

Year-end Report

Q4 2024

January–December 2024 compared with January–December 2023

- Net sales increased to SEK 20,232m (18,081). The sales increase was mainly as a result of higher selling prices and higher delivery volumes driven by the continued ramp-up of commissioned investments.
- EBITDA amounted to SEK 7,143m (6,807). Higher selling prices, positive exchange rate effects and higher delivery volumes had a positive impact on earnings. Higher harvesting volume in own forest reduced the impact of rising costs for forest raw material in SCA's industries.
- EBITDA margin was 35.3% (37.6).
- Operating profit increased to SEK 5,027m (4,857).
- Operating cash flow amounted to SEK 3,187m (2,985).
- Earnings per share was SEK 5.18 (5.23).
- The Board of Directors proposes a dividend of SEK 3.00 (2.75) per share.

October–December 2024 compared with October–December 2023

- Net sales increased to SEK 5,135m (4,384), mainly attributable to higher selling prices.
- EBITDA amounted to SEK 1,649m (1,635) and EBITDA margin was 32.1% (37.3). Higher selling prices were offset by higher costs for raw materials.

October–December 2024 compared with July–September 2024

- Net sales amounted to SEK 5,135m (5,248). The decrease was mainly attributable to lower selling prices.
- EBITDA declined to SEK 1,649m (2,010) and the EBITDA margin was 32.1% (38.3). The change was primarily attributable to higher costs for planned maintenance stops of SEK 338m (122) and lower selling prices.

KEY FIGURES

SEKm	Quarter					Jan-Dec		
	2024:4	2023:4	%	2024:3	%	2024	2023	%
Net sales	5,135	4,384	17	5,248	-2	20,232	18,081	12
EBITDA	1,649	1,635	1	2,010	-18	7,143	6,807	5
<i>EBITDA margin, %</i>	32.1	37.3		38.3		35.3	37.6	
Operating profit	1,113	1,119	-1	1,476	-25	5,027	4,857	4
Net Profit	820	833	-2	1,070	-23	3,639	3,625	0
<i>Earnings per share SEK</i>	1.17	1.22		1.52		5.18	5.23	
Operating cash flow	1,276	-55		708		3,187	2,985	
Net Debt / EBITDA (LTM)	1.5x	1.6x		1.6x		1.5x	1.6x	

COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Summary of the year

In a challenging market, SCA reported an EBITDA margin of 35.3% (37.6) for 2024. SCA's competitive advantage lies in the combination of a well-invested and thereby competitive industrial business and a high rate of self-sufficiency in strategically important areas such as wood raw material, energy and logistics. A steady increase in harvesting from SCA-owned forest according to plan has contributed to the result and offset the effects of rising global raw material costs. This strength enables SCA to deliver strong earnings even in a weaker economy and in an uncertain international situation.

During the year, there was a determined effort to gradually ramp up production in the mills where SCA has made strategic capital expenditures. This led to higher delivery volumes than in the preceding year driven by the new paper machine in Obbola and the new CTMP facility at the Ortviken site. The investments made are expected to gradually contribute to increased productivity and strengthened cash flow generation also in the years ahead.

The carrying amount of SCA's forest assets was in line with the preceding year and amounted to SEK 107.3bn (107.5). SCA bases its valuation of forest assets on forest transactions in the areas where SCA owns forest. The three-year average market price used in valuation of SCA's Swedish forest assets was SEK 388/m³fo at December 31, 2024, compared with SEK 395/m³fo in the year-earlier period. The price decrease was offset by higher standing volume from continued net growth in SCA's forests.

The market for forest transactions in northern Sweden was tentative during the first half of the year, but market activity and price levels increased during the second half of the year. In parallel, timber prices continued to rise.

Summary of the quarter

SCA's earnings for the fourth quarter of 2024 increased slightly compared with the year-earlier quarter, but decreased compared with the preceding quarter.

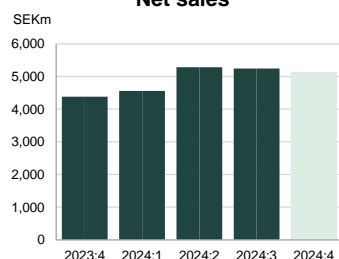
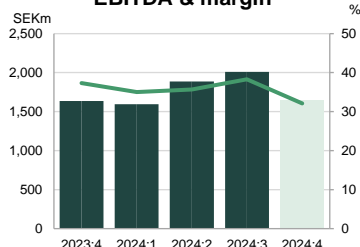
The supply of wood raw material to SCA's industries was stable. The global and European supply of wood raw material has been restricted for some time due to the cutoff of import volumes from Russia, infestation by pests in Central Europe, and reduced harvesting in Canada. Together with high global demand, this has led to a gradual increase in prices for sawlogs and pulpwood.

Demand for solid-wood products remained cautious, which can be explained by the uncertain construction and real estate market in the current economic climate. Selling prices were largely unchanged compared with the preceding quarter. Producer stocks in Sweden were at a normal level while customer stocks were low.

Selling prices in the Pulp segment decreased compared with the preceding quarter. The price of NBSK in Europe peaked in July and has since fallen. Price developments in the US were similar but with some delay. In China, demand and prices declined over the summer, but have picked up again in the autumn. Global producer stocks were at a normal level. SCA's delivery volumes increased slightly during the quarter, despite planned maintenance stop.

Demand for packaging material weakened during the quarter. Weak growth in European manufacturing had a negative impact on demand, resulting in declining selling prices during the quarter. European producer stocks were at a normal level.

Market prices for tall oil and liquid biofuels remained low, mainly due to lower blending requirements in Sweden and increased imports from China, which has created an imbalance in the market for renewable fuels. The market for solid biofuels was stable in the fourth quarter, and delivery volumes were seasonally higher compared with the preceding quarter. Electricity prices in northern Sweden were low during the fourth quarter. SCA continued to grow its leasehold business in wind power and at the end of the fourth quarter, 809 wind turbines were operating on SCA's land with an annual production capacity of 9.7 TWh, equivalent to about 20% of installed wind power capacity in Sweden.

Net sales**EBITDA & margin****Change in net sales (%)**

	2412 vs 2312	2024:4 vs 2023:4	2024:4 vs 2024:3
Total	12	17	-2
Price/mix	6	14	-4
Volume	4	1	1
Currency	2	2	1
Acquisition	0	0	0

GROUP**SALES AND OPERATING PROFIT****January–December 2024 compared with January–December 2023**

Net sales amounted to SEK 20,232m (18,081), an increase of 12%, of which price/mix accounted for +6%, volume +4% and currency +2%.

EBITDA increased to SEK 7,143m (6,807), corresponding to an EBITDA margin of 35.3% (37.6). The change was mainly attributable to higher selling prices, higher delivery volumes, positive exchange rate effects and effective cost control due to the high rate of self-sufficiency in primarily wood raw material but also energy and logistics. Higher raw material costs had a negative impact on earnings. The cost of planned maintenance stops was SEK 489m (377).

EBITDA excluding the revaluation of biological assets increased to SEK 5,303m (4,609).

Operating profit amounted to SEK 5,027m (4,857).

October–December 2024 compared with October–December 2023

Net sales increased to SEK 5,135m (4,384), up 17%, of which price/mix accounted for +14%, currency +2% and volume +1%.

EBITDA amounted to SEK 1,649m (1,635), corresponding to an EBITDA margin of 32.1% (37.3). The increase was mainly attributable to higher selling prices and positive exchange rate effects. Higher raw material costs and lower revaluation of biological assets had a negative impact on earnings. The cost of planned maintenance stops was SEK 338m (147).

EBITDA excluding the revaluation of biological assets increased to SEK 1,194m (824).

Operating profit was SEK 1,113m (1,119).

October–December 2024 compared with July–September 2024

Net sales amounted to SEK 5,135m (5,248), a change of -2%, of which price/mix accounted for -4%, volume +1% and currency +1%.

EBITDA decreased to SEK 1,649m (2,010), corresponding to an EBITDA margin of 32.1% (38.3). The decrease was primarily attributable to higher costs for planned maintenance stops of SEK 338m (122) and lower selling prices in the Pulp segment.

EBITDA excluding the revaluation of biological assets decreased to SEK 1,194m (1,549).

Operating profit amounted to SEK 1,113m (1,476).

Operating cash flow**CASH FLOW****January–December 2024 compared with January–December 2023**

The operating cash surplus increased to SEK 5,247m (4,502). The cash flow effect of changes in working capital was SEK -441m (-159). Current capital expenditures, net, amounted to SEK -1,109m (-1,603). Other operating cash flow was SEK -510m (245). Operating cash flow was SEK 3,187m (2,985) (see Note 10).

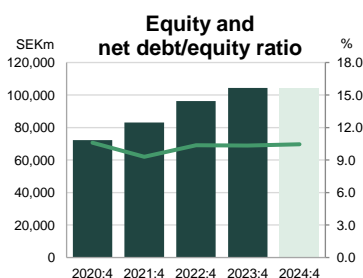
Strategic capital expenditures totaled SEK -689m (-1,510) and company and asset acquisitions were SEK -117m (-146). Paid tax amounted to SEK -293m (-330) for the period. Paid dividend was SEK -1 931m (-1 756). See page 15.

FINANCING

At December 31, 2024, net debt totaled SEK 10,885m, a decrease during the quarter of SEK 710m. Net debt in relation to EBITDA amounted to 1.5x, compared with 1.6x in the preceding quarter. The debt/equity ratio amounted to 10.5% compared with 11.1% in the preceding quarter.

At December 31, 2024, gross debt amounted to SEK 14,908m (13,726), with an average maturity of 3.7 years (including the lease liability). The loan structure consists of bilateral bank loans and bonds. Unutilized credit facilities amounted to SEK 6,000m at December 31, 2024 and mature in 2029.

Financial items totaled SEK -506m compared with SEK -414m in the year-earlier period.



EQUITY

January–December 2024

Equity decreased by SEK 249m during the period to SEK 104,035m at December 31, 2024. Equity increased due to comprehensive income for the period of SEK 1,695m, decreased by SEK 1,931m due to the dividend payment and decreased due to other items by SEK 13m.

TAX

January–December 2024 compared with January–December 2023

The Group's tax expense amounted to SEK 882m (818), corresponding to an effective tax rate of 19.5% (18.4).

CURRENCY EXPOSURE AND CURRENCY HEDGING

Due to a high proportion of exports, SCA's operations are exposed to various currencies. About 90% of sales are priced in currencies other than SEK, primarily EUR, USD and GBP. Most purchasing is conducted in SEK, while some purchasing is carried out in foreign currencies.

To reduce the risk of a weaker SEK, balance sheet items in foreign currency are hedged, as well as major decided and contracted expenses in foreign currency for investments in non-current assets. Added to this, a share of future net flows in the main currencies is hedged and, in some cases, for special order flows. At December 31, 2024, the company had hedged roughly the following shares of the expected net exposure from sales minus purchases.

Currency	Average rate	Share of expected net exposure, %			
		2025:1	2025:2	2025:3	2025:4
EUR	11.50	75	70	50	20
USD	10.48	70	75	55	30

PLANNED MAINTENANCE STOPS

In the fourth quarter of 2024, one planned maintenance stop was carried out at the Obbola paper mill (Containerboard segment) and one planned maintenance stop was carried out at the Östrand pulp mill (Pulp segment). The estimated effect of the planned maintenance stops on earnings, calculated as the sum of the direct cost of the maintenance and lower fixed cost coverage from reduced capacity utilization during the stops, is shown in the table below.

SEKm	Actual				Total
	2023:1	2023:2	2023:3	2023:4	
Pulp	0	0	47	147	194
Containerboard	21	94	68	0	183
Total	21	94	115	147	377

SEKm	Actual				Total
	2024:1	2024:2	2024:3	2024:4	
Pulp	0	29	35	215	279
Containerboard	0	0	87	123	210
Total	0	29	122	338	489

SEKm	Forecast				Total
	2025:1	2025:2	2025:3	2025:4	
Pulp	0	0	60	185	245
Containerboard	0	0	200	0	200
Total	0	0	260	185	445

FOREST ASSETS

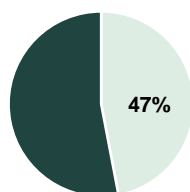
SCA bases its valuation of forest assets on completed forest transactions in the areas where SCA owns forest. The three-year average market price used in valuation of SCA's forest assets was SEK 388/m³fo for the Swedish holdings and EUR 44.0/m³fo for the Baltic holdings at December 31, 2024. Applied to SCA's standing timber volume of 274 million m³fo at December 31, 2024, the carrying amount of SCA's forest assets was SEK 107.3bn. At the end of 2023, the three-year average market price amounted to SEK 395/m³fo for the Swedish holdings and EUR 40.5/m³fo for the Baltic holdings, and the carrying amount was SEK 107.5bn (see Note 3). A summary of SCA's forest assets is shown in the table below.

Forest assets	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023
Market price in Sweden - three year average (SEK/m ³ fo)	388	395
Market price in the Baltics - three year average (EUR/m ³ fo)	44.0	40.5
Standing volume in Sweden (million m ³ fo)	266	263
Standing volume in the Baltics (million m ³ fo)	8	8
Standing volume (million m ³ fo)	274	271
Forest assets in Sweden (SEKm)	103,145	103,927
Forest assets in the Baltics (SEKm) ¹⁾	4,184	3,554
Forest assets (SEKm)	107,329	107,481

¹⁾ EUR/SEK 11.49

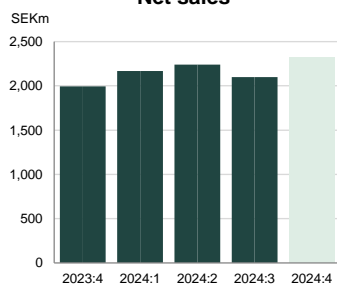
The change in value of biological assets is recognized in profit or loss and amounted to SEK 1,840m in 2024. The change in value pertaining to land amounted to SEK -2,376m and is recognized as other comprehensive income (no effect on profit for the year) and SEK 384m attributable to other items, including net acquisitions.

Share of EBITDA Jan-Dec 2024*

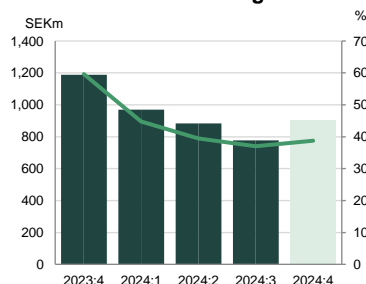


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Net sales



EBITDA & margin



FOREST

SCA is Europe's largest private forest owner with a holding of 2.7 million hectares of forest land in Northern Sweden and the Baltic region. SCA's unique forest holding is a growing resource that provides access to high-quality forest raw materials while absorbing a net of more than 10% of Sweden's fossil CO₂ emissions.

SEKm	Quarter				Jan-Dec			
	2024:4	2023:4	%	2024:3	%	2024	2023	%
Net sales	2,323	1,994	16	2,099	11	8,830	7,748	14
EBITDA	901	1,189	-24	777	16	3,531	3,511	1
Depreciation	-64	-60	7	-63	2	-249	-232	7
Operating profit	837	1,129	-26	714	17	3,282	3,279	0
EBITDA margin, %	38.8	59.6		37.0		40.0	45.3	
Operating margin, %	36.0	56.6		34.0		37.2	42.3	
Return on capital employed, %	3.8	5.4		3.2		3.7	4.0	
Harvesting of own forest, thousand m ³ sub	1,531	1,518	1	1,162	32	5,221	4,951	5
Revaluation of biological assets ¹	455	811	-44	461	-1	1,840	2,198	-16

¹ Revaluation of biological assets are included in EBITDA.

The Forest segment includes net sales from timber sourced from SCA's own forests, and from timber purchased from other forest owners, which is sold internally to SCA's industrial operations. The pricing is based on an average of SCA's externally sourced timber prices.

Revaluation of forest assets

The value of SCA's total forest assets is based on the market price of forest transactions in the areas where SCA owns forests applied on SCA's standing volume. To determine the change in value of biological assets, a valuation model is used based on discounted cash flows. See Note 3.

January–December 2024 compared with January–December 2023

Net sales increased 14% to SEK 8,830m (7,748), primarily attributable to higher selling prices for sawlogs and pulpwood, as well as higher delivery volumes to SCA's industries.

EBITDA was in line with the year-earlier period and amounted to SEK 3,531m (3,511). Higher prices for sawlogs and pulpwood, and a higher share of harvesting from SCA-owned forest, were offset by lower revaluation of biological assets.

October–December 2024 compared with October–December 2023

Net sales increased 16% to SEK 2,323m (1,994), primarily attributable to higher selling prices for sawlogs and pulpwood, as well as higher delivery volumes to SCA's industries.

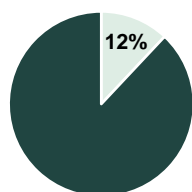
EBITDA declined 24% to SEK 901m (1,189). This decrease was primarily attributable to a lower revaluation of biological assets, which was offset by higher prices for sawlogs and pulpwood.

October–December 2024 compared with July–September 2024

Net sales increased 11% to SEK 2,323m (2,099), primarily attributable to higher selling prices for sawlogs and pulpwood, and higher delivery volumes to SCA's industries.

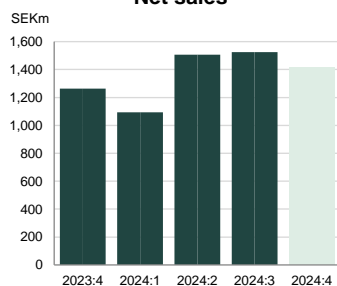
EBITDA improved 16% to SEK 901m (777). This increase was primarily attributable to seasonally higher harvesting from SCA-owned forest, as well as higher prices for pulpwood and sawlogs.

Share of EBITDA Jan-Dec 2024*

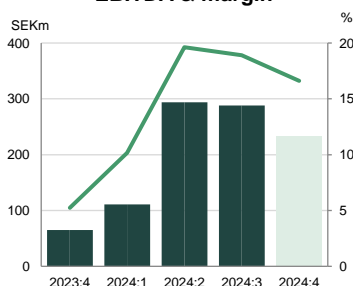


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Net sales



EBITDA & margin



WOOD

SCA is one of Europe's leading suppliers of wood-based products for the wood industry and building materials trade, with an annual production capacity of 2.2 million m³ of solid-wood products. SCA has five cost-efficient sawmills located close to its forest holdings in Northern Sweden, as well as wood processing and distribution to the building materials trade in Scandinavia and France.

SEKm	Quarter					Jan-Dec		
	2024:4	2023:4	%	2024:3	%	2024	2023	%
Net sales	1,416	1,264	12	1,524	-7	5,539	5,158	7
EBITDA	234	65	260	288	-19	927	550	69
Depreciation and amortization	-73	-64	14	-73	0	-285	-222	28
Operating profit	161	1		215	-25	642	328	96
EBITDA margin, %	16.6	5.2		18.9		16.7	10.7	
Operating margin, %	11.4	0.1		14.1		11.6	6.4	
Return on capital employed, %	17.5	0.2		22.7		17.5	9.4	
Deliveries, wood products, thousand m ³	504	506	0	533	-5	1,956	1,948	0

January–December 2024 compared with January–December 2023

Net sales increased 7% to SEK 5,539m (5,158). The change was primarily attributable to higher selling prices.

EBITDA improved 69% to SEK 927m (550). This increase was primarily attributable to higher selling prices.

October–December 2024 compared with October–December 2023

Net sales increased 12% to SEK 1,416m (1,264), which was mainly due to higher selling prices.

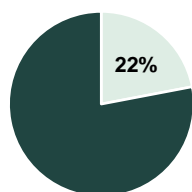
EBITDA increased 260% to SEK 234m (65). The change was primarily attributable to higher selling prices.

October–December 2024 compared with July–September 2024

Net sales declined 7% to SEK 1,416m (1,524), which was mainly attributable to seasonally lower delivery volumes to the building materials trade.

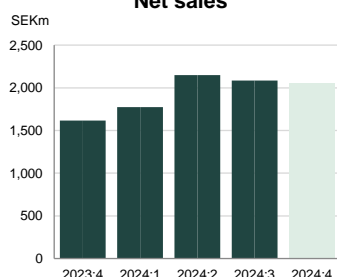
EBITDA decreased 19% to SEK 234m (288). The change was primarily attributable to higher costs for raw materials and seasonally lower delivery volumes.

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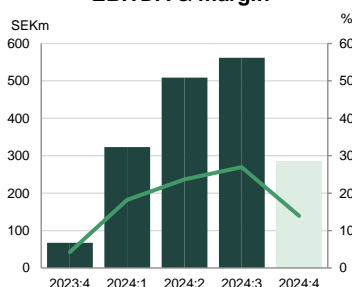


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Net sales



EBITDA & margin



PULP

SCA produces Northern bleached softwood kraft pulp (NBSK) at Östrand pulp mill and chemi-thermomechanical pulp (CTMP) at the Ortviken site in Sundsvall with a total capacity of more than 1 million tonnes per year, which is expected to increase to 1.2 million tonnes. The Östrand pulp mill is one of the largest and most cost-efficient production lines for NBSK in the world and is also a net producer of green electricity and produces biochemicals such as tall oil and turpentine.

SEKm	Quarter				Jan-Dec			
	2024:4	2023:4	%	2024:3	%	2024	2023	%
Net sales	2,052	1,616	27	2,085	-2	8,058	6,893	17
EBITDA	286	67	327	562	-49	1,680	1,213	38
Depreciation	-175	-164	7	-171	2	-683	-654	4
Operating profit	111	-97		391	-72	997	559	78
EBITDA margin, %	13.9	4.2		27.0		20.8	17.6	
Operating margin, %	5.4	-6.0		18.8		12.4	8.1	
Return on capital employed, %	4.7	-4.0		16.0		10.3	5.9	
Deliveries, pulp, thousand tonnes	257	232	11	240	7	988	945	5

January–December 2024 compared with January–December 2023

Net sales increased 17% to SEK 8,058m (6,893). Higher selling prices, positive exchange rate effects and higher delivery volumes from the new CTMP facility at Ortviken had a positive impact on net sales.

EBITDA increased 38% to SEK 1,680m (1,213). The EBITDA margin was 20.8% (17.6). Higher selling prices and positive exchange rate effects had a positive impact on earnings, which were offset by higher costs for wood raw material. The cost of planned maintenance stops was SEK 279m (194).

October–December 2024 compared with October–December 2023

Net sales increased 27% to SEK 2,052m (1,616). The increase was mainly attributable to higher selling prices and higher delivery volumes.

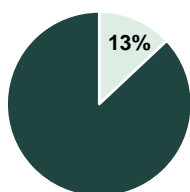
EBITDA increased 327% to SEK 286m (67), which is mainly related to higher selling prices and positive exchange rate effects. The cost of planned maintenance stops was SEK 215m (147).

October–December 2024 compared with July–September 2024

Net sales amounted to SEK 2,052m (2,085). Lower selling prices were offset by higher delivery volumes.

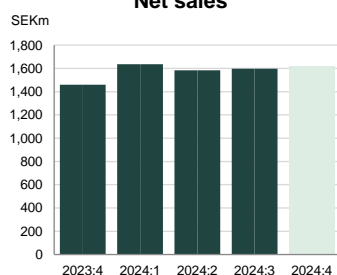
EBITDA decreased 49% to SEK 286m (562). The decrease was primarily attributable to lower selling prices and higher costs for planned maintenance stops, which totaled SEK 215m (35).

Share of EBITDA Jan-Dec 2024*

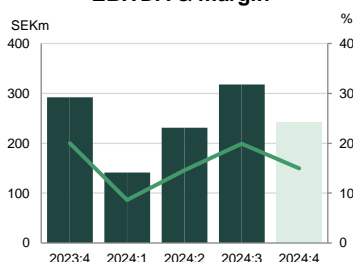


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Net sales



EBITDA & margin



CONTAINERBOARD

SCA produces kraftliner, renewable packaging paper, at the paper mills in Munksund and Obbola. SCA is Europe's largest independent producer of kraftliner, with a total capacity of more than 865,000 tonnes per year, which is expected to increase to 1,140,000 tonnes by 2026.

SEKm	Quarter				Jan-Dec			
	2024:4	2023:4	%	2024:3	%	2024	2023	%
Net sales	1,618	1,460	11	1,597	1	6,434	5,850	10
EBITDA	242	292	-17	318	-24	932	1,212	-23
Depreciation and amortization	-196	-200	-2	-201	-2	-790	-730	8
Operating profit	46	92	-50	117	-61	142	482	-71
EBITDA margin, %	15.0	20.0		19.9		14.5	20.7	
Operating margin, %	2.8	6.3		7.3		2.2	8.2	
Return on capital employed, %	1.7	3.4		4.3		1.3	5.1	
Deliveries, kraftliner, thousand tonnes	209	223	-6	208	0	893	839	6

January–December 2024 compared with January–December 2023

Net sales increased 10% to SEK 6,434m (5,850). Higher delivery volumes from the new paper machine in Obbola and positive exchange rate effects had a positive impact on net sales.

EBITDA decreased 23% to SEK 932m (1,212). The decrease was mainly attributable to higher raw material costs, which were offset by positive exchange rate effects. The cost of planned maintenance stops was SEK 210m (183).

October–December 2024 compared with October–December 2023

Net sales increased 11% to SEK 1,618m (1,460). The increase mainly relates to higher selling prices, which were offset by lower delivery volumes.

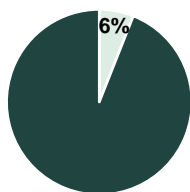
EBITDA decreased 17% to SEK 242m (292). The decrease is mainly attributable to higher raw material costs and higher costs for planned maintenance stops that amounted to SEK 123m (0). Higher selling prices had a positive impact on EBITDA.

October–December 2024 compared with July–September 2024

Net sales were in line with the preceding quarter and amounted to SEK 1,618m (1,597).

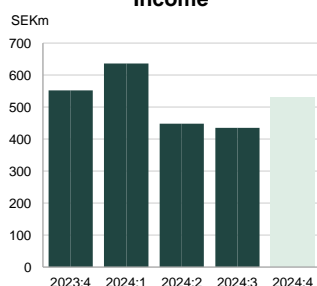
EBITDA decreased 24% to SEK 242m (318). The decrease was mainly attributable to higher raw material costs and higher costs for planned maintenance stops that amounted to SEK 123m (87).

Share of EBITDA Jan-Dec 2024*

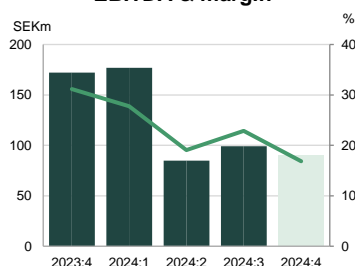


* share of calculated total EBITDA
excluding central costs

Income



EBITDA & margin



RENEWABLE ENERGY

SCA produces tall oil, green electricity, refined and unrefined biofuels and liquid biofuels. SCA is one of Europe's largest producers of bioenergy, with annual production of about 11 TWh. SCA's industries and wind farm produce green electricity corresponding to approximately 1% of Swedish electricity consumption. SCA leases out land for the production of wind power and develops wind power projects on its own land, for sale and for the growth of the leasing business.

SEKm	Quarter				Jan-Dec			
	2024:4	2023:4	%	2024:3	%	2024	2023	%
Revenue ¹	531	552	-4	435	22	2,050	1,879	9
EBITDA	90	172	-48	99	-9	451	690	-35
Depreciation and amortization	-19	-19	0	-18	6	-74	-77	-4
Operating profit	71	153	-54	81	-12	377	613	-38
EBITDA margin, % ²	16.8	31.2		22.9		22.0	36.7	
Operating margin, % ²	13.3	27.7		18.6		18.4	32.7	
Return on capital employed, %	12.0	29.8		14.7		17.1	32.1	
Deliveries, renewable electricity from own wind production, GWh	75	30	150	32	134	183	149	23

¹ Income consists of net sales and other operating income

² EBITDA and operating profit as share of income

January–December 2024 compared with January–December 2023

Income increased 9% to SEK 2,050m (1,879). The increase was primarily attributable to higher selling prices for bioenergy.

EBITDA declined 35% to SEK 451m (690). The EBITDA margin was 22.0% (36.7). The decrease was primarily attributable to higher raw material costs and lower selling prices for tall oil.

October–December 2024 compared with October–December 2023

Income decreased 4% to SEK 531m (552). The decrease was primarily attributable to lower selling prices.

EBITDA declined 48% to SEK 90m (172). The decrease was mainly attributable to higher raw material costs and lower selling prices.

October–December 2024 compared with July–September 2024

Income increased 22% to SEK 531m (435). The increase was primarily attributable to seasonally higher delivery volumes for bioenergy.

EBITDA declined 9% to SEK 90m (99). The decrease was primarily attributable to lower earnings in biofuels, which were offset by seasonally higher deliveries of bioenergy.

SHARE DISTRIBUTION

December 31, 2024	Class A	Class B	Total
Registered number of shares	63,700,307	638,642,182	702,342,489

At the end of the period, the proportion of Class A shares was 9.1%. At the request of shareholders, 249,495 Class A shares were converted to Class B shares in the fourth quarter. In 2024, a total of 734,842 Class A shares were converted to Class B shares. The total number of votes in the company thereafter amounts to 1,275,645,252.

FUTURE EVENTS

- The Annual Report will be published on March 12, 2025
- The Annual General Meeting will be held on April 4, 2025
- The interim report for the first quarter will be published on April 25, 2025
- The half-year report and the report for the second quarter will be published on July 25, 2025
- The interim report for the third quarter will be published on October 24, 2025

INVITATION TO PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE 2024 YEAR-END REPORT

A webcast press conference will be held where this interim report will be presented by the President and CEO, Ulf Larsson, and by the CFO, Andreas Ewertz, on Friday, January 31 starting at 10:00 CET.

The press conference will be webcast live at www.sca.com. It is also possible to participate by telephone by calling:

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Sundsvall, January 31, 2025

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GROUP

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

SEKm	Quarter					Jan-Dec		
	2024:4	2023:4	%	2024:3	%	2024	2023	%
Net sales	5,135	4,384	17	5,248	-2	20,232	18,081	12
Other income	794	858	-7	724	10	3,395	3,314	2
Change in inventories	33	-25		-25		105	-275	
Change in value in biological assets	455	811	-44	461	-1	1,840	2,198	-16
Raw materials and consumables	-1,234	-1,139	8	-1,268	-3	-5,081	-4,346	17
Personnel costs	-702	-670	5	-622	13	-2,781	-2,655	5
Other operating expenses	-2,763	-2,591	7	-2,502	10	-10,421	-9,563	9
Result from associated companies and JV	-69	7		-6		-146	53	
EBITDA	1,649	1,635	1	2,010	-18	7,143	6,807	5
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	-536	-516	4	-534	0	-2,116	-1,950	9
Operating profit	1,113	1,119	-1	1,476	-25	5,027	4,857	4
Financial items	-108	-141		-131		-506	-414	
Profit before tax	1,005	978	3	1,345	-25	4,521	4,443	2
Income tax	-185	-145		-275		-882	-818	
Net Profit for the period	820	833	-2	1,070	-23	3,639	3,625	0
Earnings attributable to:								
Owners of the parent	820	854		1,070		3,639	3,675	
Non-controlling interests	-	-21		-		-	-50	
Earnings per share SEK - owners of the parent¹	1.17	1.22		1.52		5.18	5.23	
Average number of shares, millions	702.3	702.3		702.3		702.3	702.3	
Margins, %								
EBITDA margin	32.1	37.3		38.3		35.3	37.6	
Operating margin	21.7	25.5		28.1		24.8	26.9	
Net margin	16.0	19.0		20.4		18.0	20.0	

¹ There are no dilution effects.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

SEKm	Quarter			Jan-Dec	
	2024:4	2023:4	2024:3	2024	2023
Profit for the period	820	833	1,070	3,639	3,625
Other comprehensive income for the period:					
Items that may not be reclassified to the income statement					
Change in value land assets	-1,760	7,522	-205	-2,376	6,957
Revaluation of defined benefit pension plans	-152	-8	-8	229	436
Income tax attributable to components of other comprehensive income	404	-1,439	44	453	-1,414
Total	-1,508	6,075	-169	-1,694	5,979
Items that have been or may be reclassified subsequently to the income statement					
Cash flow hedges	-293	322	121	-484	89
Hedge cost	0	4	1	12	5
Translation differences in foreign operations	58	-121	-19	125	-35
Income tax attributable to components of other comprehensive income	60	-67	-25	97	-19
Total	-175	138	78	-250	40
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	-1,683	6,213	-91	-1,944	6,019
Total comprehensive income for the period	-863	7,046	979	1,695	9,644
Total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Owners of the parent	-863	7,067	979	1,695	9,694
Non-controlling interests	-	-21	-	-	-50

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

SEKm	Jan-Dec	
	2024	2023
Attributable to owners of the parent		
Value, January 1	104,284	96,358
Total comprehensive income for the period	1,695	9,694
Cash flow hedge transferred to cost of hedged investments	-1	-15
Tax on cash flow hedge transferred to cost of hedged investments	0	3
Cash dividend	-1,931	-1,756
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	-12	0
Value, end of period	104,035	104,284
Non-controlling interests		
Value, January 1	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-50
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	-	50
Value, end of period	-	-
Total equity, value end of period	104,035	104,284

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

SEKm	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Intangible assets	1,025	813
Buildings, land, machinery and equipment	25,239	25,230
Forest assets	107,329	107,481
<i>of which land assets</i>	46,974	49,267
<i>of which biological assets</i>	60,355	58,214
Right-of-use assets	573	570
Other non-current assets	3,797	3,693
Total non-current assets	137,963	137,787
Current assets		
Inventories	5,730	5,361
Trade receivables	3,279	2,858
Other current receivables	963	1,444
Cash and cash equivalents	1,328	502
Total current assets	11,300	10,165
Total assets	149,263	147,952
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Owners of the Parent		
Share capital	2,350	2,350
Share premium	6,830	6,830
Reserves	35,367	37,494
Retained earnings including net profit for the period	59,488	57,610
Non-controlling interests	-	-
Total equity	104,035	104,284
Non-current liabilities		
Non-current financial liabilities	11,519	11,498
Provisions for pensions	325	326
Deferred tax liabilities	24,348	24,373
Other non-current liabilities and other provisions	58	101
Total non-current liabilities	36,250	36,298
Current liabilities		
Current financial liabilities	3,064	1,902
Trade payables	4,440	3,963
Other current liabilities and other provisions	1,474	1,505
Total current liabilities	8,978	7,370
Total liabilities	45,228	43,668
Total liabilities and equity	149,263	147,952

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

SEKm	Jan-Dec	
	2024	2023
Operating activities		
Profit before tax	4,521	4,443
<i>of which received interest</i>	18	13
<i>of which paid interest</i>	-571	-367
Adjustment for non-cash items ^{1,2}	315	-412
Change in liabilities regarding restructuring costs	-17	-12
Paid tax	-293	-330
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital	4,526	3,689
Cash flow from changes in working capital		
Change in inventories	-367	-504
Change in operating receivables ²	-356	286
Change in operating liabilities ²	-317	423
Cash flow from operating activities	3,486	3,894
Investing activities		
Company and asset acquisitions	-117	-146
Current capital expenditures in intangible and tangible assets	-1,482	-1,625
Sale of tangible assets	560	200
Strategic capital expenditures in non-current assets	-689	-1,510
Acquisition and disposal of financial asset	24	-24
Cash flow from investing activities	-1,704	-3,105
Financing activities		
Loans raised	2,653	2,099
Amortization of debt	-1,466	-1,265
Amortization of debt, leasing	-215	-202
Dividend	-1,931	-1,756
Cash flow from financing activities	-959	-1,124
Net cash flow for the period	823	-335
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	502	836
Translation differences in cash and cash equivalents	3	1
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period³	1,328	502
¹ Depreciation/amortization and impairment of non-current assets	2,116	1,950
Fair-value measurement of biological assets	-1,840	-2,198
Gains/loss on assets sales and swaps of assets	-72	-116
Unrealized result on hedged items	97	-99
Accrued interest	-12	41
Other	26	10
Total	315	-412

² Unrealized result on hedged items has been reclassified from Cash flow from changes in working capital to Adjustment for non-cash items. The comparison period has been recalculated.

NOTES

1. ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

This interim report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 and recommendation RFR 1 of the Swedish Corporate Reporting Board, and with regards to the Parent Company, RFR 2. Applied accounting principles are described in detail in SCA's Annual Report for 2023. New or revised IFRSs and interpretations from IFRIC have not had and are not expected to have any material effect on the Group's or the Parent Company's financial statements.

2. REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

Net sales by segment

SEKm	Jan-Dec 2024						
	Forest	Wood	Pulp	Containerboard	Renewable Energy	Eliminations	Total
Sweden	8,665	1,994	1,250	563	32	-8,661	3,843
USA	-	368	1,469	226	-	-	2,063
Germany	-	72	682	1,504	-	-	2,258
United Kingdom	-	501	286	1,045	-	-	1,832
Rest of Europe	165	1,280	2,955	2,628	-	-	7,028
Asia	-	908	1,122	138	-	-	2,168
Rest of world	-	416	294	330	-	-	1,040
Total Group	8,830	5,539	8,058	6,434	32	-8,661	20,232

SEKm	Jan-Dec 2023						
	Forest	Wood	Pulp	Containerboard	Renewable Energy	Eliminations	Total
Sweden	7,620	1,703	1,113	454	54	-7,622	3,322
USA	-	512	1,328	105	-	-	1,945
Germany	-	124	542	1,373	-	-	2,039
United Kingdom	-	131	233	1,029	-	-	1,393
Rest of Europe	128	1,188	2,033	2,377	-	-	5,726
Asia	-	822	1,497	300	-	-	2,619
Rest of world	-	678	147	212	-	-	1,037
Total Group	7,748	5,158	6,893	5,850	54	-7,622	18,081

3. FOREST VALUATION

Accounting principles

The accounting principles for forest assets are described in Note D3 of SCA's Annual Report for 2023.

Key assessments and assumptions

SCA bases its valuation of forest assets on forest transactions in the areas where SCA owns forest assets. The market prices assessed by SCA comprise an average based on forest transactions over the last three years. To determine the change in value of biological assets, a valuation model is used based on discounted cash flows, with the value mainly impacted by timber prices, harvesting costs, harvested volume and the discount rate. Assessed long term timber prices have increased to SEK 549/m³fo (529) and inflation is assumed to be 2% for the whole period. The yield requirement was 3.8% (3.6) after tax. The value of land assets is calculated as the total value of forest assets based on forest transactions less the value of the biological assets.

At December 31, 2024, the total standing timber volume was estimated at approximately 274 million m³fo, of which 8 million m³fo is in the Baltic region. The three-year average market price used in valuation of SCA's forest assets at December 31, 2024 was SEK 388/m³fo (395) for the Swedish holdings and EUR 44.0/m³fo (40.5) for the Baltic holdings. The change in value of biological assets was SEK 1,840m at December 31, 2024 and is recognized in the income statement on the line item for change in value in biological assets. The change in value pertaining to land amounted to SEK -2,376m and is recognized as other comprehensive income with no effect on profit for the year. Other items, including investments, amounted to SEK 384m, where of SEK 301m biological assets and SEK 83m land asset. At December 31, 2024, the total value of forest assets amounted to SEK 107,329m (107,481).

Forest assets

SEKm	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023
Forest assets in Sweden	103,145	103,927
Forest assets in the Baltic states ¹⁾	4,184	3,554
Total value of forest assets	107,329	107,481
Deferred tax on forest assets	21,155	21,277

¹⁾EUR/SEK 11.49

The three-year average market price that forms the basis for the valuation of the forest assets relating to the Swedish forest holding is obtained from the market statistics providers Ludvig & Co and Svefa, which are two independent parties in relation to SCA.

The data from the providers is delivered to SCA broken down into areas in northern Sweden. The providers' breakdown is used by SCA in the valuation of the forest holding. Ludvig & Co delivers statistics by county in northern Sweden and Svefa delivers its statistics by forest price area according to the table below. All of SCA's Swedish holdings are located in northern Sweden with a concentration in southern Norrland. The weight of the area in the total three-year average market price is determined by the distribution of the standing volume in the latest forest inventory (2019).

Market data per area ¹⁾

Area	Price weight	Market price (3-year average)		Number of transactions (three years)	
		2024	2023	2024	2023
Norrbottn	5%	286	274	152	82
Västerbottn	7%	331	356	329	188
Jämtland	20%	398	408	295	184
Västernorrland	18%	442	465	169	108
Swedish forest asset, Ludvig & Co	50%	392	406	945	562
Area 1	30%	426	435	293	199
Area 2	12%	313	289	155	161
Area 3	6%	378	376	259	245
Area 4	3%	261	255	60	55
Swedish forest asset, Svefa	50%	384	383	767	660
Average Swedish forest asset	100%	388	395	856	611

¹⁾ Ludvig & Co has, during 2024, expanded its transaction data to also include forest land transactions from other real estate agents. The three-year average for 2024 is based on this expanded dataset. The three-year average for 2023 is based on transactions brokered solely by Ludvig & Co.

The illustration below shows Svefa's defined price areas for SCA's forest holdings.



4. OTHER PROVISIONS

Accounting principles

The accounting principles for other provisions are described in detail in Note D8 of SCA's 2023 Annual Report.

SEKm	Environment	Other	Total
Value, January 1	146	98	244
Provisions	92	26	118
Utilization	-36	-154	-190
Reclassifications	4	91	95
Dissolutions	-	-38	-38
Value, December 31	206	23	229
Provisions comprise:			
Long-term component			57
Short-term component			172

5. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

SCA's risk exposure and risk management are described on pages 67–75 of SCA's 2023 Annual Report and is assessed to be unchanged.

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the period, no transactions took place between SCA and related parties with any material impact on the company's financial position or results.

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

SCA's policies for the recognition of derivatives and hedge accounting are presented in SCA's 2023 Annual Report, Note E6.

SEKm	Measure- ment level	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023
Financial assets measured at fair value in the income statement			
Derivatives - Current financial assets	2	1	4
Derivatives - Other current receivables	2	8	63
Total		9	67
Financial liabilities measured at fair value in the income statement			
Derivatives - Current financial liabilities	2	3	4
Derivatives - Other current liabilities	2	45	4
Total		48	8
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income			
Equity instruments	3	14	14
Total		14	14
Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost			
Non-current financial liabilities excluding leasing	-	11,107	11,044
Non-current financial liabilities, leasing	-	402	442
Current financial liabilities excluding leasing	-	2,857	1,740
Current financial liabilities, leasing	-	204	158
Total		14,570	13,384
Derivatives used for hedge accounting			
Non-current financial assets	2	39	39
Other non-current assets	2	0	27
Other current receivables	2	22	321
Total		61	387
Derivatives used for hedge accounting			
Non-current financial liabilities	2	10	12
Other non-current liabilities	2	-	44
Other current liabilities	2	225	32
Total		235	88

The fair value of trade receivables, other current and non-current receivables, cash and cash equivalents, and trade payables is estimated to be equal to their carrying amount. The total fair value of current and non-current financial liabilities, excluding lease liabilities, was SEK 13,851m (12,601). The value of electricity derivatives is based on published prices in an active market. Other financial instruments are marked to market, based on prevailing currency and interest rates on the balance sheet date. The fair value of debt instruments is determined using valuation models, such as discounting future cash flows at quoted market rates for the respective maturity.

8. TAXES

SCA described in Note B5 of SCA's 2023 Annual Report work to assess its exposure to top-up tax under Pillar 2. No significant additional taxes have been reported as a result of this evaluation.

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

SEKm	Parent		Group	
	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023
Contingent liabilities				
Guarantees for				
subsidiaries	1,552	1,342	25	-
associates	250	-	5	5
customers and others	-	-	28	28
Other contingent liabilities	2	2	26	24
Total	1,804	1,344	84	57

SCA has a decided investment in wind power projects totaling SEK 1,715m over a two-year period. As of December 31, 2024, SEK 583m (1,427) remained as contracted commitments and SEK 454m in accounts payable. The commitments pertain entirely to non-current assets.

SCA has, through a wholly owned subsidiary, undertaken to repay debt raised by a joint venture. At December 31, 2024, the SCA Group's undertaking amounted to SEK 94m (71).

10. ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

For definitions of alternative performance measures, refer to SCA's 2023 Annual Report, pages 95–97.

Operating cash flow

SEKm	Quarter			Jan-Dec	
	2024:4	2023:4	2024:3	2024	2023
EBITDA	1,649	1,635	2,010	7,143	6,807
Changes in biological assets and other non cash flow items	-443	-840	-469	-1,896	-2,305
Operating cash surplus	1,206	795	1,541	5,247	4,502
Change in working capital	889	-710	-600	-441	-159
Current capital expenditures, net ¹	-479	-538	-381	-1,109	-1,603
Other operating cash flow	-340	398	148	-510	245
Operating cash flow	1,276	-55	708	3,187	2,985
¹ Including following values from new leasing contracts:	-61	-50	-18	-187	-178

Capital structure

SEKm	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023
Total assets	149,263	147,952
Financial assets	-4,023	-2,960
Long term, non-interest bearing liabilities	-24,406	-24,474
Short term, non-interest bearing liabilities	-5,914	-5,468
Total capital employed	114,920	115,050
Net debt, SEKm	10,886	10,766
Net debt/EBITDA (LTM) ¹	1.5x	1.6x
Equity, SEKm	104,035	104,284
Net debt/Equity (%)	10.5	10.3

¹ Last Twelve Months

Return on capital employed

%	Quarter			Full year	
	2024:4	2023:4	2024:3	2024	2023
<i>Return on capital employed</i>	3.8	4.0	5.1	4.4	4.5
<i>Return on capital employed, industrial</i>	4.9	0.9	11.7	7.3	7.3

Working capital

SEKm	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023
Inventories	5,730	5,361
Trade receivable	3,279	2,858
Other current receivables	803	1,218
Trade payable	-3,774	-3,864
Other current liabilities	-1,270	-1,182
Other short term provisions	0	-70
Working capital	4,768	4,321

Net debt

SEKm	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023
Surplus in funded pension plans	2,448	2,219
Non-current financial assets	155	148
Current financial assets	92	91
Cash and cash equivalents	1,328	502
Financial receivables	4,023	2,960
Non-current financial liabilities	11,519	11,498
Provisions for pensions	325	326
Current financial liabilities	3,064	1,902
Financial liabilities	14,908	13,726
Net debt	-10,885	-10,766

11. QUARTERLY DATA BY SEGMENT**NET SALES**

SEKm	Quarter					
	2024:4	2024:3	2024:2	2024:1	2023:4	2023:3
Forest	2,323	2,099	2,239	2,169	1,994	1,878
Wood	1,416	1,524	1,506	1,093	1,264	1,244
Pulp	2,052	2,085	2,147	1,774	1,616	1,636
Containerboard	1,618	1,597	1,584	1,635	1,460	1,385
Renewable energy	5	3	6	18	11	5
Intra-group deliveries	-2,279	-2,060	-2,191	-2,131	-1,961	-1,846
Total net sales	5,135	5,248	5,291	4,558	4,384	4,302

EBITDA

SEKm	Quarter					
	2024:4	2024:3	2024:2	2024:1	2023:4	2023:3
Forest	901	777	883	970	1,189	724
Wood	234	288	294	111	65	161
Pulp	286	562	509	323	67	173
Containerboard	242	318	231	141	292	253
Renewable energy	90	99	85	177	172	155
Other	-104	-34	-114	-126	-150	-49
Total EBITDA	1,649	2,010	1,888	1,596	1,635	1,417

EBITDA MARGIN

%	Quarter					
	2024:4	2024:3	2024:2	2024:1	2023:4	2023:3
Forest	38.8	37.0	39.4	44.7	59.6	38.5
Wood	16.6	18.9	19.6	10.2	5.2	13.0
Pulp	13.9	27.0	23.7	18.2	4.2	10.5
Containerboard	15.0	19.9	14.6	8.6	20.0	18.3
Renewable energy ¹	16.8	22.9	19.1	27.7	31.2	37.9
EBITDA margin	32.1	38.3	35.7	35.0	37.3	32.9

Operating profit

SEKm	Quarter					
	2024:4	2024:3	2024:2	2024:1	2023:4	2023:3
Forest	837	714	821	910	1,129	666
Wood	161	215	222	44	1	105
Pulp	111	391	341	154	-97	6
Containerboard	46	117	33	-54	92	62
Renewable energy ¹	71	81	67	158	153	133
Other	-113	-42	-123	-135	-159	-59
Total operating profit	1,113	1,476	1,361	1,077	1,119	913

¹ EBITDA as share of Revenue.

Renewable energy's income amounted to

531	435	448	636	552	411
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PARENT COMPANY CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT

SEKm	Jan-Dec	
	2024	2023
Other operating income	408	314
Other operating expenses	-281	-218
Personnel costs	-109	-95
EBITDA	18	1
Depreciation and impairment	-104	-99
Operating profit	-86	-98
Financial items	233	231
Profit after financial items	147	133
Appropriations	1,614	9
Profit before tax	1,761	142
Income tax	-353	-13
Profit for the period	1,408	129

Other operating income was mainly related to remuneration for the granting of felling rights for the Parent Company's forest assets. Other comprehensive income was the same as profit for the period.

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

SEKm	Dec 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023
Tangible non-current assets	9,382	9,217
Non-current financial assets	12,153	12,015
Total non-current assets	21,535	21,232
Current assets	16,080	16,694
Total assets	37,615	37,926
Restricted equity	11,373	11,373
Non-restricted equity	8,516	9,039
Total equity	19,889	20,412
Provisions	1,777	1,734
Non-current liabilities	11,117	11,127
Current liabilities	4,832	4,653
Total equity, provisions and liabilities	37,615	37,926