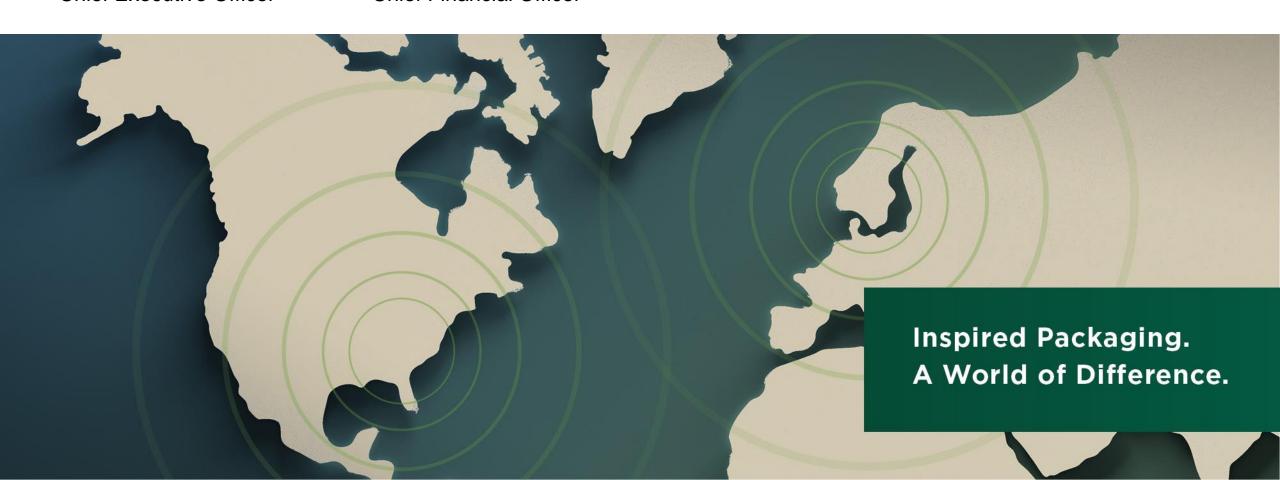
# First Quarter 2022 Earnings Call

**April 26, 2022** 



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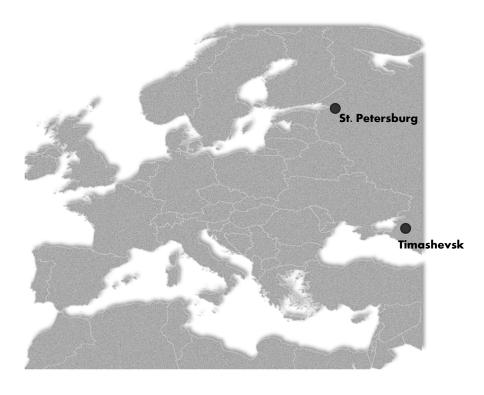
# **Q1 2022 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Adjusted EBITDA \$350 Million, up 46% y/y Driven by \$46 Million of Positive Price-Cost Relationship, \$68 Million in Volume/Mix and \$14 Million in Net Performance
- Adjusted EPS (excluding amortization of purchased intangibles) \$0.48, up 78% y/y
- Net Organic Sales Growth up 3% y/y Driven By Increased Demand for Innovative Fiber-Based Packaging Solutions and Expansion into New Market Segments and Geographies
- Executing Price Actions to Offset Commodity Input Cost Inflation; \$222M in Pricing Actions More than Offset \$176M in Commodity Input Cost Inflation
- Integration of Recently Expanded European Platform Continued; On Track to Deliver \$40 Million of Synergies over Three Years; Substantial Cross-Selling and Geographic Expansion Opportunities Identified and Being Pursued
- New K2 Coated Recycled Paperboard (CRB) Machine in Kalamazoo, Michigan Began Operating and is Meeting Expectations; On Track to Achieve \$50 Million in Incremental EBITDA in '22, \$130 Million In Incremental EBITDA over Three Years; Lowest Cost, Highest Quality CRB Production in North America
- >\$1 Billion in Global Liquidity
- Reiterating '22 Guidance: Significant Step Up in Adjusted EBITDA and Cash Flow from '21, Rapid Deleveraging



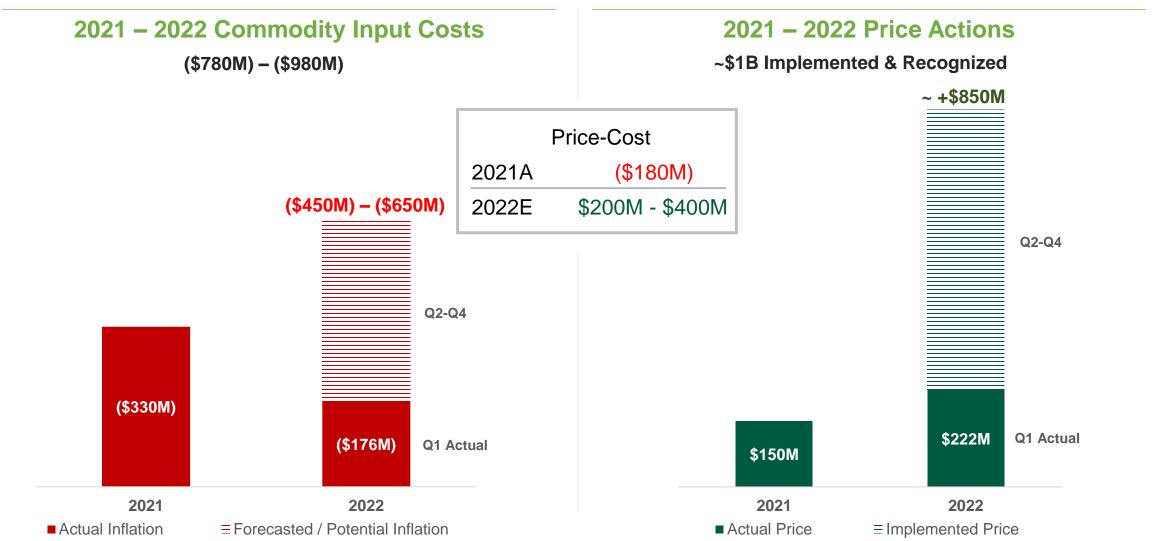
# **RUSSIA BUSINESS UPDATE**

- ~1% of total sales
- <1% of annualized EBITDA</li>
- Two folding carton facilities
- Adhering to all U.S. and EU sanctions
- Operating to meet existing customer contractual commitments where possible
- No new investments or contractual customer relationships
- Actively exploring all options for the business as customer contractual agreements expire





# ~\$1B IN PRICE ACTIONS BEING EXECUTED OVER 2021-2022 TO OFFSET \$780M TO \$980M OF INFLATION OVER SAME TIMEFRAME; PRICE AND INFLATION UP \$150M FROM ORIGINAL GUIDANCE





# INTEGRATION OF RECENTLY EXPANDED EUROPEAN PLATFORM CONTINUES; ON TRACK TO DELIVER \$40M OF SYNERGIES OVER THREE YEARS







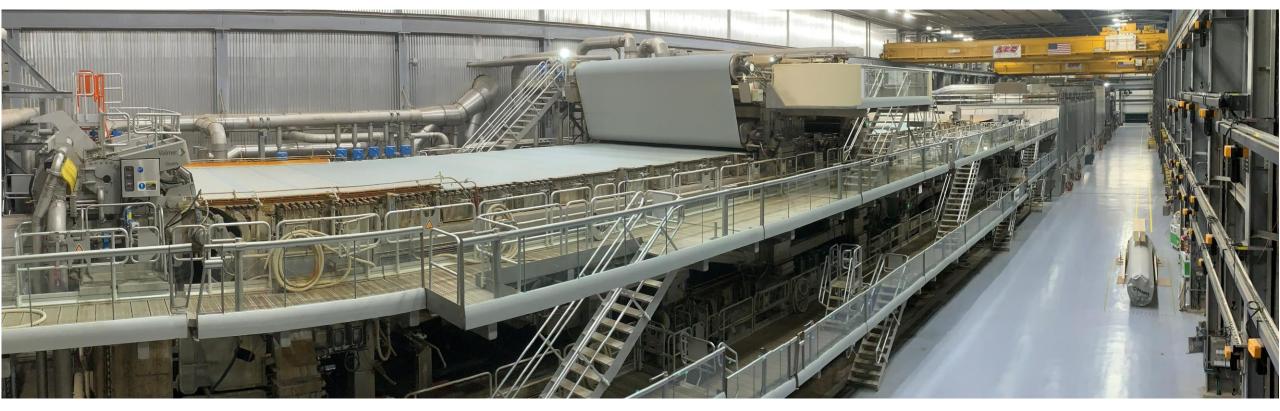
### **Update and Results**

- Leadership team in place
- Sharing and leveraging global innovation efforts
- Newly acquired business met return expectations in Q1

- \$40M of synergies over three years
- Customer and geographic expansion opportunities identified and being pursued



# LOWEST COST, HIGHEST QUALITY CRB PRODUCTION IN NORTH AMERICA; ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE \$50M IN INCREMENTAL EBITDA IN 2022



### **K2** ramp & CRB platform optimization

- Qualifications all on track customer feedback very positive
- Demand remains strong driving extended backlogs
- Integration rates will move higher as more paperboard is integrated
- Fully supports water, energy and GHG intensity reduction goals
- Some Battle Creek employees transitioning to Kalamazoo
- \$50M in incremental EBITDA in 2022
- \$130M in incremental EBITDA over three years



# INNOVATION DRIVING ORGANIC SALES GROWTH GLOBALLY; INCREASED ADOPTION OF SUSTAINBLE PACKAGING SOLUTIONS











### **Global Adoption of Fiber-Based Packaging**

### PaperSeal®

- First commercialized in Europe and Australia,
   PaperSeal now commercial in U.S.
- West coast grocer, New Seasons Market, rolling out PaperSeal to replace plastic clamshells for the grocer's Partner Brand Fresh Pasta

#### ProducePack<sup>™</sup>

- ProducePack commercialized with Michigan apple distributor BelleHarvest in U.S.
- Large grocery retailer launching ProducePack Punnet in U.S. in Q2



# FIRST QUARTER 2022 FINANCIAL RESULTS

(US\$ M)	Q1 2022	Q1 2021	% Chg y/y
Net Sales	\$2,245	\$1,649	+36%
Adj. EBITDA	\$350	\$240	+46%
Adj. EBITDA Margin	15.6%	14.6%	+100bps
Adj. EPS (excl. amort.) <sup>1</sup>	\$0.48	\$0.27	+78%
Global Liquidity	\$1,078	\$1,444	
Integration Rate <sup>2</sup>	73%	71%	+200bps

# Q1: ORGANIC SALES GROWTH, MARGIN EXPANSION & SIGNIFICANT EBITDA IMPROVEMENT

- Net Sales \$2.2B, up 36% y/y
  - Net Organic Sales increased 3% y/y
- Adj. EBITDA \$350M, up 46% y/y
  - Margin expansion driven by favorable volume/mix, an inflection to positive price-cost relationship and net performance improvements
- Adj. EPS (excl. amort.)<sup>1</sup> \$0.48, up 78% y/y
- \$1.1B in Global Liquidity
- Integration rate improved 200bps to 73%

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



<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes amortization of purchased intangibles

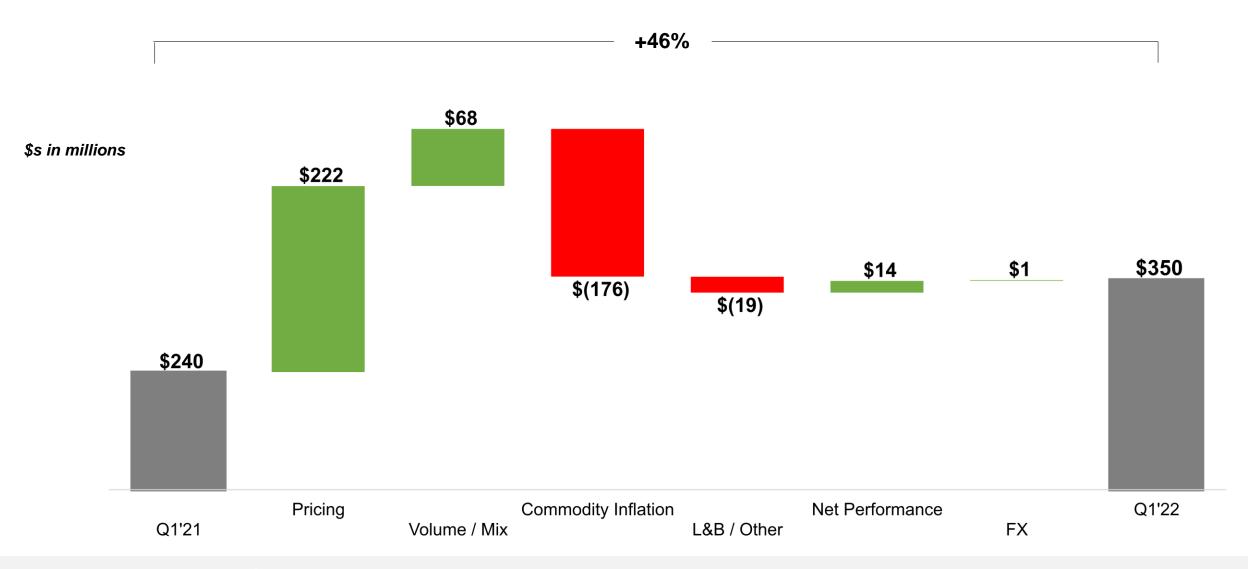
<sup>(2)</sup> Integration rate is defined as paperboard produced and converted in manufacturing facilities we operate

# FIRST QUARTER 2022 NET SALES PERFORMANCE





# FIRST QUARTER 2022 ADJUSTED EBITDA PERFORMANCE





# **Q1 2022 SUMMARY**

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- Q1 net sales \$2,245M, up 36% y/y
  - Food, Beverage & Consumer sales up 37% y/y (up 14% before acquisitions)
  - Foodservice sales up 30% y/y
- Q1 pricing favorable \$222M; offsetting commodity input cost inflation of \$176M
- Q1 net productivity of \$14M driven by cost efficiencies, benefits from capital projects and a non-repeat of a negative weather impact in Q121
- Q1 Adj. EBITDA \$350M, up 46% y/y
- Q1 Adj. EPS (excl. amort.)<sup>1</sup> \$0.48, up 78% y/y

#### **MARKETS & OPERATIONS**

- Q1 net organic sales up 3% y/y
  - Q1 net organic sales growth driven by continued conversions to fiber-based packaging and expansion into new markets segments and geographies
  - AF&PA Q4 industry operating rate
     93% for SBS, 96% for CRB; GPK
     Q1 CUK operating rate 95%+
- Backlogs increased for SBS, CRB and CUK in Q1, all three substrates 10+ weeks

#### CAPITAL ALLOCATION

- Returned \$23M to stockholders in dividends
- Invested \$223M in capital expenditures
- Significant liquidity of \$1.1B; ample balance sheet flexibility
- Q1 pro-forma net leverage ratio of 4.6x<sup>2</sup>



# REITERATING 2022 ADJUSTED EBITDA, CASH FLOW, SALES AND YEAR-END LEVERAGE GUIDANCE

#### Adjusted EBITDA \$1,400M - \$1,600M

#### **EBITDA Components**

Volume/Mix <sup>1</sup>	\$160M - \$180M
Net Performance <sup>2</sup>	\$80M - \$120M
L&B / Other Inflation <sup>3</sup>	(\$90M - \$70M)
FX	(\$40M - \$0M)
Price-Commodity Input Cost Spread	\$200M - \$400M

Sales ~\$9B

### Adjusted Cash Flow \$600M - \$800M

#### **Cash Flow Components**

Adjusted EBITDA	\$1,400M - \$1,600M
Cap Ex	(\$450M)
Cash Interest <sup>4</sup>	(\$180M - \$160M)
Taxes	(\$80M - \$60M)
Working Capital	(\$120M - \$100M)
Pension	(\$20M - \$10M)

#### **Year-End Leverage**

$$\frac{\text{Net Debt}}{\text{Adj EBITDA}} = \frac{\text{~$5B}}{\$1.4B - \$1.6B} = 3.0x - 3.5x$$



<sup>(2)</sup> Includes \$50M from Kalamazoo CRB Project and \$50M of Net Performance at midpoint (3) Other inflation - primarily related to property insurance

<sup>(4)</sup> Expected to be ~\$10M below interest expense

# REITERATING ADJUSTED EPS EXCLUDING AMORTIZATION OF PURCHASED INTANGIBLES GUIDANCE

(\$s in Millions) excl. EPS	Est. 2022 Adjusted EPS (excl. amort)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$1,400 - \$1,600
Depreciation	(480)
Est. Amortization <sup>1</sup>	(15)
Adjusted EBIT	\$905 - \$1,105
Interest Expense	(180)
Adjusted EBT	\$725 - \$925
Taxes	(180 - 230)
Adjusted Net Income	\$545 - \$695
Share Count	307
Adjusted EPS (excl. amort)	\$1.75 - \$2.25

<sup>(1) \$85</sup> million of excluded amortization relates to purchased intangibles. \$15 million of remaining amortization expense relates to pension amortization and amortization related to patents, trademarks, licenses and leases (2) Assumes GPK repurchases annual dilution from incentive grants





# 2022 YEAR-OVER-YEAR OUTAGE IMPACT SCHEDULE AND OTHER GUIDANCE

# Price-Commodity Input Cost Relationship & Net Outage Cost Impacts

**Year-over-Year Change (\$s in Millions)** 

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Price-Cost Spread Impact	<b>1</b> \$46	\$80-\$100	1	1
Net Outage Cost Impact	-	\$10	\$10	(\$20)

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Guidance
Pension Expense <sup>1</sup> (excludes pension amortization)	\$9M	\$6M	\$6M
Depreciation <sup>2</sup>	\$388M	\$403M	\$480M
Amortization (includes pension amortization)	\$67M	\$74M	\$100M
Effective Tax Rate (Normalized)	19%	25%	24 – 26%
Year End Net Leverage Ratio	3.3x	4.6x <sup>3</sup>	3.0 – 3.5x

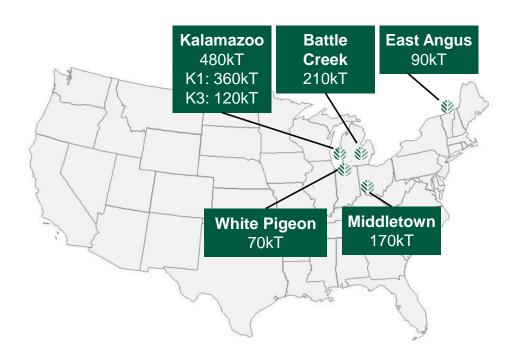


<sup>1) 2020</sup> pension expenses exclude \$154 million of non-cash pension plan settlement charges

Depreciation excludes \$26 million, \$17M million and an estimated \$5 million of accelerated depreciation related to exit activities in 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively.

# CRB PLATFORM OPTIMIZATION PROJECT UPDATED TO SUPPORT INCREMENTAL GPK DEMAND

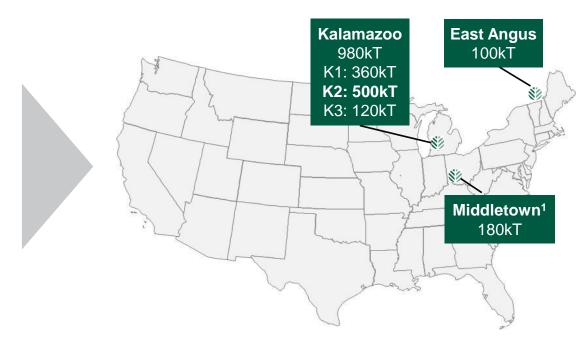
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~1,020kT

Total CRB capacity

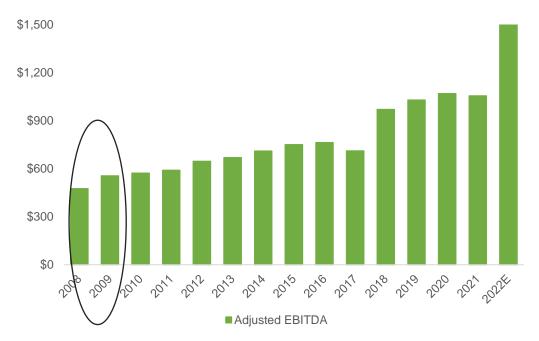
### 2022 Year-end CRB Mill System



~1,260<sub>kT</sub>
Total CRB capacity



### RECESSION RESISTANT MODEL



#### Last Recession - What happened in 2009?

- Core folding carton volume declined 3.6% y/y
- Adj. EBITDA improved \$81M y/y to \$556 million or 14% y/y
  - \$54M increase in Adj. EBITDA y/y driven by positive price/cost relationship, productivity, synergy realization
  - \$27M increase in acquired Adj. EBITDA
- SBS demand down single digits in '09, with recovery in '101

# 2022: DIVERSIFIED REVENUE & CUSTOMER PROFILE; STRONGER FINANCIAL POSITION WITH SIGNIFICANT CASH FLOW GENERATION

- End Market Diversification
  - Food & Beverage 56%; Consumer 20%, Foodservice (QSR)
     20%, Health & Beauty 4%
  - No customer >5% of sales
- Customer Concentration Significantly Reduced
  - Top 10 Customers 30% vs historical avg ~45%
  - Mix of National and Store Brands
- 2008: Net Leverage Ratio 7x
  - \$413M in Adjusted EBITDA
  - Annual Interest Expense \$215M
  - Negative Adj Cash Flow
  - Available Liquidity \$390M
- 2022E: Net Leverage Ratio 3x 3.5x
  - \$1,400 \$1,600 in Adjusted EBITDA
  - Annual Interest Expense \$180M
  - o \$600 \$800M Positive Adj Cash Flow
  - Available Liquidity >\$1B

