



# **Expanding Our Leadership in Plant-Based Protein**

**Investor Presentation – April 8, 2019** 



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Escalating demand for Maple Leaf's #1 and #2 brands in fast growing refrigerated plant-based meat alternative category





- Lightlife (#1) & Field Roast (#2) are category leaders
- Double-digit growth rates in refrigerated plant-based protein
- Continuous innovation in the category
- Two current facilities (Massachusetts and Washington) will reach full capacity in 2020



Establish a world-class plant-based protein network to support our market shares and category growth with low cost manufacturing



- Constructing a US\$310M plant-based protein facility in Indiana
- Investing US\$26 million in existing network to increase capacity and efficiency
- Largest scale assets & investment of its kind in North America
- Doubles capacity with low cost manufacturing
- Optimal site selection for labour, distribution and expansion



Category fundamentals include increasing protein consumption, increasing household penetration and increasing category innovation, for double digit growth



Source: IRI

- Plant-based protein is now a ~US\$1 billion North American market
- Refrigerated segment significantly outpacing broader category; ~40% growth in 2018
- Currently, less than 6% of households buy plant-based protein compared to 98% for meat protein
- Plant-based protein transitioning from niche to mainstream presents immense growth opportunity



Significant innovation bench strength and brand advantage supported by dedicated production capacity



- More than 140 new products introduced since 2014 in the U.S.
- Burger category supporting recent growth rate
- New Lightlife burger a breakthrough burger delivering superior taste experience and nutrition
- 30% of new facility dedicated to new products



### Returns based on underlying growth rates and cost reductions



- Expected return on capital of 13% to 16%, based on underlying long-term growth assumptions
- Supports expected growth through 2024
- Delivers a 2022 Adjusted EBITDA margin in line with Maple Leaf's overall structural margin expansion target of 14%-16%
- Continued growth in profitability as capacity utilization increases



### Fully operational by 2021 and contributing to financial returns by 2022

#### Capital Expense Breakdown

Total of: US\$336 million



Estimated annualized depreciation: ~US\$24 million

| Activity          | Timing  |
|-------------------|---------|
| Construction      | Q2 2019 |
| Start-up begins   | Q4 2020 |
| Fully Operational | Q4 2021 |

| (US\$ millions)         | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| One-time start-up costs | \$1  | \$15 | \$18 |



Winning the plant-based protein market with leading brands, innovation and a best-in-class network



- Secures market leadership and network advantage in hyper-growth category
- Provides capacity and accommodates phased expansion tailored to meet future demand growth
- Delivers excellent return on capital and accelerates commercial growth
- Generates margins in line with 14% 16% Adjusted EBITDA margin target and growing as capacity utilization increases
- Builds on our proven track record of large capital project execution and value creation





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