



# Investor Presentation

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- execute on the assumptions regarding our drilling and development plan;
- manage increases in the cost of, fluctuation in availability of, and competition for, goods, services, and personnel;
- acquire additional leasehold or fee mineral acreage;
- manage changes in, and volatility of, natural gas, oil and natural gas liquids prices and the potential impact of such changes on our asset carrying values;
- convert our reserves into production on an economic basis;
- successfully implement the latest horizontal drilling and completion techniques;
- effectively utilize technology, including 3D seismic data, to identify future reserves and execute our drilling and development plan;
- cure any defects impairing title to our properties;
- mitigate credit risk posed by significant customers and other participating owners;
- access third-party transportation facilities and infrastructure;
- manage conflicts of interest with our directors and officers;
- mitigate uncertainty regarding derivative instruments and related regulation;
- deal with possible regulatory responses or liability related to seismic activity in our area of operations;
- respond to shifting government regulatory requirements with respect to unconventional resource recovery, including hydraulic fracture stimulation and saltwater disposal;
- mitigate uncertainty regarding our reserve estimates and future operating results;
- accurately predict the timing and amount of our future natural gas, oil, and natural gas liquids production;
- manage operating risks, losses, and liabilities arising from uninsured or underinsured events;
- access water sourcing, distribution, and disposal systems;
- generate sufficient cash flow to pay fixed charges;
- deal with the imposition of additional taxes on natural gas, oil, and natural gas liquids exploration and development;
- control our operating expenses and other costs;
- navigate through general credit market and economic conditions;
- manage risks and cost of compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including environmental laws and regulations;
- respond to competition and litigation;
- maintain access to capital on terms acceptable to the Company and manage restrictions in our debt instruments;
- manage the effects of global pandemics, including the COVID-19 pandemic;
- meet our plans, objectives, expectations, and intentions contained in this presentation; and
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**Resilient Operational and Financial Performance in the Face of Unprecedented Challenges**

**Balance Sheet Focus and Successful Debt Exchange Transaction**

**Commitment to Free Cash Flow Generation Bolstered by Strong Hedge Position**

**Continued Focus on Safety and the Environment**

**Well Positioned for Improving Macro Gas Environment**

# Differentiated Approach with Premier Assets



Responsible environmental stewardship and unwavering belief that safety is our top priority



Operational and technical excellence drives best-in-basin metrics



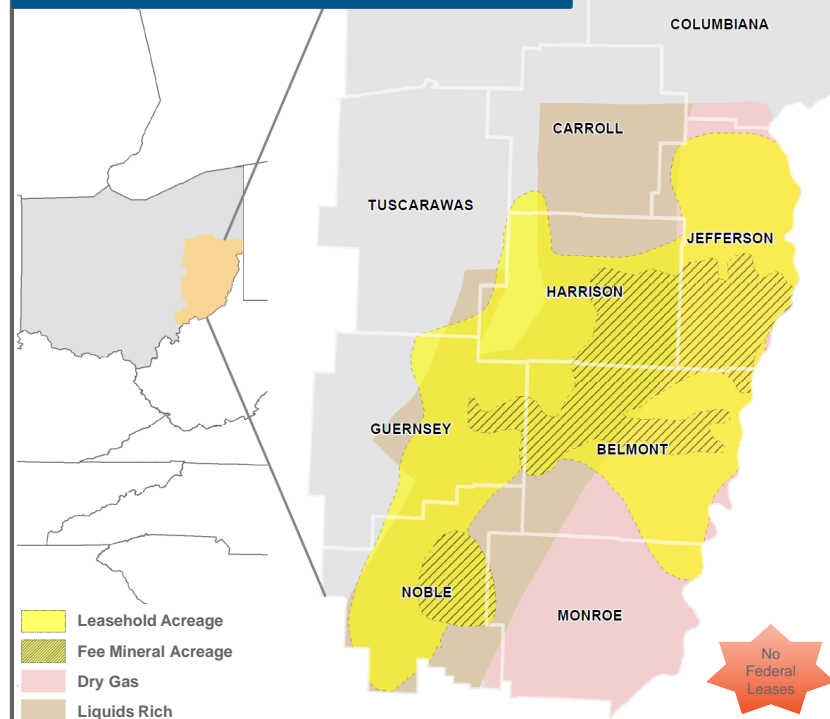
Large, diverse asset base supports free cash flow for years to come



Active risk management and disciplined financial strategy to protect free cash flow

## Premier Position in Core of Utica Shale

Net Leasehold Acres:	262,000
Royalty Acres:	78,000
Total Acreage:	340,000
Q3 2020 Net Production:	2.0 bcfe/d



**Largest oil & gas producer in Ohio and 8<sup>th</sup> largest natural gas producer in the United States<sup>(1)</sup>**

<sup>1)</sup> Per Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) data first quarter 2020.



# Well-Defined Strategy and Execution



## Lead by Example When it Comes to ESG

- Established leadership in emissions, safety, community engagement and governance
- Issued second annual Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) Report in Q2 2020
- ~75% of produced water reused YTD and 2019 methane loss rate of only 0.05% (ONE Future protocol)
- Ascent’s 12-month rolling avg. Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) of 0.24, versus industry average of 0.58
- Gender diversity in our management team with nearly 30% of our senior positions held by women

## World Class Resource Development

- Unique combination of depth, pressure and deliverability for hydrocarbon development and production
- Approximately 340,000 net acres with greater than 15 years of additional operated inventory capable of maintaining >2.0 bcfe/d net production
- Reached gross production of 1 bcfe/d and 2 bcfe/d with fewer wells than any other E&P company in history

## Optimize Value of Reserves

- Operator of 99% of net production allows for control of development across multiple hydrocarbon windows
- Best 12-month average dry gas well performance in Appalachia<sup>(1)</sup> (avg. 6.0 bcfe cumulative production)
- Lowest development costs in Ohio Utica (full-year outlook of less than \$650 per lateral foot)
- Low production and peer-leading G&A costs<sup>(2)</sup> yield strong per-unit margins

## Generate Sustainable Free Cash Flow

- Generated cumulative positive free cash flow over the last twelve months
- Reiterate 2020 free cash flow guidance of \$50 to \$100 million despite significant commodity market volatility
- Target sustainable, long-term free cash flow to drive value creation for all stakeholders

## Active Risk Management and Disciplined Financial Strategy

- Exchange transaction extended our weighted average maturity profile to ~5 years, and dramatically reduced near-term maturities (~\$80 million through Q1 2024)
- Disciplined commodity hedging program with positions covering production through YE2024
- Interest rate hedges covering approximately half of our outstanding floating rate borrowings through YE2021

1) RS Energy’s Core platform by operator and play for wells with first production in 2016-2019. Peers include Antero, BP, Cabot, Chesapeake, CNX, EQT, Gulfport, Indigo, Montage, Shell and Vine.

2) Third quarter 2020 LOE of \$0.11/mcfe and G&A of \$0.08/mcfe.

# Setting the Course for a Sustainable Future



## Environmental Stewardship and Operational Excellence

- **Best-in-class GHG and methane emissions in the U.S.**
  - No routine flaring of produced natural gas on company operated properties
  - GHG emissions intensity of 0.51 mt CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe (3.06 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/BOE)
  - Methane loss rate of 0.05% (below the 2025 ONE Future target of 0.28%)
- **Enhanced Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) Program**
  - Leak rate of 0.16% on more than 130,000 components monitored monthly
- **~75% reuse of Total Produced Water year-to-date in 2020**
- **Member of The Environmental Partnership and ONE Future Coalition**

## Strong Corporate Governance

- **12 member Board of Managers (representing >75% of equity ownership)**
  - 2 independent Managers, 2 female Managers
  - Audit Committee, which includes 1 independent Chairperson
- **Nearly 30% of senior positions within the Company are filled by women including our SVP and Chief Accounting Officer, VP of Human Resources, VP of Land and Treasurer**
- **Ongoing proactive engagement with stakeholders relating to ESG Performance**
- **Cross-Departmental Enterprise Risk Management Committee tasked with monitoring risk**

## Community Engagement and Safety Focus

- **Committed to a comprehensive safety program with active participation at all levels of the organization (management, employees and contractors)**
  - Peer leading safety results (0.24 employee TRIR per 100 employees)
- **Actively support the communities where we live and operate via active engagement with regulatory bodies, charitable organizations and emergency first responders**
  - Over 3,200 volunteer hours made available annually to employees for community service
  - Committed to supporting national and state charities in Ohio and Oklahoma including the United Way, American Heart Association, Toys for Tots and Imagination Library

Note: The leak rate and employee TRIR are based on data through September 30, 2020 while the GHG emissions intensity and methane loss rate were as of 2019.

# Proactive Response to Global Pandemic and Extreme Volatility in Commodity and Capital Markets



## Managing Activity in 2020 Based on Current Market Dynamics

- Successfully responded to COVID-19 protocols to protect stakeholders with minimal impacts to the business
- Reduced and redirected activity to dry gas to maintain sustainable free cash flow generation
- Continued to improve capital efficiency while leveraging our basin-leading cost structure
- Improved balance sheet and liquidity to ensure flexibility in a dynamic and challenging market
- Mitigated impacts of commodity price and interest rate volatility through robust hedging program

### Initial 2020E Guidance / Outlook

Rigs / Frac Crews	4 / 2	
Capital Allocation	75% Dry Gas	25% Liquids Rich
Total Capex	\$700mm – \$800mm	
Avg. Cost / Lateral Foot	\$700 – \$800	
Production	>2.0 bcfe/d	
Free Cash Flow	\$100mm – \$150mm	
Debt Maturities	\$2.2bn through 2022	

### Reaffirmed 2020E Guidance / Outlook

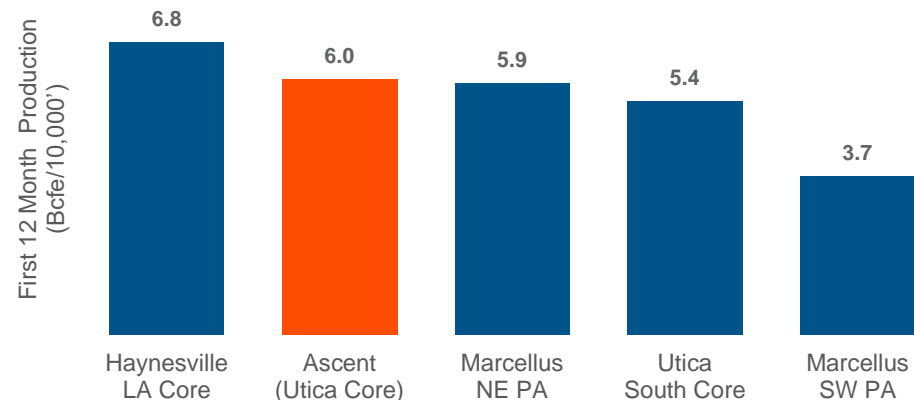
Rigs / Frac Crews	3 / 1	
Capital Allocation	85% Dry Gas	15% Liquids Rich
Total Capex	\$600mm – \$650mm	
Avg. Cost / Lateral Foot	\$640 – \$660	
Production	~2.0 bcfe/d	
Free Cash Flow	\$50mm – \$100mm	
Debt Maturities	<\$0.1bn through Q1 2024	



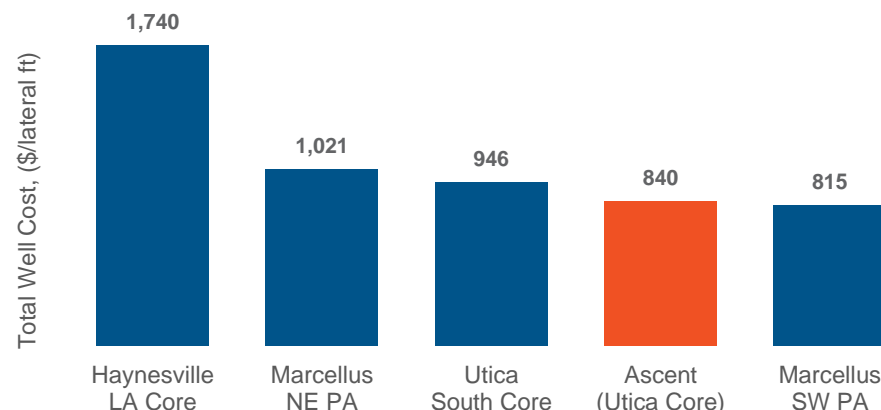
# Best in Class Performance and Rock Quality



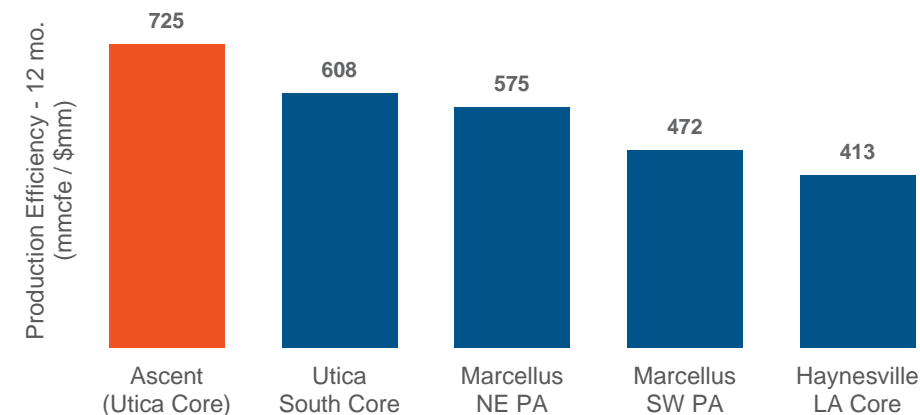
## Production



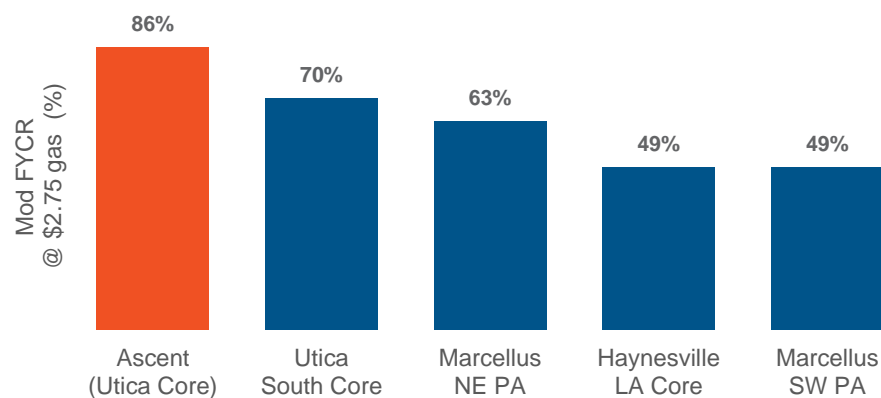
## Total Well Cost (\$/lateral ft)



## Production Efficiency by Sub-Play



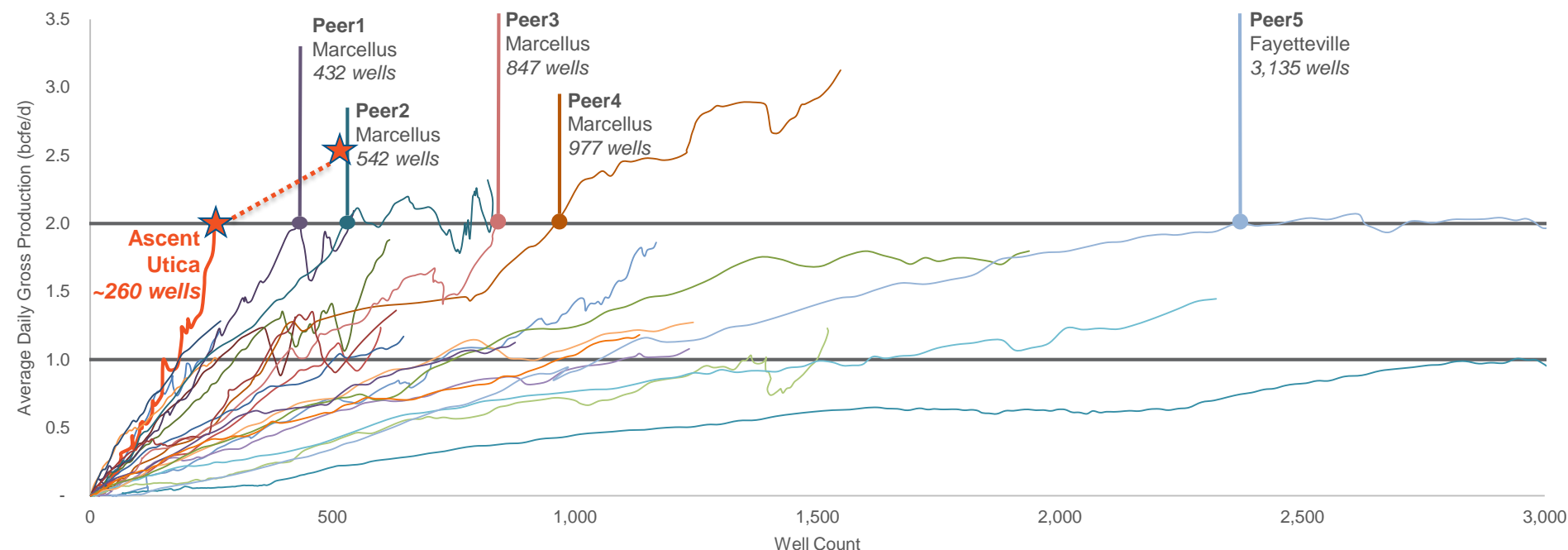
## % Payout at 12 months



Ascent Other Dry Gas Sub-plays

Notes: Sourced from Enverus as of Aug 4, 2020. Data limited to 2019+ with 12 months of production; Production Efficiency defined as ratio of 12-month cumulative production to capital investment required; Mod FYCR is the first-year capital recovery. Based on actual 12-month cumulative production

# Execution and Great Rock Deliver Great Results



**Achieved 1 bcfe/d gross  
operated production with  
only 151 wells**

**Surpassed 2 bcfe/d after  
257 total wells (an  
incremental 106 wells)**

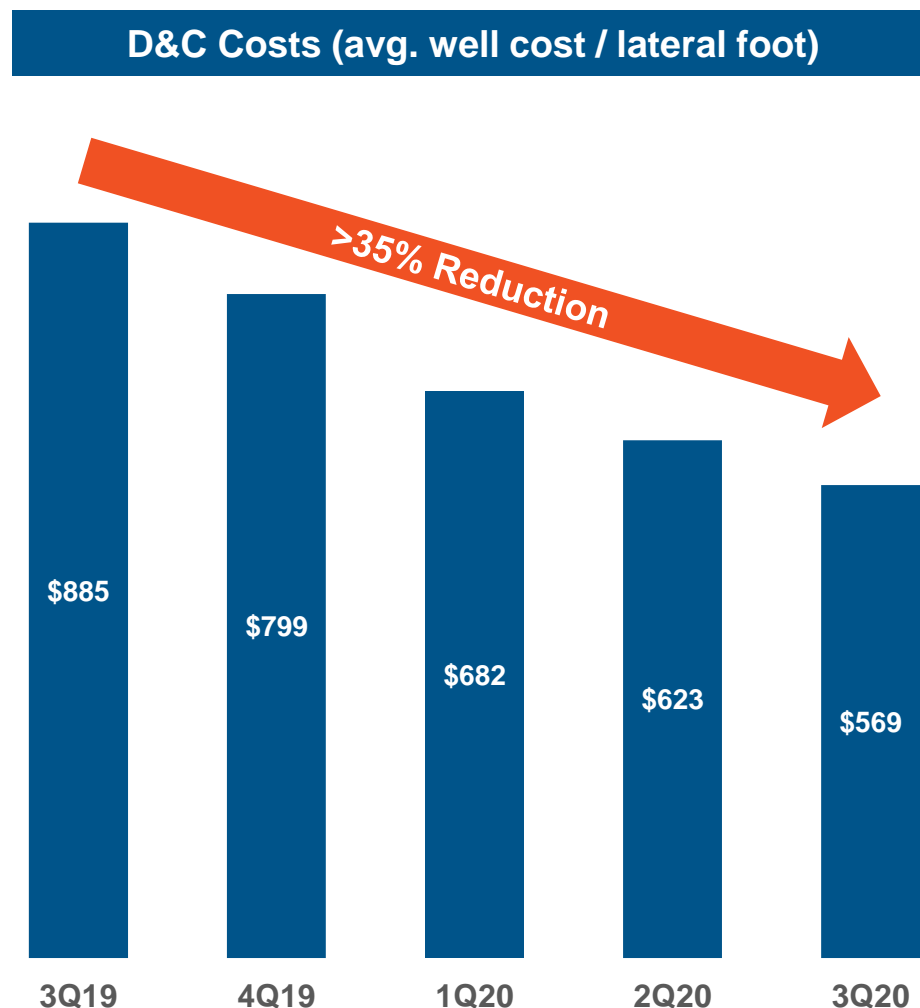
**Current gross operated  
production is  
holding steady at  
approximately 2.5 bcfe/d**

Source: Wood Mackenzie North American Well Analysis tool (2018)

Note: 3-month daily average or production and well count; production is plotted to peak production. Production includes acquired wells.

# Industry Leading Cost Structure Builds Resiliency

- D&C costs have decreased to an average of \$569 per lateral foot during 3Q 2020
  - Leading capital efficiency driven by sustainable improvements
    - Increased completion stages per day
    - Improved drilling cycle times
  - Vendor pricing further enhances savings
- Ascent's development costs are the lowest amongst the Utica peer group<sup>(1)</sup>
  - Next closest peer is over \$800 per lateral foot



<sup>1)</sup> Peers include AR, CNX, EQT, GPOR and MR. Excludes Marcellus development cost figures.

# Diversified Marketing and Transportation Portfolio

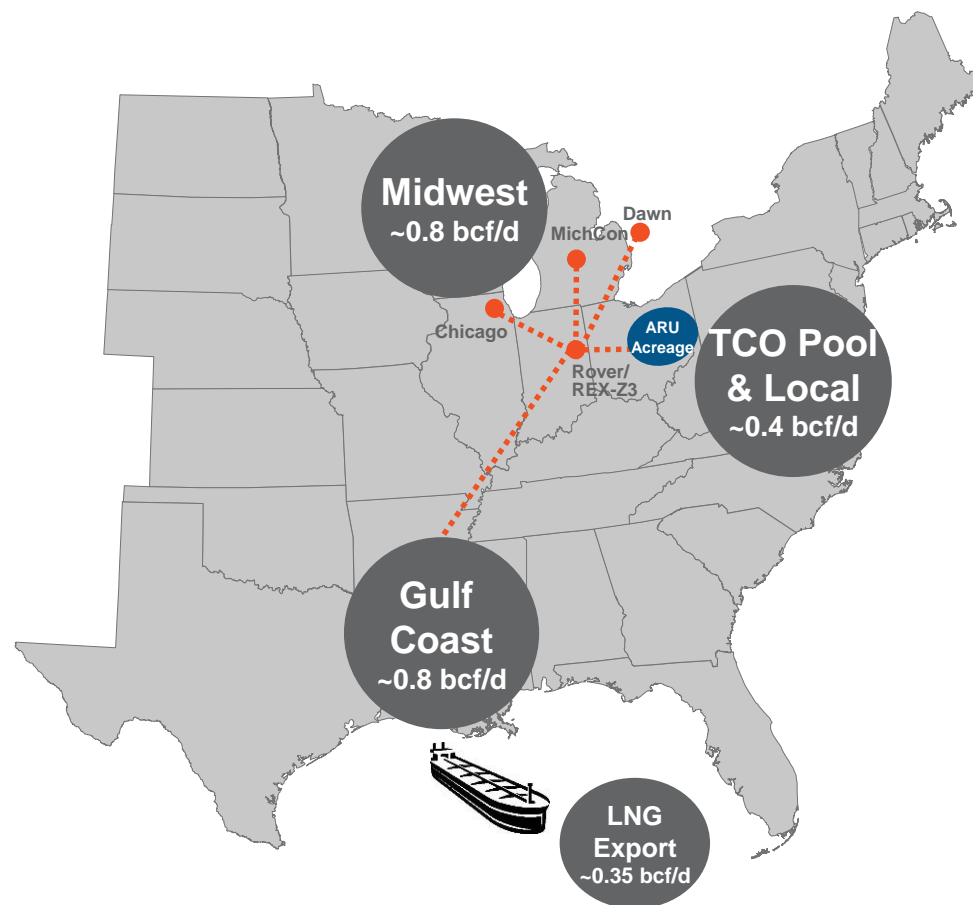
- Firm transportation takeaway capacity of ~2.1 bcf/d (gross marketed volumes exceed commitments) with access to multiple physical and financial markets with premium pricing – including Gulf Coast LNG
- Fully-utilized firm transportation provides opportunities for the sale of excess gas to attractive in-basin markets, lowering Ascent's per unit cost of transportation
- Existing third-party gathering and processing infrastructure supports development plan execution

	2019A		2020E <sup>(1)</sup>	
Market	Basis Differential	% of Gas Sold	Basis Differential	% of Gas Sold
Midwest	\$(0.19)	38%	\$(0.12)	39%
Gulf Coast	\$(0.21)	37%	\$(0.13)	37%
TCO Pool	\$(0.35)	14%	\$(0.39)	14%
In-basin	\$(0.47)	11%	\$(0.65)	10%
Wtd. avg. differential	\$(0.25)	100%	\$(0.21)	100%
BTU uplift	\$0.15		\$0.13	
Differential to NYMEX	\$(0.10)		\$(0.08)	

**2020E realized price projected to yield ~96% of NYMEX<sup>(1)</sup>**

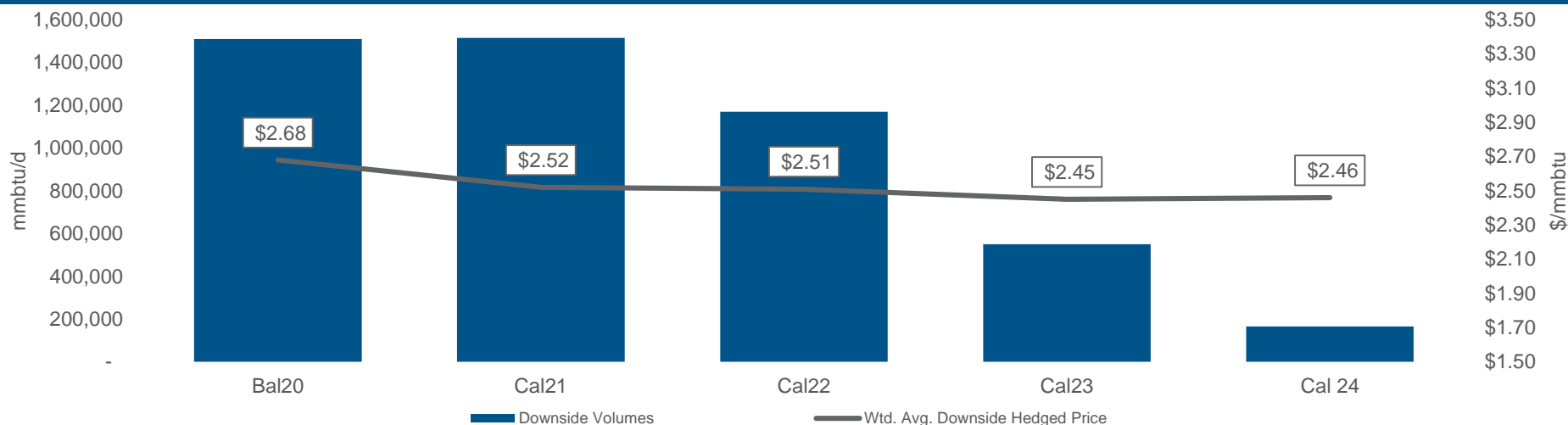
1) Estimated basis differential based on pricing as of 9/30/2020; prior to the effect of hedges.

## Fully-Pathed Gas Transportation Commitments

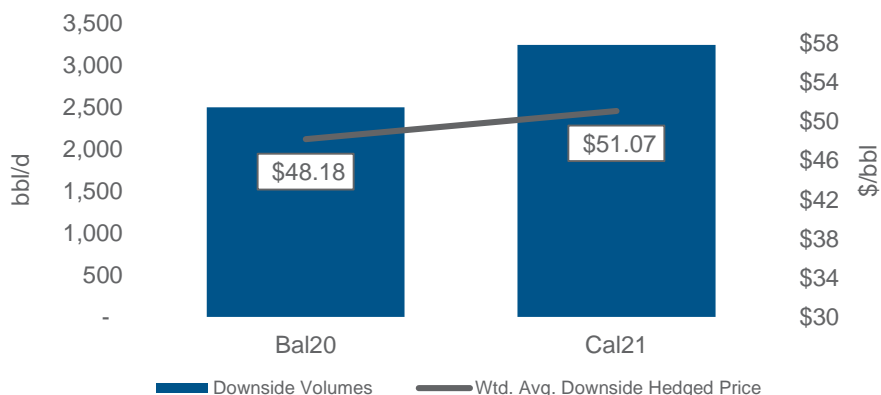


# Hedge Book Supports Sustainable Free Cash Flow

## Natural Gas



## Crude



## NGLs

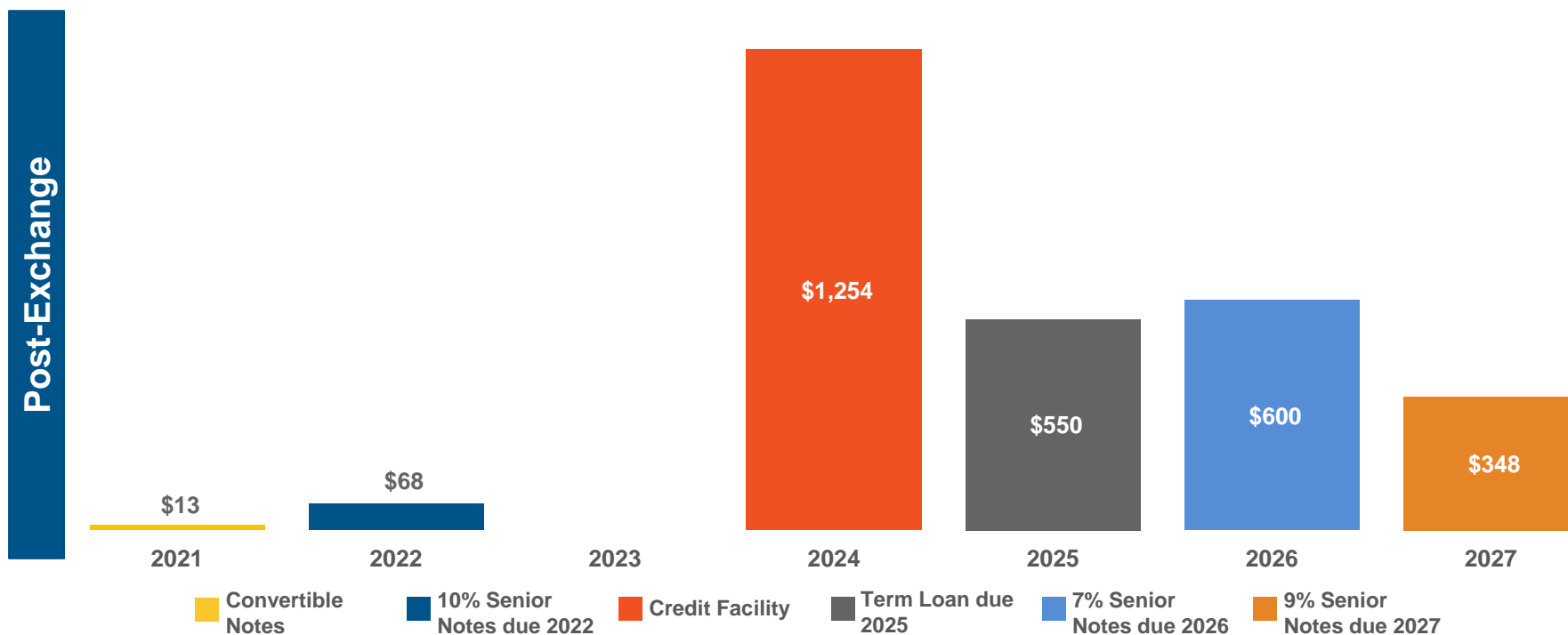
Propane		
Year	Volume (bbl/d)	Wtd. Avg. Price (\$/bbl)
Bal 2020	2,500	\$25.68

Ethane		
Year	Volume (bbl/d)	Wtd. Avg. Price (\$/bbl)
Bal 2020	1,000	\$8.40

Note: As of 9/30/2020

# Continued Focus on Balance Sheet Strength

- Extended weighted average maturity profile to ~5 years
- No significant debt maturities until 2024
- 3Q 2020 leverage of 2.7x with long-term target of < 2.0x
- Borrowing base reaffirmed at \$1.85 billion in November 2020



Note: Debt balances are pro forma for the exchange transaction and convert repurchase as of 9/30/2020; Convert balance includes terminal value premium of 53.8%.



# Appendix

# Third Quarter 2020 Results (Unaudited) & Current 2020 Annual Guidance



Third Quarter Results		9/30/2020
Production (mmcf/d)		1,982
% Natural Gas		90%
Operating Expenses (\$/mcfe)		
LOE		\$0.11
GP&T		\$1.25
Production & Ad Valorem Taxes		\$0.05
G&A		\$0.08
Total Expenses		\$1.49
Adj. EBITDAX (\$mm)		\$210
CAPEX Incurred (\$mm)		
Drilling & Completions		\$92
Land		\$11
Capitalized Interest		\$19
Total CAPEX Incurred		\$122
Free Cash Flow (\$mm)		\$59
Operations		
Operated Rigs		3
Wells Spud		14
Wells Completed		11
Wells TIL'd		18
Average Lateral Length of Wells TIL'd		11,231'

1) Excludes capitalized interest.

Full Year 2020 Guidance	
Total Production (mmcf/d)	2,000
Operating Expenses (\$/mcfe)	\$1.40 – \$1.45
CAPEX Incurred (\$mm) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$600 – \$650
Free Cash Flow (\$mm)	\$50 – \$100
Operations	
Operated Rigs	3 – 4
Wells Spud	55 – 60
Wells Completed	65 – 75
Wells TIL'd	65 – 75
Average Lateral Length of TILs	~13,000'