

Investor Presentation

May 2023



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Presentation Currency

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Company Overview & Strategy



High Liner Foods at a Glance

- A publicly-traded Canadian company, listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol 'HLF'
- A leading North American processor and marketer of value-added frozen seafood to the foodservice and retail channels
- Over 120 years of seafood expertise
- Our core brands across the United States and Canada give us the unique ability to serve our customers with a variety of processed and unprocessed seafood that meets their diverse needs



Investment Thesis

Why Seafood?

- Healthy for people and the environment
- Under consumed protein vs.
 dietary guidelines = opportunity
- Underdeveloped category
- Versatile the original protein alternative

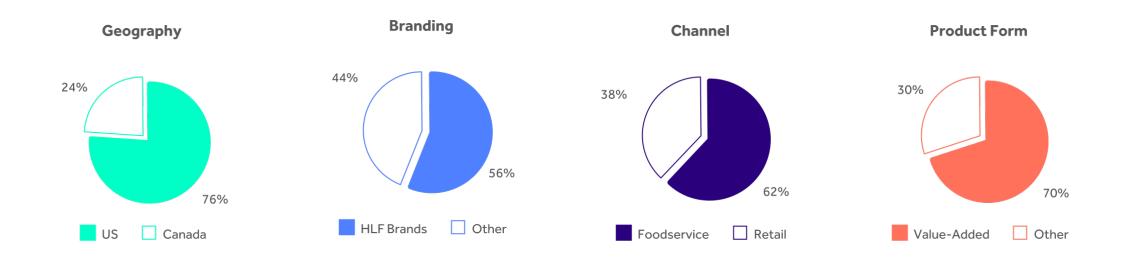
Why High Liner Foods?

- A North American leader in value-added frozen seafood with over 120 years of seafood expertise
- Integrated North American operations supported by global seafood procurement expertise
- Diversified supply chain, product portfolio and customer base
- Broad market reach and market-leading brands
- Leader in innovation and sustainability
- Purpose driven organization to reimagine seafood to nourish life and support value creation for all stakeholders

Why Now?

- Proven ability to deliver strong results despite unprecedented challenges in recent years, including continued inflationary and recessionary pressures in recent quarters, validating the strength and resilience of our business.
- Well positioned to navigate fluid market dynamics in the near-term and deliver annualized year-over-year Sales and Adjusted EBITDA growth, which combined with improvements in working capital will allow us to generate significant cash flow from operations in 2023.
- Financial flexibility to support continued investment in our business and our brands to inspire more consumers to choose seafood which will continue to drive our branded and value-added leadership goal.

A North American Leader in Value-Added Frozen Seafood with a Diversified Portfolio



Based on 2022 Sales lbs

- #1 frozen fish manufacturer and #1 frozen value-added seafood manufacturer in Canadian retail market⁽¹⁾
- #1 prepared frozen fish manufacturer and #4 frozen value-added seafood manufacturer in U.S. retail market⁽²⁾
- #1 value-added frozen seafood in foodservice (including private label) in U.S.⁽³⁾

(1) Canadian market data per Nielsen, based on retail sales (in lbs.) of total frozen fish category for 52-week period ended December 31, 2022
(2) U.S. market data per IRI, based on retail sales (in lbs) of total frozen seafood category for 52-week period ended January 1, 2023.
(3) Management's estimate.

Our Purpose - Reimagining Seafood to Nourish Life

- At High Liner Foods, we recognize our responsibility to support healthy oceans, planets and communities. This is the foundation of our purpose, Reimagining Seafood to Nourish Life, which guides every decision we make and every action we take.
- Nothing exemplifies our purpose more than our three pillars of sustainability:
 - Nourishing the health and wellness of our employees who are the backbone of our success
 - Supporting people and the communities in which we operate through volunteerism, philanthropy activities and activism
 - Regenerating Ecosystems to ensure we have the resources to provide our consumers delicious seafood for generations to come

Sustainability

- For over 120 years we have operated as a responsible corporate citizen and in the past two decades we have deeply embedded sustainability practices into our DNA. We are committed to continuous improvement and to build on our progress to date.
- Please visit <u>www.highlinerfoods.com</u> for more details.



Financial Review & 2023 Outlook



Q1 2023 Performance

- Another strong quarter marking this our 8th consecutive quarter of year over year net sales and adjusted EBITDA growth. Key highlights include:
 - Sales Increased by \$34.5 million, or 11.7%, to \$329.2 million;
 - Volumes Increased by 3.6M lbs, or 4.9%, to 77.0 million lbs;
 - Gross Profit Increased by \$6.4 million, or 10.3%, to \$68.4 million; and
 - Adjusted EBITDA Increased by \$2.9 million, or 10.2%, to \$31.2 million while Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of sales decreased to 9.5% compared to 9.6%.
- Delivered strong operational performance in our foodservice business by leveraging our branded and value-added offering to provide our foodservice customers with operational efficiencies and menu innovation. In our retail business, the impact of changing consumer behaviour because of inflationary and recessionary pressures became more pronounced across the entire grocery sector, impacting overall sales volume during the Lenten period and first quarter.
- Our integrated and diversified global supply chain continues to perform well. Global supply constraints and delays are easing across the industry, and we remain focused on efficient management of inventory and maintaining excellent service levels in support of our customers.
- The leverage ratio was 3.6x at the end of Q1 2023 (3.7x at the end of Fiscal 2022 & 3.2x at April 2, 2022) due to the increased investment in seasonal working capital during Fiscal 2022 and inflation on raw materials.

2023 Outlook

- Inflationary and economic pressures are increasingly impacting consumer purchasing decisions related to dining outside the home and grocery purchases. While we are not immune to the potential negative impact on the business, we are well positioned to navigate evolving market conditions as a result of the diversification of our business, customers, and portfolio.
- We remain confident in our ability to navigate near-term recessionary challenges and we remain confident in our ability to deliver annual year over year Sales and Adjusted EBITDA growth.
- We are focused on making improvements in working capital, which through the course of the year, will allow us to generate significant cash flow from operations and create value for all stakeholders. We expect the Net Debt to Rolling Twelve-Month Adjusted EBITDA ratio to be in line with the Company's long-term target of 3.0x by the end of Fiscal 2023.
- The Company has a strong balance sheet and is well equipped to invest in organic growth, explore opportunities for transformative growth through potential M&A activities to build shareholder value and continue to grow the dividend over time.

Q1 2023 YTD Sales Volume and Net Sales

Sales volume increased \$3.6M lbs (5%) to 77.0M lbs

- Foodservice: sales volume was higher due to increased sales in newer product lines, new business, an increase in our contract manufacturing business and improved customer service levels. The Company achieved strong service levels during the first quarter of 2023, as compared to the first quarter of 2022 due to the increased investment in working capital in the latter part of Fiscal 2022 to mitigate the global supply chain challenges.
- Retail: sales volume decreased primarily due to consumers becoming more price-conscious, resulting in softer demand for protein, including seafood product as consumers switch to lower cost meal solutions.

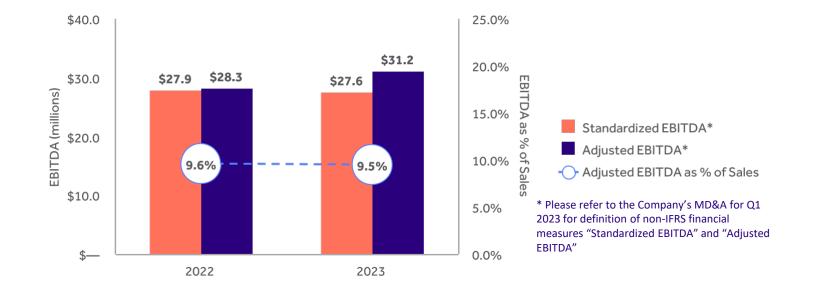
Net sales increased \$34.5M (11.7%) to \$329.2M

- Higher sales volumes as discussed above and pricing actions implemented during Fiscal 2022 and the first quarter of 2023 to mitigate inflationary increases on input costs.
- Partially offset by the weaker Canadian dollar in the first quarter of 2023 which decreased the value of reported USD sales from our Canadian operations in 2023 by approximately \$4.4 million relative to the conversion impact last year.



Q1 2023 YTD Adjusted EBITDA

Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization



Adjusted EBITDA increased \$2.9M (10.2%) to \$31.2M, while Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of sales decreased by 10 basis to 9.5%.

• The increase in adjusted EBITDA is a result of an increase in gross profit, partially offset by an increase in distribution and net SG&A expenses.

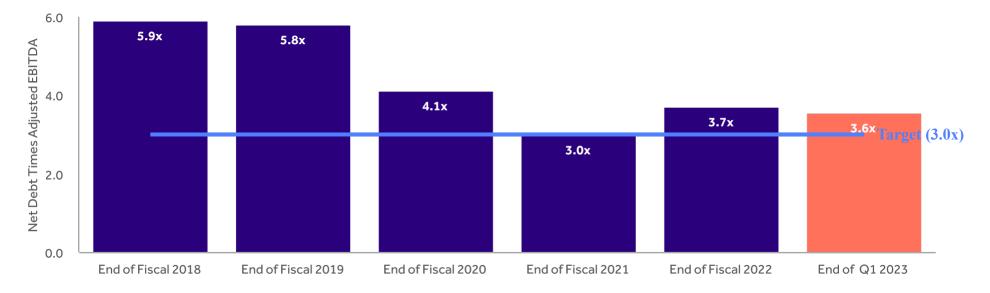
Q1 2023 YTD Earnings Per Share (EPS)



Adjusted Diluted EPS increased by \$0.05 (11.6%) to \$0.48

• Adjusted Net Income increased by \$1.3M (8.6%) to \$16.4M reflecting the increase in Adjusted EBITDA, partially offset by higher finance costs.

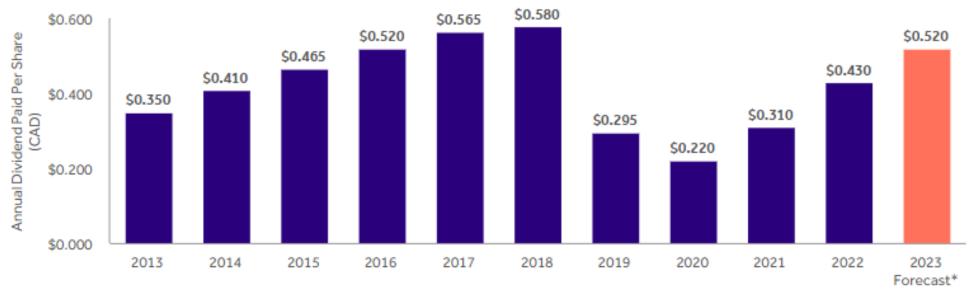
Debt Leverage Ratio Net Debt* to Trailing 12-Month Adjusted EBITDA*



*Please refer to the Company's MD&A for Q1 2023 for the definition of non-IFRS financial measures "Net Debt" and "Adjusted EBITDA"

- Net Debt* to Rolling Twelve-Month Adjusted EBITDA* was 3.6x at April 1, 2023 compared to 3.7x at the end of Fiscal 2022 and 3.2x at April 2, 2022. This ratio increased during Fiscal 2022 due to increased investment in inventory.
- In the absence of any major acquisitions or unplanned capital expenditures in 2023, we expect this ratio to be in line with the Company's long-term target of 3.0x at the end of Fiscal 2023.

Dividend History

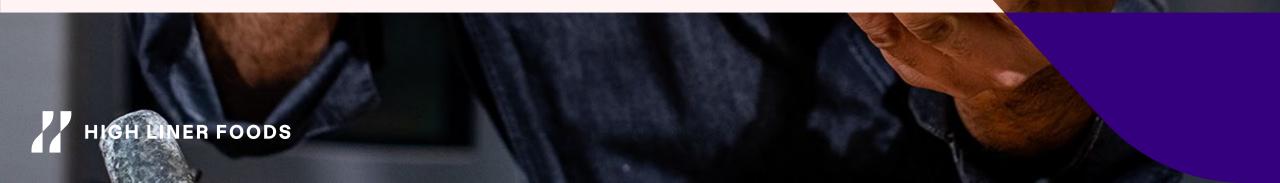


* Reflects Q1/Q2/Q3/Q4 dividend of CAD\$0.13 per share.

On May 16, 2023, the Board approved a quarterly dividend of CAD\$0.13 per common share.

Appendix #1:

Miscellaneous Company Information



High Liner Foods

Canadian public company since the 1960s, TSX-listed in 1971

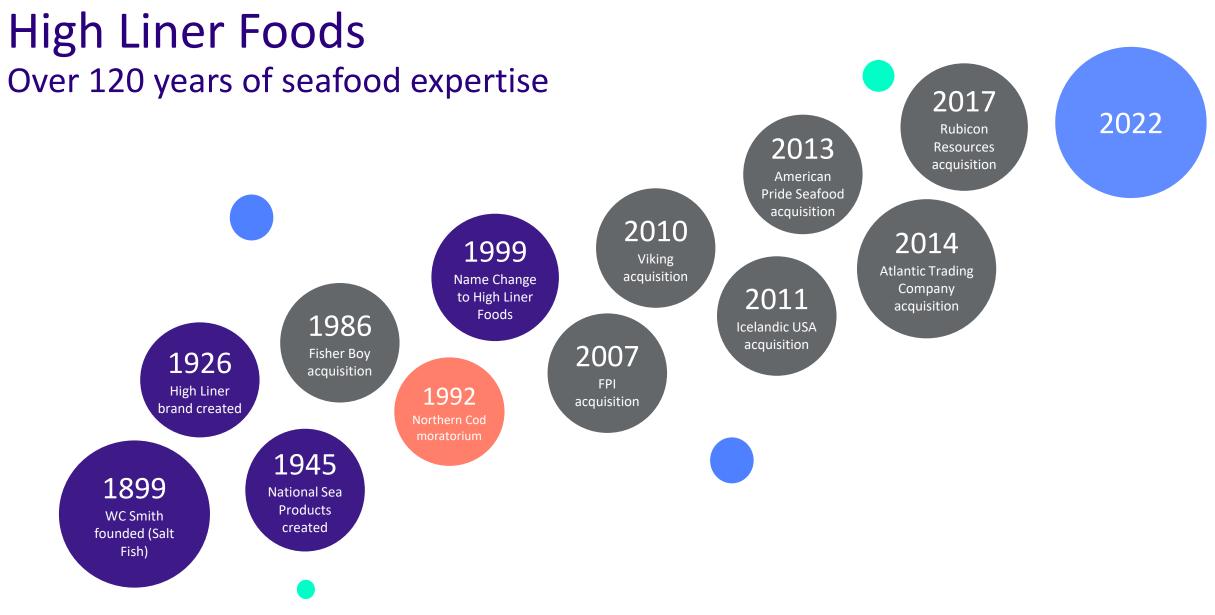
Current price	CAD\$14.53*
Shares outstanding	~33.4M
Market capitalization	~CAD\$484.7M
52-week range	CAD\$10.77 - \$15.87*
Insider Holding %***	39%
Annual dividend	CAD\$0.52 per share**
Current yield	3.6%

* Source TSX, as of May 26, 2023

** Effective November 2022 (CAD\$0.13 per share per quarter)

*** Float calculated based on the shareholder list as at March 31, 2023

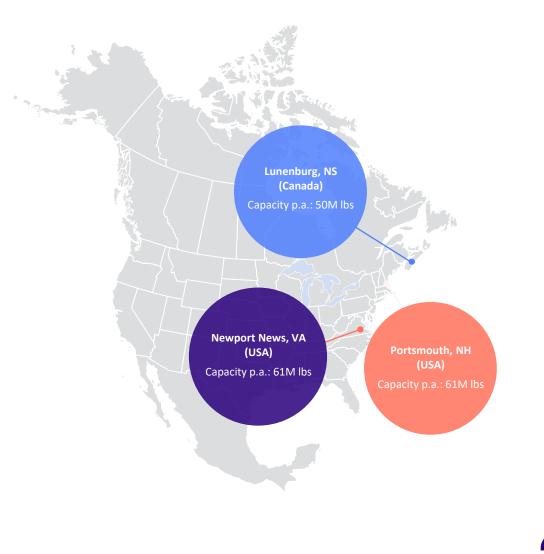




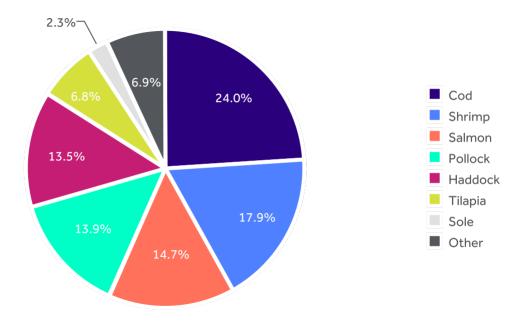
Flexible, Integrated Operations

Three value-added seafood manufacturing facilities in North America

- Increased demand for value-added products increases plant efficiency
- Current manufacturing footprint: aggregate production capacity of ~172M LBS based on current shift patterns
- Aggregate capacity could be increased to ~250M LBS by implementing a change in shift patterns and additional capital investment
- Ideal capacity ~ 85% to 90% to allow for seasonal demand surge
- Utilize a combination of Company-owned and third partymanaged cold storage facilities



Species Diversity



Based on 2022 Purchases (in USD)

- In 2022, the Company purchased approximately 198M LBS of seafood with an approximate value of \$653.5M, reflecting approximately 24 species from 19 different countries.
- Major species (7) accounted for ~93% of the total dollar purchases.

ESG at High Liner Foods

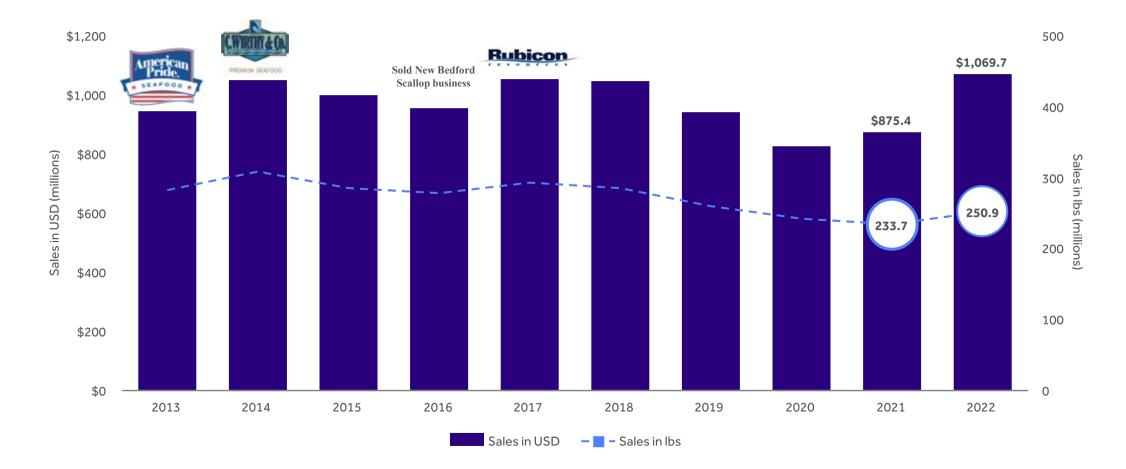
- High Liner Foods began our responsible sourcing journey over a decade ago and has made steady gains since that time, working toward a goal of delivering products that are 100% responsibly sourced. In 2021, High Liner Foods took its next step in the ESG journey and completed a comprehensive engagement program to better understand the environmental, social and governance needs and priorities of its stakeholders and how stakeholder needs intersect with the Company's refreshed purpose of Reimagining Seafood to Nourish Life.
- In conversation with our stakeholders, and supported by supplemental survey data, we heard loudly and clearly that the issues High Liner Foods' stakeholders care most about are high standards of responsible sourcing where we have a long legacy of leadership, environmental stewardship and corporate governance. These priorities align well with existing programs at High Liner Foods.
- Responsible sourcing
 - Sustainable seafood continues to be among the highest priorities for High Liner Foods as we look to feed a growing world population now and in the future.
 - We have a long legacy of leadership in the responsible sourcing, transparency and traceability of our seafood
 - In 2022, 96% of seafood was responsible sourced (2021: 98%)
 - Committed to sourcing all our seafood from "certified sustainable or responsible" fisheries and aquaculture
 - Recognized as a global leader in driving best practice improvements in wild fisheries and aquaculture
- Environmental stewardship
 - In 2022, the Company continues to advance its food waste reduction efforts as it works toward its goal of 50% less food waste by 2030 (compared to 2018).
 - The urgency with which the world needs to address climate change requires more action, as a result the Company has committed to a '30 by 30' goal which means that we are driving to reduce Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 30% versus the 2021 baseline.
- Corporate governance
 - Three committees of the Board provide oversight to ensure management is implementing the Company's ESG framework responsibly, environmental practices are rigorously monitored for both compliance and effectiveness, and the health and safety of employees is protected and prioritized.

Appendix #2:

Historical Financial Performance

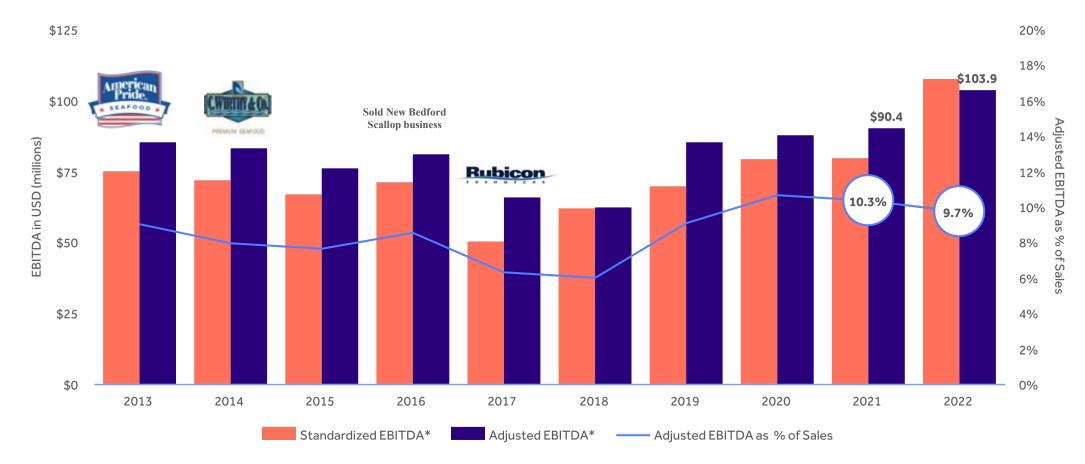


10 Year Sales History - Volume and USD



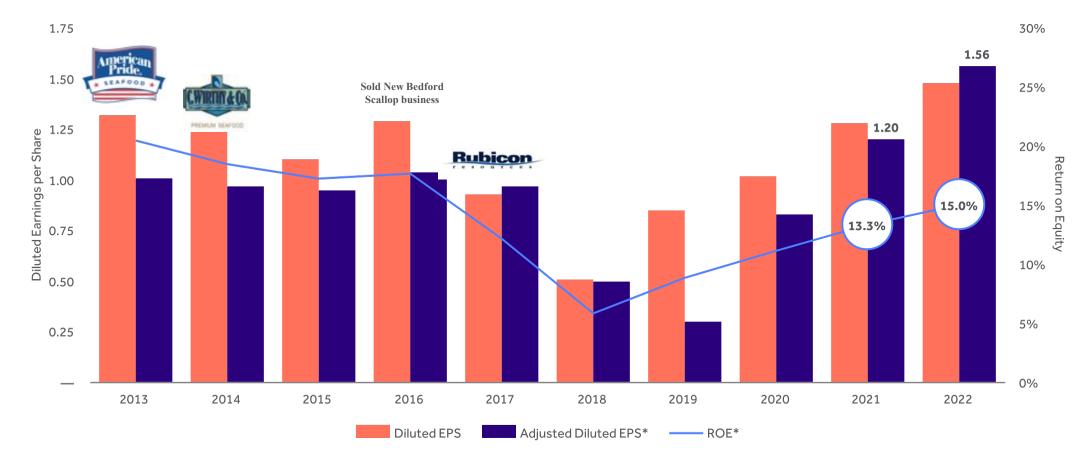
10 Year EBITDA History

Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation & Amortization



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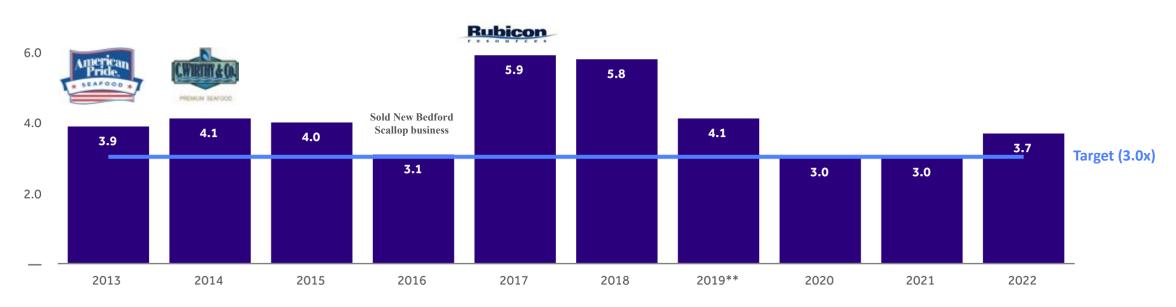
10 Year EPS and ROE* History Earnings per Share (EPS) and Return on Equity (ROE)



*Please refer to the Company's MD&A for Fiscal 2022 for definition of non-IFRS measures "Adjusted Diluted EPS" and "Return on Equity"

10 Year Debt Leverage Ratio Net Debt* to Trailing 12-Month Adjusted EBITDA*

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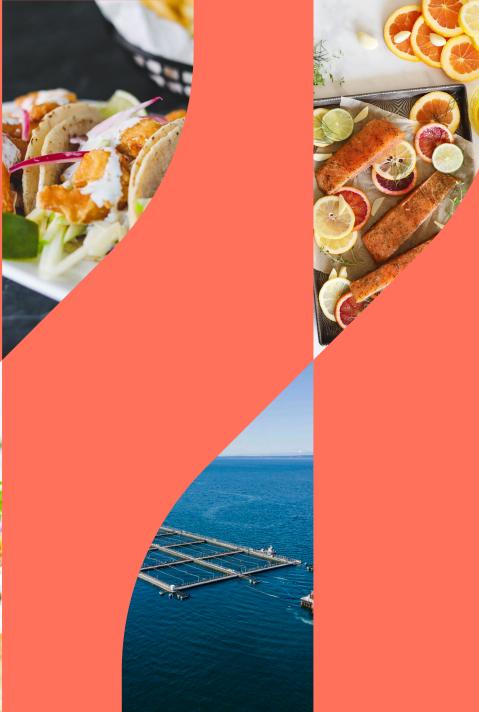
*Please refer to the Company's MD&A for Fiscal 2022 for definition of non-IFRS measures "Adjusted EBITDA" and "Net Debt". **Does not include trailing 12-month Adjusted EBITDA for Rubicon Resources LLC (purchased May 30, 2017)

In the absence of any major acquisitions or unplanned capital expenditures in 2023, we expect this ratio to be in line with the Company's long-term target of 3.0x at the end of Fiscal 2023.

Thank you!

The Company's news release, MD&A and Financial Statements can be found in the Investor Center section of the High Liner Foods website. Please visit <u>www.highlinerfoods.com</u> for more details.







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