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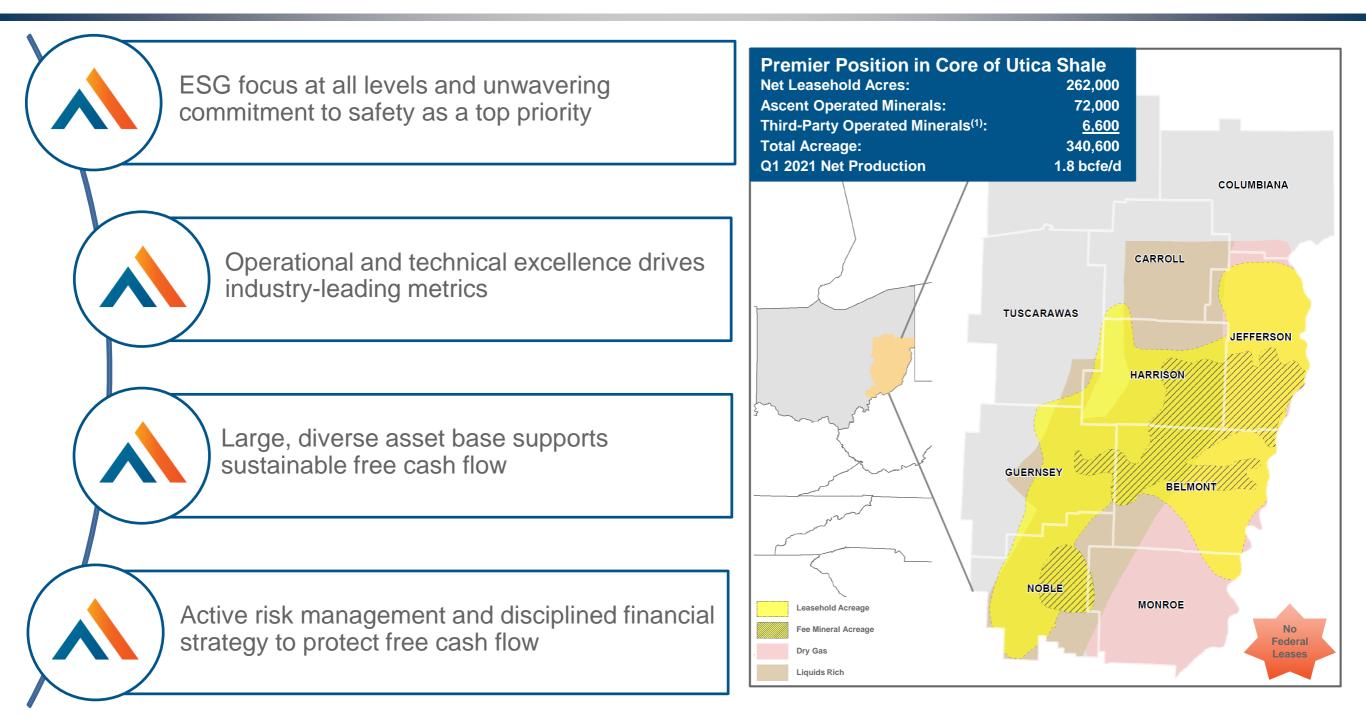
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- execute on our financial strategy and access the capital and financing required to achieve our business plan;
- replace our reserves with new reserves and develop those reserves;
- execute on the assumptions regarding our drilling and development 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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## **Premier Assets, Differentiated Results**





#### Largest oil & gas producer in Ohio and 8th largest natural gas producer in the United States<sup>(2)</sup>

1) Ascent only owns a royalty interest in such acreage.

2) 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	<ul> <li>Reaffirmed our commitment with the creation of a Board-level Environment, Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility ("ESR") committee tasked with managing and progressing all aspects of our ESG initiatives</li> <li>Focused on minimizing our environmental impact, managing water reuse and supporting our local communities</li> <li>Continued to prioritize the health and safety of our employees and contractors</li> <li>Committed to a diversified workforce, with 25% of all senior positions held by women</li> </ul>	
World Class Resource	<ul> <li>Unique combination of rock qualities, pressure and deliverability for hydrocarbon development and production</li> <li>Approximately 334,000 net acres with greater than 15 years of additional operated inventory capable of maintaining &gt;2.0 bcfe/d net production</li> <li>Generated the highest 12-month average cumulative gas production in North America at 6.0 bcfe per well</li> <li>Reached 1.0 bcfe/d and 2.0 bcfe/d with fewer wells than any other E&amp;P company in history</li> </ul>	
Optimize Reserve Value	<ul> <li>Operator of 99% of our net production allows for control of development across multiple hydrocarbon windows</li> <li>Lowest development costs in Appalachia at \$564 per lateral foot during Q1 2021 (\$611 in 2020)</li> <li>Track record of top-tier well performance and productivity yields best-in-class paybacks and capital efficiency</li> <li>Peer-leading production and G&amp;A cost metrics<sup>(2)</sup> contribute to strong per-unit margins</li> </ul>	
Generate Sustainable Free Cash Flow	<ul> <li>Continued focus on long-term sustainable free cash flow that drives value creation for all stakeholders</li> <li>Generated \$54 million of positive free cash flow in Q1 2021 and \$114 million in 2020</li> <li>2021 free cash flow guidance of between \$100 and \$150 million for 2021</li> </ul>	
Active Risk Management and Disciplined Financial Strategy	<ul> <li>Focused financial strategy with no debt maturities until Q2 2024</li> <li>Free cash flow in 2021 and beyond will be used to reduce debt and improve liquidity</li> <li>Disciplined commodity hedging program with positions covering production through YE 2024 protects cash flow</li> </ul>	

1) TRIR includes company employees and contractors.

2) First quarter 2021 LOE of \$0.13/mcfe and G&A of \$0.10/mcfe (excludes stock-based compensation expense).

# **Setting the Course for a Sustainable Future**



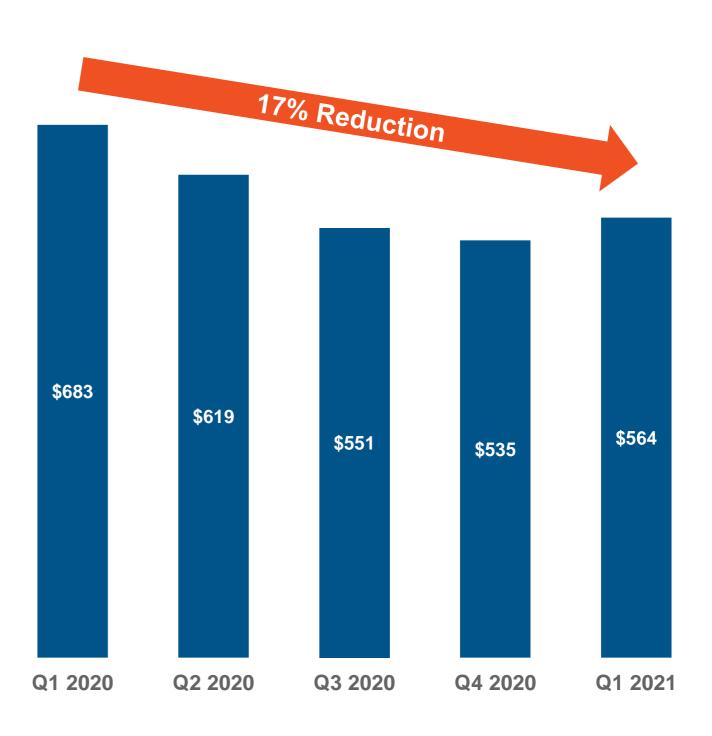
Environmental Stewardship and Operational Excellence	<ul> <li>Focused on reducing our environmental impact and minimizing GHG and methane emissions         <ul> <li>No routine flaring of produced natural gas on company operated properties</li> <li>GHG emissions intensity of 0.60 mt CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe (3.62 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/MBOE)</li> <li>Methane loss rate of 0.09% driven by our enhanced leak detection and repair program (well below the 2025 ONE Future target of 0.28%)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Committed to reducing freshwater use through our reuse optimization efforts (reused 68% of produced water in Q1 2021)</li> <li>Member of The Environmental Partnership, AXPC and ONE Future Coalition</li> </ul>
Strong Corporate Governance	<ul> <li>12 member Board of Managers</li> <li>2 independent Managers, 2 female Managers</li> <li>Audit, Compensation and ESR Committee</li> <li>25% 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</li> <li>Management compensation tied to conservative balance sheet, free cash flow and ESG performance</li> <li>Cross-departmental Enterprise Risk Management Committee tasked with monitoring risk</li> </ul>
Community Engagement and Safety Focus	<ul> <li>Committed to a comprehensive safety program with active participation at all levels of the organization including management, employees and contractors</li> <li>Actively support the communities where we live and operate via active engagement with regulatory bodies, charitable organizations and emergency first responders <ul> <li>Over 3,200 volunteer hours made available annually to employees for community service</li> <li>Committed to supporting national and state charities in Ohio and Oklahoma including the United Way, American Heart Association, Toys for Tots and Imagination Library</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# **Industry Leading Cost Structure Builds Resiliency**



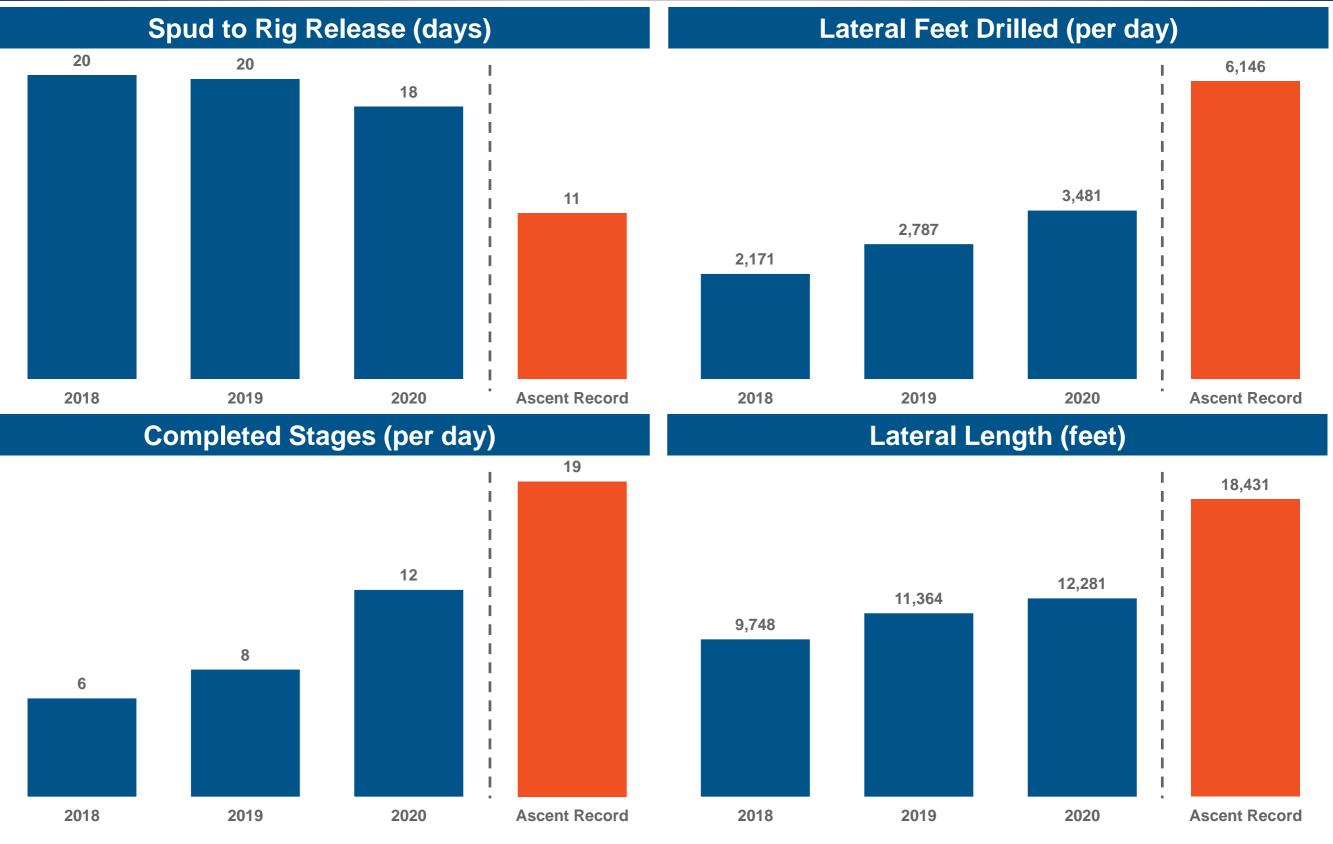
- D&C costs averaged \$564 per lateral foot during Q1 2021, which is within our guidance range of between \$550 and \$575 per lateral foot for the full-year
  - Innovation and technological advances continue to drive sustainable and repeatable cost improvements
    - Increased completion stages per day
    - Improved drilling cycle times
  - Efficiency gains drive discounts for services and create alignment
- Ascent's current per foot development costs are the lowest amongst the Appalachian peer group<sup>(1)</sup>

#### D&C Costs (avg. well cost / lateral foot)



# **Operational Execution Leads to Efficiency Improvements**

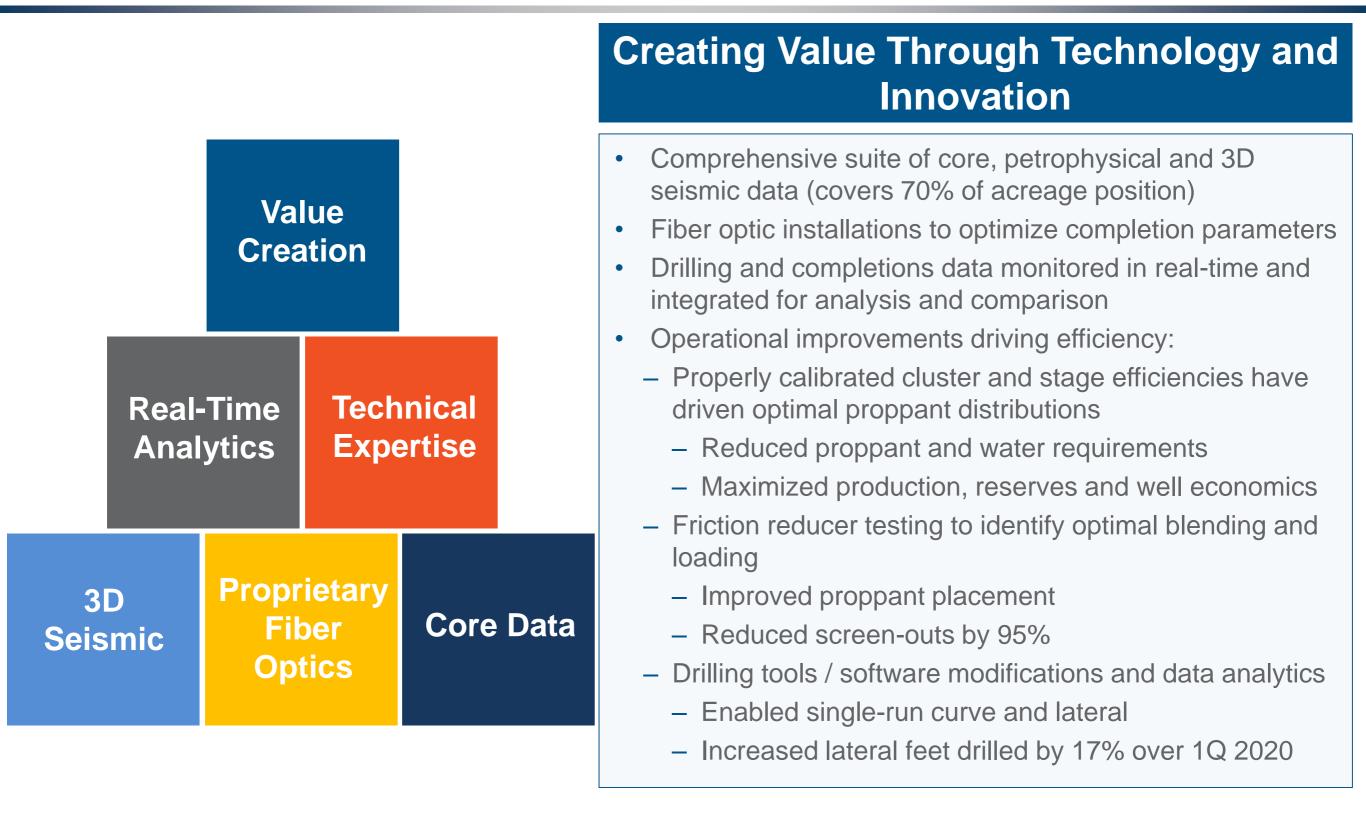




Note: Annual operational metrics are based on full-year averages; Ascent records are based on single-well results.

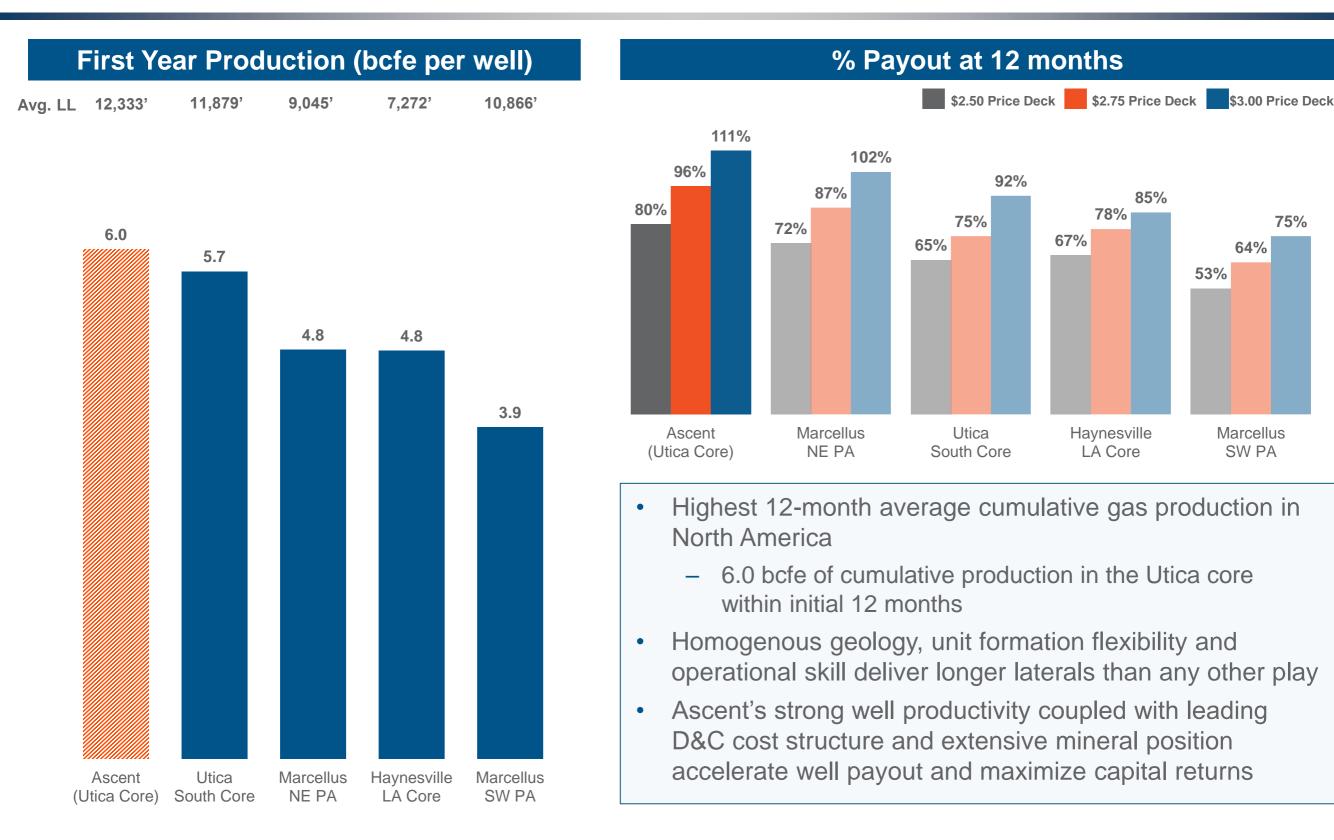
# Culture of Innovation and Technological Advancement Drives Superior Results





# Leading Capital Efficiency and Competitive Well Productivity Driving Returns



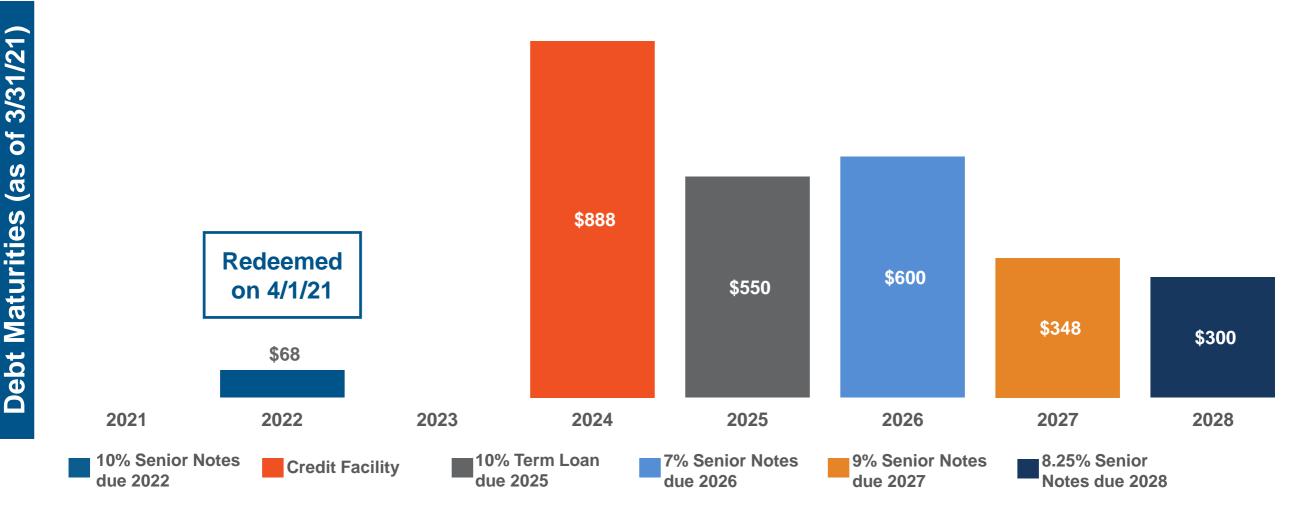


Notes: Sourced from Enverus as of April 14, 2021. Data limited to 2019+ wells with 12 months of production; Capital Performance and lateral length from 2020 public information. Mod FYCR is the first-year capital recovery from Enverus Single Well Model. Based on actual 12-month cumulative production.

# **Continued Focus on Balance Sheet Strength**



- Weighted average maturity profile of 5 years
- No debt maturities until Q2 2024
  - Retired Convertible Notes in March and redeemed 2022 Notes in April
- Strong liquidity position of > \$800 million
- Long-term leverage target of < 2.0x
- Borrowing base reaffirmed at \$1.85 billion in April



# Appendix



# First Quarter 2021 Results & 2021 Annual Guidance



First Quarter 2021 Results	
Production (bcfe/d)	1.8
% Natural Gas	89%
Operating Expenses (\$/mcfe)	
LOE	\$0.13
GP&T	1.37
Production & Ad Valorem Taxes	0.06
G&A <sup>(1)</sup>	0.10
Total Operating Expenses	\$1.66
Adj. EBITDAX (\$mm)	\$240
CAPEX Incurred (\$mm)	
Drilling & Completions	\$127
Land	8
Capitalized Interest	13
Total CAPEX Incurred	\$148
Free Cash Flow (\$mm)	\$54
Operations	
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Operated Rigs	4
Wells Spud	14
Wells Completed	18
Wells TIL'd	11
Average Lateral Length of Wells TIL'd	15,265'

Full-Year 2021 Guidance				
Total Production (bcfe/d)	2.0			
% Natural Gas	90% – 92%			
Operating Expenses (\$/mcfe)	\$1.50 - \$1.55			
CAPEX Incurred (\$mm) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$550 — \$600			
Free Cash Flow (\$mm)	\$100 — \$150			
Operations / Well Counts				
Operated Rigs	3 – 4			
Wells Spud	60 - 65			
Wells TIL'd	65 - 70			
Average Lateral Length of TILs	13,000'			

Excludes stock-based compensation expense.
 Excludes capitalized interest.

# **Diversified Marketing and Transportation Portfolio**



- Firm transportation takeaway capacity of ~2.1 bcf/d provides access to multiple physical and financial markets with premium pricing, including Gulf Coast LNG
- Gas production above firm transportation is sold into attractive in-basin markets, lowering Ascent's per unit cost of transportation
- Existing third-party gathering and processing infrastructure supports development plan execution

	2020A		2021E <sup>(1)</sup>	
Market	Basis Differential	% of Gas Sold	Basis Differential	% of Gas Sold
Midwest	\$(0.14)	39%	\$(0.16)	38%
Gulf Coast	\$(0.13)	37%	\$(0.13)	35%
TCO Pool	\$(0.46)	14%	\$(0.54)	12%
In-basin	\$(0.78)	10%	\$(0.71)	15%
Wtd. avg. differential	\$(0.26)	100%	\$(0.27)	100%
BTU uplift	\$0.13		\$0.17	
Basis hedge gain/(loss)	\$0.02		\$0.02	
Differential to NYMEX	\$(0.11)		\$(0.08)	

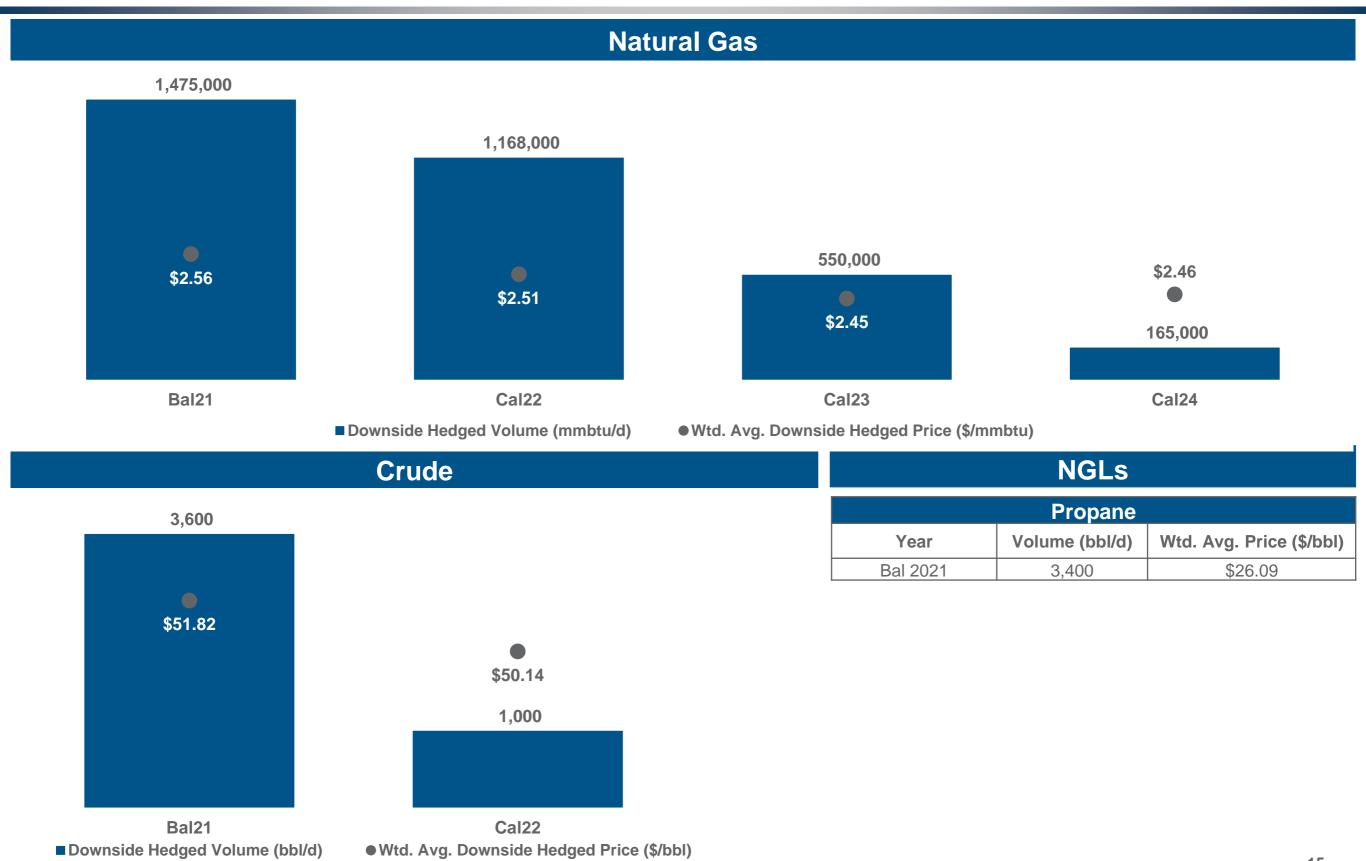
2021E realized price projected to yield ~96% of NYMEX<sup>(1)</sup>

#### **Fully-Pathed Gas Transportation Commitments**



# **Hedge Book Supports Sustainable Free Cash Flow**





Note: Our 2020 natural gas production was hedged at a weighted average downside price of \$2.71 per mmbtu (realized approximately \$402mm in hedge settlements in 2020); current hedge position as of 3/31/2021.

# **Ascent Resources, LLC Board of Managers**



Board Position	Board Member
Executive Manager	Jeffrey A. Fisher, Chairman
EMG Managers (5)	John T. Raymond, Vice Chairman
	Jeffrey A. Ball
	Laura L. Tyson
	Vinod V. Pillai
	Jeffrey C. Rawls
First Reserve Managers (2)	Alex T. Krueger, Compensation Committee Chair
	Barbara M. Baumann, Environment, Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility Committee Chair
Riverstone Manager (1)	E. Bartow Jones
Arcadia Manager (1)	Scott R. Mueller
Independent Managers (2)	Donald R. Sinclair
	Thomas R. Hix, Audit Committee Chair