UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 28, 2025

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter) 001-09977 Maryland 86-0611231 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File (IRS Employer Identification No.) of Incorporation) Number) 18655 North Claret Drive, Suite 400, Scottsdale, Arizona 85255 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code) (480) 515-8100 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) N/A (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Title of each class Trading Symbol(s) Name of each exchange on which registered Common Stock \$.01 par value MTH New York Stock Exchange Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 28, 2025, Meritage Homes Corporation (the "Company") announced in a press release information concerning its results for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2025. A copy of this press release, including information concerning forward-looking statements and factors that may affect the Company's future results, is attached as Exhibit 99.1. This press release is being furnished, not filed, under Item 2.02 in this Report on Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibit	C

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated October 28, 2025
104	The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in Inline XBRL.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 28, 2025

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

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Meritage Homes reports third quarter 2025 results

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., October 28, 2025 - Meritage Homes Corporation (NYSE: MTH), the fifth-largest U.S. homebuilder, reported third quarter results for the period ended September 30, 2025.

Summary Operating Results (unaudited) (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Mor	iths E	Ended September	r 30,
	 2025		2024	% Chg		2025		2024	% Chg
Homes closed (units)	 3,685		3,942	(7)%		11,271		11,567	(3)%
Home closing revenue	\$ 1,399,335	\$	1,585,784	(12)%	\$	4,357,148	\$	4,745,618	(8)%
Average sales price — closings	\$ 380	\$	402	(5)%	\$	387	\$	410	(6)%
Home orders (units)	3,636		3,512	4 %		11,426		11,302	1 %
Home order value	\$ 1,415,089	\$	1,425,610	(1)%	\$	4,520,704	\$	4,630,261	(2)%
Average sales price — orders	\$ 389	\$	406	(4)%	\$	396	\$	410	(3)%
Ending backlog (units)						1,699		2,284	(26)%
Ending backlog value					\$	670,007	\$	931,656	(28)%
Average sales price — backlog					\$	394	\$	408	(3)%
Home closing gross margin	19.1%		24.8%	(570) bps		20.7%		25.5%	(480) bps
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 128,248	\$	249,932	(49)%	\$	481,467	\$	781,308	(38)%
Net earnings	\$ 99,297	\$	195,966	(49)%	\$	368,982	\$	613,537	(40)%
Diluted EPS	\$ 1.39	\$	2.67	(48)%	\$	5.13	\$	8.36	(39)%

MANAGEMENT COMMENTS

"Meritage successfully navigated a challenging third quarter, exceeding 2024 sales volumes and ending the quarter with our highest ever community count of 334, which was a 20% increase year-over-year. We leaned into our strategy, providing our customers certainty amidst an evolving housing market with a healthy selection of available inventory and payment affordability solutions," said Steven J. Hilton, executive chairman of Meritage Homes.

"Our strategy and persistent improvement in our cycle times resulted in 3,685 closings this quarter, with nearly 60% of these deliveries coming from intra-quarter sales, translating to a backlog conversion rate of 211%," added Phillippe Lord, chief executive officer of Meritage Homes. "We generated home closing revenue of \$1.4 billion and achieved an adjusted home closing gross margin of 20.1% and adjusted diluted EPS of \$1.55—both of which excluded \$14.5 million in combined real estate inventory impairments and terminated land deal charges. We increased our book value per share 8% year-over-year."

"We pared back our spend on land acquisition and development this quarter to \$528 million and were able to redeploy some of the excess cash, returning \$85 million capital to shareholders through cash dividends and share repurchases during the third quarter of 2025. In the first nine months of this year, we have returned nearly \$237 million of capital to shareholders, or 64% of our total earnings so far this year," concluded Mr. Lord. "With cash of \$729 million, nothing drawn under our revolving credit facility and net debt-to-capital ratio of 17.2% at September 30, 2025, we are comfortable with our current liquidity."

THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

- Orders of 3,636 homes for the third quarter of 2025 increased 4% year-over-year mainly as a result of a 14% increase in average community count and a 7% decrease in average absorption pace. Third quarter 2025 average sales price ("ASP") on orders of \$389,000 was down 4% from the third quarter of 2024 primarily due to increased utilization of incentives this year.
- The 12% year-over-year decrease in home closing revenue in the third quarter of 2025 to \$1.4 billion was the result of 7% lower home closing volume of 3,685 homes combined with a 5% decrease in ASP on closings to \$380,000. ASP on closings was primarily impacted by increased utilization of incentives this year.
- Home closing gross margin of 19.1% decreased 570 bps in the third quarter of 2025 from 24.8% in the prior year due to increased utilization of incentives, inventory-related impairment and walk-away charges, higher lot costs and reduced leverage of fixed costs on lower home closing revenue, all of which were partially offset by savings in direct costs and faster cycle times. Third quarter 2025 home closing gross margin included \$8.7 million of real estate inventory impairments and \$5.8 million in terminated land deal walk-away charges, compared to no impairments and \$2.0 million in terminated land deal walk-away charges in the prior year. Excluding these inventory-related charges, adjusted home closing gross margin was 20.1% and 24.9% for third quarters of 2025 and 2024, respectively.

- Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A") as a percentage of third quarter 2025 home closing revenue were 10.8% compared to 9.9% in the third quarter of 2024, primarily as a result of higher commission rates and technology costs, as well as lost leverage on lower home closing revenue, which was partially offset by lower compensation costs.
- The third quarter effective income tax rate was 22.6% in 2025 compared to 21.6% in 2024. The higher tax rate in 2025 reflects fewer homes qualifying for energy tax credits under the Inflation Reduction Act, given the new higher construction thresholds required to earn the tax credits this year.
- Net earnings were \$99 million (\$1.39 per diluted share) for the third quarter 2025, a 49% decrease from \$196 million (\$2.67 per diluted share) for the third quarter of 2024, mainly resulting from lower home closing revenue and gross profit as well as higher SG&A and tax rates. Third quarter 2025 diluted EPS included \$8.7 million of real estate inventory impairments and \$5.8 million in terminated land deal walk-away charges, compared to no impairments and \$2.0 million in terminated land deal walk-away charges in the prior year. Excluding these inventory-related charges, adjusted diluted EPS was \$1.55 and \$2.69 for third quarters of 2025 and 2024, respectively.

YEAR TO DATE RESULTS

- Total sales orders for the first nine months of 2025 increased 1% year-over-year, reflecting an 11% increase in average communities and a 9% decrease in average absorption pace compared to the first nine months of 2024. The 3% lower ASP on orders for the first nine months of 2025 was primarily impacted by increased utilization of incentives this year.
- Home closing revenue decreased 8% in the first nine months of 2025 to \$4.4 billion, driven by a 6% decrease in ASP on closings and a 3% decline in home closing volume. ASP on closings for the first nine months of 2025 reflected increased utilization of incentives compared to prior year.
- Home closing gross margin of 20.7% decreased 480 bps in the first nine months of 2025 from 25.5% in the prior year due to increased utilization of incentives, higher lot costs, reduced leverage of fixed costs on lower home closing revenue, as well as inventory-related impairment and walk-away charges, all of which were partially offset by savings in direct costs and faster cycle times. Year to date 2025 home closing gross margin included \$8.7 million of real estate inventory impairments and \$11.4 million in terminated land deal walk-away charges, compared to no impairments and \$3.9 million in terminated land deal walk-away charges in the prior year. Excluding these inventory-related charges, adjusted home closing gross margin was 21.2% and 25.6% for the first nine months of 2025 and 2024, respectively.
- SG&A as a percentage of home closing revenue was 10.7% in the first nine months of 2025 compared to 9.8% in the prior year, primarily as a result of higher
 commission rates and technology costs, as well as lost leverage on lower home closing revenue, which was partially offset by lower performance-based
 compensation costs.

- The effective income tax rate in the first nine months of 2025 was 23.4% compared to 21.5% in 2024. The higher tax rate in 2025 reflects fewer homes qualifying for energy tax credits.
- Net earnings were \$369 million (\$5.13 per diluted share) for the first nine months of 2025, a 40% decrease from \$614 million (\$8.36 per diluted share) for the first nine months of 2024, primarily reflecting lower home closing revenue and gross margins, as well as higher SG&A and tax rates. Year to date 2025 diluted EPS included \$8.7 million of real estate inventory impairments and \$11.4 million in terminated land deal walk-away charges, compared to no impairments and \$3.9 million in terminated land deal walk-away charges in the prior year. Excluding these inventory-related charges, adjusted diluted EPS was \$5.35 and \$8.40 for the first nine months of 2025 and 2024, respectively.

BALANCE SHEET & LIQUIDITY

- Cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2025 totaled \$729 million, reflecting \$492 million of net proceeds from the issuance of senior notes in the first quarter of 2025. This compared to cash and cash equivalents of \$652 million at December 31, 2024.
- Land acquisition and development spend, net of land development reimbursements, totaled \$528 million for the third quarter of 2025, reflecting intentionally reduced spend based on market conditions. This compared to \$617 million of land acquisition and development spend, net of land development reimbursements, in the third quarter of 2024.
- Approximately 80,800 lots were owned or controlled as of September 30, 2025, compared to approximately 74,800 total lots as of September 30, 2024. Nearly 2,000 net new lots were added in the third quarter of 2025, representing an estimated 16 future communities. During the quarter, we terminated approximately 400 lots. For the first nine months of 2025, we terminated approximately 3,700 lots.
- Third quarter 2025 ending community count of 334 was up 20% compared to prior year and up 7% compared to the second quarter of 2025.
- Debt-to-capital and net debt-to-capital ratios were 25.7% and 17.2%, respectively, at September 30, 2025, which compared to 20.6% and 11.7%, respectively, at December 31, 2024.
- The Company declared and paid quarterly cash dividends of \$0.43 per share totaling \$30 million in the third quarter of 2025. This compared to \$0.375 per share totaling \$27 million in the third quarter of 2024. Year-to-date dividends paid were \$92 million and \$82 million in 2025 and 2024, respectively.
- During the third quarter of 2025, the Company repurchased 772,010 shares of stock, or 1.1% of shares outstanding at the beginning of the quarter, for \$55 million. For the first nine months of 2025, the Company repurchased 2,051,450 shares of stock, or 2.9% of shares outstanding at the beginning of the year, for \$145 million. During the third quarter of 2025, the Board approved an additional \$500 million to the authorized share repurchase program, and as of September 30, 2025, \$664 million remained available to repurchase.

- During the third quarter of 2025, the Company refinanced the revolving credit facility to extend its maturity from 2029 to 2030.
- On January 2, 2025, we completed a two-for-one stock split (the "Stock Split") of Meritage's common stock in the form of a stock dividend. All share and per share amounts in this press release have been retroactively restated to reflect the Stock Split for the third quarter of 2024 and the first nine months of 2024.

GUIDANCE

The Company is providing the following guidance for the fourth quarter of 2025, based on year to date results and current market conditions:

	Fourth Quarter 2025
Home closing volume	3,800-4,000 units
Home closing revenue	\$1.46-1.54 billion
Home closing gross margin	19-20%
Effective tax rate	Approximately 24.5%
Diluted EPS	\$1.51-1.70

CONFERENCE CALL

Management will host a conference call to discuss its third quarter 2025 results at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time (11:00 a.m. Eastern Time) on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. To listen, please go to Meritage's Investor Relations page for the live webcast or dial in to 1-877-407-6951 US toll free or 1-412-902-0046. A replay will be available on the Investor Relations page.

Meritage Homes Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Income Statements (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,								
		2025		2024		Change \$	Change %		
Homebuilding:									
Home closing revenue	\$	1,399,335	\$	1,585,784	\$	(186,449)	(12)%		
Land closing revenue		16,068		2,665		13,403	503 %		
Total closing revenue		1,415,403		1,588,449		(173,046)	(11)%		
Cost of home closings		(1,132,378)		(1,193,219)		(60,841)	(5)%		
Cost of land closings		(15,876)		(1,985)		13,891	700 %		
Total cost of closings		(1,148,254)		(1,195,204)		(46,950)	(4)%		
Home closing gross profit		266,957		392,565		(125,608)	(32)%		
Land closing gross profit		192		680		(488)	(72)%		
Total closing gross profit		267,149		393,245		(126,096)	(32)%		
Financial Services:									
Revenue		8,460		8,070		390	5 %		
Expense		(4,311)		(3,706)		605	16 %		
Earnings/(loss) from financial services unconsolidated entities and other, net		331		(1,263)		1,594	(126)%		
Financial services profit		4,480		3,101		1,379	44 %		
Commissions and other sales costs		(99,722)		(97,898)		1,824	2 %		
General and administrative expenses		(51,787)		(59,198)		(7,411)	(13)%		
Interest expense		_		_		_	— %		
Other income, net		8,128		10,682		(2,554)	(24)%		
Earnings before income taxes		128,248		249,932		(121,684)	(49)%		
Provision for income taxes		(28,951)		(53,966)		(25,015)	(46)%		
Net earnings	\$	99,297	\$	195,966	\$	(96,669)	(49)%		
Earnings per common share:									
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Earnings per common share:				
Basic		Chang	ge \$ or shares	Change %
Earnings per common share	\$ 1.40 \$	2.70 \$	(1.30)	(48)%
Weighted average shares outstanding	70,680	72,452	(1,772)	(2)%
Diluted				
Earnings per common share	\$ 1.39 \$	2.67 \$	(1.28)	(48)%
Weighted average shares outstanding	71.188	73.338	(2.150)	(3)%

		2025		2024		Change \$	Change %
Homebuilding:							
Home closing revenue	\$	4,357,148	\$	4,745,618	\$	(388,470)	(8)%
Land closing revenue		39,766		4,970		34,796	700 %
Total closing revenue		4,396,914		4,750,588		(353,674)	(7)%
Cost of home closings		(3,453,213)		(3,535,589)		(82,376)	(2)%
Cost of land closings		(37,128)		(4,283)		32,845	767 %
Total cost of closings		(3,490,341)		(3,539,872)		(49,531)	(1)%
Home closing gross profit		903,935		1,210,029		(306,094)	(25)%
Land closing gross profit		2,638		687		1,951	284 %
Total closing gross profit		906,573		1,210,716		(304,143)	(25)%
Financial Services:							
Revenue		24,967		22,734		2,233	10 %
Expense		(13,159)		(10,633)		2,526	24 %
Earnings/(loss) from financial services unconsolidated entities and other, net		1,846		(4,853)		6,699	(138)%
Financial services profit		13,654		7,248		6,406	88 %
Commissions and other sales costs		(303,272)		(304,113)		(841)	— %
General and administrative expenses		(163,967)		(163,114)		853	1 %
Interest expense		_		_		_	n/a
Other income, net		28,479		31,202		(2,723)	(9)%
Loss on early extinguishment of debt				(631)		(631)	(100)%
Earnings before income taxes		481,467		781,308		(299,841)	(38)%
Provision for income taxes		(112,485)		(167,771)		(55,286)	(33)%
Net earnings	\$	368,982	\$	613,537	\$	(244,555)	(40)%
Earnings per common share:							
Basic						ange \$ or shares	Change %
Earnings per common share	\$	5.17	\$	8.45	\$	(3.28)	(39)%
Weighted average shares outstanding		71,346		72,572		(1,226)	(2)%
Diluted	Φ.	F 40	•	0.00	Φ.	(0.00)	(00)0/
Earnings per common share	\$	5.13 71.879	\$	8.36	\$	(3.23)	(39)%
Weighted average shares outstanding		71,879		73,402		(1,523)	(2)%

Meritage Homes Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands, except share data) (Unaudited)

		tember 30, 2025	December 31, 2024	
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	728,937	\$ 651,555	
Other receivables		321,762	256,282	
Real estate (1)		6,140,687	5,728,775	
Deposits on real estate under option or contract		198,158	192,405	
Investments in unconsolidated entities		45,714	28,735	
Property and equipment, net		47,976	47,285	
Deferred tax asset, net		47,222	54,524	
Prepaids, other assets and goodwill		228,054	203,093	
Total assets	\$	7,758,510	\$ 7,162,654	
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	217,875	\$ 212,477	
Accrued liabilities		414,717	452,213	
Home sale deposits		9,420	20,513	
Loans payable and other borrowings		25,811	29,343	
Senior and convertible senior notes, net		1,803,167	1,306,535	
Total liabilities		2,470,990	2,021,081	
Stockholders' Equity:				
Preferred stock		_	_	
Common stock, par value \$0.01. Authorized 125,000,000 shares; 70,406,707 and 71,921,972 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2025 and December 31, 2024, respectively		704	360	
Additional paid-in capital		11,416	143,036	
Retained earnings		5,275,400	4,998,177	
Total stockholders' equity		5,287,520	5,141,573	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	7,758,510	\$ 7,162,654	
(1) Real estate – Allocated costs:				
Homes completed and under construction	\$	2,341,730	\$ 2,375,639	
Finished home sites and home sites under development		3,798,957	3,353,136	
Total real estate	\$	6,140,687	\$ 5,728,775	

Meritage Homes Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
		2025	2024			
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Net earnings	\$	368,982	\$ 613,537			
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash used in operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		18,603	19,358			
Real estate and land impairments		9,292	_			
Stock-based compensation		14,780	19,305			
Loss on early extinguishment of debt		_	631			
Equity in earnings from unconsolidated entities		(3,133)	(3,925)			
Distribution of earnings from unconsolidated entities		3,732	4,005			
Other		18,852	15,093			
Changes in assets and liabilities:						
Increase in real estate		(413,224)	(723,835)			
Increase in deposits on real estate under option or contract		(9,010)	(96,404)			
(Increase)/decrease in other receivables, prepaids and other assets		(77,840)	7,307			
(Decrease)/increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(45,326)	21,387			
Decrease in home sale deposits		(11,093)	(4,472)			
Net cash used in operating activities		(125,385)	(128,013)			
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Investments in unconsolidated entities		(21,080)	(10,442)			
Purchases of property and equipment		(20,145)	(21,174)			
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment		184	179			
Maturities/sales of investments and securities		1,750	750			
Payments to purchase investments and securities		(1,750)	(750)			
Net cash used in investing activities		(41,041)	(31,437)			
Cash flows from financing activities:						
Repayment of loans payable and other borrowings		(11,522)	(7,850)			
Repayment of senior notes		_	(250,695)			
Proceeds from issuance of senior and convertible senior notes		497,195	575,000			
Payment of debt issuance costs		(5,106)	(17,332)			
Purchase of capped calls related to issuance of convertible senior notes		_	(61,790)			
Dividends paid		(91,759)	(81,619)			
Repurchase of shares		(145,000)	(85,932)			
Net cash provided by financing activities		243,808	69,782			
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		77,382	(89,668)			
Beginning cash and cash equivalents		651,555	921,227			
Ending cash and cash equivalents	\$	728,937	\$ 831,559			

Meritage Homes Corporation and Subsidiaries Operating Data (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

We aggregate our homebuilding operating segments into reporting segments based on similar long-term economic characteristics and geographical proximity. Effective January 1, 2025, the Tennessee homebuilding operating segment has been reclassified from the East reporting segment to the Central reporting segment for the purpose of making operational and resource decisions and assessing financial performance. Prior period balances have been retroactively adjusted to reflect this reclassification. Our three reportable homebuilding segments are as follows:

- West: Arizona, California, Colorado, and Utah
- Central: Tennessee and Texas
- East: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina

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	Homes	Value		Homes		Value	
Homes Closed:							
West Region	883	\$	420,658	1,220	\$	594,509	
Central Region	1,260		443,086	1,346		484,739	
East Region	1,542		535,591	1,376		506,536	
Total	3,685	\$	1,399,335	3,942	\$	1,585,784	
Homes Ordered:					_		
West Region	867	\$	426,509	1,067	\$	521,029	
Central Region	1,289		468,690	1,184		428,660	
East Region	1,480		519,890	1,261		475,921	
Total	3,636	\$	1,415,089	3,512	\$	1,425,610	

Nine Months Ended September 30,

		itine months Ended September 50,							
	20	2025			2024				
	Homes		Value	Homes		Value			
Homes Closed:									
West Region	3,046	\$	1,449,499	3,499	\$	1,732,978			
Central Region	3,821		1,336,048	4,081		1,496,889			
East Region	4,404		1,571,601	3,987		1,515,751			
Total	11,271	\$	4,357,148	11,567	\$	4,745,618			
Homes Ordered:									
West Region	2,961	\$	1,450,859	3,351	\$	1,659,130			
Central Region	3,952		1,433,125	3,958		1,455,883			
East Region	4,513		1,636,720	3,993		1,515,248			
Total	11,426		4,520,704	11,302		4,630,261			

At September 30.	
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	2	2025			2024		
	Homes		Value	Homes		Value	
Order Backlog:							
West Region	350	\$	176,493	598	\$	286,336	
Central Region	612		232,018	718		267,890	
East Region	737		261,496	968		377,430	
Total	1,699	\$	670,007	2,284	\$	931,656	

Inree	Months	Fnded	Septembe	r 30

Nine	Months	Ended	Septemb	er 30,
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	202	2025		24	202	25	2024				
	Ending	Average	Average Ending Average		Ending Average		Ending	Aver			
Active Communities:											
West Region	85	85.0	86	85.5	85	86.7	86				
Central Region	97	91.0	83	86.5	97	88.6	83				
East Region	152	147.0	109	110.5	152	132.2	109				
Total	334	323.0	278	282.5	334	307.5	278				

Meritage Homes Corporation and Subsidiaries Supplement and Non-GAAP information (Unaudited)

Supplemental Information (Dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2025		2024		2025		2024
Depreciation and amortization	\$	5,991	\$	6,546	\$	18,603	\$	19,358
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Summary of Capitalized Interest:								
Capitalized interest, beginning of period	\$	63,814	\$	54,327	\$	53,678	\$	54,516
Interest incurred		20,050		12,752		54,759		40,004
Interest expensed		_		_		_		_
Interest amortized to cost of home and land closings		(12,663)		(13,348)		(37,236)		(40,789)
Capitalized interest, end of period	\$	71,201	\$	53,731	\$	71,201	\$	53,731

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Information (Dollars in thousands):

This press release includes comments and discussion about our operating results that reflect certain adjustments, including home closing gross profit, home closing gross margin, earnings before income taxes, net earnings, diluted earnings per common share, and debt-to-capital ratios. These are considered non-GAAP financial measures and should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, the comparable GAAP financial measures. We believe these non-GAAP financial measures are relevant and useful to investors in understanding our operating results and may be helpful in comparing our company with other companies in the homebuilding and other industries to the extent they provide similar information. We encourage investors to understand the methods used by other companies to calculate these non-GAAP financial measures and any adjustments thereto before comparing to our non-GAAP financial measures.

Home Closing Gross Profit and Home Closing Gross Margin

	Home Closing Gr	oss Profit and Ho	me Ci	osing Gross Marg	ın			
	Т	hree Months End	ed Sep	otember 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		
		2025		2024		2025		2024
Home closing gross profit	\$	266,957	\$	392,565	\$	903,935	\$	1,210,029
Home closing gross margin		19.1 %		24.8 %		20.7 %		25.5 %
Add: Real estate-related impairments		8,693		_		8,693		_
Add: Write-off of terminated land deals		5,799		2,022		11,437		3,931
Adjusted home closing gross profit	\$	281,449	\$	394,587	\$	924,065	\$	1,213,960
Adjusted home closing gross margin		20.1 %		24.9 %		21.2 %		25.6 %

Earnings before income taxes, Net earnings and Diluted earnings per common share

	TI	hree Months End	led Se	ptember 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2025		2024		2025		2024
Earnings before income taxes	\$	128,248	\$	249,932	\$	481,467	\$	781,308
Add: Real estate-related impairments		8,693		_		8,693		_
Add: Write-off of terminated land deals		5,799		2,022		11,437		3,931
Adjusted earnings before income taxes	\$	142,740	\$	251,954	\$	501,597	\$	785,239
Effective income tax rate		22.6 %		21.6 %		23.4 %		21.5 %
Adjusted provision for income tax		(32,259)		(54,422)		(117,374)		(168,826)
Adjusted net earnings		110,481		197,532		384,223		616,413
Diluted earnings per common share	\$	1.39	\$	2.67	\$	5.13	\$	8.36
Adjusted diluted earnings per common share	\$	1.55	\$	2.69	\$	5.35	\$	8.40
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Debt-to-Capital Ratios

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	Septen	September 30, 2025		
Senior and convertible senior notes, net, loans payable and other borrowings	\$	1,828,978	\$	1,335,878
Stockholders' equity		5,287,520		5,141,573
Total capital	\$	7,116,498	\$	6,477,451
Debt-to-capital		25.7%		20.6%
Senior and convertible senior notes, net, loans payable and other borrowings	\$	1,828,978	\$	1,335,878
Less: cash and cash equivalents		(728,937)		(651,555)
Net debt	\$	1,100,041	\$	684,323
Stockholders' equity		5,287,520		5,141,573
Total net capital	\$	6,387,561	\$	5,825,896
Net debt-to-capital		17.2%		11.7%

About Meritage Homes Corporation

Meritage is the fifth-largest public homebuilder in the United States, based on homes closed in 2024. The Company offers energy-efficient and affordable entry-level and first move-up homes. Operations span across Arizona, California, Colorado, Utah, Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Meritage has delivered over 200,000 homes in its 40-year history, and has a reputation for its distinctive style, quality construction, and award-winning customer experience. The Company is an industry leader in energy-efficient homebuilding, an eleven-time recipient of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year for Sustained Excellence Award and Residential New Construction Market Leader Award, as well as a four-time recipient of the EPA's Indoor airPLUS Leader Award.

For more information, visit www.meritagehomes.com.

The information included in this press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include expectations about the housing market in general and our future results, including our fourth quarter 2025 projected home closing volume and home closing revenue.

Such statements are based on the current beliefs and expectations of Company management and current market conditions, which are subject to significant uncertainties and fluctuations. Actual results may differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. The Company makes no commitment, and disclaims any duty, except as required by law, to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect future events or changes in these expectations. Meritage's business is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. As a result of those risks and uncertainties, the Company's stock and note prices may fluctuate dramatically. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following: increases in interest rates or decreases in mortgage availability, and the cost and use of rate locks and buy-downs; the cost of materials used to develop communities and construct homes; cancellation rates; supply chain and labor constraints; shortages in the availability and cost of subcontract labor; the ability of our potential buyers to sell their existing homes; our ability to acquire and develop lots may be negatively impacted if we are unable to obtain performance and surety bonds; the adverse effect of slow absorption rates; legislation related to tariffs; impairments of our real estate inventory; competition; home warranty and construction defect claims; failures in health and safety performance; fluctuations in quarterly operating results; our level of indebtedness; our exposure to counterparty risk with respect to our capped calls; our ability to obtain financing if our credit ratings are downgraded; our exposure to and impacts from natural disasters or severe weather conditions; the availability and cost of finished lots and undeveloped land; the success of our strategy to offer and market entry-level and first move-up homes; a change to the feasibility of projects under option or contract that could result in the write-down or write-off of earnest money or option deposits; our limited geographic diversification; our exposure to information technology failures and security breaches and the impact thereof; the loss of key personnel; changes in tax laws that adversely impact us or our homebuyers; our inability to prevail on contested tax positions; failure of our employees and representatives to comply with laws and regulations; our compliance with government regulations; liabilities or restrictions resulting from regulations applicable to our financial services operations; negative publicity that affects our reputation; potential disruptions to our business by an epidemic or pandemic, and measures that

federal, state and local governments and/or health authorities implement to address it; and other factors identified in documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including those set forth in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024 and our Form 10-Q for subsequent quarters under the caption "Risk Factors," which can be found on our website at https://investors.meritagehomes.com.