

# Canfor Corporation.

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# Our operations.

We manufacture forest products in 3 countries:



32 Sawmills (6.2 BBF annual capacity)\*

16 Residual & Value-added facilities

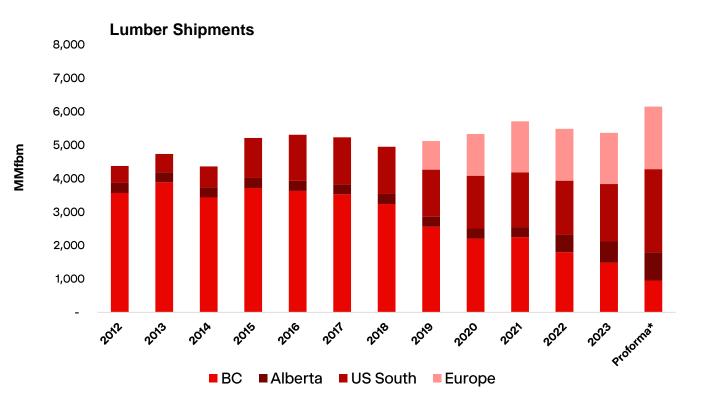
2 Pulp mills (including integrated paper machine)

\* Proforma following announced investments in US South and Sweden

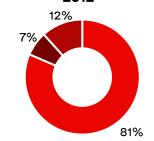


### Lumber business evolution.

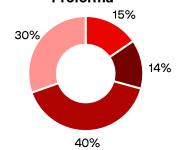
Executing on diversification strategy to support more stable returns over the cycle.



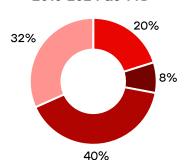
### Regional Lumber Capacity 2012



### Regional Lumber Capacity Proforma\*



### Lumber Segment EBITDA \*\* 2019-2024 Q3 YTD



### Highlights.

#### **Disciplined Approach to Growth**

Over 3.2 BBF capacity acquired through M&A (~C\$580/Mfbm) since 2013<sup>1</sup>

#### **Significant Growth in US South**

Achieved through targeted CAPEX, strategic acquisitions

#### **Successful Expansion in Europe**

Providing transformational growth and diversification; profitable through the cycle

#### **Well Capitalized Platform in Alberta**

Providing critical supply of SPF lumber in low-cost jurisdiction

### **Rightsizing BC Footprint**

Reduced exposure supporting improved free cash flow generation, reducing duty exposure

#### **Balance Sheet Strength**

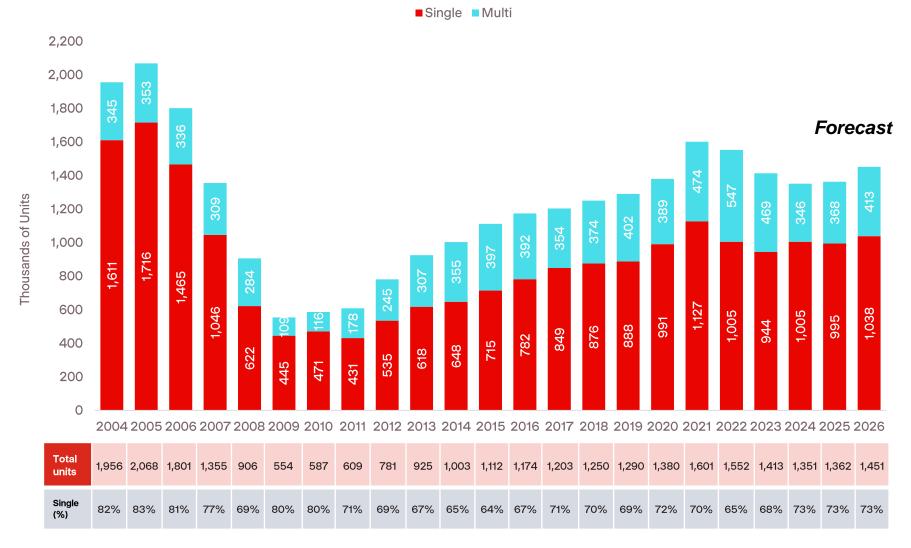
Company well-positioned to grow further on a global basis

<sup>1</sup> Vida capacity and purchase price reflective of Canfor's 77% ownership

<sup>\*</sup> Includes greenfield sawmill in Alabama, planned investments in Arkansas and Sweden

<sup>\*\*</sup> Excludes one-time items

# **US** housing starts forecast.



### Considerations.

### **Positive demographics**

Homeownership rate of ages 25-34 yrs. old are expected to increase 1-1/2 % per year

#### **Increased Tenure & Interest Rates**

Older homeowners are staying in their homes longer, 1 in 3 reporting they do not plan to sell due to low interest rates on current home

#### **New Homes Cheaper than Existing**

In mid 2024, new homes on a per square foot basis are cheaper than existing homes listed, driving buyers into the new home market

### **Whole Market Affordability**

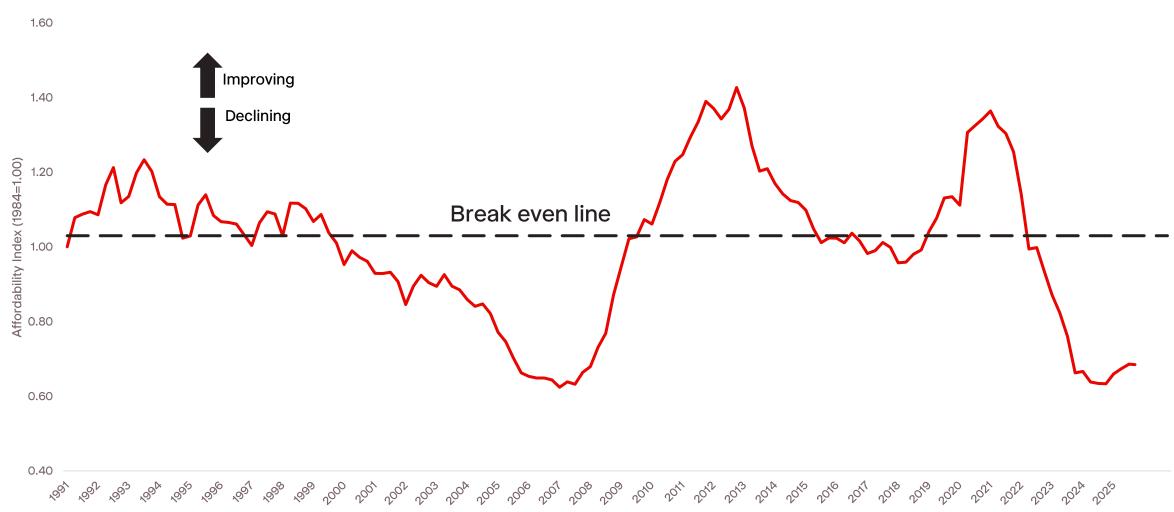
Long term interest rates to continue putting pressure on affordability throughout 2025

#### **Economic & Political**

Real wage growth likely to continue into 2025 while reduced regulations on homebuilding improve outlook for construction

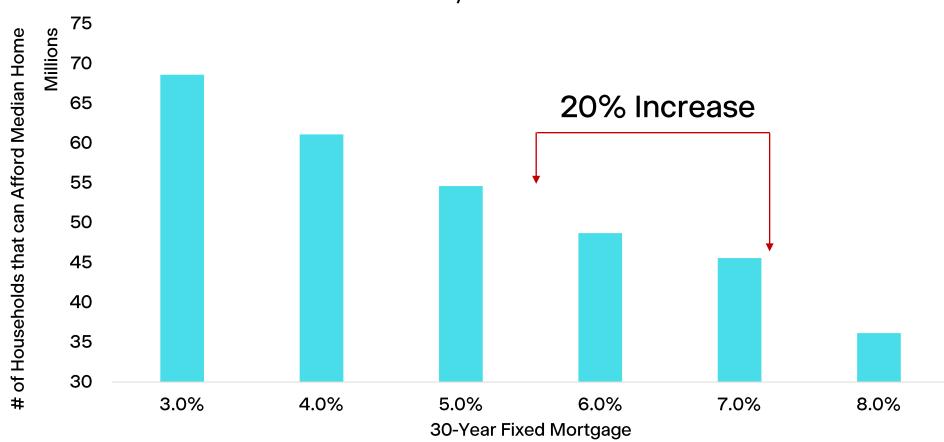
Source: US Census Bureau, Canfor Market Intelligence 5

# US home affordability index.

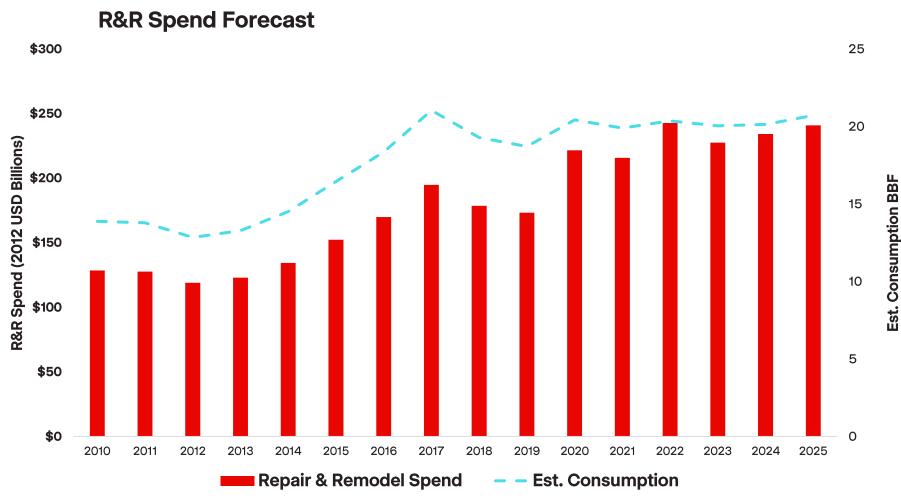


## Interest rate sensitivity.





### Repair and remodel outlook.



### Considerations.

#### **Aging in Place**

Increased levels of retrofitting, accessibility, and updates opposed to trading up

#### **Average Home Size**

Existing homes are on average 500 sq. ft. smaller than new construction, leading to increased frequency of home additions

#### **Home Equity**

High levels of homeowner equity will help to facilitate larger scale projects for homeowners

#### **Existing Home Sales**

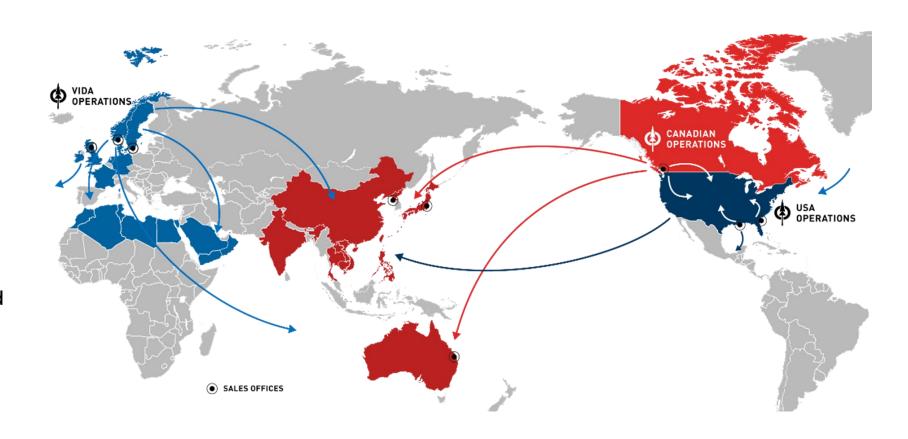
Low existing home sales over the last several years is likely to put downside pressure on spending over the next 12 months

#### **Materials Cost**

DIY segment remains highly sensitive to materials cost, affordability poses risk to near term activity

# Our supply chain.

- Ability to leverage global platform to support key programs and optimize supply chain
- Strong alignment with key customers and channels (e.g. Home Center)
- High-value product mix and diversification efforts supporting more stable returns over the cycle



# Our high value product diversification.



### **Appearance**

J grade & Square Edge Dimension Boards, Pattern, Fascia, Clear

Visual appearance is primary purchase variable

### **Application**

SYP Long Length 22'/24'/26' SPF & Spruce Metric Sizes

Matching sizes to end-user requirements

### Strength

MSR Dimension, Lamina Blanks & SYP Glulam Beams

Leverage fibre strength to match demand North America's largest producer of SYP Glulam

# Louisiana greenfield sawmill.



# DeRidder, Louisiana

### **Highlights:**

- 250 MMfbm capacity (achieved in 2024)
- US\$160M investment (~\$640/Mfbm)
- High-speed, top-quartile cost operation producing high-value products
- Strategically located to service the strong Texas housing market

# Modernizing Urbana Sawmill.



### Summary

- US\$130M investment
- 115 MMfbm capacity increase, 2 shift operation
- Significantly improves cost structure
- Completed on budget and on schedule; exceeding initial targets

### **Strategic Alignment**

- Improves manufacturing efficiency, versatility and flexibility
- Abundant supply of high-quality fibre (2.0 growth to drain ratio)
- Increases high value product mix (LAM stock, MSR, CLT Stock)
- Top quartile mill close to major end markets
- Significant synergies achieved with recently acquired mill in El Dorado

# Alabama greenfield sawmill.



# Axis, Alabama

~25 miles north of Mobile

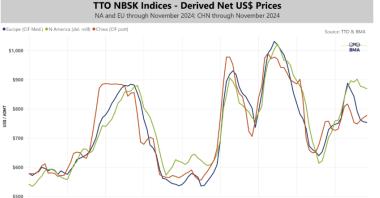
### **Highlights:**

- US\$210M investment (\$840/Mfbm)
- State-of-the-art, top quartile sawmill (250 MMfbm capacity)
- Optimizes strong fiber basket in region
- Improved manufacturing flexibility provides opportunity to capture market premiums on specific products
- Completed on budget and on schedule (Q4 2024)

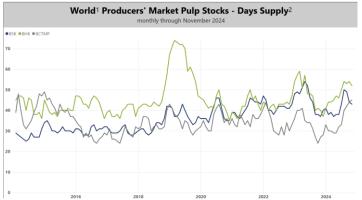
# Pulp market update.

- Global pulp prices have stabilized in Q4 2024 after a sharp rise earlier in the year
- Pulp pricing relatively stable in early 2025 with modest changes depending on region
- Pulp producer inventories are staring to decrease after building mid-year
- Following slow shipments to customers in 2024, global pulp shipments are anticipated to increase in 2025
- After recent capacity starts, future growth will continue to be concentrated in Latin America but be more limited in 2026-2027
- Global softwood pulp demand/capacity balance projected at 87% in 2024 increasing to 91% in 2025 and staying in this range through 2028

#### **Global NBSK Pulp Prices Are Stable**

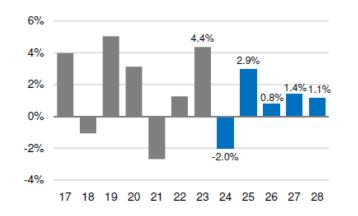


#### **Global Producer Pulp Inventories Are Above Normal**



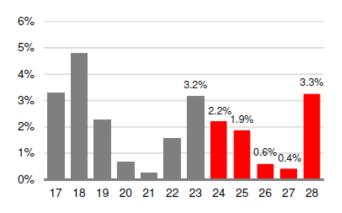
#### **Demand Anticipated to Slowly Grow Over Time**

### World Chemical Market Pulp Demand annual % change



#### **Moderate Capacity Additions Next Few Years**

#### World Chemical Market Pulp Capacity annual % change



# Financial highlights.

Q3 2024 Summary (Canfor, Excl. CPPI)

\$52M

Net Cash\*

\$1.8B

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**\$972M** 

**Duty Deposits** 

\$5.3B

**Total Assets** 

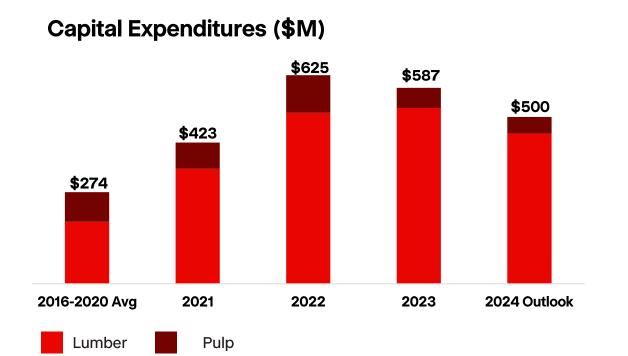
\$27.41

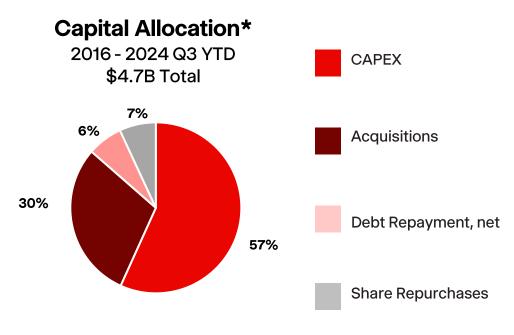
Book Value/Share



# Capital allocation.

- Disciplined approach to capital allocation
- · Continuous reinvestment in operations and targeted external growth
- Focus on eliminating debt and maintaining strong balance sheet
- Opportunistically repurchasing shares under NCIB and returning capital to shareholders
- Projecting significantly lower CAPEX in 2025 following completion of several major projects in recent years



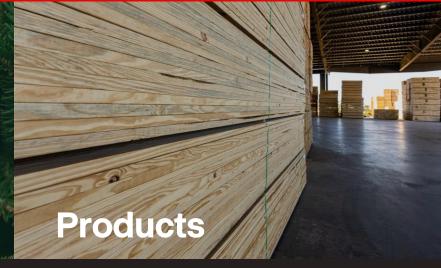


# Our sustainability framework.

We're building a future as sustainable as the forest.







Our people and communities thrive because we are focused on safety, inclusion, equity and wellness every day.

- Safety, health and wellness
- Inclusion and diversity
- Indigenous relations
- Human rights
- Community resilience

Our practices and products play an integral role in helping to protect the planet and mitigate climate change.

- Sustainable forestry
- Climate change
- Air quality
- Water management
- Waste management

Our products are sustainable because our manufacturing and supply chain are optimized for responsible resource use.

- · Residuals management
- Supply chain management
- Energy management

### Our climate ambition.

As we make progress on our climate journey, we will continue to explore opportunities to reduce carbon emissions across our value chain

	Scope 1 Emissions	Scope 2 Emissions	Scope 3 Emissions
Targets	Reduce absolute scope 1 and scope 2 carbon emissions by 42% by 2023 from a 2020 baseline year.		Reduce absolute scope 3 emissions by 25% by 2030 from a 2022 baseline year.
Emissions Sources	All direct emissions from Canfor activities under our control, e.g., emissions released from generating electricity on site.  Lumber production Pulp & paper production Pulp & paper production	Indirect emissions from the electricity Canfor purchases and uses, e.g., emissions from electricity purchased from the grid.  Lumber production Pulp & paper production Pulp & paper production	All other indirect emissions occurring from sources that Canfor does not own or control, e.g., emissions from the transportation of products via rail.  Woodlands and value chain emissions

We plan to invest \$250M in carbon reduction projects across our business by 2030.

# Value proposition.





Differentiated High-Valued Products



**Diversified Global Platform** 



**Well Capitalized Mills** 



**Positioned for Growth** 



**Sustainability Focus** 

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