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LEADING PACKAGING PRODUCTS AND TISSUE PAPER MANUFACTURER

Packaging Products

Containerboard



Boxboard Europe



Specialty Products



Tissue Papers



Market Position

- One of the Canadian leaders
- # 6 in North America³

2015 Financials

- 33% of Sales¹
- 49% of EBITDA²
- EBITDA Margin²: 18%

- # 2 in coated recycled boxboard in Europe

- 21% of Sales¹
- 13% of EBITDA²
- EBITDA Margin²: 8%

- Largest paper collector in Canada

- 15% of Sales¹
- 13% of EBITDA²
- EBITDA Margin²: 10%

- # 1 in Canada
- # 5 in North America

- 31% of Sales¹
- 25% of EBITDA²
- EBITDA Margin²: 10%

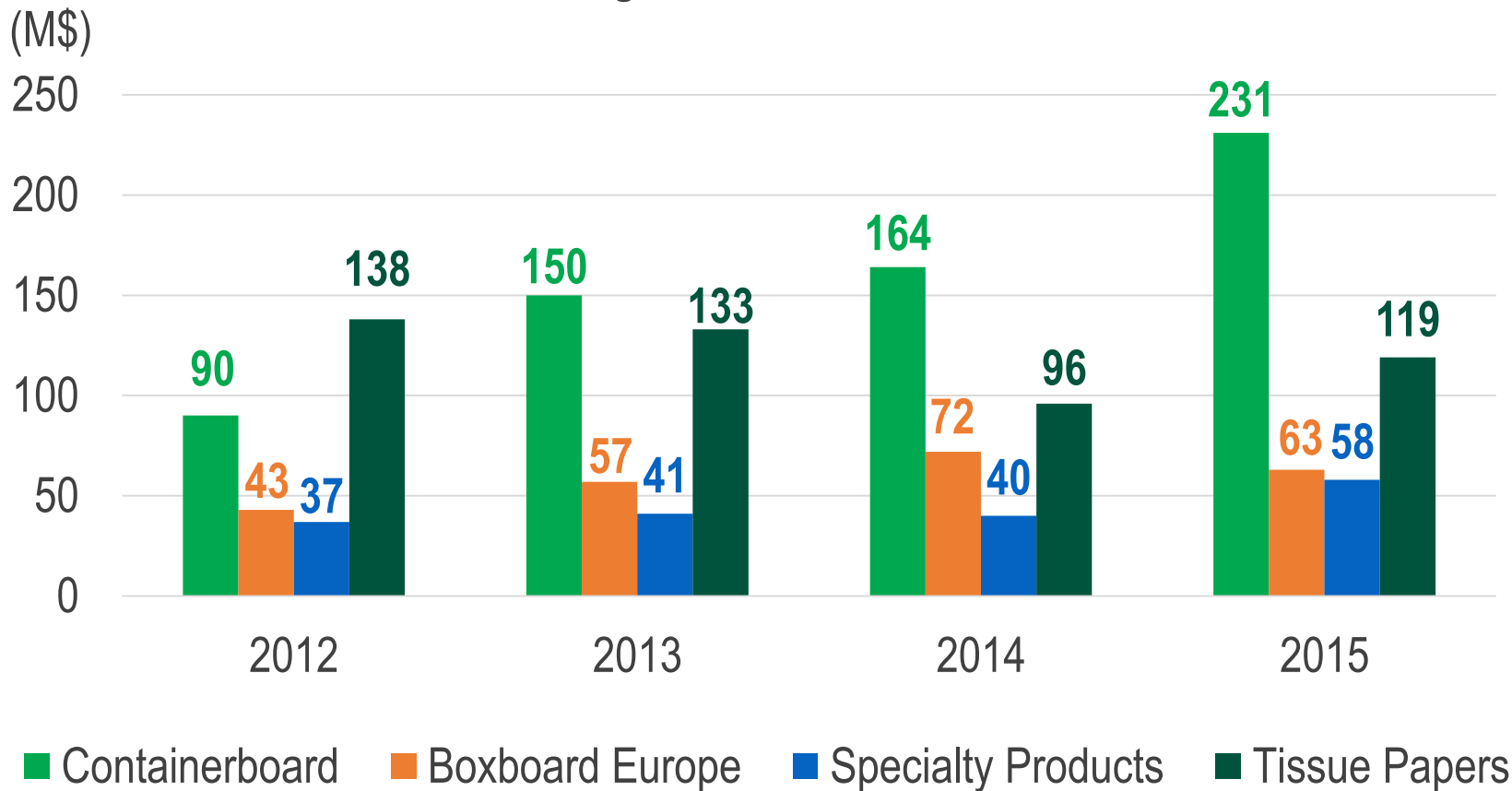


1 Before inter-segment sales and corporate activities
 2 Excluding specific items and before corporate activities
 3 Including 100% of Greenpac's capacity



BALANCED PLAY IN TWO HEALTHY SECTORS

Segmented EBITDA¹

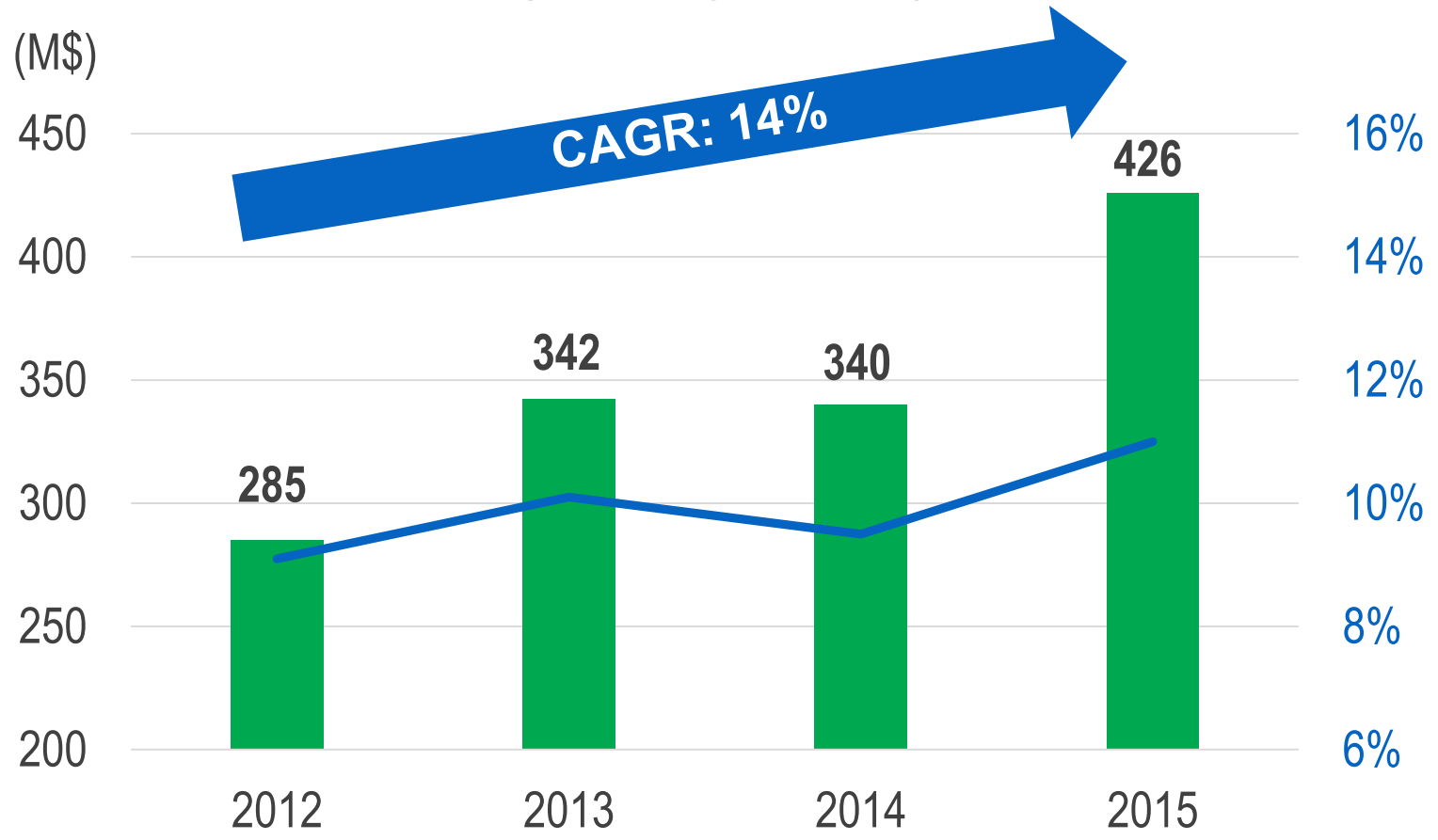


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STRONG FINANCIAL MOMENTUM

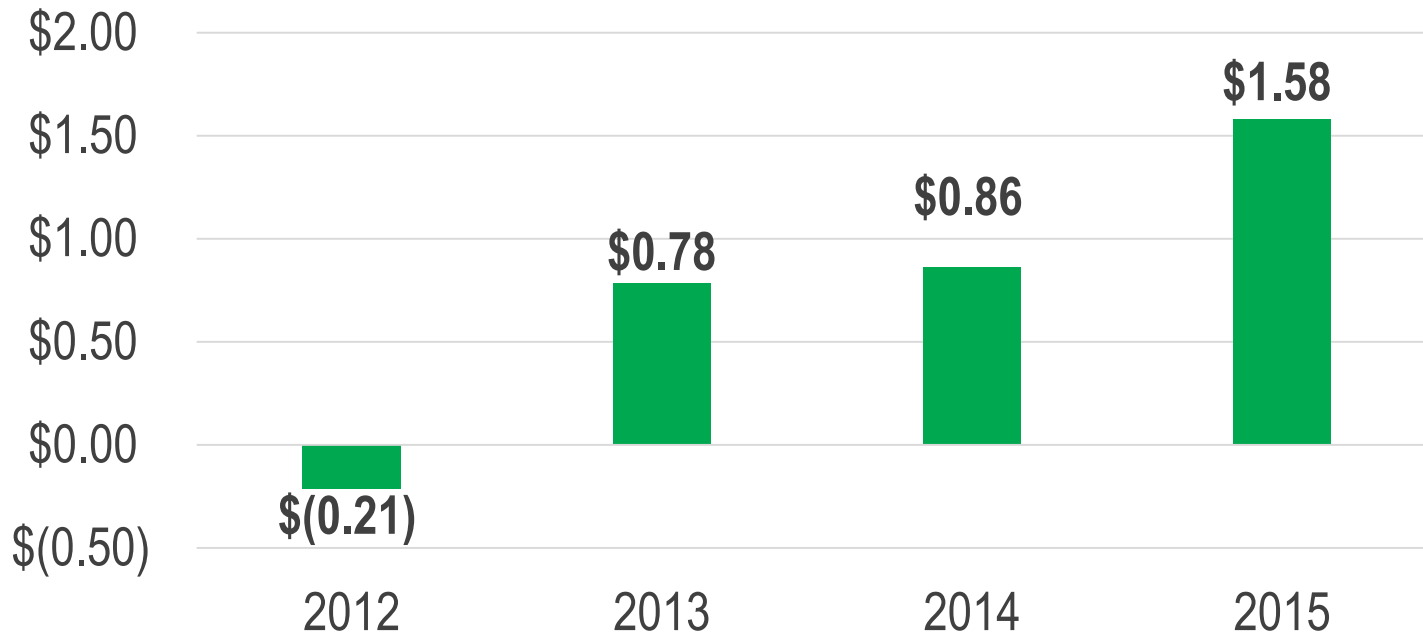
EBITDA & EBITDA Margin
(excluding specifics)





STRONG FREE CASH FLOW GENERATION

Free Cash Flow per Share^{1,2}

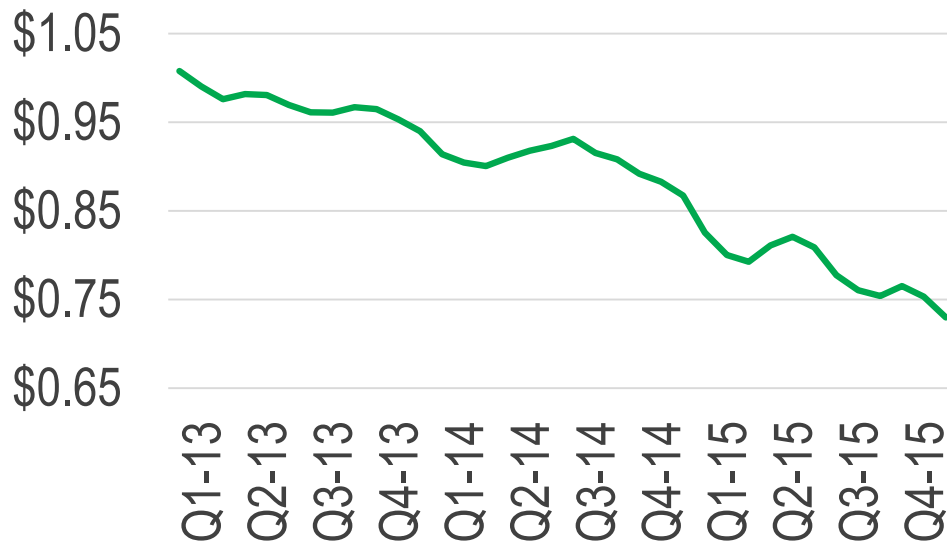


- High free cash flow yield
- Improving cash flows driven by Strategic Action Plan and positive drivers



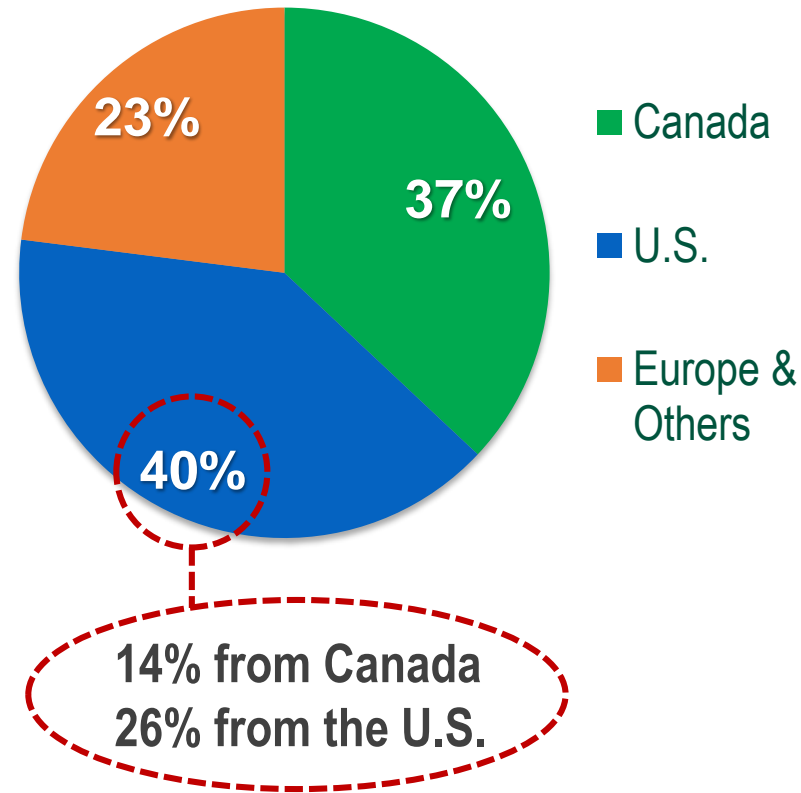
EXCHANGE RATE & SALES DISTRIBUTION

US\$/CAN\$ Exchange Rate



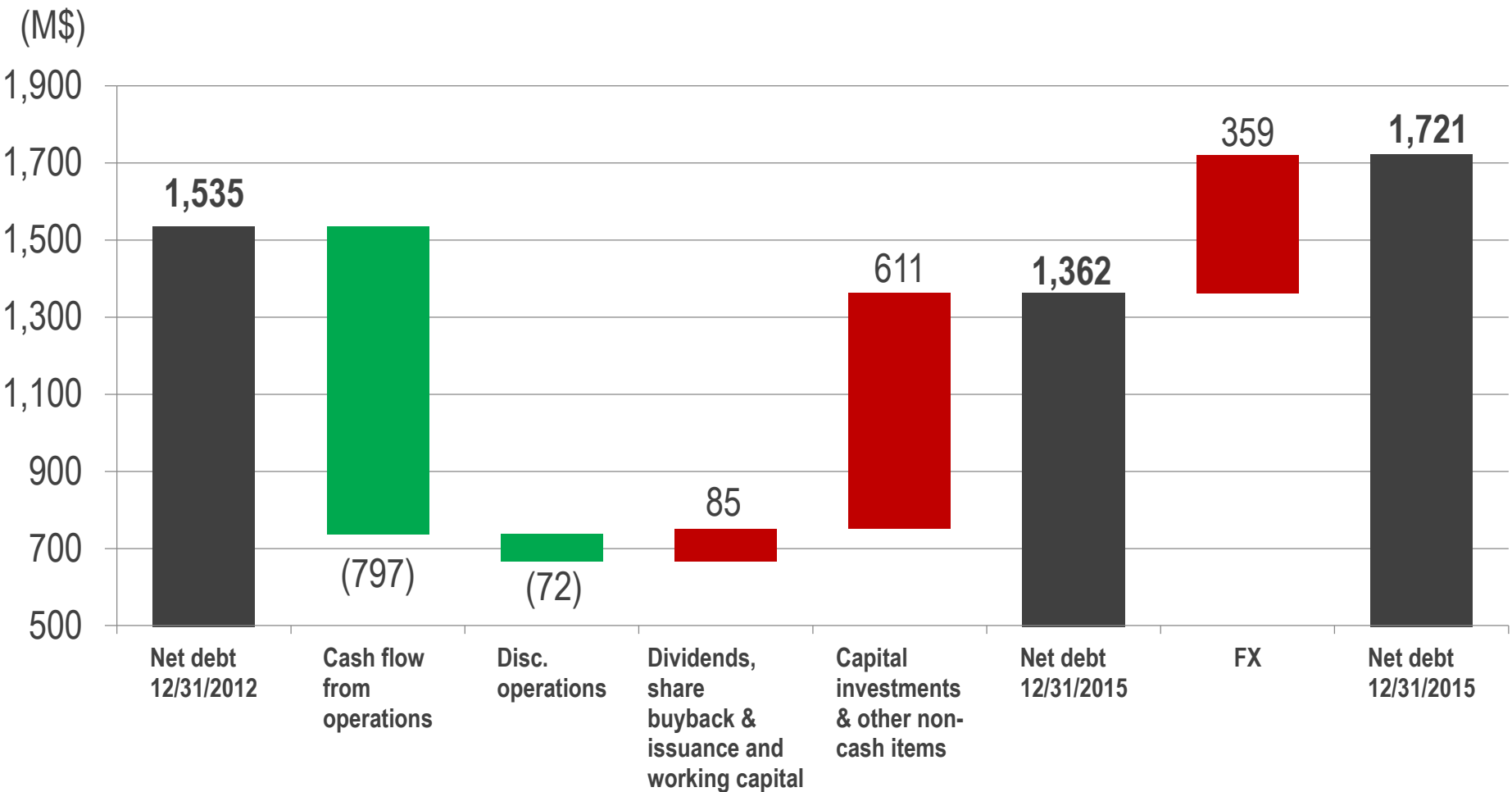
- \$3 million EBITDA sensitivity to every CAN\$0.01 change in FX

Destination of 2015 Sales of \$3.9 billion



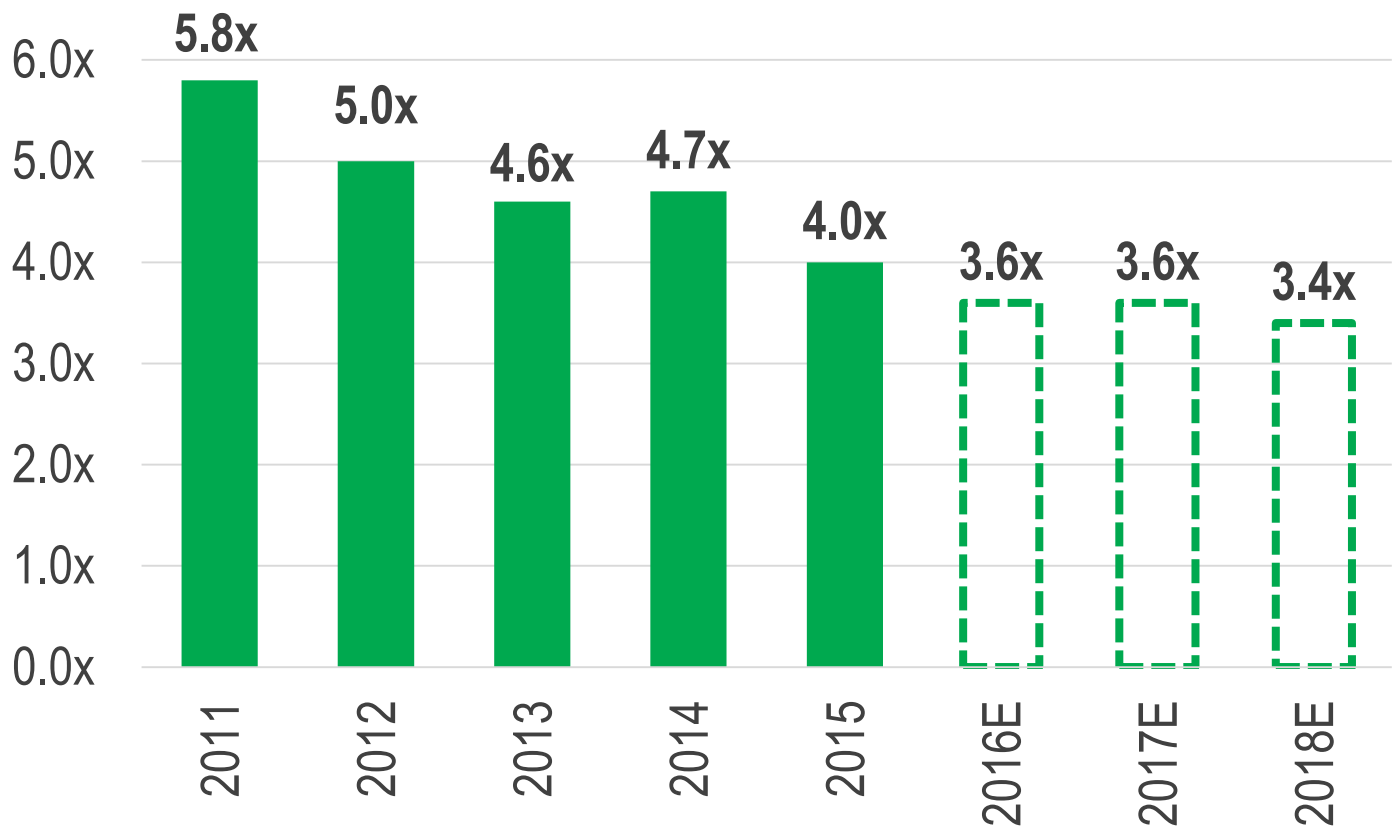


FX IMPACT ON DEBT HAS SLOWED US DOWN





LEVERAGE TARGET ACHIEVABLE WITHOUT ASSET DISPOSALS



Based on Street's EBITDA estimates \$438 million for 2016 and \$408 million for 2017. Assuming stable EBITDA for 2018 (\$408 million), FX at 1.33 and only \$100 million of free cash flows dedicated to debt annually.



PROPORTIONATE CONSOLIDATION

Selected Financial Data 2015	As Reported (IFRS)	Proportionate Consolidation ¹
Sales (M\$)	3,861	3,747
Adjusted EBITDA (M\$)	426	463
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	11.0%	12.4%
Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA Ratio ²	4.0x	4.0x

¹ Selected financial data adjusted to proportionally reflect the impact of certain associates and joint ventures namely Greenpac at 59.7%, Sonoco JVs at 50%, Reno de Medici at 57.6% and Recovery at 73% until November 30, 2015. Not adjusted for Boralex interest.

² Ratio "As reported" based on LTM EBITDA excluding specific items; ratio under "Proportionate consolidation" based on run-rate Adjusted EBITDA of \$463M for Q4-2015 and \$464M for Q3-2015 (9-month period annualized).



OUR FOUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1

MODERNIZE

core operations through focused investments

Status: Ongoing

2

OPTIMIZE

capital allocation and reduce working capital

Status: Ongoing

3

RESTRUCTURE

underperforming units

Status: Well-advanced

4

INNOVATE

to improve and develop processes and products

Status: Continuous



IMPROVING ASSET BASE



St. Marys



Vaughan



St. Helens

**±\$300 million
invested in
modern
equipment**



Candiac



Wagram



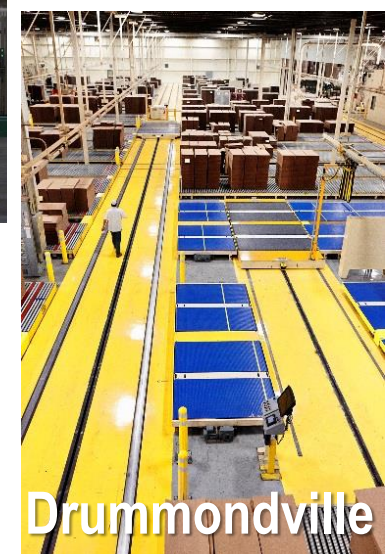
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Kingsey Falls



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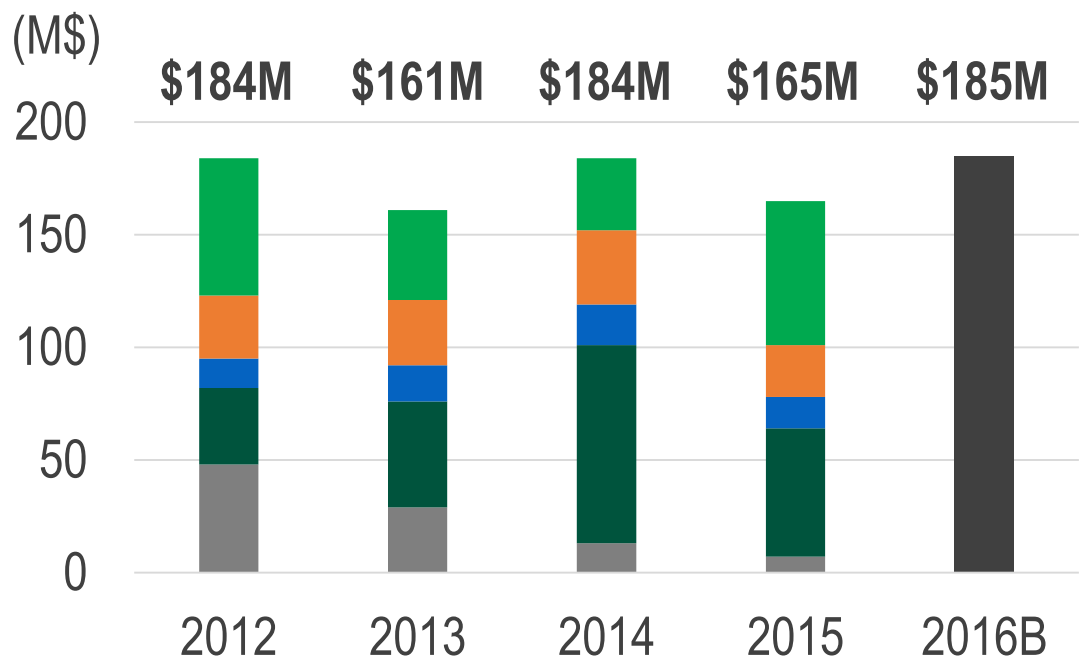


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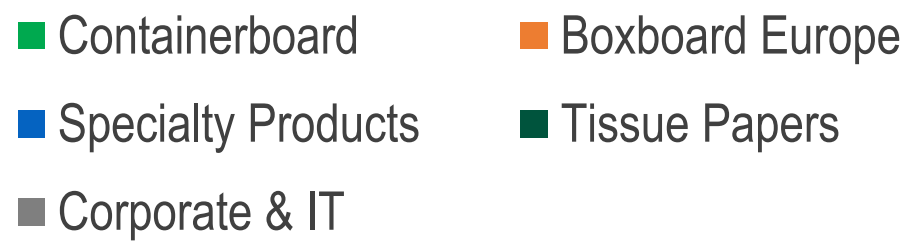


CAPEX DURING MODERNIZATION PHASE

Capital Expenditures



- 2016 level of ~\$185M
- Impacted by strong US\$
- 2012-2013: investment in containerboard – now bearing fruit
- 2013-2015: investment in tissue papers – not yet reflected in results





STREAMLINING THE PORTFOLIO

- From 2011 to 2015
- 15 closures
- 6 asset sales

Data on Sales and Closures

Excluding Dopaco

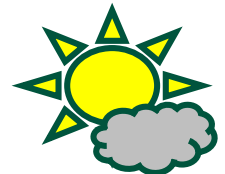
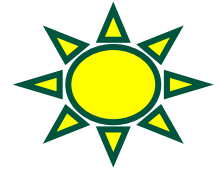
- Employees: – 2,300
- Sales: – \$986M
- EBITDA: – \$29M
- EBITDA Margin: 3%

- Dopaco division also divested in 2011 to finance Greenpac, Reno and Papersource investments
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CONTAINERBOARD - DRIVERS

- **Canada's competitive positioning following the reversal of the \$CAD**
 - **Spread**
 - Price
 - Raw materials
 - **Supply/demand equation**
 - Economic environment and market segments
 - New capacity and machine conversions
 - Our approach: state-of-the-art mill Greenpac
 - **Products**
 - Lightweighting
 - Online and on-shoring trends
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CONTAINERBOARD – STRATEGIC FOCUS

Growth areas and productivity initiatives

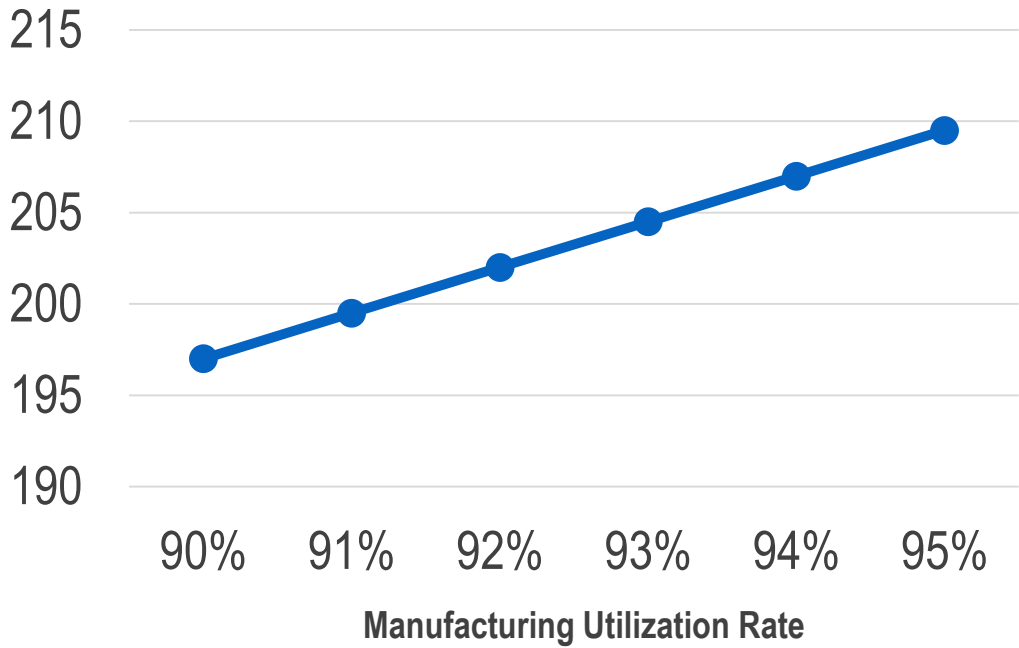
- Improve processes
 - Produce to capacity
- Leverage our modernized asset base in Canada
 - Maintain our leadership position
 - Converting platforms in Ontario and Québec
 - Greenpac capacity and product lines
- Increase our U.S. converting footprint
- Product innovation to capture benefits from recent trends
- Continue to improve Greenpac's performance



CONTAINERBOARD - PRODUCE TO CAPACITY

**Illustrative EBITDA and
Manufacturing Utilization Rate
(excluding Greenpac)**

Illustrative
EBITDA
(M\$)



- 2015 mill utilization rate at ~92%
- Importance of ONE Certification program
- EBITDA increases ~\$2.5M for every additional percentage of utilization rate



CONTAINERBOARD - OUR CORNERSTONE: GREENPAC

- Largest recycled linerboard mill in NA:
1,500 s.t./day of lightweight recycled linerboard (26 pounds)
- Product differentiation
- State-of-the-art equipment
- Take-or-pay agreement for
81% of the mill's output
- 59.7% ownership:
 - Partners include a
pension fund and two
independent converters



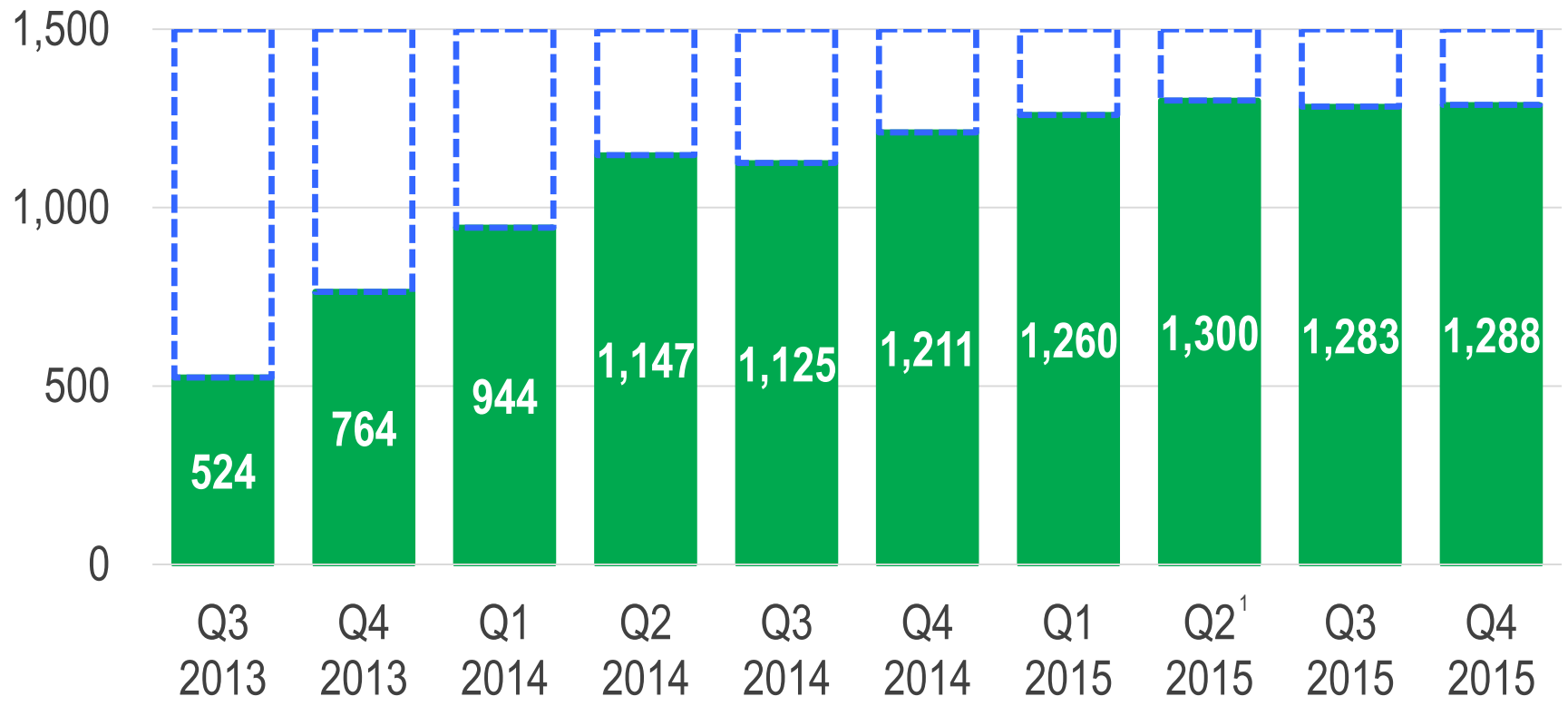
 **Greenpac**
MILL



IMPROVING GREENPAC PERFORMANCE

- Greenpac XP grades represented 72% of the total production in Q4-2015 due to good market receptivity

(s.t./day)



¹ Excluding planned shutdown



GREENPAC IMPACT ON EPS

- Assuming a conservative multiple, Greenpac adds significant value to the Cascades story

Greenpac Illustrative EBITDA (US\$M)	Impact on Cascades' EPS (CAN\$)	Illustrative Value per Share ¹ (CAN\$)
60	\$0.08	\$1.70
80	\$0.17	\$2.80
100	\$0.27	\$3.90
<u>EBITDA Sensitivity</u> ±10		±\$0.55

¹ For illustrative purposes only. Using conservative Total Enterprise Value to EBITDA multiple of 7x. Reflecting expected receipt of tax credit. Does not reflect the views of the Corporation on valuation. Assuming a foreign exchange rate of \$1.25 Canadian dollar per US dollar.



CONTAINERBOARD - OUR OBJECTIVE

EBITDA Margin ¹ (%)	2014	2015
IP (NA Industrial Packaging)	24%	24%
Packaging Corp. (Packaging)	22%	23%
WestRock ² (NA Corrugated Packaging)	18%	19%
KapStone (Consolidated, with kraft paper)	20%	15%
Average	21%	20%
Containerboard Group – excluding Greenpac	14%	18%
Containerboard Group – including Greenpac³		21%

Be among top-3 in the sector in terms of EBITDA margin



EXTENSIVE EUROPEAN PLATFORM

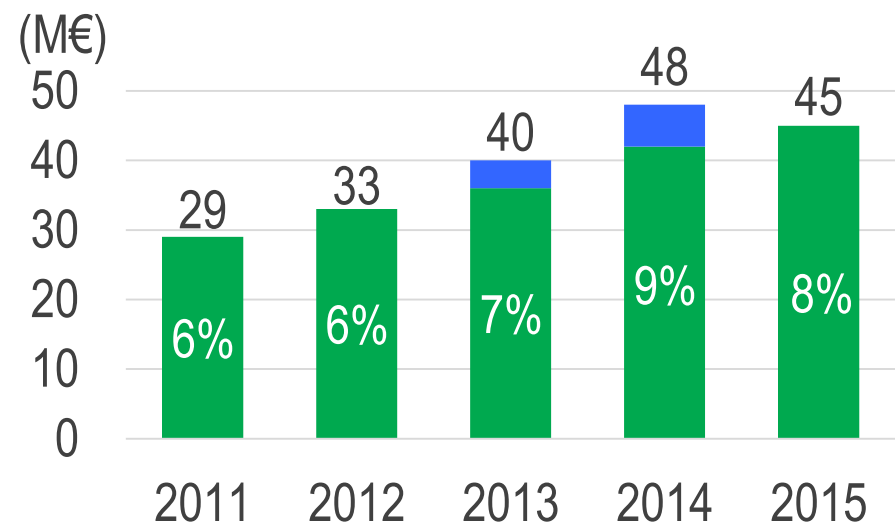
- ~58% ownership of RdM, a public Italian company, and 100% of a virgin board mill in France
- Rationalization of production capacity, consolidation of sales forces, structure simplification and modernization investments have resulted in improved performance

#2 Producer of Coated Recycled Boxboard in Europe



- M** Manufacturing – Recycled grades
- M** Manufacturing – Virgin grades

EBITDA & EBITDA Margin



Energy credits totaling €4M in 2013, €6M in 2014



BOXBOARD EUROPE – STRATEGIC FOCUS

Growth areas

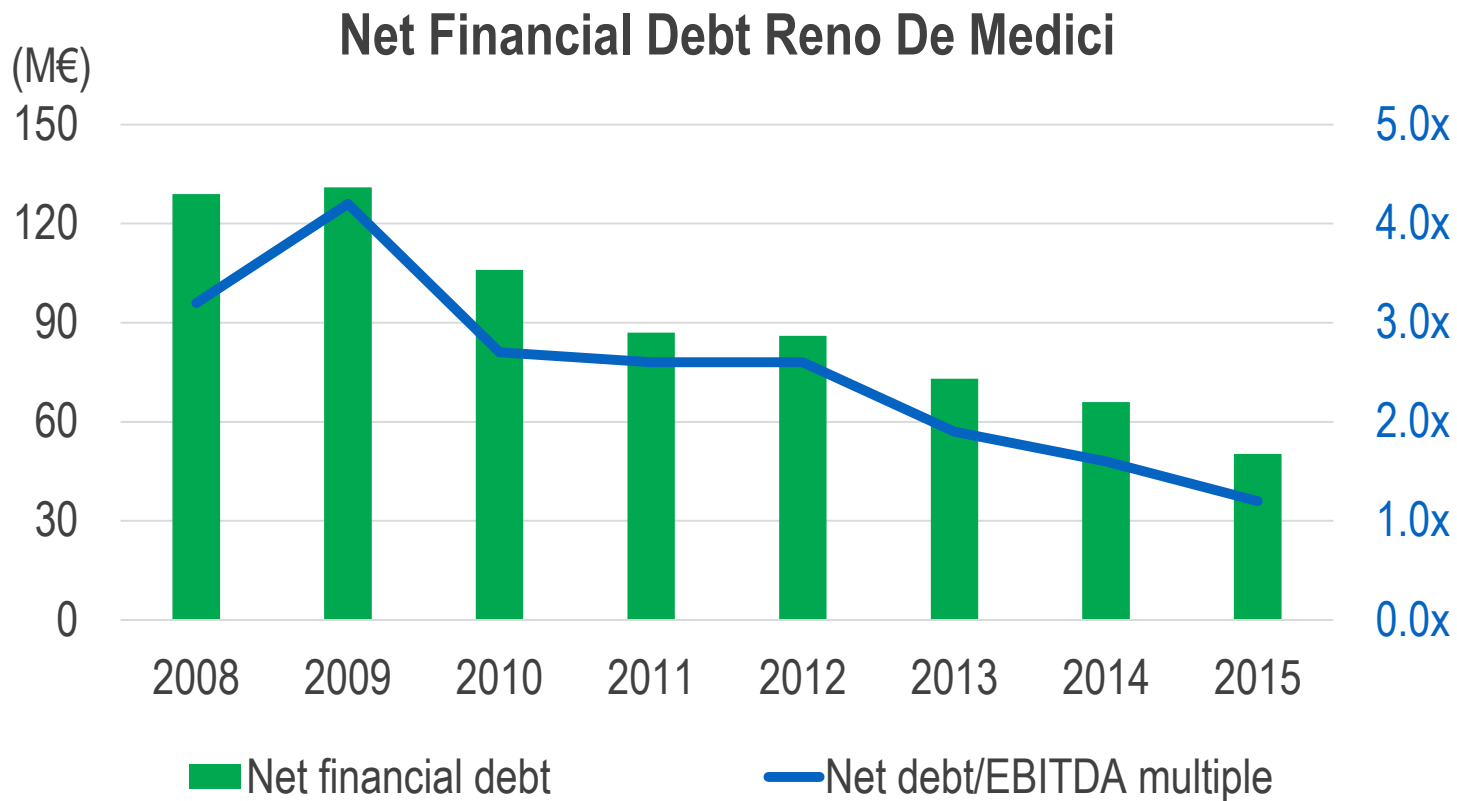
- Strengthen presence in growing markets (i.e. Eastern Europe)
- Continue to reduce leverage to provide flexibility

Productivity initiatives

- Strategic investment to reduce costs and improve quality and margins (energy, automation and capacity creep)
- Increase synergies between our recycled and virgin platforms
- IT upgrades



BOXBOARD EUROPE - REDUCE LEVERAGE TO MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY



1 2008-2010: as reported. 2011-2015: excluding specific items and discontinued operations

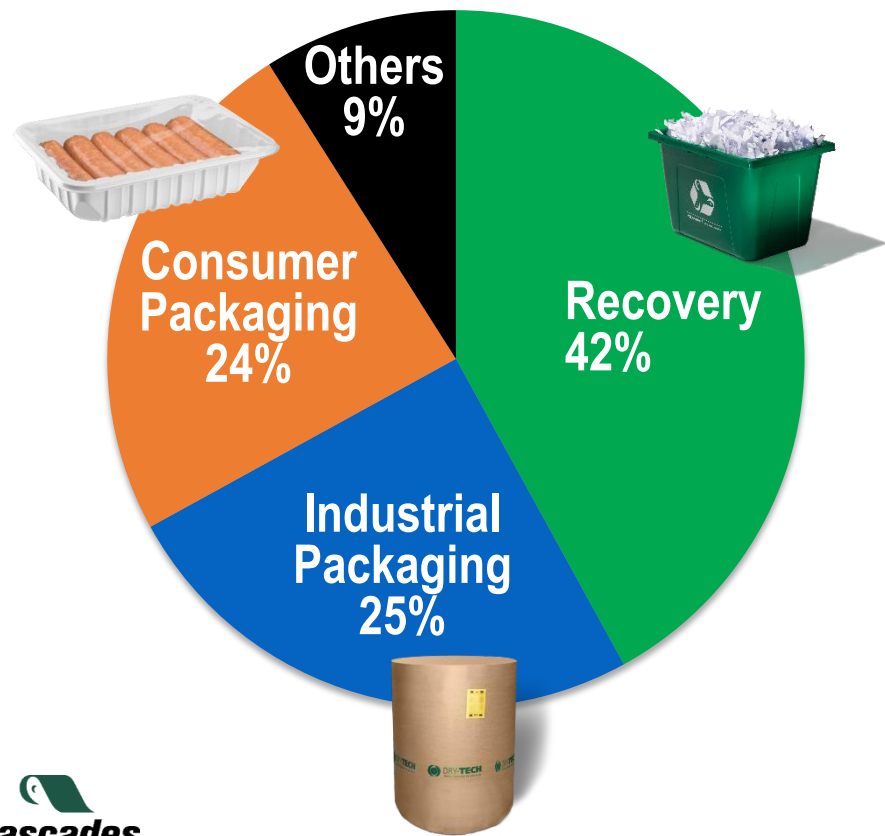


SPECIALTY PRODUCTS – OPERATING SNAPSHOT

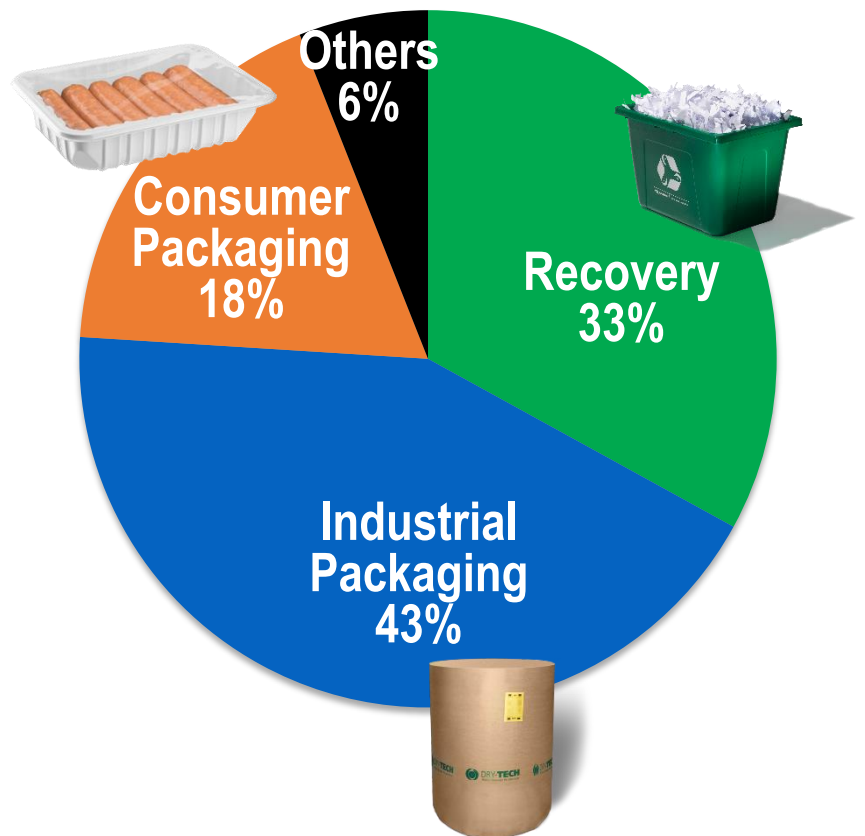
OPERATING PLATFORMS	RECOVERY	INDUSTRIAL PACKAGING AND OTHERS	CONSUMER PACKAGING
Units	19	14	6
Employees (2015)	1,075	600	420
Key Technologies	<p>Collection vehicle fleet</p> <p>Bailing</p> <p>Sorting line</p>	<p>Board machine</p> <p>Extrusion/ Coating</p> <p>Slitting/ die-cutting/ lamination</p> <p>Deinked pulp line</p> <p>Board machine</p>	<p>Extrusion</p> <p>Thermo forming</p> <p>Pulp molding</p>

SPECIALTY PRODUCTS – CURRENT SALES DISTRIBUTION

2015
Sales Distribution
(IFRS)
\$579M



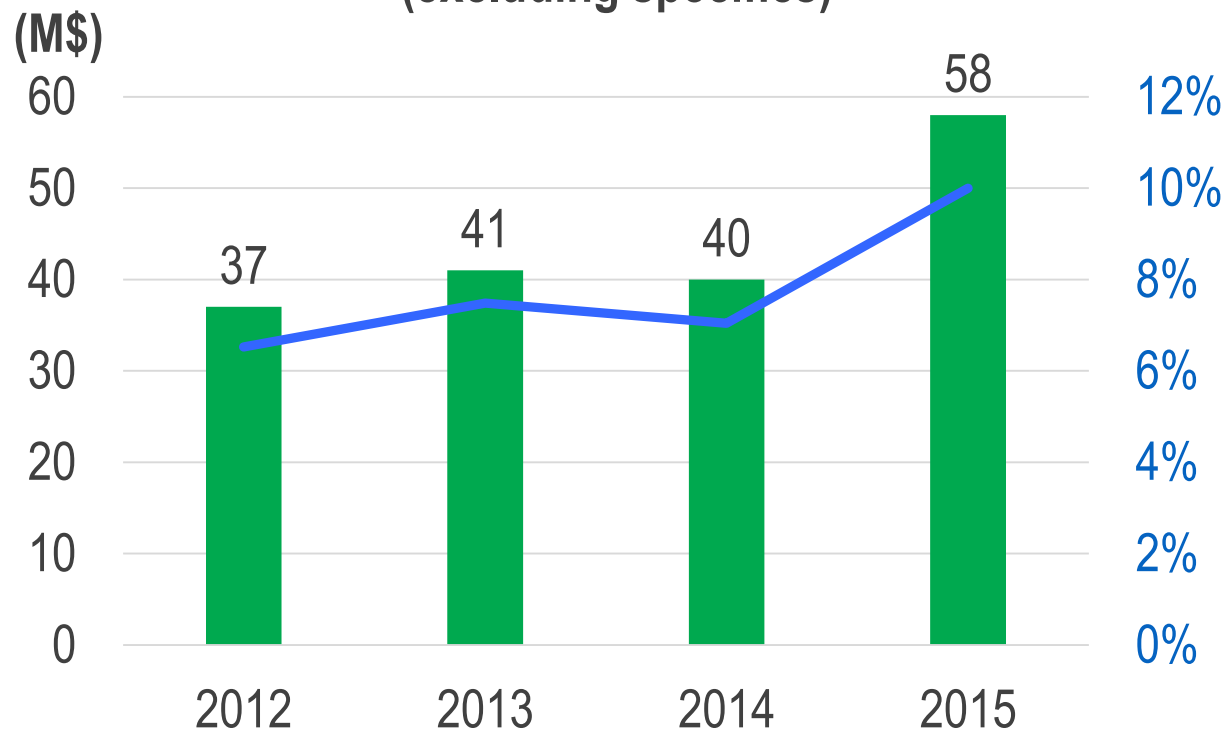
2015
Sales Distribution
(JV at 100%; non-IFRS)
\$792M





SPECIALTY PRODUCTS – RECENT PERFORMANCE & INITIATIVES

EBITDA & EBITDA Margin
(excluding specifics)



2014 Events

Closure:

- East Angus Kraft paper mill

Asset Sale:

- Fine Papers division

2015 Events

Restructuring/

Acquisition:

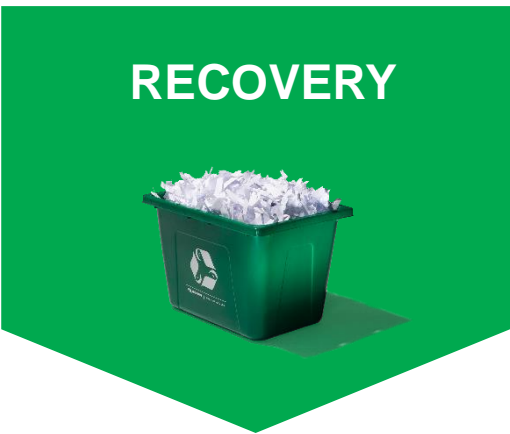
- Norcan

Acquisition:

- Cascades Recovery minority (27%)



SPECIALTY PRODUCTS – STABILITY AND GROWTH



- Continue to secure strategic source of supply



- Stable contributor and leading market position



- Growth vector

Objective to increase top line by +10% over the next three years while improving margins in all segments, excluding Recovery

TISSUE – DIVERSIFIED CAPACITY

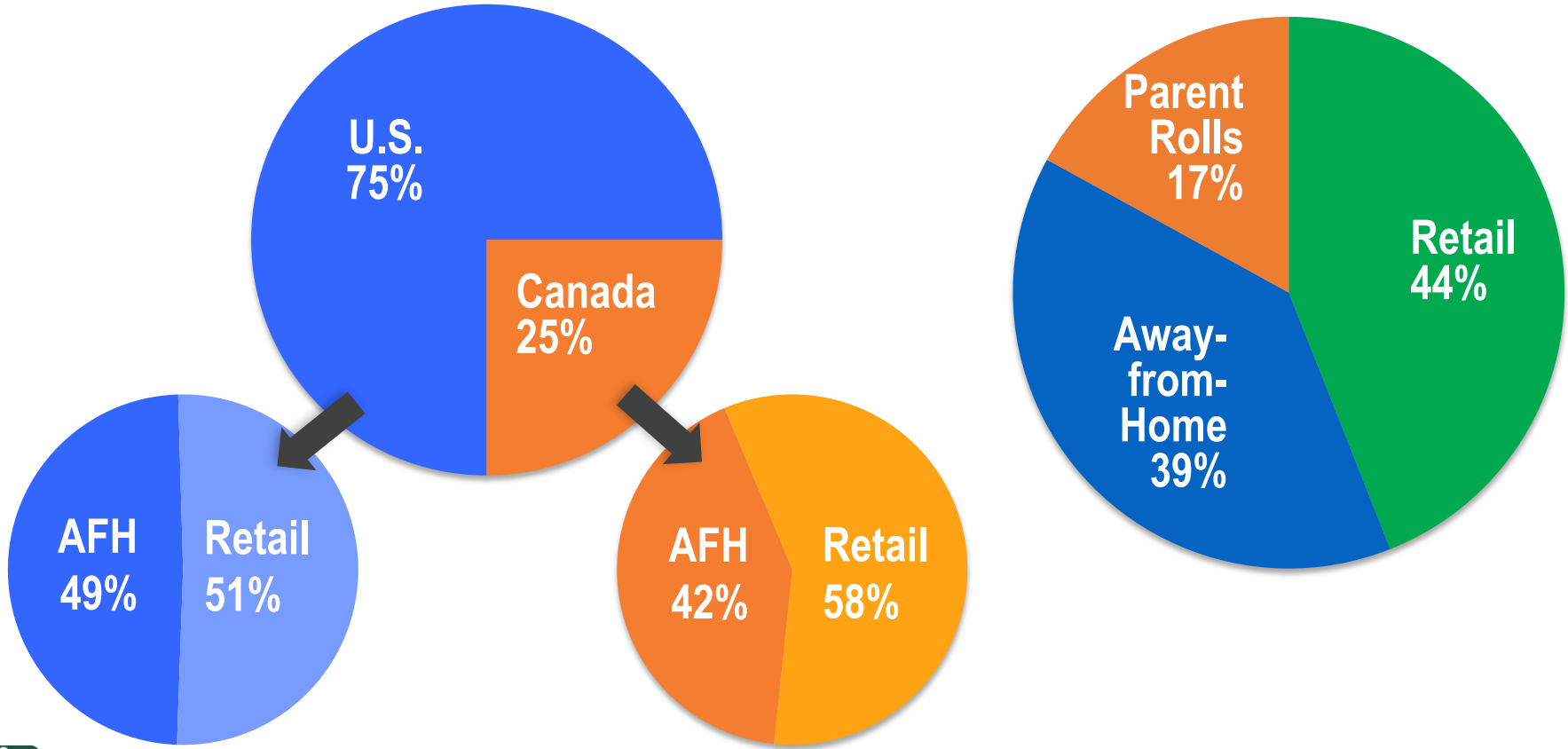
2015 NORTH AMERICAN TISSUE MANUFACTURERS

	Capacity (^{'000} s.t.)	Market Share	Capacity Retail	Capacity AfH
1 Georgia-Pacific	2,849	29%	67%	33%
2 Procter & Gamble	1,494	15%	100%	0%
3 Kimberly-Clark	1,466	15%	67%	33%
4 SCA Tissue NA	772	8%	0%	100%
5 Cascades Tissue	657	7%	62%	38%
6 Clearwater Paper	435	4%	90%	10%
7 KP Tissue	399	4%	77%	23%
8 First Quality Tissue	290	3%	100%	0%
9 Irving Tissue	282	3%	100%	0%
10 Soundview Paper	161	2%	67%	33%
Others	1,013	10%		
TOTAL	9,819	100%		



TISSUE – GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

2015 Sales Distribution
\$1,236 million





TISSUE – STRATEGIC FOCUS

Growth areas

- Grow U.S. Away-from-Home segment more aggressively
- Increase our footprint in the West and the South
- Increase integration rate – targeting 85%
- Increase market presence in value-added product segment (“Better” and “Best”)

Productivity initiatives

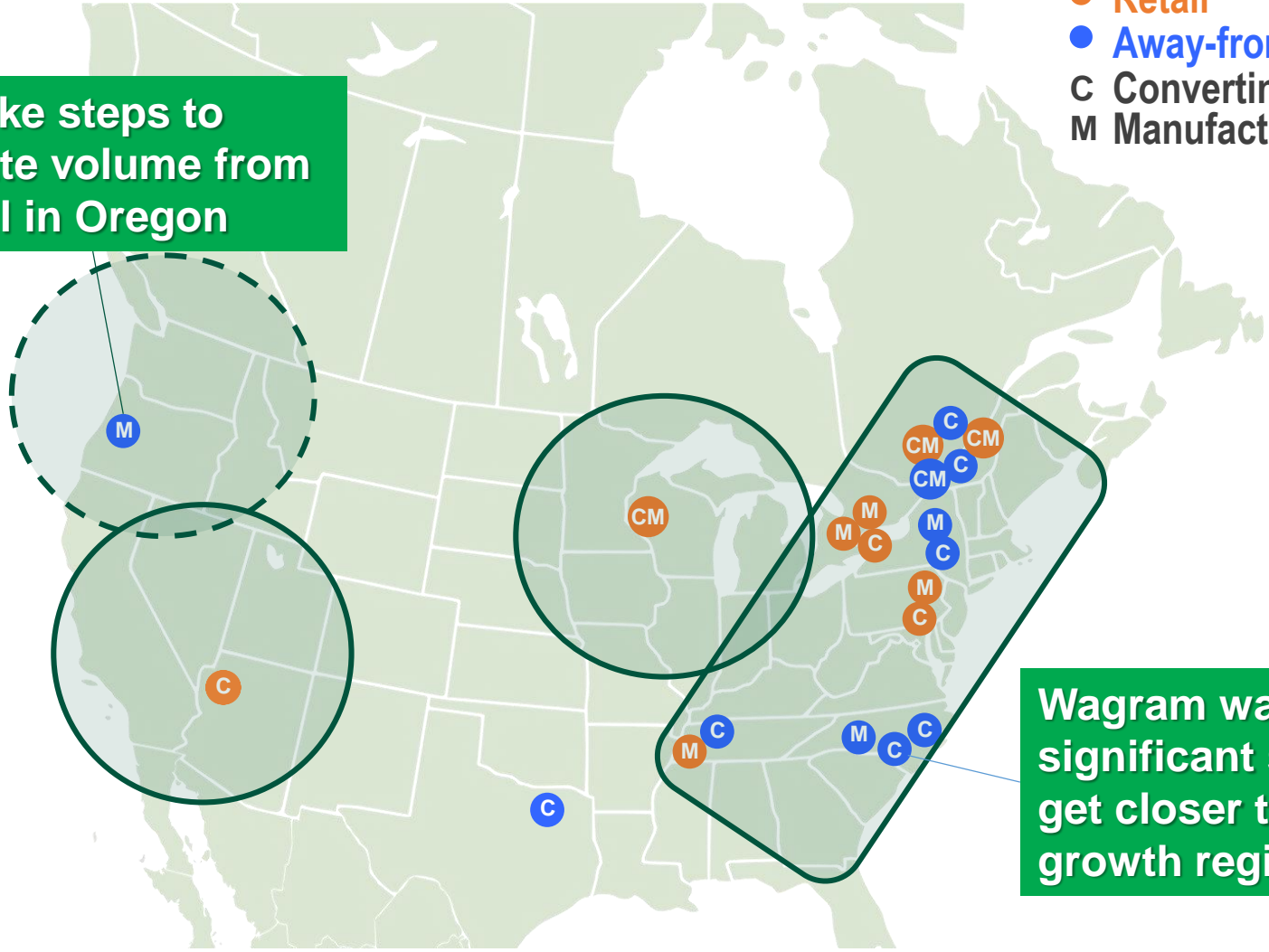
- Reduce costs to improve competitiveness
 - Continue to modernize asset base
 - Optimize logistics (trim and freight)
- Invest in innovation



TISSUE – OPTIMIZE LOGISTICS AND INCREASE INTEGRATION

Now take steps to integrate volume from our mill in Oregon

- Retail
- Away-from-Home
- C Converting
- M Manufacturing

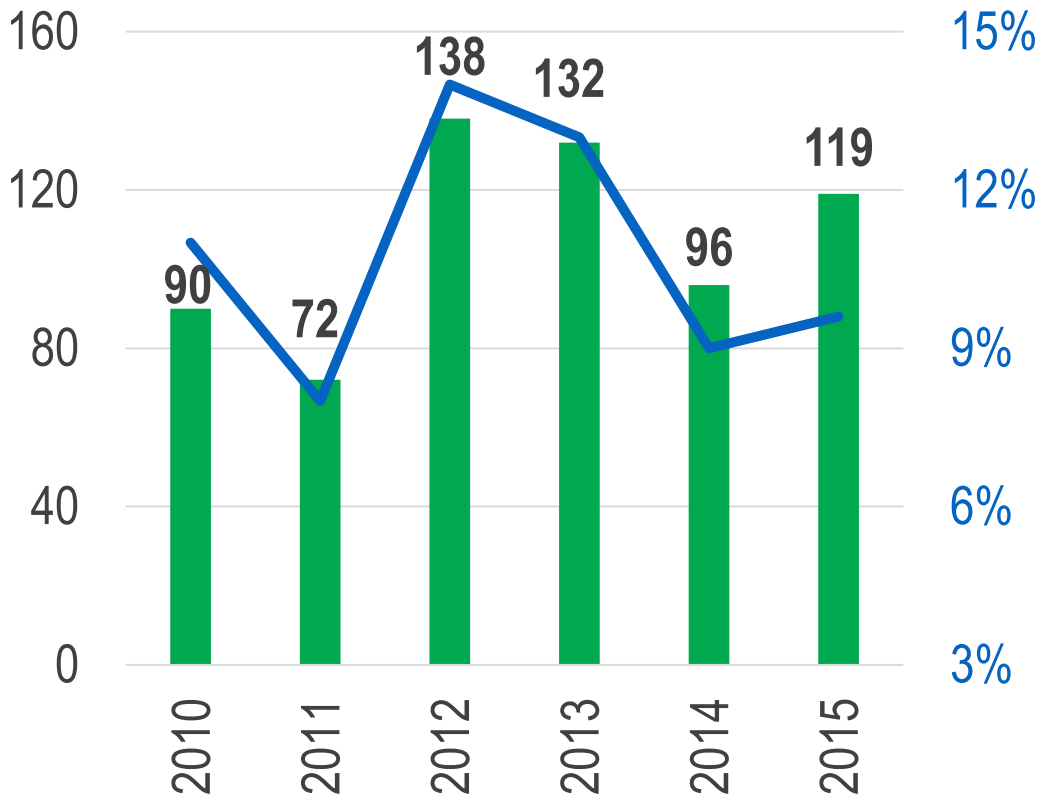


Wagram was a significant step to get closer to growth regions



TISSUE – IMPROVING OUR PERFORMANCE

EBITDA & EBITDA Margin
(excluding specifics)

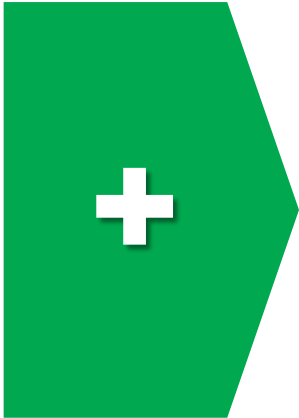


Objective: 13% margin

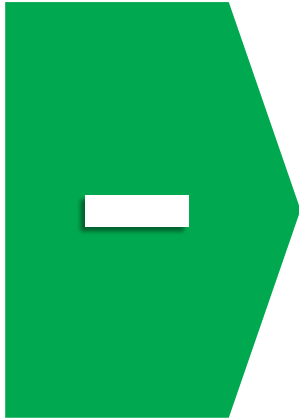
- Expected margin expansion with announced price increases
- Improved Canadian producer competitiveness
- Complete start-ups
- Growth in private label (US/CA)
- Growth in AfH USA
- OEE/Quality/H&S
- Cost reduction initiatives



Q1-2016 NEAR TERM OUTLOOK



- Favourable FX environment
- Continued implementation of FX-related price increases for corrugated boxes
- Higher volume in Q1
- OCC prices still low and stable



- Higher prices for recovered white papers
- Potential decrease in prices in Europe for recycled boxboard (WLC)
- Decrease in index price for linerboard and corrugating medium

	Boxboard Europe	Impact EBITDA	Containerboard	Impact EBITDA	Specialty Products	Impact EBITDA	Tissue Papers	Impact EBITDA
Volume	Stable	↔	Slight increase	↗	Stable	↔	Slight increase	↗
Average selling prices	Slight decrease	↘	Slight decrease	↘	Stable	↔	Slight increase	↗
Raw material costs	Stable	↔	Stable	↔	Stable	↔	Slight increase	↘
CAN\$ vs other currency	Stable	↔	Stable	↔	Stable	↔	Stable	↔
Energy costs	Slight decrease	↗	Stable	↔	Stable	↔	Stable	↔



POSITIVE DRIVERS FOR 2016

- **Continue to improve EBITDA, EBITDA margin and EPS**
 - Greenpac impact on EPS
- **Potential operational improvements**
 - Produce to capacity
 - Process improvements
 - Ramp-up of recent CAPEX projects
- **Beneficial drivers**
 - FX
 - Price increase implementation and full year impact
 - Recovered papers and China situation
 - Natural gas, oil and oil-influenced products
 - Economic environment and demand

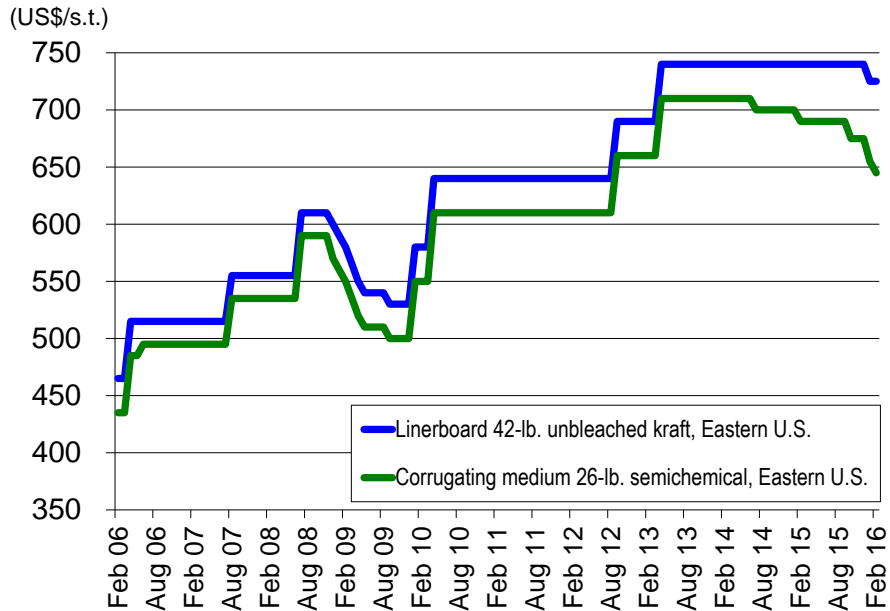
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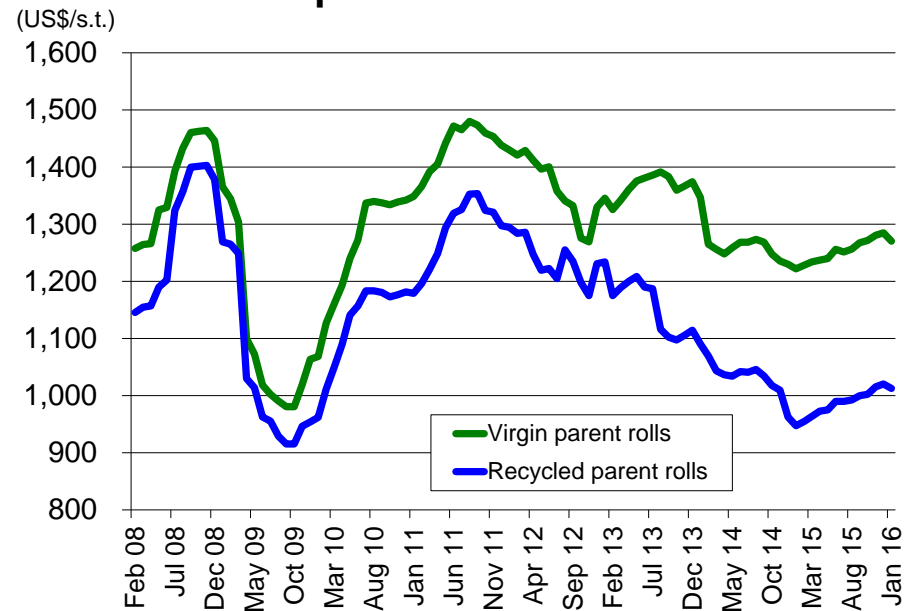


BUSINESS DRIVERS – PRICE DYNAMICS

Containerboard - Selected Benchmarks



Tissue Papers - Selected Benchmarks

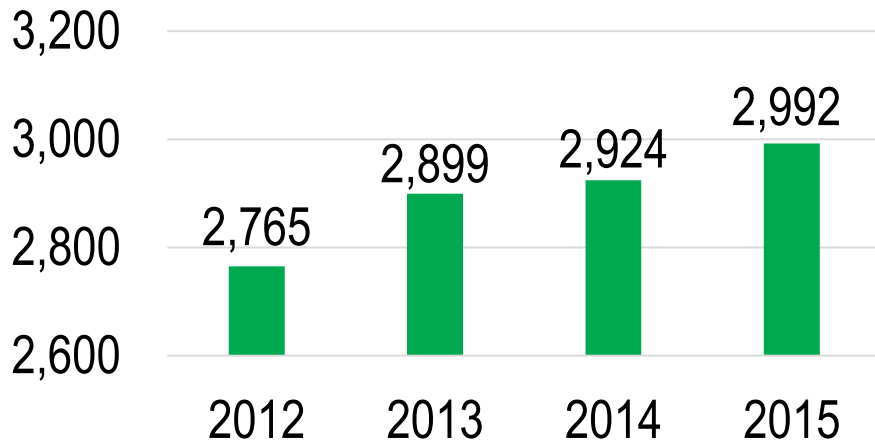




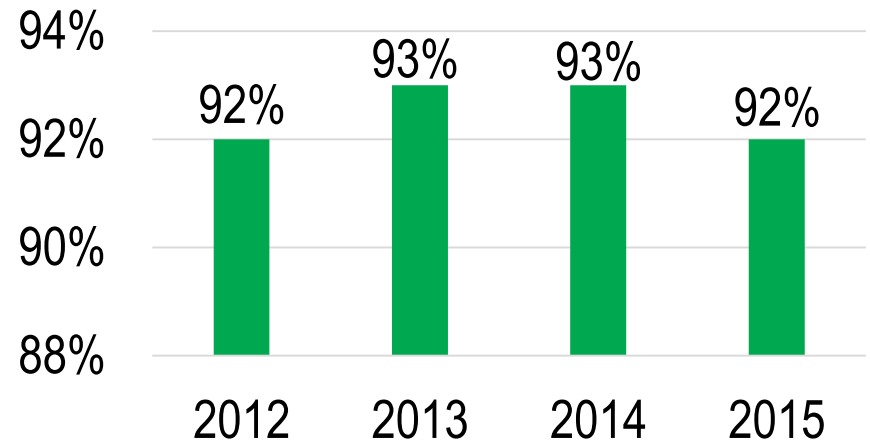
BUSINESS DRIVERS – SHIPMENTS

- Shipments were 2% higher in Q4-2015 compared to the same period last year
- Manufacturing utilization rates² hovering around 89% in Q4-2015
 - Containerboard – 90%
 - Boxboard Europe – 89%
 - Tissue Papers – 89%

Total Shipments ('000 s.t.)



Total Manufacturing Utilization Rate^{1,2}



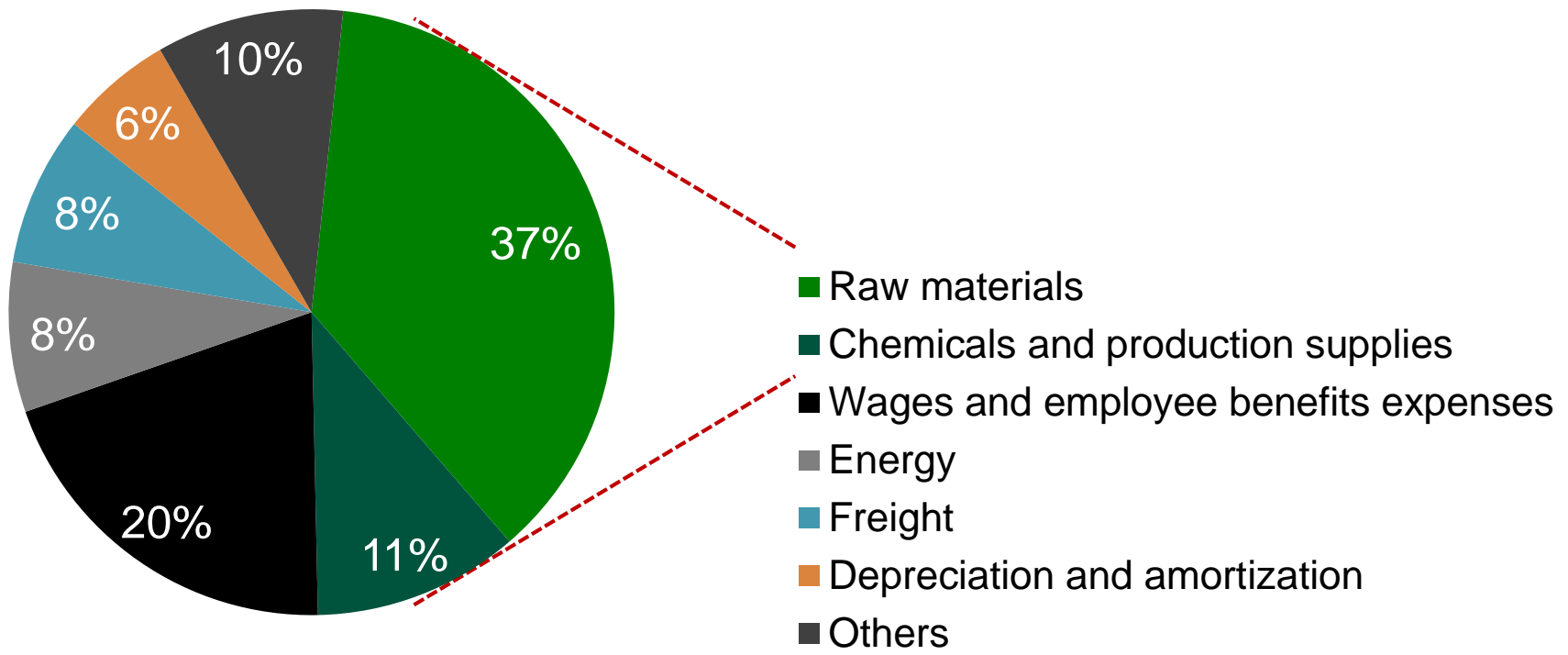
¹ Excludes Specialty Products segment

² Defined as: Manufacturing internal and external shipments/practical capacity



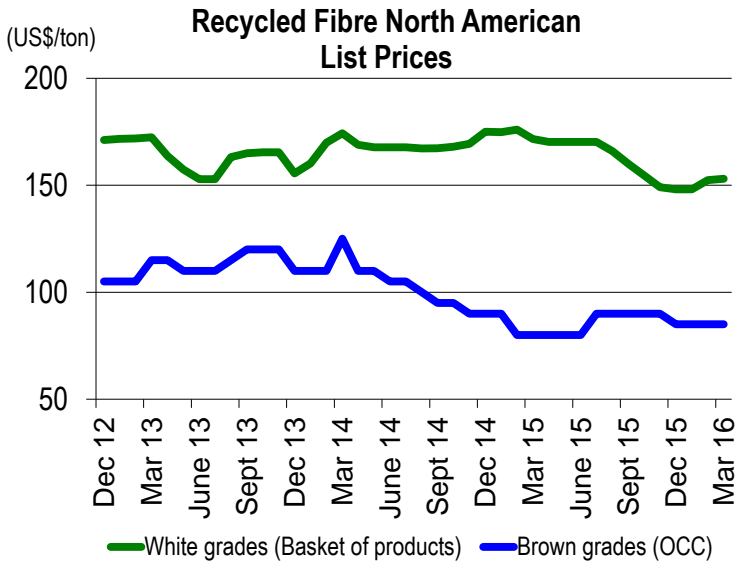
BUSINESS DRIVERS – COGS

2015



- Raw materials (including chemicals and supplies) = nearly half of COGS

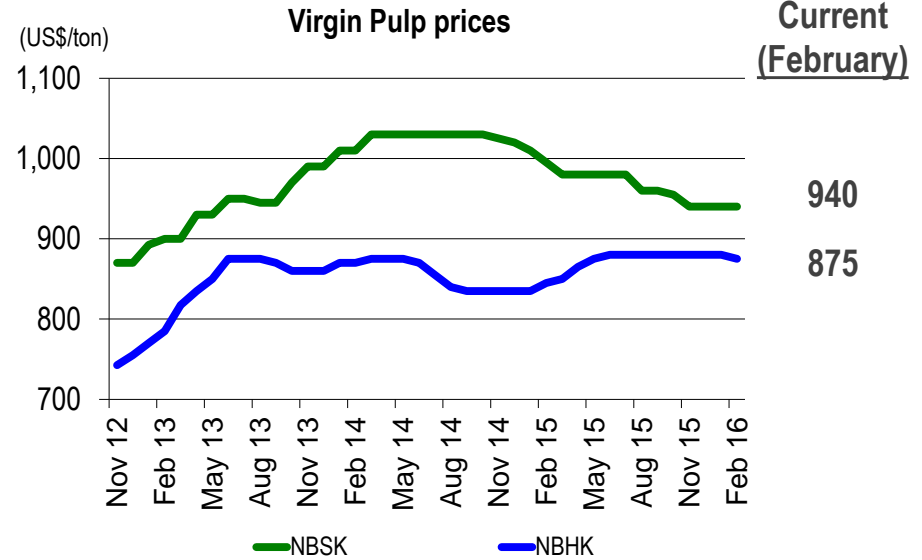
RAW MATERIALS – FIBRE COSTS



Current (March)

153

85



Current (February)

940

875

OBM Average Quarterly List Prices

White grades - Basket of products ¹
Brown grades - OCC No. 11 (Northeast)

Q4-2014

171
92

Q3-2015

165
90

Q4-2015

151
88

Q4/Q4

-12%
-4%

Q4/Q3

-9%
-2%

2015/2014

-3%
-18%

Virgin Pulp Prices

NBSK (Canadian sources delivered to US East)
NBHK (Canada/US sources delivered to US East)

1,025
835

967
880

945
880

-8%
+5%

-2%
+0%

-5%
+2%

Source: RISI

¹ Basket of white recycled paper, including grades such as SOP, Hard White Envelope and Coated Book Stock

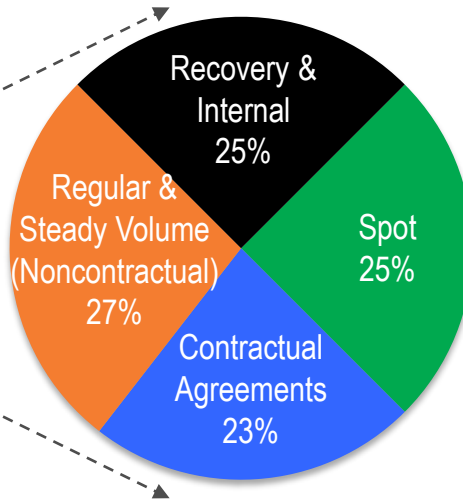
RAW MATERIALS – SOURCING STRATEGY

Cascades' NA Recycled Fibre Supply

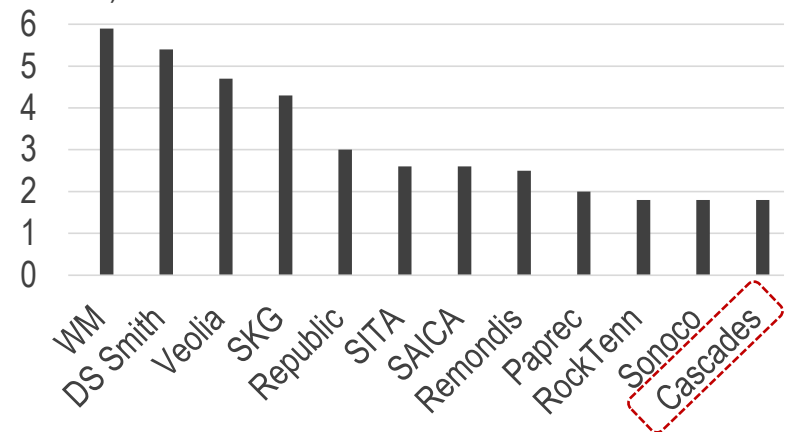
World Top Recovered Paper Suppliers

2015¹

Most of the fibre supply coming from internal sources, contracts and regular streams



(M Tonnes)



Source: RISI

Strategy

- Constant review of our inventory strategy
- Ensure control over fibre supply with potential increase of tons under control
- Develop substitute grades
- Full ownership of Cascades Recovery
- Potential to increase virgin content in certain circumstances
- Continue to close the loop with customers retailers



¹ Including volume treated for Greenpac