

# TUFROPES

# DESIGNED TO OUTPERFORM

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In this presentation, reference to "EBITDA" are to the unaudited earnings of Tufropes before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization and to "EBITDA margins" are to Tufropes' EBITDA divided by its revenue. EBITDA and EBITDA margins are non-standardized financial measures that are not calculated or presented in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). Accordingly, it may not be possible to compare Tufropes' EBITDA or EBITDA margins with EBITDA, EBITDA margins or other financial measures of other companies having the same or similar businesses.

In addition, all financial information regarding Tufropes contained in this presentation has been derived from Tufropes' financial statements which are prepared in accordance with Indian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("Indian GAAP"). Aimia prepares its financial statements in accordance with IFRS. Indian GAAP differs in certain respects from IFRS.

All figures included in this presentation are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.



# **TUFROPES AT A GLANCE**

#### LEADING GLOBAL MANUFACTURER OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE SYNTHETIC FIBER ROPES & NETS







- Leading global manufacturer of highperformance synthetic fiber ropes and netting solutions
- Services highly-attractive aquaculture, maritime, and other high-growth industrial end markets
- Tufropes' products are known for their unique combination of design and performance characteristics (including resistance to UV radiation and abrasion, high strength vs. weight)
- In-house R&D & engineering capabilities across the fields of polymers, chemicals, textiles, and material sciences and manufacturing experience allow for innovative, customized products
- Manufacturing facilities capable of producing ~70,000 metric tons of rope and netting solutions per year
- Product portfolio of over 35,000 SKUs/





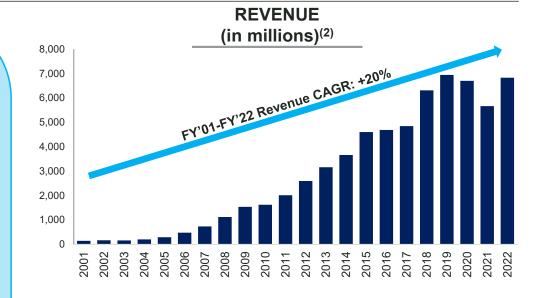




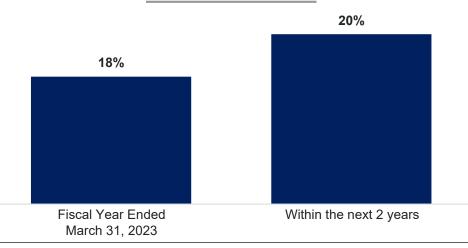
# TUFROPES IS A GLOBAL MARKET LEADER WITH SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

#### CONSISTENT GROWTH WITH STRONG MARGINS

- A family-owned business founded in 1992, Tufropes is expected to achieve annual revenue of ~\$130 million<sup>(1)</sup> for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023
- Industry-leading EBITDA margins<sup>(3,4)</sup> of 18% for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, with expectations<sup>(3)</sup> to grow those margins above 20% within the next two years
- Since 2001, the company has grown revenue at a compounded annual growth rate of ~20%, with limited capital investment requirements and high free cash flow conversion
- 5 manufacturing plants with well-established, costefficient manufacturing footprint with large installed base of capacity
- Sticky, long-term relationships with over 400 customers across 70+ countries; Average tenure of 15+ years for key account customers
- +2,700 employees









In Indian Rupees; Fiscal Year End 31-Mar



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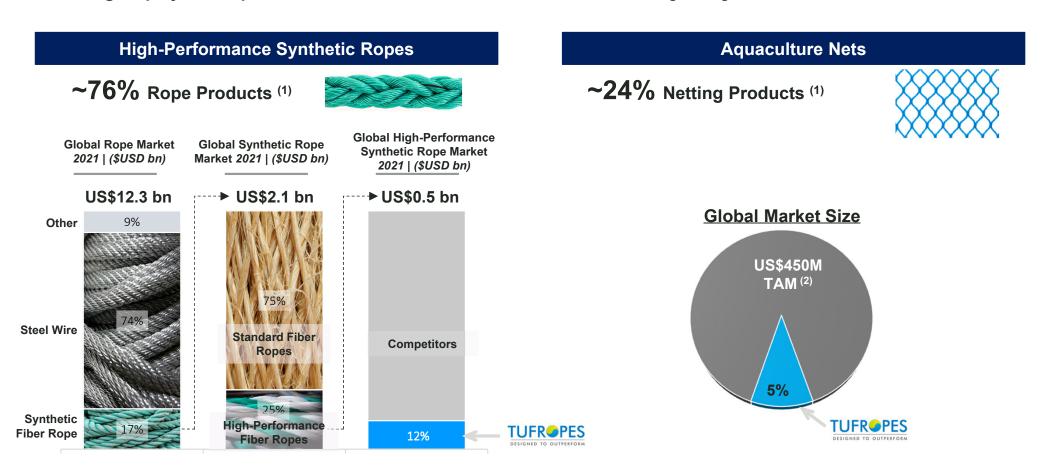
<sup>4)</sup> Refer to "Non-IFRS Measures and Presentation of Financial Information" in the disclaimer of this presentation.

<sup>)</sup> Based on reasonable assumptions such as operational improvement initiatives, as well as the optimization of product mix.

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#### **GLOBAL MANUFACTURER OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE SYNTHETIC FIBER ROPES & NETS**

- A global top 3 player in the high-performance synthetic rope market of +US\$500mm and growing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest player in Aquaculture Net Solutions, a +US\$450mm market and growing



In addition to these markets, Tufropes manufactures and sells other rope and netting products

<sup>2)</sup> TAM: Total Addressable Market.



<sup>1)</sup> As a percentage of total revenue for fiscal year ended March 31, 2022.

# ATTRACTIVE INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS ACROSS MULTIPLE BUSINESS SEGMENTS INDUSTRIES

**INDUSTRIES SERVED** 



Tufropes is a prominent supplier of fishing nets, ropes and twines for the deep sea fishing industry. The Company also specialize in offering application focused products & solutions for the global aquaculture industry



Tufropes offers high-strength ropes and nets for various domestic applications from ropes to hang wet clothes to tying cattle, from shade nets for your cars to fencing of your homes



Tufropes is a leading manufacturer of high-strength sustainable synthetic mooring and towing ropes for the marine and shipping industry across the globe



Tufropes offers a wide range of products from agriculture shade nets, fencing nets, floriculture nets and anti-bird nets



Tufropes offers solutions for various challenging applications in the industrial sector, such as for lifting, material handling and safety nets to leading infrastructure projects



Tufropes manufactures superior quality sports nets for various applications like cage nets, goal post nets, partitioning nets, safety nets, practice nets and swimming pool cover nets

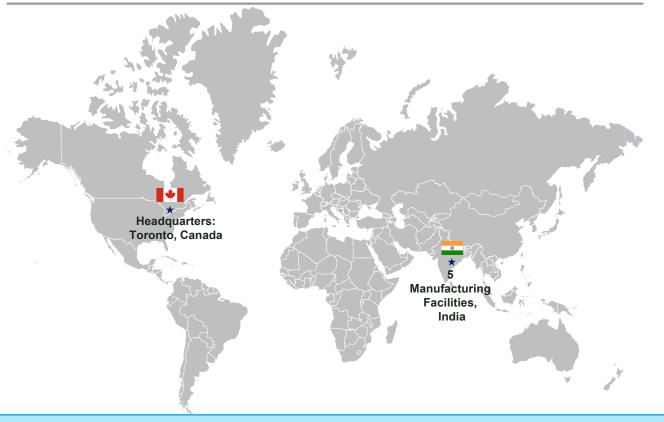


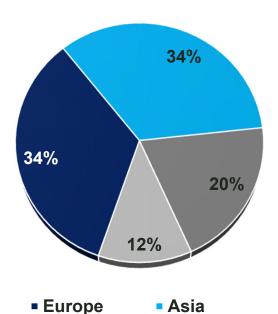
# GLOBAL SALES & DISTRIBUTION + HIGH QUALITY/COST EFFICIENT MANUFACTURING FOOTPRINT

**GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE REVENUE BASE** 

Global Sales & Distribution
Supported by High Quality/Cost-Efficient Manufacturing Footprint

Sales by Geography (% FY'22 Revenue)





- Aimia intends to add key senior management and sales & marketing positions to Canada and Europe, strategically located near key customers/markets and allowing Aimia to use its tax attributes available in Canada
- Manufacturing and domestic sales will continue to be operated in India



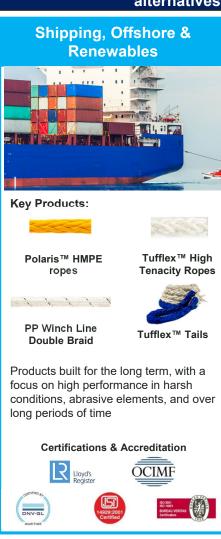
# **ONE-STOP-SHOP WITH NUMEROUS SKUS**

## **SERVING A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIES**

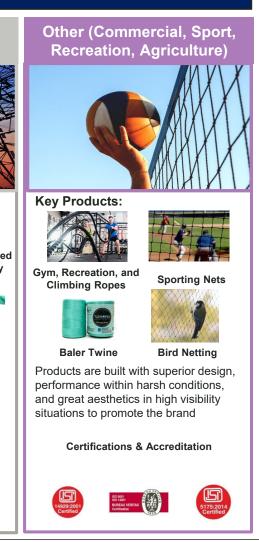
Tufropes' product portfolio of over 35,000 SKUs services the harshest, mission-critical environments where commoditized alternatives do not suffice



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## **Industrial & Safety Key Products:** Powerline™ & **Triple Layer Braided** Nylotuf™ & Twisted Safety **Transmission Ropes** Nets Industrial PP and Supertuf™ High **Tenacity Rope HMPE** Rope Products highly focused on tension strength and durability for maximum safety across critical applications; replacement of legacy steel chain and wire products Certifications & Accreditation





## MARKET DRIVEN DYNAMICS DRIVE STRONG HMPE DEMAND

## HIGH MODULUS POLYETHYLENE (HMPE) ROPES AND NETTING



#### **Commercial Fishing & Aquaculture:**

- Increasing cage sizes drive demand for high modulus polyethylene (HMPE) due to high strength and ease of handling
- HMPE netting is used in demanding conditions along with other synthetic fibers
- Use of HMPE are effective in reducing escape incidents due to holes in nets caused by predators, chafing and snagging and mooring failures



#### Marine & Shipping, Tugging, & Towing:

- HMPE increasingly used on larger ships to replace wire or large standard ropes
- 7-9 times stronger than steel wire ropes and 3 times stronger than conventional synthetic fiber ropes at same weight



#### Lifting, Mining, Safety & Infrastructure:

Lightweight, flexible, and easy to handle, high strength synthetic fiber rope solutions significantly reduce rigging time, manpower and injury risk



#### Offshore Oil, Gas & Renewables:

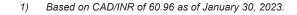
- Many deep-water mooring applications have converted from steel wire to synthetic fiber rope
- HMPE offers the utmost safety and reassurance for increasing water depths and larger installations



# **PURCHASE CONSIDERATION**

- Aimia will pay a purchase price of approximately \$249.6 million<sup>(1)</sup> on a cash-free and debt-free basis, subject to
  customary adjustments related to net debt and working capital at closing
- It is anticipated that the acquisition will be financed with Aimia's cash on hand. Aimia is currently evaluating financing options with an expectation to raise a prudent level of debt at Tufropes within one year of closing

Purchase Consideration	
(in millions) <sup>(1)</sup>	CAD
Purchase consideration at closing	\$ 249.6
+/- Net Debt and Working Capital Adjustments  Based on Net Debt and Working Capital balances at closing, post closing adjustments are expected to be determined within ~120 days after closing	\$ (TBD)
Purchase consideration post closing	\$ 249.6





# PALADIN PRIVATE EQUITY

#### **AIMIA'S PARTNER**

#### **Terms of Agreement**

- Paladin Private Equity LLC ("Paladin") has partnered with Aimia on the transaction
- Upon closing of the transaction, Aimia and Paladin will enter into certain agreements on customary terms and conditions
  and providing for, among other things, governance rights, preferred return for Aimia, certain carry related rights to the
  benefit of Paladin, and an option for Paladin to acquire up to 19.9% minority equity position of Tufropes from Aimia within
  one year of closing
- Members of the Paladin team will join the Board of Directors of Tufropes and support its strategic growth initiatives

### **About Paladin Private Equity**

- Paladin is a global private equity firm based in the US (Los Angeles & New York) and Germany (Hamburg) with a focus
  on investing in and building global market leaders within the industrial technology sector
- Paladin's investment strategy targets unique companies that dominate highly attractive niche markets encompassing highly-engineered, manufactured products and technology-enabled, business services. These companies are distinguished by deep and sustainable competitive advantages and with as yet unfulfilled global growth, lean management and digital technology performance improvement potential
- Paladin's investment team, board of directors and senior advisor network have extensive experience advising management teams on global sales & marketing growth strategies (including new product development and geographic expansion), executing and integrating global M&A, optimizing complex global manufacturing, procurement, and supply chains and pioneering the use of lean management and cutting-edge digital technology to automate and modernize operations for maximum efficiency, quality, innovation and safe operations





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