

# FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2022 FINANCIAL RESULTS

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#### 2022 HIGHLIGHTS / TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **2022 Highlights**

Increased Net Sales to \$9.4B, up 32% y/y

- Drove 3% Net Organic Sales Growth y/y (3-year CAGR of 3%)
- Improved Pricing \$1.1B to Offset Commodity Input Cost Inflation

Increased EBITDA to \$1.6B, up 52% y/y

EBITDA Margins Expanded to 16.9%, up 210bps y/y

Profitably Ramped Production of New Coated Recycled Paperboard (CRB) Machine Returning First \$47M of Total \$130M EBITDA Improvement Expected

Successfully Integrated AR Packaging Acquisition, \$40M in Synergies On Track

Reduced Net Debt by \$526M to \$5.1B, Net Leverage Decreased to 3.2x at Year-End

Expanded Total Addressable Market to \$12.5B from Initial \$5B, Packaging Innovation Driving Sustained Organic Sales Growth

#### **Announcements**

Investing to Strengthen Leadership in Fiber-Based Consumer Packaging

• New CRB mill will support growing demand and extend position as the lowest-cost, highest-quality paperboard producer in North America. Investment of ~\$1 billion over 3 years will be internally funded with operating cash flow

Expect Sales, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS Growth in 2023; Further Reduction of Net Leverage to ~2.5x by Year-End



#### SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING VISION 2025 MILESTONES







3-YEAR 41% GPK TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN OUTPERFORMED 25% RETURN OF S&P 500 BY 1,600bps<sup>2</sup>

# RUNNING A DIFFERENT RACE: STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP IN FIBER-BASED CONSUMER PACKAGING

#### NEW COATED RECYCLED PAPERBOARD MILL INVESTMENT

- Meets growing demand driven by consumer preferences
- Expands unmatched quality and cost advantage
- Optimizes paperboard network capacity and flexibility
- Enhances circularity, reliability and environmental footprint
- Drives significant EBITDA improvement, internally funded with operating cash flow



# CONSUMER PREFERENCES DRIVING DEMAND FOR PACKAGING WITH RECYCLED MATERIALS

#### THE END USE CONSUMER HAS SPOKEN

#### 70% identify as environmentally aware

An increase of 3% compared to 2021

# 77% willing to spend more for products in sustainable packaging

Including 86% of younger consumers (age 18-44)

89% do not consider plastic packaging to be eco-friendly

# Packaging made from recycled materials is the most appealing sustainability claim

According to consumers when comparing sustainability claim appeal among food and beverage products

#### **CUSTOMERS ARE RESPONDING**



In line with consumer trends and preferences



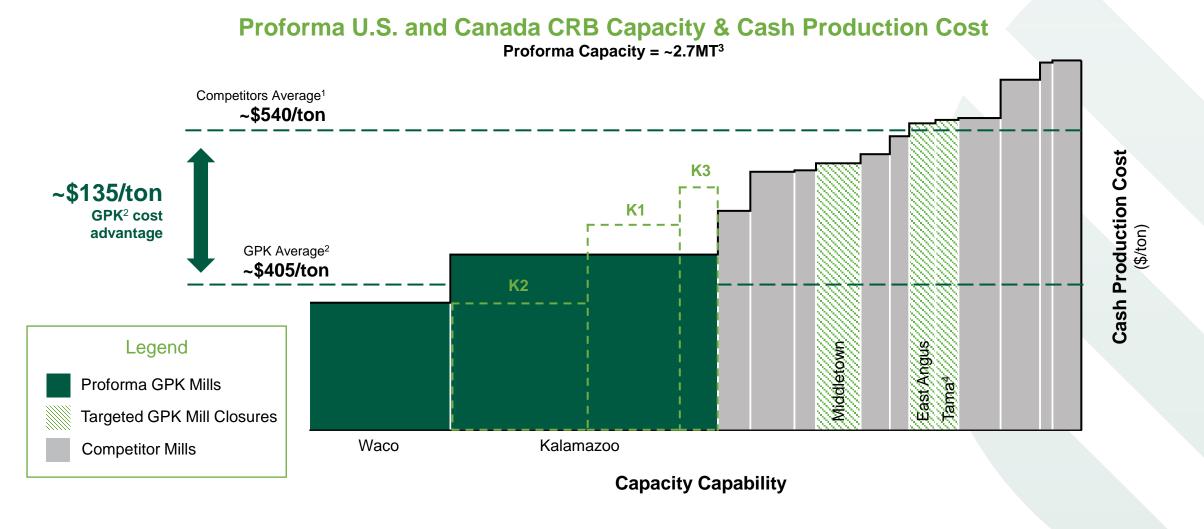
Advances consumer packaging recyclability goals



Supports sustainability commitments and move to a circular economy



#### WACO INVESTMENT EXPANDS UNMATCHED PRODUCTION COST ADVANTAGE IN CRB





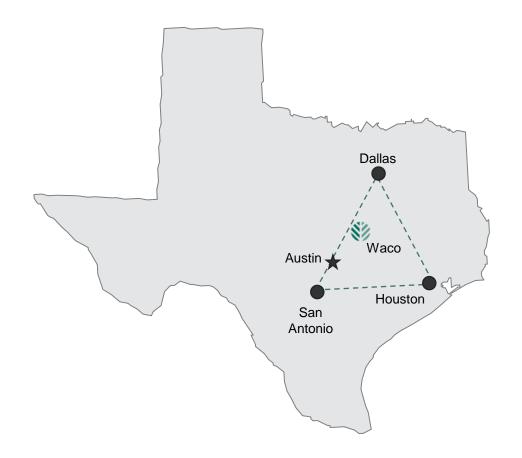
<sup>1.</sup> Source: FisherSolve Q3 2022

<sup>2.</sup> GPK Management estimates excluding Middletown, East Angus and Tama

<sup>3.</sup> Excludes light green shaded bars totaling 360K tons targeted for closure

<sup>4.</sup> Tama mill acquired 1-31-2023

# CONSTRUCTING NEW CRB MILL IN WACO, TEXAS WITH START UP EXPECTED IN Q1 2026



#### **LOCATION BENEFITS**

- 80% of Texas population within 200 miles
- One of the fastest growing economic centers in the U.S.
- Strong, existing secondary fiber basket
- Advantaged rail and roadway logistics
- Established water, wastewater and energy infrastructure with long-term viability
- Robust talent pipeline for both hourly and salary personnel
- Strong community and city management support

#### **TIMING**

- Leveraging internal and external partner learnings from K2 machine construction and start up
- Construction commencing Q1 2023
- Machine commissioning Q4 2025
- Start up expected Q1 2026



# NETWORK OPTIMIZATION SIMPLIFIES AND STRATEGICALLY EXPANDS CAPACITY, WHILE LOWERING COST

#### **CURRENT NORTH AMERICA MILL NETWORK**



**Total Paperboard Capacity** 

#### OPTIMIZED NORTH AMERICA MILL NETWORK



**Total Paperboard Capacity** 

LOWEST-COST, HIGHEST-QUALITY PAPERBOARD PRODUCER IN NORTH AMERICA FOCUSED ON CONSUMER PACKAGING

Recycled

Virgin

# INVESTING TO ENHANCE CIRCULARITY, RELIABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

#### **INCREASING SYSTEM CIRCULARITY**

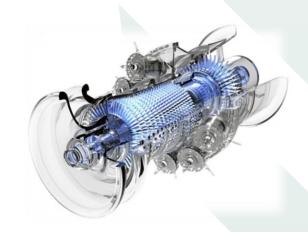
- Enhanced drum pulper investment to clean and separate recycled materials
- Capability to recycle 100% of internally generated secondary fiber (incremental ~200K tons)
- Increases paper cup recycling capacity (~15M cups per day)
- Investing with customers and recycling partners to develop paper cup recycling programs

#### IMPROVING CARBON FOOTPRINT AND RELIABILITY<sup>1</sup>

- Estimated 24% reduction in green house gas (GHG) emissions intensity, 12% reduction in absolute GHG
- Gas turbine investment to provide reliable and high efficiency electricity and steam



**DRUM PULPER** 



**GAS TURBINE** 



### SIGNIFICANT EBITDA IMPROVEMENT, INTERNALLY FUNDED FROM OPERATING CASH FLOW

#### MILL INVESTMENT OF ~\$1B

- 3-year investment (2023–2025)
- Internally funded from operating cash flow
- Return on cash ~12%<sup>1</sup>
- ROIC ~11%²

#### EXPECT ~\$160M INCREMENTAL, ANNUAL EBITDA AT FULL RUN RATE

- Expect to achieve ~\$80M improvement in 2026 and an incremental ~\$80M improvement in 2027
- EBITDA improvement driven by cost reduction and optimized mill capacity

#### **Cost Reduction**

- Fixed cost reductions (mill closures)
- Reduced variable input consumption
   Energy, Chemicals, Fiber, Coatings,
   Water, Freight

~\$100M

#### **Optimized Mill Capacity**

- Organic sales growth (100 200 bps)
- Substrate optimization

~\$60M

Internalization of external board purchase



#### **Q4 AND FULL YEAR 2022 FINANCIAL RESULTS**

(\$M excl EPS)	Q4 22	Q4 21	2022	2021	Chg % y/y
Net Sales	\$2,386	\$1,988	\$9,440	\$7,156	32%
Adj. EBITDA	\$413	\$285	\$1,600	\$1,056	52%
Adj. EBITDA Margin	17.3%	14.3%	16.9%	14.8%	+210bps
Adj. EPS (excl. amort.) <sup>1</sup>	\$0.59	\$0.36	\$2.33	\$1.31	78%
Global Liquidity			\$1,538	\$1,288	+\$250
Paperboard Integration Rate <sup>2</sup>			73%	72%	+100bps

2022 Net Sales \$9.4B, up 32% y/y; Q4 \$2.4B, up 20% y/y

 Net Organic Sales increased 3% y/y for the full year; increased 1% in Q4

2022 Adj. EBITDA \$1.6B, up 52% y/y; Q4 \$413M, up 45% y/y

 Margin expansion driven by profitable organic sales growth, positive pricecost relationship, acquisitions and performance improvements

2022 Adj EPS \$2.33, up 78% y/y; Q4 \$0.59 up 64% y/y



<sup>1.</sup> Excludes amortization of purchased intangibles

### 2022 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE, MARKETS & OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL ALLOCATION

# Financial Performance

- Net sales \$9.4B, up 32% y/y
  - Food, Beverage & Consumer sales up 37% y/y (up 16% before acquisitions)
  - Foodservice sales up 25% y/y
- Pricing favorable \$1.1B, offsetting commodity input cost of \$0.6B
- Net productivity of \$43M offset by incentive accruals and December winter storm impact
- Adj EBITDA \$1.6B, up 52% y/y
- Adj EBITDA margin 16.9%, up 210bps y/y
- Adj EPS \$2.33, up 78% y/y

# Markets & Operations

- Net organic sales up 3% y/y, up 1% in Q4
  - Net organic sales growth driven by continued conversions to fiberbased consumer packaging and expansion into new market segments and geographies
- Consumer packaging represents 86%¹ of net sales
- AF&PA industry operating rate 91% for SBS, 95% for CRB; GPK CUK operating rate 95%+
- Company backlogs of 7-8 weeks for SBS, CRB and CUK

# Capital Allocation

- Reduced net debt by \$526M to \$5.1B
  - Net leverage decreased to 3.2x from 4.6x proforma at the end of 2021
- Quarterly dividend raised to \$0.10/share
- Invested \$549M in capital projects to support organic growth, lower costs and expand margins
- Stable liquidity, greater than \$1.5B



# **2023 ANNUAL GUIDANCE**

Sales	~\$10B
Adjusted EBITDA	\$1.7B - \$1.9B
Adjusted Cash Flow	\$600M - \$800M
Year-End Net Leverage	~2.5x
Adjusted EPS <sup>1</sup>	\$2.50 - \$2.90

### ON TRACK TO MEET VISION 2025 FINANCIAL GOALS<sup>1</sup>

# Path to higher returns

	2019 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Guidance	Vision 2025
Sales	\$6.2B	\$9.4B	~\$10B	\$10B – \$12B
Adjusted EBITDA (\$M)	\$1,030	\$1,600	\$1,700 - \$1,900	\$2,000 - \$2,400
Adjusted EBITDA Margins	16.7%	16.9%	17 - 19%	~20%
Adjusted EPS <sup>2</sup>	\$1.03	\$2.33	\$2.50 - \$2.90	\$3.25+
CapEx (as a % of sales)	6%	6%	7 - 8%	7 - 8%³
ROIC	8%	9%	10 - 11%	10% - 12%
Paperboard Integration Rate	68%	73%	75 - 80%	90%+
Credit Rating		BB+/Ba1		Investment Grade



<sup>1.</sup> Certain goals were raised in February 2022

<sup>2.</sup> Excludes amortization related to purchased intangibles

Increased to support strategic capital investments

# REDEFINING INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP....RUNNING A DIFFERENT RACE

#### PURE-PLAY, GLOBAL, FIBER-BASED CONSUMER PACKAGING LEADER

**Executing differentiated, strategic, capital investments** to operate the lowest-cost, highest-quality, multi-substrate paperboard production network in North America and a global consumer packaging converting network that delivers competitive advantage and supports organic growth

**Enhancing long-term partnerships with customers** based on breadth of service offering, globally scaled operations, innovative solutions and assurance of supply

**Expanding expertise and innovation capabilities** across a portfolio of consumer end markets to deliver 100-200bps of sustained net organic sales growth annually through innovative, recyclable, circular packaging solutions preferred by the consumer





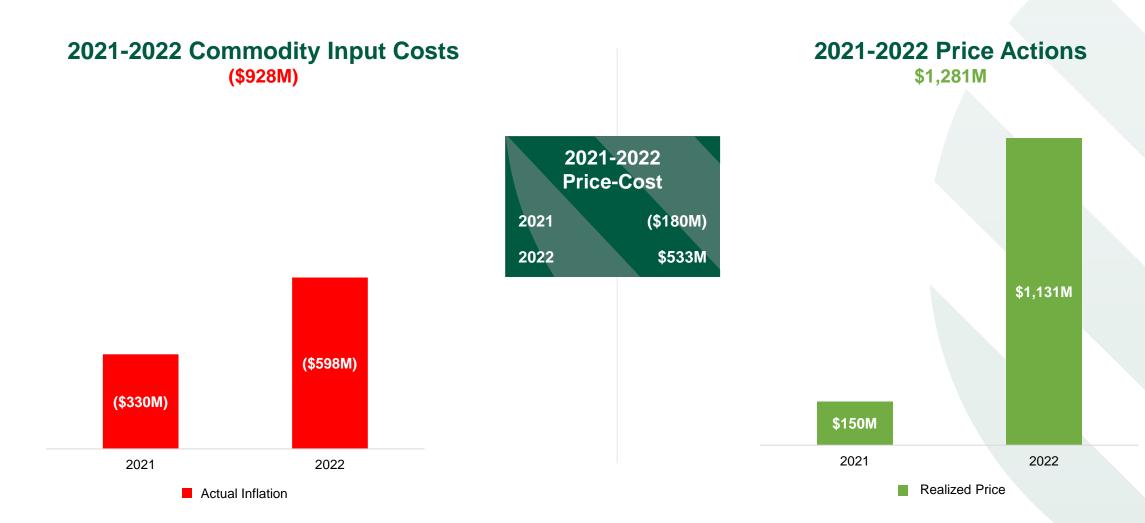


# **2023 ANNUAL GUIDANCE SUPPORT**

EBITDA SUPPORT	
Organic Sales Growth	100 - 200bps
Price-Commodity Input Cost Relationship Price \$400M-\$500M, Commodity Input Cost (\$100-\$400M)	\$100M - \$300M
Net Performance Includes Kalamazoo	\$100M - \$140M
Labor, Benefits, Other Inflation, FX	(\$100M - \$120M)
CASH FLOW SUPPORT	
Capital Spending	7 – 8% of sales
Working Capital, Interest, Taxes, Pension	\$300M - \$400M



### 2021-2022 PRICE-COMMODITY INPUT COST RELATIONSHIP

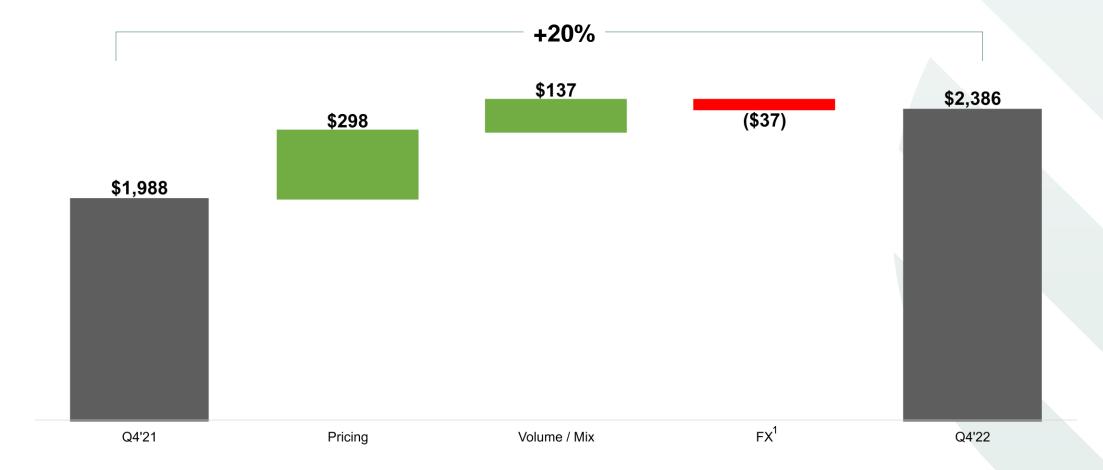




### **FOURTH QUARTER 2022 NET SALES PERFORMANCE**

exchange rates to present a constant currency comparison to prior periods

(\$ in millions)

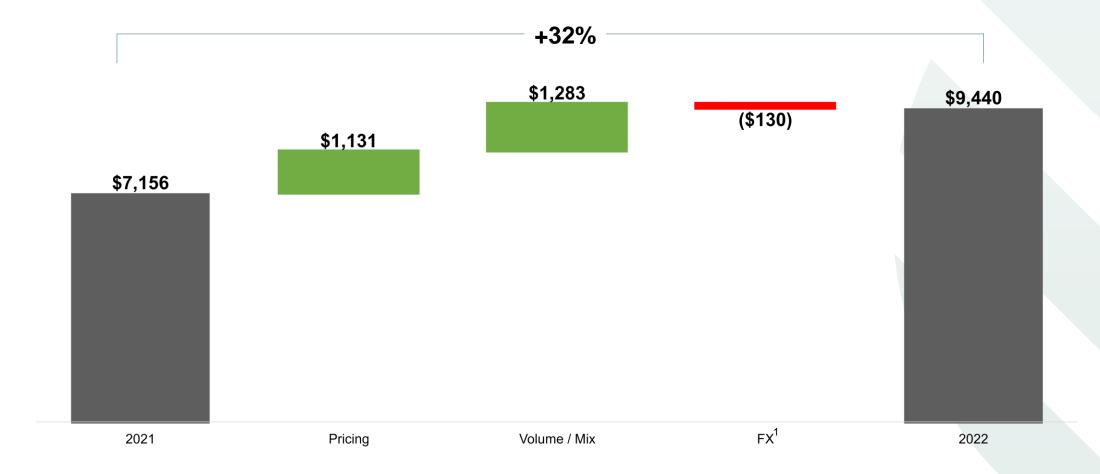


1. The impact of Foreign Exchange is measured as the increase or decrease in sales for the current period by applying prior period foreign currency



### **FULL YEAR 2022 NET SALES PERFORMANCE**

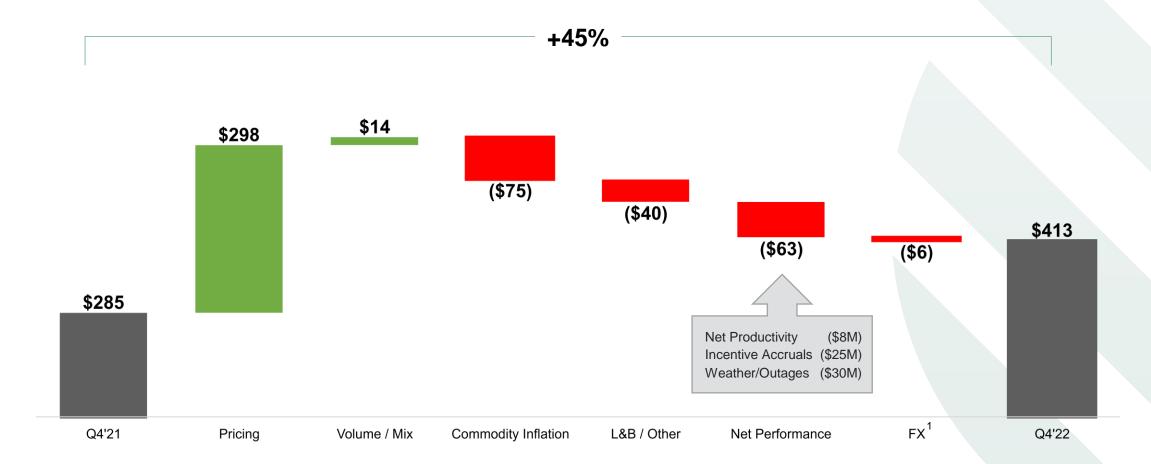
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### **FOURTH QUARTER 2022 ADJUSTED EBITDA PERFORMANCE**

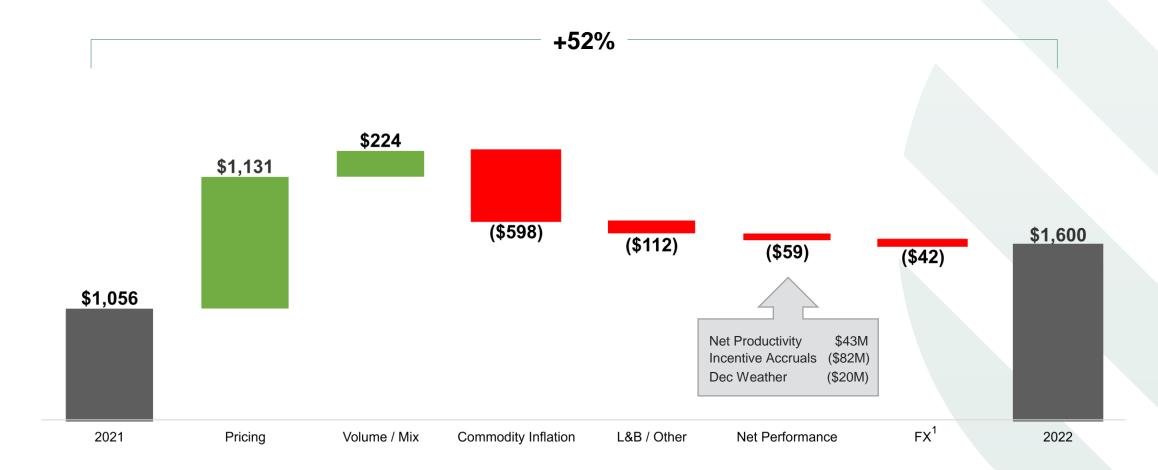
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### **FULL YEAR 2022 ADJUSTED EBITDA PERFORMANCE**

(\$ in millions)





#### 2023 YEAR-OVER-YEAR OUTAGE IMPACT SCHEDULE AND OTHER GUIDANCE

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

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

	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E
Price-Cost Relationship	\$75-\$100	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>
Net Outage Cost Impact	(\$5)	(\$25)	\$0	\$30

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Guidance
Pension Expense (excludes pension amortization)	\$6M	\$5M	\$10M
Depreciation <sup>1</sup>	\$403M	\$456M	\$475M
Amortization <sup>2</sup>	\$9M	\$6M	\$9M
Effective Tax Rate (Normalized)	25%	23%	22-24%
Year End Net Leverage Ratio	4.6x <sup>3</sup>	3.2x	~2.5x



<sup>1.</sup> Depreciation excludes \$17M million and \$7 million of accelerated depreciation related to exit activities in 2021 and 2022, respectively

<sup>2.</sup> Excludes amortization related to purchased intangibles

<sup>3.</sup> Pro-forma Net Leverage Ratio = Total Net Debt/Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA. Includes 2021 Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA of \$1,207M

# **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

# **Commodity Annual Consumption**

Categories	Units
Wood (Million tons)	10
Recycled Fiber (Million tons)	1.4
Natural Gas (MMBTU)	27
Caustic Soda (000, tons)	79
Starch (Million lbs.)	143
TiO2 (Million lbs.)	25
Polyethylene (Million lbs.)	90

# 2022 Sales By Currency

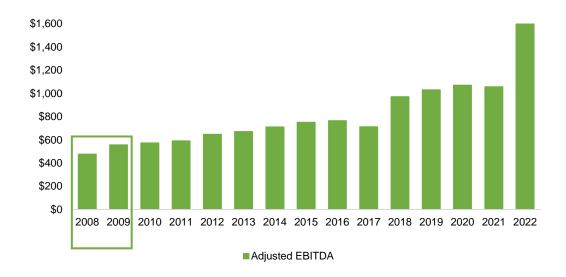
Currency	% of Sales
USD	71
EUR	10
GPB	5
CAD	2
MXN	2
PLN	2
SEK	2
Other	6



#### 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 '10<sup>1</sup>



#### 2022: Diversified Revenue & Customer Profile; Significantly Stronger Financial Position With Material Cash Flow Generation / Debt Paydown

- End Market Diversification
  - Food & Beverage 56%; Consumer 20%, Foodservice (QSR) 20%,
     Health & Beauty 4%
- Customer Concentration Significantly Reduced
  - No customer >5% of sales
  - Top 10 Customers 30% vs historical avg ~45%
  - Mix of National and Store Brands
- 2008: Net Leverage Ratio 7x
  - \$413M Adjusted EBITDA
  - Annual Interest Expense \$215M
  - Negative Adj Cash Flow
  - Available Liquidity \$390M
- 2022: Net Leverage Ratio 3.2x
  - \$1,600M Adjusted EBITDA
  - Annual Interest Expense \$197M
  - \$700M Positive Adj Cash Flow
  - Available Liquidity >\$1.5B



# **NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS**

Three Months Ended		Tw	welve Months Ended				
	Decembe	er 31,			Decemb	er 31,	
202	2022		2021		2022		21
\$	156	\$	39	\$	522	\$	204
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	60		10		194		74
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	54		35		197		123
	138		134		556		494
	408		218		1,469		906
	5		67		131		150
\$	413	\$	285	\$	1,600	\$	1,056
17.	3 %	14.	3 %	16.	9 %	14	1.8 %
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\$	181	\$	111	\$	722	\$	390
\$	0.59	\$	0.36	\$	2.34	\$	1.31
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# **NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS**

	Twelve Months Ended						
	Decembe	r 31,	Decembe	r 31,	Decembe	r 31,	
In millions	2022	2022 2021		2020			
Net Income	\$	522	\$	204	\$	167	
Add (Subtract):							
Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest		_		12		36	
Income Tax Expense		194		74		42	
Equity Income of Unconsolidated Entity		_		(1)		(1)	
Interest Expense, Net		197		123		129	
Depreciation and Amortization		556		494		481	
EBITDA		1,469		906		854	
Charges Associated with Business Combinations and Shutdown, Other Special							
Charges and Exit Activities		131		150		62	
Pension Plan Settlement Charge		_		_		154	
Adjusted EBITDA		1,600		1,056		1,070	

	December 31,		Decembe	er 31,	Decembe	er 31,
Calculation of Net Debt:	2022	2	2021	2021		)
Short-Term Debt and Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	\$	53	\$	279	\$	497
Long-Term Debt <sup>(a)</sup>		5,230		5,552		3,169
Less:						
Cash and Cash Equivalents		(150)		(172)		(179)
Total Net Debt	\$	5,133	\$	5,659	\$	3,487
Net Leverage Ratio (Total Net Debt/Adjusted EBITDA)		3.21		5.36		3.26



# **NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS**

	Twe	elve Mont Decemb		ded 
In millions		22	2021	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$	1,090	\$	609
Net Cash Receipts from Receivables Sold included in Investing Activities		119		119
Cash Payments Associated with Business Combinations, Shutdown and Other Special Charges and Exit Activities		40		155
Adjusted Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$	1,249	\$	883
Capital Spending		(549)		(802)
Adjusted Cash Flow	\$_	700	\$	81

Calculation of Net Organic Sales Growth:	Three Months Ended December 31,			Twelve Months Ended December 31,				
In millions	2022		202	21	2022		2021	
Net Sales	\$	2,386		1,988	\$	9,440	\$	7,156
Open Market Paperboard Sales (Paperboard Mills Segment)		(357)		(275)		(1,290)		(1,007)
Impact of Purchased Sales from Acquisitions (a)		_		87		_		928
Impact of Pricing (b)		(251)				(977)		_
Impact of Foreign Exchange (c)		37		_		129		_
Net Organic Sales	\$	1,815	\$	1,800	\$	7,302	\$	7,077
Net Organic Sales Growth		0.8 %				3.2 %		



a. Purchased Sales from Acquisitions represents the prior year sales from acquired companies adjusted for current year currency impact

b. Represents pricing from converting sales, including price recovery from acquisitions.

