

# **Burlington Stores**

# **Investor Presentation**

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# Company Overview

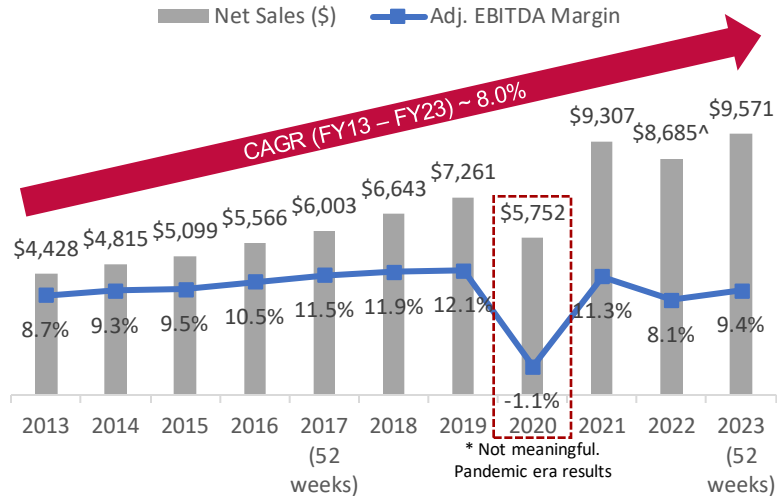
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- **Nationally recognized off-price retailer** of high-quality, branded apparel, footwear, accessories, and home merchandise at everyday low prices.
- National footprint with **1,007 stores** in 46 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico; attractive store economics and the **potential to expand store base to 2,000 stores**.
- **Good track record of results** but, based on off-price benchmarks, still has significant performance upside to achieve its financial **“Full Potential”**.
- Strong **leadership team with extensive experience** in merchandising and operations across the off-price, dept. store, and specialty retail sectors.

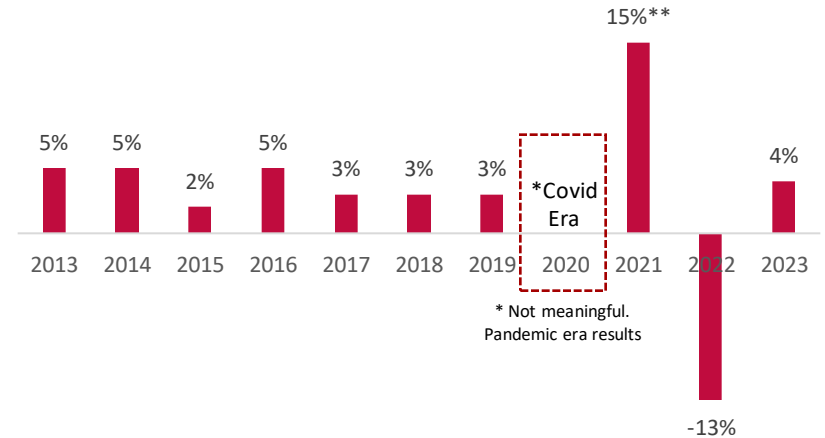


# Business Highlights

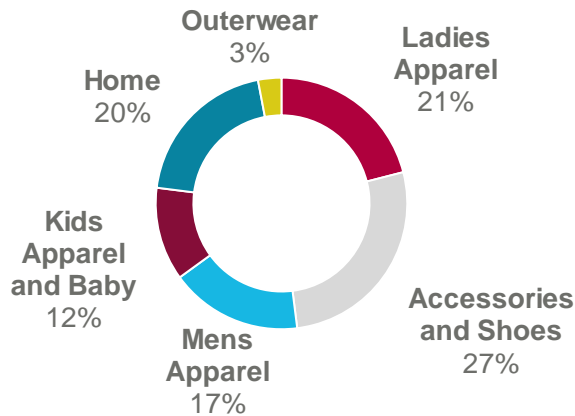
## Strong History of Growth Pre-Pandemic



## Annual Comparable Store Sales Growth



## Broad Merchandise Assortment (FY2023)

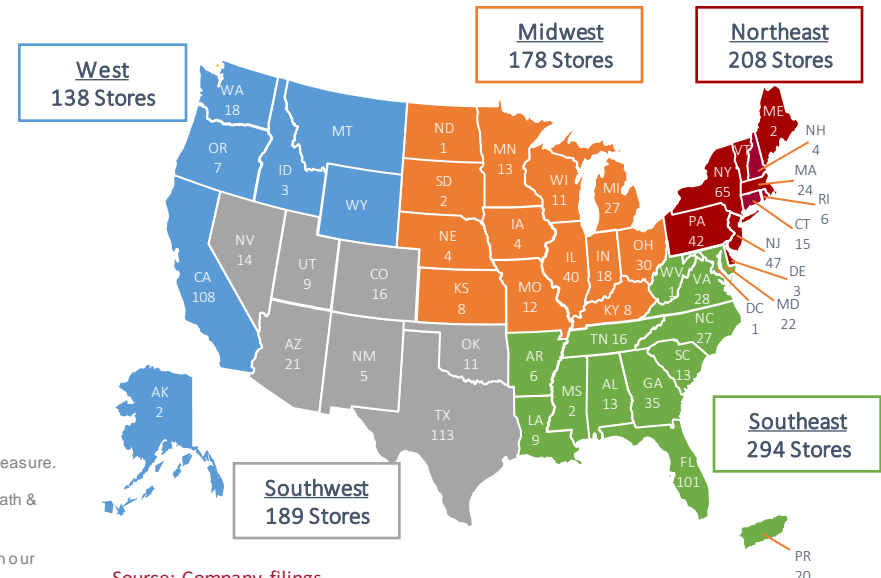


Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure. Please see the Appendix for the reconciliation to its most comparable GAAP measure. Net sales on a 53-week basis for Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2023 were \$6,085 million and \$9,709 million, respectively. FY2023 adjusted EBITDA margin excludes approximately \$18 million of expenses associated with the acquisition of Bed Bath & Beyond leases.

\*\*Compared to FY2019

<sup>A</sup>Net sales and comparable store sales decline driven by strong results in the prior period, as well as economic pressure on our core customers and promotional activity throughout the retail environment

## National Store Footprint



Source: Company filings.

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# Off-Price Retail

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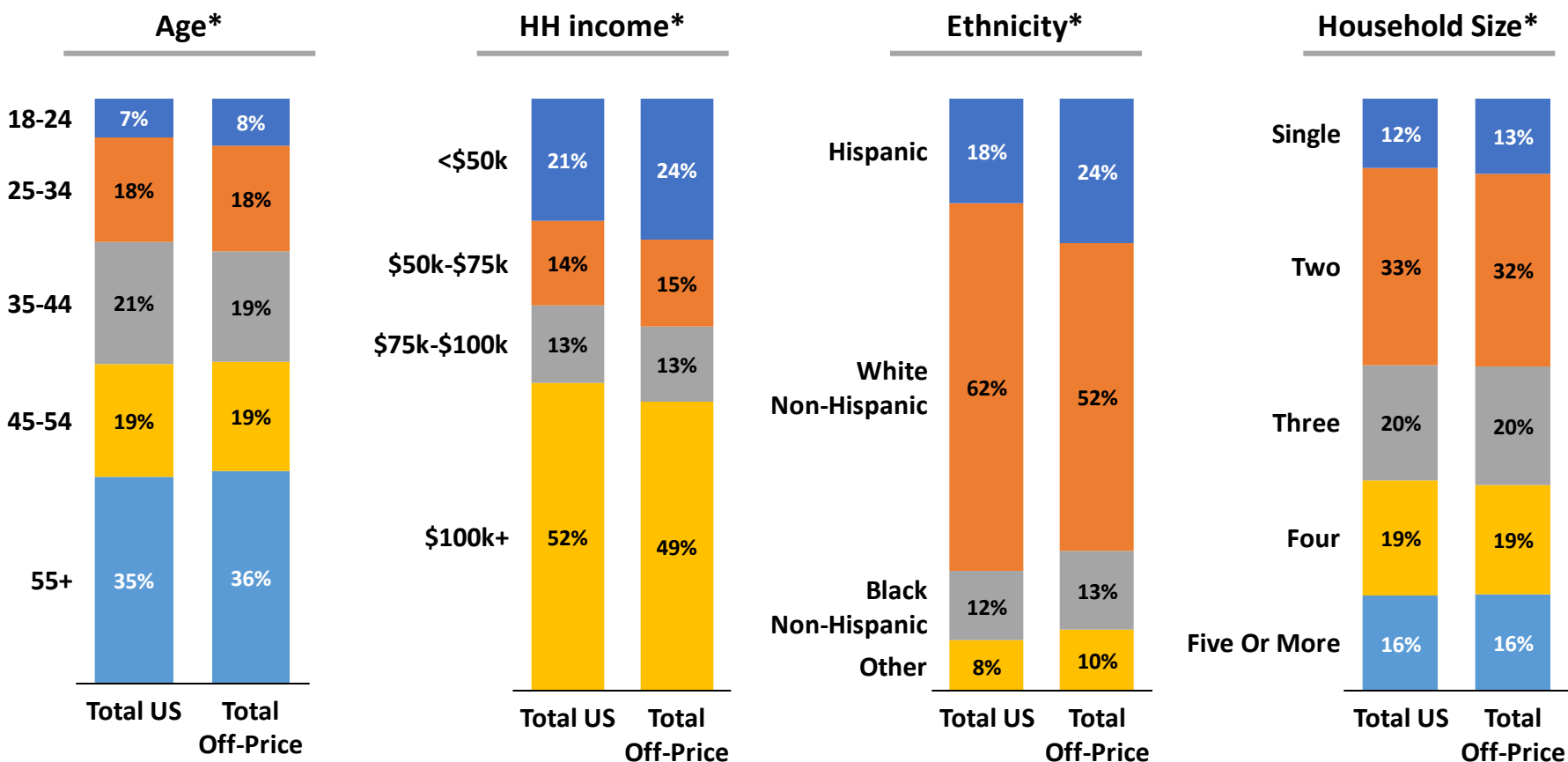
- Off-Price retail offers branded apparel, footwear, accessories, home, and other merchandise **at significantly lower prices** versus other retailers.
- Off-price retailers source these great values by **taking advantage of disruptions and cancellations** in the supply chain for this merchandise.
- The assortment is continuously refreshed with new and exciting bargains and is presented in a self-service ***“treasure hunt”*** shopping environment.
- ***“It’s the same branded item but up to 60% off versus other retailers”***; this is a powerful consumer proposition and has driven off-price growth.



# Off-price Shoppers

*Off-Price has strong appeal across different demographic groups*

Customer dollar contribution, Total US Retail vs. Total Off-Price\*



Source: Circana/Checkout

\*Spend weighted customer breakdown as of 12ME Dec'23 for Total Off-Price and Total US; Off-price includes Burlington



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# Retail Market Share

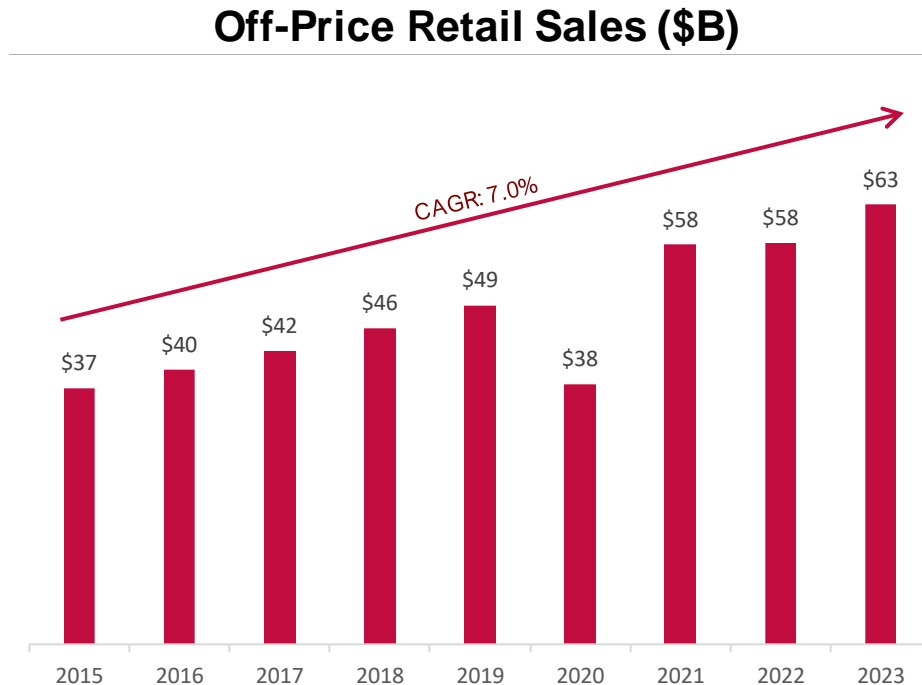
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- The **retail industry has been undergoing a major restructuring** for some time; this restructuring has seen a significant decline in the market share of department stores. **The major beneficiaries** of this restructuring have been pure-play internet retail formats, and the **major off-price retailers**.
- We believe the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic has led to **an acceleration of this restructuring**; it appears that the share loss from department stores, and from mall-based specialty retailers, is leading to further rationalization of full-price bricks & mortar retail stores. This could spur **further growth for e-commerce players and the major off-price retailers**.



# Off-Price Growth

*Off-Price retail has been taking market share since long before the pandemic, driven by the strong consumer need and desire for value*



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# Burlington Full Potential

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- Burlington has a **strong track record of growth** and profit improvement, but it remains **the smallest, least productive, and least profitable** of the major off-price retail chains. It still has **significant opportunity** to drive growth, improve profitability and achieve **its off-price “Full Potential”**.
- This opportunity is based on expansion **within the United States**, driving sales and store count in markets **where the company is well-established and well-known**; meanwhile the profit margin opportunity is based on **improving execution** of the company's **existing off-price business model**.



# Full Potential Benchmarks

*Based on off-price peer benchmarks, **Burlington** still has a lot of opportunity to drive performance and **achieve its “Full Potential”***

## Burlington

	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Sales per Sq. Ft. (selling)	\$ 153	\$ 165	\$ 178	\$ 201	\$ 224	\$ 179	\$ 299	\$ 285
Adjusted EBIT margin	6.6%	7.6%	8.5%	9.0%	9.2%	-4.9%	8.6%	5.0%
Comp Growth	2%	5%	3%	3%	3%	nm^	15%	-13%
Unit Count	567	592	629	675	727	761	840	927

## Peer 1

Sales per Sq. Ft. (selling)	\$ 400	\$ 416	\$ 421	\$ 455	\$ 476	\$ 356	\$ 539	\$ 555
Adjusted EBIT margin*	14.3%	14.1%	13.3%	13.5%	13.5%	4.6%	12.9%	12.7%
Comp Growth	4%	5%	1%	7%	5%	nm^	13%	3%
Unit Count	2,163	2,221	2,285	2,343	2,403	2,402	2,432	2,482

## Peer 2

Sales per Sq. Ft. (selling)	\$ 383	\$ 395	\$ 409	\$ 422	\$ 432	\$ 327	\$ 481	\$ 460
Adjusted EBIT margin	13.6%	14.0%	14.5%	13.6%	13.4%	1.5%	12.3%	10.6%
Comp Growth	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	nm^	13%	-4%
Unit Count	1,446	1,533	1,622	1,717	1,805	1,859	1,923	2,015

Source: Company filings.

Adjusted EBIT is a non-GAAP measure. Please see the Appendix for the reconciliation to its most comparable GAAP measure.

\*Reported segment operating margin.

<sup>1</sup>Sales per Sq. Ft. (selling) excludes 53rd week.

^Not meaningful. Pandemic era results.

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# Burlington 2.0 “Full Potential” Strategy

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## 1. Chase the Sales Trend

- Hold and tightly control liquidity
- Fuel the trend with opportunistic buys

## 2. Operate with Leaner Inventories

- Drive faster turns, lower markdowns
- Flow fresh receipts to support sales trend

## 3. Invest in Buying & Planning

- Merchant and planning head count
- Improved training, tools, and reporting

## 4. More Operational Flexibility

- Faster, more responsive Supply Chain
- More flexible Store Staffing Model

## 5. Smaller Store Prototype

- More productive retail locations
- Lower occupancy & operating expenses

## 6. Challenge Expenses

- All areas of the business





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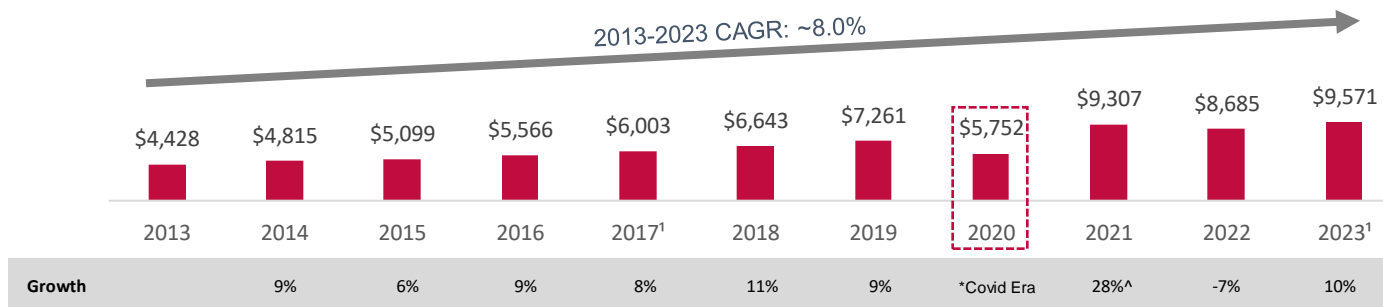
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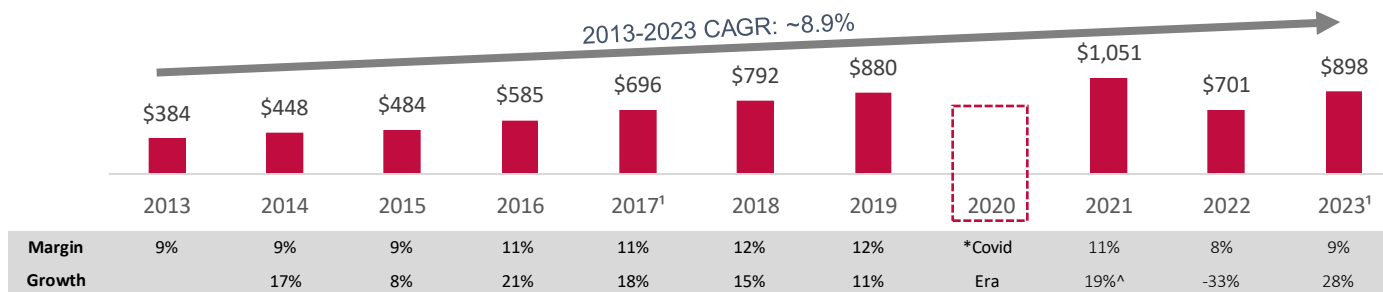
# Financial Full Potential

*Burlington has a **strong track record** of growth and cash generation*

## Net Sales (\$M)



## Adjusted EBITDA (\$M)



*...but there is still significant upside to achieve **“Full Potential”***

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\*Not meaningful. Pandemic era results; 2020 Adjusted EBITDA was -\$62.7M

^ Compared to FY2019

<sup>1</sup> 52 weeks; Net Sales on a 53-week basis for FY2023 and FY2017 were \$9,709 million and \$6,085 million, respectively; FY2023 results exclude approximately \$18 million of expenses associated with the acquisition of Bed Bath & Beyond leases

# Burlington 2.0 Financial Goals

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***Burlington 2.0 targets **specific areas for performance improvement*****

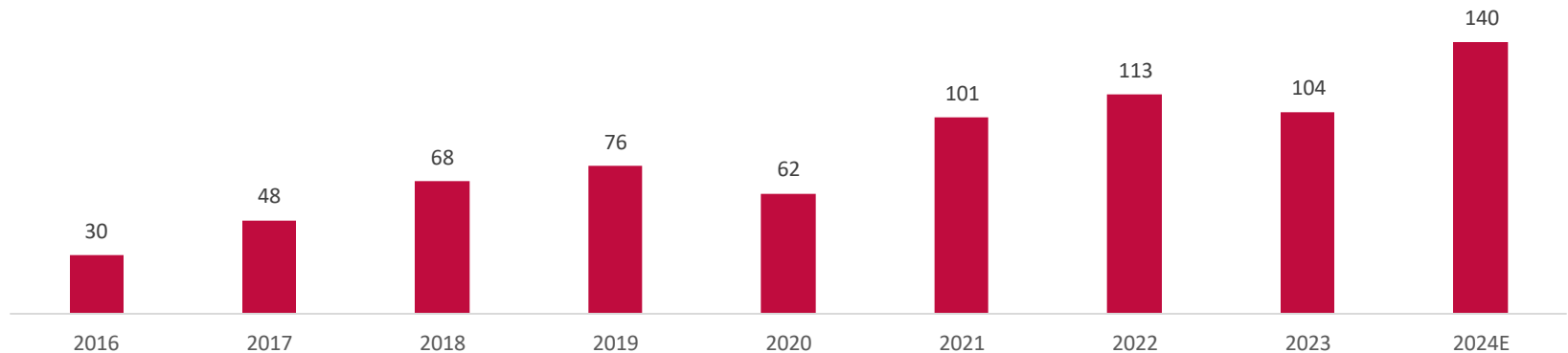
- **Increases in Operating Margin driven by:**
  - 1. Higher Comparable Store Sales Growth**
    - Using Liquidity to Chase Sales
    - Strengthening Buying & Planning
  - 2. Higher Merchandise Margins**
    - Faster Turns, Lower Markdowns
  - 3. Lower Supply Chain and Freight Costs**
    - DC productivity initiatives
  - 4. Lower Occupancy & Operating Costs**
    - Smaller Store Prototype
- **Faster Top-Line Sales Growth driven by:**
  - 4. Expansion of New Store Openings**
    - Enabled by Smaller Store Prototype



# New Store Economics

*The **Growth of New Stores** should also help drive **Operating Margins***

## Gross New Store Openings



Avg Sq. Ft	51,000	45,000	43,000	42,000	40,000	31,000	28,000	27,000	27,000
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## Optimized Footprint of New Stores

- Smaller Burlington 2.0 footprint stores unlock a larger whitespace opportunity
- Burlington 2.0 strategy drives superior unit economics – higher store productivity and increased operating margins

## Rigorous Underwriting Hurdles

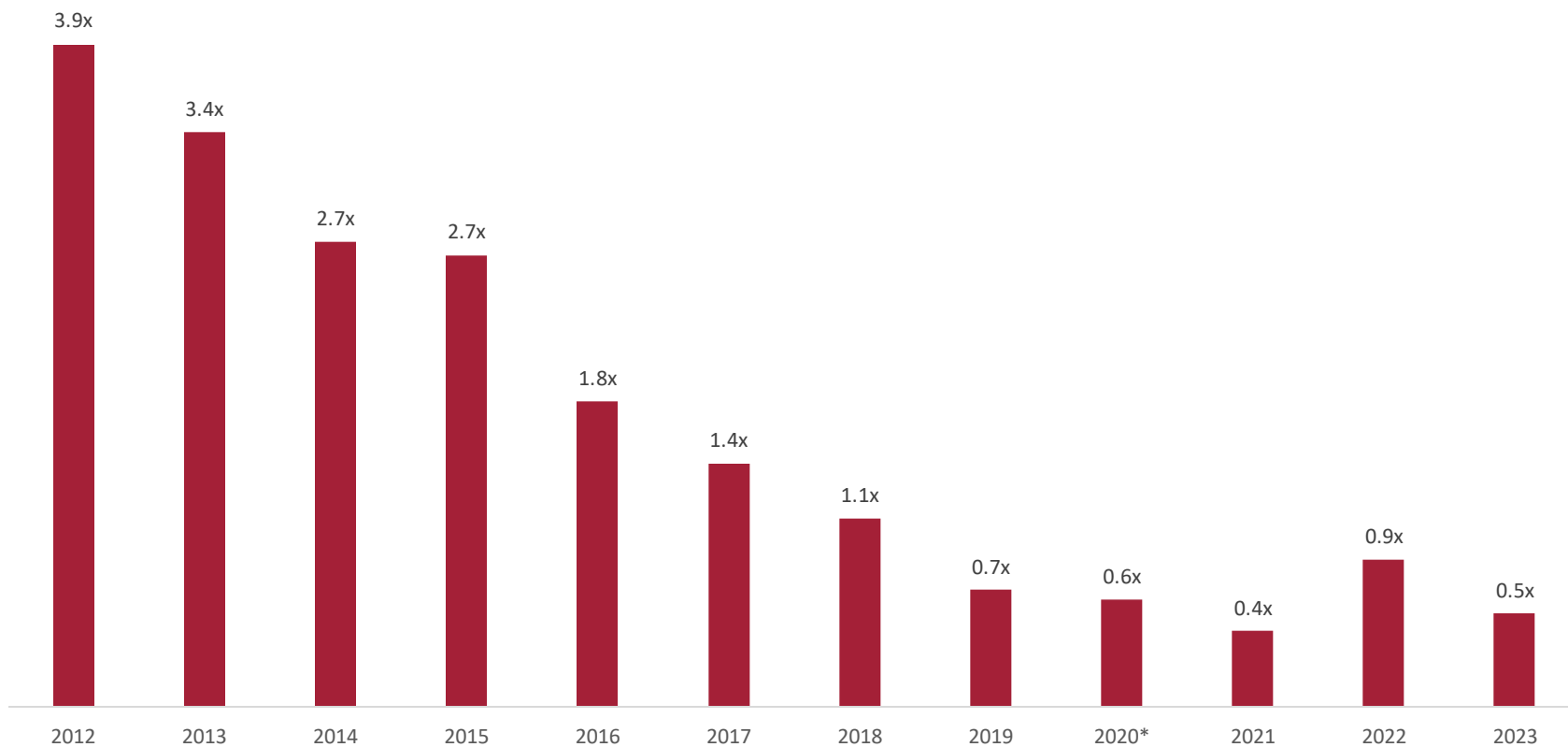
- Each store to be 4-wall EBIT accretive to company EBIT in base year (Year 2)
- Each store to be accretive to company ROIC
- On average, new stores outperform hurdles



# Strong Balance Sheet

*The company has a **strong balance sheet** to support its growth*

Net debt / Adjusted EBITDA



\*2020 shown using 2019 Adjusted EBITDA for illustrative purposes; 2020 Adjusted EBITDA was -\$62.7M  
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# Q4 2023 Performance Summary (13-week basis)

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- Total **sales increased by 9%** versus Q4 2022. **Comparable store sales increased 2%**
- **Gross Margins increased 190bps.** Merch margin improved by 140bps as a percentage of sales; freight expense improved by 50bps
- **Adjusted EBIT\*** was \$330 million, an increase of 110 basis points as a percentage of sales versus Q4 2022
- **Adjusted earnings per share\* of \$3.69** versus \$2.96 in Q4 2022
- **Repurchased \$103 million** of common stock
- **\$1,634 million in liquidity** comprised of \$925 million in unrestricted cash and \$709 million in ABL availability



# Long Term Growth Model

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- New store growth plan – expect to open:
  - Approximately 100 net new stores in 2024
  - **Approximately 500 net new stores by the end of 2028**
  - Potential to expand store base to 2,000 stores
- Project **low double digit average annual sales growth** over the next 5 years:
  - Driven by new store openings and comp stores sales growth
  - Comp growth could vary year-to-year but **average mid-single digits**
- With these assumptions, we believe that over this period we can achieve:
  - **Approximately 10% operating margin in 2028, ~400bps increase vs. 2023**
  - Significant growth of operating margin dollars and earnings per share



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# Burlington's Corporate Social Responsibility Progress

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- 2022 CSR Report released August 21st, 2023
- Tracking toward our 2030 emissions reduction goal set in 2022, with a 45% reduction in Scope 1 & 2 emissions per operating square foot compared to our 2016 baseline. We are investing in efficiencies in our buildings and focusing on expanding renewable energy projects throughout the US.
- Increased operational waste diverted from landfills to 63% in 2022, versus 61% in 2021.
- Released a Chemical Management Program in 2022 demonstrating our commitment to eliminating hazardous chemicals from our products as part of our corporate social responsibility.
- Donated over 60,000 items of merchandise, over \$1.6 million from the Burlington Stores Foundation, and raised over \$4 million from our customers in 2022.
- Partnering with Good360, the global leader in product philanthropy and purposeful giving, we piloted a donation program in 2022 whereby merchandise that could no longer be sold in our stores will be donated to a vetted local non-profit in the communities where we operate.
- In 2022, our Associates completed over 1.9 million eCourses focused on learning and development opportunities.
- Burlington was included in the 2022 Best Workplaces in Retail™ list and the 100 Companies that Care 2022 list.
- For additional information, please see the CSR section on our investor website at: [burlingtoninvestors.com/corporate-social-responsibility](https://burlingtoninvestors.com/corporate-social-responsibility)



# Appendix



# Executive Team

## Michael O'Sullivan

*Chief Executive Officer*

- At Burlington Since: 2019
- Prior experience:



## Jennifer Vecchio

*Group President and Chief Merchandising Officer*

- At Burlington Since: 2015
- Prior experience:



## Kristin Wolfe

*EVP Chief Financial Officer*

- At Burlington Since: 2022
- Prior experience:



## Travis Marquette

*President and Chief Operating Officer*

- At Burlington Since: 2021
- Prior experience:



## Connie Droge

*EVP Stores and Asset Protection*

- At Burlington Since: 2023
- Prior experience:

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## Greg Shultz

*EVP Supply Chain*

- At Burlington Since: 2021
- Prior experience:



## Gayle Aertker

*EVP Store Development*

- At Burlington Since: 2014
- Prior experience:

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# Adjusted Net Income and EBIT

## Historical Adjusted EPS Reconciliation

(\$ in millions)	FY 16	FY 17 <sup>1</sup>	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23 <sup>1</sup>	Q4 22	Q4 23 <sup>3</sup>
Net Income (loss)	\$215.9	\$384.9	\$414.7	\$465.1	(\$216.5)	\$408.8	\$230.1	\$339.6	\$ 185.2	\$ 227.5
Net Favorable Lease Costs	23.8	23.3	26.1	35.8	24.1	21.9	18.6	15.3	4.3	3.4
Non-cash interest expense on convertible notes	-	-	-	-	24.0	-	-	-	-	-
Costs Related to Debt Amendments & Offerings	1.3	2.3	2.5	(0.4)	3.6	3.4	-	0.1	-	-
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt	3.8	2.9	1.8	-	0.2	156.0	14.7	38.3	-	-
Impairment Charges	2.5	2.1	6.8	4.3	6.0	7.7	21.4	6.4	3.8	-
Stock Option Modification Expense	0.6	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Litigation Accrual	3.5	-	-	-	22.8	-	10.5	1.5	-	-
E-commerce closure	-	-	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Effect	(19.1)	(9.8)	(9.4)	(10.1)	(35.3)	(24.7)	(14.5)	(7.8)	0.4	4.8
<b>Adjusted Net Income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 232.3</b>	<b>\$ 405.8</b>	<b>\$ 442.5</b>	<b>\$ 494.7</b>	<b>\$ (169.5)</b>	<b>\$ 573.2</b>	<b>\$ 280.8</b>	<b>\$ 393.4</b>	<b>\$ 193.7</b>	<b>\$ 235.7</b>
Diluted Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	71.7	70.3	68.7	67.3	66.0	68.1	65.9	64.9	65.4	64.4
<b>Adjusted Earnings per Share</b>	<b>\$ 3.24</b>	<b>\$ 5.77</b>	<b>\$ 6.44</b>	<b>\$ 7.35</b>	<b>\$ (2.57)</b>	<b>\$ 8.41</b>	<b>\$ 4.26</b>	<b>\$ 6.06</b>	<b>\$ 2.96</b>	<b>\$ 3.66</b>

## Historical Adjusted EBIT and EBITDA Reconciliation

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Interest Expense, Net	56.1	58.6	55.6	49.1	96.5	67.3	57.7	53.8	14.5	10.1
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt	3.8	2.9	1.8	-	0.2	156.0	14.7	38.3	-	-
Income Tax Expense (benefit)	117.3	44.1	92.8	115.4	(221.1)	136.5	77.4	126.1	65.8	86.1
Net Favorable Lease Costs	23.8	23.3	26.1	35.8	24.1	21.9	18.6	15.3	4.3	3.4
Impairment Charges	2.5	2.1	6.8	4.3	6.0	7.7	21.4	6.4	3.8	-
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E-commerce closure	-	-	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Adjusted EBIT (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 424.8</b>	<b>\$ 518.3</b>	<b>\$ 600.4</b>	<b>\$ 669.3</b>	<b>\$ (282.9)</b>	<b>\$ 801.7</b>	<b>\$ 430.3</b>	<b>\$ 581.0</b>	<b>\$ 273.7</b>	<b>\$ 327.1</b>
Depreciation and amortization <sup>2</sup>	159.8	177.8	191.8	210.4	220.2	249.2	270.4	307.1	68.5	87.3
<b>Adjusted EBITDA (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 584.6</b>	<b>\$ 696.1</b>	<b>\$ 792.2</b>	<b>\$ 879.7</b>	<b>\$ (62.7)</b>	<b>\$ 1,050.9</b>	<b>\$ 700.7</b>	<b>\$ 888.1</b>	<b>\$ 342.2</b>	<b>\$ 414.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> 53 weeks

<sup>2</sup> Excludes net favorable lease costs, all or a portion of which were included in depreciation and amortization prior to Fiscal 2021

<sup>3</sup> 14 weeks