



# Antero Midstream Simplification Transaction

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**While evaluating potential alternatives to increase shareholder value, there were a number of key objectives:**

**1**

## **Achieve a “win-win-win” Transaction Across the Antero Family**

- Improve the financial profile and deliver value to all three Antero equities including AR, AM and AMGP
- Maintain target distributions to AM unitholders with strong coverage

**2**

## **Further Align the Interest of All Antero Equity Holders and Management**

- Remove the perceived alignment of interest questions related to management/ PE sponsor ownership of GP/IDRs relative to AR shareholders

**3**

## **Simplify the Structure and Unlock Shareholder Value**

- Simplify the structure for current and future investors
- Eliminate the eventual IDR drag on AM cash flow growth and cost of capital

**4**

## **Maintain Antero’s Integrated Strategy & Long-Term Outlook**

- Maintain senior management’s long-term vision to build the most integrated NGL and natural gas business in the U.S.

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## **Return of Capital to AR Shareholders**

- Enable AR to capitalize on opportunity to repurchase shares at a discount to both intrinsic value and relative value of comparable elite operators



## Completed the Special Committee process

### 1 AMGP to acquire AM in a midstream simplification transaction

- AM public unitholders receive all-in consideration valued at \$31.41/unit
- Eliminates IDRs, lowering AM cost of capital
- Tax basis step-up eliminates ~\$375 MM of expected AMGP taxes through 2022
- Resulting entity is a C-corp for tax AND governance purposes
- Larger public float and expected to benefit from broader institutional ownership and enhanced trading liquidity
- Double digit average annual accretion to both AM unitholders and AMGP shareholders in the previously communicated forecast period of 2019 through 2022 on a distributable cash flow basis
- Creates “best in class” large cap midstream entity with the highest expected distribution growth (“New AM”)

### 2 Reaffirmed long-term distribution growth targets

- AM public unitholders more than “made-whole” on previously communicated distribution targets with higher DCF coverage in the 1.2x – 1.3x range through 2022
- \$2.7 billion organic project backlog from 2018 through 2022 without the need for equity financing

# Best in Class Midstream Vehicle



Simplification “checks all the boxes” for midstream investors

Attribute	Antero Midstream Corporation
✓ 1099 Tax Form	C-corp for tax and governance purposes with 1099 tax form
✓ No IDRs	One publicly traded midstream security with no IDRs
✓ Self-funding Model	No expected equity needs to fund \$2.7 billion organic project backlog
✓ Reasonable Leverage	Leverage near 3.0x expected to decline into the low 2-times
✓ Visible Growth	Organically driven distribution CAGR of 27% from 2018 - 2021
✓ Capital Efficiency	Just-in-time non-speculative capital investment with 15 to 20% ROIC
✓ Strong DCF Coverage	1.2x – 1.3x DCF coverage with long-term visibility
✓ Sufficient Liquidity	~\$4.0 billion public float, or 44% of the shares outstanding
✓ Elected Board	C-corp board governed with a majority of independent directors
✓ Tax Shield	Substantially shielded from anticipated taxes through at least 2024

# Simplification Transaction Overview



## Antero Midstream GP LP (“AMGP”) to acquire Antero Midstream Partners LP (“AM”) creating a premier Appalachian infrastructure organic growth corporation

### “Antero Midstream Corporation” (NYSE: AM) or “New AM”

#### Key Deal Terms

- AMGP to acquire 100% of outstanding common units of AM, including common units owned by AR
- Elimination of incentive distribution rights (“IDRs”) and Series B profits interest
- All-in consideration to AM public unitholders valued at \$31.41/unit consisting of 1.635 AMGP shares and \$3.415/unit in cash based on 10/8/18 AMGP share price (1.832x equivalent exchange ratio) <sup>(1)</sup>
- All-in consideration to AR owned AM units valued at \$30.43/unit consisting of 1.6023 AMGP shares and \$3.00/unit in cash (1.776x equivalent exchange ratio assuming all equity consideration)<sup>(2)</sup>
- Total aggregate cash consideration of \$598 MM
- AM public unitholder consideration represents a 7% premium to the October 8, 2018 close and 19% premium to the unaffected AM unit price prior to the formation of the Special Committees on 2/23/2018

#### Structure

- Pro forma entity will convert to a C-corp for tax and governance purposes and will be renamed Antero Midstream Corporation (“New AM”)
- New AM will trade on the NYSE and will retain the “AM” ticker symbol
- Streamlined governance and Board of Directors composition with majority of independent directors

#### Taxes

- Taxable to all AM common unitholders and New AM receives the benefit of a tax basis “step-up”
- Not expected to pay any material federal or state income taxes through at least 2024
- PV-10 savings of approximately \$800 million to New AM from tax basis step-up

#### Dividends & DCF Coverage

- New AM dividend targets increase AM unitholders distribution targets through the previously communicated period from 2019 through 2022<sup>(2)</sup> while maintaining DCF coverage of 1.2x – 1.3x<sup>(3)</sup>

#### Financing

- Transaction to be financed through borrowings on New AM’s revolving credit facility
- AM expects to exercise its accordion feature, increasing borrowing capacity to \$2.0 Billion
- Maintains trajectory towards investment grade credit profile

#### Voting & Close

- Subject to majority of minority vote at AMGP and AM and expected to close in the first quarter of 2019

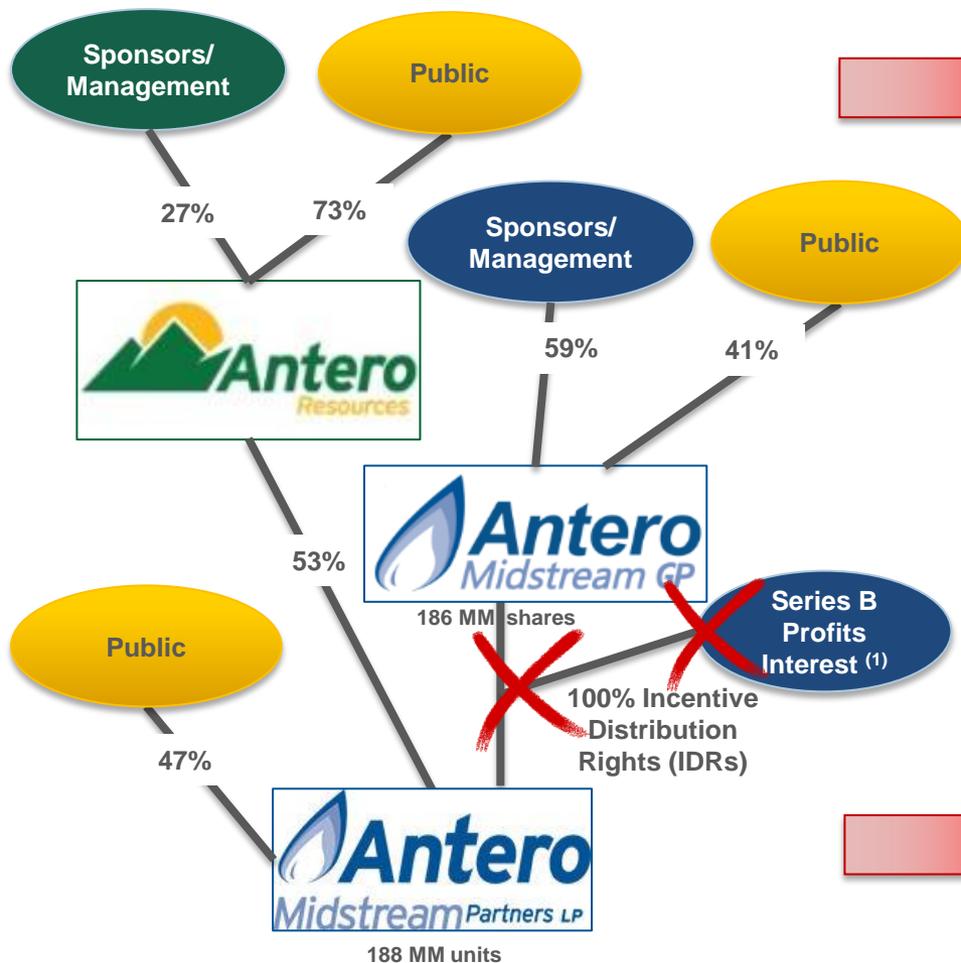
(1) Represents exchange ratio assuming 100% equity election (based on 1.635 equity exchange, plus \$3.415 cash converted at 20-day AMGP VWAP).

(2) Assuming AM unitholders elect 100% equity consideration (based on 1.6023 equity exchange, plus \$3.00 cash converted at 20-day AMGP VWAP) . 3) Dividends are subject to Board approval.

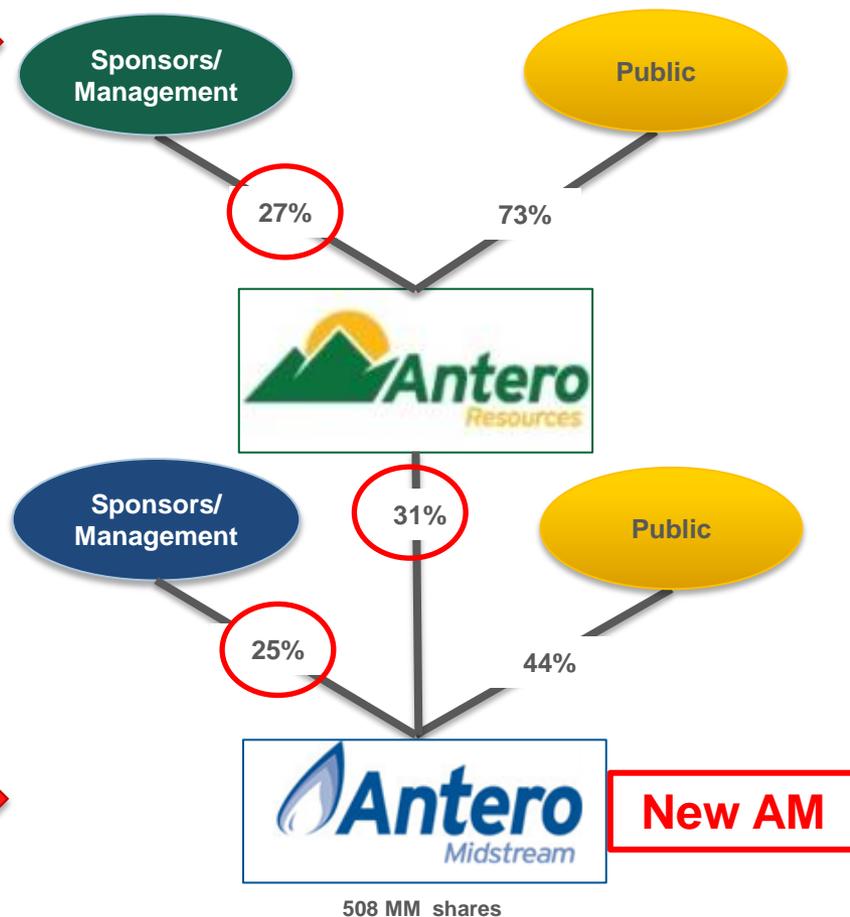
# Antero Family Simplified Pro Forma Structure

Midstream simplification transaction results in one publicly traded midstream infrastructure corporation with no IDRs and AR as its largest shareholder

## Status Quo Structure



## Simplified Pro Forma Structure



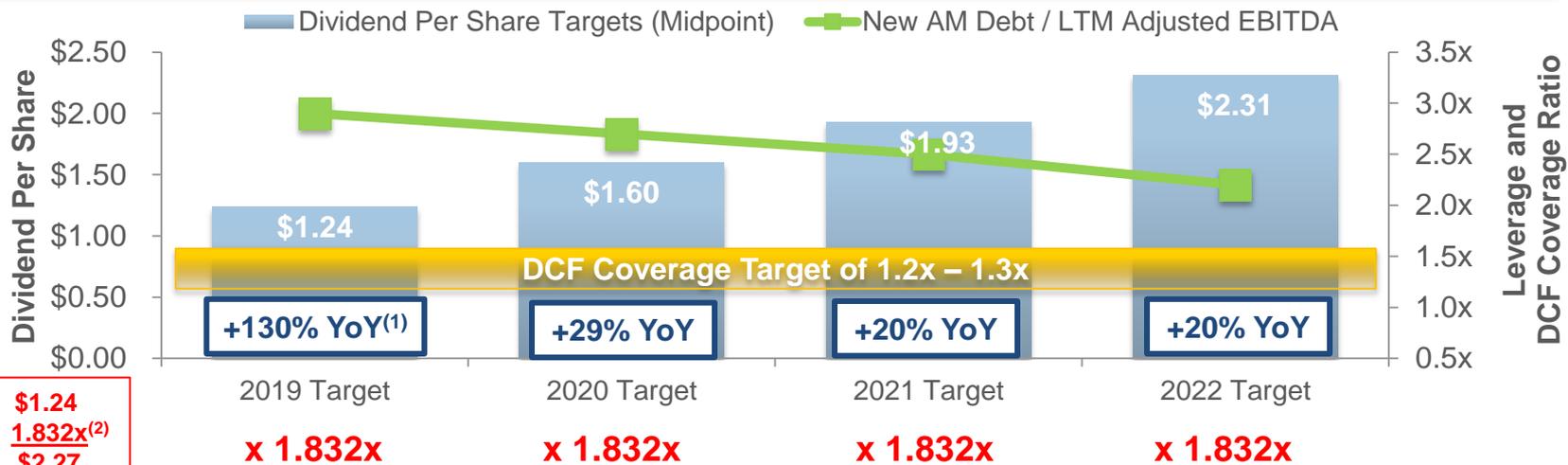
1) Series B profits interest held by Antero management.

# New AM – Increased Cash Dividend Targets

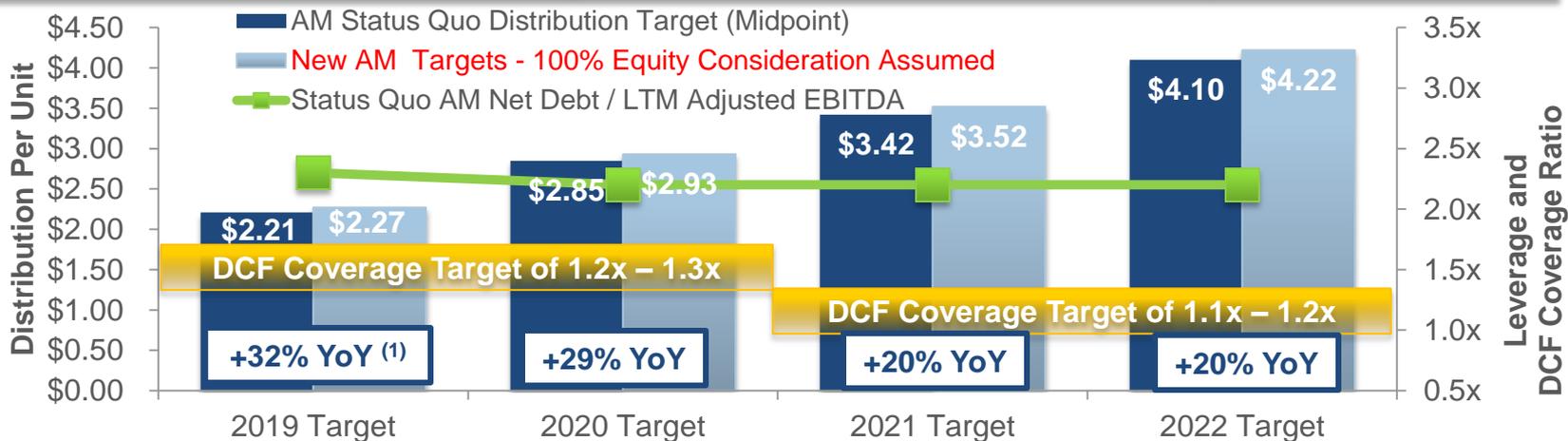


New AM will increase its initial 2019 dividend and target the same year-over-year growth rates as legacy AM distributions with stronger DCF coverage (as a result of tax savings through 2022 and beyond)

## New AM Long-term Dividend, Leverage, and DCF Coverage Targets



## Status Quo AM Targets – AM Public Unitholder Perspective



Note: Note: For additional information regarding Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Definitions please see appendix.

(1) 2019 distribution growth target relative to midpoint of 2018 guidance of \$0.54/share and \$1.72/unit for AMGP and AM, respectively.

(2) Represents all-in consideration assuming 100% equity to AM public unitholders (1.635 AMGP shares plus (\$3.415 / AMGP 20-day VWAP)).

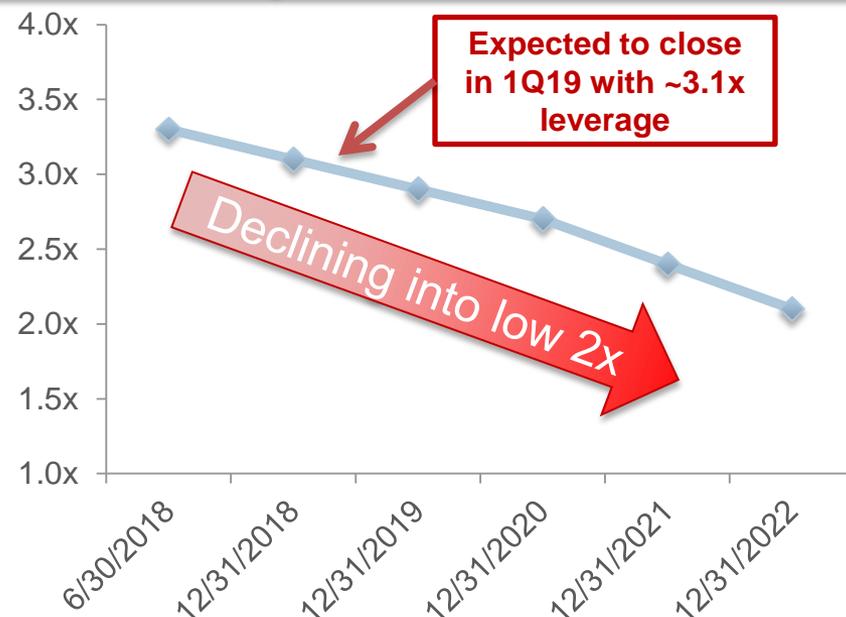


## Transaction Sources and Uses

Sources	\$MM	Uses	\$MM
AMGP Common Equity Issuance <sup>(1)</sup>	\$5,510	Acquisition of AM (Equity)	\$5,510
Revolving Credit Facility	619	Acquisition of AM (Cash)	598
		Estimated Transaction Fees	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,129</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,129</b>

## Pro Forma Capitalization & LTM Debt / Adjusted EBITDA

	Projected 6/30/2018	Transaction / Financing Adjustments	Pro Forma 6/30/2018
Cash	\$20		\$20
<b>Debt</b>			
5.375% Senior Notes	\$650	\$0	\$650
Revolver Borrowings	770	619	1,389
<b>Total Net Debt</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>		<b>\$2,019</b>
LTM Adjusted EBITDA	\$607		\$607
<b>Net Debt / Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>2.3x</b>		<b>3.3x</b>
Credit Facility Capacity	\$1,500	\$500	\$2,000
Liquidity	\$730	(119)	\$611



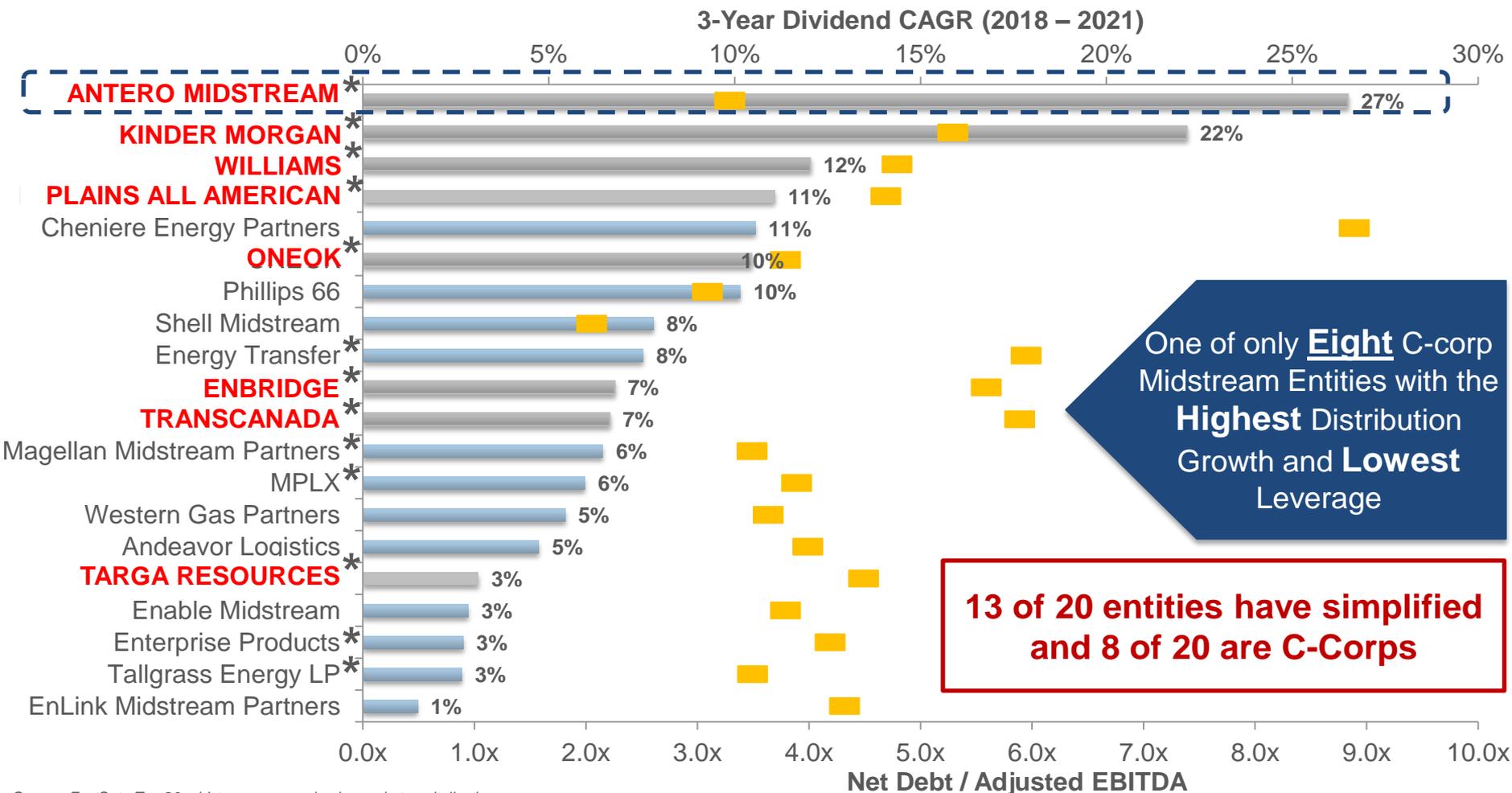
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1) Based on issuance of 322 million shares in transaction and AMGP price of \$17.12/share.

# Highest Dividend Growth Among Top 20 Midstream



New AM will be a unique midstream vehicle with scale, low leverage and high distribution growth all in a C-corp structure



One of only **Eight** C-corp Midstream Entities with the **Highest** Distribution Growth and **Lowest** Leverage

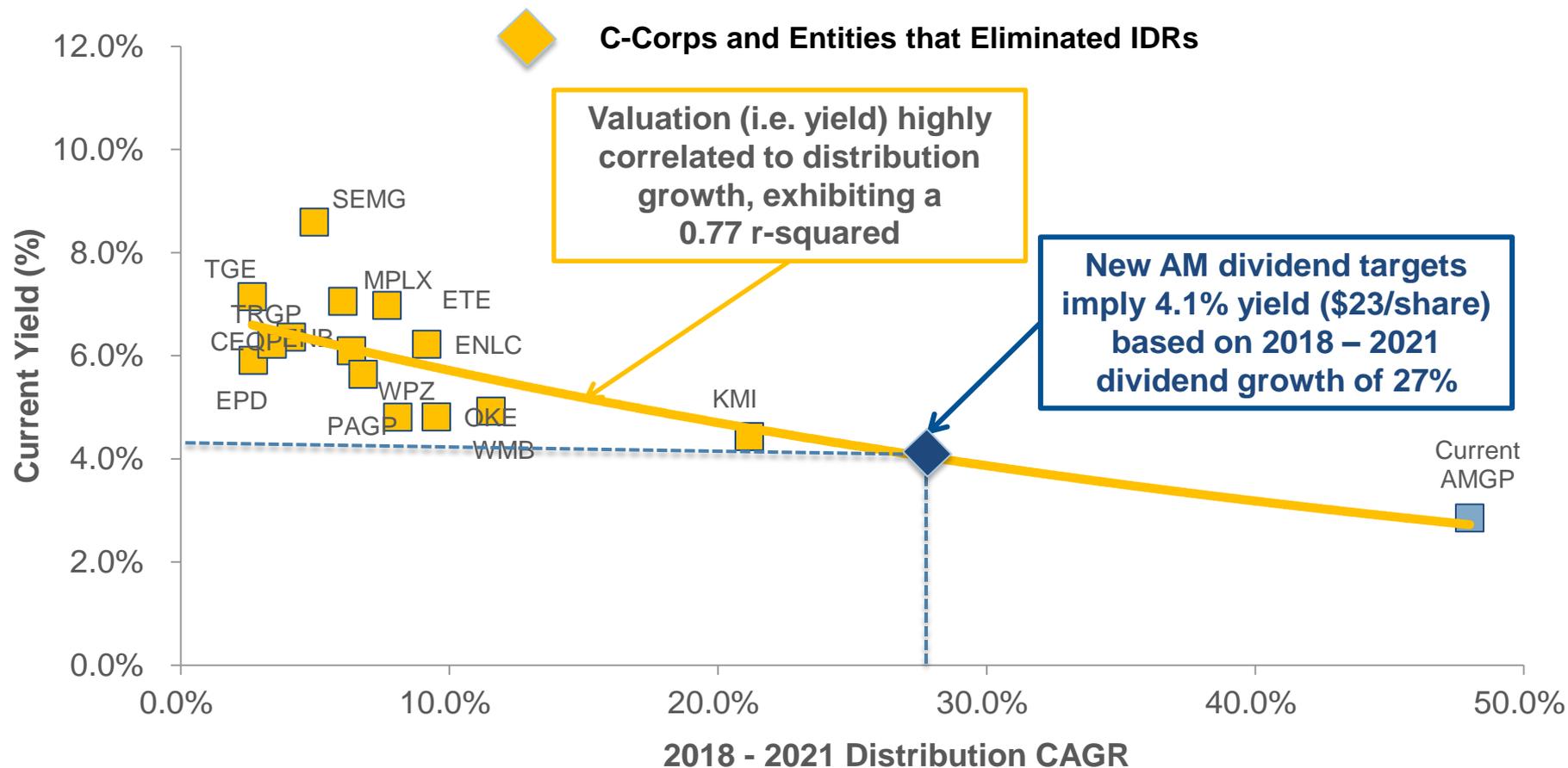
13 of 20 entities have simplified and 8 of 20 are C-Corps

Source: FactSet. Top 20 midstream companies by market capitalization. Pro forma for announced combination or simplification transactions including Cheniere, Enbridge, Energy Transfer and AMGP/AM.



## Antero Midstream Corporation's dividend growth profile supports a premium valuation based on comparable C-corps and entities that eliminated IDRs

### Yield vs. Dividend/Distribution Growth (2018 – 2021)



Source: FactSet. Prices as of 10/08/2018.



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## **Simplifies midstream structure and aligns all Antero equity holders**

- C-Corp structure without IDRs is the increasingly preferred structure by investors
- Broadens potential investor base and creates opportunity for inclusion in major equity indices

2

## **Tax efficient and eliminates ~\$375 MM of expected taxes through 2022**

- Taxable to AM unitholders; however, pro forma entity benefits from tax shield provided by basis step-up resulting in increased pro forma dividends and accretion

3

## **Mutually beneficial and immediately accretive to both AMGP and AM DCF/Unit**

- AM public unitholders receive up front premium and increased distributions on same growth profile
- Highest distribution growth among infrastructure C-Corps with DCF coverage of 1.2x – 1.3x

4

## **Improves cost of capital to pursue additional growth opportunities**

- Elimination of IDRs lowers cost of capital and structure enhances trajectory towards investment grade ratings

5

## **Enhances governance and shareholder rights**

- Elected Board with C-corp governance and majority of independent directors

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## **Cash consideration and free cash flow expected to fully fund AR's announced buy-back & deleveraging program**

- AR monetization of New AM shares not necessary to achieve AR buy-back and 5-year targets
- AR will own ~31% of New AM with C-corp governance



# Appendix

# Long-term Outlook – Status Quo vs. Pro Forma



Entity	Targets / Policies	Status Quo	Pro Forma	Change
AM	Distribution Growth Targets	29% Through 2020 20% in 2021 & 2022	29% Through 2020 20% in 2021 & 2022	No Change
	DCF Coverage Ratio	1.2x–1.3x through 2020 and 1.1x-1.2x from 2021 - 2022	1.2x – 1.3x through 2022	+0.00x - +0.10x
	Leverage Policy	Low 2x range with ability temporarily flex to 3x	Initial flex to ~3x then low 2x by 2022	No Change
	5-Year Organic Project Backlog (2018-2022)	\$2.7 Billion	\$2.7 Billion	No Change
AMGP	Distribution Growth Targets	64% in 2019 53% in 2020 29% in 2021 27% in 2022	Immediate accretion 130% in 2019 29% in 2020 20% in 2021 & 2022	N/A
	DCF Coverage Ratio	1.0x	1.2x – 1.3x through 2022	+0.2x + 0.3x
	Leverage Policy	Unlevered	Initial flex to ~3x then low 2x by 2022	+ 2x – 3x
	5-Year Organic Project Backlog (2018-2022)	No capital investment	\$2.7 Billion	\$2.7 billion



## Prior to Simplification:

- **The Series B profits interests were created in December 2016 through an agreement between Antero's co-founders and private equity sponsors, who jointly owned 100% of IDR LLC prior to the AMGP IPO**
  - Series B units are entitled to receive up to 6% of the IDR distributions from AM in excess of \$7.5 million on a quarterly basis
  - After vesting Series B holders have the option to exchange into AMGP common shares at any time up until December 31, 2026 based on 6% of AMGP's equity market capitalization at the time of the exchange less \$2 billion (mandatory exchange on 12/31/26)
  - AMGP does not have the right to force exchange until 12/31/26
  - Units vest ratably over a three year period beginning on December 31, 2016

## After Simplification:

- **In order to facilitate the simplification transaction Series B Holders have agreed to an early termination of the Series B profits interest at closing**
  - Under existing terms of Series B units, would be exchangeable at holder's option following closing and until 12/31/26 up to 6.0% of the pro forma market cap of New AM in excess of \$2.0 billion
  - Instead, agreed to exchange into a fixed 17.354 MM shares of New AM at closing of simplification, which represents approximately 4.4% of the pro forma market cap of New AM in excess of \$2.0 billion
  - Gave up 8 years of option value on future AM and AMGP equity issuances and market capitalization increases
  - Vesting Schedule remains in place and Series B unitholders will not receive New AM dividends on the unvested shares in 2019



## Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Definitions

Antero Midstream views Adjusted EBITDA as an important indicator of the Partnership's performance. Antero Midstream defines Adjusted EBITDA as Net Income before interest expense, depreciation expense, impairment expense, accretion of contingent acquisition consideration, equity-based compensation expense, excluding equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates and including cash distributions from unconsolidated affiliates.

Antero Midstream uses Adjusted EBITDA to assess:

- the financial performance of the Partnership's assets, without regard to financing methods in the case of Adjusted EBITDA, capital structure or historical cost basis;
- its operating performance and return on capital as compared to other publicly traded partnerships in the midstream energy sector, without regard to financing or capital structure; and
- the viability of acquisitions and other capital expenditure projects.

The Partnership defines Distributable Cash Flow as Adjusted EBITDA less interest paid, income tax withholding payments and cash reserved for payments of income tax withholding upon vesting of equity-based compensation awards, cash reserved for bond interest and ongoing maintenance capital expenditures paid. Antero Midstream uses Distributable Cash Flow as a performance metric to compare the cash generating performance of the Partnership from period to period and to compare the cash generating performance for specific periods to the cash distributions (if any) that are expected to be paid to unitholders. Distributable Cash Flow does not reflect changes in working capital balances.

The Partnership defines Return on Invested Capital as net income plus interest expense divided by average total liabilities and partners' capital, excluding current liabilities. Management believes that Return on Invested Capital is a useful indicator of the Partnership's return on its infrastructure investments.

The Partnership defines consolidated net debt as consolidated total debt less cash and cash equivalents. Antero Midstream views consolidated net debt as an important indicator in evaluating the Partnership's financial leverage.

The Partnership defines leverage as net debt divided by Adjusted EBITDA.

# Adjusted EBITDA and DCF Reconciliation



## Adjusted EBITDA and DCF Reconciliation (\$ in thousands)

	Three months ended	
	June 30,	
	2017	2018
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 87,175</b>	<b>\$ 109,466</b>
Interest expense	9,015	14,628
Impairment of property and equipment expense	—	4,614
Depreciation expense	30,512	36,433
Accretion of contingent acquisition consideration	3,590	3,947
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	—	34
Equity-based compensation	6,951	5,867
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(3,623)	(9,264)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates	5,820	10,810
Gain on sale of assets- Antero Resources	—	(583)
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>139,440</b>	<b>175,952</b>
Interest paid	(2,308)	372
Decrease in cash reserved for bond interest <sup>(1)</sup>	(8,734)	(8,734)
Income tax withholding upon vesting of Antero Midstream Partners LP equity-based compensation awards <sup>(2)</sup>	(2,431)	(1,500)
Maintenance capital expenditures <sup>(3)</sup>	(16,422)	(16,000)
<b>Distributable Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ 109,545</b>	<b>\$ 150,090</b>
<b>Distributions Declared to Antero Midstream Holders</b>		
Limited Partners	59,695	72,943
Incentive distribution rights	15,328	28,461
<b>Total Aggregate Distributions</b>	<b>\$ 75,023</b>	<b>\$ 101,404</b>
<b>DCF coverage ratio</b>	<b>1.5x</b>	<b>1.3x</b>

1) Cash reserved for bond interest expense on Antero Midstream's 5.375% senior notes outstanding during the period that is paid on a semi-annual basis on March 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

2) Estimate of current period portion of expected cash payment for income tax withholding attributable to vesting of Midstream LTIP equity-based compensation awards to be paid in the fourth quarter.

3) Maintenance capital expenditures represent the portion of our estimated capital expenditures associated with (i) the connection of new wells to our gathering and processing systems that we believe will be necessary to offset the natural production declines Antero Resources will experience on all of its wells over time, and (ii) water delivery to new wells necessary to maintain the average throughput volume on our systems.



The following table reconciles consolidated total debt to consolidated net debt (“Net Debt”) as used in this presentation (in thousands):

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	
Bank credit facility	\$	770,000
5.375% AM senior notes due 2024		650,000
<b>Consolidated total debt</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,420,000</b>
Cash and cash equivalents		(19,525)
<b>Consolidated net debt</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,400,475</b>

The following table reconciles net income to Adjusted EBITDA for the twelve months ended June 30, 2018 as used in this presentation (in thousands):

	<u>Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2018</u>	
Net income	\$	362,620
Interest expense		45,631
Impairment of property and equipment expense		28,045
Depreciation expense		130,379
Accretion of contingent acquisition consideration		14,180
Accretion of asset retirement obligations		68
Equity-based compensation		26,124
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliate		(31,467)
Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates		32,270
Gain on sale of asset – Antero Resources		(583)
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>607,267</b>