

# **Acquisition of Ace Beverage Group**

June 2023

















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## **Transaction Highlights**



- Corby Spirit and Wine ("Corby" or the "Company") has reached an agreement to acquire 90% of the outstanding shares of Ace Beverage Group ("Ace") for \$148.5 million
  - Corby has a path to acquire the remaining 10% through two call options in 2025 and 2028
- Ace is a leading Canadian ready-to-drink ("RTD") alcoholic beverage company, with an innovative portfolio focused on better-for-you ("BFY") offerings
  - The acquired portfolio of brands includes Cottage Springs, Ace Hill, Cabana Coast, Liberty Village Beverage, and Good Vines
- The acquisition transforms Corby's financial profile, adding a meaningful presence in the fastest growing alcoholic beverage category
  - Proforma, it is expected that Corby's operating revenue will increase by approximately 35% and that the transaction will be accretive on Corby's operating margin
  - Significant positive EPS accretion expected one-year post-close
  - Funded using available cash and an intercompany loan from Corby's majority shareholder, Pernod Ricard<sup>(1)</sup>
  - The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of Corby's fiscal year 2024, and is subject to customary closing conditions, regulatory approvals, and third-party consents



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# **Ace Beverage Group Highlights**

#1

Fastest Growing RTD
Brand in Canada

2 Million

Cases Sold for Retail Value of ~\$120M

\$57M

**LTM Revenue** 

#1

Market Share RTD
Brand in LCBO

28

**2023 LCBO RTD Listings** 

37%

FY2020A – FY2022A Revenue CAGR











## Ace Beverage Group's Portfolio



Flagship Brand

**78%** of Revenue

#### Vodka Soda



Classic BFY Vodka Soda

#2 Vodka Soda in Ontario

#### Vodka Water





BFY Non-Carbonated and Easy-Drinking

#1 Vodka Water in Canada

#### **Vodka Lemonade**





BFY Disruptor in Traditional Category

#1 Vodka Lemonade in Ontario

#### **Vodka Iced Tea**





BFY Disruptor in Traditional Category

#2 Hard Tea in Ontario

# Tequila Soda



Early Mover in Emerging Category

> Launched March 2023

### **Flavoured Spirits**



BFY Offering in Innovative Category

Launched April 2023



### Secondary Brands

**22%** of <u>Reve</u>nue

#### **BFY Beer**



BFY and Craft Beer Offerings

#1 Ontario Craft Beer Innovation in 2022

#### **Vodka Soda**



Premium BFY Offerings Made with Real Fruit

> Top 10 LCBO BFY RTD

#### **Traditional RTD**



Traditional RTD Cocktail Offerings

#1 RTD Moscow Mule in Canada



BFY Offering in Traditional Category

#1 Ontario Craft Cider SKU



#### **BFY Wine Spritzer**



BFY Offering in Innovative Category

Sugar-Free Wine Spritzer

## **Transaction Strategic Rationale and Benefits**



- Provides further expansion into the large, fast-growing and highly attractive RTD segment
- Adds industry-leading brands in key categories to Corby's dynamic product portfolio
- Fuels Corby's quest for continued innovation by combining two companies with track records of building leading brands
- Diversifies Corby's product offering by satisfying evolving consumer tastes and preferences
- Transforms Corby's financial profile with meaningful participation to the fastest growing alcoholic beverage segment
- Highly accretive transaction creates value for Corby shareholders

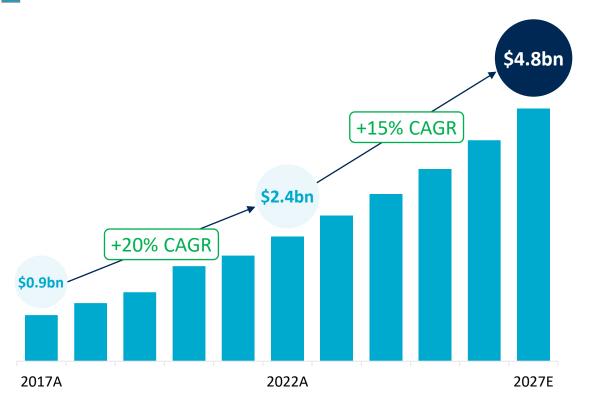
## RTD is a Large and Rapidly Growing Segment



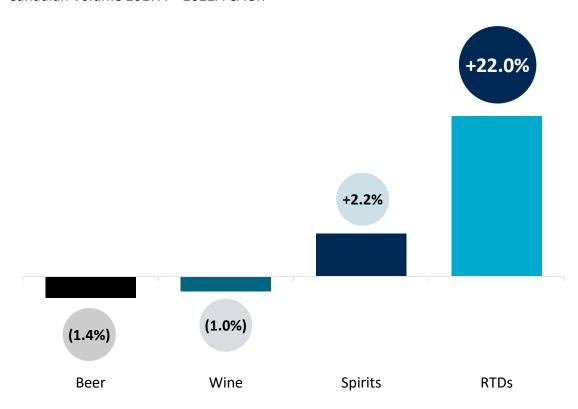
The \$2.4bn Canadian RTD market is the fastest growing and most attractive beverage alcohol category in Canada

RTDs have significantly outperformed the alcoholic beverage market, growing volumes 10x faster than spirits





Canadian Volume 2017A - 2022A CAGR



## **Market-Leading Brands with Significant Runway**

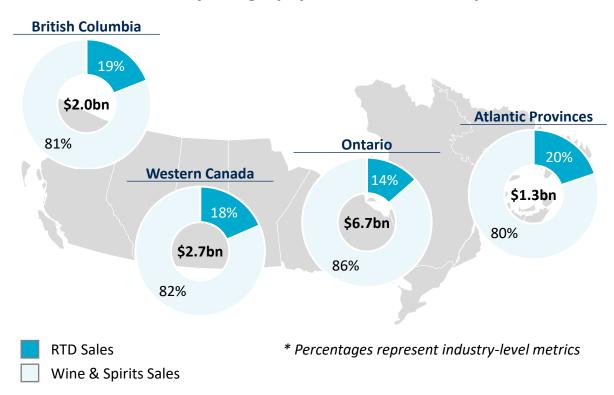


Cottage Springs continues to outperform competitors and has grown to become the #1 RTD brand in the LCBO

	Brand	LCBO RTD Market Share (2022)	LCBO YoY Sales Growth (2022)
	<b>Cottage Springs</b>	12.2%	36%
E CL 44	White Claw	12.0%	(15%)
SMIRNOFF	Smirnoff	9.7%	6%
TWISTED TEA	Twisted Tea	8.5%	(1%)
mikes	Mike's Hard	6.3%	(18%)
ÜTRL*	Nutrl	3.8%	(21%)
SQCIAL =	Social Lite	3.6%	(7%)
BUD LIGHT	Bud Light RTD	0.8%	(41%)
VIZZY HARD SELTZER	Vizzy	0.7%	(5%)
HIGH	High Noon	0.5%	n/a

Ace has a leading RTD position in Ontario, Canada's largest retail market, with room to grow due to the category's underpenetration relative to other provinces

Retail Value by Geography – RTD vs Wine & Spirits<sup>(1)</sup>



Source: LCBO retail sales and Association of Canadian Distillers ("ACD").

## **Best-In-Class Innovations**



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### **Best-In-Class Innovation**

consumer understanding

Opportunity to leverage

combined innovation

credentials to launch new on-trend products

to the highly coveted

Millennial and Gen Z

customer base

Deeper market intelligence and

2020

**Cottage Springs Vodka Water** 



Early vodka water mover; currently Cdn. #1



Chic Choc & Ungava RTD Launched Aug. 2021



The Glenlivet 14 year old Launched May 2022

2021

**Cottage Springs Vodka** Water "Bag-in-Box"



2021 LCBO product launch of the year

**Cottage Springs Vodka Lemonade** 



#6 LCBO RTD innovation in 2021



Malibu Daiguiri RTD Launched March 2022



**Absolut RTD** Launched March 2022



J.P. Wiser's 10-Year-Old Launched Nov. 2022

- 20% to 30% of Corby's top line in spirits market comes from innovation
- Both Corby and ACE recognized by LBCO with the Elsie Awards, proving innovation, creativity and customer service

2022

**Cottage Springs Vodka** Soda Mixed 24-Pack



#1 LCBO RTD innovation in 2022 **Cottage Springs Vodka Iced Tea Mixed 8-Pack** 



#2 I CBO RTD innovation in 2022

**Cottage Springs Vodka Lemonade Mixed 8-Pack** 



#3 LCBO RTD innovation in 2022



Polar Ice Berry Blizzard Launched May 2023

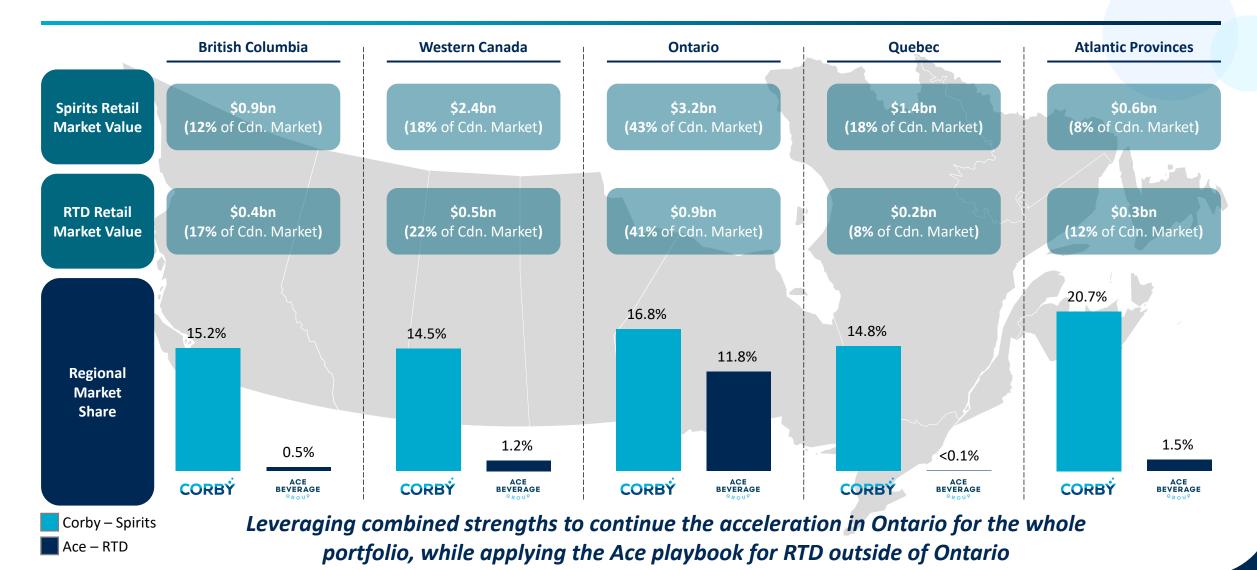


Launching Aug. 2023

Source: Company filings and publicly available information.

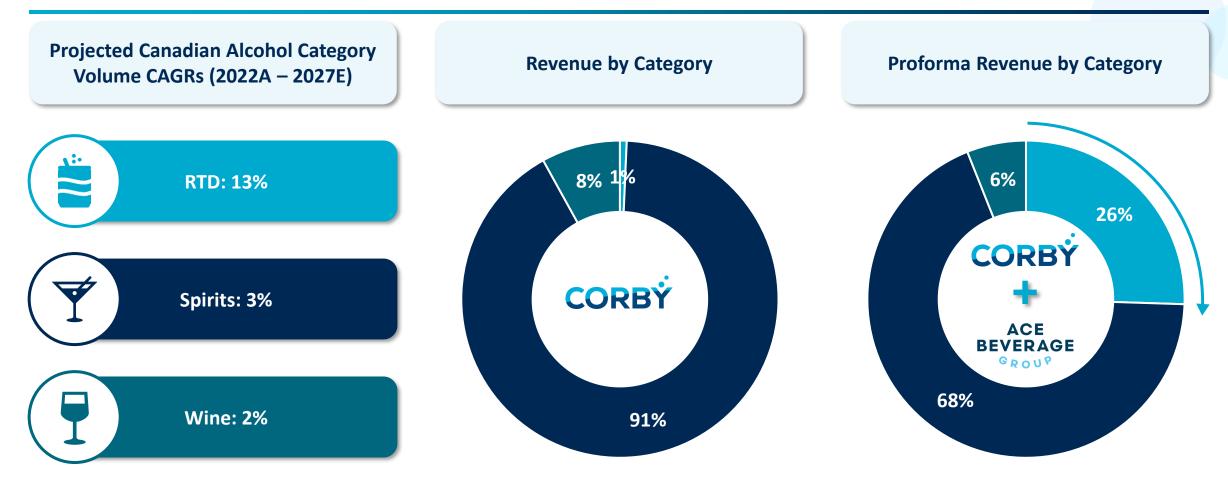
## **Canada-Wide Distribution and Execution Strength**





## Ace Shifts the Growth Profile of Corby's Portfolio





Corby will significantly increase its participation in the highest growing beverage alcohol category which will now represent ~25% of the total portfolio

# **Expanded Offering to Satisfy Evolving Consumer Preferences**





The addition of Ace brands will create the most diversified portfolio covering all consumer occasions at all price points

# **Corby to Maintain Diligent Capital Allocation Strategy**



# Return of Capital to Shareholders

- Dividend policy remains a key priority for Corby's capital allocation strategy
- Corby is expected to maintain quarterly dividends, subject to the discretion of Board of Directors

### Strategic Business Investments

- Corby will continue to pursue strategic growth initiatives with a focus on creating value for shareholders
- No change to the longterm capex policy towards innovation, R&D, product launches, and marketing

### Prudent Debt Balance

- Net Debt / LTM Adjusted EBITDA expected to be 1.8x upon closing
- Meaningful capacity for additional leverage given low leverage ratio relative to industry peers

# Opportunistic M&A

- Corby will continue to selectively evaluate opportunities that meet the company's stringent M&A criteria
- Going forward, Corby will continue to assess opportunities that provide category / product expansion and provide new synergistic growth avenues



## **Additional Transaction Detail**



Structure Summary	<ul> <li>Corby will acquire 90% of the outstanding shares of Ace for an upfront purchase price of \$148.5 million</li> <li>Remaining 10% mainly held by certain Ace founders, with a path to 100% ownership by Corby through (i) a first call option on 5% of Ace's equity, exercisable in June 2025 and (ii) a second call option on the remaining equity, exercisable in June 2028</li> </ul>		
Valuation	<ul> <li>Overall Enterprise Value of \$165.0 million</li> <li>Call options payable based upon the implied future equity value of Ace</li> </ul>		
Transaction Financing	<ul> <li>Funded using available cash and \$120 million in arm-lengths financing at market rates from Corby's majority shareholder, Pernod Ricard</li> <li>No dilution to existing shareholders; do not foresee a need to issue equity</li> <li>Net Debt / LTM Adj. EBITDA on a proforma basis expected to be 1.8x upon closing</li> </ul>		
Management and Governance	<ul> <li>Ace to operate as a subsidiary of Corby, with members of Ace's existing executive team remaining in charge of the day-to-day management of Ace</li> </ul>		
Closing	<ul> <li>The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of Corby's fiscal year 2024, and is subject to customary closing conditions, regulatory approvals, and third-party consents</li> </ul>		

Note: Figures in C\$, unless otherwise noted. Leverage includes lease liabilities.



# WINNING BRANDS

#1 RTD brand in LCBO & fastest growing RTD brand in Canada

# **EXCELLENCE**IN EXECUTION

2 x LCBO Supplier of the Year



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## **INNOVATION**

Proprietary & multi-functional innovation process

# AWARD WINNING CULTURE

Ranked #10 Best Place to work in Canada in 2023



# Corby has one of the most diverse portfolio of strong brands across all Spirits, Wines and RTDs categories



WHISKEY



MALT

SCOTCH

