# Abercrombie & Fitch

NEW YORK

**INVESTOR PRESENTATION** 

**2017 FIRST QUARTER** 

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#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

The following presentation includes certain adjusted non-GAAP financial measures. Additional details about non-GAAP financial measures are included in the news release issued by the company on May 25, 2017, which is available in the "Investors" section of the company's website, located at www.abercrombie.com. As used in the presentation, "GAAP" refers to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

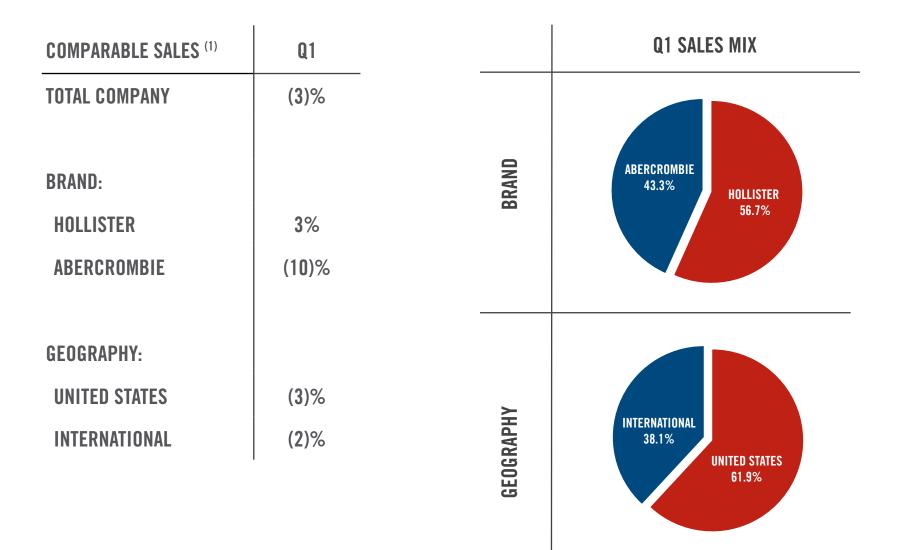
All dollar and share amounts are in 000's unless otherwise stated. Sub-totals and totals may not foot due to rounding.

Net loss and net loss per share financial measures included herein are attributable to Abercrombie & Fitch Co., excluding net income attributable to noncontrolling interests.

#### **Q1 P&L SUMMARY**

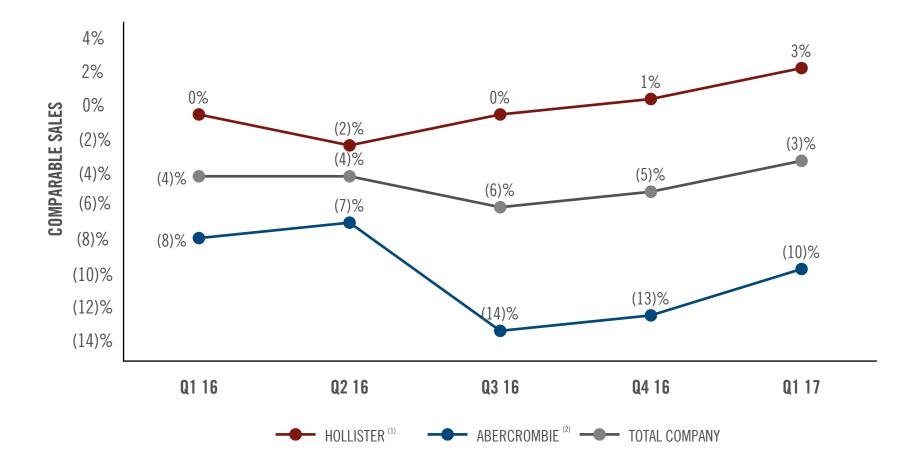
	2017	% OF NET SALES	2010	0/ OF NET CALES
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NET SALES	\$661,099	100.0%	\$685,483	100.0%
GROSS PROFIT	398,925	60.3%	425,721	62.1%
OPERATING EXPENSE	470,552	71.2%	483,565	70.5%
OTHER OPERATING INCOME, NET	(1,686)	(0.3)%	(2,933)	(0.4)%
OPERATING LOSS	(69,941)	(10.6)%	(54,911)	(8.0)%
INTEREST EXPENSE, NET	4,120	0.6%	4,506	0.7%
LOSS BEFORE TAXES	(74,061)	(11.2)%	(59,417)	(8.7)%
TAX BENEFIT	(13,052)	(2.0)%	(20,787)	(3.0)%
NET LOSS	\$(61,700)	(9.3)%	\$(39,587)	(5.8)%
NET LOSS PER SHARE				
BASIC	\$(0.91)		\$(0.59)	
DILUTED	\$(0.91)		\$(0.59)	
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING				
BASIC	68,073		67,625	
DILUTED	68,073		67,625	

### Q1 2017 SALES\*



\* Hollister includes the company's Hollister and Gilly Hicks brands. Abercrombie includes the company's Abercrombie & Fitch and abercrombie kids brands.

#### **COMPARABLE SALES TREND BY BRAND\***



\* Comparable sales are calculated on a constant currency basis. Sales include store and DTC sales.

<sup>(1)</sup> Hollister includes the company's Hollister and Gilly Hicks brands.

<sup>(1)</sup> Abercrombie includes the company's Abercrombie & Fitch and abercrombie kids brands.

### **Q1 OPERATING EXPENSE**

	2017	% OF NET SALES	2016	% OF NET SALES	
STORE OCCUPANCY <sup>(1)</sup>	\$166,822	25.2%	\$174,771	25.5%	
ALL OTHER <sup>(2)</sup>	193,107	29.2%	194,347	28.4%	
STORES AND DISTRIBUTION	359,929	54.4%	369,118	53.8%	
MARKETING, GENERAL & Administrative	109,893	16.6%	114,447	16.7%	
ASSET IMPAIRMENT	730	0.1%		—%	
OTHER OPERATING INCOME, NET	(1,686)	(0.3)%	(2,933)	(0.4)%	
TOTAL	\$468,866	70.9%	\$480,632	70.1%	

(1) Includes rent, other landlord charges, utilities, depreciation and other occupancy expense.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes selling payroll, store management and support, other store expense, direct-to-consumer expense, and distribution center costs.

#### **DILUTED EPS WALK**

Q1 2016	\$(0.59)
CORE OPERATIONS	(0.08)
FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE IMPACT (1)	(0.05)
CHANGE IN SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION ACCOUNTING STANDARDS	(0.14)
TAX RATE <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.05)
Q1 2017	\$(0.91)

<sup>(1)</sup> The effect from foreign currency, calculated on a constant currency basis, is determined by applying current period exchange rates to prior year results and is net of the year-over-year impact from hedging. The per diluted share effect from foreign currency is calculated using a 35% tax rate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> The effect is calculated by applying the year-over-year change in the company's effective tax rate, excluding the impact of the change in share-based compensation accounting standards, to the company's current quarter loss before taxes.

### **Q1 STORE OPENINGS**

	BRAND	CENTER	CITY	DATE
DOMESTIC	A&F Hollister	Polaris Fashion Place Ka Makana Ali'i	Columbus, OH West Oahu, HI	2/17/17 3/17/17
OUTLET	A&F	Outlet Shoppes at Laredo	Laredo, TX	3/16/17

## **Q1 STORE COUNT ACTIVITY**

ALL BRANDS	TOTAL	U.S.	CANADA	EUROPE	REST OF WORLD <sup>(3)</sup>
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START OF Q1 2017	898	709	18	117	54
OPENINGS	3	3	_	_	_
CLOSINGS	(8)	(7)	_	_	(1)
END OF Q1 2017	893	705	18	117	53
ABERCROMBIE <sup>(1)</sup>					
START OF Q1 2017	355	311	7	17	20
OPENINGS	2	2	_	_	_
CLOSINGS	(6)	(5)			(1)
END OF Q1 2017	351	308	7	17	19
HOLLISTER <sup>(2)</sup>					
START OF Q1 2017	543	398	11	100	34
OPENINGS	1	1	_	_	_
CLOSINGS	(2)	(2)	_	_	_
END OF Q1 2017	542	397	11	100	34

<sup>(1)</sup> Abercrombie includes the company's Abercrombie & Fitch and abercrombie kids brands. Locations with abercrombie kids carveouts within Abercrombie & Fitch stores are represented as a single store count. Excludes three international franchise store as of April 29, 2017 and excludes one international franchise store as of January 28, 2017.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes five international franchise stores as of April 29, 2017 and excludes three international franchise stores as of January 28, 2017.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes 45 stores in Asia and 8 stores in the Middle East.

### OUTLOOK

FOR FISCAL 2017, THE COMPANY EXPECTS:

- COMPARABLE SALES TO REMAIN CHALLENGING IN THE SECOND QUARTER, WITH TREND IMPROVEMENT IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR
- CONTINUED ADVERSE IMPACT FROM FOREIGN CURRENCY ON SALES AND OPERATING INCOME
- A GROSS MARGIN RATE DOWN SLIGHTLY TO LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED NON-GAAP RATE OF 61.0%, WITH CONTINUED PRESSURE IN THE SECOND QUARTER
- OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE DOWN AT LEAST 3% FROM LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED NON-GAAP OPERATING EXPENSE OF \$2.025 BILLION, WITH APPROXIMATELY 65% OF THE FULL YEAR REDUCTION TO OCCUR IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR
- NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS OF APPROXIMATELY \$4 MILLION
- A WEIGHTED AVERAGE DILUTED SHARE COUNT OF APPROXIMATELY 68 MILLION SHARES, EXCLUDING THE EFFECT OF POTENTIAL SHARE BUYBACKS

THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE TO REFLECT A CORE TAX RATE IN THE LOW 30S, WHICH REMAINS HIGHLY SENSITIVE AT LOWER LEVELS OF PRE-TAX EARNINGS. ADDITIONALLY, THE COMPANY EXPECTS DISCRETE NON-CASH INCOME TAX CHARGES FOR THE FULL YEAR OF APPROXIMATELY \$11 MILLION PRIMARILY RELATED TO A CHANGE IN SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.

FULL YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$100 MILLION

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