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## Investor Presentation

## 2010 Fourth Quarter

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## OTHER INFORMATION

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## Q4 P\&L Summary

Unaudited
\% of Net Sales

Net Sales
Cost of Goods Sold
Gross Profit
Operating Expense (1)
Other Operating Income, Net
Operating Income
Interest Expense, Net
Income from Continuing Operations Before Taxes
Tax Expense for Continuing Operations
Net Income from Continuing Operations
Net Loss from Discontinued Operations (2)
Net Income

| Unaudited |  |  | Unaudited |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2010 |  | $\%$ of Net Sales | 2009 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% of } \\ \text { Net Sales } \end{gathered}$ |
| \$ | 1,149,396 | 100.0\% | \$ | 935,991 | 100.0\% |
|  | 418,410 | 36.4\% |  | 341,449 | 36.5\% |
|  | 730,986 | 63.6\% |  | 594,542 | 63.5\% |
|  | 591,829 | 51.5\% |  | 506,373 | 54.1\% |
|  | $(5,549)$ | -0.5\% |  | $(7,268)$ | -0.8\% |
|  | 144,706 | 12.6\% |  | 95,437 | 10.2\% |
|  | 1,058 | 0.1\% |  | 1,093 | 0.1\% |
|  | 143,648 | 12.5\% |  | 94,344 | 10.1\% |
|  | 51,055 | 4.4\% |  | 33,319 | 3.6\% |
|  | 92,593 | 8.1\% |  | 61,025 | 6.5\% |
|  | - | - |  | $(13,566)$ | -1.4\% |
| \$ | 92,593 | 8.1\% | \$ | 47,459 | 5.1\% |

(1) 2010 includes pre-tax asset impairment charges of $\$ 48.4$ million ( $4.2 \%$ of net sales) related to 21 stores, including 13 Gilly Hicks stores and exit charges of $\$ 4.0$ million ( $0.3 \%$ of net sales) associated with 56 domestic store closures; 2009 includes pre-tax asset impairment charges of $\$ 33.2$ million ( $3.5 \%$ of net sales) related to 99 stores
(2) Net loss from discontinued operations includes the operating results, exit charges and asset impairment charges for Ruehl

## 2010 Full Year P\&L Summary

|  | Unaudited |  |  | 2009 |  | \% of <br> Net Sales |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2010 | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% of } \\ \text { Net Sales } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |
| Net Sales | \$ | 3,468,717 | 100.0\% | \$ | 2,928,626 | 100.0\% |
| Cost of Goods Sold |  | 1,256,596 | 36.2\% |  | 1,045,028 | 35.7\% |
| Gross Profit |  | 2,212,181 | 63.8\% |  | 1,883,598 | 64.3\% |
| Operating Expense (1) |  | 1,990,305 | 57.4\% |  | 1,779,219 | 60.8\% |
| Other Operating Income, Net |  | $(10,056)$ | -0.3\% |  | $(13,533)$ | -0.5\% |
| Operating Income |  | 231,932 | 6.7\% |  | 117,912 | 4.0\% |
| Interest Expense (Income), Net |  | 3,362 | 0.1\% |  | $(1,598)$ | -0.1\% |
| Income from Continuing Operations Before Taxes |  | 228,570 | 6.6\% |  | 119,510 | 4.1\% |
| Tax Expense for Continuing Operations |  | 78,287 | 2.3\% |  | 40,557 | 1.4\% |
| Net Income from Continuing Operations |  | 150,283 | 4.3\% |  | 78,953 | 2.7\% |
| Net Loss from Discontinued Operations (2) |  | - | - |  | $(78,699)$ | -2.7\% |
| Net Income | \$ | 150,283 | 4.3\% | \$ | 254 | 0.0\% |

(1) 2010 includes pre-tax asset impairment charges of $\$ 50.6$ million ( $1.5 \%$ of net sales) related to 26 stores and exit charges of $\$ 4.4$ million ( $0.1 \%$ of net sales) associated with 64 domestic store closures; 2009 includes pre-tax asset impairment charges of $\$ 33.2$ million ( $1.1 \%$ of net sales) related to 99 stores
(2) Net loss from discontinued operations includes the operating results, exit charges and asset impairment charges for Ruehl


## Non-GAAP EPS Reconciliation

| Fourth Quarter | Unaudited <br> Fiscal 2010 |  | Unaudited <br> Fiscal 2009 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net income per diluted share on a GAAP basis | \$ | 1.03 | \$ | 0.53 |
| Plus: Net loss from discontinued operations (1) | \$ | - | \$ | 0.15 |
| Plus: Store-related asset impairment charges (2) | \$ | 0.33 | \$ | 0.23 |
| Plus: Store closure charges (3) | \$ | 0.03 | \$ |  |
| Net income per diluted share on a non-GAAP basis | \$ | 1.38 | \$ | 0.91 |
| Fiscal Year | Fiscal 2010 |  | Fiscal 2009 |  |
| Net income per diluted share on a GAAP basis | \$ | 1.67 | \$ | 0.00 |
| Plus: Net loss from discontinued operations (1) | \$ | - | \$ | 0.89 |
| Plus: Store-related asset impairment charges (2) | \$ | 0.34 | \$ | 0.23 |
| Plus: Store closure charges (3) | \$ | 0.03 | \$ |  |
| Net income per diluted share on a non-GAAP basis | \$ | 2.05 | \$ | 1.12 |

(1) Net loss from discontinued operations includes the operating results, store closure charges and asset impairment charges for Ruehl
(2) Store-related asset impairment charges relate to stores whose asset carrying value exceed their fair value
(3) Store closure charges primarily related to lease obligations associated with store closures


## Sales Analysis Versus Prior Year



## Gross Margin

|  | $\frac{2010}{}$ |  | 2009 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Q4 | $63.6 \%$ | $63.5 \%$ |  | 10 |
| FY | $63.8 \%$ | $64.3 \%$ |  | $(50)$ |

(1) Rounded based on reported percentages


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## Operating Expense

|  | \% of <br>  <br> 2010 |
| :---: | :---: |

$\qquad$
\% of
2010 Net Sales 2009 Net Sales

Fourth Quarter

| Store Occupancy (1)(2) | \$ | 220,056 | 19.1\% | \$ | 193,226 | 20.6\% |
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| All Other (4) |  | 265,418 | 23.1\% |  | 220,757 | 23.6\% |
| Stores and Distribution |  | 485,475 | 42.2\% |  | 413,983 | 44.2\% |
| Marketing, General \& Administrative |  | 106,354 | 9.3\% |  | 92,390 | 9.9\% |
| TOTAL | \$ | 591,829 | 51.5\% | \$ | 506,373 | 54.1\% |

Fiscal Year

| Store Occupancy ${ }_{(1)(3)}$ | \$ | 705,594 | 20.3\% | \$ | 661,708 | 22.6\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All Other (4) |  | 883,907 | 25.5\% |  | 764,242 | 26.1\% |
| Stores and Distribution |  | 1,589,501 | 45.8\% |  | 1,425,950 | 48.7\% |
| Marketing, General \& Administrative |  | 400,804 | 11.6\% |  | 353,269 | 12.1\% |
| TOTAL |  | 1,990,305 | 57.4\% | \$ | 1,779,219 | 60.8\% |

(1) Includes rent, other landlord charges, utilities, depreciation and other occupancy expense
(2) 2010 includes pre-tax asset impairment charges of $\$ 48.4$ million ( $4.2 \%$ of net sales) and store closure charges of $\$ 4.0$ million ( $0.3 \%$ of net sales); 2009 includes pre-tax asset impairment charges of $\$ 33.2$ million ( $3.5 \%$ of net sales)
(3) 2010 includes pre-tax asset impairment charges of $\$ 50.6$ million ( $1.5 \%$ of net sales) and store closure charges of $\$ 4.4$ million ( $0.1 \%$ of net sales); 2009 includes pre-tax asset impairment charges of $\$ 33.2$ million ( $1.1 \%$ of net sales)
(4) Includes selling payroll, store management and support, other store expense, DTC, and distribution center costs
(5) Rounded based on reported percentages


## Inventory Analysis



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## Inventory Days On Hand Excluding In-Transit*



* Q4 ending inventory, less in-transit, divided by trailing quarter average daily COGS; 2005-2008 includes Ruehl



## Liquidity

|  | As of <br> January 29,2011 | As of <br> January 30,2010 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | $\$ 826$ million | $\$ 670$ million |
| Credit Agreement: |  | $\$ 44$ million |
| Borrowings |  |  |
| Outstanding Letters of Credit | $\$ 3$ million |  |$\quad$| $\$ 51$ million |
| ---: |
| "Net" Cash Position |

## Share Repurchases

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


| FY 2009 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shares <br> Repurchased (1) | Cost | Average <br> Cost |
| - | - | - |
| - | - | - |
| - | - | - |
| - | - | - |
| - | - | - |


| Remaining shares authorized for future repurchase | 9,765 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Shares currently outstanding | 87,246 |

(1) Share amounts in thousands

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## International Store Openings - Cumulative

|  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Flagship | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Canada | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Hollister |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 3 | 6 | 6 | 9 |
| UK |  | 3 | 10 | 19 |
| Germany |  |  | 1 | 4 |
| Italy |  |  | 1 | 3 |
| Spain |  |  |  | 3 |
| Kids |  | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Gilly Hicks |  |  |  | 1 |
| TOTAL | 7 | 15 | 28 | 52 |
|  | 1 | a\&f | GH |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## 2011 Flagship Openings



Paris
Madrid
Dusseldorf
Brussels
Singapore
Dublin

May 2011
Q3 2011
Q4 2011
Q4 2011
Q4 2011
Q4 2011

Type

A\&F
A\&F
A\&F / kids
A\&F
A\&F
A\&F

## 2011 Outlook

Sales

- Targeting comparable store sales growth approximately in line with 2010 on a full year basis
- Continued strong DTC growth
- 30-40 new international Hollister store openings (weighted heavily to Q3 and Q4)
- 6 international Abercrombie \& Fitch flagship openings

Gross Margin

- Approximately flat for spring season vs. last year, but up for Q1



## 2011 Outlook

## Operating Expenses

- Marketing, General and Administrative: Mid-single digit year-over-year percentage increase; excludes potential liability accounting charges if insufficient shares in LTIP
- Store Occupancy: Approximately $\$ 166$ million in Q1
- All Other Stores and Distribution: Approximately flat for Q 1 as a percent of sales; excluding accelerated depreciation of distribution center

Tax Rate

- Full year effective tax rate projected in mid-thirties; sensitive to domestic and international mix changes

Capital Expenditures

- Approximately $\$ 300$ million for full year

Inventory

- Approximately flat end of Spring Season in dollar terms, excluding in-transit


## DC Consolidation

- Commenced in Q4 2010; expected completion in mid-2012
- Approximately $\$ 26$ million in gross capex; approximately \$19 million in 2011
- Accelerated depreciation expected to total \$28 million or slightly higher; \$4 million recognized in Q4 2010; approximately \$4 million per quarter expected to be recognized in 2011
- Expected to facilitate sale of DC2 and to result in reduced distribution costs upon completion



## Tuesday, April 5, 2011 - Investor Day

New Albany, OH

- 9:30am - 2:30pm (registration begins at 9:00am)
- Presentations and Q\&A on the state of the business
from Mike Jeffries and Jonathan Ramsden
- Presentations by senior leadership
- Optional Distribution Center tour

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## Appendix: EPS (Unaudited)



## Appendix: Q4 Store Count Activity

| ALL BRANDS* |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 1,106 | 1,068 | 15 | 22 | 1 |
| Start of Q4 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 1 |
| Openings | $156)$ | $(56)$ | - | - | - |
| Closings | 1,069 | 1,017 | 16 | 34 | 2 |
| End of Q4 |  |  |  |  |  |


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| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 205 | 201 | 3 | 1 | - |
| Start of Q4 | 2 | - | - | - |  |
| Openings | 2 | 2 |  | - |  |
| Closings | $(22)$ | - | - | - |  |
| End of Q4 | 185 | 181 | 3 | 1 | - |


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| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Total | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 347 | 340 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Start of Q4 | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Openings | $(25)$ | $(25)$ | - | - | - |
| Closings | 325 | 316 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| End of Q4 |  |  |  |  |  |


| Hollister Co. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Total | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 537 | 510 | 8 | 19 | - |
| Start of Q4 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 10 |  |
| Openings | $(9)$ | (9) | - | - | - |
| Closings | 540 | 502 | 9 | 29 | - |
| End of Q4 |  |  |  |  |  |

* End of Q4 includes 19 Gilly Hicks stores, including one in Europe


## Appendix: Year-To-Date Store Count Activity

| ALL BRANDS* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total |  |  |  |  |  | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 1,096 | 1,068 | 12 | 15 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Start of 2010 | 37 | 13 | 4 | 19 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Openings | $(64)$ | $(64)$ | - | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closings | 1,069 | 1,017 | 16 | 34 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| End of 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 209 | 205 | 3 | 1 | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Start of 2010 | 3 | 3 | - | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Openings | $(27)$ | $(27)$ | - | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closings | 185 | 181 | 3 | 1 | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| End of 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| A\&F |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Total | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 346 | 340 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Start of 2010 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Openings | $(27)$ | $(27)$ | - | - | - |
| Closings | 325 | 316 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| End of 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |


| Hollister Co. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Total | US | Canada | Europe | Asia |
|  | 525 | 507 | 6 | 12 | - |
| Start of 2010 | 25 | 5 | 3 | 17 | - |
| Openings | $(10)$ | $(10)$ | - | - | - |
| Closings | 540 | 502 | 9 | 29 | - |
| End of 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |

* End of 2010 includes 19 Gilly Hicks stores, including one in Europe

