

FOURTH QUARTER 2024 ANALYST CONFERENCE CALL

JANUARY 30, 2025

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Speakers









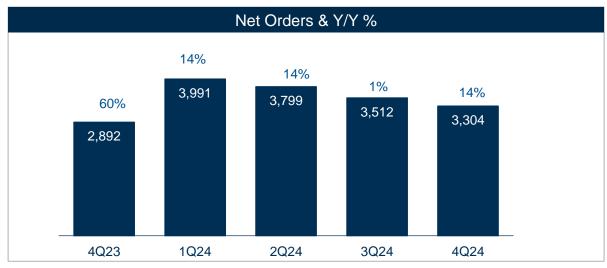
Steven J. Hilton – Executive Chairman

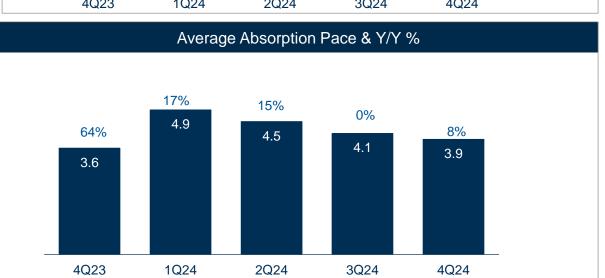
Phillippe Lord – Chief Executive Officer

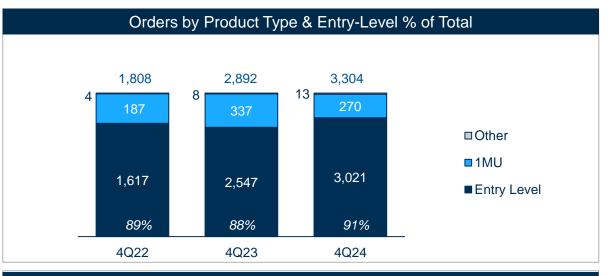
Hilla Sferruzza – EVP & Chief Financial Officer

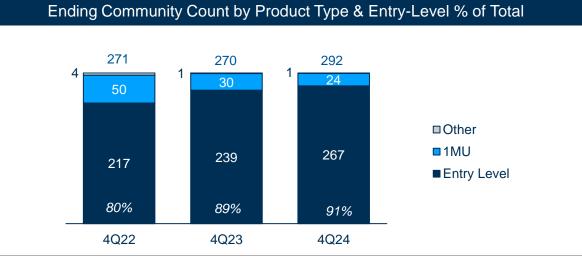
Emily Tadano – VP of Investor Relations and ESG

Net Sales Orders Increased 14% Year-Over-Year









Absorption Pace Improved YOY Across All Regions

	West Region	Central Region	East Region	Total
Average Active Communities	88.5	75.5	121.0	285.0
Average Active Communities Y/Y(%)	9%	(11)%	15%	8%
Entry-level % Average Communities	93%	93%	90%	92%
Absorption per month	3.3	4.7	3.8	3.9
Absorption per month Y/Y(%)	10%	15%	9%	8%
Orders	864	1,067	1,373	3,304
Orders Y/Y(%)	20%	1%	23%	14%
ASP on Orders	\$492K	\$355K	\$377K	\$400K
ASP on Orders Y/Y(%)	(5)%	(5)%	(3)%	(4)%
Order Value Y/Y(%)	14%	(4)%	20%	10%

The data above relates to our three reportable homebuilding segments which include:

West: Arizona, California, Colorado, and Utah

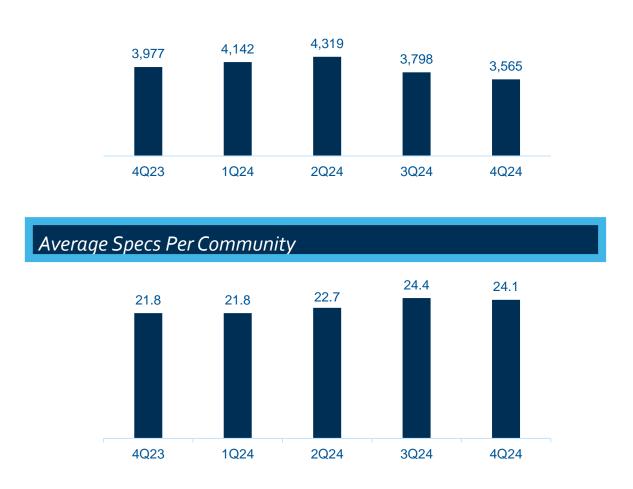
Central: Texas

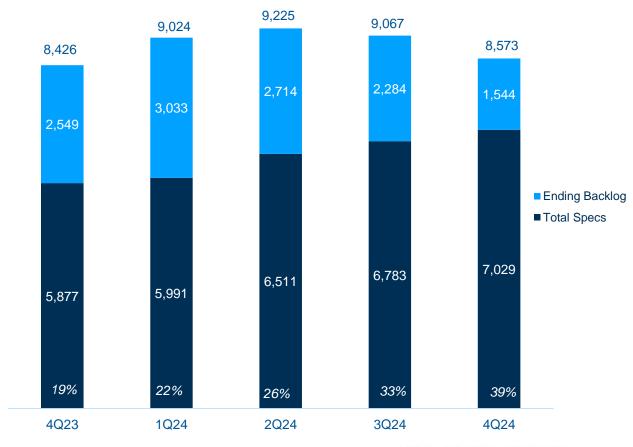
East: Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee

Our Available Supply of Quick Turning Move-In Ready Homes Is Our Competitive Advantage



Total Specs and Ending Backlog & % of Specs Completed





4Q24 Financial Performance

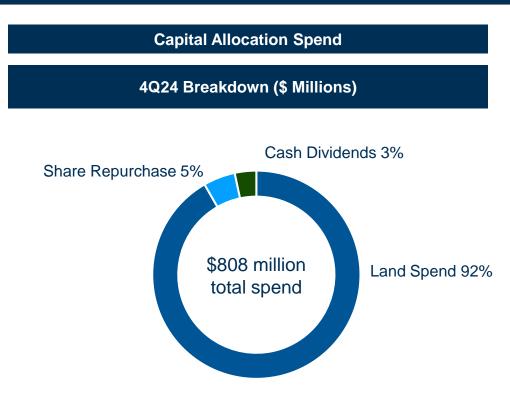
(\$ Millions except EPS & ASP)	4Q24	4Q23	% Chg	FY2024	FY2023	% Chg
Home closings	4,044	3,951	2%	15,611	13,976	12%
ASP (closings)	\$395K	\$415K	(5)%	\$406	\$433K	(6)%
Home closing revenue	\$1,596	\$1,642	(3)%	\$6,341	\$6,057	5%
Home closing gross profit	\$370	\$413	(10)%	\$1,580	\$1,502	5%
Home closing gross margin	23.2%	25.2%	(200) bps	24.9%	24.8%	10 bps
SG&A expenses	\$173	\$176	(2)%	\$640	\$617	4%
SG&A % of home closing revenue	10.8%	10.7%	10 bps	10.1%	10.2%	(10) bps
Earnings before taxes	\$222	\$259	-14%	\$1,003	\$949	6%
Tax rate	22.1%	23.2%	(110) bps	21.6%	22.2%	(60) bps
Net earnings	\$173	\$199	-13%	\$786	\$739	6%
Diluted EPS	\$4.72	\$5.38	-12%	\$21.44	\$19.93	8%

4Q24 Highlights:

- Lower ASPs on closings from greater financing incentives utilization and product and geographic mix shift
- Home closing gross margin impacted by greater financing incentives utilization and higher lot costs; partial offset from cost savings and shorter cycle times
- SG&A % impacted by increased commission rates

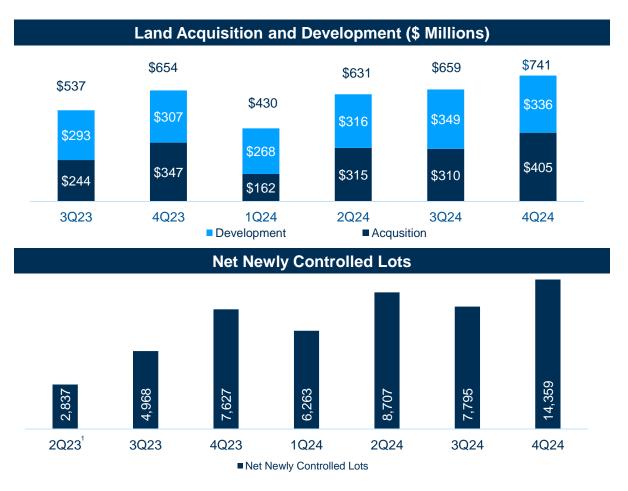
4Q24 Capital Spend Activities

Capital Structure – Non-GAAP Reconciliation			
(\$ Millions)	Dec. 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2023	
Notes payable & other borrowings	\$1,336	\$1,008	
Stockholders' equity	\$5,142	\$4,612	
Total capital	\$6,478	\$5,620	
Debt-to-capital	20.6%	17.9%	
Less: cash & cash equivalents	(\$652)	(\$921)	
Net debt	\$684	\$87	
Total net capital	\$5,826	\$4,699	
Net debt-to-capital	11.7%	1.9%	
Book value per share	\$142.98	\$126.61	



Land & Development Investment

Lots Detail		
	4Q24	4Q23
Total lots controlled	85,613	64,313
Supply of lots (years)	5.5	4.6
- Owned	62%	72%
- Optioned	38%	28%



(1) Refers to gross new lots put under control and the related future new communities

Guidance

	First Quarter 2025
Home closings	3,200-3,500 units
Home closing revenue	\$1.26-1.40 billion
Home closing gross margin	Around 22%
Effective tax rate	About 24%
Diluted earnings per common share	\$1.59-1.83

	Full Year 2025
Home closings	16,250-16,750 units
Home closing revenue	\$6.6-6.9 billion

Positioned for Growing Market Share





