

WESCO®

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First Quarter 2021

Webcast Presentation

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Agenda



Business Overview

John Engel

Chairman, President & CEO



Financial Results Overview

Dave Schulz

Executive Vice President & CFO

2021 Off to an Excellent Start

- **Sales up 3% YOY on a pro forma workday-adjusted basis**
 - Outperforming market
 - Economic recovery better than expected and supported by secular growth trends
- **Adjusted gross margin up 50 basis points YOY on a pro forma basis and sequentially**
 - Strong execution of margin improvement program
 - Ability to more than offset cost inflation
- **Adjusted EBITDA margin up 90 basis points YOY on a pro forma basis**
 - Gross margin expansion
 - Accelerated capture of cost synergies
- **Free cash flow of 141% of adjusted net income**
 - Net debt reduction of \$534 million since Anixter merger
 - Leverage of 4.9x, down 0.8x since Anixter merger

Strong integration execution and macro recovery support revised guidance

WESCO + Anixter a Powerful Combination

Strengthening our Value Proposition

- **Sales Synergies**
 - Cross Selling opportunities captured from complementary products, services, and technologies that enable us to offer more solutions, to more customers, in more locations around the world
- **Cost Synergies**
 - Organization Redesign – reducing redundant roles and administrative services
 - Supply Chain Network Optimization – consolidating for efficiencies, improved service levels, benefits of scale
- **Margin Improvement Program**
 - Value-based pricing that includes enhanced sales training and refined incentive targets

Building and extending our competitive advantage as we transform

Dave Schulz

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

First Quarter Results
Overview

First Quarter Results Overview

\$M

Except per share amounts

	Q1 2020 Pro Forma ¹	Q1 2021	YOY
Sales	\$4,040	\$4,041	flat
Gross Profit	793	811	2%
<i>% of sales</i>	<i>19.6%</i>	<i>20.1%</i>	<i>+50 bps</i>
Adjusted Income from Operations²	140	171	22%
<i>% of sales</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>+70 bps</i>
Adjusted EBITDA²	182	217	19%
<i>% of sales</i>	<i>4.5%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>+90 bps</i>
Adjusted Diluted EPS²		\$1.43	

- Sales +3% on workday-adjusted basis
- Record backlog in Q1, up over 20% from year-end
- Highest gross margin since 2016
- Significant cost synergies in Q1
 - \$34 million realized

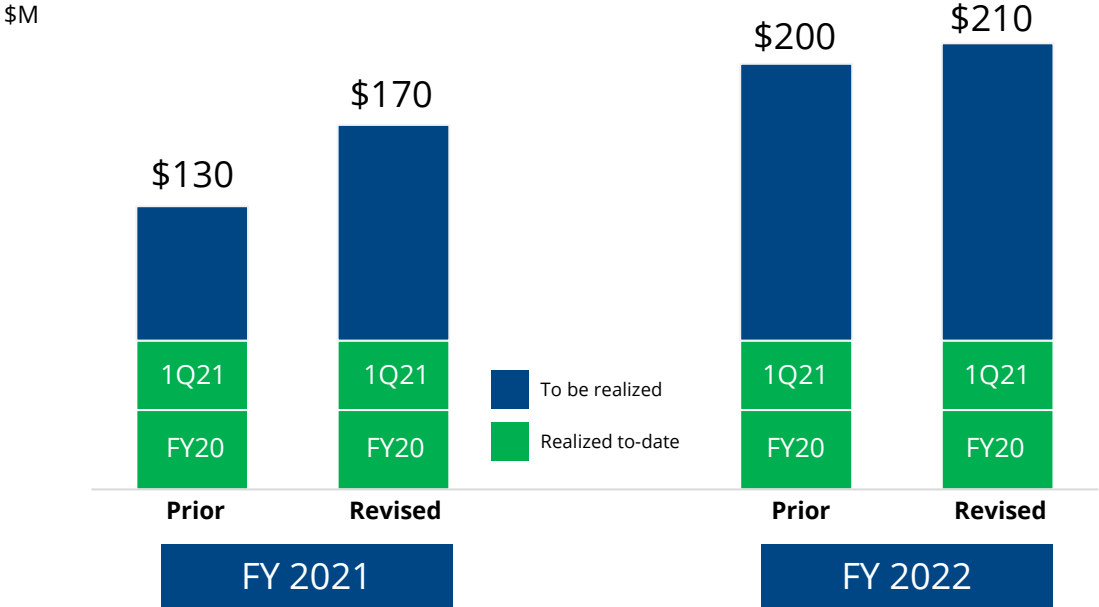
Accelerating sales momentum and substantial margin improvement to start 2021

¹ Includes Anixter's reported results for the period from January 4, 2020 to April 3, 2020, as filed in an exhibit to Form 8-K on November 4, 2020.

² Adjusted income from Operations, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted earnings per diluted share have been adjusted to exclude merger-related costs, a net gain on the sale of WESCO's legacy utility and data communications businesses in Canada, and the related income tax effects. See appendix for reconciliation.

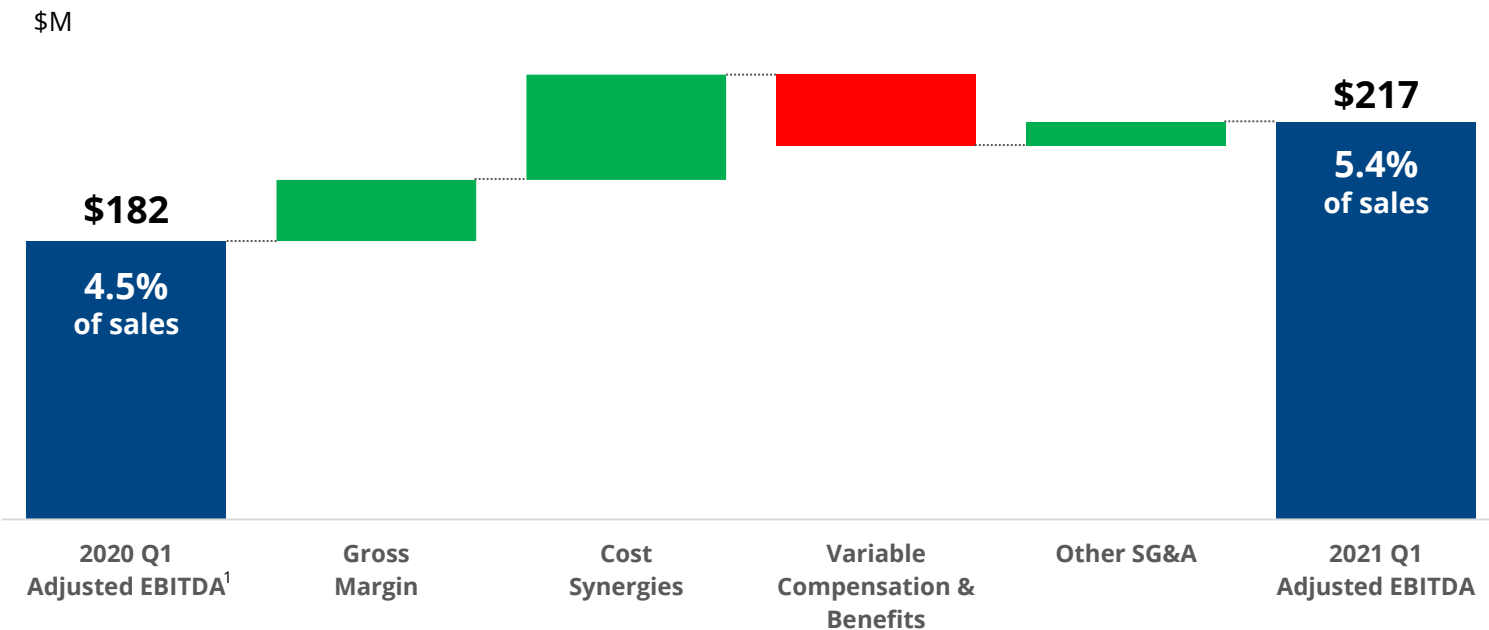
Cost Synergy Update

Increasing cumulative 2021 and 2022 targets due to faster execution
On track to meet 2023 target of \$250M



Evaluation of cumulative 3-year synergy target underway

Adjusted EBITDA Bridge

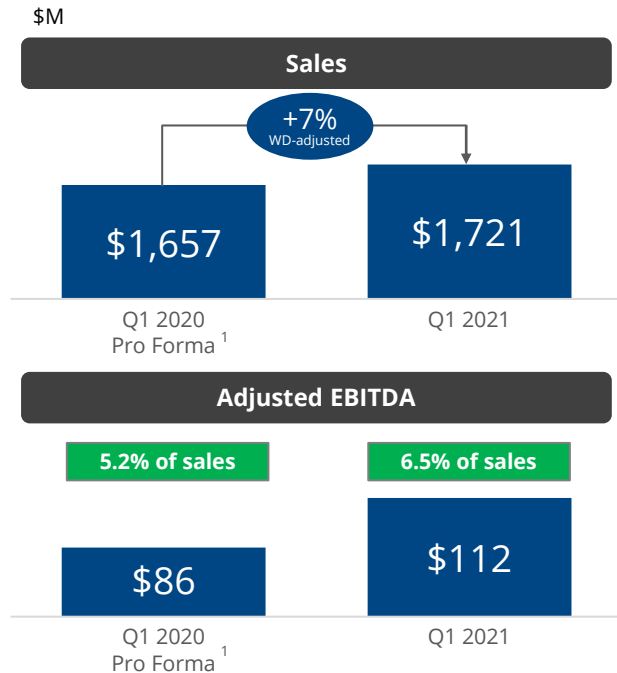


Accelerated Synergy Capture + Market Recovery Drives Margin Growth

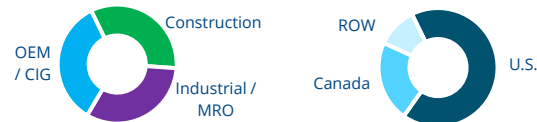
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Electrical & Electronic Solutions (EES)



- Sales up 4% YOY and up 7% on a workday-adjusted basis
- Construction sales up on faster recovery than anticipated
 - More projects being released from backlog
 - Backlog at record high with sequential monthly growth
- OEM up on strong and improving demand
- Industrial/MRO activity levels improving in-line with industrial recovery
- Secular trends of electrification, LED adoption, IoT and automation supporting demand growth
- Adjusted EBITDA margin up 130bps due to synergy capture, effective cost controls, and execution of margin improvement initiatives



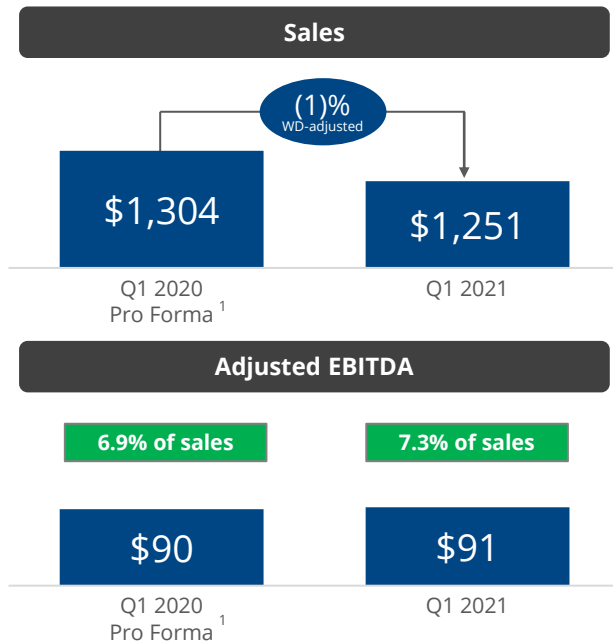
Record backlog, strong execution and improving end market trends driving momentum

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Communications & Security Solutions (CSS)

\$M



- Sales down 4% YOY and down 1% on a workday-adjusted basis, outperforming market trends; backlog at record level
- Strong growth in security solutions driven by retrofit projects and global accounts
- Network infrastructure growth in datacenter and hyperscale projects
- Growth offset by project timing, a slowdown in safety sales and COVID-19 impact in certain regions
- Secular trends of remote connectivity, data center capacity expansion, secure networks, and IoT and automation supporting demand growth
- Adjusted EBITDA margin 40 bps higher including inventory write-down with increase driven by integration synergies and execution of margin improvement initiatives



Industry-leading value propositions in attractive high-growth markets

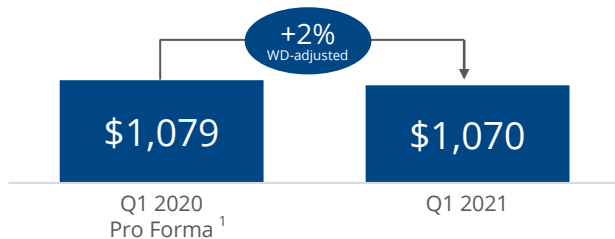
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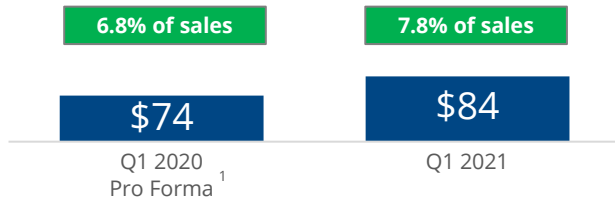
Utility & Broadband Solutions (UBS)

\$M

Sales



Adjusted EBITDA



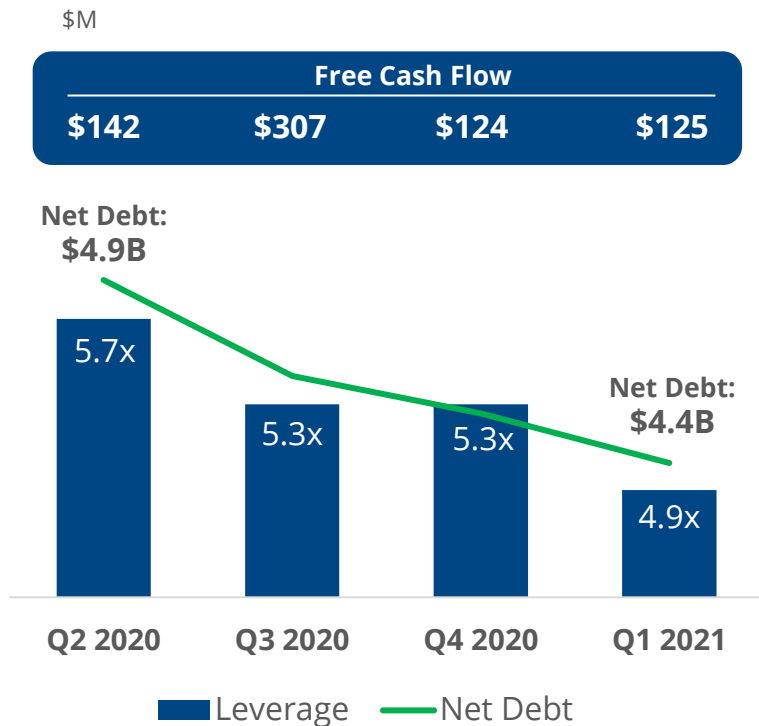
- Sales down 1% YOY, up 2% on workday-adjusted basis
- Utility's strong and consistent growth driven by industry-leading value proposition, scope expansion and secular trends around grid hardening and reliability
- Broadband growth driven by secular trends of 5G build-out and fiber network expansion for rural development
- Integrated Supply sales were down vs. prior year but improved sequentially in-line with industrial recovery
- Adjusted EBITDA margin up 100 bps due to synergy capture, effective cost controls, and execution of margin improvement initiatives



Leading supply chain capabilities enable WESCO to continue to take share

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Strong Free Cash Flow Supporting Debt Paydown



- Free Cash Flow of \$698 million TTM
- Net debt reduced by \$144 million in Q1
 - \$534 million since June 2020
 - No near-term debt maturities
- Leverage reduced 0.4x in Q1
 - 0.8x since June 2020

On track to return to target leverage range of 2.0-3.5x by mid-2023

2021 Outlook

	FY 2021 Outlook	
	Prior (2/9/21)	Revised (5/6/21)
Reported Sales¹	3% - 6%	4.5% - 7.5%
2021 Adjusted EBITDA margin²	5.4% - 5.7%	5.8% - 6.1%
Effective Tax Rate	~23%	~22%
Adjusted EPS ²	\$5.50 - \$6.00	\$6.80 - \$7.30
Free Cash Flow (percent of net income)	~100%	~100%
Capital Expenditures	\$100 - \$120M	\$100 - \$120M

Accelerated synergy capture and market growth drive increased outlook for 2021

¹ Reflects one less workday in 2021 compared to 2020.

² Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA before other, net, non-cash stock-based compensation, merger-related costs and the net gain on the sale of WESCO's legacy utility and data communications businesses in Canada; Adjusted EPS only excludes the net gain on the sale of WESCO's legacy utility and data communications businesses in Canada, merger-related costs and the related income tax effects.

Summary

- **Excellent start to the year with strong results across the board**
 - Capitalized on market leadership and operating leverage as economic recovery accelerated
 - Continued to outperform market and realizing cross-sell benefits
 - Delivered margin expansion on strong execution of integration plan; synergy targets raised
- **Continue to rapidly delever balance sheet with leverage reduced 0.8x since June 2020**
- **Increased full year outlook for sales, Adjusted EBITDA, and Adjusted EPS**
 - Continuing to monitor supply chain and pandemic recovery cadence
- **Well positioned to participate in evolving secular growth opportunities**

Our performance and improving macro environment drive stronger 2021 outlook

APPENDIX

Glossary

Abbreviations

1H: First half of fiscal year

2H: Second half of fiscal year

A/V: Audio/visual

COGS: Cost of goods sold

CIG: Commercial, Institutional, and Government

CSS: Communications & Security Solutions (business unit)

EES: Electrical & Electronic Solutions (business unit)

ETR: Effective tax rate

FTTx: Fiber-to-the-x (last mile fiber optic network connections)

HSD: High-single digit

LSD: Low-single digit

MRO: Maintenance, repair, and operating

MTDC: Multi-tenant datacenter

MSD: Mid-single digit

PF: Pro Forma

OEM: Original equipment manufacturer

OPEX: Operating expenses

ROW: Rest of world

Seq: Sequential

TTM: Trailing twelve months

UBS: Utility & Broadband Solutions (business unit)

WD: Workday

YoY: Year-over-year

Definitions

Executed synergies: Initiatives fully implemented – actions taken to generate savings

Realized synergies: Savings that impact financial results versus pro forma 2019

Leverage: Debt, net of cash, divided by trailing-twelve-month adjusted EBITDA

Workdays

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY
2019	63	64	63	62	252
2020	64	64	64	61	253
2021	62	64	64	62	252

Pro Forma and Workday-Adjusted Sales

\$ in millions

Pro Forma Workday-Adjusted Net Sales

	Three Months Ended				Growth		
	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020			Reported	Pro Forma	Adjusted ²
	Reported	Reported	Anixter ¹	Pro Forma			
Net sales	\$ 4,041	\$ 1,969	\$ 2,072	\$ 4,040	105%	0%	3%

¹ Represents Anixter's reported results for the period from January 4, 2020 to April 3, 2020, as previously filed in an exhibit to Form 8-K on November 4, 2020.

² Represents the percentage impact of 62 workdays in the three months ended March 31, 2021 compared to 64 workdays in the three months ended March 31, 2020.

Gross Profit and Free Cash Flow

\$ in millions

Gross Profit

	Three Months Ended,	
	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020
Net sales	\$ 4,041	\$ 1,969
Cost of goods sold ⁽¹⁾	3,230	1,592
Gross profit	\$ 811	\$ 377
<i>Gross margin</i>	20.1%	19.1%

Free Cash Flow

	Three Months Ended,	
	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020
Cash flow provided by operations	\$ 120	\$ 32
Less: capital expenditures	(10)	(16)
Add: merger-related expenditures	15	-
Free cash flow	\$ 125	\$ 16
Adjusted net income	88	38
<i>% of adjusted net income</i>	141%	41%

⁽¹⁾ Excludes depreciation and amortization.

Adjusted EBITDA

\$ in millions

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin % by Segment

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2021				
	EES	CSS	UBS	Corporate	Total
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 101	\$ 74	\$ 87	\$ (216)	\$ 45
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1)	-	-	1	-
Preferred stock dividends	-	-	-	14	14
Provision for income taxes	-	-	-	7	7
Interest expense, net	-	-	-	70	70
Depreciation and amortization	11	16	5	9	41
EBITDA	\$ 111	\$ 90	\$ 92	\$ (115)	\$ 177
Other, net	-	-	-	(3)	(3)
Stock-based compensation expense	1	1	1	3	5
Merger-related costs	-	-	-	46	46
Gain from sale	-	-	(9)	-	(9)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 112	\$ 91	\$ 84	\$ (70)	\$ 217
Adjusted EBITDA margin %	6.5%	7.3%	7.8%		5.4%

¹ Stock-based compensation expense in the calculation of adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended March 31, 2021 excludes \$1.3 million as this amount is included in merger-related costs.

Adjusted EPS

	Q1 2021			Q1 2020		
	Reported Results	Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	Adjusted Results	Reported Results	Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	Adjusted Results
<i>(in millions, except for EPS)</i>						
Income from operations	\$ 133.3	\$ 37.4	\$ 170.7	\$ 60.9	\$ 4.6	\$ 65.5
Interest expense, net	70.4	-	70.4	16.6	(0.5)	16.1
Other, net	(2.8)	-	(2.8)	(0.1)	-	(0.1)
Income before income taxes	65.7	37.4	103.1	44.4	5.1	49.6
Income tax	6.5	8.1 ²	14.6	10.3	1.2 ²	11.4
<i>Effective tax rate</i>	<i>9.9%</i>		<i>14.2%</i>	<i>23.1%</i>		<i>23.1%</i>
Net income	59.2	29.3	88.4	34.2	3.9	38.1
<i>Less: Non-controlling interests</i>	-	-	-	(0.2)	-	(0.2)
Net income attributable to WESCO	59.2	29.3	88.4	34.4	3.9	38.3
Preferred stock dividends	14.4	-	14.4	-	-	-
Net income attributable to common stockholders	44.8	29.3	74.0	34.4	3.9	38.3
Diluted Shares	51.7		51.7	42.1		42.1
EPS	\$ 0.87		\$ 1.43	\$ 0.82		\$ 0.91

¹ Adjustments include merger-related costs and interest, a net gain on the sale of WESCO's legacy utility and data communications businesses in Canada, and the related income tax effects.

² The adjustments to income from operations and net interest expense have been tax effected at rates of 21.8% and 23.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Capital Structure and Leverage

\$ in millions

Financial Leverage	Pro Forma Twelve Months Ended,	
	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 90	\$ 116
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	(0)	(1)
Preferred stock dividends	44	30
Provision for income taxes	40	56
Interest expense, net	293	256
Depreciation and amortization	162	153
EBITDA	\$ 629	\$ 610
Other, net	(5)	5
Stock-based compensation	30	35
Merger-related costs and fair value adjustments	246	207
Out-of-period adjustment	19	19
Net gain on sale of asset and Canadian divestitures	(29)	(20)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 890	\$ 855

Debt

	As of,		Maturity
	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	
Receivables Securitization (variable)	\$ 945	\$ 950	2023
Inventory Revolver (variable)	475	250	2025
2021 Senior Notes (fixed)	-	500	2021
2023 Senior Notes AXE (fixed)	59	59	2023
2024 Senior Notes (fixed)	350	350	2024
2025 Senior Notes AXE (fixed)	4	4	2025
2025 Senior Notes (fixed)	1,500	1,500	2025
2028 Senior Notes (fixed)	1,325	1,325	2028
Other	38	47	Various
Total debt¹	\$ 4,696	\$ 4,985	
Less: cash and cash equivalents	304	449	
Total debt, net of cash	\$ 4,392	\$ 4,536	
Leverage	4.9x	5.3x	

¹ Total debt is presented in the consolidated balance sheets net of debt discount and debt issuance costs, and includes adjustments to record the long-term debt assumed in the merger with Anixter at its acquisition date fair value.