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Industry leader with unique business model, strong brand recognition and trusted reputation



Diversified product offerings and geographies mitigates exposure to cyclical U.S. housing market



Strong market share in wood products with significant opportunities in all addressable markets



Industry-leading gross profit and operating margins



Strong balance sheet enables financial flexibility and shareholder returns



Committed to returning a minimum of 50% of cash flow from operations to shareholders

### **Company Overview**



Simpson Manufacturing Co. designs, engineers and manufactures structural connectors, anchors, fasteners, software solutions and other products for new construction, repair and remodel, and do-it-yourself markets

#### Key Facts and Figures<sup>(1)</sup>

- Ticker: NYSE:SSD
- Market Cap: \$2.92 B
- Year Founded: 1956
- Year Public: 1994
- 2018 Revenue: \$1.08 B
- Headquarters: Pleasanton, CA
- Operations in **50 locations** globally
- Employees: 3,135

#### Unique Business Model...

- Simpson has spent over **60 years** providing the highest-quality structural building solutions, and has built a strong foundation of **product innovation, customer service and industry leadership**
- Simpson is seen as a thought leader in supporting the process of building safer, stronger structures in collaboration with customers, specifiers and code officials
- Simpson continues to differentiate from competitors across operating segments by designing and marketing end-to-end construction product systems
- Simpson **promotes a culture of employee ownership** focused on the value and contributions of every employee

#### ...Drives Shareholder Value

• Balanced capital allocation strategy utilizes free cash flow to grow the business and to provide returns to stockholders<sup>(2)</sup>:

40% Increase in quarterly dividend Share repurchases

Cash flows from operations returned to shareholders



(1) As of May 15, 2019.(2) Data as of the three years ended December 31, 2018.

### **Products for Construction**



Typically made of steel and are used primarily to strengthen, support and connect wood joints











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SAMPLE PRODUCT LINES: Truss plates, screw-delivery systems, holdowns, fasteners, joist hangers, wood & steel shearwalls, moment frames

#### **Product Applications**









Single Family

**DIY: Decks** 

**Multi-Family** 

**Outdoor Accents® Hardware** 

### **Products for Construction (continued)**

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**Concrete Construction Products** 

- Produce and market over 1,000 standard and custom products
- Composed of various materials including steel, chemicals and carbon fiber used to anchor, protect and strengthen concrete









SAMPLE PRODUCT LINES:

Powder-actuated tools, mechanical anchors, adhesives, concrete repair systems, fiberglass jackets, carbon fiber

#### **Product Applications**





**Concrete Piers** 



**Agricultural Silos** 



**DIY – The Home Depot** 

#### **Bridges**





**Fasteners (Addressable) Concrete (Addressable) Wood Connectors & Truss (Addressable)** 

(1) Note: Market sizes and market shares based on internal estimates using information as of December 31, 2018. Includes North America, Europe and Pacific Rim.

### Simpson's Market Share<sup>(1)</sup>





Solution Fasteners (SSD Share) Concrete (SSD Share) Wood Connectors & Truss (SSD Share)

(1) Note: Market share based on net sales as of the full year ended December 31, 2019. Market sizes based on internal estimates using information as of December 31, 2018. Includes North America, Europe and Pacific Rim.



Simpson Manufacturing Co. operates across 3 reporting segments (North America, Europe & Asia/Pacific) with 2 primary product lines (Wood Construction & Concrete Construction)



Countries of distribution

Our > 24,000 Customers distribute our product through their own distribution channels

Our investments in adjacent products and markets have helped mitigate our exposure to a cyclical U.S. housing market over time...



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...while also allowing us to provide a complete product solution to our customers and to improve sales and margins in our core wood connector business.

#### EUROPE

- Attractive opportunity to grow wood connectors, fasteners and concrete products with tailwinds from improved economic conditions
- Helps diversify from significant exposure to U.S. housing starts
- Expands trusted brand reputation through extensive testing and education capabilities

#### CONCRETE

- Sharpening focus on higher-margin product lines to drive profitability and increase market share from 10% to 14% by fiscal 2020
- Complementary to wood construction product offering
- Able to perform throughout all industry cycles given less reliance on U.S. housing starts for growth

#### SOFTWARE

- Preserves market share of core wood connector business through availability of end-to-end product and software solution
- Development of best-inclass truss software solution, specifically, enhances technological capabilities to remain competitive
- Over 40% of our core wood connector sales are to customers with software needs



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### STRATEGIC RATIONALE

- Without software solutions, we believe a meaningful portion of our market share in our core wood connector products would be at risk
- Investments in software have enhanced our technological capabilities to remain competitive in wood construction space
- Simpson's proprietary software allows data to transfer into "estimation workflows", where customers can:
  - Review blueprints and provide builders with a required bill of materials, specified with Simpson products
  - Submit the bill of materials into their back-office systems to save and process the order



### Aside from our strong brand recognition and trusted reputation, Simpson is unique due to:



Testing of Simpson Strong-Tie® FX-70 Structural Repair and Strengthening System at Simpson's Tyrell Gilb Research Lab – the industry's first full-scale, cyclic test of a repaired wood pile.

- Strong customer support and education for engineers, builders, contractors and code officials
  - Provide on-site customer installation training and support
- Extensive product testing capabilities at our state-ofthe-art test lab
  - We lead the industry in developing higher load values, faster product installations and increased building safety standards to better serve the needs of our customers
- Product availability with delivery in typically 24 48 hours or less
- Active involvement with code officials and agencies to improve building construction practices





#### Simpson Historical Operating Income Margin Versus Peer Average<sup>(1)</sup>

(1) Peer average includes: AAON, AMWD, APOG, AWI, CBPX, EXP, ROCK, IIIN, DOOR, PATK, PGTI, NX, SUM, TREX, USCR and WMS.

### **Strong Business Drives Shareholder Value**



Since 2010, Simpson has grown EPS by 370% and increased its quarterly dividend by 130%<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) As of March 31, 2019.

(2) The enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in December 2017 resulted in a provisional net charge of \$2.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2017, or an impact of \$0.04 per fully diluted share.

(3) Part of the 2013 dividend was accelerated due to uncertainty of changes to tax code in 2013. The dividend paid in Dec 2012 is included in 2013.



Simpson has established a current target capital return to shareholders of a minimum of 50% of cash flows from operations through both dividends and repurchases of its common stock





Over the past three years we have...

- Increased our annual dividend by approximately 40%
- Repurchased more than \$230 million in shares, including a record \$111 million in fiscal 2018

...resulting in returns of our cash flow from operations to stockholders of over 90%



### 2020 Plan



|   | KEY OBJECTIVES   | FY 2016A  | 2020 TARGETS   |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1 | FOCUS ON ORGANIC<br>GROWTH   | \$861 million Net Sales   | <ul> <li>~8% Organic Net Sales CAGR<sup>(1)</sup></li> </ul>   |  |  |
| 2 | RATIONALIZE COST<br>STRUCTURE TO<br>INCREASE<br>PROFITABILITY          | <ul> <li>31.8% Operating Expenses as a % of Net Sales</li> <li>16.2% Operating Income Margin<sup>(2)</sup></li> </ul> | <ul> <li>~26% - 27% Operating Expenses as a % of<br/>Net Sales</li> <li>~21% - 22% Operating Income Margin<sup>(2)</sup></li> <li>Working with leading management<br/>consultant to identify additional opportunities</li> </ul> |  |  |
| 3 | IMPROVE WORKING<br>CAPITAL MANAGEMENT<br>& BALANCE SHEET<br>DISCIPLINE | 2x Inventory Turn Rate  | <ul> <li>4x Inventory Turn Rate</li> <li>Working with external consultant to identify further improvements to inventory management</li> </ul>  |  |  |

#### IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL<sup>(3)</sup>

- Execution on the 2020 Plan is expected to substantially enhance ROIC
- Expect to achieve 17% to 18% ROIC target by FY 2020, up from 10.5% in FY 2016

#### **INCREASE CAPITAL RETURN TO SHAREHOLDERS**

- Committed to returning a minimum of 50% of cash flow from operations to shareholders
- Utilize capital from inventory reductions and balance sheet efficiency improvements to repurchase shares
- Review of owned real estate properties for potential sale; capital release to be used for repurchases

- (2) Operating income margin refers to consolidated income from operations as a percentage of net sales.
- (3) See slide 29 for Return on Invested Capital (ROIC) definition.

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on FY 2016 reported net sales of \$861 million.



Recent stock price performance reflects clarity surrounding business strategy, growth prospects and operational efficiencies



Note: Peer average includes: AAON, AMWD, APOG, AWI, CBPX, EXP, ROCK, IIIN, DOOR, PATK, PGTI, NX, SUM, TREX, USCR and WMS. Note: As of April 30, 2019.



### We believe in doing what's right for our people, customers and community

#### **Environmental Efforts**



Manufacturing Process Our value engineering process optimizes design while maximizing performance for construction



Energy Efficiencies We strive to increase energy efficiencies at our facilities for environmentally friendly, cost-effective operations



Sustainable Building Practices We support established national and local sustainable building practices



Recycling We recycle most key materials to reduce our impact on the environment



Innovative Product Use Our products strengthen structures they are installed in, making them more able to resist natural forces



Quality Programs We follow a quality system that manages defined procedures to ensure consistent product quality



Environmental Health & Safety We conduct safety audits at our manufacturing facilities around the world

#### **Social Programs**

Employee Involvement Our employees dedicate hundreds of volunteer hours each vear in their local communities

All Inclusive Workplace Our Boulstrop, Denmark, branch was named "Inclusive Workplace of the Year" in 2014

Scholarships





Our program provides financial assistance to employees children, and to engineering and architecture students



Sponsorships We sponsor a variety of campaigns to help support those in our industry

Disaster Relief



🔆 Habitat

Simpson supports disaster relief and recovery efforts around the globe



Industry Recognition We collaborated with academia on the NEESWood Capstone project

Careers We value the individuals and the creativity that individuals can bring to the workplace



For more information, visit http://www.simpsonmfg.com/social-responsibility





### **APPENDIX**

### Wood Construction — Product Spotlight



#### **Truss Products**

- Truss plates are made from light-gauge galvanized steel and are pressed into lumber to join wood members together, which create a structural roof truss
- Our manufacturing facilities incorporate state-ofthe-art technology to consistently produce topquality truss connector plates with some of the highest loads in the industry

#### Select Truss Products and Software



TRUSS



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#### **Truss Software**

- Our truss software supports our core wood product offering by providing a complete system
- Our Component Solutions<sup>®</sup> truss software suite offers comprehensive project management and design tools in a real-time 3D experience
- Truss Studio® provides simple, robust tools for truss design that enable Designers to become proficient in less time
- CS Director® streamlines project management by scheduling and tracking tasks, creating truss libraries, managing workflows and providing access to remote team members
- EWP Studio® is a layout, design and analysis solution for engineered wood products that complements our component software offering



### **Wood Construction — Product Spotlight**



#### **Outdoor Accents® Decorative Hardware**

- Outdoor Accents wood connectors and fasteners offer decorative appeal and structural strength to outdoor living areas such as pergolas, gazebos and patio covers
- The hardware accommodates various lumber sizes, providing flexibility for designing and building custom outdoor structures













APB ADJUSTABLE POST BASE FOR COLUMNS AND POSTS

APT FLAT STRAPS FOR 90° ANGLES OUTDOOR ACCENTS STRUCTURAL WOOD SCREW AND HEX-HEAD WASHER



### **Concrete Construction — Product Spotlight**



#### **Mechanical Anchors**

- Our mechanical anchors are designed to install easily and securely into a variety of base materials — including concrete, brick and stone
- For applications where there is a risk of concrete cracking, specific anchors have been designed and tested to offer reliability under these conditions
- Engineers and contractors trust Simpson Strong-Tie anchors for optimum performance under the most demanding structural applications





**Select Mechanical Anchors Products** 

TITEN HD® HEAVY DUTY SCREW ANCHOR

TITEN® 2 CONCRETE AND MASONRY SCREW STRONG-BOLT® 2 WEDGE ANCHOR

### **Software Critical to Preserve & Grow Core Business**



Technology strengthens our value proposition as the industry trusted partner in construction solutions and building software systems.

#### **INVESTMENTS IN SOFTWARE**

#### Acquired CG Visions (January 2017)

- Provides expertise and resources to offer software solutions and services to builders and lumber building material dealers
- Supports efforts to further develop integrated software component solutions for the building industry

#### Proprietary Truss Software

- Ongoing development to support truss
   component manufacturers
- Small and medium-sized component manufacturers represent >40% of truss market
  - Focused on converting medium-sized customers
  - Enabled by increased software capabilities and sophistication of our solutions

#### **THREE PILLARS**

#### DEVELOPMENT

- Truss Studio design
- Director management
- Web apps

#### PARTNER

- Hyphen back office ERP
- CSD I joist floor design
- Wall panel design

#### ACQUIRE

- CG Visions
- LotSpec Acad & Revit options

### **The SAP Project**



#### SAP STRATEGY

- ✓ Why? Legacy platform no longer able to support growing and complex needs of the business
- Current focus on converting all North American locations before other foreign operations to create efficiencies
- ✓ No scope creep helps contain costs
- ✓ Limited customization helps ensure consistency

#### **PROJECT COSTS**

| (\$ millions)       | 2016A | 2017A | 2018A | 2019E - 2021E | Total        |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|--------------|
| Total Project Costs | \$3   | \$8   | \$15  | ~\$12 - \$14  | ~\$38 - \$40 |
| Total Expense       | \$1   | \$2   | \$10  |               |              |

#### Notes:

~\$5.0 million contingency included: IT Business analysts, full-time Business Process Owners, IT training



In an effort to both reduce costs and drive profitability, we will be focused on operational improvements in our key focus areas.

#### EUROPE

- Consolidated European management team to one head of operations; creates efficiencies and accountability across European business
- Divested Gbo Poland and Gbo Romania; enables management to focus on end user markets core to its strategy

#### CONCRETE

- Ceased development of low-margin concrete repair product lines; addressable market size shifts to \$1.3B
- Improved concrete gross profit margins by 240 basis points year-over-year in 2018
- Focus on higher-margin product lines and cease acquisitions in concrete repair space

#### SOFTWARE

 Investing in software solution enhancements while holding R&D expenses steady

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- Refocus efforts on medium-sized truss component manufacturers to grow share
  - Continue to support smaller-sized customers
- Improve operating efficiencies through rationalization of manufacturing footprint

We will continuously review our progress against these initiatives – if we are not on track, we will evaluate more aggressive steps.

# Track Record of Shareholder Engagement and Responsiveness



| 2015 | <ul> <li>Members of our management and Board engaged with stockholders, representing ~51% of our shares, regarding compensation and governance topics, which resulted in the following changes:         <ul> <li>Introduced long-term incentive award with three year relative TSR performance modifier</li> <li>Increased percentage of NEO's compensation that is delivered in equity and vests over multiple years</li> <li>Added stock ownership guidelines for each of our Named Executive Officers and directors</li> <li>Improved disclosure of our compensation programs</li> </ul> </li> <li>Hired independent compensation consultant to assist the Board in redesigning the compensation plan</li> </ul>   |  |
|------|---|--|
| 2016 | <ul> <li>In direct response to stockholder feedback and following a deep review of our executive compensation and governance practices, the Board approved several significant changes including:         <ul> <li>Transformed our executive compensation program to enhance long-term performance orientation</li> <li>Increased the proportion of total NEO compensation delivered in equity with multi-year vesting</li> <li>Established three year performance measurement period in long-term incentive awards</li> <li>Adopted operational metrics in long-term incentives that align with our strategy</li> <li>Modified compensation targeting practices to target the median for compensation elements</li> <li>✓ Eliminated the stockholder rights plan</li> <li>✓ Shortened director term limits to 15 years for new directors that are elected to the Board (current directors' term limits will remain at 20 years)</li> <li>✓ Adopted compensation risk policies; clawback, anti-hedging and anti-pledging</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |
| 2017 | <ul> <li>Called a special meeting to provide stockholders with an opportunity to vote on Board declassification and the elimination of cumulative voting</li> <li>Committed to adopt proxy access after the special meeting of stockholders</li> <li>Announced the retirement of Thomas Fitzmyers as Vice Chairman of the Board, effective as of the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders</li> <li>Elected new independent director, Michael Bless, at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders</li> <li>Unveiled "2020 Plan" to improve operational performance and enhance shareholder value</li> </ul>   |  |
| 2018 | <ul> <li>Announced the election of current board member James Andrasick as chairman of the Board, effective January 1, 2019</li> <li>Peter Louras served as the Company's chairman until December 31, 2018 and will continue to serve on the Board until the 2019 annual meeting. In accordance with the Board's Corporate Governance Guidelines on director tenure, which provides that no non-employee director who was on the Board prior to 2016 will be nominated for reelection after 20 years of board service, the Board does not plan to nominate Mr. Louras for re-election at the 2019 annual meeting of the Company's stockholders.</li> </ul>  |  |

The Board has a track record of engaging with and seeking the feedback of our stockholders as well as taking action on the feedback received.



When referred to in this presentation, the Company's return on invested capital ("ROIC") for a fiscal year is calculated based on (i) the net income of that year as presented in the Company's consolidated statements of operations prepared pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. ("GAAP"), as divided by (ii) the average of the sum of the total stockholders' equity and the total long-term liabilities at the beginning of and at the end of such year, as presented in the Company's consolidated balance sheets prepared pursuant to GAAP for that applicable year. As such, the Company's ROIC, a ratio or statistical measure, is calculated using exclusively financial measures presented in accordance with GAAP.



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