

## Press release

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### Holmen mills rated world's most sustainable

**Holmen's Iggesund and Workington paperboard mills have received the highest rating for sustainability in a 2018 assessment by CSR analysis company EcoVadis. This means both paperboard mills are among the top one per cent of all companies evaluated by EcoVadis.**

EcoVadis is the leading system for evaluating and rating global corporations' suppliers, and has conducted over 45 000 assessments in 150 countries. Companies using EcoVadis' services include Coca Cola, Johnson & Johnson, Nestlé, L'Oréal and Heineken.

"We've been working hard for some time on integrating sustainability issues into all aspects of our business instead of viewing them as separate issues. This is one of many testaments that Holmen and our paperboard mills have a very strong sustainability profile," said Elin Swedlund, sustainability manager at the Holmen Group.

Both Iggesund Mill and its sister facility in Workington were assigned Gold Standard, the highest rating. This means both paperboard mills are among the top one per cent of all companies assessed by EcoVadis, and among the top two per cent of paper industry companies assessed.

Over the past 10 years the Holmen Group has been included in indices of the world's 100 most sustainable companies drawn up by both the UN Global Compact and the Corporate Knights. Holmen has also been named on several occasions by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) as a leader in efforts to tackle climate change.

"Documenting our sustainability work has been important to us for some time, as has raising awareness of the environmental benefits of our products. Our sustainability work is vital for us, together with our customers, to create climate-smart products that benefit society," said Johan Granås, sustainability communications manager at Iggesund Paperboard.

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**Holmen's** business concept is to own and add value to the forest. The forest holdings form the basis of the business – an ecocycle in which the raw material grows and is refined into everything from wood for climate-smart building to renewable packaging, magazines and books. The forest is managed to provide a good annual return and stable value growth while our production operations are run with a focus on profitability and greater value added. In 2017 Holmen's net sales were just over SEK 16 billion and the group has approx. 3 000 employees. Holmen's shares are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm, Large Cap. For more information, visit [holmen.com](http://holmen.com).