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## FIRST QUARTER 2023 ANALYST CONFERENCE CALL

APRIL 27, 2023



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## **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 MILESTONES



Top five builder based on 2022 home closings

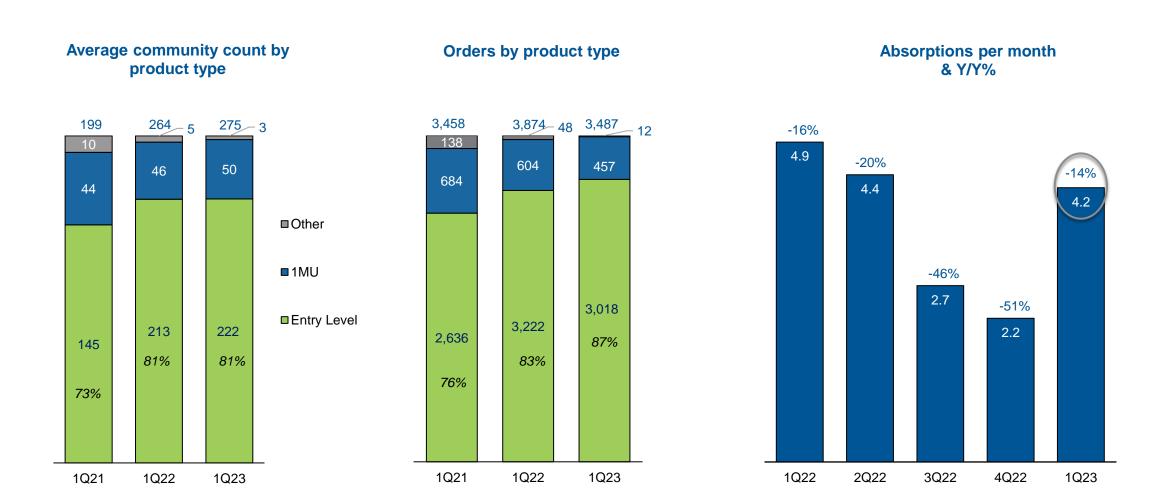


Recognized as one of the Most Admired Home Builders by Fortune magazine



Became a ten-time recipient of the U.S. EPA's ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award

## ACHIEVED NET SALES PACE OF OVER 4 PER MONTH

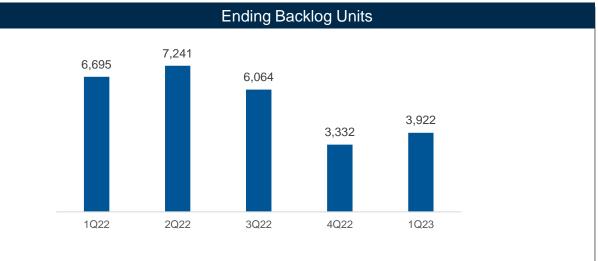


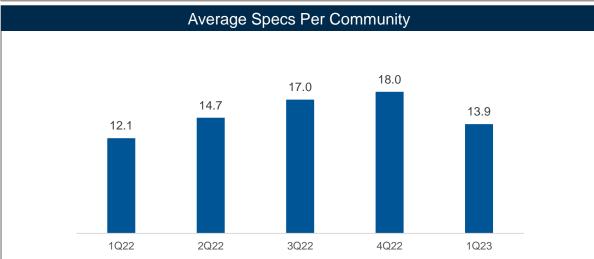
# STRONG PERFORMANCE ACROSS OUR DIVERSIFIED GEOGRAPHIC FOOTPRINT

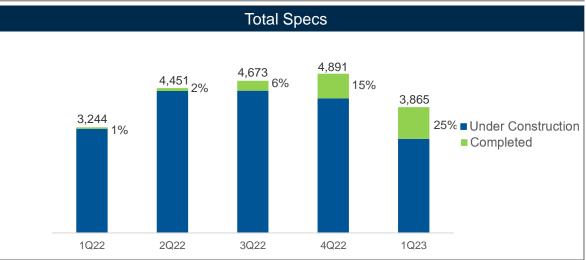
STATES & REGIONS Y/Y (%) changes 1Q23 vs 1Q22											
	AZ	CA	СО	West	Central (TX)	FL	GA	NC	SC	TN	East
Average Active Communities	45.5	32.5	17.0	95.0	81.5	30.5	19.5	29.5	9.5	9.0	98.0
	15%	44%	-3%	19%	10%	-26%	30%	7%	-30%	-31%	-11%
Entry-level % Average Communities	71%	92%	62%	77%	83%	79%	77%	90%	79%	78%	82%
Absorption per month	5.2	4.3	3.2	4.5	4.4	4.1	3.3	3.8	3.7	4.4	3.8
	13%	-16%	-20%	-2%	-24%	-13%	-33%	-16%	-3%	13%	-16%
Orders	704	420	162	1,286	1,073	376	195	333	106	118	1,128
	28%	21%	-22%	16%	-17%	-34%	-11%	-11%	-31%	-23%	-23%
ASP on Orders	-13%	-9%	-3%	-11%	-7%	5%	-8%	-13%	-2%	2%	-3%
Order Value	12%	10%	-25%	4%	-23%	-31%	-18%	-22%	-33%	-22%	-26%

## INCREASING SUPPLY OF LATE STAGE SPECS IS OUR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE









## 1Q23 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

(\$ Millions except EPS & ASP)	1Q23	1Q22	%Chg
Home closings	2,897	2,858	1%
ASP (closings)	\$436K	\$436K	-
Home closing revenue	\$1,261.9	\$1,245.5	1%
Home closing gross profit	\$282.5	\$377.6	(25)%
Home closing gross margin	22.4%	30.3%	(790) bps
SG&A expenses	\$130.4	\$105.5	24%
SG&A % of home closing revenue	10.3%	8.5%	180 bps
Earnings before taxes	\$165.3	\$285.9	(42)%
Tax rate	20.6%	24.0%	(340) bps
Net earnings	\$131.3	\$217.3	(40)%
Diluted EPS	\$3.54	\$5.79	(39)%

#### **1Q23 HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Highest first quarter of home closings and home closing revenue
- Lower gross margin due to higher sales incentives and direct costs
- SG&A % deterioration due to higher commissions, advertising, technology and insurance costs, as well as severance
- Favorable tax rate from higher \$2,500 per eligible home energy tax credit under the Inflation Reduction Act

## STRONG BALANCE SHEET PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY

Net Debt-to-Capital Reconciliation (\$ Millions)					
(non-GAAP reconciliation)	Mar 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022			
Notes payable & other borrowings	\$1,151	\$1,151			
Stockholders' equity	\$4,067	\$3,950			
Total capital	\$5,218	\$5,100			
Debt-to-capital	22.1%	22.6%			
Less: cash & cash equivalents	(\$957)	(\$862)			
Net debt	\$194	\$289			
Total net capital	\$4,261	\$4,239			
Net debt-to-capital	4.5%	6.8%			
Book value/share	\$110.63	\$108.00			

#### Ample liquidity at March 31, 2023:

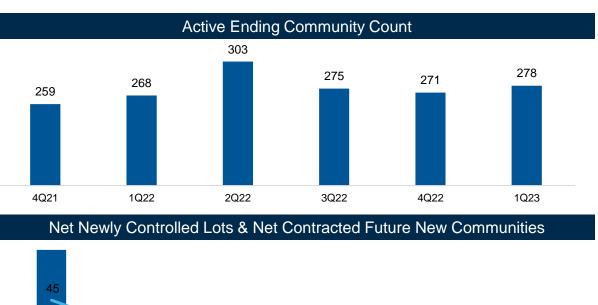
- \$957M of cash
- Nothing drawn on \$780M credit facility
- Lowest net debt to capital in company history

#### Capital usage in 1Q23:

- Land spend totaled \$310M
- Repurchased over 93K shares for \$10M
- Paid \$0.27 per share quarterly cash dividend totaling \$10M

## LAND & DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT

As of period ended Mar-31:	1Q23	1Q22	
Total lots controlled	60,942	75,176	
Supply of lots (years)	4.3	5.9	
- Owned	75%	65%	
- Optioned	25%	35%	



## **GUIDANCE**

2Q
\$1.22-1.36 billion home closing revenue
Home closing gross margin of around 22%
Effective tax rate of around 22%
Diluted EPS between \$3.15-3.65

## POSITIONED FOR GROWING MARKET SHARE

Focus on spec inventory

Prioritizing pace over price

Strong execution

Disciplined growth

Strong balance sheet and ample liquidity







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