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# SUOMINEN IN BRIEF

- Nonwovens as roll goods for wipes and other applications
- The frontrunner in nonwovens innovation and sustainability
- Business areas: EMEA 36% and Americas 64% of net sales

Net sales in 2023, **EUR** million

450.9 15.8

Comparable EBITDA in 2023, **EUR** million

In 2023, sales of sustainable products increased\*

79%

\*compared to base year 2019

In 2023, sales of new products of net sales exceeded

35%

## Suominen globally



- Production site
- Piloting facility
- Head office

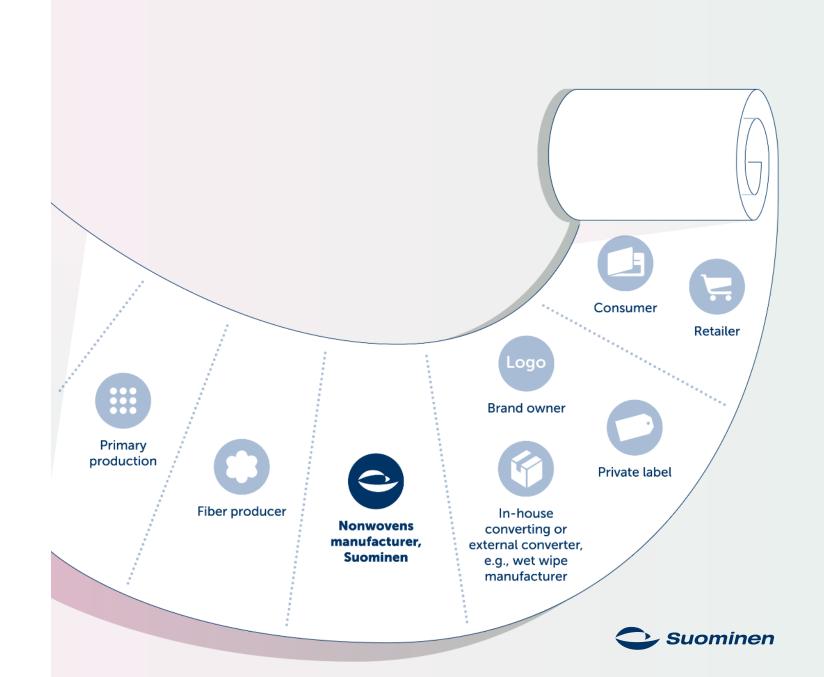
locations on three continents

**2** piloting facilities



# Suominen's position in the nonwovens value chain

Suominen is a nonwovens manufacturer operating in global markets. Suominen creates value by taking fiber raw materials and turning them into nonwovens that our customers convert into both consumer and professional end products.







# SUSTAINABILITY AT SUOMINEN

Pioneer in sustainable products

Sustainable product portfolio since 2007 – BIOLACE® product family

We invented the wetlaid spunlace category for dispersible moist toilet tissue – HYDRASPUN® product family

Strong R&D



15 R&D professionals

Focus on sustainability and customization

Excellent know-how in sustainable fibers

New Fiber Center and Green Lab
Pilot lines to support R&D and fast
go-to-markets

Technology fit to sustainable nonwovens

7 plants – all capable of using sustainable raw materials

Pulp capability

We are able to tailor-make our products according to customers' different definitions of sustainability



# Our comprehensive approach for sustainable products

## Raw materials Sustainable **Production** Renewable Biodegradable Mechanical binding with Pulp Compostable spunlacing Annual fibers (e.g. cotton & hemp) No chemical binders Lyocell Viscose PLA Recycled fibers like rPET 20% reduction target\*



Outcome

GHG emissions, water, energy, waste to landfill

## Sustainability defined by Suominen



#### COMPOSTABLE/ BIODEGRADABLE

Nonwovens are compostable according to the international compostability standards and are made of only fibers from renewable resources.



#### **RENEWABLE**

Nonwovens made of variety of renewable materials from biobased plastics to natural fibers.



#### **MOIST TOILET TISSUE**

Nonwovens are flushable, biodegradable and dispersible in water. Products comply or exceed the latest industry flushability standards.



#### PLASTIC FREE

Nonwovens made of biodegradable fibers of natural origin, such as lyocell, pulp and cotton.



#### RECYCLED CONTENT

Nonwovens with at least 15% recycled fibers, including thermoplastic fibers like rPET from recycled origin or cotton in case recycled from post-industrial source (pre-consumer).

Carbon footprint calculations of all of our products



## **New Fiber Center**

Target is to collaborate and onboard novel sustainable fibers at Suominen

- Pilot and testing facilities in Finland and US
  - Carding and wetlaid
  - Bonding: spunlaced, thermal bonding, composites
  - In future adding pulp capabilities for spunlace
- Prototyping
- Partnerships

Examples of fibers in the pipeline:

- Bast fibers (hemp, flax, nettle)
- Annual fibers
- Regenerated cellulose fiber
- Native cellulose man-made fiber
- Recycled pulp





## Our sustainability agenda 2020-2025 and KPI's



- Zero LTA (lost time accidents)
- Engagement index 73% by 2025



business practices in our

openly and transparently,

We communicate

operations and supply chain.

- Over 10 sustainable product launches per year
- Sustainable products: 50% increase of sales by 2025 (base year 2019)







Reduction targets are set per ton of product



- 20% reduction of energy consumption
- 20% reduction of process waste to landfill
- 20% reduction of water intake
- 20% reduction of emitted greenhouse gas emissions (base year 2019)

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about our operations

• Renewed Code of Conduct coverage: 100% of existing employees and new hires



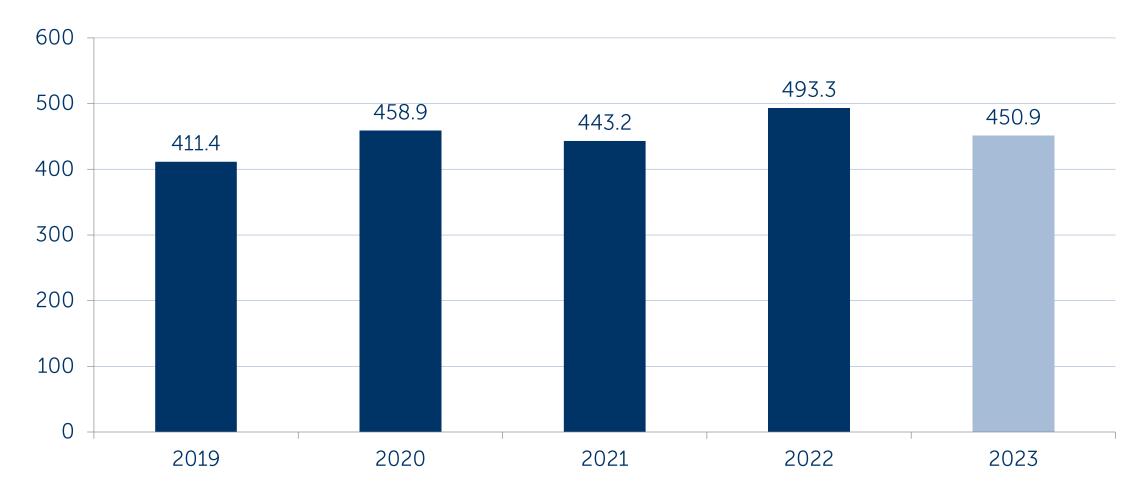
 Raw material suppliers assessed against supplier code (based on risk assessment)





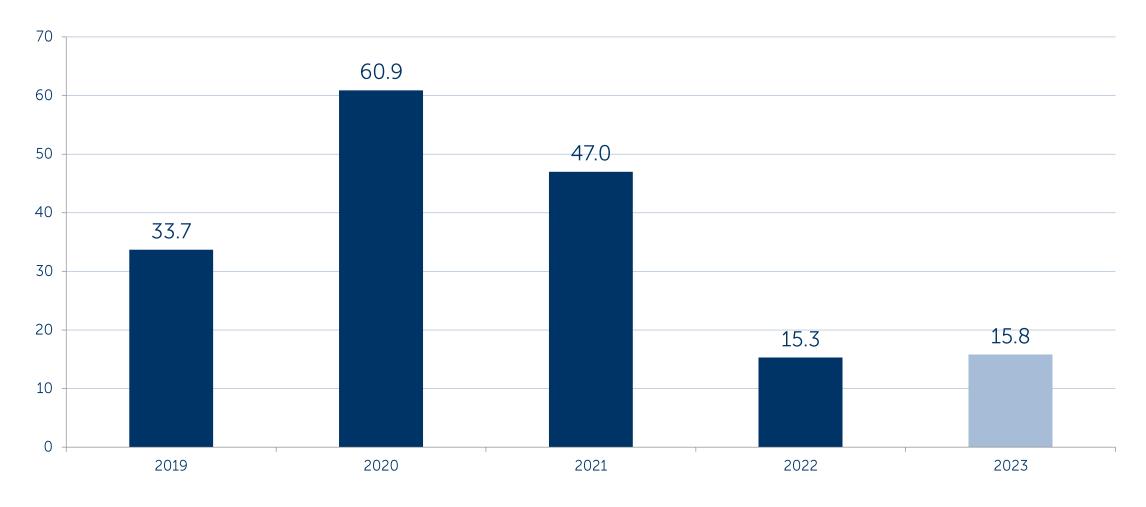
# FINANCIAL REVIEW 2023

## Net sales, EUR million



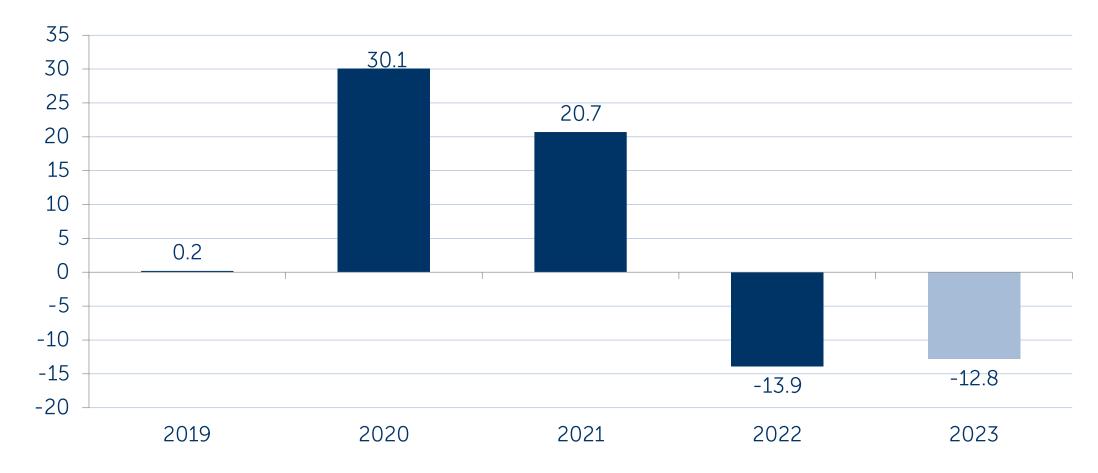


# Comparable EBITDA, EUR million



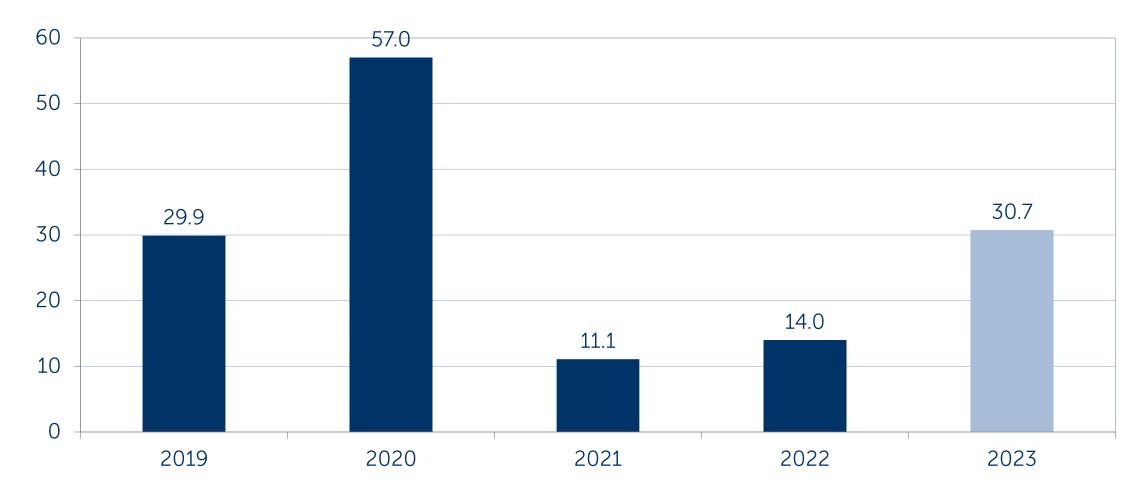


## Profit for the period, EUR million





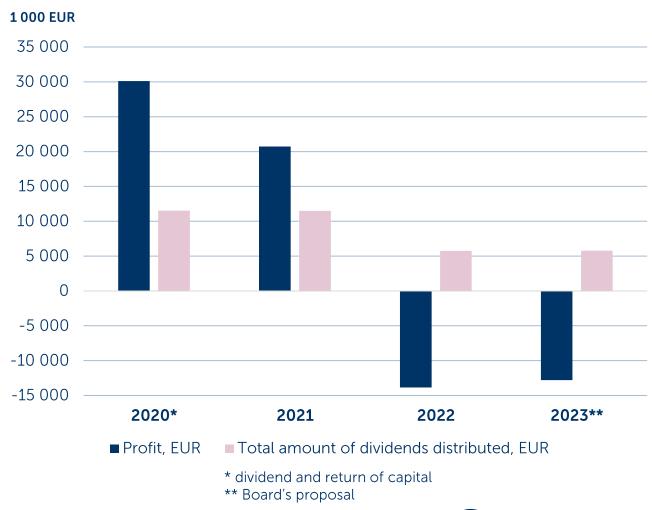
## Cash flow from operations, EUR million





## Suominen as dividend payer

According to our dividend policy, Suominen's goal is to distribute at least 30% of the group's profit for the financial year as dividends each year.







## Strategy highlights in 2023

Investment project to further strengthen our capabilities in sustainable nonwovens in Nakkila, Finland



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Closure of Mozzate plant in Italy to improve the competitiveness of European business Share of new products exceeded **35%** of net sales



New organization model to support our profitable growth journey



Sales of sustainable products increased by **79**%\*

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**12** sustainable product launches



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Silver rating in our second EcoVadis sustainability assesment

\* Compared to base year 2019





# PROFITABLE GROWTH JOURNEY

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#### Drive market consolidation based on sustainability leadership

Actively monitor possible add-on acquisitions (single plants, businesses or companies)

Prepare organization to merge new businesses, plants or companies to the current management structure, business model and way of working

## **Profitable growth investments**

Focus on "non-plastics" solutions and growing together with selected key customers. Reinforce leading position in all markets.

## Focused improvement investments — aim for world class level in nonwoven industry

Improvements: RME, OEE, NWC, Leadtime, Quality, Waste etc.

- > Improve the platform by debottlenecking, waste recycling, automation etc.
  - invest in quick payback projects and secure competitiveness

## Improve current ways of working

Processes, KPIs, gap closing activity and continuous improvement Improvements: NWC, S&OP/Planning, Commercial and Operational Excellence etc.

→ Everything what we do today – just do it better

04/2023

11/2023

Q1/2024







# **OUTLOOK 2024**

Suominen expects that its comparable EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) in 2024 will improve from 2023.

In 2023, Suominen's comparable EBITDA was EUR 15.8 million.



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