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## Successfully Executing Our Strategy Drive Long-Term Grov and Value Creation



GUESS?, INC.

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### **Executive Summary**

The Guess management team is successfully executing a transformation business strategy to drive long-term growth and enhance value

The Guess Board is highly-qualified, highly-engaged and committed to serving the best interests of ALL shareholders

- Guess today is the strongest and me
- The management team is executing the Company's global e-commerce s efficiencies across the business.
- Guess recently reported fourth quart with operating margin for fiscal 2022 delivering a return on invested capit a strong balance sheet and solid cas
- ✓ The Company has demonstrated its expanding the share repurchase prc
- As of the 2022 Annual Meeting, the whom are independent, and all of w the Company's transformation strate across the global consumer market
- The Board is actively engaged in ov with Carlos Alberini and Paul Marcia results.
- The Board has a long track record c sustainability, diversity and inclusior
- The Board takes allegations of sexu investigation of allegations against I related to a Legion Partners' Demar

(\*) This measure is a non-GAAP presentation. Refer to the Appendix for a reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP financial measure

### **Executive Summary**

Paul and Maurice Marciano have each made valuable contributions to sustaining and growing a successful global business for 40 years and are essential to the Guess and Marciano brands and the continued success of the business

Legion Partners is pursuing an irresponsible and uninformed campaign that would jeopardize the Company's plan to drive profitable growth and value creation

- Paul and Maurice Marciano have bu tenures across functions, cultures ar
- Significant stock ownership by Maur Guess became a public company in creation.
- Paul Marciano's key contributions in business and building a very profital brand; he is continuing to contribute product worldwide, with current resp design.
- Maurice Marciano's judgement as concerning and company; while his Board meeting accident, he has attended multiple reforward.
- The Guess Board has always made it believes are in the best interests c
- We believe that the foundation of Le from misinformed and uncorroborate
- Legion Partners has failed to preser advance our core objective of drivin
- Legion Partner's one suggestion success — would be very destabiliz the price of the stock.
- The Board has attempted to engage suggestions that were immediately a

#### WHO

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## A truly global lifestyle of denim, apparel and roughly 100 countri

Our purpose is to inspire ou and passionate about t





Revenues reflect FY22.

# GUESS Today A Lifestyle Brand



Watches



Footwear



Underwear & Swim



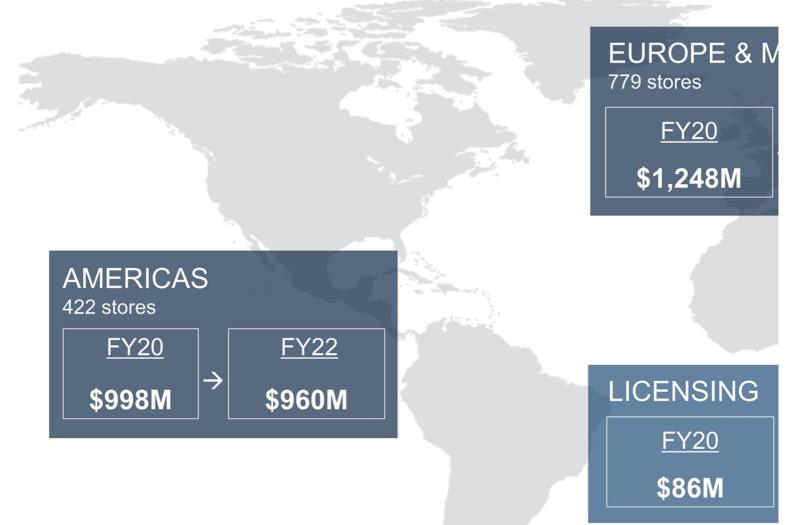
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Women's and

### GUESS Today Global Footprint

**1,631 total stores** (1,068 directly operated stores) i FY22; Pre-pandemic revenues of \$2.7B in FY20



Total store count as of end of FY22 including franchise/licensee stores. Revenues reflect FY22 and FY20.

# A Wide Consumer Base Rea



### HERITAGE

Age: Spending Power: Population Size: 40+ years old \$1.33 trillion 1.44 billion

- Brand loyal
- Influenced by: celebrities (i.e. actors), Facebook
- Seek product information
- · Respond to digital and traditional advertising

40% of NA online sales\*

\*Represents GUESS brand online sales in North America for FY22.



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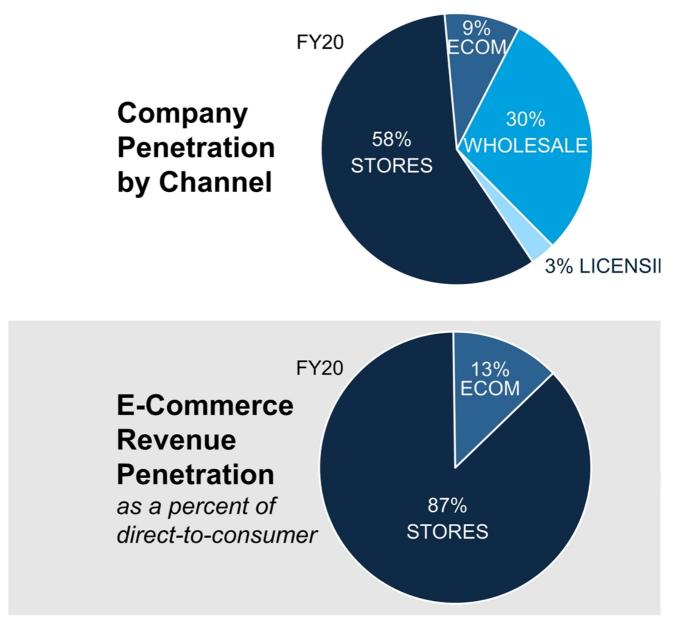
Age: Spending Power: Population Size:

- Value experiences over
- Influenced by: Influence
- Look to them as co-cr
- Bounty hunter, thrill of



## An Omnichannel Business N

As we optimize the store fleet and continue to grow increased to 19% of our direct-to-consumer busines



## **Our New Business Model**

# Successfully transforming platform for sustainal

Brand Elevation Global Portfolio Optimization

# **Brand Elevation**







1. Elevate taste, styling and quality of our products – **focus on sustainability** 

2. Develop one global line of product

3. Focus on key product categories to address the Heritage, Millennial and Generation Z customer

### GUESS Today Global Portfolio Optimization



### **Store Rationalization**

Closed 190 stores globally Ï

### Rent Rene

Renegoti leases (

\*Store closures and rent renegotiations executed over the last two years.

## **E-Commerce Business Acce**

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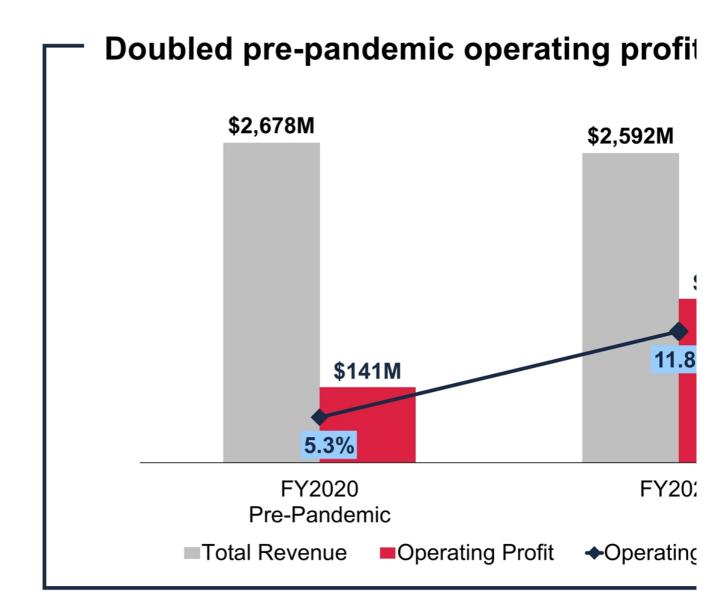






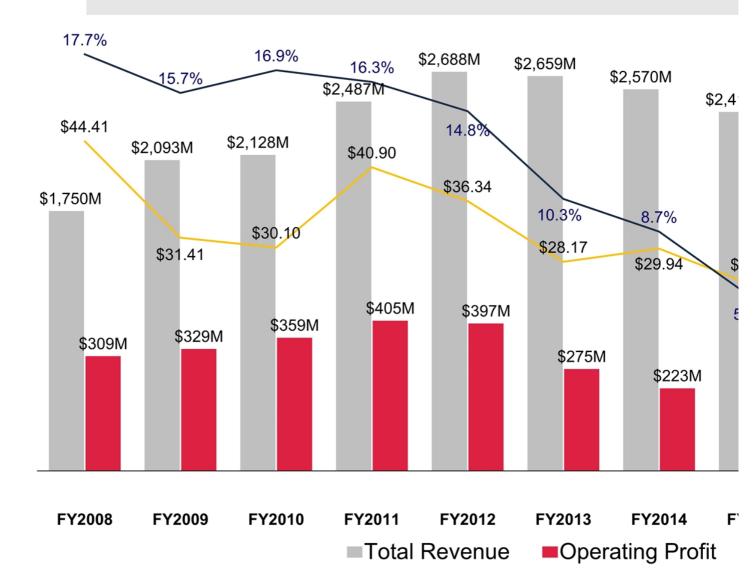


# Our New Business Model and Driving Material Improvement

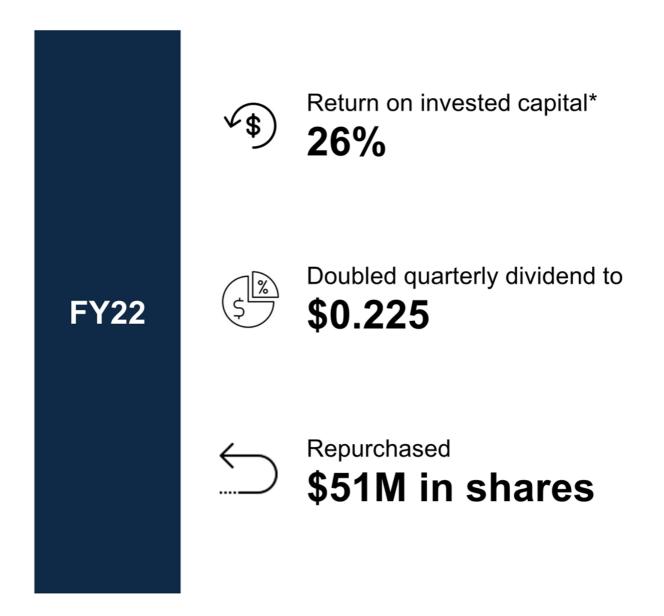


## **Guess' Share Price Is Improv** Improvement in Financial Resu

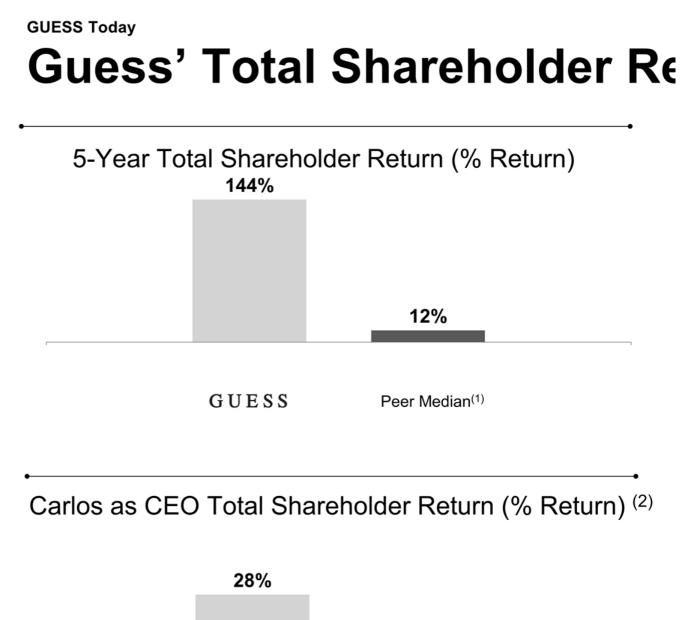
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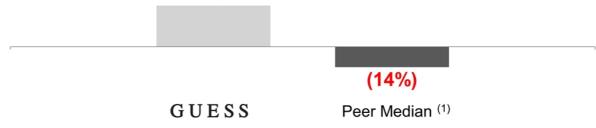


### **Optimizing Capital Allocatio** Returning value to shareholders remains



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Source: FactSet as of April 4, 2022.

(1) Peers include: ANF, AEO, CPRI, CHS, COLM, DECK, EXPR, FOSL, GPS, LEVI, LULU, PLCE, PVH, RL, TPR, URBN. (2) Represents TSR since January 28, 2019.

# Our Board of Directors

Highly qualified, engaged and transparent

#### Our Board

### **Guess Board of Directors Ov**



**Alex Yemenidjian** 

Chairman, Guess Board & Compensation Committee

#### Member, Guess Audit Committee

Chairman & CEO, Oshidori International Development



**Deborah Weinswig** 

Member, Guess Audit and Nominating & Governance Committees

Founder & CEO, Coresight Research

Board Member, Xcel Brands, Inc. and CHW Acquisition Corporation



Maurice Marciano Guess Co-Founder



Paul Marcian Guess Co-Found Chief Creative Of

Note: Excludes current director, Laurie Ann Goldman, who is not standing for re-election.

**Our Board** 

## Guess Board Brings Significan Leadership Experience

# SKILLS

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<u>م</u>	Senior Leadership Experience (C-Suite Executive or Equivalent)	$\bigcirc$	6
(tôj)	<b>Operations Management</b>	$\oslash$	6
	Retail, Brand or Consumer Facing Industries	$\oslash$	6
ee= ≟	eCommerce or Digital Experience	$\oslash$	6
ISI	Financial, Transactional, Accounting or Regulatory Compliance		
	Board Diversity (Gender or Racial/Ethnic)		

Note: Excludes current director, Laurie Ann Goldman, who is not standing for re-election.

# Active and Engaged Board O

### Setting our path for growth

Board is actively involved in:

- Developing transformation strategy
- Establishing a strong foundation for sustainable growth
- Protecting the interests of all shareholders

### Executing of

All directors and s thinkers and s professionals strategic and c

**Our Board** 

## Guess Board Has **Taken Activ** Paul Marciano

4 2. February through June 2018, the Special tra Committee and its counsel conduct a is ir thorough investigation, interviewing over Pa 40 individuals and reviewing over 1.5 asl million pages of documents. ba

 Board establishes
 Special Committee, comprised solely of
 independent directors to
 investigate the allegations.
 The Special Committee hires
 independent counsel to
 assist with the investigation.

 Special Committee presents its findings to the Board which were reported in an 8K. In that same 8K,
 Paul Marciano confirms his decision to transition his duties to the then-CEO by January 2019. Paul Marciano also informs the Board of his decision to step down as Executive Chairman of the Board, while remaining a director.

# **ESG Initiatives Supporting O**

**Environmental:** GUESS is driving and influencing sustainability reporting across the industry

Greenhouse gas reductions toward 50% reduction by 2030



Increase share of recycled or bio-based materials toward 100% by 2030

Increase share of Guess denim mainline Eco to **75% by 2024** 

Made our first ever purchase of renewable energy: solar and wind in the Americas, Europe, and Asia, creating enough energy to power the equivalent of **20% of our stores globally** 

Regular meetings with 10 largest shareholders since 2014 have informed some of the significant governance changes.

## **Governance:** We have ste 2014 we have implemente

- Eliminated staggered bo
- 🔗 Increased Board gender
  - Adopted director resigna

Note: Excludes current director, Laurie Ann Goldman, who is not standing for re-election.

#### **Our Board**

### Guess Board **Exercises Stror** Transactions

## The Audit Committee, composed of independent directo vote on each related party transaction to ensure that it is

Real Estate Leases	<ul> <li>Guess leases warehouse and administrative from partnerships affiliated with the Marciance</li> <li>The Audit Committee engages in a robust value.</li> </ul>	Entities a
Aircraft Use	<ul> <li>The Company periodically charters aircraft or</li> <li>Private air travel for senior management is esiglobal functions in Europe has further reisionwned aircraft are significantly below management</li> </ul>	ssential g
Vendor Purchases	<ul> <li>The Company purchases faux fur products fr Carlos Alberini. The amount of annual purcha</li> <li>The Guess Board approved the related pa behalf of the Company. Guess purchased interest, based on the quality and pricing con-</li> </ul>	rty invest products

# Guess Compensation Program with Shareholder Interests

### Compensation P

#### Pay for Performance

Substantial portion of compensation should be tied to performance

Alignment with :

Substantial portion of co form of equity awards the

### **Executive Compensa**

- No minimum award levels under Annual Incentive Bonus Plan or minimum payouts for equity awards with performance-based vesting requirements.
- No excise tax gross-ups on change in control payments.
- ✓ No repricing of "underwater" stock options (stock options where the exercise price is above the then-current market price of our stock) without shareholder approval.
- Stock ownership guidelines for all directors and members of senior management team.
- Clawback" policy pursuant which may require reimbursement or cancellation of cash and equity incentive compensation in certain circumstances, including if the awards are linked to financial results that are subsequently revised.

## Compensation Tied to Long-Te

FY22 NEO Compensation Program Summary

Component	Format	Та
		Chief Creati
Base Salary	Fixed payments, designed to compensate executives for their level of responsibility, skill, experience and individual contributions	15
Incentive	Payouts based on rigorous pre-set targets, reflecting important drivers to our business:	
Compensation	100% Earnings from Operations	29
Long-Term	Payouts based on the pre-set rigorous performance	
Incentives	targets:	
100% Performance RSUs	<ul> <li>50% FY22 Earnings from Operations Licensing Segment</li> <li>50% Earnings from Operations Earned shares, if any, subject to 3-year vesting</li> </ul>	56
	Carlos Alberini: ~60% 3-year Relative TSR	
	Absolute maximum payout cap	
	~40% FY22 Earnings from Operations Earned shares, if any, subject to 3-year vesting	

(\*) Target Compensation Mix excludes special cash incentive award for Paul Marciano and special stock price award for Carlos *i* as these awards are not part of our regular incentive compensation program.

# Paul & Maurice Marciano

Co-founders bring invaluable expertise and vision to the Company

#### Paul & Maurice Marciano

# The Contributions of the Marci and Fundamental to the Com



- Paul and Maurice Marciano have built an incredible culture of entrepreneurship, commitment, hard work and long employee tenures across functions, cultures and countries.
- Significant stock ownership by Paul and Maurice Marciano has provided strong alignment with all shareholders since Guess became public in 1996, ensuring a consistent focus on long-term decision making and value creation.

Paul & Maurice Marciano

### Paul Marciano Has Been **a Key E** Build What GUESS, as a Brand a



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Grew the Comp lifestyle brand w countries globall

Key contribution

- Creating our advertising ca
- Leading proc categories, in
- Launching int
- Building a ver
- Continually I organization

We believe that removing Paul Marcia detrimental to GUESS a

## Paul Marciano Is a Key Contril Our Transformational Journ

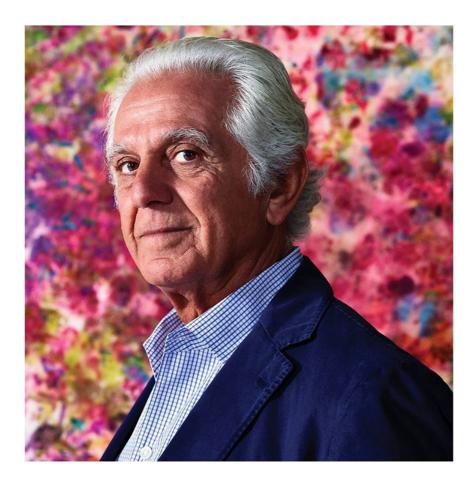
### **Main Responsibilities**

Current responsibilities: advertising and marketing, licensing and product design oversight

Complementary skillset with Carlos Alberini

We believe that removing Paul Marcia detrimental to GUESS a

### Paul & Maurice Marciano Maurice Marciano is a **Highly** Guess Board



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Maurice Marcian member is invalua

He is **fully inform** matters

- Maurice Marcia injuries he suffe
- As Maurice Ma recent Board m scheduled Board

Maurice Marcian allegations again

We believe that removing Maurice Ma and detrimental to GUESS Legion Partners' Campaign Is Not in the Best Interests of Shareholders Irresponsible, uninformed and value

destructive

# Legion Partners' Campaign is Value Destructive



Legion Partners' campaign is based on information from **media and misinformed sources**, and is a **distraction to management at a critical time in our transformation** 



Legion Partners' unique suggestion to remove the Marciano brothers would be **destabilizing and detrimental to the Company and shareholders** 

## Setting the Record Straight: Co False and Misleading Claims

## Myth: Legion's false narrative



Legion claims that models hesitate to model with Guess and that Guess has a reduced access to potential talent Guess who ha the Gu as can modeli

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demon



Legion claims that customers hesitate to shop at Guess and that customer attitude towards Guess is damaged



Legion claims there is a "Marciano discount" on the Guess stock due to allegations made against Paul Marciano



Legion mischaracterizes the reason why Paul Marciano continued to serve as Chief Creative Officer after he initially intended to retire in 2019 Compa

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Legion claims that Guess may be 'uninsurable'

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Legion claims that Paul Marciano's compensation is 'outrageous' and the highest percentage among Chief Creative Officers in the apparel retail industry



Legion claims that the Guess Board and management team has experienced significant turnover following allegations made against Paul Marciano



Legion claims that Maurice Marciano may have wielded his influence to cover for Paul Marciano's alleged inappropriate actions  $\odot$ 



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## Setting the Record Straight: Co False and Misleading Claims

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Legion claims that the Guess Board is not fulfilling its fiduciary duties, and that the independent directors have ignored harassment allegations against Paul Marciano



Legion claims that Guess is executing related party transactions at a huge expense to Guess' shareholders



Legion claims that the Guess Board has long been aware of allegations against Paul Marciano and, by not taking action, has allowed him to exploit his executive role



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# Legion Partners Recognizes a Performance to Date

In Legion Partners' view, Guess is an leadership of current CEO Carlos Alberia moves in recent years, including optimizia and logistics, and implementing signific plans. Mr. Alberini appears to be a talent progress executing an operational turnarc

2.7.22, Letter from Legion Pa

This performance is driven by the partn between Carlos Alberini, Paul Marciano a team and Board

## Board has **Sought to Engage** the Good of ALL Guess Share



The Board has attempted to reach a **mutually agreeable path forward** with Legion

Potential solut Legion:

- New ESG c with a stron
- Other meas
   commitmer
   cooperation
   board mem
- A significan program

# Conclusion

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## Vote "FOR ALL" Guess Direc Card to Ensure Our Continue

Solution The Guess management team is **successfully** drive long-term growth and enhance value



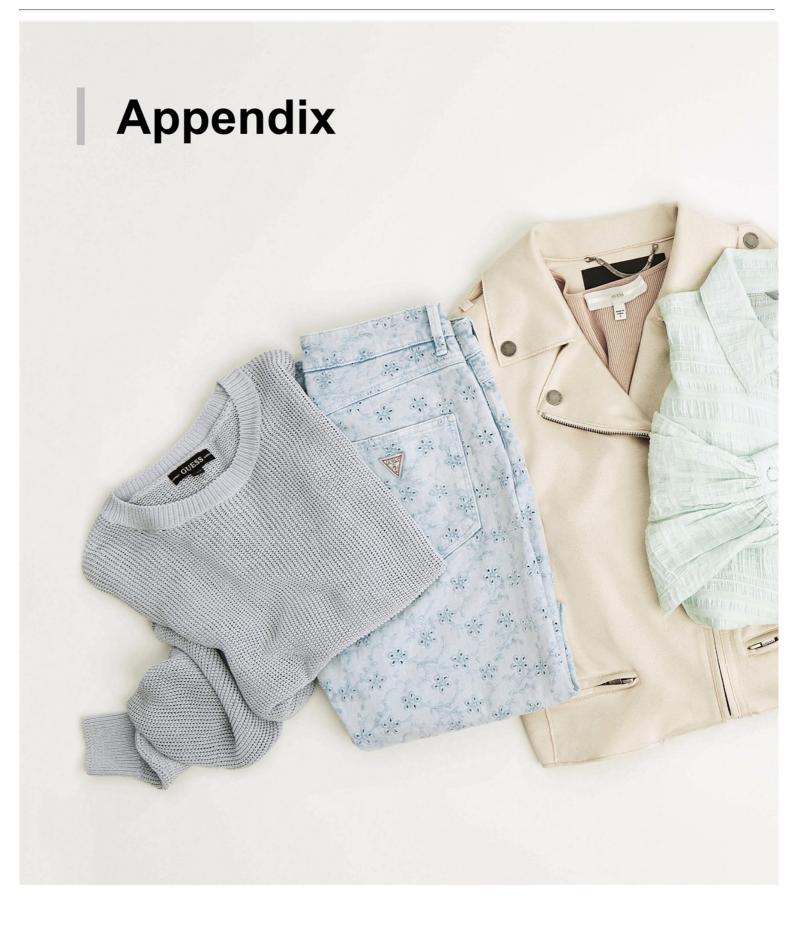
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## **GAAP to Non-GAAP**

The financial information in this presentation contains non-GAAP measures that a accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP) and exclude certain measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, reported I

Certain amounts presented do not include the impact of (1) certain professional se cash debt discount amortization on our convertible senior notes, (4) net (gains) los well as the impact from changes in the income tax law on deferred income taxes i uncertain income tax positions and (6) discrete income tax adjustments related pr subsidiary, impacts from cumulative valuation allowances and the income tax ben has excluded these items because it believes that these items are not indicative o are useful for investors to evaluate the comparability of the Company's results and

The Company defines return on invested capital (or "ROIC") as adjusted net operabelieves that ROIC is a useful financial measure for investors in evaluating how et may differ from other companies' methods and therefore might not be comparable

Please refer to the following slides for a reconciliation of non-GAAP measures refe

# **Return On Invested Capital**

Dollars in thousands	FY2021	FY2022
Average Invested Capital		
Total assets	\$2,465,868	\$2,555,628
Cash & cash equivalents	(469,110)	(415,565)
Right of use assets	(764,804)	(685,799)
Accounts payable	(300,427)	(325,797)
Accrued expenses	(200,602)	(253,182)
Average invested capital	\$730,925	\$875,285

### Adjusted Net Operating Profit After Taxes

Reported GAAP earnings from operations		
Certain professional service and legal fees and related (credits) costs		
Asset impairment charges		
Net gains on lease modifications		
Adjusted Earnings From Operations		
Asset Impairments		
Other expense, net		
Income tax expense <sup>1</sup>		

### Adjusted Net Operating Profit After Taxes

Non-GAAP ROIC<sup>2</sup>

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# Adjusted Effective Tax Rate

Dollars in thousands	FY2
Reported GAAP net earnings attributable to Guess?, Inc.	
Certain professional service and legal fees and related (credits) costs <sup>1</sup>	2,6
Asset impairment charges <sup>2</sup>	3,14
Net gains on lease modifications <sup>3</sup>	(25
Amortization of debt discount <sup>4</sup>	11,1
Discrete income tax adjustments <sup>5</sup>	10,6
Income tax impact from adjustments <sup>6</sup>	(3,9
Adjusted net earnings attributable to Guess?, Inc.	194,(
Reported GAAP income tax expense	73,6
Discrete income tax adjustments <sup>5</sup> Income tax impact from adjustments <sup>6</sup>	(10,€ 3,9 <sup>7</sup>
Adjusted income tax expense	67,0
Adjusted effective tax rate	24.{

## **Important Additional Informa**

The Company, and certain of its directors and executive officers are participants in the solicita shareholders (the "2022 Annual Meeting"). The Company filed its definitive proxy statement ar connection with the solicitation of proxies from the Company's shareholders. SHAREHOLDEF ACCOMPANYING WHITE PROXY CARD AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THI CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. The Company's definitive proxy statement for the 20 or otherwise, of the Company's directors and executive officers in the Company's securities. In the SEC filings on Forms 3, 4 and 5, which are available on the Company's website at <a href="http://ir">http://ir</a> Company's other SEC filings, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended Ja statement, any amendments or supplements to the proxy statement and other documents filec available at no charge on the Company's website at <a href="http://investors.guess.com">http://investors.guess.com</a>.