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Q3 preview

- Stora will report its Q3 on 23 October
- We reiterate BUY with a TP of EUR 10.5
- Q3'25e adj. EBIT of ~EUR 88m

This is our earnings bridge:

Adj. Q2 EBIT was EUR 126m. The following q-o-q effects are likely in Q3e: EUR -10m from more maintenance, EUR -14m on lower lumber prices, EUR -30m from lower pulp prices, EUR -15m on lower containerboard/ cartonboard prices, EUR -8m on FX, EUR +35m lower fibre costs and EUR +5m from Oulu ramp-up costs. We arrive at Q3e adj. EBIT of ~EUR 88m. FactSet consensus has EUR 119m. Regarding Q4e, Stora will likely have higher maintenance costs, seasonally lower liquid packaging volumes, and lower pulp/lumber prices. Our bridge points to EUR 60m vs consensus at EUR 121m.

Reason: Preview of results



Pulp & Paper

Estimate changes (%)

	2025e	2026e	2027e
Sales	-0.1	0.4	0.4
EBIT	-15.6	-6.3	-5.0
EPS	-28.6	-9.5	-7.4
Source: ABG Sundal Collier			

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Share price (EUR)	3/10/2025	9.57
Target price		10.50
MCap (EURm)		7,594
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No. of shares (m)		788.6
Free float (%)		92.1

Next event Q3 Report 23 October 2025

Performance

Av. daily volume (k)



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Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Company Data

EURm	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Sales	9,396	9,049	9,610	9,581	9,669
EBITDA	1,046	1,097	953	1,197	1,308
EBITDA margin (%)	11.1	12.1	9.9	12.5	13.5
EBIT adj.	342	598	445	677	788
EBIT adj. margin (%)	3.6	6.6	4.6	7.1	8.2
Pretax profit	-495	-120	200	479	592
EPS	-0.51	-0.23	0.20	0.47	0.58
EPS adj.	0.30	0.41	0.29	0.47	0.58
Sales growth (%)	-19.7	-3.7	6.2	-0.3	0.9
EPS growth (%)	nm	-53.6	nm	nm	23.5

	2025e	2026e	2027e
P/E (x)	47.5	20.5	16.6
P/E adj. (x)	33.6	20.5	16.6
P/BVPS (x)	0.74	0.72	0.69
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.4	9.1	8.2
EV/EBIT adj. (x)	24.3	16.1	13.6
EV/sales (x)	1.13	1.14	1.11
ROE adj. (%)	2.2	3.6	4.2
Dividend yield (%)	2.1	2.6	2.6
FCF yield (%)	-0.9	1.2	2.3
Le. adj. FCF yld. (%)	-0.9	1.2	2.4
Net IB debt/EBITDA (x)	4.3	3.5	3.0
Le. adj. ND/EBITDA (x)	4.3	3.5	3.0

Company description

Stora Enso engages in the manufacturing and marketing of paper, pulp, consumer board, industrial packaging, and wood products. It operates through the following divisions: Consumer Board, Packaging Solutions, Biomaterials, Wood Products, and Paper.

Sustainability Information

Risks

Risks include, but are not limited to, FX-movements (a weaker USD is negative) and a general economic slowdown. Its growth projects do include some execution risks.

Quarterly P&L

P&L, EURm	Q3'22	Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24	Q4'24	Q1'25	Q2'25	Q3'25e
Packaging Materials	1,421	1,335	1,300	1,155	1,057	1,045	1,100	1,138	1,169	1,095	1,159	1,159	1,241
Packaging Solutions	176	177	276	288	266	247	224	254	262	247	239	272	272
Biomaterials	567	649	488	379	345	375	374	413	380	419	392	378	362
Wood Products	520	471	454	436	349	341	349	414	359	400	418	494	494
Forest	581	664	687	620	534	650	659	690	695	784	836	833	833
Paper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other and intersegment	-301	-431	-484	-504	-424	-484	-542	-608	-603	-623	-682	-709	-654
Total	2,964	2,865	2,721	2,374	2,127	2,174	2,164	2,301	2,262	2,322	2,362	2,427	2,548
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Depreciation	-134	-165	-156	-270	-145	-133	-118	-126	-129	-129	-118	-130	-130
Deckering Metarials	188	59	41	-22	-34	-43	60	60	73	-6	62	29	35
Packaging Materials													
Packaging Solutions	4	5	8	15	14	6	-1 57	-1	-6	-6 67	5	3	0
Biomaterials	197	249	91	-13	5	35	-	63	43		36	21	-12
Wood Products	70	-14	-11	-6	-21	-27	-9	7	-2	-12	1	11	-5
Forest	47	62	57	62	59	75	70	76	81	81	82	88	88
Paper													
Other	23	-6	48	1	-2	4	-21	-44	-14	-3	-11	-26	-18
Adjusted EBIT	529	355	234	37	21	50	156	161	175	121	175	126	88
Fair valuations	6	381	11	-14	5	229	11	-16	0	368	0	-27	0
One-offs	-22	-31	12	-276	-27	-605	-20	-46	-36	-768	-4	-35	0
EBIT	513	705	257	-253	-1	-326	147	99	139	-279	171	64	88
Net financial items	-63	-39	-29	-51	-40	-52	-47	-49	-41	-74	-39	-44	-48
PTP	450	666	228	-304	-41	-378	100	50	98	-353	132	20	40
Taxes	-81	-82	-43	47	7	53	-17	-8	-14	-26	-25	- 5	-9
Net Profit	369	584	185	-257	-34	-325	83	42	84	-379	107	15	31
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EPS	0.47	0.74	0.23	-0.29	-0.04	-0.41	0.10	0.04	0.11	-0.48	0.14	0.02	0.04

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Company information

Income Statement (EURm)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Sales	10,486	10,054	8,554	10,166	11,694	9,396	9,049	9,610	9,581	9,669
COGS	-8,683	-8,453	-7,294	-8,037	-9,167	-8,350	-7,952	-8,658	-8,384	-8,362
Gross profit	1,803	1,601	1,260	2,129	2,527	1,046	1,097	952	1,196	1,307
Other operating items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
EBITDA	1,803	1,601	1,260	2,129	2,527	1,046	1,097	953	1,197	1,308
Depreciation and amortisation	-478	-598	-610	-600	-635	-704	-499	-508	-520	-520
EBITA	1,325	1,003	650	1,529	1,892	342	598	445	677	788
Impairment and PPA amortisation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EBIT	1,325	1,003	650	1,529	1,892	342	598	445	677	788
Net financial items	-181	-169	-150	-149	-150	-172	-211	-179	-198	-196
Pretax profit	1,209	1,185	772	1,419	1,861	-495	-120	200	479	592
Tax	-221	-284	-155	-151	-322	64	-65	-41	-110	-136
Net profit	988	902	617	1,268	1,539	-431	-185	159	369	456
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit to shareholders	988	902	617	1,268	1,539	-431	-185	159	369	456
EPS	1.25	1.14	0.78	1.61	1.95	-0.51	-0.23	0.20	0.47	0.58
EPS adj.	1.17	0.70	0.44	1.56	1.80	0.30	0.41	0.29	0.47	0.58
Total extraordinary items after tax	65	351	272	39	119	-665	-507	-65	1	1
Leasing payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tax rate (%)	18.3	23.9	20.1	10.6	17.3	12.9	-54.2	20.5	23.0	23.0
Gross margin (%)	17.2	15.9	14.7	20.9	21.6	11.1	12.1	9.9	12.5	13.5
EBITDA margin (%)	17.2	15.9	14.7	20.9	21.6	11.1	12.1	9.9	12.5	13.5
EBITA margin (%)	12.6	10.0	7.6	15.0	16.2	3.6	6.6	4.6	7.1	8.2
EBIT margin (%)	12.6	10.0	7.6	15.0	16.2	3.6	6.6	4.6	7.1	8.2
Pre-tax margin (%)	11.5	11.8	9.0	14.0	15.9	-5.3	-1.3	2.1	5.0	6.1
Net margin (%)	9.4	9.0	7.2	12.5	13.2	-4.6	-2.0	1.7	3.8	4.7
Growth Rates y-o-y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales growth (%)	4.4	-4.1	-14.9	18.8	15.0	-19.7	-3.7	6.2	-0.3	0.9
EBITDA growth (%)	18.7	-11.2	-21.3	69.0	18.7	-58.6	4.9	-13.2	25.6	9.3
EBITA growth (%)	32.0	-24.3	-35.2	135.2	23.7	-81.9	74.9	-25.6	52.2	16.4
EBIT growth (%)	32.0	-24.3	-35.2	nm	23.7	-81.9	74.9	-25.6	52.2	16.4
Net profit growth (%)	61.0	-8.7	-31.6	105.5	21.4	-128.0	-57.1	-185.8	132.3	23.5
EPS growth (%)	61.0	-8.7	-31.6	nm	21.4	nm	-53.6	nm_	nm	23.5
Profitability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROE (%)	15.5	12.8	7.6	13.0	13.3	-3.7	-1.8	1.6	3.6	4.2
ROE adj. (%)	14.5	7.8	4.2	12.6	12.2	2.0	3.0	2.2	3.6	4.2
ROCE (%)	14.7	12.6	7.4	11.2	13.0	-2.0	0.6	2.4	4.2	4.8
ROCE adj. (%)	14.0	9.3	5.2	11.0	12.3	2.1	3.7	2.8	4.2	4.8
ROIC (%)	12.6	7.8	4.6	11.0	11.4	2.1	6.5	2.5	3.6	4.1
ROIC adj. (%)	12.6	7.8	4.6	11.0	11.4	2.1	6.5	2.5	3.6	4.1
Adj. earnings numbers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBITDA adj.	1,803	1,601	1,260	2,129	2,527	1,046	1,097	953	1,197	1,308
EBITDA adj. margin (%)	17.2	15.9	14.7	20.9	21.6	11.1	12.1	9.9	12.5	13.5
EBITDA lease adj.	1,803	1,601	1,260	2,129	2,527	1,046	1,097	953	1,197	1,308
EBITDA lease adj. margin (%)	17.2	15.9	14.7	20.9	21.6	11.1	12.1	9.9	12.5	13.5
EBITA adj.	1,325	1,003	650	1,529	1,892	342	598	445	677	788
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EBIT adj.	1,325	1,003	650	1,529	1,892	342	598	445	677	788
EBIT adj. margin (%)	12.6	10.0	7.6	15.0	16.2	3.6	6.6	4.6	7.1	8.2
Pretax profit Adj.	1,144	834	500	1,380	1,742	170	387	266	479	592
Net profit Adj.	923	551	345	1,229	1,420	234	322	224	368	455
Net profit to shareholders adj.	923	551	345	1,229	1,420	234	322	224	368	455
Net adj. margin (%)	8.8	5.5	4.0	12.1	12.1	2.5	3.6	2.3	3.8	4.7
Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Company	Data									
Cash Flow (EURm)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
EBITDA	1,803	1,601	1,260	2,129	2,527	1,046	1,097	953	1,197	1,308
Net financial items	-181	-169	-150	-149	-150	-172	-211	-179	-198	-196
Paid tax	-221	-284	-155	-151	-322	64	-65	-41	-110	-136
Non-cash items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Cash flow before change in WC	1,401	1,149	955	1,829	2,055	938	821	734	890	977
Change in working capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0
Operating cash flow	1,401	1,149	955	1,829	2,055	938	821	734	890	977
Capex tangible fixed assets	-574	-656	-687	-700	-700	-1,872	-1,200	-800	-800	-800
Free cash flow	827	493	268	1,129	1,355	-934	-379	-66	90	177
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Dividend paid

Cash Flow (EURm)

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Dividend paid	202	004	207	207	707	470	, 0	107	100	107
Share issues and buybacks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-cash items	-373	-1,991	-183	-241	-514	-391	645	-38	-2	195
Balance Sheet (EURm)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Other intangible assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total other fixed assets	8,601	11,463	13,276	14,517	15,635	14,699	15,082	15,215	15,715	15,715
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Fixed assets	8,601	11,463	13,276	14,517	15,635	14,699	15,082	15,215	15,715	15,715
Other current assets	3,118	2,714	2,494	3,028	3,370	3,591	2,720	2,699	2,680	2,691
Cash and liquid assets	1,130	876	1,661	1,481	1,917	2,464	1,999	1,570	1,570	1,570
Total assets	12,849	15,053	17,431	19,026	20,922	20,754	19,801	19,484	19,965	19,976
Shareholders equity	6,714	7,429	8,809	10,683	12,532	10,985	10,139	10,137	10,506	10,961
Minority	18	7	16	16	30	97	150	149	149	149
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Total equity	6,732	7,436	8,825	10,699	12,562	11,082	10,289	10,286	10,655	11,110
Long-term debt	2,547	3,709	4,110	3,610	2,590	5,345	4,918	4,322	4,391	4,216
Leasing liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total other long-term liabilities	705	1,481	1,921	1,882	1,931	2,415	1,688	1,604	1,604	1,604
Short-term debt	675	376	472	180	1,180	286	788	1,339	1,339	1,339
Other current liabilities	2,190	2,051	2,103	2,655	2,659	1,626	2,118	1,933	1,976	1,707
	12,849		17,431	19,026	20,922		19,801	19,484	19,965	19,976
Total liabilities and equity	•	15,053	•	•	•	20,754			•	
Net IB debt	2,092	3,209	2,921	2,309	1,853	3,167	3,707	4,091	4,160	3,985
Net IB debt excl. pension debt	2,092	3,209	2,921	2,309	1,853	3,167	3,707	4,091	4,160	3,985
Net IB debt excl. leasing	2,092	3,209	2,921	2,309	1,853	3,167	3,707	4,091	4,160	3,985
Capital employed	9,954	11,521	13,407	14,489	16,332	16,713	15,995	15,947	16,385	16,665
Capital invested	8,824	10,645	11,746	13,008	14,415	14,249	13,996	14,377	14,815	15,095
•	928	663	391	373	711	1,965	602	766	704	984
Working capital	920	003	391	3/3	/ 11		002	700	704	904
EV breakdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Market cap. diluted (m)	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547
Net IB debt adj.	2,092	3,209	2,921	2,309	1,853	3,167	3,707	4,091	4,160	3,985
Market value of minority	18	7	16	16	30	97	150	150	150	150
Reversal of shares and	-1,729	-483	-456	-580	-832	-810	-954	-949	-949	-949
participations	1,720	400	400	000	002	010	304	040	0-10	0-10
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Reversal of conv. debt assumed	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
equity	7 000	40.000	40.000	0.000	0.500	40.004	40.450	40.004	40.000	40 700
EV	7,928	10,280	10,028	9,292	8,598	10,001	10,450	10,834	10,903	10,728
Total assets turnover (%)	85.2	72.1	52.7	55.8	58.5	45.1	44.6	48.9	48.6	48.4
Working capital/sales (%)	7.2	7.9	6.2	3.8	4.6	14.2	14.2	7.1	7.7	8.7
Financial risk and debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Net debt/equity (%)	31.1	43.2	33.1	21.6	14.8	28.6	36.0	39.8	39.0	35.9
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Net debt / market cap (%)										
Equity ratio (%)	52.4	49.4	50.6	56.2	60.0	53.4	52.0	52.8	53.4	55.6
Net IB debt adj. / equity (%)	31.1	43.2	33.1	21.6	14.8	28.6	36.0	39.8	39.0	35.9
Current ratio	1.48	1.48	1.61	1.59	1.38	3.17	1.62	1.30	1.28	1.40
EBITDA/net interest	10.0	9.5	8.4	14.3	16.8	6.1	5.2	5.3	6.0	6.7
Net IB debt/EBITDA (x)	1.2	2.0	2.3	1.1	0.7	3.0	3.4	4.3	3.5	3.0
Net IB debt/EBITDA lease adj. (x)	1.2	2.0	2.3	1.1	0.7	3.0	3.4	4.3	3.5	3.0
Interest coverage	7.3	5.9	4.3	10.3	12.6	2.0	2.8	2.5	3.4	4.0
Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Company	Data									
Sharo Data (EUDm)	2040	2040	2020	2024	2022	2022	2024	20250	20200	20276
Share Data (EURm)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Actual shares outstanding	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789
Actual shares outstanding (avg)	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789
All additional shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Actual dividend per share	0.50	0.30	0.30	0.55	0.60	0.10	0.25	0.20	0.25	0.25
Reported earnings per share	1.25	1.14	0.78	1.61	1.95	-0.51	-0.23	0.20	0.47	0.58
Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Company	Data									
Valuation and Ratios (EURm)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Shares outstanding adj.	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789
	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789	789
Diluted shares adj.										
EPS	1.25	1.14	0.78	1.61	1.95	-0.51	-0.23	0.20	0.47	0.58
Dividend per share	0.50	0.30	0.30	0.55	0.60	0.10	0.25	0.20	0.25	0.25
EPS adj.	1.17	0.70	0.44	1.56	1.80	0.30	0.41	0.29	0.47	0.58
BVPS	8.51	9.42	11.17	13.55	15.89	13.93	12.86	12.85	13.32	13.90
BVPS adj.	8.51	9.42	11.17	13.55	15.89	13.93	12.86	12.85	13.32	13.90
-	2.65	4.07	3.70	2.93	2.35	4.02	4.70	5.19	5.28	5.05
Net IB debt/share										
Share price	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.57
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Valuation and Ratios (EURm)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Market cap. (m)	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547	7,547
Valuation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P/E (x)	7.6	8.4	12.2	6.0	4.9	nm	nm	47.5	20.5	16.6
EV/sales (x)	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	4.4	6.4	8.0	4.4	3.4	9.6	9.5	11.4	9.1	8.2
EV/EBITA (x)	6.0	10.2	15.4	6.1	4.5	29.2	17.5	24.3	16.1	13.6
EV/EBIT (x)	6.0	10.2	15.4	6.1	4.5	29.2	17.5	24.3	16.1	13.6
Dividend yield (%)	5.2	3.1	3.1	5.7	6.3	1.0	2.6	2.1	2.6	2.6
FCF yield (%)	11.0	6.5	3.6	15.0	18.0	-12.4	-5.0	-0.9	1.2	2.3
Le. adj. FCF yld. (%)	11.0	6.5	3.6	15.0	18.0	-12.4	-5.0	-0.9	1.2	2.4
P/BVPS (x)	1.12	1.02	0.86	0.71	0.60	0.69	0.74	0.74	0.72	0.69
P/BVPS adj. (x)	1.12	1.02	0.86	0.71	0.60	0.69	0.74	0.74	0.72	0.69
P/E adj. (x)	8.2	13.7	21.9	6.1	5.3	32.3	23.4	33.6	20.5	16.6
EV/EBITDA adj. (x)	4.4	6.4	8.0	4.4	3.4	9.6	9.5	11.4	9.1	8.2
EV/EBITA adj. (x)	6.0	10.2	15.4	6.1	4.5	29.2	17.5	24.3	16.1	13.6
EV/EBIT adj. (x)	6.0	10.2	15.4	6.1	4.5	29.2	17.5	24.3	16.1	13.6
EV/CE (x)	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Investment ratios	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capex/sales (%)	5.5	6.5	8.0	6.9	6.0	19.9	13.3	8.3	8.4	8.3
Capex/depreciation	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	2.7	2.4	1.6	1.5	1.5

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Company Data

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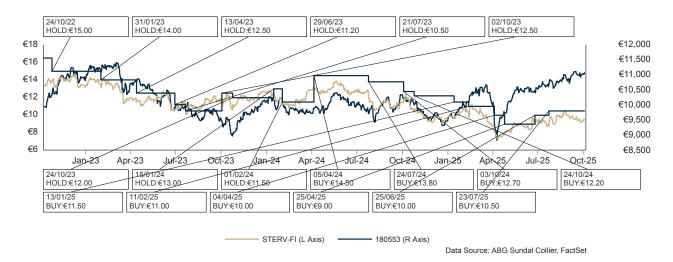
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