# Transcontinental inc.

**Investor Relations Presentation** 

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### Note to readers

In this document, unless otherwise indicated, all financial data are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the term "dollars" as well as the symbol "\$" designate Canadian dollars. In this document, we also use non-IFRS financial measures for which a complete definition is presented below and for which a reconciliation to financial information in accordance with IFRS is presented in the section entitled "Reconciliation of Non-IFRS Financial Measures" and in Note 3, "Segmented Information", to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 25, 2020. These measures should be considered as a complement to financial performance measures in accordance with IFRS. They do not substitute and are not superior to them.

Terms used	Definitions
Adjusted revenues	Revenues before the accelerated recognition of deferred revenues (1)
Adjusted operating earnings before depreciation and amortization (adjusted EBITDA)	Operating earnings before depreciation and amortization as well as the accelerated recognition of deferred revenues <sup>(1)</sup> , restructuring and other costs (gains), impairment of assets and reversal of the fair value adjustment of inventory sold arising from business combinations
Adjusted operating earnings (Adjusted EBIT)	Operating earnings before the accelerated recognition of deferred revenues <sup>(1)</sup> , accelerated depreciation <sup>(1)</sup> , restructuring and other costs (gains), impairment of assets, as well as amortization of intangible assets and reversal of the fair value adjustment of inventory sold arising from business combinations
Adjusted EBITDA margin	Adjusted operating earnings before depreciation and amortization divided by adjusted revenues
Net indebtedness	Total of long-term debt, of current portion of long-term debt, of lease liabilities and of current portion of lease liabilities, less cash
Net indebtedness ratio	Net indebtedness divided by the last 12 months' adjusted operating earnings before depreciation and amortization

<sup>(1)</sup> Related to the agreements signed with Hearst. Please refer to Note 32 to the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended October 25, 2020.



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### **TC Transcontinental Overview**

Our vision is to become a market leader in flexible packaging in North America while maintaining our position as Canada's largest printer and as the leading Canadian French-language educational publishing group.

- Family-controlled business founded in 1976
- ▶ Investment grade credit rating and Net Indebtedness ratio < 2x
- Solid financial position and strong predictable cash flow providing flexibility to grow our activities in packaging
- ▶ Long history of dividend growth (11% CAGR since 1993)
- Track record of pursuing business activities responsibly and leader in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)



\$2.6B

2020 Revenues



Employees



# Experienced management team with deep industry knowledge



François Olivier
President and
Chief Executive Officer



Magali Depras Chief Strategy and CSR Officer



Christine Desaulniers
Chief Legal Officer and
Corporate Secretary



Benoit Guilbault Chief Information Officer



Donald LeCavalier
Chief Financial Officer



Lyne Martel
Chief Human Resources
Officer



Thomas Morin
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TC Transcontinental Packaging



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Vice President,
Chief Corporate
Development Officer



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President,
TC Transcontinental Printing



François Taschereau Vice President, Corporate Communications and Public Affairs

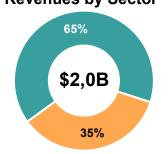
### Evolution of portfolio towards growth segments

#### TRANSFORMING INTO A PACKAGING COMPANY WITH STRONG POSITION IN PRINTING/MEDIA



Strategic investments

#### Revenues by Sector<sup>1</sup>



#### 2007-2010

Invested over \$800M in the printing platform

#### 2010-2014

- Divested over \$400M in revenues from non-core assets (U.S., B&W books. Mexico operations)
- Consolidated printing industry in Canada (integration of Quad/Graphics Canada)

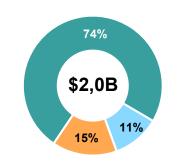


69%

\$2,0B

29%

### 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Packaging acquisition completed





Diversified into packaging with several acquisitions

2%

- Divested consumer magazines
- Consolidated local newspapers publishing market in QC (integration of QMI QC local newspapers)
- Regrouped retailer- related services under the Printing Division
- **Exited Interactive Marketing Solutions**

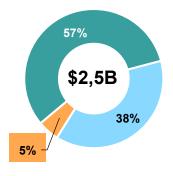


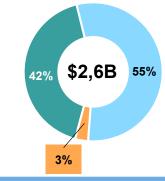
#### 2018

**Transformational** acquisition of Coveris **Americas** 

2020

Successful integration of **Coveris Americas** 





#### 2017-2020

- 5 additional acquisitions in flexible packaging (Coveris Americas, Multifilm, Flexipak, Trilex and Enviroplast)
- Completed integration of Coveris Americas and increased Packaging EBITDA margins by >400 bps between FY2018 and FY2020
- Completed the sale of all of our local newspapers
- Small acquisitions in book publishing and in-store marketing
- Sale of the paper packaging operations, the majority of specialized assets in Media and the building in Fremont, California.

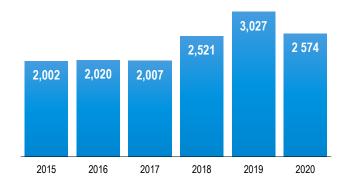


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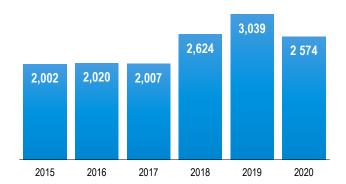
<sup>1</sup> As reported and excludes intercompany eliminations. For 2010 and 2014, Distribution and Premedia services are under Media. Adjusted revenues for 2018 - Non-IFRS financial measure (2018 IFRS Revenues of \$2,6B). Please refer to page 2 of this presentation for a complete description of these measures.

### Performance highlights

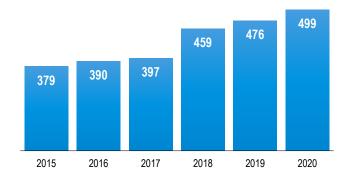
#### Adjusted Revenues<sup>1</sup> (\$M)



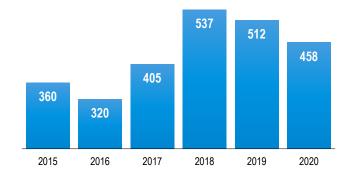
#### IFRS Revenues (\$M)



Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> (\$M)



**IFRS EBITDA (\$M)** 



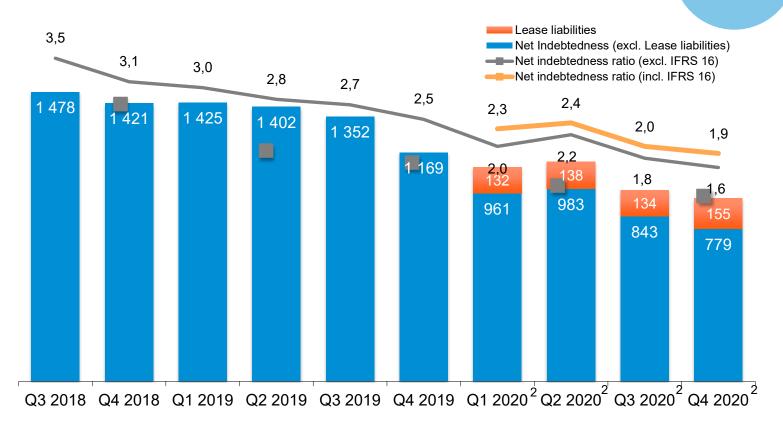
### Strong and stable performance in challenging times



### Deleveraging in a disciplined manner

INVESTMENT GRADE CREDIT RATING

#### Net indebtedness<sup>1</sup> (in millions) and net indebtedness ratio<sup>1</sup>



Reduced net indebtedness by ~ \$700 million (47%) since July 2018 (2½ years)

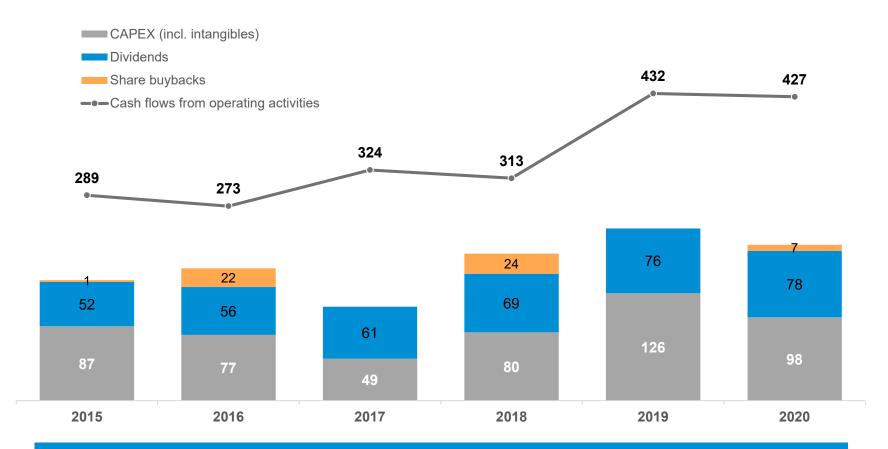


<sup>1.</sup> Non-IFRS financial measure. Please refer to page 2 of this presentation for a complete description of these measures

<sup>2.</sup> As at October 28, 2019, the Company adopted IFRS 16 using the modified retrospective approach. For comparative purposes, we included ratios for FY2020 after normalizing for the effect of IFRS 16.

### Allocating capital prudently

#### Cash flows from operating activities and capital allocation (\$M)



Strong and consistent cash flow generation that allowed deployment of over \$2B to diversify into flexible packaging

### Returning capital to shareholders

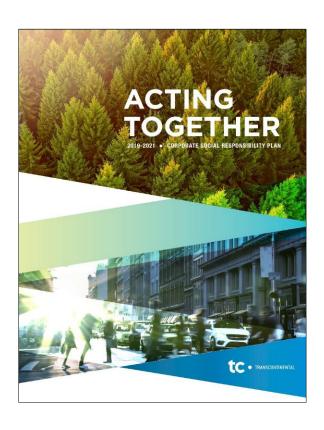
#### Dividends paid per participating share



Strong cash flow generation provided confidence to continue dividend distribution

### **Our CSR Strategy**

Corporate Social Responsibility is embedded into our strategy and sustainability drives innovation



- Confirm our leadership and impact
- Collaborate across the value chain between all stakeholders
- Deliver on our 11 goals related to our people, our operations, our products and our communities
- Targets are directly aligned with seven of the 17 sustainable development goals defined by the UN Global Compact
- Released a 3-year plan in 2019 and published a progress report in June 2020

Established targets following a large-scale stakeholders consultation

### Pursuing our business activities responsibly















Top 50 Global ESG from Sustainalytics (Top 1%) (#1 in Containers & Packaging industry)

Corporate Knights: Among the top 10 Corporate Citizens in Canada in 2019 and 2020 and ranked in top Global 100 (worldwide) in 2020

Included in the Top 50 of the Jantzi® Social Index in Canada

Signatory of the United Nations Global Compact and of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's New Plastics Economy Global Commitment

Committed to disclosure in the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) and improved score in 2020 (from C to B)

Member of the Sustainable Packaging Coalition® (SPC)

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### Packaging Sector overview

### Vision

 To become a market leader in flexible packaging in North America

## Strategy

 Grow our Packaging Sector through organic sales growth and acquisitions

### Network

 26 production plants worldwide, mainly in the United States, Canada and Latin America, as well as one premedia studio

### Recent achievements in Packaging

- Investments in manufacturing capabilities (including the internalization of film extrusion in Whitby, Ontario)
- Steady improvement in profitability
  - Exceeded target for synergies, helping to significantly increase EBIT margin and Adjusted EBITDA margin<sup>1</sup> in FY2020
- Managed the strong order uptake and supported our customers by optimizing capacity and keeping employees safe & healthy during the pandemic
  - Generated organic growth of ~0.5% in FY2020 (excl. resin impact & paper packaging operations) despite impact of pandemic in certain verticals
- Establishing our leadership in sustainability and the circular economy for plastics
  - Created a Recycling Group within TC Transcontinental Packaging and acquired the assets of Enviroplast inc. to vertically integrate the recycling of plastics in our packaging production chain

Strong performance in 2020 demonstrating the resilience of the packaging business

### Packaging outlook

- Generate long-term organic sales growth
  - Consolidated platform has capacity to accommodate additional volume
  - Expect organic growth > 2% in FY2021
- Focus on manufacturing efficiency to continue to gradually improve margins
- Continue to strengthen our packaging portfolio

Higher organic revenue growth expected in fiscal 2021



TC Transcontinental Packaging is a leader in flexible packaging in North America specializing in extrusion, lamination, printing, converting and recycling.

### Building our flexible packaging platform



2 plants



1 plant



1 plant



Acquisition of Flexstar Packaging Inc.

1 plant



2017

Acquisition of Les Industries Flexipak Inc.

1 plant



2018

Acquisition of Multifilm Packaging Corporation Elgin, Illinois

1 plant



2018

Acquisition of **Coveris Americas** 

21 plants (4 sold in 2020)



TRILEX

2019

Acquisition of a majority participation in Industrial y Commercial Trilex

1 plant

### **Enviroplast.**

2020

Acquisition of the assets of Enviroplast Inc.

### Successful integration of Coveris Americas

#### **Exceeded synergy targets**

▶ EBIT and adjusted EBITDA¹ increased significantly over the last 2 years. Adjusted EBITDA margins¹ grew from 11.9% in FY2018 to 12.8% in FY2019, and to 16.0% in FY2020, a 410bps improvement in 2 years.

# Insourcing of film manufacturing contributing to FY2020 margin improvement

Acquisition of a strong expertise in technical films production that enables insourcing of film manufacturing leading to cost competitiveness, differentiation and faster product development

Value creation from more than US\$20M annual cost synergies (more than US\$20M realized in first 2 years and additional synergies expected in FY2021)







**Economies of scale** 

Procurement of raw materials

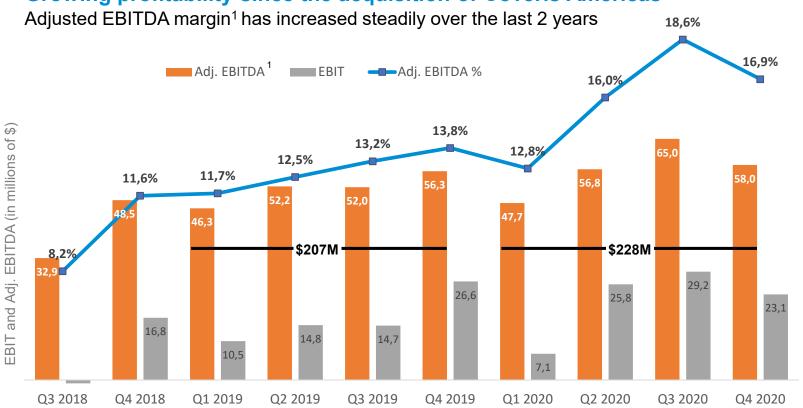
Sharing of best practices & integration

- Vertical integration of film manufacturing
- Insourcing of prepress and plate-making operations

Significant operating margin improvement from exceeding synergy targets

### Growing profitability in Packaging

**Growing profitability since the acquisition of Coveris Americas** 



Operational efficiency gains, exceeding synergy targets and portfolio management are contributing to margin improvement in Packaging



### Serving a variety of industries

#### Core markets among our portfolio of products

















Investing in innovative and ecoresponsible products to become the market leader in core markets

### Packaging Innovation and Sustainability Key considerations for clients

# Product Protection

- Oxygen, Moisture, Light
- Transportation

# Consumer Engagement

- On the Shelf Image
- Convenience of Use

# Total Cost of Ownership

- Purchase Price
- Processing Speed & Ease

### **Sustainability**

- Carbon Footprint Impact
- End-of-Life Scenario

#### WHY FLEXIBLE PACKAGING IS AWESOME:

Less energy. Fewer resources. Smaller footprint.

The role flexible packaging plays in sustainability across the different stages of the supply chain.

Protects the product and reduces container breakage

Produces less c02 emissions

Better for the environment

Improves product-packaging ratio

Optimizes transportation with light weight and flat shape

Extends shelf life with barrier properties

Due of the key solutions to reduce food waste



#### **CARBON IMPACT**

A rigid PET container for laundry detergent pods emits **+726**% more greenhouse gases than a flexible pouch with zipper



#### MATERIAL TO LANDFILL

+31% more thermoformed tubs for baby food packaging ends up in a landfill compared to a flexible pouch with fitment



#### WATER USAGE

A HDPE bottle for motor oil packaging consumes +513% more water than a flexible pouch with fitment



#### **FOSSIL FUEL USAGE**

A rigid pail for cat litter packaging consumes +1,429% more fossil fuel than a flexible bag



#### WATER USAGE

A steel can for packaging coffee consumes **+1,605**% more water than a flexible pouch



#### PRODUCT-TO-PACKAGE RATIO

A single serve juice flexible pouch efficiently uses packaging with a product-to-package ratio of **+97**%

Source: https://www.flexpack.org/resources/sustainability-resources#a-holistic-view-of-the-role-of-flexible-packaging-in-a-sustainable-world



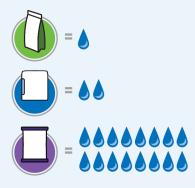
### COFFEE PACKAGE COMPARISON

Ground coffee is a popular beverage and is packaged in a variety of package formats. For this Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) study, the stand-up flexible pouch, steel can and plastic canister package formats were evaluated for their environmental impacts with a cradle to grave boundary.

#### WATER CONSUMPTION

The steel can uses 16x as much water as the stand-up flexible pouch, mainly during the material development stage, as large amounts of water are used during the cooling process in the formation of steel.

The HDPE plastic canister consumes 2x as much water as the stand-up flexible pouch due to water usage during the injection molding process.



#### **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

The production of steel cans and the HDPE canister both require much more energy and have higher carbon emissions in the manufacturing or conversion stage. The carbon impact is lower for a lighter stand-up flexible pouch that holds more of the product and uses less material.

The HDPE canister and steel can respectively emit 4x and 7x more GHG emissions than the flexible pouch.

A flexible pouch has a lower overall fossil fuel usage.

A steel can and HDPE canister respectively use 453% and 518% more fossil fuel than a stand-up flexible pouch.



GRAMS of material



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GRAMS of material



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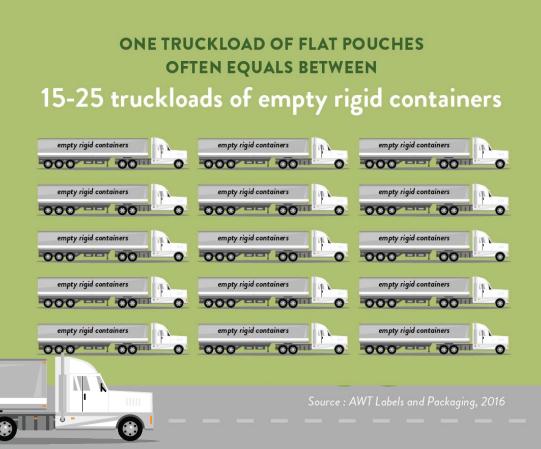
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36,809

Flat Pouches

Guess how many trucks you would need to transport the same volume of rigid containers?



# Flexible packaging plays a vital role in preserving food and reducing food waste

### What are the flexible packaging benefits?



Significantly improves product protection and freshness



Increases shelf life and reduces food waste



Offers unprecedented convenience features



Provides confidence in sterility and product security



Informs the consumer of the contents

#### RULE OF THUMB:

of before it is consumed

Packaging accounts for about 10% of carbon footprint of product

1/3 of all food produced is disposed

#### **Food Waste Consumes**

**521% 19%** of all fresh water of all fertilizer

18% of cropland

**121%** 

of landfill volume

85%

Occurs downstream at consumer facing businesses and homes

### FLEXIBLE PACKAGING reduces food waste

When shelf life increases, food waste decreases





### vieVERTe: Our Growing Sustainable Packaging Line

# vieVERTe



#### 100% RECYCLED READY

- Low barrier outer bag/pouch
- Lamination-two layer
- Approved by How2Recycle for in-store drop off
- Seal-ability, machinability, and durability

# vieVERTe



## BARRIER RECYCLED READY

- First to commercialize barrier structure barrier
- Lamination-two layer, reverse print
- Submitted for How2Recycle approval
- Moister and oxygen barrier requirements met
- Maintains machine speeds
- Available with up to 15% PCR content by weight in sealant lamination layer

# vieVERTe



#### **COMPOSTABLE**

- Leader in packaging films for compostable
- Custom engineered with customer collaboration
- BPI certified INDUSTRIAL COMPOSTABLE
- Developing film technology for HOME COMPOSTABLE
- Know how on ASTM 6400 testing requirements
- Strong relationships throughout the industry: composters, BPI, forums, universities, suppliers





### PCR CONTAINING SHRINK FILMS

- Maintains machine speeds
- Up to 30% PCR content by weight
- Recycle Ready

### Our circular economy vision



- Live up to our 2025 commitment
- Develop industry leadership
- Accelerate innovation

"Our R&D strategy is focused on a deep understanding of our customers' needs and market trends. Working closely with our supply chain partners, we will accelerate the path towards a circular economy for plastic packaging, yielding greater benefits for our communities and the environment, while driving value for our shareholders."

> — Alex Hayden, Senior Vice President, R&D, Innovation and Sustainability, TC Transcontinental Packaging

### Making strides towards a circular economy for plastics

- ➤ We share the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's common vision of a circular economy for plastic, where plastic never becomes waste
- ➤ TC Transcontinental is the first Canadian-based manufacturer to join the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's New Plastics Economy Global Commitment
- > Our Commitment:
  - 100% of plastic packaging to be reusable, recyclable, or compostable by 2025
  - 10% of our plastic supply will come from post consumer recycled content by 2025
  - We will collaborate towards increasing recycling and composting rates for plastic

We are proud signatories of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's New Plastics Economy Global Commitment.



### Integrating the recycling of plastics in our production chain

Our equipments are used for converting plastic waste recovered from sorting facilities and other commercial, industrial and agricultural sources into recycled plastic granules providing a **stable procurement of recycled resin**.



Our recycling activities allow us to offer our customers eco-responsible packaging products that contain recycled plastic, and accelerate its development.



TC Transcontinental Printing

### **Printing Sector overview**

### Vision

Maintain our position as Canada's largest printer

# Strategy

 Align our costs with volume to protect profitability margin and capture growth opportunities in promising verticals

### Network

 12 state-of-the-art printing plants, from coast to coast

### Recent achievements in Printing

- Optimizing our manufacturing platform
  - Announced the closure of several plants (PEI, Quebec City, Gatineau and Winnipeg)
- Simplifying overhead structure to reduce indirect costs
- Acquisition of Holland & Crosby and Artisan Complete to increase our presence in a growth vertical (In-Store Marketing)
- Invested more than \$10 million in its book printing platform meet the demand from North American customers
- Took swift actions at the onset of the pandemic to maintain profitability and deliver solid free cash flows through the crisis

We will continue to take action to ensure we generate strong free cash flow in our Printing sector

### Printing outlook

- Monitor volume trends and proactively adjust cost structure to protect profitability
- Grow our market share in verticals with growth potential like in-store marketing product, book printing and premedia services
- Continue to generate significant cash flow

### Offering a state-of-the-art national printing network

**12** printing plants

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**: 1 plant

Transcontinental Vancouver

#### **ALBERTA**: 1 plant

· Transcontinental Calgary

#### **ONTARIO**: 4 plants

- Transcontinental Aurora (ISM)
- Transcontinental Brampton (ISM)
- Transcontinental RBW Graphics, Owen Sound
- · Transcontinental Vaughan

#### QUÉBEC: 5 plants

- Transcontinental Interglobe, Beauceville (Books)
- Transcontinental Interweb, Boucherville (Mag/Cat)
- Transcontinental Ross-Ellis, Montréal (Commercial)
- · Transcontinental Transmag, Montréal
- · Transcontinental Saint-Hyacinthe

#### NOVA SCOTIA: 1 plant

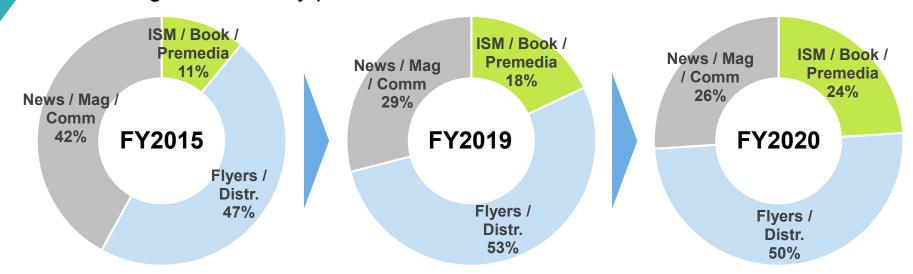
Transcontinental Halifax

~3,800 employees



### Dynamically adapting Print's portfolio to market

Printing Revenues by product / market



- Through acquisitions, divestitures and organic transformation, a growing portion of the portfolio is composed of activities with favourable growth opportunities (In-store marketing, Book, and Premedia)
- While its portfolio of activities has evolved over time, Print continues to generate strong profitability and free cash flow
- Print's portfolio today is much more resilient with lower exposure to Newspapers, Magazines and Commercial printing

### In-Store Marketing

### A growth vertical within our Printing sector

- Grew from less than \$7M annualized revenues in 2012 to ~\$140M today (through organic growth & acquisitions)
- Recent acquisition of Holland & Crosby and Artisan Complete to complement our product/service offering and provide scale
  - Significant cost synergies have been identified, allowing margins improvement
- Strong customer relationships, internal capabilities and attractive revenue synergies from acquisitions will contribute to generate organic growth
- Creative teams working with retail customers for a safe backto-business



fido ⋒

Retail environments





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# Media Sector now focused on Educational Material and Groupe Constructo

- Completed the transformation in Media Sector with the sale of the majority of our specialty media assets and event planning activities. The sector no longer rely on publicity revenues.
- ➤ With close to \$700 million in revenues in 2010, the Media Sector now represents ~\$70 million annually (2% 3% of our consolidated revenues)
- Educational Material and Constructo Group delivering solid and predictable cash flow
- Excellent financial performance in FY2020 with limited impact from COVID-19
  - 9% organic revenue growth and solid profitability

Our vision is to maintain our position as the leading Canadian French-language educational publishing group

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# We have a strong financial position to withstand the current crisis and continue our transformation

- Investment grade credit rating
- ➤ Net indebtedness ratio of 1.6x (excl. the impact of IFRS 16¹), providing the flexibility to pursue acquisitions
- Access to \$673.8 million in liquidity (cash and undrawn credit facilities) and limited upcoming maturities
- With its strong cash flow generation and real estate portfolio, the Printing segment could repay the entire long-term debt, leaving an unlevered Packaging segment
- ➤ With its defensiveness nature and growing markets, the Packaging segment is key to unlock shareholder value

### Conclusion

- The pandemic has highlighted our resilience, agility and operational excellence
- We are taking actions to continue optimizing cost structure and building sales growth
- We are in a solid financial position, generating strong and consistent cash flows allowing us to continue to pay down our debt and invest in our growth (CAPEX, R&D and acquisitions)



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