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





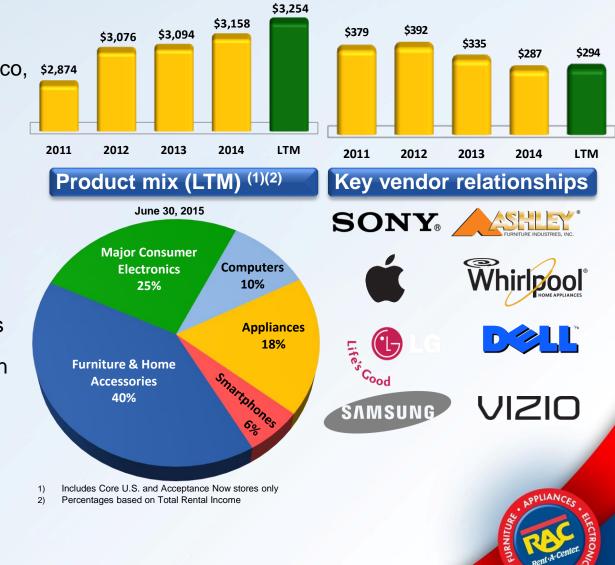
### **Rent-A-Center snapshot**

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

### Revenue (\$mm)

EBITDA (\$mm)

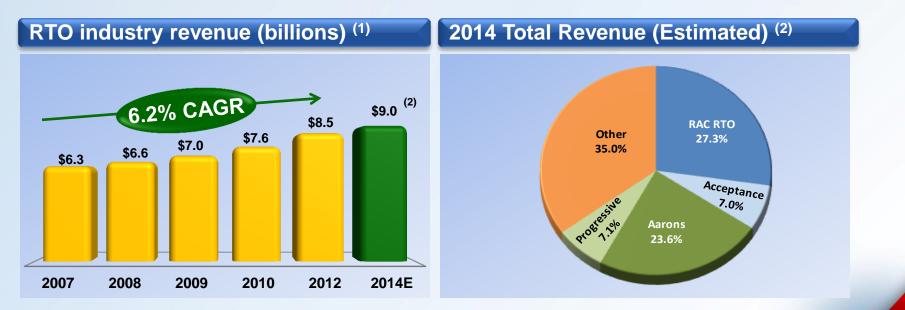
- Rent-A-Center (NASDAQ: RCII) is one of the <u>Largest</u> rent-to-own ("RTO") operators in the U.S.
  - 4,604 locations across the US, Mexico, \$2,874
    Canada and Puerto Rico
    - 2,803 Core U.S. locations
    - 1,471 Kiosks at retailers
    - 143 Mexico locations
    - 187 Franchised stores
- Offers high quality, durable products
  - Flexible rental purchase agreements
  - Generally allows customers to obtain ownership at the conclusion of an agreed upon rental term



### **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



(1) 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 72% of 2015 YTD revenues









### **Core U.S. Strategic Initiatives**



Strategic Initiatives

### **Smart Phones**

- Name-brand smart phones with no credit needed and no-contract plans
- Smartphones were over 9% of Core U.S. total store revenue in Q2'15
- Smartphone device protection locking feature became available starting in April
  - As of June, approximately half of our smartphones currently on rent have locking software installed

### Pricing

- Transitioning from our historical, cost-based pricing model to a data-driven, market-responsive model
- Continue to optimize pricing strategies and take opportunistic actions based on test results



### **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
- Since the national rollout in June, the new flex labor model has been introduced to over 800 core U.S. locations

### **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 from 17 days to 4-5 days
- As of June '15, all 5 of our third party U.S. distribution centers are now fully operational
- \$25-35mm of annual run-rate product cost savings opportunity by the end of 2015





### **Acceptance NOW overview**

#### Description

**Status** 

'15

Kiosks inside traditional retailers

20 closed in Q2'15

retail partners

- Customers turned down for credit are referred to Acceptance NOW .
- Retailers "save the sale" (~50% conversion rate)
- Developing Acceptance NOW Direct 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 (Q2'15): 31.6%

#### Capturing a new customer base

Credit scores:	< 520	521–580	> 581
THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE REAL	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



#### Despite growth to date, tremendous untapped market potential for Acceptance NOW

### Acceptance NOW continues to expand



#### **RTO kiosks inside traditional retail stores:**

- Alternative transaction for customers of retail partners who cannot buy on credit
- Rapidly growing segment with 25% of 2015 YTD revenues



Acceptance NOW Direct technology for lower volume locations

- > 500 locations by the end of 2015
- > 12 Acceptance Now Direct locations as of June 2015
- Technology implemented to automatically populate the AN application during the primary or secondary credit approval process
  - > Implemented in 120 locations via cascade/approval waterfall and 94 locations via POS integration
- Piloting different pricing options

### **Mexico and Franchise Segment overview**

Q2'15

#### Mexico

#### Mexico company-owned RTO operations:

- Potential platform for future international expansion
- Segment with 2% of 2015 YTD revenues



2013

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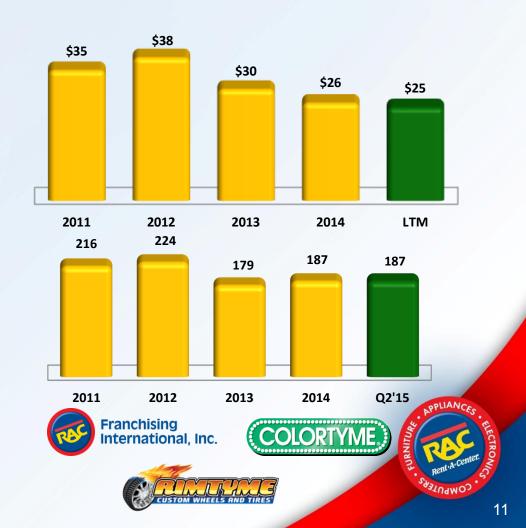
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2014

#### 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 2015 YTD revenues



Segment Overview

2011

2012

## **Financial Highlights**



### **Q2 2015 Rent-A-Center operating results**

#### Q2 2015 Financial Metrics (Non-GAAP)

<u>(\$ in mm)</u>	Q2'15	Q2'14	▲ YoY
Core US	\$593	\$594	(0.1%)
Acceptance NOW	\$200	\$151	32.6%
Mexico	\$16	\$18	(7.5%)
Franchising	\$5	\$6	(9.3%)
Total Revenue	\$815	\$768	6.1%
Same Store Sales	7.5%	0.6%	+ 690 bps
Core US	\$422	\$432	(2.5%)
Acceptance NOW	\$104	\$90	15.6%
Mexico	\$11	\$13	(14.2%)
Franchising	\$2	\$2	8.6%
Total Gross Profit	\$539	\$537	0.3%
Gross Profit Margin	<b>66.0%</b>	<b>69.9%</b>	(380 bps)
Core US	\$69	\$65	6.9%
Acceptance NOW	\$32	\$27	16.3%
Mexico	(\$4)	(\$6)	32.4%
Franchising	\$1	\$0	137.7%
Corporate	(\$43)	(\$41)	(3.7%)
Operating Profit	\$55	\$45	22.4%
<b>Operating Profit Margin</b>	6.7%	5.8%	+ 90 bps
EBITDA	\$75	\$65	15.0%
EBITDA Margin	<b>9.2%</b>	8.5%	+ 60 bps
СарЕх	\$29	\$18	<b>56.1%</b>

(1) Includes restated financials

#### Q2 2015 Key Results

- Total revenues increased ~ \$47mm, or 6.1%
  - Revenue increase primarily driven by the Acceptance NOW segment, partially offset by decreases in Core U.S. & Mexico segments
- Consolidated same store sales grew by 7.5% and Core U.S. same store sales increased by 1.4%. Since Q1 2014, the two-year same store sales comp in Core U.S. improved by 1,150 bps
- While gross profit margins decreased 380 bps, gross profit dollars increased ~\$2mm, or 0.3%
  - Gross margin decline primarily driven by growth of our 90 day option pricing in Acceptance NOW as well as the introduction of smartphones
- Operating profit increased ~\$10.0mm, or 22.4%



### **Rent-A-Center balance sheet**

2015 Balance Sheet				
(\$mm)	Q2'15	% of Book Capital	Q2'14	% of Book Capital
Cash	\$71		\$68	
Senior Credit Facilities	\$392	16.4%	\$384	16.7%
Unsecured Revolver	\$14	0.6%	\$9	0.38%
Senior Unsecured Notes	\$550	23.2%	\$550	23.9%
Total Debt	\$956	40.3%	\$943	40.9%
Shareholder's Equity	\$1,419	59.7%	\$1,362 <sup>(1)</sup>	59.1%
Total Capitalization	\$2,375	100.0%	\$2,305	100.0%
Net Debt/Total Capitalization		37.3%		38.0%

Q2'15 Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio 3.09x

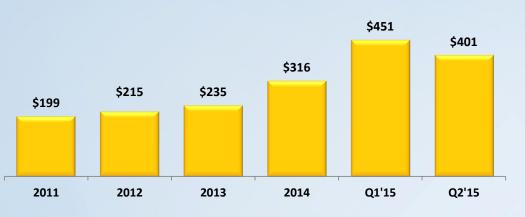
Per bank covenant, maximum leverage of 4.50x in December 2014; 4.25x in December 2015; 4.00x in December 2016 and thereafter





### **Rent-A-Center Leverage**

#### Unused Revolver (\$mm)



Strong liquidity position

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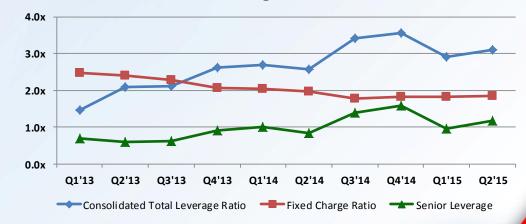


#### Free Cash Flow (\$mm)

**Returning Value to Shareholders** 



#### **Leverage Ratios**



Ratios below covenants

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'14 FCF impacted by tax deferral reversal

# **Our 2015 forecast includes low single-digit revenue growth**

### 2015 Guidance <sup>(1)</sup>

(\$ in millions, except EPS)	2015 Guidance	2014 Actuals (1)	2013 Actuals (2)	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 & Administrative 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
<b>Operating Profit Margin</b>		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%	35.0%
Diluted EPS YoY Growth %	<b>\$2.05 - \$2.20</b> 5.0% - 18.0%	<b>\$1.95</b> (16.5%)	<b>\$2.33</b> (23.0%)	<b>\$3.03</b> 7.2%
Capital Expenditures	\$70 - \$80	\$84	\$108	\$102
Free Cash Flow	\$70 - \$80	(\$78)	\$5	\$107

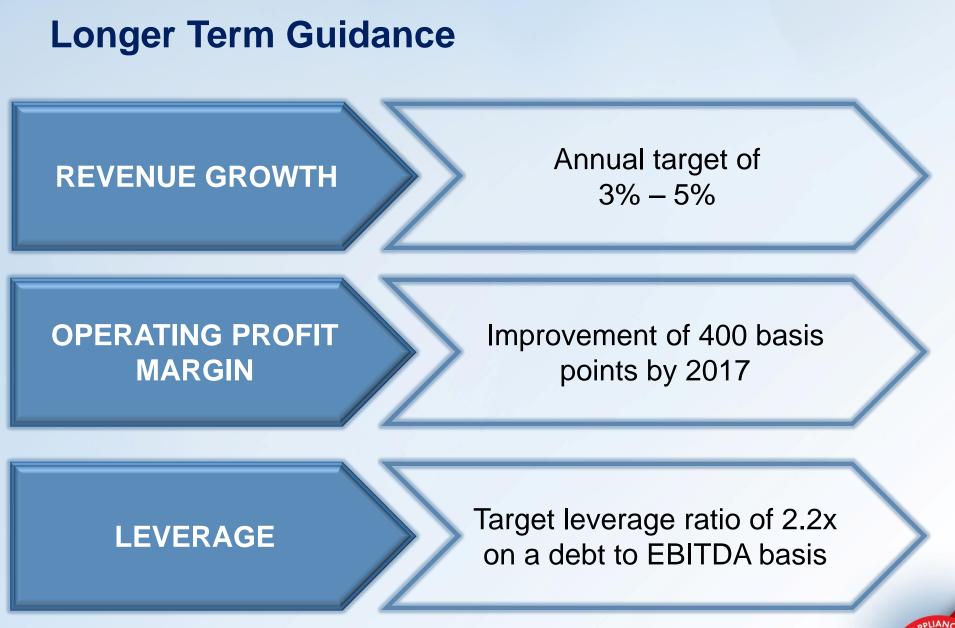
Notes:

1) Per 02/02/2015 press release

2) Includes restated financials

3) Q3 EPS in the range of \$0.40 to \$0.46, and Q4 EPS in the range of \$0.63 to \$0.72

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