

Highlights Q2 2024 – Another strong quarter

- Increased profitability, strong margin management and continued solid cash flow
- Market activity continues to improve
- Focus on markets and customers demonstrated through launch of several new safe and sustainable solutions
- Simplified divisional structure now fully effective
- Transformation costs have further decreased as capabilities have been internalized
- Strengthening of manufacturing footprint through the closure of the Bousbecque plant
- Employee engagement at all time high



Division structure simplified – from five to three divisions



Financial reporting according to the new structure starts from July 1, 2024



Recent leadership appointments



















Konraad Dullaert

EVP, Food and Consumer Packaging division and Chief Innovation Officer as of June 19, 2024

 Proven track record in leading global businesses and extensive experience in leading large-scale business transformations and driving sustainable growth.

Wouter Hut

EVP, Procurement and Sustainability as of June 19, 2024

 Highlights the growing importance of the enterprise leadership required in Ahlstrom's sustainability work.



Recent product launches highlight our ability to address global trends



Fluoro-free filtration materials

launched for gas turbine air intake, air pollution control, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) applications.

Customers include the biggest filter manufacturers.



Fluoro-free petfood solution

offering high performance in grease barrier and mechanical resistance, with a superior printability.

Market ramp-up during H2 with a US-based premium brand.



Successful ramp-up of glass fiber tissue line in Madisonville

We supply glass fiber tissue to a variety of cushioned vinyl, luxury vinyl tile and carpet tile flooring customers.



Employee NPS – demonstrating our commitment to excellence in employee experience

Our success stems from the passion of our global teams, who bring our purpose to life every day.

We prioritize continuous development to enhance engagement and fuel the capabilities needed for our transformation, now and in the future. Our latest employee engagement survey, showcases our continuous progress and commitment to employees:

Ahlstrom is close to the level of the top 10% of companies, in the manufacturing industry.

Our goal is best-in-class employee engagement:

Top decile Employee NPS



Increased profitability and solid cash flow

- Deliveries increased both compared to the first quarter 2024 and the second quarter of the previous year (excluding Stenay)
- Comparable EBITDA increased further supported by an increasingly strong margin on variable cost per ton
- Cash flow remained solid, driven by the higher profitability, efficient working capital management, and sustainable lower capital expenditure

Comparable EBITDA and margin %

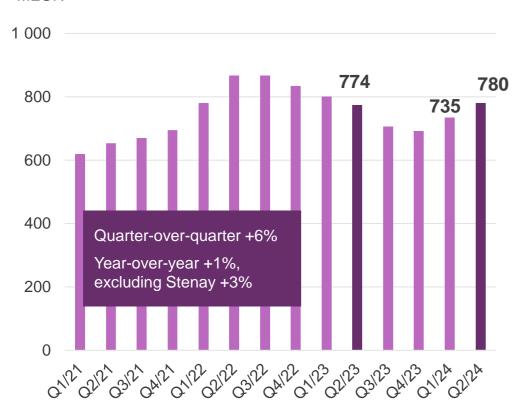




Net sales supported by improved market activity

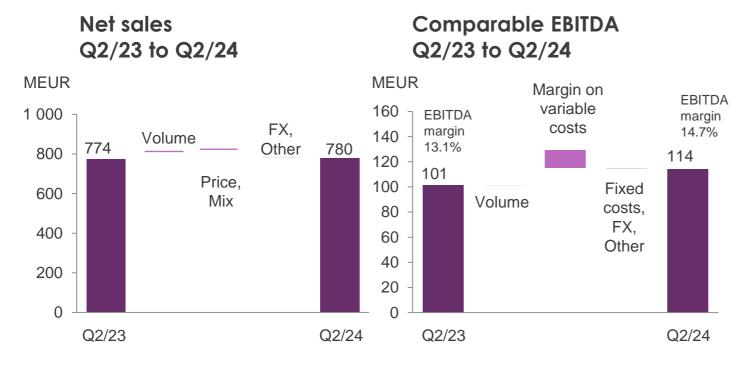
Quarterly net sales

MEUR



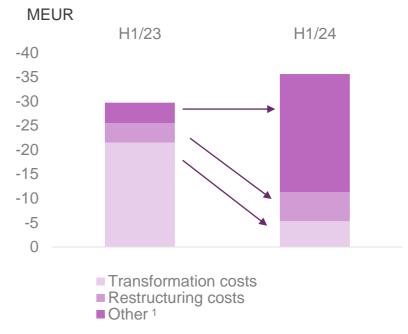


Q2 2024: Comparable EBITDA and margin better than last year



Excluding Stenay sales were EUR 757 million in Q2 2023

Items affecting comparability H1/23 to H1/24

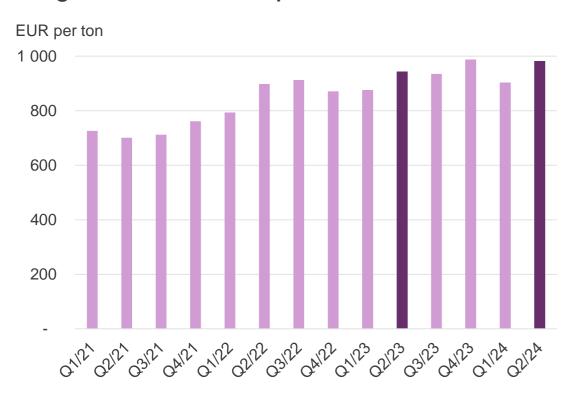


¹ In the first half of 2024, Other IACs mainly include losses from financial hedges incurred as a result of the exceptional natural gas market situation in Europe in the second half of 2022.



Strong margin on variable cost per ton

Margin on variable costs per ton



Disciplined pricing and lower variable costs, driven by transformation related cost efficiency improvement projects, continuously strengthening the margin on variable cost per ton



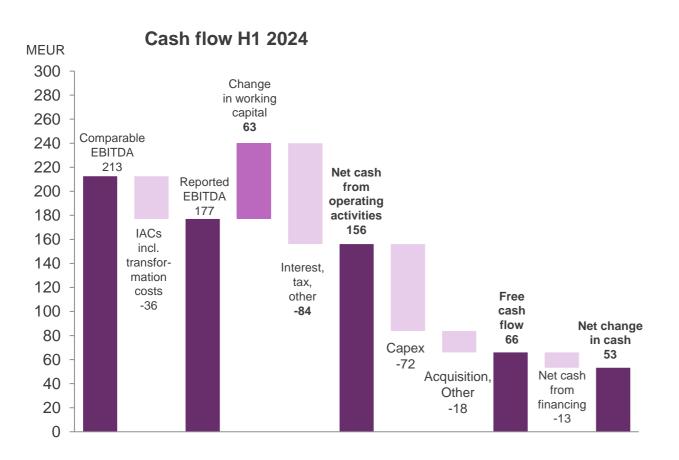
Reconciliation of comparable EBITDA to adjusted EBITDA

MEUR	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024
Comparable EBITDA, LTM	444	431
2023 initiatives	3 (1	7 (1
2024 initiatives	51 ⁽²	55 ⁽²
2025 initiatives	14 ⁽³	13 ⁽³
Total savings potential not in EBITDA	68	76
Adjusted EBITDA, LTM	512	506

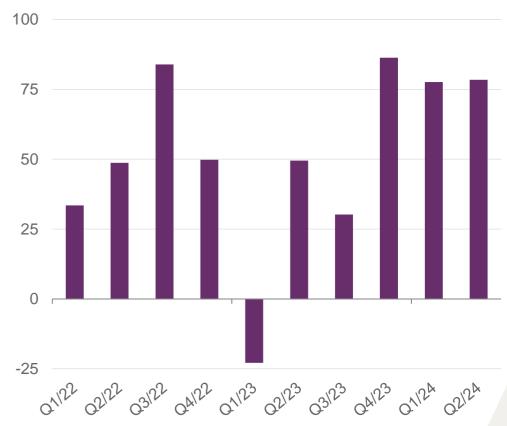
- 1) Full run rate impact expected end of 2024
- 2) Full run rate expected end of 2025
- 3) Full run rate expected end of 2026



Another good quarter of operating cash flow; leverage down



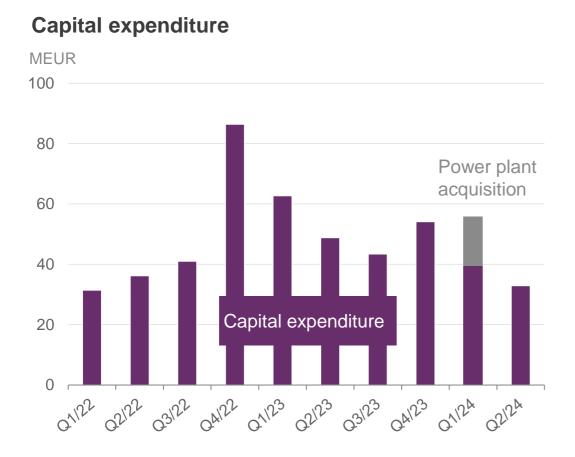
Net cash flow from operating activities

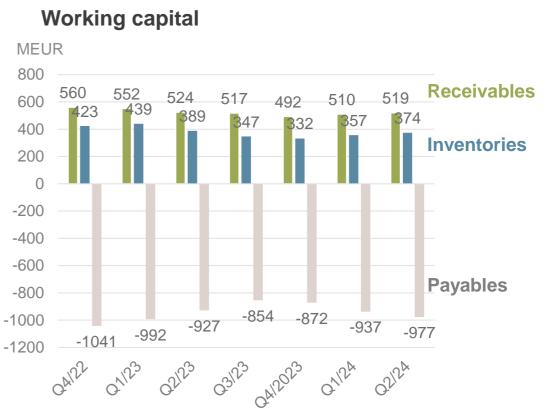


On June 30, 2024, adjusted net indebtedness was MEUR 1,781 (1,797 on December 31, 2023), translating into an adjusted net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA ratio of 3.5 (3.7 on December 31, 2023).



Intensive investment phase passed – further reduction in working capital

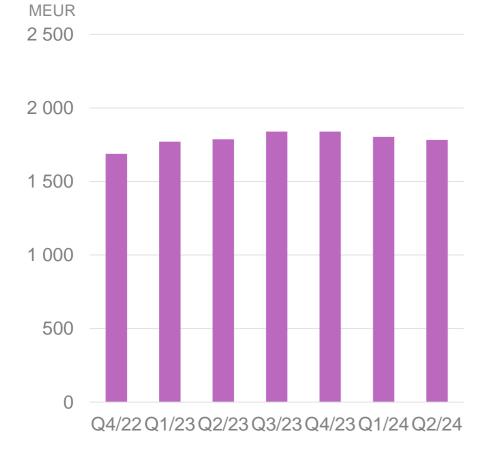




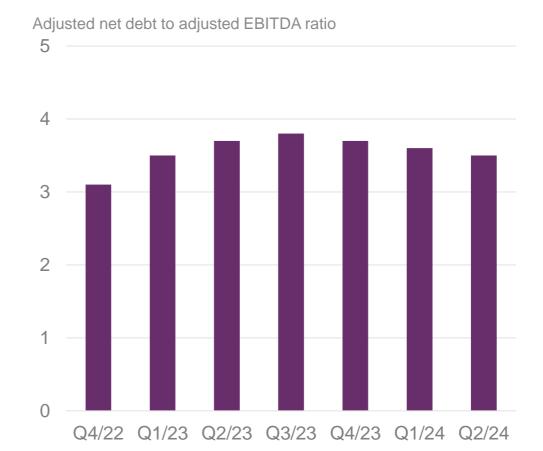


Net debt and leverage decreasing

Adjusted net indebtedness



Ratio of adjusted net indebtedness to adjusted EBITDA





Conclusions

- Increased profitability, strong margin management and continued solid cash flow
- Market activity continues to improve
- Our focus on markets and customers demonstrated through launch of several new safe and sustainable solutions
- Strong, disciplined progress on our transformation journey through internal capability building, while reducing transformation costs



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