



# The LPL Financial Opportunity

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# Clear opportunity to extend market leadership and promote earnings growth

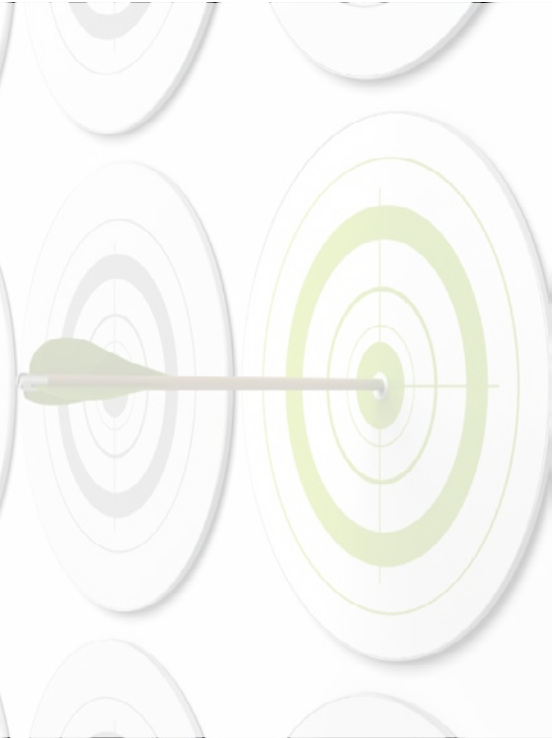
Capitalizing on the industry move to independence with disruptive business model

Increasing advisor productivity and asset gathering

Unlocking embedded growth and strengthening our financial model

Driving operational efficiency in our expense structure

Unique capital-light model and shareholder friendly approach to capital allocation



# Disruptive business model promotes industry leadership

Established industry leader

Disruptive model	LPL	Custodian	Employee	Independent
Enables independence	✓	✓	✗	✓
Focused business model	✓	✗	✗	✓
Robust technology and service support	✓	✓	✓	✗
Integrated brokerage and RIA advisory platform	✓	✗	✗	✗
Supports an array of advisor practices	✓	✗	✗	✗
Superior economics	✓	✓	✗	✗

- **#1 independent B/D** with 13,840 advisors<sup>1</sup>
- **4th largest** brokerage firm<sup>2</sup>
- **\$465 billion** in advisory & brokerage assets
- **\$110 billion** in additional retirement plan assets

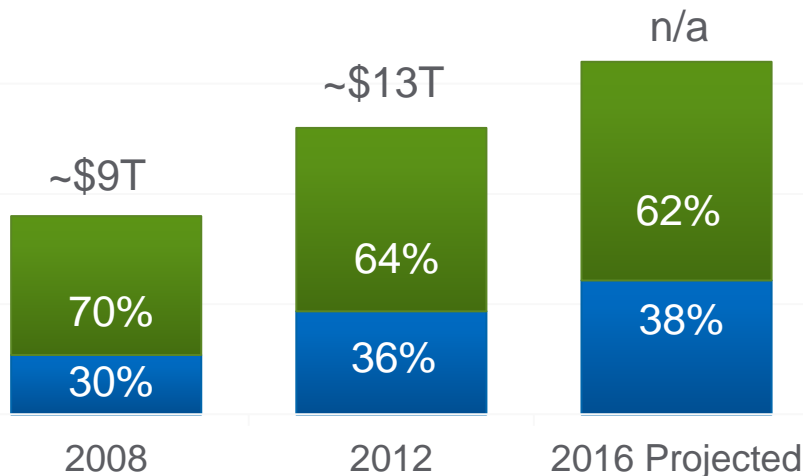
<sup>1</sup> Based on number of advisors reported by Financial Planning Magazine June 2014

<sup>2</sup> Based on number of advisors reported from publicly disclosed information as of June 30, 2014

# Positioned to capitalize on favorable industry trends

## Growing retail assets and march to independence<sup>1</sup>

■ Independent Channel ■ Employee Channel



LPL is also positioned to capitalize on projected growth in ~\$6 trillion<sup>1</sup> of advisor intermediated retirement plan assets

## Track record of increasing market share

- LPL is the **#1 destination** for advisors looking to move<sup>2</sup>
- Over the past three years, LPL has **led the industry in cumulative net new advisor growth**<sup>3</sup>
- **~97% production retention** in 2013
- LPL has **expanded market share** of retail advisors from 1.4% to 4.3% over the last 8 years<sup>1</sup>

# Strategic focus on expanding leadership within existing footprint



Focusing on chosen markets

## Independent Advisor Services

~8,800 advisors  
\$276 bn assets served

## Institution Services

744 banks & credit unions  
\$111 bn assets served

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## RIA

282 firms  
\$78 bn assets served

## Retirement Partners

~40,000 plans  
\$110 bn AUM<sup>1</sup>

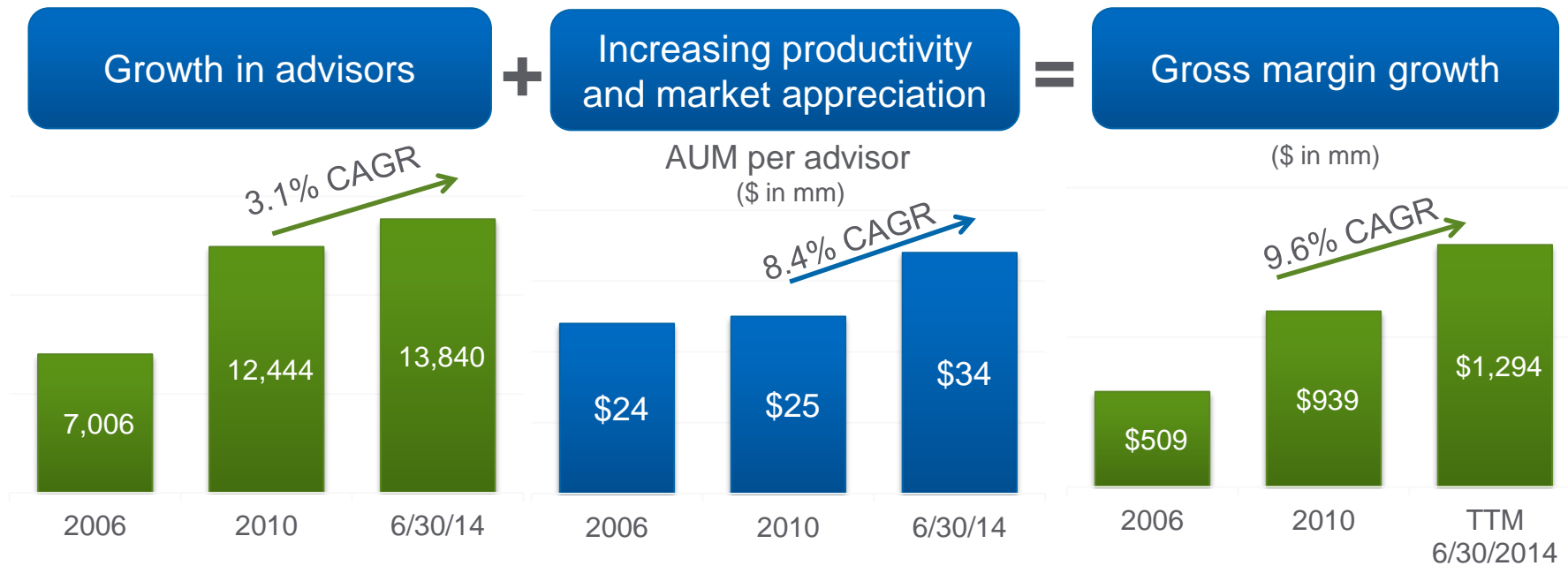
Unlocking embedded growth

World class service experience

Industry leading technology

Pioneering practice management

# Delivering sustained growth across market cycles



Gross margin growth was achieved during period of interest rate headwinds

# Focus on operational efficiency positions the company to generate outsized earnings growth

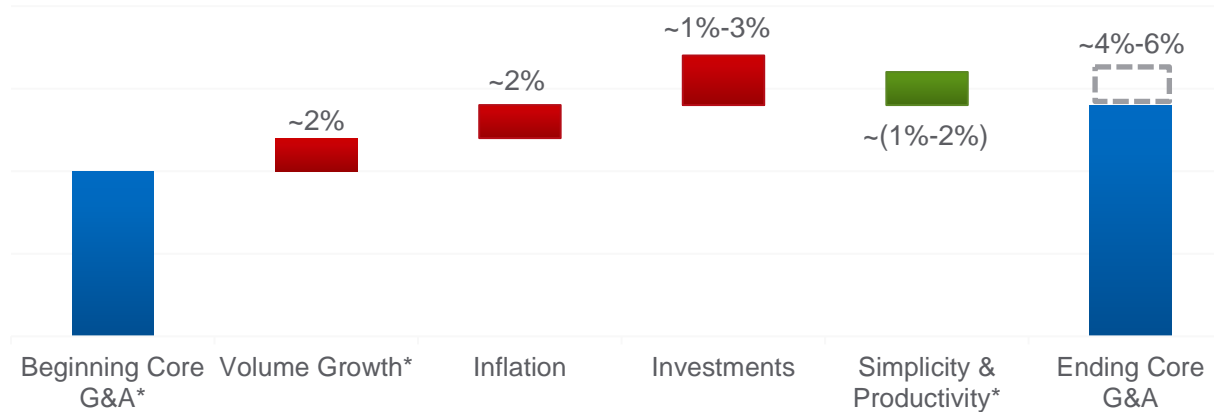


Illustration: Scalability of the business model	Low growth scenario	Higher growth scenario
Revenue / gross margin growth	8%	12%
Total adjusted expense growth <sup>1</sup>	5%	6%
Adjusted EPS growth	14%	23%
Annual margin expansion (bps)	50	95

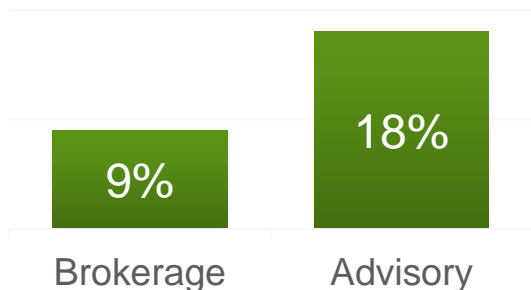
Excludes the benefits from normalized interest rate or future share repurchases.



# Strengthening the financial model

Advancing trend to fee-based business

AUM CAGR  
2010 – 6/30/14



- Advisory AUM is ~35% of overall AUM but represents over 50% of new sales
- Gross margin ROA on advisory assets is more profitable than brokerage assets

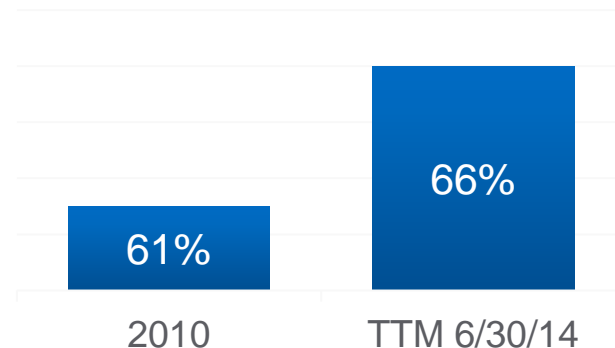
Benefit from normalized interest rates<sup>1</sup>

Incremental EBITDA



- The incremental benefit would add ~5% to the Adjusted EBITDA margin
- Estimate approximately \$210 million in pre-tax earnings, or \$1.28 in EPS<sup>2</sup>

Increasing recurring revenue



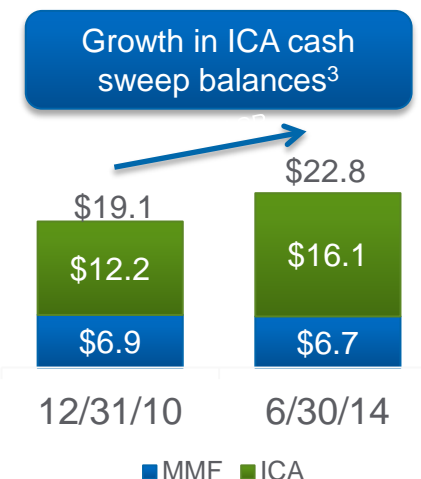
- Driven by growth in fee-based business and expansion of value-added services to advisors and product manufacturers

<sup>1</sup> Assumes maximum fees in the Company's cash sweep program which would be achieved when the Federal Funds Effective Rate (FFER) is ~260 bps based on current balances and contract terms.

<sup>2</sup> Factors in rising interest expense related to floating rate on Company debt

# Benefit from anticipated rising interest rates and growth in cash sweep balances

Cash sweep opportunity	ICA <sup>2</sup>	MMF <sup>2</sup>	Total
Assets <sup>1</sup> (\$ in bn)	\$16.4	\$7.0	\$23.4
Q2 fee (bps)	58	7	43
Assumed target fee (bps)	185	55	145
Potential annualized incremental EBITDA (\$ in mm) <sup>4</sup>	\$208	\$33	<b>\$242</b>



- There are two main drivers of value:
  - Fee increase: For every 10 bp increase in the ICA fee up to the assumed target fee, LPL Financial can generate \$16.4 mm in EBITDA based on average balances to be recognized immediately as the FFER<sup>2</sup> rises
  - Volume: For every \$1 bn in additional ICA cash sweep assets, LPL Financial can generate an additional \$18.5 mm in EBITDA at the assumed target fee

# ICA bank spread outlook

- Certain ICA bank contracts established in late 2008 provide for fees that are significantly above market. As these contracts gradually reset to market rates, the weighted average bank spread over FFER has and will continue to decline
- The anticipated 2016 ending bank spread is approximately within the range of current market rates

	Current FFER		Beginning of the Year Bank Spread		Beginning ICA Fee <sup>1</sup>	Estimated Bank Spread Compression <sup>2</sup>	Estimated Ending ICA Fee <sup>1</sup>	Year Ending Bank Spread	FFER needed to achieve 185 bp target fee <sup>3,4</sup>
2014	9	+	53	=	62	~7	~55	46	~260
2015	9	+	46	=	~55	~13	~42	33	~280
2016	9	+	33	=	~42	~22	~20	11	~325

<sup>1</sup> The ICA fee is based on average balances in 2014 and assumes a flat FFER of 9 basis points. An increase in balances may lead to further ICA bank fee compression

<sup>2</sup> The majority of bank spread compression historically has occurred in the first quarter

<sup>3</sup> Page 13 of the Q2 2014 Financial Supplement on the LPL Financial Investor Relations website under the Events section provides additional information of the mechanics of the ICA bank fee program as the FFER rises

<sup>4</sup> Based on current balances and contracts, if the maximum bank spread compression occurs, the minimum FFER rate to maximize fees could increase up to approximately 350 bps

# Operational update

## Q3'14 outlook through August 31, 2014

### Net new advisors

- Including Financial Telesis, for the quarter we expect to be at the high-end of the range of our annualized net new advisor target
- The pipeline remains strong and we see growing opportunity with larger enterprises
- Recruiting levels have been moderate through August while the momentum is building

### Advisor productivity

- Overall investors remain engaged. We continue to generate strong flows in our fee-based business and the typical Q3 seasonal slowdown in commissions has been moderate. We continue to experience softness in annuity based products, primarily due to interest rate uncertainty
- As expected, non-traded REIT activity remains at normalized levels for the quarter, compared to approximately \$80 mm in Q3 2013

### Core G&A

- We remain on track to deliver 7% core G&A growth for 2014 driven by 4.5% core G&A + 2.5% in elevated regulatory spend
- The trajectory of the core G&A growth rate is improving, as Q3 Core G&A spend is forecasted to grow in the low single digits year-over-year

### Capital management

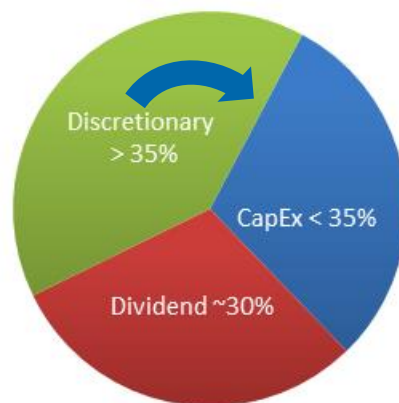
- Seeking to upsize and extend our revolving credit facility for general corporate purposes including potential share repurchases beginning in the fourth quarter

# Capital-light model supports opportunity to reinvest in the business and return capital to shareholders

Approximate Current Use of Cash from Operations



Potential Future Use of Cash from Operations



- Cash from operations<sup>1</sup> is approximately 50% of Adjusted EBITDA

- 2x-3x leverage maintains optimal cost of capital

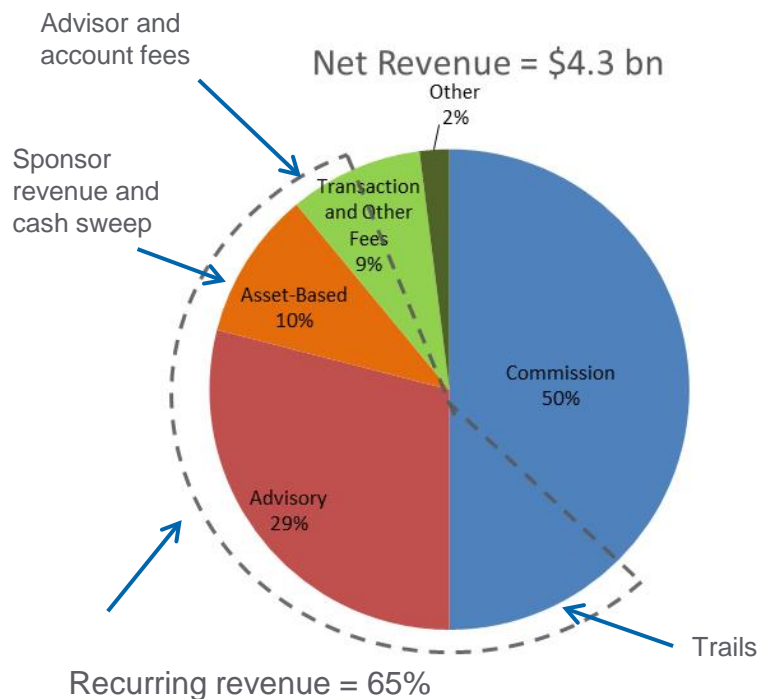
\$ in mm	Q2 YTD		
	2014	2013	Since IPO
Dividends	\$48	\$68	\$365
Share Repurchases	\$125	\$219	\$632
Total	\$173	\$287	\$997



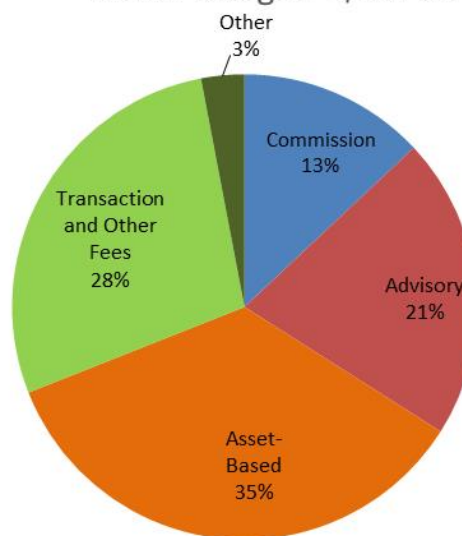
## Appendix

# Diverse and recurring revenue streams

## 2013 Results



## Gross Margin = \$1.3 bn<sup>1</sup>



- **Increased attachment revenue**, ex-cash sweep revenue, grew as a percent of advisor production from 19% in 2006 to 23% in 2013
- Adjusted EBITDA as a percent of Gross Margin is 41%

# Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation

The reconciliation from net income to Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure, for the periods presented is as follows (in thousands):

	TTM June 2014	2010 <i>(unaudited)</i>	2006
Net income (loss)	\$178,275	(\$56,862)	\$33,642
Interest expense	52,373	90,407	125,103
Income tax expense (benefit)	106,283	(31,987)	21,224
Amortization of intangible assets(a)	38,874	43,658	49,220
Depreciation and amortization of fixed assets	50,709	42,379	16,128
EBITDA	<u>426,514</u>	<u>87,595</u>	<u>245,317</u>
EBITDA Adjustments:			
Employee share-based compensation expense(b)	17,523	10,429	2,878
Acquisition and integration related expenses(c)	17,256	12,569	1,237
Restructuring and conversion costs(d)	33,875	22,835	-
Debt amendment and extinguishment costs(e)	-	38,633	-
Equity issuance and related offering costs(f)	-	240,902	-
Other	18,981	150	(1,520)
Total EBITDA Adjustments	<u>87,635</u>	<u>325,518</u>	<u>2,595</u>
Adjusted EBITDA	<u><u>\$514,149</u></u>	<u><u>\$413,113</u></u>	<u><u>\$247,912</u></u>

(a) Represents amortization of intangible assets as a result of our purchase accounting adjustments from our merger transaction in 2005 and various acquisitions.

(b) Represents share-based compensation expense for equity awards granted to employees, officers and directors. Such awards are measured based on the grant date fair value and recognized over the requisite service period of the individual awards, which generally equals the vesting period.

(c) Represents acquisition and integration costs resulting from various acquisitions, including changes in the estimated fair value of future payments, or contingent consideration, required to be made to former shareholders of certain acquired entities.

(d) Represents organizational restructuring charges, conversion and other related costs incurred resulting from the expansion of our Service Value Commitment, the 2011 consolidation of UVEST Financial Services Group, Inc. and the 2009 consolidation of Mutual Service Corporation, Associated Financial Group, Inc., Associated Planners Investment Advisory, Inc. and Waterstone Financial Group.

(e) Represents expenses incurred resulting from the early extinguishment, amending, restating, and repayment of amounts outstanding under our credit agreements.

(f) Represents equity issuance and offering costs for our IPO, which was completed in the fourth quarter of 2010.