

Investor Presentation First Quarter 2005



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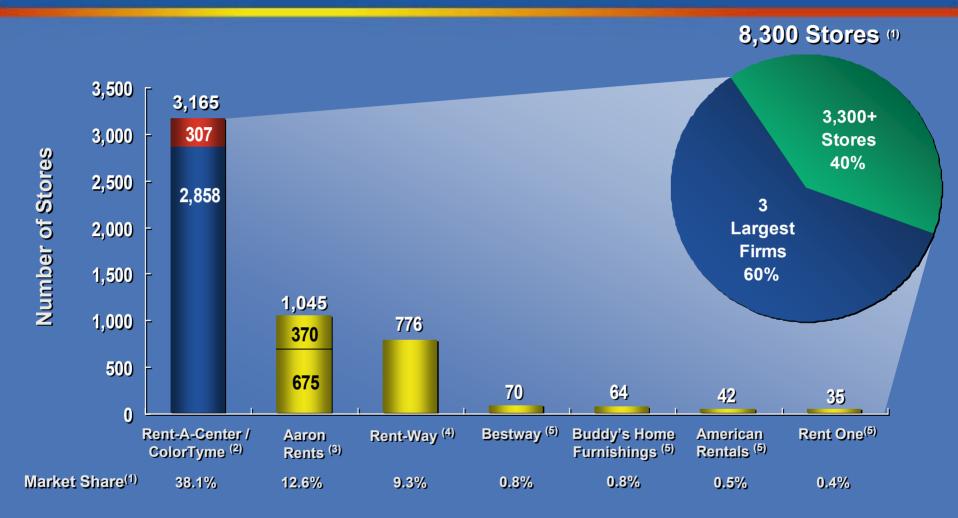


Leading RTO Operator in U.S.

- Largest rent-to-own operator in the U.S.
 - 34% market share based on 2,858 domestic store count as of 3/31/05
 - ColorTyme subsidiary represents an additional 4% market share
- Broad selection of high quality goods through flexible rental agreements
 - Home electronics 35% of rental revenue
 - Furniture and home accessories 38% of rental revenue
 - Appliances 15% of rental revenue
 - Personal computers 12% of rental revenue
- Primarily serves the "underbanked" consumer
- Generated \$2.33 billion in LTM revenue and \$376.5 million in LTM EBITDA as of March 31, 2005



Leading Player in Fragmented Marketplace



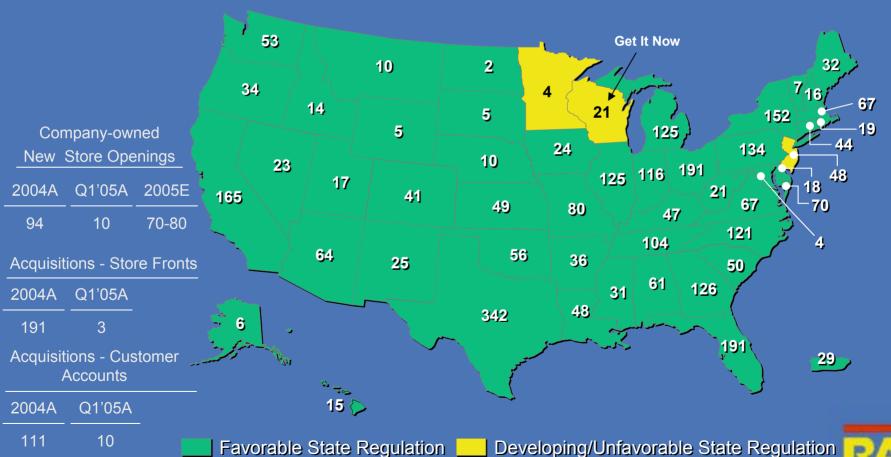
Notes:

- (1) Based on Association of Progressive Rental Organization (APRO) estimates in 2004 Industry Survey of 8.300 total stores
- (2) Company data as of March 31, 2005
- (3) Company's estimates based on Aaron Rents press release of March 1, 2005
- (4) Company press release of March 23, 2005
- (5) Company website estimates as of April 14, 2005

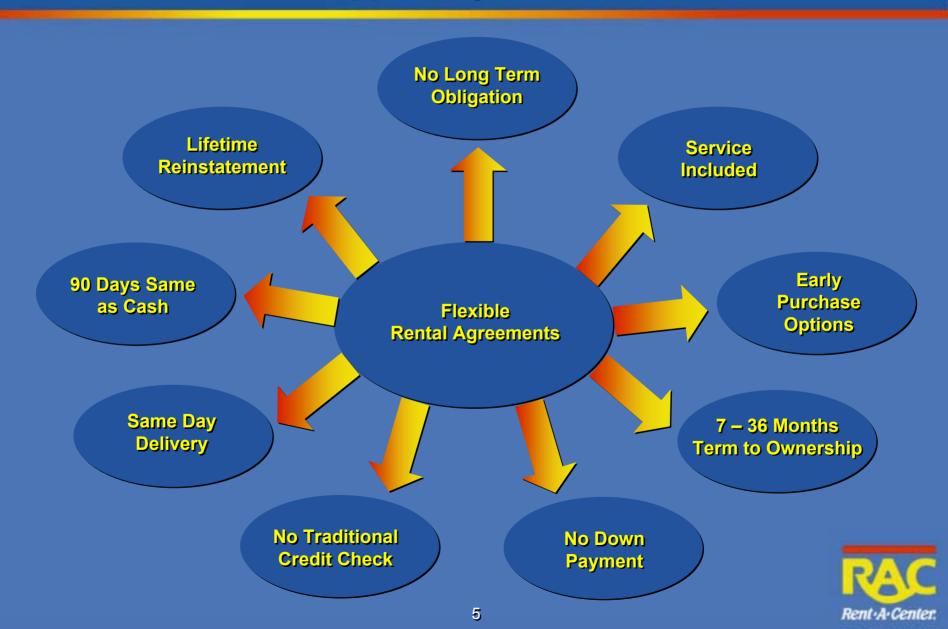


Leading National Footprint

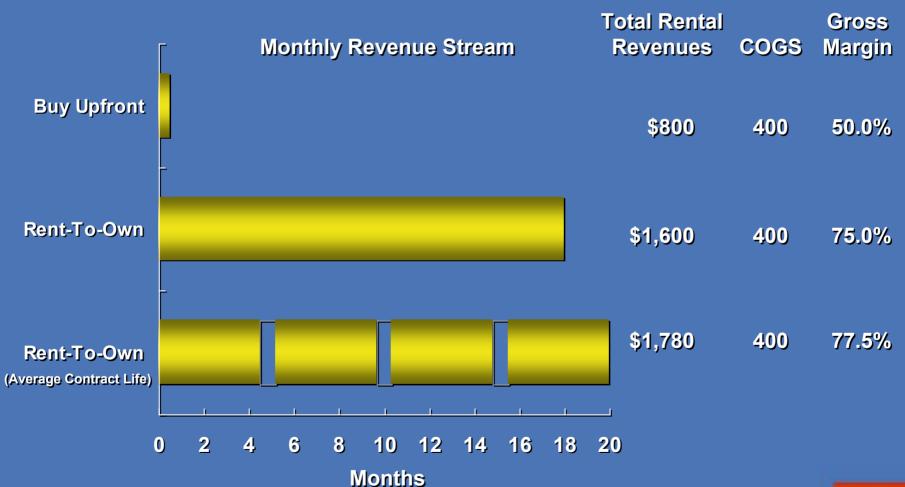
2,858 domestic company-owned stores and 307 franchised stores 5 company-owned stores in Canada



Rent-to-Own is an Appealing Transaction...



...With Attractive Economics ...



...Consistent Industry Growth...



Source: APRO 2004 Industry Survey



Levers of Growth for Rent-to-Own

- Open New Rent-to-Own Stores
- Acquire Existing Rent-to-Own Stores
 - Storefronts
 - Customer Accounts
- Grow Same Store Sales
 - Merchandise Mix
 - Agreements per Customer
 - Customer Growth



Serves the "Underbanked Working Family"

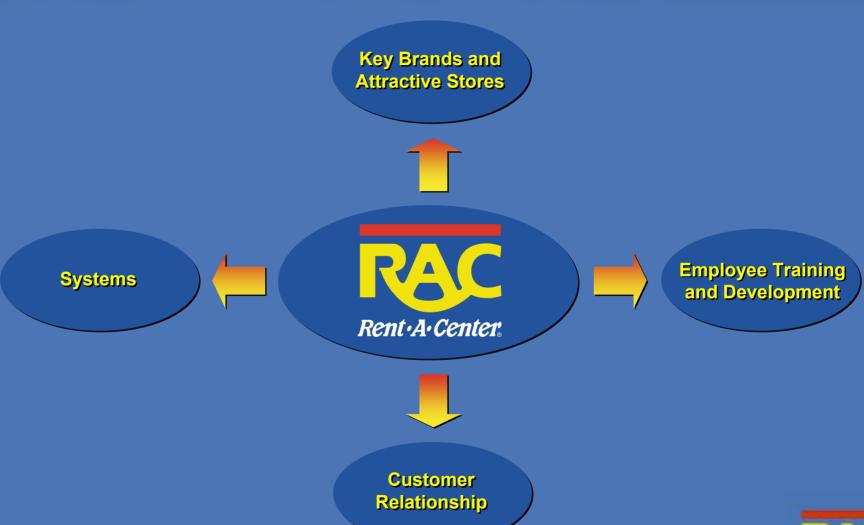
- 75% of Customers in the Industry have Household Incomes between \$15,000 and \$50,000⁽¹⁾
- 45 million Households with Household Incomes between \$15,000 and \$50,000⁽²⁾
- Industry is Serving only 2.7 million of these Households⁽³⁾
- Great Market Opportunity



⁽²⁾ U.S. Census Bureau - 2001

⁽³⁾ APRO 2004 Industry Survey

Proven Business Model



Rent-A-Center Store Profitability vs. Peers

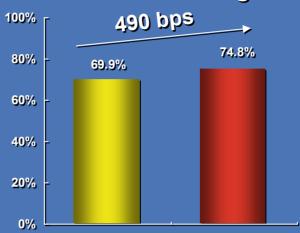
Monthly Revenue



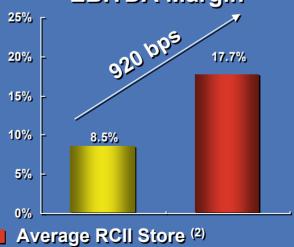
Store Operating Margin



Gross Profit Margin



EBITDA Margin



Notes: (1) Source: APRO 2004 Industry Survey.



⁽²⁾ Per LTM data for the period ended March 31, 2005 for Rent-A-Center stores (excludes Rainbow & Rent Rite storefronts, Get It Now, ColorTyme, and Canada)

⁽³⁾ Store Operating Margin is before overhead allocation, EBITDA Margin is after overhead allocation

Easily Accessible, Highly Visible Sites



Leased Sites Only



Spacious Showroom Interior



No Warehouses - Vendors Ship Directly to the Stores



High Quality, Brand-name Merchandise

Electronics 35% of Rental Revenue





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Furniture 38% of Rental Revenue









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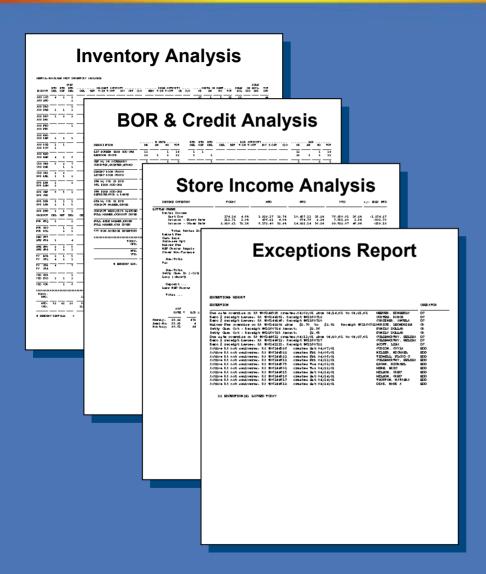








State-of-the-Art Systems Capabilities



- Daily reports at all levels of organization from store manager to Chairman/CEO
- Manage by exception philosophy
- Systems help enforce strict inventory/cost control

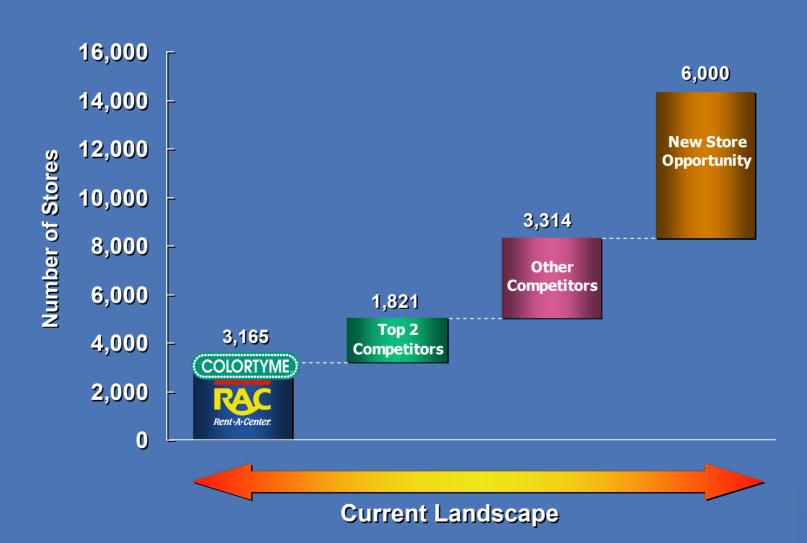


Strategic Objectives

- Enhance Store Level Operations and Profitability
- Open New Stores
- Acquire Existing Rent-to-Own Stores
- Enhance National Brand
- Expand into New Businesses that serve our Customer Demographic



Significant Domestic Market Opportunity





Strong New Store Economics

- Start-up investment of approximately \$500,000 (3/4 for inventory)
- Begin turning a monthly profit in approximately nine months
- Cumulative break even within 18–24 months
- Internal Rate of Return of approximately 50%

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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Revenues	\$425,000	\$675,000	\$750,000	\$800,000
EBITDA	(\$50,000)	\$110,000	\$140,000	\$160,000
EBITDA Margin	(12%)	16%	19%	20%

Note: (1) Before market and corporate allocation and income tax expense, terminal value of 6.5 X EBITDA in Year 4



Enhancing National Brand





- National and spot media
- Loyalty program
- NASCAR sponsorship with Ford Motor Company and the U.S. Air Force
- Strategic Business Relationships



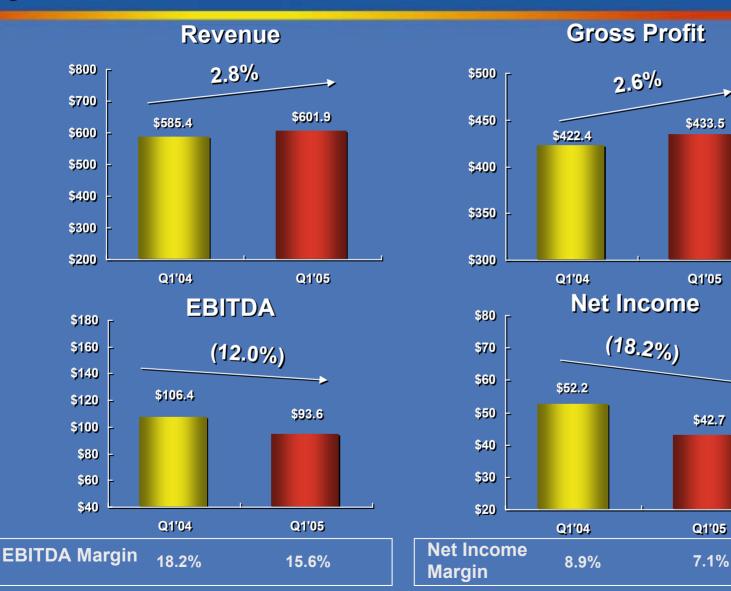
Experienced Management Team

- Senior management team is the most experienced in RTO industry
 - CEO Mark Speese has over 26 years RTO experience
 - President Mitch Fadel has over 22 years of RTO experience
 - Senior executives average over 10 years of RTO experience
- Attracting the best personnel with industry-leading salary and incentive plans



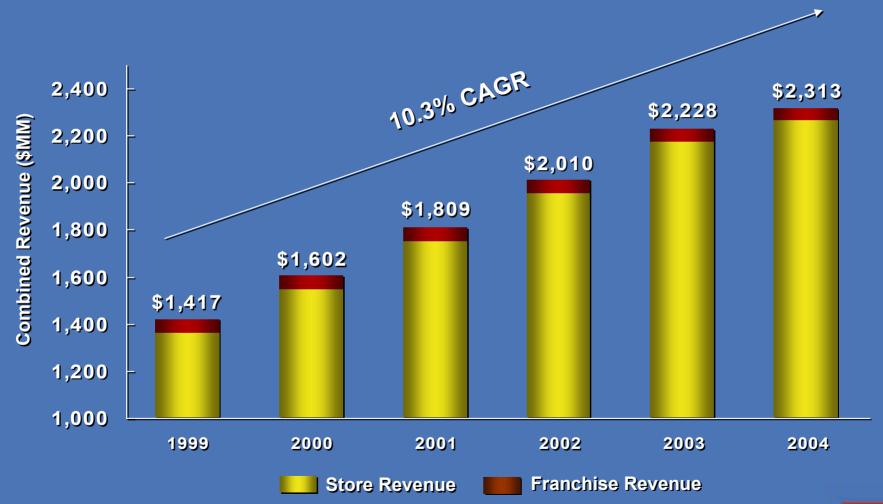
Financial Overview

1Q'05 Review





Strong, Consistent Sales Growth





Current Capital Structure

(in millions of dollars)	Mar 31 2004	% of Book Capital	Mar 31 2005	% of Book Capital
Cash & Equivalents	\$273.4	N/A_	\$75.2	N/A
Senior Credit Facilities	397.0	25.7%	347.4	23.2%
Subordinated Notes	300.0	19.5%	300.0	20.1%
Total Debt	697.0	45.2%	647.4	43.3%
Shareholder's Equity	844.4	54.8%	846.8	56.7%
Total Capitalization	\$1,541.4	100.0%	\$1,494.2	100.0%

Consolidated Leverage Ratio 1.54x (Q1'05)
Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio 9.83x (Q1'05)

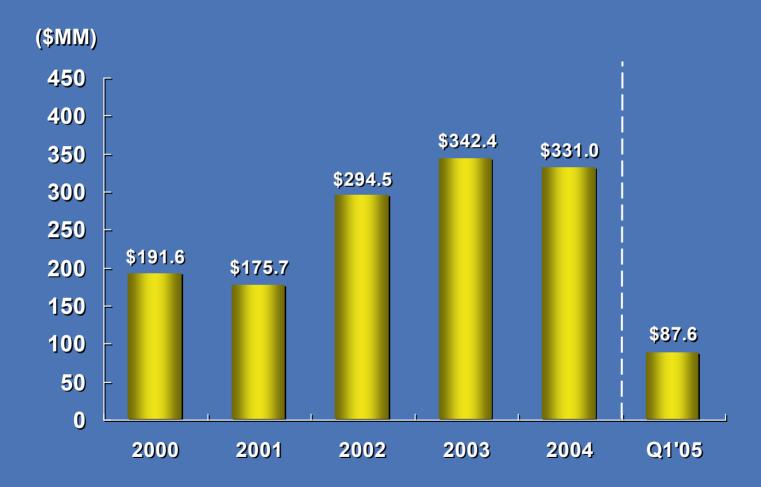


EBITDA and EBITDA Margin





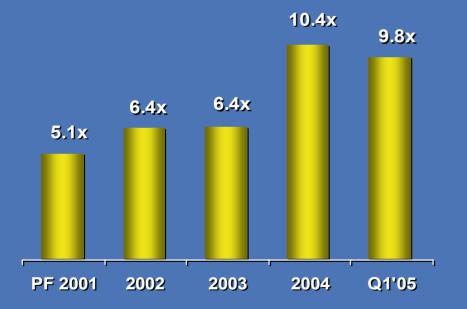
Operating Cash Flow





Key Credit Ratios





Consolidated Leverage Ratio (2)



Notes:

(1) LTM EBITDA divided by LTM Net Interest Expense

(2) Total Debt minus cash divided by LTM EBITDA



Schedule of Free Cash Flow 2005 Estimate

EBITDA \$365MM - \$385MM

Net Cash Interest (\$40MM)

CapEx (\$60MM)

Net Investment in

Rental Merchandise (\$10MM)

Taxes (\$130MM)

Free Cash Flow \$125MM - \$145MM

Free Cash Flow Yield of Approximately 7%



Guidance

QUARTERLY	<u>Q2'04A</u>	<u>Q2'05P</u>
Total Revenue	\$573.0 MM	\$576.0-\$584.0 MM
Diluted EPS	\$0.62	\$0.51 - \$0.55
ANNUAL	<u>2004A</u>	<u>2005P</u>
ANNUAL Total Revenue	2004A \$2.31 BN	2005P \$2.37-\$2.40 BN

^{*} Excludes the effects of \$47.0 million in pre-tax charges associated with the Griego/Carrillo litigation and \$4.2 million in pre-tax charges associated with refinancing of the Company's senior credit facility. It also excludes the effects of \$7.9 million in one-time other income associated with the sale of charged-off accounts.



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