

### Paper & Forest Products/ Finland, May 8, 2025 Company update

# Still improving, albeit slowly

Suominen's Q1 results didn't contain very big surprises, although profitability remained low. Earnings are likely to continue their recovery, but the market remains challenging and doesn't offer much help in that respect.

#### On a slowly improving track

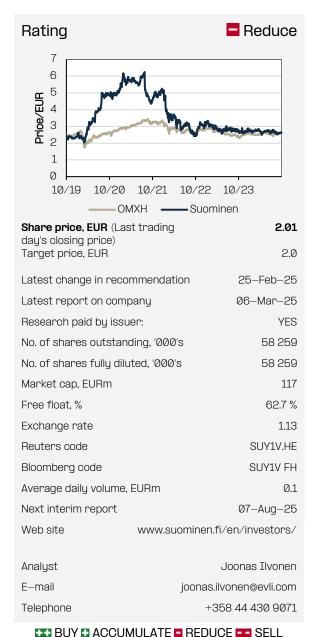
Suominen's EUR 117.5m Q1 revenue was slightly above the EUR 117.0m/115.4m Evli/cons. estimates, while the EUR 8.3m gross profit didn't land that much short of our EUR 8.8m estimate, yet the EUR 4.1m comparable EBITDA was still soft relative to the EUR 5.3m/4.2m Evli/cons. estimates due to general operating expenses. Suominen initiates a cost savings program which is to bring EUR 10m in savings on top of other cost measures the company has implemented over the past few years.

#### Earnings recover more, but the market remains supplied

In our view Suominen has improving nonwovens pricing and product mix on its side now, so sales margins should have some more upside. Higher asset utilization through recovering volumes would help gross margin further, but volumes continued to lag as sales volume was down 4% y/y and slightly down q/q. The trade war doesn't have any marked direct effect on Suominen's operations or its latest production line investments in the US and Spain, however the general uncertainty and supply chain disruptions do have an impact and limit volume recovery prospects. We believe the added cost measures are a response to this latest demand headwind.

#### Only small estimate revisions following the report

Suominen has to wait further for a more pronounced volume recovery as the market seems to remain quite challenging across its geographies and product portfolio. Bottom line has a lot more potential to improve from the low comparison figures, but even an earnings gain of some EUR 10m doesn't turn the EV/EBIT multiples particularly low. Suominen's valuation hence continues to require patience as there doesn't seem to be any likely big earnings drivers, at least such that would make a large enough difference in the short—term. We have slightly reduced our earnings estimates for the year, and we now estimate FY'25 EBITDA at about EUR 28m. Suominen is then valued almost 18x EV/EBIT on our FY'25 estimates, however the multiple would decline to 8x next year should more clear improvement be seen from H2'25 onwards. We retain our EUR 2.0 TP and REDUCE rating.



2024       462.3       -1.4       -0.3%       -6.9       -0.09       -24.4       0.4       -136.0       -5.2         2025E       476.5       10.5       2.2%       -9.6       0.07       30.7       0.4       17.5       -8.2         2026E       500.3       22.5       4.5%       11.7       0.25       8.0       0.3       7.7       10.0°	.2%	15.5%	-73.1	0.5	00.4		EURm	%	EURm	EURm	
2025E     476.5     10.5     2.2%     -9.6     0.07     30.7     0.4     17.5     -8.2       2026E     500.3     22.5     4.5%     11.7     0.25     8.0     0.3     7.7     10.0%				0.0	-20.4	-0.14	25.5	-0.6%	-2.8	450.9	2023
2026E 500.3 22.5 4.5% 11.7 0.25 8.0 0.3 7.7 10.0°		-5.2%	-136.0	0.4	-24.4	-0.09	-6.9	-0.3%	-1.4	462.3	2024
	.2% 0.03	-8.2%	17.5	0.4	30.7	0.07	-9.6	2.2%	10.5	476.5	2025E
	0% 0.10	10.0%	7.7	0.3	8.0	0.25	11.7	4.5%	22.5	500.3	2026E
2027E 512.8 28.2 5.5% 19.9 0.33 6.0 0.3 5.7 17.09	0% 0.12	17.0%	5.7	0.3	6.0	0.33	19.9	5.5%	28.2	512.8	2027E

Dividend yield 2025E, %

Equity ratio 2025E, %

Tax rate 2025E, %

All the important disclosures can be found on the last pages of this report.

184

315

15

Enterprise value, EURm

Goodwill 2025E, EURm

Total assets 2025E, EURm

1.5 %

28.3 %

38.6 %

ROE 2025E, %

ROCE 2025E, %

PEG, P/E 25/CAGR

3.2 %

4.7 %

0.3

# Estimates and peer valuation

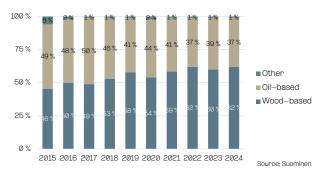
Suominen EURm	2015 FY	2016 FY	2017 FY	2018 FY	2019 FY	2020 FY	2021 FY	2022 FY	2023 FY	2024 Q1	2024 02	2024 Q3	2024 04	2024 FY	2025 01	2025E 02E	2025E Q3E	2025E 04E	2025E FY
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Revenue	444	417	426	431		459	443	493	451	114			119	462		120		121	
growth, %	11 %	-6 %	2 %	1%	-5 %	12 %	-3 %	11 %	-9 %	-3 %	5 %	5 %	3 %	3 %	3 %	1%	6 %	2 %	3 %
Geography	470	474	47.4	474	150	470	470	005	400		40	40	40	47.4			40		475
EMEA	172	171	174	171	150	170	178	205	163	44	43	42	46	174		44	43	44	175
Americas	272	246	252	260	262	289	265	288	288	70	76	70	73	288	74	76	75	77	302
COGS	-386	-365	-384	-400	-377	-389	-392	-475	-428	-105	-110	-106	-111	-433	-109	-110	-106	-108	-433
Gross Profit	58	52	42	31	37	70	51	19	23	8.1	8.9	5.1	7.5	30	8.3	10.2	11.8	13.3	44
Gross-%	13.1 %	12.5 %	9.9 %	7.3 %	9.0 %	15.2 %	11.5 %	3.8 %	5.1 %	7.2 %	7.5 %	4.6 %	6.4%	6.4 %	7.1 %	8.5 %	10.0 %	11.0 %	9.2 %
SGA 8 R8D	-28.0	-27.9	-28.9	-29.2	-30.6	-30.7	-28.9	-32.4	-32.3	-8.7	-10.2	-8.3	-8.8	-36.1	-9.2	-8.5	-8.0	-8.0	-33.7
Other	1.8	1.3		2.5	1.8	0.4	5.0	4.9	2.1	0.7	0.5	1.8	2.2	5.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
EBIT ex IAC	31.2	25.6	15.0	4.6	8.1	39.5	26.9	-4.2	-2.8	-0.1	0.4	-1.5	-0.3	1.4	-0.3	1.7	3.8	5.3	10.5
EBIT-% ex IAC	7.0 %	6.1 %	3.5 %	1.1 %	2.0 %	8.6 %	6.1 %	-0.8 %	-0.6 %	-0.1 %	0.3 %	-1.3 %	-0.3 %	0.3 %	-0.3 %	1.4 %	3.2 %	4.4 %	2.2 %
Depreciation	-17.7	-18.5	-19.4	-21.0	-25.5	-21.4	-20.1	-19.5	-18.7	-4.6	-4.6	-4.8	-4.5	-18.4	-4.4	-4.5	-4.5	-4.5	-17.9
EBITDA ex IAC	48.9	44.2	34.3	25.6	33.6	60.9	47.0	15.3	15.8	4.5	5.0	3.3	4.2	17.0	4.1	6.2	8.3	9.8	28.4
EBITDA-% ex IAC	11.0 %	10.6 %	8.1 %	5.9 %	8.2 %	13.3 %	10.6 %	3.1 %	3.5 %	3.9 %	4.2 %	3.0 %	3.5 %	3.7 %	3.5 %	5.2 %	7.0 %	8.1 %	6.0 %
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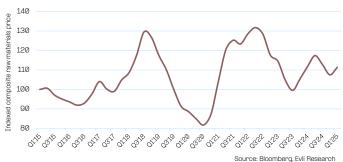
Source: Suominen, Evli Research

	MCAP	[	EV/EBITDA	1		EV/EBIT			EBIT-%	
SUOMINEN PEER GROUP	MEUR	24	25	26	24	25	26	24	25	26
Berry Global Group	6890	7.7x	8.5x	8.3x	13.6x	14.2x	13.4x	9.5 %	10.7 %	11.1 %
Kimberly-Clark	38789	12.7x	12.8x	12.1x	15.7x	16.0x	15.0x	16.1 %	16.4 %	17.1 %
N.R. Spuntech Industries	60									
Mativ Holdings	245	7.5x	6.1x	5.7x	12.8x	11.2x	9.7x	6.5 %	6.1 %	6.8 %
Magnera	473	6.7x	6.1x	5.8x	17.4x	14.5x	12.5x	4.2 %	5.1 %	5.6 %
Peer Group Average	9291	8.7x	8.4x	8.0x	14.9x	14.0x	12.6x	9.1 %	9.5 %	10.2 %
Peer Group Median	473	7.6x	7.3x	7.0x	14.7x	14.3x	12.9x	8.0 %	8.4 %	9.0 %
Suominen (Evli est.)	117	11.2x	6.5x	3.9x	-136.0x	17.5x	7.7x	-0.3 %	2.2 %	4.5 %
Suominen prem./disc. to peer median		47 %	<i>−11 %</i>	<i>–44</i> %	-1026 %	23 %	<i>–40</i> %	-104 %	-74 %	<i>–50 %</i>

Source FactSet, Evli Research

# Suominen raw materials mix and composite price development





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VALUATION RESULTS	BASE CASE DETAILS	VALUATION ASSUMPTI	ONS ASSUMPTIONS FOR WA	cc
Current share price	2.01 PV of Free Cash Flow	171 Long—term growth, %	2.0 % Risk-free interest rate, %	2.25 %
DCF share value	4.67 PV of Horizon value	158 WACC, %	7.9 % Market risk premium, %	5.8 %
Share price potential, %	132.3 % Unconsolidated equity	0 Spread, %	0.5 % Debt risk premium %	2.8 %
Maximum value	5.1 Marketable securities	41 Minimum WACC, %	7.4 % Equity beta coefficient	1.00
Minimum value	4.3 Debt - dividend	-99 Maximum WACC, %	8.4 % Target debt ratio, %	20 %
Horizon value, %	48.0 % Value of stock	272 No. of shares, Mn	58.3 Effective tax rate, %	28 %

DCF valuation, EURm	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E	2032E	2033E	2034E	TERMINAL
Net sales	462	477	500	513	523	534	544	555	566	578	589	601
Sales growth (%)	2.5%	3.1%	5.0%	2.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Operating income (EBIT)	-1	11	23	28	37	40	41	42	42	43	44	45
Operating income margin %	-0.3%	2.2%	4.5%	5.5%	7.0%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%
+ Depreciation+amort.	18	18	22	24	25	24	23	22	22	21	21	
EBITDA	17	28	45	53	61	64	64	64	64	65	65	
<ul> <li>Paid taxes</li> </ul>	-2	-3	-5	-6	-8	-8	-9	-9	-9	-9	-9	
<ul> <li>Change in NWC</li> </ul>	-4	-4	-9	-4	7	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
NWC / Sales, %	6.8%	7.4%	9.0%	9.5%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	
+ Change in other liabs	0											
<ul> <li>Operative CAPEX</li> </ul>	-14	-27	-15	-20	-20	-20	-20	-20	-20	-20	-36	
opCAPEX / Sales, %	3.1%	5.7%	3.1%	4.0%	3.9%	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%	6.1%	
<ul> <li>Acquisitions</li> </ul>												
+ Divestments												
- Other items												
= FCFF	-3	-6	15	23	41	34	34	34	34	35	19	330
= Discounted FCFF		-5	14	19	31	24	22	21	19	18	9	158
= DFCF min WACC	•	-5	14	19	31	25	23	21	20	19	10	181
= DFCF max WACC		-5	13	19	30	24	22	20	19	17	9	140

### Sensitivity analysis, EUR

## **Terminal WACC**

Terminal EBIT-%

	5.92 %	6.92 %	7.92 %	8.92 %	9.92 %
5.50 %	4.17	3.49	3.00	2.63	2.33
6.50 %	5.68	4.59	3.83	3.28	2.85
7.50 %	7.19	5.68	4.67	3.93	3.37
8.50 %	8.70	6.78	5.50	4.59	3.89
9.50 %	10.21	7.88	6.34	5.24	4.42

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#### INTERIM FIGURES

EVLI ESTIMATES, EURm	2024Q1	2024Q2	2024Q3	2024Q4	2024	2025Q1	2025Q2E	2025Q3E	2025Q4E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Net sales	113.6	118.7	111.5	118.5	462.3	117.5	120.0	118.0	121.0	476.5	500.3	512.8
EBITDA	4.5	5.0	3.3	4.3	17.0	4.1	6.2	8.3	9.8	28.4	44.5	52.7
EBITDA margin (%)	3.9%	4.2%	2.9%	3.6%	3.7%	3.5%	5.2%	7.0%	8.1%	5.9%	8.9%	10.3%
EBIT	-0.1	0.4	-1.5	-0.2	-1.4	-0.3	1.7	3.8	5.3	10.5	22.5	28.2
EBIT margin (%)	-0.1%	0.3%	-1.4%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.3%	1.4%	3.2%	4.4%	2.2%	4.5%	5.5%
Net financial items	-0.8	-1.1	-1.9	-0.3	-4.1	-1.9	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-5.2	-4.0	-3.6
Pre-tax profit	-0.9	-0.7	-3.4	-0.5	-5.5	-2.2	0.6	2.7	4.2	5.3	18.5	24.6
Tax	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-1.5	-3.9	-5.2
Tax rate (%)	-35.2%	-4.0%	4.2%	52.8%	1.0%	-0.3%	83.3%	18.5%	11.9%	28.3%	21.0%	21.0%
Net profit	-1.2	-0.7	-3.3	-0.2	-5.4	-2.2	0.1	2.2	3.7	3.8	14.6	19.4
EPS	-0.02	-0.01	-0.06	0.00	-0.09	-0.04	0.00	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.25	0.33
EPS adj. (diluted)	-0.02	-0.01	-0.06	0.00	-0.09	-0.04	0.00	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.25	0.33
Dividend per share										0.03	0.10	0.12
SALES, EURm	2024Q1	2024Q2	2024Q3	2024Q4	2024	2025Q1	2025Q2E	2025Q3E	2025Q4E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Group	113.6	118.7	111.5	118.5	462.3	117.5	120.0	118.0	121.0	476.5	500.3	512.8
Total	113.6	118.7	111.5	118.5	462.3	117.5	120.0	118.0	121.0	476.5	500.3	512.8
SALES GROWTH, Y/Y %	2024Q1	2024Q2	2024Q3	2024Q4	2024	2025Q1	2025Q2E	2025Q3E	2025Q4E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Group	-2.7%	5.3%	4.8%	3.0%	2.5%	3.4%	1.1%	5.8%	2.1%	3.1%	5.0%	2.5%
Total	-2.7%	5.3%	4.8%	3.0%	2.5%	3.4%	1.1%	5.8%	2.1%	3.1%	5.0%	2.5%
EBIT, EURm	2024Q1	2024Q2	2024Q3	2024Q4	2024	2025Q1	2025Q2E	2025Q3E	2025Q4E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Group	-0.1	0.4	-1.5	-0.2	-1.4	-0.3	1.7	3.8	5.3	10.5	22.5	28.2
Total	-0.1	0.4	-1.5	-0.2	-1.4	-0.3	1.7	3.8	5.3	10.5	22.5	28.2
EBIT margin %	2024Q1	2024Q2	2024Q3	2024Q4	2024	2025Q1	2025Q2E	2025Q3E	2025Q4E	2025E	2026E	2027E
Group	-0.1%	0.3%	-1.4%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.3%	1.4%	3.2%	4.4%	2.2%	4.5%	5.5%
Total	-0.1%	0.3%	-1.4%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.3%	1.4%	3.2%	4.4%	2.2%	4.5%	5.5%

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INCOME STATEMENT, EURM	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Sales	458.9	443.2	493.3	450.9	462.3	476.5	500.3	512.8
Sales growth (%)	11.5%	-3.4%	11.3%	-8.6%	2.5%	3.1%	5.0%	2.5%
EBITDA	60.9	47.0	15.2	15.9	17.0	28.4	44.5	52.7
EBITDA margin (%)	13.3%	10.6%	3.1%	3.5%	3.7%	5.9%	8.9%	10.3%
Depreciation	-21.4	-20.1	-23.2	-18.7	-18.4	-17.9	-22.0	-24.5
EBITA	39.5	26.9	-8.0	-2.8	-1.4	10.5	22.5	28.2
Goodwill amortization / writedown			3.8					
EBIT	39.5	26.9	-4.2	-2.8	-1.4	10.5	22.5	28.2
EBIT margin (%)	8.6%	6.1%	-0.9%	-0.6%	-0.3%	2.2%	4.5%	5.5%
Reported EBIT	39.5	26.9	-4.2	-2.8	-1.4	10.5	22.5	28.2
EBIT margin (reported) (%)	8.6%	6.1%	-0.9%	-0.6%	-0.3%	2.2%	4.5%	5.5%
Net financials	-5.6	-0.4	-2.9	-6.0	-4.1	-5.2	-4.0	-3.6
Pre-tax profit	33.9	26.5	-7.1	-8.8	-5.5	5.3	18.5	24.6
Taxes	-3.8	-5.8	-2.0	0.7	0.1	-1.5	-3.9	-5.2
Minority shares	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.2
Net profit	30.1	20.7	-9.1	-8.1	-5.4	3.8	14.6	19.4
Cash NRIs	00.1	20.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	14.0	10.4
Non-cash NRIs								
BALANCE SHEET, EURM								
Assets								
Fixed assets	126	129	126	119	124	133	126	121
Goodwill	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Right of use assets	18	16	12	11	11	11	12	12
Inventory	35	50	63	38	47	52	60	64
Receivables	61	73	76	72	69	62	68	70
Liquid funds	58	101	50	59	41	38	40	41
Total assets	317	387	343	316	310	315	324	326
Liabilities	OII	001	040	010	010	010	OLT	OLO
Shareholders' equity	146	163	146	125	118	121	134	148
Minority interest	140	100	140	123	110	121	104	140
Convertibles								
Lease liabilities	15	13	11	10	9	11	12	12
Deferred taxes	13	14	12	9	8	8	8	8
	83	133	89	89	90	94	85	72
Interest bearing debt								82
Non-interest bearing current liabilities Other interest-free debt	55 3	57 3	80 3	75 7	82 3	76	80 3	3
	3 317			316	310	3 315		
Total liabilities	311	387	343	210	210	210	324	326
CASH FLOW, EURm								
+ EBITDA	61	47	15	16	17	28	45	53
<ul> <li>Net financial items</li> </ul>	-6	0	-3	-6	-4	-5	-4	-4
- Taxes	-4	-3	-3	-3	-2	-2	-4	-5
<ul> <li>Increase in Net Working Capital</li> </ul>	-1	-25	6	29	-4	-4	-9	-4
+/- Other								
= Cash flow from operations	50	19	15	36	7	18	27	40
- Capex	-12	-16	-6	-10	-14	-27	-16	-20
- Acquisitions								
+ Divestments								
= Free cash flow	38	4	9	26	-7	-10	12	20
	10	8	3	-7	4			
+/- New issues/buybacks	-12	U	_					
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+/- New issues/buybacks					-9	2 6	6 -8	7 -13

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KEY FIGURES	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
M-cap	302	181	164	133	117	117	117
Net debt (excl. convertibles)	45	51	40	58	67	57	43
Enterprise value	347	232	205	190	184	174	160
Sales	443	493	451	462	477	500	513
EBITDA	47	15	16	17	28	45	53
EBIT	27	-4	-3	-1	11	23	28
Pre-tax	27	-7	-9	-5	5	19	25
Earnings	21	-9	-8	-5	4	15	19
Equity book value (excl. minorities)	163	146	125	118	121	134	148
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Valuation multiple	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
EV/Sales	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
EV/EBITDA	7.4	15.2	12.9	11.2	6.5	3.9	3.0
EV/EBITA	12.9	-29.0	-73.1	-136.0	17.5	7.7	5.7
EV/EBIT EV/OCF	12.9 18.0	–55.1 15.2	–73.1 5.7	–136.0 25.7	17.5 10.4	7.7 6.4	5.7 4.0
EV/FOF	195.7	26.3	7.2	-65.1	-33.4	11.3	4.0 7.0
P/FCFR	86.1	19.2	6.4	-19.3	-12.2	10.0	5.9
P/E	14.6	-19.8	-20.4	-24.4	30.7	8.0	6.0
P/BV	1.8	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8
Target EV/EBITDA					6.5	3.9	3.0
Target EV/EBIT					17.5	7.7	5.7
Target EV/FOFF Target P/BV					-19.2 1.0	14.9 0.9	8.0 0.8
Target P/E, diluted	14.8	-77880.4	-31.4	-33.7	30.5	8.0	6.0
Per share measures	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Number of shares (million)	58.26	58.26	58.26	58.26	58.26	58.26	58.26
Number of shares (diluted, million)	58.26	58.26	58.26	58.26	58.26	58.26	58.26
EPS	0.36	-0.16	-0.14	-0.09	0.07	0.25	0.33
Operating cash flow per share	0.33	0.26	0.62	0.13	0.31	0.47	0.69
Free cash flow per share	0.06	0.16	0.44	-0.12	-0.16	0.20	0.34
Book value per share	2.80	2.50	2.14	2.02	2.08	2.31	2.54
Dividend per share	0.20	0.10	0.10		0.03	0.10	0.12
Dividend payout ratio, %	56.3%	-64.0%	-72.2%		45.8%	39.8%	36.0%
Dividend yield, %	3.9%	3.2%	3.6%		1.5%	5.0%	6.0%
FOF yield, %	1.2%	5.2%	15.5%	-5.2%	-8.2%	10.0%	17.0%
Efficiency measures	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
ROE	13.4%	-5.9%	-6.0%	-4.5%	3.2%	11.4%	13.8%
ROCE	9.7%	-1.5%	-1.2%	-0.6%	4.7%	9.8%	12.2%
Financial ratios	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Inventories as % of sales	11.2%	12.8%	8.4%	10.3%	11.0%	12.0%	12.5%
Receivables as % of sales	16.6%	15.4%	15.9%	15.0%	13.1%	13.6%	13.6%
Non-int. bearing liabilities as % of sales	12.9%	16.2%	16.7%	17.7%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%
NWC/sales, %	14.1%	11.5%	6.1%	6.8%	7.4%	9.0%	9.5%
Operative CAPEX/Sales, %	3.6%	1.2%	2.3%	3.1%	5.7%	3.1%	4.0%
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CAPEX/sales (incl. acquisitions), %	3.6%	1.2%	2.3%	3.1%	5.7%	3.1%	4.0%
FCFF/EBITDA	0.0	0.6	1.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	0.4
Net Debt/EBITDA, book—weighted	1.0	3.3	2.5	3.4	2.4	1.3	0.8
Debt/equity, market-weighted	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
Equity ratio, book-weighted	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Gearing, %	27.6%	35.0%	32.4%	48.9%	55.3%	42.6%	29.2%

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**COMPANY DESCRIPTION:** Suominen manufactures nonwovens for global consumer brands on seven production plants located on three continents. The company sources the raw materials from fiber producers and sells the output as roll goods to global consumer brand manufacturers. Suominen's nonwovens are mainly used in wiping products such as wet wipes for baby care, personal hygiene, and household and workplace wiping. Other end—uses include hygiene and medical applications such as sanitary pads, diapers, and surgical drapes and swabs.

**INVESTMENT CASE:** Suominen's recent challenges with nonwovens' gross margins and delivery volumes are no longer present. In our view the demand outlook for household wiping products is especially strong. Suominen also seems to be making good progress with sustainable wiping products, meaning the company is increasingly able to replace synthetic raw materials with wood—based fibers. Although supply will no doubt grow in the long—term, the surge in wiping demand has nevertheless turned the current supply—demand balance much more favorable also from a nonwovens manufacturer's point of view. We view Suominen's long—term financial targets realistic.

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE	SHARES	EURm	%
Ahlstrom Capital Bv	14 113 633	28.368	24.2 %
Etola Group Oy	7 414 000	14.902	12.7 %
Oy Etra Invest Ab	7 000 000	14.070	12.0 %
OP Life Assurance Company Ltd	4 217 221	8.477	7.2 %
Nordea Nordic Small Cap Fund	3 435 147	6.905	5.9 %
Mandatum Life Insurance Company Limited	2 882 540	5.794	4.9 %
Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance Company	1 912 000	3.843	3.3 %
Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company	1 689 751	3.396	2.9 %
Nordea Life Assurance Finland Ltd.	1 462 000	2.939	2.5 %
Oy H. Kuningas & Co Ab	1 400 000	2.814	2.4 %
Ten largest	45 526 292	91.508	78.1 %
Residual	12 732 927	25.593	21.9 %
Total	58 259 219	117.101	100%

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

P/E	EPS
Price per share Earnings per share	Profit before extraord. items and taxes – income taxes + minority interest  Number of shares
Price per share  Shareholder's equity + taxed provisions per share	DPS  Dividend for the financial period per share
Market cap  Price per share * Number of shares	OCF (Operating cash flow)  EBITDA — Net financial items — Taxes — Increase in working capital — Cash NRIs ± Other adjustments
EV (Enterprise value)  Market cap + net debt + minority interest at market value  - share of associated companies at market value	FCF (Free cash flow)  Operating cash flow — Operative CAPEX — acquisitions + divestments
Ev/Sales  Enterprise value Sales	FCF yield, %  Free cash flow  Market cap
Enterprise value  Enterprise value  Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization	Operative CAPEX / Sales  Capital expenditure – divestments – acquisitions Sales
Enterprise value Operating profit	Net working capital  Current assets — current liabilities
Net debt  Interest bearing debt – financial assets	Capital employed / Share  Total assets – non-interest bearing debt  Number of shares
<b>Total assets</b> Balance sheet total	Gearing  Net debt  Equity
Div yield, %  Dividend per share Price per share	Debt/Equity, %  Interest bearing debt  Shareholders' equity + minority interest + taxed provisions
Payout ratio,%  Total dividends  Earnings before extraordinary items and taxes  – income taxes + minority interest	Equity ratio. %  Shareholders' equity + minority interest + taxed provisions  Total assets – interest–free loans
Profit before extraordinary items + interest expenses + other financial costs Balance sheet total - non-interest bearing debt (average)	CAGR, %  Cumulative annual growth rate = Average growth rate per year
ROE, %  Profit before extraordinary items and taxes – income taxes  Shareholders' equity + minority interest + taxed provisions (average)	

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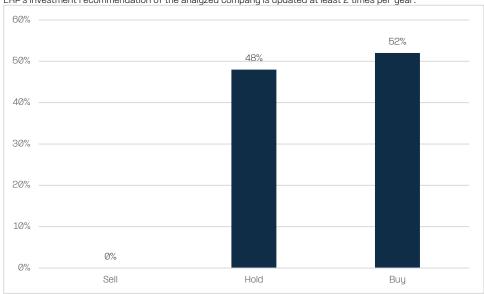
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