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Overview of Meritage Homes

- 7th largest homebuilder by 2014 U.S. closings
 - 9 states, 21 markets, 240 communities
 - Headquartered in Scottsdale, AZ
 - NYSE: MTH since 1996 (\$1.7B market cap)
- Leader in energy-efficient homebuilding
- Move-up buyers primarily (<25% first time & active adult)
- Best-in-class strategic market research
- Strong balance sheet and credit ratings

Key Stats - TTM through or as of June 30, 2015:

- 6,276 homes closed
- \$2.34B home closing revenue
- \$373,000 ASP
- \$2.03B real estate assets
- 29,087 total lots owned or controlled





















Meritage is a growth story – tremendous expansion over the last 5 years

Home Orders



Active Communities





Projecting continued growth in orders and home closing revenue in 2015, ending with 255-260 communities





Moved up from 13th largest homebuilder in the U.S. in 2005 to 7th largest in 2014



Source: SNL financial



Increased our market share throughout the cycle

Setting the Standard for Energy-Efficient Homes



Homes

History of strategic expansion for growth and diversification





Proven record of success with acquisitions and greenfield startups





In 13 of the top 15 markets for homebuilding activity

		SF Permits in	MTH Rank*
Mkt		2014 (Est. Feb-	(SFD
Rank	Market	2015)	closings)
1	Houston, TX	38,321	9
2	Dallas - Fort Worth, TX	22,628	12
3	Atlanta, GA	16,878	8
4	LA - Riverside - OC, CA	15,800	15
5	Phoenix, AZ	11,693	3
6	Austin, TX	11,601	5
7	Tampa - Sarasota, FL	11,431	20
8	Wash. DC (Wash., DC-VA-MD-WV MDiv	9,996	-
9	Orlando. FL	9,962	3
10	Raleigh - Durham. NC	9,844	12
11	Charlotte, NC-SC	8,885	11
12	Denver - Boulder. CO	8,439	5
13	Nashville, TN	8,316	6
14	Salt Lake - Provo - Ogden, UT	7,480	-
15	San Jose-Oakland-San Franc, CA	6,841	8
16	Las Vegas, NV	6,752	-
17	Minneapolis, MN-WI	6,632	-
18	Jacksonville, FL	6,306	-
19	Seattle, WA (MDiv)	6,253	-
20	FT Myers - Naples, FL	6,200	-
21	Central Valley, CA	6,190	**
22	San Antonio, TX	6,156	5







*MTH division ranking in closest statistical market

** Central Valley and San Jose-Oakland-San Franc, CA combined rank 8th



Top-10 positions in many markets





New markets in the South and Florida are contributing significantly to growth

(\$ in millions)







Second Quarter & YTD Summary Results

(\$000s,	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended		
except per share amounts)	June 30,			June 30		
	2015	2014	%Chg	2015	2014	%Chg
Homes closed (units)	1,556	1,368	14%	2,891	2,477	17%
ASP – closings	\$380	\$368	3%	\$383	\$367	5%
Home closing revenue	\$591,027	\$502,800	18%	\$1,108,300	\$908,579	22%
Sales orders (units)	1,986	1,647	21%	3,965	3,172	25%
ASP – orders	\$391	\$375	4%	\$393	\$370	6%
Sales order value	\$775,815	\$618,435	25%	\$1,558,627	\$1,173,475	33%
Ending backlog (units)				3,188	2,548	25%
ASP – backlog				\$407	\$373	9%
Ending backlog value				\$1,296,779	\$951,568	36%
Home closing gross profit	\$114,237	\$109,961	4%	\$210,390	\$202,560	4%
Home closing gross margin	19.3%	21.9%	(260) bps	18.9%	22.3%	(340) bps
Net earnings	\$29,133	\$35,079	(17)%	\$45,533	\$60,456	(25)%
Diluted EPS	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.85	(18)%	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.48	(26)%

Strong growth in closings, revenue, orders and backlog, offset by reduced gross margins









Summary of recent results & guidance

- Strong Y/Y growth in 2Q15:
 - Home closings & revenue
 - Orders & order value
 - Backlog units & value
 - Actively selling communities
- Gross margin expansion over previous quarter
- Improving overhead leverage on normalized basis

Guidance for 2015 issued 7/29/15 and 9/9/15:

- Home closing revenue \$2.65-2.75 billion
- 250-260 communities by year-end
- Home closing gross margin slightly under 20% target, impacted by rising construction labor costs
- Diluted EPS ~\$0.70-0.85 in 3Q15; ~\$3.30-3.75 for FY15









Increasing Shareholder Value Strong growth in Shareholders' Equity (\$ millions; year-end)



* As of 6/30/15









Prudent Capital Structure Year-end Net Debt / Net Capitalization within our target range



* As of 6/30/15







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Strong Balance Sheet & credit ratings

(\$ millions)	6/30/2015	12/31/2014
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$217	\$103
\$500mm Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility	-	-
Notes payable & other borrowings	\$1,139	\$935
Real Estate	\$2,027	\$1,878
Book Value of Equity	\$1,168	\$1,109
Net Debt to Net Capital	44.1%	42.9%



* \$126.5 convertible 1.875% due 2032 with optional puts in 2017, 2022 & 2027;

Issued \$200M of 6% senior unsecured notes June 2015; extended maturity of Revolving Credit Facility to 2019



Drivers of future growth

Still early in this homebuilding cycle -well under normal levels

Strong macro economic factors for housing & homebuilding

Meritage is well-positioned with our current footprint:

- Legacy markets are healthy and/or improving

- Newer markets in the South and FL have significant growth potential

- Additional opportunities: Entry-level Plus and urban infill









Still early in this housing cycle



Source: John Burns Real Estate Consulting, LLC (Pub: Jun-15)

Plenty of room to grow before industry analysts expect the cycle to peak





Macro economic drivers for homebuilding

Driver		Trend
Jobs / employment	÷	Payrolls up / unemployment down
Household formations	÷	Improving in 2015
Consumer confidence	÷	Optimistic
Housing market activity	÷	New & existing home sales up YTD
Inventory homes for sale	÷	Low – both new & existing supplies
Home prices	÷	High demand & low supply driving increases
Interest rates	÷	Low – still hovering around 4%
Affordability	÷	High, despite price increases
Mortgage availability	÷	Improving slowly
Government interventior		Mostly positive

It's a good time to be in the homebuilding business!





Strategy behind Entry-level Plus positioning

Land prices have outpaced home prices and construction cost inflation



- Maintain or improve affordability by:
 - Exploring higher-density product types, close to employment centers
 - Reducing construction costs through value engineered product
 - Locating emerging markets with lower lot prices







Summary









- Meritage is a national homebuilder with broad geographic presence in many of the best markets
- The leader in energy efficient home building
- Strong balance sheet and prudent capital structure
- Track record of successful expansion

Well-positioned for additional growth:

- Continued recovery of the housing market
- Solid positions in existing markets
- Ramping up new markets in the South and FL to improve sales pace & margins
- Pent-up demand for Entry-Plus product