# iA Financial Group to acquire RF Capital Group

Strengthening iA's position in the Canadian independent wealth management space



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# Strategic acquisition of RF Capital Group: Enhances shareholder value

#### **Expanded Scale and Reach**

- Partnership adds more than \$40B in AUA and 189 advisors
- Increases iA Wealth's advisory network to over 2,750 partners with a combined ~\$175B in AUA<sup>1,2</sup>
- Aligned with iA Financial Group's ("iA") long-term strategy to drive scalable growth in distribution

## Complementary Market and Product

- Strengthens iA Wealth's presence in the fast-growing high-net-worth segment
- Opportunities to increase distribution of proprietary iA insurance and asset management products on Richardson Wealth's shelf

## Elevated Value Proposition for Clients and Advisors

- Complementary capabilities to offer advisors best-in-class product choice and portfolio management, enhancing advisor experience with full support, including practice management and succession planning
- Strong advisor retention strategy to ensure continuity and alignment with iA's entrepreneurial culture

# Strong Cultural and Operational Fit

- Shared entrepreneurial mindset and client-centric culture
- Aligned vision, values, and strategic goals
- Leverages RF Capital Group's ("RF Capital") experienced leadership team (averaging over 20 years of experience)

#### **Shareholder Value Creation**

- Meaningful, highly achievable revenue and cost synergies identified
- Neutral to core earnings in the first year, accretive to core EPS $^{\dagger\dagger}$  in year 2 (\$0.15+) $^3$



## Transaction summary

#### **Purchase Price**

- iA to acquire 100% of the common shares of RF Capital for \$20.00 per share
- iA also to acquire 100% of the Series B preferred shares of RF Capital
- Equates to 6.7x last 12 months fully synergized EBITDA<sup>†</sup> at March 31, 2025<sup>1</sup>
- Purchase price of \$597M² represents a multiple of 1.5% of RF Capital AUA as at June 30, 2025

#### **Operating Model**

- Richardson Wealth to operate independently within iA Wealth, retaining employees and brand
- Seamless transition for advisors and clients no repapering
- Right to use Richardson Wealth brand for 30 months

# Acquisition Financing & Capital Impacts

- All cash transaction
- Purchase price is expected to reduce iA's solvency ratio<sup>3</sup> by ~6 percentage points
- Purchase price is expected to reduce iA's capital available for deployment<sup>4</sup> by ~\$0.6B

#### Other Financial Details

Transaction and integration costs are expected to amount to \$60 million before tax and to be incurred over the first three years, mostly in the first year

#### Regulatory Approvals / Timing

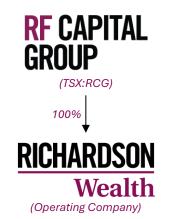
- Transaction requires approval of holders of at least two-thirds of RF Capital's common shares
- Acquisition by iA of the Series B preferred shares is conditional upon the approval of holders of at least two-third of RF Capital's preferred shares, but the transaction is not conditional upon such approval
- Subject to regulatory and court approvals. Anticipated closing during Q4 2025



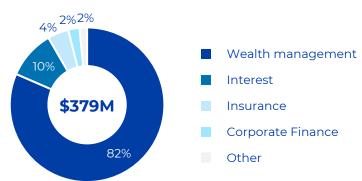
## RF Capital at a glance

- Founded in 2009, RF Capital is one of the largest independent wealth management firms in Canada
- Offers comprehensive wealth management services: investment, financial planning, insurance, and tax & estate planning
- Unique value proposition with a boutique culture focused on advisors and hightouch client experience
- Primarily fee-based advisor and customer base
- Nation-wide presence with ~100-year history
- Culture of entrepreneurship and superior customer service

#### **Distinguished Brand**



#### **Segmented Revenue (LTM Q1-25)**



\$40B

AUA

189 / 143

Number of advisors / teams

\$270M

Average AUA per team

91%

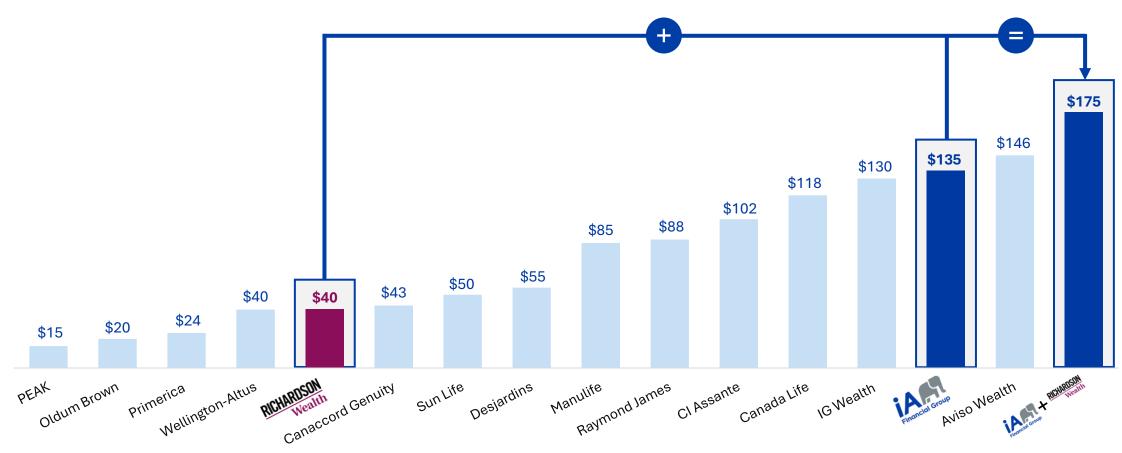
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Offices across
Canada



# Strengthening our position in the Canadian independent wealth space

Select non-bank wealth management peers, by total assets under administration (\$B)





# Increased scale: Coast-to-coast distribution

National distribution with deep advisor ties to local communities across Canada

#### **Alberta**

Advisors: **148** + **37** = **185** 

AUA: **\$8B** + **\$9B** = **\$17B** 

#### **British Columbia**

Advisors: **314** + **24** = **338** 

AUA: **\$17B** + **\$4B** = **\$21B** 

#### Manitoba

Advisors: 101 + 17 = 118

AUA: **\$5B** + **\$4B** = **\$9B** 

#### iA Pre-Acquisition Richardson Wealth iA Post-Acquisition

#### Quebec

Advisors: 872 + 28 = 900

AUA: \$40B + \$4B = \$44B

#### Saskatchewan

Advisors: **55** + **3** = **58** 

AUA: **\$4B** + **\$0.2B** = **\$4B** 

#### **Ontario**

Advisors: **929** + **71** = **1,000** 

AUA: **\$55B** + **\$16B** = **\$71B** 

#### Atlantic

Advisors: 161 + 9 = 170

AUA: **\$6B** + **\$2B** = **\$8B** 

#1 non-bank dealer (AUA)

**2,750+** independent advisors coast-to-coast

**500,000+** clients





## Giving advisors options to operate their business in the structure best suited to their needs

Highly complementary products and technology platforms for accelerated growth

#### **Three Complementary Business Models**



Financial Advisory Dealer

**\$70B** AUA **1,800** Advisors

- Entrepreneurial
- Open-shelf
- Fully integrated
- Digitally enabled





Full-Service Investment Dealer

**\$65B** AUA **460** Advisor teams

- Entrepreneurial
- Open-shelf
- Build your brand
- Choose your tools



#### RICHARDSON Wealth

Full-Service Investment Dealer

**\$40B** AUA **189** Advisors

- Entrepreneurial
- Open-shelf
- Corporate partnership
- Wealth advisory services



# Unlocking compelling synergy opportunities

Integration will be focused on areas of scalability, driving value across both organizations without disrupting front-line operations

#### **Revenue Synergies**

- ✓ Three complementary business models enhancing appeal to potential recruits and accelerating advisory network growth
- Combined open-architecture platforms creating synergies across wealth management, capital markets, insurance, and advisory services
- ✓ Geographic growth strategy, creating synergies through additional complementary regional office networks

#### **Cost Synergies**

- ✓ Third-party provider consolidation streamlining procurement and shared services
- ✓ Corporate function integration driving better operational alignment, increased flexibility, improved administrative efficiency and synergies from no longer operating as a standalone public company
- ✓ Technology, AI capabilities and digital platform alignment boosting scalability, innovation, and improving advisor and client experiences

The transaction is expected to generate meaningful synergies while allowing RF Capital and its advisors to maintain operational independence and brand identity



### Shareholder value creation

# Transaction Details

#### \$597M

Purchase price financed through cash on hand<sup>1</sup>

Represents a multiple of 1.5% of RF Capital AUA as of June 30, 2025

#### 6.7x

6.7x last 12 months fully synergized EBITDA as of March 31, 2025<sup>2,3</sup>

#### \$60M

Transaction and integration costs expected to be incurred over the first three years (before tax)

# Impact on core EPS

#### **Accretive to Core EPS**<sup>††</sup>

Neutral in the first year

\$0.15+ in the second year

Maintaining
Strong
Balance Sheet
and Financial
Flexibility

~6%

Reduction of Solvency Ratio ~\$0.6B

Reduction of capital available for deployment



# Aligned with our growth strategy

Review of iA Wealth's growth levers as presented at 2025 Investor Event





Foster **advisor retention** by
elevating our value
proposition



Leverage positioning to **attract** business-minded advisors





Manufacturing: building our diverse asset management capabilities



Pursue strategic acquisition opportunities in distribution & asset management

The acquisition of RF Capital propels growth strategy forward, in line with the vision shared at our 2025 Investor Event

Advisor retention strategy ensures continuity and stability during integration, reinforcing our commitment to long-term partnerships



# Key takeaways

Positions iA as a leader in the non-bank independent space: #1 by AUA and 2,750+ advisors

Highly complementary business models add scale in the large and fast growing high-networth segment

Aligned with iA's long-term strategy to drive scalable growth in distribution



# Appendix



### Footnotes

#### Slide 3

- 1. iA Financial Group assets under management and assets under administration are supplementary financial measures. Refer to the "Non-IFRS and Additional Financial Measures" section of this document and of the Q1/2025 MD&A for more information.
- 2. As of March 31, 2025 for iA, as of June 30, 2025 for RF Capital.
- 3. Based on purchase price and does not include the advisor retention strategy.

#### Slide 4

- 1. Multiple based on a purchase price of \$597M.
- 2. Purchase price of \$597 million includes: a \$370 million valuation for RF Capital's fully diluted equity (including the termination of equity plans) and \$227 million in financial obligations (revolving debt and preferred shares).
- 3. The solvency ratio is calculated in accordance with the Capital Adequacy Requirements Guideline Life and Health Insurance (CARLI) mandated by the Autorité des marchés financiers du Québec (AMF). This financial measure is exempt from certain requirements of Regulation 52-112 respecting Non-GAAP and other Financial Measures Disclosure according to the AMF Blanket Order No 2021-PDG-0065. Refer to the "Non-IFRS and Additional Financial Measures" section of this document and the Q1/25 MD&A for more information.
- 4. Capital available for deployment is a supplementary financial measures. Refer to the "Non-IFRS and Additional Financial Measures" section of this document and of the Q1/2025 MD&A for more information.

#### Slide 5

1. Based on LTM Q1-25 revenue mix.

#### Slide 7

IG Wealth and Richardson Wealth AUA as of June 2025

Aviso Wealth, Desjardins, and Primerica AUA as of December 2024

iA, Canaccord, CI Assante, Canada Life, and Sun Life AUA as of March 2025

Raymond James AUA as of June 2025 per press release

Desjardins, Oldum Brown, PEAK, Primerica, and Wellington-Altus AUA per official websites

Manulife per official website and financial supplement as of March 2025

Richardson Wealth's provincial AUA figures exclude \$2B of other AUA.

Sources: Annual and quarterly reports, press releases, public corporate websites

#### Slide 10

- 1. Cost of the advisor retention strategy will be in addition to the purchase price.
- 2. Based on purchase price and does not include the advisor retention strategy.

#### Slide 12

- 1. Purchase price includes RF Series B preferred shares of \$116M (including Q1-26 dividend of \$1M), revolving credit facility of \$81M, and Richardson Wealth's redeemable preferred shares of \$30M as of Q1-25.
- 2. Multiple based on a purchase price of \$600M.



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