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# FIRST QUARTER 2022 ANALYST CONFERENCE CALL

APRIL 28, 2022



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# **SPEAKERS**









Steven J. Hilton – Executive Chairman

Phillippe Lord – Chief Executive Officer

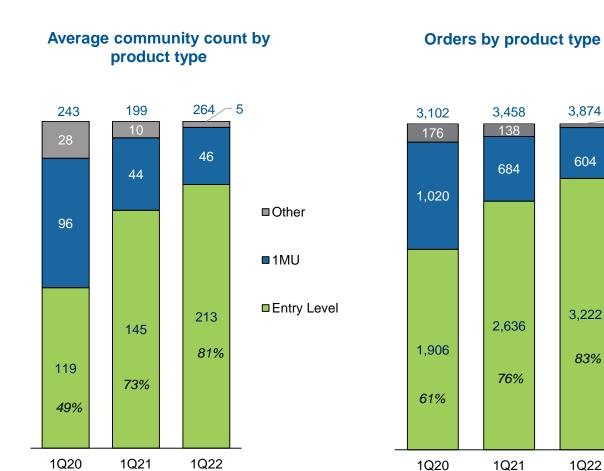
Hilla Sferruzza – EVP & Chief Financial Officer

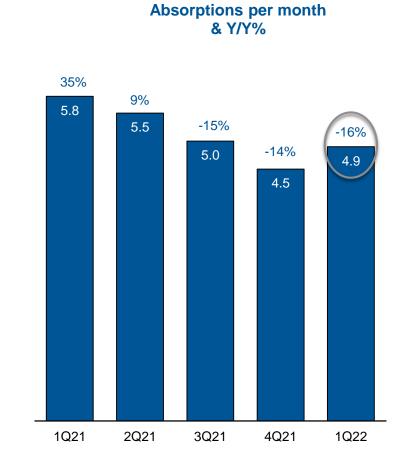
Emily Tadano – VP Investor Relations

### RECENT EVENTS



# EXPANDED ORDERS UNITS THROUGH COMMUNITY COUNT GROWTH





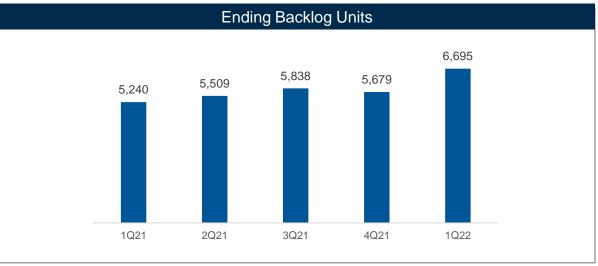
# GROWTH IN AVERAGE COMMUNITY COUNT DROVE ORDER VOLUME IN ALL REGIONS

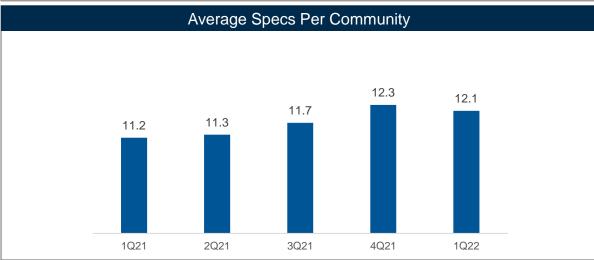
STATES & REGIONS					
Y/Y (%)	changes 1Q22 vs 1Q21				

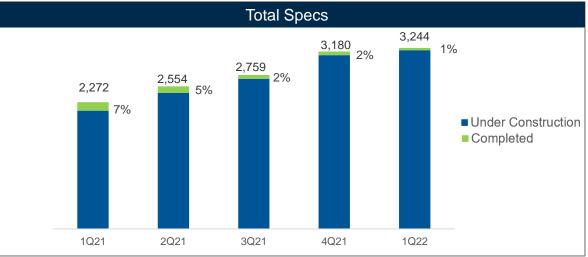
	AZ	CA	со	West	Central (TX)	FL	GA	NC	SC	TN	East
Average Active Communities	39.5	22.5	17.5	79.5	74.0	41.0	15.0	27.5	13.5	13.0	110.0
	20%	29%	52%	28%	21%	34%	58%	22%	125%	73%	45%
Entry-level % Average Communities	75%	93%	60%	77%	82%	84%	73%	82%	85%	85%	82%
	4.6	5.1	4.0	4.6	5.8	4.7	4.9	4.5	3.8	3.9	4.5
Absorption per month	-25%	-6%	-18%	-19%	-5%	-10%	-16%	-27%	-10%	-41%	-20%
Orders	550	346	209	1,105	1,296	572	220	373	154	154	1,473
	-9%	21%	24%	5%	16%	19%	34%	-11%	103%	4%	15%
ASP on Orders	18%	18%	14%	21%	20%	6%	22%	16%	-2%	28%	12%
Order Value	8%	43%	40%	26%	40%	27%	64%	3%	99%	33%	29%

# GREW SPECS & SPECS PER COMMUNITY DESPITE CONTINUING SUPPLY & LABOR CHALLENGES









# 1Q22 IS ANOTHER QUARTER OF RECORDS

(\$ Millions except EPS & ASP)	1Q22	1Q21	%Chg
Home closings	2,858	2,890	(1)%
ASP (closings)	\$436K	\$374K	+17%
Home closing revenue	\$1,245.5	\$1,080.0	+15%
Home closing gross profit	\$377.6	\$266.7	+42%
Home closing gross margin	30.3%	24.7%	+560 bps
SG&A expenses	\$105.5	\$105.7	0%
% of home closing revenue	8.5%	9.8%	(130) bps
Earnings before taxes	\$285.9	\$166.0	+72%
Tax rate	24.0%	20.6%	+340 bps
Net earnings	\$217.3	\$131.8	+65%
Diluted EPS	\$5.79	\$3.44	+68%

#### **1Q22 HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Multiple company records set in 1Q22
  - Highest quarterly sales order volume
  - Second highest first quarter of home closings
  - Highest quarterly home closing gross margin
  - Highest first quarter of home closing revenue
  - Best quarterly SG&A leverage
- Higher tax rate in 1Q22 reflects expiration of tax act under which we earned energy tax credits for eligible homes in all of 2021

# STRONG BALANCE SHEET PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY

Net Debt-to-Capital Reconciliation (\$ Millions)					
(non-GAAP reconciliation)	Mar 31, 2022	Dec 31, 2021			
Notes payable & other borrowings	\$1,165	\$1,160			
Stockholders' equity	\$3,168	\$3,044			
Total capital	\$4,334	\$4,204			
Debt-to-capital	26.9%	27.6%			
Less: cash & cash equivalents	(\$520)	(\$618)			
Net debt	\$645	\$542			
Total net capital	\$3,813	\$3,586			
Net debt-to-capital	16.9%	15.1%			
Book value/share	\$86.34	\$81.53			

#### Ample liquidity at March 31, 2022:

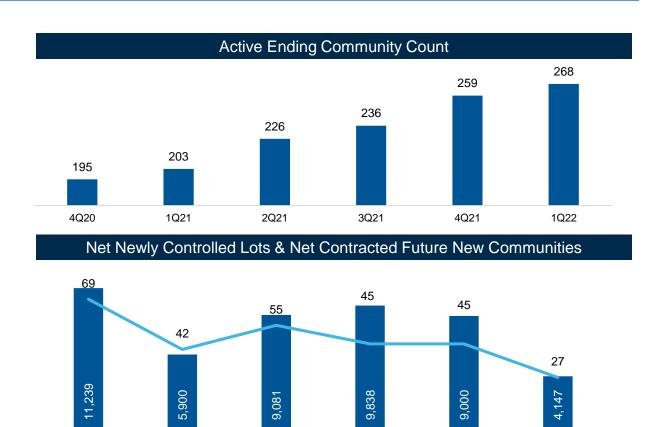
- \$520M of cash
- Nothing drawn under \$780M credit facility
- Continued low net debt to capital

#### Capital usage in 2022:

- \$294M increase in inventory
- Repurchased over 1M shares for \$99.3M

### LAND & DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT

Real Estate Assets	1Q22	1Q21	
Land & development spending	\$371M	\$370M	
As of period ended Mar-31:			
Total lots controlled	75,176	58,085	
Supply of lots (years)	5.9*	4.7	
- Owned	65%	60%	
- Optioned	35%	40%	



Meritage had 268 active communities at March 31, 2022, a 32% increase from 203 at March 31, 2021

4Q20

1Q21

Net Newly Controlled Lots

2Q21

1Q22

Estimated Net Contracted Future New Communities

4Q21

3Q21

<sup>\* 5.0</sup> years with forward looking 2022 closing guidance

## **GUIDANCE**

14,500-15,500 home closings \$6.5-6.9 billion home closing revenue **FULL** Home closing gross margin in the low 28% range YEAR Effective tax rate of approximately 25.0% 2022 Diluted EPS \$26.30-27.90 Community count growth of 15-20% 3,000-3,200 home closings \$1.3-1.4 billion home closing revenue **2Q** Home closing gross margin in the high 29% range 2022 Effective tax rate of approximately 25.0% Diluted EPS \$5.60-6.10

# WELL POSITIONED IN A RISING RATE ENVIRONMENT

Focus on entry-level & first move-up

**Community count increase and accelerated starts** 

Simplified process through pre-started inventory

Healthy land position and prudent land playbook

Flexible balance sheet







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