financial Measures. Please refer to earnings press release for reconciliations to GAAP measures.

# Delivering consistent results across a wide range of market conditions

Strong margin performance despite recent volume weakness





<sup>\*</sup> Planned maintenance quarters



### **Operations and Capital Investment**

### **Paperboard Manufacturing Facilities**

- Strong overall performance despite weather and power disruptions
- No material impact from Hurricanes Helene & Milton

### **Packaging Operations**

- No significant weather-related packaging plant or customer disruptions
- New Heidelberg high-end press in Poznan, Poland, further expanding product and execution capabilities, capacities and flexibility for the Health & Beauty market

### **Waco, TX Coated Recycled Paperboard Investment**

- Deliveries on schedule, structural steel installation complete, first round of hiring complete
- On track for Q4 2025 startup
- Modest cost inflation and targeted project scope expansion; expected total cost \$1.1B
- Expect upside to \$160M incremental EBITDA; full update in February
- Extends unmatched competitive cost and quality position across North America



# **Guidance & Commentary**

### 2024:

- Second half volume/mix growth range revised to 1% 2%
- Adjusted EBITDA range revised to \$1,680M \$1,730M¹
  - Impacted by weather & power disruptions; volume growth expectations; and unplanned Q4 digester maintenance
- Adjusted EBITDA margin in 19% 19.5% range
- Adjusted EPS range revised to \$2.49 \$2.61¹

### 2025:

- Low single-digit Sales growth<sup>2</sup>
- Mid single-digit Adjusted EBITDA growth<sup>2</sup>
- High single-digit Adjusted EPS growth<sup>2</sup>
- Capex to decline ~\$300M from 2024 level

- 1. Includes four months of Augusta contribution.
- 2. Excluding four months of Augusta contribution in 2024.



# Vision 2030 Base Financial Model and Capital Allocation Priorities



### **Base Model:**

**Annual Sales Growth** 

Low-Single Digits

Base<sup>1</sup>: \$8.8B

Annual Adj EBITDA Growth

Mid-Single Digits

Base<sup>1</sup>: \$1.7B

**Annual Adj EPS Growth** 

**High-Single Digits** 

Base<sup>1</sup>: \$2.52

Normalized Capex (% of sales)

~5%

After 2025

### **Capital Priorities:**

- Reinvest to Expand Capabilities
- Grow the Dividend
- Repurchase Shares
- Achieve Investment Grade Ratings
- Pursue Tuck-under M&A



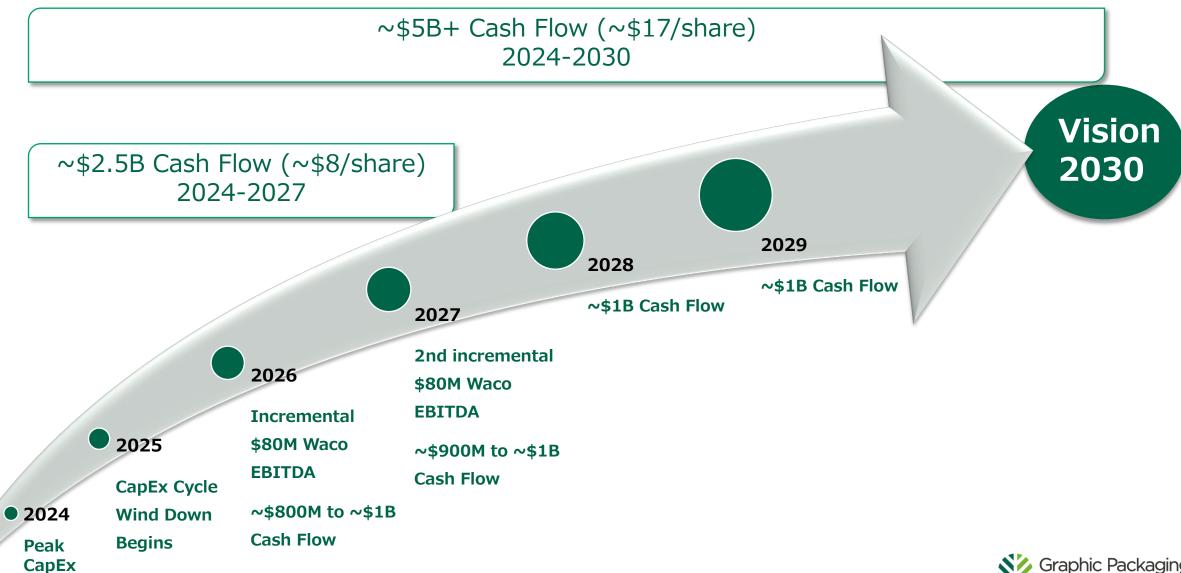
After Waco, Graphic Packaging has the assets, the capabilities, and the team needed to achieve Vision 2030 financial goals, and to generate cash well in excess of reinvestment needs





# Significant Cash Flow to Deploy for Value Creation









# **Appendix**



# **Supplemental Guidance Information**

\$ in millions	2024		
Capital Spending	~\$1,100		
Interest Expense	~\$235		
Cash Interest	~\$220		
Cash Taxes, Working Capital, Pension	~\$300		
Effective Tax Rate	~25%		
Depreciation & Amortization	~\$450¹		
Estimated Year-end Net Leverage	<3.0x		



