

# Rent · A · Center:

Investor Presentation First Quarter 2003



#### Key Investment Rationale

- Leading rent-to-own operator in the U.S.
- Proven business model
- Multiple growth drivers
- Consistent growth in any economic environment
- Predictable revenue stream
- Strong cash flow generation
- Experienced management team

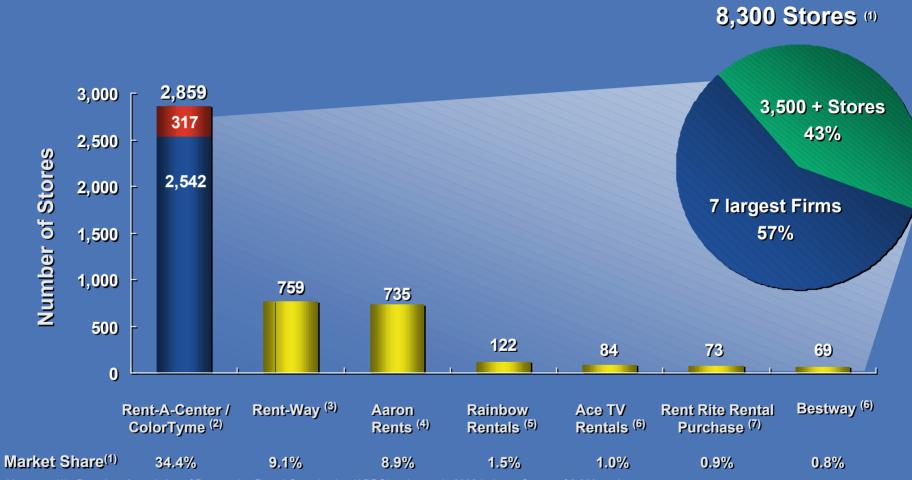


#### Leading RTO Operator in U.S.

- Largest rent-to-own operator in the U.S.
  - 31% market share based on 2,542 store count as of 3/31/03
  - ColorTyme subsidiary represents an additional 4% market share
- Broad selection of high quality goods through flexible rental agreements
  - Home electronics 42% of store revenue
  - Furniture and home accessories 32% of store revenue
  - Appliances 16% of store revenue
  - Personal computers 10% of store revenue
- Primarily serves the "underbanked" consumer
- Generated \$2.08BN in LTM revenue and \$406.7MM in LTM EBITDA as of March 31, 2003



#### Dominant Player in Fragmented Marketplace



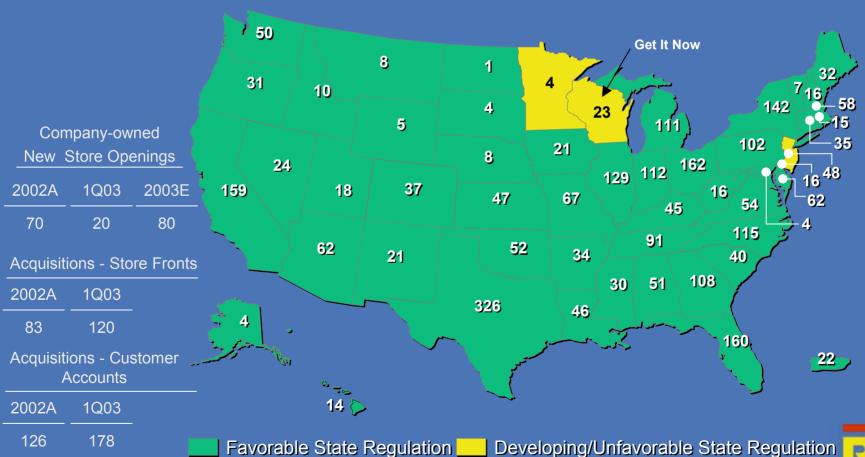
Notes:

- (1) Based on Association of Progressive Rental Organization (APRO) estimates in 2002 Industry Survey of 8,300 total store
- (2) Company data as of March 31, 2003
- Company issued press release March 31, 2003
- (4) Company issued press release April 7, 2003 Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership stores
- (5) Company issued 2002 10-K released March 26, 2003
- (6) Company web site store locations
- (7) APRO 2002 Industry Survey

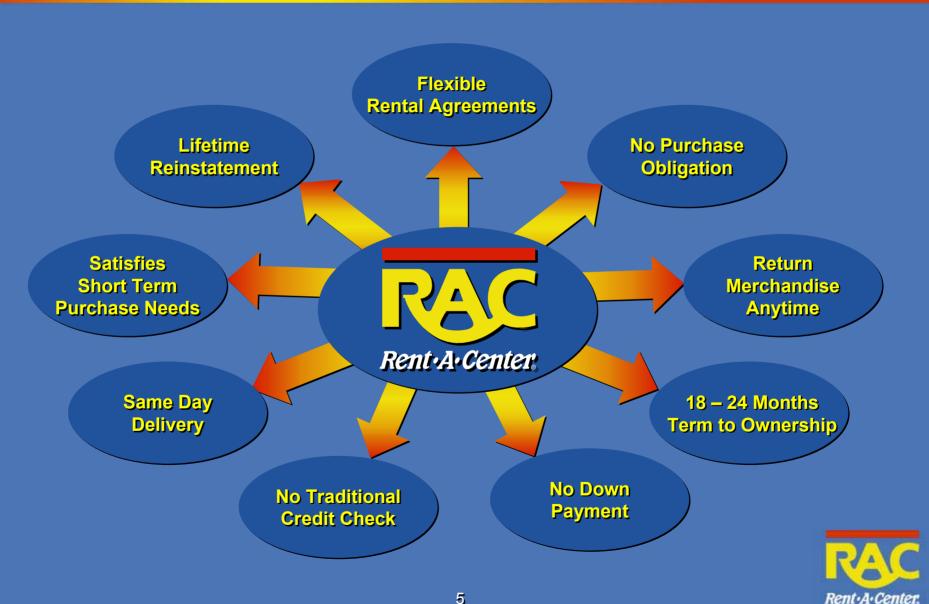


### **Leading National Footprint**

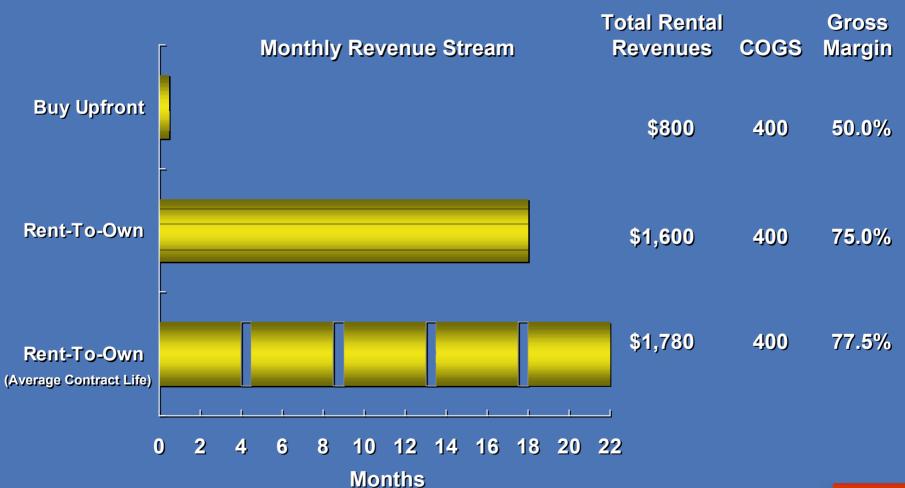
#### 2,542 company-owned stores and 317 franchised stores



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



#### ...With Attractive Economics ...



#### ...Consistent Industry Growth...







#### Six Levers of Growth

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



#### ...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.

## Serves the "Underbanked Working Family"

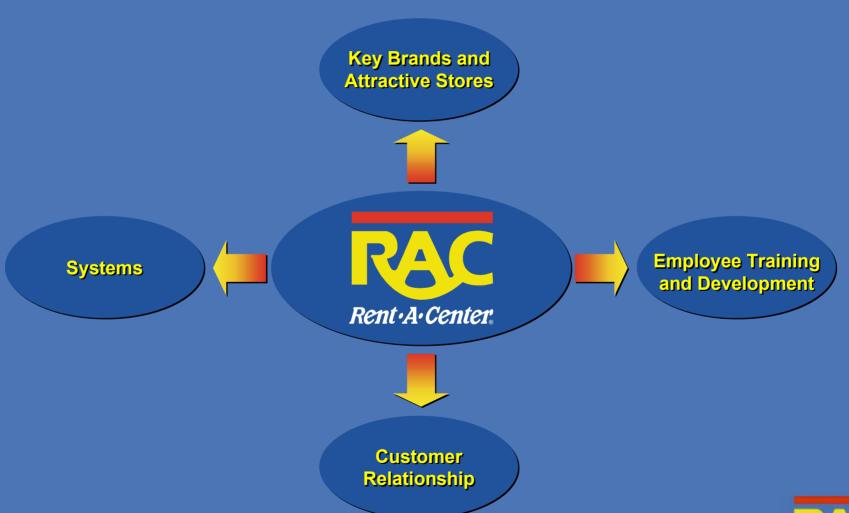
- 92% of Customers in the Industry have Household Incomes between \$15,000 and \$50,000<sup>(1)</sup>
- 45MM Households with Household Incomes between \$15,000 and \$50,000<sup>(2)</sup>
- Industry Is only Serving 2.8MM of these Households<sup>(3)</sup>
- Great Market Opportunity



<sup>(2)</sup> U.S. Census Bureau - 2001

<sup>(3)</sup> APRO 2002 Industry Survey

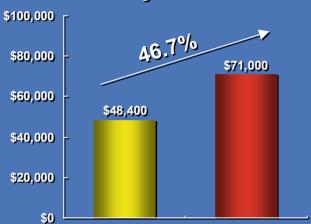
#### **Proven Business Model**



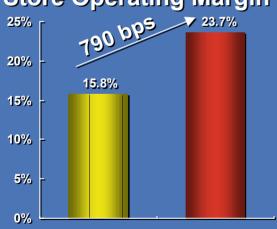


#### Rent-A-Center Store Profitability vs. Peers

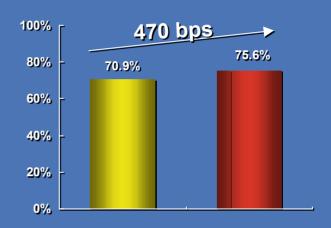
#### **Monthly Revenue**



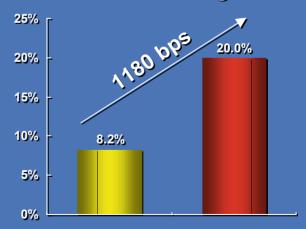
#### **Store Operating Margin**



#### **Gross Profit Margin**



#### **EBITDA Margin**



Industry Average (1)



Notes: (1) Source: APRO 2001 Data.



<sup>(2)</sup> Per LTM data for the period ended March 31, 2003 for Rent-A-Center stores (excludes Rent-Way storefronts, Get It Now & ColorTyme)

<sup>(3)</sup> Store Operating Margin is before 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
42% of Revenues



**PHILIPS** 





Furniture
32% of Revenues







Appliances
16% of Revenues



Computers
10% of Revenues

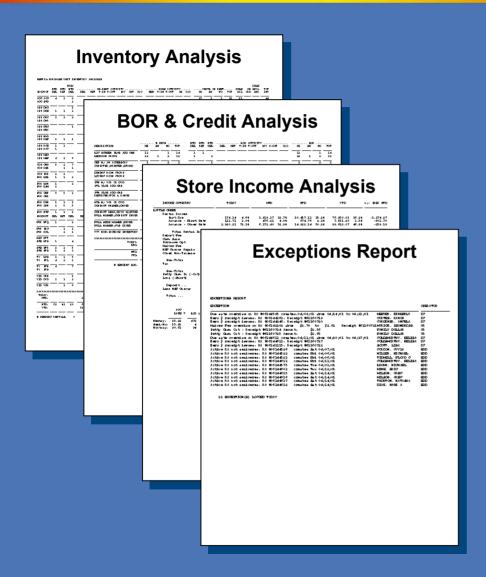








#### State-of-the-Art Systems Capabilities



- 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

- Integrate the Rent-Way Acquisition of 295 Stores
- Improve Store Level Profitability
- Open New Stores
- Acquire Existing Rent-to-Own Stores
- Grow Same Store Sales
- Enhance National Brand

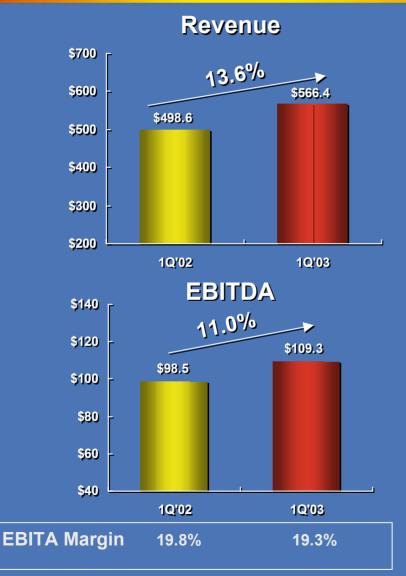


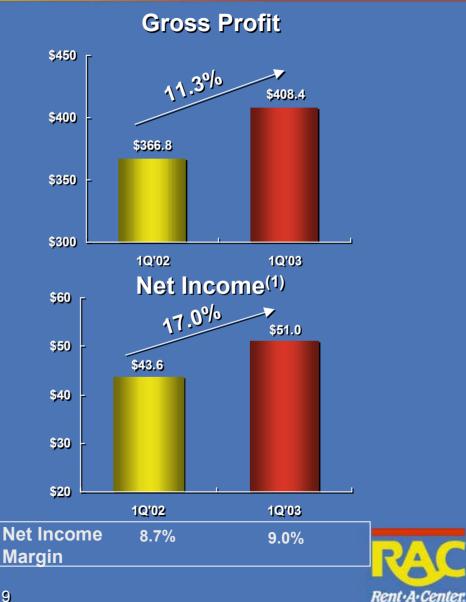
#### Rent-Way Acquisition of 295 Stores

- Completed the acquisition of 295 Rent-Way stores on 2/10/03
- Purchase price of \$100.4 million
  - Slightly less than 10 times average monthly revenue
  - Funded from cash on hand
  - \$10 million held back \$5 million for 90 days and \$5 million for 18 months
- Merged 176 stores with our existing stores
- Integration completed by mid-March except for permanent signage and capital expenditure improvements
- 2003 Financial Impact
  - \$95 million in revenue
  - EPS neutral in 1Q, \$0.04/share in 2Q, \$0.05/share in 3Q, \$0.06/share in 4Q

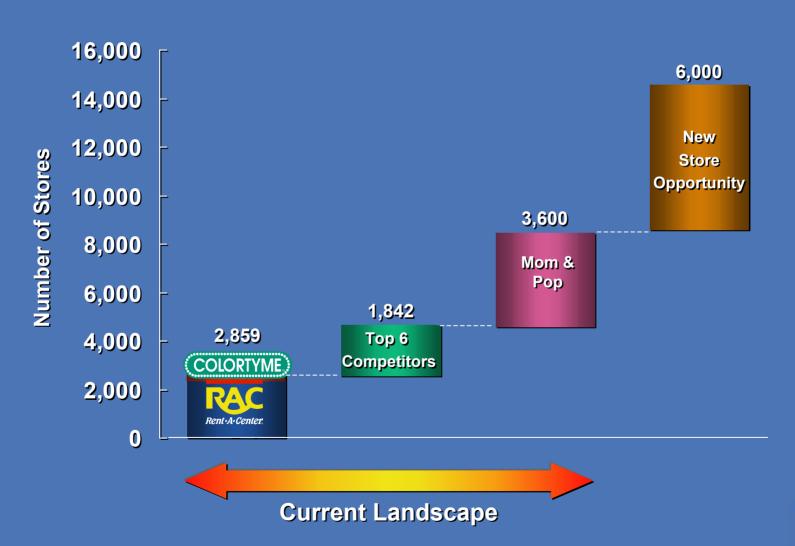


#### Improved Store Level Profitability - 1Q03 Review





## 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% "

	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**



- High brand awareness through comprehensive national and spot media
- Multi-cultural appeal
- Educate consumers about RTO alternative and the availability of quality merchandise
- New loyalty program



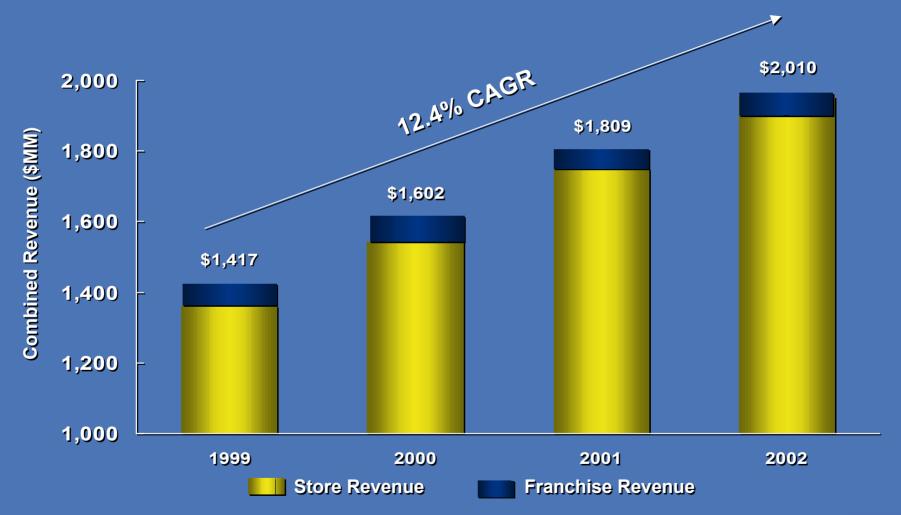
#### **Experienced Management Team**

- Senior management team is the most experienced in RTO industry
  - CEO Mark Speese has nearly 25 years RTO experience
  - President Mitch Fadel has over 20 years of RTO experience
  - Senior executives average over 10 years of RTO experience
- Attracting the best personnel with industry-leading salary and incentive plans



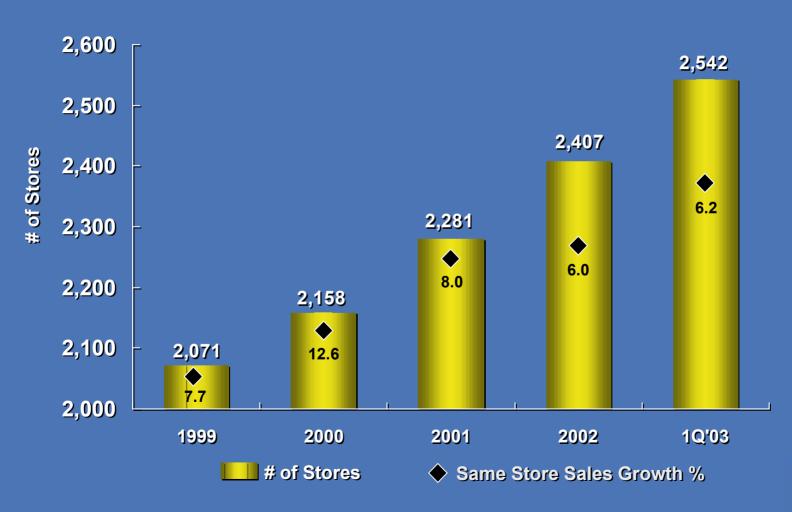
## **Financial Overview**

#### Strong, Consistent Sales Growth





#### Consistent Growth in Same Store Sales





## **Current Capital Structure**

	Dec 31 2001	% of Book <u>Capital</u>	Dec 31 2002	% of Book Capital
Cash & Equivalents	<u>\$108.0</u>	N/A	<u>\$85.7</u>	N/A
Senior Credit Facilities	428.0	30.6%	249.5	18.3%
Subordinated Notes	274.5	19.6%	271.8	19.9%
Total Debt	702.5	50.2%	521.3	38.2%
Shareholders' Equity	697.3	49.8%	842.4	61.8%
Total Capitalization	\$1,399.8	100.0%	\$1,363.7 	100.0%

Consolidated Leverage Ratio 1.3x (1Q03)
Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio 6.8x (1Q03)



#### Recapitalization

New Structure	Mar 31 2003 (millions)	New Structure (millions)
Senior Credit Facilities	\$249.5	\$400.0
Subordinated Notes	<u>271.8</u>	300.0
Total Debt	\$521.3	\$700.0
Leverage Ratio	1.3	1.7

#### Accretive Transaction - Additional \$0.30 diluted EPS in 2003

Reduced interest expense

Reduced shares with \$200M share repurchase



# Schedule of Free Cash Flow 2003 Estimate

<u>2003</u>

**EBITDA** \$420MM - \$430MM

Net Cash Interest (\$45MM)

CapEx (\$40MM)

Net Investment in (\$40MM)
Rental Merchandise

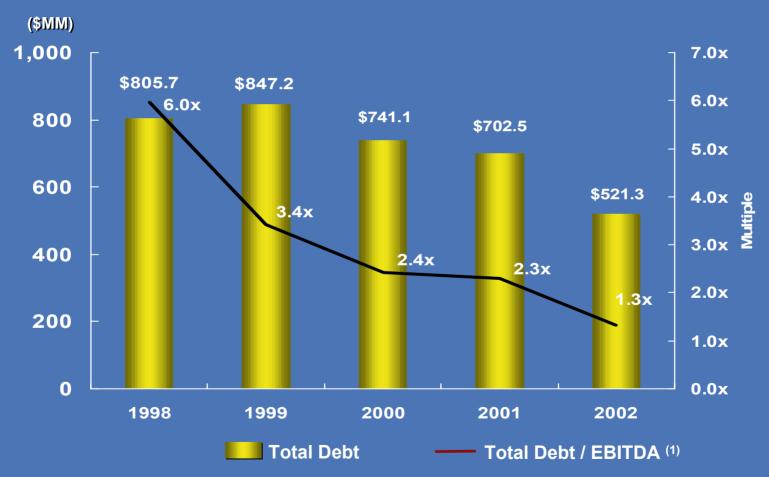
Taxes (\$120MM)

Free Cash Flow \$175MM - \$185MM

Free Cash Flow Yield of 8 - 10%



## **Demonstrated Ability to Delever Rapidly**







#### 2003 Guidance

QUARTERLY	<u>2Q'02</u>	<u>2Q'03**</u>	<u>Growth</u>
Total Revenue	\$494.7MM	\$548.8-553.8MM	10-12%
Diluted EPS	\$1.22*	\$1.41-\$1.44	16-18%
ANNUAL	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003**</u>	<u>Growth</u>
Total Revenue	\$2.01BN	\$2.21-2.24BN	10-12%
Diluted EPS	<b>\$4.82</b> *	\$5.80-\$5.90	20-22%

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes \$2.9M of one-time financing fees and litigation expenses and goodwill



<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes the Rent-Way acquisition of 295 stores only

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