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# WASTE CONNECTIONS: INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS





Third largest solid waste company in North America



Differentiated strategy focused on exclusive and secondary markets



Well-positioned for strategic growth opportunities in active M&A environment



Track record of outperformance in total shareholder return



Industry-leading adjusted EBITDA margins, free cash flow conversion and safety performance

Demonstrated progress towards achievement of aspirational ESG targets driving value creation

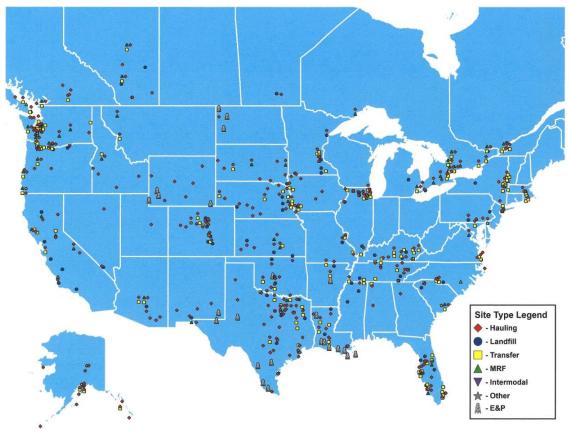
### WASTE CONNECTIONS: AT A GLANCE



> 22,000 employees

- $\sim$  \$8.050 billion revenue\*
- ~\$2.500 billion adjusted EBITDA\*
- $\sim$  \$1.225 billion adjusted free cash flow\*
- $\sim$  \$17 billion assets
- $\sim$  \$40 billion enterprise value

### Revenues: 87% U.S. and 13% Canada



Footprint across 43 U.S. states and 6 Canadian provinces

# OUR DIFFERENTIATED VIEW ON SOLID WASTE





#### Solid waste is a commodity

- Lowest price provider wins
- Customer has basic level of service expectations
- Private companies can dictate pricing in competitive markets

#### Returns are driven by:

- Market selection
- Asset and contractual positioning
- Local execution

#### **Culture Matters**

- Culture is either accidental or intentional
- Servant Leadership: holding leaders accountable to those they serve
- Engagement drives Relationships / Relationships = Results
- Winning at Human Capital drives superior long term performance

#### Value creation is linked to **FREE CASH FLOW per share growth**

#### Rankings reflect relative attractiveness to WCN 6

### TARGETING ATTRACTIVE MARKETS

#### Market Selection Strategy

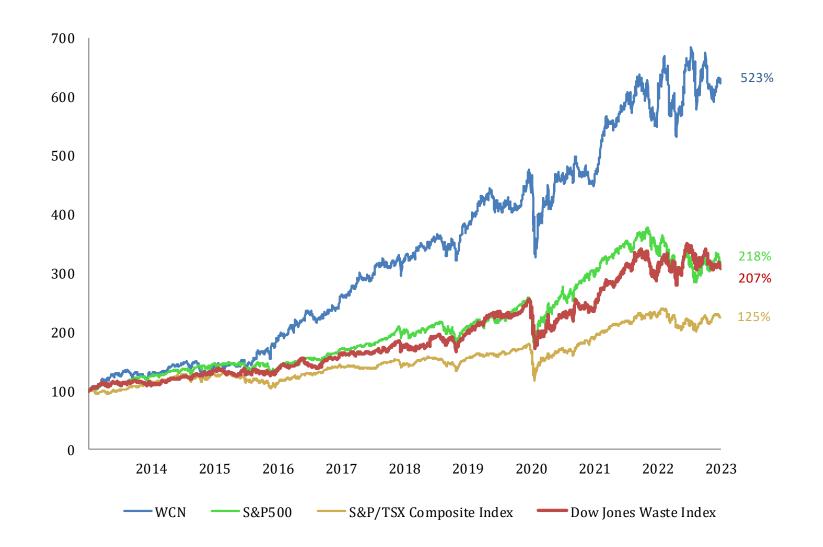
- Purposeful market selection strategy since inception
- Current mix:
  - ~40% exclusive / franchise markets
  - ~60% competitive markets, primarily secondary or rural, with high market share
- Integrated operations include disposal
  - Exclusive markets landfill ownership not critical
  - Competitive markets more likely integrated; may be attractive if disposal neutral

	Integrated Operations	Non-Integrated Operations	
Exclusive Markets	#1 EBITDA Margin #1 EBIT Margin #1 FCF Margin #1 ROA	#3 EBITDA Margin #2 (tie) EBIT Margin #2 FCF Margin #2 ROA	
Competitive Markets	#2 EBITDA Margin #2 (tie) EBIT Margin #3 FCF Margin #3 ROA	#4 EBITDA Margin #4 (tie) EBIT Margin #4 FCF Margin #4 ROA Attractive if Hi Market Share Disposal Neutr	&



### **10-YEAR TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN (TSR)**





#### Differentiated Returns

523% 10-Year TSR

 $\sim 2.5x$  the returns of the DJ Waste Index

2.4x the returns of the S&P500

 $\sim$ 4.2X the returns of the TSX60

### SUSTAINABILITY: UPDATE



#### ESG efforts consistent with long-term value creation

- Long-term aspirational targets established in 2020 and expanded in 2022
  - \$500mm capital commitment
  - > Incentive compensation linkage
- Multi-year track record of progress towards targets
- Growing pipeline of renewable natural gas (RNG) projects

#### 2022 Sustainability Report

- Net Carbon Benefit => already beyond Net Zero, with operational offsets exceeding emissions by 3.4x
- Details provided at hub => Waste Connections Sustainability
  - Achieved absolute reduction in emissions and two-year reduction in emissions intensity of 18%
  - Expanded disclosure including Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and Environmental Justice (EJ) and established emissions reduction targets

### **15-Year ESG Targets**





Reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions

Continuous improvement in emissions intensity



Increase resources recovered by at least 50%

INCIDENT RATE



Reduction in Incident Rate

BIOGAS RECOVERY

Increase biogas recovery by at least 40%







Process at least 50% of Leachate on-site



Continuous improvement in Servant Leadership scores



### SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED INVESTMENTS



#### \$200 million investment in RNG facilities => \$200mm EBITDA in 2026

- Investments in Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) and resource recovery facilities consistent with ESG targets <u>and</u> shareholder value creation objectives
- Expectations for RNG Plants:
  - Long-term => projects at ~15-20 landfills including:
    - Near-term (2-4 years): 10 projects in development
  - > Combination of new facilities and conversion of electrical generating facilities
  - > Equity structure => mixture of partnerships ( $\sim 2/3$ ) and WCN ownership ( $\sim 1/3$ )
  - > Approximately \$200mm investment for comparable annual EBITDA by 2026
  - > Upside potential from Inflation Reduction Act
- Additionally, two recycling facilities under construction => on line by 2024
  - Benefits from enhanced optical sorters and robotics => labor savings and improved output quality



### TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES



#### Environmental-focused Technology

- Robotics at recycling facilities
- Self-contained, on-site landfill leachate treatment
- Evaluating electric vehicles (EV)

#### **Employee-focused Technology**

- Safety
  - AI-driven "next-generation" truck camera systems
  - Enhanced safety features in fleet design
- Employee Engagement
  - Company-wide connectivity
  - Learning Management
     System (LMS) for training & development

#### ENVIRONMENTAL







#### SOCIAL

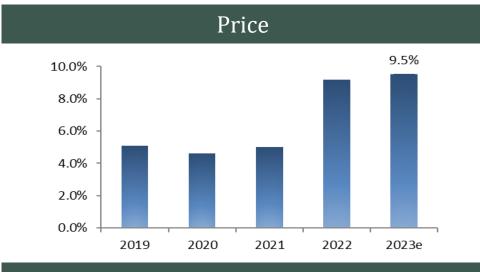


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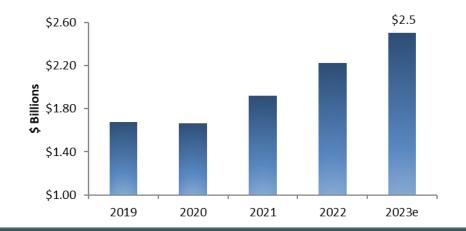
# FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

### WCN: FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

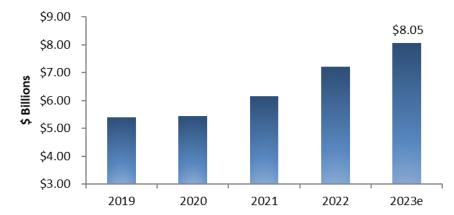




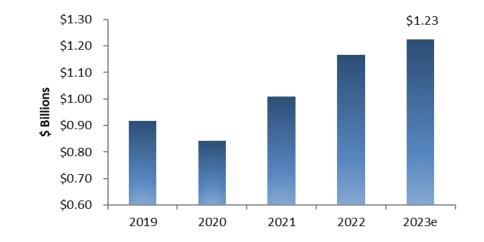
#### Adjusted EBITDA \*



Revenue



#### Adjusted Free Cash Flow \*



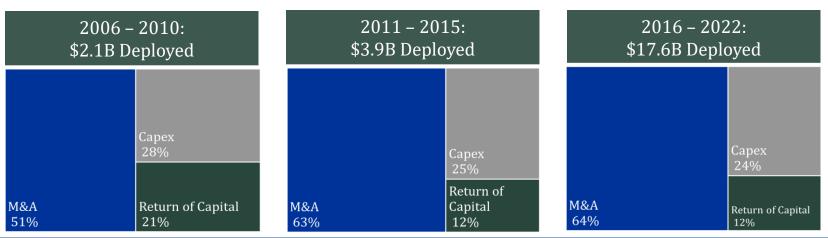
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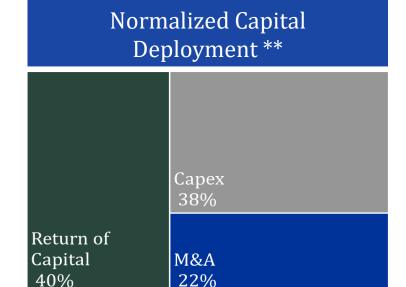
### CAPITAL ALLOCATION



#### Robust Free Cash Flow and low leverage provide flexibility for continued M&A and increased return of capital

- Leverage of ~2.9 times debt to EBITDA\*
- M&A: market-driven strategy with cash returns focus
  - Recent period of outsized activity
- Return of Capital
  - Dividend => ~15% CAGR since initiation in 2010
  - > Opportunistic approach to share repurchases
- Over \$1B in prepayable debt => optionality in higher interest rate environment





- Acquisitions of ~\$150mm annualized revenue expected in average year
- Expected higher value creation per capital dollar deployed in more normalized environment

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### FULL YEAR 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



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Financial Metrics *	Other Observations
<ul> <li>Revenue: \$7.212 billion, up \$1,060mm or 17.2% YoY <ul> <li>Up 8.3% excluding acquisitions of \$552mm</li> <li>Solid waste price + volume growth of 8.1%</li> <li>E&amp;P up \$72mm YoY or 57.3%</li> </ul> </li> <li>Adjusted EBITDA: \$2.221 billion <ul> <li>Up \$301mm, or 15.7% YoY</li> </ul> </li> <li>Adj EBITDA margin of 30.8% <ul> <li>Up YoY excluding impact of acquisitions</li> <li>Overcame higher fuel, wages, record inflation and 70% decline in recycled commodity values in 2H'22</li> </ul> </li> <li>Adjusted Free Cash Flow: \$1.165 billion, or 16.2% of revenue <ul> <li>Up 15.4% YoY in spite of 23% capex increase</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Deployed &gt;\$2.3 billion for solid waste acquisitions with activity across all regions <ul> <li>24 acquisitions =&gt; ~ \$640mm of annualized revenue</li> </ul> </li> <li>Increased return of capital to shareholders by 20% YoY to \$668mm <ul> <li>Opportunistic share buybacks =&gt; ~1% of float</li> <li>10.9% dividend increase</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ended 2022 with leverage of ~2.9x in spite of deploying ~\$3.9 billion toward growth and return of capital</li> </ul>
	*see appendix for non-GAAP reconciliation tables. **Compliance debt, net of cash, divided by compliance EBITDA. 14

### FULL YEAR 2023 OUTLOOK



### Financial Metrics Other Observations

- Revenue: \$8.050 billion
  - > Up \$837mm YoY or 11.6%
    - Pricing:~+9.5%, essentially all core
    - Volumes: Flat to down 1%
    - Includes \$350mm from deals completed or 5%
  - Assumes <u>no improvement</u> in recovered commodities at multi-year lows => ~\$100mm drag
- Adjusted EBITDA: ~\$2.500 billion
  - > Up \$278mm YoY or +12.6%
- Adjusted EBITDA Margin: 31.1%
  - Up 30bps YoY, <u>or +130bps excluding recovered</u> <u>commodity impact (100bps)</u>
- Adjusted Free Cash Flow: \$1.225 billion
  - Capex of \$925mm => includes \$50mm in fleet from 2022 due to manufacturer delays

- Price visibility => +9.5% in 2023 with 75% in place or known by February
  - Lagging CPI escalators benefit 2023
- Deal pipeline remains active with ~\$40mm closed YTD
- Cash flow and low leverage offers flexibility toward future capital deployment
- Sustainability-related project pipeline expanding with addition of one large RNG facility
  - Capex includes \$75-85mm of sustainability spend
- Upside to guidance from moderation in inflation, increases in recovered commodity values, improvement in E&P waste activity or additional acquisitions

# WASTE CONNECTIONS: IN SUMMARY

**Performance:** Differentiated market model driving industry-leading EBITDA and FCF margins

Capital deployment: Track record of value creation

**Dividends:** Double-digit dividend growth since inception

**ESG:** Integral to our business and consistent with objective to drive value creation

**Culture:** Culture matters and differentiates

**TSR:** Total shareholder return of >5,800% from IPO in 1998 through 2022





# NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION TABLES

#### NON-GAAP ADJUSTED EBITDA RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

Adjusted EBITDA*		<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	2023e**
Net income attributable to Waste Connections	546,871	566,841	204,677	618,047	835,662	961,000
Plus/(less): Net Inc. (exp.) attributable to noncontrolling interests	283	(160)	(685)	442	339	1,000
Plus: Income tax provision	159,986	139,210	49,922	152,253	212,962	271,000
Plus: Interest Expense	132,104	147,368	162,375	162,796	202,331	255,000
Less: Interest Income	(7,170)	(9,777)	(5,253)	(2,916)	(5,950)	-
Plus: Depreciation and Amortization	680,487	743,918	752,404	813,009	918,960	995,000
Plus: Closure and post-closure accretion	12,997	14,471	15,095	14,497	16,253	17,000
Plus: Loss on early extinguishment of debt	-	-	-	115,288	-	-
Plus: Impairments and other operating items	20,118	61,948	466,718	32,316	18,230	-
(Less)/plus: Other expense (income), net	170	(5,704)	1,392	(6,285)	(3,154)	-
Adjustments:						
Plus: Transaction-related expenses	8,607	12,335	9,803	11,318	24,933	-
Plus: Fair value changes to equity awards	9,205	3,104	5,536	8,393	86	-
Plus: Integration-related and other expenses	2,760	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA*	1,566,418	1,673,554	1,661,984	1,919,158	2,220,652	2,500,000
Revenues	4,922,941	5,388,679	5,445,990	6,151,361	7,211,859	8,050,000
Adjusted EBITDA* as % of Revenues	31.8%	31.1%	30.5%	31.2%	30.8%	31.1%

\*Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, is provided supplementally because it is widely used by investors as a performance and valuation measure in the solid waste industry. Other companies may calculate differently.

\*\*2023e based on February 2023 outlook.

#### NON-GAAP ADJUSTED FREE CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

Adjusted Free Cash Flow*		<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023**</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,540,547	1,408,521	1,698,229	2,022,492	2,120,000
Plus/(less): Change in book overdraft		(2,564)	1,096	(367)	(1,076)	-
Plus: Proceeds from disposal of assets	5,385	3,566	19,084	42,768	30,676	30,000
(Less): Capital Expenditures for Property & Equipment	(546,145)	(634,406)	(597,053)	(744,315)	(912,677)	(925,000)
(Less): Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(103)	(570)	-	-	-	-
Adjustments:						
Payment of contingent consideration recorded in earnings	11	-	10,371	520	2,982	-
Cash received for divestitures	(2,030)	(2,376)	(10,673)	(17,118)	(5,671)	-
Transaction-related expenses	8,607	12,335	9,803	30,771	30,825	-
Integration-related and other expenses	2,760	-	-	-	-	-
Pre-existing Progressive Waste share-based grants	5,772	4,810	5,770	397	286	-
Tax Effect	(4,752)	(4,565)	(5,021)	(1,287)	(2,993)	-
Adjusted Free Cash Flow*	879,901	916,777	841,898	1,009,598	1,164,844	1,225,000
Revenues	4,922,941	5,388,679	5,445,990	6,151,361	7,211,859	8,050,000
Adjusted EBITDA *	1,566,418	1,673,554	1,661,984	1,919,158	2,220,652	2,500,000
Adjusted Free Cash Flow* as % of Adjusted EBITDA*	56.2%	54.8%	50.7%	52.6%	52.5%	49.0%

\*Adjusted free cash flow, free cash flow as % of revenue and adjusted EBITDA, non-GAAP financial measures, are provided supplementally because they are widely used by investors as valuation and liquidity measures. Other companies may calculate these metrics differently.

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