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## MEDIA AND FINANCIAL ANALYST MEETING

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#### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

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#### THIS E. SCHNEIDER WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS





#### FORBO GROUP 2023 IN A NUTSHELL



- Geopolitical and macroeconomic situation deteriorated since Q3 2023
- Challenging market environment impacted demand
- Strong negative currency effects on net sales and EBIT
- Solid sales price increases
- Strong free cash flow generation
- Innovative and sustainable products launched
- Strategic investment projects well on track



#### FORBO GROUP FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2023



**Lower net sales due to restrained demand** Net sales decrease of 2.9% in local currencies

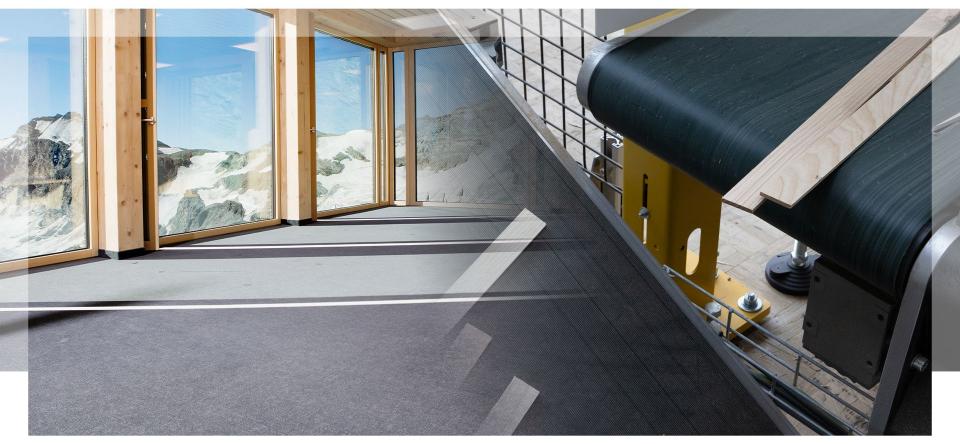
**Strong negative currency effects** CHF 80 million on net sales; CHF 10 million on EBIT

**Double-digit EBIT margin** 11.1% (2022: 10.3%, including one-time impact)

**Strong free cash flow generation** CHF 115.9 million (2022: CHF 50.5 million)

#### ANDREAS JAEGER FINANCIAL RESULTS 2023





#### FORBO GROUP CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT



CHF MILLION	2023	2022	Δ
Net sales	1,175.2	1,293.2	-9.1%
Gross profit	401.7	440.8	-8.9%
Gross profit margin	34.2%	34.1%	
Operating expenses	-271.8	-308.2	
EBITDA	179.9	193.4	-7.0%
EBITDA margin	15.3%	15.0%	
Depreciation and amortization	-50.0	-60.8	
Operating profit (EBIT)	129.9	132.6	-2.0%
EBIT margin	11.1%	10.3%	
Financial result	+1.9	-1.6	
Group profit before taxes	131.8	131.0	+0.6%
Income taxes	-29.5	-29.6	
Group profit	102.3	101.4	+0.9%
Earnings per share undiluted in CHF	72.55	71.76	+1.1%
FTE	5,190	5,390	-3.7%

- Due to lower sales volumes (-9%), net sales declined by 2.9% in local currencies
   Europe -3.3%
  - Americas –8.0%
  - Asia/Pacific +6.6%
- Gross profit margin maintained despite lower volumes
- Significantly higher personnel and energy cost
- Increased sales prices (+6%) mostly compensated for cost increases
- Operating result impacted by lower sales volumes and underutilization of capacities
- Double-digit EBIT margin
- Further reduced workforce

#### FORBO GROUP CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET



CHF MILLION	2023	2022
Non-current assets	378.2	388.6
<b>Current assets</b> Cash and cash equivalents Working capital	<b>523.2</b> 69.1 454.1	<b>571.6</b> 46.7 524.9
Total assets	901.4	960.2
<b>Shareholders' equity</b> Equity ratio	<b>553.7</b> 61.4%	<b>550.1</b> 57.3%
<b>Total liabilities</b> Current liabilities Non-current liabilities	<b>347.7</b> 219.3 128.4	<b>410.1</b> 291.6 118.5
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	901.4	960.2

- Solid balance sheet with net cash of CHF 69.0 million (exclusive leasing)
- Own shares totaling CHF 81.8 million
- Substantially improved net working capital
- Solid equity ratio

## FORBO GROUP CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

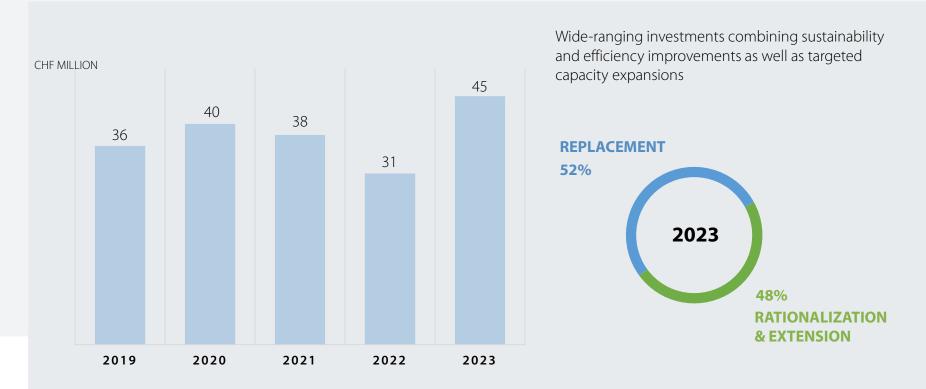


CHF MILLION	2023	2022
Cash flow from operating activities Cash flow from investing activities	160.0 -44.1	80.6 -30.1
Free cash flow	115.9	50.5
Cash flow from financing activities	-87.9	-93.9

- Significant higher cash flow from operating activities due to improved inventory management
- Increased investment activities in strategic projects

#### FORBO GROUP CAPITAL EXPENDITURE





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## JENS FANKHÄNEL Activities & Focus





## FORBO GROUP 2023 MARKET ENVIRONMENT AND MEASURES



- Europe severely impacted by the economic downturn
- No market recovery in China
- Development in USA below expectations
- Measures to counteract market development
  - stringent implementation of efficiency measures and strict resources management
  - optimized sales and production planning
  - reduced workforce
  - launch of innovative and sustainable products
  - increased key account and segment focus





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# FLOORING SYSTEMS 2023 IN A NUTSHELL

- Challenging market environment for the building industry
  - restrained construction activity caused by inflationary cost increases and high interest rates
  - shift in renovation projects towards energy saving investments
  - weak demand in three main countries (France, Germany, and USA)
- Net sales in local currencies declined by 3.1%
  - Europe –3.4%
  - Americas -7.0%
  - Asia/Pacific +6.6%
- Strong negative currency effects on net sales of CHF 54 million (-6.2%)
- Solid sales price increases in a challenging market environment
- EBIT margin of 11.9%
- Expansion of Flotex production USA

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## FLOORING SYSTEMS ATTRACTIVE COLLECTIONS



#### – Linoleum

- "marmoleum cocoa" launched in May with cocoa bean husks; for the first time with post-consumer recycled content
- "marmoleum solid" prepared for launch in January 2024, high-quality collection comprising 4 design families; containing post-consumer recycled content

#### – Vinyl

- "surestep" safety flooring with new surfaces and attractive colors prepared for launch in early 2024
- Textile
  - "tessera union" carpet tiles launched in September with new colors and designs; mainly developed for office environments
  - "flotex next" with bespoke digital designs and for the first time as loose lay option, addressing needs of hospitality, retail, leisure environments; launched in September



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## MOVEMENT SYSTEMS 2023 IN A NUTSHELL

- Reduced customer spendings in an uncertain economic environment
  - reduced demand in the logistics segment with over-proportional impact in the USA
  - no market recovery in China
  - low market demand in Germany, strong deterioration in Q4 2023
- Net sales in local currencies declined by 2.6%
  - Europe –2.9%
  - Americas -9.0%
  - Asia/Pacific +6.6%
- Negative currency effects on net sales of CHF 26 million (-6.2%)
- Solid sales price increases in a challenging market environment
- Lower capacity utilization weighs on result
- EBIT margin of 11.7%
- Second production line in China and modernization of production in Japan



## MOVEMENT SYSTEMS NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICE CENTERS



- Three new "fullsan" homogenous belt types for the food industry
- "transtex" strong belt mainly for agricultural harvesting processes of fruit and vegetables as well as processing of meat
- Two new "transilon" conveyor belts mainly for logistics and airport applications (content from recycled PET bottles and with AmpMiser energy saving coating)
- New established service centers in Lyon/France (industrial production), Vitoria/Spain (automotive industry) and Florida/USA (food industry)

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## Flooring Systems

94%

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**SUSTAINABILITY** 



Climate positive linoleum, cradle to gate



Reduction of Scope 1 and 2 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 36% since 2019



Back to the floor programs offered in 13 countries



Average portion of renewable, recycled, or abundant materials in flooring products represents 50%

#### **Movement Systems**



TÜV Rheinland confirmed up to 50% energy savings on AmpMiser belts



Numerous photovoltaic systems installed



Further process belts manufactured with recycled PET content

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First Group-wide sustainability report







#### - Competitive portfolio

Introduction of attractive products and services supported by tailored marketing campaigns

- High service levels

Continuous operational excellence initiatives in all areas

#### – Proximity to customers

Intensified key account activities and increased sales and marketing efficiency

- Ongoing efforts for sustainable solutions
  Expansion of share of renewable and recycled raw materials in our products
- Strategic investment projects
  - expansion of Flotex production in Hazleton/USA, extending our manufacturing footprint (Flooring Systems)
  - ramp-up of second production line in Pinghu/China (Movement Systems)
  - complete modernization of manufacturing site in Fukuroi/Japan (Movement Systems)







#### FORBO GROUP SOLID FOUNDATION

- Well positioned to face the current challenging market environment
  - healthy financial base with positive net cash position
  - proven strategy
  - leading market positions
- Ensure continued competitiveness and create the necessary basis to benefit from growing demand
  - targeted investments
  - innovative products and services
  - strategic initiatives







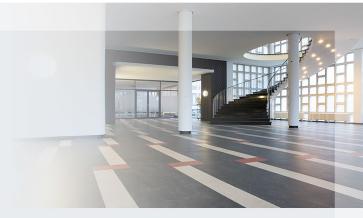
## FORBO GROUP FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FY 2024



Currently there is no sign of a market recovery in the short term. This will continue to challenge us in all areas of the organization.

Provided the geopolitical and economic environment does not change significantly, we expect

- net sales and Group profit to grow in local currencies
- with foreign exchange rates at the current level, net sales of around CHF 1.2 billion and Group profit of up to CHF 110 million





## FORBO GROUP PROPOSALS TO THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING



- Dr. Peter Altorfer will not be standing for re-election at the 2024 Ordinary General Meeting
- The Board of Directors will propose two new Board members for election

#### – Jörg Kampmeyer

Experienced executive with expert knowledge in the global construction materials industry, as well as in the areas of marketing and digitalization; Managing Partner at Gebr. Knauf AG, one of the world's biggest producers of construction materials with a turnover of approximately EUR 15 billion

#### - Bernhard Merki

Extensive industrial and leadership experience in sectors related to Forbo's activities; entrepreneur with various Board memberships, among others, Chairman of EMS Chemie Holding AG

 Increase of dividend to CHF 25 per share (previous year: CHF 23), corresponding to a payout ratio of 34%

## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**



