

# First Quarter 2020

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# Response to COVID-19 Pandemic



### PRIORITIES ACTIONS TAKEN

Protect Employees

Superserve Customers

Respond to Current Environment

Ensure Liquidity | Reduce Costs | Preserve Flexibility

- Implemented multi-shift strategy to promote social distancing
- Increased regular cleaning protocols
- Reward and recognition bonus for on-site employees
- Implemented Business Continuity Plan
- All U.S. and Canada facilities open to perform essential activities
- Implemented "daily impact reporting" to provide supply chain visibility
- Sourcing PPE equipment for customers as well as employees
- Drew \$100 million on inventory revolver; liquidity of \$732 million
- Adjusted hourly shifts to match demand and customer service needs
- Implemented temporary compensation reductions
  - Board of Directors cash retainer 25%
  - C-suite executive salaries 25%
  - Vice President salaries 20%
  - Other employee salaries 12%-15%
  - Suspended 401(k) company match and deferred salary increases
- Reduced discretionary spending
- Froze all non-essential capital expenditures

WESCO Has Taken Quick and Decisive Actions

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# First Quarter Results Overview



	2019	2020	Versus PY	Adjustments	Q1 Outlook
Sales	\$1,961	\$1,969	0.4%		2% - 5%
Gross Profit	\$382	\$376	(1.6%)		
% of sales	19.5%	19.1%	(40) bps		
Adjusted SG&A	\$297	\$295	(0.6)%	\$4.6	
% of sales	15.1%	15.0%	(10) bps		
Adjusted Operating Profit	\$71	\$66	(7.4)%	\$4.6	3.4% - 3.6%
% of Sales	3.6%	3.3%	(30) bps		
Effective Tax Rate	21.7%	23.1%	140 bps		~22%
Adjusted Diluted EPS	\$0.93	\$0.91	(2.2)%	\$0.09	

#### **First Quarter Highlights**

- Results were on track with our outlook until mid-March
- WESCO deemed an essential business and all U.S. and Canada branches are operational
- Construction, Utility, and CIG growth in the U.S.; Industrial and Utility growth in Canada
- Strong sales in Communications and Security, and Safety
- Gross margin up 50 basis points sequentially
- Estimated pricing impact was slightly positive
- Preliminary April sales down ~16%
- Anixter Acquisition
  - Waiting period for regulatory approval in the U.S. expired; obtained regulatory clearances from Turkey and Russia
  - Canada and Mexico regulatory approvals in process
  - Obtained Anixter stockholder approval
  - Joint integration teams have accelerated planning
  - On track to close in Q2 or Q3

### Company well positioned to navigate challenges of COVID-19

# First Quarter Sales Summary



ORGANIC SALES GROWTH	Year Over Year					
	Total	U.S.	Canada	International		
Industrial	(6.2)%	(8.6)%	1.5%	3.5%		
Construction	(2.0)%	1.7%	(8.3)%	(5.4)%		
Utility	8.9%	8.2%	27.5%	(20.7)%		
CIG	(0.7)%	2.3%	(9.8)%	(6.2)%		
	(1.7)%	(1.0)%	(4.3)%	(1.5)%		

ORGANIC SALES GROWTH	Year Over Year
January	2.2%
February	2.0%
March	(8.6)%

#### **INDUSTRIAL**

- · Global Account bidding activity robust
- COVID-19 driven declines with industrial customers starting in March across most verticals
- Secured new Global Account customer wins to be implemented post COVID-19 restrictions

#### CONSTRUCTION

- Growth in January and February offset by March slowdown due to COVID-19 driven project delays
- Backlog at historically high level due to new wins
- Project pipeline remains strong with order conversion being paced by customer project restart schedules

#### UTILITY

- Organic growth driven by new wins and scope expansion with current customers
- · Awarded large utility alliance contracts in the first quarter
- Integrated Supply solutions continue to drive customer value
- Expect renewable energy as well as grid reliability and modernization projects to drive future demand

#### CIG

- U.S. growth through February offset by reduced COVID-19 demand in March
- Supply chain solutions driving results in datacenter, security, and cloud technology projects
- Continue to be well positioned to serve data center construction, LED lighting renovation and retrofits, FTTx deployments and broadband build outs

Strong growth in Utilities, U.S. growth in Construction and CIG offset primarily by decline in Industrial

# Strong Balance Sheet



#### Liquidity (as of 3/31/20)

### • Liquidity: \$732 million

- Invested cash: \$285 million
- Revolver availability: \$447 million
- Used \$100 million in Q1 to pay CD&R break-up fee
- Additional financing anticipated to replace Bridge Commitments for Anixter transaction

#### **Bank Credit Facilities**

- Mature in 2022 and 2024
- Low cost LIBOR based
- Borrowing bases provide confidence in availability
  - Inventory holds value throughout the cycle
  - Diversified receivables pool with limited concentration
    - Largest balances with high credit quality customers
    - Collection activities performing consistent with historical levels
    - Bad debt experience consistent with recent quarters

#### **Limited Operating Covenants**

- · No maximum leverage covenant
- Fixed charge coverage covenant based on liquidity or availability

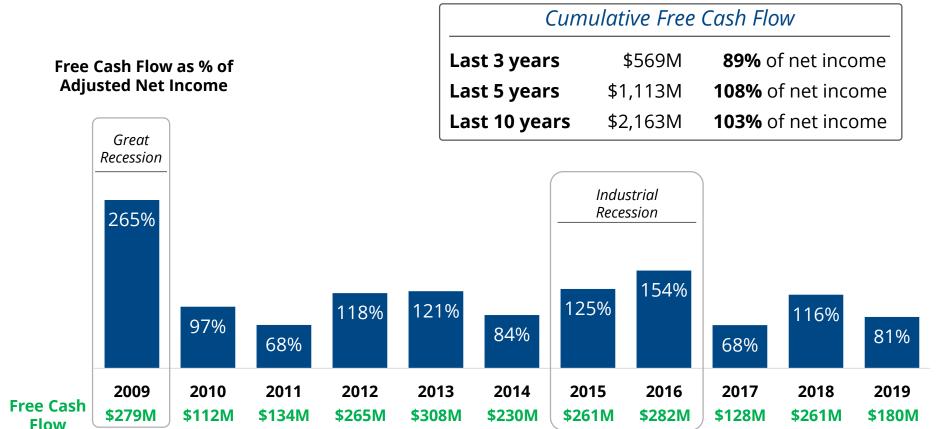
Covenant S	ummary			
Facility	Maturity	Fixed Charge Covenant	Measurement	Test
Revolver	Sept 2024	1.0 to 1.0	Revolver availability >\$60 million	\$447 million
AR Facility	Sept 2022	1.0 to 1.0	Liquidity > \$100 million	\$789 million <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Balance sheet cash plus borrowing availability

Strong Liquidity and Free Cash Flow Generation

# Strong Free Cash Flow Through the Cycle

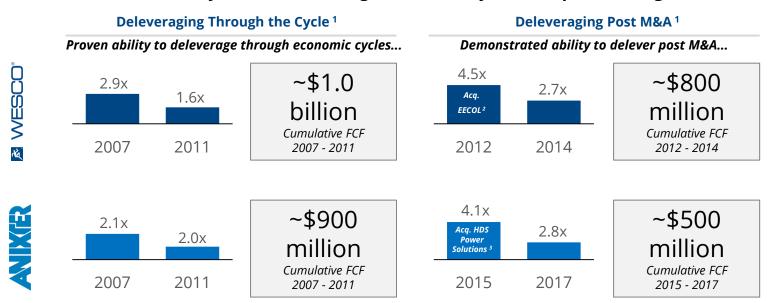




# Resilient Business Model with Substantial Free Cash Flow and Rapid Deleveraging



### Proven ability to delever through economic cycles and post strategic M&A



...aided by dynamic countercyclical cash flow profile

...through efficient integration and synergy realization

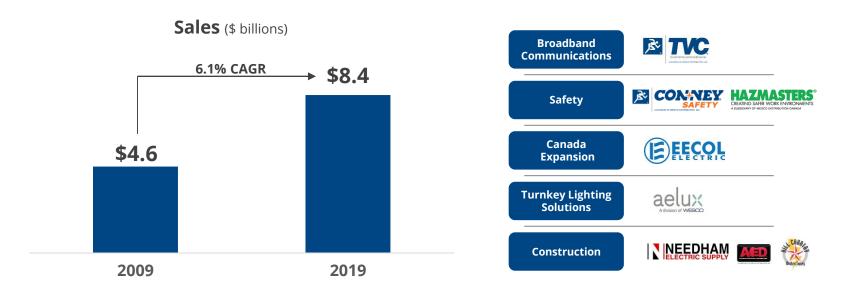
Since the Global Financial Crisis <sup>4</sup>, on a combined basis, WESCO and Anixter have generated free cash flow <sup>5</sup> in excess of \$4.0 billion

1. Charts reflect net debt to EBITDA. 2. WESCO completed its acquisition of EECOL in December 2012 for ~\$1.1 billion. 3. Anixter competed its acquisition of HD Supply Power Solutions in October 2015 for ~\$825 million. 4. Period reflects CY2009 through CY2019. 5. Free cash flow defined as cash flow from operating activities less capital expenditures.

# WESCO is Larger and More Diverse than 2009



# Acquisitions have diversified WESCO by Product Line, End Market, Supplier, Customer, and Geography



Stronger, More Stable, and More Diversified

## Transformational Combination of WESCO and Anixter



#### **Transaction Milestones**

- ✓ Agreement announced
- ✓ Obtained committed financing
- ✓ HSR waiting period expired
- ✓ Approval received from Turkey and Russia
- Anixter stockholders approved the transaction
- ✓ Canada and Mexico regulatory approvals in process; supplementary information request received in Canada
- ✓ Tender and change of control process for Anixter 2023 and 2025 notes

Remain on track to complete the transaction in Q2 or Q3

### **Integration Planning Progress**

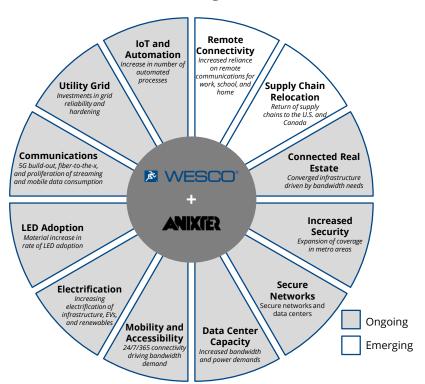
- ✓ Integration planning underway
- ✓ Progress has been rapid and is accelerating
- ✓ Joint integration teams established with over 500 separate initiatives developed to date
- Planning process has revealed upside synergy opportunities
- ✓ Cultural alignment is strong

Expect to exceed cost, sales growth, and cash generation synergies

# Evolving Secular Trends Benefit WESCO + Anixter



### **Secular Trends Benefitting WESCO and Anixter....**



### ...Contribute to Financial Benefits of the Transformational Combination

#### **Estimated Impact in Year Three**

- Accelerates sales growth by more than 100 bps
- ✓ Significant cross-selling and international expansion opportunities
- ✓ Doubles standalone EPS growth rate
- Expands Adjusted EBITDA margin 100+ bps and delivers 50 - 60% EPS accretion
- ✓ Generates annual pro forma free cash flow of ~\$600 million

WESCO + Anixter combination benefits from numerous ongoing and attractive growth opportunities

# Summary



- Quick and decisive actions taken in response to COVID-19 pandemic
- Strong liquidity and favorable borrowing covenants
- Resilient business model and strong free cash flow throughout the cycle
- Larger and more diverse by product line, end market, and geography
- Anixter transaction is on track to close in Q2 or Q3
- Substantial integration planning progress has already been completed
- WESCO + Anixter well positioned for evolving secular growth trends
- Expect to exceed cost, sales growth and cash generation synergies of the transformational combination of WESCO and Anixter

# APPENDIX

# First Quarter Diluted EPS and Sales Growth Walk

Diluted EPS Walk'				
Reported Q1 2019 Diluted EPS	\$0.93			
Core operations	\$(0.02)			
Foreign exchange rates	\$0.00			
SLS acquisition	\$(0.05)			
Тах	\$(0.02)			
Lower share count	\$0.07			
Adjusted Q1 2020 Diluted EPS	\$0.91			
Merger-related transaction costs	\$(0.09)			
Reported Q1 2020 Diluted EPS	\$0.82			

Diluted EDS Walk1

Sales Growth	Walk
Q1 2019 Sales	\$1,961 M
U.S.	(80) bps
Canada	(80) bps
International	(10) bps
Organic Growth	(1.7)%
Foreign exchange rates	0 bps
SLS acquisition	50 bps
Number of workdays	160 bps
Q1 2020 Sales	\$1,969M
Reported Growth	0.4%

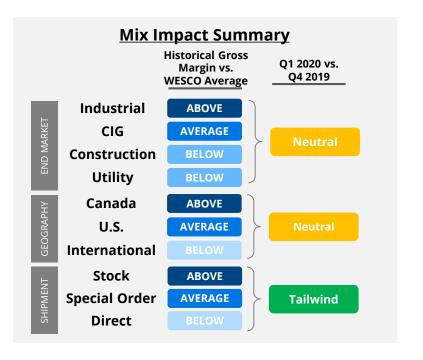
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Calculation differences due to rounding.

# First Quarter Gross Margin Drivers



# Gross margin versus fourth quarter driven by three factors:

- Getting traction on our margin improvement initiatives
- Pass-through of supplier price increases in multi-year contracts
- Shipment mix



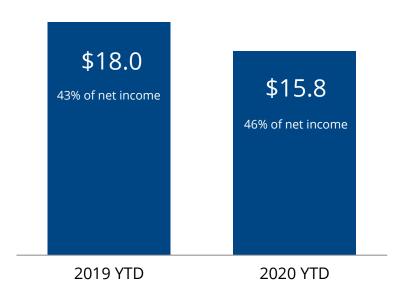
# Free Cash Flow & Leverage



### **Free Cash Flow**

(\$ Millions)

\$1 billion+ of free cash flow over the last 5 years



Leverage

(Debt, Net of Cash, to TTM EBITDA)



# Work Days

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY
2018	64	64	63	62	253
2019	63	64	63	62	252
2020	64	64	64	61	253

# **Adjusted Results**

		C	Q1 2020	
	ported esults	Adjus	stments <sup>(1)</sup>	justed esults
(in millions, except for EPS)				
SG&A expenses	\$ 299.4	\$	(4.6)	\$ 294.8
Income from operations	60.9		4.6	65.5
Net interest and other	16.5		(0.5)	16.0
Income before income taxes	\$ 44.4		5.1	\$ 49.6
Income tax  Effective tax rate	10.3 23.1%		1.2	11.4 23.1%
Net income	34.2		2.5	38.1
Less: Non-controlling interests	(0.2)		-	(0.2)
Net income attributable to WESCO	\$ 34.4		2.5	\$ 38.4
Diluted Shares	42.1			42.1
EPS	\$ 0.82			\$ 0.91

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Merger-related transaction expenses and related income tax effect.

# First Quarter Organic Sales Growth

Year-over-Year		Three Mon	nths E	nded,	Core	Less:	Less:	Organic
	Ma	rch 31, 2019		March 31, 2020	Growth	FX Impact	Workday	Growth
Industrial core sales		737		702	(4.6)%	0.0%	1.6%	(6.2)%
Construction core sales		630		629	(0.2)%	0.2%	1.6%	(2.0)%
Utility core sales		308		341	10.6%	0.1%	1.6%	8.9%
CIG core sales		280		281	0.7%	(0.2)%	1.6%	(0.7)%
Total core sales	\$	1,955	\$	1,954	(0.1)%	0.0%	1.6%	(1.7)%
U.S. core sales		1,455		1,464	0.6%	0.0%	1.6%	(1.0)%
Canada core sales		384		377	(2.1)%	0.7%	1.6%	(4.3)%
International core sales		116		113	(2.6)%	(2.7)%	1.6%	(1.5)%
Total core sales	\$	1,955	\$	1,954	(0.1)%	0.0%	1.6%	(1.7)%
Plus: SLS sales		6		15				
Total net sales	\$	1,961	\$	1,969				
Sequential		Three Mon	nths E	nded,	Reported	Less:	Less:	Organic
o oqua o mara	Decem	ber 31, 2019		March 31, 2020	Growth	FX Impact	Workday	Growth
Industrial sales		746		702	(5.9)%	0.1%	3.2%	(9.2)%
Construction sales		692		637	(8.0)%	0.1%	3.2%	(11.3)%
Utility sales		335		341	1.9%	0.2%	3.2%	(1.5)%
CIG sales		327		289	(11.5)%	0.2%	3.2%	(14.9)%
Total net sales		2,099	-	1,969	(6.2)%	0.2%	3.2%	(9.6)%

# Capital Structure and Leverage

EBITDA	Twelve Mo	nths Ended,	
	December 31,2019	March 31, 2020	
Income from operations	346	336	
Depreciation and amortization	62	63	
EBITDA	408	399	

Debt	As	Maturity	
DCDC	December 31, 2019	March 31, 2020	
AR Revolver (variable)	415	600	September 2022
Inventory Revolver (variable)	-	100	September 2024
2021 Senior Notes (fixed)	500	500	December 2021
2024 Senior Notes (fixed)	350	350	June 2024
Other	28	25	Various
Total debt <sup>1</sup>	1,293	1,575	
Less: cash and cash equivalents	151	343	
Total debt, net of cash	1,142	1,233	
Leverage	2.8x	3.1x	
Liquidity <sup>2</sup>	823	732	

<sup>(1)</sup> Debt is presented in the condensed consolidated balance sheets net of debt discount and debt issuance costs.

Note: For financial leverage ratio in prior periods, see quarterly earnings webcasts as previously furnished to the Securities & Exchange Commission, which can be obtained from the Investor Relations page of WESCO's website at www.wesco.com.

<sup>(2)</sup> Total availability under asset-backed credit facilities plus cash in investment accounts.

# Gross Profit and Free Cash Flow - Quarter

<b>Gross Profit</b>	Three Months Ended,				
	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2020			
Net sales	1,961	1,969			
Cost of goods sold <sup>1</sup>	1,579	1,592			
Gross profit <sup>2</sup>	382	376			
Gross margin <sup>2</sup>	19.5%	19.1%			

Free Cash Flow	Three Months Ended						
	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2020					
Net cash provided by operating activities	29	32					
Less: capital expenditures	(11)	(16)					
Free cash flow <sup>3</sup>	18	16					
Net income	42	34					
% of net income	43%	46%					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excluding depreciation and amortization.

Note: For gross profit in prior periods, see quarterly earnings webcasts as previously furnished to the Securities & Exchange Commission, which can be obtained from the Investor Relations page of WESCO's website at www.wesco.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Gross profit is calculated by deducting cost of goods sold, excluding depreciation and amortization, from net sales. Gross margin is calculated by dividing gross profit by net sales.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Free cash flow is provided by the Company as an additional liquidity measure. Capital expenditures are deducted from operating cash flow to determine free cash flow. Free cash flow is available to fund investing and financing activities.

# Free Cash Flow - Annual

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,										
(\$ millions)	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Net cash provided by operating activities	292	127	168	288	315	251	283	300	149	297	224
Less: capital expenditures	(13)	(15)	(33)	(23)	(28)	(21)	(22)	(18)	(21)	(36)	(44)
Plus: non-recurring pension contribution	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	
Free cash flow	279	112	134	265	308	230	261	282	128	261	180
Net income attributable to WESCO International, Inc.	105	115	196	202	276	276	211	102	164	227	222
Loss on debt redemption, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82	-	-	-
ArcelorMittal litigation charge (recovery), net of tax	-	-	-	22	(22)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income tax expense for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	-
Adjusted net income attributable to WESCO International, Inc.	105	115	196	224	254	276	211	184	190	227	222
Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interests	-	-	(0)	(0)	0	(0)	(2)	(0)	(0)	(2)	-
Adjusted net income	105	115	196	224	254	276	209	184	190	225	222
Free cash flow / Adjusted net income	265%	97%	68%	118%	121%	84%	125%	154%	68%	116%	81%