Ahlstrom-Munksjö Q2 2018 Results

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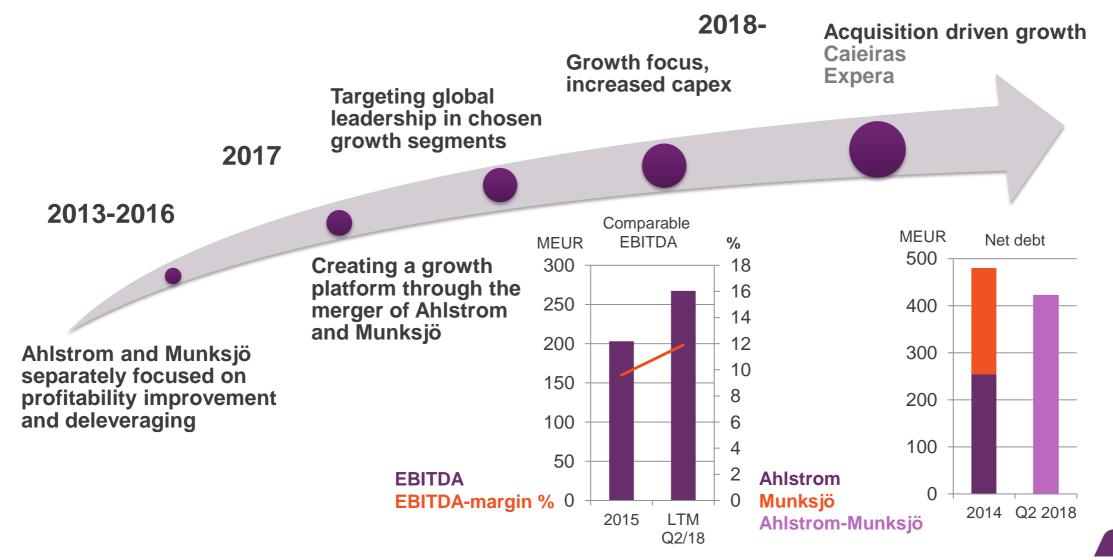


Ahlstrom-Munksjö - Global leader in fiber-based materials

- Fibers are the core in what we do, the common denominator to our products and solutions
- We offer custom made specialized fiber based materials
- Our value proposition is based on innovation, quality and service
- Our offering contributes to a more sustainable everyday life



We have only seen the beginning of what fiber-based materials can be used for



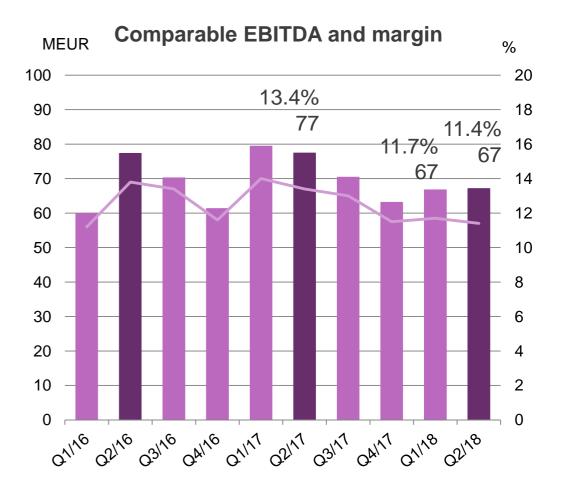
Satisfactory profitability – Significant progress in strategic growth initiatives

Strategic growth initiatives

- Agreement to acquire the US based specialty paper producer Expera
- Investment in biodegradable and compostable tea bag, coffee and meat casing materials
- Investment to grow Filtration business
- Agreement to acquire the Caieiras specialty paper mill in Brazil

Satisfactory profitability in Q2 2018

- Successful commercial strategy impacts of sharply increased raw material costs were compensated
- Gross margin for products improved sequentially, reaching previous year's level
- Stable good demand across most markets
- Specified guidance for FY 2018 comparable EBITDA





Stable demand on a good level across most markets

FILTRATION & PERFORMANCE







INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS









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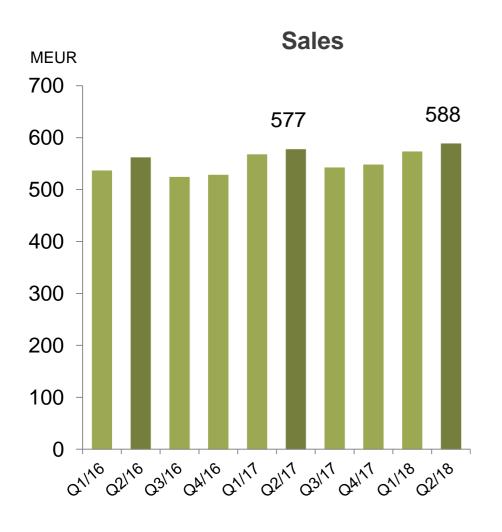




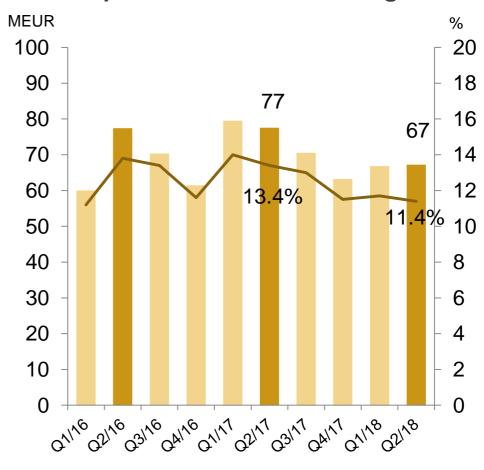




Sales growth driven by price increases – Sequential improvement in gross margin offset by higher fixed costs and lower volumes



Comparable EBITDA and margin

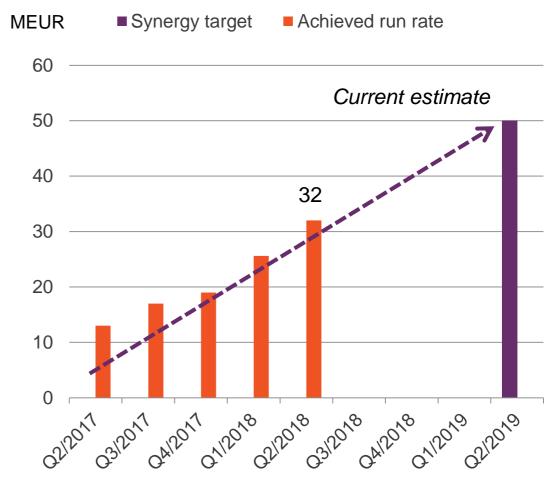




Synergy benefits and cost reduction measures

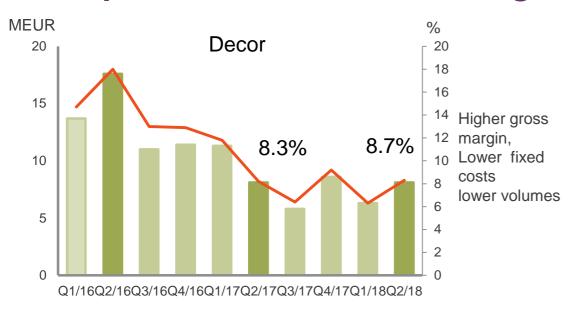
Ahlstrom-Munksjö targets synergy benefits and cost reduction measures with a total impact of EUR 50 million annually, fully implemented at the end of Q1/2019

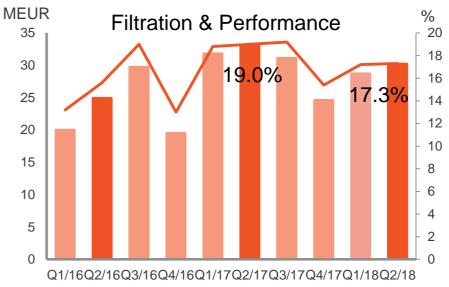
- Majority from SG&A and variable costs
- Integration of the former Graphics and Packaging business area into Specialties to develop a combined product and service offering
 - Incremental sales
 - Production optimization
 - Product mix improvement
- Adjusting group structure to Ahlstrom-Munksjö's business unit based operating model that locally promotes accountability and enables flexibility and lean group functions
 - The plan included the relocation of the company head office to Helsinki



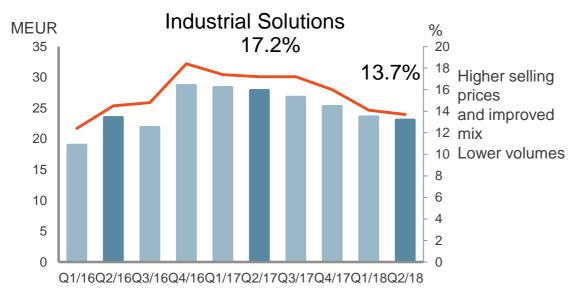


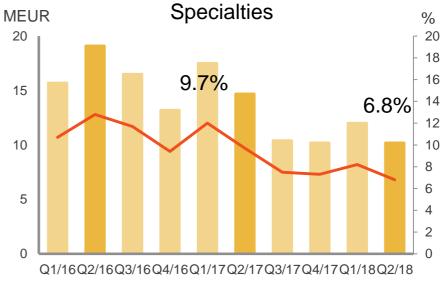
Comparable EBITDA and margin by business area





14 Stable gross margin 12 Higher volumes Higher costs

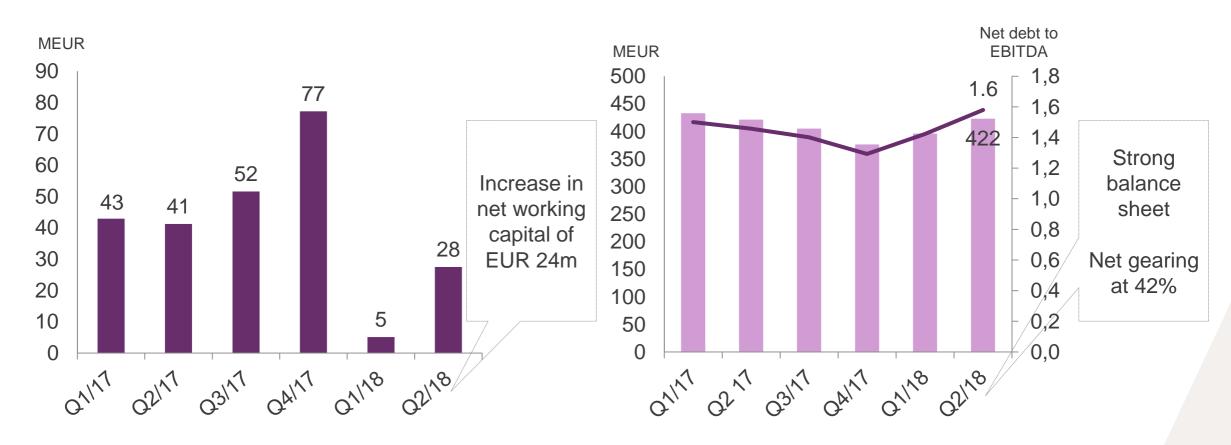




Lower volumes and
 increased variable
 costs in the coated one sided business.
 Performance in other
 businesses was stable.

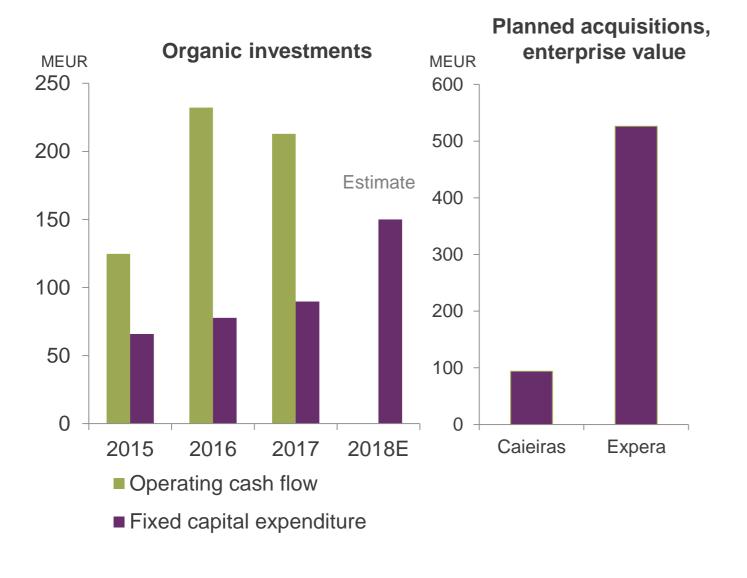


Operating cash flow negatively impacted by net working capital, balance sheet remains solid





Organic and acquisition driven growth



Potential EBITDA impact from planned acquisitions **MEUR** 100 90 Earnings 80 potential from ongoing 70 investments and synergies, 60 incl. items not having a 50 continuous 40 impact on **EBITDA** 30 20 Comparable 10 EBITDA2017 0 Caieiras Expera



Outlook for 2018

Ahlstrom-Munksjö specifies its guidance for 2018 comparable EBITDA.

Market outlook: Demand for Ahlstrom-Munksjö's fiber-based products is expected to remain stable at the current good level for most of the product segments and to reflect the seasonal pattern.

Specified guidance for comparable EBITDA

EBITDA: Comparable EBITDA in 2018 is expected to be slightly below the previous year's level (pro forma EUR 290.4 million) hence gaining momentum in the second half of the year.

Former guidance for comparable EBITDA

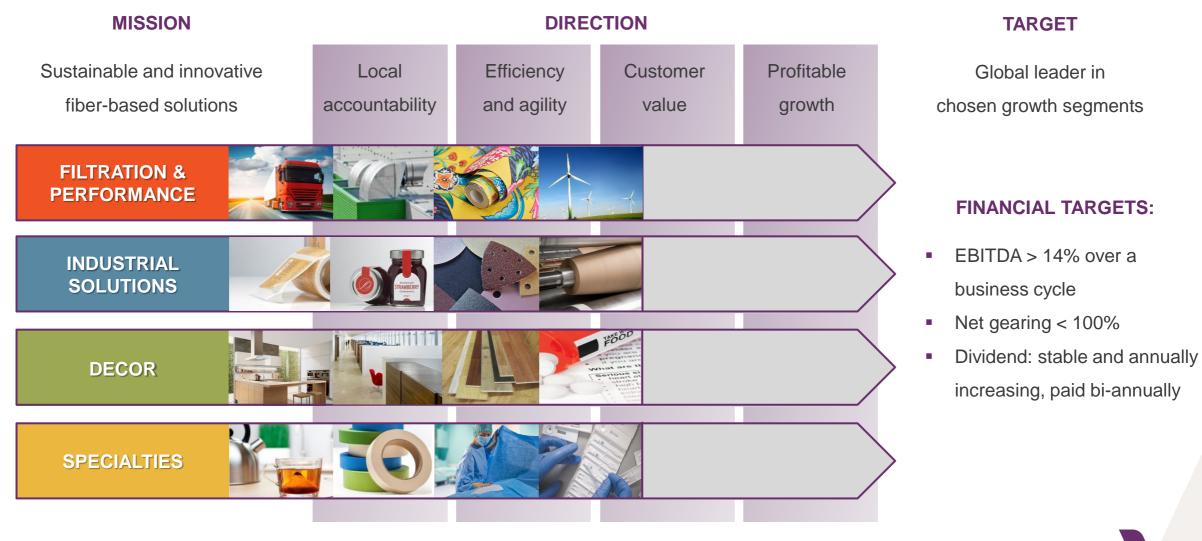
EBITDA: Comparable EBITDA in 2018 is expected to be approximately at the previous year's level (pro forma EUR 290.4 million), or slightly below. In the first-half of 2018, comparable EBITDA is expected to be lower than in the comparison period and to gain momentum in the second half of the year.



Implementation of the strategy



Strategy overview



VALUES

Passion to innovate and improve

Acquisition of the U.S. specialty paper producer Expera for USD 615 million

Transformative acquisition:

- Significant expansion of North American presence, including new product segments
- Strong platform in the U.S., attractive growth opportunities and additional production capacity
- Pure specialty paper producer in high quality product categories
- Four paper mills with two integrated pulp mills
- Experienced management with a profit improvement track-record
- The acquisition will be earnings enhancing











Expanding the Filtration business

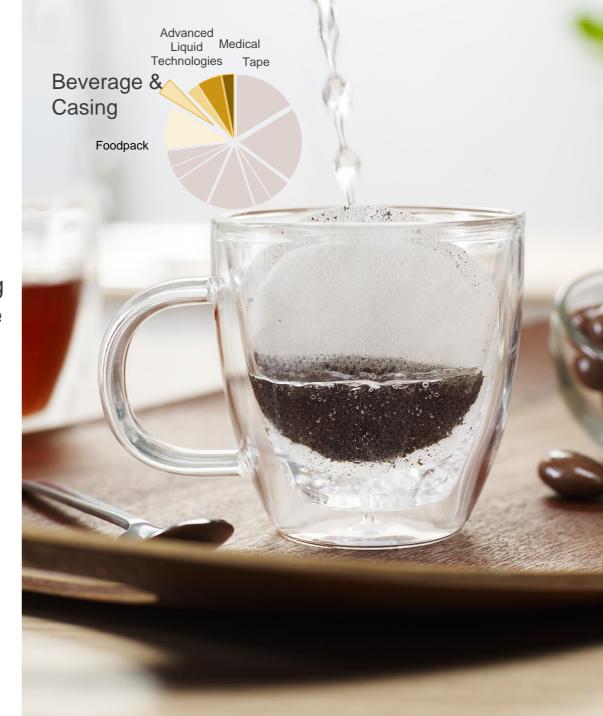
- Investment of EUR 28 million to expand capacity in Filtration business, part of Filtration and Performance business area
- Rebuilding and modification of production lines in Turin, Italy as well as in Malmedy, Belgium and Ställdalen, Sweden
- Responds to growing demand for high-end industrial filtration materials
- Expands manufacturing capacity and improves product capabilities
- The project will start in 2018 and is expected to be completed during the first half of 2020

Ahlstrom-Munksjö has expanded its filtration manufacturing capabilities globally through several new and expansionary investments in the past few years.



Investment in biodegradable and compostable tea bag, coffee and meat casing materials

- Strengthen market position by investing EUR 28 million in Beverage & Casing business, within Specialties business area
- Near state-of-the-art second hand Voith paper making line, to be dismantled and transferred to the Chirnside manufacturing site in the UK
- Combining Ahlstrom-Munksjö's extensive offering of biodegradable and compostable solutions, the new line enables:
 - Growth in tea and coffee filter paper and fibrous meat casing materials
 - Improves product capabilities and
 - Increases cost efficiency
- The new line is expected to be fully commissioned in the beginning of Q4 2019



Acquisition of Caieiras mill supports the strategic ambition to maintain a leading position

- Caieiras specialty paper mill highly complementary
 - Decor paper
 - Crepe, grease and oil resistant papers
 - Flexible packaging and label papers
- Sales ~ EUR 73m in 2017
- Comparable EBITDA ~ EUR 12m in 2017
- Debt free price ~ EUR 94m
- Synergy benefits of up to EUR 6m arising from SG&A and overlapping operations
- Closing of the transaction is subject to clearance from the competitions authorities

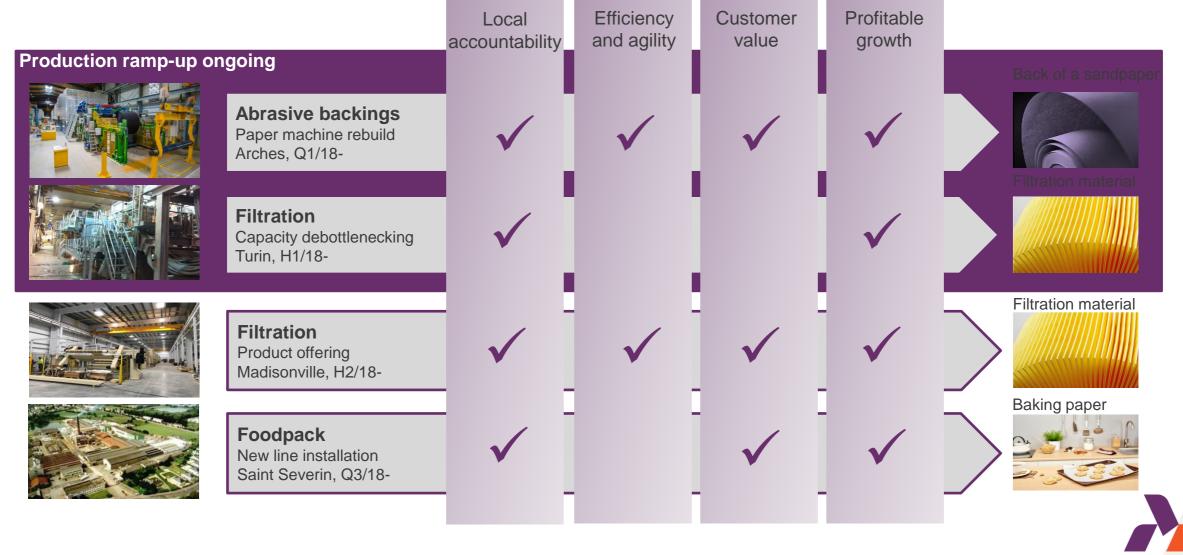
Caieiras mill





Completed and ongoing investments driving strategic progress

STRATEGIC DIRECTION



New investment decisions driving our strategic progress

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

	Local accountability	Efficiency and agility	Customer value	Profitable growth		
Insulation, Billingsfors Rebuilding the recovery boiler and debottlenecking the pulp line, Q3/19-	√	\checkmark		√		Electrotechnical paper
Insulation, Aspa Modernizing the bailing line, Q3/19-	√	√	√		Control of the Contro	Specialty pulp
Decor, Dettingen Upgrade of pre-impregnated decor paper production line, Q1/19	✓		√	✓		Pre-impregnated decor paper
Medical, Pont Audemer Rebuilding a converting line, Q2/19-	✓	✓	✓			Sterilization wrap
Filtration, Turin Capacity expansion, H2/20-	√	✓		✓		ndustrial filter material
Beverage & Casing, Chirnside New production line, Q4/19-	√	√	√	√		Coffee, tea, and casing material
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Summary

- Performance in most of the businesses remained good
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Caieiras specialty paper mill

Investment in biodegradable and compostable solutions

Capacity expansion in **Filtration**



Save the date for Ahlstrom-Munksjö's Capital Markets Day in Helsinki on September 7, 2018

- Capital Markets Day for investors and analysts in Helsinki on Friday,
 7 September, 2018
- Participants of the Capital Markets Day will meet the members of Ahlstrom-Munksjö's management team and have the opportunity to discuss strategy, growth ambitions, new fiber-based applications and performance
- More information on Ahlstrom-Munksjö's website https://www.ahlstrom-munksjo.com/Investors/



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