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# Abercrombie & Fitch

NEW YORK

**INVESTOR PRESENTATION** 

**2017 SECOND QUARTER** 

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#### OTHER INFORMATION

The following presentation includes certain adjusted non-GAAP financial measures. Additional details about non-GAAP financial measures and a reconciliation of GAAP financial measures to non-GAAP financial measures is included in the news release issued by the company on August 24, 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.

## **Q2 P&L SUMMARY**

	2017	% OF NET SALES	2016	% OF NET SALES
NET SALES	\$779,321	100.0%	\$783,160	100.0%
GROSS PROFIT	460,895	59.1%	477,107	60.9%
OPERATING EXPENSE	484,783	62.2%	500,992	64.0%
OTHER OPERATING INCOME, NET	(2,799)	(0.4)%	(13,080)	(1.7)%
OPERATING LOSS	(21,089)	(2.7)%	(10,805)	(1.4)%
INTEREST EXPENSE, NET	4,089	0.5%	4,741	0.6%
LOSS BEFORE TAXES	(25,178)	(3.2)%	(15,546)	(2.0)%
TAX BENEFIT	(10,563)	(1.4)%	(3,515)	(0.4)%
NET LOSS	\$(15,491)	(2.0)%	\$(13,129)	(1.7)%
NET LOSS PER SHARE				
BASIC	\$(0.23)		\$(0.19)	
DILUTED	\$(0.23)		\$(0.19)	
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING				
BASIC	68,456		67,944	
DILUTED	68,456		67,944	

### **Q2 ADJUSTED P&L SUMMARY\***

	2017	% OF NET SALES	2016	% OF NET SALES
NET SALES	\$779,321	100.0%	\$783,160	100.0%
GROSS PROFIT	460,895	59.1%	477,107	60.9%
OPERATING EXPENSE	478,648	61.4%	494,636	63.2%
OTHER OPERATING INCOME, NET	(2,799)	(0.4)%	(798)	(0.1)%
OPERATING LOSS	(14,954)	(1.9)%	(16,731)	(2.1)%
INTEREST EXPENSE, NET	4,089	0.5%	4,741	0.6%
LOSS BEFORE TAXES	(19,043)	(2.4)%	(21,472)	(2.7)%
TAX BENEFIT	(8,953)	(1.1)%	(5,762)	(0.7)%
NET LOSS	\$(10,966)	(1.4)%	\$(16,808)	(2.1)%
NET LOSS PER SHARE				
BASIC	\$(0.16)		\$(0.25)	
DILUTED	\$(0.16)		\$(0.25)	
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING				
BASIC	68,456		67,944	
DILUTED	68,456		67,944	

<sup>\*</sup> The Q2 Adjusted P&L Summary for the current and prior periods are presented on an adjusted non-GAAP basis, and excludes the effect of certain items set out on page 5.

## **EXCLUDED ITEMS (PRE-TAX)**

2017	Q1	Q2	YEAR TO DATE
ASSET IMPAIRMENT	\$—	\$6,135	\$6,135
TOTAL	\$	\$6,135	\$6,135
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2016	Q1	Q2	YEAR TO DATE
CLAIMS SETTLEMENT BENEFITS	\$	\$(12,282)	\$(12,282)
ASSET IMPAIRMENT	_	6,356	6,356
TOTAL	\$	\$(5,926)	\$(5,926)

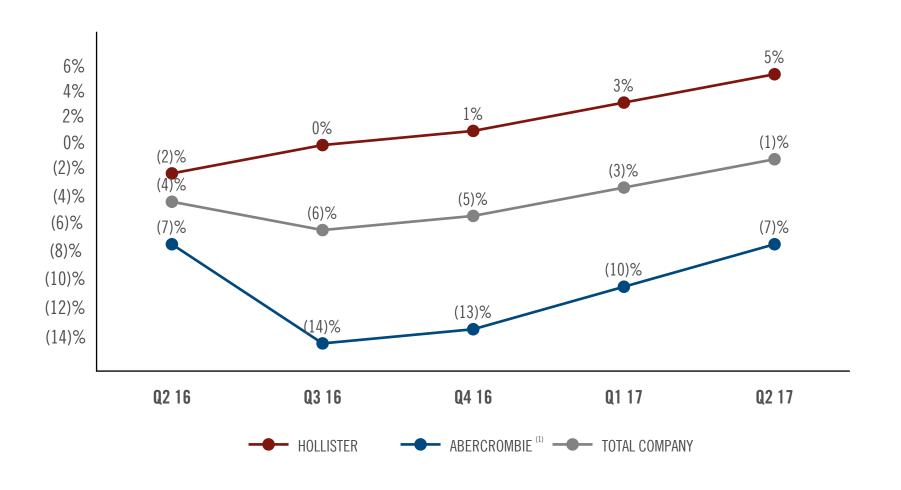
#### **Q2 2017 COMPARABLE SALES\***

	Q1	Q2	YTD
TOTAL COMPANY	(3)%	(1)%	(2)%
BRAND:			
HOLLISTER	3%	5%	4%
ABERCROMBIE (1)	(10)%	(7)%	(8)%
GEOGRAPHY:			
UNITED STATES	(3)%	0%	(2)%
INTERNATIONAL	(2)%	(1)%	(1)%

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

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

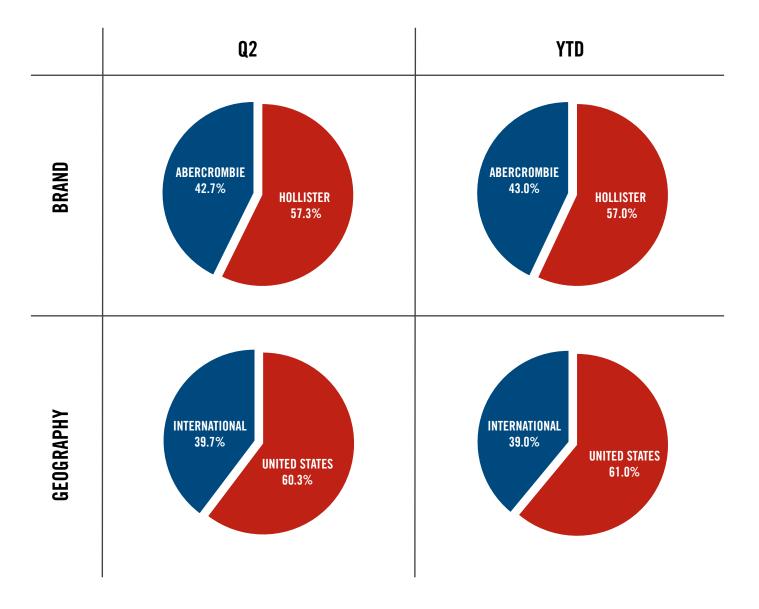
#### **COMPARABLE SALES TREND BY BRAND\***



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#### **Q2 2017 SALES MIX\***



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#### **Q2 ADJUSTED OPERATING EXPENSE\***

	2017	% OF NET SALES	2016	% OF NET SALES	Δ bps (3)
STORE OCCUPANCY (1)	\$161,829	20.8%	\$172,287	22.0%	(120)
ALL OTHER (2)	207,466	26.6%	210,630	26.9%	(30)
STORES AND DISTRIBUTION	369,295	47.4%	382,917	48.9%	(150)
MARKETING, GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	109,353	14.0%	111,719	14.3%	(30)
OTHER OPERATING INCOME, NET	(2,799)	(0.4)%	(798)	(0.1)%	(30)
TOTAL	\$475,849	61.1%	\$493,838	63.1%	(200)

<sup>\*</sup> Q2 Adjusted Operating Expense for the current and prior periods are presented on an adjusted non-GAAP basis, and excludes the effect of certain items set out of page 5.

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(3)</sup> Rounded based on reported percentages.

### **Q2 STORE COUNT ACTIVITY**

ALL BRANDS	TOTAL	U.S.	CANADA	EUROPE	REST OF WORLD (3)
START OF Q2 2017	893	705	18	117	53
OPENINGS		_	_	_	_
CLOSINGS	(2)	(2)	_	_	_
END OF Q2 2017	891	703	18	117	53
HOLLISTER (1)					
START OF Q2 2017	542	397	11	100	34
OPENINGS	_	_	_	_	_
CLOSINGS	_	_	_	_	_
END OF Q2 2017	542	397	11	100	34
ABERCROMBIE (2)					
START OF Q2 2017	351	308	7	17	19
OPENINGS	_	_	_	_	_
CLOSINGS	(2)	(2)	_	_	_
END OF Q2 2017	349	306	7	17	19

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes five international franchise stores as of July 29, 2017 and April 29, 2017.

<sup>(2)</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 July 29, 2017 and April 29, 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 BE APPROXIMATELY FLAT, AND FLAT TO UP SLIGHTLY IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR
- FOREIGN CURRENCY TO BE A SLIGHT BENEFIT TO SALES AND OPERATING INCOME
- A GROSS PROFIT RATE DOWN COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S RATE OF 61.0%, AND APPROXIMATELY FLAT IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR
- OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE DOWN AT LEAST 3% COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED NON-GAAP OPERATING EXPENSE OF \$2.025 BILLION
- A WEIGHTED AVERAGE DILUTED SHARE COUNT OF APPROXIMATELY 69 MILLION SHARES, EXCLUDING THE EFFECT OF POTENTIAL SHARE BUYBACKS

FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR, THE COMPANY EXPECTS THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE TO BE IN THE MID 30S. ON A FULL YEAR BASIS, THE COMPANY NOW EXPECTS THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE TO REFLECT A CORE TAX RATE IN THE MID 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, OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY \$10 MILLION HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED TO DATE

FULL YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$100 MILLION

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