

For the 16-week period and year ended December 28, 2024 COLABOR GROUP INC.(TSX: GCL)

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## FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENT

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#### **NON-IFRS PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

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## **GROWTH AND RESILIENCY IN Q4**

Our diversification within the HRI market and investments to grow our presence in Western Quebec contributed to offsett headwinds in the restaurant channel.

#### Q4 2024 results:

- 3.2% increase in revenue;
- 3.2% decrease in gross margin;
- 3.1% decrease in Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>;
- 18,6% increase in cash flows generated from operating activities, to \$10.6M.

#### **Maintaining solid balance sheet:**

 Leverage ratio <sup>(2)</sup> decreased to 2.4x from 2.7x at end of FY2023. Ending the year in a strong financial situation and healthy cashflows provided us with the means to accelerate our growth and profitability plan.

#### **Events since the end of fiscal year 2024:**

On February 19, 2025, the Company announced the signature of an agreement to acquire the assets related to the food distribution activities of Alimplus Inc. ("Alimplus"), operating under the name Mayrand Plus, and all of the shares of its subsidiary Tout-Prêt Inc. for an amount of \$51.5 million, subject to certain adjustments. The acquisition is subject to obtaining all required regulatory approvals.



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# RAMP UP OF THE NEW HYBRID FACILITY (ST-BRUNO, QUEBEC)



## 2024 ramp-up of the new hybrid Distribution / Wholesale facility:

- Q1: chain customers started being served from the new facility.
- Q2: Western Quebec customers, previously served from our facility in Eastern Quebec are since served from the new facility in Saint-Bruno thus freeing up capacity in our Eastern Québec facility.
- Q3-Q4: we gradually began to welcome new customers, mainly independent restaurants

Rendering image provided by Écoparc Saint-Bruno.



# FEBRUARY 2025: STRATEGIC ACQUISITION BOOSTS WESTERN QUEBEC PENETRATION

## Consolidating our position as the largest Quebec food distributor in the province

#### **Strategic Rationale**

- Accelerates Colabor's growth trajectory and profitability objectives.
- Accretive to Colabor's shareholders.
- Maintains a manageable leverage ratio.
- Improves reach in coveted markets, expands offering, provides a value-added customer mix, creates synergies and cross selling opportunities.

### **Support from existing financial partners**

- Increase of \$5M on existing credit facility and extended maturity.
- Extension of maturity on \$15M subordinated debt with Investissement Québec ("IQ").
- New deeply subordinated debt of \$15M with IQ.

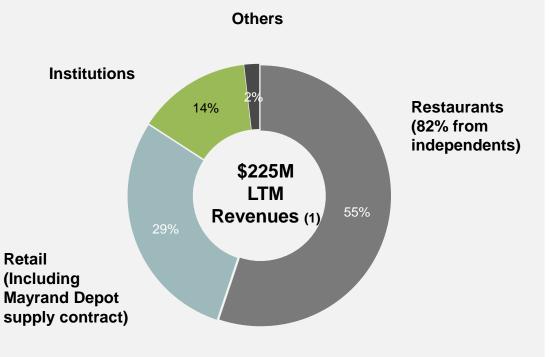
## **Transaction Highlights:**

- Agreement to acquire the food distribution assets of Alimplus Inc. (O/A Mayrand Plus)
- Acquisition of all issued and outstanding shares of Tout-Prêt Inc., a subsidiary specialized in ready-to-use cut fruit and vegetables.
- 6-year agreement to supply 4 Mayrand Food Depot stores.
- Represents approximately \$225 million in annual sales, including the distribution contract.
- Total purchase price of \$51.5 million subject to certain adjustments.
- Closing expected during the second quarter.

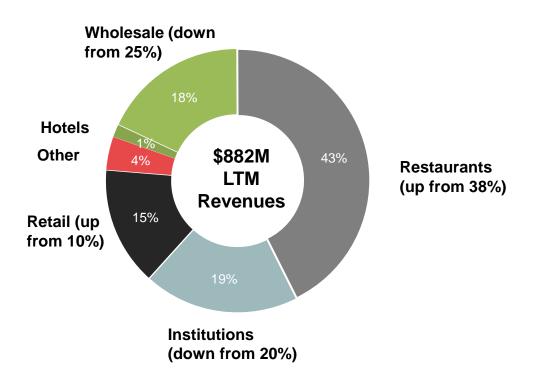


## MAINTAINS A HEALTHY CUSTOMER MIX

## Alimplus Acquisition Channel Diversification 3,000 HRI customers



# PROFORMA Resulting Combination 11,000 HRI customers



<sup>(1)</sup> Including the distribution contract to the Mayrand stores

## FOURTH QUARTER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS Q4 2024 SALES AND PROFITABILITY

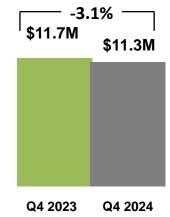
CONSOLIDATED SALES



## DISTRIBUTION SALES UP BY 5.6% WHOLESALE SALES DOWN BY 3.8%

- Higher distribution volume;
  - New territories;
  - Impact of inflation estimated at 1.9%;
  - Assets acquired in March 2024;
- Lower sales volume from restaurant and retail industries in our wholesale in a difficult macroeconomic environment.

ADJUSTED EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>



Lower adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> in 2024 by \$0.4M.

- Higher operating expenses;
- Lower sales volume.



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## Q4 2024 NET EARNINGS AND CASH FLOW TREND

## NET EARNINGS

Net earnings increased to \$0.6M in Q4 2024 (\$0.01 per share), from \$0.4M in Q4 2023 (\$nil per share)

- Decrease in depreciation and amortization expenses and costs not related to current operations;
- Mitigated by an increase in finance expenses related to the increase in lease obligations, particularly the one for our premises located in Saint-Bruno.
- Decrease in EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>.



#### Cash flows generated amounted to \$10.6M, up from \$8.9M

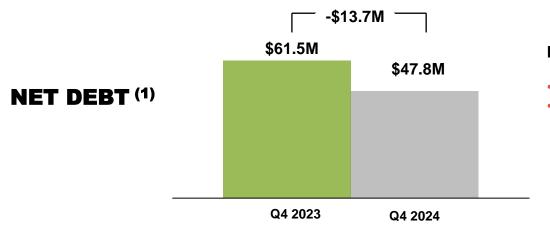
## CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS

 Q4 2024 lower utilization of working capital requirements explained by an improvement in the inventory turnover rate and the timing in supplier payments.



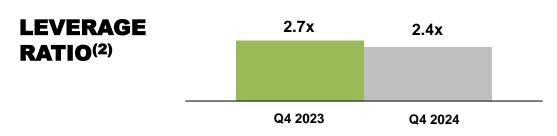
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## **Q4 2024 NET DEBT AND LEVERAGE RATIO TREND**



Net debt decreased to \$47.8M, from \$61.5M at Q4 2023

- Repayments of credit facility of \$7.3M;
- Increase of cash of \$6,4M.



#### Leverage ratio decreased to 2.4x

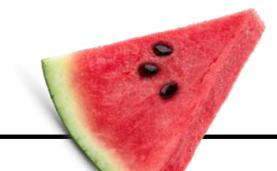
Decrease of net debt.

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## **Q4 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

	16-week period		52-week period	
(in thousands of dollars, except percentages, per share data and financial leverage ratio)	2024	2023	2024	2023
Sales from continuing operations	202,581	196,320	657,093	659,129
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	11,296	11,652	35,380	37,554
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup> margin (%)	5.6	5.9	5.4	5.7
Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations	548	354	1,615	6,047
Net earnings (loss)	560	(101)	1,556	5,592
Per share – basic and diluted	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.05
Cash flow from operating activities	10,551	8,899	37,178	28,943
Financial Position			As at December 28, 2024	As at December 30, 2023
Net debt <sup>(2)</sup>			47,802	61,481
Financial leverage <sup>(3)</sup>			2.4x	2.7x

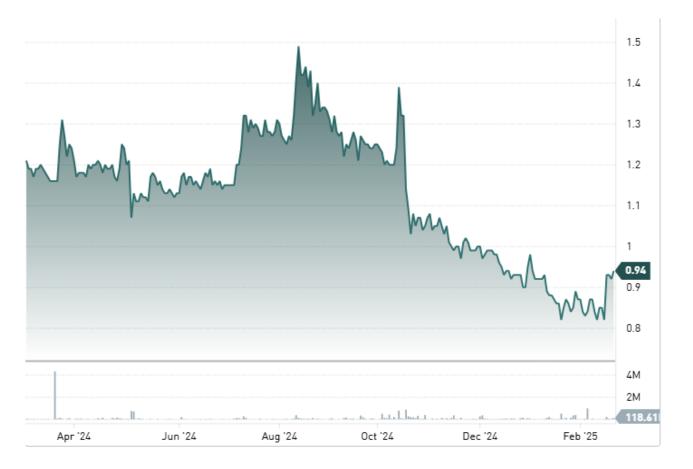


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## **SHARE INFORMATION** (TSX: GCL)



## **LAST 52 WEEKS**



STOCK PRICE (as at February 24, 2025)	\$0.94
52-week low-high	\$0.79 - \$1.52
Number of shares issued and outstanding	102,013,442
Average volume (30 days)	122k
Market capitalization	\$95.9M
Institutional and management ownership	≈ 35%
Analyst coverage:	
Cormark Securities Kyle McPhee, CFA	
<b>Desjardins Securities</b> Frédéric Tremblay, M.Sc., CFA	
Raymond James Ltd. Michael Glen, CFA	

## **NON-IFRS** MEASURES

Reconciliation of Net Earnings to Adjusted EBITDA (in thousands of dollars)	2024 16-weeks	2023 16-weeks	2024 52-weeks	2023 52-weeks
Net earnings from continuing operations	548	354	1,615	6,047
Income taxes	209	190	739	2,299
Financial expenses	3,576	2,729	11,772	6,625
Operating earnings	4,333	3,273	14,126	14,971
Expenses for stock-based compensation plan	32	79	112	291
Costs not related to current operations	519	787	795	937
Depreciation and amortization	6,412	7,513	20,347	21,355
Adjusted EBITDA	11,296	11,652	35,380	37,554

Calculation of Net Debt (in thousands of dollars)	As at December 28, 2024	As at December 30, 2023
(Cash) Bank indebtedness	(3,698)	2,731
Current portion of long-term debt	3,000	3,000
Long-term debt	48,500	55,750
Net debt	47,802	61,481



