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## Agenda

- Introduction
- Ahlstrom Final Accounts
- Munksjö January-March 2017 interim report
- Way forward





## Two leaders has become one



- A global leader in sustainable and innovative fiber-based solutions
- Leading market positions in several niches
- 6,000 employees
- 41 production and converting sites\* in 14 countries
- Combined net sales approx. EUR 2.1 billion

#### Munksjö

- Net sales 2016: EUR 1.1 billion
- 2,800 employees
- 15 production and converting sites in 7 countries

#### Ahlstrom

- Net sales 2016: EUR 1.1 billion
- 3,200 employees
- 27 production and converting sites in 12 countries



## Advantages for all our stakeholders

- Leading global positions in several segments
- Global reach
- Expanded product and service offerings
- Improved service, design and R&D capabilities
- Enhanced career opportunities
- Strong financial position
- Benefits of scale in the capital markets





# **Ahlstrom Final Accounts**



## Ahlstrom Final Accounts - Summary All-time high adjusted operating profit with very strong sales growth

#### Very strong comparable net sales growth

- Comparable net sales increased by 7.6% at constant currency rates, excluding the divested operations in Osnabrück
- Higher sales of filtration, wallcover and glassfiber materials as well as tape, medical and coffee products
- Relatively higher sales growth in Asia impacted product mix and average selling price

#### Record high operating profit and margins

- Driven by higher volumes, improved operational efficiency, lower fixed costs as well as keeping the benefit from lower energy and raw material costs
- Adjusted operating profit and margin improved for the 14th consecutive quarter, year-on-year
- Improved operational result and active working capital management driving cash flow
- Balance sheet strengtened



## Key figures Record profitability with comparable\* sales growth of 7.6% at constant currencies

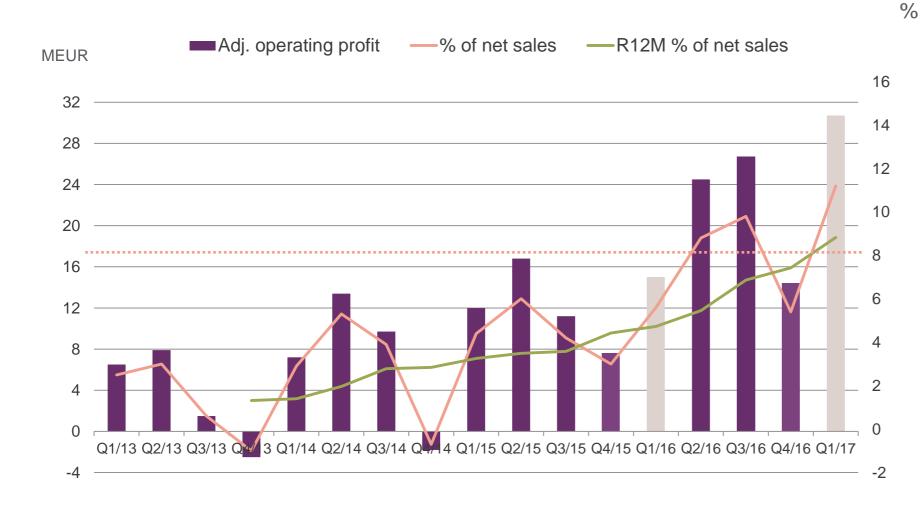
EUR million	Q1/2017	Q1/2016	Change, %	2016
Net sales	272.7	267.2	2.1	1,085.9
Adjusted EBITDA	42.6	27.9	52.4	130.9
% of net sales	15.6	10.5		12.1
Adjusted operating profit	30.7	15.0	104.2	80.6
% of net sales	11.2	5.6		7.4
Cash flow from operations	26.2	8.4	210.1	125.8
Net debt	138.2	194.9		140.8
Gearing, %	44.5	66.5		44.6



\* Excluding divested operations in Osnabrück

## Rolling 12-month adjusted operating margin above 8% target

Operating profit and margin improved for the 14th consecutive quarter, year-on-year

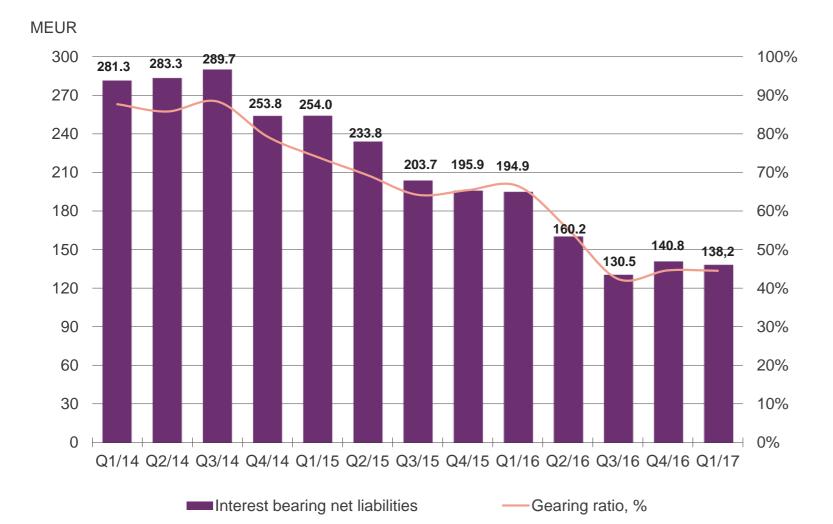


#### Q1/17 vs Q1/16

- + Sales volumes (excl. Osnabrück)
- + Operational efficiency, raw materials and energy
- + Fixed costs
- + Currency
- Product mix and average selling price due to relatively higher sales growth in Asia



## Net debt and gearing Significant reduction in net debt



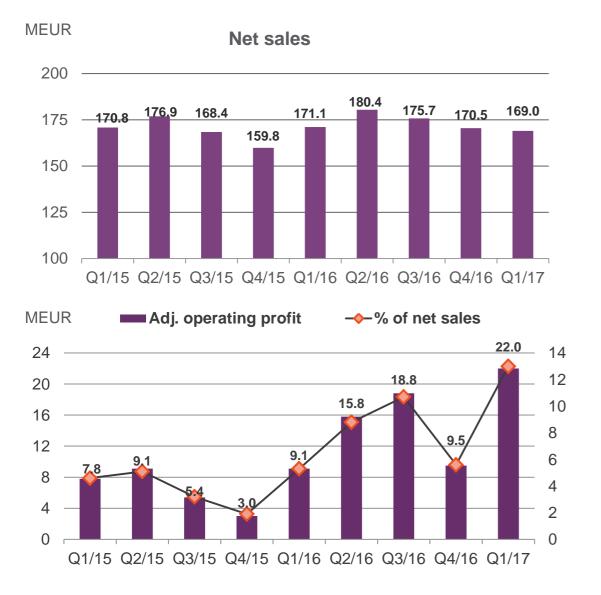
Target was to keep gearing below 100%.

#### Gearing 44.5% as of March 31, 2017

- Lower net debt, driven by a strong improvement in operational result, reduction in operating working capital and low investments
- Cash and equity impact of paid dividend in Q1/17
- Equity includes EUR 100 million hybrid bond. Gearing was 113% if the hybrid is treated as debt at the end of Q1/2017.



## Filtration & Performance



#### Net sales EUR 169.0 million in Q1/17 (EUR 171.1 million)

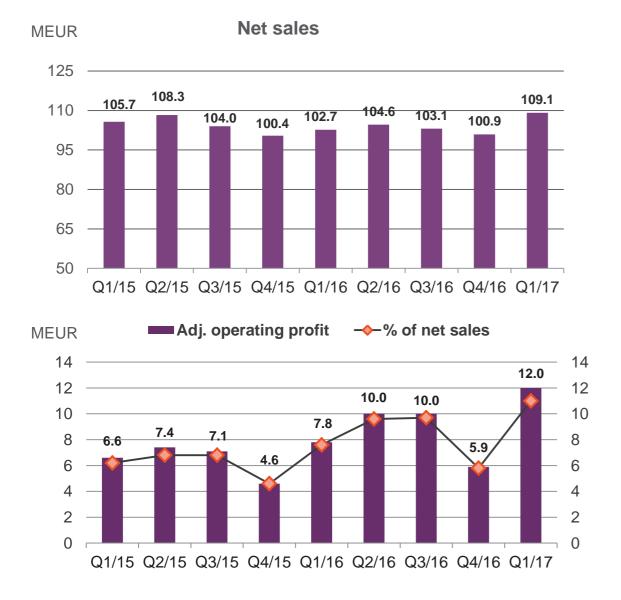
- Net sales -1.2%: volumes -19.5%
- Comparable net sales +7.3% at constant currency, excluding Osnabrück
- Higher sales of filtration and glass fiber products as well as wallcover materials in Asia

# Adjusted operating profit EUR 22.0 million in Q1/17 (EUR 9.1 million)

- Higher volumes
- Improved operational efficiency through less
  waste
- Pricing management, lower pulp and glass costs offsetting cost inflation in chemicals



## **Specialties**



#### Net sales EUR 109.1 million in Q1/17 (EUR 102.7 million)

- Net sales +6.2%: volumes +6.1%, net sales at constant currency rates +6.3%
- Higher sales of tape, medical, laboratory & life science products, single-serve coffee and meat casing materials

# Adjusted operating profit EUR 12.0 million in Q1/17 (EUR 7.8 million)

- Higher sales volumes
- Improved product and price mix
- Lower fixed costs



# Munksjö Q1/17 interim report



## Munksjö January-March 2017 - summary Continued profitability improvement building strong platform for AM

#### Increased delivery volumes and net sales

- The positive volume development was particularly strong in BA Industrial Applications and Decor as well as in the European release paper business
- Partly offset by lower volumes in BA Graphics and Packaging and the specialty pulp business
- Net sales increased accordingly

#### Strong result, cash flow and profitability improvement

- EBITDA (adj.) increased by 20%, driven by lower variable costs and higher production
- Net result increased by 57%
- Strong cash flow

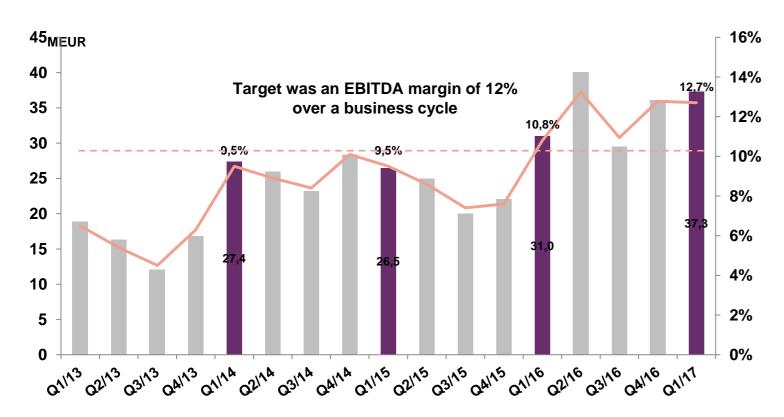


## Key figures Q1/2017 Record Q1 results and cash flow

EUR million	Q1/2017	Q1/2016	Change, %	2016
Net sales	294.3	288.0	2	1142.9
EBITDA (adj.*)	37.3	31.0	20	136.7
EBITDA margin (adj.*)	12.7%	10.8%		12.0%
Operating result (adj.*)	24.6	16.3	51	81.5
Operating margin (adj.*)	8.4%	5.7%		7.1%
Net result	9.9	6.3	57	43.3
Cash flow from operating activities	16.5	3.6		114.3

\* Adjusted for items affecting comparability (IAC)

## **Continued clear margin improvement**



#### EBITDA (adj.\*) and margin development 2013-2017

Q1/17

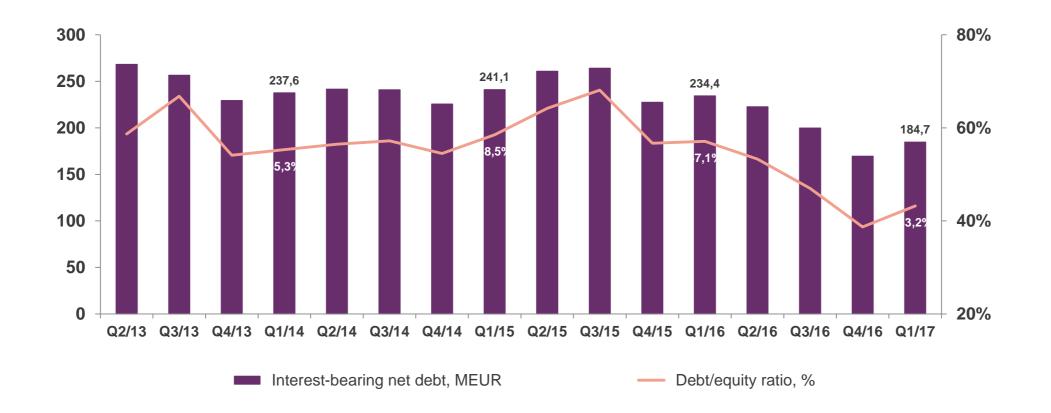
- Delivery volumes increased. The positive volume development was particularly strong in BAs Industrial Applications and Decor as well as in the European release paper business, but partly offset by lower volumes in the BA Graphic and Packaging and the specialty pulp business
- Net sales higher as the delivery volumes increased
- EBITDA (adj.) increased, driven by lower variable costs and higher production.



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Pro forma figures for the period Q1-Q4/2013. From Q1/2014 the reported figure is used.

## Net debt and gearing

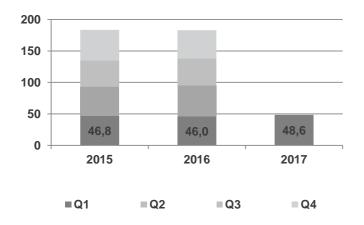




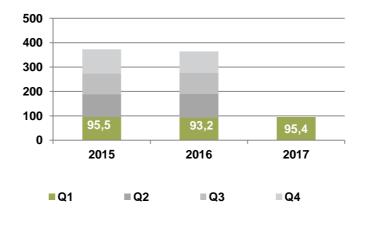
Pro forma figures for the period Q2-Q4/2013. From Q1/2014 the reported figure is used.

## **Business Area Decor**

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NET SALES, MEUR



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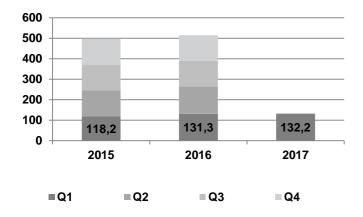
#### Q1/2017

- Delivery volumes were higher
- Net sales increased due to higher volumes
- EBITDA (adj.) decreased as profitability improvement actions and higher volumes did not compensate the lower average price

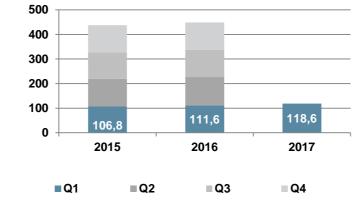


## **Business Area Release Liners**

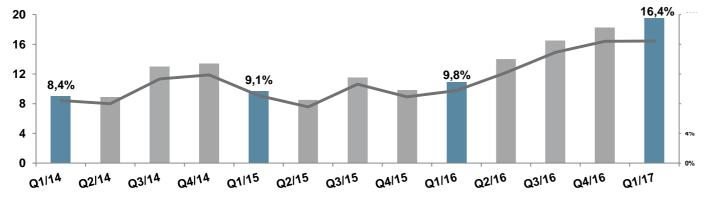
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**NET SALES, MEUR** 



EBITDA (ADJ.\*) AND MARGIN, MEUR AND %



Q1/2017

- Delivery volumes higher in the European paper business and stable in the Brazilian paper business. Specialty pulp business volumes decreased
- Net sales and average price were higher
- EBITDA (adj.\*) increased supported by profitability improvement actions, lower variable costs and the higher average price

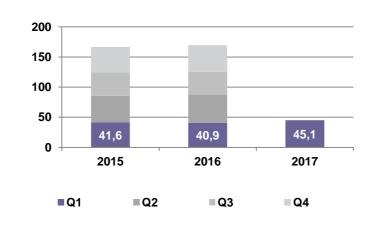


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## **Business Area Industrial Applications**

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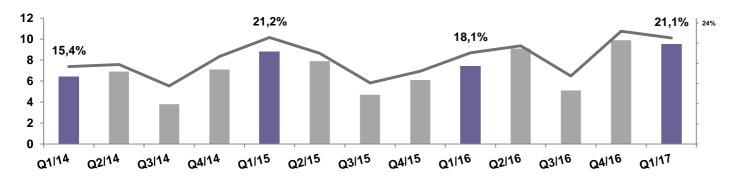
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#### Q1/2017

- Delivery volumes increased by 10%
- Net sales increased. Average price was stable
- EBITDA (adj.\*) increased mainly through profitability improvement actions

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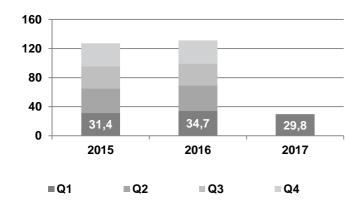
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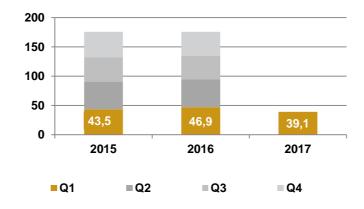
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## **Business Area Graphics and Packaging**

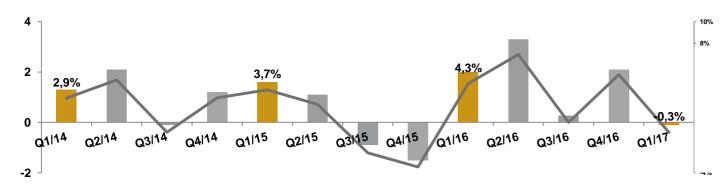
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#### Q1/2017

- Delivery volumes decreased because of challenging competitive situation in certain product segments, mainly coated papers.
- Net sales decreased. Average price was lower due to less favourable product and customer mix
- EBITDA (adj.\*) decreased, mainly caused by lower volumes



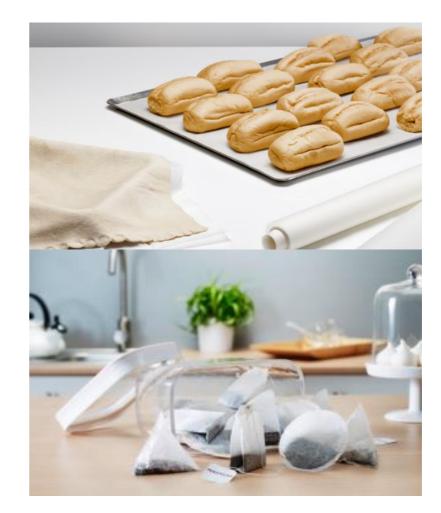
# Way forward for Ahlstrom-Munksjö



## January – March results in former companies build a strong platform for Ahlstrom-Munksjö

#### Integration – status update

- Integration work according to plan
- We confirm announced plan to reach EUR 35 million in annual synergies
- We are right now identifying further business synergies, such as integration of the former business area Graphics and Packaging into the new business area Specialties, to develop a combined product and service offering



## Ahlstrom-Munksjö's business areas





## **Expected financial goals and strategic direction**

- Grow in selected niches of the innovative fiber-based solutions market with a positive growth outlook
- Continuing to deliver a clear customer value-add through a high quality offering supported by advanced technology, deep know-how and tailored services
- Efficiently utilizing the flexible and agile production and service platform to develop customer-specific solutions in a sustainable manner
- A business unit based operating model that locally promotes accountability, enables quick and efficient response and is built on a shared global culture

## EBITDA margin above 14% over a business cycle

Net gearing below 100%

A stable and annually increasing dividend, to be paid semi-annually



## Outlook

The outlook for the financial year 2017 is given for the combined Ahlstrom-Munksjö operations.

*Market outlook:* The demand outlook for 2017 for Ahlstrom-Munksjö's fibre-based products is expected to remain stable at the current good level for most of the product segments and to reflect the seasonal pattern. Price increases are implemented as customer contracts expire to mitigate for raw material price increases in certain segments, particularly in the Decor and Release Paper Europe businesses. The price increases will take effect towards the end of the second quarter.

**Shutdowns:** The annual maintenance and vacation shutdowns in the second and third quarter as well as the seasonal shutdowns at the end of 2017 are expected to be carried out to about the same extent as in 2016. However the maintenance shutdown usually carried out in the third quarter in the Swedish plant Billingsfors, will be replaced by shorter stops in the second and fourth quarter, due to changes in the shift form. The next maintenance shut down at the pulp production facility in Aspa in Sweden will be carried out in the fourth quarter of 2017.

*Capital expenditure:* The cash flow effect of current capital expenditure for fixed assets in 2017 is expected to be approximately EUR 70 million. In addition, the cash flow impact of the strategic investments in the Arches mill and in Madisonville is expected to be approximately EUR 10 million and EUR 8 million respectively.

As from the release of the combined pro forma figures in May 2017, Ahlstrom-Munksjö will start providing EBITDA development guidance as well as comments on future synergy realizations.



## Upcoming events

- Combined pro forma financial figures for 2015, 2016 and Q1/2017 to be published in May
- Annual General Meeting of Ahlstrom-Munksjö on May 16, 2017
- Investor Day in Helsinki on June 15, 2017
  - Stay tuned for more information

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