



# **Baird 2024 Industrial Conference**

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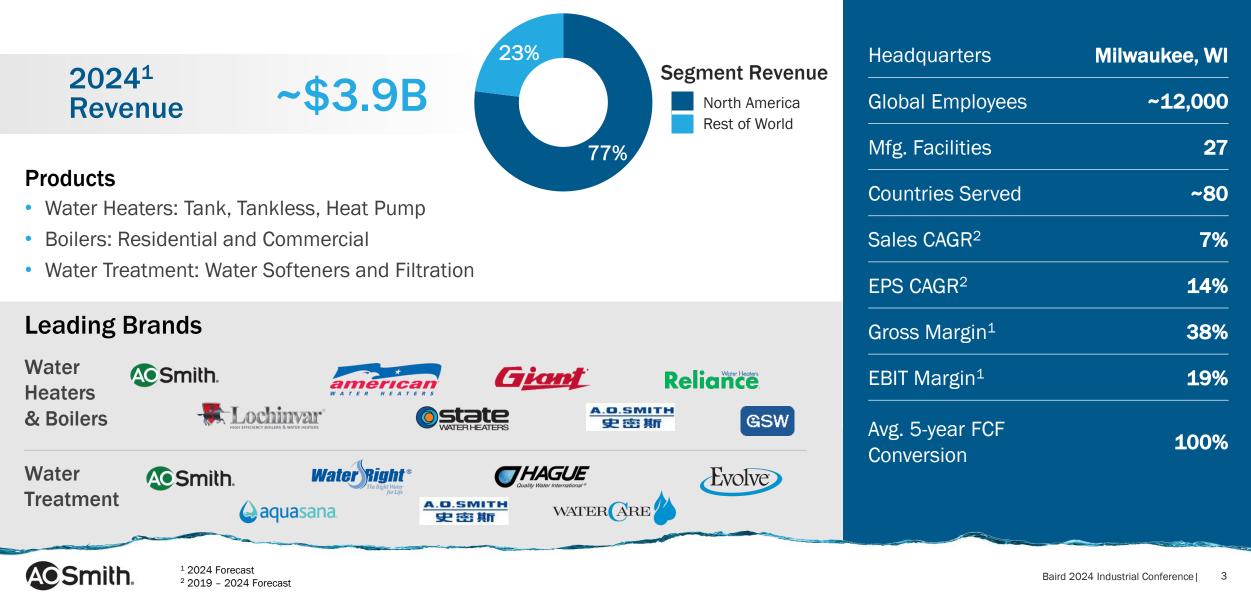
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Leveraging 150 Years of Innovation to Continue Delivering Growth



### Well Positioned as a Global Water Technology Leader

#### Market Leader in North American Water Heating and Boilers

- Innovation opportunity with increased focus on energy efficiency
- Leading share in both residential and commercial markets
- Significant reoccurring replacement cycle (80-85% of sales)

#### **Consolidator in Attractive North American** Water Treatment Space

- Positive sustainability and quality of life trends
- Opportunity to establish national coverage
- Omnichannel approach providing differentiation

#### **Category and Brand Leader in China**

- Base business with 25+ years of experience
- Opportunities to leverage brand and channel
- Positive innovation trends through connectivity

#### **Emerging Player in the Fast-Growing India Market**

- Compelling market dynamics for clean hot water
- Innovation leader with many new products
- Building a strong brand and channel coverage





