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### TERMINOLOGY AND NON-GAAP & OTHER FINANCIAL MEASURES

Throughout this presentation, management uses certain terminology and financial measures that do not have standard meanings under IFRS and are considered specified financial measures. These include non-GAAP financial measures. non-GAAP financial ratios, and supplementary financial measures. These measures may not be comparable with similar measures presented by other companies. Further information on these financial measures can be found in the "Terminology and Non-GAAP & Other Financial Measures" section in Bird's most recently filed Management's Discussion & Analysis for the period ended December 31, 2023, prepared as of March 5. 2024. This document is available on Bird's SEDAR+ profile, at www.sedarplus.ca and on the Company's website at www.bird.ca.

"Backlog" is a term representing the total value of all contracts awarded to the Company, less the total value of work completed on these contracts as of the date of the most recently completed quarter. The Company's Backlog equates to the Company's remaining performance obligations as disclosed in the Company's most recent notes to the financial statements filed on SEDAR+. Additions to remaining performance obligations are also referred to by the Company as "Securements".

"Pending Backlog" is a supplementary financial measure representing the total potential revenue of awarded but not contracted projects including where the Company has been named preferred proponent, where a contract has not been executed and where the letter of intent or agreement received is non-binding. It may also include amounts for agency relationship construction management projects, pre-construction activities and estimated future work orders to be performed as part of multi-year MSA, maintenance, task order, and similar contractual arrangements.

"Gross Profit Percentage" is a supplementary financial measure representing the percentage derived by dividing gross profit by construction revenue.

"Adjusted Earnings" is a non-GAAP financial measure defined as IFRS net income excluding asset impairments, acquisition, integration and restructuring (as defined in accordance with IFRS) costs and the income tax effect of these costs.

"Adjusted Earnings Per Share" is a non-GAAP financial ratio calculated by dividing Adjusted Earnings by the basic weighted average number of shares.

"Adjusted EBITDA" is a non-GAAP financial measure representing earnings before taxes, interest, depreciation and amortization, finance and other costs, finance income, asset impairment charges, gain or loss on sale of property and equipment, restructuring and severance costs outside of normal course, and acquisition, integration and restructuring (as defined in accordance with IFRS) costs.

"Adjusted EBITDA Margin" or "Adjusted EBITDA Percentage" is a non-GAAP financial ratio representing the percentage derived by dividing Adjusted EBITDA by construction revenue.

"Current Ratio" is a supplementary financial measure representing the percentage derived by dividing total current assets by total current liabilities.

"General and Administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue" is a supplementary financial measure representing the percentage derived by dividing general and administrative expenses by construction revenue.

"Adjusted Net Debt" is a non-GAAP financial measure defined as current and long-term loans and borrowings as disclosed in the Company's statement of financial position, less accessible cash, as disclosed in the Company's notes to the financial statements. Management uses this as a measure of financial leverage and is part of its assessment of the Company's capital structure. At March 31, 2024, Adjusted Net Debt of \$67,782 is calculated as: Loans and borrowings (non-current) \$71,153 plus Current portion of loans and borrowings \$17,960 minus Accessible cash \$21,331.

"Adjusted Net Debt to TTM Adjusted EBITDA" is a non-GAAP financial ratio calculated by dividing Adjusted Net Debt by the Company's trailing twelve-month Adjusted EBITDA. Management uses this as a measure of financial leverage and is part of its assessment of the Company's capital structure.

"LT Loans & Borrowings to Equity" is a supplementary financial measure calculated as non-current loans and borrowings divided by total shareholders' equity, as disclosed in the Company's consolidated statement of financial position.



# Unlocking Shareholder Value

### Bird is positioned for growth and profitability improvements through 2024 and beyond.

As one of Canada's leading collaborative construction and maintenance companies with a strong reputation for operational excellence on complex projects, Bird competes effectively in all of its core markets. The Company's diversified business model, with significant self-perform capabilities, establishes Bird as a partner of choice across its core markets of industrial, buildings, and infrastructure.



- A healthy and safe work environment with a collaborative, inclusive team culture
- Disciplined growth strategy driving margin accretion and revenue growth
- Organic and acquisitive growth delivering diverse services and self-perform scopes for complex projects with improving margins
- Trusted reputation with clients and partners in core markets: Industrial, Buildings and Infrastructure
- Strong financial and risk management
- Balanced capital allocation strategy with a healthy dividend and flexibility to pursue growth

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### Team of over 5,000 Led by an experienced management team



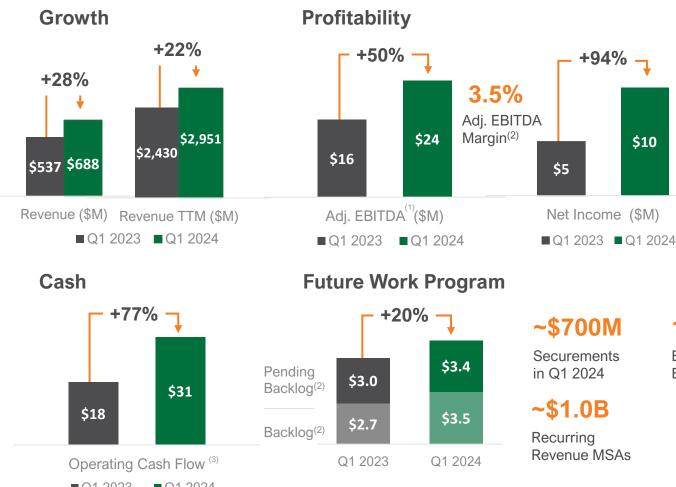
~75%

of combined backlog has a collaborative delivery model

# Significant risk-balanced combined backlog

and recurring revenue MSA's

# Q1 2024 Financial Highlights



### **Key Performance Drivers**



\$0.19 EPS

1.01x

Book to

Bill Ratio<sup>(4)</sup>

Developing and attracting Top Talent



Track record of accretive M&A, four in past four years



Risk-balanced, highly collaborative Backlog and Pending Backlog with accretive embedded margins



Significant momentum for continued revenue and earnings growth

Balance sheet positioned to support continued growth and sustainable returns to shareholders

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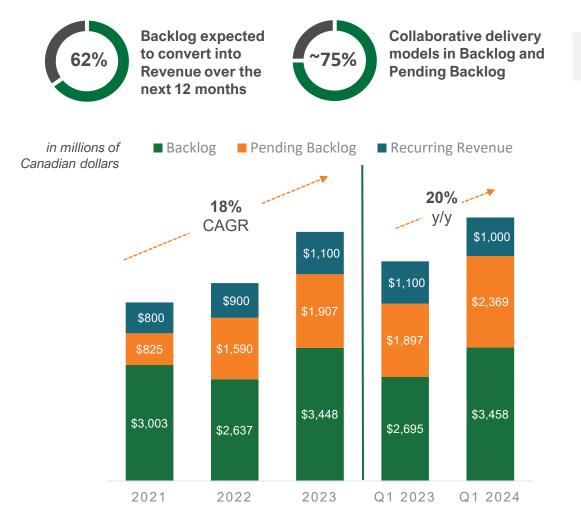
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(3) Operating Cash Flow - Refer to the consolidated statement of cash flows - "Cash flows from operations before changes in non-cash working capital".

(4) Book to Bill is a supplementary financial measure representing the ratio of total bookings in the period to total revenue for the period.

# **Risk Balanced, Highly Collaborative, Diverse Backlog Mix**

Future performance visibility supported by the robust combined backlog, characterized by accretive embedded margins and significant multi-year recurring revenue MSAs



### ~\$1.0B in Recurring Revenue Contracts:

MSAs and other multi-year recurring contracts represent a recurring revenue stream over the next one to seven years.

- Supports longer-term visibility to profitability and growth outlook
- Diversified in oil & gas, energy, nuclear, and mining sectors
- Added \$130 million to pending through NorCan acquisition

### **Benefits of Collaborative Delivery Models**



Profitability

#### Margin Accretion Strategy

The Company remains focused on margin accretion by leveraging the following:

- Disciplined project selection
- Risk-balanced mix of projects
- Collaborative contracts
- Improving margins in core businesses
- ✓ M&A in sectors with accretive margin profiles
- Growth in higher margin sectors (more complex work)
- Increase self-perform and cross-selling of additional Bird scopes and services
- ✓ Growing recurring revenue at accretive margins
- Gaining leverage on cost structure

Business Strategy

# **Profitability. Discipline. Diversification and Growth.**

The Company plans to retain in excess of two-thirds of net income to support continued growth beyond 2024.

#### **Diversification and Growth** Organic Growth Strategy

Bird continues to leverage its strong reputation as a partner of choice for complex projects to support growth.

- Industrial growth in Ontario and BC
- Grow mechanical and electrical nationally
- Grow to a national, full-service civil infrastructure and utilities provider
- Expand nuclear portfolio
- Growth in energy transition and electrification-related projects
- Data-related facilities and infrastructure

#### M&A Strategy

M&A targets sectors with specialized capabilities and higher-margin potential, with a strong cultural fit.

- Expanding full-service offering and cross-selling additional services and scopes to existing clients
- Growing recurring revenue opportunities
- Target capabilities: Civil infrastructure (specialized and light civil), process mechanical, electrical, MRO services, utilities (telecom, advanced wireless, underground), nuclear, and renewables

# **Project Pursuits and Recent Project Awards**



Bird continues to pursue new work selectively, ensuring strategic alignment between capabilities, project type and delivery model.

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- Strong focus on early contractor involvement and collaborative opportunities drives a larger share of negotiated work and improves project delivery and outcomes for all parties.
- Sustained demand in Bird's core markets industrial, buildings and infrastructure - continues to be supported by a robust bid pipeline.
- Bird's focus on energy transition and electrification, nuclear expansion, multi-year industrial and mining projects, infrastructure development for growing populations, and building upgrades for decarbonization aligns us with the futures demand.

Positioned for growth with a significant pipeline of projects with accretive embedded EBITDA margins and a robust bidding environment for disciplined pursuit of new work.

Industrial: Bird bolsters capabilities, capacity, and recurring revenue with agreement to acquire NorCan leading Alberta electrical service provider Infrastructure: Alliance Development Agreement for East Harbour Transit Hub in Toronto		Energy, power, manufacturing, and multi-storey modular contracts - > \$530M	Growing Institutional and Nuclear portfolio in Ontario with Seneca Health and Wellness Centre and new task order Port Hope Area MSA - >\$130M		
	January 2024	December 2023	November 2023		
Appro -\$700 curements Q1 2024	Industrial: Contracts for early site works awarded at LNG Export Facility in Western Canada - >\$150M	Industrial: Added industrial recurring revenue master service agreements in Ontario and Alberta - \$100M over 3 years Institutional: Two state-of-the-art post- secondary projects (UVIC & VCC) - \$280M	<b>Mining:</b> Additional work packages at Mont Wright for ArcelorMittal and at BHP's Jansen Potash Project - ~\$110M		
	October 2023	September 2023	August 2023		
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# **Canada's Energy Transition and Electrification Partner**

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#### Clean Power Generation

- Wind and solar projects
- Hydro: New construction + refurbishments
- Nuclear: New construction +
   SMnR + remediation

#### PROJECTS

- Wind projects in AB & NB
- Kakabeka Falls Life Extension & Rehabilitation work on various hydro structures, ON
- Advance Nuclear Materials Research Centre, ON
- PHAI Environmental Remediation, ON





- Energization & startup services
- Advanced high voltage technical services
- EV installation services (electrification & communications): Canem + Trinity

#### PROJECTS

- Electrical capabilities further bolstered with NorCan acquisition
- High voltage industrial electrical relocations, AB
- One Pass Trenching of electrical & fiber optic cable management for wind and solar

#### Low Carbon & Green Infrastructure Solutions

- Water & wastewater treatment
- Organic/waste to energy processing
- Deep energy retrofits
- Net-zero certification & Passive House new builds
- Building monitoring & optimization through Bird's Center for Building Performance
- Leveraging sustainable building products

#### PROJECTS

- MacKimmie Tower Zero Carbon Redevelopment, AB
- Toronto Western Hospital
- Waste to Heat, ON
- Humber College Building NX, Deep Energy Retrofit, ON
- Calgary Composting Facility, AB





Heavy civil mineral mining

**Critical, Rare &** 

**Battery Minerals** 

& processing

development

PROJECTS

Mine infrastructure

Bird's heavy civil

all stages, from

and expansion.

Lake Iron Ore, QC

capacities are supporting

large industrial projects at

development to operation

Heavy civil works at Bloom



#### Transportation, Manufacturing & Logistics

- Public transit
- Manufacturing Center
   of Excellence
- EV battery plant, EV manufacturing & other infrastructure

#### PROJECTS

- East Harbour Hub, ON
- Ottawa LRT, Stage 2, ON

(1) The company through its affiliated subsidiaries has up to 2500 electricians, linemen, technologists and technicians and access to other personnel through a variety of labour platforms.

## Longer Cycle, Significant Demand Trends **Public and Private Clients**

Looking ahead, there are significant tailwinds that will propel our business forward over the medium to long term. Our transformed business model is creating value through a collaborative framework, enhanced by our increased self-performance and cross-selling abilities. Our strategic project selectivity and focus on highermargin market sectors, coupled with leverage on our cost structure, contribute to our positive outlook for continued bottom and top line growth.

Government programs supporting investments in transportation, energy, water and wastewater, telecommunications, and public facilities include the Investing in Canada Plan, Canada Infrastructure Bank, Canada Growth Fund, and other federal and provincial budget commitments.

+ Major Industrial Projects	Renewed/growing interest in Canadian LNG as a green-er global fuel source driving continued investment in LNG Projects – Woodfibre LNG and potential for LNGC Phase 2.
+ Modular Interest	Modular emerging as a more recognized solution for Canada's affordable housing crisis, supporting increased speed to market.
> \$160 billion	Canada has committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, wit a net-zero economic plan that will invest over \$160 billion. With \$9 billion in incentives by 2034-35.
Double Electricity Supply	Canada needs to roughly double its electricity supply. Electrification requires investment in energy generation projects, including expanding clean energy and improving power distribution and transmission systems as well as battery and EV supply chain support infrastructure.
\$110 to \$270 billion	Estimates of Canada's "infrastructure deficit" range from \$110-\$27 billion. Additional investments are required to support growing communities due to immigration and population growth. Retrofits are required on older infrastructure to improve energy efficiency.
+\$70 billion	Public transportation opportunities include Ontario's planned \$70 billion for transit investments over the next ten years, Canada's \$1 billion for public transit over the next eight years, as well as significant spending across the balance of provinces.
>\$40 billion	Nuclear opportunities are significant, notably the recently propose Bruce Nuclear Expansion, the Pickering Refurbishment, and SMR Infrastructure initiatives.
~~~	Continued strength of commodities markets and expected demand for critical minerals and uranium, driving multi-year opportunities and positive outlook.

# **Environmental, Social, Governance**

Bird's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) program remains aligned to business, client, and industry demands.



On May 14, 2024, Bird released is fourth annual Sustainability Overview.

For more information, please refer to the <u>Sustainability</u> portion of Bird's website.



#### **BUILD GREEN**

- Sustainable Construction
- Future Energy
- Stack Modular
- Prefabrication



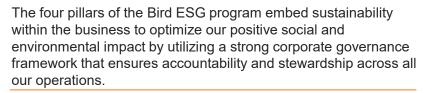
#### **WORK GREEN**

- Digital Construction
- Centre for Building Performance
- Supply Chain Management
- Waste Management



#### LIVE GREEN

- Health, Safety & Environment
- Indigenous Relations
- Community investment
- People & Culture
- DEI
- Stakeholder Engagement



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#### COMMITMENT TO GOVERNANCE

- Risk Management
- Oversight
- Board Independence
- Board Diversity

# **Three Months Ended March 31, 2024 Financial Highlights**



Building on momentum from 2023, Bird reports strong year over year growth in earnings and revenue in the first quarter.

\$ Millions (except	Three Months Ended March 31, 2024	Y/Y Change
per share amounts) <b>Revenue</b>	\$688.2	28.3%
Gross Profit	<b>\$55.1</b> 8.0% of Revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>38.4</b> %
General and Administrative	<b>\$40.1</b> 5.8% of Revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>27.1%</b>
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$24.2</b> 3.5% of Revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>50.4%</b>
Net Income	<b>\$10.0</b> \$0.19 EPS	<b>93.9%</b>
Adjusted Earnings <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$10.6</b> \$0.20 Adj. EPS <sup>(1)</sup>	100.6%

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### Sustained, Strong Financial Foundation with Flexibility for Continued Growth

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Very positive return and capital efficiency metrics

**1.26** Current Ratio<sup>(1)</sup> **22%** Long-term Loans & Borrowings to Equity<sup>(1)</sup>

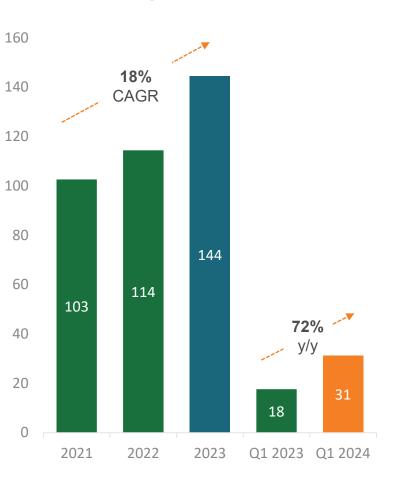
**0.46x** 

Adjusted Net Debt/ TTM Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> in millions of Canadian dollars

March 31, 2024	
Accessible cash	\$ 21
Held in joint operations accounts	\$ 86
Restricted cash	<u>\$ 26</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 133
Loans and borrowings (current and long-term)	\$ 89
Adjusted Net Debt <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 68
Working Capital	\$ 219
Shareholders' equity	\$ 328

Syndicated Credit Facility	
Committed Revolving Credit Facility	\$ 250
Non-committed Accordion Feature	\$ 50

#### **Operating Cash Flow**<sup>(3)</sup>



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### 2024 Capital Allocation **Priorities**

Strong cash flows and significant liquidity to support a balanced approach to capital allocation, investing in excess of two thirds of Net Income to support profitable long-term growth and enhancing shareholder value.

### **Balanced Approach to Capital Allocation**

Shareholder Returns			M&A			Capital Expenditures				
<ul> <li>Healthy dividend an important part of total shareholder return strategy.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Positioned to execute on the right M&amp;A opportunities.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Reinvest in the business to create value and support operations and growth.</li> </ul>			е			
<ul> <li>2023: 10% increase to monthly dividend effective March 2023.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Track record as a strong integrator and for retention of skilled teams.</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Investments guided by efficient asset utilization.</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>2024: 30% increase to monthly dividend effective March 2024.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Focus on margin accretive opportunities, that add capabilities and generate cash flows.</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Smart capital investments to support further productivity and growth.</li> </ul>					
Dividends Paid on Shares \$0.0467		<ul> <li>Four strate four years.</li> </ul>	•	ons in the past		\$40	Capex <sup>(1)</sup>			
on Shares	per month,		& CONSTRE	$\bigcirc$		\$30	_			
\$30 \$25	per share	stuartolson	W9V INC. ONT	TRINITY	NorCan	\$20		\$31		
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\$5		2020	2021	2023	2024	\$-			\$8	\$8
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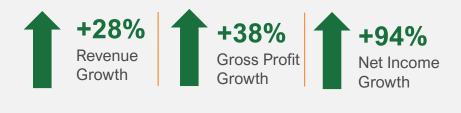
(1) Capital expenditures ("Capex") - Refer to the consolidated statement of cash flows - "Additions to property and equipment and intangible assets".

# 2024 Outlook: Sustained Profitable Growth Momentum

- Bird's focus on higher margin sectors, growing self-perform, disciplined project selection and collaborative contracting continues to drive higher embedded margins in the Company's combined backlog.
- Bird's pipeline of work provides significant visibility into future revenues and profitability.
- Backlog of contracted work is nearing the \$3.5 billion mark, an all-time high for Bird, while Pending Backlog was \$3.4 billion of expected future work including a robust portfolio of recurring revenue contracts almost \$1.0 billion.
- Top line organic growth is expected to continue through the remainder of 2024, with seasonal patterns favoring the second half of the year.
- The Company anticipates significant improvements to earnings and cashflow when compared to 2023.
- Continuing strategic focus on Adjusted EBITDA margin accretion, Bird expects Adjusted EBITDA and earnings per share growth to outpace organic revenue growth in 2024.
- On a full-year basis, the Company expects to retain in excess of two-thirds of net income to support organic growth and strategic M&A.



# Q1 2024 Achievements



**3.5%** EBITDA

2024 Q1 Securements



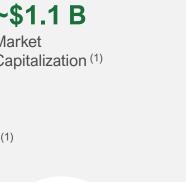
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Capital Markets <b>Overview</b>		<b>\$20.55</b> Share Price <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>~2.75% ~\$</b> Dividend Yield <sup>(2)</sup> Cap
		<b>\$8.01/\$20.61</b> 52 Week Low / High <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>53,891,909</b> Shares Outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>
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Organic and M&A

Revenue Growth

Long-term Shareholder

Value

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Strong Cash Flow, Balanced

Capital Allocation

Disciplined Risk and

Financial

Management



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