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Industrials Paper & Forest Products

Q2'18 Recap



Reuters

GLT Q2 miss on higher raw materials and Special Papers headwinds.

Q2 Adj. EBIT of -\$5.3M fell short of consensus of \$1.1M (3 estimates) as the

Specialty Papers business continued to underperform. This was due to a slower than expected restart following maintenance and higher than anticipated raw

materials (wood pulp, etc.). Composite Fibers also fell short largely due to higher

inflationary pressures that were not contractually passed through. Due to a

continuation of inflationary headwinds, a delay in product qualification at GLT's Airlaid mill in Canada, and a press roll issue at its Ohio Specialty Papers mill during

July, GLT's Q3 guidance fell below expectations. The good news? Management

will provide an update on the strategic review of its specialty paper business on its

next earnings call, which we expect could begin a turning point for the company.

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Date 1 August 2018 **Company Update**

Price at 31 Jul 2018 (USD)	16.37
Price target	24.00
52-week range	23.70 - 16.33

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Key changes		
EPS (USD)	1.12 to 0.73 ↓	-34.7%
Revenue	1,679.6 to ↑	1.0%
(USDm)	1,696.2	

Price/price relative



Performance (%)	1m	3m	12m
Absolute	-16.4	-21.6	-20.0
S&P 500 INDEX	3.6	6.4	14.0
Source: Deutsche Bank			

Three key points

* Performance in Specialty Papers and to a lesser extent Composite Fibers drove the Q2 miss.

* Update on strategic review of Specialty Papers expected on Q3 call. Will it be a catalyst?

* Looking ahead, inflationary costs and delay in qualification process at Gatineau mill brings full year estimates down.

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GLT Q2 Recap

* Performance in Specialty Papers and to a lesser extent Composite Fibers drove the Q2 miss.

Specialty Papers continued to underperform as the segment reported Q2 EBIT of -\$20.9M vs. DBe of -\$15.8M. Performance was hit by a slower than expected restart following maintenance and higher inflationary pressures due to the company's short pulp position. Composite Fibers Q2 EBIT of \$13.2M also missed our \$16.4M estimate due to higher inflationary pressures and lower than expected price realization. Composite Fibers volumes also missed expectations, growing only 1% q/q, which fell short of GLT's +5% q/q guide. Advanced Airlaid finished roughly in line, reporting Q2 EBIT of \$7.6M, which compared to DBe of \$7.0M, as this segment was able to successfully offset inflation through higher price realization.

* Update on strategic review of Specialty Papers expected on Q3 call. Will it be a catalyst?

On its earnings call, GLT states it would provide an update on the strategy/ potential sale of its Specialty Paper mills. We believe potential buyers could include Chinese producers looking to gain virgin pulp assets due to issues with getting recycled fiber into China, private equity, or strategic players like Georgia-Pacific, International Paper, and Domtar. As does GLT, we think the latter two are more interested in growing in other segments outside of paper. Selling these mills would allow for a greater focus to be spent on GLT's Airlaid and Composite Fibers businesses (higher growth businesses). On its earnings call, GLT stressed its desire to become a leading global engineered materials company, which likely involves incremental M&A. Management highlighted filtration, the electrical space, battery powered equipment, and thermal & acoustic materials as adjacent industries of interest. Additionally, management highlighted its recent agreement to purchase Georgia-Pacific's European nonwovens business, which is expected to close in Q4, as a growth driver. We think this could drive a re-rating of the company but the timing of this is not clear.

* Inflationary coats and delay in qualification process at Gatineau mill brings full year estimates down.

GLT reduced its Advanced Airlaid Materials volume growth expectations for 2018 due to the extended product qualification process with new customers targeted at its Gatineau facility in Canada. While pointing to ~flat sequential volumes, the company expects volumes to accelerate in Q4 and continue to grow in 2019. We are revising our estimates lower to account for the revised Airlaid volume outlook, weaker Q2 performance, the expectation for continued raw material inflation, as well as July operational issues in Specialty Papers. As a result our 2018 Adj. EBIT goes from \$97M to \$69M. Our Q3 Adj. EBIT estimate goes from \$43M to \$27M. Our 2019 Adj. EBIT goes from \$132M to \$109M.

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	1018	2Q18	3018	4Q18	2018E	2019E	2020E	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E	2020E
SUMMARY P&L (excluding specials)																		
Sales	\$1,810	\$1,667	\$1,611	\$1,596	\$412	\$407	\$442	\$436	\$1,696	\$1,774	\$1,807	4.9%	-7.9%	-3.3%	-0.9%	6.3%	4.6%	1.9%
Specialty Papers	903	875	844	791	199	190	209	200	799	818	810	1.7%	-3.1%	-3.6%	-6.2%	1.0%	2.4%	-1.0%
Composite Fibers	618	541	517	544	142	143	157	154	596	623	645	9.1%	-12.4%	-4.5%	5.3%	9.5%	4.5%	3.5%
Advanced Airlaid	282	245	244	256	70	73	74	79	296	328	348	5.0%	-13.2%	-0.1%	4.8%	15.6%	10.6%	6.2%
Engineered/Energy	8	6	6	5	1	1	1	2	5	5	5	153.7%	-29.0%	8.1%	-17.0%	5.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Gross Profit	317	280	340	289	75	44	74	80	275	301	309	10.4%	-11.7%	21.6%	-15.2%	-4.6%	9.4%	2.7%
Adi, EBITDA	186	152	150	156	38	14	47	49	149	189	196	10.5%	-18.1%	-1.6%	4.2%	-4.5%	27.2%	3.3%
Adi, EBIT	106	89	84	80	19	(5)	27	29	69	109	115	6.4%	-16.4%	-5.6%	-4.7%	-13.4%	57.6%	5.8%
Specialty Papers	39	33	41	16	2	(21)	14	12	8	43	42	-2.8%	-14.9%	25.3%	-61.2%	-51.2%	452.7%	-2.3%
Composite Fibers	68	61	54	62	15	13	17	16	61	67	71	9.3%	-10.1%	-11.5%	14.7%	-2.5%	10.7%	6.0%
Advanced Airlaid	25	21	26	30	7	8	7	11	33	44	47	17.9%	-16.2%	24.6%	13.6%	9.6%	32.7%	7.5%
Corp/Other	(25)	(27)	(37)	(31)	(12)	(9)	(10)	(10)	(42)	(45)	(45)	-18.6%	4.7%	38.8%	-15.0%	33.3%	7.7%	0.0%
Interest Expense, Net	(19)	(17)	(16)	(18)	(5)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(22)	(22)	(22)	6.3%	-8.4%	-9.1%	12.3%	27.9%	-4.1%	0.0%
Net Income	\$69	\$59	\$60	\$51	\$9	(\$4)	\$14	\$15	\$33	\$59	\$63	-1.3%	-14.0%	2.2%	-14.6%	-35.7%	77.2%	7.2%
Dil. Shares Outstanding	44.1	43.9	43.9	44.1	44.6	43.8	43.8	43.8	44.0	43.8	43.8	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	-0.3%	-0.5%	0.0%
Headline EPS	\$1.56	\$1.34	\$1.38	\$1.16	\$0.19	(\$0.10)	\$0.32	\$0.34	\$0.75	\$1.34	\$1.44	10.9%	-13.9%	3.0%	-15.8%	-35.1%	78.0%	7.2%
Dividend/share	\$0.44	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.49	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.48	10.0%	9.1%	0.0%	2.1%	-2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Dividend Yield				2.6%					2.5%	2.5%	2.5%							
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Gross margin	17.5%	16.8%	21.1%	18.1%	18.1%	10.7%	16.7%	18.3%	16.2%	17.0%	17.1%	1,500 -						
Adj. EBITDA margin	10.3%	9.1%	9.3%	9.8%	9.2%	3.4%	10.7%	11.2%	8.8%	10.7%	10.8%							
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Specialty Papers	4.3%	3.8%	4.9%	2.0%	1.2%	-11.0%	6.7%	6.2%	1.0%	5.3%		500 -						
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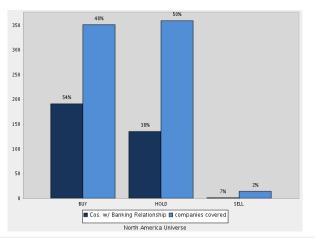
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