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# Rent-A-Center will continue to return value to shareholders in a number of ways

Core U.S.

- Optimize profitability in maturing business
- Strategic initiatives such as Flexible Labor and Supply Chain

**Acceptance NOW** 

- Grow units and earnings
- Expand beyond staffed model through Unmanned locations

Reduce EPS volatility

 Improve leverage and increase transparency of disclosure



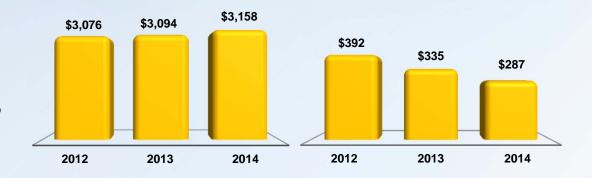
# **Rent-A-Center snapshot**

#### **Rent-A-Center overview**

- Rent-A-Center (NASDAQ: RCII) is one of the <u>Largest</u> rent-to-own ("RTO") operators in the U.S.
  - 4,594 locations across the US, Mexico,
     Canada and Puerto Rico
    - 2,824 Core U.S. locations
    - 1,406 Kiosks at retailers
    - 177 Mexico locations
    - 187 Franchised stores
- Offers high quality, durable products
  - Flexible rental purchase agreements
  - Generally allows customers to obtain ownership at the conclusion of an agreed upon rental term

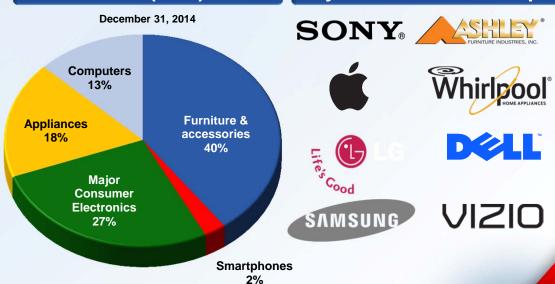
### Revenue (\$mm)

## EBITDA (\$mm)



### Product mix (LTM) (1)(2)

### Key vendor relationships



- 1) Includes Core U.S. and Acceptance Now stores only
- 2) Percentages based on Total Rental Income



# RTO industry offers attractive fundamentals and Rent-A-Center is one of the largest operators

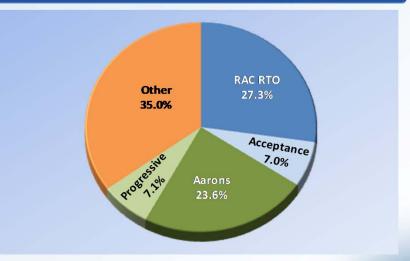
### **Key industry facts**

- ~\$9.0 billion industry (2014 estimate)
- 18,000+ stores across the United States, Mexico and Canada
- Serves an estimated 4.8 million households
- Revenue increased by a 6.2% CAGR from 2007-2012
- National industry with established, constructive regulatory environment

### RTO industry revenue (billions) (1)



## 2014 Total Revenue (Estimated) (2)



<sup>(1)</sup> APRO (Association of Progressive Rental Organizations) as October 2013; Industry numbers were not updated in 2011 or 2013 (2) RAC internal estimation

# **Strategic Priorities**



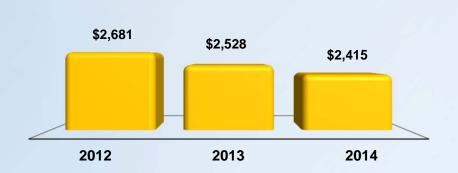
# Core U.S. Segment overview



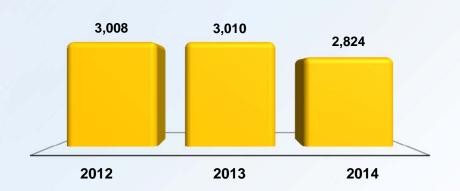
### **Domestic company-owned RTO operations:**

- Offering high-quality products to consumers under flexible rental-purchase agreements
- Largest segment with 77% of 2014 revenues

# Revenue (\$mm)



## Locations



## **Brands**







# Core U.S. Strategic Initiatives



## **Strategic Initiatives**

## **Smart Phones**

- Name-brand smart phones with no credit needed and no-contract plans
- Expect smart phones to become 10% of revenue in the Core segment
- Losses expected to be higher than the average product line, but smart phones stay on rent longer and helped improve same-store sales in second half of 2014

# **Pricing**

- Pricing options beyond weekly rate and term
- Utilize value-based pricing strategies and market intelligence to optimize our historically cost plus pricing approach
- Used for smart phone rollout in Q3 2014 and rolled out initial price changes in certain product categories in Q4 2014

# Core U.S. Strategic Initiatives (Contd.)



## **Strategic Initiatives**

## Flexible Labor Model

- Replacing fixed overtime hours with part-time hours
- \$20-\$25mm of annual labor savings opportunity related to overtime premium
- Ability to flex hours up or down based on store activity levels
- Currently in second phase of testing with rollout plan expected to begin in mid 2015

# **Supply Chain**

- Product cost savings from a more efficient supply chain using 3rd party logistics provider
- Improve in-stock rates by reducing shipping lead times
- Expanded competitive bidding process
- Rollout plan expected to begin in second half of 2015

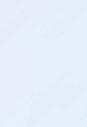
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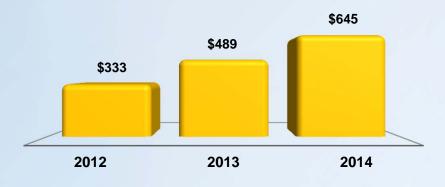
#### RTO kiosks inside traditional retail stores:

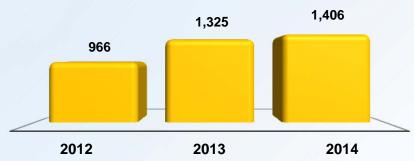
- Alternative transaction for customers of retail partners who cannot buy on credit
- Rapidly growing segment with 20% of 2014 revenues

# Revenue (\$mm)









#### Strategic Initiatives

- Unmanned technology for lower volume locations
  - 1,250 locations by the end of 2015 including conversion of 100 currently manned locations
  - Revenue impact of approximately \$4mm in 2015
- Piloting different pricing options



# **Acceptance NOW continues to expand**

#### **Description**

- Kiosks inside traditional retailers
  - Customers turned down for credit are referred to Acceptance NOW
  - Retailers "save the sale" (~50% conversion rate)
  - Developing Unmanned technology for lower volume locations
- Low initial investment since inventory is not purchased until the sale is made
- Growing customer base and increase market penetration
  - Same Store Sales (Q4'14): 28.4%; 2014: 25.5%

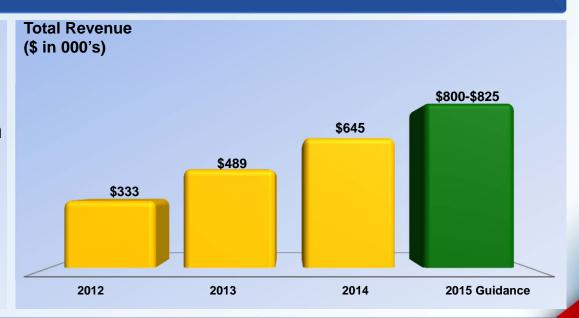
### Capturing a new customer base

Credit scores:	< 520	521–580	> 581
TAN STANDON	50%	27%	23%
Acceptance NOW	41%	29%	30%

(1) Random sample of 1,000 RTO & 1,000 Acceptance NOW customer's credit scores provided by TransUnion

#### **Status**

Implemented virtual technology in over 650 existing manned kiosks in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2014





# **Mexico and Franchise Segment overview**

#### Mexico

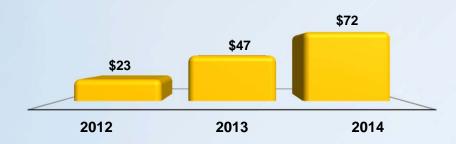
#### Mexico company-owned RTO operations:

- Potential platform for future international expansion
- Rapidly growing segment with 2% of 2014 revenues

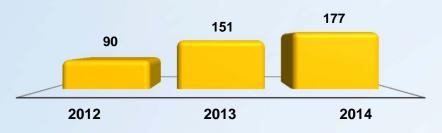
## **Franchising**

#### Franchisor of RTO stores:

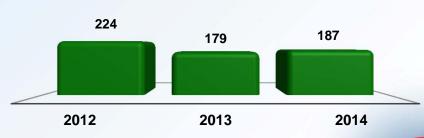
- Sells merchandise to franchisors who in turn rent it out to public
- Earn royalties of approx. 2-6% of revenues
- 1% of 2014 revenues



















# **Financial Highlights**

# Q4 2014 Rent-A-Center operating results

## Q4 2014 Financial Metrics (Non-GAAP)

(\$ in MM)	Q4'14	Q4'13 <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>△</b> YoY
Core US	\$601	\$615	(2.4%)
Acceptance NOW	170	130	30.8%
Mexico	20	14	38.5%
Franchising	7	7	1.6%
Total Revenue	\$797	\$766	4.0%
Same Store Sales	4.7%	(1.1%)	+ 580 bps
Core US	\$433	\$448	(3.4%)
Acceptance NOW	98	81	21.5%
Mexico	13	10	30.9%
Franchising	2	2	26.8%
Total Gross Profit	\$546	\$540	1.1%
Gross Profit Margin	68.5%	70.5%	(200 bps)
Core US	\$68	\$56	21.6%
Acceptance NOW	27	22	24.4%
Mexico	(5)	(6)	14.6%
Franchising	1	0	<i>4</i> 29.2%
Corporate	(42)	(38)	(13.1%)
Operating Profit	\$49	\$35	40.9%
Operating Profit Margin	6.1%	4.5%	+ 160 bps
EBITDA	\$76	\$63	19.8%
EBITDA Margin	9.5%	8.3%	+ 120 bps
CapEx	\$22	\$35	(36.3%)

## Q4 2014 Key Results

- Total revenues for the year increased ~ \$31mm, or 4.0%
  - Revenue and same store sales increase primarily driven by the Acceptance NOW and Mexico segments, partially offset by a decrease in Core U.S. segment
- While gross profit margins decreased 200 bps, gross profit dollars increased over ~\$6mm, or 1.1%
- Operating profit increased ~\$14mm, or 40.9%
- Core U.S. operating profit margin increased 220 bps compared to a year ago
- Acceptance NOW gross profit margin was negatively impacted by more stores offering 90 day option pricing
- Acceptance NOW operating margin decreased 80 bps, negatively impacted by higher skip/stolen
- Opened 69 Acceptance NOW kiosks in the U.S.



<sup>(1)</sup> Includes restated financials

# 2014 Rent-A-Center operating results

## 2014 Financial Metrics (Non-GAAP)

(\$ in MM)	2014	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>△</b> YoY
Core US	\$2,415	\$2,528	(4.5%)
Acceptance NOW	645	489	31.9%
Mexico	72	47	53.1%
Franchising	26	30	(12.4%)
Total Revenue	\$3,158	\$3,094	2.1%
Same Store Sales	1.2%	(2.0%)	+ 320 bps
Core US	\$1,746	\$1,822	(4.2%)
Acceptance NOW	373	291	28.2%
Mexico	51	34	50.5%
Franchising	8	7	20.3%
Total Gross Profit	\$2,178	\$2,153	1.1%
Gross Profit Margin	69.0%	69.6%	(60 bps)
Core US	\$263	\$311	(15.5%)
Acceptance NOW	114	89	27.4%
Mexico	(22)	(23)	4.7%
Franchising	3	2	77.9%
Corporate	(158)	(132)	(19.6%)
Operating Profit	\$200	\$247	(19.2%)
Operating Profit Margin	6.3%	8.0%	(170 bps)
EBITDA	\$287	\$335	(14.3%)
EBITDA Margin	9.1%	10.8%	(170 bps)
CapEx	\$84	\$108	(22.7%)

## 2014 Key Results

- Total revenues for the year increased ~ \$64mm, or 2.1%
  - Revenue and same store sales increase primarily driven by the Acceptance NOW and Mexico segments, partially offset by a decrease in Core U.S. segment
- While gross profit margins decreased 60 bps, gross profit dollars increased over \$25mm, or 1.1%
- Operating profit decreased ~\$47mm, or 19.2%, driven by investment in our transformational initiatives, additional cost to support growth in Acceptance Now, and higher skip/stolen losses
- Opened 209 Acceptance NOW kiosks in the U.S.

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# Maintain a sound balance sheet as a result of our prudent approach to leverage

# 2014 Balance Sheet

		% of Book		% of Book
(\$ in millions)	2014	Capital	2013	Capital
Cash	\$46		\$42	
Senior Credit Facilities	\$478	19.7%	\$348	15.5%
Unsecured Revolver	\$15	0.6%	\$18	0.8%
Senior Unsecured Notes	\$550	22.6%	\$550	24.4%
Total Debt	\$1,043	42.9%	\$916	40.7%
Shareholder's Equity	\$1,389	57.1%	\$1,336 <sup>(1)</sup>	59.3%
Total Capitalization	\$2,432	100.0%	\$2,252	100.0%
Net Debt/Total Capitalization		41.0%		38.8%

Q4'14 Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio 3.56x

Per bank covenant, maximum leverage of 4.50x in December 2014; 4.25x in December 2015; 4.00x in December 2016 and thereafter

Notes:

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# 2015 Guidance

- Diluted EPS expected to be in between \$2.05 and \$2.30
  - > 10 to 12 cents dilution related to our Mexico operations
- Total revenue growth of three to six percent, or between \$3.25 and \$3.35B
- Gross profit expected to be down 50 to 100 basis points
- Labor expected to improve by 100 to 150 basis points
- Other store expenses expected to improve by 25 to 75 basis points
- General and administrative expenses expected to be between \$180 and \$200mm
- Depreciation and amortization expenses expected to be between \$80 and \$90mm
- Capital expenditures expected to be between \$70 and \$80mm
- Free cash flow is expected to be approximately \$100mm

# Our 2015 forecast includes low single-digit revenue growth

# 2015 Guidance (1)

(\$ in millions, except EPS)	2015 Guidance	2014 Actuals	2013 Actuals <sup>(2)</sup>	2012 Actuals <sup>(2)</sup>
Total Revenue	\$3,250 - \$3,350	\$3,158	\$3,094	\$3,076
YoY Growth %	3.0% - 6.0%	2.1%	0.6%	7.1%
Total Gross Profit  Gross Profit Margin	50 - 100 bps (unfavorable)	<b>\$2,178</b> 69.0%	<b>\$2,153</b> 69.6%	<b>\$2,137</b> 69.5%
Store Expenses				
Labor		889	882	840
% of Revenue	100 - 150 bps (favorable)	28.1%	28.5%	27.3%
Other Store Expenses		840	789	765
% of Revenue	25 - 75 bps (favorable)	26.6%	25.5%	24.9%
General & Adminstrative Expenses	\$180 - 200	162	148	140
Depreciation & Amortization	\$80 - 90	87	88	79
Total Operating Expenses		\$1,978	\$1,906	\$1,824
Operating Profit		\$200	\$247	\$313
Operating Profit Margin		6.3%	8.0%	10.2%
Earnings Before Income Taxes		\$153	\$208	\$282
% of Revenue		4.8%	6.7%	9.2%
Tax Rate	38.0% - 38.5%	32.3%	38.2%	36.1%
Diluted EPS	\$2.05 - \$2.30	\$1.95	\$2.33	3.03
YoY Growth %	5.0% - 18.0%	(16.5%)	(23.0%)	7.2%
Capital Expenditures	\$70 - \$80	\$84	\$108	\$102
Free Cash Flow	\$100	(\$78)	\$5	\$107

#### Notes

<sup>1)</sup> Per 02/02/2015 press release

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# **Longer Term Guidance**

**REVENUE GROWTH** 

Annual target of 3% - 5%

OPERATING PROFIT MARGIN

Improvement of 400 basis points by 2017

**LEVERAGE** 

Target leverage ratio of 2.2x on a debt to EBITDA basis



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