

SECOND QUARTER FISCAL 2022 RESULTS


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

## Strong Portfolio of Brands

Serving Newborn to Tween

| \$1.7B |
| :---: |
| in Annual Revenue* |

## 50\% Planned Digital Penetration



658 Stores in the
U.S. and Canada*

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



212 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



|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \% \text { of } \\ & \text { Sales } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \% \text { of } \\ \text { Sales } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \% \text { of } \\ & \text { Sales } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22 \text { vs. } 21 \\ \text { Inc/(Dec) } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 22 \text { vs. } 19 \\ \text { Inc/(Dec) } \end{gathered}$ |  |
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|  | Q2 2022 |  | Q2 2021 |  | Q2 2019 |  | \% | BPS | \% | BPS |
| Net Sales | \$381 |  | \$414 |  | \$420 |  | -8\% |  | -9\% |  |
| Gross Profit | 115 | 30.2\% | 168 | 40.6\% | 139 | 33.0\% | -32\% | $(1,040)$ | -17\% | (280) |
| SG\&A | 114 | 29.8\% | 114 | 27.6\% | 115 | 27.5\% | -1\% | 220 | -2\% | 230 |
| Depreciation | 13 | 3.4\% | 14 | 3.3\% | 18 | 4.2\% | -6\% | 10 | -26\% | (80) |
| Operating Income | (12) | -3.1\% | 40 | 9.7\% | 6 | 1.4\% | -129\% | $(1,280)$ | -301\% | (450) |
| Interest | 3 | 0.7\% | 5 | 1.1\% | 2 | 0.5\% | -45\% | (40) | 14\% | 20 |
| Income Before Taxes | (14) | -3.8\% | 35 | 8.6\% | 4 | 0.8\% | -140\% | $(1,240)$ | -503\% | (460) |
| Income Tax | (3) |  | 10 |  | 1 |  | -127\% |  | -569\% |  |
| Net Income | (\$12) | -3.1\% | \$26 | 6.2\% | \$3 | 0.7\% | -145\% | (930) | -491\% | (380) |
| Diluted EPS | (\$0.89) |  | \$1.71 |  | \$0.19 |  | -152\% |  | -571\% |  |
| Shares | 13 |  | 15 |  | 16 |  | -13\% |  | -17\% |  |
| EBITDA | \$1 | 0.3\% | \$54 | 13.0\% | \$23 | 5.6\% | -98\% | $(1,270)$ | -94\% | (530) |

## Net Sales $-8.0 \%$ to last year, $-\mathbf{8 . 7 \%}$ on comp basis:

- Impact of slowdown in consumer demand, resulting from the unprecedented inflation impacting our customer
- Increased promotional activity across the sector
- Lapping the impact of the enhanced child tax credit last July
- Impact of permanent store closures


## Operating margin (3.1\%), - 1,280 bps to last year and -450 bps to 2019:

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

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|  |  |  | YTD 2021 |  |  |  | \% | BPS | \% | BPS |
| Net Sales | \$743 |  | \$849 |  | \$833 |  | -12\% |  | -11\% |  |
| Gross Profit | 257 | 34.5\% | 357 | 42.1\% | 290 | 34.9\% | -28\% | (760) | -12\% | (40) |
| SG\&A | 222 | 29.8\% | 218 | 25.7\% | 243 | 29.1\% | 2\% | 410 | -9\% | 70 |
| Depreciation | 26 | 3.5\% | 28 | 3.3\% | 35 | 4.2\% | -7\% | 20 | -26\% | (70) |
| Operating Income | 9 | 1.2\% | 111 | 13.1\% | 12 | 1.5\% | -92\% | $(1,190)$ | -28\% | (30) |
| Interest | 4 | 0.6\% | 9 | 1.1\% | 4 | 0.5\% | -53\% | (50) | 8\% | 10 |
| Income Before Taxes | 5 | 0.6\% | 102 | 12.0\% | 8 | 1.0\% | -95\% | $(1,140)$ | -45\% | (40) |
| Income Tax | 2 |  | 27 |  | (0) |  | -93\% |  | 682\% |  |
| Net Income | \$3 | 0.4\% | \$74 | 8.8\% | \$9 | 1.1\% | -96\% | (840) | -68\% | (70) |
| Diluted EPS | \$0.21 |  | \$4.95 |  | \$0.55 |  | -96\% |  | -62\% |  |
| Shares | 14 |  | 15 |  | 16 |  | -10\% |  | -15\% |  |
| EBITDA | \$35 | 4.7\% | \$139 | 16.4\% | \$48 | 5.7\% | -75\% | $(1,170)$ | -26\% | (100) |

## Net Sales -12.5\% to last year, $\mathbf{- 1 2 . 8 \%}$ on comp basis:

- Lapping the COVID-19 government stimulus relief programs last year
- Impact of 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 1.2\%, - 1,190 bps to last year and -30 bps to 2019:

- Lower merchandise margins, due to 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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ADJUSTED EARNINGS (LOSS)
PER SHARE

\$1.71


2019

\$0.19

- Net Sales decreased $8 \%$ versus last year, driven by the impact of a slowdown in consumer demand resulting from the unprecedented inflation impacting our customer, an increase in promotional activity across the sector, lapping the impact of the enhanced child tax credit last July, and the impact of permanent store closures.
- Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) was $-1,280$ basis points versus last year, driven by the decrease in comparable retail sales, lower merchandise margins, due to AUR pressure resulting from a slowdown in consumer demand and an increase in promotional activity across the sector, higher domestic supply chain costs, higher inbound transportation costs, and the deleverage of fixed expenses resulting from the decline in net sales.
- $\quad$ Adjusted Earnings (Loss) per Share was (\$0.89), versus \$1.71 in 2021 and $\$ 0.19$ in 2019



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- Adjusted Earnings per Share was $\$ 0.21$, versus $\$ 4.95$ in 2021 and $\$ 0.55$ in 2019

| BALANCE SHEET (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ QTR) | 2022 |  | 2021 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cash | $\$ 28$ |  |
| Accounts <br> Receivable |  |  |  |
| Inventory |  |  | 39 |
| Revolver | 616 |  | 461 |
| Accounts Payable | 304 |  | 200 |
| Term Loan | 50 |  | 74 |

- Cash and short term investments of $\$ 28$ million versus $\$ 64$ million last year with $\$ 284$ million outstanding on our Revolver, compared to \$200 million outstanding last year
- Inventory increased 34\%, with $22 \%$ of our inventory in-transit
- Accounts Payable increased $33 \%$, resulting from timing of merchandise receipts and higher intransit inventories

| CASH FLOW (2nd ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ QTR) | 2022 | 2021 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Cash Flow | (\$34) | \$13 |
| Capital Expenditures | (8) | (7) |
| Free Cash Flow | (\$42) | \$6 |
| Share Repurchases | \$23 | \$11 |

- Used \$34 million in operating cash flow in Q2 2022
- \$23 million in capital returned to shareholders in Q2 2022



Actions Taken to Manage Inventory

- Moved inventory into the Amazon channel to accelerate Amazon growth, pre \& post Prime Day, delivering outsized growth versus our Q2 internal projections
- Balanced inventory and on order by channel in Q2 to support current demand trends
- 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
- Seasonal inventories well positioned, with spring and summer units down $45 \%$ to LY
- Reduced inventory on order in the back half of the year
- Inventories anticipated to remain elevated for Q3 and moderate from current levels by Q4


## Our outlook reflects:

- Low single digit increases in AUR
- Strong growth in our Wholesale channel with Amazon
- Lower occupancy expenses, resulting from favorable lease negotiations, permanent store closures, and lower variable expenses
- Lower incentive compensation expense
- Lower interest expense
- Significant marketing investments in the back half


| Sin millions | 2022 | 2021 | 2019 |
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| FULL YEAR | Outlook | (\% vs. 2021) | (\% vs. 2019) |
| Net Sales | \$1,725 | \$1,915 | \$1,871 |
|  |  | -10\% | -8\% |
| Adjusted | 7.5\% | 15.1\% | 6.0\% |
| Operating Income |  | -760 bps | 150 bps |
| Adjusted | \$7.00 | \$13.40 | \$5.36 |
| Diluted EPS |  | -48\% | 31\% |

## Consistent track record returning excess cash to shareholders

- $\$ 23$ million of share repurchases in Q2, representing 484 thousand shares, with $\$ 196$ million available on our current authorization




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

The Children's Place goes viral in Q2 across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter totaling over 329M brand social media impressions.



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

Significant organic social engagement growth of $+33 \%$ versus Q1, with over 108 K social interactions demonstrating the power of our strong and engaged followings across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



THE CHILDREN'S PLACE
+33\% Increase in Engagement Rate vs. Q1 22

## Partnered with Top-Tier Celebrity and Philanthropist, Kevin Hart, for Back-to-School brand campaign

 driving over 33B earned media and social impressions.The Back-to-School season represents a time where we lift communities up and provide new clothes, new resources and new spaces to empower and nurture children - for their better today and a greater tomorrow.

- Launched national, multi-prong, Brand Campaign with brand ambassador, Kevin Hart
- Developed pop-up libraries, in partnership with BIC and ThriftBooks, in deserving neighborhoods
- Produced a grassroot press event activation at NYC Library Pop-up with Kevin Hart and hundreds of local children/families
- Hosted a Celebrity Read-A-Long live streaming event on @childrensplace


500+


Press Pickups

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TODAY


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## Our 10 national pop-up libraries are located coast-to-coast - in neighborhoods that deserve it the most.

- Libraries include book resources, school supplies, and empowering artwork that encourage children's creativity.
- Each library pop-up has had a grand opening ribbon cutting event with city officials, and press.
- Our first grand opening event in East Harlem had a turnout of over 50 media and influencer outlets and 300+ children and families of the community!

Thomas Jefferson Community Center, Harlem - Opened 7/26


## ROOTED IN AUTHENTICITY, EMERGING RELEVANCY AND DRIVING CONSISTENCY

We believe we have a special responsibility to get involved and take a stand in cultural moments. We believe in and strive to make a difference - and that starts with the conversations we, collectively, have at home with our kids.

Our Cultural Campaigns - Pride Month, Memorial Day and Juneteenth campaigns - drove the highest engaged brand and social campaigns of the quarter, driving over $6 \mathrm{~K}+$ social engagements, and $30 \%$ higher in engagement rates compared to our average across our Family of Brands.


Family is at the center of everything we do at The Children's Place, and because of this, we have a special responsibility to the children of today and tomorrow in contributing to a healthier, Better Place.

On $6 / 16$ we launched our Giveback Box partnership, across all of our key digital marketing channels. Give Back Box gives customers a way to divert waste and promote donating outgrown clothes to those who need it the most.



## PRIME DAY

- Prime day 2022, we achieved a 305\% increase over Prime Day 2021
- TCP Prime Day deal styles were showcased on Amazon's Prime Day deal page acting as gateway advertising placement


## AMAZON LIVE

- Participated in our first ever BTS Amazon LIVE event, spanning over 5 episodes, driving additional brand awareness and consideration going into the height of the BTS season


## THE CHILDREN'S PLACE BRAND STORE

- In less than a year we have grown our store follower count to $60 \mathrm{k}+$, outpacing our competitors on Amazon.com
- Leveraging Sponsored Brands marketing, we saw a 103\% higher average return in Brand store engagement vs. non-Brand engagement



## GYMBOREE LAUNCHED ON AMAZON FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2022!

Gymboree's launch on Amazon.com includes a dedicated brand store that perfectly represents the brand's heritage of playful, colorful bow-to-toe collections. Early results and customer response are incredibly positive.

## ROBUST ASSORTMENT

Focused on a combination of highly emotional iconic collections, and more upgraded Uniform product. The launch highlights the Gymboree brand story through consistent brand messaging showcased the Gymboree storefront, advertising, and immersive product detail pages

## ENHANCED ADVERTISING

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

AMAZON supported the brand launch through the following activation:

- Targeted Homepage placement on Amazon.com
- Keyword search takeover
- Prime placement across several key landing pages
- Back-to-school
- Amazon Fashion
- New Arrivals





## Q2 DIGITAL PENETRATION 47\%


+17\%
Mobile App Traffic Growth YOY






## FOCUS AREAS

## We continue to measure and track progress against the 22 public goals set across our ESG focus areas.

## ENVIRONMENT



Climate + Energy: Reducing GHG
emissions across our operations and global supply chain.


Raw Materials: Increasing the use of more sustainable materials in our products.


Water Stewardship: Working with vendors to reduce water consumption in manufacturing and processing.


Chemical Management: Supporting implementation of responsible chemical management and wastewater systems.


Waste: Diverting the amount of our waste sent to landfill.


Circularity: Helping to avert product and material disposal through reuse and recycling.

## SOCIAL: PEOPLE



Workplace Health \& Safety:
Safeguarding our associates and customers.


Talent: Investing in the people that make our business possible.


Diversity, Equity \& Inclusion: Building an inclusive environment where all people feel welcomed and valued.


Community: Supporting children and
families in need.

## SOCIAL: SUPPLY CHAIN

## GOVERNANCE



Board Composition: Continuing Board refreshment, prioritizing diversity and relevant experience.


Board Oversight and Risk Management:
Expanding Committee responsibilities to enhance oversight of ESG.


Ethics \& Integrity: Operating in an ethical
and responsible manner in all aspects of our business.

Cybersecurity \& Privacy: Protecting the information we receive about our customers, associates and other third-party partners



Supply Chain Compliance: Helping to improve the lives of third-party factory workers and protect their rights in the workplace.

Worker Well-Being: Moving beyond the factory walls to improve the well-being of workers and their families.


## Messaging ESG to the Consumer

After the publication of our 2020 ESG Report last November, we have been focused on scaling our ESG work and achieving our goals. As aligned with our goals, we are committed to:

A Better Place. Our story \& mission: empowering children to leam, grow and build a better place.

A Better Community. Giving back and promoting diversity, equity and inclusion for a better community.

A Better Future. Committing to sustainability efforts and contributing to a brighter \& better future.


## Product Take-Back: Give Back Box

In June 2022, we made progress toward achieving our circularity goal by launching a partnership with Give Back Box, which will allow customers to easily hand down gently used clothing and shoes from any of our brands.

Give Back Box will partner with our preferred provider to route all customer donations to our charity of choice, Delivering Good.

Doing good by getting better. Getting better by giving back.
Creating a better place for the children of today and tomorrow.


## How It Works

## 1. Awareness

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TCP communication of program to customers

## 2. Sign Up

Customer sign up and printing of shipping label

## 3. Shipping

Customer utilizes existing package and ships product

## 4. Handling

Product received and processed by Give Back Box

## 5. Donation

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Delivering Good =ime

Product is donated to TCP's preferred partner, Delivering Good


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