# Accord Financial Corp.

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All currencies denoted herein are Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

### Leaders in Commercial Finance

### Founded 1978

Founded in Toronto and Montreal 44 years ago, Accord is Canada's longest established speciality lender:

- Publicly traded on the TSX since 1992
- Fully transparent, exceptional performance through multiple market cycles
- Profitable 40 straight years

### Secured Lending Solutions

Accord offers a variety of secured lending solutions to small and medium sized business in the US and Canada:

- Accounts Receivable Finance
- Inventory Finance
- Equipment Finance
- Small Business Loans
- Media Finance



### 40+ Years of Evolution

Accord Financial launched after raising \$2 million in start-up capital Acquired the
Canadian
receivables finance
business of
Heller Financial

Went public on the TSX; acquired JTA Factoring and Montcap Financial Corp. — establishing a complete North American presence Acquired iTrade Finance, specialized in financing international transactions

Expanded into
equipment financing
by acquiring
Vancouver-based
Varion Capital Corp.

Acquired Chicagobased equipment finance company CapX Partners

1978

1986

1992

2005

2014

2017

1984

Acquired Kerlen Factors Ltd., its first acquisition 1990

Acquired U.F. Financial Services 1996

Acquired Skyview International Financial Corp. 2012

Introduced
AccordOctet, an innovative supply chain finance program

2017

Acquired a majority stake in Los Angelesbased BondIt Media Capital 2021

Portfolio, revenue and earnings reach all-time record highs.



# TSX: ACD (Mar 31/22)

Price: \$8.74

EPS: \$1.46 (trailing 12 months)

Yield: 3.4% (div: 7.5 cents/qtr)

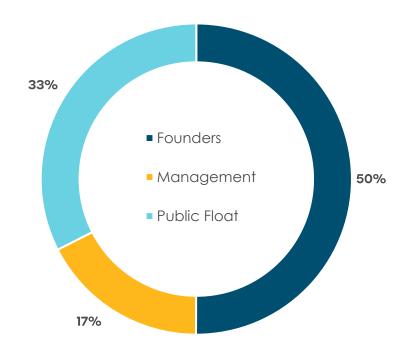
P/E: 6.0x (pre-covid: 10x)

P/B: 0.74x (BV/share: \$11.75)

52-Wk range: \$9.20/\$7.50

Market Cap: \$72 Million

# 8.6m Shares Outstanding

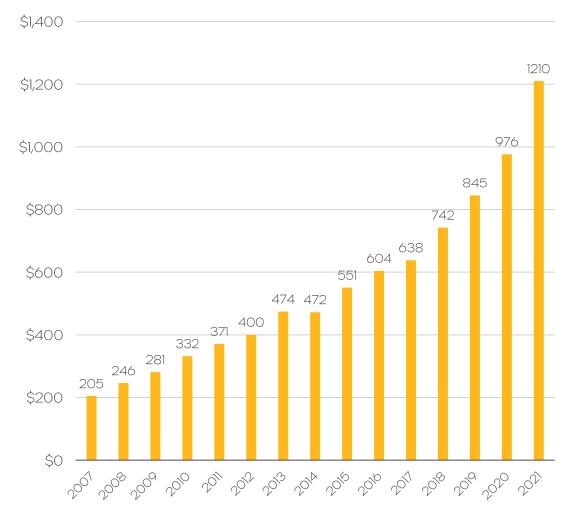




# Market Opportunity

- Non-bank lending continues unprecedented growth since the financial crisis
- Big banks exiting SME lending because of regulatory change post-financial crisis (Basel III), which forces higher capital requirement for banks when lending to non-investment grade companies
- Small and middle market companies must seek
   alternatives huge market share up for grabs

### Global Private Debt AUM (US\$ billions)



<sup>\*</sup> Source: Prequin Ltd.



# Prime examples of "underbanked" borrowers

### Growth

### **ConstructionSolve (2019)**

- Technology and equipment rentals for construction industry
- Fast growing, private equitybacked innovator in the space
- Capital One provides a \$1.2 billion bank line
- Accord tops up financing for the equipment rental fleet on top of the bank facility
- Solution: \$15M, 48-month equipment finance, 11% rate, upsizing in tranches as the company grows

### Transition

### School's In (2015)

- Educational supplies company tracing its roots back to 1939
- Transitioned from retail stores to online; their bank wasn't convinced that the transition would be successful
- Accord and BDC stepped up, the company successfully transitioned and grew
- Solution: \$2M revolving loan on inventory and receivables (school boards), 15% yield, now upsized to \$5M to finance growth

### Small Business

### **Big-Time Rock (2008)**

- Family-owned: stone quarries, serving wholesalers / contractors
- Accord supported growth from \$700K to \$12M in revenue since 2008 (financing for organic growth and acquisitions)
- Returned to Accord after a brief stint with a bank; prefers to work with like-minded entrepreneurs
- Solution: steadily increasing equipment finance, along with working capital to pay suppliers, currently \$5.4M in total





#### **DRIVING GROWTH**

# Transformative Platform Acquisitions

Integrated three platform acquisitions; each sub \$10 million investment with value unlocked by combining strong platforms with Accord's access to capital. Growth and value were created:

- One-stop source of financing to our referral network, channel partners and SMEs directly
- Maximizes growth opportunities via integrated marketing and cross-selling across divisions



### Small Business Finance (2014)

- Unique position: ability to deliver multiple solutions to the small business sector
- Current portfolio \$170 million



### US Equipment Finance (2017)

- Unique position: history of funding via institutional asset mgmt.
- Current portfolio US\$56 million



### Media Finance (2017)

- Unique position: sister companies control risk (payroll & production)
- Current portfolio US\$104 million



#### **GROWTH ENGINE**

### Core Divisions

### 1. Equipment Finance

- Loan Size: \$1-\$10 million
- Wide range of industries and collateral types

### 2. Asset-based Lending

- Loan Size: \$1-\$10 million
- Core collateral: receivables, inventory, equipment

### 3. Small Business Lending

- Loan Size: \$1-\$10 million
- Core collateral: receivables, inventory, equipment

#### 4. Media Finance

- Loan Size: \$100K \$3 million
- Guaranteed payments from Netflix, Amazon, etc.

Average Yield (%)	Cost of Debt (%)	Spread (%)	Growth Target (%)
10.5%	3.0%	7.5%	15.0%
12.5%	3.0%	9.5%	15.0%
15.0%	3.5%	11.5%	15.0%
21.0%	11.5%	9.5%	10.0%



### **GROWTH ENGINE**

## Across the US and Canada 🗼 🚞





### COAST TO COAST **PRESENCE**

Toronto

Montreal

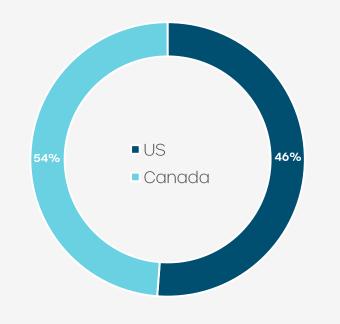
Vancouver

New York

Chicago, IL

Los Angeles

### **BALANCED PORTFOLIO** \$478 MILLION



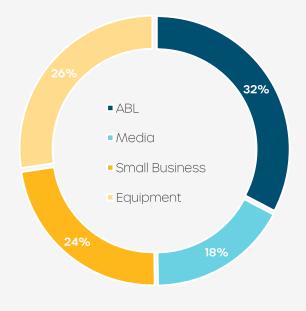


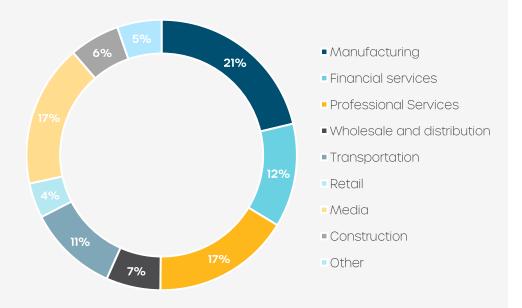
### RISK CONTROL

### Portfolio Diversification

Loan Portfolio Breakdown (as of 3/31/2022)

Broad market coverage and product line deliver diversification by asset class and industry sector







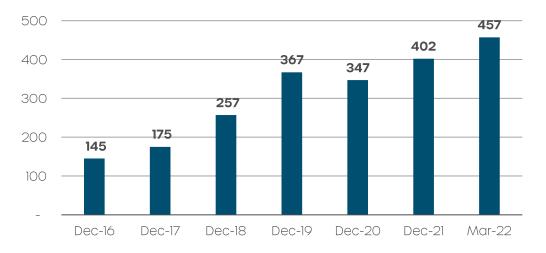


#### OUTSTANDING

### Credit Performance

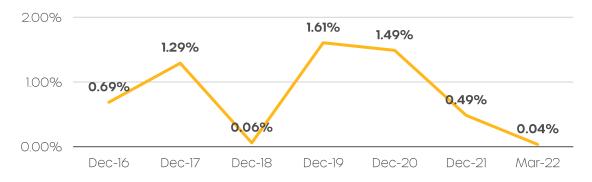
- Disciplined risk management culture since 1978
- Strong credit fundamentals: security/collateral bolstered by credit scoring and financial analysis
- Conservative single name / sector limits
- Three levels of credit authority:
  - Divisional CRO approval
  - II. > \$1 million, corporate credit committee approval
  - III. > \$2.5 million, Board Credit Committee approval

### Avg. Funds Employed (Cdn\$ millions)



### Net Credit Loss as % of Avg. Funds Employed

3.00%



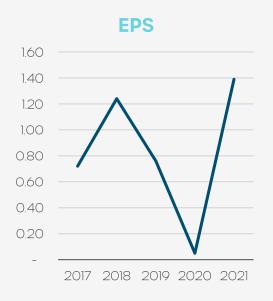
<sup>\*</sup> Excluding the credit & collections division, which wound down in 2021



### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

# All Key Metrics Accelerating







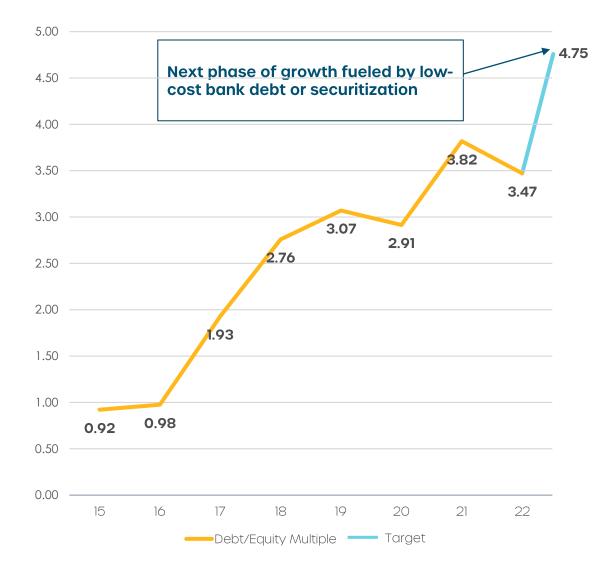




# Balance Sheet Runway

- Economic crisis has kept Accord's leverage well below target debt/equity ratio of 4.75 to 1
- This next growth phase will drive average cost of capital down and EPS & ROE up
- The next \$100 million of portfolio growth is easily funded by dry powder on the current balance sheet

### Debt/Equity Target (x)





### **GROWTH TRAJECTORY**

# Sweet Spot for Organic Growth

- Streamlined platform after consolidating acquisitions is complete
- Operating leverage within the existing platform will drive <u>accelerated EPS growth</u>

\*This is an illustration; growth is not guaranteed, but the strategy and momentum are in place

		Run Rate	Next \$100M	% Change
Portofilo	(\$mm)	\$480.0	\$580.0	21.0%
Revenue	(\$mm)	\$71.5	\$86.4	21%
(-) Interest	(\$mm)	\$18.8	\$22.7	21%
(-) Overhead	(\$mm)	\$37.7	\$41.8	11%
(-) Tax	(\$mm)	\$1.9	\$2.7	42%
Profit	(\$mm)	\$13.1	\$19.2	47%
EPS	(\$/sh)	\$1.53	\$2.01	31%



### Inflection Point is Now

#### **Book Value Discount**

#### The discount to book value remains significant

- Unusual hangover from covid year
- ACD BV acted as a stock price floor through the last economic cycle

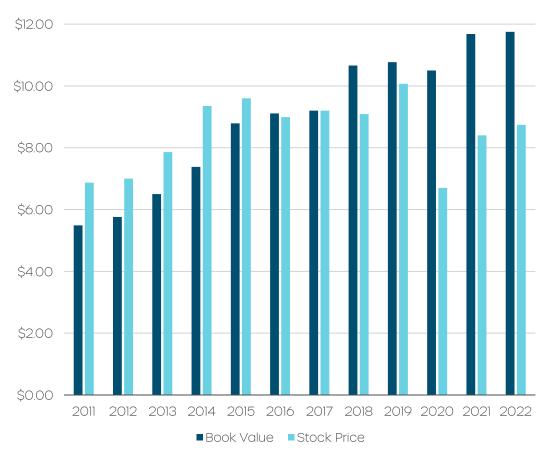
### **Unlocking Potential**

#### PE and BV multiple expansion has significant runway

- Pre-covid long-term PE multiple was 10x
- Reversion will be driven by earnings and ROE growth
- Both measures on track

### Share Price and BVPS Trend\*





\* In CAD as of December 31st (2022 as of 3/31)



# Outstanding Leadership Team



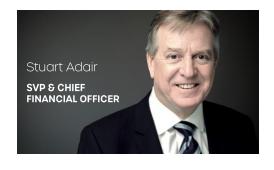
#### Simon Hitzig, President & CEO

- Joined Accord in 2011
- Previously led marketing, product development and US strategy at DundeeWealth / Dynamic Funds
- B.A. from York University and MBA from Georgetown University



#### **David Beutel, Chairman**

- Joined the Board in 2014
- Chairman of Diamond Estates Wines and Spirits, Inc.
- B.A. from University of Pennsylvania and MBA from Schulich School of Business



#### Stuart Adair, SVP & CFO

- CFO of Accord since 2002
- Prior to Accord worked at PwC UK and Toronto
- B.A. from Sheffield University and M.A. from Queens University



#### Irene Eddy, SVP, Capital Markets

- Joined Accord in 2019
- Held executive positions at DBRS and GE Capital
- Certified public accountant and law degree from Fordham University



