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# FOURTH QUARTER 2022 ANALYST CONFERENCE CALL

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

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These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following: increases in mortgage interest rates, the availability and pricing of residential mortgages, and the potential benefits of rate locks and rate buy-downs; inflation in the cost of materials used to develop communities and construct homes; supply chain and labor constraints; our ability to acquire and develop lots may be negatively impacted if we are unable to obtain performance and surety bonds; the ability of our potential buyers to sell their existing homes; legislation related to tariffs; the adverse effect of slow absorption rates; impairments of our real estate inventory; cancellation rates; competition; home warranty and construction defect claims; failures in health and safety performance; fluctuations in quarterly operating results; our level of indebtedness; our ability to obtain financing if our credit ratings are downgraded; our potential exposure to and impacts from natural disasters or severe weather conditions; the availability and cost of finished lots and undeveloped land; the success of our strategy to offer and market entry-level and first move-up homes; a change to the feasibility of projects under option or contract that could result in the write-down or write-off of earnest money or option deposits; our limited geographic diversification; the replication of our energy-efficient technologies by our competitors; shortages in the availability and cost of subcontract labor; our exposure to information technology failures and security breaches and the impact thereof; the loss of key personnel; changes in tax laws that adversely impact us or our homebuyers; our inability to prevail on contested tax positions; failure of our employees and representatives to comply with laws and regulations; our compliance with government regulations related to our financial services operations; negative publicity that affects our reputation; potential disruptions to our business by an epidemic or pandemic (such as COVID-19), and measures that federal, state and local governments and/or health authorities implement to address it; and other factors identified in documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including those set forth in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 and our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2022 under the caption "Risk Factors," which can be found on our website at [www.investors.meritagehomes.com](http://www.investors.meritagehomes.com).

# SPEAKERS



**Steven J. Hilton** – Executive Chairman

**Phillippe Lord** – Chief Executive Officer

**Hilla Sferruzza** – EVP & Chief Financial Officer

**Emily Tadano** – VP of Investor Relations and ESG

# RECENT EVENTS

**Delivered three new mortgage-free homes to deserving veterans and their families in Houston, Nashville and Tucson**

**Recognized by the Phoenix Business Journal for:**

- One of the Best Places to Work
- One of the Healthiest Employers

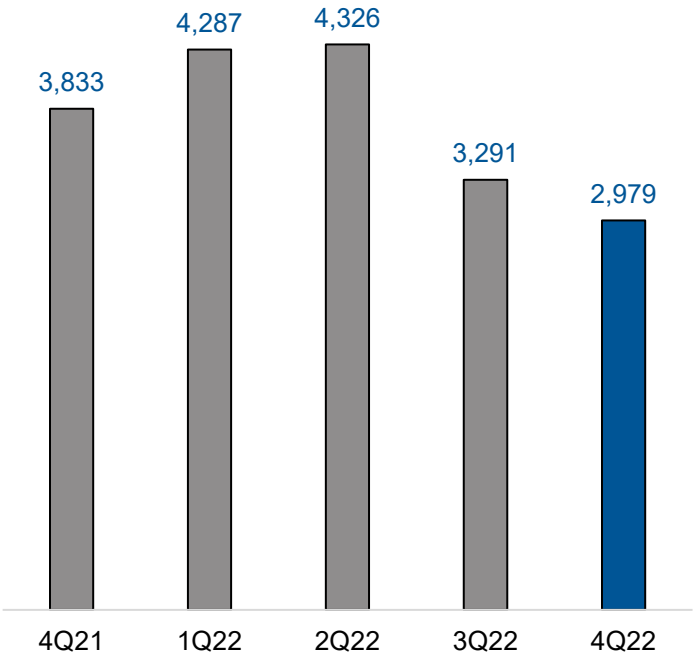
**Start with Heart, donated to various nonprofit organizations during the holiday season**



**Recognized by Newsweek as one of the 2023 America's Most Responsible Companies**

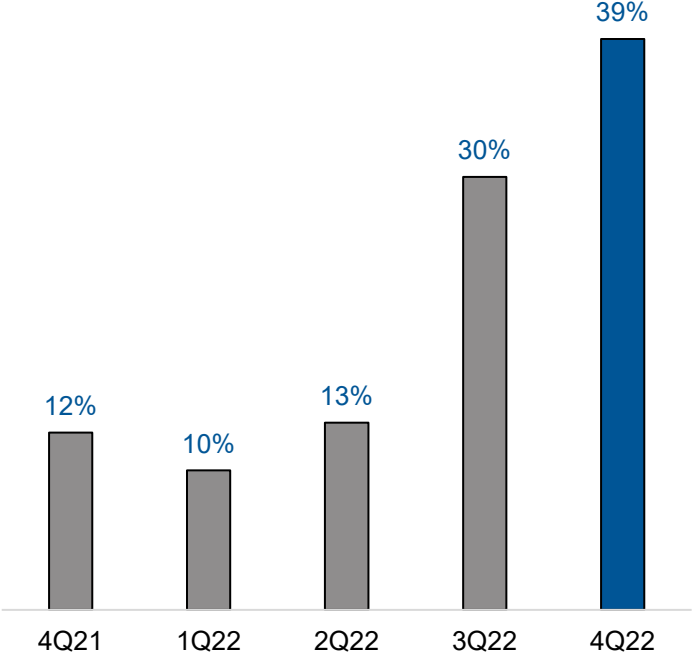
# DECLINE IN ORDER VOLUME DUE TO ELEVATED CANCELLATIONS

Gross Sales Orders



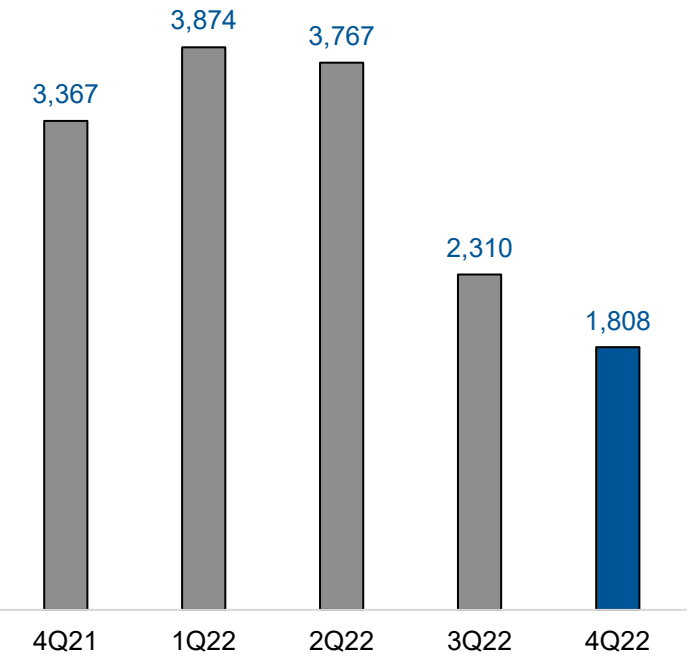
Per month pace	5.2	5.4	5.1	3.8	3.6
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Cancellation Rate



Per month pace	4.5	4.9	4.4	2.7	2.2
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Sales Order Volume

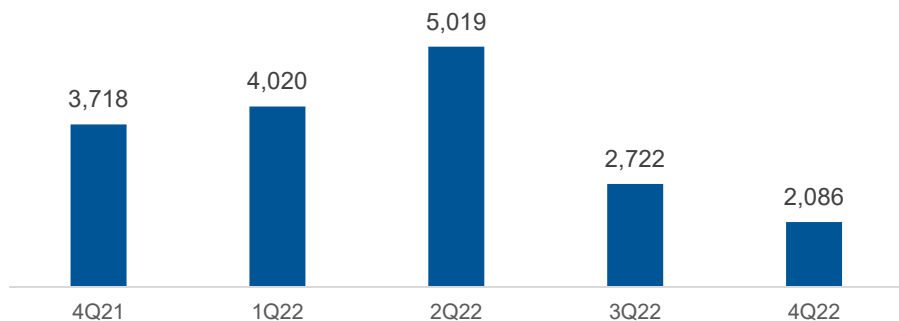


# GROSS ABSORPTIONS STILL STEADY, NET ABSORPTIONS IMPACTED BY HIGHER CANCELLATIONS

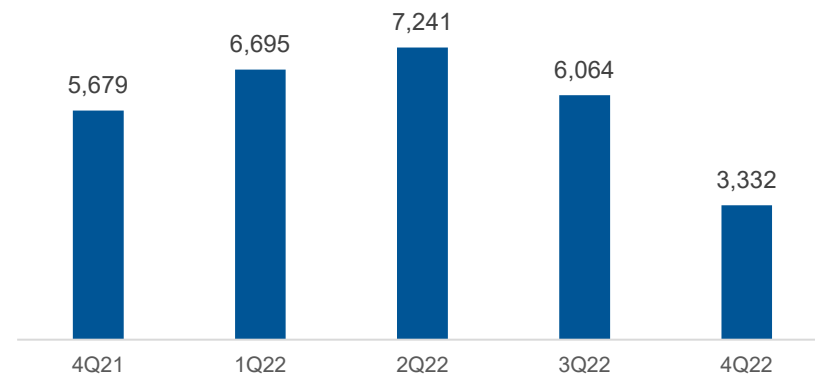
STATES & REGIONS Y/Y (%) changes 4Q22 vs 4Q21											
	AZ	CA	CO	West	Central (TX)	FL	GA	NC	SC	TN	East
Average Active Communities	49.0	31.5	17.5	98.0	77.5	29.5	18.5	28.0	11.0	10.5	97.5
	27%	58%	6%	31%	10%	-25%	37%	8%	-12%	0%	-4%
Entry-level % Average Communities	73%	92%	61%	77%	85%	76%	73%	86%	82%	81%	79%
Gross Sales Absorption per month	2.8	3.6	1.6	2.8	4.6	3.9	3.1	3.5	4.5	3.4	3.6
	-50%	-22%	-66%	-45%	-26%	-11%	-31%	-27%	10%	-13%	-18%
Net Sales Absorption per month	1.3	2.6	0.3	1.6	2.6	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.8	2.8	2.5
	-73%	-35%	-92%	-64%	-51%	-33%	-48%	-50%	-18%	-22%	-39%
Gross Sales Orders	409	342	86	837	1,078	346	171	293	147	107	1,064
	-37%	25%	-63%	-28%	-18%	-34%	-7%	-21%	-4%	-13%	-22%
Cancellation Rate	52%	28%	79%	45%	43%	27%	32%	38%	36%	19%	31%
Net Sales Orders	198	246	18	462	614	252	117	182	94	87	732
	-65%	2%	-91%	-54%	-46%	-50%	-27%	-47%	-25%	-24%	-41%
ASP on Orders	-27%	-10%	-25%	-7%	-16%	11%	-13%	-13%	-24%	-1%	-5%

# GREW SPECS PER COMMUNITY AND COMPLETED MORE OF OUR SPEC SUPPLY AHEAD OF SPRING SELLING SEASON

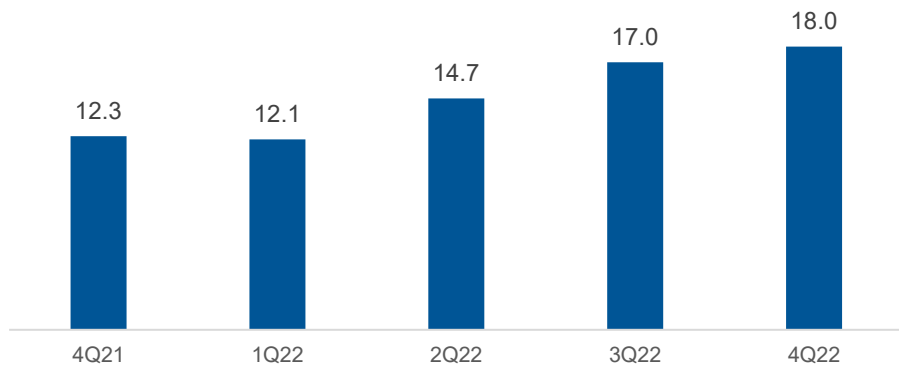
## Spec Starts



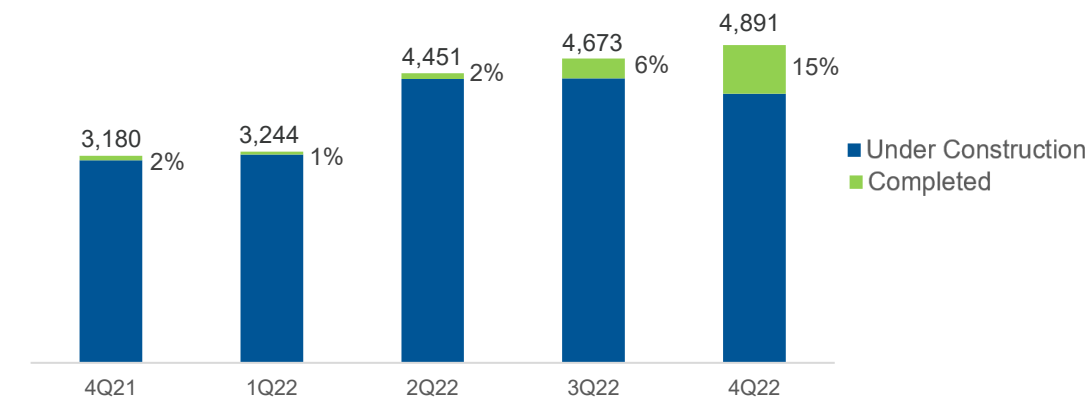
## Ending Backlog Units



## Average Specs Per Community



## Total Specs





# 4Q22 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

(\$ Millions except EPS & ASP)	4Q22	4Q21	%Chg	FY2022	FY2021	%Chg
Home closings	4,540	3,526	29%	14,106	12,801	10%
ASP (closings)	\$437K	\$425K	3%	\$440K	\$398K	11%
Home closing revenue	\$1,984	\$1,499	32%	\$6,207	\$5,095	22%
Home closing gross profit	\$500	\$435	15%	\$1,773	\$1,418	25%
Home closing gross margin	25.2%	29.0%	(380) bps	28.6%	27.8%	80 bps
Adjusted home closing gross margin <sup>1</sup>	25.7%	29.2%	(350) bps	28.9%	27.9%	100 bps
SG&A expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$167	\$128	30%	\$516	\$467	10%
SG&A % of home closing revenue	8.4%	8.5%	(10) bps	8.3%	9.2%	(90) bps
Earnings before taxes <sup>2,3</sup>	\$342	\$311	10%	\$1,289	\$955	35%
Tax rate	23.3%	23.8%	(50) bps	23.0%	22.8%	20 bps
Net earnings <sup>2,3</sup>	\$262	\$237	11%	\$992	\$737	35%
Diluted EPS <sup>2,3</sup>	\$7.09	\$6.25	13%	\$26.74	\$19.29	39%

## QUARTERLY 4Q22 HIGHLIGHTS:

- 29% greater home closing volume by overcoming supply chain challenges to close a substantial portion of our backlog
- Home closing gross margin of 25.2% impacted by greater incentives, higher direct costs and nonrecurring items
- SG&A leverage of 8.4% benefited from greater leverage of fixed expenses partially offset by higher commissions and advertising costs given the current sales environment
- Higher diluted EPS reflected greater home closing volume and a lower outstanding share count in 4Q22

(1) 4Q22 excludes nonrecurring items of \$10.9M warranty adjustments related to two specific cases, \$4.2M terminated land deal walk-away charges and \$(5.4)M retroactive vendor rebates; 4Q21 excludes \$2.5M in terminated land deal walk-away charges. FY22 excludes \$15.8M terminated land deal walk-away charges, \$10.9M warranty adjustments and \$(5.4)M retroactive vendor rebates; FY21 excludes \$4.5M terminated land deal walk-away charges.

(2) Includes a one-time exit payment of \$3.6M to an executive and \$1.4M of equity expense related to a change in the Company's retirement plan in 4Q21 and FY2021.

(3) Includes the loss on extinguishment of debt of \$18.2M recognized in FY2021.



# STRONG BALANCE SHEET PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY

Net Debt-to-Capital Reconciliation (\$ Millions)		
(non-GAAP reconciliation)	Dec 31, 2022	Dec 31, 2021
Notes payable & other borrowings	\$1,151	\$1,160
Stockholders' equity	\$3,950	\$3,044
Total capital	\$5,100	\$4,204
Debt-to-capital	22.6%	27.6%
Less: cash & cash equivalents	(\$862)	(\$618)
Net debt	\$289	\$542
Total net capital	\$4,239	\$3,586
Net debt-to-capital	6.8%	15.1%
Book value/share	\$108.00	\$81.53

(\$ Millions)	4Q22	4Q21
Land & development spending	\$351	\$507

Ample liquidity at December 31, 2022:

- \$862M of cash
- Nothing drawn on \$780M credit facility
- Lowest net debt to capital in company history

Capital usage in 4Q22:

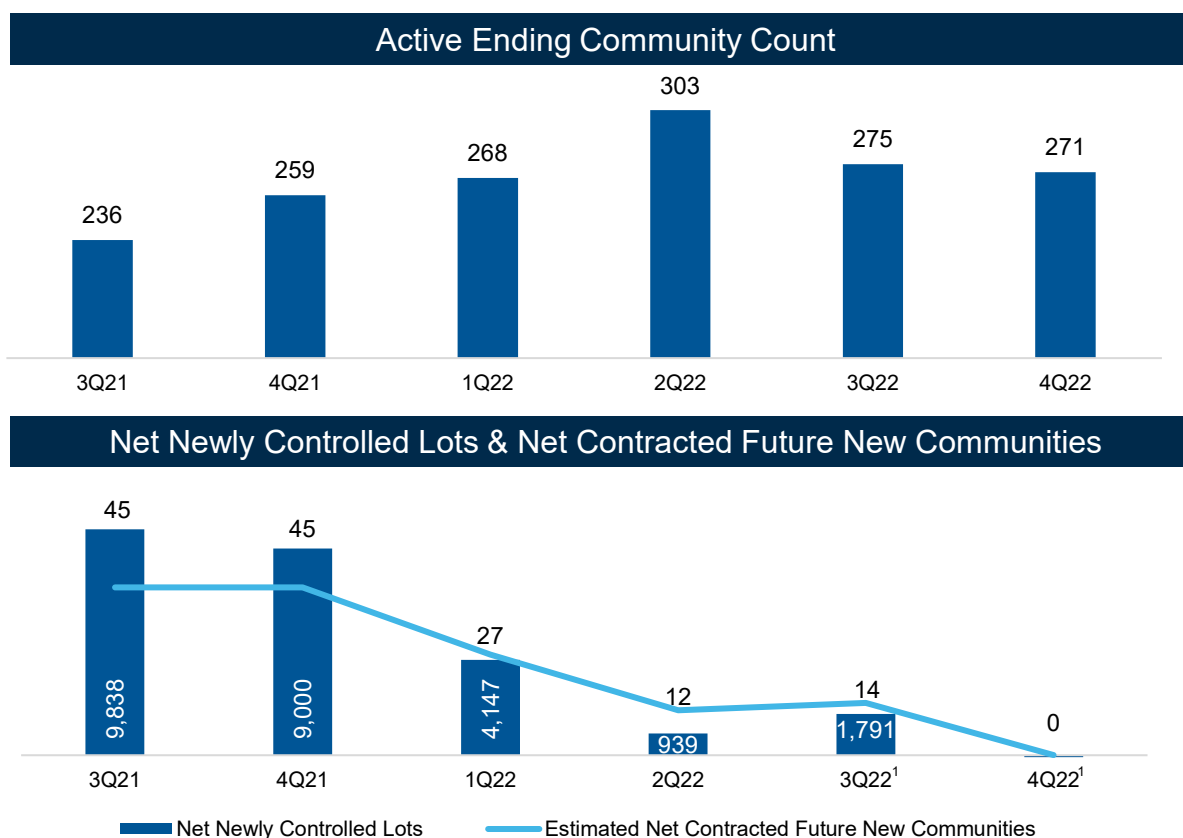
- Land spend totaling \$351M

Capital usage in FY2022:

- Land spend totaling \$1.5B
- Repurchased 1.2M shares for over \$109M

# LAND & DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT

As of period ended Dec-31:	4Q22	4Q21
Total lots controlled	63,182	75,049
Supply of lots (years)	4.5	5.9
- Owned	73%	65%
- Optioned	27%	35%



**The shift in increased owned percentage due to land deal termination walk-aways is working as planned.**

(1) Refers to gross lots put under control and the related future new communities.

# GUIDANCE

**1Q  
2023**

- 2,200-2,600 home closings
- \$940 million to \$1.1 billion home closing revenue
- Home closing gross margin of 21-22%
- Effective tax rate of approximately 22-23%

# POSITIONED FOR GROWING MARKET SHARE

Focus on entry-level & first move-up

Resilient business model that is dynamic based on changing market conditions

Prioritizing pace over price to achieve a 3-4 net sales per month target

Rationalization of our land portfolio and pull back on new land deals

Strong balance sheet and ample liquidity



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