

#### Press release

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# BillerudKorsnäs presents new strategy

Tomorrow, BillerudKorsnäs will arrange a Capital Markets Day in Stockholm, during which the company's new strategy will be presented.

"BillerudKorsnäs has an incredible opportunity at the sweet spot of trends supporting a growing demand for our renewable, high-quality products made of primary fibres. We have developed a strategic direction around how to reach a profitable and sustainable revenue growth to 2030," comments Christoph Michalski, President and CEO.

### Sustainable growth in packaging materials

BillerudKorsnäs' new strategy focuses on attractive markets with good growth opportunities and product segments where the company has a strong ability to compete.

- Whilst Europe will remain the main market, new business opportunities will be explored, specifically for paperboard in the Americas.
- To maximise the organic growth opportunity operational efficiency will be critical.
   Therefore, the annual investments in mill maintenance and development are expected to reach SEK 1.5-1.7 billion until 2025.
- Possibilities to increase production capacity at the group's existing facilities or via acquisitions will be evaluated.
- Transformation towards a professional sourcing organisation for wood supply is an
  integral part of the strategy with the aim to build long term partnerships to secure a
  competitive fibre availability.
- Additional structural savings under the current cost and efficiency programme is estimated to amount to SEK 130 million during 2022.

The financial targets are largely unchanged:

- Net sales growth of 3-4% per year (unchanged)
- The EBITDA margin above 17% (unchanged)
- The ratio of interest-bearing net debt to EBITDA below 2.5 (unchanged)
- Dividends at least 50% of the net profit (previously 50%)
- A target for return on capital employed has been suspended given the heavy investment programme over the last years

### **Follow the Capital Markets Day**

BillerudKorsnäs' Capital Markets Day 2021 will start at 13:00 CET on 17 November and can be followed here: <a href="https://billerudkorsnas.videosync.fi/2021-11-17-cmd2021/register">https://billerudkorsnas.videosync.fi/2021-11-17-cmd2021/register</a>

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