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MM Kwidzyn accelerates path towards CO2 neutrality by installing continuous digester at its integrated pulp mill in Poland

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State-of-the-art technology cuts CO₂ emissions by two-thirds and drives cost efficiency and energy autonomy

MM Kwidzyn is taking a decisive step towards a more sustainable future with the installation of a state-of-the-art continuous digester in its integrated pulp mill, complemented by additional energy improvement measures focusing on the reutilization of residual heat and reducing overall energy consumption. This move, scheduled to become operational in the 4th quarter of 2026, will significantly reduce CO₂ emissions and energy consumption. It will further enhance the cost leadership of MM Kwidzyn for FBB and strengthen the competitiveness in Uncoated Fine Paper, Packaging Kraft Paper and Market Pulp.

The environmental impact will be substantial. Annual CO₂ emissions will decrease by around two-thirds, and the share of green energy in the mill's energy mix will rise to more than 70 %.

Filip Drofiak, Chairman of the Board of MM Kwidzyn, comments: "These improvements not only meet growing customer demand for low-carbon products but also enhance our competitiveness and energy autonomy, securing MM Kwidzyn's position as a leader where sustainability and competitiveness go hand in hand in board, paper and pulp production."

The MM Group is committed to driving sustainable growth across all its operations. The company's strategy focuses on reducing carbon emissions, increasing energy efficiency, and expanding the share of renewable energy in production processes. Through targeted investments in advanced technologies and circular economy principles, MM aims to deliver innovative, eco-friendly packaging and paper solutions that meet the highest environmental standards while ensuring long-term competitiveness.

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Italy cartonboard commentary: FBB prices stable, WLC prices slightly down in November

By Andrea Venturini - Thursday 20 November

Prices for folding boxboard (FBB) remained flat in November in Italy, while white-lined chipboard (WLC) prices dropped slightly due to low demand and overcapacity.

Fastmarkets assessed prices for [coated duplex \(GC2\), 270-280 g, Italy](#) at €990-1,240 (\$1,142-1,431) per tonne in November.

[White-lined chipboard \(GD2\), 300 g, Italy](#) prices slipped by €10 per tonne on the low end of the range in November to €660-715 per tonne.

Cartonboard demand continued to be soft in November, although market participants reported minor improvements to their order books.

France cartonboard commentary: FBB, WLC prices flat in November

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Folding boxboard (FBB) and white-lined chipboard (WLC) prices were carried over into November in France, with just one market player mentioning minor price erosions.

Fastmarkets assessed prices for [coated duplex \(GC2\), 270-280 g, France](#) at €990-1,240 (\$1,142-1,431) per tonne and [white-lined chipboard \(GD2\), 300 g, France](#) at €685-740 per tonne in November, both stable from the previous month.

Board demand continued to be weak during the month, although both paper producers and customers mentioned a very slight improvement in their order books.



Ehrmann Cornish Dairy to switch three fresh cream products from traditional HDPE plastic bottles to beverage cartons

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Ehrmann Cornish Dairy, home to the Trewithen brand, has taken a bold step against plastic waste, announcing it will switch three of its fresh cream products from traditional HDPE plastic bottles to beverage cartons.

In partnership with Elopak, the dairy has installed a new filling line for Pure-Pak cartons at its Glynn Valley site. This is part of a significant investment following its recent acquisition by the Ehrmann Group.

The fresh Cornish whipping cream, double cream and buttermilk is available this autumn in 300, 500 and 1000 ml Pure-Pak cartons. This strategic move has already secured listings for Trewithen in Tesco supermarkets across the UK, marking a breakthrough for the local favourite.

Ehrmann acquisition drives sustainability ambitions

Third generation family owned Ehrmann, renowned for over a century of dairy innovation, has acquired Trewithen, providing a launchpad for its branded desserts into the British market. The ongoing investment in the Cornish facility, set to wrap up in 2026, will also help drive Ehrmann Cornish Dairy's green ambitions.

"We are continually reviewing our packaging usage, reducing waste and reviewing all types of packaging," said Mark Moody, Marketing Director for Trewithen Dairy and Ehrmann UK. "We have set out further targets in our five-year strategy to reduce waste and energy consumption. This includes ensuring our people are further trained and the culture of the business aligns to our sustainability goals.

"However, changing consumer habits is not without its challenges adds Mark Moody. "Encouraging consumers to switch packaging formats can be challenging, as shopping habits are often deeply rooted. Yet, by introducing Pure-Pak cartons to our market, we're offering more than just reduced plastic waste. These cartons deliver practical everyday advantages and less waste."

A milestone for award-winning Cornish quality

The introduction of Pure-Pak cartons, replacing plastic packaging, is a major milestone for Trewithen products, which are all made exclusively from 100% Cornish Milk, sourced from regional family farms. Six of the farms that supply milk to the dairy are forefront of regenerative farming practices.

Regenerative farming, an approach gaining momentum, focuses on enhancing soil health, biodiversity, water cycles, and overall ecosystem resilience. Mark Moody added. "These farms are leading the way in regenerative farming, for which we proudly achieved second place in the carbon positive category at the Cornwall Sustainability Awards."

The first product launched is the Trewithen Cornish Double Cream in 300ml cartons, available in 500 Tesco stores nationally, plus in regional stores from early November 2025.

SIG Group appoints Mikko Keto as chief executive officer, effective first half of 2026

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SIG today announces that, following an extensive global search, its Board of Directors has appointed Mikko Keto as the Company's Chief Executive Officer. He is expected to join in the first half of 2026.

Mikko Keto, a Finnish citizen, joins SIG from FLSmidth, a multinational engineering company providing equipment, systems and services to the global mining industry.

Mr. Keto joined FLSmidth in 2021 as President of the Mining division prior to becoming Group CEO in 2022. As CEO, he executed a comprehensive business transformation, including a financial and operational reset, portfolio optimization involving both a major divestment and merger, as well as a global efficiency and cost-reduction program. Mr Keto doubled the value of FLSmidth during his tenure.

Prior to joining FLSmidth, Mr. Keto spent over nine years at Metso Corporation, latterly serving as President, Services and Pumps.

During his career, Mr. Keto has delivered business transformation across several companies including Nokia Networks, KONE Corporation, Metso Corporation, and FLSmidth. Since 2019, Mr. Keto has also served as a board director and member of the Audit Committee for the Normet Group.

Mr. Keto has a degree in M.Sc. (Economics) from the Helsinki School of Economics. He will be based at SIG's headquarters in Switzerland.

Ola Rollén, Chair of the Board of SIG, said: "I am delighted to welcome Mikko to the Group as CEO. He brings an impressive track record of driving business and cultural transformations in engineering-led systems businesses. We are confident that he will guide SIG to release its growth and innovation potential. We believe that under his direction, we will build a simpler, leaner, and more agile company that delivers enhanced value to all stakeholders.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Anne Erkens, our CFO, for stepping in as interim CEO during this transition period."

Mikko Keto, said: "I am thrilled to be appointed CEO of SIG. The Group has a high-quality business model, with engineering, innovation, and sustainability at its core. I very much look forward to leading the Company into its next chapter and building on its strong foundation."

About SIG

SIG is a leading solutions provider of packaging for better – better for our customers, for consumers, and for the world. With our unique portfolio of aseptic carton, bag-in-box, and spouted pouch, we work in partnership with our customers to bring food and beverage products to consumers around the world in a safe, sustainable, and affordable way. Our technology and outstanding innovation capabilities enable us to provide our customers with end-to-end solutions for differentiated products, smarter factories, and connected packs, all to address the ever-changing needs of consumers. Sustainability is integral to our business, and we strive to create a regenerative system for food packaging.

Founded in 1853, SIG is headquartered in Neuhausen, Switzerland, and is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. The skills and experience of our approximately 9,600 employees worldwide enable us to respond quickly and effectively to the needs of our customers in over 100 countries. In 2024, SIG produced 57 billion packs and generated €3.3 billion in revenue. SIG has an AAA ESG rating by MSCI, a Platinum CSR rating by EcoVadis, and is included in the FTSE4Good Index.

Mondi unveils extended food packaging portfolio featuring solid board solutions and digital printing capabilities

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Comprehensive sustainable packaging solutions for all major food segments

- New portfolio addresses key priorities for food industry customers, including efficiency in handling, shelf visibility, brand differentiation, sustainability and compliance with EU regulations
- Expansion includes solid board solutions and digital printing capabilities through the acquisition of Schumacher Packaging, further strengthening Mondi's regional supply network with additional production sites

Mondi, a global leader in sustainable packaging and paper, is strengthening its position as a trusted partner for the food industry with the launch of an extended food packaging portfolio. The portfolio now includes solid board solutions and digital printing capabilities following the acquisition of Schumacher Packaging, enhancing Mondi's ability to serve customers across Europe.

With this development, Mondi offers one of the most comprehensive ranges of food packaging on the market – from corrugated and solid board solutions to a full range of flexible packaging. This expansion enables Mondi to support customers in meeting evolving consumer expectations, EU regulations and the growing demand for sustainable, convenient and stand-out packaging.

Responding to key industry trends

Mondi's extended offering is designed to address the most important trends shaping the food packaging industry today:

- Lightweighting and smaller portions – optimised material use, smaller packs and lighter, high-performance fibre-based materials for consumer convenience.
- Retail Ready Packaging (RRP) and point-of-sale displays – solutions that improve brand recognition, enhance shelf visibility and ensure efficiency in packing and replenishment processes.
- Sustainability – packaging designed to be 100% renewable or recyclable, in line with EU directives such as the PPWR, supporting circularity and meeting the packaging eco-design requirements for retailers' private-label brands and manufacturers' own brands.

"The food sector is undergoing rapid change, with sustainability targets, EU legislation and shifting consumer behaviours all driving new requirements for packaging. By expanding our portfolio, we can help customers respond to these trends with solutions that are lighter, more sustainable and optimised for shelf appeal," says Paulus Goëss, Chief Operating Officer Corrugated Solutions, Mondi.

A full corrugated and solid board portfolio

Mondi's expanded food packaging portfolio now covers:

- Fresh produce – ventilated trays, boxes and stackable trays as part of Mondi's Grow&Go portfolio, and octabins for efficient transport.
- Meat, poultry and seafood – high-strength trays, leakproof boxes, sleeves and wraps for product safety, shelf life and branding.
- Dairy – ventilated trays, multipacks and sleeves for safe refrigerated transport and visibility.
- Frozen food – solid board boxes with high-quality printing for shelf visibility and sustainable deep-freeze applications.
- Snacks and confectionery – shelf-ready packaging, customised POS displays, trays and hoods, multipacks, wraps and innovations such as TwinBox.
- Beverages – multipacks, wraparounds, trays and clips for PET bottles such as Mondi's Hug&Hold innovation, and TankerBox for bulk transportation.

Across all these sectors, Mondi also provides eCommerce packaging solutions for online grocery shopping, combining smart designs with various bottom and closure options, practical inserts, and easy-to-open, easy-to-carry features.

Extended regional supply and capabilities

By integrating Schumacher Packaging's facilities, Mondi has strengthened its European footprint, leading to greater production flexibility and regional supply reliability. Supported by accredited Food Safety and Performance Labs, Mondi delivers tested and customised solutions that enhance product safety, performance and shelf appeal. The company also operates ThinkBox innovation hubs, where technical experts and customers collaborate on packaging design and process optimisation.

With a broad range of digital, flexo and offset printing technologies, Mondi can meet a wide variety of customer requirements. As one of the first in the industry, Mondi has extended its six-colour digital printing for corrugated packaging to include white ink, reflecting the growing demand for white digital printing on brown substrates.

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.

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 Nov 2025	990 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Nov 2025	990 - 1240
FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Nov 2025	990 - 1230	0 (0.00%)	Nov 2025	990 - 1230
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Nov 2025	685 - 740	0 (0.00%)	Nov 2025	685 - 740
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Nov 2025	665 - 735	0 (0.00%)	Nov 2025	665 - 735

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 Oct 2025	980 - 1240	-15 (-1.33%)	Oct 2025	980 - 1240
FP-CBB-0105	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Oct 2025	690 - 720	-15 (-2.08%)	Oct 2025	690 - 720

Boxboard/Cartonboard France Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Nov 2025	990 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Nov 2025	990 - 1240
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Nov 2025	685 - 740	0 (0.00%)	Nov 2025	685 - 740

Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0102	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Nov 2025	990 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Nov 2025	990 - 1240
FP-CBB-0103	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Nov 2025	660 - 715	-5 (-0.72%)	Nov 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 Nov 2025	990 - 1180	0 (0.00%)	Nov 2025	990 - 1180
FP-CBB-0095	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Nov 2025	1130 - 1347	-8 (-0.64%)	Nov 2025	1130 - 1347
FP-CBB-0096	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Nov 2025	685 - 765	0 (0.00%)	Nov 2025	685 - 765
FP-CBB-0097	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Nov 2025	782 - 873	-5.5 (-0.66%)	Nov 2025	782 - 873