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#### **May 10th Investor Day Agenda**

Section	Presenters	<b>Duration</b>
Intro & welcome video	Isil Müderrisoğlu, Head of Investor Relations	5 min
Company Overview & Strategy	Mark Pearson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Equitable Holdings	25 min
Retirement	Nick Lane, President of Equitable	15 min
Asset Management	Seth Bernstein, President and Chief Executive Officer of AllianceBernstein	15 min
Wealth Management	Nick Lane, President of Equitable	10 min
Break		15 min
Finance	Robin Raju, Chief Financial Officer of Equitable Holdings	25 min
Q&A	All presenters	40 min







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to help our clients secure their financial well-being so they can pursue long and fulfilling lives

Unique and integrated businesses across advice, retirement and asset management

Proven **track record** of execution and business simplification, even through volatile times

Attractive market opportunity for advice and solutions

Competitive strengths in investments, risk management and broad distribution drive our strategy to deliver long-term shareholder value

#### Integrated advice, retirement and asset management







61% owned



**ALLIANCE BERNSTEIN®** 

100% owned



#### Retirement

# All weather product portfolio to meet the varying retirement needs of our clients

\$221bn AUM as of 3/31/231

#### **Asset Management**

# Leading active manager with global distribution footprint and growing alternatives capabilities

\$676bn AUM as of 3/31/23 **Wealth Management** 

# Holistic advice platform providing insurance as an asset class

**\$76bn AUA**as of 3/31/23



#### Track record of consistent execution

#### **Executing against all targets**

**Non-GAAP operating earnings** 8-10% per share growth

**Capital returned, consistently** \$6.5bn delivering on payout target

**Combined RBC ratio, consistently** >400% above 375-400% target

**Incremental annual earnings from** >\$500m general account and productivity

#### **Delivering strong business performance**<sup>1</sup>

\$80bn **Retirement gross premiums** c.8% annual growth

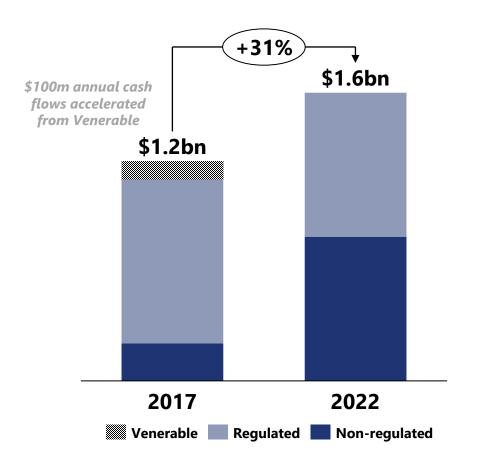
**Asset Management active net inflows<sup>2</sup>** \$67bn c.2.5% avg. annual organic growth

**Wealth Management net inflows** \$22bn c.8% annual organic growth

#### Improved quality of earnings and grew cash flows

#### **Growing cash flows**

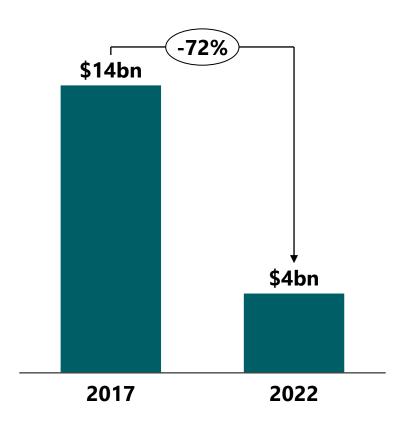
#### **Cash flows to Holding Company**



#### **Reducing risk**

#### Assets required in worst 2% market scenarios

Measured by CTE 98



#### Legacy VA significantly reduced since IPO

\$22bn in assets, now only 16% of account value<sup>1</sup>

\$2-3bn of annual run-off<sup>2</sup>

Balance sheet protected by:

- Fully funded reserves
- First-dollar hedging



#### Business performance supports strong shareholder returns

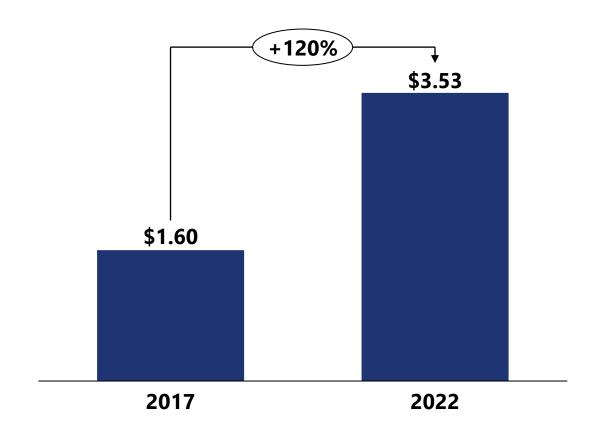
#### **Strong performance for equity investors**

Total shareholder return from IPO-YE'22

# 59% 38% 41% EQH Life Peers<sup>1</sup> S&P 500

#### **Driven by 2x shareholder value**

FCF per share to shareholders





#### Resilience and consistency even in volatile times





#### Conservative balance sheet and strong financial ratings

**Healthy capital ratios & liquidity** 

as of 3/31/23, unless otherwise noted

425%

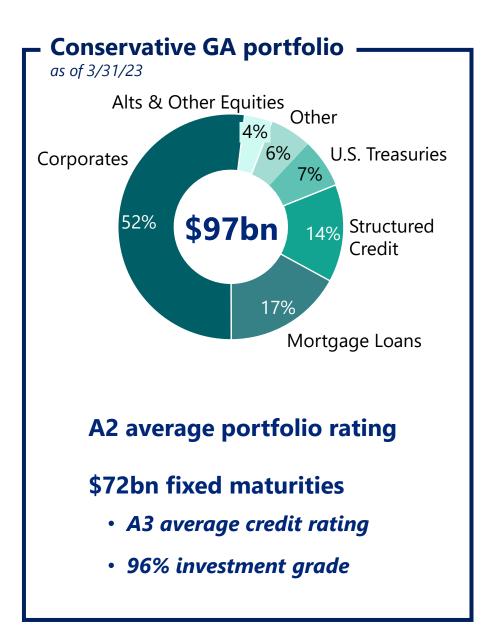
**Combined RBC ratio as of YE'22** *above 375-400% target* 

\$1.8bn

Cash and liquid assets at HoldCo<sup>1</sup> above \$500m minimum target

\$4bn

**Credit facilities** 







#### **Bridging profit and purpose**









*since 2017* 

*since 2014* 

signed in 2019

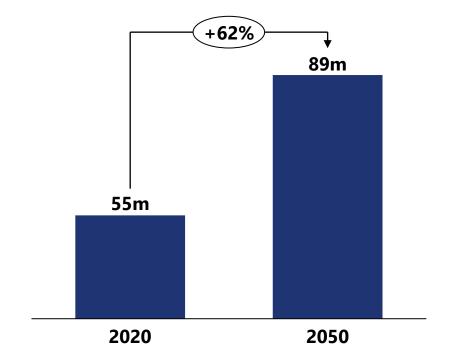
*since 2015* 



#### **Opportunities in our chosen markets**

#### **Favorable demographics**

**Number of US retirees**<sup>1</sup>

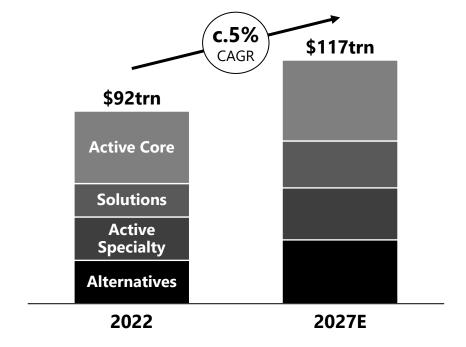


11k

Americans turn 65 every day<sup>1</sup>

#### Global active investable assets to grow

**AUM by product** 



5% CAGR by 2027

Global active investable assets<sup>2</sup>

#### **Regulation promoting healthier industry**

- Fair value accounting (LDTI)
- NAIC economic scenario generator interest rate reform
- Structured asset capital adequacy reform
- SECURE Act 1.0 & 2.0





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#### **Strategy**

how we will drive long-term value



#### **Defend & grow core businesses**

- Retirement
- Asset Management



#### **Scale adjacent businesses**

- Private Markets
- Wealth Management



#### **Seed future growth**

- Secure Income in 401(k)s
- Emerging markets for asset management



#### Be a force for good

• Leverage big systems for greater impact

#### **Competitive edges**

what sets us apart

#### premier investment capabilities

capture greater margins through AB and Equitable's investment services

#### risk management

economic fair value approach that protects clients and balance sheet

#### diversified distribution

broad reach through affiliated advisors and third-party institutions

#### performance culture

track record of execution through agile and research-based workforce



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#### 1. Core Retirement

- Capital-light product innovation
- Differentiated distribution

#### 2. Core Asset Management

- Active ETF platform
- Private Wealth

#### 3. Productivity saves

4. Optimization of GA investments

#### 5. Disciplined inorganic options

- Bolt-ons (e.g., CarVal)
- Team lift outs



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#### 1. Private Markets

- Scale with broad solution set and strong track record
- Further \$10bn capital commitment from Equitable

#### 2. Equitable Wealth Management

- Holistic Life Planning with insurance as an asset class
- Scalable broker dealer platform
- Lift-out third-party teams



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- China and EMEA
- 2. Insurance asset management
- 3. In-plan guarantees in 401(k) market
  - AB Lifetime Income Strategy
  - Equitable partnership with BlackRock for LifePath Paycheck™



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#### 1. Invest in our people

 Enhance performance by attracting & retaining our talent

#### 2. Care for the environment

• Integrate sustainable practices into investments & operations

#### 3. Build stronger communities

 Foster mobility and opportunity for educators and students

#### 4. Uphold stakeholder trust

 Deliver trusted products and services to clients



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#### **Key financial goals to 2027**

**Cash generation** 

\$2bn

of annual cash generation by 2027

**Payout ratio** 

60-70%

of Non-GAAP operating earnings

**EPS** growth

**12-15%** 

Non-GAAP operating EPS CAGR through 2027

New strategic targets support growth

\$110m

Incremental GA income by 2027

\$150m

**Productivity savings** by 2027

\$10bn

**Capital commitment to AB** 

+350-500bps

Incremental adjusted operating margin at AB by 2027



#### Performance culture: Management Team



Mark Pearson
President and CEO of
Equitable Holdings



Seth Bernstein

President and CEO of
AllianceBernstein



Kate Burke
Chief Operating Officer and Chief
Financial Officer of AllianceBernstein



Onur Erzan

Head of Global Client Group and
Private Wealth of AllianceBernstein



Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary of Equitable Holdings

José Ramón González



Jeffrey J. Hurd
Chief Operating Officer of
Equitable Holdings



Nick Lane
President of
Equitable



Robin M. Raju

Chief Financial Officer of
Equitable Holdings



Aaron Sarfatti
Chief Risk Officer and Chief Strategy
Officer of Equitable Holdings



Stephanie Withers

Chief Auditor of Equitable Holdings



#### **Performance culture: EQH Board of Directors**



Joan Lamm-Tennant
Chair



Mark Pearson
President and CEO of

**Equitable Holdings** 



**Francis Hondal** 



**Arlene Isaacs-Lowe** 



**Daniel G. Kaye** 



**Craig MacKay** 



**Bertram L. Scott** 



**George Stansfield** 



**Charles G.T. Stonehill** 



# Retirement

Nick Lane
President
Equitable



#### **Key messages**

- 1 Market opportunity: leading retirement provider well-positioned to meet growing client demand
- 2 Track record: history of delivering innovative solutions to targeted client segments
- **Privileged distribution:** industry-leading distribution provides access, scale and sustainability
- 4 Attractive business mix: ensuring strong margins and predictable outcomes
- **Guidance:** driving 5-7% value of new business CAGR with \$200m of incremental cash flows by 2027



#### 1 Market opportunity

#### There are existing and unmet needs for retirement solutions

#### Aging population with enhanced longevity

### 75 million

Americans expected to hit peak retirement age of 65 between now and 2030<sup>1</sup>

## +20 years

Increase in average U.S. life expectancy over the last century<sup>2</sup>

#### **Changing consumer expectations and unmet needs**

of advisors report an increase in client expectations for financial planning<sup>3</sup>

of clients feel financially unprepared for retirement<sup>4</sup>, prompting public policy evolution

of Americans are concerned about market volatility, inflation & tax shrinking their savings<sup>5</sup>

#### 1 Market opportunity

#### Our Retirement offering addresses three core needs

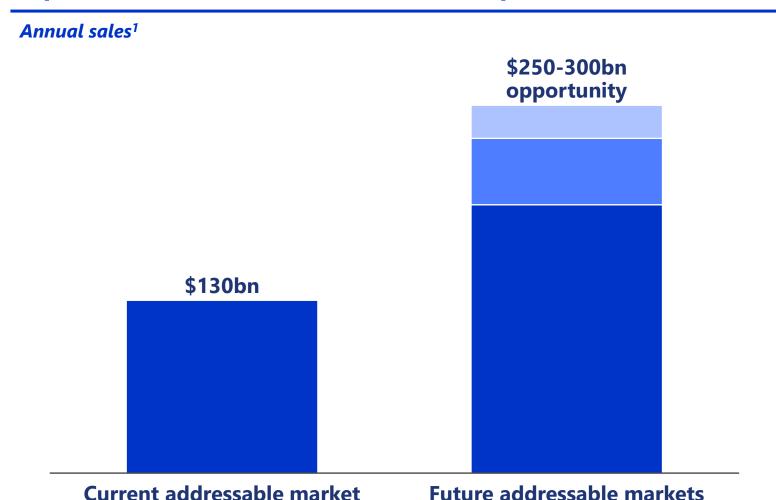
		Accumulate	Protect	Transfer
	Retirement offering	Tax-advantaged growth	Protected equity & income	Leaving legacy for family
Individual Retirement	Investment RILAs			
	VA with income solutions			
	Investment VAs			
Group Retirement	403(b)			
	401(k)			
	In-plan guarantees		<b>√</b>	
Protection Solutions	VUL		<b>✓</b>	
	Employee benefits			



#### **Market opportunity**

#### Upside in current markets with opportunity in adjacent markets

#### Equitable's addressable market size expansion



#### **Workplace solutions**

Providing health solutions to small businesses

#### **Institutional in-plan guarantees**

Delivering lifetime income solutions in large DC plans

#### **Core existing markets**

RILAs, VAs, 403(b), VUL

#### **Track record**

#### We have leading positions with outperformance in markets with strategic moats

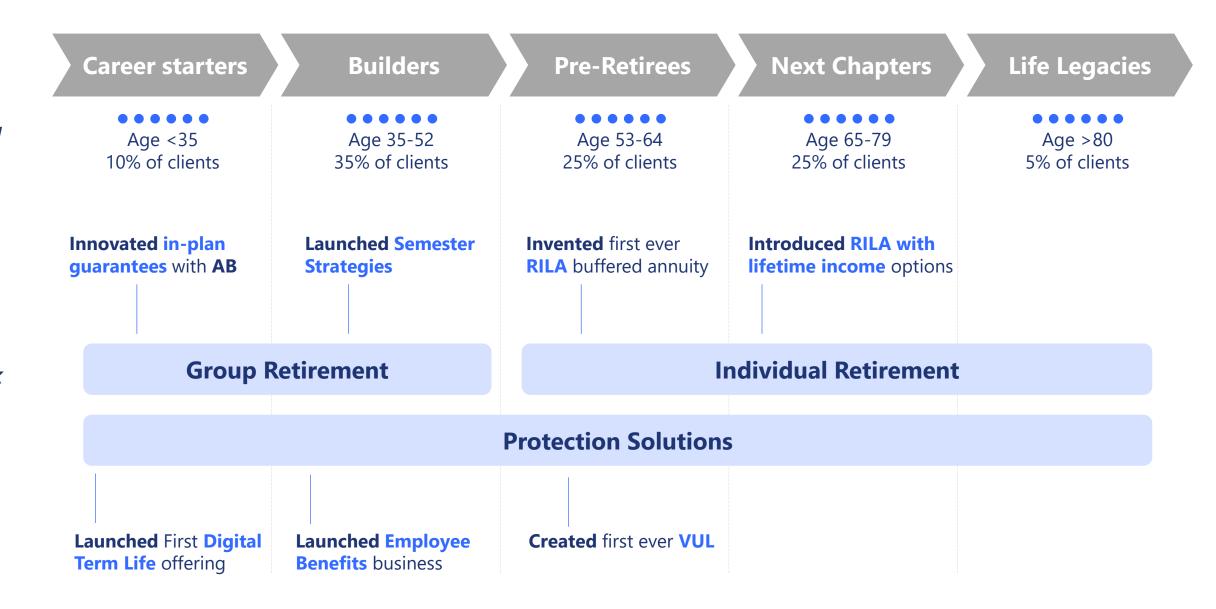
	Leading positions	Strategic Moats	Relative performance 3-Year CAGR	
			Industry	Equitable
Individual Retirement	#1 RILA  protected equity  strategies <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Targeted market with five core RILA competitors</li> <li>Select distribution through registered advisors</li> </ul>	▲1% ▲12% VA sales³	
Group Retirement	#1 K-12 403(b) tax advantaged savings <sup>2</sup>	<ul> <li>Specialized market with three core competitors</li> <li>Access to 9,000 school districts with 1,100 dedicated K-12 retirement specialists<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>	▲2% ▲4% 403(b) assets	
Protection Solutions	#5 VUL accumulation focused life <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Eight core VUL competitors</li> <li>Requires advisor expertise to integrate into retirement planning; sold primarily through Equitable Advisors</li> </ul>	▲19% VUL p	▲21% remiums <sup>5</sup>

#### **2** Track record

#### Client-focused innovation tapping new markets across life stages

Deep grasp of client needs based on life stage...

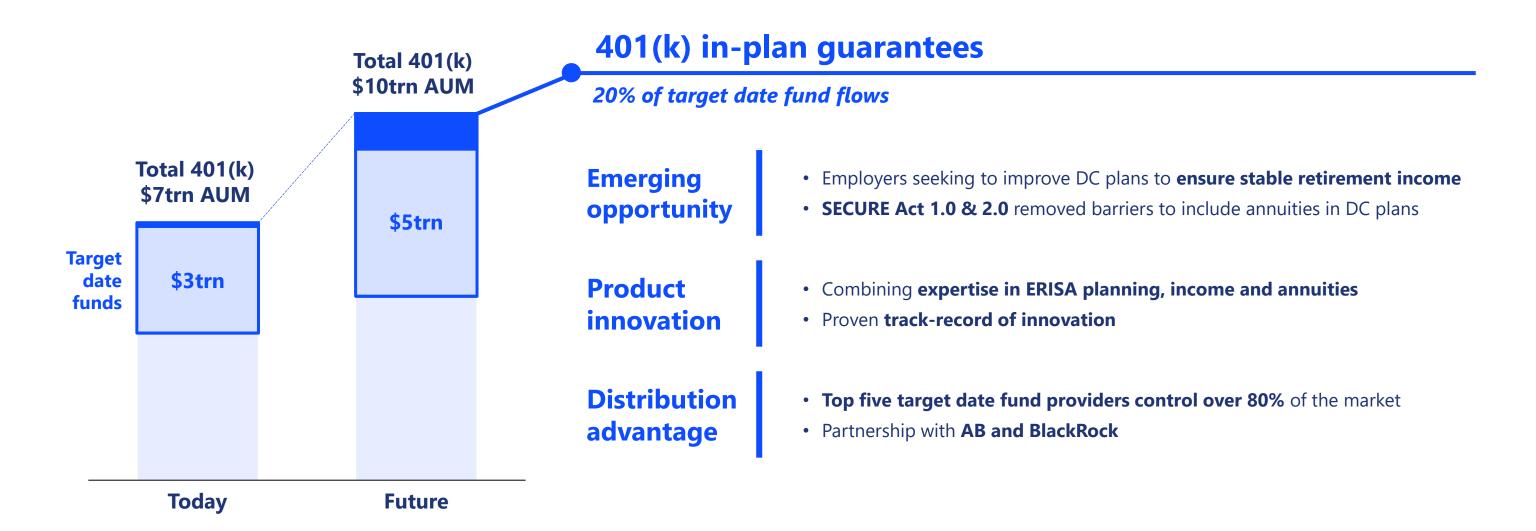
... leading to track record of clientcentric innovation





#### **2** Track record

#### Leader in emerging institutional 401(k) in-plan guarantee market







#### Differentiated distribution model enables us to access market opportunity

#### **Affiliated distribution**

c.4,100



- Enhanced persistency
- Stable source of sales
- Testing ground for innovation
- Insights into consumer behaviors

#### **Third-party distribution**

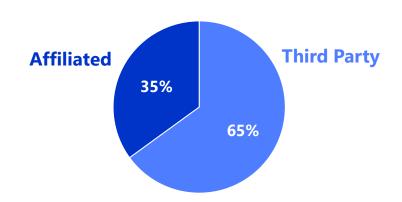
c. 14,000

Actively producing agents

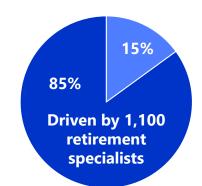
- Focus on channels with high barriers to entry
- Leading strategic partnerships with privileged shelf space
- 500+ firms with opportunity to access 150k+ advisors

#### **Individual Retirement**

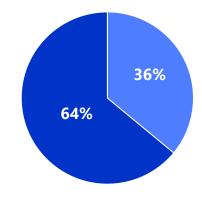
Sales mix by channel (2022)



#### **Group Retirement**



#### **Protection Solutions** (Life only)





#### **Privileged distribution**

#### High-barrier third-party distribution channels in Individual Retirement market

	% of Equitable Sales	VA players <sup>1</sup>	Rank	% of Industry Sales	
Banks	32%	<5	#1	15%	
Regional Agency (including P&C)	12%	<5	#3	70%	
Independents	49%	>10	3	7070	
Wirehouses	7%	>10	#8	15%	

We have a sustainable edge in profitable channels with deep relationships



#### 4 Attractive business mix

#### **Current products have robust margins and narrow range of outcomes**

	Robust margins	Narrow range of outcomes			
Spread based	Yield on general account assets with low cost of liabilities	<ul> <li>SCS ALM matched and repriced every two weeks</li> <li>High quality general account limits credit risk</li> </ul>			
Fee based	Fees from underlying separate account investments	<ul> <li>Guarantees are hedged to first dollar for equity and interest rate movements</li> <li>Predictable, market-sensitive earnings derived from base fees, similar to an asset manager</li> </ul>			
Underwriting based	Margin from premiums paid by clients less claims paid out	<ul> <li>Focused on accumulation space with concentrated position in VUL</li> </ul>			



#### 4 Attractive business mix

#### We primarily make money through fee and spread based earnings

	Retirement Offering	Account Value <sup>1</sup>	Spread	Fee	UW	Guarantees
	Investment RILAs	\$37bn	$\checkmark$			×
Individual Retirement	VA with income solutions	\$30bn		$\checkmark$		Fully hedged
	Investment VAs	\$12bn		✓		×
	403(b)	\$26bn	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		×
Group Retirement	401(k)	\$7bn		$\checkmark$		×
	In-plan guarantees	\$0.5bn	$\checkmark$	<b>√</b>		Fully hedged
Protection Solutions	VUL	\$20bn	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	×
	Employee Benefits	N/A	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	×
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#### **5** Guidance

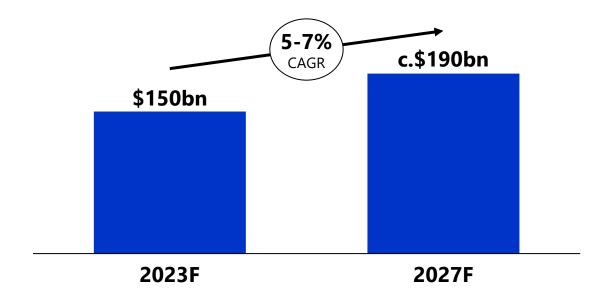
#### Our Retirement business provides resilient and growing cash flows

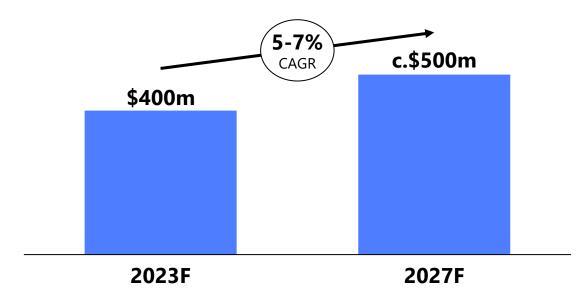


**Strong new business margins** 

**Retirement AUM** (includes AV & reserves)

Retirement VNB





Value of new business (VNB):

Present value of future cash flows using economic assumptions with our cost of capital as discount rate

\$200m incremental cash flow growth by 2027



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## Asset Management

Seth Bernstein
Chief Executive Officer
AllianceBernstein

### We are a leading active manager with premier investment capabilities



\$286bn

\$263bn

\$127bn

AUM

### **Equities**

Differentiated Insights. High Conviction.



#### Fixed Income

Integrated Research. Innovation and Technology.



#### **Multi-Asset**

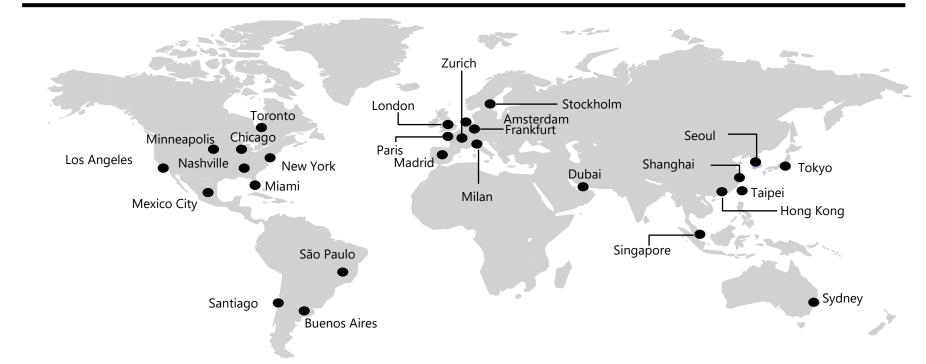
Focus on Client Outcomes. Insights Across All Markets.



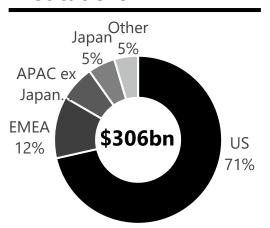
#### **Alternatives**

Independent Agility. Institutional Strength.

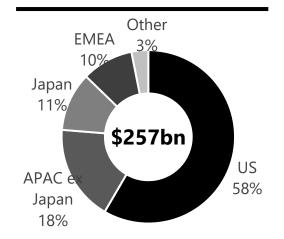
#### **Institutional & Retail Distribution Footprint**







#### Retail



#### **Private Wealth**

c.230 advisors managing **\$113bn** in AUM



### **Key messages**

- 1 Market opportunity: global active investible assets are expected to grow c.30% by 2027
- 2 Globally diversified business model: we are well-positioned in high-growth market segments
- 3 Structured to outperform: track record of delivering market-leading active organic growth
- 4 Growth strategy: investing in key market segments, vehicles and geographies to drive future growth
- **5 Guidance:** increase adjusted operating margin by 350-500bps by 2027



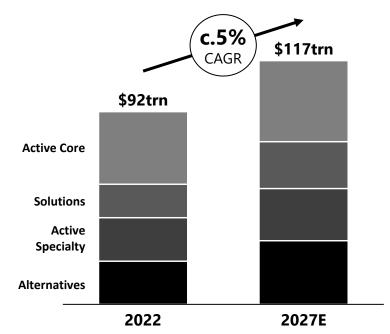
### 1 Market opportunity

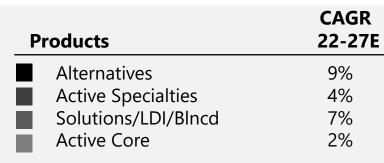
### Global active investable assets are expected to grow c.30% by 2027

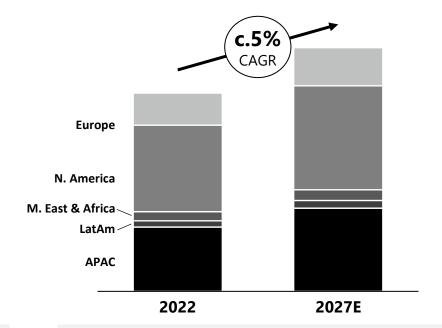
#### **AUM by Product**

#### **AUM by Geography**

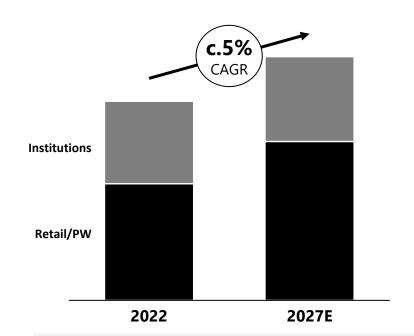
#### **AUM by Client Segment**







	CAGR		
Region	22-27E		
APAC	7%		
LatAm	6%		
M. East & Africa	5%		
N. America	4%		
Europe	4%		



Channel	22-27E
Retail/PW	7%
Institutions	2%

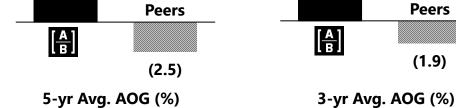


### Globally diversified business model

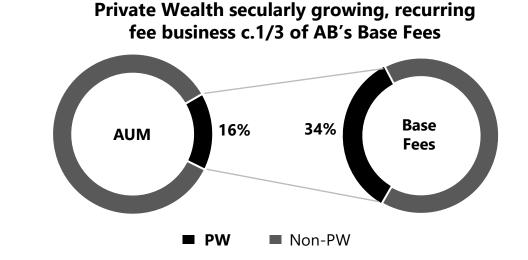
### Our platform generates and leverages competitive advantages

(1.9)

#### **Sustained organic growth through market cycles** Total active AUM annualized organic growth<sup>1</sup> ("AOG") 2017 – 2022 2.6 2.5 **Peers**



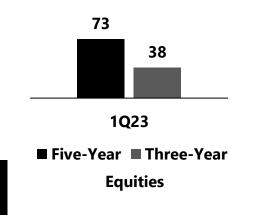
<sup>1</sup>Excludes AXA redemptions totaling \$4.5bn in 2022, \$1.3bn in 2021, and \$11.8bn in 2020

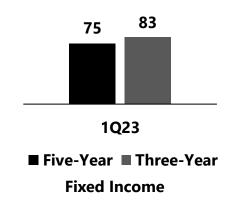


Integrated Private Wealth platform, uniquely positioned to grow

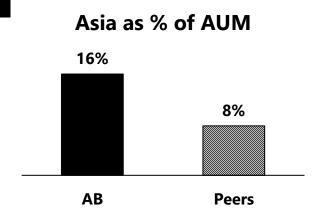
#### **Driven by strong long-term investment track records**

#### Percentage of assets outperforming at quarter-end





#### APAC contributes 16% of AB's AUM c.2x that of U.S. & EU peers



Our comprehensive local coverage provides distribution advantages, in key geographies such as APAC, a high growth region

Ranked #4 in Asia by Broadridge

**Expansive global distribution platform** 



**Selective Drivers** 

### **3** Structured to outperform

### Organic growth has driven improved financial results

#### **Organic Growth**

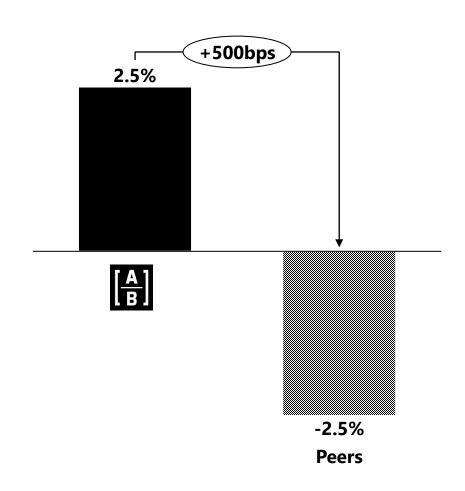
5-yr average AOG for Active AUM

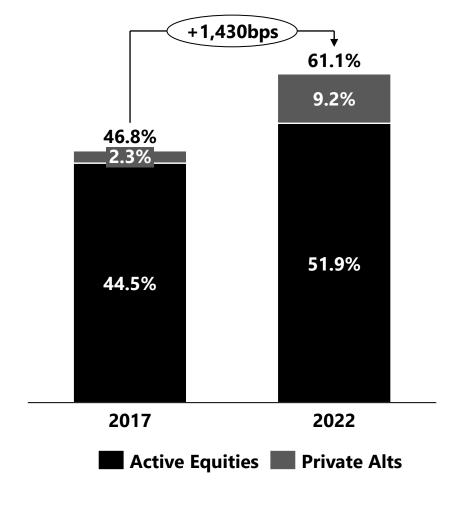
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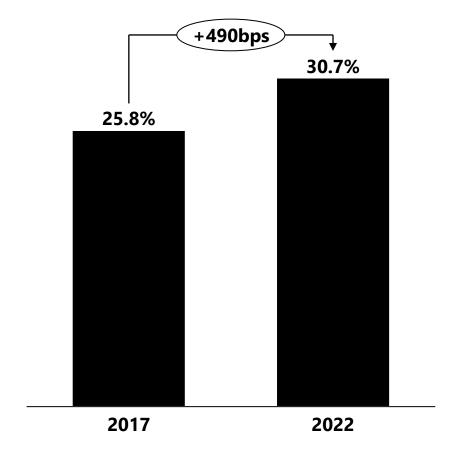
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Trailing 3-yr Avg. Adj. Op. Margin, ending





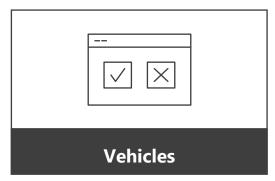


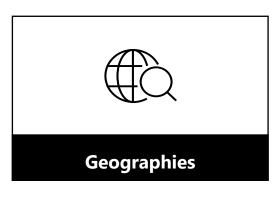


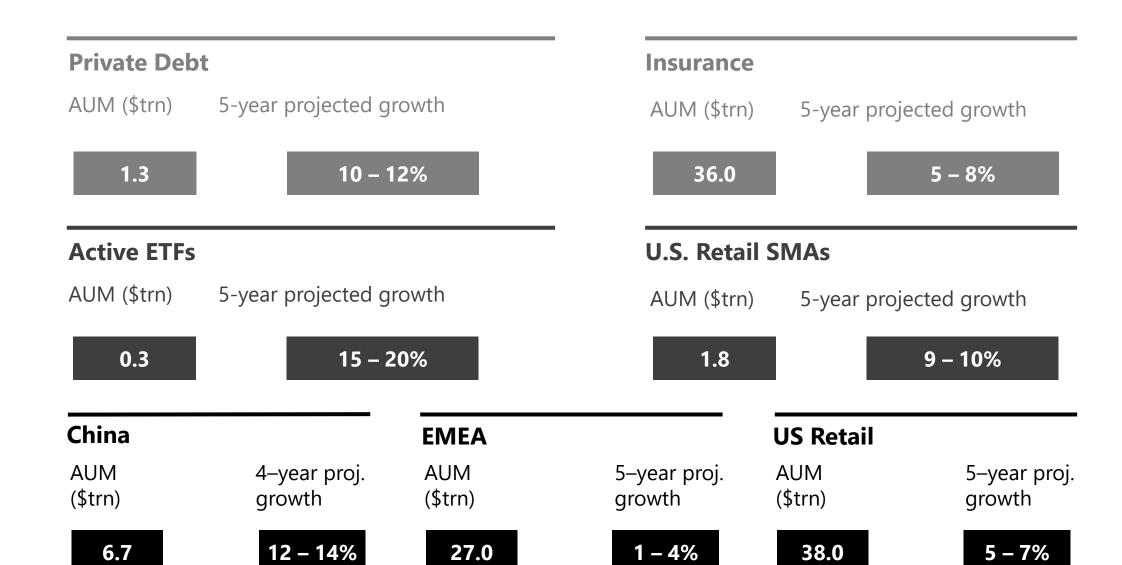
### 4 Growth strategy

### We are investing in markets that will drive future growth







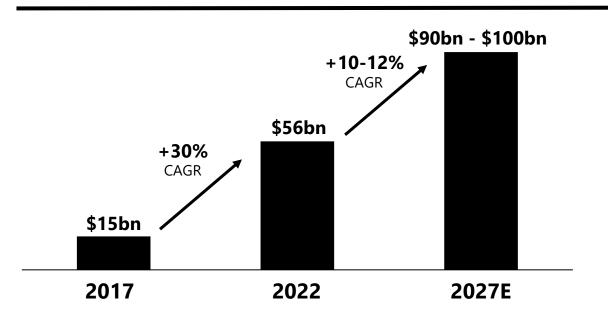




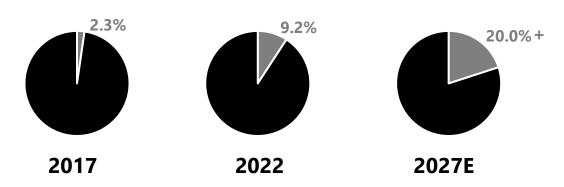
#### **Growth strategy: Private Markets**

### We aspire to grow AUM to \$90-100bn over the next five years

#### **Private Markets AUM**



#### **Private Markets as % of Asset Management Revenues**



#### AB CarVal acquisition results in \$58bn<sup>1</sup> Private Markets platform

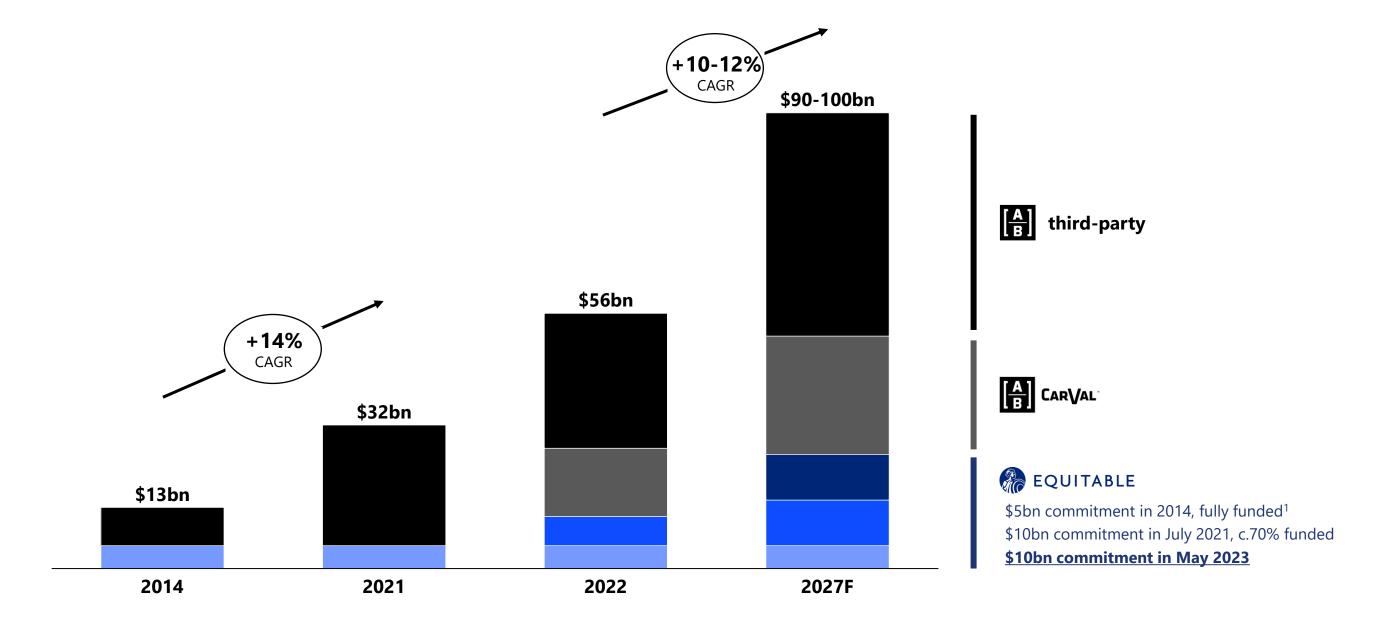
 Private Credit: Middle Markets, Opportunistic/Distressed, Renewable Energy Infrastructure, Specialty Finance, Transportation; Commercial Real Estate Debt ("CRED"), Private Placements, CLO's

### Positioned to grow at or better than market 10-12% CAGR, to \$90bn-\$100bn in AUM by 2027

- Well established track records in core Private Credit, CRED, ABCarVal
- Diversified platform drives more client engagement opportunities
- Equitable commitments drive quicker scale (historically ~4x third party capital commitments)
- Private Wealth and Retail product expansion
- Insurance General Account expansion, supported by growth into Private Alternatives

### **Growth strategy: Private Markets**

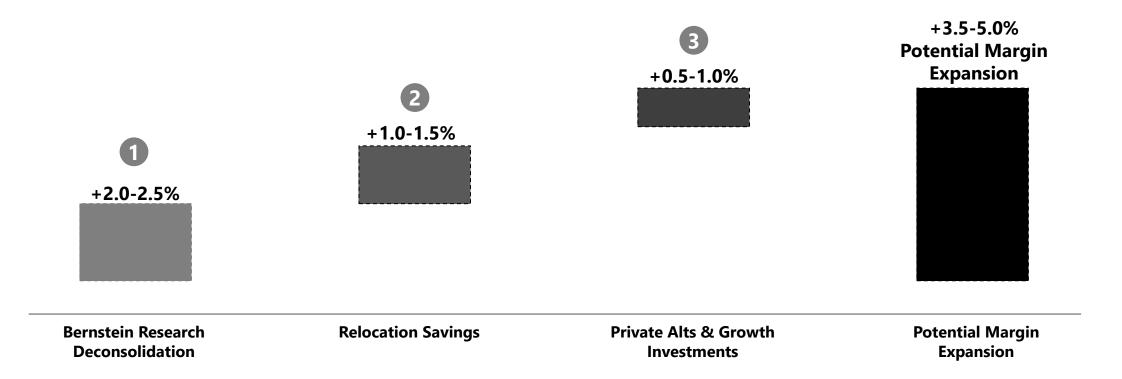
### Leveraging Equitable's commitments to grow third-party capital



### **5** Guidance

### Looking forward, we have multiple levers to drive margin expansion

Path t	to 350-500bps of adjusted operating margin expansion by 2027	Range
1	Bernstein Research Services deconsolidation <sup>1</sup>	+200 - 250bps
2	Full realization of Nashville relocation cost savings	+100 - 150bps
3	Private Alts and growth investments	+50 - 100bps
	Adj. operating margin; cumulative expected impact by 2027	+350-500bps



At current market levels, we have visibility to an adj. operating margin range of

30 - 35%

### **Key messages**

- 1 Market opportunity: global active investible assets are expected to grow c.30% by 2027
- 2 Globally diversified business model: we are well-positioned in high-growth market segments
- 3 Structured to outperform: track record of delivering market-leading active organic growth
- 4 Growth strategy: investing in key market segments, vehicles and geographies to drive future growth
- **5 Guidance:** increase adjusted operating margin by 350-500bps by 2027



# Wealth Management

Nick Lane
President
Equitable



### **Key Messages**

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- 2 Distinct approach: captures growing Retirement and fee-based advisory assets
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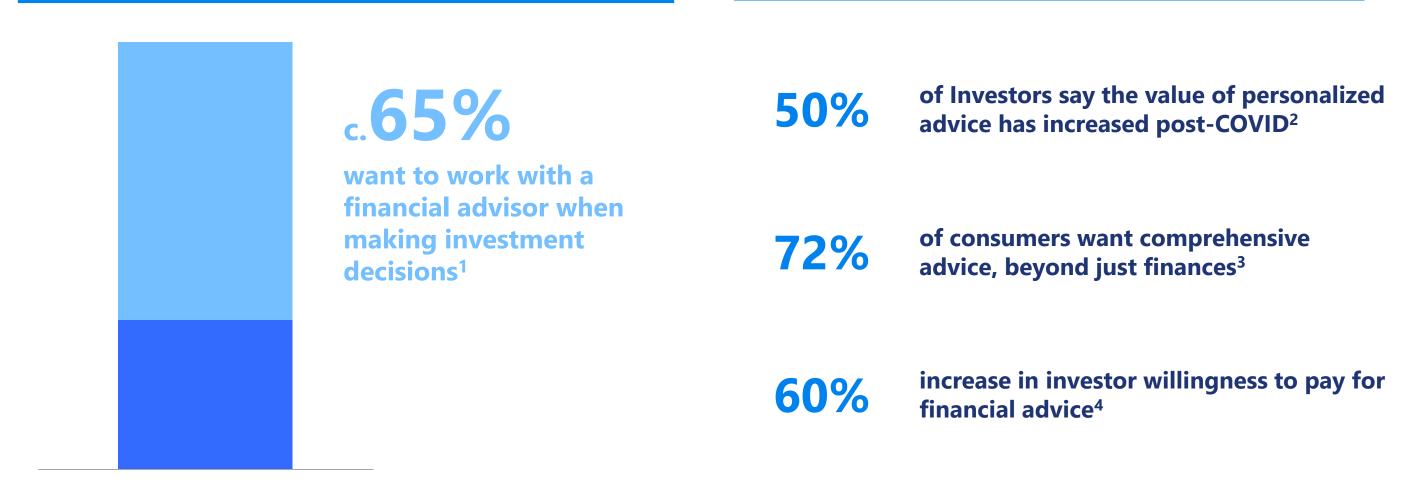


### 1 Market opportunity

### Consumers are increasingly seeking holistic advice

Americans are seeking advisors to help with their needs

With heightened demand for holistic advice





### **1** Market opportunity

### **Equitable Advisors is targeting the \$12trn mass-affluent market**

	Mass Market	Middle Market	Mass-Affluent Market	Affluent Market	High Wealth Market	Ultra-High Wealth Market
Investable asset range	<\$100k	\$100k-500k	\$500k-2m	\$2m-5m	\$5m-20m	\$20m+
Number of households	84m	27m	12m	3m	1.7m	0.2m
Segment size (U.S.)	\$2.1trn	\$6.4trn	\$12.1trn	\$9.4trn	\$15.2trn	\$9.8trn
Key services	<ul><li>Guidance</li><li>Accumulation &amp; retirement products</li></ul>	<ul><li>Standardized advice</li><li>Some access to alternative assets</li></ul>	<ul><li>Accumulation &amp; distribution advice</li><li>Broad products</li></ul>	<ul><li>Personalized advice</li><li>Wealth preservation</li><li>Complex products</li></ul>	<ul><li>Personalized advice</li><li>Wealth preservation</li><li>Sophisticated products</li></ul>	Family-office services
			<b>Key players</b>			



**RAYMOND JAMES** 









### 2 Distinct approach

#### **Leading wealth management platform**

#### **Equitable Advisors' key metrics**

4,100 Advisors

**\$188bn Total Client Assets** 

c.350k productivity<sup>1</sup>

\$112bn \$76bn

retirement assets advisory & BD assets

98% advisor retention<sup>2</sup>

\$4.3bn
TTM advisory &
BD Net flows

**c.70%**TTM of inflows in fee-based advisory

#### **Top 10 independent broker dealer**

in client assets, total number of advisors

#### **Equitable Advisors' core differentiators**

- Track-record of recruiting and developing advisors

  Average age 47, 8 years younger than industry average
- Advice Model delivering holistic wealth management solutions to meet clients where they are
- 700 wealth planners providing comprehensive advice
- Industry-leading, scalable broker dealer platform leveraging third-party technology and clearing services

### **3** Strong track record

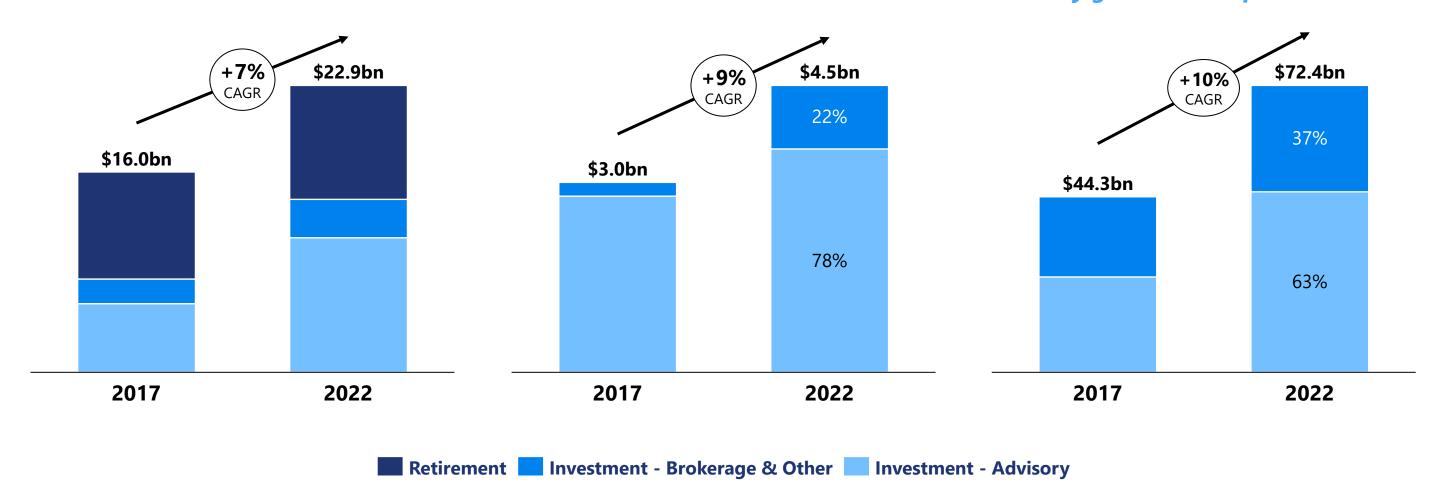
### Track record of growth in net flows and improved mix towards advisory

**Strong investment & Retirement sales** 

**Growing investment net inflows** 

**Driving advisory AUA growth** 

*Industry growth over span:* 6%<sup>1</sup>



### **4** Growth drivers

#### Distinctive model that develops advisors and attracts clients



#### **People**

#### **Over 4,100 Equitable advisors:**

- 2,300+ generalist advisors
- 1,100 K-12 retirement specialists
- 700 comprehensive wealth planners

**Industry leading advisor development,**2x industry average retention for new advisors<sup>1</sup>

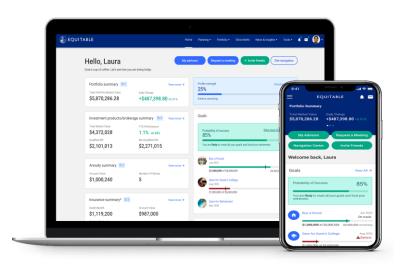


#### **Advice Planning Process**

**Integrated Equitable advice model**leveraging both investments and insurance

Holistic Life Planning approach addresses comprehensive client needs, with award-winning coaching certification program

**Best-in-class digital tools**, improving client experience and advisor productivity



#### **Platform**

**Operating platform** that drives retirement scale and capital-light advisory business

**Open architecture solutions** supported by LPL with full product suite to meet needs

**Simplified portfolio management** for advisors through model portfolios

#### Generate revenue across three value streams

#### **Distribution fees**

**Revenue is generated from sales** of commission-based Retirement and investment products:

- Retirement product distribution fees are margin-neutral as economics are captured by manufacturer
- Investment product distribution fees have a gross margin<sup>1</sup> of c.10%

### **Advisory fees**

Recurring fees captured on advisory assets from financial advice given by advisors

• Advisory fees have a gross margin of c.35%

#### **Cash sweeps**

Revenue is generated from our cash balances with our investment platform

• Retain nearly 100% of revenue as gross margins

### 4 Growth drivers

#### Strong momentum with three key drivers of growth

#### 5-year annual growth rate

#### **Our opportunity**

**Advisor productivity** 

+10%

**Productivity** 

vs. 7-8% industry average

• **Increase advisor productivity** by 2x to meet the average productivity of top wealth management firms

 Ongoing delivery of holistic training and standardization best practices

Wealth planner advisors

+ 12%
Wealth planner advisors

 Increase wealth planner headcount by 2x by developing generalist advisors

 Wealth planner advisors generate 3x more revenue than average advisor

Advisory mix shift

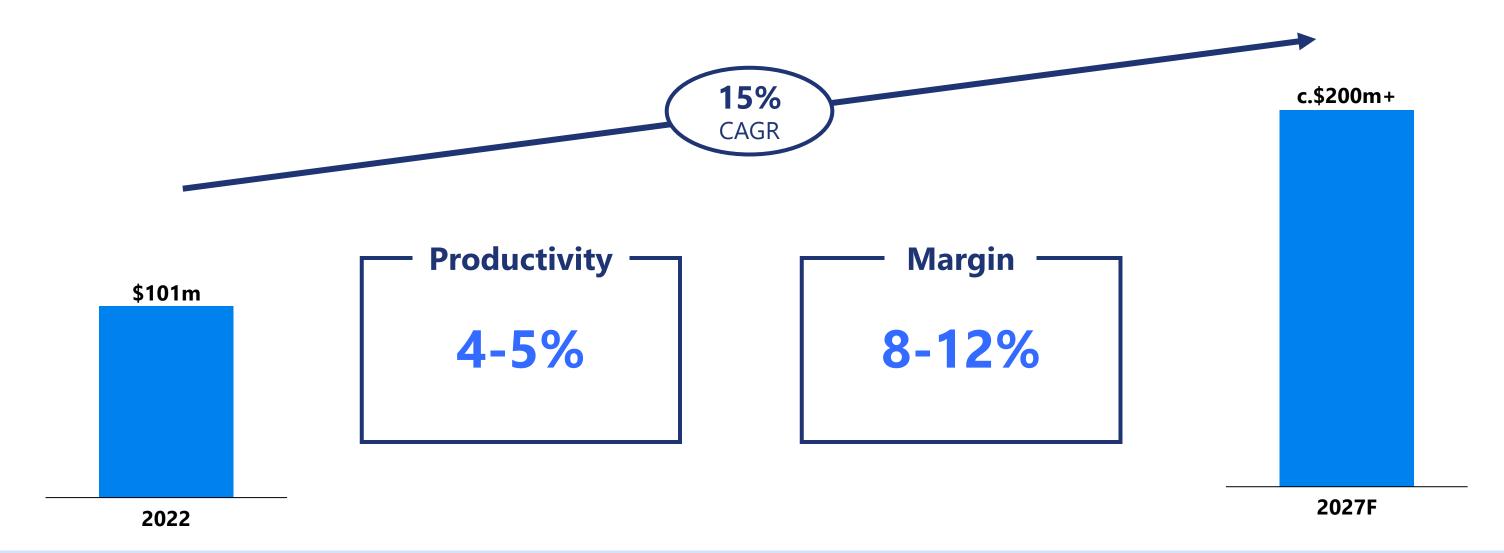
+ 14%
Total advisory assets

- c.70% of inflows are in fee-based advisory accounts
- Capitalize on expertise in model portfolios



### **5** Guidance

### **Delivering 15% operating earnings growth through 2027**



#### Free cash flow conversion of c.90%



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# Financials, Investments & Capital

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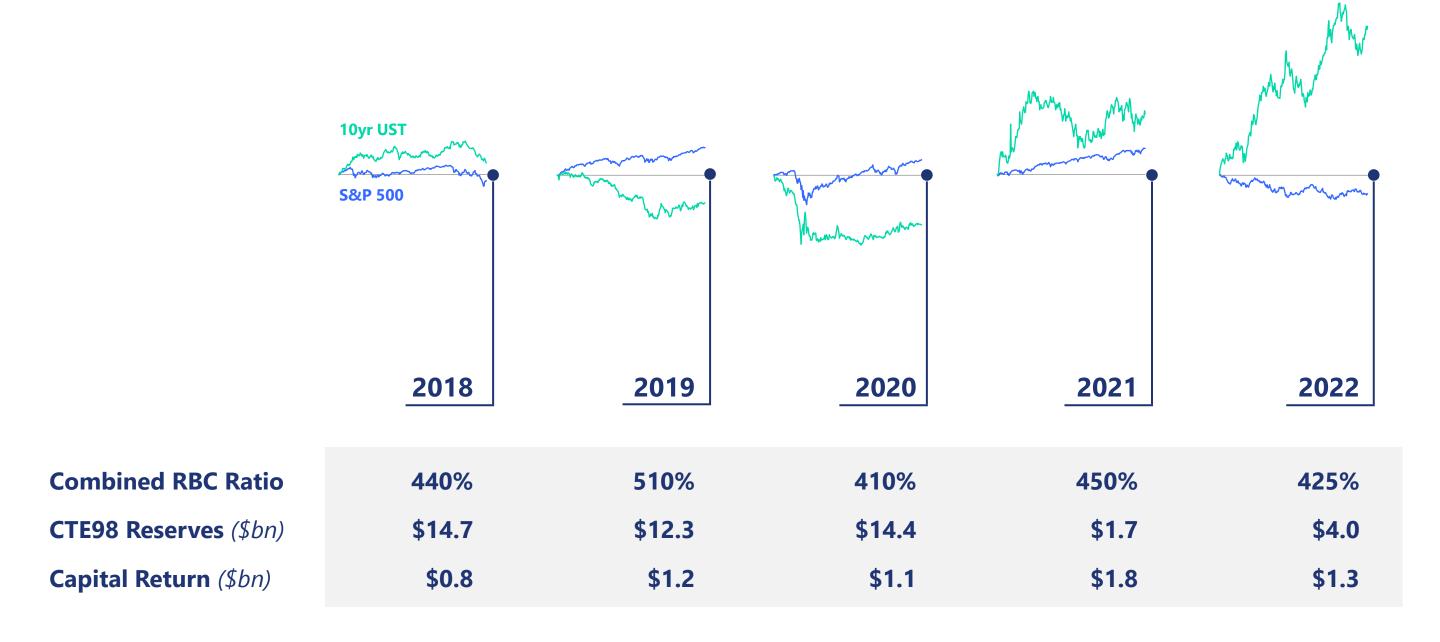
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### 1 Economic balance sheet

#### Consistent RBC ratio and capital return across markets while reducing risk





#### 1 Economic balance sheet

#### Industry reforms and advocacy efforts moving closer to fair value

#### **Economic model distinguishes Equitable from peers**

Assets	Fair value assets and derivatives; ALM-matched within one year
Market assumptions	Interest rates based on forward curve with no reversion-to-mean
Actuarial assumptions	Incorporating emerging policyholder behavior leads to stronger reserves
Hedging	Hedge program targets first dollar exposure with static overlay protects cash flows

#### With accounting and regulation moving closer to EQH

- **FASB Fair Value LDTI Accounting** Liabilities closer to fair value with enhanced disclosures on assumptions and reserves
- **NAIC Economic Scenario Generator** *Introduces more realistic interest rate scenarios including lower for longer rates*
- Structured asset reform Focused on more appropriate reserving and capital charges for CLO investments



### 1 Economic balance sheet

### Leading to strong ratings supported by economic risk management

#### **Strong capital ratios and financial ratings**

As of 3/31/23, unless otherwise noted

425%

**Combined RBC ratio as of YE'22** *above 375-400% target* 

27%

**Leverage ratio ex. AOCI**<sup>1</sup> *in line with 25-30% target* 

<sup>1</sup>Excludes \$520m debt maturity that was repaid in April 2023.



#### With diverse sources of liquidity

As of 3/31/23

- Cash and liquid assets of \$1.8bn at HoldCo<sup>1</sup>, above \$500m minimum target
- **\$3.4bn in credit facilities,** of which \$1.3bn is available
- \$1bn of contingent liquidity (P-caps)
- Increasing and diversified free cash flow generation, with c.50% from non-regulated entities

### 1 Eco

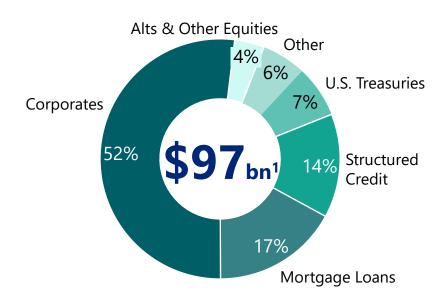
#### **Economic balance sheet**

#### With a conservative and resilient investment portfolio, supported by AB

#### Diversified and high-quality general account portfolio

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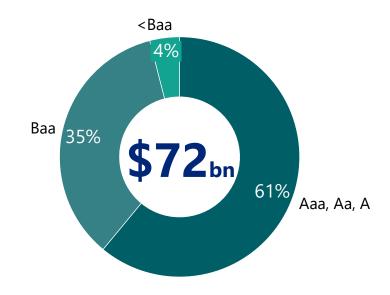
#### **General account portfolio**



#### Average portfolio rating of A2

- 59% of portfolio in corporates & government bonds
- High quality CML, 62% LTV, 2.1x DSCR, with wellcapitalized borrowers
- Alternatives & Other Equities: limited exposure of 4%

#### **Fixed maturity portfolio**



#### Average credit rating of A3

- 96% investment grade
- Highly diversified corporates portfolio
- Structured credit: >90% Aaa-A rated

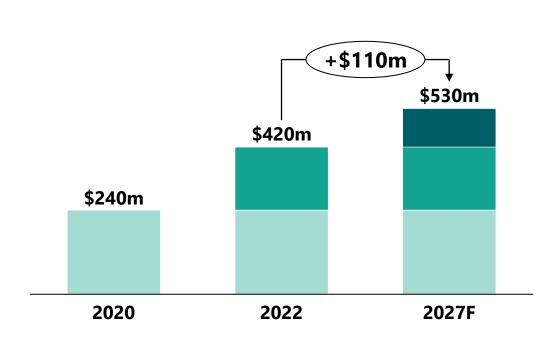


### **2** Strong execution

### General account optimization delivering \$110m annual incremental income

#### **Cumulative incremental annual income**





#### **Driven by strategic priorities over the last five years**



- Reallocated UST to Public Corporates
- Achieved \$160m target in 2019, additional \$80m in 2020

### Phase 2 \$180m by 2023

- Captured illiquidity premium in private credit and alts
- Achieved \$180m target by year end 2022

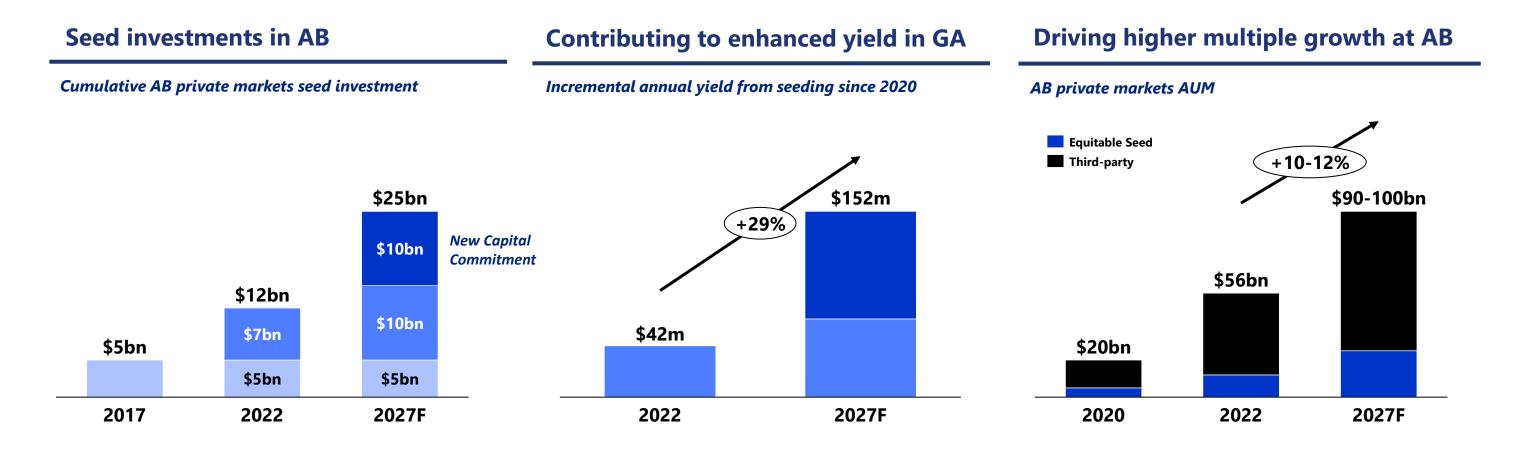
### Phase 3 \$110m by 2027

- Additional uplift from AB capital commitment
- Targeting \$110m incremental income by year end 2027



### 2 Strong execution

### With capital commitment to AB driving higher multiple growth

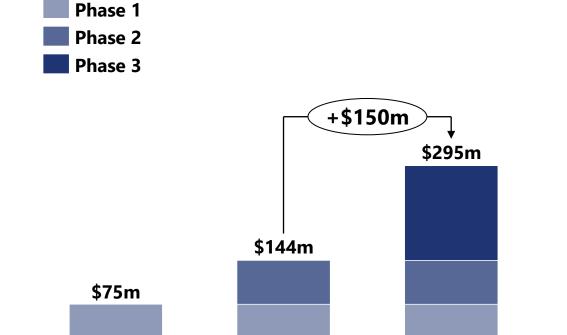




### 2 Strong execution

### Productivity initiatives delivering \$150m annual net savings by 2027

#### **Cumulative annual productivity savings**



2022

2027F

#### **Operating model with track record of driving efficiency**

Phase 1 \$75m savings through 2020

Driving technology enablement and improved customer experience

Achieved \$75m net of reinvestment target in 2020

Phase 2 \$69m savings through 2022

- Leveraging agile methodologies while driving hybrid work:
  - Equitable achieved \$50m savings in 2022
  - AB achieved \$19m savings in 2022

Phase 3
\$150m savings
by 2027

- Optimizing real estate footprint while delivering top quartile expense base:
  - Equitable on track for \$30m of real estate savings by 2023, while delivering additional \$65m of net savings by 2027
  - AB realizing remainder of \$75-80m savings from Nashville relocation by 2025

Eliminating 'bad' expenses, while investing through the cycle for growth



2020

### We have optimized capital to drive future growth and secure cash flows

#### We are investing in future growth



**Drives Private Markets to \$58bn¹ AUM** supporting fee-rate growth

Leveraging AB units as efficient currency with limited impact to cash



**\$500m annual investment at 15%+ IRR** supporting record Retirement inflows

While de-risking and driving cash flow consistency





**Secured run-rate cash flows** by mitigating redundant reserves

**Provides capital release over time** 



Accelerated future cash flows through +\$1bn value created

Reduced required capital by 2/3 backing VA business



#### **Legacy VA will be less than 5% of 2027 earnings**

#### **Legacy is rapidly shrinking Capital backing Legacy will release Legacy operating earnings** CTE 98 assets backing businesses \$0.6bn \$14bn -14% -23% \$0.2bn \$4bn \$0.1bn \$1bn 2017 2027F 2022 2027F 2022 2017 % of Non-GAAP 30% 10% 5% **Op. Earnings**

#### **Reducing Legacy exposure**

\$2-3bn of annual run-off<sup>1</sup>

#### **Risk transfer optionality**

Provided by split of New York and non-New York policies

Insignificance of Legacy allows us to highlight growth in our core Retirement business

### Delivering record value of new business in Retirement and Wealth Management

#### Capital allocation drives future cash flows

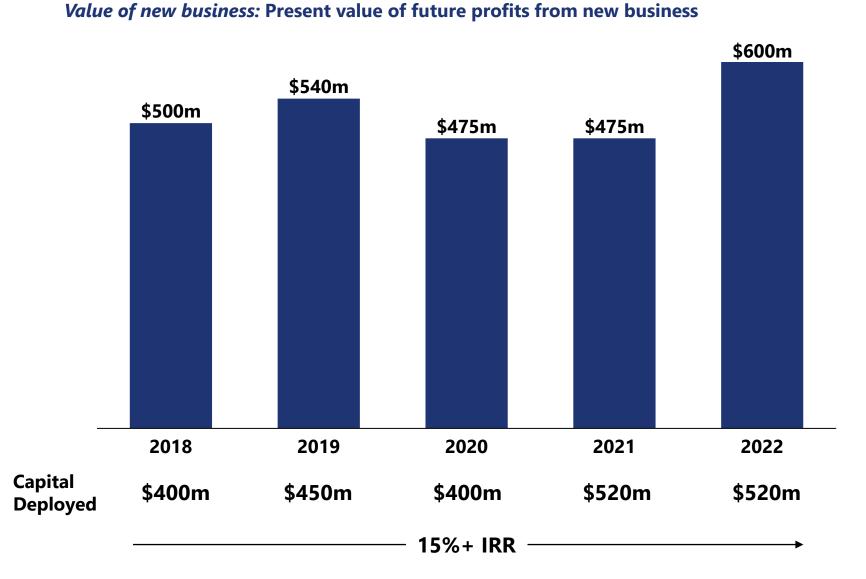
**Capital diversification** 

between complementary Retirement businesses

**Product design** 

delivers IRRs above 15%

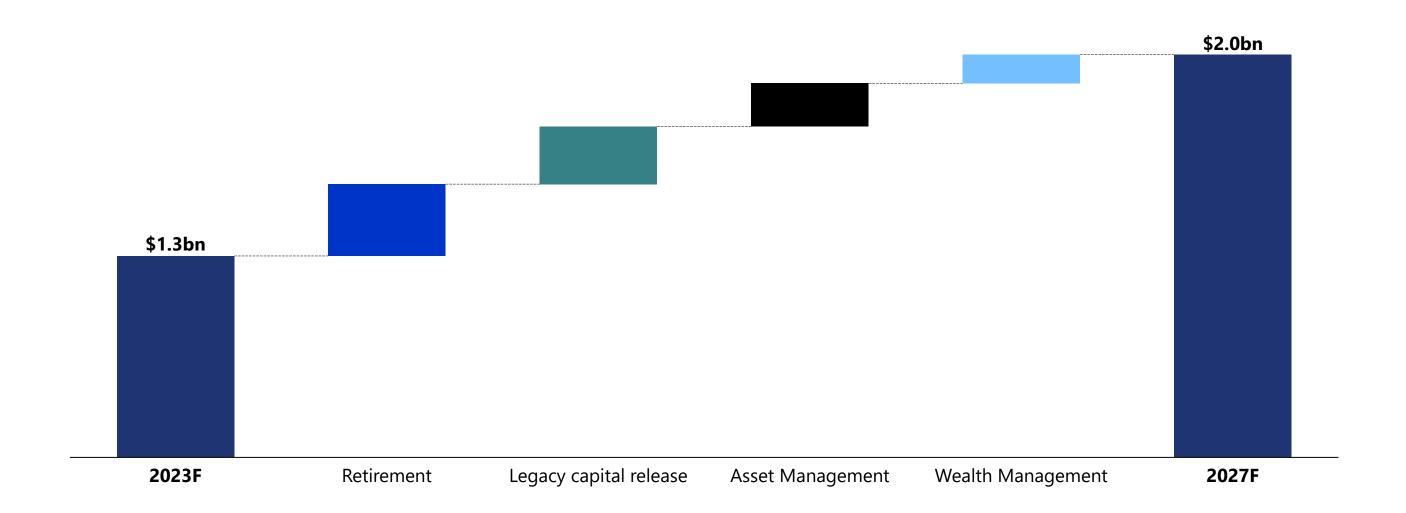
**Affiliated distribution** supports value and mix at a lower cost of funds





#### Positioning us to grow cash flows to Holdings by 50%

**Expect to increase cash flows 50% by 2027** 



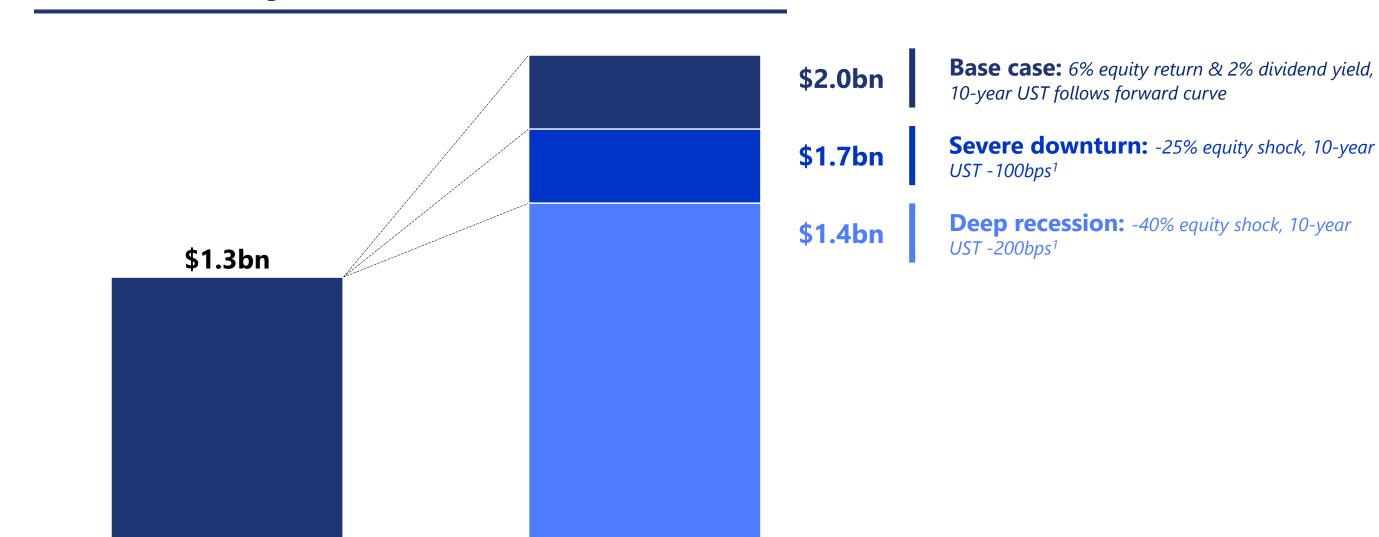


## **3** Capital optimization

2023F

#### With more resilient cash flows through different environments

#### **Annual cash flow generation to the HoldCo**



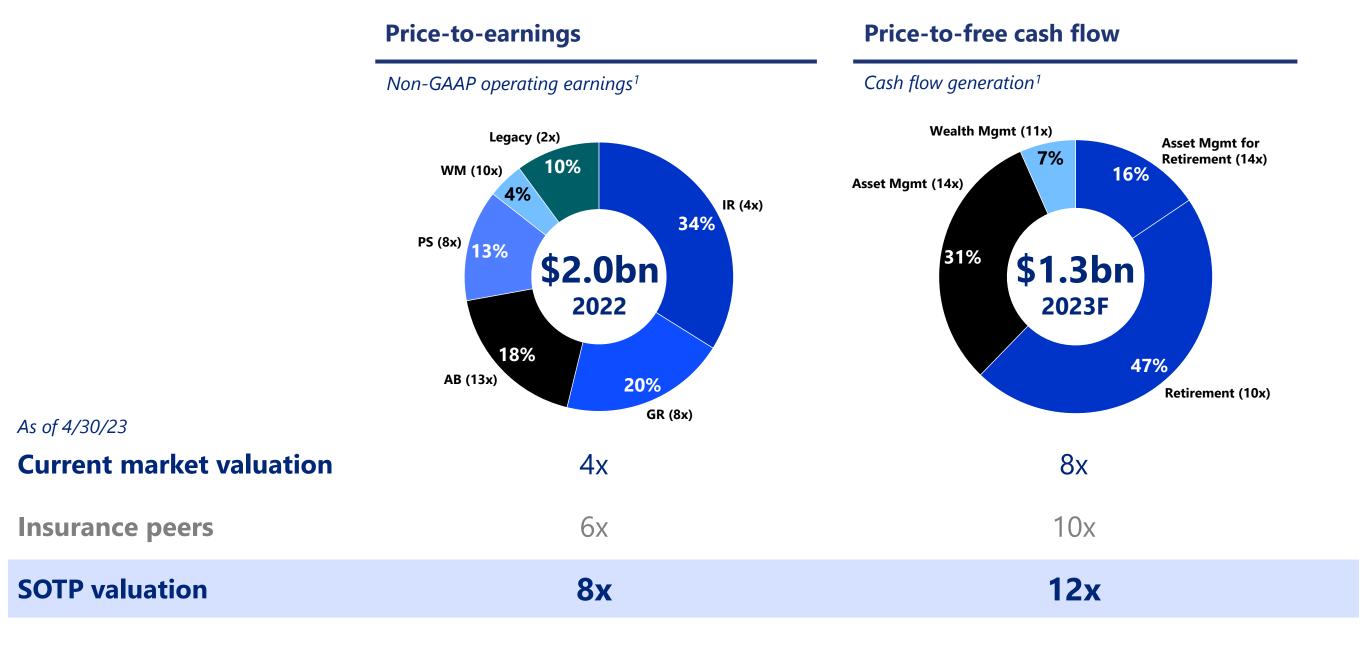


2027F

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#### **Shareholder opportunity**

#### Today our relative value suggests upside for investors

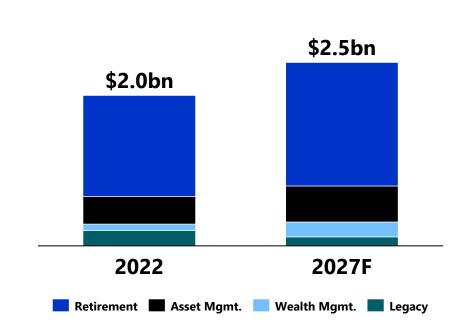


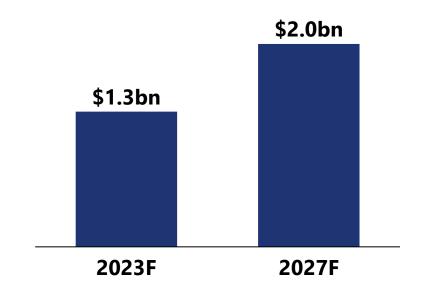
#### 4 Shareholder opportunity

#### While our capital allocation generates consistent accretion

#### **Strong earnings growth**

#### **Consistent cash generation**





Enables 60-70% payout ratio of Non-GAAP operating earnings

**A**25% growth

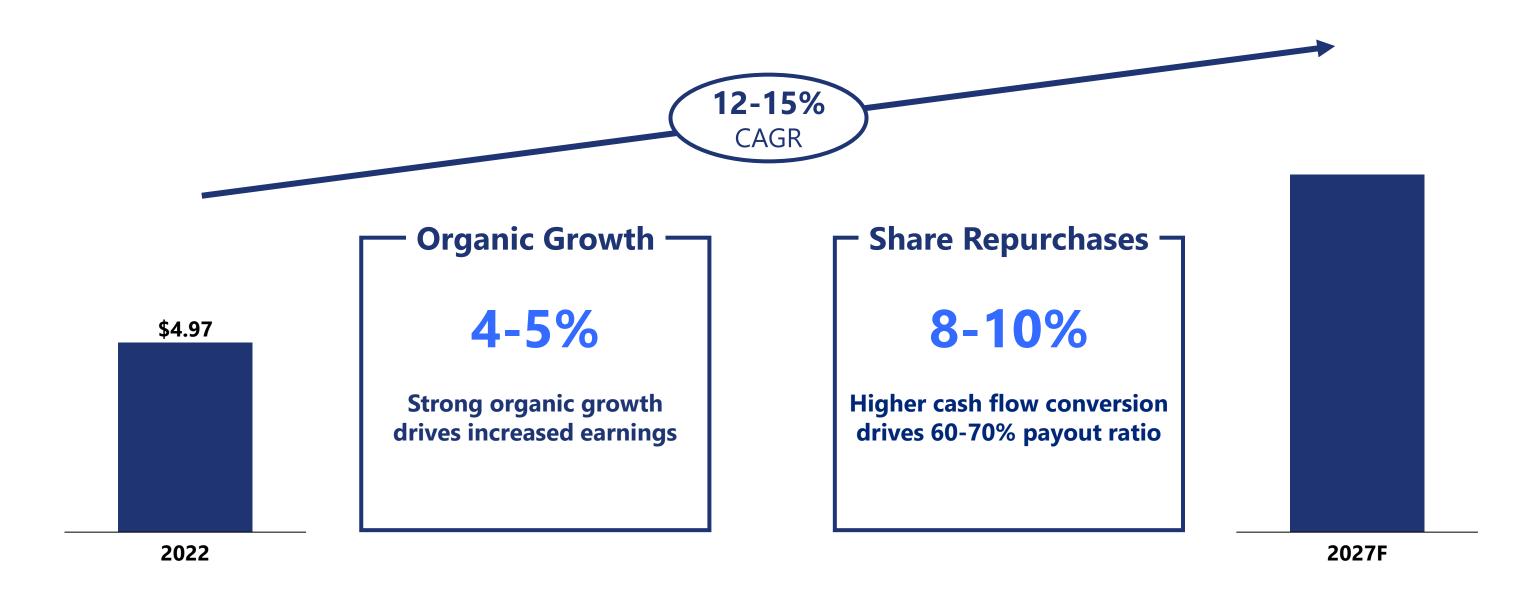
**▲50%** growth

**▲20** points since IPO



## **5** Guidance

#### Non-GAAP operating EPS 12-15% growth driven by organic growth and capital return





## **5** Guidance

#### Looking ahead, our priorities remain unchanged



**Economic** balance sheet

Financial flexibility & strong credit ratings



Profitable business growth

15%+ IRR on new business



**Capital return to shareholders** 

Bias towards buybacks delivering value



**Optimize capital structure** 

Capital & expense synergies improve returns



#### **Key financial goals to 2027**

**Cash generation** 

\$2bn

of annual cash generation by 2027

**Payout ratio** 

60-70%

of Non-GAAP operating earnings

**EPS** growth

**12-15%** 

Non-GAAP operating EPS CAGR through 2027

**New strategic targets support growth** 

\$110m

Incremental GA income by 2027

\$150m

Productivity savings by 2027

\$10bn

**Capital commitment to AB** 

+350-500bps

Incremental adjusted operating margin at AB by 2027



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## **Financial guidance**

Cash generation	\$1.3bn dividends and distributions from subsidiaries to HoldCo in 2023 \$2.0bn of annual cash generation by 2027  60-70% of Non-GAAP operating earnings		
Payout ratio guidance			
Long-term EPS growth guidance	12-15% compound annual growth rate through 2027		
General account optimization	\$110m annual incremental income by 2027		
Capital commitment to AB	\$7bn of \$10bn of previously communicated commitment deployed as of 1Q'23 Additional \$10bn commitment by 2027		
Productivity	\$150m annual net savings by 2027		



#### ESG at Equitable: Drive business value through a deliberate ESG strategy

Investing in our people	Caring for the environment	<b>Building stronger communities</b>	<b>Upholding stakeholder trust</b>	
Enhance enterprise performance by attracting and retaining the best talent	Integrate sustainable practices into our investments and operations	Foster mobility and opportunity for educators and students	Deliver trusted products and services to clients	
Strategic objectives —				
Build a more agile company with increased client focus	Improve the quality of our portfolio	Provide mental wellness programs for educators	Advocate for fair-value, economic industry standards	
Support diverse colleagues with bespoke talent programs	Identify and manage material climate risk	Help educators advance their careers	Deliver better client outcomes with holistic advice model	
Enhance organizational performance through enterprise wellness programs	Improve the sustainability of our operations	Remove barriers to college for underserved students	Safeguard the financial well- being of clients with responsible products and investment options	



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•	Improved psychological safety and engagement	✓ ESG integrated into c.\$66bn of Equitable's \$97bn GA¹	✓ Delivered mental wellness workshops to 1,800 educators	✓ Enhanced industry capital reserving standards
•	Invested 45,000 hours in agile training	✓ ESG integrated into \$464bn of AB's \$676bn AUM¹	✓ Supported 300 educators in their career journey	√ 3,000 financial professionals trained in Holistic Life Planning
•	Increased diverse employee net promoter score	✓ Disclosed results of our stress test and limits framework	✓ Supported nearly 2,000 underserved students	
•	Focus on company culture as primary driver of employee wellness	✓ Disclosed Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions	✓ 2023 scholarship recipients identify as 70% BIPOC	✓ Portfolios with Purpose provide choice and returns

#### **ESG Operating Model: Rigor and controls to ensure long-term impact**

#### **Governance and oversight**

- Experienced and diverse Board of Directors
- Dedicated Board committee for oversight of ESG strategy
- ESG Steering Committee comprised of senior leaders to ensure accountability

#### **Transparent disclosures**

- Reported under SASB and TCFD frameworks
- Disclosed EEO-1 filing and supplemental diversity data
- Enhanced business standards disclosures including cybersecurity and data privacy

#### **Data controls and protocols**

- Measured and disclosed Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions
- Disclosed details on AB's ESG integration methodology controls
- Focused on establishing controls around diversity data collection

