

Alto Ingredients, Inc.

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Transforming corn into higher-margin specialty alcohol and essential ingredients used in a wide range of consumer and commercial products

# Producer and distributor of renewable fuel and essential ingredients and the largest producer of specialty alcohols

Targeting
higher-margin
markets with
premium
products

Pursuing carbon capture & storage as part of lowering carbon footprint

Optimizing asset base & executing efficiency initiatives

Advancing traceability & sustainability certifications & programs

Broadening customer base

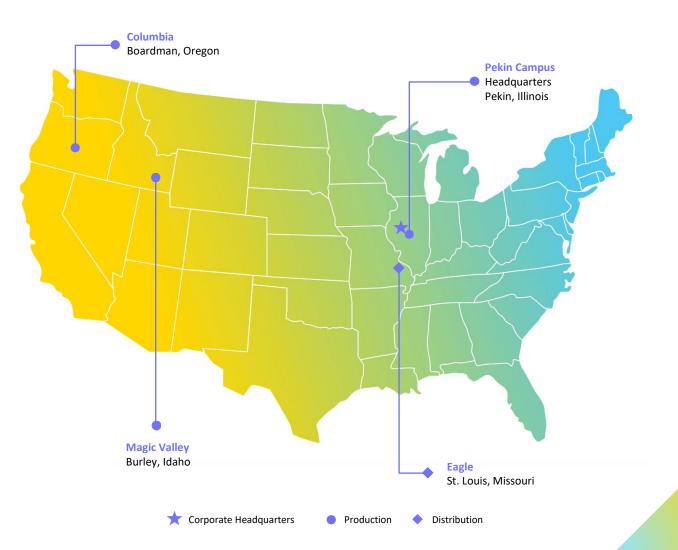
**Expanding Higher-margin Production**and Improving Profitability

# Targeting Higher-margin Markets

#### Making everyday products better:

- Health, Home & Beauty
- Food & Beverage
- Industry & Agriculture
- Essential Ingredients
- Renewable Fuels

**Engaging in decarbonization to support sustainability** 





## **Producing Premium Products**



Health, Home & Beauty

API Grade Ethyl Alcohol USP Grade Ethyl Alcohol



Food & Beverage

**Grain Neutral Spirits** 

Vinegar

Corn Oil and Corn Germ

Carbon Dioxide

- Beverage
   Carbonation
- Dry Ice



Industry & Agriculture

Industrial Grade Ethyl Alcohol

Fertilizer

Automotive



Essential Ingredients

Alto Yeast

Corn Meal

Corn Protein Feed

Corn Oil

Corn Germ

High Protein DDGS

**Distillers Grains** 



Renewable Fuels

**Transportation Fuel** 

Ethanol

Corn Oil

 Renewable Diesel Feedstock

# Pursuing Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)



- Signed letter of intent with Vault for safe and permanent CO<sub>2</sub> storage deep underground in a secure geologic reservoir
- Progressing in overall system design, community outreach, financing, vendor negotiations, EPA application preparations, and schedule alignment to procure equipment and install power and compression
- Evaluating attractive options to meet Pekin Campus' current and future energy needs
  - An increase in capacity with current utility provider
  - Onsite energy facilities that may be built, owned and operated by independent third party
  - A reduction in capital requirements, lowering carbon footprint and cutting long-term energy costs
- Utilizing EPA's extended CCS application approval process from 18 24 mos. to further align project schedules to reduce risk
- Exploring other market opportunities: sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), blue ethanol, ethanol-to-jet fuel, synthetic natural gas, etc.
- Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 Section 45Q tax incentive improves economics: \$85 per metric ton for 12 years and ~600,000 MT/year capacity at Pekin Campus
- Mount Simon Sandstone formation and near the Illinois Basin
- Designed as dedicated relatively short-distance intrastate pipeline, which greatly limits disruption and risk concerns

## **Sustainability Efforts**

Published Inaugural Sustainability Report in December 2023

#### **Earned at Pekin Campus**

- Safe Food/Safe Feed a third-party product safety certification
- 2 EcoVadis Silver Medals, 80<sup>th</sup> percentile among peers





#### **Completed materiality survey and initial roadmap**

- Strengthened environmental, health, safety, and security policy and objectives
- Improved Code of Ethics and Supplier Code of Conduct
- Implemented a supplier transparency program
- Partnered with SEDEX, improving sustainability and ensuring ethical sourcing



#### Completed Scope 1 & 2 Greenhouse Gas emissions inventory to

- Inform carbon capture & storage program
- Improve energy efficiencies with cogeneration and boiler upgrades
- Maximize biogas utilization



# Investing in Premier Assets, Creating Differentiation, Increasing Efficiencies



# Upgraded Specialty Alcohol Distillery

- 192 proof GNS & ultra lowmoisture 200 proof GNS
- •93 MG contracted for 2024

# Installed High-efficiency Boiler

- Replaced two inefficient boilers
- Reduced energy needs & operating costs

# Increased Corn Storage

- Increased flexibility, lowered costs
- Exceeded expectations to date

# Increasing Corn Oil & Installing High Protein

- Implementing enhancements
- Hot-idled Magic
   Valley for
   improvements
   during low crush
   margin period

# Expanding Alcohol Distribution

- Break bulk services
- Leveraging trucking
- Expanding reach

### **Certifications Create Differentiation**

Deepen Relationships and Open Doors to New Customers

**Specialty Alcohols & Essential Ingredients:** 

More challenging to produce

Require certifications, audit trails and paperwork

Create significant product performance impact for a small percentage of their cost











### **Expanding Customer Base**

Customers prioritize Alto's certifications, reliability, service and quality Sample list follows:



Health, Home & Beauty



Food & Beverage



Industry & Agriculture



Essential Ingredients



Renewable Fuels













































# Improved 2023 Gross Profit and Adj. EBITDA

#### **Improving Performance**

- \$43M increase in gross profit YOY
- \$27M increase in Adj. EBITDA YOY

#### **Strong Liquidity**

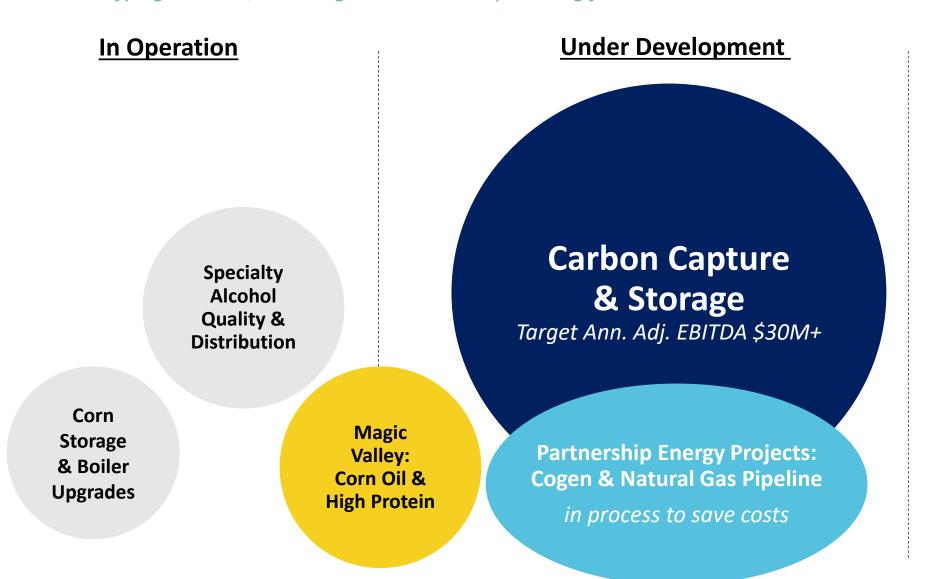
- \$33M available under operating line of credit
- \$65M available under term loan, subject to certain conditions

unaudited, \$ in thousands	Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 30,014	\$ 36,456		
Current assets	\$ 168,770	\$ 199,121		
Current liabilities	\$ (65,288)	\$ (78,017)		
Working capital	\$ 103,482	\$ 121,104		



### Capital Initiatives to Improve Adj. EBITDA

Diversifying revenue, investing in assets and optimizing facilities



#### **For Future Evaluation**

- Primary Yeast
- Biogas conversion
- Corn Oil:3 additional plants
- High Protein:3 additional plants
- Other potential projects



# **Expanding Higher-margin Production**and Improving Profitability

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# **Experienced Leadership Team**



Bryon McGregor President & CEO 16 years with Alto

Brigham Young University
BS in Business Management



Mike Kandris
Director and Interim COO
15 years with Alto

California State University
BS in Business



Rob Olander, CPA Chief Financial Officer 17 years with Alto

Midland University
BS in Business Administration



Jim Sneed <sup>(1)</sup>
Chief Commercial Officer
32 years with Alto

Olivet Nazarene University BS in Accounting Kellogg School of Management, MBA



Auste Graham General Counsel 2 years with Alto

Vanderbilt University Law School, JD

#### **Prior Experience and Education**





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Controller and Business Manager





Vice President, Ethanol Marketing & Trading



Vice President, Marketing & Logistics





\*(1) In aggregate, including years with Aventine, acquired by Alto in 2015.

## Senior Management with Deep Bench Strength

#### Todd Benton (1)

VP, Site Manager at Pekin 25 years with Alto

**Prior Experience** 





#### **Dan Croghan**

VP, Eagle General Manager 2 years with Alto

**Prior Experience** 





#### Michael Kramer

VP, Treasurer 17 years with Alto

**Prior Experience** 





#### Patrick McKenzie

VP, Business Development and Engineering 13 years with Alto

**Prior Experience** 



#### **Ed Baker**

VP, Human Resources 16 years with Alto

**Prior Experience** 





#### John Shriver (1)

VP, Essential Ingredients 25 years with Alto

**Prior Experience** 





#### Stacy Swanson (1)

VP, Quality & Sustainability
11 years with Alto

**Prior Experience** 





# **Consolidated Statements of Operations**

	Three Months	Ended Dec. 31,	Year Ended Dec. 31,			
(unaudited, in thousands except per share data	2023	2022	2023	2022		
Net sales	\$ 273,625	\$ 328,437	\$1,222,940	\$1,335,621		
Cost of goods sold	276,150	349,765	<u>1,207,287</u>	<u>1,363,171</u>		
Gross profit (loss)	(2,525)	(21,328)	15,653	(27,550)		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(8,523)	(7,551)	(32,664)	(31,579)		
Loss on disposal of assets	(153)	(2,230)	(293)	(2,230)		
Asset impairments	(5,970)		(6,544)			
Loss from operations	(17,171)	(31,109)	(23,848)	(61,359)		
Income from cash grant	_	_	2,812	22,652		
Interest expense, net	(2,126)	(968)	(7,425)	(1,827)		
Other income, net	449	930	553	862		
Loss before provision for income taxes	(18,848)	(31,147)	(27,908)	(39,672)		
Provision for income taxes	97	1,925	97	1,925		
Consolidated net loss	<u>\$ (18,945)</u>	<u>\$ (33,072)</u>	<u>\$(28,005)</u>	<u>\$(41,597)</u>		
Preferred stock dividends	<u>\$ (319)</u>	<u>\$ (319)</u>	<u>\$(1,265)</u>	<u>\$(1,265)</u>		
Net loss available to common stockholders	<u>\$ (19,264)</u>	<u>\$ (33,391)</u>	\$(29,270)	<u>\$(42,862)</u>		
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	<u>\$ (0.26)</u>	<u>\$(0.46)</u>	\$ (0.40)	<u>\$ (0.60)</u>		
Weighted-average shares outstanding, basic and diluted	72,969	73,276	73,339	71,944		



### **Use of Non-GAAP Measures**

Management believes that certain financial measures not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") are useful measures of operations.

The company defines Adjusted EBITDA as unaudited consolidated net income (loss) before interest expense, interest income, provision for income taxes, asset impairments, loss on extinguishment of debt, unrealized derivative gains (losses), acquisition-related expense, and depreciation and amortization expense. A table is provided at the end of this presentation that provides a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to its most directly comparable GAAP measure, net income (loss). Management provides this non-GAAP measure so that investors will have the same financial information that management uses, which may assist investors in properly assessing the company's performance on a period-over-period basis. Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to net income (loss) or any other measure of performance under GAAP, or to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities as an indicator of cash flows or as a measure of liquidity. Adjusted EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool and you should not consider this measure in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of the company's results as reported under GAAP.

# **Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation**

	Three Months Ended Dec. 31,			Years Ended Dec. 31,				
(unaudited, in thousands)	2023		2022		2023		2022	
Consolidated net loss	\$	(18,945)	\$	(33,072)	\$	(28,005)	\$	(41,597)
Adjustments:								
Interest expense, net		2,126		968		7,425		1,827
Interest income		(265)		(169)		(854)		(510)
Unrealized derivative losses		8,162		8,037		9,679		4,017
Acquisition-related expense		700		875		2,800		3,500
Asset impairments		5,970		_		6,544		_
Provision for income taxes		97		1,925		97		1,925
Depreciation and amortization expense		5,698	_	5,973	-	23,080	_	25,095
Total adjustments		22,488	_	17,609	_	48,771	_	35,854
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	<u>3,543</u>	\$	(15,463)	<u>\$</u>	20,766	<u>\$</u>	(5,743)