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For additional information concerning factors that could cause actual results to materially differ from those projected herein, please refer to our most recent reports on Form 10-K, Form 10-Q and Form 8-K.







# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## **KEY INVESTOR CONSIDERATIONS**



**BRAND POWER:** Trusted and iconic brand captures consumer zeitgeist appealing to today's desire for personalized, shared and *share-able* experiences, comfort products, unique gifting, enthusiast/collectibles, and nostalgia



**DIRECT RELATIONSHIPS with LARGE ADDRESSABLE MARKET:** Multi-generational aspect of the 25-year-old company appeals to a valued and broad demographic spanning ages, genders and socio-economic strata, that desire loyal brand relationships providing relevant engagements that can drive lifetime value



DYNAMIC BUSINESS MODEL: Diverse multi-channel, vertical, experience locations in a variety of viable formats and geographies combined with integrated robust ecommerce business with extensive digital capabilities and key category expansions



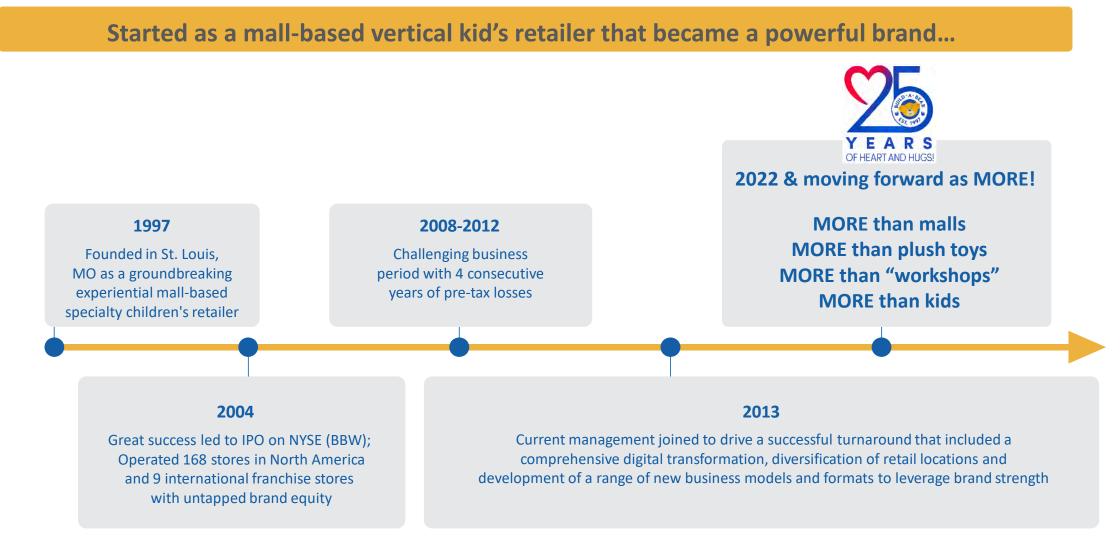
**BUSINESS STRENGTH:** Strong financial results with profitable, growing revenue, high margins, good free cash flow, clean debt-free balance sheet and seasoned executive team



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**CONTINUED OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH ACROSS A NUMBER OF REVENUE STREAMS** WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTROL OVER OUR FUTURE

## BBW's JOURNEY TO **MORE**!



Pivoted to a brand that monetizes equity via multiple channels, categories, consumers and content.

## **BBW IS NOW A DIVERSIFIED COMPANY with A HIGHLY VALUED BRAND**

1997 Mall-based plush toy retailer focused on children



**EVOLVED** 

#### 2022

Multi-channel, multi-generational experience-based brand company in diverse product categories appealing to a broad consumer demographic

#### Select data points:

**MEANINFUL DIGITAL REVENUE; EXPANDED CAPABILITIES** 

Ecommerce was 20% of net retail sales in FY2021

> **IMPRESSIVE** LICENSING PORTFOLIO

Over 75 best-in-class entertainment, sports and pop culture relationships









# **ICONIC BRAND with VALUED & BROAD DEMOGRAPHICS**

## **BBW ENGAGES AT LIFE MOMENTS TO CREATE RELATIONSHIPS**

# FAMILY MEMORIES

Graduations!

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**



# **SPECIAL** OCCASIONS

Made the team!

PARTIES





# PERSONALIZED **GIFTS**

Gender reveal!

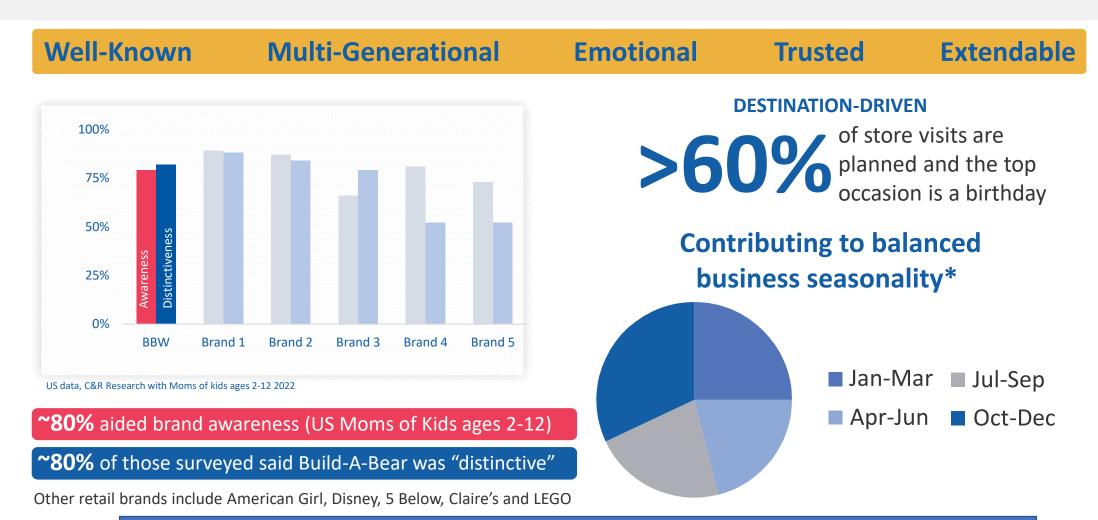


# HOLIDAYS

**Congratulations!** 

BIRTHDAYS

#### **BBW IS BELOVED**



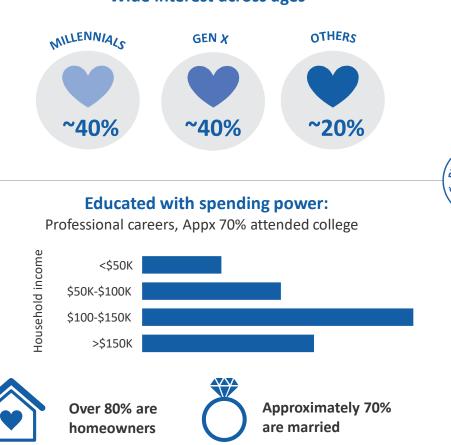


© 2022 Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. First party data email contacts in CRM database
Vast majority in Bonus Club loyalty program

## **BBW HAS DIVERSE AND HIGHLY COVETED CONSUMERS**

Build-A-Bear appeals to a broad demographic market with strong purchasing power and brand loyalty

#### The profile of Build-A-Bear's ~10 million active Bonus Club membership:

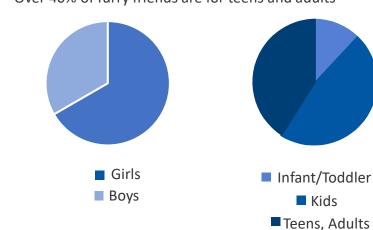


Source: BBW proprietary loyalty program database

Wide interest across ages



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Interests include: Eating out, books/reading, visiting amusement parks

20 million people

**Household Profile** 

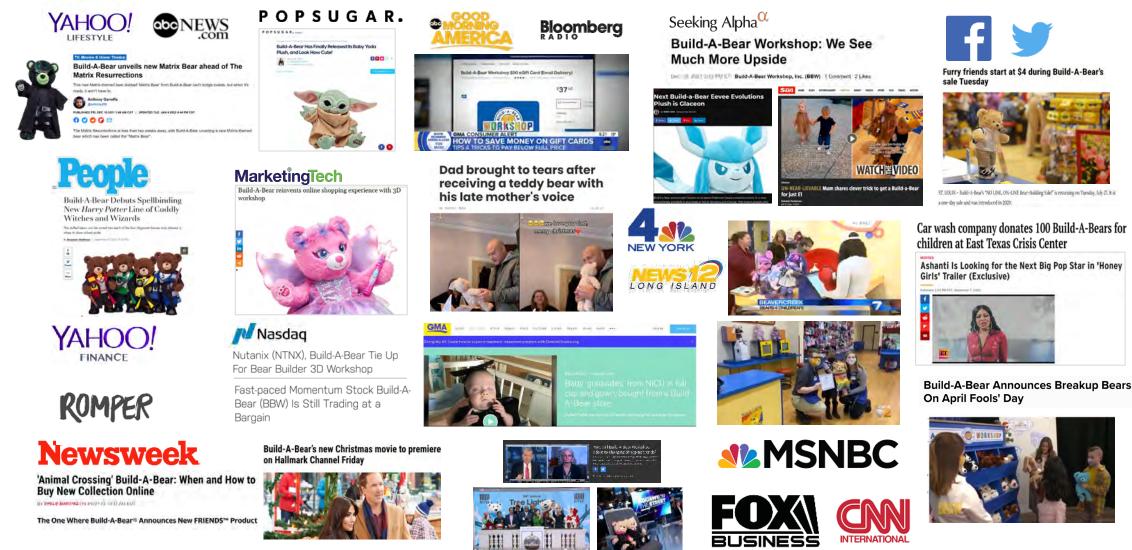
~70% have children giving us reach within households to approximately

#### **Diverse Demographics**

Over 40% of furry friends are for teens and adults

## **BBW GENERATES "FREE" MEDIA**

#### Over 10 Billion annual media and PR impressions in 2020, 2021 and 2022

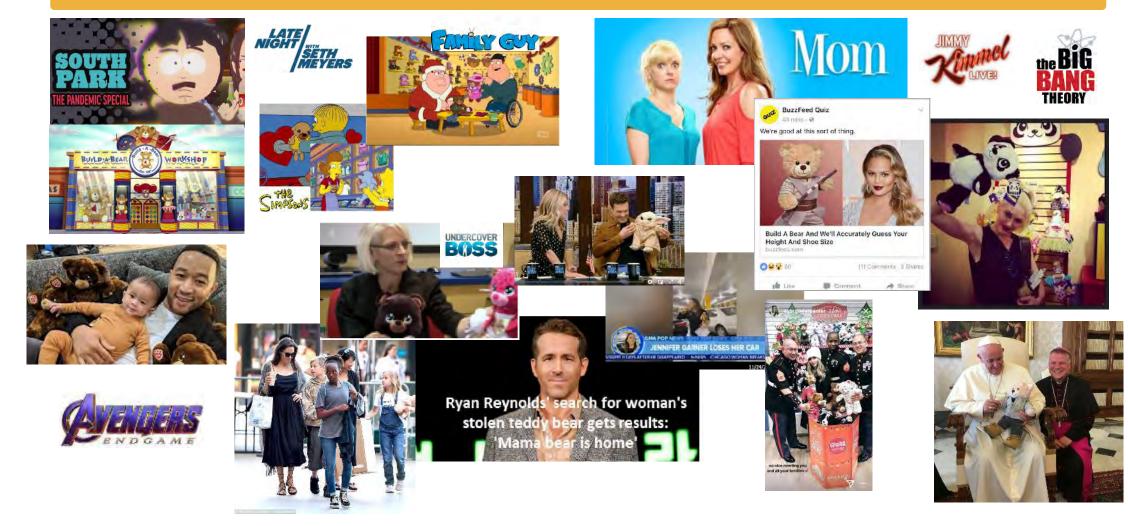






## **BBW** *IS* **POP CULTURE**

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



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© 2022 Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. FROM SOUTH PARK TO THE POPE, MEDIA DRIVES BUILD-A-BEAR'S TOP OF MIND AWARENESS

## **BBW CO-BRANDS WITH LEADING LICENSES**

License relationships with over 75 world-class collaborators from film, TV, art, games, sports and more support enthusiast, collectible, affinity and gifting businesses with appeal to expanded consumer demographics...yet BBW is a brand unto itself providing balanced sales





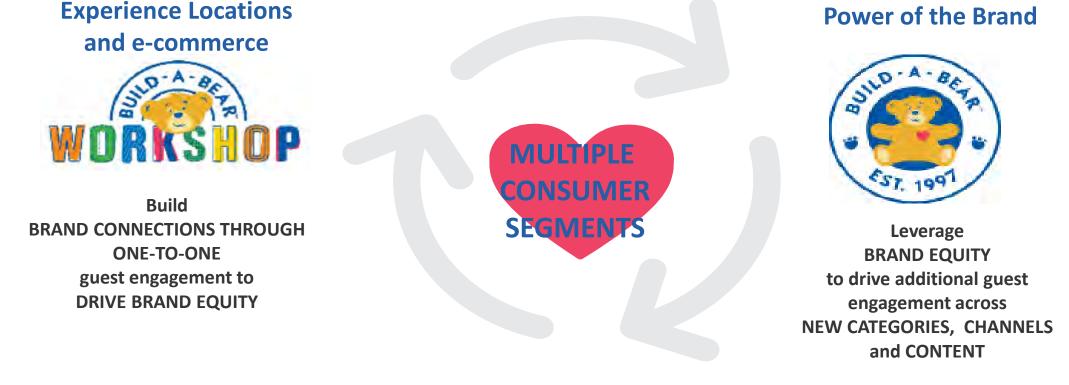




# DYNAMIC MULTI-CHANNEL BUSINESS MODEL

## **BBW HARNESSES BRAND EQUITY and TECHNOLOGY TO DRIVE GROWTH**

BBW operates a dynamic "circle of engagement" model designed to efficiently create multiple consumer touchpoints using our one-to-one experience locations, data capture and advanced digital analytics & communications capabilities to increase lifetime value across a variety of brand interfaces



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#### Build relationships and expand the CONSUMER BASE & LIFETIME VALUE

## **EXPERIENCE LOCATIONS BUILD BRAND and SUPPORT E-COMMERCE**



Award winning concept enjoys a >25% average contribution and virtually 100% of our experience locations were EBITDA positive



Over 50 million guests enter a Build-A-Bear Workshop per year. The iconic hands-on experience builds emotional brand connections, delivers significant consumer data capture and loyalty club sign-up, and generates meaningful cash flow for the company



A broad range of formats, sizes, designs and business models allows locations to operate with less total square footage and higher productivity per square foot than in the past



© 2022 Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. Build-A-Bear locations act as efficient mini distribution centers for our increased digital demand fulfillment leveraging fixed costs like labor and overhead, while reducing last mile time and expense



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#### **EXPERIENCE LOCATIONS HAVE DIVERSE FORMATS AND MODELS**



- Build-A-Bear is NOT overstored, on track to open 20 new locations in 2022 including recently opened Six Flags Magic
   Mountain and the Pro Football Hall of Fame
- Recently added format called Build-A-Bear Adventure includes arcade and party rooms
- Can operate for days (events such as the NFL Experience), weeks (Gaylord seasonal shops) to months and years

#### Most common business model options:

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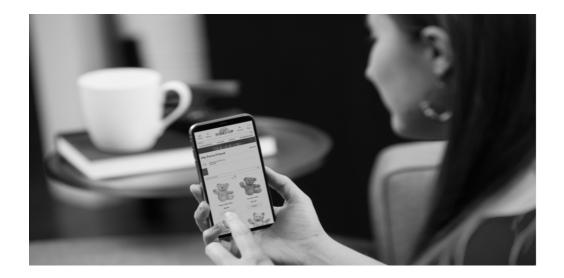




## **BUSINESS IS ENHANCED BY PROFITABLE E-COMMERCE PLATFORM**

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

- E-commerce strong in both US and UK
- Salesforce technology expanding loyalty and digital capabilities and efficiencies in marketing and analytics across platform
- Mobile-first e-commerce site updated in Q3-2022
- Continued momentum with growth in consolidated digital demand for first nine-months of 2022 +~150% vs first nine-months of 2019



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





## **E-COMMERCE GROWTH INCLUDES EXPANSION OF CONSUMER BASE**

Our objective is to extend the reach and size of our market with diverse consumer segments including teens, adults, gift-givers, brand enthusiasts and collectors with new licensed relationships, experiences, and advanced digital marketing activities





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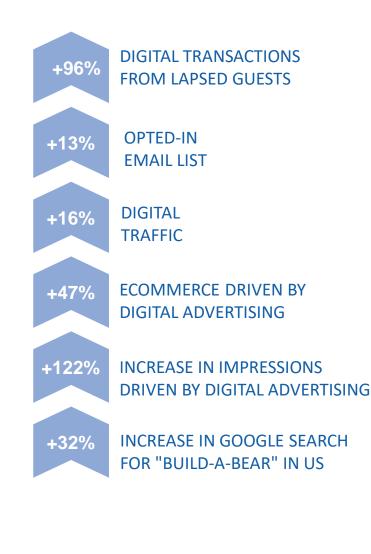
Rather than attempting to focus on "digitizing" the Build-A-Bear "physical" experience, we expanded the addressable market, reasons for being, and brand perception with a new mobile first e-commere site featuring multiple "shop-in-shop" landing pages to appeal to specific consumer segments

## **DIVERSE DIGITAL EXPERIENCES APPEAL TO VARIETY OF GUESTS**

Buildabear.com offers various online shopping experiences and product options to meet the preferences of diverse consumer segments for multiple occasions and products



## **DIGITAL MARKETING CAPABILITIES DRIVING E-COMMERCE GROWTH**



+97% increase in digital transactions from new guests

Digital demand +9% 2021 vs 2020 +157% 2021 vs 2019

VALUABLE FIRST PARTY DATA: Traffic driven by messaging to over 14MM optedin email accounts including ~10MM Bonus Club members as well as on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Google Ads (YouTube, Search, Display), TikTok, and programmatic marketing

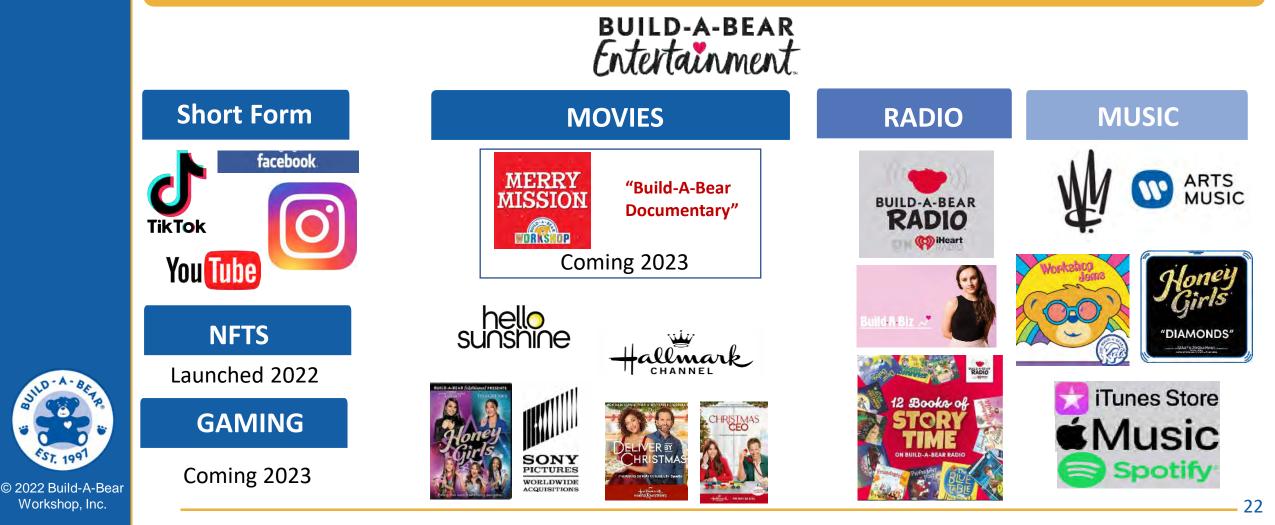


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#### **BRAND POWER SUPPORTS CONTENT & ENTERTAINMENT DEVELOPEMENT**

Given the changing advertising market, the emotional connection with our brand allows story-telling and content to be a central part of engagement. Build-A-Bear Entertainment creates original music, videos and movies in partnership with leaders in the entertainment industry, elevates the brand and drives interest and revenue



## **BRAND POWER DIVERSIFIES REVENUE STREAMS and CATEGORIES**

OUTBOUND LICENSING leverages brand power to expand into non-plush products (out of BBW's core competency) driving margin-rich revenue and providing brand presence and products **sold through thousands of additional retail doors beyond our own footprint** 







# **STRONG FINANCIAL RESULTS**

#### **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 FIRST 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 throughout 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 raised our 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>4</sup> After ~\$20MM special dividend paid in Dec '21



## **CONTINUED MOMENTUM IN FISCAL 2022**

#### FIRST NINE MONTHS 2022 DELIVERED RECORD-SETTING TOTAL REVENUES AND PROFITABILITY

TOTAL REVENUES \$322.8MM Highest in company history VS \$281.6MM IN 2021\* VS \$161.7MM IN 2020\*\* PRE-TAX INCOME \$35.7MM Highest in company history VS \$30.6MM IN 2021\* VS (\$31.0MM) IN 2020\*\* EBITDA \$45.0MM Highest in company history VS \$39.7MM IN 2021\* VS (\$21.1MM) IN 2020\*\*

\* In fiscal 2021, the Company's European stores were temporarily closed for the majority of first quarter

\*\* In fiscal 2020, the Company's North American and European stores were temporarily closed as of March 18, 2020; By the end of H1 2020, 90% of stores had reopened

#### **RECENTLY RAISED FISCAL 2022 GUIDANCE**



The annual guidance takes into account anticipated ongoing inflationary pressures as well as plans to mitigate the impact on margin and assumes no additional material changes in either our supply chain, the macro environment or relevant foreign currency exchange rates



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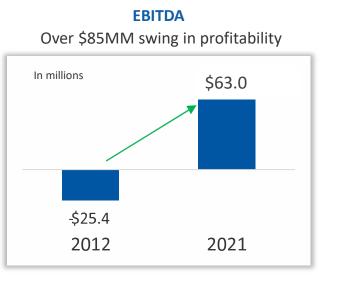
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## **CURRENT MANAGEMENT LED SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS TURNAROUND**



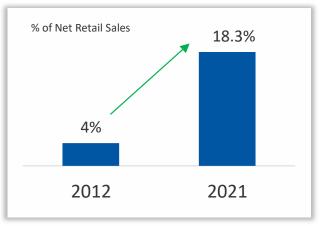
PROFITABLE STORES In North America



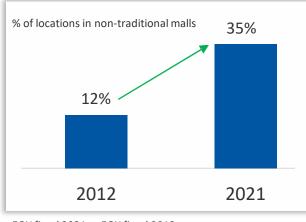


DIGITAL DEMAND

Digital revenue has grown to \$73MM



LOCATION DIVERSIFICATION More than doubled non-traditional locations



EOY fiscal 2021 vs EOY fiscal 2012

#### AVERAGE DOLLARS PER TRANSACTION

Over 50% appreciation in Avg DPT



#### SUSTAINED GROWTH (Excluding 2020 due to negative COVID impact)

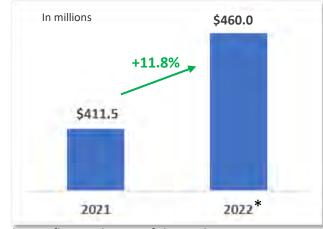


QUARTERLY REVENUES

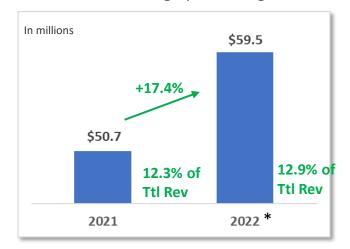
Q4 2022\* expected to be 8th consecutive quarter of revenue growth

TOTAL REVENUES

 $^{\sim}12\%$  growth, following best year in a decade



PRETAX INCOME Double-digit profit margin





## **CONTINUED FOCUS ON SHAREHOLDER RETURN**

- Repurchased ~10% of our outstanding shares since Q3 '19
- Declared \$1.25 Special Dividend in Q4 '2021
- The Board authorized a new \$50.0MM buyback program on August 31, 2022\* and the company has \$46.5MM remaining as of 10/29/22
- Multi-year high stock price achieved \$25.67 as of 12/4/2022









## ACCOMPLISHED & DRIVEN TEAM FOCUSED ON DIVERSIFIED GROWTH

## **EXECUTION OF 2022 STRATEGY DELIVERING ANOTHER RECORD YEAR**

#### Leverage ongoing digital transformation to drive growth

- Increase repeat purchases leveraging the addition of loyalty program and 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 locations in North America 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 strategic initiatives while returning value to shareholders



## **POSITIONED FOR GROWTH IN 2023 AND BEYOND**



**BRAND POWER:** Benchmarking with other brands with similar awareness and affinity metrics shows significant untapped potential to monetize existing equity for further growth across channels



**DIRECT RELATIONSHIPS with LARGE ADDRESSABLE MARKET:** Ability to leverage one:one relationships and first party data to communicate directly with diverse consumer segments (families with kids, teens, adults) with expanded categories, channels and content to improve lifetime value and drive incremental purchase occasions



**DYNAMIC BUSINESS MODEL:** Not over-stored and not over-saturated, opportunity to expand beyond current ~500 global vertical experience locations combined with robust, integrated ecommerce (US and UK), thousands of additional touchpoints (outbound licensing, entertainment) and tens of millions of digital interfaces



2022 Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. **BUSINESS STRENGTH:** Ongoing momentum and proven resilience with double-digit operating margins, strong free cash flow and no debt positions company to execute key initiatives and sustain profitable growth performance and return value to shareholders

#### CONTINUED OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH ACROSS A NUMBER OF REVENUE STREAMS WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTROL OVER OUR FUTURE

## **PROVEN MANAGEMENT TEAM**



Sharon Price John President and Chief Executive Officer

Former President of Stride Rite Children's Group LLC, a division of Wolverine World Wide, Inc. Also: Hasbro, Inc., VTech Industries, Inc. and Mattel, Inc.



#### Jennifer Kretchmar

**Chief Digital & Merchandising Officer** 

Former Senior Vice President of Product and Brand Management of Stride Rite Children's Group LLC, a division of Wolverine World Wide, Inc. Also: The Timberland Company, Goldbug, and the United States Department of Agriculture Foreign Service



Voin Todorovic Chief Financial Officer

Former Head of Finance and Operations Lifestyle Group Wolverine World Wide, Inc.; Vice President - Finance and Administration of the Stride Rite Children's Group. Also: Collective Brands, Inc. and Payless ShoeSource



J. Christopher Hurt Chief Operations Officer

Former Senior Vice President, North America and Vice President/ General Manager - Factory, Canada, Mexico Retail American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.; Also: Polo Ralph Lauren and The Procter & Gamble Company



**Eric Fencl** 

Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Secretary

Former Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary: Outsourcing Solutions Inc.; Legal positions at Monsanto Company, McDonnell Douglas Corporation and Bryan Cave LLP. Also: Arthur Young & Company



### **ACCOMPLISHED BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



#### Craig Leavitt Non-Executive Chairman

Former CEO/Director: Kate Spade & Company; President Global Retail: Link Theory Holdings. Also: Diesel, S.p.A, and Polo Ralph Lauren



#### Robert L. Dixon Jr.

Director

Owner: The RD Factor, Inc.; Former Global Chief Information Officer and Senior Vice President of PepsiCo, Inc. Also: Procter & Gamble Company



#### Maxine Clark

Director and Founder

CEO: Clark-Fox Family Foundation, Founder and Former Chief Executive Bear: Build-A-Bear Workshop. Also: Payless ShoeSource and The May Department Stores Company



#### George Carrara Director

Former President and Chief Operating Officer: Kate Spade & Company; Chief Operating Officer: Tommy Hilfiger North America. Also: Mirage Apparel Group and Price Waterhouse



#### Narayan Iyengar

Director

Former Senior Vice President, Digital and E-Commerce: Albertsons Companies; Vice President, E-Commerce and Digital Analytics: The Walt Disney Company. Also: McKinsey & Company



#### Lesli Rotenberg

Director

Former Chief Programming Executive & General Manager, Children's Media & Education of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS); Senior management at Discovery Communications, Inc.



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## **Explanatory Note on Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

Build-A-Bear Workshop (NYSE: BBW) reports it financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). We have supplemented the reporting of our financial information determined in accordance with GAAP with certain non-GAAP financial measures. These results are included as a complement to results provided in accordance with GAAP because management believes these non-GAAP financial measures help identify underlying trends in the Company's business and provide useful information to both management and investors by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of the Company's core operating results. These measures should not be considered a substitute for or superior to GAAP results. These non-GAAP financial measures are defined and reconciled to the most comparable GAAP measure within this appendix.



## **Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures:**

\$ in millions	1 <sup>st</sup> NINE MONTHS FY22	FY22*
Income before income taxes (pre-tax)	\$35.7	\$59.5
Interest	\$0	\$0
Depreciation & Amortization	\$9.3	\$13.0
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)	\$45.0	\$72.5
*EV2022 at mid year of annual midance		

\*FY2022 at mid-year of annual guidance



#### **Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures:**

First nine months and Fiscal 2021; First nine months and Fiscal 2020

\$ in millions	1 <sup>st</sup> NINE MONTHS FY21	FY21
Income before income taxes (pre-tax)	\$30.6	\$50.7
Interest	\$0	\$0
Depreciation & Amortization	\$9.1	\$12.3
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)	\$39.7	\$63.0

\$ in millions	1 <sup>ST</sup> NINE MONTHS FY20	FY20
Income before income taxes (pre-tax)	(\$31.0)	(\$20.2)
Interest	\$0	\$0
Depreciation & Amortization	\$9.9	\$13.3
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)	(\$21.1)	(\$6.9)





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