# **Canfor Corporation**

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# **Company Overview**

- Global leader in the manufacturing of sustainable forest products
- Geographic and product diversification supporting earnings through the cycle
- Well positioned for further growth



# 37 Sawmills\*

7.4 BBF Annual Capacity\*

Global Platform

Worlds Largest Softwood Lumber Producer

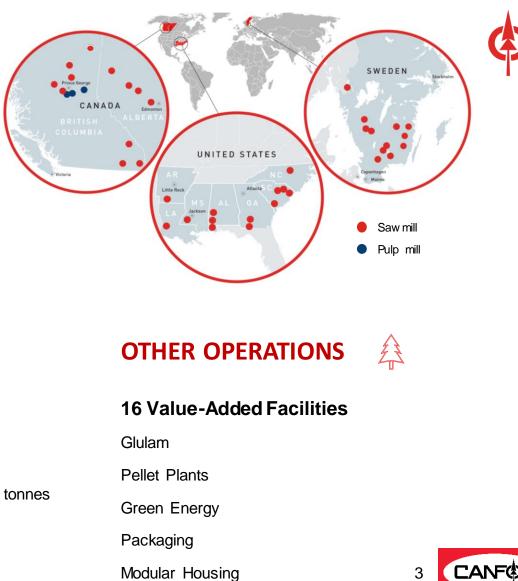


### 3 Mills

775K tonnes of Northern Softwood Kraft pulp

Integrated Paper Machine (~140K tonnes annual capacity)

High-value product focus



# Our Sustainability Approach

Our vision is to create a future as sustainable as the forests.

We begin with a deep respect for the people our business touches, the products we create and the planet we rely on to thrive. When we enable sustainability through these pillars, we position ourselves for long-term growth and impact. ໍ່<u>ຫຼ</u>ືຳຫຼື People

Planet

Products

Our people and communities thrive because we are focused on inclusion, equity and wellness everyday.

### Safety, Health & Wellness

We're committed to a zero-incident workplace and supporting the health and wellness of our people.

### Indigenous Relations

We aspire to be a partner of choice for Indigenous Peoples, a privilege afforded by fostering strong relationships and deeply respecting Indigenous histories, cultures, values, and beliefs.

### Inclusion & Diversity

We will foster a more inclusive and equitable culture and increase the diversity in our workforce.

We will continuously

achieve full regulation

improve emissions

management and

compliance.

### Human Rights

e We are committed to able respecting human rights across our company, value chain and with stakeholders & partners in our communities.

### Community Engagement

We will be an active corporate citizen focused on supporting education, community, sustainability and health initiatives.

# Our practices and products play an integral role in helping to protect the planet and mitigate climate change.

Air

Quality

### Sustainable Forestry

### Climate Change

We are committed to practicing world class sustainable forestry that will result in resilient, productive and biodiverse forests.

We are committed to playing a leading role in the transition to a low-carbon economy.

### Water Manag

# Management

We will continuously improve and achieve full compliance for water usage and discharge.

# Our products are sustainable because our manufacturing and supply chain is optimized for responsible resource use.

### Supply Chain Management

We are committed to embedding sustainability throughout our supply chain.

### Energy Management

We will decrease the energy intensity of the manufacturing process and continue to generate surplus clean energy.

### Waste & Residuals Management

We will optimize fiber utilization and minimize landfill waste.



# **Our Climate Ambition**



As we make progress on our climate journey, we will continue to explore opportunities to reduce carbon emissions across our value chain



Reduce absolute scope 1 and scope 2 carbon emissions by 42% by 2030 from a 2020 base year



# **SCOPE 1 & 2 EMISSIONS**

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**SCOPE 1:** All **direct emissions** from Canfor's activities or activities under our control. E.g., emissions released from generating electricity on site.

**SCOPE 2: Indirect emissions** from the electricity Canfor purchases and uses. E.g., emissions from electricity purchased from the grid.



Measure our scope 3 emissions and establish a science-based reduction target by 2024

# SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS

**SCOPE 3: All other indirect emissions**, occurring from sources that Canfor does not own or control. E.g., emissions from the transportation of products via rail.



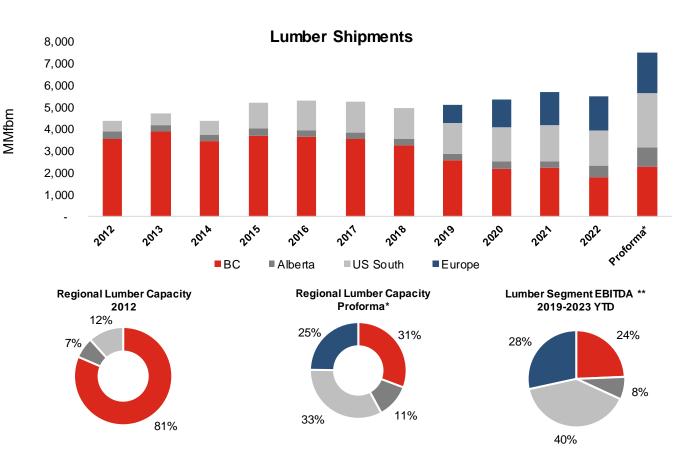


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We plan to invest at least \$250 million in carbon reduction projects across our business by 2030

# **Growing Lumber Business**

Executing on diversification strategy to support more stable returns over the cycle



# **Highlights**

**Disciplined Approach to Growth** Over 3.0 BBF capacity acquired through M&A (C\$560/Mfbm) since 20131

300%+ Growth in US South Achieved through targeted CAPEX, strategic acquisitions

Successful Expansion in Europe Providing transformational grow th and diversification; profitable through the cycle

global basis

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### **Alberta Expansion**

Providing critical supply of SPF lumber in low-cost jurisdiction

**Well Capitalized BC Assets** Strong cash flow generation over the cycle despite

declining fibre basket

**Balance Sheet Strength** Company well positioned to grow further on a

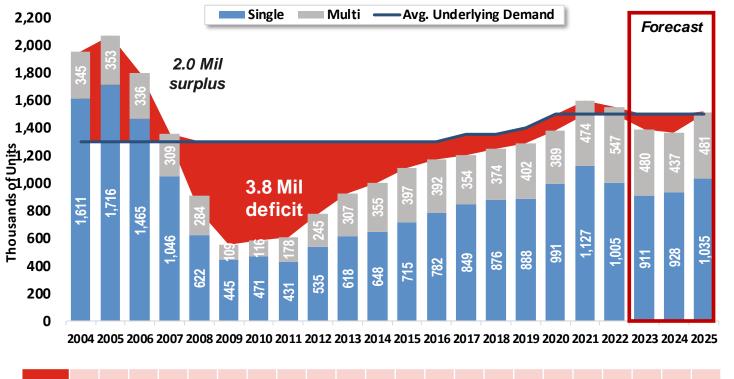
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1 Vida capacity and purchase price reflective of Canfor's 70% ownership

\* Includes greenfield sawmill in Alabama, planned investment in Arkansas and Houston sawmill

\*\* Excludes one-time items

# **US Housing Starts Forecast**



Total units 1,9562,0681,8011,355	906 554	587 609	781 925	5 1,0031,1	121,174 <i>°</i>	1,2031,250	1,2901,380	01,6011,55	21,3911,	3651,517
Single (%) 82% 83% 81% 77%	69% 80%	80% 71%	69% 67%	65% 64	% 67%	71% 70%	69% 72%	70% 65%	65% 6	8% 68%

# Considerations

### Millennials Coming of Age

Homeownership rate of ages 25-34 yrs. old are expected to increase 1-1/2 % per year

### Increased Tenure & Rates

Older homeowners are staying in their homes an average of 5 years longer, while increasing rates keep existing inventory low

### Favorable New Home Premium

Premiums for new homes remain low at just \$75/m<sup>2</sup> higher than existing homes on average alongside concessions widely offered



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### Affordability – Whole Market

Rapid increases in home prices along side interest rake hikes have resulted in significant decline in affordability



Negative wealth effects and geopolitical tension to weigh on sentiment

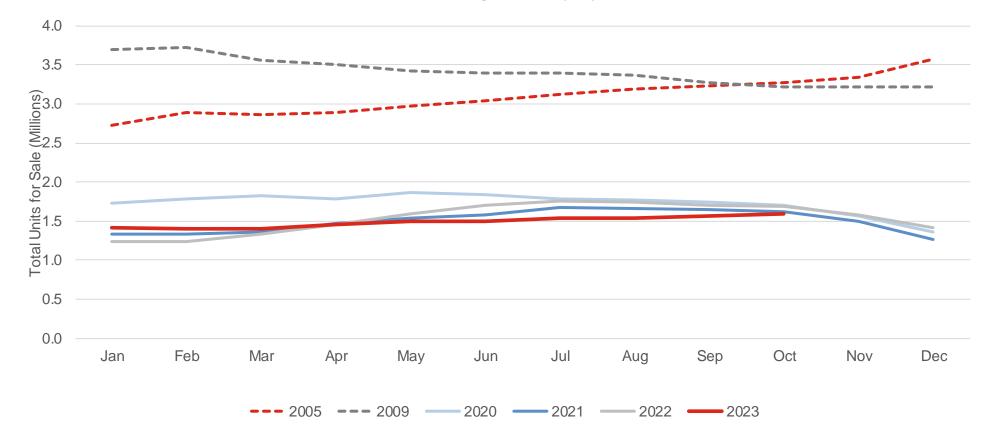


# **Total Housing Units For Sale**

While new homes for sale reaches high levels, total units remain well below historical levels



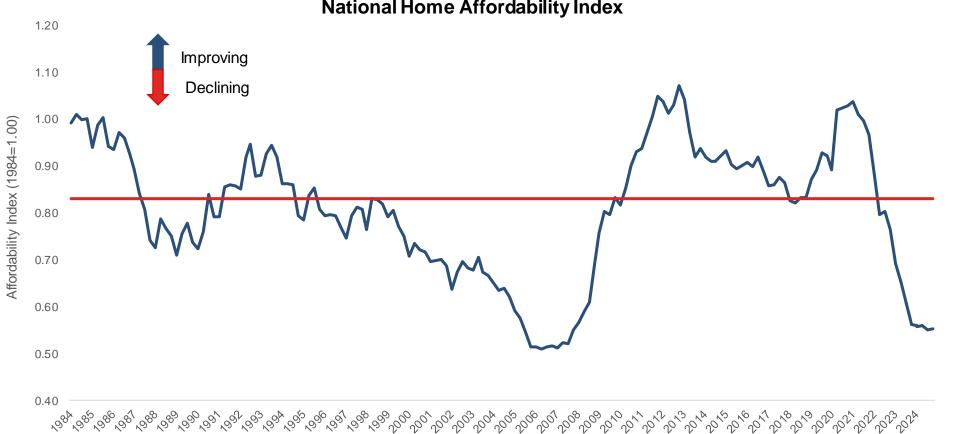
Total US Housing Inventory by Month





# **US Home Affordability Index**

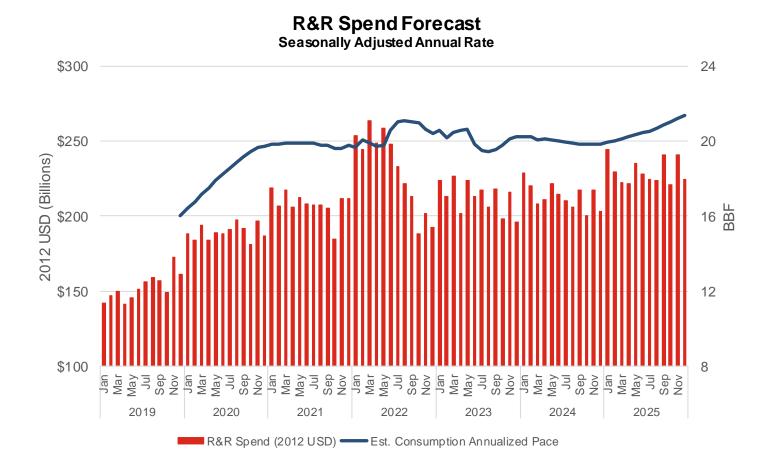




### National Home Affordability Index



# **Repair + Remodel Outlook**



# Considerations



### **Aging in Place**

Increased levels of retrofitting, accessibility, and updates opposed to trading up

### Average Home Size

Existing homes are on average 500 sq. ft. smaller than new construction, leading to increased frequency of home additions

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### Home Price Outlook & Share of Wallet

Inflation alongside negative outlook for home prices will weigh on share of wallet allocation to R&R

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### Household Balance Sheets

Core inflation pushing personal savings rate below pre-pandemic levels, reducing disposable income

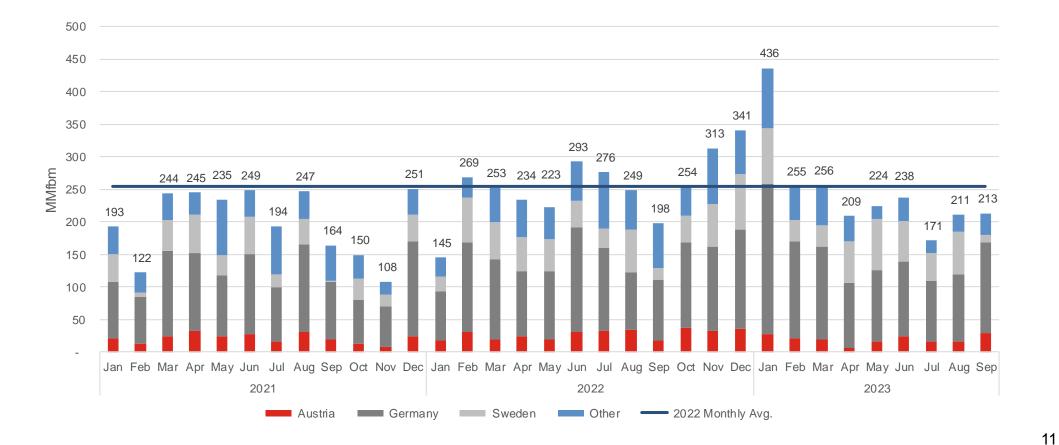
Materials Cost

DIY segment remains highly sensitive to materials cost, high prices pose risk to near term activity



# **US Imports from Europe**

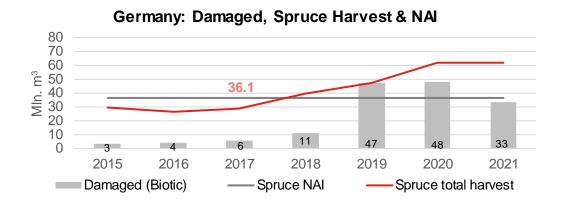
Record level of European imports in January 2023 Imports have trended below 2022 avg. since



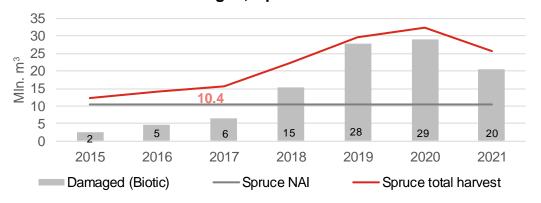


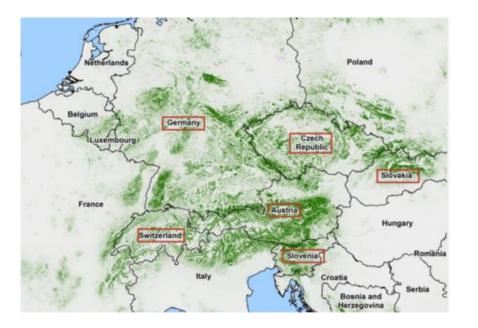


# **EU Spruce Bark Beetle**



Czechia: Damaged, Spruce harvest & NAI





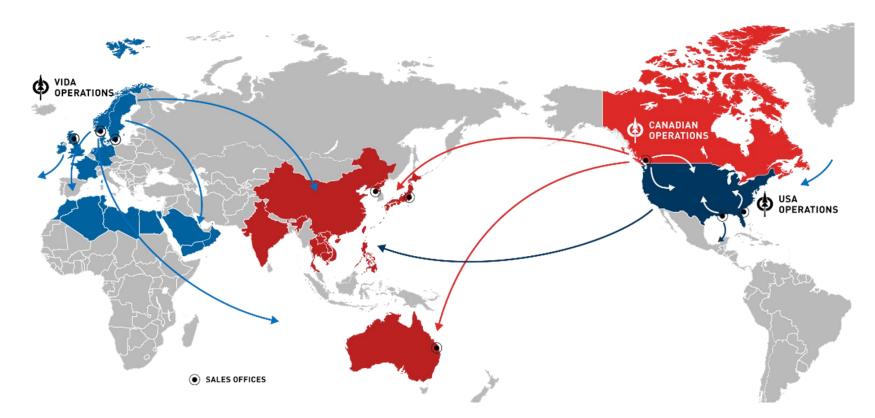
- Spruce Bark Beetle has impacted the lower elevation lands of Germany and Czechia over the mountainous (cooler) regions of Austria, Switzerland and Slovakia
- Germany and Czechia have been sanitary over-harvesting the bark beetle damaged Spruce which will have a down-fall volume impact in the coming years



# **Canfor Supply Chain**



- Ability to leverage global platform to support key programs and optimize supply chain
- Strong alignment with key customers and channels (e.g. Home Center)
- Company's high-value product mix and diversification efforts supporting more stable returns over the cycle





Our High Value Product Diversification

We make products that unlock incremental value with stabilized pricing

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Strength

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Visual appearance is primary purchase variable

# SYP Long Length 22'/24'/26' SPF & Spruce Metric Sizes

Matching sizes to end-user requirements

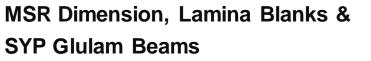












Leverage fibre strength to match demand North America's largest producer of SYP Glulam





# Greenfield Sawmill: DeRidder, LA

# Highlights

250 MMfbm capacity

US\$160M investment (~\$640/Mfbm)



Progressing well through ramp up on 2 shift basis



# Modernizing Urbana Sawmill



### Summary

- US\$130M investment
- 115 MMfbm capacity increase, 2 shift operation
- Significantly improves cost structure
- Projected start-up in Q2 2024

Urbana, AR Upgrade – 285 MMfbm (2024)





### **Strategic Alignment**

- Improves manufacturing efficiency, versatility and flexibility
- Abundant supply of high-quality fibre (2.0 growth to drain ratio)
- Increases high value product mix (LAM stock, MSR, CLT Stock)
- Top quartile mill close to major end markets



# **Greenfield Sawmill: Axis, AL**



### Summary

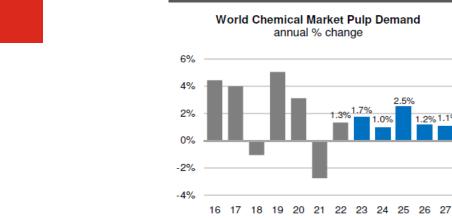
- US\$210M investment (\$840/Mfbm)
- State-of-the-art, top quartile sawmill (250 MMfbm capacity)
- Optimizes strong fiber basket in region
- Improved manufacturing flexibility provides opportunity to capture market premiums on specific products
- Located in Axis, Alabama (~25 miles north of Mobile)
- Currently on budget and on schedule
- Start-up projected in Q3 2024

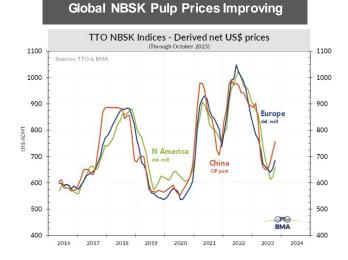




# **Pulp Market Update**

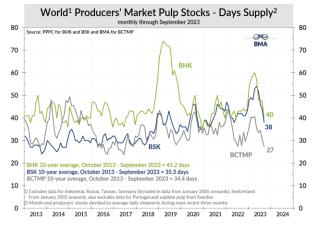
- Global outlook uncertain with downside projected in 2024
- Pulp prices rebounded in Q3 as China began restocking and drawing down producer inventories
- Softwood Market Pulp Capacity up estimated 0.4 million tonnes by 2027 (from 2023) - mainly the Metsä Fibre Kemi mill
- Global softwood pulp demand/capacity balance projected at 89% in 2023 steadily increasing to 92% in 2027
- Softwood demand growth to be concentrated in China and Other Asia market segments
- Canfor Pulp well positioned to service increasing demand for specialty products





### Demand Supply Ratios Tightening

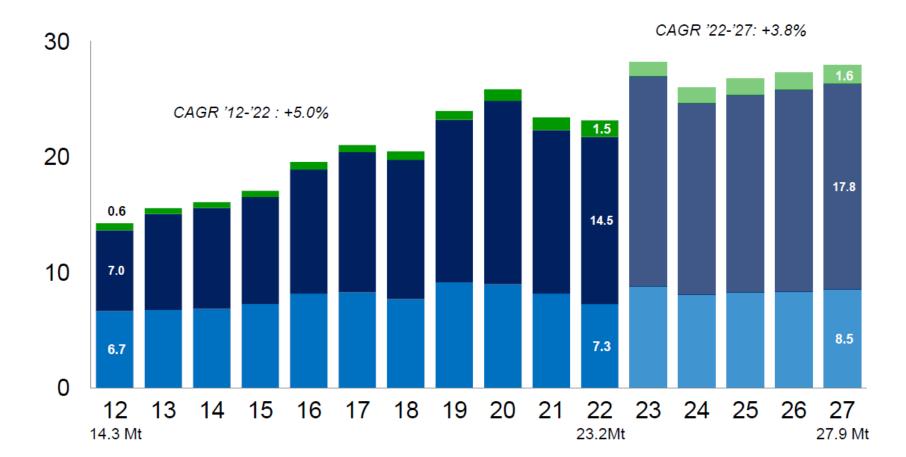
Market Pulp Demand Growth Outlook is Positive





# **Pulp Well Positioned for China**







# **Financial Highlights**

- Record profitability in recent years supporting various organic and external growth initiatives ٠
- Balance sheet supporting significant capital investments in 2023/2024 ٠
- Well positioned to further grow lumber business on a global basis •

# Q3 2023 **Summary**

(Canfor, Excl. CPPI)

**Net Cash** 

\$627M

Liquidity

\$1.9B

**Duty Deposits** \$920M

**Total Assets** 

2019-2023 Q3 YTD

28%

40%

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24%

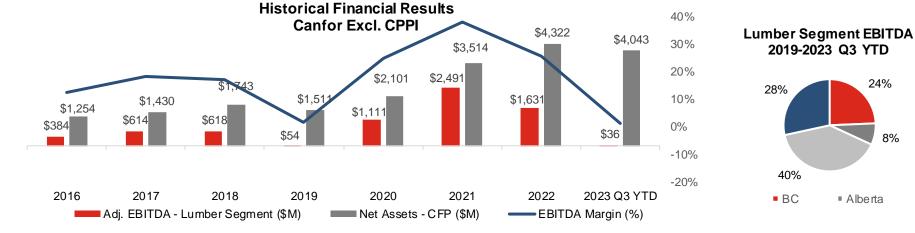
Alberta

8%

\$5.7B

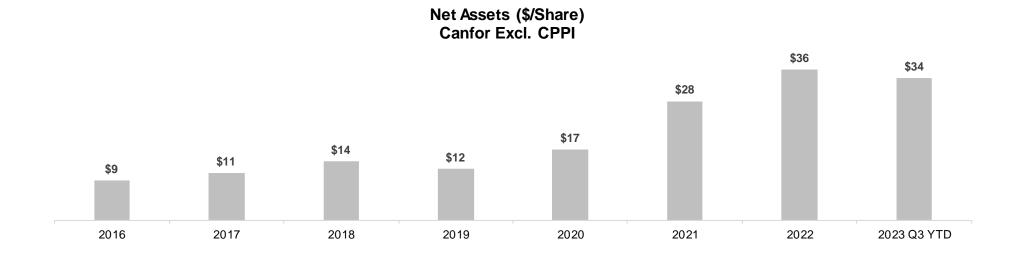
**Book Value / Share** \$32.89





# Significant Growth in Net Assets / Share







# **Capital Allocation**

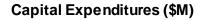
**Return to Shareholders** 

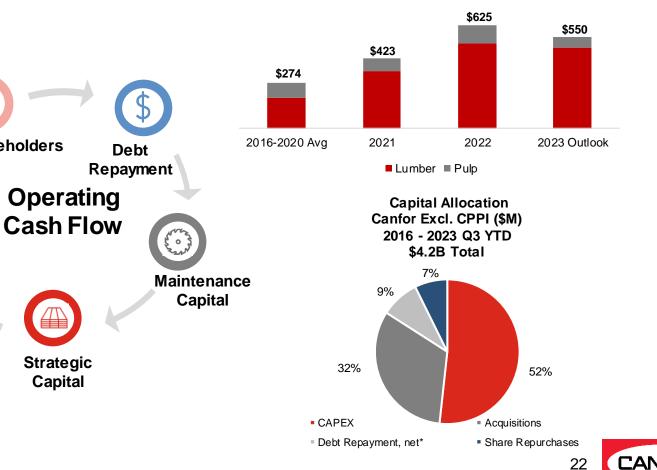
External

Growth









- Disciplined approach to capital allocation
- Continuous reinvestment in operations and targeted external growth
- Focus on eliminating debt and maintaining strong balance sheet
- Opportunistically repurchasing shares under NCIB and returning capital to shareholders

\* Including the Company's operating loan facility

# **Value Proposition**







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