

**NEWS**

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**AHLSTRÖM CAPITAL HAS SOLD ITS HOLDING IN AR PACKAGING TO CVC CAPITAL PARTNERS**

Ahlström Capital has sold its 65% holding in ÅR Packaging Group AB (“AR Packaging”) to funds advised by CVC Capital Partners (“CVC”). The transaction has now been completed. The previous owners Ahlström Capital and Accent Equity sold 100% of the company to CVC.

AR Packaging was founded in 2011 through the merger of A&R Carton and Flextrus, and is now one of Europe’s leading packaging companies with sales of approximately €560 million (pro forma 2015) and 2,200 employees across 17 factories in 9 countries.

Hans Sohlström, CEO of Ahlström Capital:

“Ahlström Capital has been the main shareholder in AR Packaging and its predecessor A&R Carton since 2001. During these years Ahlström Capital has through active ownership worked together with the management to build AR Packaging into a leading speciality packaging company. This transaction increases Ahlström Capitals possibilities to develop our investment portfolio with new interesting investments/further.”

See press release 30 May 2016.