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## Investor Presentation

## 2011 First Quarter

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## Q1 P\&L Summary

|  | Unaudited |  |  | Unaudited |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2011 | \% of Net Sales |  | 2010 | \% of Net Sales |
| Net Sales | \$ | 836,674 | 100.0\% | \$ | 687,804 | 100.0\% |
| Cost of Goods Sold |  | 293,013 | 35.0\% |  | 256,388 | 37.3\% |
| Gross Profit |  | 543,661 | 65.0\% |  | 431,416 | 62.7\% |
| Operating Expense |  | 506,752 | 60.6\% |  | 451,042 | 65.6\% |
| Other Operating Income, Net |  | $(1,836)$ | -0.2\% |  | (914) | -0.1\% |
| Operating Income (Loss) |  | 38,745 | 4.6\% |  | $(18,712)$ | -2.7\% |
| Interest Expense, Net |  | 950 | 0.1\% |  | 825 | 0.1\% |
| Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations Before Taxes |  | 37,795 | 4.5\% |  | $(19,537)$ | -2.8\% |
| Tax Expense (Benefit) from Continuing Operations |  | 13,450 | 1.6\% |  | $(7,709)$ | -1.1\% |
| Net Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations |  | 24,345 | 2.9\% |  | $(11,828)$ | -1.7\% |
| Net Income from Discontinued Operations |  | 796 | 0.1\% |  | - | - |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ | 25,141 | 3.0\% | \$ | $(11,828)$ | -1.7\% |

## Sales Analysis Versus Prior Year



## Operating Expense



## First Quarter

| Store Occupancy ${ }_{(1)}$ | \$ | 167,340 | 20.0\% | \$ | 158,657 | 23.1\% |
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| All Other (2) |  | 231,761 | 27.7\% |  | 195,753 | 28.5\% |
| Stores and Distribution |  | 399,101 | 47.7\% |  | 354,410 | 51.5\% |
| Marketing, General \& Administrative |  | 107,651 | 12.9\% |  | 96,632 | 14.0\% |
| TOTAL | \$ | 506,752 | 60.6\% | \$ | 451,042 | 65.6\% |

(500)
(1) Includes rent, other landlord charges, utilities, depreciation and other occupancy expense
(2) Includes selling payroll, store management and support, other store expense, DTC, and distribution center costs
(3) Rounded based on reported percentages

## Inventory Analysis




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## Liquidity

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { As of } \\ \text { April 30, } 2011 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | As of May 1, 2010 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ | 741,823 | \$ | 590,511 |
| Credit Agreement: |  |  |  |  |
| Borrowings | \$ | 44,309 | \$ | 48,995 |
| Outstanding Letters of Credit | \$ | 123 | \$ | 45,600 |
| "Net" Cash Position | \$ | 697,391 | \$ | 495,916 |



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## Share Repurchases

| Fiscal Quarter | FY 2011 |  |  |  |  | FY 2010 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares Repurchased | Cost |  | Average Cost |  | Shares Repurchased |  | Cost | Average Cost |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q1 | 428.8 | \$ | 25,469 | \$ | 59.40 | - |  | - |  | - |
| Q2 | - |  | - |  | - | - |  | - |  | - |
| Q3 | - |  | - |  | - | 669.1 | \$ | 29,207 | \$ | 43.65 |
| Q4 | - |  | - |  | - | 912.6 | \$ | 46,951 | \$ | 51.45 |
| TOTAL | 428.8 | \$ | 25,469 | \$ | 59.40 | 1,581.7 | \$ | 76,158 | \$ | 48.15 |



## Q2 Outlook

Sales

- Targeting mid single digit comparable store sales growth

Gross Margin

- Rate erosion versus 2010


## Operating Expenses

- Significantly less expense leverage than Q1
- Store Occupancy: Approximately mid $\$ 170$ millions
- All Other Stores and Distribution: Modest deleverage compared to last year's rate of 27.2\% of sales; includes effect of pre-opening costs, DTC investments and accelerated depreciation of distribution center
- Marketing, General and Administrative: Mid-teen percentage increase; includes increases in incentive and equity compensation, and marketing costs


## International Hollister Store Count - Cumulative

|  | Year End |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 End } \\ 2011 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |  |
| Canada | 3 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 9 |
| UK |  | 3 | 10 | 19 | 19 |
| Germany |  |  | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Italy |  |  | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Spain |  |  |  | 3 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 3 | 9 | 18 | 38 | 40 |

## Confirmed Flagship Openings

| City | Timing | Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Paris | May 19, 2011 | A\&F |
| Madrid | Q4 2011 | A\&F |
| Dusseldorf | Q4 2011 | A\&F / kids |
| Brussels | Q4 2011 | A\&F |
| Singapore | Q4 2011 | A\&F |
| Dublin | 2012 | A\&F |
| Hong Kong | 2012 | A\&F |
| Hamburg | 2012 | A\&F |
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## Appendix: EPS (Unaudited)



## Appendix: Q1 Store Count Activity

| ALL BRANDS* $^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Total | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 1,069 | 1,017 | 16 | 34 | 2 |
| Start of 2011 | 2 | - | - | 2 | - |
| Openings | - | - | - | - | - |
| Closings | 1,071 | 1,017 | 16 | 36 | 2 |
| End of Q1 |  |  |  |  |  |


| abercrombie kids |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 185 | 181 | 3 | 1 | - |
| Start of 2011 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Openings | - | - | - | - | - |
| Closings | 185 | 181 | 3 | 1 | - |
| End of Q1 |  |  |  |  |  |


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| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Total | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 325 | 316 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Start of 2011 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Openings | - | - | - | - | - |
| Closings | 325 | 316 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| End of Q1 |  |  |  |  |  |


| Hollister Co. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Total | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 540 | 502 | 9 | 29 | - |
| Start of 2011 | 2 | - | - | 2 |  |
| Openings | - | - | - | - | - |
| Closings | 542 | 502 | 9 | 31 | - |
| End of Q1 |  |  |  |  |  |

* End of Q1 includes 19 Gilly Hicks stores, including one in Europe


## Appendix: Accounting for ShareBased Compensation

## Equity vs. Liability Classified Awards

- Equity - fair value is determined and fixed on the date of grant and is expensed over the award's vesting period
- Liability - For liability classified awards, fair value is determined on the date of grant and re-measured each reporting date thereafter, until the award is settled, and is expensed over the award's vesting period, with a current period adjustment to earnings to reflect changes in fair value for the portion of the vesting period already served
- Refer to FASB ASC 718-20-55-124 through 133 for an example on accounting for awards reclassified from equity to liability


## Liability Accounting Illustration

Gross underlying shares of awards classified as liability

Change in fair value measurement
Total incremental charge
Percent of the vesting period served
Incremental charge recognized in the current period

Incremental charge to be recognized over the remaining vesting period


## Amendment and Restatement of 2007 LTIP

- Will be asking shareholders to approve an additional 3,000,000 shares at our 2011 Annual Shareholder Meeting
- Allow for continued granting equity-based compensation to associates
- Significantly reduce the potential for liability accounting


