

## **Investor Presentation**

William Blair 45th Annual Growth Stock Conference



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### Sterling, A Leading Infrastructure Services Provider

Focused on high-margin growth, strategic market expansion and operational excellence

### **Transformation Built the Foundation for Success**

• Disciplined approach to project selection and resource allocation, prioritizing high-margin, high-return opportunities

### **Backlog of High-Profitability Work**

• Future project phases offer clear visibility into growth

### **Strong Platform Serving Diverse End Markets**

+ We meet the infrastructure needs that shape America's future

### **Multi-year Investment Trends Driving Growth Across Our Segments**

- E-Infrastructure Solutions: Data center infrastructure, manufacturing onshoring, e-commerce
- Transportation Solutions: 5-year highway bill, upgrade of infrastructure
- Building Solutions: Focused on high-growth metropolitan areas

### **Optimizing Margins and Returns to Drive Shareholder Value**

• Strong financial performance and operating cash flow generation

### **Balance Sheet with Significant Firepower to Support Future Growth**



# A Leading Infrastructure Services Provider

Through high-value service and low execution risk, we are building the infrastructure foundation needed today for tomorrow's way of life

\$5.77 **BILLION** Market Cap (June 2, 2025)

NASDAQ: **STRL** 

**BILLION** 2024 Revenue

> 8-year revenue CAGR of 20%

\$2.12 | 15.1% 2024 Adjusted **EBITDA Margin** 

> History of strong, profitable growth

\$329 3/31/25 Net Cash

Strong, balance sheet, cash flow

44% E-Infrastructure Solutions **Transportation** 19% **Building Solutions** 

# Strategic Elements as the Foundation for Success

The key pillars of our strategy remain our guide as we look to the future

### **Solidify the Base**

- Improved bid discipline
- Reduced risk
- Margin improvement

# **Grow High-Margin Products and Services**

 Concentrated focus on bottom-line growth and higher-margin projects

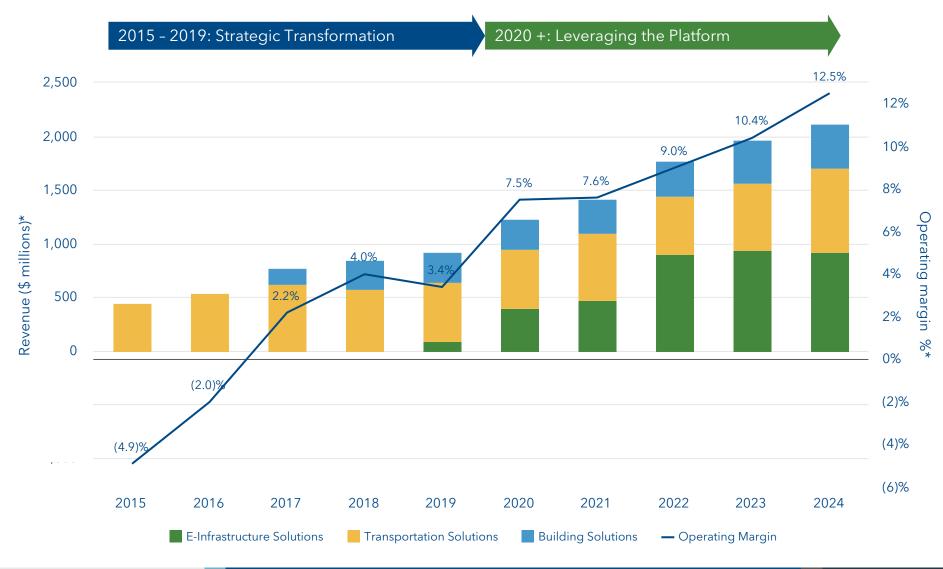
# **Expand Into Adjacent Markets**

- Acquisition targets with
   ~15%+ gross margins
- Ten acquisitions since 2016



### **TRANSFORMATION**

### **Built the Foundation for Success**

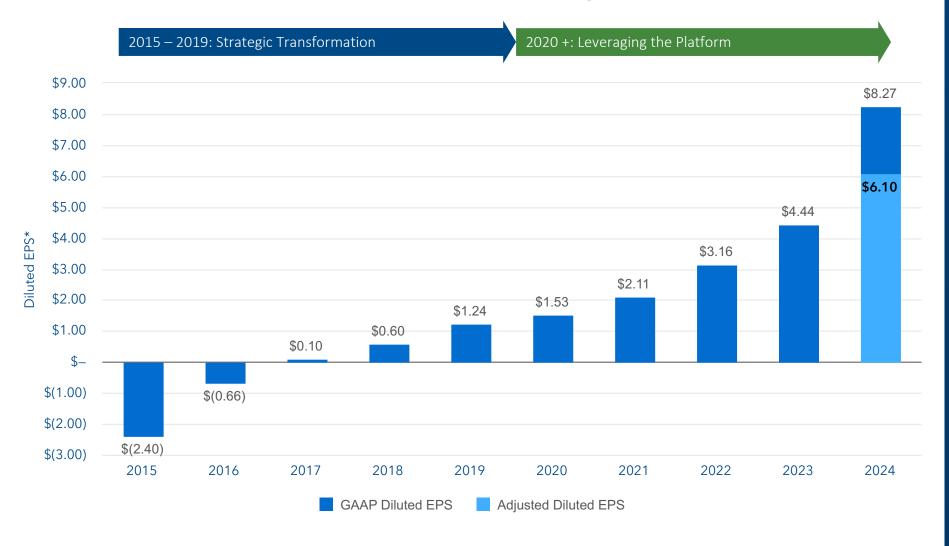


2019-2024 +18% REVENUE CAGR



### **TRANSFORMATION**

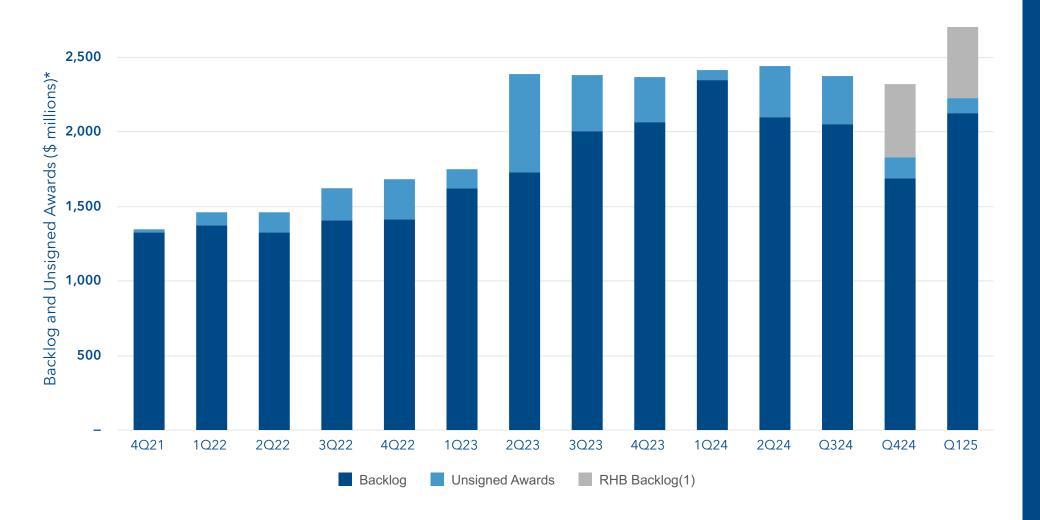
### **Built the Foundation for Success**







# a Pipeline of High-Profitability Work



Backlog does not include

~\$750

### **MILLION**

of future phases of work associated with current projects



backlog at March 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, respectively

## **Strong Platform Serving Diverse End Markets**

Sterling is playing a critical role in building the data infrastructure that enables today's way of life, the manufacturing production coming back to the US, the highways, the bridges, and the airports that connect us and the homes we live in.















### **E-Infrastructure Solutions**

Largest, highest-margin segment ranked #1 in ENR's 2023 Top 20 Firms in Excavation\*



### What We Do:

Leading provider of large-scale specialty site infrastructure improvement contracting services, including site selection and preparation, in the Southeastern, Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic U.S.

#### **Markets**

- Data Centers
- Next Generation Manufacturing
- E-Commerce Distribution Centers
- Warehousing

#### **Drivers**

- Strong demand for data centers and mission-critical projects
- Megaprojects for EV, batteries, solar, semiconductors, other.
- Reshoring of manufacturing capacity
- E-Commerce distribution center and small warehouses showing early signs of activity

**Key Customers** 











Four-Year CAGR\*\*

23%

Revenue

28%
Op. Income

2024 Financial Metrics

\$924M

Revenue

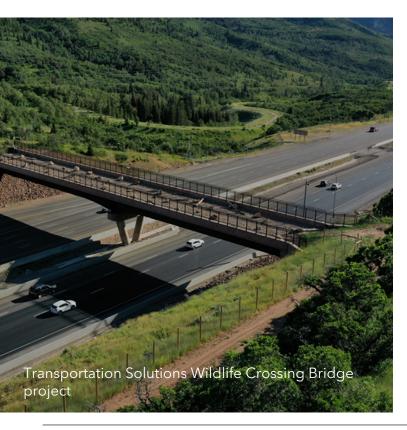
22.0%

Op. Margin



### **Transportation Solutions**

Strong markets with attractive margin opportunities



#### What We Do:

Infrastructure and rehabilitation projects for highways, roads, bridges, airports, ports, light rail and storm drainage systems in the Rocky Mountain states and Texas.

#### **Markets**

- Low-bid Heavy Highway
- Alternative FD
- Aviation
- Rail

#### **Drivers**

- Strong state and local funding
- Infrastructure Bill allocates \$643B for transportation programs (\$285B incremental), \$25B for airports over 5 years
- Over \$185B in IIJA funding for 7,000+ transportation projects announced in 2022

Primary Geographies

Arizona | Colorado | Hawaii | Nevada | Texas | Utah

Four-Year CAGR\*\*

9%

Revenue

43%
Op. Income

2024 Financial Metrics

\$784M

Revenue

6.5%
Op. Margin



### **Building Solutions**

Improved bid discipline and reduced risk



### What We Do:

Residential and Commercial concrete slabs in the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW), Houston, and Phoenix markets. Plumbing capabilities (rough in, top outs, fixtures in DFW).

#### **Markets**

- Dallas/Fort Worth
- Houston
- Phoenix

#### **Drivers**

- Demand for single-family homes in Dallas, Houston, and Phoenix markets
- Share gain in the Houston and Phoenix markets
- Plumbing demand and cross-selling capabilities
- Favorable mix shift

### Leading Home Builders

not limited to:









Four-Year CAGR\*\*

10%

Revenue

13%

Op. Income

2024 Financial Metrics

\$408M

Revenue

13.2% Op. Margin





- Quarter and Full Year Results Highlights
- Cash Flow
- Balance Sheet
- Capital Allocation Priorities
- Full Year Guidance
- Summary



# First Quarter 2025 Results Highlights

Revenues \$430.9 million

Net Income \$39.5 million

Adjusted Net Income<sup>(1)</sup> \$50.2 million

Diluted EPS \$1.28

Adjusted Diluted EPS<sup>(1)</sup> \$1.63

EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> \$72.1 million

Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> \$80.3 million

Cash Flow from Operations<sup>(2)</sup> \$84.9 million

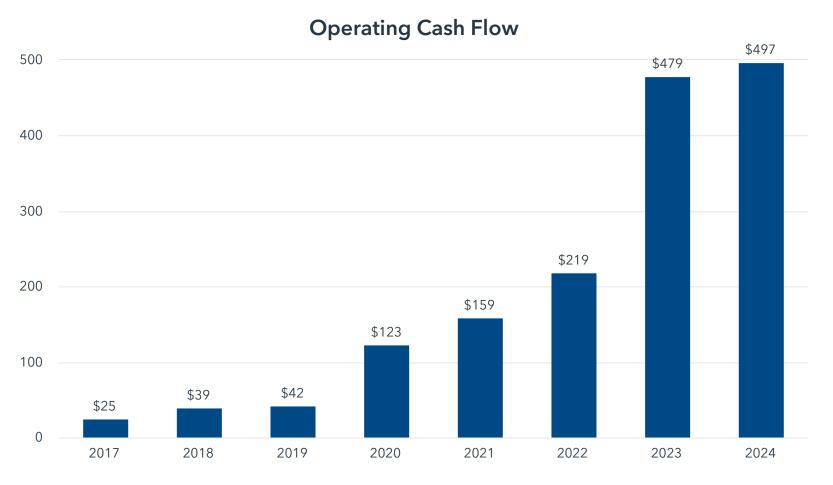
Cash & Cash Equivalents<sup>(2):</sup> \$638.6 million

Backlog<sup>(3):</sup> \$2.13 billion with 17.7% margin

Combined Backlog<sup>(3):</sup> \$2.23 billion



# Strong Cash Flow Profile Provides Flexibility and Supports Growth Investments

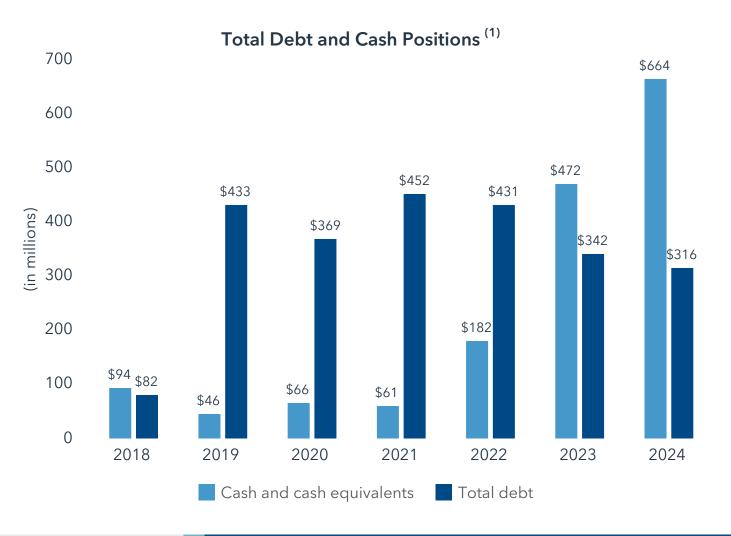


#### **Considerations:**

- In recent quarters, cash flow has benefited from the timing of cash payments on large projects in E-Infrastructure and Transportation Solutions.
- Over the long-term, we expect that operating cash flow will approximate operating income.



# Balance Sheet with Significant Firepower to Support Future Growth



#### **Considerations:**

- We expect to pursue strategic uses of our liquidity, including acquisitions, investing in capital equipment and managing leverage.
- Sterling is comfortable with a forwardlooking debt/EBITDA coverage ratio of +/-2.5X.
- As of March 31, 2025:
  - \$311M Term Loan Borrowings
  - \$75M Revolving Credit Facility (Undrawn)
- Net cash position as of March 31, 2025:
  - \$329M, or \$10.64 per diluted share.



# Capital Allocation Priorities Support Growth in Existing and New Markets

### Support organic growth in existing and new markets

• Capital expenditures support multi-year growth, weighted toward E-Infrastructure Solutions

### Strategic M&A - "Bolt on" and/ or 4th Leg Opportunities

- "Bolt-ons": Continue to evaluate small-to-mid sized acquisition opportunities that compliment our current service offerings and customer base
- 4th Leg opportunities: Adjacent market opportunities with exposure to strong, multi-year infrastructure investment trends and/or a recurring revenue element
- Seeking margin-accretive deals with attractive end market exposures at a reasonable price

### **Share Repurchase Program**

- \$200 million authorization
- Taking an opportunistic approach to repurchase





### Full Year 2025 Guidance

Revenue of \$2.05 to \$2.15 billion

Net Income of \$222 to \$239 million

EPS of \$7.15 to \$7.65

EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> of \$381 to \$403 million

Full Year 2025 Non-GAAP Guidance

Adjusted EPS<sup>(1)</sup> of \$8.40 to \$8.90

Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> of \$410 to \$432 million

"We believe 2025 will be another excellent year for Sterling as we continue to drive bottom line growth that outpaces top line growth. We are raising our 2025 guidance to reflect our strong first quarter performance, backlog, and the impact of share repurchases. The midpoint of our revised 2025 guidance would represent 12% revenue growth pro forma for the new RHB accounting methodology, 22% adjusted diluted earnings per share growth and 23% adjusted EBITDA growth,,"

- Joe Cutillo, STRL 1Q25 Conference Call



## A Leading Infrastructure Services Provider in the U.S.

Successful strategic foundation with strong, diversified platform

Strong, multi-year, secular growth drivers Continued opportunity for margin expansion

Robust balance sheet, FCF

Strong historical stock performance







# 2025 Modeling Considerations<sup>(1)</sup>

Revenue	\$2,050 to \$2,150
Gross Margin	~22.0%
G&A Expense as % of Revenue (Excluding Intangible Amortization)	~6.3%
Other Operating Expense	\$13 to \$15
JV Non-Controlling Interest Expense	~\$12
Effective Income Tax Rate	~26%
Diluted EPS	\$7.15 to \$7.65
Adjusted Diluted EPS <sup>(2)</sup>	\$8.40 to \$8.90
Expected Dilutive Shares Outstanding	31.2
EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	\$381 to \$403
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	\$410 to \$432



# 2025 Modeling Considerations Continued\*

Non-Cash Items	FY 2025 Expectations	FY 2024
Depreciation	\$54 to \$55	\$51.4
Intangible Amortization	\$25	\$17.0
Debt Issuance Cost Amortization	~\$1	\$1.1
Stock-based Compensation	~\$23	\$19.0
Deferred Taxes	\$7 to \$8	\$32.6

Other Cash Flow Items	FY 2025 Expectations	FY 2024
Interest income, net	\$2 to \$4	\$2.4
CAPEX, net of disposals	\$70 to \$80	\$70.8



# **Quarterly Consolidated and Segment Results**

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Q	1 2025	Q´	1 2024
Revenues	\$	430.9	\$	440.4
Gross Profit		94.8		76.9
G&A Expense		(34.6)		(27.3)
Intangible Amortization		(4.5)		(4.3)
Acquisition Related Costs		(0.2)		_
Earn-out expense		(1.3)		(1.0)
Other Operating Expense, Net		1.9		(2.1)
Operating Income		56.1		42.1
Interest, Net		1.6		(0.8)
Income Tax Expense		(15.1)		(7.6)
Less: Net Income Attributable to NCI		(3.1)		(2.7)
Net income		39.5		31.0
Diluted EPS		\$1.28		\$1.00
EBITDA (1)	\$	72.1	\$	55.7

(\$ in millions)	Q1 2025		(	21 2024
E-Infrastructure Solutions				
Revenue	\$	218.3	\$	184.5
Operating Income	\$	46.6	\$	27.2
Operating Margin		21.4 %		14.7 %
<b>Transportation Solutions</b>				
Revenue	\$	120.7	\$	149.0
Operating Income	\$	11.3	\$	8.1
Operating Margin		9.3 %		5.5 %
<b>Building Solutions</b>				
Revenue	\$	92.0	\$	106.9
Operating Income	\$	12.4	\$	15.8
Operating Margin		13.4 %		14.8 %



# Quarterly Consolidated Results (2024 period reflects the deconsolidation of RHB)

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Q	Q1 2025		1 2024	% Change
Revenues	\$	430.9	\$	401.9	7.2 %
Gross Profit		94.8		71.6	32.4 %
G&A Expense		(34.6)		(26.3)	
Intangible Amortization		(4.5)		(4.3)	
Acquisition Related Costs		(0.2)		_	
Earn-out expense		(1.3)		(1.0)	
Other Operating Income (Expense), Net		1.9		2.1	
Operating Income	\$	56.1	\$	42.1	33.3 %



# STERLING INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES ADJUSTED NET INCOME RECONCILIATION

	Three Months Ended March			
		2025		2024
Net income attributable to Sterling common stockholders	\$	39,477	\$	31,048
Non-cash stock-based compensation		6,683		4,586
Intangible asset amortization <sup>(1)</sup>		6,374		4,297
Acquisition related costs		179		36
Earn-out expense		1,343		1,000
Tax impact of adjustments		(3,812)		(1,823)
Adjusted net income attributable to Sterling common stockholders <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	50,244	\$	39,144
Net income per share attributable to Sterling common stockholders:				
Basic	\$	1.29	\$	1.00
Diluted	\$	1.28	\$	1.00
Adjusted net income per share attributable to Sterling common stockholders:				
Basic	\$	1.64	\$	1.26
Diluted	\$	1.63	\$	1.26
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic		30,547		30,977
Diluted		30,881		31,186



For the three months ended March 31, 2025, intangible asset amortization includes \$1,871 related to the fair value step up recognized in the deconsolidation of RHB on December 31, 2024.

# STERLING INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES EBITDA RECONCILIATION

	Thr	ee Months E 2025	ndec	d March 31, 2024
Net income attributable to Sterling common stockholders	\$	39,477	\$	31,048
Depreciation and amortization <sup>(1)</sup>		19,137		16,258
Interest (income) expense, net		(1,595)		762
Income tax expense		15,080		7,604
EBITDA (2)		72,099		55,672
Non-cash stock-based compensation		6,683		4,586
Acquisition related costs		179		36
Earn-out expense		1,343		1,000
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	\$	80,304	\$	61,294



<sup>)</sup> The Company defines EBITDA as GAAP net income attributable to Sterling common stockholders adjusted for depreciation and amortization, net interest income/expense and income tax expense.

# STERLING INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES NON-GAAP SEGMENT INFORMATION

	Three Months Ended March 31,						
	2025	% of Revenue		2024	% of Revenue		
Revenues (Excluding RHB)							
E-Infrastructure Solutions	\$ 218,263	51%	\$	184,476	46%		
Transportation Solutions	120,661	28%		110,505	27%		
Building Solutions	92,025	21%		106,915	27%		
Total Revenues (Excluding RHB) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 430,949		\$	401,896			
Adjusted Operating Income							
E-Infrastructure Solutions	\$ 50,583	23.2%	\$	31,345	17.0%		
Transportation Solutions	13,577	11.3%		8,512	7.7%		
Building Solutions	14,234	15.5%		17,403	16.3%		
Adjusted Segment Operating Income	78,394	18.2%		57,260	14.2%		
Corporate G&A Expense	(7,739)			(5,216)			
Total Adjusted Operating Income (2)	\$ 70,655	16.4%	\$	52,044	12.9%		

<sup>(1)</sup> Due to the deconsolidation of RHB on December 31, 2024, beginning on January 1, 2025, the Company will report RHB's operating income as a single line item ("Other operating income (expense), net") in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. RHB's revenue is no longer included in Sterling's consolidated revenue in 2025. For the three months ended March 31, 2024, total GAAP revenue of \$440,360 has been adjusted to exclude \$38,464 of RHB revenue.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Company defines adjusted operating income as GAAP operating income excluding the impact of non-cash stock-based compensation, intangible asset amortization, acquisition related costs, and earn-out expense. For the three months ended March 31, 2025, GAAP operating income of \$56,076 is adjusted to exclude \$6,683 of non-cash stock-based compensation, \$6,374 of intangible asset amortization (including \$1,871 related to the fair value step up of RHB), \$179 of acquisition related costs, and \$1,343 of earn-out expense. For the three months ended March 31, 2024, GAAP operating income of \$42,125 is adjusted to exclude \$4,586 of non-cash stock-based compensation, \$4,297 of intangible asset amortization, \$36 of acquisition related costs, and \$1,000 of earn-out expense.



# STERLING INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES ADJUSTED NET INCOME GUIDANCE RECONCILIATION

	Full Year 2025 Guidance				-ull Year
	Low		High	20	)24 Actual
Net income attributable to Sterling common stockholders	\$ 222,000	\$	238,700	\$	257,461
Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiary, net	_		_		(91,289)
Non-cash stock-based compensation	23,000		23,000		19,003
Intangible asset amortization <sup>(1)</sup>	24,539		24,539		17,037
Acquisition related costs	179		179		421
Earn-out expense	6,000		6,000		4,756
Income tax impact of adjustments	 (14,000)		(14,000)		13,356
Adjusted net income attributable to Sterling common stockholders <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 261,718	\$	278,418	\$	220,745
Net income per share attributable to Sterling common stockholders:					
Diluted	\$ 7.15	\$	7.65	\$	8.27
Adjusted net income per share attributable to Sterling common stockholders: Diluted	\$ 8.40	\$	8.90	\$	7.09
Weighted average common shares outstanding: Diluted	31,200		31,200		31,146



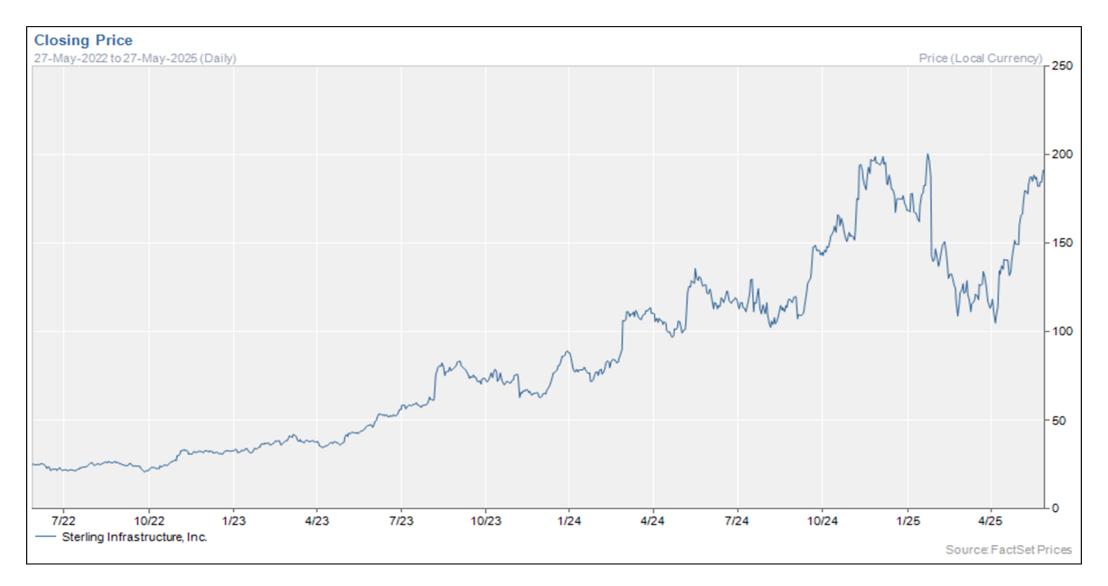
### STERLING INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES **EBITDA GUIDANCE RECONCILIATION**

(In millions) (Unaudited)

	Full Ye Guic	Full Year 2024	
	Low	High	Actual
Net income attributable to Sterling common stockholders	\$ 222	\$ 239	\$ 257
Depreciation and amortization <sup>(1)</sup>	79	80	68
Interest income, net of interest expense	(2)	(4)	(2)
Income tax expense	82	88	87
EBITDA (2)	381	403	411
Gain on deconsolidation of subsidiary, net	_	_	(91)
Non-cash stock-based compensation	23	23	19
Acquisition related costs	_	_	_
Earn-out expense	6	6	5
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 410	\$ 432	\$ 344

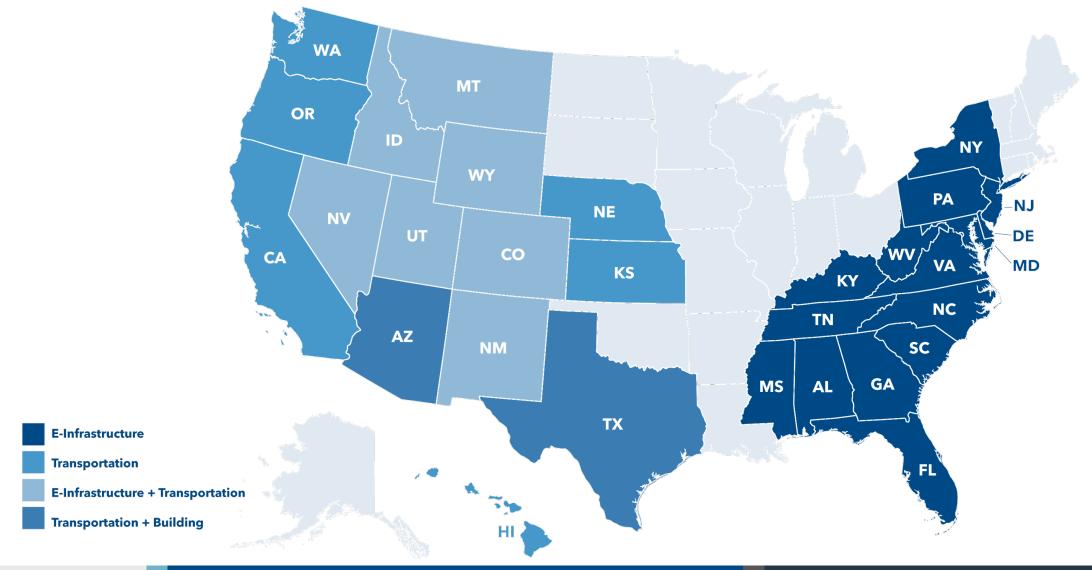


### STRL 3-Year Stock Price Performance





# **Active Geographical Footprint**





# Strategic Acquisitions

Strategic Elements: Solidify the Base | Grow High-Margin Products | Expansion into Adjacent Markets Key Objectives: Bottom-line Growth | Risk Reduction | Exceed Peer Performance





### Sustainability

From strategy to operations, we are committed to sustainability by operating responsibly to safeguard and improve society's quality of life.

### **Protecting Our Environment**

- Sound governance
- Environmentally responsible construction services and solutions for today and tomorrow

### **Taking Care of Our People**

- Sterling's safety rating consistently ranks 10X better than the industry average
- Employee wellness programs through extensive benefit offerings
- Training & Development programs, including the new focused training through Sterling Academy
- Caring for our communities and supporting organizations across our footprint and beyond

### Governance

- Committed to conducting business ethically and with integrity and full transparency
- Committed to strong and effective governance practices that promote and protect the interests of our shareholders











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