# **Badger Meter**

# General Investor Presentation\*

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\*See separate Q1 2024 Earnings Slide Deck





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#### **Badger Meter is a Premier Smart Water Solutions Provider**



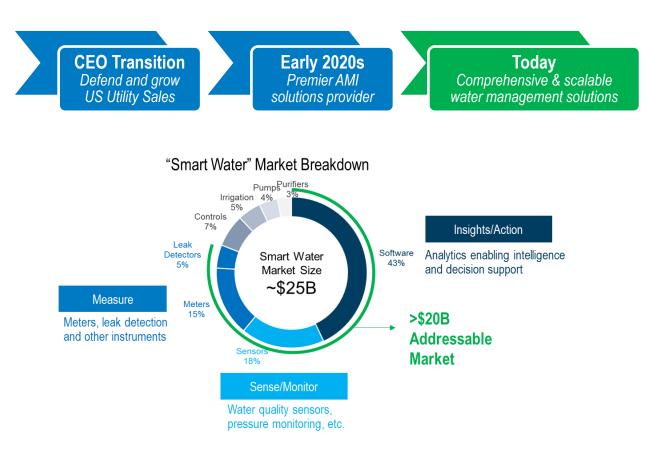
- Comprehensive suite of digital smart water offerings including flow measurement, water quality, pressure and network monitoring with software / analytics solutions
- Industry leader in North American smart water solutions; global niche position in flow measurement; expanding international presence
- Attractive, long-term growth fundamentals:
  - Technology/digital adoption accelerating improve operating efficiency, resiliency and sustainability
  - Stable business model supported by replacement demand
  - Expansive and growing suite of offerings with both organic and acquisition-related investments
- Culture of innovation, continuous improvement and sustainability
- Premium financial profile and exceptional operational track record

# Comprehensive "Choice Matters" Portfolio of Smart Water Offerings to Solve

#### Comprehensive Choice matters Portfolio of Smart water Offering Customer Challenges

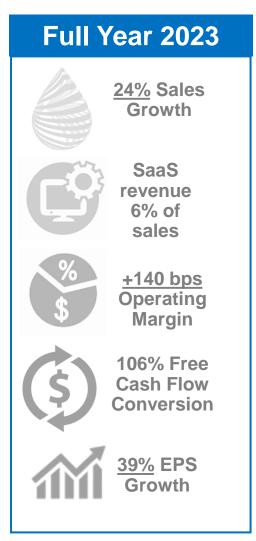
Secular Drivers		Our Product and Digital Solutions		Outcomes
Population Growth Demand Change Aging infrastructure Asset Maintenance	Workforce Churn / Retirements	<ul> <li>Hardware/Data</li> <li>Flow (total and rate)</li> <li>Water quality</li> <li>Fluid chemistry</li> <li>Static and high-frequency pressure</li> <li>Temperature</li> </ul>	Communications <ul> <li>Wired / wireless networks</li> <li>Cellular communications</li> <li>Cloud software &amp; APIs</li> <li>RTUs</li> <li>Connections for SCADA, building automation, billing, and other systems</li> </ul>	Revenue and Capacity (\$) Efficiency Benefits
Regulations and ESG Energy Efficiency	Quality and Safety Quality and Safety Water Scarcity / Climate Change	<ul> <li>Software Intelligence</li> <li>Trend analyses</li> <li>Exception detection/notifications</li> <li>System monitoring</li> <li>Multi-device correlation</li> <li>Predictive maintenance</li> </ul>	Support <ul> <li>Training</li> <li>Turnkey Installation</li> <li>Start-up / field support</li> <li>Calibration</li> </ul>	Water Conservation GHG Reduction

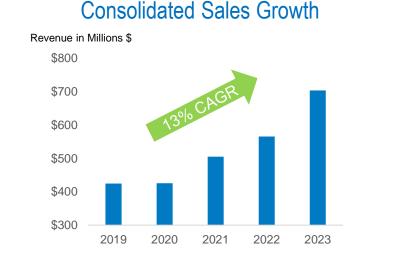
#### Over the Past Five Years We've Evolved and Expanded Our Served Market Capitalizing On Macro Growth Tailwinds

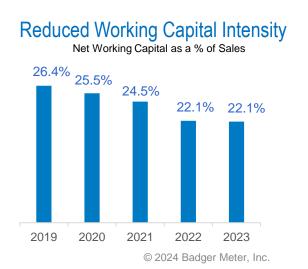


- Strategy evolution aligned with customer desire for comprehensive and tailorable solutions from trusted source
- Broad and expanding portfolio to meet each customer at their pace on the smart water journey
  - Smart measurement hardware meters, pressure, water quality, network monitoring
  - Reliable, secure communication solutions
  - Integrated software data and analytics that enable intelligence, decision support and consumer engagement
  - Training, project management, installation oversight, support
- Ample financial capacity for continued organic and M&A investments to further evolve solution offerings

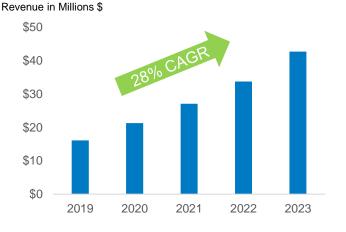
### We Have Fundamentally Improved Our Financial Profile Delivering Strong Sales Growth, Recurring Revenue, Improving Margins and Cash Generation



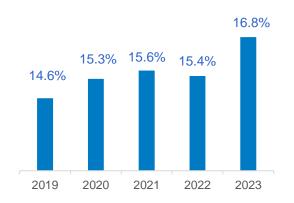




#### SaaS Revenue Growth



#### Improved Operating Profit Margins



## Longstanding Capital Allocation Priorities with Ample Liquidity to Execute



Internal Investment to support organic growth and sustain core business



Grow the **dividend** annually in line with earnings



Accelerate **acquisitions** that align to strategy and return targets

- Strong free cash flow, working capital management
- No outstanding debt obligations and \$199M of cash at March 31, 2024; \$150M untapped revolver
- August 2023 dividend increase of 20% marked 31 consecutive years of dividend increases.



#### First Quarter Financial Snapshot Demonstrates Continued Strong Operating Performance

(US\$ in millions, except per share data)	<u>Q1 2024</u>	<u>Q1 2023</u>	<u>Change</u>
Sales	\$196.3	\$159.1	23.4%
Gross Margin	77.2	62.8	22.9%
	39.3%	39.5%	(20) bps
SEA	40.6	37.8	7.5%
	20.7%	23.7%	(300) bps
Op Income	36.6	25.0	46.2%
	18.6%	15.7%	290 bps
Income Tax Rate	23.5%	24.3%	
EBITDA	44.6	32.0	39.4%
	22.7%	20.1%	260 bps
EPS	0.99	0.66	50.0%
Free Cash Flow	\$18.8	\$13.7	37.2%

See last slide for reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP measures

- Utility water sales increased 29% with strong AMI demand inclusive of cellular endpoints, BEACON SaaS and ultrasonic meters; water quality, pressure and network monitoring also contributed
- Flow instrumentation sales declined 3% against a difficult comparison that benefitted from supply chain easing; sales increased 13% sequentially from Q4 2023
- Gross margin in normalized range on strong volumes and favorable sales mix, offset by inflationary cost pressures
- Continued favorable SEA spend leverage despite ongoing investments for growth
- Robust 50% year-over-year increase in EPS
- Cash flow reflects typical Q1 seasonality

## **Providing Insight into Recent Investor Topics of Interest**

(Please refer to transcript of the Q1 earnings call for further details on each item)

Common Investor Topics	Badger Meter View
An ultrasonic meter is a smart meter	Meter measurement technology is not what makes a meter "smart" – it is the addition of a communication device. An ultrasonic meter can be read manually, and a mechanical meter can connect with Cellular AMI/BEACON software
Long term growth algorithm	While macro fundamentals and our portfolio of solutions remains supportive, the cycle of bids, awards and installations, all are inherently uneven. Advanced from MSD to now endorsing HSD growth in utility water over the cycle, with variation year-to-year. Law of larger numbers also affects <u>rate</u> of growth.
Status of federal infrastructure investments	<ul> <li>Some "chatter" but little AMI activity financed with federal infrastructure spend to-date.</li> <li>Badger Meter has several Build America "BABA" compliant offerings.</li> <li>Recently chose to file a response to an EPA "request for information" for manufacturers regarding BABA. The letter supplemented a WWEMA (industry trade group) similar comment letter. This was not a "waiver" request. Goal was to inform EPA of: <ul> <li>Lack of electronics availability in US supply chain (applicable to all industry participants)</li> <li>Customer (and EPA) benefit from industry-level versus project-by-project waivers for electronics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Drivers of gross margins / "normalized" range	We operate with a continuous improvement mindset. While there are underlying structural sales mix benefits over the long term, there are also realities of competition, inflation, technology/electronics complexity that limit "stairway to heaven" on gross margins
How do you win in the market	<ul> <li>Respect all competitors; believe our durable growth driven by (among other items):</li> <li>"Choice matters" broad portfolio of solutions</li> <li>Innovative and differentiated Cellular AMI - span and scope of reference accounts</li> <li>Breadth of solutions beyond metering/AMI – water quality, pressure, network monitoring, software, etc.</li> </ul>

### **2022 Sustainability Report Highlights Progress on ESG Journey**

- Demonstrated outperformance from both a financial and sustainability perspective
- ESG integral to our business both value preserving and value creating
  - Profitable growth solving customer water challenges; ~95% of revenues generated from water-related applications
  - Attracting and retaining talent to drive innovation, customer loyalty
  - Ethics, values and risk management cornerstone of culture
- Recognized outcomes
  - Barron's Top 100 Sustainable Companies
  - AAA rating- MSCI
  - USA Top Companies / Global Top Manufacturing

**J 32%** GHG emissions intensity 2020-2022

**55%** TCIR improvement 2018-2022

**93%** Employee Engagement Survey Participation

> **17%** Positions filled via employee referrals



#### Outlook Continues to Support Long-Term Shareholder Value Creation with Favorable Demand and Industry Dynamics

- Innovation leader with expanding technologyenabled software offerings
- Strong order rates, elevated backlog
- Growing SaaS revenue base

Consistently Resilient Results



- Durable macro trends support long-term smart water solution adoption
- 85% replacementdriven base demand
- Demonstrated benefits of efficiency, resiliency and sustainability

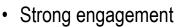
Constructive Industry Backdrop

- Strong cash flow and borrowing capacity
- Organic and inorganic strategic growth investments
- Dividend aristocrat

Investing for Growth

- Differentiated performance on evolving macrochallenges related to inflation, component availability, etc.
- Positive structural mix and SEA leverage drive margins

Differentiated Execution



- Values-driven
- Customer-focused
   execution
- Continuous
   improvement focus
   across enterprise

Exceptional Team



# **Background Information**



# Badger Meter Is the Smart Water Innovation Leader and Continues to Invest in R&D

#### Driving Enhancements in Smarter Measurement & Actionable Data -> Enhanced Operational Efficiencies

#### **Ultrasonic Metering**

- Additional data elements flow, pressure, temperature, valves
- Vertical integration of chip sets in order to control the evolution of smarter devices
- Improved accuracies

#### Water Quality

- Low maintenance, reagent-less sensors
- Advanced IoT edge
   computing detects events
- 60+ parameters for water and gas
- 20+ years of leadership in optical spectrometry, 30+ years in electrochemical

Cellular & IoT

- Multi-carrier
- 18-24 month iterative development cycles for latest advancements
- 10-year headstart array of reference accounts
- Millions of cellular endpoints deployed

#### **Software & Analytics**

- Cloud software for utility operations, sustainability
- Holistic view of water systems / network monitoring
- Real time detection of anomalies and events
- Decision dashboards
- Process automation



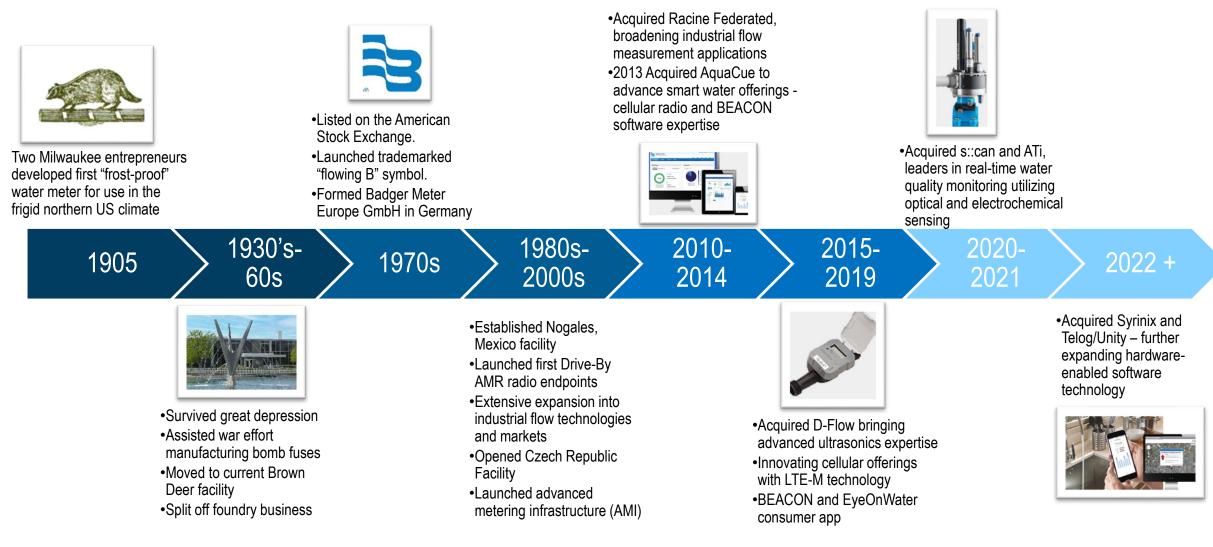
Innovation Centers: Lulea, Sweden Milwaukee, WI, USA Innovation Centers: Vienna, Austria Philadelphia, PA, USA

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#### **Badger Meter Delivers on More Than a Century of Smart Water Innovation**



#### Supporting Customers from Our Global Manufacturing and Innovation Footprint



#### AMI Adoption Accelerating with Business Case for Utilities Well Understood; Timing Aligned to Meter Replacement Cycle Bringing Higher ASP Opportunity

#### The Business Case Why are utilities willing to pay more?

- Reduce non-revenue water (NRW)
  - · Mechanical meters lose some accuracy over time
  - Leak detection
- Lower operating cost / improve efficiencies
  - Move out reads / billings
  - Flow shut-off/restriction technology labor to turn off and on water services
- Encourage conservation
  - Manage what you measure
  - Leak avoidance / fix

#### The Solutions How our leading technologies deliver

#### • Meters

- Static (E-series ultrasonic) holds accuracy over life; residential and commercial sizes
- Radio Endpoints
  - Efficient and safe remote reads
  - Data and analytics more data, more often
  - Cellular infrastructure-free for utilities; flexible and resilient
- Software
  - Leak identification / detection
  - EyeOnWater for consumer engagement

#### MANUAL READ MECHANICAL METER WITH REGISTER ~\$70

# STATC METER WITH CELLULAR RADIOS/SOFTWARE

\$200-\$250 per System



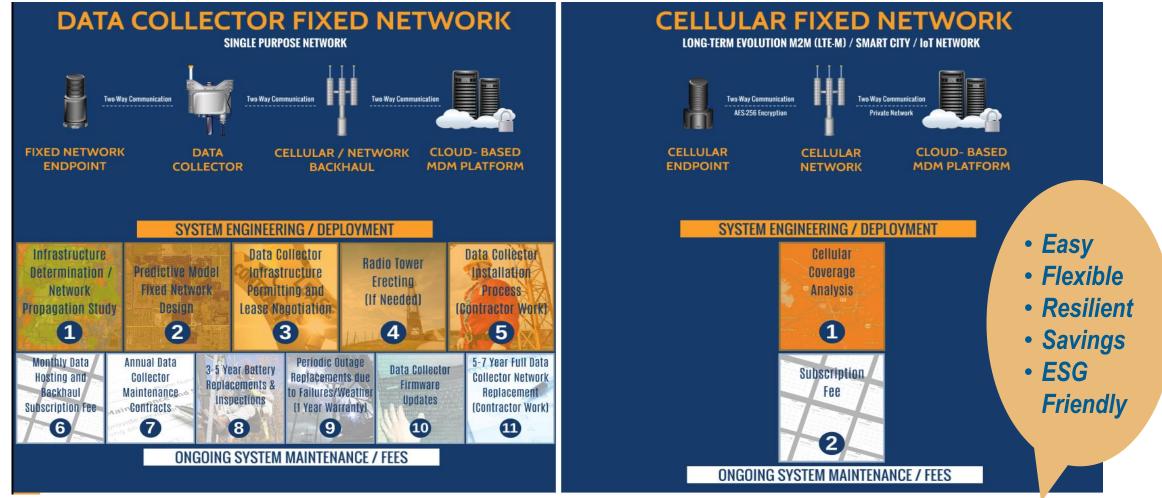
#### Badger Meter Enjoys a Strong Market Position in North American AMI Adoption; Customer Diversity with Tailorable and Differentiated Offerings

AMI "Choice Matters" Differentiation

#### Utility Size and their Share of Broadest Range of Offerings -Brass and polymer Meter connections Choice Matters Mechanical and static (ultrasonic) Drive by, fixed and cellular radio technology Technology Leadership ORION Cellular – leverages existing infrastructure, flexible, secure, broad coverage Large SaaS with BEACON/EveOnWater – actionable data for utility and homeowner 400 45% Innovation Ultrasonic expertise Remote actuating flow restriction valve Real-time water guality sensing – optical and electrochemical Network monitoring – RTUs, high frequency pressure, acoustic leak detection Mid 4.000 High Service Levels and Strong brand preference – long term relationships / loyalty 35% Channel coverage - regional service center and local distribution to cover smaller utilities **Customer Support** Highly trained Solution Architects, customer care and field technology support Low Lifecycle Costs Highly accurate and quality products / low warranty Small Exceptional battery life 45,000+ 20% Leverage existing cellular technology network

>50K Water Utilities in US

# Badger Meter Is the Undisputed Leader in Cellular Communication with Millions of Endpoints Deployed; Provides Myriad of Benefits to Utilities



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## **Key Growth Strategies for Utility Smart Water**

- Maintain leading position in the North American smart water market through continued development of leadingedge offerings
  - AMI adoption rate only at one third of connections
  - Leverage natural meter replacement cycle to upgrade customers (no radio or AMR to AMI)
- Penetrate and grow select international markets (e.g. Middle East, UK) with fit-for-market solutions
- Leverage addition of real-time water quality monitoring, high frequency pressure & network monitoring and other system health parameters into actionable data to improve utility operations
- Augment software, including consumer engagement technology, for optimized customer solution





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### **Key Growth Strategies for Flow Instrumentation**

- Expand niche share by targeting water-related applications, predominately
  - Building Automation/HVAC/Sustainability
  - Wastewater treatment and distribution
- Leverage addition of real-time water quality monitoring for industrial process and discharge water
- Penetrate international markets where both smart water and industrial applications exist



#### Strategic M&A is an Enabler to Expand Offerings and Accelerate Growth

- Technology solutions that can be leveraged across both utility and flow instrumentation markets
  - Water quality monitoring
  - Leak detection, conservation
- Software enhancements SaaS
  - Utility operations
  - Consumer portals
- Smart City / Internet of Things
- International penetration

Year	Company	Туре	Location	Price	
Utility Water Instrumentation and Connectivity:					
2024	Telog / Unity	RTUs and software	US	\$3M	
2023	Syrinix, Ltd.	Pressure monitoring	UK	\$18M	
2021	Analytical Technology, Inc	Water quality monitoring	USA / UK	\$44M	
2020	s::can	Water quality monitoring	Vienna, Austria	\$31M	
2018	Innovative Metering Solutions	Distributor	Tampa, FL	\$8M	
2017	Carolina Meter	Distributor	Wilmington, NC	\$6M	
2017	D-Flow	Ultrasonic Technology/R&D	Lulea, Sweden	\$23M	
2015	United Utilities	Distributor	Smyrna, TN	\$3M	
2014	National Meter	Distributor	Denver, CO	\$23M	
2013	Aquacue	Software/cellular technology/R&D	Los Gatos, CA	\$14M	
Flow and Industrial Instrumentation:					
2012	Racine Federated	Technology/Manufacturing	Racine, WI	\$57M	
2011	Remag	Technology/Manufacturing	Bern, Switzerland	\$5M	
2010	Cox Instruments	Technology/Manufacturing	Scottsdale, AZ	\$8M	

#### **Attractive Five Year Financial Trends Showcase Execution of Strategy**

(US\$ in millions, except per share data)

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Sales	\$424.6	\$425.5	\$505.2	\$565.6	\$703.6
Adj Oper Earnings	62.2	65.2	78.7	87.3	118.0
	14.6%	15.3%	15.6%	15.4%	16.8%
Adj EBITDA	86.0 20.3%	90.2 21.2%	106.5 <i>21.1%</i>	113.4 20.0%	146.0 <i>20.8%</i>
Adj EPS	1.61	1.69	2.08	2.26	3.14
Free Cash Flow	\$73.2	\$80.5	\$80.8	\$76.6	\$98.1
FCF Conversion	155%	163%	133%	115%	106%

Note: See Annual Report for GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliations.

- Sales growth driven primarily by smart water solution adoption
  - Communications and SaaS
  - Water quality / pressure / network monitoring
- Margins driven predominately by favorable sales mix, volume and long-term price/cost
- SEA expense control with leverage improvement
- Robust cash flow generation with working capital management; conversion above 100%
- Ample balance sheet flexibility

#### **GAAP To Non-GAAP Reconciliations**

US\$ in millions)				
	<u>Q1 2024</u>	<u>Q1 2023</u>		
Net Earnings (GAAP)	\$29.1	\$19.4		
Interest income	(1.5)	(0.6)		
Income tax provision	9.0	6.2		
Depreciation	2.9	2.7		
Amortization	<u>5.1</u>	<u>4.3</u>		
EBITDA	\$44.6	\$32.0		

#### Free Cash Flow

	(US\$ in millions) <u>Q1 2024</u> <u>Q1 2023</u>	
Cash from Ops (GAAP)	\$21.5	\$18.0
Capital Expenditures	<u>(2.7)</u>	<u>(4.3)</u>
Free Cash Flow	\$18.8	\$13.7