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# Fourth Quarter & Fiscal 2017 Results

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# **Key Take-Aways**

- Fourth guarter financials in-line with our revised expectations.
- Solid expense and working capital management helped drive \$400M of free cash flow\*.
- 3. Achieved annual goal of synergies protecting profitability and cash in challenging year.
- Several business initiatives to support strategic growth initiatives. Adapting to retail environment with extensive omni-channel focus.
- Capital allocation: Stock repurchases and dividend increase. 5.
- 6. Initiation of annual guidance.













<sup>\*</sup> Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure and is reconciled on slide 18.

## Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2017 Sales Drivers

#### Favorable:

- Categories. Diamond fashion jewelry, bracelets, earrings.
- Collections. Ever Us, Vera Wang Love.
- Channels. Kay off-mall, Piercing Pagoda kiosks.

#### **Unfavorable:**

- Retail. Highly promotional environment. Signet did not engage in discounted selling as much leading to share-of-wallet loss among consumers.
- Jewelry. Our industry did not perform as well as retail overall.
- Company. Sterling division online tech issues.
  Mall underperformance.

























# **Fiscal 2017 Accomplishments**

- Select merchandise and selling channel wins
- Good expense management
- Strong cash generation and inventory management
- Material stock repurchases
- Insider net-buying
- Increased dividend for 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row
- Strategic equity investment
- Delivered on synergies: financial and process benefits















# **Zale Profitability Increasing Driven by Synergies**

#### Integration Activities Led to 110 Basis Point Increase in Zale Division Operating Margin

- In-sourcing repair
- Discount controls
- Cross-selling brands
- Centralized diamond procurement (direct sourcing)
- Non-merchandise procurement (indirect sourcing)
- Licensor contracts
- Inventory turn improvement

- Organization design changes
- 2nd look credit
- Digital marketing optimization
- Centralized real estate and rent savings
- Distribution center operations
- Special events
- Corporate expenses
- Store ops and compensation

















# **Annual Jewelry and Watch Growth**













# **Opportunities for Fiscal 2018**

#### Merchandise lines, selling channels, capital allocation, real estate prioritization...

- 1. Omni-channel development. Immediately improving websites.
  - E-commerce technology investments
  - Substantially increasing digital marketing investment
  - Data analytics to achieve more comprehensive view of customers
- 2. Innovation.
  - Building on existing trends (e.g. earrings, bracelets)
  - New merchandise line extensions and redesigns
  - Pipeline stocked with strong test ideas

- 3. I/T modernization providing backbone for future success and efficiency: HR, finance, e-comm, distribution
- 4. Focus on best store IRR opportunities Kay off-mall with added scrutiny on marginal stores. Accelerate regional closures.
- Strengthen store operations execution. Validate delivery of consistently strong experience through improved datadriven metrics.









## **Fourth Quarter Sales**

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	Same Store Sales % <sup>1</sup>	Non-same store sales %, net <sup>2</sup>	Total sales % at constant exchange rate	Exchange translation impact %	Total sales %	Total sales (in millions \$)
Kay	-5.0	2.3	-2.7		-2.7	915.2
Jared	-3.2	1.2	-2.0		-2.0	430.6
Regional brands	-16.4	-11.2	-27.6		-27.6	52.3
Sterling Jewelers division	-4.9	1.2	-3.7		-3.7	1,398.1
Zales Jewelers	-4.5	2.6	-1.9		-1.9	452.5
Gordon's Jewelers	-13.3	-17.7	-31.0		-31.0	18.7
Zale US Jewelry	-4.9	1.4	-3.5		-3.5	471.2
Peoples Jewellers	-7.6	0.5	-7.1	2.2	-4.9	73.2
Mappins	-3.9	-8.6	-12.5	2.2	-10.3	10.5
Zale Canada Jewelry	-7.2	-0.6	-7.8	2.2	-5.6	83.7
Zale Jewelry	-5.2	1.0	-4.2	0.4	-3.8	554.9
Piercing Pagoda	5.7	1.5	7.2		7.2	83.7
Zale division	-3.9	1.1	-2.8	0.3	-2.5	638.6
H.Samuel	-5.3	0.4	-4.9	-15.9	-20.8	119.7
Ernest Jones	-2.1	0.6	-1.5	-16.4	-17.9	107.9
UK Jewelry division	-3.8	0.5	-3.3	-16.2	-19.5	227.6
Other segment <sup>3</sup>		NMF	NMF		NMF	5.6
Signet	-4.5	1.2	-3.3	-1.8	-5.1	2,269.9
Adjusted Signet <sup>4</sup>					-5.2	2,272.5

Notes: 1=For stores open for at least 12 months. 2=For stores not open in the last 12 months. 3= Not meaningful figure. 4= Includes \$2.6 million deferred revenue adjustment related to acquisition accounting which resulted in a reset of deferred revenue associated with extended service plans sold by Zale Corporation prior to the acquisition on May 29, 2014.



#### Fourth Quarter Non-GAAP Reconciliation (in millions of \$ except per share data)

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Fourth Quarter	Signet	Purchase Accounting	Integration Costs	Adjusted Signet
Sales	2,269.9	(2.6)	-	2,272.5
Cost of sales	(1,324.4)	0.9	-	(1,325.3)
Gross margin	945.5	(1.7)	-	947.2
SG&A	(615.3)	(1.6)	(9.9)	(603.8)
Other operating income, net	69.0	-	-	69.0
Operating income	399.2	(3.3)	(9.9)	412.4
Interest expense, net	(13.0)	-	-	(13.0)
Income before income taxes	386.2	(3.3)	(9.9)	399.4
Income taxes	(88.7)	1.1	3.8	(93.6)
Net income	297.5	(2.2)	(6.1)	305.8
Earnings per share – diluted	3.92	(0.03)	(0.08)	4.03



## **Adjusted Highlights – Percentage of Adjusted Sales**

	4Q Fiscal 2017	4Q Fiscal 2016	Difference
Adjusted gross margin	41.7%	42.6%	(90) bps
Adjusted SG&A	26.6%	27.8%	(120) bps
Other operating income <sup>1</sup>	3.0%	2.6%	40 bps
Adjusted operating income	18.1%	17.4%	70 bps
Adjusted earnings per share	\$4.03	\$3.63	\$0.40

Note: Adjusted measures are non-GAAP and reconciled on slide 11.









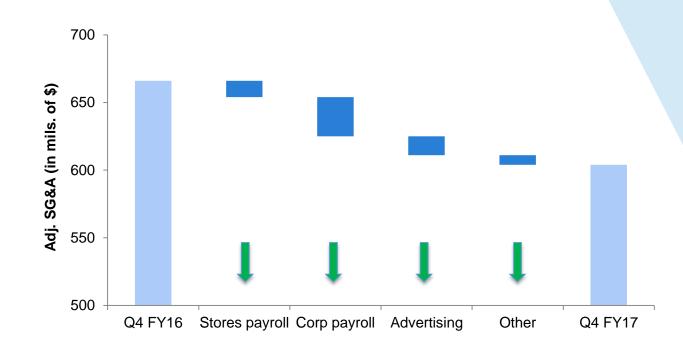


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Other operating income is a GAAP measure.

## **Adjusted SG&A Expense Deeper Dive**

#### Fourth quarter year-over-year changes

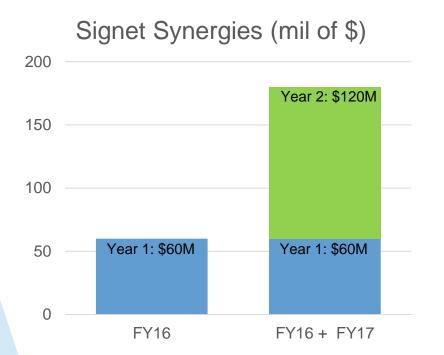
- Continued focus on operating expenses in lower sales environment
- Synergy expense savings included



Non-GAAP measure. See slide 11.



### **Signet Synergies Achieved Through Acquisition of Zale**



- Cumulative synergies of \$180M through two full years of integration.
  - Synergies protected profit and cash generation in challenging year
  - General business slowdown in FY17 combined with I/T investments largely offset net operating profit contribution of synergies.











# Inventory

- Inventory of \$2.45 billion flat to prior year
- Sound inventory management particularly Zale
- F/X benefit
- Slower total sales offset benefits









# Sterling Division Credit Metrics (in millions except percentages)

	FY 2017	FY 2016	Difference
Credit sales	\$2,438	\$2,451	(\$13)
In-house credit participation	62.0%	61.5%	50 bps
Accounts receivable	\$1,952	\$1,856	\$96
Average monthly payment collection rate	11.0%	11.5%	(50) bps
Interest income from in-house finance program	\$278	\$253	\$25
Net bad debt	\$212	\$191	\$21
Net Impact	\$66	\$62	\$4







# **Sterling Division Allowance Metrics**

	4Q Fiscal FY 2017	3Q Fiscal FY 2017	4Q Fiscal FY 2016	3Q Fiscal FY 2016
Total valuation allowance as % of gross receivables	<b>7.1%</b> 80 diffe	bps brence 7.9%	7.0% differ	bps 7.8%
Non-performing receivables <sup>1</sup> as % of gross receivables	<b>4.1%</b> diffe	bps rence 4.9%	4.0% go differ	bps ence 4.9%

- Sequentially, fourth quarter compared to third quarter:
  - Allowance ratio difference remained same year-over-year
  - Non-performing receivable 10 bps year-over-year unfavorable
- Year-over-year, allowance ratio and non-performing receivable ratio 10 bps higher

1 = In-house finance receivables past due, aged more than 90 days









# **Fiscal 2017 Capital**

- Capital Allocation. Tenets of strategy remain unchanged: strong balance sheet that provides flexibility; maintain investment grade; adjusted leverage ratio goal ≤3.5x; distribute 70%-80% of free cash flow in form of dividends and buybacks.
- Free Cash Flow\*. Cash from operations less capital expenditures \$400 million, up \$184 million.
  - **Share Buyback**. Repurchased 11.2M shares for \$1 billion partly to offset dilution from preferred offering inclusive of \$525M accelerated stock repurchase program. Remaining authorization \$511M.
  - **Dividend**. Increased sixth consecutive year. \$0.31 per share quarterly, up 19.2%.

\* Free cash flow, a non-GAAP measure, is calculated as FY17: \$678M - \$278M = \$400M; FY16: \$443M - \$227M = \$216M. Difference: \$400M - \$216M = \$184M













#### **Financial Guidance**

Fiscal 2018			
Same store sales	Down low-to-mid single-digit %		
EPS	\$7.00 to \$7.40		
Effective tax rate	24% to 25%		
Weighted average common shares	74 million to 75 million		
Capital expenditures	\$260 million to \$275 million		
Net square footage change	-1% to 0%		

- Gross margin expected to leverage; SG&A expected to deleverage.
- Continued incremental capital and operating investments in long-term omni-channel growth.











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