Continued outstanding performance in the US while navigating weakening market in Europe

Interim report January–June 2025





# Performance and key highlights Q2 2025

Flat currency-neutral net sales development
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EBITDA margin of 22% in North America, highest since Q4'22

Challenging earnings in Europe due to weakening demand

Excellent cash conversion

Evolution program in North America exceeding expectations

SEKm	Q2-25	Change vs Q1-25	Change vs Q2-24
Net sales	10,244	-8%	-5%
Adjusted EBITDA	912	-34%	-9%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	9%	-4 pp	0 pp
Adjusted operating profit (EBIT)	188	-71%	-35%
Adjusted operating margin	2%	-4 ppt	-1 pp
Cash flow from operating activities	1,193	+108%	+76%
Cash conversion	131%	+90 pp	+54 pp
EPS (SEK)	0.22	-87%	-12%



# Evolution program in North America exceeding expectations

1,000 tons of bleached liner (Tribute®) and low-grammage cartonboard (Voyager®) sold to customers

~50 ongoing product trials with existing and new customers – bigger than expected commercial interest

Evolution investment program progressing as per plan

### Q2: Solid situation in US, while weakened conditions in Europe Not expecting recovery in the coming quarter (Q3)

Sales split, % <sup>1</sup>	Food & Drink	Printing & Publishing Papers	Consumer & Luxury	Industrial
LPB (10.1bn)	100%			
Cartonboard (2.7bn)	25%		75%	
Containerboard (5.5bn)	80%		10%	10%
Kraft & Specialty Paper (5.1bn) <sup>2</sup>	50%		30%	10%
Sack Paper (3.2bn)	15%			85%
Graphical Paper (8.4bn)		100%		
Share of Group Net Sales <sup>3</sup>	~40%	~20%	~10%	~10%
Billerud Market status Q2	Weakened	Normal	Weakened	Weakened
Billerud Market trend outlook Q3	Stable/Weak	Stable	Weak	Weak

1) 2024 Net Sales in bn SEK. 2) Excluding medical paper. 3) Total Group Net Sales include Currency hedging and Solutions & Other, not allocated to end-use segments

### Q2'25: Sales decline driven by unfavorable currency and lower volume

#### Net sales, SEKm



### Q2'25: Pricing more than compensating input cost inflation Volume growth in North America offset by decline in Europe





ALLE





Region Europe

63%

Share of net sales Q2 2025

• Macro uncertainty – muted consumer demand and overcapacity

- Sequentially weaker sales volumes across most categories
- Partially implemented price increases and stable input costs in Q2
- Gävle and Karlsborg maintenance shutdowns in Q3 (SEK 280m)

SEKm	Q2-25	Q2-24	Change
Net sales	6,481	7,011	-8%
Liquid packaging board	2,212	2,516	-12%
Containerboard	1,217	1,317	-8%
Kraft and specialty paper	905	1,029	-12%
Sack paper	861	762	+13%
Cartonboard	700	705	-1%
Market pulp	521	618	-16%
Net operating expenses	-6,148	-6,381	-3%
EBITDA	333	630	-47%
EBITDA margin	5%	9%	-4 ppt

REGION

## North America





Region

### North America

28%

Share of net sales **Q2 2025** 

- Outstanding quarter with broad-based strong financial performance
- Highest EBITDA margin since Q4-22
- Positive sequential pricing impact in Graphic paper
- Operating rate increased to 76%
- Escanaba maintenance shutdown in Q3 (SEK 160m)

SEKm	Q2-25	Q2-24	Change
Net sales	2,891	3,046	-5%
Graphic paper	2,049	2,130	-4%
Specialty paper	499	560	-11%
Market pulp	331	357	-7%
Net operating expenses	-2,269	-2,483	-9%
EBITDA	622	563	+10%
EBITDA margin	22%	18%	+4 ppt

GROUP

## Input costs



### Reduced input costs driven by lower energy prices in Europe Stable cost development expected into Q3



### Excellent cash conversion in the quarter

Cash flow from operating activities more than doubled vs year ago

Leverage maintained at low level 1.1x EBITDA after dividend payout

Capex guidance for 2025 reduced to SEK 3.1 bn

#### CAPEX of SEK 3.1 bn in 2025

Strategic capex: SEK 0.9 bn Base capex: SEK 2.2 bn

SEKm	Q2 2025	Q2 2024	Jan-Jun 2025	Jan-Jun 2024
Profit before tax	77	87	604	473
Adjustments for non-cash items	603	717	1,178	1,186
Tax paid	-211	-194	-244	-329
Cash flow from changes in working capital	724	68	228	-457
Cash flow from operating activities	1,193	678	1,766	873
Investments in tangible and intangible assets	-640	-629	-1,034	-1,315
Operating cash flow after investments in tangible and intangible assets	553	49	732	-442
Cash conversion	131%	77%	77%	43%

SEKm	Q2 2025	Q2 2024
Net debt	5,845	6,629
Net debt / adjusted EBITDA	1.1	1.6
Adjusted ROCE	7%	4%

# We continue to relentlessy focus on items that we control

Continue to further challenge our fixed cost base

Protect cash flow - target cash conversion >80%

Drive profitable mix

Mill efficiency and supply chain reliability



# Outlook for Q3 2025



Continued solid conditions in Region North America

Weak conditions in Region Europe

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Stable input costs

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