

Rent · A · Center:

Investor Presentation September 2002



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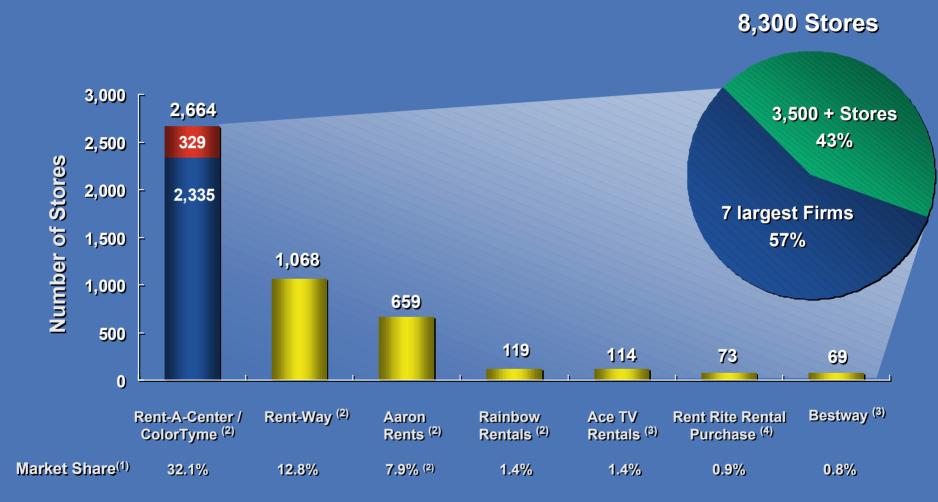


Leading RTO Operator in U.S.

- Largest rent-to-own operator in the U.S.
 - 28% market share based on store count (2,335 stores)
 - ColorTyme subsidiary represents an additional 4% market share
- Broad selection of high quality goods through flexible rental agreements
 - Home electronics
 - Appliances
 - Personal computers
 - Furniture and home accessories
- Primarily serves the "underbanked" consumer
- Generated \$1.9BN in LTM revenue and \$342MM in LTM EBITDA as of June 30, 2002



Dominant Player in Fragmented Marketplace



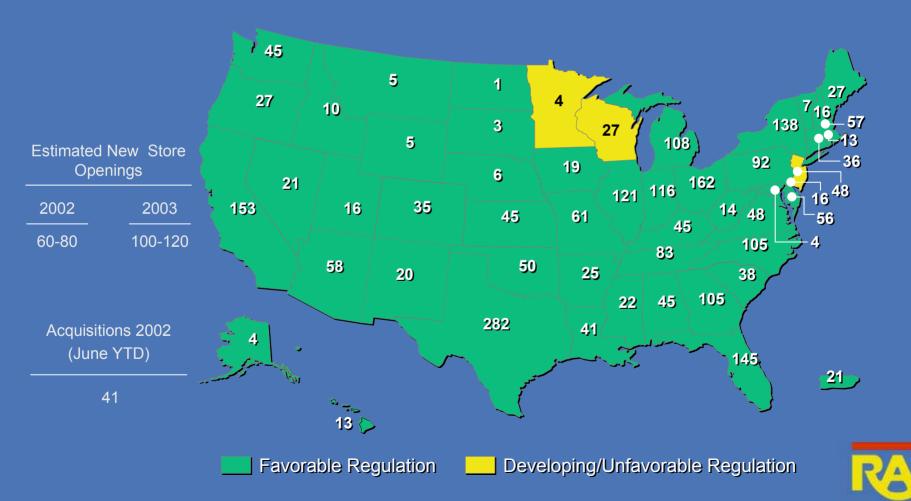
Notes: (1) Based on Association of Progressive Rental Organization (APRO) estimates in 2002 Industry Survey of 8,300 total store

- (2) Quarter ending June 30, 2002 earnings press release
- (3) Company website Store locations
- (4) APRO 2002 Industry Survey



Leading National Footprint

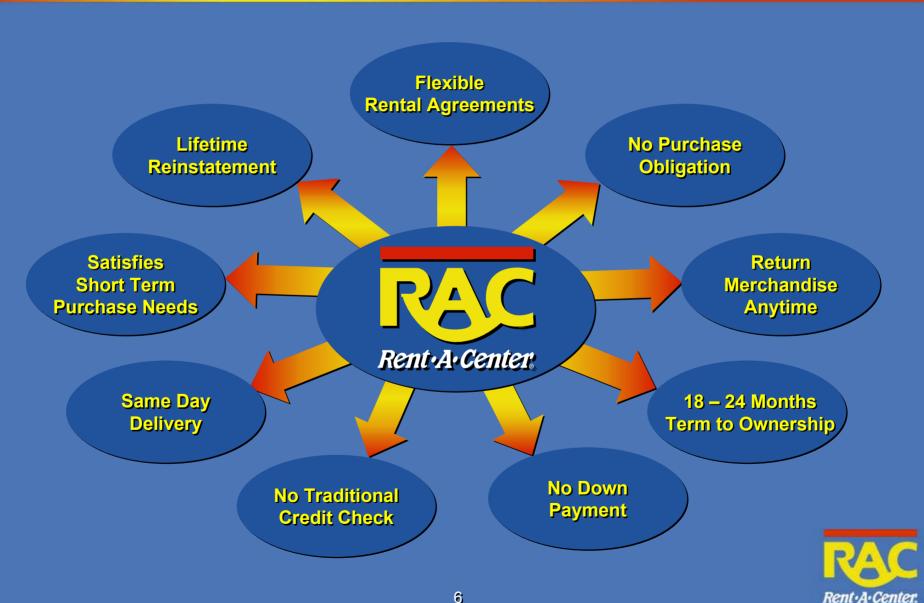
2,335 company-owned stores and 329 franchised stores



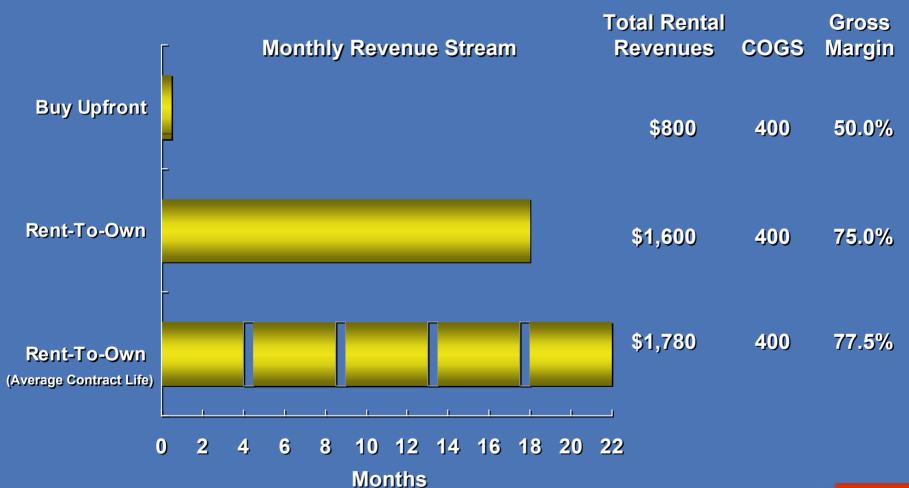
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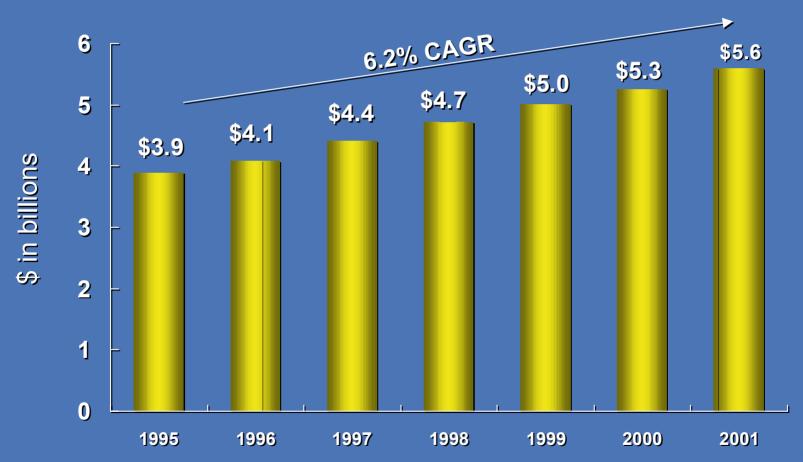
Rent-to-Own is an Appealing Transaction...



...With Attractive Economics ...



...Consistent Industry Growth...



Source: APRO



...In Any Economic Environment





Notes: (1) Represents recurring earnings per share before \$7.5MM and \$11.5MM of non-recurring charges in Q3 1998 and Q4 1998, respectively.

(2) Excludes non-recurring gain of \$22.4MM.



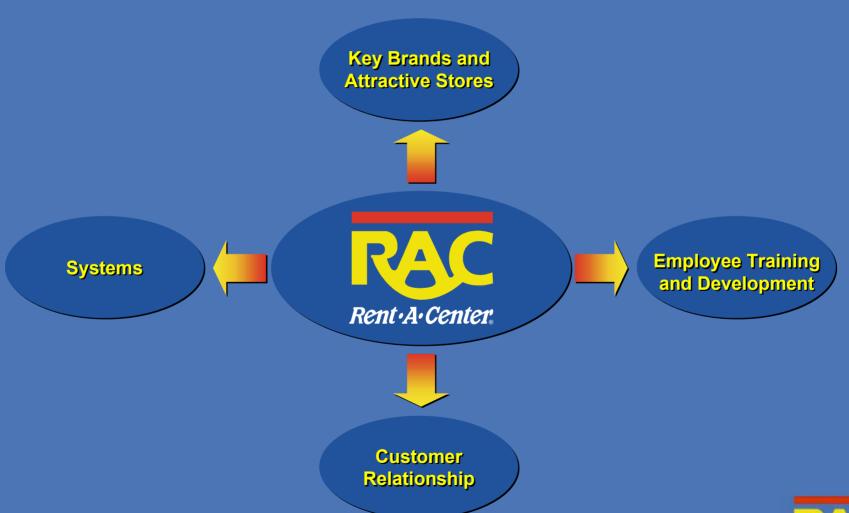
Serves the "Underbanked Working Family"

- 92% of Customers Have Household Incomes Between \$15,000 and \$50,000⁽¹⁾
- 44MM Households With Household Incomes Between \$15,000 and \$50,000⁽¹⁾
- Industry Is Only Serving 2.8MM of These Households⁽²⁾
- Great Market Opportunity



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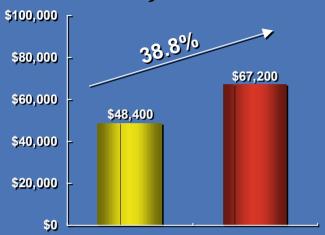
Proven Business Model



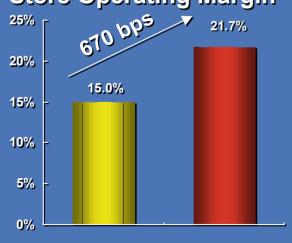


Rent-A-Center Store Profitability vs. Peers

Monthly Revenue



Store Operating Margin

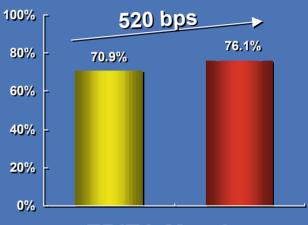


Industry Average (1)

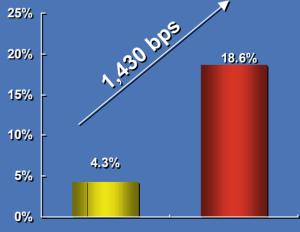
(2) Per LTM data for the period ended June 30, 2002.

Notes: (1) Source: APRO 2000 Data.

Gross Profit Margin



EBITA Margin







Easily Accessible, Highly Visible Sites





Spacious Showroom Interior





High Quality, Brand-name Merchandise

Electronics
42% of Revenues



MAGNAVOX°





Furniture
32% of Revenues







Appliances
16% of Revenues



Computers
10% of Revenues

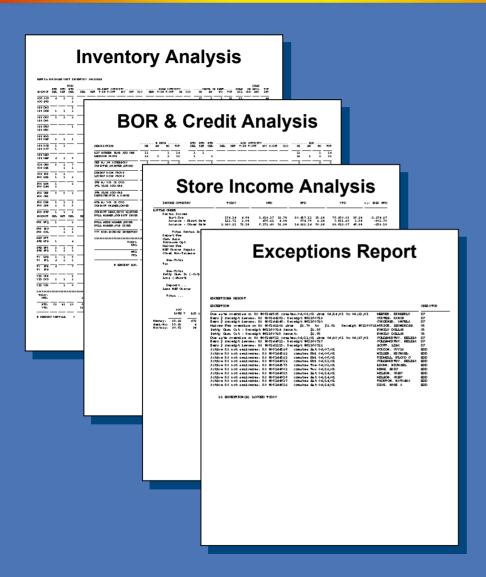








State-of-The Art Systems Capabilities



- 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

- Improve store level profitability
- Open new stores
- Acquire existing rent-to-own stores
- National branding



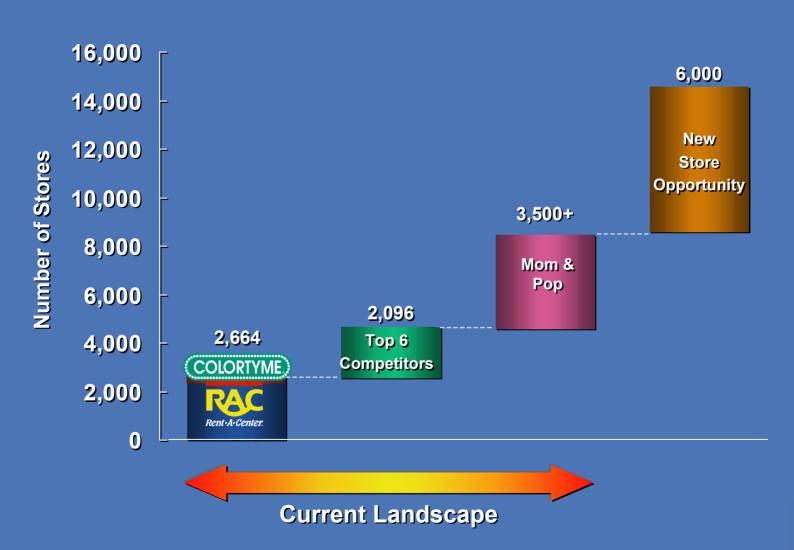
Improved Store Level Profitability

Core Store Profitability





Significant Market Opportunity





Strong New Store Economics

- Start-up investment of approximately \$450,000 (2/3 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	\$400,000	\$650,000	\$750,000	\$800,000
Store operating margins	(25.0%)	10.0%	17.0%	20.0%
EBITDA	(\$85,000)	\$80,000	\$140,000	\$170,000



Enhancing National Brand — "Get The Good Stuff"

John Madden National Advertising Spokesperson



- Solidify reputation as leading provider of quality merchandise
- Educate consumers about RTO alternative
- Strong image identification
- Multi-cultural appeal



Experienced Management Team

- Senior management team is most experienced in RTO industry
 - CEO Mark Speese has nearly 25 years RTO experience
 - President Mitch Fadel has over 19 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

Strong, Consistent Sales Growth





Consistent Growth in Same Store Sales





...Profitability on the Rise

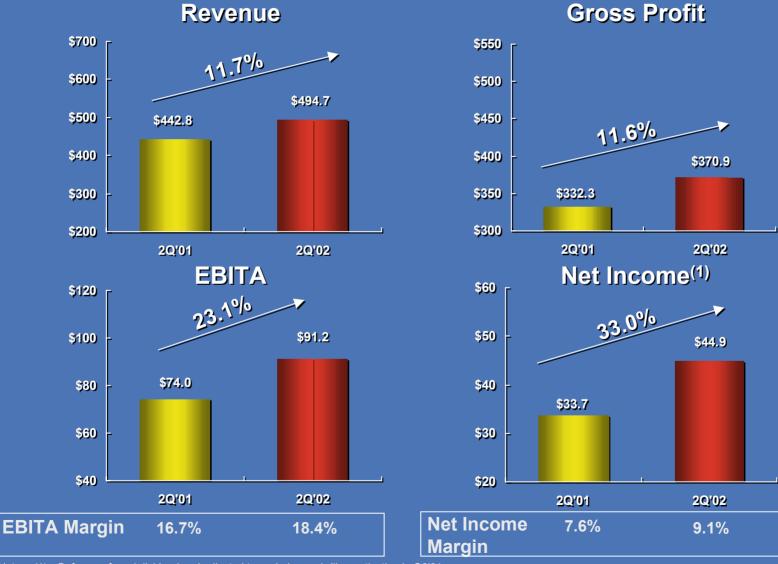


Notes: (1) Before preferred dividend.

(2) Excludes nonrecurring charges.



Second Quarter Review



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Current Capital Structure

	June 30 2002	% of Book <u>Capital</u>
Cash & Equivalents	<u>\$93.8</u>	N/A
Senior Credit Facilities	300.0	22.2%
Subordinated Notes	274.5	20.4%
Total Debt	574.5	42.6%
Shareholders' Equity ⁽¹⁾	774.3	57.4%
Total Capitalization	\$1,348.8 ————	100.0%



Substantial Recurring Free Cash Flow to Reduce Debt, Fund Growth & Repurchase Common Stock

Cash Flow Generation	June 2002 <u>YTD</u>
Net Income	\$ 85.5
Amortization of Intangibles	1.6
Amortization of Financing Fees	4.3
Depreciation of Property Assets	18.9
Net Investment in Rental Merchandise	12.1
Change in Other Assets/Liabilities	50.5
Free Cash Flow provided by Operating Activities	\$ 172.9
Capital Expenditures	(16.8)
Acquisitions	(27.2)
Sale of Property Assets	0.6
Free Cash Flow before Financing Activities	\$ 129.5



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