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**Ahlstrom**  
Financial Report  
January-September 2023



 **AHLSTROM**

The name was changed from Ahlstrom-Munksjö Holding 3 Oy to Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy on January 16, 2023.

# TRANSFORMATION ON TRACK - RECORD STRONG COMPARABLE EBITDA MARGIN

*In this interim report all figures are concerning continuing operations unless otherwise stated. The divested Decor business and related transactions are presented as a discontinued operation in the income statement and statement of comprehensive income for 2022 and 2023. Decor business related balance sheet items are presented as assets and liabilities held for sale for September 2022. Cash flow statements include Decor until October 1, 2022.*

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Transformation progressing, delivering record strong quarterly comparable EBITDA margin and strengthened business portfolio – successively lower transformation costs as the business develops internal capabilities
- Quarter on quarter improvement in comparable EBITDA supported by targeted cost savings and steadily strong margin on variable cost per ton
- Strengthened business portfolio through successful divestiture of the unprofitable Stenay plant in France and start up of the new glass fiber tissue production line in the U.S.
- Well-positioned for earnings growth as markets rebound

## Q3/2023 compared with Q3/2022

- Net sales decreased by 18.6% to EUR 705.8 million (867.1) due to lower volumes, currency exchange rates and selling prices
- Comparable EBITDA of EUR 119.2 million was almost on last year's level (120.0), representing 16.9% (13.8) of net sales. Lower costs and higher margin on variable costs per ton offset lower deliveries.
- EBITDA increased to EUR 104.7 million (91.1) including lower items affecting comparability of EUR -14.5 million (-29.0), mainly relating to the transformation initiatives
- Operating result increased to EUR 61.0 million (46.5)
- Net result was EUR -20.4 million (27.1) significantly impacted by an unrealized fair value loss from interest rate hedges of EUR -4.6 million (gain of 28.0) and an impairment loss on a loan to Stenay of EUR -20.0 million.

## Q1-Q3/2023 compared with Q1-Q3/2022

- Net sales decreased by 9.3% to EUR 2,281.2 million (2,514.4) due to lower deliveries from destocking
- Comparable EBITDA decreased to EUR 308.0 million (357.0), representing 13.5% (14.2) of net sales. Higher margin on variable costs per ton did not fully offset lower deliveries.
- EBITDA was EUR 263.9 million (265.7) including lower items affecting comparability of EUR -44.1 million (-91.4), mainly relating to the transformation initiatives
- Operating result decreased to EUR 125.9 million (134.7), including an impairment loss of EUR 5.7 relating to the Stenay plant
- Net result was EUR -43.7 million (55.2) significantly impacted by an unrealized fair value loss from interest rate hedges of EUR -6.7 million (gain of 60.6) and an impairment loss on a loan to Stenay of EUR -20.0 million.

## Adjusted last twelve months<sup>1</sup>

- Adjusted EBITDA for the last twelve months was EUR 481.4 million (EUR 477.2 million at June 30, 2023)
- Adjusted net indebtedness was EUR 1,838.7 million (EUR 1,786.5 million at June 30, 2023), translating into a net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA ratio of 3.8 (3.7 at June 30, 2023)

<sup>1</sup> For more information on adjusted EBITDA see page 7 and 35.

Q3/2023

COMPARABLE  
EBITDA MEUR 119.2  
WITH RECORD  
MARGIN OF  
16.9%

CASH FLOW FROM  
OPERATING  
ACTIVITIES MEUR 30.2

STRONG  
COMPARABLE EBITDA  
IMPROVEMENT  
REACHING THE SAME  
GOOD LEVEL AS LAST  
YEAR

GRADUAL RECOVERY  
IN CUSTOMER  
ACTIVITY EXPECTED

## KEY FIGURES

Key figures	Q3	Q3	Q2	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million, or as indicated	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2022
Net sales	705.8	867.1	774.4	2,281.2	2,514.4	3,348.7
Comparable EBITDA	119.2	120.0	101.2	308.0	357.0	440.2
Comparable EBITDA margin, %	16.9	13.8	13.1	13.5	14.2	13.1
EBITDA	104.7	91.1	82.6	263.9	265.7	299.8
Margin on variable costs (MOVC) per ton, EUR	935.2	912.5	943.7	918.0	867.0	867.9
MOVC margin, %	41.9	37.3	40.1	39.1	38.3	37.4
Operating working capital	373.1	390.9	363.6	373.1	390.9	314.2
Capital expenditure	43.4	41.0	48.8	155.0	108.6	195.1
Net senior secured indebtedness	1,936.0	1,913.3	1,839.1	1,936.0	1,913.3	1,788.9
Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness	1,693.8	1,671.1	1,596.9	1,693.8	1,671.1	1,546.7
Net indebtedness	2,080.9	2,195.3 <sup>1</sup>	2,028.7	2,080.9	2,195.3 <sup>1</sup>	1,930.0
Adjusted Net indebtedness	1,838.7	1,953.1 <sup>1</sup>	1,786.5	1,838.7	1,953.1 <sup>1</sup>	1,687.8
Ratio of Net senior secured indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA	3.5	n/a	3.3	3.5	n/a	2.9
Ratio of Net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA	3.8	n/a	3.7	3.8	n/a	3.1

<sup>1</sup> Include discontinued operation until Oct 1, 2022.

Key Figures	Q3	Q2	Q4
EUR million, or as indicated	2023	2023	2022
Adjusted EBITDA (LTM)	481.4	477.2	540.8
Adjusted EBITDA margin (LTM), %	15.5	14.6	16.1
Interest expenses (LTM)	-143.3	-137.8	-121.0

Ahlstrom has adopted the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) guidelines on Alternative Performance Measures (APMs) to reflect the underlying business performance and improve comparability. These measures should, however, not be considered as a substitute for measures of performance in accordance with IFRS. Alternative performance measures are derived from performance measures reported in accordance with IFRS by adding or deducting items affecting comparability (IAC) and they are called "comparable" or adding adjustments and they are called "adjusted". More details on APMs and key figures are available in the appendix 2. Reported, IFRS based numbers are available in appendix 1.

## CEO COMMENTS

In the third quarter, we continued our transformation journey to become the leading sustainable specialty materials company. Ahlstrom's strength lies in our know-how in sustainable and innovative fiber-based solutions. We have the technology that addresses the big trends in the world and with our diversified portfolio we meet the needs of our customers who look for solutions that are safe and sustainable by design.

We are delighted to report that our comparable EBITDA in the third quarter increased from the second quarter and reached the same good level as the year before despite volume lagging by 10%. Timely and targeted cost reduction actions, along with a continued strong margin on variable costs per ton, supported the positive development of profitability. Over the course of the year, our comparable EBITDA margin has demonstrated a consistent upward trend, culminating in a record-breaking 16.9% in the third quarter.

As expected, deliveries continued to be low in the third quarter, impacted by customer destocking and weaker end markets, but also due to our third quarter typically being seasonally slower. In the majority of our businesses, customer activity has stabilized, and recently we have seen a slight rise in the vibrancy of new orders in some of our businesses, suggesting a possible end to the destocking phase. We are pleased with the progress of our working capital, especially in terms of inventory management even though it was negatively affected this quarter by the timing of payment of trade payables.

### STRENGTHENING OUR BUSINESS PORTFOLIO

Despite receiving positive indications from customers about a recovery, the outlook remains unclear. The economic landscape continues to be marked by uncertainty, including heightened geo-economic fragmentation and a potential resurgence of inflation.

In the prevailing business environment, our attention is firmly on the successful progression of our transformation efforts. During the quarter, we strengthened our business portfolio through the divestment of the unprofitable Stenay plant and through the commercialization of our significant investment in a new glass fiber tissue line in the U.S. The sale of Stenay is particularly gratifying as our employees were offered ongoing employment, which was the desired outcome, both socially and financially, compared to the possibility of shutting down.

### GROWTH WITH INNOVATIONS THAT PURIFY AND PROTECT

The ramp-up of the new glass fiber tissue line in the U.S. has gone well and expands Ahlstrom's capabilities for high-performance building materials, including more sustainable alternatives such as fluorocarbon and formaldehyde-free solutions. We also continued to introduce new products that serve our purpose to Purify and Protect, including a biodegradable laundry care solution and an expanded range of applications for fiber-based self-adhesive packaging tapes.

### FOCUSING ON SERVING OUR CUSTOMERS

With our strong focus on sustainable innovations for our customers I'm filled with confidence in Ahlstrom's future, despite the uncertain market environment. We have successfully improved our comparable EBITDA margin to a record level, and I expect us to deliver solid earnings growth and cash flow as customer activity recovers.



Helen Mets, President & CEO:

*"We are delighted to report that our comparable EBITDA margin reached a record of 16.9% in the third quarter up from 13.8% in the prior year despite 10% lower volumes. We have also made good progress on our transformation journey and strengthened internal capabilities in strategically important areas, which is gradually reducing transformation costs and supporting reported EBITDA and cash flow."*

# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Net sales by division	Q3	Q3	Q2	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2022
Filtration	136.7	159.7	148.6	428.5	468.2	617.9
Food & Consumer Packaging	300.0	387.8	329.5	977.9	1,077.2	1,450.0
Healthcare	34.4	45.1	38.6	114.5	154.1	191.8
Building Materials	70.0	87.2	77.7	223.2	271.0	351.1
Technical Materials	147.8	170.0	159.2	476.5	493.3	663.6
Other and eliminations	16.8	17.3	20.7	60.5	50.6	74.3
<b>Group total</b>	<b>705.8</b>	<b>867.1</b>	<b>774.4</b>	<b>2,281.2</b>	<b>2,514.4</b>	<b>3,348.7</b>

Comparable EBITDA by division	Q3	Q3	Q2	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2022
Filtration	31.5	31.5	33.6	90.2	94.2	120.4
Food & Consumer Packaging	45.9	39.4	33.2	104.6	107.8	141.5
Healthcare	6.0	10.2	5.3	18.8	37.6	42.8
Building Materials	15.1	14.5	16.8	36.4	45.4	52.6
Technical Materials	23.8	15.6	11.0	55.5	52.8	72.4
Other and eliminations	-3.0	8.8	1.2	2.4	19.2	10.5
<b>Group total</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>308.0</b>	<b>357.0</b>	<b>440.2</b>

Comparable EBITDA margin by division	Q3	Q3	Q2	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
%	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2022
Filtration	23.0	19.8	22.6	21.0	20.1	19.5
Food & Consumer Packaging	15.3	10.2	10.1	10.7	10.0	9.8
Healthcare	17.4	22.5	13.6	16.4	24.4	22.3
Building Materials	21.6	16.6	21.7	16.3	16.8	15.0
Technical Materials	16.1	9.2	6.9	11.6	10.7	10.9
<b>Group total</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>13.1</b>

## FINANCIAL RESULT JULY-SEPTEMBER 2023

### Comparison with July–September 2022

Net sales decreased by 18.6% to EUR 705.8 million (867.1) due to lower deliveries, currency exchange rates and selling prices.

Comparable EBITDA was EUR 119.2 million (120.0), representing 16.9% of net sales (13.8). Lower costs and increased margin on variable costs per ton offset the negative impact of lower deliveries.

Volumes continued to be affected by the ongoing destocking in the value chains, partly relating to weaker end markets.

The transformation has progressed well and continued to deliver strong results including flexible input cost and selling price management, which led to a higher margin on variable costs per ton.

EBITDA increased to EUR 104.7 million (91.1). Items affecting comparability (IACs) and owners' management fee in EBITDA totaled EUR -14.5 million (-29.0), and included significantly lower transformation costs. An important milestone in the transformation journey is the strengthened internal capabilities in strategically important areas, which gradually reduce transformation costs.

Operating result increased to EUR 61.0 million (46.5). Depreciation, amortization and impairment amounted to EUR -43.7 million (-44.5), including depreciation and amortization arising from PPA of EUR -15.6 million (-16.6).

Net financial items were EUR -68.6 million (-8.9). This figure includes net interest expenses of EUR -40.2 million (-34.9), a currency exchange impact of EUR -0.7 million (1.8), and other financial items of EUR -27.7 million (24.2). Other financial items were impacted by an unrealized fair value loss of EUR -4.6 million from interest rate hedges (gain of 28.0) and an impairment loss of EUR -20.0 million on a loan to Stenay.

The result before taxes was EUR -7.9 million (37.6). Taxes amounted to EUR -12.5 million (-10.6). The net result was EUR -20.4 million (27.1).

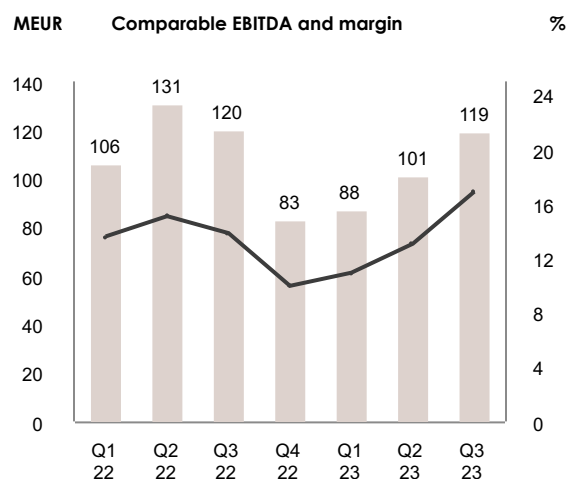
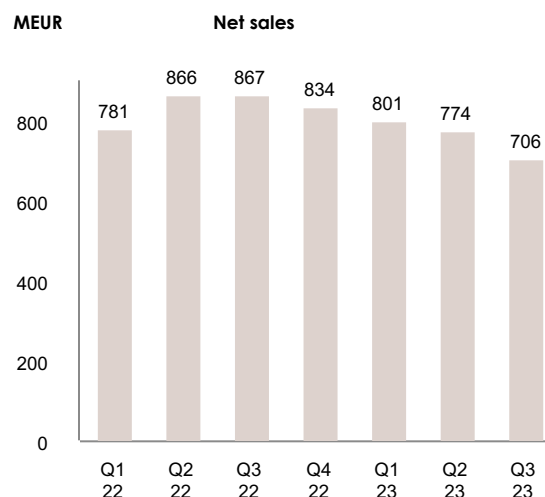
### Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA amounted to EUR 481.4 million for the last twelve months (LTM) ending September 30, 2023 (EUR 477.2 million LTM ending June 30, 2023).

During the period, implemented initiatives have been realized in the results, while the work to identify and specify new opportunities has continued according to plan.

### Comparison with April-June 2023

Comparable EBITDA increased to EUR 119.2 million (101.2), representing 16.9% of net sales (13.1), supported by lower costs.



Reconciliation of EBITDA and comparable EBITDA	Q3	Q3	Q2	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million	2023	2022	2023	2023	2022	2022
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>134.7</b>	<b>113.8</b>
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	-43.7	-44.5	-50.4	-138.0	-131.0	-185.9
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>82.6</b>	<b>263.9</b>	<b>265.7</b>	<b>299.8</b>
Transaction costs	0.1	-1.3	-0.3	1.2	-4.5	-4.6
Transformation costs	-7.7	-21.8	-12.0	-29.3	-75.8	-116.3
Restructuring costs	-4.9	-2.4	-3.5	-8.9	-4.3	-7.8
Other	-0.3	-1.8	-0.9	-1.9	-2.0	-5.5
<b>Total items affecting comparability (IAC) in EBITDA</b>	<b>-12.9</b>	<b>-27.2</b>	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>-38.8</b>	<b>-86.6</b>	<b>-134.3</b>
Management fee to owners <sup>1</sup>	-1.6	-1.8	-2.0	-5.4	-4.7	-6.1
<b>Total IAC in EBITDA and management fee</b>	<b>-14.5</b>	<b>-29.0</b>	<b>-18.6</b>	<b>-44.1</b>	<b>-91.4</b>	<b>-140.4</b>
<b>Comparable EBITDA</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>308.0</b>	<b>357.0</b>	<b>440.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Management fee paid to the consortium pursuant to a management agreement whereby Group has received general business consulting services; financial, managerial and operational advice, advisory and consulting services with respect to selection of advisors; advice in different fields; and financial and strategic planning and analysis.

Reconciliation of Comparable EBITDA (LTM) to adjusted EBITDA (LTM)	Adjusted LTM	Adjusted LTM	Adjusted LTM
EUR million	Q3	Q2	Q1
	2023	2023	2022
<b>Comparable EBITDA (LTM)</b>	<b>391.2</b>	<b>392.0</b>	<b>440.2</b>
2022 initiatives <sup>1</sup>	0.5	3.3	27.8
2023 initiatives <sup>2</sup>	43.1	63.8	72.8
2024 initiatives <sup>3</sup>	46.6	18.2	—
<b>Adjusted EBITDA (LTM)</b>	<b>481.4</b>	<b>477.2</b>	<b>540.8</b>

Adjusted EBITDA is not identified as an accounting measurement in IFRS and should therefore not be considered as alternative to the disclosures provided in the financial statement for the purpose of assessing the Group's performance. Adjusted EBITDA is based on various assumptions, including successful implementation of certain initiatives and Sponsor estimates. It should not be considered as a substitute for revenue or net result for the period or any other performance or liquidity measures derived in accordance with IFRS or any other generally accepted accounting principles.

<sup>1</sup> Comprises several initiatives focusing on better managing of indirect spends and improving efficiencies. The numbers include savings from initiatives implemented during 2022 with full run rate expected to be achieved by year end 2023. The amount of estimated savings from 2022 initiatives not yet included in LTM EBITDA is EUR 0.5 million. Most of the savings comes from transformation projects focused on Fibers and Chemicals), Indirect Spend, Continuous Improvement with a special focus on Energy initiatives.

<sup>2</sup> These initiatives have or will be implemented over the course of 2023. The amount of estimated savings from 2023 initiatives not yet included in LTM EBITDA is EUR 43.1 million. The full run rate benefit is expected to be achieved 12 months from the date of implementation. Savings include Fibers (EUR 9.6 million, representing 22% of total), Chemicals (EUR 10.5 million, or 24%), Indirect Spend (EUR 11.7 million, or 27%) relating mainly to freight costs, and Energy (EUR 3.2 million, or 7%) mainly relating to Recipe 2.0 and Rapid Value Creation, as well as to Continuous Improvement actions (EUR 7.5 million, 18%) linked to internal operational cost optimization.

<sup>3</sup> Consists of initiatives that will be implemented over the course of 2024. The amount of savings from 2024 initiatives is estimated to EUR 46.6 million and are expected to be achieved 12 months from the date of implementation. Savings include Fibers (EUR 14.4 million, representing 31% of total savings, Indirect Spend (EUR 9.6 million, or 21%), relating mainly to transportation and production cost optimization, Energy (EUR 7.4 million, or 16%), relating to energy optimization and consumption, Chemicals (EUR 7.5 million, or 16%) as well as Continuous Improvement actions (EUR 6.6 million, or 14%) linked to various initiatives driving improved performance.

## FINANCIAL RESULT JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2023

### *Comparison with January–September 2022*

Net sales decreased by 9.3% to EUR 2,281.2 million (2,514.4) mainly due to lower deliveries.

Comparable EBITDA decreased to EUR 308.0 million (357.0), representing 13.5% of net sales (14.2), due to lower deliveries. Volumes decreased as a result of the ongoing destocking in the value chains, partly relating to weaker end markets.

The transformation has progressed well and continued to deliver strong results. Higher input costs were more than offset by higher selling prices and cost efficiency measures, leading to a higher margin on variable costs per ton.

EBITDA was EUR 263.9 million (265.7). Items affecting comparability (IACs) and owners' management fee in EBITDA totaled EUR -44.1 million (-91.4), and included significantly lower transformation costs. An important milestone in the transformation journey is the strengthened internal capabilities in strategically important areas, which gradually reduce transformation costs.

Operating result decreased to EUR 125.9 million (134.7). Depreciation, amortization and impairment amounted to EUR -138.0 million (-131.0), including depreciation and amortization arising from PPA of EUR -47.3 million (-48.6) as well as an impairment loss of EUR -5.7 million (0.0) relating to property, plant and equipment of Stenay plant.

Net financial items were EUR -142.9 million (-47.6). This figure includes net interest expenses of EUR -112.6 million (-93.6), a currency exchange gain of EUR 5.2 million (6.4), and other financial items of EUR -35.5 million (39.6). Other financial items were impacted by an unrealized fair value loss of EUR -6.7 million from interest rate hedges (gain of 60.6) and an impairment loss of EUR -20.0 million on a loan to Stenay.

The result before taxes was EUR -20.2 million (87.0). Taxes amounted to EUR -23.5 million (-31.8). The net result was EUR -43.7 million (55.2).

## CASH FLOW AND FINANCING

### *Cash flow and capital expenditure, July-September 2023*

In July-September 2023 net cash from operating activities was EUR 30.2 million (83.9 in July-September 2022, including discontinued operation). Cash flow was negatively affected by an increase in working capital, which was primarily due to the timing of payments of trade payables.

Capital expenditure totaled EUR -43.7 million (-44.2 in July-September 2022, including discontinued operation), including projects related to the ongoing transformation targeting improved performance and preparations for growth. The single most important growth project was the completion of the new glass fiber tissue line the Madisonville plant, KY, U.S.

Free cash flow was EUR 99.0 million (102.4 in July-September 2022), calculated as comparable EBITDA minus maintenance capital expenditure, and cash conversion was 83.0% (85.3%), calculated as free cash flow divided by comparable EBITDA.

### *Cash flow and capital expenditure, January-September 2023*

In January-September 2023 net cash from operating activities was EUR 56.8 million (166.1 in January-September 2022, including discontinued operation). Cash flow was negatively impacted by the lower results and a larger increase in working capital, which was affected by significantly lower payables due to the timing of payments of accounts payables as well as short term incentive payments in March as a result of the strong results in 2022.

Capital expenditure totaled EUR -155.2 million (-117.3 in January-September 2022, including discontinued operation) and were high due to several projects related to the ongoing transformation targeting improved performance and preparations for growth. The single most important growth project was the successful completion of the new glass fiber tissue line the Madisonville plant, KY, U.S.

Free cash flow was EUR 248.2 million (314.9 in January-June 2022), calculated as comparable EBITDA minus maintenance capital expenditure, and cash conversion was 80.6% (88.2%), calculated as free cash flow divided by comparable EBITDA.

### *Financing and indebtedness, January-September 2023*

Cash flow from financing activities was EUR 38.8 million (40.4 in January-September 2022, including discontinued operation).

On September 30, 2023, total equity was EUR 775.8 million (894.5 on December 31, 2022). The total equity was reduced by translation differences, net result and cash distributions by way of return of equity.

Ahlstrom's liquidity is satisfactory. At the end of the review period, the total cash position was EUR 171.5 million (240.7 on December 31, 2022). The principal sources of liquidity were cash flow from operating activities, committed and uncommitted loans, as well as a Finnish Commercial Paper Program and a factoring program.



At the end of the reporting period, adjusted net indebtedness was EUR 1,838.7 million (1,687.8 on December 31, 2022), affected by cash outflows in the first quarter, translating into a net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA ratio of 3.8 (3.1 on December 31, 2022).

On June 30, 2023, the Group entered into agreement to raise EUR 75.0 million as an add on to its existing senior term loan facility maturing February 2028 to the financing of general corporate purposes. On July 12, the total amount, net of transaction costs, EUR 69.6 million was drawn.

## ACQUISITION OF AHLSTROM-MUNKSJÖ

### THE ACQUISITION OF AHLSTROM OYJ IN 2021 AND SUBSEQUENT REDEMPTION PROCEDURE

On September 24, 2020, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy (previously named first Spa Holdings 3 Oy until August 2021 and, subsequently, Ahlstrom-Munksjö Holding 3 Oy until January 2023), a consortium consisting of Ahlström Capital, funds managed or advised by Bain Capital as well as Viknum and Belgrano Inversiones, made a public recommended cash tender offer for all shares in Ahlstrom Oyj (previously named Ahlstrom-Munksjö Oyj until January 2023). Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy received an ownership of more than 90% on February 4, 2021 and started a compulsory redemption procedure and applied for the delisting of the shares from Nasdaq Helsinki and Nasdaq Stockholm.

On April 16, Nasdaq Stockholm approved the delisting application and resolved that the last day of trading in Ahlstrom Oyj's shares was May 31, 2021. On June 23, 2021 it was announced that Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy had posted security approved by the arbitral tribunal appointed by the Redemption Board of the Finland Chamber of Commerce in connection with the redemption proceedings concerning the minority shares in Ahlstrom Oyj, and thus gained title to all the shares in Ahlstrom Oyj in accordance with Chapter 18, Section 6 of the Finnish Companies Act. The shares in Ahlstrom Oyj were delisted as of June 23 from the official list of Nasdaq Helsinki.

On February 25, 2022, the arbitral tribunal appointed by the Redemption Board of the Finland Chamber of Commerce rendered its decision according to which the redemption price payable by Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy for the 10,755,918 Ahlstrom Oyj's minority shares that are subject to mandatory redemption shall be EUR 21.55 per share.

On April 29, 2022, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy filed an appeal with the District Court of Helsinki, requesting the District Court to confirm the redemption price of the minority shares in Ahlstrom Oyj to be EUR 17.84 per share. The requested redemption price of EUR 17.84 corresponds with the price offered in the public tender offer. Amongst others, the trustee who represents the minority shareholders, also filed their appeal with the District Court.

The District Court of Helsinki rendered its decision on 31 August, 2023. The District Court ruled that the redemption price payable by Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy for the 10,755,918 Ahlstrom Oyj's minority shares that are subject to mandatory redemption shall be EUR 17.84 per share. The time to seek leave to appeal from the Supreme Court of Finland expired on October 30, 2023. Amongst others, the trustee who represents all minority shareholders has sought leave to appeal from the Supreme Court within the appeal period. As the trustee has sought leave to appeal, a decision regarding the redemption price will not become final and non-appealable for any of the minority shareholders until the Supreme Court either denies the leave to appeal or renders a final decision in the matter. According to the Companies Act, the redemption price falls due after a month has passed from the decision on redemption becoming non-appealable. The average time for the Supreme Court to process leaves to appeal is four to six months, but processing times vary. If the Supreme Court grants leave to appeal, it is estimated that the appeal proceedings could last until the end of 2024 or first half of 2025.

The unpaid redemption price is subject to interest in accordance with Chapter 18, Section 7 of the Finnish Companies Act. The reference rate referred to therein (at 4.0% as of 1 July, 2023) is subject to bi-annual adjustments, with the next adjustment due on 1 January, 2024. However, the redemption price may be paid up to the undisputed price of EUR 17.84 per share already during the course of the appeal proceedings.

## PERSONNEL

At the end of the reporting period, total number of employees were 7,040 people. The highest numbers of employees were in the United States (36%), France (20%), Sweden (11%), Italy (8%), Brazil (5%) and China (5%).

## EVENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

### APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND CEO

On December 13, 2022, Helen Mets was appointed President and CEO, effective January 1, 2023, and succeeded Hans Sohlström who left Ahlstrom at the end of December.

### CHANGE OF NAME TO AHLSTROM HOLDING 3 OY

On January 16, 2023, Ahlstrom-Munksjö Holding 3 Oy registered with the Finnish Patent and Registration Office as its company name Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy.

### AHLSTROM HOLDING 3 OY RETURN OF EQUITY

On January 23, 2023, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy decided on a cash distribution in the aggregate amount of EUR 8,348,142.78 (the "Distribution Amount") by way of return of equity from invested unrestricted equity reserve. Payment was made on February 1, 2023.

### DIVESTMENT OF STENAY PLANT

On March 13, 2023, a consultation process started with employee representatives at the Stenay plant in France regarding the possibility of divesting the plant, and if a buyer cannot be found a closure of the plant. Neither the plant technology nor the product capabilities are suitable for Ahlstrom's strategic ambition to operate in niches where a leading position can be achieved. Since the beginning of the consultation period, Ahlstrom was actively working with the stakeholders to find a buyer and achieving a positive outcome for the parties involved. The capacity of the plant is approximately 55,000 tons of specialty paper and it employed 127 people.

On August 25, Ahlstrom signed an agreement to divest the plant to Accursia Capital and classified the company as held for sale. The transaction was completed on September 29. Upon classification as held for sale, an impairment loss of EUR 20 million was recognized on a loan to Stenay in financial items to write-down the net assets held for sale to the lower of the carrying amount and fair value less transaction related costs. In June, an impairment loss of EUR 5.7 million had been recognized on property, plant and equipment.

Both the transaction price and the result on divestment recognized at the end of September were close to zero. The cash flow impact related to the transaction, including cash and cash equivalents disposed of and certain indemnities, has been estimated to be approximately EUR -13 million, of which EUR -7.7 million has been realized in September 2023.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On March 28, 2023, it was resolved in a sole shareholder meeting to adopt the Financial Statements for the year 2022 and to grant the members of the Board of Directors discharge from the financial year 2022. It was resolved also to authorize the Board of Directors to decide on the distribution of funds in one or several tranches from the company's invested unrestricted equity fund up to an aggregate maximum of EUR 35.0 million. The authorization is in force until the beginning of the company's Annual General Meeting 2024.

### RETURN OF EQUITY

On April 26, 2023, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy decided on a cash distribution in the aggregate amount of EUR 8,207,878 (the "Distribution Amount") by way of return of equity from invested unrestricted equity reserve. The payment was pursuant to the authorization to the Board of March 28, 2023 to decide on the distribution up to an aggregate maximum of EUR 35.0 million until the beginning of the company's Annual General Meeting 2024. Payment was made on April 28, 2023.

### CHANGES IN THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM

On May 2, 2023, it was announced that Konraad Dullaert had been appointed Executive Vice President Science, Innovation and Sustainability and a member of the Executive Management Team, effective June 1, 2023. In his role, Konraad is responsible for global innovation, sustainability, and commercial excellence

as well as marketing. Konraad succeeded Robin Guillaud, EVP Sustainability, Innovation and Marketing, who left Ahlstrom at the end of July.

Wouter Hut, Chief Procurement Officer, was appointed as a member of Ahlstrom's Executive Management Team, effective June 1, 2023. Wouter has been with Ahlstrom and in his previous role as Chief Procurement Officer since 2021.

On May 24, 2023, it was announced that Mary Puddepha had been appointed Chief People Officer and a member of the Executive Management Team, effective June 1, 2023. Mary succeeded Tarja Takko, EVP People & Culture, who left Ahlstrom at the end of May.

On September 12, 2023 it was announced that Niklas Beyes was appointed Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and a member of Ahlstrom's Executive Management Team as of September 15. Niklas succeeded Jorn P. Jensen who left Ahlstrom on September 15.

Wolfgang Laures was appointed Chief Operating Officer (COO) and a member of Ahlstrom's Executive Management Team as of October 1, 2023. Current COO Markus Westerkamp will continue within Ahlstrom as advisor to the President & CEO.

#### RETURN OF EQUITY

On July 26, 2023, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy decided on a cash distribution in the aggregate amount of EUR 8,481,767.78 (the "Distribution Amount") by way of return of equity from invested unrestricted equity reserve. The payment was pursuant to the authorization to the Board of March 28, 2023 to decide on the distribution up to an aggregate maximum of EUR 35.0 million until the beginning of the company's Annual General Meeting 2024. Payment was made on August 1, 2023.

#### LAWSUIT AGAINST AHLSTROM

On August 9, 2023, a lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin against Ahlstrom Rhinelander LLC, among others, concerning alleged contamination of private well drinking water in Oneida County in the U.S. Ahlstrom is evaluating the lawsuit.

## EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

### RETURN OF EQUITY

On October 25, 2023, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy decided on a cash distribution in the aggregate amount of EUR 8,459,267.78 (the "Distribution Amount") by way of return of equity from invested unrestricted equity reserve. The payment was pursuant to the authorization to the Board of March 28, 2023 to decide on the distribution up to an aggregate maximum of EUR 35.0 million until the beginning of the company's Annual General Meeting 2024. Payment was made on November 2, 2023.

On October 30, 2023, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy decided on a cash distributions of EUR 4,500,000.00 by way of return of equity from invested unrestricted equity reserve. The payment was an additional distribution decided separately by the shareholder of Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy. Payment was made on October 30, 2023.

### CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF AHLSTROM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On October 2, 2023, it was announced that Kristina Schauman had been appointed as a member of Ahlstrom's Board of Directors and Chair of the Audit Committee.

## SHORT-TERM RISKS

Ahlstrom manages a broad portfolio of businesses and serves a wide range of end uses globally and therefore unlikely to be significantly affected at a Group level by individual business factors. However, slowing global economic growth and uncertain financial market conditions could have an adverse effect on the operations, financial results, and financial position.

Ahlstrom's significant risks and uncertainties are primarily related to the development of demand and prices for its products, as well as the cost, volatility, and availability of key raw materials and energy. Additionally, general business factors such as increased global fragmentation, regulation, and resurgence of inflation may also pose risks to the company.

The sustainability criteria are developing rapidly as the effects of climate change increase. For the industry, both the impact of climate change and green transition mean new business conditions, but also new business opportunities because some of the environmental challenges can be met with the company's products. Climate change related physical and transition risks include, but are not limited to, unforeseen expenses related to compliance with emerging environmental and other government regulations, adaptation and innovation expenditures, as well as production disruptions and restrictions.

The Group's key financial risks include interest rate and currency, liquidity and credit risks. To mitigate short-term risks, methods such as hedging and credit insurance are used. There are no major refinancing needs short-term. The Group is exposed to tax risks due to potential changes in tax laws and regulations or their application, or as a result of on-going or future tax audits or claims.

The company regularly assesses the best structure for its portfolio of businesses and systematically evaluates M&A opportunities. In potential business combinations, substantial integration work is needed to realize expected synergies. Ongoing transformation initiatives pose risks that are mitigated by a dedicated transformation office of cross-functional and operational capabilities.

Ahlstrom has operations in many countries, and sometimes disputes cannot be avoided in daily operations. The company is sometimes involved in legal actions, disputes, claims for damages and other procedures. The result of these cannot be predicted.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT AHLSTROM**

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**COMBINED AUDIOCAST AND TELECONFERENCE**

A combined audiocast and teleconference will be held on November 23, 16:00 EET (15:00 CET).

Questions to the management can be asked either via the chat box in the audiocast or in person by phone in the conference call.

Audiocast registration link:

<https://ahlstrom.videosync.fi/q3-2023>

Teleconference registration link:

<http://palvelu.flik.fi/teleconference/?id=10012025>

By joining audiocast or teleconference, the participant agrees that personal information such as name and company name will be collected. The event will be recorded.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains and refers to certain forward-looking statements with respect to our financial condition, results of operations and business. Forward-looking statements are statements of future expectations that are based on management's current expectations and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in these statements. Forward-looking statements include, among others, statements concerning the potential exposure to market risks and statements expressing management's expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, intentions, estimates, forecasts, projections and assumptions. All statements other than statements of historical fact are, or may be deemed to be, forward-looking statements.

This report contains forward-looking statements, including statements about market consolidation and our strategy, investment program, future operations, industry forecasts, expected acquisitions, transactions and investments, and target levels of leverage and indebtedness. Forward-looking statements provide our current expectations, intentions or forecasts of future events. Forward-looking statements include statements about expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, intentions, assumptions and other statements that are not statements of historical fact. Words or phrases such as "aim," "anticipate," "assume," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "guidance," "intend," "may," "objectives," "ongoing," "outlook," "plan," "potential," "predict," "probably," "project," "seek," "should," "target," "will," "would" or similar words or phrases or the negatives of those words or phrases, may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not necessarily mean that a statement is not forward-looking.

All of these forward-looking statements are based on estimates and assumptions made by such entities that, although believed to be reasonable, are inherently uncertain. Therefore, undue reliance should not be placed upon any forward-looking statements. There are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements. In addition, even if our actual results are consistent with the forward-looking statements contained in this report, those results or developments may not be indicative of results or developments in subsequent periods. For example, factors that could cause our actual results to vary from projected future results include, but are not limited to: uncertain global economic and financial market conditions; changes in demand for our products, including as a result of the cyclical nature of the industry in which we operate; the highly competitive markets in which we operate; changes in the costs or availability of raw materials and energy; trade restrictions and economic sanctions; political, financial or legal risks in the markets in which we operate; our ability to successfully implement our business strategy and to manage our growth; product development and innovation; the significant capital expenditures required by our business; any reorganization of our operations or divestment of businesses; risks arising out of joint ventures and other partnerships; operational risks and failures or deficiencies in the management of operational efficiency; loss of customer relationships and customer concentration; compliance with environmental health and safety and other laws and regulations; product safety or quality failures and additional factors which are explained in other reports and or documents prepared by the Group.

The foregoing factors should not be construed as exhaustive. Other sections of this report describe additional factors that could adversely affect our financial position, results of operations and liquidity and developments in the markets and industries in which we operate. New factors will emerge in the future, and it is not possible for the Group to predict such factors. In addition, the Group cannot assess the impact of each factor on its business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those described in any forward-looking statements. In light of these risks, the actual results of the Group could differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this report. None of the information contained on the Group's website is incorporated by reference into or otherwise deemed to be linked to this report.

You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of the particular statement. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements referred to in this section and contained elsewhere in this report. In light of these risks, our results could differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this report.

## APPENDIX 1: CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This interim report presents the condensed consolidated interim results, financial position and cash flows of Ahlstrom for January-September 2023 ('interim report'). All figures in this interim report are concerning continuing operations unless otherwise stated.

These interim financial statements are unaudited.

INCOME STATEMENT		Q3	Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million	Note	2023	2022	2023	2022	2022
<b>Continuing operations</b>						
<b>Net sales</b>	6, 7	<b>705.8</b>	<b>867.1</b>	<b>2,281.2</b>	<b>2,514.4</b>	<b>3,348.7</b>
Cost of goods sold		-576.3	-725.0	-1,922.8	-2,087.9	-2,820.1
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>129.5</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>358.4</b>	<b>426.5</b>	<b>528.6</b>
Sales, R&D and administrative expenses		-66.7	-82.7	-208.3	-253.6	-370.7
Other operating income	8	14.0	4.1	30.2	11.9	27.6
Other operating expense	9	-15.8	-17.0	-54.5	-50.2	-71.6
<b>Operating result</b>		<b>61.0</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>134.7</b>	<b>113.8</b>
Net financial items		-68.6	-8.9	-142.9	-47.6	-84.4
Share of result in equity accounted investments		-0.3	—	-3.2	—	-6.1
<b>Result before taxes</b>		<b>-7.9</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>-20.2</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>23.3</b>
Income taxes		-12.5	-10.6	-23.5	-31.8	-13.2
<b>Net result from continuing operations</b>		<b>-20.4</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>-43.7</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>10.1</b>
<b>Net result from discontinued operation</b>	5	<b>—</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-111.2</b>	<b>-110.0</b>
<b>Net result</b>		<b>-20.4</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>-44.4</b>	<b>-56.0</b>	<b>-99.9</b>

The notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Q3	Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million	2023	2022	2023	2022	2022
<b>Net result</b>	<b>-20.4</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>-44.4</b>	<b>-56.0</b>	<b>-99.9</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income, continuing operations</b>					
<b>Items that may be reclassified to income statement</b>					
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	24.9	37.8	-37.2	150.3	22.7
Hedges of net investments in foreign operations	-13.5	-36.2	-3.4	-82.1	-31.5
Change in cash flow hedge reserve	-2.2	-4.7	-18.5	-12.6	-21.3
Cash flow hedge transferred to this year's result	1.6	3.6	4.8	7.1	10.0
Equity-accounted investees - share of OCI	0.0	—	1.2	—	-1.5
Income taxes to items that may be reclassified	0.3	7.5	3.8	17.5	3.0
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to income statement</b>					
Actuarial gains and losses on defined benefit plans	-0.4	0.7	0.8	-1.4	9.7
Equity-accounted investees - share of OCI	0.0	—	-0.1	—	-0.1
Income taxes to items that will not be reclassified	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	-2.3
<b>Other comprehensive income, continuing operations</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>-48.7</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>-11.2</b>
Other comprehensive income, discontinued operation	—	4.4	—	12.7	13.4
Translation differences reclassified to income statement, discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	-13.3
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>-9.5</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>-93.2</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>-110.9</b>
<b>Net result attributable to</b>					
Parent company's shareholders	-20.9	14.0	-45.9	-55.4	-99.6
Non-controlling interests	0.5	-0.4	1.4	-0.6	-0.3
<b>Comprehensive income attributable to</b>					
Parent company's shareholders	-10.2	26.7	-94.1	35.4	-111.0
Non-controlling interests	0.7	-0.3	0.9	0.3	0.1

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BALANCE SHEET		Sep 30,	Sep 30,	Dec 31,
EUR million	Note	2023	2022	2022
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Property, plant and equipment	10	1,134.9	1,127.1	1,121.1
Right-of-use assets	11	38.6	39.6	38.2
Goodwill	12	1,081.0	1,162.6	1,101.9
Other intangible assets	13	795.0	843.1	806.7
Equity accounted investments		26.3	1.0	25.9
Other non-current assets		90.1	105.5	106.9
Deferred tax assets		6.2	1.9	4.0
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>3,172.1</b>	<b>3,280.9</b>	<b>3,204.6</b>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Inventories		346.6	460.4	423.2
Trade and other receivables		516.6	594.1	560.3
Income tax receivables		13.8	14.6	12.6
Cash and cash equivalents	14	171.5	188.3	240.7
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>1,048.6</b>	<b>1,257.4</b>	<b>1,236.9</b>
<b>Assets classified as held for sale</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>481.6</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>4,220.7</b>	<b>5,019.9</b>	<b>4,441.5</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Equity</b>				
Equity attributable to parent company's shareholders		765.5	1,039.9	885.1
Non-controlling interests		10.3	29.1	9.4
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>775.8</b>	<b>1,069.0</b>	<b>894.5</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Non-current borrowings	14,15	2,102.5	2,096.6	2,024.6
Non-current lease liabilities	14,15	25.9	28.1	26.3
Other non-current liabilities		14.7	1.9	11.2
Employee benefit obligations		50.1	67.7	52.0
Deferred tax liabilities		219.3	235.2	226.2
Non-current provisions		21.2	22.7	21.1
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>2,433.6</b>	<b>2,452.2</b>	<b>2,361.4</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Current borrowings	14	110.0	247.4	106.4
Current lease liabilities	14	14.1	12.9	13.4
Trade and other payables		854.3	1,041.5	1,041.3
Income tax liabilities		16.8	17.8	12.4
Current provisions		16.1	15.0	12.0
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>1,011.3</b>	<b>1,334.5</b>	<b>1,185.5</b>
<b>Liabilities directly associated with assets held for sale</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>164.2</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>3,444.9</b>	<b>3,950.9</b>	<b>3,547.0</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>4,220.7</b>	<b>5,019.9</b>	<b>4,441.5</b>

The notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY							
EUR million	Reserve for invested unrestricted equity	Other reserves	Cumulative translation adjustment	Retained earnings	Total equity attributable to parent company's shareholders	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
<b>Equity at January 1, 2022</b>	<b>1,095.3</b>	<b>-27.2</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>-83.2</b>	<b>1,037.2</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>1,049.9</b>
Net result	—	—	—	-55.4	-55.4	-0.6	-56.0
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	—	-70.2	160.4	0.5	90.8	0.9	91.7
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>-70.2</b>	<b>160.4</b>	<b>-54.9</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>35.7</b>
Business combination	—	—	—	—	—	16.4	16.4
Return of equity, dividend and other	-32.7	—	—	—	-32.7	-0.3	-33.0
<b>Equity at September 30, 2022</b>	<b>1,062.6</b>	<b>-97.4</b>	<b>212.8</b>	<b>-138.1</b>	<b>1,039.9</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>1,069.0</b>
<b>Equity at January 1, 2023</b>	<b>1,054.1</b>	<b>-66.8</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>-173.9</b>	<b>885.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>894.5</b>
Net result	—	—	—	-45.9	-45.9	1.4	-44.4
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	—	-13.3	-35.5	0.6	-48.2	-0.5	-48.7
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>-13.3</b>	<b>-35.5</b>	<b>-45.2</b>	<b>-94.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-93.2</b>
Return of equity, dividend and other	-25.6	—	—	—	-25.6	—	-25.6
<b>Equity at September 30, 2023</b>	<b>1,028.5</b>	<b>-80.2</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>-219.1</b>	<b>765.5</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>775.8</b>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	Q3	Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million	2023	2022	2023	2022	2022
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>					
Net result	-20.4	13.6	-44.4	-56.0	-99.9
Adjustments, total <sup>1</sup>	124.7	87.4	305.6	359.8	426.4
Changes in net working capital	-36.9	19.6	-85.5	-17.1	56.0
Change in provisions	3.8	-0.3	4.0	-2.4	-4.9
Interest paid	-30.5	-28.5	-98.5	-82.3	-120.1
Other financial items paid, net	-5.4	-1.9	-7.8	-16.9	-17.6
Income taxes paid	-5.1	-6.1	-16.5	-19.1	-24.0
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>166.1</b>	<b>215.9</b>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>					
Payment for acquisition of businesses and subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	—	0.2	—	-34.5	-34.3
Purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	-43.7	-44.2	-155.2	-117.3	-203.8
Proceeds from disposal of shares in Group companies and businesses and associated companies	-7.7	—	-0.9	—	216.6
Other investing activities	0.1	1.2	-2.5	1.2	1.3
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<b>-51.3</b>	<b>-42.7</b>	<b>-158.6</b>	<b>-150.4</b>	<b>-20.2</b>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>					
Return of equity	-8.5	-16.1	-25.0	-32.7	-41.2
Dividends paid and other	-0.5	—	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3
Changes in borrowings and other financial activities	23.5	36.1	64.3	73.4	-76.2
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>-117.7</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>-63.0</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>78.0</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	178.3	164.1	240.7	162.6	162.6
Foreign exchange effect on cash and cash equivalents	-0.1	0.0	-6.2	6.3	0.0
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>171.5</b>	<b>225.1</b>	<b>171.5</b>	<b>225.1</b>	<b>240.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Include depreciation, amortization and impairment, share of result in equity accounted investments, gains and losses on sale of non-current assets, change in defined benefit obligations, interest and other financial income and expense and taxes.

<sup>2</sup> Periods of Q3 2022 and Q1-Q3 2022 including cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operation amounting to EUR 36.8 million.

### **1. General information**

Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy (previously named first Spa Holdings 3 Oy until August 2021 and subsequently Ahlstrom-Munksjö Holding 3 Oy until January 16, 2023) is the parent company (the "Issuer", "parent company") of the Ahlstrom Group ("Ahlstrom", "Group", "company"). Ahlstrom is a global leader in fiber-based materials, supplying innovative and sustainable solutions worldwide. Ahlstrom's offerings include filter materials, release liners, food and beverage processing materials, abrasive and tape backings, electrotechnical paper, glass fiber materials, medical fiber materials and solutions for diagnostics as well as a range of specialty papers for industrial and consumer end-uses.

### **2. Form and content of interim financial statements (Basis of presentation)**

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements ("interim report") January-September 2023, approved by the Board of Directors of Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy have been prepared solely for the purpose of reporting to the parent company's bondholders. The condensed consolidated interim results, financial position and cash flows of Ahlstrom for January-September 2023, January-September 2022 and for the year 2022 presented herein have been prepared in accordance with IFRS, as adopted by the EU. The condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with "IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting", as adopted by the EU and should be read together with Ahlstrom's consolidated Financial Statements for the year 2022.

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements are presented in millions of euros and consist of the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows, the consolidated statement of changes in equity, and the explanatory notes. All figures in the interim report have been rounded and consequently the total of individual figures can deviate from the presented totals. Furthermore, all percentages are subject to possible rounding differences.

### **3. Accounting principles**

The accounting principles applied are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Ahlstrom's consolidated financial statements for the year 2022.

Unless otherwise noted, figures in this interim report refer to continuing operations. The Decor business divested in 2022 and related transactions are presented as a discontinued operation in the income statement and statement of comprehensive income. Decor business related balance sheet items were presented as assets and liabilities held for sale for September 2022. Cash flow statements include Decor business until October 1, 2022.

### **4. Business acquisitions and disposals**

#### *Disposal of Stenay plant*

On March 13, 2023, Ahlstrom launched a consultation process with employee representatives at the Stenay plant about the possibility to divest it, or if a buyer could not be found, a closure of the plant. On August 25, Ahlstrom agreed to sell the subsidiary Ahlstrom Stenay S.A.S. to Accursia Capital. As a result, the assets and liabilities related to the subsidiary were classified as held for sale. The transaction was completed on September 29. The sale was a satisfactory outcome for both the employees, who were offered continued work, and Ahlstrom, which received a financially attractive offer compared to the closure option. The capacity of the plant was approximately 55,000 tons of specialty paper and it employed 127 people.

Upon classification as held for sale, an impairment loss of EUR 20 million was recognized on a loan to Stenay in financial items to write-down the net assets held for sale to the lower of the carrying amount and fair value less transaction related costs. In the second quarter of 2023, an impairment loss of EUR 5.7 million was recognized on property, plant and equipment of the Stenay plant. Both the transaction price and the result on divestment recognized at the end of September were close to zero. The cash flow impact related to the transaction, including cash and cash equivalents disposed of and certain indemnities, was estimated to be approximately EUR -13 million, of which EUR - 7.7 million realized in the third quarter of 2023. The impact of the divested assets and liabilities on the Group balance sheet was not material.

#### *Reorganization of the ownership of Decor business*

On October 1, 2022, Ahlstrom completed the ownership arrangement and divested its Decor business. Decor business continues as an independent company under the Munksjö name. The divestment is presented in more detail in the note 5 Discontinued operation below. Ahlstrom's investment in new Munksjö is presented in more detail in the note 22 Associated companies and joint operations in the consolidated Financial Statements for the year 2022.

### *Acquisition of Ahlstrom in 2021 and related developments in 2022 and 2023*

The acquisition of Ahlstrom-Munksjö through the public tender offer was accounted for as a linked transaction i.e. as if all ownership interests were acquired at the acquisition date as part of the transaction to gain control. In other words, the acquisition was recognized on February 4, 2021 as an acquisition for 100% of the shareholding as the combination of the tender offer results and the market purchases reached the 90% ownership level granting the acquirer the right for mandatory redemption process for the remaining minority shareholding.

On September 24, 2020, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy (previously named first Spa Holdings 3 Oy until August 2021 and, subsequently, Ahlstrom-Munksjö Holding 3 Oy until January 2023), a consortium consisting of Ahlström Capital, funds managed or advised by Bain Capital as well as Viknum and Belgrano Inversiones, made a public recommended cash tender offer for all shares in Ahlstrom Oyj (previously named Ahlstrom-Munksjö Oyj until January 2023). Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy received an ownership of more than 90% on February 4, 2021 and started a compulsory redemption procedure and applied for the delisting of the shares from Nasdaq Helsinki and Nasdaq Stockholm.

On April 16, Nasdaq Stockholm approved the delisting application and resolved that the last day of trading in Ahlstrom Oyj's shares was May 31, 2021. On June 23, 2021 it was announced that Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy had posted security approved by the arbitral tribunal appointed by the Redemption Board of the Finland Chamber of Commerce in connection with the redemption proceedings concerning the minority shares in Ahlstrom Oyj, and thus gained title to all the shares in Ahlstrom Oyj in accordance with Chapter 18, Section 6 of the Finnish Companies Act. The shares in Ahlstrom Oyj were delisted as of June 23 from the official list of Nasdaq Helsinki.

On February 25, 2022, the arbitral tribunal appointed by the Redemption Board of the Finland Chamber of Commerce rendered its decision according to which the redemption price payable by Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy for the 10,755,918 Ahlstrom Oyj's minority shares that are subject to mandatory redemption shall be EUR 21.55 per share.

On April 29, 2022, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy filed an appeal with the District Court of Helsinki, requesting the District Court to confirm the redemption price of the minority shares in Ahlstrom Oyj to be EUR 17.84 per share. The requested redemption price of EUR 17.84 corresponds with the price offered in the public tender offer. Amongst others, the trustee who represents the minority shareholders, also filed their appeal with the District Court.

The District Court of Helsinki rendered its decision on 31 August, 2023. The District Court ruled that the redemption price payable by Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy for the 10,755,918 Ahlstrom Oyj's minority shares that are subject to mandatory redemption shall be EUR 17.84 per share. The time to seek leave to appeal from the Supreme Court of Finland expired on October 30, 2023. Amongst others, the trustee who represents all minority shareholders has sought leave to appeal from the Supreme Court within the appeal period. As the trustee has sought leave to appeal, a decision regarding the redemption price will not become final and non-appealable for any of the minority shareholders until the Supreme Court either denies the leave to appeal or renders a final decision in the matter. According to the Companies Act, the redemption price falls due after a month has passed from the decision on redemption becoming non-appealable. The average time for the Supreme Court to process leaves to appeal is four to six months, but processing times vary. If the Supreme Court grants leave to appeal, it is estimated that the appeal proceedings could last until the end of 2024 or first half of 2025.

The unpaid redemption price is subject to interest in accordance with Chapter 18, Section 7 of the Finnish Companies Act. The reference rate referred to therein (at 4.0% as of 1 July, 2023) is subject to bi-annual adjustments, with the next adjustment due on 1 January, 2024. However, the redemption price may be paid up to the undisputed price of EUR 17.84 per share already during the course of the appeal proceedings.

### *Acquisition of Minglian New Materials Technology Co., Ltd.*

On January 14, 2022, Ahlstrom acquired a 60% stake in the Chinese decor paper producer Minglian New Materials Technology Co., Ltd. which comprised a state-of-the-art plant in the city of Xingtai, Hebei Province, China. On October 1, 2022 Minglian was divested as a part of the Decor business. See more information in note 3 of Ahlstrom's consolidated Financial Statements for the year 2022.

## **5. Discontinued operation - The Decor business**

### *Reorganization of the Decor business ownership*

Following the announcement of ownership reorganization of the Decor business on May 23, 2022, Ahlstrom classified the Decor business as assets held for sale and reports the business and related transactions as a discontinued operation as of the second quarter of 2022. Results from the discontinued operation are reported separately from income and expenses from continuing operations in the consolidated income statement and prior periods are re-presented accordingly. Assets and liabilities related to the discontinued operation are presented as separate line items in the balance sheet as of the classification date and the

balance sheet is not re-presented for prior periods. On October 1, 2022, Ahlstrom completed the ownership arrangement and divested the Decor business. The divestment and its impact on the Group's financial statements is explained in more detail in Ahlstrom's consolidated Financial Statements for the year 2022.

The final consideration payment received for the divestment in the first quarter of 2023 was EUR -0.9 million less than the estimated consideration receivable recognized as at December 31, 2022. As a result, the adjusted total gain on the divestment, net of tax, amounted to EUR 1.3 million. The cash flow impact of the transaction, i.e. purchase consideration net of disposed subsidiaries' cash and cash equivalents and net of Group's equity contribution and a loan to the acquiring party Munksjö, amounted to EUR 216.6 million in 2022 and EUR 6.8 million in 2023. The following tables that present the detailed information about the discontinued operation's net result and cash flows, gain on sale of discontinued operation and disposal's impact on the Group's balance sheet have been adjusted based on the final consideration payment received in the first quarter of 2023.

INCOME STATEMENT, DISCONTINUED OPERATION	Q1-Q3	Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million	2023	2022	2022	2022
<b>Net sales</b>	—	<b>120.4</b>	<b>403.3</b>	<b>403.3</b>
Cost of goods sold	—	-104.3	-350.8	-353.0
<b>Gross profit</b>	—	<b>16.0</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>50.3</b>
Sales, R&D and administrative expenses	—	-5.6	-20.0	-20.9
Other operating income	0.2	0.2	1.4	11.9
Other operating expense	-0.9	-20.2	-134.7	-134.7
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-9.6</b>	<b>-100.7</b>	<b>-93.4</b>
Net financial items	—	-1.2	-2.5	-2.5
<b>Result before taxes</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>-103.2</b>	<b>-95.9</b>
Income taxes	0.0	-2.6	-8.0	-14.2
<b>Net result from discontinued operation</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>-111.2</b>	<b>-110.0</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>	—	<b>4.4</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>-98.5</b>	<b>-109.8</b>

CASH FLOWS, DISCONTINUED OPERATION	Q1-Q3	Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million	2023	2022	2022	2022
Cash flows from operating activities	0.5	-6.3	-17.8	-18.4
Cash flows from investing activities	6.8	1.6	-39.5	177.1
Cash flows from financing activities	—	34.5	86.2	86.2
<b>Net change in cash flows</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>244.9</b>

GAIN ON DISPOSAL	
EUR million	
Purchase consideration <sup>1</sup>	302.7
Carrying amount of net assets sold	-300.9
Costs to sell <sup>2</sup>	-7.6
<b>Loss on sale of discontinued operation before income tax and reclassification of accumulated translation differences</b>	<b>-5.7</b>
Reclassification of accumulated translation differences	13.5
Income tax on sale of discontinued operation	-6.5
<b>Gain on sale, net of tax</b>	<b>1.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes the estimated purchase consideration of EUR 303.6 million reported for the year 2022 and the adjustment of EUR -0.9 million resulting from the final consideration payment in the first quarter of 2023.

<sup>2</sup> of which EUR -1.7 million was recognized in 2021

## 6. Segment information

Ahlstrom operates under the following five divisions and reporting segments:

**Filtration** – Mission-critical air and liquid filtration materials.

**Food & Consumer Packaging** – Materials for improved food safety, product preservation, and bacteria prevention, helping extend product life and protect human health.

**Healthcare** – Materials serving essential societal uses in medical, laboratory, and life science settings including diagnostics, bioprocessing, and medical performance barriers.

**Building Materials** – Highly engineered protective building material applications for every face of the building.

**Technical Materials** – Highly technical applications including protective materials such as insulation, precision coating, tape, and others.

Other and eliminations include certain group and function costs, as well as Aspa market pulp mill and certain other costs not used in the assessment of divisional performance.

Financial performance by division, EUR million Q1-Q3/2023	Food & Consumer Packaging Health-care Building Materials Technical Materials Other and eliminations						Group total
	Filtration	Packaging	care	Materials	Materials	eliminations	
Net sales, external	426.4	958.1	109.3	222.5	463.8	101.0	2,281.2
Net sales, internal	2.1	19.8	5.2	0.7	12.7	-40.5	—
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>428.5</b>	<b>977.9</b>	<b>114.5</b>	<b>223.2</b>	<b>476.5</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>2,281.2</b>
Comparable EBITDA	90.2	104.6	18.8	36.4	55.5	2.4	308.0
IAC in EBITDA and management fee							-44.1
Depreciation, amortization and impairment							-138.0
<b>Operating result</b>							<b>125.9</b>
Operating working capital	78.4	158.9	31.8	14.4	112.7	-23.3	373.1

Financial performance by division, EUR million Q1-Q3/2022	Food & Consumer Packaging Health-care Building Materials Technical Materials Other and eliminations						Group total
	Filtration	Packaging	care	Materials	Materials	eliminations	
Net sales, external	465.6	1,047.1	147.9	265.4	481.2	107.3	2,514.4
Net sales, internal	2.6	30.1	6.2	5.6	12.1	-56.6	—
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>468.2</b>	<b>1,077.2</b>	<b>154.1</b>	<b>271.0</b>	<b>493.3</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>2,514.4</b>
Comparable EBITDA	94.2	107.8	37.6	45.4	52.8	19.2	357.0
IAC in EBITDA and management fee							-91.4
Depreciation, amortization and impairment							-131.0
<b>Operating result</b>							<b>134.7</b>
Operating working capital	102.1	135.4	40.5	29.3	107.4	-23.8	390.9



Segment information by quarter	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
EUR million, or as indicated	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3
<b>Net sales</b>					
Filtration	136.7	148.6	143.3	149.8	159.7
Food & Consumer Packaging	300.0	329.5	348.3	372.8	387.8
Healthcare	34.4	38.6	41.5	37.7	45.1
Building Materials	70.0	77.7	75.4	80.1	87.2
Technical Materials	147.8	159.2	169.5	170.3	170.0
Other and eliminations	16.8	20.7	22.9	23.7	17.3
<b>Group total</b>	<b>705.8</b>	<b>774.4</b>	<b>801.0</b>	<b>834.3</b>	<b>867.1</b>
<b>Comparable EBITDA</b>					
Filtration	31.5	33.6	25.1	26.2	31.5
Food & Consumer Packaging	45.9	33.2	25.5	33.7	39.4
Healthcare	6.0	5.3	7.6	5.2	10.2
Building Materials	15.1	16.8	4.5	7.2	14.5
Technical Materials	23.8	11.0	20.7	19.6	15.6
Other and eliminations	-3.0	1.2	4.3	-8.8	8.8
<b>Group total</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>87.6</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>120.0</b>
<b>Comparable EBITDA margin, %</b>					
Filtration	23.0	22.6	17.5	17.5	19.8
Food & Consumer Packaging	15.3	10.1	7.3	9.1	10.2
Healthcare	17.4	13.6	18.2	13.8	22.5
Building Materials	21.6	21.7	5.9	8.9	16.6
Technical Materials	16.1	6.9	12.2	11.5	9.2
<b>Group total</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>
<b>Operating working capital</b>					
Filtration	78.4	86.0	72.5	67.3	102.1
Food & Consumer Packaging	158.9	136.5	129.4	124.6	135.4
Healthcare	31.8	38.1	38.3	35.5	40.5
Building Materials	14.4	15.3	9.5	20.7	29.3
Technical Materials	112.7	108.1	110.1	98.1	107.4
Other and eliminations	-23.3	-20.6	-11.1	-31.8	-23.8
<b>Group total</b>	<b>373.1</b>	<b>363.6</b>	<b>348.7</b>	<b>314.2</b>	<b>390.9</b>

## 7. Net sales by region

	Q3	Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million	2023	2022	2023	2022	2022
Europe	250.9	339.7	857.7	990.3	1,316.7
North America	301.7	356.7	952.2	1,006.0	1,348.9
South America	47.1	63.6	147.3	167.9	220.7
Asia-Pacific	96.3	97.5	298.0	318.7	420.5
Rest of the world	9.8	9.8	25.9	31.6	41.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>705.8</b>	<b>867.1</b>	<b>2,281.2</b>	<b>2,514.4</b>	<b>3,348.7</b>

## 8. Other operating income

EUR million	Q3	Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2022
Sale of services	2.8	0.4	9.2	1.2	4.5
Sale of scrap and side products	2.0	1.9	5.0	5.2	7.2
Government grants	5.1	1.2	7.3	2.2	8.0
R&D and other tax credits	0.2	0.2	1.4	0.9	1.2
Gain on sale of emission rights and other environmental rights	3.6	—	3.6	—	3.5
Other	0.2	0.3	3.6	2.3	3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>27.6</b>

## 9. Other operating expense

EUR million	Q3	Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2022
Depreciation and amortization arising from PPA <sup>1</sup>	-15.6	-16.6	-47.3	-48.6	-65.1
Impairment loss	—	—	-5.7	—	-3.1
Other	-0.1	-0.5	-1.4	-1.6	-3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>-15.8</b>	<b>-17.0</b>	<b>-54.5</b>	<b>-50.2</b>	<b>-71.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Depreciation and amortization arising from PPA comprise depreciation and amortization charges from fair value adjustments relating to the business combinations.

An impairment loss of EUR -5.7 million was recognized on property, plant and equipment of Stenay plant in the second quarter of 2023.

## 10. Changes in property, plant and equipment<sup>1</sup>

EUR million	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
	2023	2022	2022
<b>Net book value at the beginning of period</b>	<b>1,121.1</b>	<b>1,214.5</b>	<b>1,214.5</b>
Business combination	—	28.6	28.6
Additions	111.6	100.9	180.5
Disposals	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5
Depreciation and impairment	-93.3	-95.0	-135.4
Translation differences and other changes	-4.3	56.0	11.0
Transfer to assets held for sale	—	-177.6	—
Business Disposal	—	—	-177.6
<b>Net book value at the end of period</b>	<b>1,134.9</b>	<b>1,127.1</b>	<b>1,121.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> 2022 opening values and changes until October 1st, 2022 include discontinued operation.

An impairment loss of EUR -5.7 million was recognized on property, plant and equipment of Stenay plant in Q2 2023.

Net book value of property, plant and equipment amounted to EUR 1,134.9 million, comprising of land and land improvements of EUR 78.7 million, buildings of EUR 163.7 million, machinery and equipment of EUR 685.6 million, other tangible assets of EUR 4.9 million and construction in progress of EUR 202.0 million.

### 11. Changes in right-of-use assets<sup>1</sup>

EUR million	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
	2023	2022	2022
<b>Net book value at the beginning of period</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>44.9</b>
Additions	13.3	8.6	13.0
Depreciation and impairment	-12.4	-11.4	-15.2
Translation differences and other changes	-0.2	2.3	0.3
Transfer to assets held for sale	—	-4.8	—
Business disposal	-0.4	—	-4.8
<b>Net book value at the end of period</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>38.2</b>

<sup>1</sup>2022 opening values and changes until October 1st, 2022 include discontinued operation.

### 12. Goodwill<sup>1</sup>

EUR million	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
	2023	2022	2022
<b>Net book value at the beginning of period</b>	<b>1,101.9</b>	<b>1,169.3</b>	<b>1,169.3</b>
Business combination	—	58.8	58.4
Translation differences	-20.8	83.2	22.8
Impairment	—	-130.0	-130.0
Transfer to assets held for sale	—	-18.6	—
Business disposal	—	—	-18.6
<b>Net book value at the end of period</b>	<b>1,081.0</b>	<b>1,162.6</b>	<b>1,101.9</b>

<sup>1</sup>2022 opening values and changes until October 1st, 2022 include discontinued operation.

In 2022, business combination included an adjustment related to the acquisition of Ahlstrom of EUR 39.9 million and the acquisition of Minglian of EUR 18.8 million. An impairment loss of total EUR 130.0 million was recognized on Decor business related goodwill in 2022. Of the impairment loss, EUR 110.0 million was recognized in the second quarter and the rest in the third quarter. The amount of Decor business related goodwill disposed of was EUR 18.6 million.

### 13. Changes in other intangible assets<sup>1</sup>

EUR million	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
	2023	2022	2022
<b>Net book value at the beginning of period</b>	<b>806.7</b>	<b>857.6</b>	<b>857.6</b>
Business combination	—	1.8	1.8
Additions	35.3	19.3	30.6
Disposals	-8.7	-9.1	-1.0
Amortization and impairment	-32.3	-34.4	-45.2
Translation differences and other changes	-5.5	59.7	14.6
Transfer to assets held for sale	—	-51.7	—
Business disposal	-0.5	—	-51.7
<b>Net book value at the end of period</b>	<b>795.0</b>	<b>843.1</b>	<b>806.7</b>

<sup>1</sup>2022 opening values and changes until October 1st, 2022 include discontinued operation.

Net book value of intangible assets amounted to EUR 795.0 million, comprising of customer relationships of EUR 347.2 million, trademarks of EUR 118.1 million, technology of EUR 206.1 million and other intangible assets of EUR 123.5 million.

#### 14. Net indebtedness<sup>1</sup>

Net indebtedness is Ahlstrom's key measure to manage external debt funding for the Group. Net indebtedness is defined as borrowings less cash and cash equivalents. The Group's sources for funding and liquidity purposes are primarily term loans, bonds, bank loans, factoring, and commercial paper. The Group has also entered into lease agreements resulting in lease liabilities to secure the availability of key assets used in the production process. See more information on net indebtedness in the note 17 in Ahlstrom's consolidated financial statements for the year 2022.

As at September 30, 2023, the Group's gross borrowings amount to EUR 2,252.4 million (2,420.4, including discontinued operation).

On June 30, 2023, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy entered into additional funding agreement, with an EUR 75.0 million addition to its existing Euro Senior Term Facility B. The funds, EUR 69.6 million, net of transactions costs of EUR -5.4 million, were drawn on July 12, 2023.

Net indebtedness EUR million	Sep 30, 2023	Sep 30, 2022	Dec 31, 2022
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>171.5</b>	<b>188.3</b>	<b>240.7</b>
Senior secured credit facilities	1,488.5	1,462.3	1,415.4
Senior secured notes	619.0	639.3	614.3
<b>Net senior secured indebtedness</b>	<b>1,936.0</b>	<b>1,913.3</b>	<b>1,788.9</b>
Bank loans	57.1	113.9	64.7
Pension loan	—	10.0	5.0
Commercial papers	36.3	84.9	—
Other financial liabilities	11.6	33.5	31.7
Lease liabilities	40.0	41.0	39.7
<b>Net indebtedness continuing operations</b>	<b>2,080.9</b>	<b>2,196.7</b>	<b>1,930.0</b>
Net indebtedness discontinued operation	—	-1.3	—
<b>Net indebtedness</b>	<b>2,080.9</b>	<b>2,195.3</b>	<b>1,930.0</b>

Senior secured notes				Sep 30, 2023	Sep 30, 2022	Dec 31, 2022
Notional currency	Initial notional amount, EUR million	Maturity	Coupon %	Carrying value, EUR million		
EUR	350.0	February 4, 2028	3.63	340.2	338.1	338.6
USD	287.9	February 4, 2028	4.88	278.8	301.1	275.7

Senior secured credit facilities, bank loans and commercial papers						
Notional currency	Sep 30, 2023		Sep 30, 2022		Dec 31, 2022	
	Weighted average interest rate, %	Carrying value, EUR million	Weighted average interest rate, %	Carrying value, EUR million	Weighted average interest rate, %	Carrying value, EUR million
<b>Committed loans and facilities by currency</b>						
EUR	7.72	995.6	3.30	923.0	5.45	923.8
USD	9.23	493.5	6.00	540.4	8.48	492.6
CNY	5.65	56.6	5.24	65.3	5.42	57.4
BRL	—	—	18.05	42.5	—	—
<b>Uncommitted loans and facilities by currency</b>						
BRL	—	—	17.50	5.7	18.00	5.3
<b>Commercial papers by currency</b>						
EUR	4.53	36.5	1.06	84.9	—	—

<sup>1</sup> Include discontinued operation until October 1st, 2022

## 15. Financial risk management

Financial risks of the Group consist of credit risk, funding risk, liquidity risk, counterparty risk and market risks. Market risks are further divided into currency risk, interest rate risk and commodity price risk.

The treasury policy defines the guidelines set by the Board of Directors on how finance and treasury operations are carried out and how financial risks within the Group are managed. The guidelines aim to ensure that the Group's financial risks are kept at an acceptable level.

See more information on financial risk management in Ahlstrom's consolidated financial statements for the year 2022, note 19.

Available committed facilities and cash	Sep 30,	Sep 30,	Dec 31,
EUR million	2023	2022	2022
Available committed bank overdrafts	14.0	18.6	23.9
Cash and cash equivalents	171.5	178.3	240.7
Committed revolving credit facilities	244.9	244.9	239.8
Finnish Commercial Paper program outstanding	-36.5	-84.9	—
<b>Available committed facilities and cash</b>	<b>393.9</b>	<b>356.9</b>	<b>504.4</b>

Ahlstrom Oyj has a Finnish Commercial Paper program with the aggregate nominal amount of outstanding notes under this program limited to EUR 300 million. The notes are guaranteed by Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy under a separate guarantee indemnity which was entered into by Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy when the Finnish Commercial Paper program was entered into.

Fair values of financial assets and liabilities	Sep 30, 2023		Sep 30, 2022		Dec 31, 2022	
	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value
EUR million						
<b>Non-current financial instruments measured at amortized cost</b>						
Senior secured notes	619.0	548.6	639.3	542.9	614.3	560.0
Senior secured credit facilities	1,483.5	1,518.6	1,456.8	1,366.9	1,410.3	1,403.4
Bank loans	—	—	0.5	0.5	—	—
Lease liabilities	25.9	25.9	28.1	28.1	26.3	26.3

Financial instruments measured at fair value	Sep 30, 2023		Sep 30, 2022		Dec 31, 2022	
	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value
EUR million						
Forward contracts - cash flow hedge accounting	-2.0	-2.0	-7.6	-7.6	-2.6	-2.6
Forward contracts - fair value through income statement	0.6	0.6	-1.1	-1.1	0.9	0.9
Interest rate derivatives - fair value through income statement	49.9	49.9	62.5	62.5	59.7	59.7
Commodity swap contracts - cash flow hedge accounting	-24.9	-24.9	—	—	-10.7	-10.7

Carrying value for bank loans are considered to approximate fair value. The fair values of the term loans and notes have been estimated based on quoted market prices, including any accrued interest.

Nominal values of derivatives	Sep 30,	Sep 30,	Dec 31,
EUR million	2023	2022	2022
Forward contracts - cash flow hedge accounting	175.8	158.5	159.8
Forward contracts - fair value through income statement	125.3	146.0	71.8
Interest rate derivatives - fair value through income statement	969.3	999.6	966.9
Commodity swap contracts - cash flow hedge accounting	54.1	—	46.9

The gross nominal amount of interest rate derivatives at the end of the reporting period was USD 370.0 million and EUR 620.0 million.

## 16. Off-balance sheet commitments<sup>1</sup>

EUR million	Sep 30, 2023	Sep 30, 2022	Dec 31 2022
<b>Assets pledged</b>			
Pledges	243.1	243.1	243.1
<b>Commitments</b>			
Guarantees and commitments given on behalf of Group companies	63.2	67.7	65.3
Capital expenditure commitments	39.7	86.1	63.9
Other guarantees and commitments	87.3	117.1	105.1

<sup>1</sup> Include discontinued operation until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Ahlstrom has given a commitment for further investment of equity of approximately EUR 5 million into the associated company Munksjö upon the occurrence of certain triggering event. See also note 4 for information on the redemption proceedings.

## 17. Related party transactions and associates

See more information on Ahlstrom's related parties and employee and management remuneration in the consolidated financial statements for the year 2022. The Group conducts transactions with related parties on an arm's length basis.

Related party transactions EUR million	Sep 30 2023	Sep 30 2022	Dec 31 2022
<b>Trade and other receivables</b>			
Associated companies	3.1	—	14.9
<b>Loan receivable</b>			
Associated companies	10.0	—	10.0
<b>Trade and other payables</b>			
Associated companies	9.2	8.7	6.4
Owners	—	0.2	0.1

Related party transactions EUR million	Q1-Q3 2023	Q1-Q3 2022	Q1-Q4 2022
<b>Net sales</b>			
Associated companies	5.7	—	1.6
<b>Other income</b>			
Associated companies	8.4	—	3.2
<b>Cost of goods sold</b>			
Associated companies	-45.6	-29.4	-43.1
<b>Sales, R&amp;D and administrative expense</b>			
Associated companies	0.1	—	-0.6
Owners	-5.4	-4.7	-6.1
<b>Interest income</b>			
Associated companies	0.4	—	0.1
<b>Return on equity</b>			
Parent companies	-25.0	-32.7	-41.2

In March, 2023 Ahlstrom paid new equity of EUR 2.5 million to the associated company Munksjö. Additionally, Ahlstrom has given a commitment for investment of equity of approximately EUR 5 million into the associated company Munksjö upon the occurrence of certain triggering event.

## **EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

### **RETURN OF EQUITY**

On October 25, 2023, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy decided on a cash distribution in the aggregate amount of EUR 8,459,267.78 (the "Distribution Amount") by way of return of equity from invested unrestricted equity reserve. The payment was pursuant to the authorization to the Board of March 28, 2023 to decide on the distribution up to an aggregate maximum of EUR 35.0 million until the beginning of the company's Annual General Meeting 2024. Payment was made on November 2, 2023.

On October 30, 2023, Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy decided on a cash distributions of EUR 4,500,000.00 by way of return of equity from invested unrestricted equity reserve. The payment was an additional distribution decided separately by the shareholder of Ahlstrom Holding 3 Oy. Payment was made on October 30, 2023.

### **CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF AHLSTROM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On October 2, 2023, it was announced that Kristina Schauman had been appointed as a member of Ahlstrom's Board of Directors and Chair of the Audit Committee.

## APPENDIX 2: KEY FIGURES

Certain of our key figures are not accounting measures defined or specified under IFRS and therefore are considered as alternative performance measures. We present these alternative performance measures as additional information to the financial measures presented in the consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS. Certain of the adjustments and estimates underlying e.g. Adjusted EBITDA are forward-looking by nature and therefore subject to a number of assumptions about the timing, execution and costs associated with implementing the underlying initiatives. Such assumptions are inherently uncertain and are subject to significant business, economic and competition risk and uncertainties as further described under the heading "Forward-Looking Statements".

We present alternative performance measures because we believe that they are helpful to investors as measures of our operating performance and ability to service our debt, and that they and similar measures are widely used by certain investors, securities analysts and other interested parties as supplemental measures of performance and liquidity. Alternative performance measures should not be viewed in isolation or as a substitute for revenue or net result for the period or any other performance or liquidity measures presented in our IFRS financial statements or any other generally accepted accounting principles or as a substitute to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities. Companies do not calculate alternative performance measures in a uniform way, and therefore Ahlstrom's alternative performance measures may not be comparable with similarly named measures presented by other companies. The alternative performance measures we present may also be defined differently than the corresponding terms under our debt financing arrangements.

Some of the limitations of these alternative performance measures are that:

- they do not reflect our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;
- they do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;
- they do not reflect the significant interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary, to service interest or principal payments on our debt;
- they do not reflect any cash income taxes that we may be required to pay;
- they do not reflect the impact of earnings or charges resulting from certain matters we consider not to be indicative of our ongoing operations;
- although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often need to be replaced in the future and EBITDA-based measures do not reflect any cash requirements that would be required for such replacements;
- they may include adjustments for non-cash items and not adjust for all items that impact cash flows;
- some of the items that we eliminate in calculating certain EBITDA-based measures reflect cash payments that were made, or will in the future be made; and
- other companies in our industry may calculate these measures differently than we do, limiting their usefulness as comparative measures.
- Net indebtedness as presented in this report is not necessarily calculated in the same manner in which net indebtedness is calculated for the purposes of determining the "Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio," the "Senior Secured Net Leverage Ratio," the "Total Net Leverage Ratio" or any other metric in accordance with the finance documents governing the Group's indebtedness.

Alternative performance measures are unaudited.



KEY FIGURES	Q3	Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million, or as indicated	2023	2022	2023	2022	2022
Net sales	705.8	867.1	2,281.2	2,514.4	3,348.7
Operating result	61.0	46.5	125.9	134.7	113.8
Operating result margin, %	8.6	5.4	5.5	5.4	3.4
Net result	-20.4	27.1	-43.7	55.2	10.1
EBITDA	104.7	91.1	263.9	265.7	299.8
EBITDA margin, %	14.8	10.5	11.6	10.6	9.0
Comparable EBITDA	119.2	120.0	308.0	357.0	440.2
Comparable EBITDA margin, %	16.9	13.8	13.5	14.2	13.1
Items affecting comparability in EBITDA and management fee	-14.5	-29.0	-44.1	-91.4	-140.4
Adjusted EBITDA (LTM)	481.4	n/a	481.4	n/a	540.8
Adjusted EBITDA margin (LTM), %	15.5	n/a	15.5	n/a	16.1
Comparable operating result	75.5	75.5	175.7	226.0	257.0
Comparable operating result margin, %	10.7	8.7	7.7	9.0	7.7
Items affecting comparability in operating result and management fee	-14.5	-29.0	-49.9	-91.4	-143.2
MOVC/ton, EUR	935.2	912.5	918.0	867.0	867.9
MOVC margin, %	41.9	37.3	39.1	38.3	37.4
Interest expense (LTM)	-143.3	n/a	-143.3	n/a	-121.0
Free cash flow	99.0	102.4	248.2	314.9	360.2
Cash conversion, %	83.0	85.3	80.6	88.2	81.8
Employee benefit expenses	-134.1	-144.2	-422.0	-427.9	-582.4
Depreciation and amortization	-43.7	-44.5	-132.2	-131.0	-182.8
Impairment loss	—	—	-5.7	—	-3.1
Capital expenditure	43.4	41.0	155.0	108.6	195.1
Operating working capital	373.1	390.9	373.1	390.9	314.2
Ratio of Net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA	3.8	n/a	3.8	n/a	3.1
Ratio of Net senior secured indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA	3.5	n/a	3.5	n/a	2.9
Ratio of adjusted EBITDA to interest expense	3.4	n/a	3.4	n/a	4.5
Net senior secured indebtedness	1,936.0	1,913.3	1,936.0	1,913.3	1,788.9
Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness	1,693.8	1,671.1	1,693.8	1,671.1	1,546.7
Net indebtedness	2,080.9	2,195.3 <sup>1</sup>	2,080.9	2,195.3 <sup>1</sup>	1,930.0
Adjusted Net indebtedness	1,838.7	1,953.1 <sup>1</sup>	1,838.7	1,953.1 <sup>1</sup>	1,687.8

<sup>1</sup> Including discontinued operation until Oct 1, 2022.

Reconciliation of certain key performance measures					
	Q3	Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q4
EUR million or as indicated	2023	2022	2023	2022	2022
<b>Items affecting comparability</b>					
Transaction costs	0.1	-1.3	1.2	-4.5	-4.6
Transformation costs	-7.7	-21.8	-29.3	-75.8	-116.3
Restructuring costs	-4.9	-2.4	-8.9	-4.3	-7.8
Other	-0.3	-1.8	-1.9	-2.0	-5.5
<b>Total items affecting comparability (IAC) in EBITDA</b>	<b>-12.9</b>	<b>-27.2</b>	<b>-38.8</b>	<b>-86.6</b>	<b>-134.3</b>
Management fee to owners	-1.6	-1.8	-5.4	-4.7	-6.1
<b>Total IAC in EBITDA and management fee</b>	<b>-14.5</b>	<b>-29.0</b>	<b>-44.1</b>	<b>-91.4</b>	<b>-140.4</b>
Impairment loss	—	—	-5.7	—	-2.8
<b>Total IAC in operating result and management fee</b>	<b>-14.5</b>	<b>-29.0</b>	<b>-49.9</b>	<b>-91.4</b>	<b>-143.2</b>
<b>EBITDA and comparable EBITDA</b>					
<b>Operating result</b>	61.0	46.5	125.9	134.7	113.8
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	-43.7	-44.5	-138.0	-131.0	-185.9
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>91.1</b>	<b>263.9</b>	<b>265.7</b>	<b>299.8</b>
Total IAC in EBITDA and management fee	-14.5	-29.0	-44.1	-91.4	-140.4
<b>Comparable EBITDA</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>308.0</b>	<b>357.0</b>	<b>440.2</b>
<b>Comparable operating result</b>					
Operating result	61.0	46.5	125.9	134.7	113.8
Total IAC in operating result and management fee	14.5	29.0	49.9	91.4	143.2
<b>Comparable operating result</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>175.7</b>	<b>226.0</b>	<b>257.0</b>
<b>Free cash flow</b>					
Comparable EBITDA	119.2	120.0	308.0	357.0	440.2
Maintenance capital expenditure	20.3	17.7	59.8	42.1	80.0
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>248.2</b>	<b>314.9</b>	<b>360.2</b>
<b>Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness</b>					
Net senior secured indebtedness	1,936.0	1,913.3	1,936.0	1,913.3	1,788.9
Escrow account related to minority squeeze-out liability	242.2	242.2	242.2	242.2	242.2
<b>Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness</b>	<b>1,693.8</b>	<b>1,671.1</b>	<b>1,693.8</b>	<b>1,671.1</b>	<b>1,546.7</b>
<b>Adjusted Net indebtedness</b>					
Net indebtedness	2,080.9	2,195.3 <sup>1</sup>	2,080.9	2,195.3 <sup>1</sup>	1,930.0
Escrow account related to minority squeeze-out liability	242.2	242.2	242.2	242.2	242.2
<b>Adjusted Net indebtedness</b>	<b>1,838.7</b>	<b>1,953.1<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,838.7</b>	<b>1,953.1<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,687.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> Including discontinued operation until Oct 1, 2022.

## CALCULATION OF KEY FIGURES

Key figure	Definitions	Reason for use of the key figure
<b>Operating result</b>	Net result before taxes and net financial items	Operating result shows result generated by the operating activities
<b>Operating result margin, %</b>	Operating result / net sales	
<b>EBITDA</b>	Operating result before depreciation, amortization and impairment	EBITDA is the indicator to measure the performance of Ahlstrom.
<b>EBITDA margin, %</b>	EBITDA / net sales	EBITDA margin is a key measure in our long-term financial targets.
<b>Comparable EBITDA</b>	EBITDA excluding items affecting comparability in EBITDA and management fee to owners	Comparable EBITDA, comparable EBITDA margin, comparable operating result, comparable operating result margin, comparable operating result excluding depreciation and amortization arising from PPA,
<b>Comparable EBITDA margin, %</b>	Comparable EBITDA / net sales	comparable net result, comparable earnings per share, comparable net result excluding depreciation and amortization arising from PPA and comparable earnings per share
<b>Comparable operating result</b>	Operating result excluding items affecting comparability in operating result and management fee to owners	excluding depreciation and amortization arising from PPA are presented in addition to EBITDA, operating result, net result and earnings per share to reflect the underlying business performance and to enhance comparability from period to period. Ahlstrom believes that these comparable performance measures provide meaningful supplemental information by excluding items outside ordinary course of business including PPA related depreciation and amortization, which reduce comparability between the periods.
<b>Comparable operating result margin, %</b>	Comparable operating result / net sales	
<b>Items affecting comparability in operating result</b>	Material items outside ordinary course of business, such as gains and losses on business disposals, direct transaction costs related to business acquisitions, costs for closure of business operations and restructurings including redundancy payments, impairment losses, one-off items arising from purchase price allocation such as inventory fair value adjustments, compensation related to environmental damages arising from unexpected or rare events and other items including fines (such as VAT tax audit fines) or other similar stipulated payments and litigations.	
<b>Items affecting comparability in EBITDA</b>	Items affecting comparability in operating result excluding impairment losses.	
<b>Management fee to owners</b>	Represents the fees paid to the owners pursuant to a management agreement whereby we have received general business consulting services; financial, managerial and operational advice; advisory and consulting services with respect to selection of advisors; advice in different fields; and financial and strategic planning and analysis.	
<b>Adjusted EBITDA (LTM)</b>	Represents comparable EBITDA as adjusted for additional sponsor adjustments, certain cost savings programs, certain post-acquisition savings programs	Adjusted EBITDA is a parameter used for calculating the indebtedness ratios.
<b>Adjusted EBITDA margin (LTM), %</b>	Adjusted EBITDA/Net sales	
<b>MOVC/ton, EUR</b>	Net sales minus variable costs of sales/ sales tons	
<b>MOVC margin, %</b>	Net sales minus variable costs of sales/ net sales	

Key figure	Definitions	Reason for use of the key figure
<b>Net indebtedness</b>	Non-current and current borrowings and non-current and current lease liability less securitization liability less cash and cash equivalents	
<b>Adjusted Net indebtedness</b>	Net indebtedness minus escrow account related to minority interest squeeze-out liability	
<b>Net senior secured indebtedness</b>	Notes offered and borrowings under the Senior Term Facilities excluding any existing debt of Ahlstrom at the date of the acquisition that will be secured on the Collateral, net of as adjusted cash and cash equivalents.	Indebtedness related key figures are indicators to measure the total external debt financing of Ahlstrom
<b>Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness</b>	Net senior secured indebtedness minus escrow account related to minority interest squeeze-out liability	
<b>Ratio of Net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA</b>	Adjusted Net indebtedness/adjusted EBITDA	
<b>Ratio of Net senior secured indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA</b>	Adjusted Net senior secured indebtedness/adjusted EBITDA	
<b>Ratio of adjusted EBITDA to interest expense</b>	Adjusted EBITDA (LTM)/interest expense (LTM)	
<b>Capital expenditure</b>	Purchases for property, plant and equipment and intangible assets as presented in the cash flow statement.	Capital expenditure provides additional information of the cash flow needs of the operations.
<b>Operating working capital</b>	Inventories plus operative receivables before factoring less operating payables	
<b>Free cash flow</b>	Comparable EBITDA minus maintenance capital expenditure	
<b>Cash conversion</b>	Free cash flow divided by comparable EBITDA	