

## \#1 PURE-PLAY CHILDREN'S SPECIALTY APPAREL RETAILER IN NORTH AMERICA

## \$1.7B

in Annual Revenue*

## 50\% Planned Digital

 Penetration658 Stores in the
U.S. and Canada*

> Less than $25 \%$ of Revenue from Traditional Malls

## 213 International

 points of distribution*Accelerated Amazon Opportunity

- Strong brand awareness and market share leader in children's specialty apparel retail
- Strength of design, merchandising, and sourcing teams delivers an on-trend superior product offering, with an strong value proposition, across our portfolio of brands
- Industry-leading digital penetration, with focus on mobilefirst enabled transactions and optimizing interactions with our customers through enhanced brand marketing and personalization
- Customer centric Omni-channel focus, supported by digital delivery, and driven by customer insights and strategy
- Digitally led operating model generates significant free cash flow, providing consistent shareholder returns
- Experienced and talented management team, with an average tenure of over seven years, focused on execution and operational excellence



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|  | Q3 2022 |  | Q3 2021 |  | Q3 2019 |  | \% | BPS | \% | BPS |
| Net Sales | \$509 |  | \$558 |  | \$525 |  | -9\% |  | -3\% |  |
| Gross Profit | 177 | 34.8\% | 245 | 43.9\% | 198 | 37.8\% | -28\% | (910) | -11\% | (300) |
| SG\&A | 105 | 20.7\% | 115 | 20.6\% | 117 | 22.2\% | -8\% | 10 | -10\% | (150) |
| Depreciation | 12 | 2.4\% | 14 | 2.5\% | 18 | 3.4\% | -9\% | (10) | -31\% | (100) |
| Operating Income | 59 | 11.6\% | 117 | 20.9\% | 63 | 12.1\% | -49\% | (930) | -7\% | (50) |
| Interest | 4 | 0.7\% | 4 | 0.7\% | 2 | 0.4\% | -4\% | 0 | 76\% | 30 |
| Income Before Taxes | 55 | 10.9\% | 113 | 20.2\% | 61 | 11.7\% | -51\% | (930) | -10\% | (80) |
| Income Tax | 12 |  | 32 |  | 14 |  | -64\% |  | -19\% |  |
| Net Income | \$44 | 8.6\% | \$81 | 14.5\% | \$47 | 9.0\% | -46\% | (590) | -7\% | (40) |
| Diluted EPS | \$3.33 |  | \$5.43 |  | \$3.03 |  | -39\% |  | 10\% |  |
| EBITDA | \$72 | 14.1\% | \$130 | 23.3\% | \$81 | 15.5\% | -45\% | (920) | -12\% | (140) |

Net Sales -8.8\% to last year, -10.0\% on comp basis:

- Impact of permanent store closures
- Impact of a slowdown in consumer demand, resulting from the unprecedented inflation impacting our customer
- Lapping the impact of the enhanced child tax credit and a record Back to School season last August

Operating margin 11.6\%, - 930 bps to last year and -50 bps to 2019:

- Higher inbound transportation costs due to global supply chain disruptions
- Lower merchandise margin driven by higher AUC (partially offset by higher AUR)

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|  |  |  | \% | BPS |  |  | \% | BPS |
| Net Sales | \$1,252 |  |  |  | \$1,408 |  | \$1,358 |  | -11\% |  | -8\% |  |
| Gross Profit | 434 | 34.6\% | 602 | 42.8\% | 488 | 36.0\% | -28\% | (820) | -11\% | (140) |
| SG\&A | 327 | 26.1\% | 333 | 23.7\% | 359 | 26.5\% | -2\% | 240 | -9\% | (40) |
| Depreciation | 39 | 3.1\% | 42 | 3.0\% | 53 | 3.9\% | -8\% | 10 | -28\% | (80) |
| Operating Income | 68 | 5.4\% | 227 | 16.2\% | 76 | 5.6\% | -70\% | $(1,080)$ | -10\% | (20) |
| Interest | 8 | 0.6\% | 13 | 0.9\% | 6 | 0.5\% | -38\% | (30) | 32\% | 10 |
| Income Before Taxes | 60 | 4.8\% | 214 | 15.2\% | 70 | 5.1\% | -72\% | $(1,040)$ | -14\% | (30) |
| Income Tax | 13 |  | 59 |  | 14 |  | -77\% |  | -4\% |  |
| Net Income | \$47 | 3.7\% | \$155 | 11.0\% | \$56 | 4.1\% | -70\% | (730) | -17\% | (40) |
| Diluted EPS | \$3.48 |  | \$10.37 |  | \$3.53 |  | -66\% |  | -1\% |  |
| EBITDA | \$107 | 8.5\% | \$269 | 19.1\% | \$129 | 9.5\% | -60\% | $(1,060)$ | -17\% | (100) |

## Net Sales -11.0\% to last year, -11.7\% on comp basis:

- Lapping the COVID-19 government stimulus relief programs last year
- Impact of a slowdown in consumer demand, resulting from the unprecedented inflation impacting our customer
- Increased promotional activity across the sector
- Impact of permanent store closures

Operating margin 5.4\%, - 1,080 bps to last year and -20 bps to 2019:

- AUR pressure resulting from a slowdown in consumer demand and an increase in promotional activity across the sector
- Higher inbound transportation costs due to global supply chain disruptions
- Fixed costs de-leverage on lower net sales

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- Net Sales decreased 9\% versus last year, driven by the impact of permanent store closures, a slowdown in consumer demand resulting from the unprecedented inflation impacting our customer, and lapping the impact of the enhanced child tax credit and a record Back to School season last August.
- Adjusted Operating Income was -930 basis points versus last year, driven by higher supply chain costs, including inbound freight, and lower merchandise margin versus last year
- Adjusted Earnings per Share was \$3.33, versus \$5.43 in 2021 and \$3.03 in 2019



- Net Sales decreased $11 \%$ versus last year, driven by lapping the COVID-19 stimulus relief program last year, the impact of a slowdown in consumer demand resulting from the unprecedented inflation impacting our customer, an increase in promotional activity across the sector, and the impact of permanent store closures.
- Adjusted Operating Income was $-1,080$ basis points versus last year, driven by lower merchandise margins due to unplanned AUR pressure resulting from an abrupt slowdown in consumer demand, coupled with an increase in promotional activity across the sector, higher inbound transportation and supply chain expenses, and the deleverage of fixed expenses resulting from the decline in net sales.
- Adjusted Earnings per Share was $\$ 3.48$, versus $\$ 10.37$ in 2021 and $\$ 3.53$ in 2019

| BALANCE SHEET (3 ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ QTR) | 2022 |  | 2021 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash | $\$ 19$ |  | $\$ 67$ |
| Accounts Receivable | 49 |  | 39 |
| Inventory | 549 | 442 |  |
| Revolver | 265 |  | 174 |
| Accounts Payable | 221 |  | 173 |
| Term Loan | 50 | 77 |  |


| CASH FLOW (3rd ${ }^{\text {re }}$ (R) | 2022 | 2021 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Cash Flow | \$36 | \$71 |
| Capital Expenditures | (12) | (9) |
| Free Cash Flow | \$24 | \$62 |
| Share Repurchases | (\$13) | (\$32) |

- Cash and short-term investments of $\$ 19$ million versus $\$ 67$ million last year with $\$ 265$ million outstanding on our Revolver, compared to \$174 million outstanding last year
- Inventory increased 24\% compared to 34\% increase in Q2
- Accounts Payable increased $28 \%$, resulting from timing of merchandise receipts and higher intransit inventories
- Delivered \$36 million in operating cash flow in Q3 2022
- $\$ 18$ million in capital returned to shareholders in Q3 2022

- Optimized inventory into the Amazon channel to accelerate Amazon delivering outsized growth versus Q3 2021
Actions Taken
to Manage
Inventory
- Basics inventory represents approximately $50 \%$ of our on-hand inventory, supporting several key categories with little to no markdown risk in a volatile demand environment
- Reduced inventory on order and in transit in the back half of the year and into next year
- Focus on right-sizing inventory levels in Q4


## Our outlook reflects:

- Continued challenging macroeconomic environment and record inflation.
- Significantly heightened promotional environment.
- Meaningful progress on right-sizing inventory
- Lapping record results in Q4 2021.
- Elevated freight and supply chain costs.
- Lower incentive compensation.
- Reduced discretionary spending.
- Continued investment in marketing.
- Cumulative benefit of share repurchases.


| Sin millions | 2022 | 2021 | 2019 |
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| FULL YEAR | Outlook | (\% vs. 2021) | (\% vs. 2019) |
| Net Sales | \$1,713-\$1,723 | \$1,915 | \$1,871 |
|  |  | -10\% to -11\% | -8\% to -9\% |
| Adjusted | 4.7\%-4.8\% | 15.1\% | 6.0\% |
| Operating Income |  | $-1,030$ to -1,040 bps | -110 to -130 bps |
| Adjusted | \$4.05-\$4.30 | \$13.40 | \$5.36 |
| Diluted EPS |  | -68\% to -70\% | -20\% to -24\% |

During the three months ended October 29, 2022, the Company repurchased 434 thousand shares for approximately $\$ 18$ million, inclusive of shares repurchased and surrendered to cover tax withholdings associated with the vesting of equity awards held by management. As of October 29, 2022, \$178 million remained on the Company's existing share repurchase program authorization.



## Q3 DIGITAL PENETRATION 50\%



75\%
Mobile Penetration

+31\%
Mobile App
Sales Growth YOY



## THE CHILDREN'S PLACE DOMINATED THE CATEGORY ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA

The Children's Place dominated in Q3 across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter totaling over 225M brand social media impressions.



## THE CHILDREN'S PLACE DRIVES STRONG ORGANIC SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

Significant organic social engagement growth of $\mathbf{+ 4 5 \%}$ versus Q2, with over 307 K social interactions demonstrating the power of our strong and engaged followings across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



THE CHILDREN'S PLACE
+45\% Increase in Engagement Rate vs. Q2 22

Generated even greater brand awareness, while affirming, The Children's Place as the leader in matching family sleepwear by the editorial, celebrity and shopper communities. Partnered with the iconic Kardashian-Jenner families (for a second year!) and over 15 influencer families for the Holiday Sleepwear brand campaign, driving over 7B earned media and social impressions.

The Holiday Sleepwear campaign represents a time on bringing loved ones together to celebrate family traditions, make new holiday memories and share the joy of the season.

- Launched national, multi-prong, Brand Campaign with brand ambassadors, Kris Jenner \& Khloé Kardashian
- Produced rich photo-and-video content and amplified across digital landscape
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Kardashians Swap Annual Holiday Card for New Christmas Campaign


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Khloé Kardashian, Kris Jenner, True Thompson, and Dream Kardashian's Pajamas Turn Christmas Into Krismas
Get kozy with matching holiday pajamas from Khloé Kardashian, Kris Jenner, True Thompson, and Dream Kardashian's Children's Place campaign. By MARENAH Doein ste 20, 20221030 NM


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Get in the Krismas spirit with some Kardashian-Jenner family inspired shopping. Kris Jenner. Khloé Kardashian, True Thompson, and Dream Kardashian teamed up with Children's Place's new PJ Place line for the 2022 Holiday Matching Family Pajama Collection.


Launched two-part Holiday collaboration with actress, singer, philanthropist, and mom, Mandy Moore and family. This collaboration was a continuation of the brands' partnership with the Talent in early 2022 and the Holiday campaign drove over 7.7B earned media and social impressions.

The emotional photo and video campaign captured the essence of family and marked the last photoshoot for Moore and family as a family of three.

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- Produced rich photo-and-video content and amplified across digital landscape


PJ Place, the ultimate sleepwear destination, is here. Launched in mid-October, the new sleepwear lifestyle brand capitalizes on The Children's Places' leadership position in kids sleepwear and expands into adults, targeting Millennial and Gen Z audiences. PJ Place will allow a new generation of young Millennials and Gen Z customers to engage with the Brand and build relationships long before they become parents, allowing us to maintain and retain these relationships to our stable of Children's brands.

The brand launched a star-studded brand campaign showcasing an inspirational and diverse group of entrepreneurs, celebrities and influencers, including Khloé Kardashian, Kris Jenner, CEO of Être Girls Illana Raia, TV personality Tyler Cameron, The Toast podcast hosts Claudia and Jackie Oshry, TikTok stars, Rod Thill and Erika Priscilla.


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## Q3 RESULTS

- Sales increased $+118 \%$ versus Q3 2021 driven by an $+187 \%$ increase in traffic.
- Strong traffic increases over last year were fueled by a robust marketing strategy that targets customers at every stage of the funnel and leverages assets from our top tier celebrity partnerships.
- Ad attributed sales for the quarter actualized at $50 \%$ of total sales at a strong double digit return on Ad spend which is more than $\$ 6$ higher than the Amazon benchmark.
- Cost per click was down -37\% versus Q3 2021


## OCTOBER PRIME DAY

- Participated in the first ever October Prime Day Event, promoting our Holiday sleep program which resulted in our largest day of sales on Amazon.



## GYMBOREE BRAND STORE

- Strong increase in topline sales for the quarter coming off the launch on Amazon in Q2.
- Traffic increased $180 \%$ vs. Q2 2022 and continues to build week over week.
- The Gymboree brand store drove $15 \%$ of total Q3 Topline sales.


## ENHANCED ADVERTISING

Built around maximizing the brand's visibility in high-impact placements, to engage and convert customers in the awareness, consideration, and purchase stages.

- Gymboree Ad performance has been flagged as a case study for "cold start brands" based on the outsized performance with over $69 \%$ of sales coming through Ad attributed sales in Q3.



## SUGAR \& JADE LAUNCHED ON AMAZON FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2022!

## TWEEN ASSORTMENT

- The launch of Sugar \& Jade fills a white space on Amazon for product marketed specifically to tweens.
- The brand launched with a robust brand store experience highlighting key categories within the assortment leveraging engaging lifestyle imagery.


## ENHANCED ADVERTISING

- Built around key-word search from Amazon's Top Search Bar, targeting and converting customers in the awareness, consideration, and purchase stages.


## BRAND STORY

- The launch highlights the Sugar \& Jade brand story that appeals to both parents and tweens in this market. Consistent brand messaging across the storefront, advertising, and product detail pages will educate the customer on Sugar \& Jade.









## 2021 Environment, Social \& Governance Report

We published our 2021 ESG Report in October 2022, which includes detailed performance information aligned with internationally recognized frameworks such as material Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Standards and relevant Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standard disclosures.


## 2021 Report Highlights

## Meeting Our Commitments

- We achieved a $41 \%$ reduction in greenhouse gas emissions across our global operations (scope $1 \& 2$ ) against a 2018 baseline
$>$ This exceeded our 30\% goal targeted for 2030
- We achieved a $28 \%$ reduction in water use at our top denim and woven bottom factories against a 2018 baseline
> This exceeded our 25\% goal targeted for 2025


## Progress On Our Initiatives

- We donated cash and new clothing with a total value of $\$ 15$ million to children and families in need
- We partnered with GiveBackBox on a program that allows customers to ship their gently used clothing to charities that support families affected by poverty and tragedy
- We increased our waste diversion rate from $73 \%$ to $77 \%$ through improvements in recycling at our retail locations


## Setting New Ambitions

1. We will reduce absolute scope 1 and scope 2 market-based GHG emissions across our global operations by $50 \%$ by end of 2030
2. We will maintain at least $50 \%$ representation of women in our corporate leadership positions
3. We will implement a day of volunteering at our corporate office in 2022 and progressively expand our efforts throughout the organization by 2024


## Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We believe that diverse teams operating in inclusive environments enhance our business and we are focused on growing and sustaining diverse representation across our workforce:

- $87 \%$ of our associates are women
- $60 \%$ of our Board of Directors and $50 \%$ of our senior leadership team are women
- $67 \%$ of our associates identify as racially or ethnically diverse
- Associates who identify as racially or ethnically diverse represented $72 \%$ of promotions in 2021


## Focus on More Responsible Materials

We are committed to improving cotton farming practices globally and have sourced over two-thirds of the cotton fiber used in our apparel through Better Cotton, with an estimated impact of:

- Over 2 billion gallons of water saved.
- More than 12,000 pounds of pesticides avoided.
- \$4.2 million in additional profit for farmers, most commonly due to increased yields and/or optimized use of inputs such as irrigation water, pesticides and synthetic fertilizer.



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