# **Second Quarter 2023 Financial Results**

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#### SECOND QUARTER BUSINESS UPDATE AND OUTLOOK

- Actively managing supply to meet demand, addressing short-term customer and retailer inventory destocking; expect positive organic sales growth in Q4
- Investing to capitalize on consumer preference for renewable and recyclable fiber-based packaging; Kalamazoo K2 continues to meet expectations, generating incremental EBITDA of \$60M YTD of the \$80M expected during the year; Waco CRB investment on track
- Announcing definitive agreement to acquire Bell Incorporated, a well-capitalized U.S. packaging converter
- Board of Directors approved \$500 million increase to share repurchase authorization, \$590 million total authorization available
- Reiterating full year 2023 guidance; clear path to meet or exceed Vision 2025 financial goals
- Confidence in continued 100 to 200 basis points of net organic sales growth annually; innovation and consumer trends resonating with leading brands and manufacturers



#### SECOND QUARTER AND FIRST HALF 2023 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

SALES (\$M)
\$2,392
+1%
Year/Year

ADJ EBITDA (\$M) \$453 +14% Year/Year ADJ EPS \$0.66 +10% Year/Year

H1′23

Q2′23

SALES (\$M) \$4,830 +5% Year/Year ADJ EBITDA \$937
+26%
Year/Year

ADJ EPS \$1.42 +31% Year/Year

#### DELIVERING PACKAGING SOLUTIONS PREFERRED BY CONSUMERS

Strategic initiatives driving category expansion, sustained organic growth opportunities and market share

CONSUMERS DEMAND RECYCLED PACKAGING OPTIONS
SOLUTION: HIGHEST QUALITY PACESETTER RAINIER<sup>TM</sup> CRB

CONSUMERS DEMAND CONVENIENT, SUSTAINABLE OPTIONS

SOLUTION: COLD&GO<sup>TM</sup> POTENTIAL BEVERAGE PROGRAM REPLACEMENT





Source: www.chick-fil-a.com/cup



#### PAPERBOARD PLATFORM OPTIMIZATION UPDATES

Extending packaging leadership in North America; industry-leading cost base, superior paperboard quality offering

#### **CURRENT MILL NETWORK**





**Total Paperboard Capacity** 

#### **WACO CRB UPDATE**

- Project progressing and on track
- Key mill management roles filled
- 85% of equipment ordered
- Finished goods warehouse foundation and floor pads completed
- Concrete being poured for recycled fiber warehouse floor



#### **BELL INCORPORATED ACQUISITION ANNOUNCED**

Strategically expanding packaging network, customers and categories served in North America; driving integration rates up

#### **FINANCIALS**

~\$200M

Acquired EBITDA ~\$30M

Acquisition Cost \$262.5M

Estimated Synergies ~\$10M

Post-synergy multiple 6.5x

Paperboard Tons 95K

Expected close in 4Q 2023

#### **COMPANY AND CUSTOMER OVERVIEW**



- Three well-capitalized packaging facilities: Sioux Falls, South Dakota (2) and Groveport, Ohio (1)
- Packaging for food, food service, consumer products and mailing
- New market category for CRB paperboard mailers



### CONFIDENCE IN CONTINUED ABILITY TO DRIVE 100 TO 200 BASIS POINTS OF NET ORGANIC SALES GROWTH

#### **DRIVERS**

- Consumer preference for plastic packaging alternatives
- Expanding market and category participation
- Focus on plastic substitution and greater composition of recycled paperboard in packaging
- Successful commercial execution of key innovation projects

#### **NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT**

#### IN THE MARKET TODAY













Cold&Go™

Multipacks Non-Beverage

Boardio® Expansion

Bakery & Confectionary Travs

PaperSeal™ Pressed

Next Gen Clip Technology

#### SHORT-TERM DEVELOPMENT WINDOW



Market Cold&Go



Fiber Lids



ProducePack™ Trays



Retail Cups



Clips for PET Bottles



PaperSeal™ Shape

#### INTERMEDIATE-TERM DEVELOPMENT WINDOW



Yogurt Cups



PaperSeal™ Reseal



Plastic-Free Grease Barrier Cartons



Next Gen Cap-It™



Plastic-Free Pressed Bowls and Trays



Dual Purpose Cup (Hot and Cold)



#### **SECOND QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2023 RESULTS**

(\$M excl EPS)	Q2′23	Q2′22	Change y/y	H1′23	H1′22	Change y/y
Net Sales	\$2,392	\$2,358	1%	\$4,830	\$4,603	5%
Adj. EBITDA	\$453	\$396	14%	\$937	\$746	26%
Adj. EBITDA Margin	18.9%	16.8%	+210bps	19.4%	16.2%	+320bps
Adj. EPS	\$0.66	\$0.60	10%	\$1.42	\$1.08	31%
Global Liquidity	\$1,259	\$1,194	5%			
Paperboard Integration Rate <sup>1</sup>	79%	74%	+500bps			

#### Diversified Portfolio Balancing Results

- Food, Beverage & Consumer sales flat y/y
- Foodservice sales +10% y/y

#### **Business Environment**

- Managing supply to meet demand
- Q2'23 net organic sales, -4% y/y
- YTD H1'23 net organic sales, -2% y/y
- Expected 4-year net organic sales CAGR of 2% (2019-2023)
- Backlogs 4 weeks
- Operating rates consistent at ~95%<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> Integration rate is defined as paperboard produced and converted in manufacturing facilities we operate
2. Combined company operating rate adjusted for unplanned downtime during the quarter
Note - Adjusted figures and global liquidity represent Non-GAAP Financial Measures. Please refer to earnings press release for reconciliations to GAAP measures

#### **FULL YEAR 2023 GUIDANCE REITERATED**

	2023 Guidance
Sales	~\$10B
Adjusted EBITDA (\$M)	\$1,800 - \$2,000
Adjusted Cash Flow (\$M)	\$600 - \$800
Year-End Net Leverage	<u>&lt;</u> 2.5x
Adjusted EPS	\$2.70 - \$3.10



## BALANCED APPROACH TO CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOCUSED ON GROWTH AND CAPITAL RETURN

#### Growth

#### Return to shareholders



### **Leverage** Reduction

Target net leverage <2.5x at year-end 2023<sup>1</sup>



#### Strategic M&A

Bell Incorporated acquisition





#### <u>Capital</u> <u>Investments</u>

- Waco CRB Mill investment
- Innovation in consumer preferred, fiber-based packaging



#### Share Repurchases

- New \$500M share repurchase authorization
- \$590M total authorization available



#### **Dividend**

\$0.10 dividend paid quarterly







#### **SECOND QUARTER 2023 NET SALES PERFORMANCE**

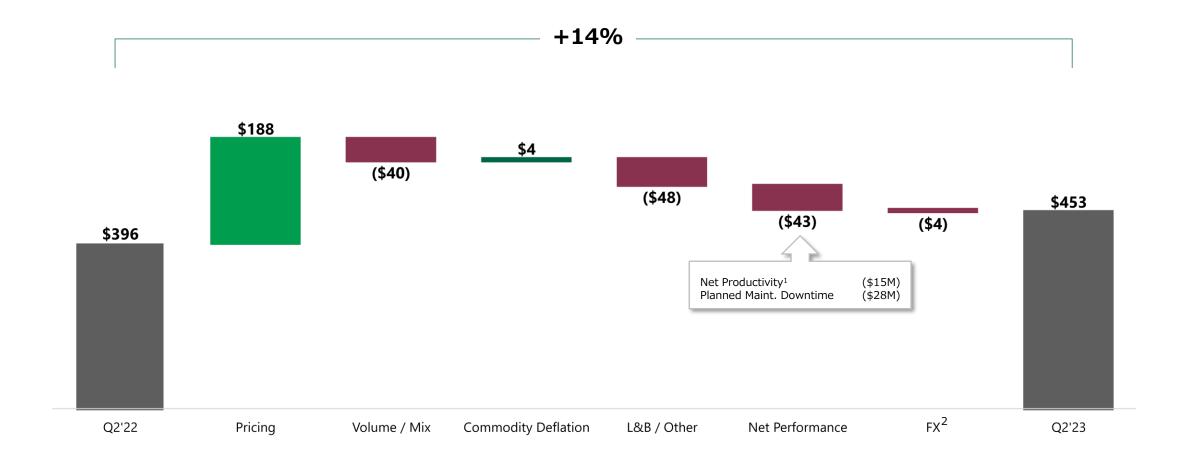
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#### **SECOND QUARTER 2023 ADJUSTED EBITDA PERFORMANCE**

(\$M)





Includes impact of managing supply to meet demand, partially offset by Kalamazoo K2 returns
 The impact of Foreign Exchange is measured as the increase or decrease in results for the current period by applying prior period foreign currency exchange rates to present a constant currency comparison to prior periods

#### RUNNING A DIFFERENT RACE – COMPELLING INVESTMENT CASE

**LEADING** integrated global fiber-based consumer packaging company

**ADVANCED** innovation capabilities, diversified market segments, and sustainable packaging offerings provide runway for organic growth

**COMPETITIVELY** advantaged with lowest-cost operations, highest-quality fiber-based packaging solutions at scale

**VERTICALLY** integrated and scaled model drives operating efficiencies, optimization and responsive customer service

**POWERFUL** cash flow engine supports continued investment for expansion and sustainably-achieved, profitable growth

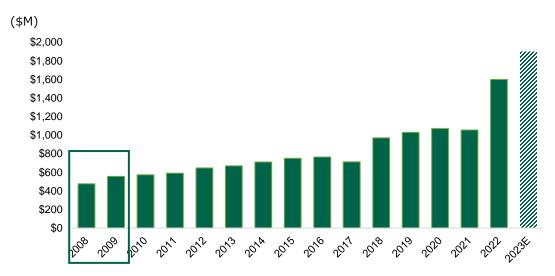
**PROVEN** track record of strategic and balanced capital allocation to strengthen business and deliver returns for stakeholders



#### 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



# 2023: Business Scale, Diversified Revenue & Customer Profile; Significantly Stronger Financial Position With Material Cash Flow Generation / Solid Balance Sheet

- 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
- 2023<sup>2</sup>: Expected Year-end Net Leverage Ratio <2.5x
  - \$1,900M estimated Adjusted EBITDA at midpoint of guidance
  - ~\$230M of expected annual interest expense
  - \$700M positive Adj Cash Flow at midpoint of guidance
  - >\$1.5B in projected liquidity



#### 2023 FULL YEAR EBITDA AND CASH FLOW SUPPORT

EBITDA SUPPORT	
Organic Sales Growth	(2%) - 0%
Price-Commodity Input Cost Relationship Price \$500M - \$600M, Commodity Input Cost (\$0 - \$100M)	\$450M - \$550M
Net Performance Kalamazoo returns offset by actively managing supply to meet demand	(\$50M) - \$50M
Labor, Benefits, Other Inflation, FX	(\$170M - \$130M)
CASH FLOW SUPPORT	
Capital Spending	~8% of sales



(~\$400M)

Working Capital, Interest, Taxes, Pension

#### 2023 YEAR-OVER-YEAR PRICE - COST, NET MAINTENANCE OUTAGE AND OTHER **GUIDANCE SUPPORT**

#### **Price - Commodity Input Cost Relationship**

(\$M)	Q1A	Q2A	Q3E	Q4E	2023
Price-Cost Relationship	\$182	\$192	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	\$450 - \$550

#### **Net Maintenance Outage Costs**

(\$M)	Q1A	Q2A	Q3E	Q4E	2023
Net Maintenance Outage <sup>1</sup>	(\$31)	(\$28)	\$0	\$30	~(\$30)

(\$M)	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Guidance
Pension Expense (excludes pension amortization)	\$6	\$5	\$8
Depreciation <sup>2</sup>	\$403	\$456	\$465
Amortization <sup>3</sup>	\$9	\$6	\$10
Effective Tax Rate (Normalized)	25%	23%	23 - 25%
Year End Net Leverage Ratio	4.6x <sup>4</sup>	3.2x	<u>&lt;</u> 2.5x



Note: Excludes pending acquisition of Bell Incorporated
1. Includes resolved power issue at West Monroe Mill of (\$26M) in Q1

Depreciation excludes \$17 million, \$7 million, and an estimated \$37 million of accelerated depreciation related to exit activities in 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively

Excludes amortization related to purchased intangibles

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)	26
Caustic Soda (000, tons)	79
Starch (Million lbs.)	143
TiO2 (Million lbs.)	25
Polyethylene (Million lbs.)	83

#### **2022 Sales By Currency**

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



## EXECUTING GROWTH INITIATIVES AND DELIVERING ON OUR VISION; POSITIONING BUSINESS IN 2026 AND BEYOND TO ACHIEVE SIGNIFICANT ANNUAL CASH FLOW AND MARGIN STABILITY IN A HIGHER, MORE NARROW EBITDA MARGIN RANGE

	2019 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Guidance	Enhanced Vision 2025
Sales	\$6.2B	\$9.4B	~\$10B	\$10B - \$12B
Adjusted EBITDA (\$M)	\$1,030	\$1,600	\$1,800 - \$2,000	\$2,000 - \$2,400
Adjusted EBITDA Margins	16.7%	16.9%	18% - 20%	~20%
Adjusted EPS	\$1.03	\$2.33	\$2.70 - \$3.10	\$3.25+
CapEx (as a % of sales)	6%	6%	~8%1	7% - 8%¹
ROIC	8%	9%	10% - 11%	10% - 12%
Paperboard Integration Rate	68%	73%	75 - 80%	90%+
Credit Rating		BB+/Ba1		Investment Grade



