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# WASTE CONNECTIONS: INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS





Third largest solid waste company in North America



Differentiated strategy focused on exclusive and secondary markets



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



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



Track record of outperformance in total shareholder return



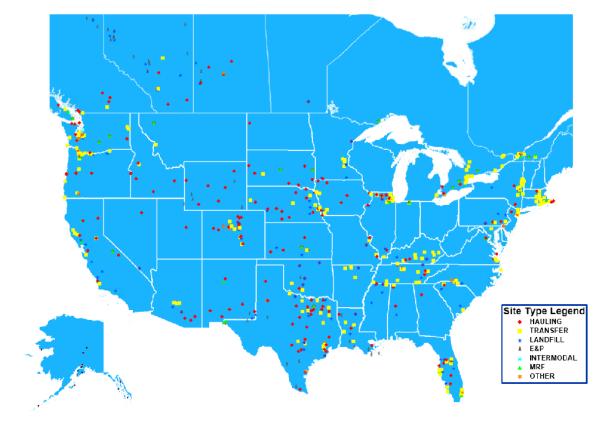
Demonstrated progress towards achievement of aspirational ESG targets driving value creation

# WASTE CONNECTIONS: AT A GLANCE



- $\sim 24,000$  employees
- $\sim$  \$8.850 billion revenue\*
- **~\$2.900** billion adjusted EBITDA\*
- **~\$1.200** billion adjusted free cash flow\*
- ~\$19 billion assets
- $\sim$  \$55 billion enterprise value

Revenues: 86% U.S. and 14% Canada



Footprint across 46 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

# TARGETING ATTRACTIVE MARKETS



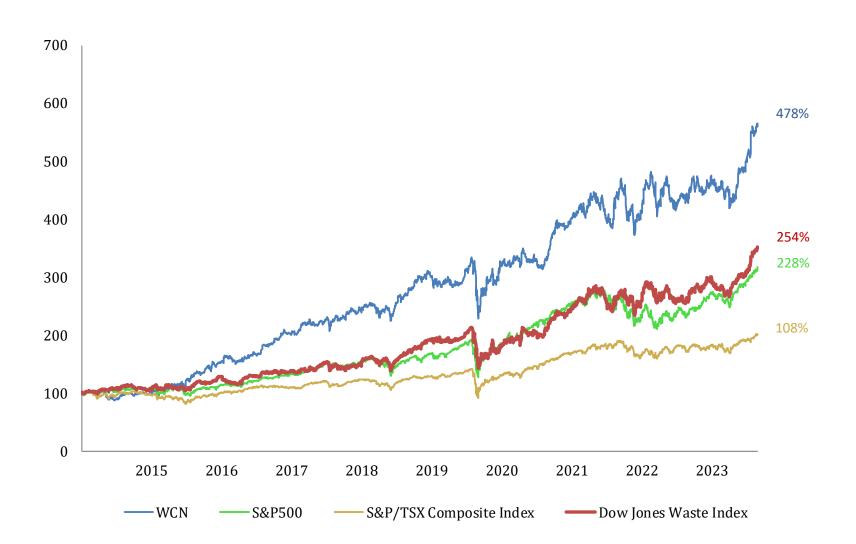
## Market Selection Strategy

- 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 Hig Market Share & Disposal Neutra

# 10-YEAR TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURN (TSR)





## Differentiated Returns

478% 10-Year TSR

~1.9X the returns of the DJ Waste Index

 $\sim$  2.1X the returns of the S&P500

 $\sim$  4.4x 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

#### 2023 Sustainability Report

- ~40% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions intensity from 2019 baseline
- Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) under review
- Operational offsets exceed emissions by 4.2x
- Details provided at hub => <u>Waste Connections Sustainability</u>

## 15-Year ESG Targets







Reduction in Incident Rate





scores



mprovement in

Servant Leadership



# SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED INVESTMENTS



## ~\$200mm incremental annual EBITDA from RNG investments

- 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:
  - $\triangleright$  Long-term => projects at ~15-20 landfills including:
    - 12 projects in development and expected to commence operations by 2026
  - > Combination of new facilities and conversion of electrical generating facilities
  - $\triangleright$  Equity structure => mixture of partnerships (~2/3) and WCN ownership (~1/3)
    - \$200mm plus investment with potential offsets from Investment Tax Credits
- Ongoing investments in recycling facilities
  - Benefits from enhanced optical sorters and robotics => labor savings and improved output quality
- Addressing evolving opportunities around PFAS capture and removal
  - > Introducing technology at several landfills to decrease reliance on third parties and expand capabilities to process landfill leachate



# TECHNOLOGY AND TURNOVER-RELATED INITIATIVES



## Operational Technologies

- Robotics and optical sorters at recycling facilities
- Foam fractionation units at landfills to capture PFAS
- Currently testing electric vehicles (EV)
- AI technology to measure commercial overloads

## People & Training

- Opening two in-house driving academies and partnership with diesel-tech school
- AI-based e-learning modules
- AI-driven, camera-based telematics in fleet for safety

## **OPERATIONAL TECH**







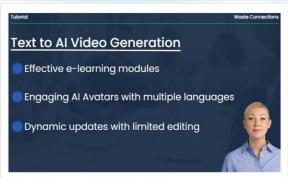
## PEOPLE & TRAINING



IN HOUSE TRAINING

AI TRAINING MODULES

CAMERA TELEMATICS





ROBOTICS

PFAS CAPTURE

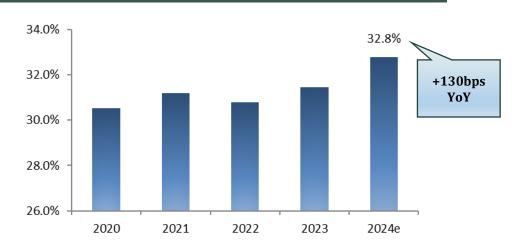
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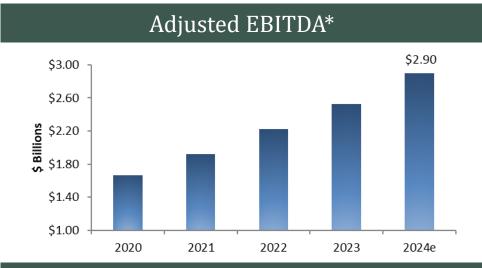
# FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

# WCN: FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

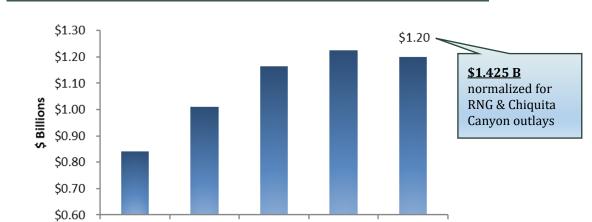








Adjusted Free Cash Flow \*\*



2022

2023

2024e

2021

2020

## CAPITAL ALLOCATION



## Track record of capital deployment with attractive returns

- Robust Free Cash Flow and low leverage provide flexibility for continued M&A and increased return of capital
- Capital allocation priorities:
  - Acquisitions:
    - Market-driven strategy in solid waste with cash return focus
    - Revenue pipeline >\$5B in exclusive/franchise and secondary/rural markets that meet criteria
  - Return of capital
    - Continued growth of cash dividend => 14% CAGR since
       2010 initiation
    - Opportunistic share repurchases

#### Recent outsized M&A with continued low leverage\*

- Since 2020:
  - ~\$6 billion of cash outlays
  - > ~100 acquisitions completed
  - ➤ Net leverage ratio\* < 2.7x
- If/when M&A environment normalizes\*\* => increased opportunistic share repurchases, accelerated ROIC improvement

<sup>\*</sup>Compliance debt, net of cash, divided by compliance EBITDA.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Illustrative normalized levels of M&A => ~\$150mm - \$200mm acquired annualized revenue.

## 1H 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



#### Financial Metrics

- Revenue: \$4.321 billion, up \$400mm or +10.2% YoY
- Adjusted EBITDA: \$1.382 billion, up \$187mm or +15.6% YoY
- Adjusted EBITDA margins: 32.0%, up 150bps YoY
- YTD closed acquisitions with ~\$500mm of annualized revenue
  - Plus, \$150mm of acquisitions signed under definitive agreement expected to close in 2H '24
    - \$150mm <u>NOT</u> included in updated outlook

#### Other Observations

- Momentum for continued outperformance from:
  - Continuing improvement in employee turnover and safety-related metrics
  - Deployed ~ \$1.5 billion towards acquisitions YTD
    - Net EBITDA leverage\*\* <2.7x => flexibility to fund additional acquisitions and return of capital

# INCREASED 2024 FINANCIAL OUTLOOK



#### Updated 2024 Guidance – July

- Raised 2024 Revenue, EBITDA and margin outlook\* by \$100mm, \$40mm and 10bps, respectively to:
  - Revenue: \$8.850 billion, up \$828mm YoY or 10.3%
  - ➤ Adj. EBITDA: ~\$2.900 billion, up \$377mm YoY or +14.9%
  - > Adj. EBITDA Margin: 32.8%, up 130bps YoY
    - 33.5% implied 2H'24 adj. EBITDA margins => strong jumping off point for 2025
  - Adj. Free Cash Flow: \$1.200 billion, including incremental outlays of \$225mm for RNG and Chiquita-related costs
- Upside from further acquisitions closed, abating inflationary pressures, and any improvement in commodity-driven revenues, including from a quicker than expected ramp in new RNG projects



# WASTE CONNECTIONS: IN SUMMARY



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

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

Capital deployment: Track record of value creation

**Culture:** Culture matters and differentiates

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

TSR: Total shareholder return of ~6,600% from IPO in 1998 through 2023





## NON-GAAP ADJUSTED EBITDA RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

Six	Months	<b>Ende</b>	d
	June 3	30	

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Adjusted EBITDA*	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	2024e**	<u>2023</u>	2024
Net income attributable to Waste Connections	204,677	618,047	835,662	762,800	1,087,000	407,021	505,531
Plus/(less): Net Inc. (exp.) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(685)	442	339	26	(1,003)	(15)	(1,003)
Plus: Income tax provision	49,922	152,253	212,962	220,675	318,672	122,940	139,996
Plus: Interest Expense, net	157,122	159,880	196,381	265,292	318,000	131,845	154,804
Plus: Depreciation and Amortization	752,404	813,009	918,960	1,003,211	1,130,000	495,715	548,334
Plus: Closure and post-closure accretion	15,095	14,497	16,253	19,605	28,000	9,087	15,492
Plus: Loss on early extinguishment of debt	-	115,288	-	-	-	-	-
Plus: Impairments and other operating items	466,718	32,316	18,230	238,796	8,544	12,724	8,544
Plus/(Less): Other expense (income), net	1,392	(6,285)	(3,154)	(12,481)	(7,823)	(2,974)	(7,823)
Adjustments:							
Plus: Transaction-related expenses	9,803	11,318	24,933	10,653	17,103	3,905	17,103
Plus/(Less): Fair value changes to equity awards	5 <i>,</i> 536	8,393	86	(1,726)	1,507	445	1 <i>,</i> 507
Plus: Executive separation costs	-	-		16,105	-	15,063	-
Adjusted EBITDA*	1,661,984	1,919,158	2,220,652	2,522,956	2,900,000	1,195,756	1,382,485
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Revenues	5,445,990	6,151,361	7,211,859	8,021,951	8,850,000	3,921,598	4,320,819
Adjusted EBITDA* as % of Revenues	30.5%	31.2%	30.8%	31.5%	32.8%	30.5%	32.0%

<sup>\*</sup>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.

<sup>\*\*2024</sup>e based on July 2024 outlook.

## NON-GAAP ADJUSTED FREE CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

## Six Months Ended

					_	June 30	
Adjusted Free Cash Flow*	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	2024e**	<u>2023</u>	2024
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,408,521	1,698,229	2,022,492	2,126,817	2,337,085	1,016,712	1,101,687
Plus/(less): Change in book overdraft	1,096	(367)	(1,076)	(790)	1,350	(234)	1,350
Plus: Proceeds from disposal of assets	19,084	42,768	30,676	31,581	2,997	3,819	2,997
(Less): Capital Expenditures for Property & Equipment	(597,053)	(744,315)	(912,677)	(934,000)	(1,150,000)	(394,143)	(387,170)
Adjustments:							
Payment of contingent consideration recorded in earnings	10,371	520	2,982	-	-	-	-
Cash received for divestitures	(10,673)	(17,118)	(5,671)	(6,194)	-	-	-
Transaction-related expenses	9,803	30,771	30,825	5,519	8,680	2,264	8,680
Pre-existing Progressive Waste share-based grants	5,770	397	286	1,285	1,131	841	1,131
Executive separation costs	-	-		1,686	1,670	1,686	1,670
Tax Effect	(5,021)	(1,287)	(2,993)	(1,772)	(2,913)	(990)	(2,913)
Adjusted Free Cash Flow*	841,898	1,009,598	1,164,844	1,224,132	1,200,000	629,955	727,432
Revenues	5,445,990	6,151,361	7,211,859	8,021,951	8,850,000	3,921,598	4,320,819
Adjusted EBITDA *	1,661,984	1,919,158	2,220,652	2,522,956	2,900,000	1,195,756	1,382,485
Adjusted Free Cash Flow* as % of Adjusted EBITDA*	50.7%	52.6%	52.5%	48.5%	41.4%	52.7%	52.6%

<sup>\*</sup>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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