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# Wesco International

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Wesco is leveraging its **sustainable value creation** generating attractive returns with significant multiple expansion opportunity

# Why invest in Wesco

Key elements of our investment thesis

## Market leader serving attractive end-markets

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Best positioned to deliver outsized growth due to the secular trends of AI-driven data centers, increased power generation and demand, electrification, IoT/automation and reshoring

# Significant cash generation to invest in additional services and acquisitions

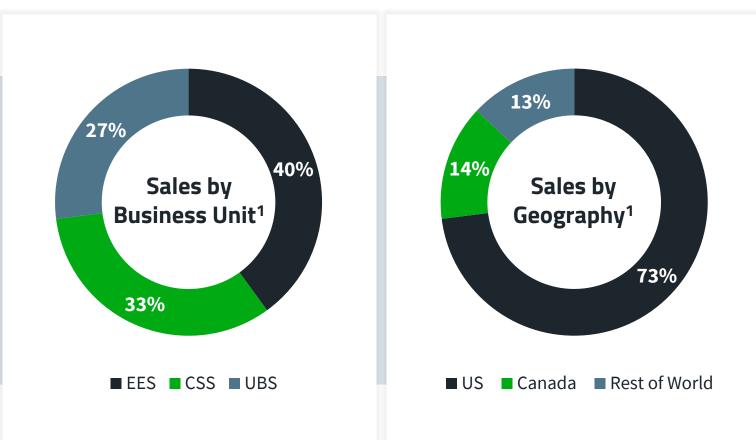
Capital prioritized to invest in M&A, while supporting a consistent stock buyback program and increasing dividends

# Business transformation to drive efficiencies and expand margins; enabled by digital ecosystem

Will enable Wesco to accelerate our growth through greater cross-sell, expand our margins through pricing and operating leverage, and increase our speed to value for future acquisitions



# Wesco is a leading supply chain solutions provider with global capabilities



\$21.4 billion in sales<sup>1</sup>
\$1.5 million products
140,000 customers
~800 locations

### **End-Markets**

- Utility
- Construction
- Network Infrastructure & Broadband
- Security
- Industrial
- OEM
- Data Center

#### Services

- Advisory Services
- Installation Enhancement
- Project Deployment
- Supply Chain Services



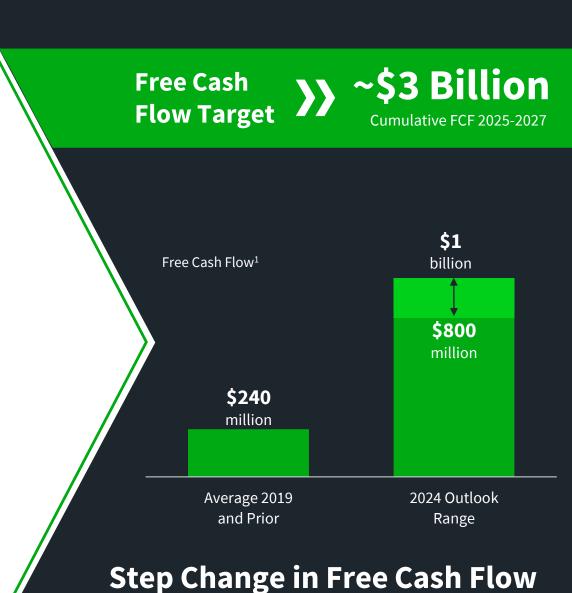
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# Cash generation provides capital allocation catalyst

~\$3B free cash flow from 2025-27 target

## **Drivers of Free Cash Flow**

- **EBITDA growth** from sales growth and margin expansion
- Progress on improving working capital days
- **Capex** stable and fully funds digital transformation





# Capital allocation framework

Leveraging strong cash generation to drive operational performance, portfolio transformation and returns to shareholders

#### **Operating Cash Flow**

#### **ORGANIC INVESTMENT**

Investment in capex and opex to drive organic growth

#### **FREE CASH FLOW**

Acquisitions, return of cash to shareholders and debt paydown

~\$3 billion Over next three years

## VALUE ACCRETIVE M&A and OPTIONALITY

Top priority is M&A, followed by additional share repurchase and debt paydown

~75%

## RETURN CASH

Continue to buy back stock while maintaining a modest dividend

~25%

# **Reinforcing our M&A framework**

Revenue and cost synergies to create accretive M&A value for shareholders

## **Two Strategic Priorities for M&A**



## **Industry Consolidation**

- Large M&A within the core business
- Significant revenue and cost synergies
- Operating leverage through scale

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## **Expand Services and Capabilities**

- Companies with complementary digital capabilities and/or value-added service offerings
- Increase revenue with new and existing customers
- Accretive margin profile

Increase exposure to secular trends and expand capabilities



# **Agreement to acquire Ascent**





#### **Transaction Overview**

- Agreed to acquire Ascent LLC, on October 30, 2024, for \$185 million or ~1.5x TTM sales
- Provides data center operators with specialized facility and property management services
- More than 330 employees in U.S. and Canada, headquartered in St. Louis, MO
- Transaction expected to close in the fourth quarter subject to customary regulatory approvals

#### **Strategic Rationale**

- Expands our data center services offerings into full suite of operations services including staffing, facilities maintenance, critical systems repairs, emergency services and management of third- party workflows
- On-site delivery model managed by highly experienced leadership team
- Software platform enables highly efficient operations management and capital expenditure performance reporting

#### Service Offerings

- Facility modernization/optimization projects, advisory services and assessments
- Liquid cooling design and implementation
- Facility-wide maintenance and critical system repairs
- 24/7/365 emergency services
- Management of third-party maintenance workflows





## A technologyenabled business transformation

Examples of Wesco's digital transformation impact

## Across the value chain,

our transformation is a win-win for customers, suppliers and our business



## Technology

Flexible tools and open architecture enables faster updates

## Enabled

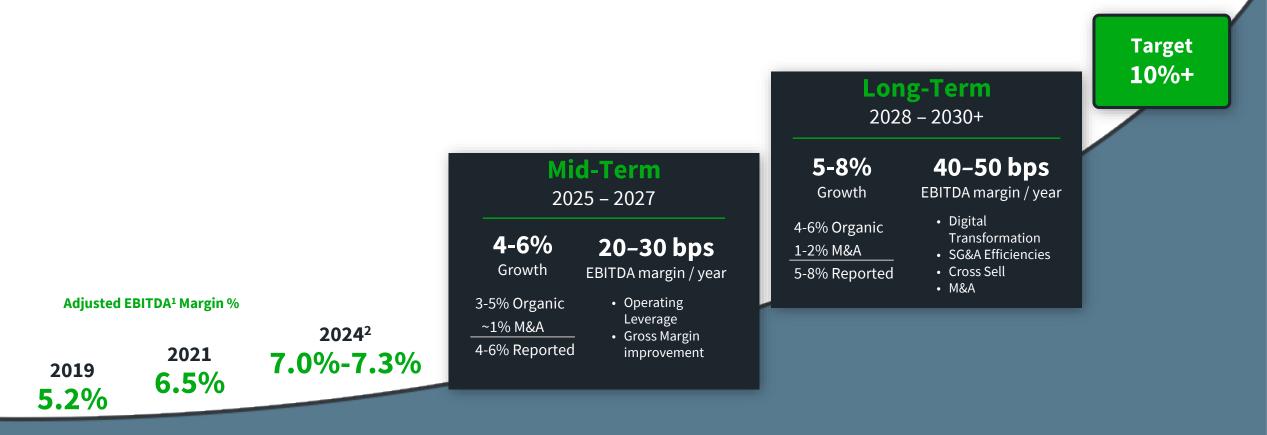
Sales representatives have a complete view of the customer relationship

## Business Transformation

Tools and capabilities that separate us from our peers



## Driving toward mid- and long-term EBITDA margin expansion







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Wesco is leveraging its **clear and sustainable drivers of value creation** generating attractive returns

## Our roadmap to the future

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Capturing benefits of our Digital Transformation

More than halfway complete on our technology and capabilities build; the financial and strategic benefits will enable our long-term targets

## Progressing toward our 10%+ EBITDA margin

We are focused on our target by 2030+, with multiple drivers for taking margins higher after ~200 bps improvement since 2019

## Generating strong and consistent cash flow

We target free cash flow conversion of 100% through the cycle, in line with historical performance

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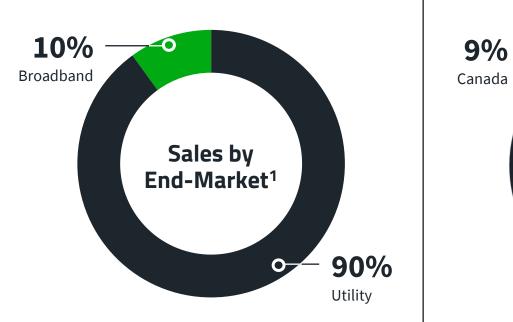
# Strategic capital deployment will substantially accelerate growth and margin expansion

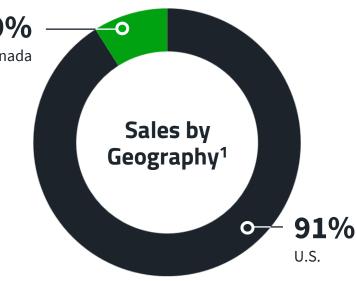
Executing our M&A strategy within an approach that also allocates capital for internal investment and return of cash to shareholders



# **Utility & Broadband Solutions (UBS)**

Long-term capex budgets and large-scale data center projects drive growth





### **Segment Overview**

- Services and solutions for investorowned utilities, public power companies and municipalities, as well as contractors that service these customers
- Complete solutions for service providers, broadband and wireless customers
- Leading provider of grid and network modernization, hardening, renewable deployments, smart technologies

## Industry Leading Position and Value Proposition



**5.7B** TTM sales<sup>1</sup>



**#1** Utility and Broadband Distributor in North America

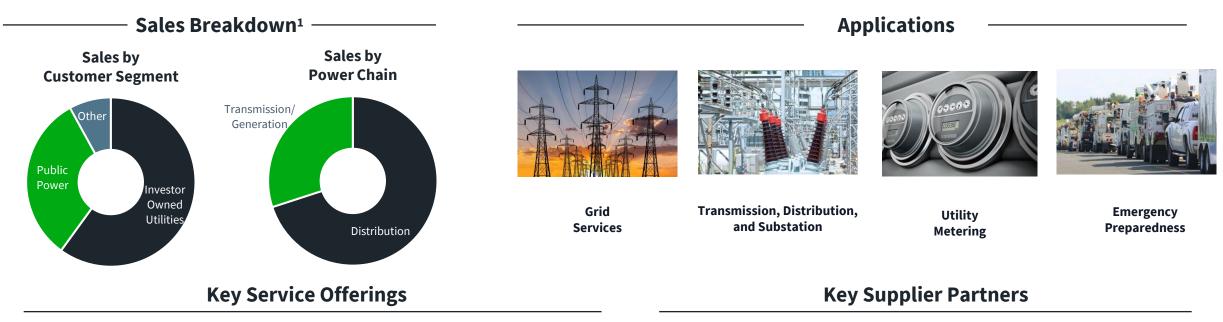


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## Utility

Supporting investor-owned utilities (IOUs), public power companies, and contractors in grid maintenance, modernization and hardening, renewable deployments, and smart technologies



- Asset and materials management
- Complex program and project management
- Logistics and transportation optimization
- Sourcing, procurement, and forecasting
- Supplier selection, consolidation, and coordination
- Work order release management







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# Broadband

Supporting the build and expansion of broadband networks by providing customers the products, solutions, and expertise to deliver next-generation broadband connectivity



24/7 Connectivity



Applications



Fiber Connectivity



Wireless



Smart Cities

### **Key Service Offerings**

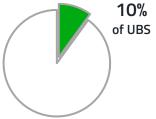
- Asset and inventory management
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- Logistics and transportation optimization
- Onsite job trailers and storage
- Product warehousing
- Vendor managed inventory
- Digital solutions

**Key Supplier Partners** 

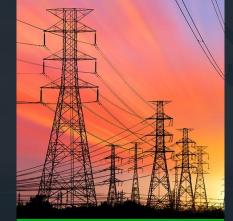


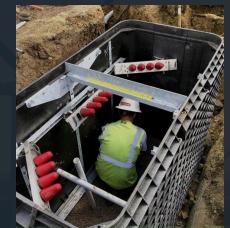


## Partnering with our customers on grid services

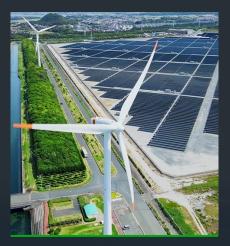
Managing large-scale and complex infrastructure projects for various industries











Asset & Inventory Management

Grid Modernization Program Services Underground Materials Supply Project Site Services

Renewables

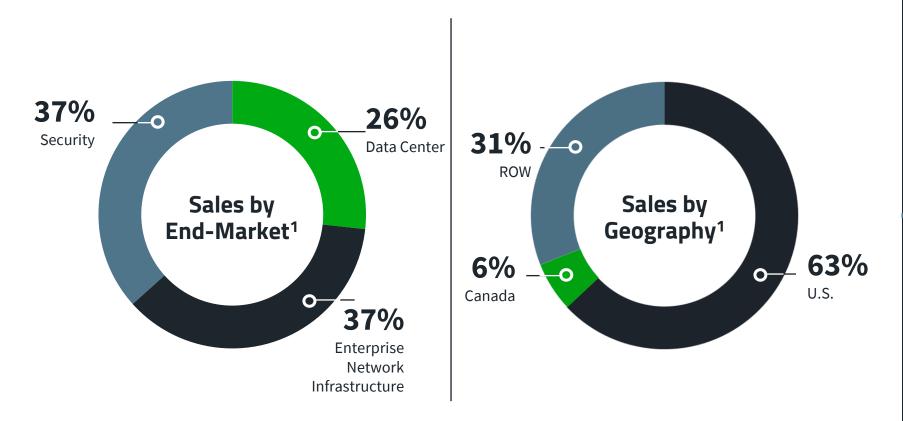


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# **Communications & Security Solutions (CSS)**

Very well positioned in global AI-driven data center space





<sup>1</sup> Sales percentages are on a trailing twelve-month (TTM) basis through June 30, 2024.

### **Segment Overview**

- Provider of connectivity, power, security, safety, energy management and wireless solutions
- Supporting diverse industries including technology, finance, telecommunications, transportation, education, government, healthcare and retail
- Well positioned within the data center, with capabilitiess in both white space and grey space

## Industry Leading Scale Scope



**\$7.1B** TTM sales<sup>1</sup>



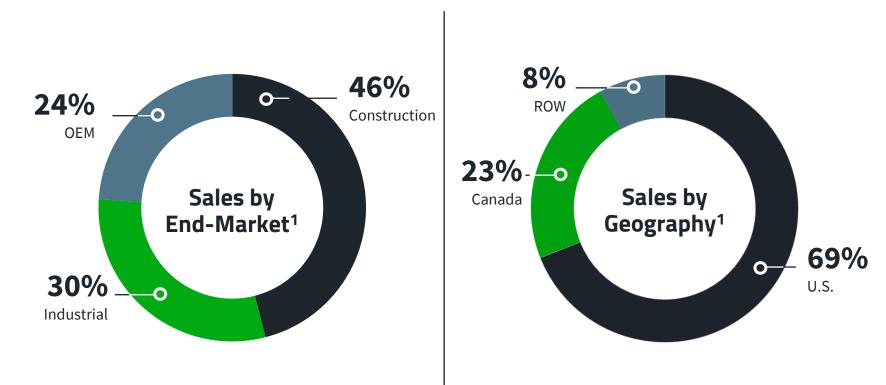
**50+** Countries



**Global leader** in data center, network infrastructure and security

# **Electrical & Electronic Solutions (EES)**

Electrification, automation and reshoring drive growth



### **Segment Overview**

- Provider of electrical, MRO, safety and automation solutions
- Broad range of products and solutions primarily to the construction, industrial and OEM markets
- Uniquely positioned to provide the critical infrastructure expertise and solutions that enable the technologies of tomorrow

## Industry Leading Scale Scope



**\$8.5B** TTM sales<sup>1</sup>



**#1** Electrical Distributor in North America



## **Non-GAAP Measures**

In addition to the results provided in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("U.S. GAAP"), this presentation may include references to certain non-GAAP financial measures. These financial measures may include organic sales growth, gross profit, gross margin, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), adjusted EBITDA margin, financial leverage, free cash flow, adjusted selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expenses, adjusted income from operations, adjusted operating margin, adjusted other non-operating expense (income), adjusted provision for income taxes, adjusted income before income taxes, adjusted net income, adjusted net income attributable to WESCO International, Inc., adjusted net income attributable to common stockholders, and adjusted earnings per diluted share. The Company believes that these non-GAAP measures are useful to investors as they provide a better understanding of our financial condition and results of operations on a comparable basis. Additionally, certain non-GAAP measures either focus on or exclude items impacting comparability of results such as merger-related and integration costs, digital transformation costs, restructuring costs, cloud computing arrangement amortization, pension settlement cost and excise taxes on excess pension plan assets related to the final settlement of the Anixter Inc. Pension Plan, loss on abandonment of assets, the gain recognized on the divestiture of the WIS business, the loss on termination of business arrangement, and the related income tax effects, allowing investors to more easily compare the Company's financial performance from period to period. Management does not use these non-GAAP financial measures for any purpose other than the reasons stated above.

Organic sales growth is a non-GAAP financial measure of sales performance. Organic sales growth is calculated by deducting the percentage impact from acquisitions and divestitures for one year following the respective transaction, foreign exchange rates, and number of workdays from the reported percentage change in consolidated net sales.

Gross profit is a financial measure commonly used in the distribution industry. 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.

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin % are non-GAAP financial measures that provide indicators of the Company's performance and its ability to meet debt service requirements. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA before other non-operating expenses (income), non-cash stock-based compensation expense, loss on abandonment of assets, digital transformation costs, merger-related and integration costs, restructuring costs, cloud computing arrangement amortization, gains on the sale of assets and divestitures, excise taxes on certain excess pension plan assets, merger-related fair value adjustments, and litigation recovery. Adjusted EBITDA margin % is calculated by dividing Adjusted EBITDA by net sales.

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP financial measure of liquidity. Capital expenditures are deducted from operating cash flow to determine free cash flow. Free cash flow is available to fund investing and financing activities.

Financial leverage ratio is a non-GAAP measure of the use of debt. Financial leverage ratio is calculated by dividing total debt, excluding debt discount, debt issuance costs and fair value adjustments, net of cash, by adjusted EBITDA.



## **Non-GAAP Reconciliations**

#### **Adjusted EBITDA and leverage**

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,							
-		Pro Forma						
(\$ millions) <sup>(1)</sup>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Net Sales	8,359	16,017	18,218	21,420	22,385			
Net income attributable to common stockholders	223.4	115.6	408.0	803.1	708.1			
Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1.2)	(0.5)	1.0	1.7	0.6			
Preferred stock dividends	-	30.1	57.4	57.4	57.4			
Provision for income taxes	59.9	55.7	115.5	274.5	225.9			
Interest expense, net	65.7	255.8	268.1	294.4	389.3			
Depreciation and amortization	62.1	153.5	198.6	179.0	181.3			
EBITDA	409.9	610.2	1,048.5	1,610.1	1,562.6			
Other expense (income), net	(1.6)	4.6	(48.1)	7.0	25.1			
Stock-based compensation expense	19.1	34.7	25.7	41.0	45.5			
Litigation recovery included in SG&A	-	-	-	-				
Loss on debt extinguishment	-	-	-	-	-			
Loss (gain) on divestitures and sale of assets	-	(19.8)	(8.9)	-	-			
Loss on debt redemption	-	-	-	-	-			
Merger-related and integration costs and fair value adjustments	3.1	206.7	158.5	67.4	55.4			
Out-of-period adjustment	-	18.9	-	-				
Restructuring costs	-	-	-	-	16.7			
Adjusted EBITDA	430.5	855.3	1,175.7	1,725.6	1,705.3			
Adjusted EBITDA margin %	5.2%	5.3%	6.5%	8.1%	7.6%			
Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt, net	26.7	528.8	9.5	70.5	8.6			
Long-term debt, net	1,257.1	4,370.0	4,701.5	5,346.0	5,313.1			
Debt discount and debt issuance costs	8.8	88.2	70.6	57.9	43.0			
Fair value adjustments to Anixter Senior Notes due 2023 and 2025	-	(1.7)	(0.9)	(0.3)	(0.1)			
Total debt	1,292.6	4,985.3	4,780.7	5,474.1	5,364.6			
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	150.9	449.1	212.6	527.3	524.1			
Total debt, net of cash	1,141.7	4,536.2	4,568.1	4,946.8	4,840.5			
Financial leverage ratio	2.7x	5.3x	3.9x	2.9x	2.8x			

#### Free cash flow

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,								
(\$ millions)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Cash flow provided by operations	288.2	315.1	251.2	283.1	300.2	149.1	296.7	224.4	
Less: Capital expenditures	(23.1)	(27.8)	(20.5)	(21.7)	(18.0)	(21.5)	(36.2)	(44.1)	
Add: Non-recurring pension contribution	-	21.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Free cash flow	265.1	308.4	230.7	261.4	282.2	127.6	260.5	180.3	

