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Investor Presentation **2011 Second Quarter** 

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## **Q2 P&L Summary**

	Unaud	ited	Unaud	ited
		% <b>of</b>		% <b>of</b>
	2011	Net Sales	2010	Net Sales
Net Sales	\$ 916,763	100.0%	\$ 745,798	100.0%
Cost of Goods Sold	333,721	36.4%	260,450	34.9%
Gross Profit	583,042	63.6%	485,348	65.1%
Operating Expense (1)	535,324	58.4%	459,688	61.6%
Other Operating Expense (Income), Net	544	0.1%	(1,900)	-0.3%
Operating Income	47,174	5.1%	27,560	3.7%
Interest Expense, Net	985	0.1%	807	0.1%
Income Before Taxes	46,189	5.0%	26,753	3.6%
Tax Expense	14,158	1.5%	7,274	1.0%
Net Income	\$ 32,031	3.5%	\$ 19,479	2.6%

<sup>(1) 2010</sup> includes pre-tax asset impairment charges of \$2.2 million (0.3% of net sales) related to store closures

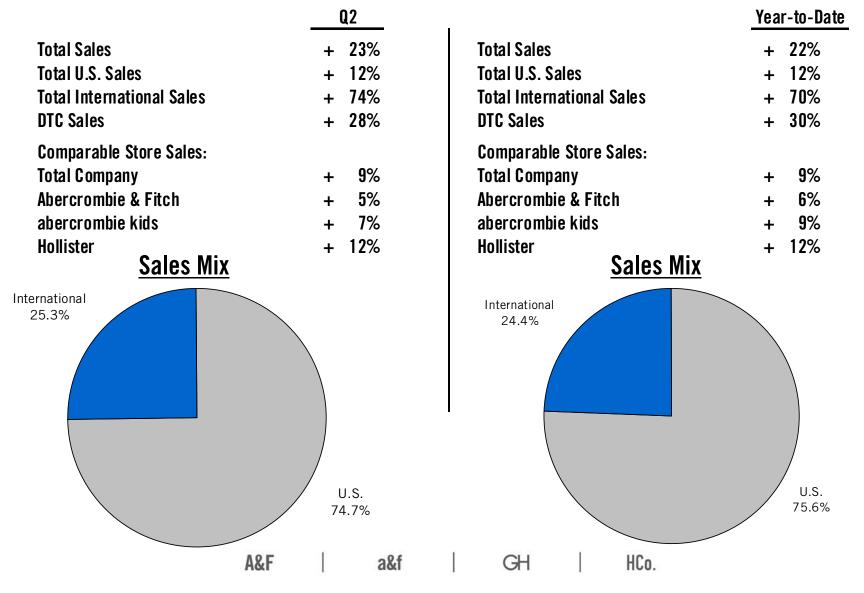
#### **Year-To-Date P&L Summary**

	Unaudi	ited	Unaudi	ited
		% of		% <b>of</b>
	2011	Net Sales	2010	Net Sales
Net Sales	\$ 1,753,437	100.0%	\$ 1,433,602	100.0%
Cost of Goods Sold	626,734	35.7%	516,838	36.1%
Gross Profit	1,126,703	64.3%	916,764	63.9%
Operating Expense (1)	1,042,076	59.4%	910,730	63.5%
Other Operating Income, Net	(1,292)	-0.1%	(2,814)	-0.2%
Operating Income	85,919	4.9%	8,848	0.6%
Interest Expense, Net	1,935	0.1%	1,632	0.1%
Income from Continuing Operations Before Taxes	83,984	4.8%	7,216	0.5%
Tax Expense (Benefit) from Continuing Operations	27,608	1.6%	(435)	0.0%
Net Income from Continuing Operations	56,376	3.2%	7,651	0.5%
Net Income from Discontinued Operations (2)	796	0.1%		- %
Net Income	\$ 57,172	3.3%	\$ 7,651	0.5%

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<sup>(2)</sup> Net income from discontinued operations relates to the settlement of outstanding lease obligations

#### **Sales Analysis Versus Prior Year**



#### **Sales Growth Contribution**

	Second Quarter	Growth Contribution %	Year-To-Date	Growth Contribution %
2010 Net Sales	\$ 745,798		\$ 1,433,603	
Foreign Exchange Impact (1)	11,717	1.6%	17,598	1.2%
Comparable Stores	55,498	7.4%	116,324	8.1%
DTC	21,011	2.8%	46,182	3.2%
Non-Comparable Stores, Net (2)	 82,738	11.1%	139,731	9.7%
2011 Net Sales	\$ 916,763	22.9%	\$ 1,753,437	22.3%

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the impact of converting prior year sales at current year rates

<sup>(2)</sup> New stores, net of closures; plus net effect of third party sell-off

**Operating Expense** 

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	2011	Net Sales	2010	Net Sales	△ <b>bps</b> (3)
Second Quarter					
Store Occupancy (1)(4)	\$ 173,556	18.9%	\$ 161,803	21.7%	(280)
All Other (2)	251,769	27.5%	 202,678	27.2%	30
Stores and Distribution	425,325	46.4%	364,482	48.9%	(250)
Marketing, General & Administrative	109,999	12.0%	95,206	12.8%	(80)
TOTAL	\$ 535,324	58.4%	\$ 459,688	61.6%	(320)
Year-To-Date					
Store Occupancy (1)(4)	\$ 340,896	19.4%	\$ 320,460	22.4%	(300)
All Other (2)	483,530	27.6%	398,431	27.8%	(30)
Stores and Distribution	824,426	47.0%	718,892	50.1%	(320)
Marketing, General & Administrative	 217,650	12.4%	191,838	13.4%	(100)
TOTAL	\$ 1,042,076	59.4%	\$ 910,730	63.5%	(410)

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes rent, other landlord charges, utilities, depreciation and other occupancy expense

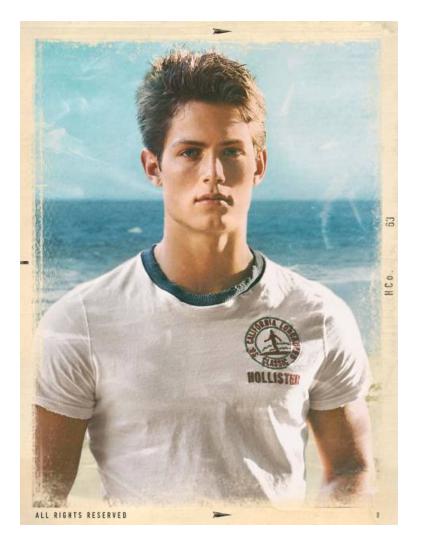
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes selling payroll, store management and support, other store expense, DTC, and distribution center costs

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

<sup>(4) 2010</sup> includes pre-tax asset impairment charges of \$2.2 million related to store closures (0.3% and 0.2% of net sales for the quarter and YTD, respectively)

## **Inventory Analysis**

	July	As of / 30, 2011	July	As of / 31, 2010		<u>%</u> ∆
Inventory on Hand	\$	433,155	\$	418,358	+	3.5%
Inventory in Transit	\$	82,973	\$	61,769	<u>+</u>	34.3%
Total Inventory	\$	516,128	\$	480,128	+	7.5%



#### **Share Repurchases**

		FY	2011				FY	2010	
	Shares Repurchased		Cost	A	verage Cost	Shares Repurchased		Cost	verage Cost
Q1	428.8	\$	25,469	\$	59.40	-		-	-
Q2	950.1	\$	64,399	\$	67.78	-		-	-
Q3	-		-		-	669.1	\$	29,207	\$ 43.65
Q4			-			912.6	\$	46,951	\$ 51.45
TOTAL	1,378.9	\$	89,868	\$	65.17	1,581.7	\$	76,158	\$ 48.15

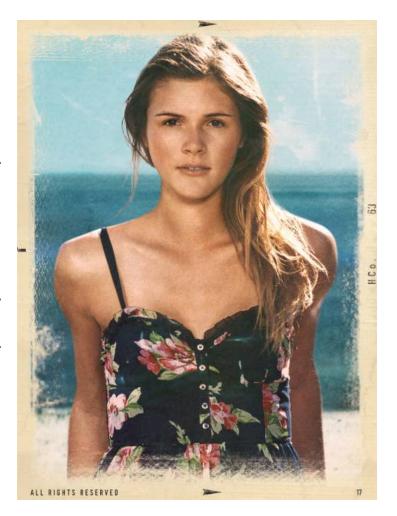
Remaining shares authorized for future repurchase 8,386

Shares outstanding \* 86,966

<sup>\*</sup> As of fiscal quarter end

## Liquidity

	July	As of y 30, 2011	As of July 31, 2010			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	539,613	\$	596,491		
Credit Agreement: Borrowings	\$	-	\$	53,167		
Outstanding Letters of Credit	\$	124	\$	24,379		
"Net" Cash Position	\$	539,489	\$	518,946		



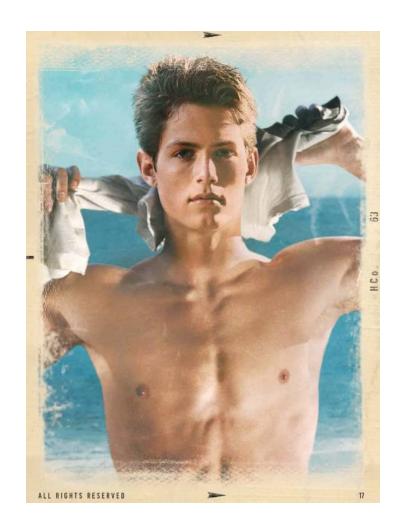
#### **Q3 Operating Expense Outlook**

- Store Occupancy: Low to mid \$180 millions
- All Other Stores and Distribution: Modest deleverage compared to last year's rate of 24.8% of sales; includes effect of pre-opening costs, DTC investments and accelerated depreciation of distribution center
- Marketing, General and Administrative: Low double digit increase; includes increases in equity compensation, marketing costs, and other



#### **International Hollister Store Count - Cumulative**

		Year End						
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011			
Hollister								
Canada	3	6	6	9	10			
UK		3	10	19	19			
Germany			1	4	6			
Italy			1	3	4			
Spain				3	3			
Ireland					1			
Sweden					1			
TOTAL	3	9	18	38	44			



### **Confirmed Flagship Openings**

City	Timing	Туре
Madrid	Q4 2011	A&F
Dusseldorf	Q4 2011	A&F / kids
Brussels	Q4 2011	A&F
Singapore	Q4 2011	A&F
Hamburg	Spring 2012	A&F
Hong Kong	Summer 2012	A&F



#### **Appendix: EPS (Unaudited)**

		Q	2			Year-	To-D	ate
		2011	20	010 (1)	_20	)11 (2)	20	010 (1)
Net Income Per Share from Continuing Operations								
Basic	\$	0.37	\$	0.22	\$	0.65	\$	0.09
Diluted	\$	0.35	\$	0.22	\$	0.62	\$	0.09
Net Income Per Share from Discontinued Operations								
Basic	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0.01	\$	-
Diluted	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0.01	\$	-
Net Income Per Share								
Basic	\$	0.37	\$	0.22	\$	0.66	\$	0.09
Diluted				0.22		0.63		0.09
Weighted-Average Shares Outstanding								
Basic	8	7,267	8	8,220	8	7,274	8	38,157
Diluted	9	0,353	8	9,386	9	0,397	8	39,561

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### **Appendix: Q2 Store Count Activity**

ALL BRANDS*					
	Total	US	Canada	Europe	Asia
Start of Q2 2011	1,071	1,017	16	36	2
Openings	5	-	1	4	-
Closings	(3)	(3)	-	-	-
End of Q2 2011	1,073	1,014	17	40	2

abercrombie kids					
	Total	US	Canada	Europe	Asia
Start of <b>Q2</b> 2011	185	181	3	1	-
Openings	-	-	-	-	-
Closings	(2)	(2)	-	-	-
End of Q2 2011	183	179	3	1	-

A&F					
	Total	US	Canada	Europe	Asia
Start of Q2 2011	325	316	4	3	2
Openings	1	-	-	1	-
Closings	-	-	-	-	-
End of Q2 2011	326	316	4	4	2

Hollister Co.					
	Total	US	Canada	Europe	Asia
Start of <b>Q</b> 2 2011	542	502	9	31	-
Openings	4	-	1	3	
Closings	(1)	(1)	-	-	-
End of Q2 2011	545	501	10	34	-

<sup>\*</sup> End of Q2 2011 includes 19 Gilly Hicks stores, including one in Europe

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

ALL BRANDS*					
	Total	US	Canada	Europe	Asia
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Openings	7	-	1	6	-
Closings	(3)	(3)	-	-	-
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