# THIRD QUARTER 2021 EARNINGS CALL

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## **THIRD QUARTER 2021 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Full Year '21 Net Organic Sales Growth Target of Approximately 200 Basis Points on Track Driven by Strong Demand for Innovative, Sustainable Packaging Solutions
  - Q3 '21 Net Organic Sales Declined 1% y/y as Supply Chain & Labor Market Constraints Delayed Sales
  - YTD Sept '21 Net Organic Sales Growth of 2% y/y
  - YTD Sept '21 2-Year Net Organic Sales CAGR of 3%
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$284 Million Positively Impacted by \$53 Million of Favorable Pricing and \$79 Million in Net Performance; Offset by \$88 Million of Commodity Input Cost Inflation
- Price Initiatives Successfully Implemented and Recognized
  - ~\$650 Million in Total Pricing Projected Over '21/'22 Based on Implemented and Recognized Actions
  - ~\$140M Million Projected in '21, ~\$510 Million Projected in '22
- \$1.8 Billion in Global Liquidity
- Published ESG Report in August Showcasing Long-Standing Commitment to Sustainability and Transparency in the Reporting of Progress on a Comprehensive Set of Goals Supportive of Vision 2025
- AR Packaging Acquisition Expected to Close November 1<sup>st</sup>
- Coated Recycled Paperboard Production on New K2 Machine in Kalamazoo, Michigan on Track for Start-up in Q4 '21
- Continued Confidence in Expectations for '22 Adjusted EBITDA of \$1.4+ Billion



## AR PACKAGING ACQUISITION ON TRACK, TARGETING NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> CLOSE FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH MAY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **COMBINED INNOVATION CAPABILITIES TO BENEFIT GLOBAL CUSTOMERS**



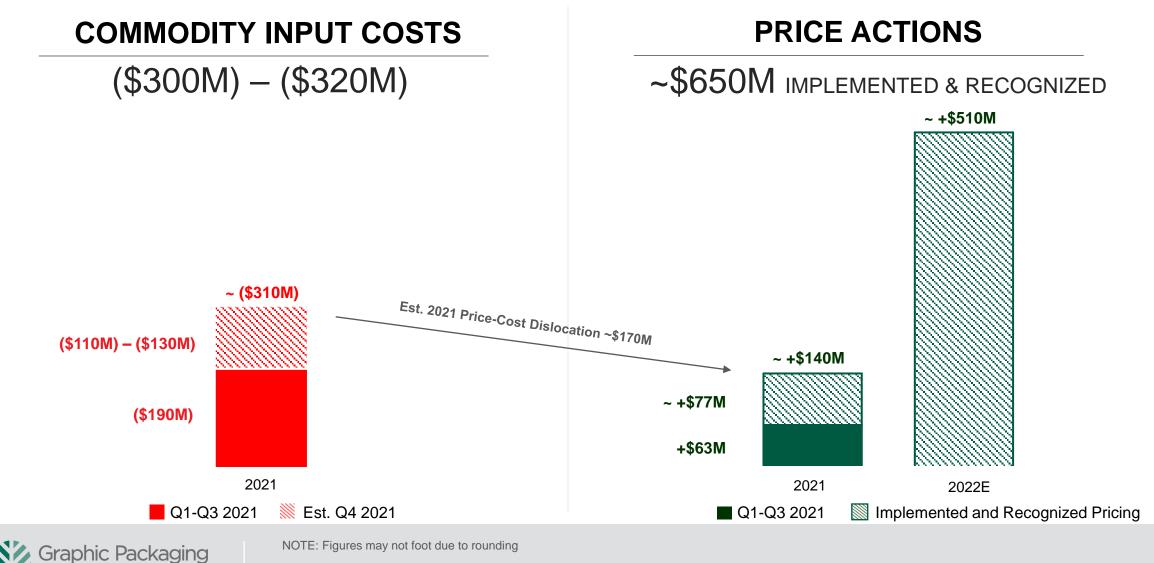


## NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART K2 CRB MACHINE IN KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN; ON TRACK FOR PAPERBOARD PRODUCTION IN Q4 '21

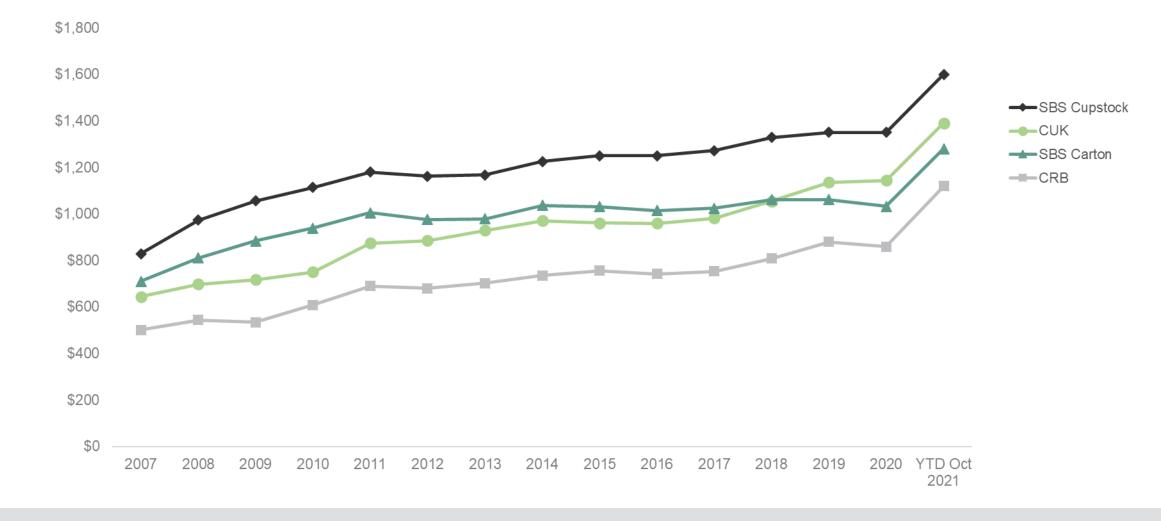




## SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTING ~\$650M IN PRICE ACTIONS OVER 2021–2022 TIMEFRAME, OFFSETTING COMMODITY INPUT COST INFLATION

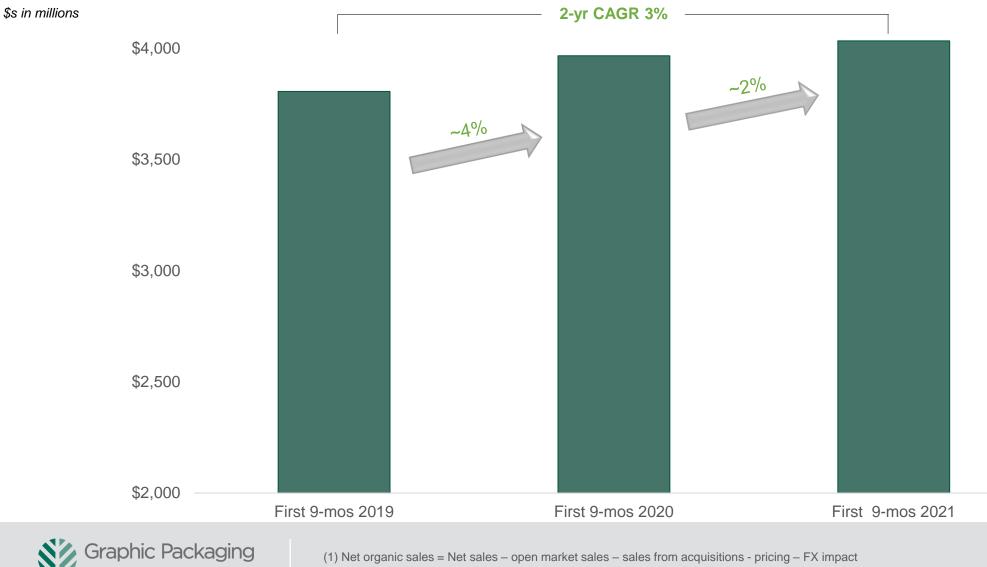


## HISTORICAL PAPERBOARD PRICING REFLECTIVE OF OVERALL HEALTHY DEMAND RESULTING IN STABLE AND INCREASING PRICE TRENDS OVER TIME



\$ / short ton

# YTD SEPT 2021 2-YEAR NET ORGANIC SALES CAGR OF 3% DRIVEN BY DEMAND FOR INNOVATIVE, FIBER-BASED PACKAGING SOLUTIONS



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## **THIRD QUARTER 2021 FINANCIAL RESULTS**

(US\$ M)	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	% Chg
Net Sales	\$1,782	\$1,698	5%
Adj. EBITDA	\$284	\$250	14%
Adj. EBITDA Margin	15.9%	14.7%	120bps
Adj. EPS	\$0.34	\$0.26	31%
Global Liquidity	\$1,847	\$1,557	19%
Integration Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	73%	71%	200bps

(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.

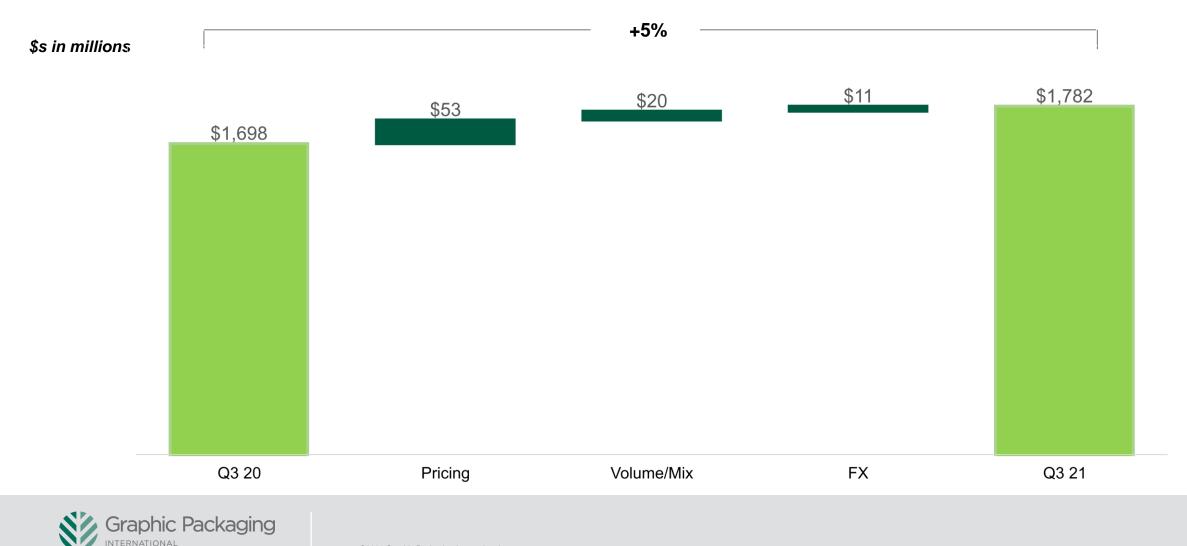
Adjusted figures and global liquidity represent non-GAAP measures. Please refer to earnings press release for reconciliations to GAAP measures.



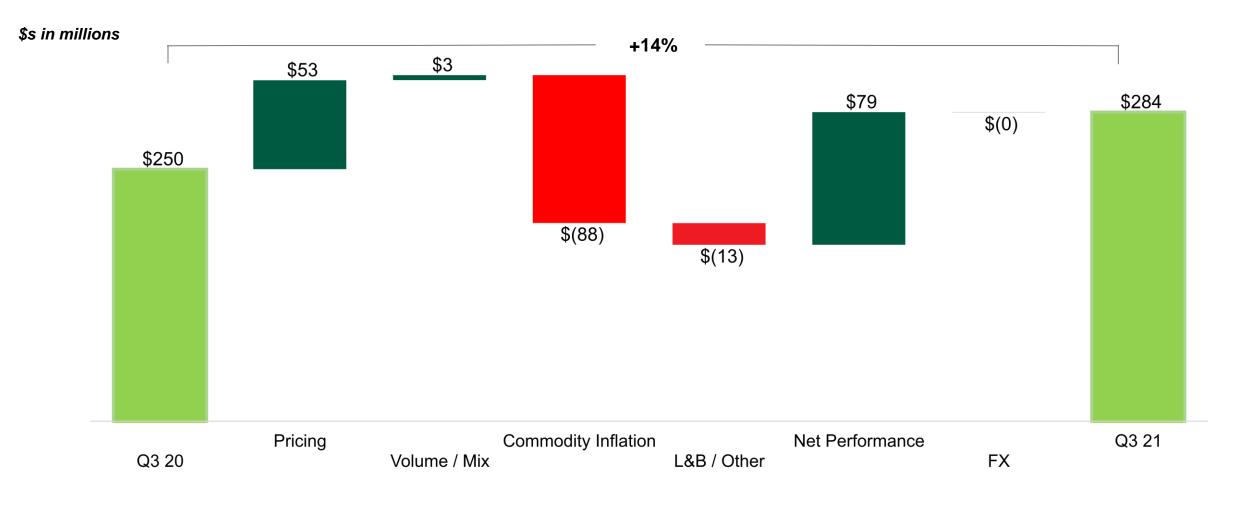
#### SIGNIFICANT PRICE FLOWING THROUGH; INFLATIONARY ENVIRONMENT REMAINS ELEVATED

- Net Sales \$1.8B, up 5% y/y
- Adj. EBITDA \$284M, up 14% y/y
  - \$53M favorable price
  - \$79M favorable net performance
  - (\$88M) commodity input cost inflation
- Adj. EPS \$0.34, up 31% y/y
- Integration rate increased to 73%

## THIRD QUARTER 2021 NET SALES PERFORMANCE



## THIRD QUARTER 2021 ADJUSTED EBITDA PERFORMANCE





## **THIRD QUARTER 2021 SUMMARY**

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- Q3 net sales \$1.8B, up 5% y/y
  - Food, Beverage & Consumer sales up 3% y/y (flat before acquisitions)
  - $\circ$  Foodservice sales up 11% y/y
- Q3 pricing \$53M and commodity input cost inflation of \$88M
- Q3 net performance of \$79M driven by reduced maintenance downtime, cost efficiencies, benefits from capital projects and synergy capture
- Q3 Adj. EBITDA \$284M
- Q3 Adj. EPS \$0.34

#### **MARKETS & OPERATIONS**

- Successfully managing challenging supply chain and labor market constraints (labor specific to Foodservice as production ramps up to meet increased demand)
- Net Organic Sales Growth
  - Q3: -1% y/y
- YTD Sept: +2% y/y
- YTD Sept: +3% 2-Year CAGR
- AF&PA Q3 industry operating rate for SBS was 96%, CRB was 95%; GPK CUK operating rate 95%+
- AF&PA Q3 industry inventories continued to show meaningful declines versus historical averages
- Backlogs remain strong: CUK/CRB 8+ weeks, SBS 6+ weeks

#### **CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

- Returned \$23M in dividends
- Invested \$242M in capital expenditures to support strategic investments
- Significant liquidity of \$1.8B; borrowing effectively and maintaining ample balance sheet flexibility
- Q3 net leverage ratio of 3.97



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

FULL-YEAR GUIDANCE UPDATED REFLECTING ADDITIONAL PRICE ACTIONS & CONTINUED COMMODITY INPUT COST INFLATION (GUIDANCE ASSUMES AR PACKAGING EFFECTIVE NOV 1<sup>st</sup>)

## Adjusted EBITDA \$1,040M - \$1,060M

### Cash Flow \$100M - \$150M

#### **EBITDA Components**

Volume/Mix	\$30M - \$40M
Net Performance	\$130M - \$150M
L&B / Other Inflation <sup>(1)</sup>	(\$60M - \$50M)
FX <sup>(2)</sup>	\$5M - \$15M
Price to Commodity Input Cost Spread	(\$180M - \$160M)
AR Packaging	~\$20M

#### **Cash Flow Components**

Cap Ex	(\$800M - \$750M)
Interest	(\$130M - \$120M)
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Working Capital	\$0M - \$20M
Pension <sup>(3)</sup>	(\$20M - \$15M)

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

\$ 353	\$ 646	\$~775	<b>  \$~450<sup>(4)</sup></b>
2019	2020	2021E	2022E
<b>Consistent with</b>	Vision 2025, nori	malized capex targ	et (% of sales) of ~5

(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



## **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 Spread Impact	(\$37)	(\$53)	(\$35)	(\$55)–(\$35)
Net Outage Cost Impact <sup>1)</sup>	(\$10)	\$0M	\$25	\$5
Incremental Named Storms Impact <sup>11</sup>	(\$29)			

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Guidance
Pension Expense <sup>(2)</sup> (includes pension amortization)	\$16M	\$14M	\$11M
Depreciation & Amortization <sup>(3)</sup> (excluding pension amortization)	\$447M	\$450M	\$460M
Pension Amortization	\$10M	\$6M	\$5M
Effective Tax Rate <sup>(4)</sup> (Normalized)	26%	19%	24-26%
Year End Net Leverage Ratio (includes pro-forma AR Packaging)	2.6x	3.3x	4.6x

(1) Net outage impact and named storms impact reflected in net performance component of ADJ EBITDA.

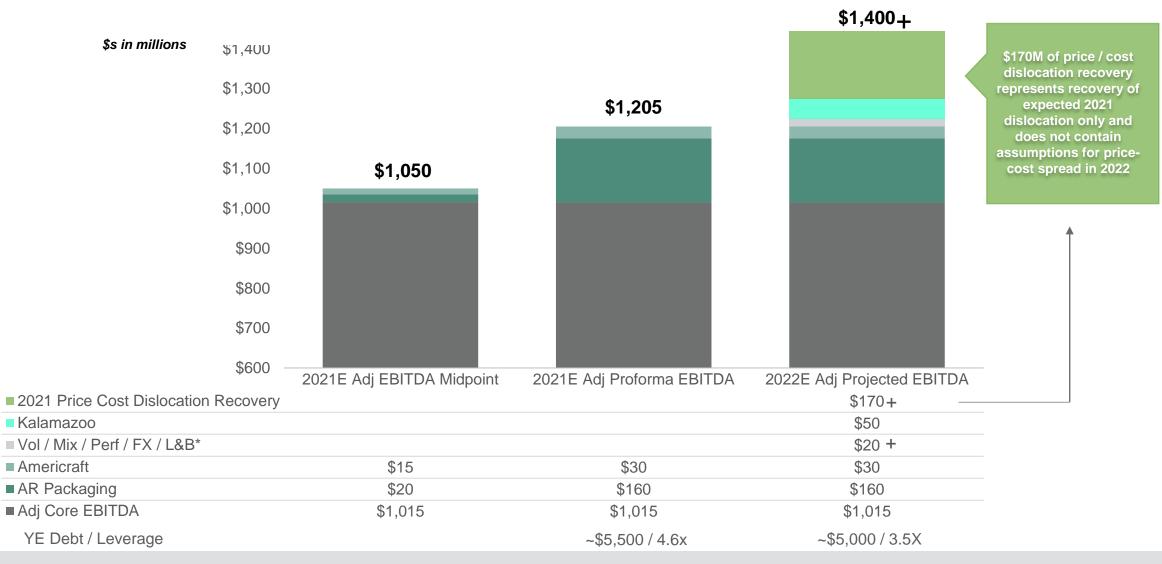
(2) 2019 and 2020 pension expense exclude \$39 million and \$154 million of non-cash pension plan settlement charges, respectively.

(3) 2019 D&A includes \$5 million of accelerated deprecation. 2020 D&A actual and 2021 D&A guidance excludes \$26 million and \$16-\$17 million of accelerated depreciation related to exit activities, respectively.

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



## 2022 EBITDA PROJECTION \$1.4B+ EXPECTED TO GENERATE SIGNIFICANT CASH FLOW, YE LEVERAGE TARGET 3.5X OR LOWER





\* Net impact of volume/mix, synergies, performance, FX and labor & benefits inflation

## **APPENDIX**



## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### **COMMODITY ANNUAL CONSUMPTION**

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

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

