



**Q1 FY19 Earnings Release  
Supplemental Material  
December 10, 2018**

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LANE BRYANT

CATHERINES

ANN TAYLOR

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# Q1 FY19

## Earnings Highlights

	GAAP		non-GAAP <sup>(a)</sup>	
	Q1 FY19	Q1 FY18	Q1 FY19	Q1 FY18
Comp Sales			3%	(5%)
Gross Margin	59.4%	60.7%	59.4%	60.7%
BD&O	19.8%	20.0%	19.8%	20.0%
SG&A	31.5%	31.0%	31.5%	30.9%
Operating Income (\$M)	\$38.9	\$39.9	\$46.8	\$68.9
EPS	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.06	\$0.11

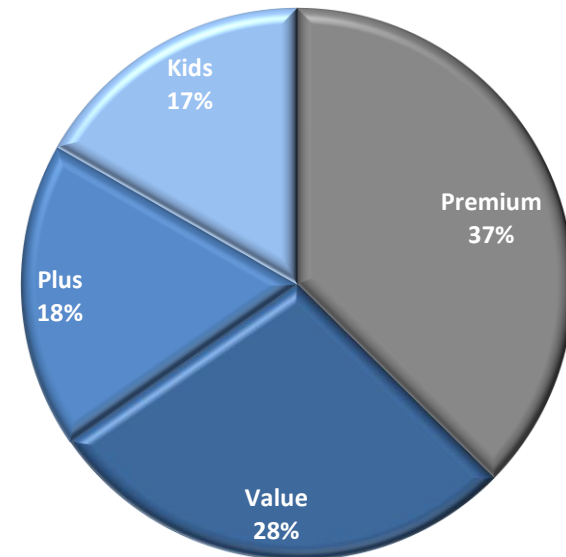
(a) non-GAAP figures are adjusted to exclude restructuring expenses, acquisition and integration expenses, and non-cash purchase accounting adjustments

# Q1 FY19 Sales Summary

## Comp Sales Performance

	Q1 FY19	Q1 FY18
<b>Premium Fashion</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>(6%)</b>
Ann Taylor	7%	(6%)
LOFT	9%	(6%)
<b>Value Fashion</b>	<b>(3%)</b>	<b>(7%)</b>
maurices	(3%)	(5%)
dressbarn	(4%)	(10%)
<b>Plus Fashion</b>	<b>(2%)</b>	<b>(4%)</b>
Lane Bryant	(2%)	(5%)
Catherines	(3%)	(3%)
<b>Kids Fashion</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>(2%)</b>
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>(5%)</b>

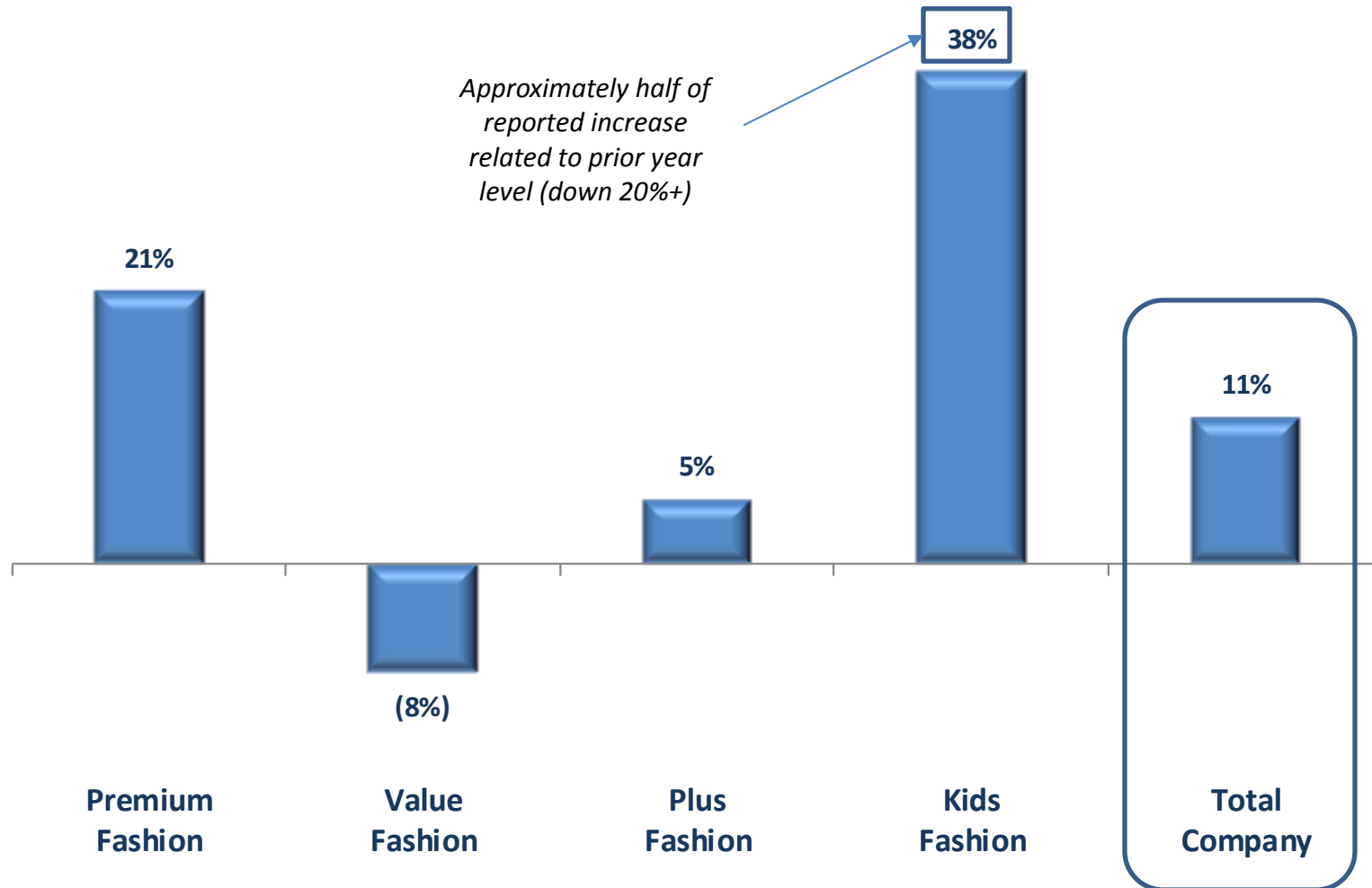
## Q1 FY19 Sales Mix



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## End-of-Period Inventory (Cost)

*Approximately half of the total company increase was caused by receipt timing shifts related to 53<sup>rd</sup> week in prior fiscal year, with impact primarily in Kids and Premium segments*



# Q1 FY19

## Capital Structure / Cash Flow



➤ Capital expenditures:	\$32 million <sup>(a)</sup>
➤ Ending cash and equivalents:	\$199 million
➤ Ending debt:	\$1,372 million <sup>(b)</sup>
➤ Ending net debt to TTM EBITDA:	~2.7x <sup>(c)</sup>
➤ TTM EBITDA cash interest coverage:	~4.5x <sup>(c,d)</sup>
➤ Current liquidity:	\$672 million <sup>(e)</sup>

*(a) Excludes change in period end accruals (\$21 million as of Q4 FY18 and \$14 million as of Q1 FY19)*

*(b) Reflects term loan balance; asset-based revolver undrawn at quarter end*

*(c) Ending debt net of cash and equivalents to TTM non-GAAP EBITDA of \$435 million*

*(d) Based on TTM average Term Loan balance of \$1,488 million and TTM average interest rate of approximately 6.5%*

*(e) Ending cash and equivalents plus \$473 million of availability under the asset based revolver*

# Real Estate Summary

	Store Locations End of Q4	Q1 FY19			Q1 FY18
		Store Locations Opened	Store Locations Closed	Store Locations End of Q1	Store Locations End of Q1
<b>Premium Fashion</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1,001</b>
Ann Taylor	304	1	(2)	303	320
LOFT	672	4	(4)	672	681
<b>Value Fashion</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(18)</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>1,780</b>
maurices	972	0	(11)	961	1,008
dressbarn	730	0	(7)	723	772
<b>Plus Fashion</b>	<b>1,097</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,119</b>
Lane Bryant	749	0	(2)	747	764
Catherines	348	0	(3)	345	355
<b>Kids Fashion</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>894</b>
<b>Total Company</b>	<b>4,622</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>4,596</b>	<b>4,794</b>

# Q1 Results vs. 9/24/18 Guidance

## non-GAAP Basis



	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Guidance</u>
<b>Total Company Sales</b>	<b>\$1.592B</b>	<b>\$1.54 to \$1.56B</b>
<b>Comparable Sales</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>Flat to up 2%</b>
<b>Gross Margin</b>	<b>59.4%</b>	<b>60.0% to 60.5%</b>
<b>Depreciation and amortization</b>	<b>\$82M</b>	<b>~\$84M</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>\$47M</b>	<b>\$22 to \$42M</b>
<b>Interest expense <sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>\$26M</b>	<b>~\$27M</b>
<b>Diluted share count</b>	<b>201M</b>	<b>200M</b>
<b>EPS</b>	<b>\$0.06</b>	<b>(\$0.04) to \$0.06</b>

*(a) Inclusive of non-cash interest of approximately \$3M related to the amortization of the term loan original issue discount and debt issuance costs (consistent with guidance).*



# Q2 and Full Year FY19 Guidance

## non-GAAP Basis



	<u>Q2 FY19</u>	<u>Full Year FY19</u>
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>\$1.675 to \$1.705B</b>	<b>\$6.45 to \$6.55B</b>
<b>Comparable Sales</b>	<b>up 2 to 4%</b>	<b>up low single digits</b>
<b>Gross Margin</b>	<b>54.2% to 54.8%</b>	<b>57.6% to 58.1%</b>
<b>Depreciation and amortization</b>	<b>~\$84M</b>	<b>\$327 to \$332M</b>
<b>Operating (Loss) Income</b>	<b>(\$30M) to (\$10M)</b>	<b>\$120 to \$140M</b>
<b>Interest expense<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>~\$26M</b>	<b>~\$108M</b>
<b>Diluted share count<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>198M</b>	<b>201M</b>
<b>EPS<sup>(c)</sup></b>	<b>(\$0.25) to (\$0.15)</b>	<b>\$0.00 to \$0.10</b>
<b>Ending store count</b>		<b>4,375 to 4,425</b>

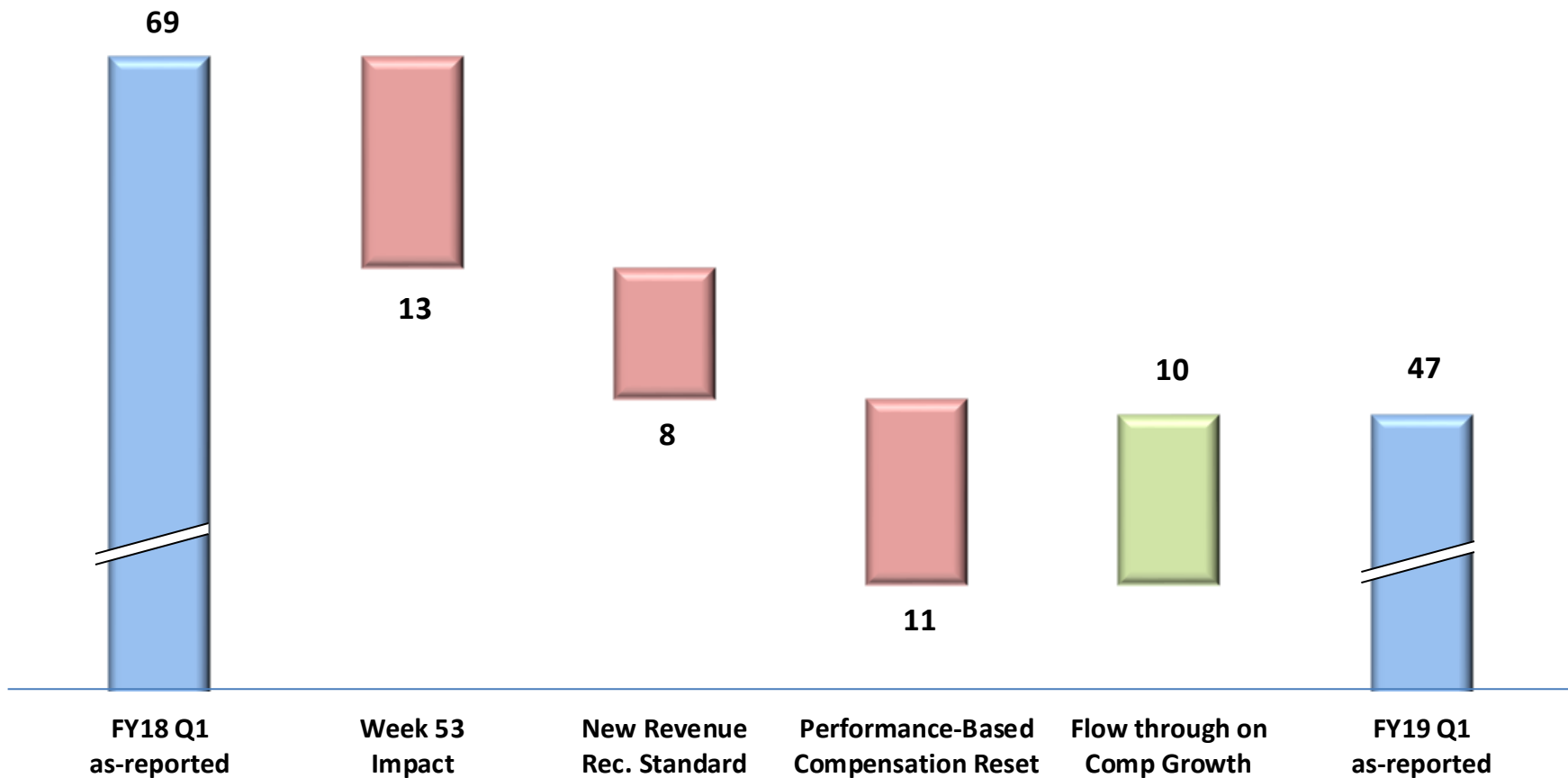
(a) Inclusive of non-cash interest of approximately \$3M and \$11M related to the amortization of the term loan original issue discount and debt issuance costs for Q2 Fiscal 2019 and Full Year Fiscal 2019.

(b) Share count for Q2 Fiscal 2019 excludes the impact of dilutive securities due to the projected loss.

(c) Inclusive of the statutory tax rate and changes in tax regulations on foreign sourced income and non-deductible executive compensation.

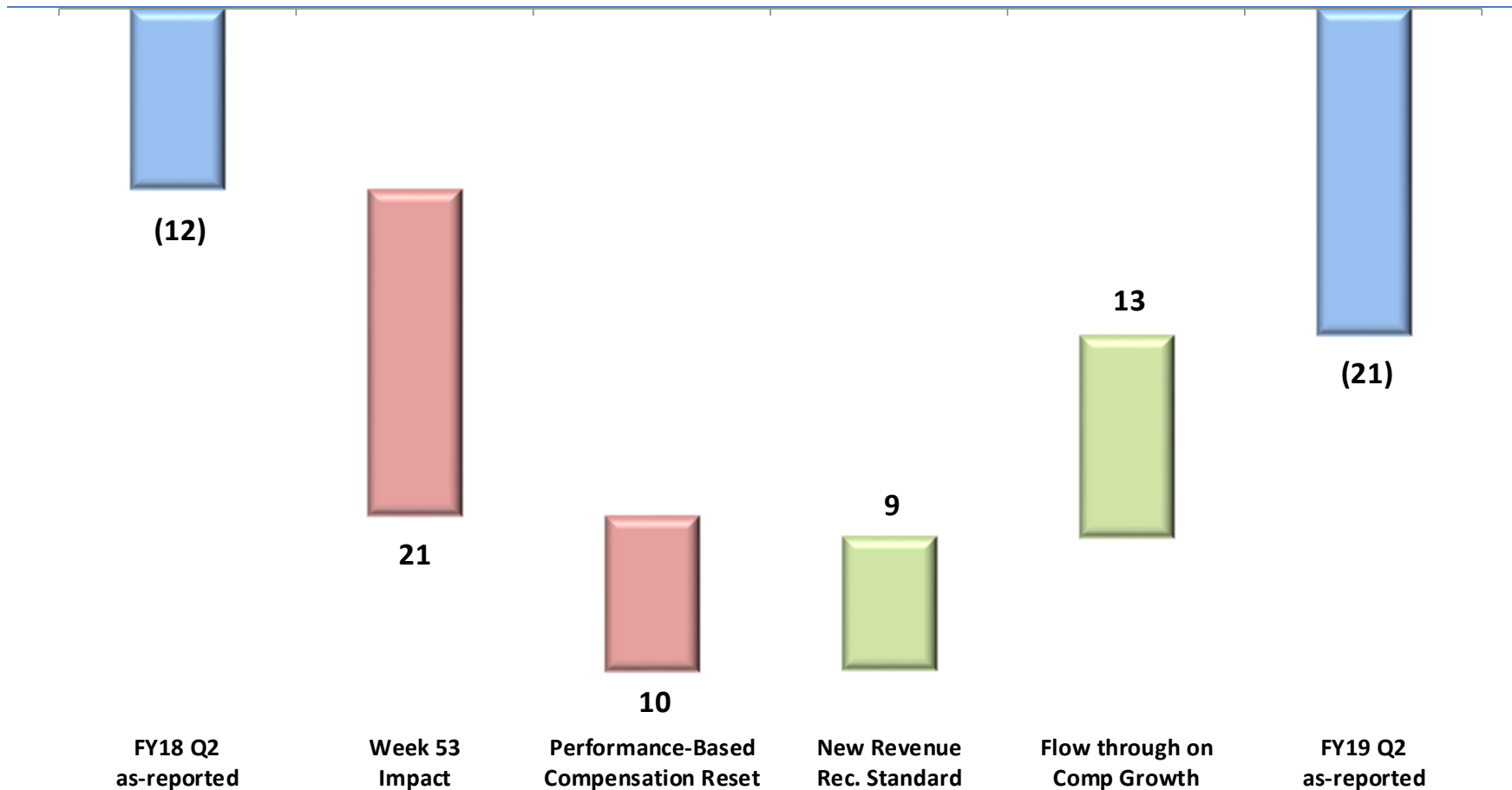
# FY19 Q1 adjusted operating income walk non-GAAP Basis

*(\$ millions)*



# FY19 Q2 adjusted operating income walk non-GAAP Basis

*(\$ millions)*



# Change for Growth program savings outlook

(\$ millions)

		<u>FY17(A)</u>	<u>FY18(A)</u>	<u>FY19(E)</u>	<u>FY20(E)</u>	<u>Total(E)</u>
	Operating model					
SG&A	Front office efficiencies	29	37	0		66
SG&A	Corporate efficiencies	7	22	13		42
SG&A	Non-merch procurement	16	43	30	11	100
BD&O	Fleet Optimization	11	18	23	8	60
SG&A	IT efficiencies		2	15	15	32
	<b>Total Opex</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>300</b>
COGS	Sourcing	0	15	9	TBD	24
	<b>Total savings</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>324</b>

# Comparable Sales

## impact of FY18 53<sup>rd</sup> week shift

*(\$ millions)*

*Comparable sales increase / (decrease) resulting from additional week*

	<u>Premium</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Plus</u>	<u>Kids</u>	<u>ascena</u>
Q1	0.4	(1.9)	(2.6)	(18.4)	(22.5)
Q2	(9.9)	(9.1)	(4.3)	(5.2)	(28.4)
Q3	N / A	17.1	10.1	6.0	33.2
Q4	N / A	(6.1)	(3.2)	17.6	8.3
Full Year	(9.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	(9.5)

*Note: Premium segment 53<sup>rd</sup> week executed in January 2018 vs. remaining segments, which were executed in July 2018*

# FY19 Q1 adjusted operating expense walk non-GAAP Basis

(\$ millions)

