

Setting the standard for energy-efficient homes<sup>®</sup>

# SECOND QUARTER 2022 ANALYST CONFERENCE CALL

JULY 28, 2022



## SAFE HARBOR

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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 ACHIEVEMENTS

Achieved our long-term 300 community count goal

First-time recipient of the Avid Cup – Production, a prestigious honor given to only one builder in North America each year

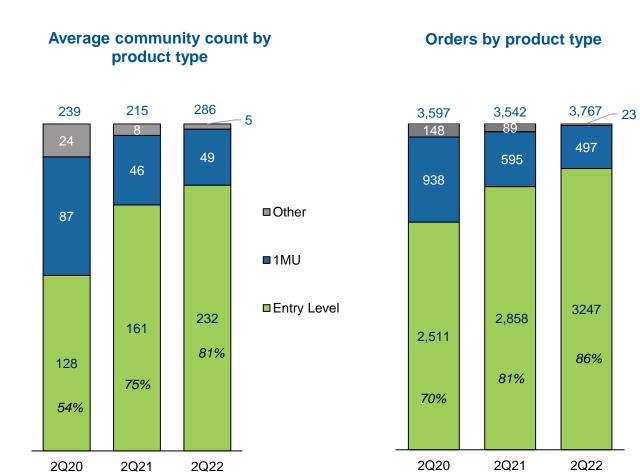
Renewed partnership with
Operation Homefront to build
three new mortgage-free
Meritage homes

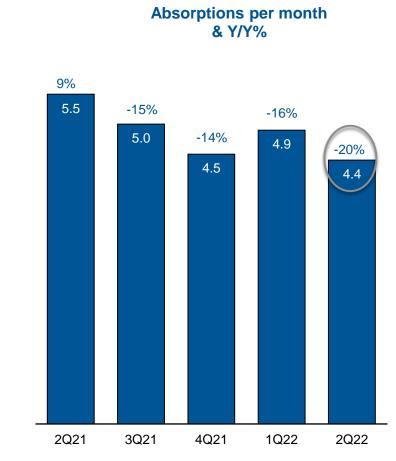
Held annual Purchasing
Summit to strengthen
relationships and mutual
commitments to work through
supply challenges with our key
trades

#### **Recipient of EPA Awards**

- ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year
- ENERGY STAR® Market Leader

# EXPANDED ORDERS UNITS THROUGH COMMUNITY COUNT GROWTH



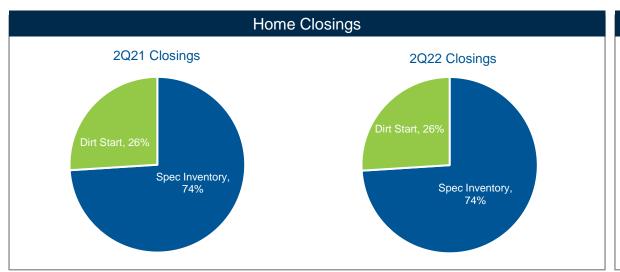


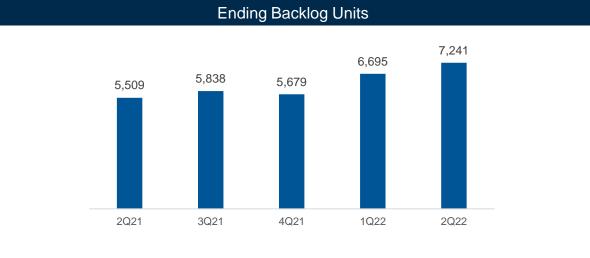
# EAST REGION'S ORDER VOLUME INCREASE DUE TO SLOWER PULLBACK ON ABSORPTION PACE

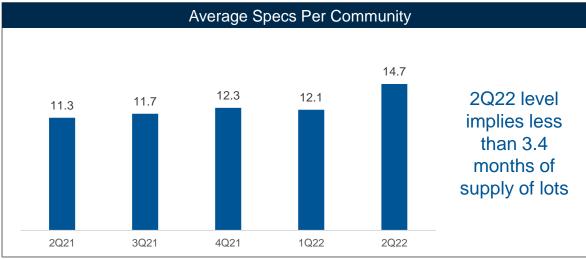
#### STATES & REGIONS Y/Y (%) changes 2Q22 vs 2Q21

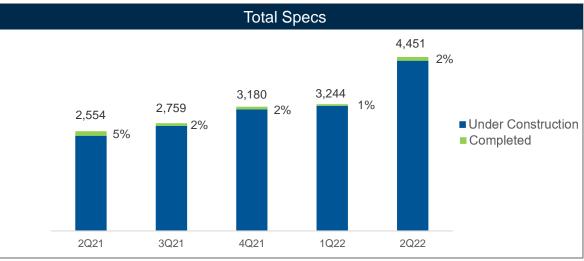
|                                      | AZ   | CA   | со   | West  | Central<br>(TX) | FL   | GA   | NC   | SC   | TN   | East  |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Average Active<br>Communities        | 48.0 | 27.5 | 18.5 | 94.0  | 77.5            | 41.0 | 14.5 | 30.5 | 15.0 | 13.0 | 114.0 |
|                                      | 35%  | 41%  | 28%  | 35%   | 26%             | 28%  | 32%  | 22%  | 131% | 44%  | 37%   |
| Entry-level % Average<br>Communities | 77%  | 93%  | 62%  | 79%   | 83%             | 84%  | 72%  | 84%  | 80%  | 85%  | 82%   |
| A1                                   | 3.9  | 4.3  | 2.9  | 3.8   | 4.7             | 5.6  | 5.2  | 4.3  | 3.2  | 3.9  | 4.7   |
| Absorption per month                 | -34% | -27% | -31% | -31%  | -22%            | 14%  | -10% | -17% | -29% | -32% | -10%  |
| Orders                               | 560  | 355  | 160  | 1,075 | 1,096           | 685  | 225  | 391  | 144  | 151  | 1,596 |
|                                      | -10% | 3%   | -12% | -6%   | -1%             | 46%  | 17%  | 0%   | 64%  | -1%  | 24%   |
| ASP on Orders                        | 12%  | 22%  | 11%  | 17%   | 15%             | 10%  | 19%  | 16%  | -5%  | 24%  | 13%   |
| Order Value                          | 0%   | 26%  | -2%  | 9%    | 15%             | 61%  | 39%  | 17%  | 56%  | 23%  | 39%   |

# GREW SPECS PER COMMUNITY TO TRY TO REPLENISH SPEC SUPPLY









## STRONG PERFORMANCE IN 2Q22

| (\$ Millions<br>except EPS & ASP)  | 2Q22    | 2Q21    | %Chg      | YTD2022 | YTD2021 | %Chg      |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Home closings                      | 3,221   | 3,273   | (2)%      | 6,079   | 6,163   | (1)%      |
| ASP (closings)                     | \$437K  | \$386K  | 13%       | \$437K  | \$380K  | 15%       |
| Home closing revenue               | \$1,409 | \$1,265 | 11%       | \$2,654 | \$2,345 | 13%       |
| Home closing gross profit          | \$445   | \$345   | 29%       | \$822   | \$612   | 34%       |
| Home closing gross margin          | 31.6%   | 27.3%   | 430 bps   | 31.0%   | 26.1%   | 490 bps   |
| SG&A expenses                      | \$117   | \$117   | 0%        | \$223   | \$223   | 0%        |
| % of home closing revenue          | 8.3%    | 9.3%    | (100) bps | 8.4%    | 9.5%    | (110) bps |
| Earnings before taxes <sup>1</sup> | \$332   | \$216   | 54%       | \$618   | \$382   | 62%       |
| Tax rate                           | 24.6%   | 22.4%   | 220 bps   | 24.3%   | 21.6%   | 270 bps   |
| Net earnings <sup>1</sup>          | \$250   | \$167   | 49%       | \$467   | \$299   | 56%       |
| Diluted EPS <sup>1</sup>           | \$6.77  | \$4.36  | 55%       | \$12.55 | \$7.80  | 61%       |

#### **2Q22 HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ASPs on closings year-over-year growth due to sustained pricing power over the last year
- Highest quarterly home closing gross margin
- Lowest quarterly SG&A leverage due to greater leverage of fixed expenses on higher home closing revenue, lower commissions expense and the benefits of technology in our sales and market efforts
- Higher tax rate in 2Q22 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)                        | June 30, 2022 | Dec 31, 2021 |  |  |  |  |
| Notes payable & other borrowings                 | \$1,159       | \$1,160      |  |  |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity                             | \$3,412       | \$3,044      |  |  |  |  |
| Total capital                                    | \$4,571       | \$4,204      |  |  |  |  |
| Debt-to-capital                                  | 25.3%         | 27.6%        |  |  |  |  |
| Less: cash & cash equivalents                    | (\$272)       | (\$618)      |  |  |  |  |
| Net debt   | \$887         | \$542        |  |  |  |  |
| Total net capital                                | \$4,299       | \$3,586      |  |  |  |  |
| Net debt-to-capital                              | 20.6%         | 15.1%        |  |  |  |  |
| Book value/share                                 | \$93.32       | \$81.53      |  |  |  |  |

#### Ample liquidity at June 30, 2022:

- \$272M of cash
- Nothing drawn under \$780M credit facility
- Continued low net debt to capital

### Capital usage in 2Q22:

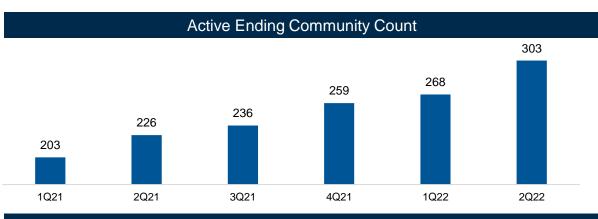
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#### Capital usage in YTD 2Q22:

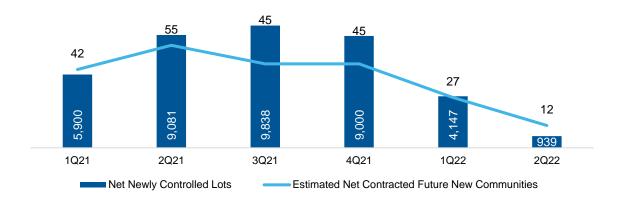
- Land spend totaling \$793M
- Repurchased 1.2M shares for over \$109M

## LAND & DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT

| Real Estate Assets          | 2Q22   | 2Q21   |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Land & development spending | \$422M | \$551M |
| As of period ended Jun-30:  |        |        |
| Total lots controlled       | 71,096 | 63,336 |
| Supply of lots (years)      | 5.6    | 4.9    |
| - Owned                     | 66%    | 63%    |
| - Optioned                  | 34%    | 37%    |



Net Newly Controlled Lots & Net Contracted Future New Communities



Meritage had 303 active communities at June 30, 2022, a 34% increase from 226 at June 30, 2021

## GUIDANCE

3,500-3,700 home closings
\$1.575-1.675 billion home closing revenue
Home closing gross margin between 27.5-28.5%
Effective tax rate of approximately 25.0%
Diluted EPS \$6.00-6.80

## WELL POSITIONED IN A RISING RATE ENVIRONMENT

Focus on entry-level & first move-up

Resilient business model that is dynamic based on changing market conditions

Providing buyers certainty with our below-market fixed rate locks

Low land residual and prudent land playbook

Flexible balance sheet







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