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### The CPH Group and its business divisions





Chemistry

**Paper** 



**Packaging** 

**Key figures** for 2022 in **CHF** millions 110

19

Net sales

**EBITDA** 

**Strategy** 

Differentiation



Market position

> Number 3 worldwide in molecular sieves for industrial applications

**Production** sites

**Brands** 











384

81

Net sales

**EBITDA** 

Cost leadership



Number 1 in Switzerland for newsprint and magazine paper manufacture and waste paper recycling







**231** 

Net sales

**EBITDA** 

Differentiation



Number 3 worldwide for coated barrier films for pharmaceutical applications







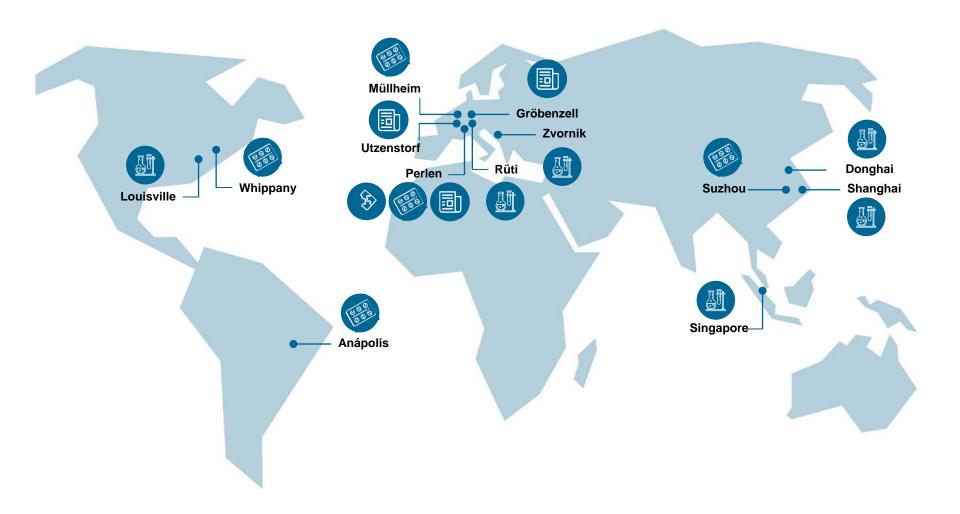






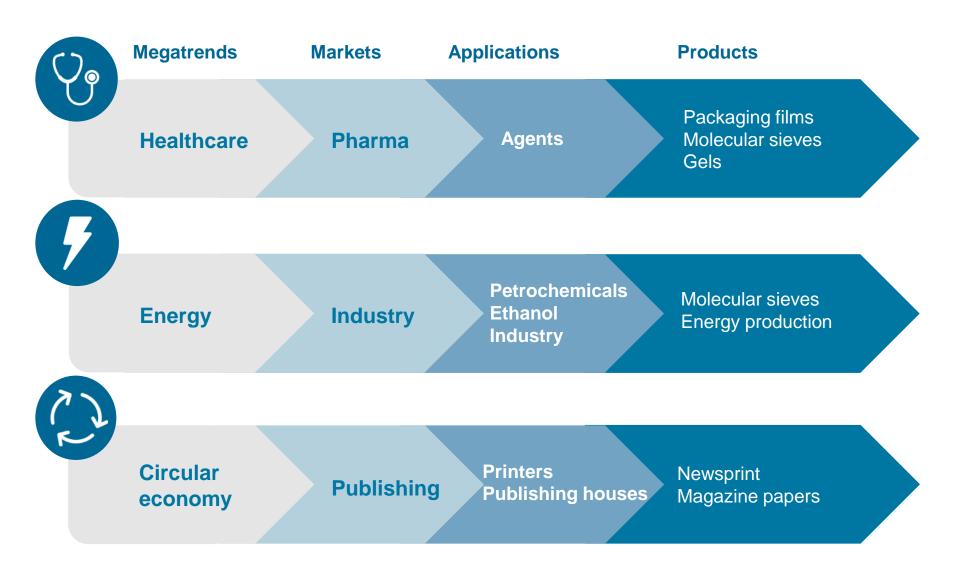
# **The CPH Group Business and operating locations**





# The CPH Group Value drivers





# The CPH Group Strategic success factors





Leading market position in relevant sales markets



Own production facilities in Europe, Asia and North and South America



Diversification into multiple markets and business models



Consistent long-term leadership through a stable management team



Focus on markets with prospects of above-average growth



Lean organization with skilled and experienced personnel



Constant product innovations to maintain competitive edge



Descendants of founding families as strong anchor shareholders

### The CPH Group Strategy implementation









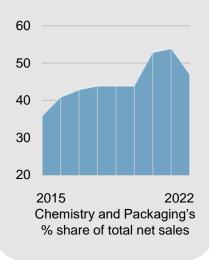
**Objectives** 

Actions

Results

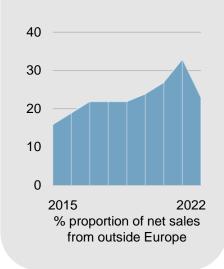
Balance shares of net sales among the three divisions

Expand Chemistry and Packaging divisions



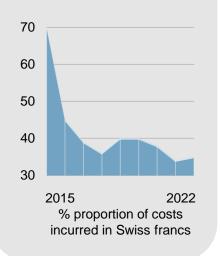
Raise share of total net sales from outside Europe

Expand markets in growth regions



Reduce dependence on the Swiss franc in currency terms

Expand capacities outside Switzerland



### The CPH Group M&A strategy



### Rationales for M&A and strategic partnerships

- Support transformation
- Consistent strategy implementation
- Generate enterprise value

#### Systematic and global approach

- Focus on growth markets in Chemistry and Packaging
- Ongoing market screening and target identification resulting in continuously updated long and short lists
- Thorough approach of targets, due diligence, valuation, negotiations

#### **Key criteria**

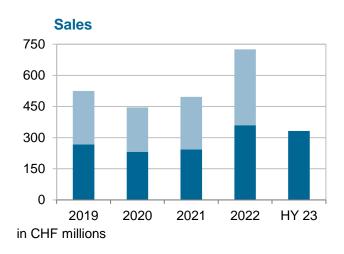
- Strategic alignment and fit
- Good management and integrability
- Increasing enterprise value

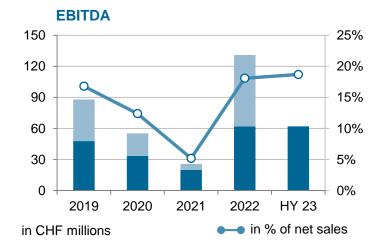
# The CPH Group Key figures for the first-half of 2023



01.0130.06., in CHF millions	2023	2022	±	± in %
Sales	332	360	-28	-7.8%
EBITDA EBITDA margin	<b>62</b> 18.7%	<b>62</b> 17.1%	-	+0.5%
EBIT EBIT margin	<b>53</b> 16.0%	<b>52</b> 14.4%	+1	+2.1%
Net result	61	47	+14	+27.7%
Cash flow <sup>1</sup>	52	60	-8	-13.1%
in CHF millions	30.06.23	31.12.22	±	± in %
Total assets	678	666	+12	+1.8%
Shareholders' equity Equity ratio	<b>429</b> 63.2%	<b>400</b> 60.0%	+29	+7.3%
Net cash	76	45	+31	+68.9%
Headcount (FTE)	1184	1126	+58	+5.2%

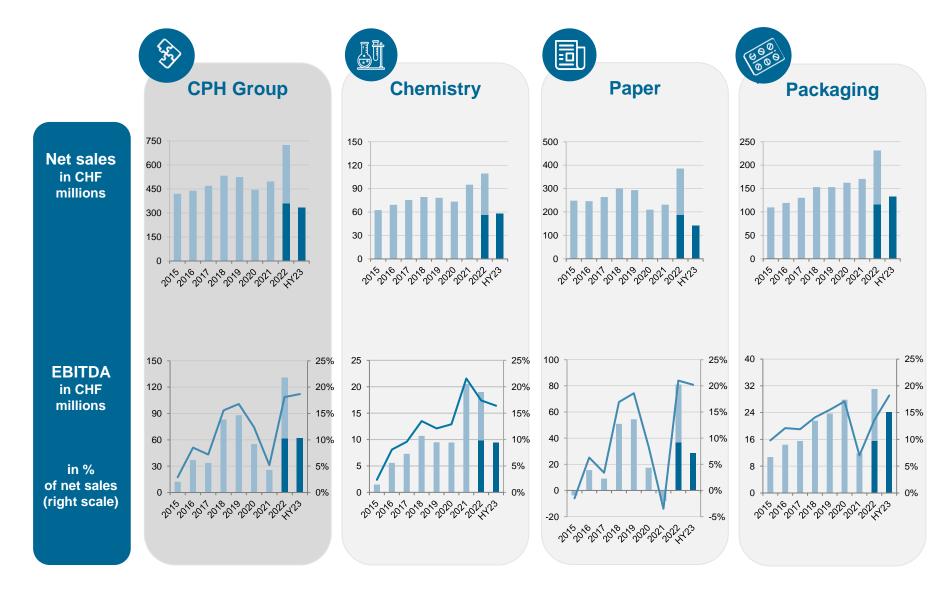
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> before change in non-financial net working capital





## **The CPH Group Business development**





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# **The Chemistry Division**





## **Chemistry Investments in additional production capacities**



Capacity and work quality

Capacity and cost reduction

**Capacity** 

**Capacity and quality** 







#### Louisville (USA)



- Capacities expanded for lithium-based products
- New Service Center: laboratory, QM, sales, management

#### Rüti (CH)



- Capacities expanded for DMSO products
- Enrichment facility

#### **Zvornik (BiH)**



 Molecular sieve powder production capacities expanded

#### Donghai (CN)

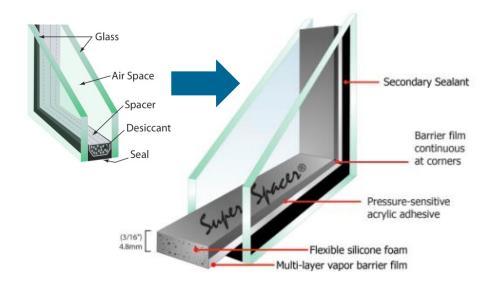


- Dust extraction facility and further environmental protection measures
- Production line automated

### **Chemistry Industry innovations drive demand**



#### Modern multi-pane insulated glass windows



- A more energy-efficient way to manufacture nonfogging double glazing drive demand for molecular sieve powders
- They are integrated directly into the plastic spacers separating the panes to prevent internal misting

#### **R&D** projects and production ventures



- The division produces various deuterated molecules for R&D projects within the pharmaceutical industry and for production ventures
- In view of the industry's growing interest in such deuterated molecules, the division is now intensifying its focus on introducing new products in the field

# **The Paper Division**



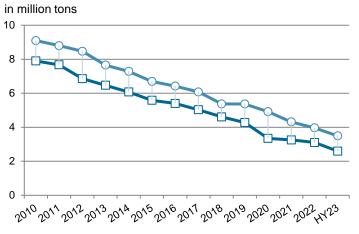


## Paper Market and pricing trends in Western Europe

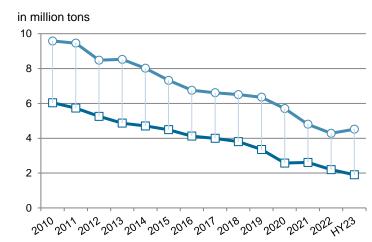
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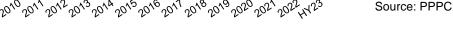


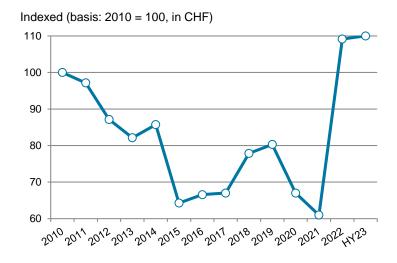
#### **Newsprint**



## Magazine paper











### Paper Sustainable papers developed





#### First producer of climate neutral paper in the world

- Sole recovered paper recycler in Switzerland
- Steam supply from Renergia, from own biomass power and hydroelectric water plants
- Carbon footprint of Perlen paper is 76% lower than European average
- Since 2021, clients can compensate the remaining CO<sub>2</sub> via a certified reforestation project

### **Ecofriendly label backing papers**

- Paper and polyethylene are the most important release liner for adhesive labels
- The Paper Division is developing a backing paper that is based on waste paper and waste wood, production trails and marketing issues are ongoing
- The papers enable the suppliers of release liners to substantially reduce their carbon footprint



# Paper 480 000 m<sup>2</sup> of industrial area





- 412 000 m<sup>2</sup> for paper mill (incl. rounding off such as e.g. fiber and/or energy projects)
- 68 000 m<sup>2</sup> land leased out under building rights

# **The Packaging Division**





## Packaging New coating plant in Brazil











- New coating facility commenced operations in Q4/2022
- Exclusive collaboration with local PVC mono film manufacturer Cipatex
- Latin American pharmaceuticals market expected to show annual growth of 5-8% over the next years



### Packaging Recyclable PVC mono blister developed





- PVC is the most extensively researched synthetical material for pharmaceutical packaging
- The new PERLALUX PVC Mono Blister is the Packaging Division's first response to the growing demand for recyclable packaging solutions
- It was honored at the 2022 'K' plastics and rubber trade fair in Germany with the Inovyn Gold Award in the Circularity category
- Development tests at machine manufacturers and customers are underway

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### **Outlook for 2023 shows many uncertainties**





#### **CPH Group**

- Sizeable uncertainties in the markets
- Lower sales expected due to steep decline in demand in Paper Division
- Falling prices for some raw materials provide some relief
- EBIT and net result expected to be in the higher double-digit millions



### **Chemistry**

- Economic outlook uncertain
- Costs of raw materials (especially lithium) likely to remain high
- Growing pricing pressures
- Sales growth expected
- EBIT is likely to be at its prior-year level



#### **Paper**

- Demand for graphic paper products still declining in Europe
- Consolidation pressures persisting
- Waste paper and energy prices likely to remain high
- Sales and EBIT will be significantly below the very high level of 2022



#### **Packaging**

- Pharmaceutical manufacturers' procurement activities should normalize
- Order volumes expected to return to pre-corona levels
- Sales should increase at above-market rates
- EBIT margin is likely to be slightly below the first-half figures

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## **Sustainability Strategy Attitude and goals**



- Long-term and sustainable value creation anchored in the articles of incorporation at AGM 2023 as a corporate purpose
- Commitment to net zero by 2050, developing an appropriate stage plan, while maintaining competitiveness, reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the paper division by 88% since 2013
- Examination and exploitation of ESG-driven market opportunities by the divisions
- Attractive employer that addresses ESG issues appropriately
- Considering environmental aspects in every business decision
- ESG reporting:
  - 2022 reporting with significantly expanded KPIs improvement in Bloomberg ESG disclosure score (from 27 to 45)
  - 2023 further expanding non-financial reporting
  - Mid-term: implementation of EU sustainability directives (CSRD/ESRS)
- Transparent and efficient fulfillment of information requests from customers and investors
- Laws and regulations are 100% complied with

## **Sustainability Strategy Dimensions**



#### **Environmental**

- High climate awareness
- Continuous initiatives for energy consumption reductions
- Substantial in-house renewable energy production
- Resource-efficient use of materials
- Circular economy as core of paper production (recovered paper & waste wood)
- Economical use of water in closed circuits
- Reduction of transport distances and use of environmentally friendly means of transport

#### Social

- Sustainable relationships with clients, suppliers, employees and communities
- Promoting and continuing education of employees
- High quality apprenticeship training
- Occupational health and safety
- Diversity and equal opportunities
- Fair salary policy
- Open communication culture
- Continuous improvement process (CIP)
- Regular employee surveys (every three years)

#### Governance

- Registered shares as single class share category
- Neither registration nor voting restrictions
- Opting out
- Chairman of Board of directors represents anchor shareholders (33.6% of shares)
- Compensation model with appropriate long-term orientation
- Code of conduct and anticorruption policy
- Comprehensive transparency for all stakeholders

### The CPH Group Selected sustainability key figures



#### **Environmental**

Carbon intensity in tons per CHF million of net sales

25

(2021:36)

**Own-generated energy** 

18%

(2021: 20%)

Organic waste recycled (tons)

557 077

(2021: 513 774)

#### **Social**

Nationalities of employees

38

(2021:35)

**Engagement Index** 

**76%** 

(previous survey in 2019: 75%)

**CIP** suggestions submitted

958

(2021:740)

#### **Governance**

Independent Board members

5

(of 6)

**Attendance at AGM** 

76.3%

(2022: 73.1%)

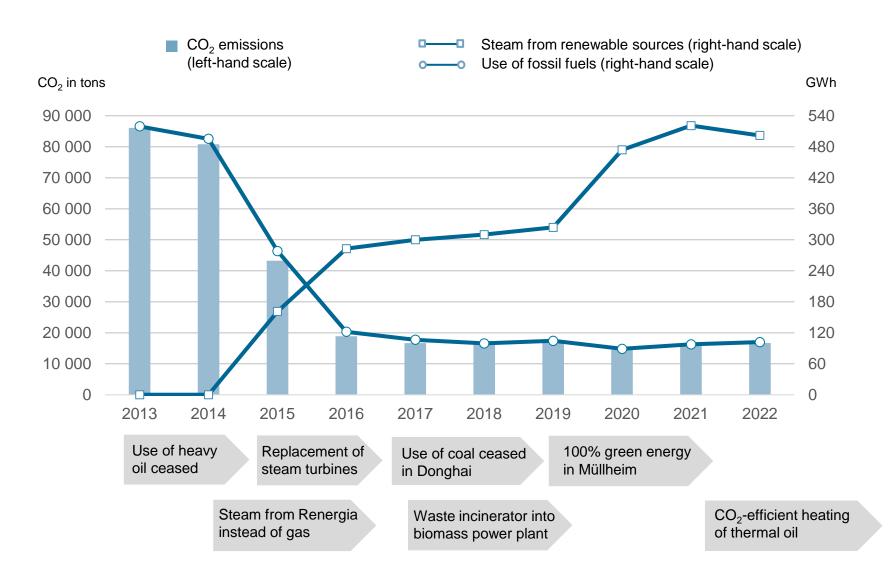
**Board meeting participation** 

100%

(2021: 100%)

# The CPH Group Effective climate protection measures





### **Sustainability Current projects in the divisions**





### **Chemistry**

- Installation of more energy efficient equipment
- Several recycling programs for optimized material use and waste reduction
- Energy efficiency measures for lighting, heating and cooling in Louisville
- Evaluation of photovoltaic installation in Zvornik
- Waste water desalination project to reuse recycled materials in Donghai



#### **Paper**

- Updating of the greenhouse gas inventory and developing a roadmap for decarbonization – climateneutral operation by 2050
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with target agreement with the BAFU
- Implementation of digital training for employees, including topics for occupational safety and environmental protection
- Occupational safety campaign aimed at minimizing rule violations



#### **Packaging**

- Focus on sustainable development goals (SDGs)
- Preparation of a greenhouse gas inventory to derive new targets and measures
- CO<sub>2</sub>-efficient heating of thermal oil by means of a new gas-electricity combined system in Müllheim
- Customer workshop and survey on ESG needs and requirements
- Implementation of a process on child labor and conflict minerals
- Aiming for gold certification at the Ecovadis Business
   Sustainability Rating

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# The CPH Group Sound value with further growth potential



Sales at constant currency 3.9% down on very strong prior-year period

Group EBITDA margin of 18.7%, boosted by higher sales prices

**Chemistry EBITDA margin** of a strong **16.4%** thanks to high demand and good utilization of facilities

Paper EBITDA margin of a strong 20.2% thanks to lower raw material prices

Packaging EBITDA margin of a strong 18.2% thanks to higher prices and a favorable product mix

Net result of CHF 61 million including sales of industrial land in Full-Reuenthal

Free cash flow of CHF 59 million thanks to disposal of fixed assets

Equity ratio remains very solid at 63.2%

Net cash increased by CHF 31 million

### The CPH Group Information for shareholders



#### Market capitalization at 30.06.2023

in CHF millions

508

6 000 000 registered shares of CHF 0.20 nominal value

#### Dividend policy and dividends

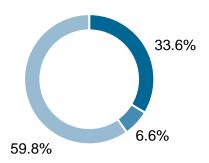
Dividend policy: distribution of 25% to 50% of net result for the year with due regard to free cash flow and continuity

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Distribution per share (in CHF)	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.30	4.50
Dividend yield (as at 31.12)	2.2%	2.3%	2.5%	2.1%	5.8%

#### Share price development 1.1.2018-24.10.2023



#### **Shareholder structure**



- Shareholder's group Elly Schnorf-Schmid Foundation and Swiss Industrial Finance AG (represented by Peter Schaub)
- J. Safra Sarasin Investmentfonds AG

Free float

#### **CPH** share An attractive investment



- Leading competitive positions in three industrial sectors with distinct and strong brands
- Chemistry and Packaging divisions expand in growth markets with focus on Asia and the Americas
- Expanding of production capacities outside Switzerland, increasing natural FX hedge
- Cost leadership in the newsprint and magazine paper market and Switzerland's biggest recovered paper recycler
- High net cash and solid equity base
- Stable anchor shareholders with long-term commitment
- Solid dividend yield and further share price increase potential

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#### Financial calendar and contact



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10 January 2024 Baader Helvea Swiss Equities Conference, Bad Ragaz

20 February 2024 Media and investors' conference, 2023 Annual Report

20 March 2024 Annual General Meeting in Lucerne

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Q&A





Thank you for your attention