

## EUWID Price Watch Italy

February 2025

Prices in € per tonne free delivered unless otherwise stated	February 2025	January 2025	February 2024
<b>Fine paper</b>			
Woodfree uncoated			
Copy paper 80 g A4 B grade	970 - 1,050	970 - 1,050	1,010 - 1,080
Copy paper 80 g A4 C grade	870 - 970	870 - 970	920 - 1,000
Offset sheets 80 g	960 - 1,050	960 - 1,050	1,000 - 1,080
Offset reels 80 g	870 - 970	870 - 970	920 - 1,000
Woodfree coated			
Sheets, double coated, 100 g	980 - 1,100	980 - 1,100	1,010 - 1,100
Reels, double coated, 100 g	890 - 990	890 - 990	930 - 1,000
<b>Publication paper</b>			
Standard newsprint 45 g	595 - 620	595 - 620	580 - 610
Standard newsprint 42 g	605 - 630	605 - 630	590 - 620
Improved newsprint ISO 68, 52 g	620 - 640	620 - 640	610 - 640
LWC offset 60 g	740 - 780	740 - 780	750 - 810
LWC rotogravure 60 g	770 - 800	770 - 800	790 - 840
SC offset 56 g (A)	640 - 670	640 - 670	650 - 700
SC rotogravure 56 g (A),	650 - 670	650 - 670	660 - 710
SC offset 52 g (A)	650 - 680	650 - 680	660 - 710
SC rotogravure 52 g (A)	660 - 680	660 - 680	670 - 720
<b>Corrugated case material</b>			
Primary fibre corrugated case material			
Unbleached kraftliner 175 g+, European quality	630 - 650	630 - 650	560 - 580
White-top kraftliner 140 g, European quality	790 - 830	790 - 830	740 - 780
Recycled corrugated case material			
Recycled fluting, European quality	350 - 405	350 - 375	320 - 340
Testliner II, European quality	390 - 440	390 - 410	350 - 370
Testliner III, European quality	360 - 415	360 - 385	330 - 350
White-top testliner, grade C, 140 g, European quality	510 - 550	510 - 530	500 - 520
Medium, Italian quality	300 - 345	300 - 315	270 - 280
Testliner IV, Italian quality	310 - 355	310 - 325	280 - 290
<b>Cartonboard</b>			
GD II	600 - 670	600 - 670	600 - 690
GD III	560 - 600	560 - 600	560 - 610
GC II	1,000 - 1,150	1,000 - 1,150	1,000 - 1,120

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determined than usual to push through higher prices in talks about deliveries in March. Kraftliner prices had not been under as much downward pressure of late and were therefore still decent, market insiders said. Those manufacturers probably want to maintain current prices so that they can drum up the orders they need to keep going until the anticipated second-quarter recovery in demand, one insider pointed out.

#### GD manufacturers reignite price hike talks

Market players continue to describe Italy's GD board market as stable at a low level. Producers were generally a little busier in February than they had been in January, but many a board mill was still operating at modest and thus unsatisfactory capacity utilisation.

GD board prices declined a little in the fourth quarter of 2024 but have not eroded any further so far in 2025. At least not when it comes to list prices. Now and again, converters are reporting that they still have the opportunity to source cheap cartonboard from all active suppliers. At the end of the day, though, most prices stayed the same between January and February.

Even though prices are stable, current pricing appears to be creating challenges for white-lined chipboard producers. Rising gas and recovered paper prices mean that they have to cope with much higher production costs. In light of this situation, a few producers are trying to spark discussion about potential hikes for deliveries in March or April. Insiders reported that one smaller supplier active in Italy had already raised its prices for

March deliveries by up to €40/t. Another producer has reportedly eyed an undisclosed mark-up for deliveries from 1 April onwards.

The majority of suppliers have yet to adopt a stance on prices. A few manufacturers point to their notices about deliveries from January/the start of 2025 and said that they want to leverage the latest announcements to reactivate their own discussions with customers. One supplier noted that it was definitely too late for some contracts because they set prices in stone until the end of March. He added that there would certainly be a push to revisit prices for monthly contracts.

However, several EUWID sources on both sides of the market do not see any opportunity for a significant and universal hike in GD board prices in the

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