Abercrombie \& Fitch

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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 | 2016 | \% OF NET SALES |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 |  |  | $\$(0.59)$ |  |
| BASIC | $\$(0.91)$ |  | $\$(0.59)$ |  |
| DILUTED | $\$(0.91)$ |  |  |  |
| WEIGHTED-AVERAGE SHARES |  |  | 67,625 |  |
| OUTSTANDING | 68,073 |  |  |  |
| BASIC | 68,073 |  |  |  |
| DILUTED |  |  |  |  |

## Q1 2017 SALES*

| COMPARABLE SALES ${ }^{(1)}$ | Q1 |
| :--- | :---: |
| TOTAL COMPANY | $(3) \%$ |
| BRAND: |  |
| HOLLISTER | $3 \%$ |
| ABERCROMBIE | $(10) \%$ |
| GEOGRAPHY: |  |
| UNITED STATES | $(3) \%$ |
| INTERNATIONAL | $(2) \%$ |


${ }^{(1)}$ Comparable sales are calculated on a constant currency basis. Sales include store and DTC sales.

## COMPARABLE SALES TREND BY BRAND*



[^0]${ }^{(1)}$ Hollister includes the company's Hollister and Gilly Hicks brands.
${ }^{(1)}$ Abercrombie includes the company's Abercrombie \& Fitch and abercrombie kids brands.

## Q1 OPERATING EXPENSE

|  | 2017 | \% OF NET SALES | 2016 | \% OF NET SALES |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STORE OCCUPANCY ${ }^{(1)}$ | $\$ 166,822$ | $25.2 \%$ | $\$ 174,771$ | $25.5 \%$ |
| ALL OTHER $^{(2)}$ | 193,107 | $29.2 \%$ | 194,347 | $28.4 \%$ |
| STORES AND DISTRIBUTION | 359,929 | $54.4 \%$ | 369,118 | $53.8 \%$ |
|  <br> 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.
${ }^{(2)}$ 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 $^{2}$ | $(0.14)$ |
| TAX RATE $^{(2)}$ | $(0.05)$ |
| Q1 2017 | $\$(0.91)$ |

[^1] impact from hedging. The per diluted share effect from foreign currency is calculated using a $35 \%$ tax rate.
${ }^{(2)}$ 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 을 | A\&F | Polaris Fashion Place | Columbus, OH | 2/17/17 |
|  | Hollister | Ka Makana Ali'i | West Oahu, HI | 3/17/17 |
| 岑 | 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 (3) |
| 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 ${ }^{(1)}$

| 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 ${ }^{(2)}$

| START OF Q1 2017 | 543 | 398 | 11 | 100 | 34 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPENINGS | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| CLOSINGS | (2) | (2) | - | - | - |
| END OF Q1 2017 | 542 | 397 | 11 | 100 | 34 |

${ }^{(1)}$ 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.
${ }^{(2)}$ Excludes five international franchise stores as of April 29,2017 and excludes three international franchise stores as of January 28, 2017.
${ }^{(3)}$ 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 3OS, 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.

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[^1]:    ${ }^{(1)}$ 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

