

# Ahlstrom January-September 2015

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# **Agenda**

- July-September 2015
- Business area review
- Financials
- Outlook



### July-September 2015 in brief











#### **Highlights**

- + Operating profit and margin improved for the eighth consecutive quarter despite unfavorable demand in some key markets
- Sales growth in the Building and Energy business area
- + Commercial excellence program yielding results and supporting sales and operating profit
- + Higher cash flow and lower gearing

#### **Lowlights**

- Lower demand for engine filtration in North America and wallcoverings in Europe/Russia
- Decline in Group net sales at constant currency rates

### **Key figures**

#### Operating profit excl. non-recurring items increased by 14.6%

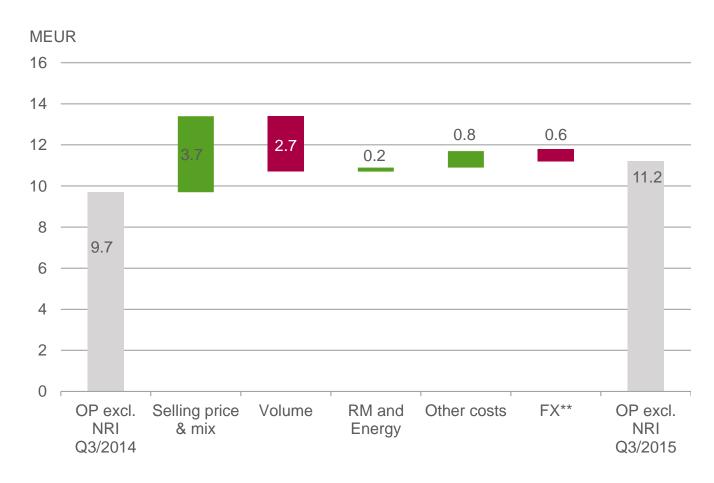
EUR million	Q3/2015	Q3/2014	Change, %	Q1- Q3/2015	Q1- Q3/2014	Change, %
Net sales	266.9	252.0	5.9	819.8	754.1	8.7
EBITDA excl. NRI	25.5	22.6	12.6	83.2	67.1	23.9
% of net sales	9.5	9.0		10.1	8.9	
Operating profit excl. NRI	11.2	9.7	14.6	39.9	30.4	31.5
% of net sales	4.2	3.9		4.9	4.0	
Gearing*	64.2	88.4		64.2	88.4	
ROCE, %	6.7	-8.0		8.6	0.2	



EBITDA = earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization

## Operating profit\* bridge Q3/2014 vs Q3/2015

Higher selling prices through commercial excellence program, better product mix as well as lower cost base



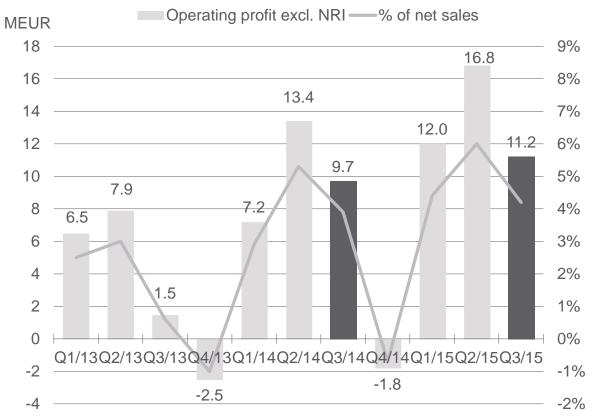
<sup>\*</sup> Excluding non-recurring items

<sup>\*\*</sup> Foreign exchange



### **Quarterly operating profit development**

#### Eighth consecutive quarter of year-on-year improvement



#### Operating profit excl. NRI

N	1EUR	Q3/15		Change, %
F	iltration	10.1	12.3	-17.3
В	Building and Energy	-1.3	-2.9	54.0
F	ood and Medical	3.7	3.9	-3.5



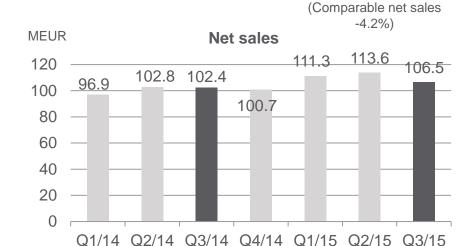
#### **Filtration**

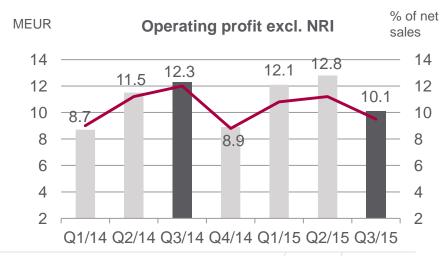
# Q3/15: Net sales EUR 106.5 million (EUR 102.4 million)

- Lower sales of engine filtration applications, particularly in North America
- + Increased selling prices and improved product mix
- + Favorable currency effect

# Q3/15: Operating profit ex. NRI EUR 10.1 million (EUR 12.3 million)

- Lower volumes
- Improved efficiency through investments to reduce raw material costs by substitution and energy conservation





+4.0%, volumes -8.6%

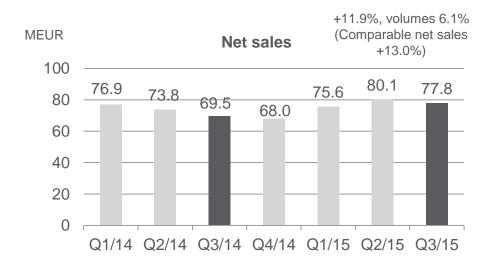
## **Building and Energy**

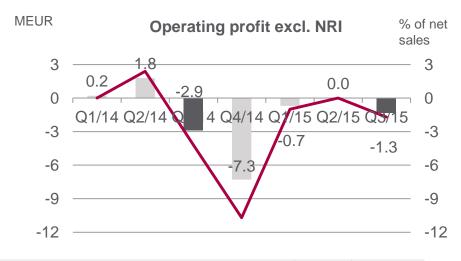
# Q3/15: Net sales EUR 77.8 million (EUR 69.5 million)

- + Higher selling prices of flooring, glassfiber reinforcements and specialty nonwoven products
- + Ramp-up of wallcoverings production in China
- + Improved product mix
- Lower sales of wallcoverings in Europe and Russia

# Q3/15: Operating profit ex. NRI EUR -1.3 million (EUR -2.9 million)

- + Higher volumes
- Market introduction costs of the wallcoverings production line in China, despite significant increase in volume
- Higher raw material costs due to an adverse currency effect





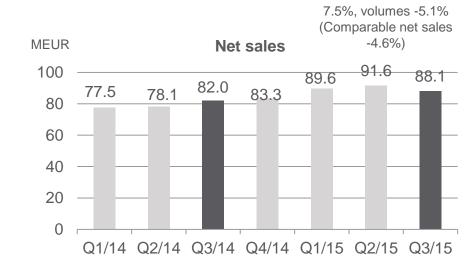
#### **Food and Medical**

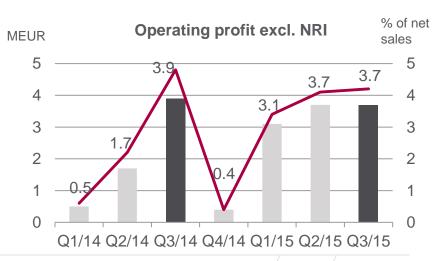
# Q3/15: Net sales EUR 88.1 million (EUR 82.0 million)

- Higher sales of food packaging and tape materials from Asian platform
- + Favorable currency effect
- Lower sales of medical fabrics and tape materials in Europe

# Q3/15: Operating profit ex. NRI EUR 3.7 million (EUR 3.9 million)

- + Improved pricing and product mix
- + Lower fixed costs
- Higher pulp prices in euros
- Lower volumes







#### **Income statement**

EUR million	Q3/2015	Q3/2014
Net sales	266.9	252.0
Cost of goods sold	-224.4	-221.8
Gross profit	42.5	30.2
Sales, administrative and research &		
development expenses (SGA)	-32.8	-31.6
Other income and expenses	0.2	-12.1
Operating profit	9.9	-13.4
Operating profit excl. NRI	11.2	9.7
Net financial expenses	-1.4	-6.3
Share of profit / loss of equity accounted		
investments	0.1	-0.2
Profit / loss before taxes	8.5	-19.9
Income taxes	-4.4	3.2
Profit / loss for the period	4.1	-16.7
Earnings per share	0.06	-0.30
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Enhanced pricing reflected in gross profit.

SGA costs excl. NRI were 12.2% of net sales (12.5% in Q3/14).

NRIs: EUR -1.3 million (EUR -23.2 million in Q3/14).

Includes a capital gain of EUR 3.2 million from selling Munksjö Oyj shares

Q3/15 net financials excluding the gain:
 EUR -4.6 million

#### **Balance sheet**

EUR million	Sept. 30, 2015	Dec. 31, 2014
Total non-current assets	532.3	599.3
Inventories	126.0	108.1
Trade and other receivables	188.9	170.7
Income tax receivables	0.9	1.7
Cash and cash equivalents	63.0	41.4
Total assets	911.2	921.1
Total equity	317.1	320.1
Provisions	8.8	11.6
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	266.7	295.2
Employee benefit obligations	97.9	96.0
Trade and other payables	216.7	194.0
Others	4.0	4.2
Total equity and liabilities	911.2	921.1
Gearing, %	64.2	79.3

- Shareholding in Munksjö Oyj was reduced to zero percent
- Currency fluctuations impacting all working capital components

Changes in equity was mainly due to:

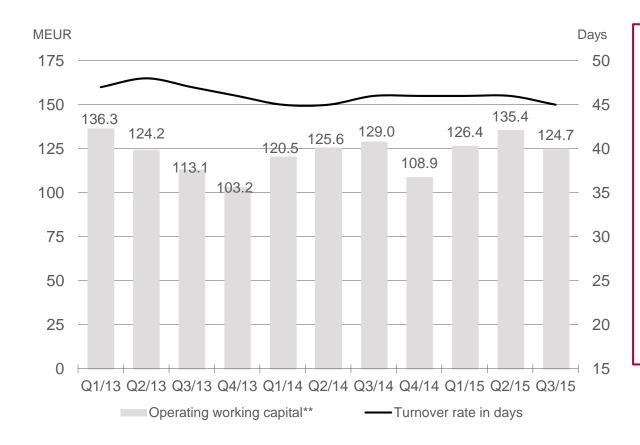
- EUR 28.8 million profit for the period
- EUR 14 million paid in dividends
- Fair value reserve reduced due to the sale of Munksjö shares

Includes EUR 100 million hybrid bond

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### Development of operating working capital\*

#### **Declined despite currency impact**



- Currency fluctuations increased working capital by EUR 2.9 million compared to Q3/2014
- 12-month rolling turnover rate 45 days at the end of Q3/15 (46 days at the end Q3/2014)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Operating working capital = Accounts receivables + inventories - accounts payable



<sup>\*</sup> Including continuing operations only

#### Statement of cash flows

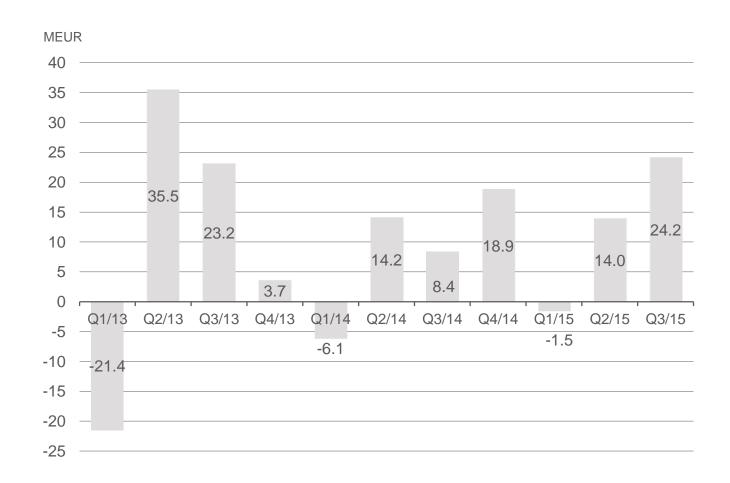
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EUR million	Q3/2015 (		
EBITDA	24.2	19.6	
Changes in net working capital	10.7	2.9	
Change in provisions	-1.6	-0.0	
Financial items	-6.4	-11.5	
Income taxes paid / received	-1.3	-1.1	
Other items	-1.4	-1.5	
			Highest operating cash flow in more
Net cash from operating activities	24.2	8.4	than two years
Net cash from operating activities	27.2	0.4	than two years
Purchases of intangible and tangible assets	-5.4	-11.1	Mainly maintenance-related capex
	10.9		
Other investing activities		2.1	EUR 10.0 million proceeds from
Net cash from investing activities	5.4	-9.0	selling Munksjö Oyj shares
Changes in loans and other financing activities	-10.0	8.1	
Net cash from financing activities	-10.0	8.1	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	19.6	7.4	
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Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	45.8	56.0	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	63.0	63.8	
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# **Net cash from operating activities\***

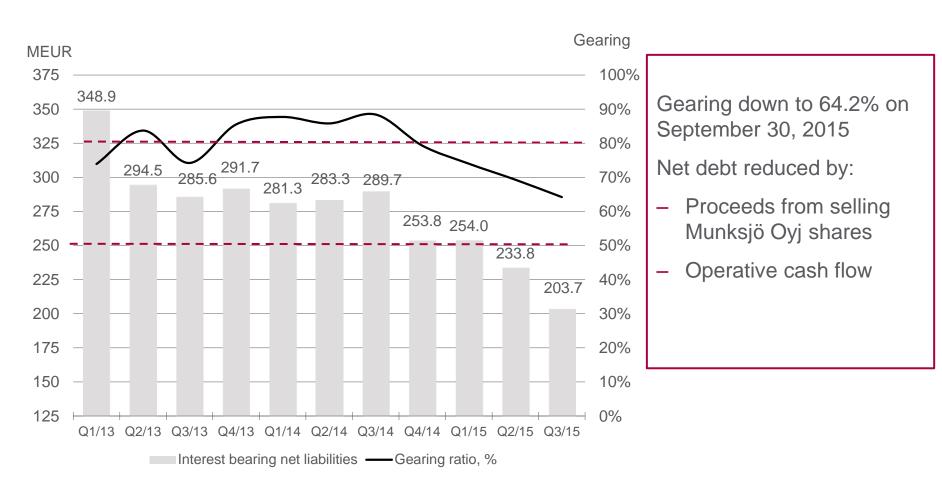
Cash flow increased due to a reduction in operative working capital





# Net debt and gearing\*

#### Gearing reduced by the sale of Munksjö shares and operative cash flow

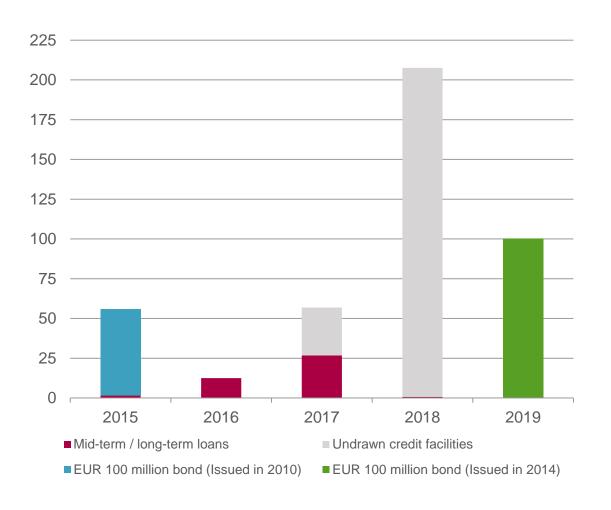


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### **Maturity profile**

#### Revolving credit facility refinanced in June 2015



- Total liquidity, including cash, unused committed credit facilities and committed cash pool overdraft limits was EUR 313.8 million at the end of Q3/15 (EUR 317.6 million Q3/14)
- In addition, Ahlstrom had undrawn uncommitted credit facilities and cash pool overdraft limits of EUR 107.1 million available (EUR 144.4 million Q3/14)
- EUR 180 million three-year revolving credit facility signed in June. The facility includes two 12-month extension options
- Remainder of the EUR 100 million bond (EUR 54 million million) issued in 2010 due in November 2015



#### **Outlook for 2015**

#### Range on net sales narrowed







#### New Outlook

- Net sales are expected to be in the range of EUR 1,050-1,100 million
- Operating profit margin excluding non-recurring items is expected to be 3.85-4.5% of net sales.

#### Previous outlook

- Net sales are expected to be in the range of EUR 1,025-1,125 million
- Operating profit margin excluding non-recurring items is expected to be 3.85-4.5% of net sales.

Investments excluding acquisitions are still estimated to amount to approximately EUR 35 million

### Stay ahead







# Thank you







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