Abercrombie \& Fitch

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INVESTOR PRESENTATION
2016 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 and a reconciliation of GAAP financial measures to non-GAAP financial measures is included in the news release issued by the company on May 26, 2016, 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

|  | 2016 | \% OF NET SALES | 2015* | \% OF NET SALES |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NET SALES | $\$ 685,483$ | $100.0 \%$ | $\$ 709,422$ | $100.0 \%$ |
| GROSS PROFIT | 425,721 | $62.1 \%$ | 438,410 | $61.8 \%$ |
| OPERATING EXPENSE | 483,565 | $70.5 \%$ | 492,713 | $69.5 \%$ |
| OTHER OPERATING | $(2,933)$ | $-0.4 \%$ | $(1,960)$ | $-0.3 \%$ |
| INCOME, NET | $(54,911)$ | $-8.0 \%$ | $(52,343)$ | $-7.4 \%$ |
| OPERATING LOSS | 4,506 | $0.7 \%$ | 4,639 | $0.7 \%$ |
| INTEREST EXPENSE, NET | $(59,417)$ | $-8.7 \%$ | $(56,982)$ | $-8.0 \%$ |
| LOSS BEFORE TAXES | $(20,787)$ | $-3.0 \%$ | $(19,808)$ | $-2.8 \%$ |
| TAX BENEFIT | $\$(39,587)$ | $-5.8 \%$ | $\$(37,174)$ | $-5.2 \%$ |
| NET LOSS |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| NET LOSS PER SHARE | $\$(0.59)$ |  |  |  |
| BASIC | $\$(0,59)$ |  | 69,510 |  |
| DILUTED |  |  | 69,510 |  |
| WEIGHTED-AVERAGE SHARES | 67,625 |  |  |  |
| OUTSTANDING |  |  |  |  |
| BASIC |  |  |  |  |
| DILUTED |  |  |  |  |

## EXCLUDED ITEMS (PRE-TAX)

|  | Q1 2016 | Q12015 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| INVENTORY WRITE-DOWN | $\$-$ | $\$ 26,861$ |
| ASSET IMPAIRMENT, LEASE TERMINATION AND <br> STORE CLOSURE CHARGES | - | 10,112 |
| PROFIT IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE | - | 2,479 |
| GILLY HICKS <br> RESTRUCTURING BENEFIT | - | $(1,598)$ |
| TOTAL | $\$-$ | $\$ 37,854$ |

## Q1 2016 SALES

| COMPARABLE SALES* | Q1 |
| :--- | :---: |
| TOTAL COMPANY | $(4) \%$ |
| BRAND: |  |
| ABERCROMBIE (1) | $(8) \%$ |
| HOLLISTER | $0 \%$ |
| GEOGRAPHY: |  |
| UNITED STATES | $(2) \%$ |
| INTERNATIONAL | $(7) \%$ |



Comparable sales are calculated on a constant currency basis. Sales include store and DTC sales.
${ }^{(1)}$ Abercrombie includes the company's Abercrombie \& Fitch and abercrombie kids brands.

## Q1 OPERATING EXPENSE

|  | 2016 | \% OF NET SALES | 2015* | \% OF NET SALES | $\Delta$ bps $^{(3)}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STORE OCCUPANCY ${ }^{(1)}$ | $\$ 174,771$ | $25.5 \%$ | $\$ 181,131$ | $25.5 \%$ | 0 |
| ALL OTHER $^{(2)}$ | 194,347 | $28.4 \%$ | 205,819 | $29.0 \%$ | $(60)$ |
| STORES AND DISTRIBUTION | 369,118 | $53.8 \%$ | 386,950 | $54.5 \%$ | $(70)$ |
|  <br> ADMINISTRATIVE | 114,447 | $16.7 \%$ | 105,763 | $14.9 \%$ | 180 |
| TOTAL | $\$ 483,565$ | $70.5 \%$ | $\$ 492,713$ | $69.5 \%$ | 100 |

* Q1 Operating Expense for fiscal 2015 is presented on an adjusted non-GAAP basis, and excludes the effect of certain items set out of page 4.
${ }^{(1)}$ 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.
${ }^{(3)}$ Rounded based on reported percentages.


## SHARE REPURCHASES

|  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { FY 2016 } \\ \text { CHARES } \\ \text { REPURCHASED }\end{array}$ |  |  | COST | $\begin{array}{c}\text { AVERAGE } \\ \text { COST }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { SHARES } \\ \text { REPURCHASED }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q1 | - | - | - | - | - | COST | \(\left.\begin{array}{c}AVERAGE <br>

COST\end{array}\right]\)

## Q1 STORE OPENINGS

|  | BRAND | CENTER | CITY | DATE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Hollister <br> Hollister | Parc Central <br> Midrif City Centre | Guangzhou, China <br> Dubai, UAE | 3/26/2016 <br> 4/14/2016 |
|  | A\&F | Leesburg Premium Outlets | Leesburg, VA | 4/23/2016 |

## Q1 STORE COUNT ACTIVITY

|  | TOTAL | U.S. | CANADA | EUROPE | REST OF WORLD ${ }^{(3)}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ALL BRANDS | 932 | 754 | 18 | 117 | 43 |
| START OF Q1 2016 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| OPENINGS | $(10)$ | $(10)$ | - | - | - |
| CLOSINGS | 925 | 745 | 18 | 117 | 45 |
| END OF Q1 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |

ABERCROMBIE ${ }^{(1)}$

| START OF Q1 2016 | 379 | 340 | 7 | 17 | 15 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPENINGS | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| CLOSINGS | (7) | (7) | - | - | - |
| END OF Q1 2016 | 373 | 334 | 7 | 17 | 15 |

HOLLISTER CO. ${ }^{(2)}$

| START OF Q1 2016 | 553 | 414 | 11 | 100 | 28 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPENINGS | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| CLOSINGS | (3) | (3) | - | - | - |
| END OF Q1 2016 | 552 | 411 | 11 | 100 | 30 |

${ }^{(1)}$ 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 one international franchise store as of April 30, 2016 and January 30, 2016.
${ }^{(2)}$ Excludes two international franchise stores as of April 30, 2016 and January 30, 2016.
${ }^{(3)}$ Includes 37 stores in Asia and 8 stores in the Middle East.

## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

## CUSTOMER CENTRICITY

OPTIMIZE BRAND REACH

## COMPELLING ASSORTMENTS

CONTINUOUS PROFIT IMPROVEMENT

BRAND POSITIONING

ORGANIZE TO SUCGEED

## FULL YEAR OUTLOOK UPDATES*

FOR FISCAL 2016, WITH REFERENCES TO LAST YEAR BEING ON AN ADJUSTED NON-GAAP BASIS, THE COMPANY NOW EXPECTS:

- COMPARABLE SALES TO REMAIN CHALLENGING IN THE SECOND QUARTER, BUT TO IMPROVE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR
- ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM FOREIGN CURRENCY ON SALES OF APPROXIMATELY \$10 MILLION AND ON OPERATING INCOME OF APPROXIMATELY \$15 MILLION, INCLUDING THE YEAR-OVER-YEAR IMPACT FROM HEDGING
- A GROSS MARGIN RATE UP SLIGHTLY TO LAST YEAR'S RATE OF 61.9\%, BUT DOWN MODESTLY IN THE SECOND QUARTER
- OPERATING EXPENSE DOLLARS TO BE APPROXIMATELY FLAT TO LAST YEAR, WITH INVESTMENTS IN MARKETING, STORE MANAGEMENT AND OMNICHANNEL OFFSET BY SAVINGS FROM EXPENSE REDUCTION EFFORTS. BASED ON THE TIMING OF THESE INVESTMENTS, THE COMPANY EXPECTS OPERATING EXPENSE DOLLARS IN THE SECOND QUARTER TO BE UP 2\% TO 3\% OVER LAST YEAR
- AN EFFECTIVE TAX RATE IN THE MID-TO-UPPER 30S
- A WEIGHTED AVERAGE DILUTED SHARE COUNT OF APPROXIMATELY 68 MILLION SHARES, EXCLUDING THE EFFECT OF POTENTIAL SHARE BUYBACKS
- CAPITAL EXPENDITURES IN THE RANGE OF \$150 MILLION TO \$175 MILLION

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