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#### **Investor Presentation**

March 2024

Banking on the Future!

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A Better
Banking Model
FOUNDED on
Technology

- excessive lending risk
- toan losses
- people (collections
- deposit risk
- economic exposure
- interest rate exposure
- inefficiency

VersaBank!



## A Fully Digital North American Bank

Highly efficient:
Branchless, partner (B2B) model

Innovative, value-added deposit & lending solutions for underserved markets

Operating leverage of a technology company with the intrinsic value of a bank

Highly risk-mitigated model: Very sticky deposits/History of virtually no loan losses

Track record of significant earnings growth

Poised for outsized long-term growth through entry to U.S. market

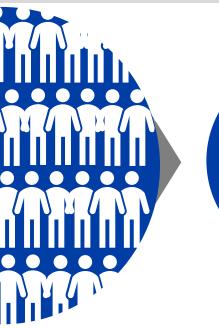
Additional "free option" through cybersecurity services subsidiary

At a **significant inflection point** for operating leverage, driving outsized growth in earnings and ROCE

## Branchless, Digital, Partner (B2B) Model Based on Proprietary Banking Technology

Significant **operating leverage** derived from **scalability** of technology platform & partner model

- All deposits/loans managed digitally
- No direct interaction with end users
- Very high asset-to-employee ratio











Q1 2024 Digital Banking efficiency ratio improved to a record 40% and is poised for continued outsized improvements

## Ultra Low-Risk Digital Model

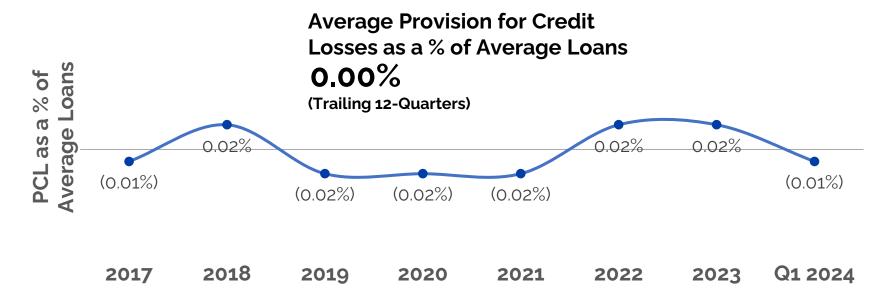
#### Organization-Wide Focus on Risk Mitigation

- Technology-based approach to risk analysis/monitoring
- Rigorous, multi-step, multi-executive approval process
- Continuous, real-time monitoring of credit performance
- Top-tier asset quality
- High-liquidity ratio & access to vast supply of low-cost funds
- Low operational risk: branchless, digital model & industry leading security

#### **Very Sticky Deposits**

- Insolvency Professionals: Long-term relationships based on unique, high-value add, integrated technology
- Wealth Management: 100% term deposit receipts/Depositors have no direct access to deposits
- 98% insured (All Wealth Management deposits insured)

#### 30+ Years with No Material Loan Losses



## **Deposits: Unlimited Low-Cost, Very Stable Sources**

#### >220 Partners Provide Access to Millions of Depositors

#### **Insolvency Professionals (>100 Offices)**

- Proprietary, high-value add, technology-based solution
- Grown to >100 partners & C\$642M/US\$479M in <10 years</li>











#### Wealth Management (>120 Partners)

- Extensive network of providing exposure to vast majority of Canadian depositors
- Competitively positioned for inexpensive deposits as a federally licensed bank









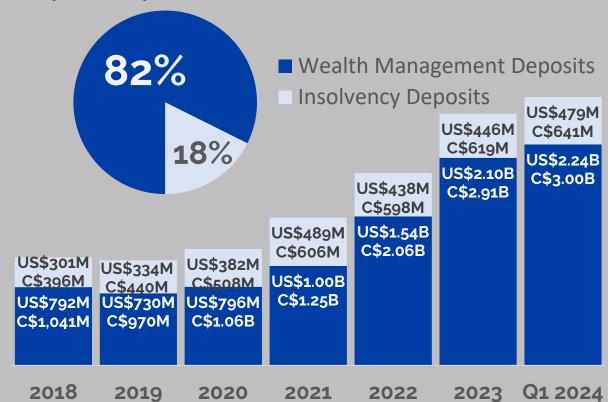






- Objective to minimize cost of deposit funding
- All Wealth Management deposits are term deposits
- Very "sticky" deposit base

#### **Deposit Composition (Q1 2024)**



## Loans: Very Low Risk Lending Channels

## >275 Partners Provide Access to Hundreds of Millions of Borrowers

#### Point-of-Sale Financing (Loans and Leases)

- Reliable, attractive alternative financing option for POS lenders, providing convenience for their consumers
- Very low-risk:
  - Default risk resides substantially with partner
  - Only partner with established POS lenders
- Dominant position in Canada

#### **High growth opportunity in United States**

#### **Residential Land & Construction Financing**

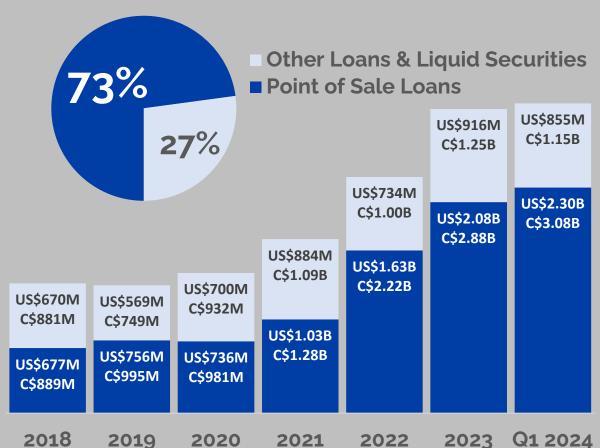
- Highly profitable legacy business
- Restricted to large, long-established developers
- Low loan-to-value/low risk-weighted loans
- No commercial real estate exposure

#### **Opportunistic based on economy/market**

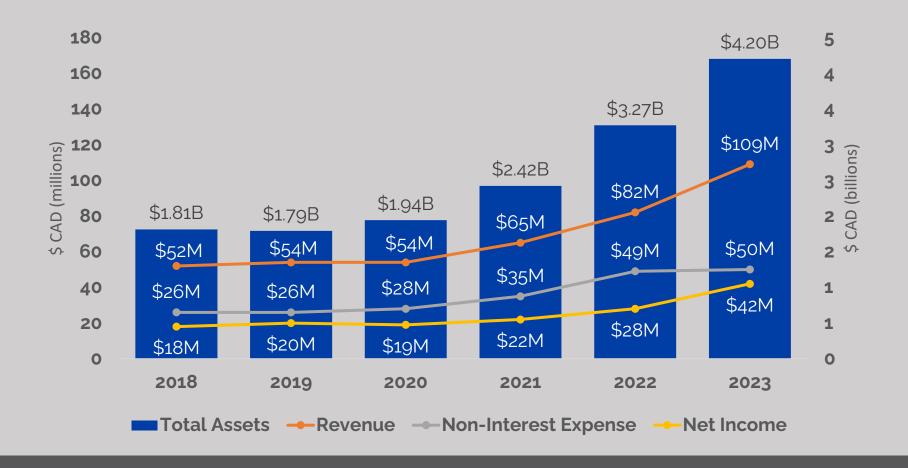


- Low-cost deposits enable low-risk lending
- 30-year history of virtually no loan losses

Loan Composition (Q1 2024)



## Momentum in Profitability and Long-Term Earnings Capacity



Expect continued steady growth in Canada with significant potential upside from entry into the U.S. market

## Q1 2024 Key Metrics & Highlights: Record Results<sup>1</sup>

\$4.31B **Total Assets** \$3.98B Loan Portfolio Loan Growth

YoY 23%

Total Revenue 11%



Net Income **EPS** 









Digital Banking Efficiency Ratio



Ave. Return on Common Equity (ROCE)



Realizing significant operating leverage inherent in Digital Banking model: Driving outsized growth in profitability and ROCE

## Digital Banking Growth Strategy: Momentum for the Future

## Goal: Maximize ROCE Through Growth in Total Assets, Balancing Net Interest Margin and Low-Capital Deployment Opportunities

1

Grow Loan Portfolio
via Point-of-Sale/RPP
programs in Canada and U.S.

**Expand Point-of-Sale Financing portfolio:** Add new partners & increase volumes with existing partners

Grow Recently Launched U.S. Receivable Purchase Program (U.S. version of Point-of-Sale Financing solution) 2

Minimize Cost of Funding to Maximize Net Interest Margin

**Expand insolvency deposits**: Higher volumes w/ existing partners & adding new partners

**Expand wealth management deposits** by adding new partners

Introduce commercial deposit offerings to new markets

3

Pursue Accretive Acquisitions to Leverage Scalability of Platform & Enter New Markets

Generate capital-efficient, step function growth in loan portfolio

Provide ability to expedite roll out of offerings in new markets

## U.S. Receivables Purchase Program (RPP): A New Financing Solution for a High-Growth, Underserved Market

Strong growth in U.S. Point-of-Sale financing activity driven by technology & increasing consumer preference for non-credit card/non-bank financing options

**75**%

Of consumers more likely to make purchase if seamless POS financing available<sup>(1)</sup>

\$**1.8**T

Estimated POS market in the near term,

20%

Forecast annual growth in U.S. point-of-sale financing market (2)

Same attractive, reliable alternative solution that has been highly successful in Canada

Launched in U.S. April 22 (limited basis roll out)

Strong initial demand, especially as conventional sources of financing have waned

Full roll out to commence upon closing of U.S. bank acquisition

Will be serviced via existing technology infrastructure



## Acquisition of OCC-Chartered, National US Bank: Transformational Next Step in Long-Term Growth Strategy

#### Definitive Agreement to Acquire Minnesota-based Stearns Bank Holdingford

- bank focused on small business lending
  - Expected to add ~US\$60 M<sup>1</sup> in total assets
  - Estimated purchase price of US\$13.5 M (CA\$18 M)<sup>1</sup>

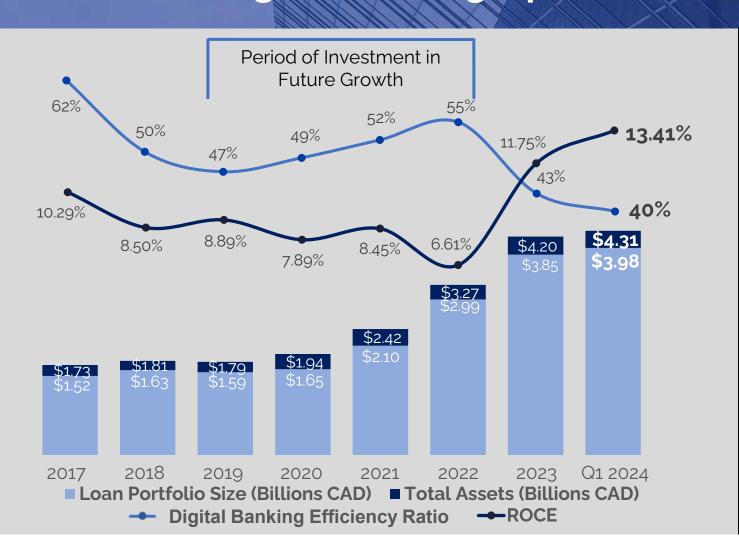
#### Platform for significant growth in the United States

- Provides access to U.S. deposits to fuel growth of the U.S. Receivable Purchase Program business (recently launched in the U.S. following success of Point-of-Sale business in Canada)
- Expected to be accretive to VersaBank's earnings per share within first year after closing
- Expected to be well capitalized on closing with a Total Capital ratio >10%
- Will be renamed VersaBank USA on closing

1. Subject to any adjustments at closing. 2. Subject to regulatory approval in U.S. and Canada).

Awaiting decision of U.S. regulatory authorities – expected calendar H1 2024

### Capitalizing on the Significant Operating Leverage in Our Core Digital Banking Operations



#### **Next Milestones**

**Total Assets** 

**Efficiency Ratio** 

<40%

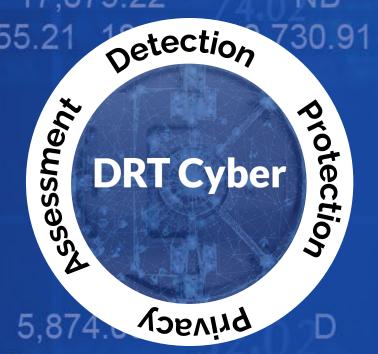
**ROCE** 

>16.5% >20%



## DRT Cyber: "Free Option" on Digital Banking Valuation

One of North America's
Premiere IT Security
Assurance Services Firms



Comprehensive Suite of Services:

- External network, web and mobile app penetration testing
- Physical social engineering engagements
- Supervisory control & data acquisition (SCADA) system assessments
- Various aspects of training
- > 400 Clients Across North America
  - Large retailers & financial service providers
  - Police service organizations
  - Energy, public utilities & infrastructure firms

Significant opportunities to cross-sell and up-sell

Also provides technology development for Digital Banking operations

### Why VersaBank? Why Now?

**At inflection point** for operating leverage, earnings growth and ROCE generation based on expected continued strong growth in Canada and entry into the U.S

**Proposed acquisition of national, chartered US bank** provides access to \$1.8T market for highly unique Receivables Purchase Program (proven out in Canada)

Highly risk-mitigated model based on structuring of both deposits and loans

Current valuation substantially below US comps based on both P/BV & P/E

Profitable cybersecurity services subsidiary is a "free option"

Positioned to perform well in a challenging economic environment



# Banking on the Future!

