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# A DIVERSIFIED COMPANY WITH A MULTI-GENERATIONAL BRAND

Started as an experiential mall-based retailer focused on children



Has transformed into a multidimensional, digital, growing business with a broad and diverse consumer demographic

EXPANDED OMNICHANNEL CAPABILITIES DRIVING DIGITAL DEMAND Sustained growth in digital demand which has grown to be nearly 20% of net retail sales in FY2021	DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIO ~35% of stores are not located in a traditional mall			CONNECTED 2000MM Furry friends sold in nearly 25 years	+	MULTI-GENERATIONAL APPEAL >40% of sales are to tweens, teens and adults
DEEP AND EXTENSIVE LICENSING RELATIONSHIPS Covering over 75 entertainment, sports and pop culture properties	POWERFUL BRAND ~90% Agree BAB is a fun experience for a ch Known, emotional and leverageable brand equity				SK	ILLED PASSIONATE EMPLOYEES <b>3,500+</b> Associates



© 2022 Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. \* Store count at end of fiscal Q1-2022. US store count includes 59 third-party retail locations, 2 seasonal shops and excludes vending machines; International includes corporately-managed stores in Canada, the UK and Ireland as well as 64 franchise shops and 3 third-party retail locations

\*\* US Moms of Kids ages 2-12 in the US, C&R Research, 2022

# **KEY INVESTOR CONSIDERATIONS**



#### Profitable business with high margins and free cash flow

- FY2021 total revenues of \$411.5MM and pre-tax income of \$50.7MM, the highest in the company's nearly 25-year history.
- The Company has shared guidance for FY2022 for total revenues in the range of \$440 million to \$460 million and pre-tax income in the range of \$52 million to \$62 million
- Finished fiscal Q1-2022 with \$26.1 million in cash and equivalents. Returning value to shareholders, the Company paid a special dividend in Q4-2021 of approximately \$20 million and as of May 25,2022, had repurchased approximately 840,000 shares of its common stock for a total of \$14.1 million under the \$25.0 million repurchase program authorized by its Board of Directors on November 30, 2021



# Powerful brand with multi-generational appeal capturing today's zeitgeist including desire for experience, personalization and "DIY" while recognized as trusted, giving and a part of pop culture

Over 10 billion media impressions in 2021 demonstrating strong interest from business, trade, entertainment and consumer outlets
Over 3.6MM social media followers (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, Pinterest and YouTube)



#### Successfully proven and growing diversified omnichannel business model

- Offerings include experiential brick-and-mortar stores with 1:1 interactive engagement that deliver profitability while supporting omnichannel fulfillment for growing digital demand as well as diverse e-commerce shopping platforms and experiences
- Expanding addressable consumer base with new experiences and products targeting tween, teen and adult affinity and gifting segments
- Leverageable brand strength to diversify revenue streams through licensing, content and entertainment development



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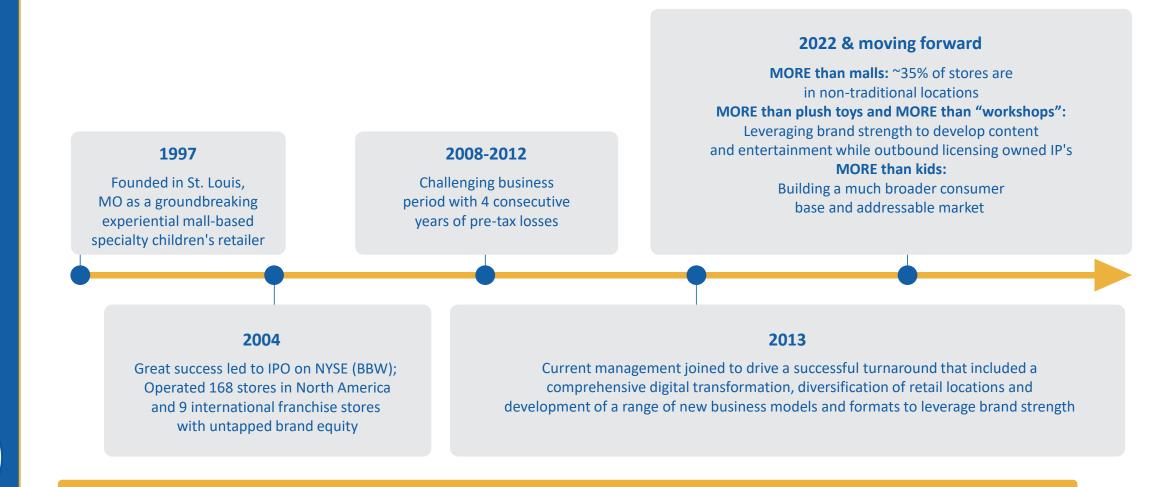
# Accomplished team created an expanding and profitable business now focused on delivering sustained diversified and profitable growth

• Returned business to profitability while simultaneously building infrastructure to support a multi-dimensional, digital, growing business with a broad and diverse consumer base

# **CELEBRATING OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2022**



### Started as a specialty retailer that became a powerful consumer brand

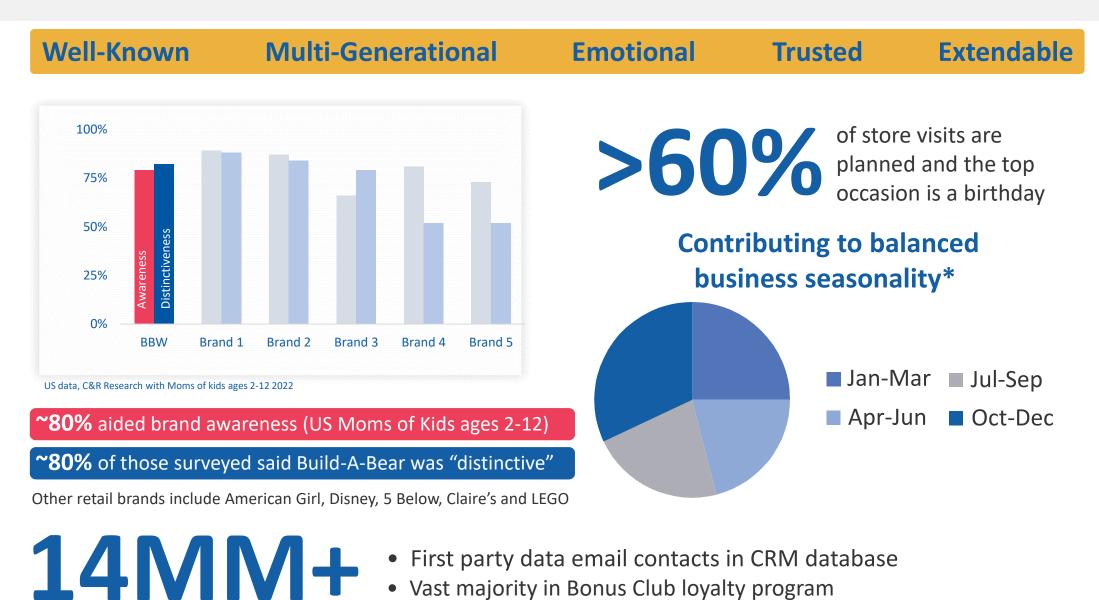


Now positioned as an evolved thriving entity that is poised for a compelling future



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# **BUILD-A-BEAR IS A POWERFUL BRAND**





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\* Reflects average results of multiple years

# STRATEGIC SHIFT TO CAPTURE OUR SHARE OF DIGITAL ECONOMY

Rather than "digitizing" the store experience that families love, a strategic shift to diversify the consumer base fueled strong e-commerce growth after updating and upgrading the digital platform and capabilities with CAGR of 34% since 2016



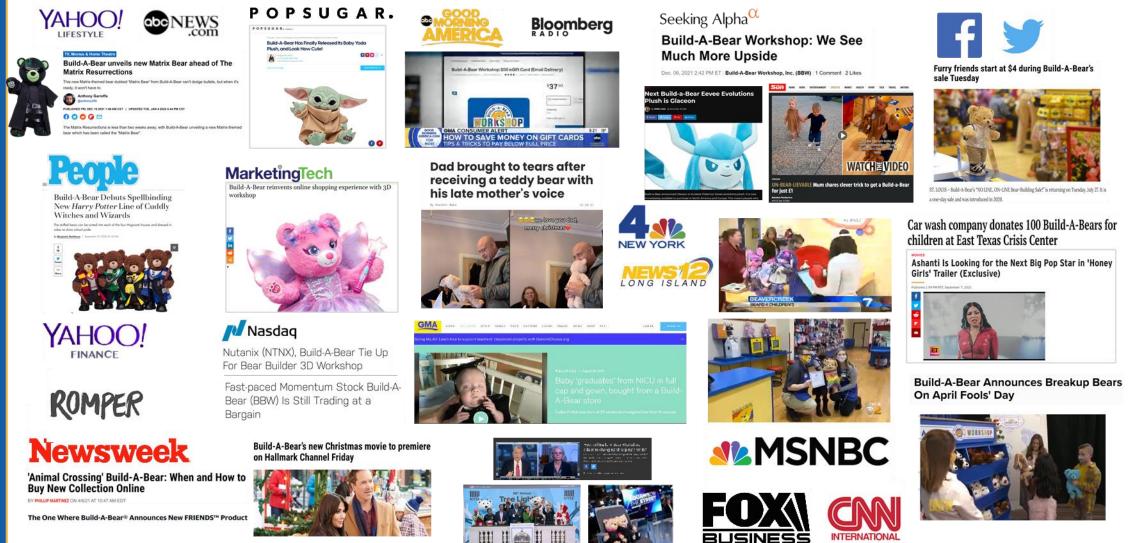
for ease of shopping

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strong brand affinity but need a "reason" to reengage

# **BUILD-A-BEAR GETS NOTICED**

#### Over 10 Billion media impressions in 2021 (and 2020)





# **BUILD-A-BEAR IS POP CULTURE**

#### Our brand is regularly mentioned on popular TV shows, movies and in celebrity news



# **BUILD-A-BEAR PARTNERS WITH LEADING BRANDS**

**License relationships with over 75 world-class collaborators** from film, TV, art, games, sports and more support collectible, affinity and gifting business with appeal to expanded consumer demographics





# A MODEL OF CONTINUOUS ENGAGEMENT

A continuous circle of engagement driving retail and leveraging brand equity is designed to build a more powerful and profitable business model

### **CONSUMER**

Expand the CONSUMER BASE & ENGAGEMENT by enabling participation in the brand in multiple ways



#### RETAIL

Leverage the POWER and EMOTIONAL CONNECTION CREATED by THE ONE-TO-ONE retail guest engagement & marketing model to DRIVE BRAND EQUITY





#### **BRAND EQUITY**

MONETIZE the earned BRAND EQUITY in CATEGORIES & CHANNELS beyond traditional "retail"

# ...EVEN DURING THE COVID DISRUPTION



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#### BRAND LEVERAGE Into NEW CATEGORIES & CHANNELS

# **2022: PLANS FOR SUSTAINED PROFITABLE GROWTH**

## Leverage ongoing digital transformation to drive growth

- Increase repeat purchases leveraging the addition of new advanced digital capabilities
- Expand addressable consumer base beyond kids with new products and incremental purchase occasions
- Utilize digital media, content & entertainment as marketing and brand-building tools to engage consumers and drive sales



## Leverage omnichannel capabilities while evolving retail experiences

- Strategically add ~20 locations in North America in 2022 thru corporate and third-party retail focused on tourist locations
- Capitalize on BAB's 25th celebration to drive incremental visits and sales
- Re-introduce in-store parties (after COVID hibernation) with a fresh take and homage to our 25th "birthday"
- Develop new digital experiences such as the recently launched Bear Builder 3D Workshop to drive digital demand



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#### Leverage financial strength and drive sustained profitability

- Maintain disciplined expense management in an environment with higher costs and a tight supply chain, including SG&A, ongoing lease negotiations as we continue to evolve our real estate portfolio while also monitoring the changing external environment
- Strategically manage capital to support key initiatives and innovation developments





# **LEVERAGE ONGOING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**

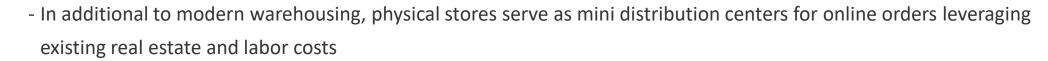
# 2021 digital demand of \$73MM representing a 34% CAGR since 2016

Nearly 20% of net retail sales in 2021, up from 4% in 2012

- E-commerce in both US and UK
  - Positive site traffic trends +30% over prior year\*
  - Unique visitors average ~2.6M/month\*\*
  - Site visits average ~4.2M/month\*\*
- Addition of Salesforce technology expanded digital capabilities and efficiencies in marketing and analytics



- Ongoing digital developments and initiatives planned or underway designed to drive further growth including recently launched experiential Bear Builder 3D Workshop
- Order fulfillment supported by new warehouse management system and omnichannel capabilities



• Continued momentum with growth in consolidated digital demand of +2.1% in fiscal Q1-2022 compared to fiscal Q1-2021;

+~90% on a two-year basis and +>200% compared to fiscal Q1-2019 \*FY2021 through December \*Combined US and UK sites



# LEVERAGE OMNICHANNEL MODEL WHILE EVOLVING RETAIL

## Wide range of formats:



- Multiple formats serving a wide range of locations including tourist, traditional malls, shop-in-shops including Walmart, seasonal venues or event locations that can also support omnichannel capabilities
- Can operate for days (events such as the NFL Experience), weeks (Gaylord seasonal shops) to months and years

## **Multiple business model options:**

#### Corporately-managed store model Third-party retail model International franchise model Currently 62 locations with 12 partners/ Currently 64 locations in 8 countries 347 long-term and seasonal locations in the operators primarily in the US US, Canada, the UK and Ireland Wholesale business model with entertainment Long-term potential for expansion in existing • 99% of NA stores were profitable and new territories and hospitality partners. Top partners include in FY2021 with 28% average • Established efficient supply chain support for Carnival Cruise Lines and Great Wolf Lodge EBITDA as a percent of sales sourcing products, fixtures and equipment • Little to no startup capital to open stores and Omnichannel capabilities drive efficiency no direct operational overhead (rent, labor, etc) Cedar Fair Knott's Kings Fairmont Walmart **A**Carnival



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Store counts at end of fiscal Q1-2022 excludes vending machines

# **NOT OVERSTORED: FUTURE GROWTH PLANNED IN NORTH AMERICA**

**Build-A-Bear can match the real estate opportunity with the business model** and store format to optimize profitable growth with plans to add approximately 20 locations in fiscal 2022 in North America through a combination of corporately-managed and third-party retail models

- Room to profitably expand: 97% of NA stores were profitable in FY2021 with over 25% average contribution margin and 99% were EBITDA positive with an average rate of 28%
- Support for digital demand: Omnichannel capabilities drive store efficiency
- **High flexibility:** Strong lease optionality with over 75% of locations having a lease event in next 3 years giving high flexibility to continually refine portfolio



- Build-A-Bear Adventure, a destination party-oriented concept, diversifies our location strategy and experiences
- New vending machine (Automatic Teddy Machine or "ATM") is low-labor, efficient way to add non-traditional locations such as airports, children's hospitals and more
- Hybrid center locations extend reach beyond enclosed traditional malls



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# LEVERAGE BRAND STRENGTH TO DIVERSIFY REVENUE STREAMS

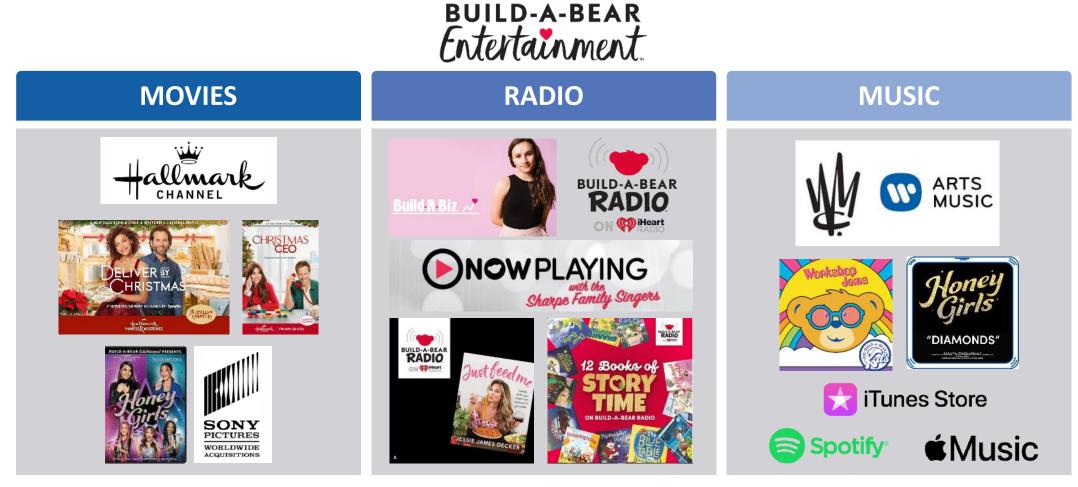
**OUTBOUND LICENSING** leverages the emotional connection and trust that consumers have for Build-A-Bear allowing for expansion into non-plush products sold in other retailers





## **LEVERAGE BRAND STRENGTH TO DEVELOP CONTENT & ENTERTAINMENT**

The emotional connection with the brand makes content and story-telling a central part of consumer engagement. Build-A-Bear Entertainment creates original music, videos and movies in partnership with leaders in the entertainment industry that serves as marketing to drive interest in other revenue channels





## **2021 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

#### THE MOST PROFITABLE YEAR IN BBW HISTORY

# \$411.5MM

+61.2% OVER 2020 +21.6% OVER 2019

# \$50.7MM

+\$70.9MM OVER 2020 +\$49.1MM OVER 2019 HIGHEST IN NEARLY 25-YEAR HISTORY

- Delivered the highest revenue in over a decade and highest profit in company's history even with ongoing impact of global pandemic
- Positive momentum has continued into Q1 2022 and while we are navigating an environment with higher costs and a tight supply chain as well as monitoring the evolving external environment, we have issued guidance reflecting further growth for fiscal 2022 compared to fiscal 2021



GROSS PROFIT MARGIN

**53.0%** +1,480 BPS VS 2020 +760 BPS VS 2019 cash and equivalents

+\$34.8MM 2020 +\$26.7MM 2019

<sup>6</sup> After ~\$20MM special dividend paid in Dec '21



# **CONTINUED MOMENTUM IN FISCAL 2022**

#### Q1 2022 DELIVERED RECORD-SETTING TOTAL REVENUES AND PROFITABILITY

TOTAL REVENUES \$117.7MM VS \$91.7MM IN Q1 2021\* VS \$46.6MM IN Q1 2020\*\* PRE-TAX INCOME \$18.2MM

VS \$13.2MM IN Q1 2021\* VS (\$18.7MM) IN Q1 2020\*\* EBITDA **\$21.5MM** 

VS \$16.3MM IN Q1 2021\* VS (\$15.2MM) IN Q1 2020\*\*

\* In fiscal Q1-2021, the Company's European stores were temporarily closed for the majority of the period

\*\* In fiscal Q1-2020, the Company's North American and European stores were temporarily closed as of March 18, 2020

#### FISCAL 2022 GUIDANCE AT THE MIDPOINT OF THE RANGE

**TOTAL REVENUES PRE-TAX INCOME EBITDA** ~\$57MM ~\$70MM '\$450MM VS \$411.5MM IN FY2021 VS \$63.0MM IN FY2021 VS \$50.7MM IN FY2021 VS \$255.3MM IN FY2020 VS (\$7.0MM) IN FY2020 VS (\$20.2MM) IN FY2020 HIGHEST IN BBW'S **HIGHEST IN BBW'S HIGHEST IN BBW'S 25-YEAR HISTORY 25-YEAR HISTORY 25-YEAR HISTORY** Guidance range of \$440MM-\$460MM Guidance range of \$52MM-\$62MM Guidance range of \$65MM-\$75MM



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# **BUILD-A-BEAR IN SUMMARY**



Highly profitable business with strong profit margins and significant cash resources



Strong brand that connects emotionally with global reach



Poised for future advancement with an established platform reaching broad consumer segments through a diversified omnichannel business model



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Led by a seasoned and accomplished management team that transformed the business into a profitable, digital, growth company



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