## **SECOND QUARTER 2021 EARNINGS CALL**

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## **SECOND QUARTER 2021 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Net Organic Sales Growth of 4.8% y/y in Q2 21 and 3.2% y/y in 1H 21 Driven by New Product Introductions, Continued Conversions to Paperboard Solutions, and Strong Consumption Patterns
- Continued Strong Demand as Consumers Increasingly Show Preference for Sustainable Packaging Solutions Made from Recyclable and Renewable Resources
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$248M Positively Impacted by \$15M of Improved Volume/Mix Related to Net Organic Sales Growth and \$36M in Favorable Net Performance; Offset by \$67M of Commodity Input Cost Inflation
- Price Initiatives Successfully Implemented and Recognized
  - \$400M in Total Pricing Projected Over '21/'22 Based on Implemented and Recognized Actions
  - Approximately \$130M Projected in '21, Approximately \$270M Projected in '22
- Driving Toward Vision 2025 and Strengthening Our Global Position in Sustainable Fiber-Based Consumer Packaging
  - Previously Announced AR Packaging Acquisition Regulatory Approval Process Proceeding as Expected; Anticipate Close by Year end '21
  - Americraft Carton transaction completed on July 1st
- Exchanged International Paper's Remaining Partnership Units for Shares; Completion of Transaction Returns Ownership of Partnership Interest Back to 100%
- \$1.9B in Global Liquidity; Raised Approximately \$530 Million in Secured Bank Debt in July to Support Announced M&A







## PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED AR PACKAGING ACQUISITION EXTENDS PRESENCE IN EUROPE, EXPANDS PARTICIPATION IN GROWING MARKETS AND BOLSTERS INNOVATION ENGINE



Strong pro forma European footprint• 37 Facilities, 13 Countries

Increases Europe sales, 12% to 22%
~\$2B<sup>(1)</sup> in sales

Combined ~780K paperboard tons in Europe

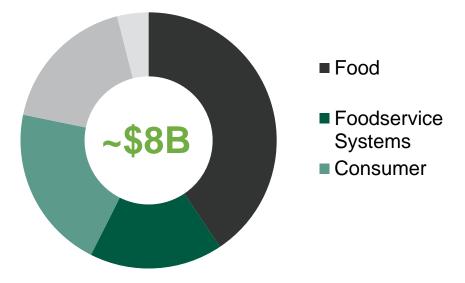
Optionality to optimize converting network

\$40M in identified synergies expected over 36 months

(1) Assumes 1.21 Euro FX Rate



## Pro Forma Sales Mix



#### **APPROVAL PROCESS PROCEEDING**

• On track to close by year end

## INCREASED DEMAND FOR SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING DRIVING 100-200BPS OF ORGANIC SALES GROWTH PER YEAR

#### **\$7.5 BILLION ADDRESSABLE MARKET**

## **PLASTIC SUBSTITUTION**

Foodservice Cups and Cartons



**Beverage Multi-packs** 



## **COOKING SOLUTIONS**

Microwave Technologies



Paperboard Bowls and Trays



### **STRENGTH PACKAGING**

Club Stores, Mass Retailers, E-commerce









#### **PLATFORM ENABLERS**

# PACKAGING DESIGN AND PREMIUMIZATION











## INTRODUCING OPTICYCLE<sup>™</sup>, A NEW NON-PE COATED FOODSERVICE PACKAGING INNOVATION TO BE COMMERCIALIZED IN 2H 2021



- OptiCycle<sup>™</sup> innovative, non-PE coated alternative to traditional PE and PLA coated products
- Utilizes a water-based coating and requires less coating material vs. traditional options
- Designed to be more easily recyclable by allowing the liquid barrier coating to be smoothly separated from the paper
- When repulped, 98% of fiber can be recovered and used to make other paper products
- Commercialization in North America anticipated in 2H 21
- Aligned with Vision 2025 environmental goal to decrease LDPE usage by 40%



# REDEFINING INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP...RUNNING A DIFFERENT RACE

- Capturing strong global demand for fiber-based packaging driven by innovation and packaging solutions that scale; driving sustained net organic sales growth
- Differentiated by investments in infrastructure, well-capitalized mills and converting facilities are competitively advantaged with lowest cost, highest quality fiber-based packaging solutions
- Significant cash flow generation and strong balance sheet provide capital to continue to invest in the business and execute strategic M&A; supporting growth and return goals
- Vertically integrated model drives operating efficiencies and optimization, incorporates sustainability mindset into all steps of the manufacturing process; development of unique solutions that consider overall impact on the environment

 Pricing model revisions in place and being executed to offset commodity input cost inflation; expect to fully offset current inflationary environment over the '21-'22 timeframe with successfully implemented and recognized actions



## LOWEST COST, HIGHEST QUALITY PRODUCER OF COATED RECYCLED PAPERBOARD IN NORTH AMERICA; \$100M OF INCREMENTAL EBITDA, \$50M TO BE REALIZED IN 2022



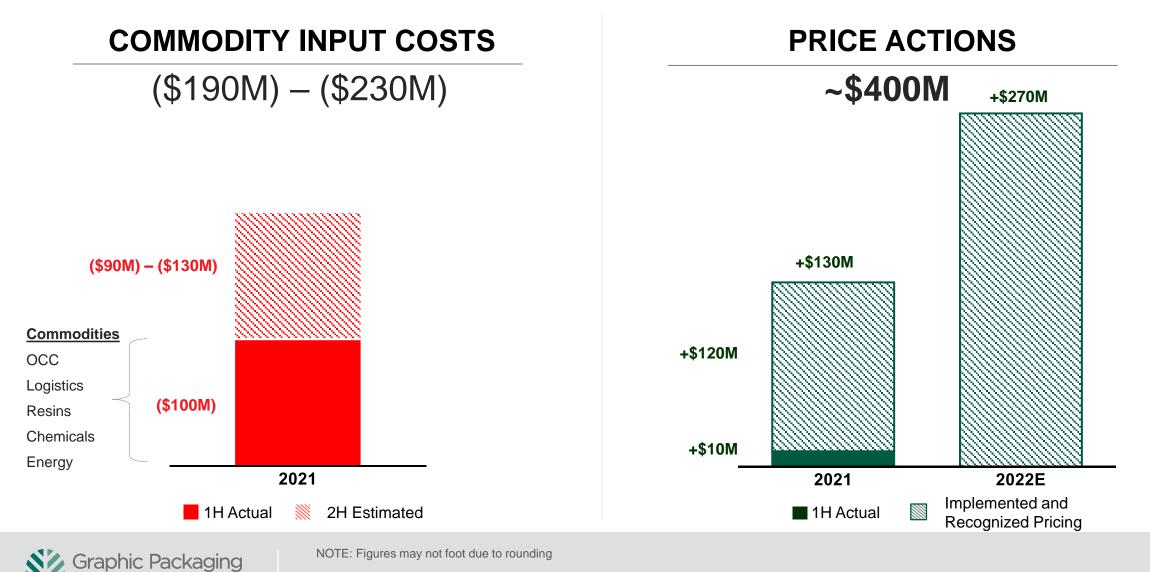
K2 CRB Machine Hall and Campus (rendering) Kalamazoo, Michigan

#### Kalamazoo CRB Mill Project Update

- Start-up paperboard production on new machine on track for Q4 '21
- Remain confident in expected \$100M
   EBITDA benefit
  - □ 1<sup>st</sup> \$50M in '22
  - $\circ$  2<sup>nd</sup> \$50M in '23
- Multiple benefits of optimization project
  - **Highest quality CRB shee**t in the market
  - Best in class cost structure
  - Increased CRB integration
  - Lowest basis weight and caliper profile
  - Reduced environmental impact



## SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTING ~\$400M IN IMPLEMENTED & RECOGNIZED PRICE ACTIONS OVER 2021–2022 TIMEFRAME, OFFSETTING INFLATION



## **SECOND QUARTER 2021 FINANCIAL RESULTS**

| (US\$ M)             | Q2 2021 | Q2 2020 | % Chg   |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Net Sales            | \$1,737 | \$1,611 | +8%     |
| Adj. EBITDA          | \$248   | \$260   | -5%     |
| Adj. EBITDA Margin   | 14.3%   | 16.1%   | -180bps |
| Adj. EPS             | \$0.26  | \$0.26  | flat    |
| Global Liquidity     | \$1,883 | \$1,413 |         |
| Integration Rate (1) | 72%     | 72%     |         |

#### Q2: STRONG DEMAND & PERFORMANCE; SHORT-TERM MARGIN IMPACT FROM ACCELERATION OF INFLATION

- Net Sales up 8% y/y
  - Net Organic Sales<sup>(2)</sup> up 5% y/y

#### • Adj. EBITDA \$248M

- \$15M volume/mix related to organic growth
- \$36M favorable net performance
- (\$67M) commodity input cost inflation

#### • \$1.9B in Global Liquidity

(1) Integration rate is defined as paperboard we produce which is converted in manufacturing facilities we operate.

(2) Net organic sales = Net sales - open market sales - sales from acquisitions closed within the last 12 months - pricing - FX impact.

Adjusted figures and global liquidity represent non-GAAP measures. Please refer to earnings press release for reconciliations to GAAP measures.



## **SECOND QUARTER 2021 SUMMARY**

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- Q2 net sales \$1.74B, up 8% y/y
  - Food, Beverage & Consumer sales up 4% y/y
  - $\circ$  Foodservice sales up 22% y/y
- Q2 pricing \$14M and commodity input cost inflation of \$67M
- Q2 net performance of \$36M driven by cost efficiencies, benefits from capital projects and synergy capture
- Q2 Adj. EBITDA \$248M
- Q2 Adj. EPS \$0.26

#### **MARKETS & OPERATIONS**

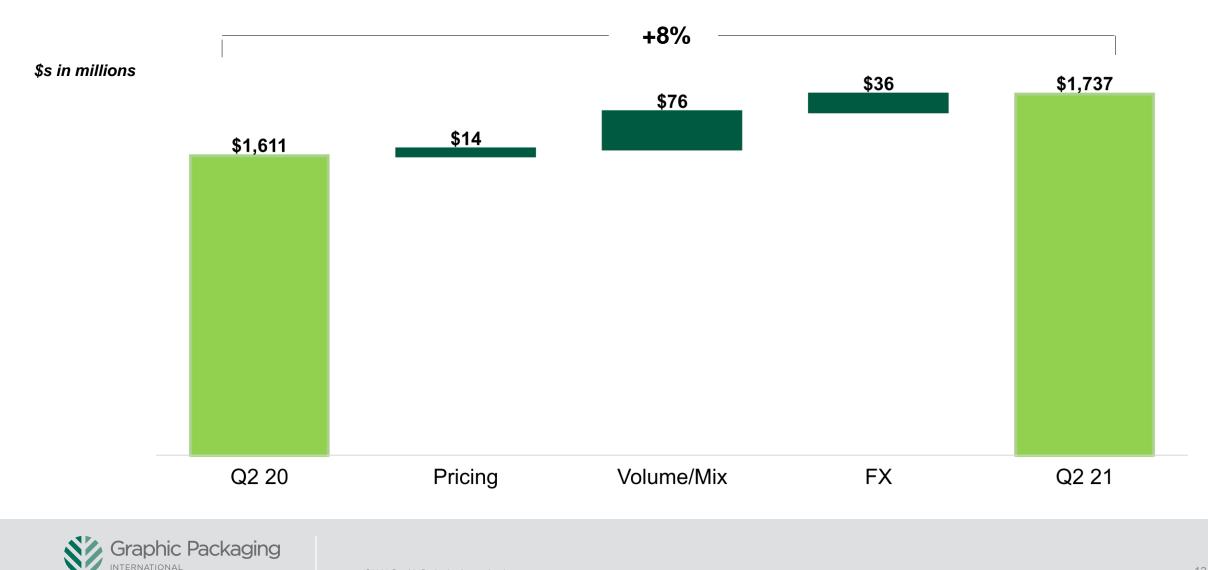
- Q2 net organic sales up 5% y/y
  - Growth driven by continued conversions to fiber-based packaging and strong consumption trends
- AF&PA Q2 industry operating rate for SBS was 95%, CRB was 98%; GPK CUK operating rate 95%+
- AF&PA Q2 industry inventories declined in all paperboard substrates compared to historical averages (2015-2019): SBS and CRB both down 27% versus historical averages, GPK CUK down 7%
- Backlogs increased across all substrates from 6+ weeks last quarter to 8+ weeks

#### **CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

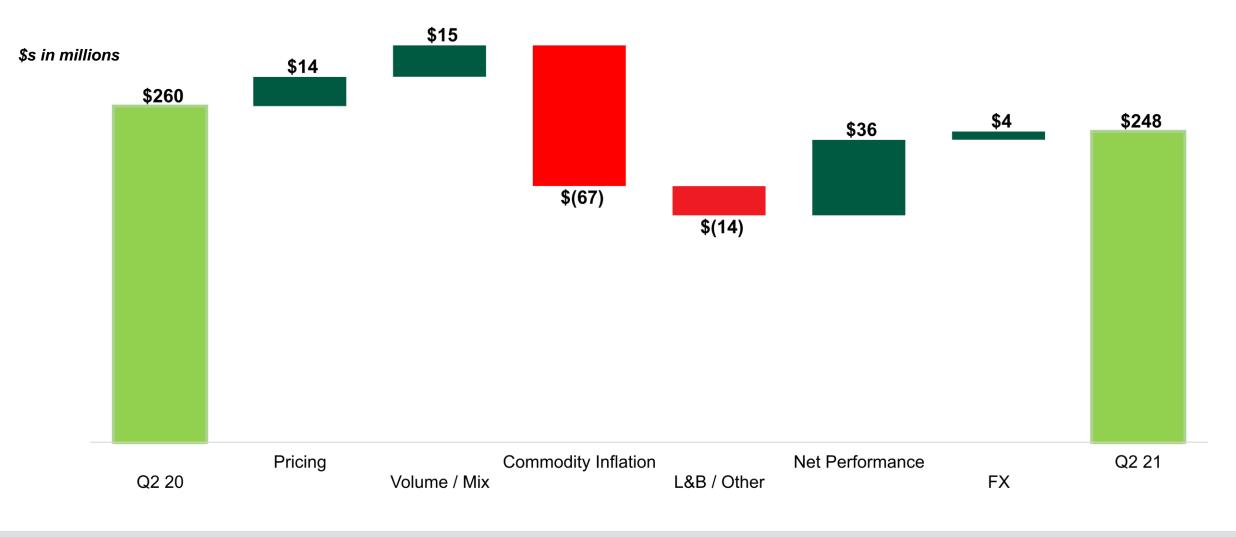
- Returned \$24M to stakeholders in dividends and distributions
- Final ~\$400M of minority ownership interest in the partnership exchanged for GPK shares
- Invested \$200M in capital expenditures to support strategic investments
- Significant liquidity of \$1.9B; borrowing effectively and maintaining ample balance sheet flexibility
- Q2 net leverage ratio of 3.7x



## **SECOND QUARTER 2021 NET SALES PERFORMANCE**



## SECOND QUARTER 2021 ADJUSTED EBITDA PERFORMANCE





## **2021 ADJUSTED EBITDA & CASH FLOW GUIDANCE**

FULL-YEAR GUIDANCE UPDATED TO REFLECT PRICE ACTIONS, EXPECTED COMMODITY INPUT COST INFLATION & AMERICRAFT CARTON ACQUISITION

### Adjusted EBITDA \$1,080M - \$1,120M

#### Cash Flow \$175M - \$225M

#### **EBITDA Components**

| Volume/Mix                           | \$40M - \$50M    |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Net Performance                      | \$80M - \$100M   |
| L&B / Other <sup>(1)</sup>           | (\$60M - \$50M)  |
| FX <sup>(2)</sup>                    | \$15M - \$25M    |
| Price to Commodity Input Cost Spread | (\$100M - \$60M) |

#### Cash Flow Components

| Cap Ex                 | (\$750M - \$700M) |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Interest               | (\$120M - \$110M) |
| Tax                    | (\$40M - \$30M)   |
| Working Capital        | (\$20M - \$0M)    |
| Pension <sup>(3)</sup> | (\$20M - \$10M)   |

Capital Investments (\$M) – step down after 2020-2021 Return to Substantial Cash Flow in 2022

| \$ 353   | \$ 646 | / <b>\$~725</b> | / <b>\$~450</b> <sup>(4)</sup> |
|--|--------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 2019   | 2020   | 2021E           | 2022E                          |
| Consistant with Vision 2025, normalized capay target (% of sales) of ~5% |        |                 |                                |

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(1) Other inflation is primarily related to property insurance

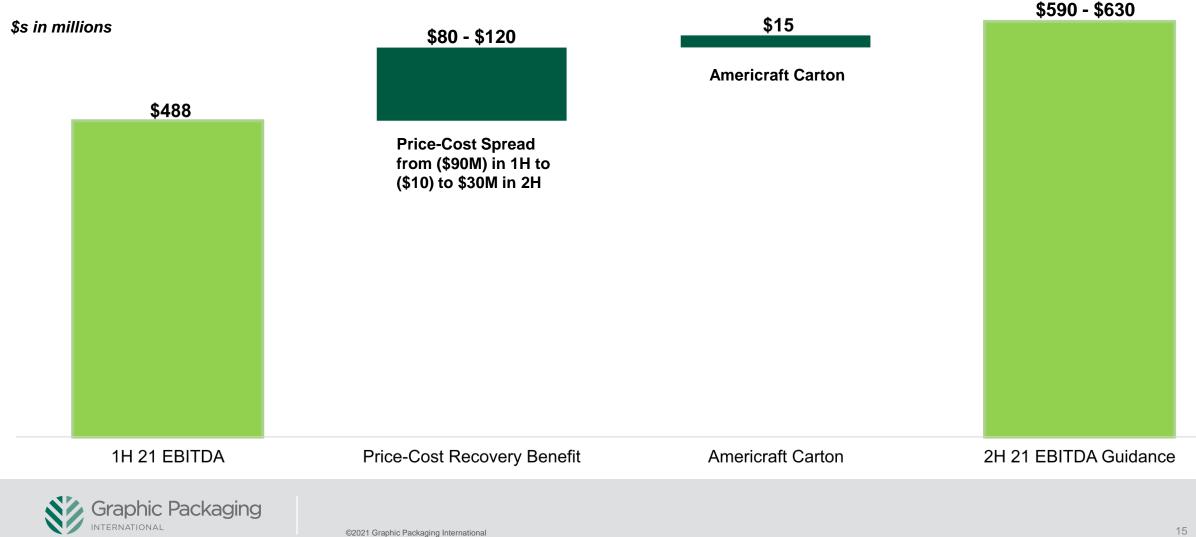
(2) FX range at current rates

(3) Excludes \$13.8M amount reflected as a contribution which effectively transferred a portion of the excess balance in the terminated US DB Plan

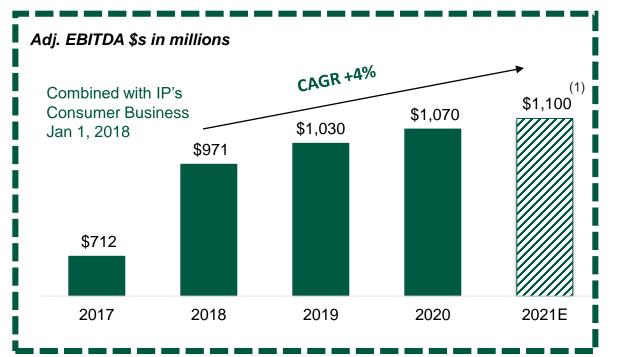
(4) Includes Americraft and AR Packaging capital expenditures



## EXPECT SIGNIFICANT 2H 2021 EBITDA GROWTH FROM PRICE-COST **RECOVERY BENEFIT & ADDITION OF AMERICRAFT CARTON**



## COMPLETION OF IP TRANSACTION RETURNS OWNERSHIP OF PARTNERSHIP INTEREST BACK TO 100%; CONSISTENT EBITDA GROWTH AND SIGNIFICANT RETURNS TO GPK STOCKHOLDERS

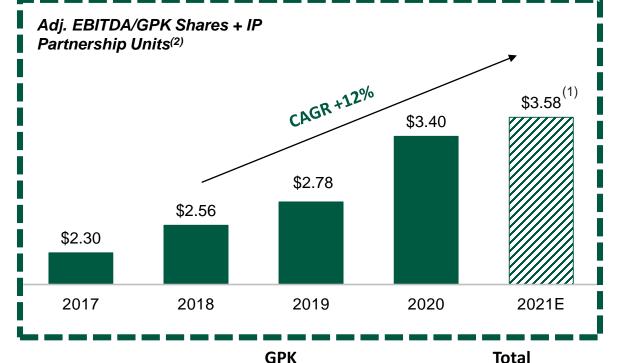


#### **MAJOR DRIVERS**

- Net organic sales growth, strategic acquisitions
- Neutral price-cost relationship over time

Graphic Packaging

- Productivity greater than labor/benefits inflation
- Acquisition of partnership interest & share repurchases



(1) Assumes mid-point of 2021 Adj EBITDA guidance range \$1,080M - \$1,120M

Shares<sup>(2)</sup>

310

300

290

268

307

IP Units<sup>(2)</sup>

80

80

47

(in millions)

2017

2018

2019

2020

20 2021

Shares/Units<sup>(2)</sup>

310

380

370

315

307

## **2021 YEAR OVER YEAR IMPACT SCHEDULE & OTHER GUIDANCE**

#### NET PRICE / COMMODITY INPUT COST SPREAD, NET OUTAGE COST IMPACT & STORM IMPACT Change Y/Y (\$M)

|  | Q1      | Q2      | Q3            | Q4         |
|--|---------|---------|---------------|------------|
| Net Price/Cost<br>Spread Impact                | (\$37M) | (\$53M) | (\$20M) - \$0 | \$0 - \$20 |
| Net Outage Cost<br>Impact <sup>(1)</sup>       | (\$10M) | \$0M    | \$15M         | \$15M      |
| Incremental Uri<br>Storm Impact <sup>(1)</sup> | (\$29M) |         |               | \$10M      |

|  | 2019<br>Actual | 2020<br>Actual | 2021<br>Guidance |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Pension Expense/(Income) <sup>(2)</sup><br>(includes pension amortization)     | \$16M          | \$14M          | \$12M            |
| Depreciation & Amortization <sup>(3)</sup><br>(excluding pension amortization) | \$447M         | \$450M         | \$460M           |
| Pension Amortization   | \$10M          | \$6M           | \$5M             |
| Effective Tax Rate <sup>(4)</sup><br>(Normalized)                              | 26%            | 19%            | 24-26%           |
| Year End Net Leverage Ratio <sup>(5)</sup>                                     | 2.6x           | 3.3x           | 3.5x             |

(1) Net outage impact and Winter Storm Uri impact reflected in net performance component of ADJ EBITDA; assumes some insurance recovery in Q4.

(2) 2019 and 2020 pension expense exclude \$39 million and \$154 million of non-cash pension plan settlement charges, respectively.

(3) 2019 D&A includes \$5 million of accelerated deprecation. 2020 D&A actual and 2021 D&A guidance excludes \$26 million and \$24 million of accelerated depreciation related to exit activities, respectively.

(4) Tax rate applied to GPHC's share of the partnership earnings.

(5) 2021 guidance of 3.5x excludes potential impact of AR Packaging acquisition.



## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### **COMMODITY ANNUAL CONSUMPTION**

| Categories                       | Units |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Wood<br>(Million tons)           | 10    |
| Recycled Fiber<br>(Million tons) | 1     |
| Natural Gas<br>(MMBTU)           | 22    |
| Caustic Soda<br>(000, tons)      | 40    |
| Starch<br>(Million lbs.)         | 150   |
| TiO2<br>(Million lbs.)           | 25    |
| Polyethylene<br>(Million lbs.)   | 105   |

#### **2020 REVENUE BY CURRENCY**

