Ahlstrom-Munksjö Q1 2019 Results

AHLSTROM MUNKSJÖ

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Ahlstrom-Munksjö – Global leader in fiber-based solutions

- Fibers are at the core of what we do and the common denominator for our products and solutions
- Natural fibers represent 94% of our total fiber use
- 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 by providing renewable materials that are alternatives to non-renewables, and solutions that make the end product more sustainable

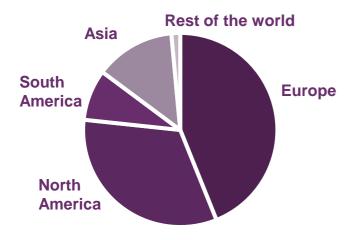
Key facts

- Global network of sales offices and 45 plants and converting sites in 14 countries, approximately 8,000 employees
- More than 7,000 customers in over 100 countries
- Pro forma 2018 net sales of approximately EUR 3 billion
- Shares listed on Nasdaq Helsinki and Stockholm
- Head office in Helsinki

Manufacturing sites

Balanced end-use and geographical exposure





Share of sales



- Leading position in chosen segments
- Operating on growing markets
- Balanced geographical exposure to a broad range of end-uses

Designed sustainable and innovative solutions for customers



Sustainable everyday life



Code of Conduct | Sustainability Policy | Sustainable Business Council

Recent key product launches

Sales from new products* was 11% in 2018



CelluStraw[™] is a new fiber-based solution for paper drinking straws, enabling the food industry to provide consumers an alternative to single-use plastic straws.



HighFlow Marine is a composite reinforcement fabric for the marine industry, making the manufacturing process faster and more effective



ViroSēI[™] Breathable Viral Barrier fabric is constructed for the most critical areas of a surgical gown designed to keep medical professionals protected and comfortable.



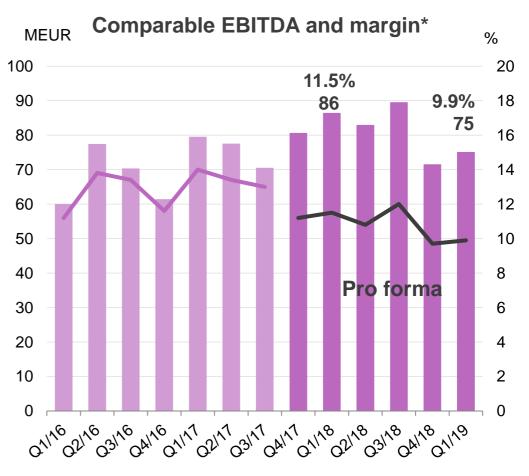
Extia® 1000 is a range of highly durable filtration media, specifically designed for industrial filtration applications.

*Products launched in the past three years



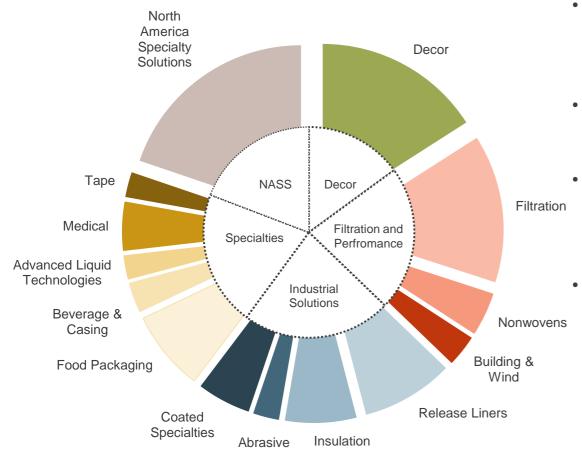
Highlights Q1/2019

- 12% increase in actual comparable EBITDA, supported by the Expera and Caieiras acquisitions
- Profitability impacted by lower delivery volumes
 - Pick up in sales volumes towards latter part of the quarter after a weak start
 - Further improvement in gross margin for products
- Proceeding with targeted measures to improve performance and competitiveness
- A new business structure for integration of acquired business and strategic alignment



*Years 2016-Q3/2017 Ahlstrom-Munksjö excluding NASS and Caieiras

Mixed demand in Q1/2019



Share of sales

Filtration and Performance

- Stable demand for filtration products in Europe, slightly weaker demand in North America and Asia
- Solid demand growth in glass fiber tissue and industrial filtration applications
- Decor
 - Demand remained weak and in Europe, inventory reduction in the supply chain continued

Industrial Solutions

- Demand for abrasive backings and coated products was unchanged
- Market environment remained competitive in Release Liners
- Demand for electrotechnical insulation papers and specialty pulp improved

Specialties

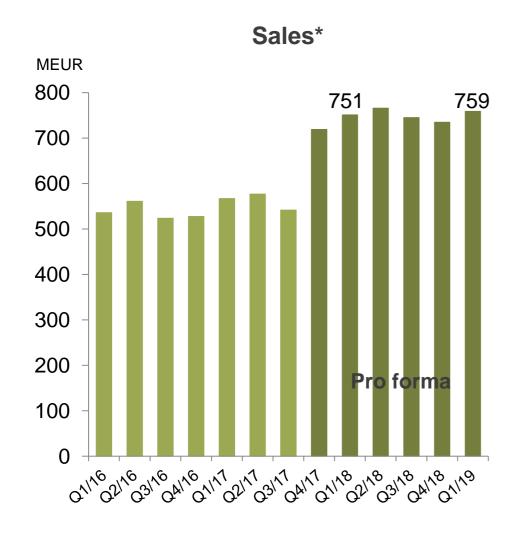
- Stable demand for food processing and packaging papers, medical, and beverage materials, growth continued in fibrous casing materials
- Robust demand in life science and water purification materials
- Weaker demand for tape backing in Europe, demand strengthened in Asia

North America Specialty Solutions

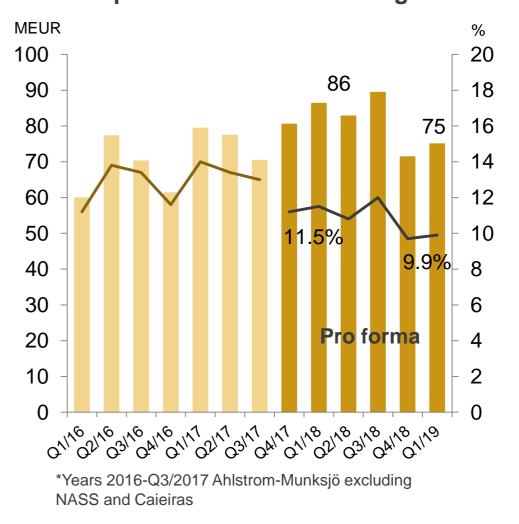
- Stable demand in food processing and packaging papers
- Soft demand for industrial and technical papers
- Demand for commodity release liners remained weak, while that for fiber composites remained strong



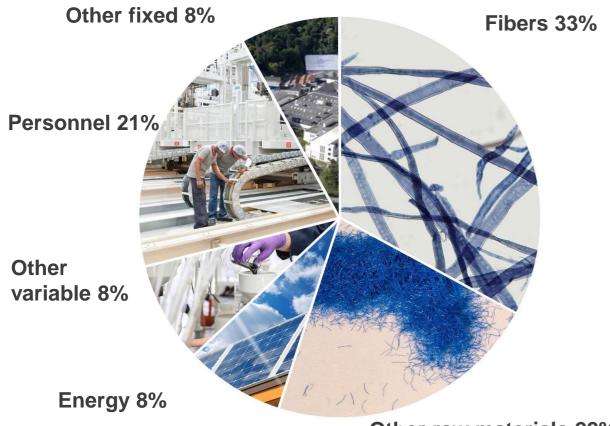
Sales growth driven by price increases



Comparable EBITDA and margin*



Raw material increase successfully compensated



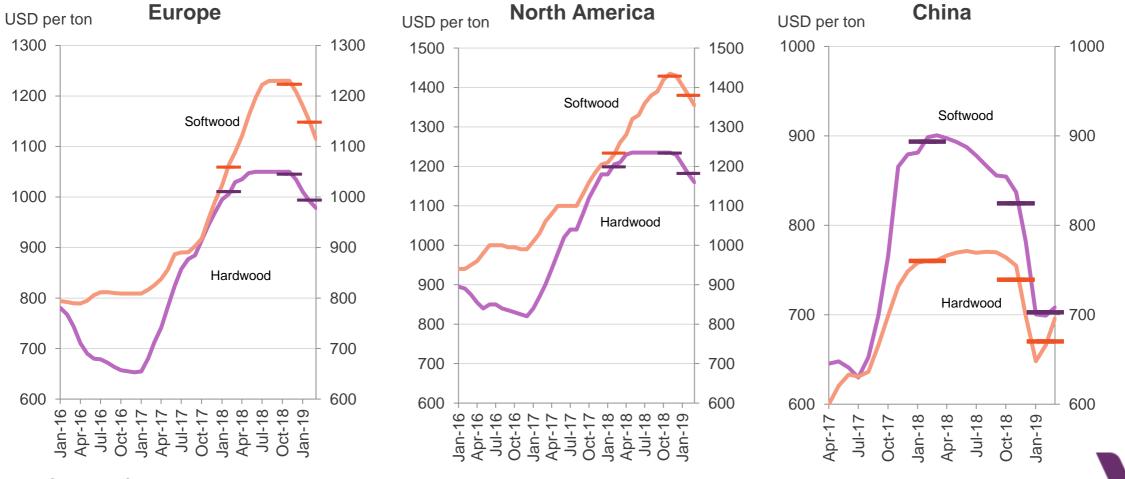
Other raw materials 22%

Pro forma breakdown of operating costs

- Successful compensation of EUR 48m
 increase in raw material and energy costs
- Snapshot of market prices Q1/19 vs Q1/18
 - Hardwood pulp -1%
 - Softwood pulp +8%
 - Tio2 -9%
 - Natural gas +18%
 - Electricity +38%



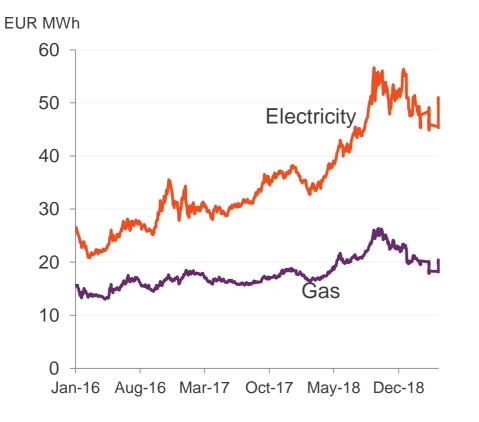
Key raw materials price development



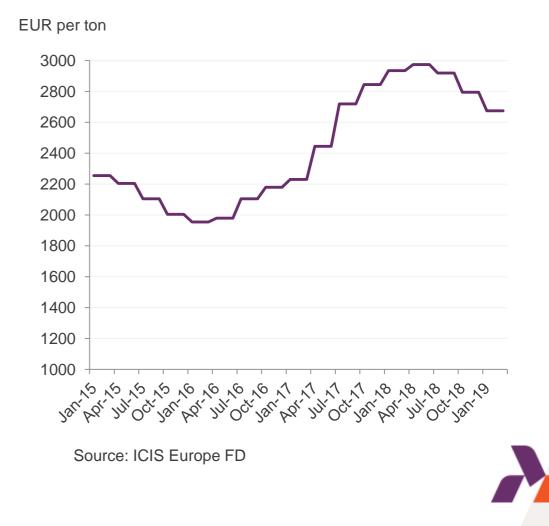
Source: RISI

Energy and Titanium dioxide prices

European forward electricity and gas prices

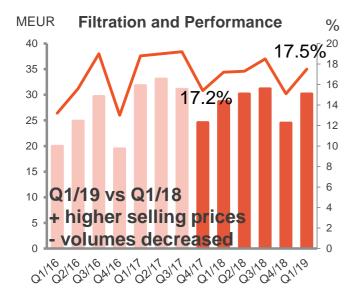


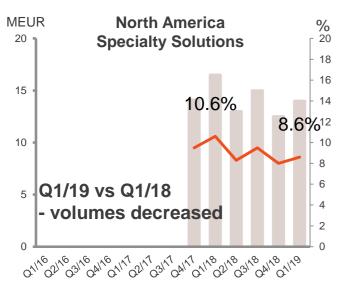
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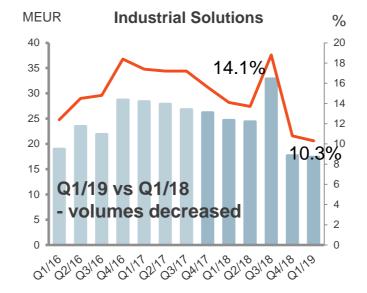


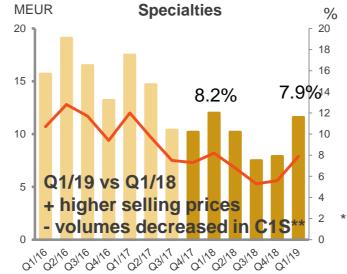
Titanium dioxide

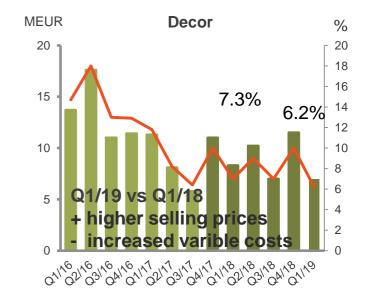
Comparable EBITDA and margin by business area*









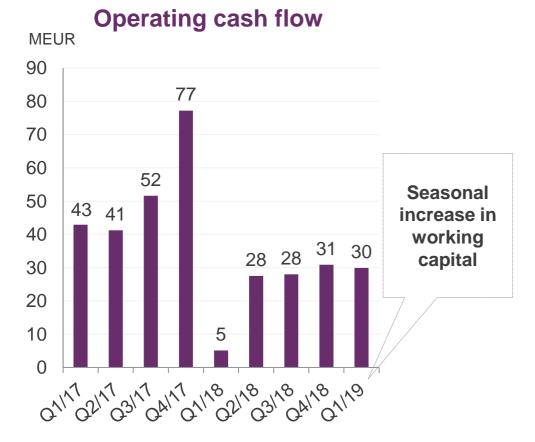


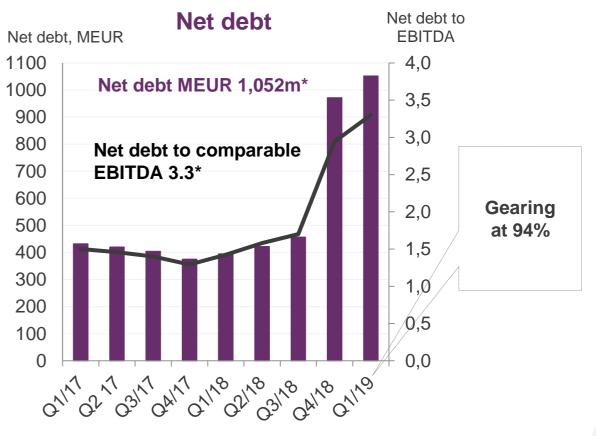
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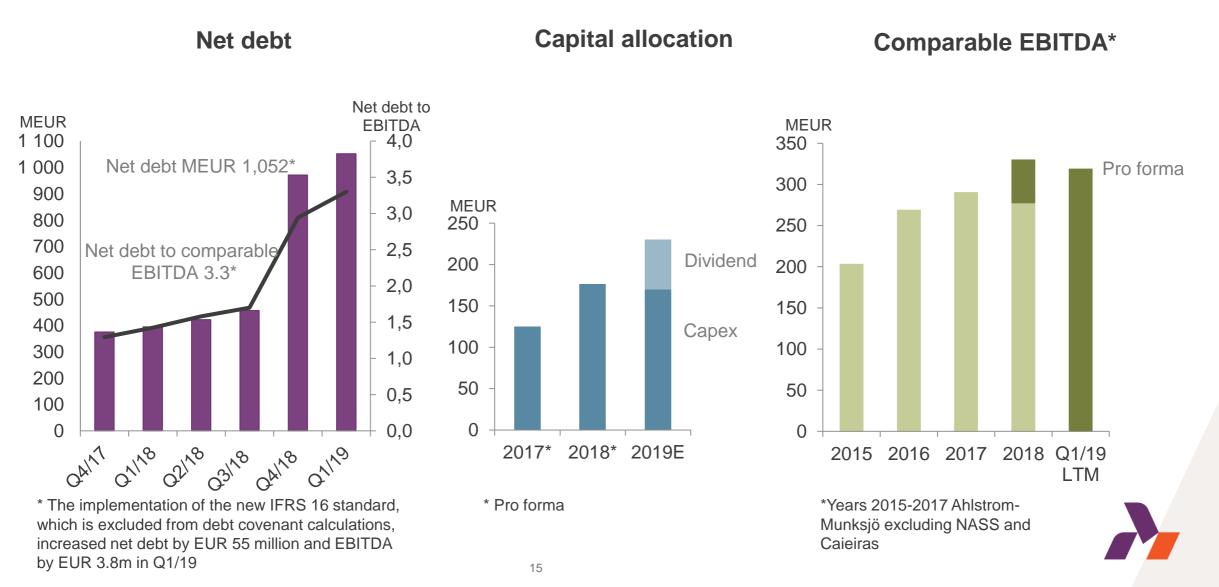
Cash flow impacted by seasonal increase in working capital and modest profitability





* The implementation of the new IFRS 16 standard, which is excluded from debt covenant calculations, increased net debt by EUR 55 million and EBITDA by EUR 3.8m in Q1/19

Capital generation and allocation



Strategic transformation supporting profitable growth



Measures underway to improve competitiveness and drive growth¹⁾



Illustrative (not necessarily in scale), not to be considered as guidance
 Munksjö's reported adjusted EBITDA margin for 2015
 Pro forma comparable EBITDA margin in 2018



Ahlstrom and Munksjö synergy benefits achieved and cost reduction measures completed

Targeted synergy benefits and cost reduction measures related to the merger of Ahlstrom and Munksjö were completed during Q1/2019.

Achieved annul synergy run rate was EUR 54 million, exceeding the target of EUR 50 million.

- 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
- Group structure adjusted to Ahlstrom-Munksjö's business unit based operating model that locally promotes accountability and enables flexibility and lean group functions

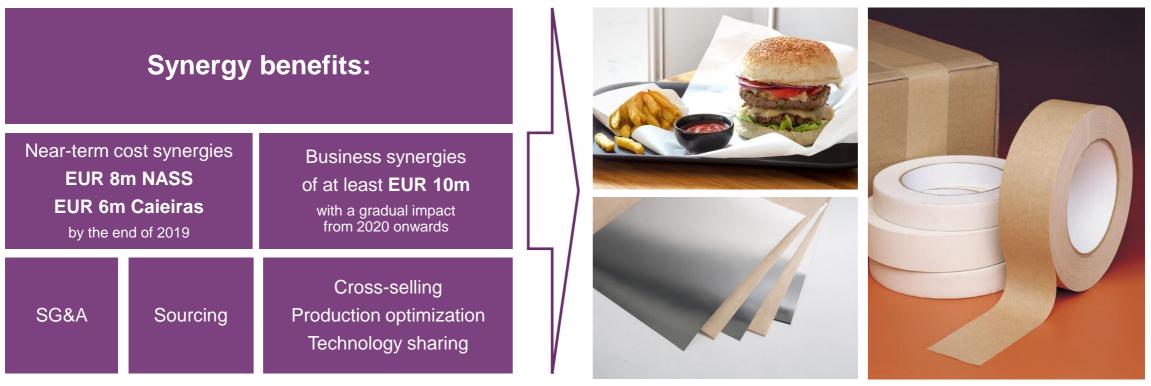


Measures to significantly improve competitiveness in coated one-side products (C1S)

- Operating environment for C1S has further deteriorated, mainly due to increased raw material costs
- Ahlstrom-Munksjö's C1S offering and position not optimally aligned with strategy of niche orientation into customized solutions
- Production was permanently ceased in March 2019. The closure will result in the termination of 77 jobs.
- Concentrating orders to the other paper machine (PM3) also generates cost savings from higher raw material, energy and waste efficiency as well as improves inventory management
- Actions estimated to yield annual impact of EUR 13m
- Restructuring costs provision of EUR 11 million and an impairment loss of EUR 8 million were booked in Q4 2018, an incremental expense of EUR 2 million was booked in Q1 2019



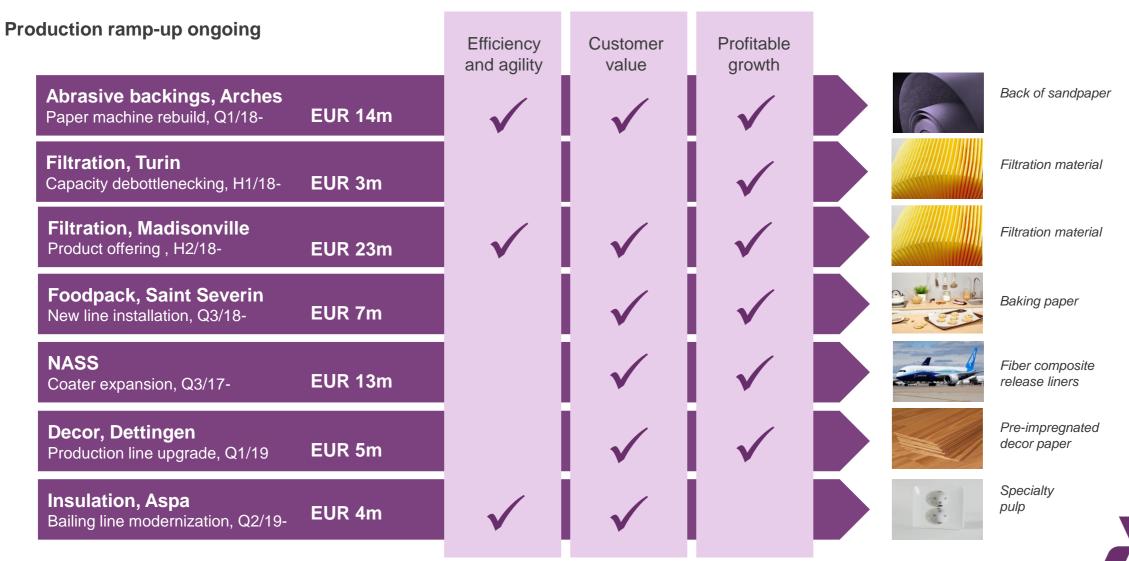
Delivering promised synergy benefits



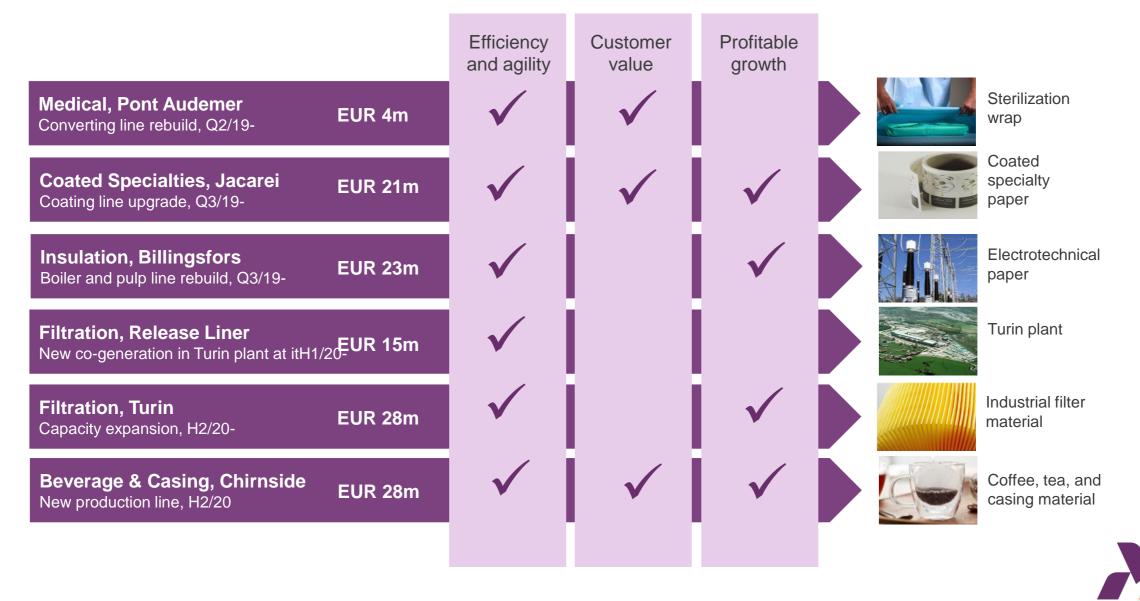
SG&A = Selling, General and Administrative expenses



Completed investments driving strategic progress



New investment decisions driving our strategic progress

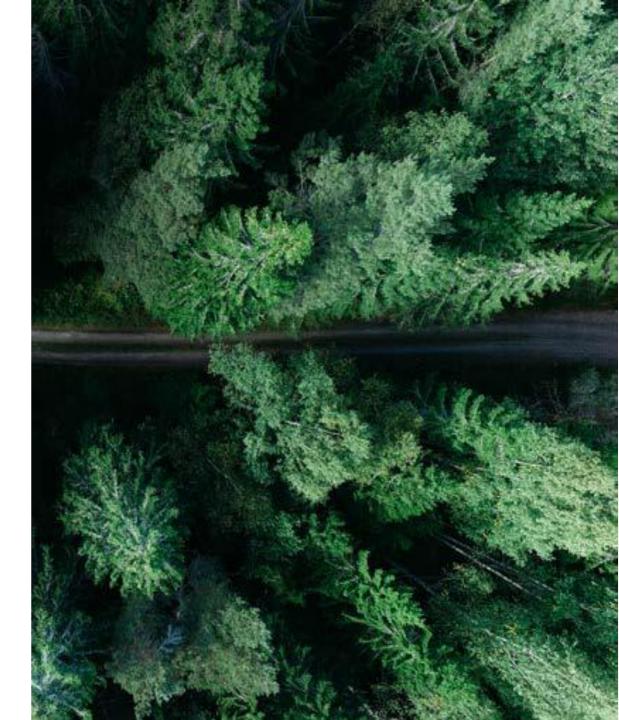


Outlook for 2019

"Ahlstrom-Munksjö's pro forma comparable EBITDA reached EUR 330 million in 2018.

At the beginning of 2019, customers reacted to signs of slowing economic growth. Although demand growth has slowed somewhat in certain product segments, and customers have reduced inventories, market fundamentals remain relatively solid.

Ahlstrom-Munksjö will continue its efforts to improve performance and competitiveness. The gross margin for products continued to increase in the first quarter of 2019 and the targeted synergy benefits and cost reduction measures are expected to contribute positively to earnings for the full year."



Executive Management Team



Hans Sohlström President and the CEO



Sakari Ahdekivi Deputy CEO and CFO



Tarja Takko Acting Executive Vice President of People and Safety, as of June 7



Andreas Elving Executive Vice President Legal and General Counsel



Daniele Borlatto Executive Vice President of Filtration and Performance, as of June 7



Omar Hoek Executive Vice President of Specialties



Dan Adrianzon Executive Vice President of Industrial Solutions, as of June 7



Robyn Buss Executive Vice President of North America Specialty Solutions, as of October 1

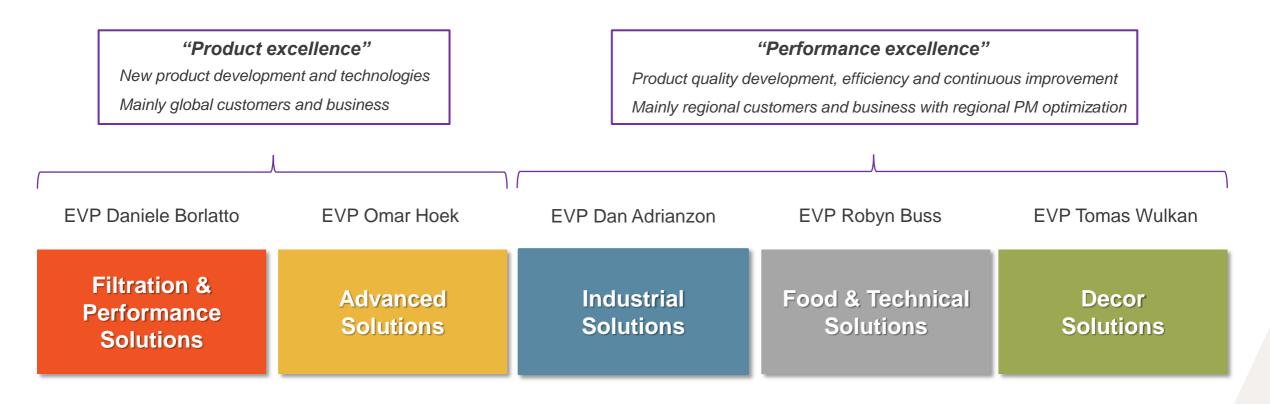


Tomas Wulkan Executive Vice President of Decor



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BA structure based on core capabilities and business characteristics





Steps in improving competitiveness

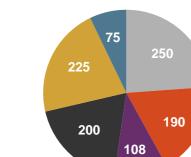
- Financial performance was still unsatisfactory in the first quarter due to low volumes
- Further improvement in gross margin for products
- Proceeding with targeted measures to improve performance and competitiveness
- Changes to Executive Management Team
- A new business structure for integration of acquired business and strategic alignment
- Focus on integration and delivering on the promised synergies as well as cash flow



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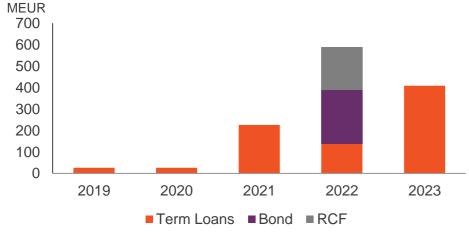
Funding structure end of 2018

DEBT FACILITY STRUCTURE, DRAWN



MEUR

- Bond (2017)
- Term Loan 5y (2017)
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- Term Ioan Bilateral (2018)
- Term loan US inc (2018)
- Term Ioan A-M Brasil (2018)
- DEBT FACILITY MATURITY PROFILE, INCL. UNDRAWN REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY

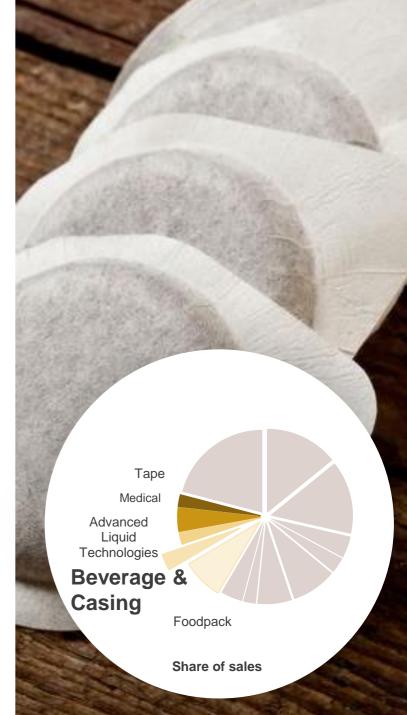


FUNDING STRUCTURE, AVAILABLE FACILITIES

- Term Loans
 - 5 year: EUR 64 million, EUR 40 million, SEK 600 million, USD 35 million (maturity 2022)
 - 5 year: EUR 108 million, BRL 330 million, USD 260 million (maturity 2023)
 - 3 year: EUR 200 million (maturity 2021)
- Bond
 - EUR 250 million bond (maturity 2022)
- RCF
 - 5 year: EUR 200 million, undrawn (maturity 2022)
- Other
 - Local working capital facilities of approx. EUR 58 million
 - Local undrawn working capital facilities of approx. EUR 73 million
 - No active issuances in the commercial paper market at the moment
 - Cash pool limits of EUR 13 million (committed) and EUR 8 million (uncommitted)

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

- Investing EUR 28m in near state-of-the-art paper making line to be dismantled and transferred to the Chirnside site, 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
 - Improved product capabilities in coffee and tea
 - Increased production efficiency
 - Differentiation from competition
 - Machine transfer, civil engineering and infrastructure building in progress, final commissioning by the end 2020



Profitability improvement in Decor

Year 2017 -

Escalating raw material costs and build up of inventory levels in the industry

Year 2018 –

- Gross margin improvement thanks to successful price increases
- Volume losses in oversea markets due to price increases and new competition
- Market environment increasingly volatile, reduction of inventories throughout the supply chain

Medium term profitability improvement plan

- Continue optimization of product and customer mix
 - Further enhance capabilities in the most attractive segments
- Maintain leadership in quality, service and innovation to deliver best customer value
 - Investment at Dettingen plant, Germany, to enhance the quality of preimpregnated decor papers
- Improve cost competitiveness and production efficiency
 - Reduction in energy costs at Dettingen plant through power plant buyout
- Caieiras integrate and realize synergies

