

# KAP AG We build market leaders!

2024 Full Year Figures

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#### Marten Julius, CEO

- Responsibilities (i.a.):
   Strategy, M&A, Finance, Human Resources, Legal, Investor Relations, Sustainability, Internal Audit
- Overall, >25 years relevant experience in Management, M&A, Finance & Controlling





Company overview & business model

## Focus on attractive niche markets in selected industrial sectors

## KAP at a glance

## Industrial holding focused on midsize niche markets

- Long-term segment strategy for developing market leaders with sustainable growth potential
- Clear focus on profitable industrial sectors in attractive niche markets
- Experienced solution specialist serving individual and complex customer needs
- Global presence with 20 locations in 10 countries
- Listed on Regulated Market of Frankfurt Stock Exchange (General Standard)

€ 252.5m

Revenue 2024 **EBITDA 2024** (normalized)

> € 21.9m  $(+72.4\%)^{(1)}$

Employees<sup>(2)</sup>

 $(-4.8\%)^{(1)}$ 

1,607

Market Cap<sup>(3)</sup>

€ 75.7m



<sup>(1)</sup> Adjustment of prior-year figures in line with IFRS requirements following the sale of all significant parts of the precision components segment in 2024 and pro forma adjustment of prior-year figures by 4 months for the flexible films sub-segment (2) As of December 31, 2024

<sup>(3)</sup> Calculation with XETRA closing price on December 30, 2024

## We develop industrial products and technological solutions for international clients

#### **KAP Group – Segment overview**

#### flexible films

# One of the leading specialists of PVC calendaring in Europe

- Market leading in premium reinforced swimming pools membranes, decorated foil laminate for outdoor window profiles, Elvaflex membranes for large water reservoirs, high-end projection screens
- Broad range of applications in swimming pool lining, window profile laminate, technical waterproofing and entertainment

#### engineered products

# Leading manufacturer of technical textiles with global presence

- Application in the areas of mobility, industry, mining, pharmaceuticals, consumer goods, aviation and oil & gas
- Special threads and fabrics improve stability and reduce weight in the end products
- Great potential for the future through new developments and improved recyclability

#### surface technologies

#### Leading market position in surface technology

- Diverse surface processes in refinement of metal surfaces for customers from the furniture, machinery and electrical industries as well as food, automotive and e-mobility
- Customized process adaptations for corrosion protection and durability as well for decorative purpose

**Pool liners** 



High-end projection screens



**Engineered yarns** 



**Engineered fabrics** 



Zinc Nickel



**Passivation** 





## Segment attractiveness...

....underpinned by mega trends, defensible barriers to entry, and strong customer base

## flexible films

- Mega trends such as global warming and demographic changes drive business
- Spending growth driven by new builds and need for renovation of pools built in the boom years. Also increasing demand for reinforced liner, over other more expensive solutions, such as tiles.
- High entry barriers:
  - Strong customer relationships with high quality design products
  - Capital intensity of production machinery
  - Technical and design know-how

#### engineered products

- Mega trends support significant growth in high-end applications such as lightweight manufacturing and sustainability
- Sustainable demand for power transmission belts in several industries.
   Continued development from automotive to industrial applications and from original equipment to replacement markets
- Entry barriers are high:
- significant initial investments
- customer certification requirements
- extensive need for chemical and production technology experience

#### surface technologies

- Light-weight trend and electrification in mobility/ automotive business support significant growth in specific solutions for corrosion protection of a variety of metal applications
- Critical company size in the field of surface technology to win large scale projects internationally
- Significant entry barriers:
  - asset-heavy production
  - specific technological customer requirements
  - customer proximity
  - access to qualified staff is critical.
     KAP ST runs several training and development programs

Top customers

Segment attractiveness





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## Longer term market outlook for KAP underpinned by structural mega trends

## Mega trends

| Mega trends  | engineered<br>products | flexible<br>films | surface<br>technologies | KAP<br>Group |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Mobility The future of passengers and goods transport                      | +                      | 0                 | +                       | +            |
| Sustainability Consideration of environmental, economic and social aspects | +                      | +                 | +                       | +            |
| Electrification Hybrid or electric powertrains and batteries               | +                      | 0                 | +                       | +            |

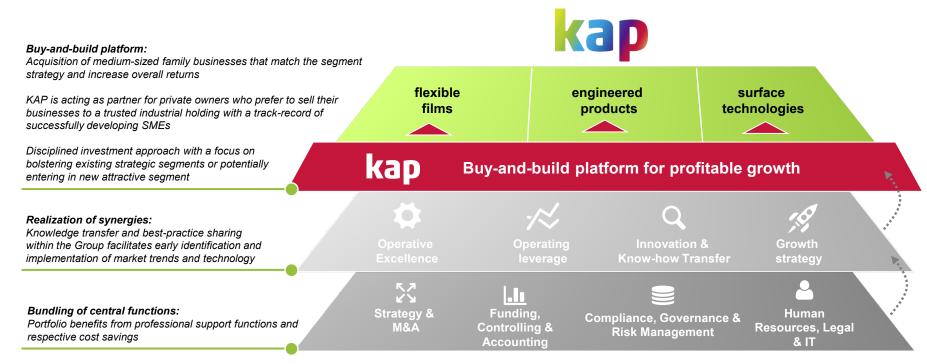
KAP's future growth path is supported by multiple longterm mega trends



## Synergistic buy-and-build platform with active portfolio management and value creation

#### **Business model**

KAP operates a professional holding structure that enables its portfolio companies to seize attractive market opportunities







**Financials 2024** 

## Improved profitability despite persistent market headwinds

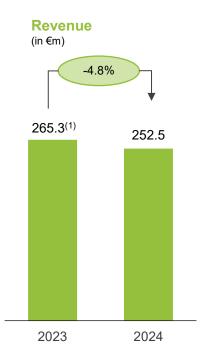
## **KAP Group – Highlights 2024**

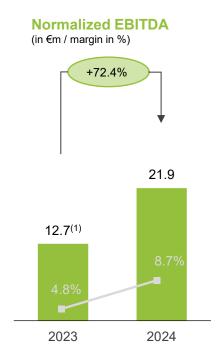
- Revenue down 4.8% to € 252.5m on a comparable basis, mainly due to soft automotive demand
- Normalized EBITDA up 72.4% to € 21.9m on comparable basis, margin at 8.7% (+3.9pp)
- Capacity adjustments and efficiency programs led to operating improvements
- Portfolio streamlined: focus on three core segments
- Capex reduced by 41.9% to € 25.9m
- Segment diversification stabilized performance flexible films offset most of the declines elsewhere
- Structural foundation for long-term profitability established, business environment remains difficult
- Net result € -45.7m, significantly impacted by one-time-effects such as impairments, discontinued operations and deconsolidation effects



## Structural progress evident, but potential for earnings growth remains

#### FY 2024 - KAP Group





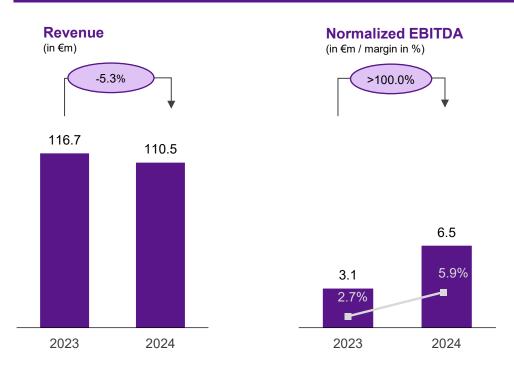
- Revenue declined by 4.8% on a comparable basis to € 252.5m
- Normalized EBITDA increased by 72.4% to € 21.9m on a comparable basis
- EBITDA margin improved by 3.9pp to 8.7%
- Restructuring measures had positive impact, particularly in engineered products and surface technologies

Kap Engineering Excellence

<sup>(</sup>a) Adjustment of prior-year figures in line with IFRS requirements following the sale of all significant parts of the precision components segment in 2024 and pro forma adjustment of prior-year figures by 4 months for the flexible films sub-segment

## Restructuring delivers – normalized EBITDA improved

## FY 2024 – engineered products

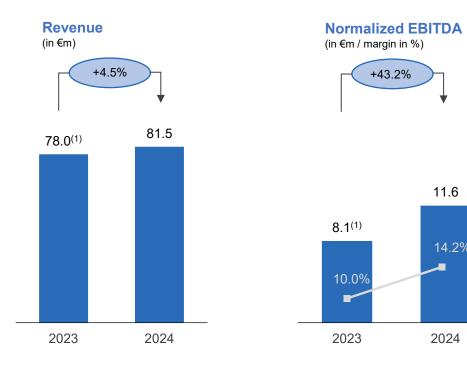


- Revenue down 5.3% to € 110.5m, impacted by weak demand in the automotive sector and optimization of the product portfolio
- Normalized EBITDA up to € 6.5m, EBITDA margin rose to 5.9%
- Plant in Martinsville (USA) closed, profitable production transferred to Bangalore (India)
- Efficiency measures implemented at Fulda, Landim and Hessisch Lichtenau contributed to earnings growth
- Capital expenditure down 42.2% to € 2.6m, focused on restructuring and capacity realignment



## Strong product mix and synergies drive profitability

#### FY 2024 - flexible films



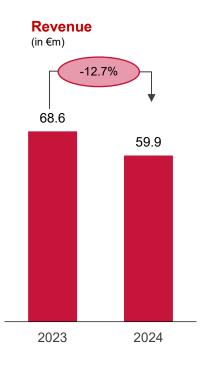
- Revenues up 4.5% to € 81.5m on a comparable basis
- Normalized EBITDA rose significantly by 43.2% to €11.6 on a comparable basis
- EBITDA margin up to 14.2%
- Improved product mix driven by strong demand for premium reinforced 3D membranes
- Production and purchasing synergies as well as ongoing process optimization drive efficiency
- Capital expenditure down 9.8% to € 4.6m, focused on production efficiency

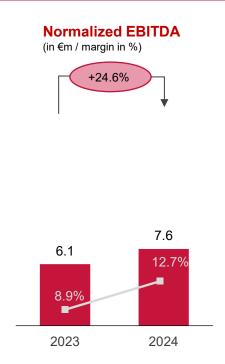


<sup>(1)</sup> Pro forma adjustment of prior-year figures by 4 months for the flexible films sub-segment

## **Challenging environment – Profitability strengthened through pricing measures**

## FY 2024 – surface technologies





- Revenue declined by 12.7% to € 59.9m
- Normalized EBITDA increased by 24.6% to € 7.6m, margin at 12.7%
- Weak customer demand in the automotive sector due to challenging market environment and slower transition to emobility
- Underutilization, adjustment measures already initiated in H2
- Price adjustments partially offset declining volumes
- Capital expenditure down 43.6% to € 17.2m, focus on rebuilding Polish site





# Outlook

## Progress achieved is at least partially offset by weak overall economic environment

#### Outlook

## **Results FY 24**

Guidance 2025

**KPIs** 

Revenues: € 252.5m

Normalized EBITDA: € 21.9m

Normalized EBITDA: € 19.0m – € 23.0m

**Assumptions** 

The ongoing volatile overall economic situation, combined with the momentum and unpredictability of international trade conflicts, is unlikely to provide any tailwind for the operational development of manufacturing companies. On the contrary, current geopolitical events, with their global crises and hotspots, are having a noticeable impact on the markets and represent a major challenge that will also influence the KAP Group's business development in the 2025 financial year.



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