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- the parties' ability to consummate the Proposed Acquisition and to meet expectations regarding the timing and completion thereof;
- the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to the completion of the Proposed Acquisition, including the receipt of all required regulatory approvals or clearances in a timely manner and on terms acceptable to Forward;
- the risk that the parties may be unable to achieve the expected strategic, financial and other benefits of the Proposed Acquisition, including the realization of expected synergies and the achievement of deleveraging targets, within the expected time-frames or at all;
- the risk that the committed financing necessary for the consummation of the Proposed Acquisition is unavailable at the closing, and that any replacement financing may not be available on similar terms, or at all;
- the risk that the businesses will not be integrated successfully or that integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected;
- the risk that operating costs, customer loss and business disruption (including, without limitation, difficulties in maintaining relationships with employees, customers, clients or suppliers) may be greater than expected following the Proposed Acquisition;
- the risk that, if Forward does not obtain the necessary shareholder approval for the conversion of the perpetual non-voting convertible preferred stock to be issued by Forward in the Proposed Acquisition, Forward will be required to pay an annual dividend on such preferred stock;



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- the risks associated with being a holding company with the only material assets after completion of the Proposed Acquisition being the interest in the combined business and, accordingly, dependency upon distributions from the combined business to pay taxes and other expenses;
- the requirement for Forward to pay certain tax benefits that it may claim in the future, and the expected materiality of these amounts;
- risks associated with organizational structure, including payment obligations under the tax receivable agreement, which may be significant, and any accelerations or significant increases thereto:
- the inability to realize all or a portion of the tax benefits that are currently expected to result from the acquisition of certain corporate owners of Omni, certain pre-existing tax attributes of Omni shareholders and tax attributes that may arise on the distribution of cash to other Omni shareholders in connection with the Proposed Acquisition, as well as the future exchanges of units of Forward's operating subsidiary and payments made under the tax receivables agreement;
- increases in interest rates;
- changes in Forward's credit ratings and outlook;
- risks relating to the indebtedness Forward expects to incur in connection with the Proposed Acquisition and the need to generate sufficient cash flows to service and repay such debt;
- the ability to generate the significant amount of cash needed to service the indebtedness;
- the limitations and restrictions in surviving agreements governing indebtedness;
- risks associated with the need to obtain additional financing which may not be available or, if it is available, may result in a reduction in the ownership of current Forward shareholders;
- and general economic and market conditions.

These and other risks and uncertainties are more fully discussed in the risk factors identified in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in Part I of Forward's most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K, and as may be identified in Forward's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K. Except to the extent required by law, Forward expressly disclaims any obligation to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in Forward's expectations with regard thereto or change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

### **Non-GAAP Measures**

To supplement the financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"), we have included Adjusted Revenue, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Leverage Ratio, non-GAAP financial measures, in this presentation. The reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP can be found in the Appendix to this presentation. Because these non-GAAP measures excludes certain items as described herein, they may not be indicative of the results that Forward expects to recognize for future periods. As a result, these non-GAAP measures should be considered in addition to, and not a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP.



# **Today's Presenters**



**Tom Schmitt** 

Chairman and CEO of Forward



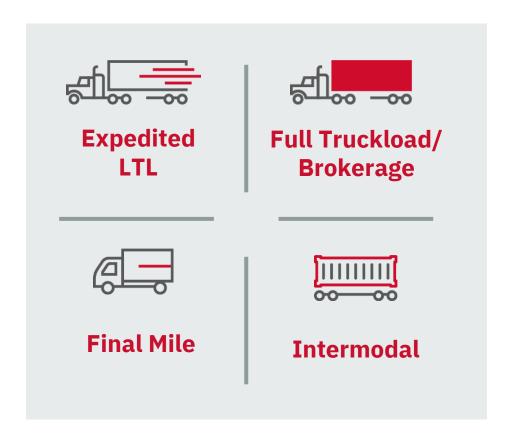
J.J. Schickel

CEO of Omni,
President of Forward Post-Close of Transaction



## Forward: Expedited LTL Built on Precision Execution

- Forward, headquartered in Greeneville, TN, offers
   consistent and reliable transit and streamlined,
   damage-free deliveries, making Forward a leading
   transportation partner
- Forward's expansive transportation network and commitment to precision execution enable the fastest transit times and maximum handling efficiency, driving lower cargo damage versus traditional ground transportation providers





## **Omni: A Leading Asset-Light Logistics Provider**

- Omni, headquartered in Dallas, TX, is an asset-light,
   high-touch logistics and supply chain management
   company with deep customer relationships in high
   growth end markets
- Omni focuses on time-sensitive freight for U.S.based customers operating both domestically and internationally



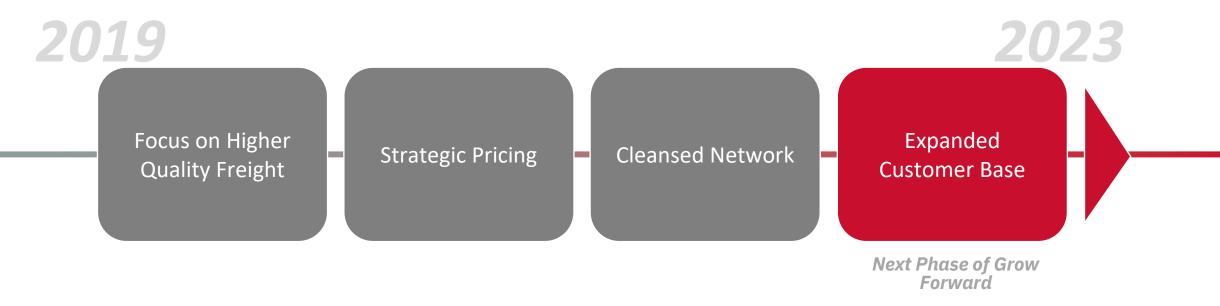


### **Unites Two Businesses with Proven Track Records**





## Grow Forward: Achieving Our Full Potential



Accelerating Forward's ability to make high-value, competitively priced freight accessible to more customers



## Advances Category Leadership in Expedited LTL Freight

Expands
Expedited
Freight
Customer
Base

Enhances Platform Scale Promotes
Differentiation
Through
Service
Offering

Combines
Industry—
Leading
Teams

Expands
Geographic
Footprint
and
Capacity

Substantial Realizable Synergy Opportunity















# Combination Meaningfully Accelerates Category Leadership in Expedited LTL



Unique opportunity to scale and rapidly deliver category leadership in the \$15 billion expedited LTL market



Source: Statista, Forward Management

## **Substantial Synergy Opportunities**

#### **Cost Synergies**

Expected to realize up to ~\$60MM within the first 6 months post-close and full run-rate savings by the end of 2025

- Network optimization
- Facilities consolidation
- SG&A rationalization
- Insourcing Omni's thirdparty domestic transport spend
- Technology enhancement

Up to
~\$75MM
in Cost
Synergy
Opportunities (1)

Up to ~\$125MM

Up to

\$50MM

in Revenue-based

**EBITDA Synergy** 

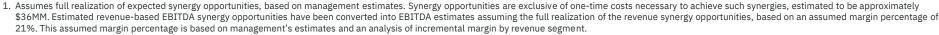
Opportunities (1)

in run-rate EBITDA Synergy Opportunities **Revenue Synergies** 

Expected to be gradually realized in the first three years post-close

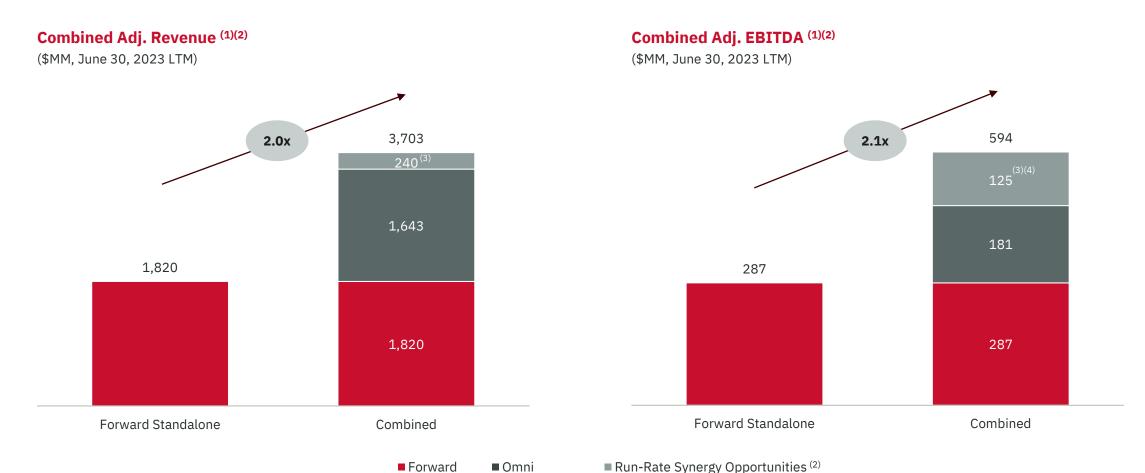
- Cross-sell potential by delivering Forward's leading expedited LTL network to Omni's existing and new customer base
- Ability to deliver a host of high-touch services to Forward's existing customer base

#### Notes





## Transaction Will Double Forward's Scale



#### Notes:

- 1. Represents a Non-GAAP figure. Please see appendix for non-GAAP reconciliation.
- 2. Run-rate cost and revenue synergy opportunities are based on management estimates.
- 3. Assumes full realization of expected synergy opportunities, based on management estimates. Synergy opportunities are exclusive of one-time costs necessary to achieve such synergies, estimated to be approximately \$36MM. Estimated revenue-based EBITDA synergy opportunities have been converted into EBITDA estimates assuming the full realization of the revenue synergy opportunities, based on an assumed margin percentage of 21%. This assumed margin percentage is based on management's estimates and an analysis of incremental margin by revenue segment.
- 4. Represents cost synergy opportunities of up to \$75MM and revenue-based EBITDA synergies of up to \$50MM.



# Maintaining Strong Financial Profile Allowing Rapid De-leveraging



#### **Anticipated Rapid De-leveraging**

from Strong Cash Flow Generation



**Leverage** of

3.5x LTM Combined Adj. EBITDA (1)



**Expected Meaningful** 

**Cash EPS Accretion** in Year 2 Post-Close



Forward Currently Intends to Maintain Existing

Dividend to Common Shareholders





**Expanded Geographic Footprint and Capacity to Better Serve LTL Network** 

300+ 12.7MM+ Locations Square Feet

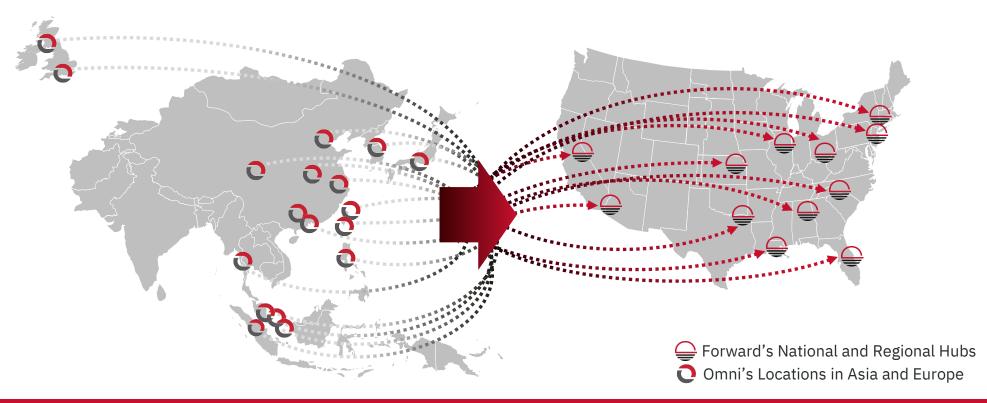
 Combination of Omni's 40+ strategically located terminals with Forward's comprehensive network of terminals will create a network flywheel for customers

Omni's presence in Europe, Asia and South
 America will expand Forward's international capabilities





# Omni's 7,000+ Customers Will Feed Forward's Expedited LTL Network



Expands Access to High-Growth, High-Value Sectors





## **Summary of the Proposed Transaction**

## Transaction Consideration

- Omni shareholders to receive \$150 million in cash and Forward stock resulting in 37.7% ownership by Omni shareholders on a fully-diluted, as-converted basis
- Stock consideration consists of common stock and a newly designated series of perpetual, non-voting convertible
  preferred stock, which will be automatically converted into Forward common stock upon the approval of Forward
  shareholders in a vote to be held post-closing
- Based on the closing price of Forward shares on August 9, 2023, consideration represents an enterprise value for Omni of \$3.2 billion
  - 17.9x EV / June 30 LTM Adjusted EBITDA; 10.6x including run-rate synergies of \$125 million
  - Forward expects meaningful cash EPS accretion in year two following close of the transaction
- Tax Receivable Agreement entered into with Omni shareholders with respect to certain net realized tax benefits resulting from the transaction

# Financing & Credit Impact

- Cash consideration and refinancing of existing indebtedness of Forward and Omni to be financed with a combination of existing cash and new debt
- Forward has obtained debt commitments for up to \$1,850 million, as well as an upsized revolving credit facility of \$400 million
- Anticipated leverage ratio of approximately 3.5x inclusive of run-rate cost synergies, with a post-close deleveraging target of approximately 2.0x within approximately two full years post-close (1)

#### Note



1. Represents a non-GAAP figure. Ratio assumes realization in full of estimated cost synergy opportunities. See appendix for calculation of ratio.

## **Summary of the Proposed Transaction (Cont'd)**

#### Management, Governance and Lock-up

- Upon closing, Tom Schmitt will continue in his current role as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the combined company; J.J. Schickel, current Chief Executive Officer of Omni, will serve as President and be a director of the combined company at closing
- In addition, Omni shareholders will designate 3 other directors to the Forward Board at the closing of the transaction. Certain Omni shareholders will enter into voting agreements and other customary shareholder arrangements with Forward
- Omni shareholders subject to lock-up, with staged release starting after 180 days with full release not before 12 months from closing

#### **Timeline**

• Closing of the transaction is expected in the second half of 2023, subject to the receipt of regulatory approvals and the satisfaction of other customary closing conditions



## **Forward Non-GAAP Reconciliation**

| Revenue (\$MM) | 6 Months Ended<br>6/30/22 | FY2022 | 6 Months Ended<br>6/30/23 | 6/30/23<br>LTM <sup>(1)</sup> |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GAAP Revenue   | 982                       | 1,973  | 829                       | 1,820                         |

| EBITDA Reconciliation (\$MM)            | 6 Months Ended<br>6/30/22 | FY2022 | 6 Months Ended<br>6/30/23 | 6/30/23<br>LTM <sup>(1)</sup> |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GAAP Net Income                         | 98                        | 193    | 56                        | 151                           |
| Interest Expense                        | 2                         | 5      | 5                         | 8                             |
| Income Tax Expense                      | 33                        | 68     | 19                        | 54                            |
| Depreciation & Amortization             | 23                        | 47     | 28                        | 53                            |
| EBITDA                                  | 156                       | 313    | 109                       | 267                           |
| Share Based Compensation (2)            | 6                         | 11     | 6                         | 12                            |
| Due Diligence and Integration Costs (3) | -                         | -      | 7                         | 7                             |
| Reduction in Workforce (4)              | -                         | -      | 2                         | 2                             |
| Adjusted EBITDA                         | 162                       | 325    | 124                       | 287                           |

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## **Omni Non-GAAP Reconciliation**

| Revenue Reconciliation (\$MM)                | 6 Months Ended<br>6/30/22 | FY2022 | 6 Months Ended<br>6/30/23 | 6/30/23<br>LTM <sup>(1)</sup> |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GAAP Revenue                                 | 928                       | 1,872  | 682                       | 1,627                         |
| Pre-Acquisition Revenue and Adjustments (5)  | 115                       | 139    | -                         | 24                            |
| Other Normalization Revenue Adjustments (6)  | (2)                       | 0      | (4)                       | (3)                           |
| Pro Forma Revenue Adjustments <sup>(7)</sup> | (2)                       | (7)    | -                         | (6)                           |
| Adjusted Revenue                             | 1,040                     | 2,005  | 678                       | 1,643                         |

| EBITDA Reconciliation (\$MM)                            | 6 Months Ended<br>6/30/22 | FY2022 | 6 Months Ended<br>6/30/23 | 6/30/23<br>LTM <sup>(1)</sup> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GAAP Net Income                                         | 19                        | 16     | (103)                     | (106)                         |
| Interest Expense                                        | 36                        | 102    | 79                        | 146                           |
| Depreciation & Amortization                             | 23                        | 56     | 32                        | 65                            |
| Income Tax Benefit / Expense                            | 3                         | 6      | (1)                       | 2                             |
| EBITDA                                                  | 81                        | 180    | 8                         | 107                           |
| Pre-Acquisition Earnings and Adjustments <sup>(8)</sup> | 18                        | 24     | (0)                       | 5                             |
| Fair Value Adjustment of Contingent Consideration (9)   | 7                         | (18)   | 12                        | (13)                          |
| Transaction Expenses and Integration Costs (10)         | 15                        | 32     | 12                        | 29                            |
| Other Normalization EBITDA Adjustments (11)             | (4)                       | 9      | 12                        | 26                            |
| Pro Forma EBITDA Adjustments <sup>(12)</sup>            | 20                        | 35     | 11                        | 27                            |
| Adjusted EBITDA                                         | 137                       | 263    | 55                        | 181                           |

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## **Combined Company Non-GAAP Reconciliations**

| Combined Company Revenue (\$MM)                                                | 6/30/23<br>LTM <sup>(1)</sup> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Forward GAAP Revenue                                                           | 1,820                         |
| Omni Adjusted Revenue                                                          | 1,643                         |
| Run-Rate Revenue Synergy Opportunities <sup>(13)</sup>                         | 240                           |
| Combined Company Adjusted Revenue Including Revenue Synergy Opportunities (13) | 3,703                         |

| Combined Company Debt (\$MM)                                                                    | 6/30/23 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| New Debt Financing (Giving Effect to the Closing of the Transaction and Related Financing) (14) | 1,850   |
| Forward Finance Lease Liabilities                                                               | 35      |
| Omni Finance Lease Liabilities                                                                  | 14      |
| Combined Company Debt (Giving Effect to the Closing of the Transaction and Related Financing)   | 1,899   |

| Combined Company Adjusted EBITDA Including Synergy Opportunities (\$MM)                                                      | 6/30/23<br>LTM <sup>(1)</sup> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Forward Adjusted EBITDA                                                                                                      | 287                           |
| Omni Adjusted EBITDA                                                                                                         | 181                           |
| Run-Rate Cost Synergy Opportunities (13)                                                                                     | 75                            |
| Combined Company Adjusted EBITDA Including Full Realization of Cost Synergy Opportunities <sup>(13)</sup>                    | 544                           |
| Run-Rate EBITDA Impact of Revenue Synergy Opportunities <sup>(13)</sup>                                                      | 50                            |
| Combined Company Adjusted EBITDA Including Full Realization of Revenue and Cost Synergy Opportunities <sup>(13)</sup>        | 594                           |
| Total Combined Company Debt / Combined Company Adjusted EBITDA Including Full Realization of Cost Synergy Opportunities (13) | 3.5x                          |

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### Non-GAAP Reconciliation Footnotes

- 1. June 30, 2023 LTM figures calculated as (i) such figures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 *plus* (ii) such figures for the six months ended June 30, 2023 *less* (iii) such figures for the six months ended June 30, 2022
- 2. Forward Share Based Compensation relates to non-cash stock compensation expense
- 3. Forward Due Diligence and Integration Costs represents advisor fees and due diligence costs related to executed and terminated acquisitions as well as integration-related expenses of acquired businesses
- 4. Forward Reduction in Workforce represents impact of a Forward Air 2023 reduction in workforce initiative
- 5. Omni Pre-acquisition Revenue and Adjustments represents revenue of certain entities acquired during the applicable period, inclusive of due diligence adjustments, attributable to the portion of such period occurring prior to the consummation of their respective acquisition
- 6. Omni Other Normalization Revenue Adjustments represents items considered non-operational, non-recurring, or non-cash in nature
- 7. Omni Pro Forma Revenue Adjustments represents pro-forma impact of strategic initiatives and updated customer pricing as if each of the foregoing was implemented as of the first day of the applicable period
- 8. Omni Pre-acquisition Earnings and Adjustments represents earnings of certain entities acquired during the applicable period, inclusive of due diligence adjustments, attributable to the portion of such period occurring prior to the consummation of their respective acquisition
- 9. Omni Fair Value Adjustment of Contingent Consideration represents removal of fair value adjustments for performance based earn-out payments for certain acquired entities



## Non-GAAP Reconciliation Footnotes (Cont'd)

- 10. Omni Transaction Expenses and Integration Costs represents advisor fees and due diligence costs related to executed and terminated acquisitions as well as integration-related expenses of certain acquired businesses
- 11. Omni Other Normalization EBITDA Adjustments represents items considered non-operational or non-recurring such as non-recurring bad debt expenses, sponsor and board fees, FX gains and losses, and other non-recurring and non-cash expenses
- 12. Omni Pro Forma EBITDA Adjustments represents pro forma impact of strategic initiatives, updated customer pricing, and profitability initiatives including facilities consolidations and a reduction-in-force in 2022 and 2023, as if each of the foregoing was implemented as of the first day of the applicable period
- 13. Assumes full realization of expected synergy opportunities, based on management estimates. Synergy opportunities are exclusive of one-time costs necessary to achieve such synergies, estimated to be approximately \$36MM. Estimated revenue-based EBITDA synergy opportunities have been converted into EBITDA estimates assuming the full realization of the revenue synergy opportunities, based on an assumed margin percentage of 21%. This assumed margin percentage is based on management's estimates and an analysis of incremental margin by revenue segment
- 14. Each of Forward's and Omni's existing credit facilities is expected to be repaid at closing

