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**Mantle Ridge Track Record Summary** 

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### Setting the Record Straight: MR Has Reliably Driven Substantial Outperformance for Shareholders

## Consistently, in every engagement, Mantle Ridge has helped boards and executive teams deliver meaningful outperformance vs. peers

#### Mantle Ridge has completed two projects since its founding:

	F	rom First P	urchase Date	e <sup>1</sup>	From Unaffected Date <sup>2</sup>				
			TSR	R vs.			TSR vs.		
	Date	TSR	Peers <sup>3</sup> S&P 500		Date	TSR	Peers <sup>3</sup>	S&P 500	
	10/6/16	259%	103%	36%	1/18/17	201%	56%	(4%)	
aramark	5/3/19	92%	52%	(33%)	5/29/19	82%	40%	(56%)	

#### Mantle Ridge has one disclosed project in-flight:

	F	From First Purchase Date <sup>1</sup>					From Unaffected Date <sup>2</sup>				
			TSF	R vs.			TSR vs.				
	Date	TSR	Peers <sup>3</sup>	S&P 500		Date	TSR	Peers <sup>3</sup>	S&P 500		
DOLLAR TREE	8/4/21	(28%)	28%	(73%)		11/12/21	(38%)	19%	(89%)		

Note: Total Shareholder Return data per Bloomberg (assumes dividend reinvestment); in USD, through 12/13/2024 (date used in APD's 12/18/2024 investor presentation analysis). (1) First trading day prior to start of Mantle Ridge position accumulation.

<sup>(2)</sup> CSX: Day prior to Mantle Ridge surfacing (share price increased 23% in one day). ARMK: Day prior to published rumor that MR was seeking funds in connection with Aramark (stock was halted mid-day and closed 7% higher). DLTR: Day prior to Mantle Ridge surfacing (share price increased 14% in one day).

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### Setting the Record Straight: MR Has Reliably Driven Substantial Outperformance for Shareholders

- ✓ Mantle Ridge helps laggards become leaders. In each case, the companies have outperformed closest peers' TSRs
  - This is true from any relevant
     measurement date, including from (i)
     Mantle Ridge's first purchase of
     shares and (ii) the Unaffected
     Date<sup>1</sup>, the last trading day prior to
     Mantle Ridge's involvement
     becoming public

- ✓ Performance vs. closest industry peers is the most meaningful measure of Mantle Ridge's impact
  - Macroeconomic variables, regulatory changes, market dynamics, and other factors can impact each industry very differently. This makes performance comparisons across industries, and vs. diversified indices, difficult to interpret and potentially misleading
  - Comparisons *vs.* closest industry peers avoids these distorting factors, enabling apples-to-apples comparisons

### Air Products' Characterization of Mantle Ridge's Record Grossly Misleads Shareholders

#### 1) Inappropriate Benchmark

➤ APD ignores performance *vs.* peers, the most relevant comparison to assess Mantle Ridge's impact

#### 2) Inappropriate Start Date

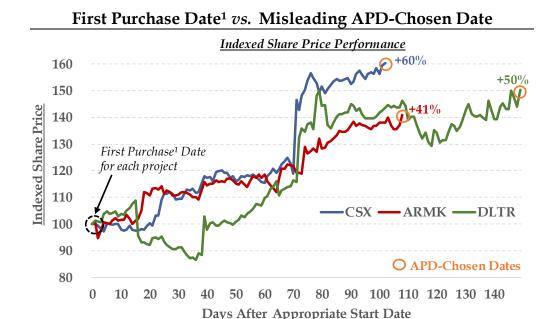
- ➤ APD benchmarks MR's impact from the date a board seat was secured, skipping over the large share price appreciation in anticipation of change
- MR investments' share prices appreciate materially from the time of the first MR purchases
  - Initially, from MR buying pressure and speculation that MR or another activist might engage
  - Once MR publicly confirms involvement with a company, the shares appreciate further in anticipation of future value creation

### Air Products misleads shareholders by:

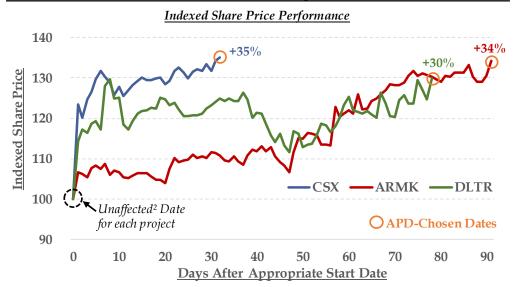
- i. ignoring the most relevant performance benchmark (closest peers) and
- ii. using nonsensical start dates the date of settlement or when Mantle Ridge's board service began which skip over the 41-60% share price appreciation leading up to these dates (including 30-35% in reaction to Mantle Ridge publicly surfacing)

## APD Misrepresents Mantle Ridge's Track Record by Using Misleading Start Dates *After* Significant Share Price Appreciation

- APD's analysis used misleading start dates ignoring significant share price appreciation from an appropriate state date before Mantle Ridge's impact or known involvement
  - Relative to <u>First Purchase Dates</u><sup>1</sup>, the starting share prices used by APD to evaluate Mantle Ridge's track record are <u>41-60% higher</u> (top right chart)
  - Relative to <u>Unaffected Dates</u><sup>2</sup>, the starting share prices used by APD to evaluate Mantle Ridge's track record are <u>30-35% higher</u> (bottom right chart)



#### Unaffected Date<sup>2</sup> vs. Misleading APD-Chosen Date

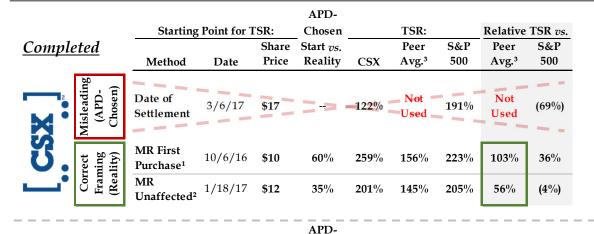


Note: Total indexed share price data per Bloomberg.

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## Every Mantle Ridge Investment has Generated Significant Outperformance vs. Closest Industry Peers



- First successful implementation of Precision Scheduled Railroading at a U.S. railroad; all other U.S. Class 1 railroads are seeking to emulate
- Significant operational efficiencies EBIT margins improved from ~30% to >40%
- Industry-leading TSR. +56-103% vs. closest peer avg. from appropriate start dates

		Starting Point for TSR:			Chosen TSR:			Relative TSR vs.		
<u>Comple</u>	<u>eted</u>	'		Share	Start vs.		Peer	S&P	Peer	S&P
		Method	Date	Price	Reality	ARMK	Avg.3	500	Avg.3	500
ark	Misleading (APD- Chosen)	Date of Settlement	10/7/19	\$32	2 >	35%	Not Used	124%	Not Used	(88%)
Ima	Correct Framing (Reality)	MR First Purchase <sup>1</sup>	5/3/19	\$23	41%	92%	40%	125%	52%	(33%)
IZ	Cor Frat (Rea	MR Unaffected <sup>2</sup>	5/29/19	\$24	34%	82%	42%	138%	40%	(56%)

- Significant acceleration in organic revenue growth, matching best-in-class levels, driving substantial multiple expansion
- Successfully navigated immense disruption from COVID, including long-term impairment to certain business units
- +40-52% TSR outperformance *vs.* closest peer average from appropriate start dates

					APD-					
		Starting	Point for T	SR:	Chosen		TSR:		Relative	TSR vs.
In-Flig	ht			Share	Start vs.		Peer	S&P	Peer	S&P
<u> 111-1 112111</u>		Method	Date	Price	Reality	DLTR	Avg.3	500	Avg. <sup>3</sup>	500
R TREE	Misleading (APD- Chosen)	Date of Settlement	3/8/22	\$147	1 2	(52%)	Not Used	51%	Not Used	(104%)
A IIII	Correct Framing (Reality)	MR First Purchase <sup>1</sup>	8/4/21	\$98	50%	(28%)	(56%)	45%	28%	(73%)
<b>DO</b>	Corre Framin (Realit	MR Unaffected <sup>2</sup>	11/12/21	\$113	30%	(38%)	(57%)	51%	19%	(89%)

- Operational transformation underway, taking share despite significant headwinds impacting the dollar channel core customer
- Most relevant peers, Dollar General and Five Below, TSRs are down 64% and 50%, respectively, since the Unaffected Date<sup>2</sup> reflecting sector-specific headwinds
- +19-28% TSR outperformance vs. closest peer average from appropriate start dates

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# APD's Chosen Start Dates Ignore 30-35% Share Price Appreciation Following Public Confirmation of Mantle Ridge's Involvement

Mantle Ridge	Unaffected	Share Price Reaction 1st Day After Unaffected	Share Price Change from Unaffected to APD-Chosen	Large, favorable share price moves on MR surfacing highlights shareholder confidence in MR's track record and case for change
Investment	Date	Date	Start Date	News Article Clipping
	1/18/2017	23%	35%	THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.  Outgoing Canadian Pacific CEO and Activist Investor to Target CSX  Jan. 18, 2017 11:34 pm ET
aramark	5/29/2019	7%	34%	Reuters Exclusive: Mantle Ridge explores bid to acquire Aramark - sources May 30, 2019 12:39 PM EDT
DOLLAR TREE	11/12/2021	14%	30%	THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.  Activist Investor Mantle Ridge Has \$1.8  Billion Stake in Dollar Tree  Nov. 12, 2021 4:30 pm ET
<u>Memo:</u>				
PRODUCTS 4	10/4/2024	10%	n.m.	THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.  Activist Mantle Ridge Has Over \$1 Billion Stake in Air Products  Oct. 4, 2024 4:05 pm ET

### Total Shareholder Returns on Completed Projects: Consistent Record of Outperformance *vs.* Closest Peers

			_	Total Shareholder Return						
		Investment	Start Date	%	vs. Peers	vs. S&P	Time Period			
Mantle Ridge		Aramark <sup>1</sup>	5/3/2019	92%	52%	(33%)	Through 12/13/2024 (5.6 yrs)			
Ma	Ma <sub>1</sub> Ric	CSX <sup>2</sup>	10/6/2016	259%	103%	36%	Through 12/13/2024 (8.2 yrs)			
		Air Products <sup>3</sup> 5/21/2013		371%	96%	<b>22</b> %	Through 12/13/2024 (11.6 yrs)			
	or	Memo: Throug Firm Annound	gh Predecessor ced Exit	105%	68%	36%	Through Predecessor Firm exit announced in 11/15/2017 letter (4.5 yrs)			
edecesso	Predecessor Firm	Memo: Last Five Years Until MR Announced Position		50%	(82%)	(61%)	Current APD CEO's 5yr TSR Until Mantle Ridge surfaced 10/04/2024			
	Pre	Canadian Pacific⁴	9/22/2011	843%	345%	256%	Through 12/13/2024 (13.2 yrs)			
		Ceridian⁵	Q4 2006	60%	47%	47%	Through sale (1.1 yrs)			
		APD's unacceptable performance is why Mantle Ridge is engaged and advocating for value-enhancing change								

Note: Completed projects only (Dollar Tree project is ongoing). Total Shareholder Return data per Bloomberg (assumes dividend reinvestment); in USD, through 12/13/2024 (date used in APD's 12/18/2024 investor presentation analysis).

<sup>(1)</sup> Peers: Average of Compass Group and Sodexo. Start date is day before MR's first purchase.

<sup>(2)</sup> Peers: Average of CN, CP, UNP, and NSC. Start date is day before MR's first purchase.

<sup>(3)</sup> Peers: Average of Linde and Air Liquide. Start date of analysis is the trading day prior to predecessor firm's first purchase (per public investor presentation).

<sup>(4)</sup> Peers: Average of CN, UNP, CSX, and NSC. Start date of analysis is the trading day prior to predecessor firm's first purchase (per 13D filing).

<sup>(5)</sup> Peers: Average of ADP and Paychex. First purchase date not publicly disclosed in filings of Predecessor Firm.