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Agenda



Business Overview

John Engel

Chairman, President & CEO



Financial Results Overview

Dave Schulz

Executive Vice President & CFO

2020 Summary



Exceeding Our Expectations

- Successfully closed Anixter transaction; integration is going exceptionally well
 - Synergy capture exceeding expectations, raised external targets in November 2020
 - Increased scale and complementary capabilities driving cross-sell pipeline and positive sales momentum
 - New organization up and running, high-performance culture in place
- Rapid COVID response to support employee safety, customer operations and supply chain needs
- Leveraged competitive capabilities to gain share against unprecedented macro challenges

Significant upside potential on sales growth, cost, margin, and cash flow targets

Outperforming The Markets

- Leading scale and diversified portfolio
- Service differentiation and complete supply chain solutions
- Well positioned to capitalize on attractive secular growth trends



Transformation well underway...substantial value creation has begun

Second Half Priorities and Achievements



Take share

- ✔ Workday-adjusted sales up 4% sequentially in Q4 versus typical seasonal decline
- ✔ Cross selling initiatives underway with new wins captured in each business
- ✔ Entered 2021 with record year-end backlog
- ✔ Return to growth in January 2021 with sales per workday up LSD versus prior year

Deliver Synergies

- ✔ Tracking to previously increased synergy targets with upside
- ✔ Reduced headcount by over 650 through integration initiatives
- ✔ Adjusted gross margin up YoY for second consecutive quarter due to improved sales processes and benefits of scale
- ✔ Integration management office fully established and driving daily execution

Focus free cash flow generation on debt reduction

- ✔ Generated \$124 million of free cash flow in Q4 and \$586 million in FY 2020
- ✔ Reduced net debt by \$389 million and leverage by 0.4x in first six months post-acquisition
- ✔ Completed debt refinancing in January 2021 that reduces interest expense by \$20 million per year

Sales momentum accelerated in 2H 2020 and has continued into 2021

Dave Schulz

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

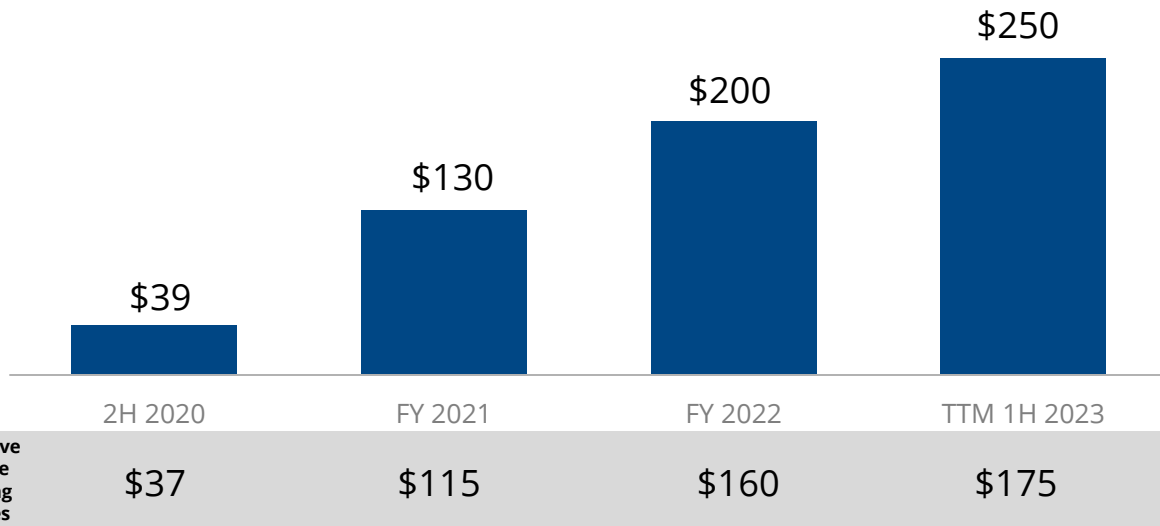
Fourth Quarter Results
Overview

Cost Synergy Target Timeline

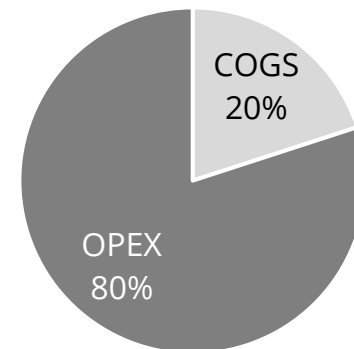


Cumulative Realized Cost Synergy Target

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Target Cost Synergy Mix



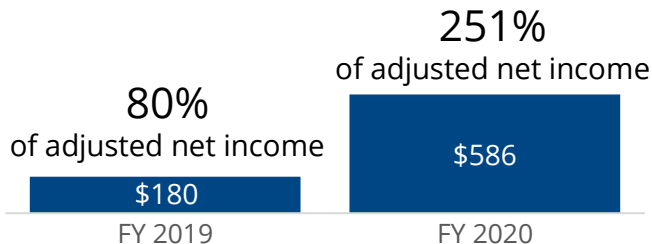
Introducing calendar year targets

Free Cash Flow & Liquidity



Free Cash Flow

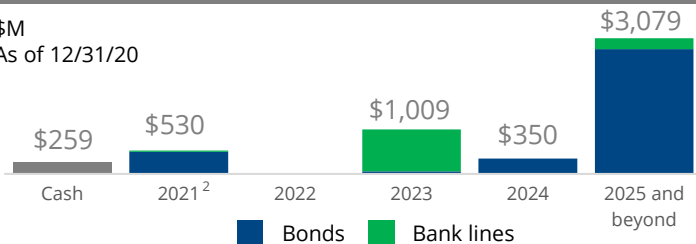
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Cash & Debt Maturity

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As of 12/31/20



Capital Deployment

- Strong free cash flow in Q4 and FY 2020
- Net debt reduction of \$109 million in Q4 and \$389 million in 2H 2020
- Leverage reduced 0.4x since Anixter acquisition closed in June

On-track to rapidly delever to target leverage range of 2.0–3.5x by June 2023

Liquidity

As of 12/31/20

- Liquidity of ~\$1.1 billion¹
 - Invested cash: \$259 million
 - Revolver availability: \$802 million
 - AR facility availability: \$75 million

Strong free cash flow generation and liquidity supports future growth

¹Excludes \$175 million and \$100 million of incremental AR facility and Revolver capacity, respectively, resulting from amendments completed on January 5, 2021

² \$500 million senior notes due 2021 were redeemed on January 14, 2021

Fourth Quarter Results Overview



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Except per share amounts

	Q4 2019 Pro Forma ¹	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Versus Q4 2019	Versus Q3 2020
Sales	\$4,352	\$4,142	\$4,129	(5)%	flat
Adjusted Gross Profit²	850	814	811	(5)%	flat
<i>% of sales</i>	<i>19.5%</i>	<i>19.6%</i>	<i>19.6%</i>	<i>+10 bps</i>	<i>flat</i>
Adjusted Income from Operations²	185	200	172	(7)%	(14)%
<i>% of sales</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>(10) bps</i>	<i>(60) bps</i>
Adjusted EBITDA²	229	252	216	(6)%	(14)%
<i>% of sales</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>(10) bps</i>	<i>(90) bps</i>
Adjusted Diluted EPS²		\$1.66	\$1.22		

- Sequential sales +4% on comparable workday basis
- Effective October 1, 2020 reinstated salaries and merit adjustments, and resumed retirement matching contributions
- Record year-end backlog

Year-over-year margin improvement and accelerating sales momentum in Q4

¹ Information as filed as an exhibit to Form 8-K on November 4, 2020.

² Adjusted Gross profit, Adjusted Income from Operations, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted earnings per diluted share have been adjusted to exclude merger-related costs and fair value adjustments, an out-of-period adjustment related to inventory absorption accounting, gain on sale of a U.S. operating branch in the third quarter, and the related income tax effects. See appendix for reconciliation.

WESCO's Three Strategic Business Units (SBUs)



Electrical & Electronic Solutions (EES)

% of SALES
(2020 Pro Forma)

40%

of total company sales



INDUSTRIES

Construction | Industrial | OEM |
CIG | Lighting

SERVING

- Contractors and specialty integrators
- Industrial, automation, commercial, institutional, and government
- OEM and global complex manufacturing
- Turn-key lighting and energy solutions



Communications & Security Solutions (CSS)

33%

of total company sales



Technology | Financial | Government |
Healthcare | Education

- Cloud and data center
- Contractors and integrators
- Security solutions
- Professional audio/video
- In-building wireless
- Safety solutions



Utility & Broadband Solutions (UBS)

27%

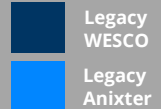
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Utility | Broadband |
Integrated Supply

- IOUs, public power, and contractors
- Global Service Providers, wireless and broadband operators
- Integrated Supply solutions

Legend



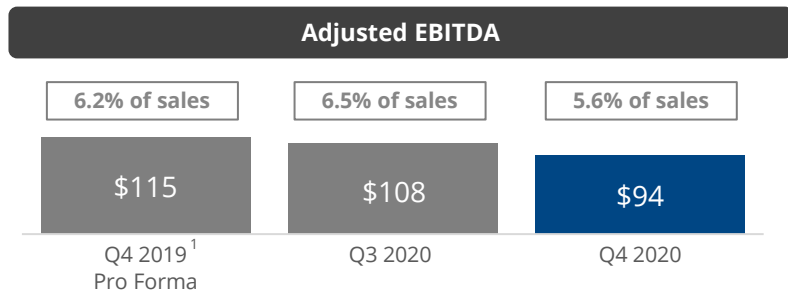
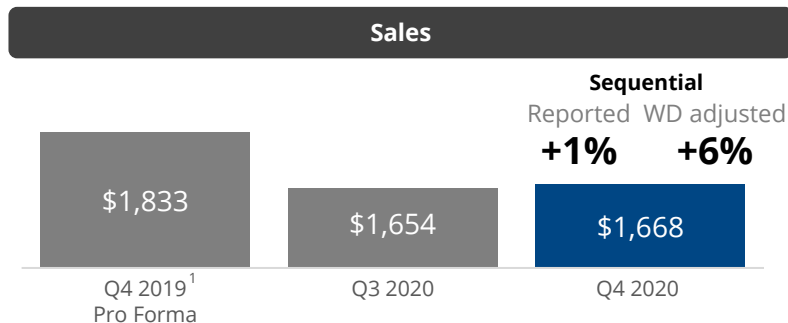
Industry-leading businesses diversified by products, services, end markets and geographies



Electrical & Electronic Solutions (EES)



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Sequential Performance Drivers

- Strong sequential sales improvement in 2nd half; initial cross-sell wins offering complete electrical package
- Construction demand improving
 - Record year-end backlog
 - Some project delays but not cancellations
- Increasing momentum in Industrial and OEM
 - MRO and project activity levels improving across all verticals
 - OEM recovery underway
 - Robust opportunity pipeline
- Adjusted EBITDA driven by restoration of salary and benefits related to COVID cost actions in October



Improving sequential momentum and record backlog provides positive set-up for 2021

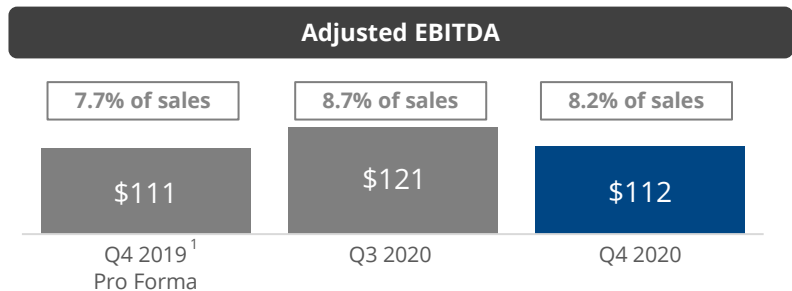
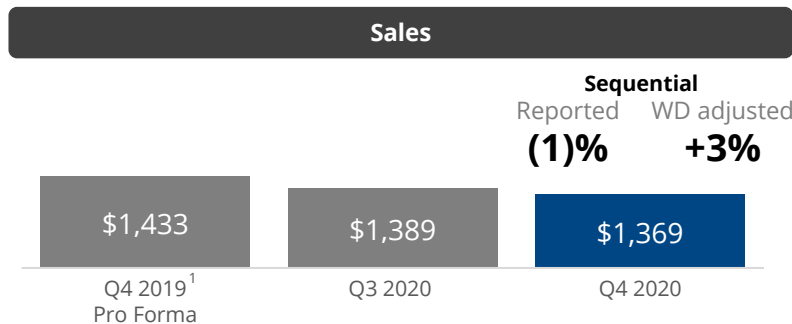
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Communications & Security Solutions (CSS)

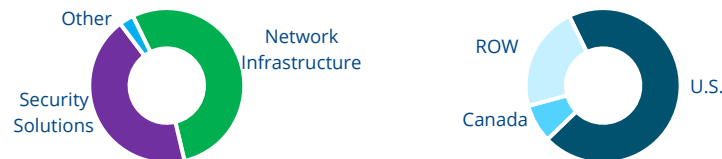


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Sequential Performance Drivers

- Improving sales momentum in Q4 to close out a strong 2020 with continued share gains
- Network infrastructure growth driven by increasing global enterprise accounts, data centers, in-building wireless, and professional A/V applications
- Security solutions driven by expanding secure network and IP security applications; continued share gains and robust pipeline in place
- Adjusted EBITDA and margins remain strong YoY



Continue to take share with industry-leading value propositions in attractive high-growth markets

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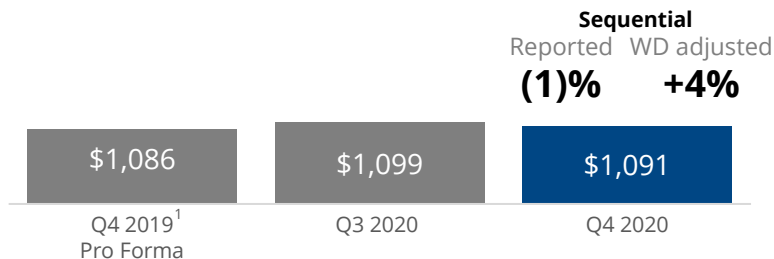


Utility & Broadband Solutions (UBS)

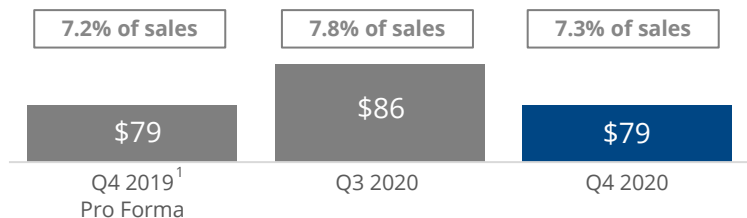


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Sales

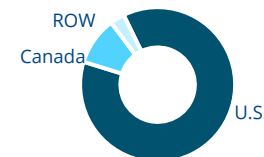
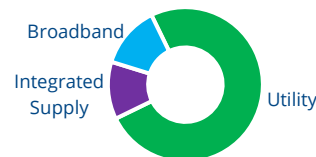


Adjusted EBITDA



Sequential Performance Drivers

- Strong results in 2020 with continued share gains
- Utility strength continues with grid modernization activities, project backlog, lighting and automation driving demand
- Strong broadband growth driven by 5G buildouts, FTTx deployments and increasing remote work applications
- Adjusted EBITDA and margins remain strong YoY



Unmatched supply chain capabilities enable WESCO to continue to take share

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2021 Outlook



FY 2021 Outlook

2020 Pro Forma Sales¹ \$16.0B

2021 Outlook:

Market growth	3% - 5%
Plus: share gain / cross sell	1% - 2%
Less: impact of one fewer workday in 2021 and divestitures	(~1%)
Reported Sales	3% - 6%

2020 Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA \$855M

2021 Outlook:

Adjusted EBITDA Margin ²	5.4% - 5.7%
Effective Tax Rate	~23%
Adjusted EPS ²	\$5.50 - \$6.00
Free Cash Flow	~100% of Adjusted Net Income
Capital Expenditures	\$100 - \$120M

Continuing to deliver on our integration commitments in 2021

2021 Adjusted EBITDA Margin Outlook²

2020 Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA Margin	5.3%
Plus: improving mix, market outperformance, and operating leverage	50 - 80 bps
Less: COVID restoration, incentive compensation, and benefits	~(90) bps
Plus: ~\$90M incremental realized synergies	~55 bps
2021 Adjusted EBITDA margin	5.4% - 5.7%

Q1 2021 Drivers

- Estimate ~\$28 million of realized cost synergies
- 2 fewer workdays in Q1 21 than prior year

Workdays	2021	2020
Jan	19	22
Feb	20	20
Mar	23	22
Q1	62	64

Sales growth and cost synergies drive growth and profitability in 2021

¹ Adjusted to account for a difference in workdays in Q2 2020 versus the pro forma financial information filed on Form 8-K on November 4, 2020.

² Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA before other, net, non-cash stock-based compensation and merger-related costs; Adjusted EPS only excludes merger-related costs and the related income tax effects.

Summary



- **Excellent performance against a COVID-driven environment in 2020**
- **Strong execution, substantial progress made on integration in first six months**
 - Delivering integration commitments while maintaining momentum in base business
 - New organization structure and strengthened management team in place
 - Generating initial cross-selling results in all three businesses
 - Synergies on track with high confidence on delivering upside
- **Excellent free cash flow generation demonstrates resilient business model and consistent strength through the cycle; on-track to rapidly delever**
- **Entering 2021 from position of strength**
- **Exceptionally well positioned to capitalize on evolving secular growth trends**

WESCO's new era is off to an exceptional start

APPENDIX



Abbreviations

1H: First half of fiscal year

2H: Second half of fiscal year

A/V: Audio/visual

COGS: Cost of goods sold

CIG: Commercial, Institutional, and Government

CSS: Communications & Security Solutions (business unit)

EES: Electrical & Electronic Solutions (business unit)

ETR: Effective tax rate

FTTx: Fiber-to-the-x (last mile fiber optic network connections)

HSD: High-single digit

LSD: Low-single digit

MRO: Maintenance, repair, and operating

MSD: Mid-single digit

PF: Pro Forma

OEM: Original equipment manufacturer

OPEX: Operating expenses

ROW: Rest of world

Seq: Sequential

TTM: Trailing twelve months

UBS: Utility & Broadband Solutions (business unit)

WD: Workday

YoY: Year-over-year

Definitions

Executed synergies: Initiatives fully implemented – actions taken to generate savings

Realized synergies: Savings that impact financial results versus pro forma 2019

One-time operating expenses: Operating expenses that are in or will be realized in the P&L (including cash and non-cash)

Leverage: Debt, net of cash, divided by trailing-twelve-month adjusted EBITDA

Workdays



	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY
2019	63	64	63	62	252
2020	64	64	64	61	253
2021	62	64	64	62	252

Adjusted EPS



	Q4 2020			YTD 2020		
	Reported Results	Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	Adjusted Results	Reported Results	Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	Adjusted Results
<i>(\$M, except for EPS)</i>						
Income from operations	\$ 92.8	\$ 79.0	\$ 171.8	\$ 347.0	\$ 175.0	\$ 522.0
Interest expense, net	74.3	-	74.3	226.6	-	226.6
Other, net	(0.9)	-	(0.9)	(2.4)	-	(2.4)
Income before income taxes	19.4	79.0	98.4	122.8	175.0	297.8
Income tax	(0.9)	22.2 ²	21.3	22.8	41.8 ²	64.6
<i>Effective tax rate</i>	<i>-4.6%</i>		<i>21.6%</i>	<i>18.6%</i>		<i>21.7%</i>
Net income	20.3	56.8	77.1	100.0	133.2	233.2
<i>Less: Non-controlling interests</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>(0.5)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(0.5)</i>
Net income attributable to WESCO	20.0	56.8	76.8	100.5	133.2	233.7
Preferred stock dividends	14.4	-	14.4	30.1	-	30.1
Net income attributable to common stockholders	5.6	56.8	62.4	70.4	133.2	203.6
Diluted Shares	51.1		51.1	46.6		46.6
Adjusted Diluted EPS	\$ 0.11		\$ 1.22	\$ 1.51		\$ 4.37

¹ Adjustments include merger-related costs and fair value adjustments, an out-of-period adjustment related to inventory absorption accounting, gain on sale of a U.S. operating branch, and the related income tax effects.

² The adjustments to income from operations have been tax effected at rates of 28.2% and 23.9% for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2020, respectively.

Adjusted EBITDA



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EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin % by Segment

Net income attributable to common stockholders
 Preferred stock dividends
 Provision for income taxes
 Interest expense, net
 Depreciation and amortization

EBITDA

Other, net
 Stock-based compensation expense
 Merger-related costs
 Merger-related fair value adjustments
 Out-of-period adjustment

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA margin %

Three Months Ended December 31, 2020

	EES	CSS	UBS	Corporate	Total
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 66	\$ 89	\$ 64	\$ (213)	\$ 6
Preferred stock dividends	-	-	-	14	14
Provision for income taxes	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
Interest expense, net	-	-	-	74	74
Depreciation and amortization	11	13	8	10	42
EBITDA	\$ 77	\$ 102	\$ 72	\$ (116)	\$ 135
Other, net	(2)	(3)	-	4	(1)
Stock-based compensation expense	-	-	-	3	3
Merger-related costs	-	-	-	40	40
Merger-related fair value adjustments	4	10	2	-	16
Out-of-period adjustment	15	3	5	-	23
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 94	\$ 112	\$ 79	\$ (69)	\$ 216
Adjusted EBITDA margin %	5.6%	8.2%	7.3%		5.2%

Gross Profit and Free Cash Flow



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Gross Profit

	Three Months Ended,	
	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Net sales	\$ 4,129	\$ 2,099
Cost of goods sold ⁽¹⁾	3,357	1,709
Gross profit	\$ 772	\$ 390
Adjustments ⁽²⁾	39	-
Adjusted gross profit	\$ 811	\$ 390
<i>Gross margin</i>	18.7%	18.6%
<i>Adjusted gross margin</i>	19.6%	18.6%

Free Cash Flow

	Three Months Ended,		Twelve Months Ended,	
	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
Cash flow provided by operations	\$ 125	\$ 108	\$ 544	\$ 224
Less: capital expenditures	(14)	(14)	(57)	(44)
Add: merger-related expenditures	13	-	99	-
Free cash flow	\$ 124	\$ 94	\$ 586	\$ 180
Adjusted net income	77	55	233	225
<i>% of adjusted net income</i>	161%	170%	251%	80%

Capital Structure and Leverage



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Financial Leverage

	Pro Forma Twelve Months Ended,		Reported
	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2019
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 116	\$ 223	
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1)	(1)	
Preferred stock dividends	30	-	
Provision for income taxes	56	60	
Interest expense, net	256	66	
Depreciation and amortization	153	62	
EBITDA	\$ 610	\$ 410	
Other, net	5	(2)	
Stock-based compensation	35	19	
Merger-related costs and fair value adjustments	207	3	
Out-of-period adjustment	19	-	
Gain on sale of asset	(20)	-	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 855	\$ 430	

Debt

	As of,		Maturity
	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	
Receivables Securitization (variable)	\$ 950	\$ 415	2023
Inventory Revolver (variable)	250	-	2025
2021 Senior Notes (fixed)	500	500	2021
2023 Senior Notes AXE (fixed)	59	-	2023
2024 Senior Notes (fixed)	350	350	2024
2025 Senior Notes AXE (fixed)	4	-	2025
2025 Senior Notes (fixed)	1,500	-	2025
2028 Senior Notes (fixed)	1,325	-	2028
Other	47	28	Various
Total debt¹	\$ 4,985	\$ 1,293	
Less: cash and cash equivalents	449	151	
Total debt, net of cash	\$ 4,536	\$ 1,142	
Leverage	5.3x	2.7x	

¹ Total debt is presented in the consolidated balance sheets net of debt discount and debt issuance costs, and includes adjustments to record the long-term debt assumed in the merger with Anixter at its acquisition date fair value.