



WOOD SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE SUCCESS



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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN FINLAND

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HIGH RISING PROSPECTS

Wood construction is a fast-growing industry in the Nordic countries and industrial wood building is gaining momentum in Finland. Finland is Europe's most heavily forested country with 86% of its land area under forest. The growth potential for sustainable harvesting is currently 60%, which means substantial opportunities for production.

In Finland, wood solutions enjoy a strong position in the construction sector, and the use of wood as a building material is widely embraced. We have well-managed, certified forests that produce high-quality wood at competitive prices. There are currently about 170 industrial sawmills in Finland that operate year-round and export their products globally.

A strong wood building ecosystem makes Finland an excellent location for the wood building industry and element manufacturing. We see fine opportunities for companies that have top-level knowledge in wood frame

construction and special structures and who can provide efficient industrial manufacturing capacity for their solutions. There is strong potential to develop new building systems, either independently or jointly with a local company base that offers domestic networks and knowledge. Companies can benefit from the highly skilled workforce and prospects for development and investment funding.

ECOSYSTEM OF GROWTH

The largest industrial log house manufacturers in the world are Finnish companies. We have the tradition, knowledge and industries in place for optimizing wood usage. New players, both domestic and international, have entered the market, reflecting and capitalizing on the new growth opportunities. One example is Austrian company **Binderholz Group** which acquired Vapo Timber's sawmills in Nurmes and Lieksa.



CLT production has increased in Finland recently. **CrossLam Kuhmo Ltd** was the first company starting CLT production in Finland. **CLT Finland Ltd** started production in 2017 and **City Plant Ltd** is starting in 2018.

Metsä Wood has increased LVL production in Finland. Finnish company **Sisco** manufactures massive wood modules from Metsä Wood's LVL panels in modern factory near Helsinki. Also **Stora Enso** produces LVL in Varkaus plant. There is also increasing number of element manufacturing around CLT, LVL and other industrial wood elements in Finland.

FINNISH WOOD INDUSTRY FACTS

7 B€ TOTAL PRODUCTION VALUE OF THE WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY	2,5 B€ VALUE OF WOOD PRODUCTS EXPORTS	80 Mm³ SUSTAINABLE HARVESTING POTENTIAL	90% OF FINNISH FORESTS ARE PEFC CERTIFIED	170 INDUSTRIAL SAWMILLS	250 WOODEN HOUSE AND LOG HOUSE MANUFACTURERS
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