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France cartonboard commentary: FBB, WLC prices dived in January

By Andrea Venturini - Thursday 15 January

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Germany cartonboard commentary: FBB, WLC prices sink in January

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Prices for folding boxboard (FBB) and white-lined chipboard (WLC) dropped for deliveries in the first quarter of 2026 and sometimes for longer validities, due to the overcapacity affecting the market.

Fastmarkets' price assessment for [coated duplex \(GC2\)](#), 270-280 g, Germany fell by €40-50 (\$46.6-58.2) per tonne to €950-1180 per tonne in January, although higher price drops were also mentioned in some cases.

Fastmarkets' price assessment for [white-lined chipboard \(GD2\)](#), 300 g, Germany dropped by €15-30 per tonne to €650-705 per tonne in January, but both higher and lower decreases were also reported.

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Metsä Board celebrates 60th anniversary for Aänekoski's board machine KK1 and current board mill

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In 1964, a project was launched that changed the history of Äänekoski and all of Metsä Board: in the newly relocated board mill, the board machine KK1 was started for the first time on 14 January 1966.

This marked the start of a journey that continues to this day.

Board machine KK1 was not merely an investment for Metsä's Äänekoski mill. It was a bold step into a new era, reflects Mill VP Timo Tallinen. "It elevated Äänekoski into one of Finland's most significant board-producing locations."

Over the years, the board machine KK1 has been renewed many times, but its basic idea has remained the same: to produce high-quality folding boxboard from renewable raw materials for the global market.

"Although more than 60 years have passed since the machine first started, its importance has not diminished. Investments, development work, continuous learning, and readiness for change ensure that the Äänekoski board mill remains competitive and a forerunner in sustainable development also in the future," says Timo Tallinen.

The good reputation of the Äänekoski board mill is widely known

Metsä Board's CEO, Esa Kaikkonen, also wishes to congratulate the Äänekoski board mill on behalf of the entire company.

"Äänekoski has a long and proud history in board making, dating back to the late 1800s. Over the past 60 years, the current board mill has further strengthened Äänekoski's position as one of the pioneers of Finnish board making, and the mill's strong reputation is widely recognized around the world," Kaikkonen says.

One indication of Äänekoski's strong reputation is the large number of customer visits the mill receives every year, Kaikkonen notes. In 2025, more

than 20 customer visits were made to the Äänekoski board mill, along with many other stakeholder visits.

"Every mill visit is our business card to the world. Let's continue to uphold the excellent reputation of Metsä Board's mills together and maintain our outstanding customer work going forward. Congratulations once again, Äänekoski!"

Metsä Board

Metsä Board is a producer of lightweight and high-quality folding boxboards, food service boards and white kraftliners. The fresh wood fibres we use in our products are a renewable and recyclable resource, that can be traced back to Northern European forests. We aim to have completely fossil-free mills and raw materials by 2030. We promote a culture of diversity, equality and inclusion.

Metsä Board is listed on the Nasdaq Helsinki. In 2024 our sales totalled EUR 1.9 billion, and we have around 2,300 employees. Metsä Board is part of Metsä Group, whose parent company Metsäliitto Cooperative is owned by over 90,000 Finnish forest owners.

Mondi receives nine WorldStar Packaging Awards 2026

- Wednesday 14 January

Mondi's nine award-winning solutions showcase innovation across paper-based, recyclable and high-performance packaging.

- The recognised products serve customers in eCommerce, food, transit, electronics and consumer goods markets.
- The WorldStar Global Packaging Awards recognise packaging excellence on a global stage, attracting hundreds of entries worldwide.

Mondi, a global leader in sustainable packaging and paper, announces that nine of its innovative packaging solutions have received WorldStar Packaging Awards 2026. Organised annually by the World Packaging Organisation (WPO), the awards celebrate outstanding achievements in packaging design, technology and sustainability across the globe.



Mondi's award-winning products reflect the Group's continued focus on developing packaging solutions that replace less sustainable materials, support recyclability and deliver strong performance for customers. The recognised innovations address diverse end-use needs, from food and eCommerce to transit and electronics, while contributing to a more circular economy.

Andrew King, CEO Mondi Group, said: "We are very proud that nine of our solutions have been recognised with WorldStar Packaging Awards in 2026. These awards highlight our teams' ability to combine innovation, performance and sustainability, and to translate ambitious goals into practical packaging solutions. They reflect our strong customer partnerships and our continued commitment to developing recyclable alternatives at scale."

The WorldStar Packaging Awards are among the most prestigious accolades in the global packaging industry, recognising innovations that address key challenges such as material efficiency, recyclability and product protection. Mondi's success in 2026 further underlines its role as a trusted partner for sustainable packaging solutions worldwide.

Mondi is also delighted to see its customer Werner & Mertz recognised with a WorldStar Award in the Household category for the Frosch fabric softener stand-up pouch. Developed through close, long-term collaboration, Mondi and Werner & Mertz combined their packaging, material and application expertise to co-develop the 100% recyclable pouch, which now incorporates post-consumer recycled plastic from household collection - underscoring their shared commitment to circular, sustainable packaging.

The WorldStar Packaging Awards 2026 Ceremony will take place in Düsseldorf, Germany, on 8 May, bringing together packaging leaders from around the world to celebrate innovation and excellence.

Mondi's WorldStar Packaging Awards 2026 winners:

- Protective Mailer – eCommerce
- FreshFood BOX – Food
- Ad/Vantage Smooth Brown Semi Extensible – Packaging Materials and Components
- re/cycle HiProtex Paper – Health and Personal Care
- re/cycle ProtectorBAG PocketForm – Transit
- re/cycle CompressWrap – Household
- re/cycle VacuumPack – Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- 3in1 Separator – Electronics
- Koala Display – Point of Sale

Further details on the award-winning packaging innovations:

Protective Mailer

Mondi's Protective Mailer is an innovative, paper-based padded mailer that delivers outstanding product protection while completely eliminating plastic, offering eCommerce businesses a fully recyclable alternative to traditional bubble mailers. Crafted from lightweight, high-strength papers with a flexible, open-flute design, it safeguards a wide range of products in transit and supports sustainable packaging goals without compromising performance.

FreshFood BOX

The FreshFood Box is a robust, thick-walled cardboard box designed for grocery delivery, helping keep fresh produce cooler for longer. Its multi-layer construction with integrated inserts reduces temperature transfer, securing products during transport and offering a practical replacement for EPS (expanded polystyrene) boxes commonly used in chilled food delivery. Made entirely from paper-based materials, the FreshFood Box supports retailers looking to move away from EPS without changing how chilled groceries are packed or delivered.

Ad/Vantage Smooth Brown Semi Extensible

Ad/Vantage Smooth Brown Semi Extensible is an innovative kraft paper that combines high strength, extensibility, puncture resistance, and a smooth, coating-friendly surface. It ensures reliable protection, efficient converting, excellent printability, and is recyclable in existing EU paper recycling streams. Designed for both industrial and consumer packaging, the kraft paper is suitable for form-fill-and-seal (FFS) packaging used for sharp-edged or heavy items such as e.g. toys and dry food, spare parts and building materials.

re/cycle HiProtex Paper

re/cycle HiProtex Paper is a paper-based, high-barrier packaging solution designed to replace traditional aluminum and PVDC composites, offering over 80% paper content and recyclability in paper or lightweight packaging streams. It delivers excellent protection against oxygen, water vapor, and light, making it ideal for food, personal care, and pet products, while supporting brands in meeting sustainability goals without compromising performance.

re/cycle ProtectorBAG PocketForm

re/cycle ProtectorBAG PocketForm can replace traditional plastic film for transporting and storing items like bicycle accessories, electronic components, and car parts. Made entirely from recyclable paper, it eliminates plastic waste and supports circularity, making it a sustainable choice for businesses and end-users. Customers benefit from flexible, customisable compartments, reduced disposal costs, and a premium unpacking experience that enhances both protection and brand visibility.

re/cycle CompressWrap

re/cycle CompressWrap is Mondi's paper-based packaging solution for compressed mattresses, combining compress wrapping with a secondary outer wrap. Mondi's FunctionalBarrier Paper 95/5 supports durability and reliable vacuum sealing during compression, while the outer wrapper made from FunctionalBarrier Paper Reduce provides strong sealing to secure the rolled mattress during transport. The solution offers tool-free opening for improved safety and convenience and integrates easily into existing packaging lines without additional machinery.

re/cycle VacuumPack

re/cycle VacuumPack is a mono-material vacuum packaging solution for coffee that delivers the same protection, tightness and functionality as conventional multi-material structures. Based on polypropylene and free from aluminium and polyamide, it provides strong oxygen and water vapour barriers while supporting easy opening and resealing for consumers. The pack is fully compatible with existing vacuum packaging lines, allowing manufacturers to switch materials without technical changes.

3 in 1 Separator

The 3 in 1 Separator is a versatile corrugated packaging solution designed to securely separate and protect multiple electronic components within a single pack. Replacing traditional EPS (expanded polystyrene), it uses recyclable corrugated board while maintaining reliable protection throughout transport and handling. Its space-efficient design simplifies packing processes and reduces the need for additional packaging elements. This helps streamline operations without compromising product safety.

Koala Display

The Koala Display is a striking point-of-sale solution that combines strong visual impact with practical functionality. Easy to assemble and adaptable to different retail environments, it enhances brand visibility while using a material-efficient corrugated design suited to high-traffic retail spaces.

About Mondi

Mondi is a global leader in packaging and paper, contributing to a better world by producing products that are sustainable by design. We employ 24,000 people in more than 30 countries and operate an integrated business with expertise spanning the entire value chain, enabling us to offer our customers a broad range of innovative solutions for consumer and industrial end-use applications. Sustainability is at the centre of our strategy, with our ambitious commitments to 2030 focused on circular driven solutions, created by empowered people, taking action on climate.

In 2024, Mondi had revenues of €7.4 billion and underlying EBITDA of €1.0 billion. Mondi is listed on the London Stock Exchange in the ESCC category,

where the Group is a FTSE100 constituent. It also has a secondary listing on the JSE Limited.

About WPO Awards

World Packaging Organisation (WPO) is a non-profit, non-governmental, international federation of packaging institutes, associations, federations and other interested parties including corporations and trade associations. Its mission is “Better quality of life through better packaging for more people”. WPO rewards outstanding achievements in packaging innovation. The focus is on sustainable paPR ckinging solutions that achieve convenience for the end-user through innovation.

Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	950 - 1190	-45 (-4.04%)	Jan 2026	950 - 1190
FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	950 - 1180	-45 (-4.05%)	Jan 2026	950 - 1180
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	670 - 710	-22.5 (-3.16%)	Jan 2026	670 - 710
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	650 - 705	-22.5 (-3.21%)	Jan 2026	650 - 705

Boxboard/Cartonboard Germany Markets

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0104	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	980 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	980 - 1240
FP-CBB-0105	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	680 - 720	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	680 - 720

Boxboard/Cartonboard France Markets

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FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	950 - 1190	-45 (-4.04%)	Jan 2026	950 - 1190
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	670 - 710	-22.5 (-3.16%)	Jan 2026	670 - 710

Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

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FP-CBB-0102	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	990 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	990 - 1240
FP-CBB-0103	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	660 - 715	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	660 - 715

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0094	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Jan 2026	960 - 1145	-32.5 (-3.00%)	Jan 2026	960 - 1145
FP-CBB-0095	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	1101 - 1313	-28 (-2.27%)	Jan 2026	1101 - 1313
FP-CBB-0096	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Jan 2026	685 - 735	-15 (-2.07%)	Jan 2026	685 - 735
FP-CBB-0097	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	786 - 843	-11 (-1.33%)	Jan 2026	786 - 843