

# **Investor Presentation**

Q2 FY 2020 (Nasdaq: CONN)



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# Synergies Between Retail and Credit Offerings Differentiates Conn's From Other Companies

idaly Profitable Retail Business

Focus on aspirational products and better/ best retail strategy drives highly profitable retail business that supports strong corporate earnings

Snidue Competitive Advantage

Hybrid business model is difficult to replicate, requires a significant amount of capital and sophistication, and creates a unique competitive advantage

steakeven Credit Strates

Breakeven credit
strategy allows us to
provide an affordable
in-house financing
offering to our
underserved core
customer that is
unmatched by
standalone credit
companies

Comparable retailers lack the breadth of financing options and best-in-class customer experience, while other credit companies cannot provide similarly priced financing programs to our core customer



# **Established Platform Able to Support Growth Strategy**

Over the past three years Conn's has focused on creating a platform to support its long-term growth opportunity

#### **Dedicated to Creating Shareholder Value**

- Achieved GAAP earnings of \$2.28 per diluted share for FY19 compared to loss of (\$0.83) per diluted share for FY17
- Producing strong financial results by balancing credit risk and retail growth

**FY19** 

#### **Restarted Organic Retail Growth**

- Began approving new stores to accelerate pace of new store openings
- Expanded retail gross margin by 380 basis points from FY17 to FY19 from merchandising improvements and supply chain efficiencies

**FY18** 

#### **Stabilized Credit Segment Performance**

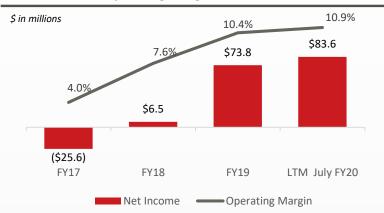
- Removed ~10% of same store sales to stabilize credit segment and slowed new store growth
- Significantly expanded spread between net yield and net charge-offs, deleveraged balance sheet and reduced cost of funds

**FY17** 

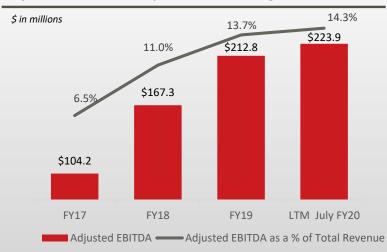
#### **Assembled Proven Leadership Team**

- Attracted proven leaders with deep retail and credit experience necessary to manage unique business
- Focused on long-term and sustainable growth
- Invested in credit segment in people, analytics and systems

#### **Net Income and Operating Margin**



#### **Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin**





# Financial and Operating Targets

# **Growth Strategy and Differentiated Business Model Drive Compelling Financial Opportunity**



8%-10%
Annual Retail
Sales Growth

+40%
Retail Gross
Margin

~1,000
Bps of Credit
Spread

- Low-single digit annual same store sales growth
- Mid-single digit annual sales growth from new stores
- Measured pace of growth balances retail opportunity with stable credit performance
- New stores are typically accretive to income after one year

- Focus on aspirational products and better / best retail strategy
- Small number of strategic vendor relationships drives volume discounts
- Operating leverage generated as investments to support new stores and growth anniversary
- Benefits of mix shift to higher margin furniture and mattress category

- ~1,000 bps of credit spread (difference between yield and losses on in-house financing) creates roughly breakeven credit segment
- Drives sales with +40% retail gross margin while balancing credit risk
- Spread in excess of ~1,000 basis points reinvested back into retail business

# Multiple Growth Opportunities in Large Addressable Market

## **Expand Share by Entering New Markets**

~30%<sup>(1)</sup> of U.S. population, or 38 million<sup>(2)</sup> households, have a FICO Score of 650 or less

**~4.6%** average penetration of target customer in existing states, versus ~7.2% in "home" state of Texas

~77%<sup>(3)</sup> of non-prime population uses retail credit

Currently operate in only 14 states









## Further Penetrate Existing Markets (4)

**+24 Million** total visits to Conn's stores and website

Increase traffic through marketing initiatives

**Opportunities** 

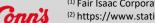
**1.2 Million** Conn's in-house credit applications submitted

Increase both online and in-store applications and improve retail execution

670,000 applications approved Enhance underwriting to increase approval rates without increasing risk

360,000 applications used

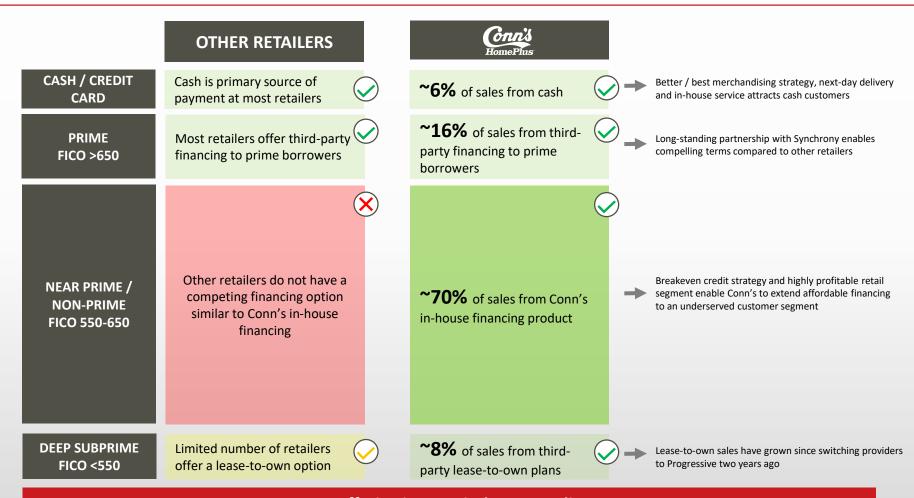
Continue to optimize merchandising assortment and promotional offers to increase credit utilization



<sup>(1)</sup> Fair Isaac Corporation

<sup>(2)</sup> https://www.statista.com/statistics/183635/number-of-households-in-the-us/

# Conn's Provides Customers with a Range of Financing Options Tailored to their Situation



By offering its own in-house credit,
Conn's has a competitive advantage by providing customers more financing options than other retailers



# Hybrid Credit / Retail Business Model is a Competitive Advantage that Supports a **Breakeven Credit Strategy and Unmatched Financing Offering**

## **Conn's In-house Credit Offering**

#### **Conn's Credit Advantages**

- Competing standalone finance companies must charge higher interest rates or approve fewer people to profitably underwrite to Conn's core customer profile
- Offering simple, secured installment contracts for over 50 years
- Retail profitability supports breakeven credit strategy

#### **Conn's Affordable Offering**

- Conn's typically charges up to 29.99% interest compared to My Best Buy Visa purchase variable APR of up to 29.99% and Amazon.com card variable purchase APR of 28.24% (1)
- National average of credit card interest rate for borrowers with non-prime credit is over 25% (2) compared to Conn's credit average interest rate of ~21%(3)
  - ~24% of portfolio includes no-interest promotional receivables
- Total cost of ownership of a financing through a lease-to-own product >2.0x more expensive than Conn's in-house credit (4)
- Competing near prime credit cards have limited availability, low available credit and high fees

## **Comprehensive Credit Waterfall**

Cash **Prime Diverse Credit Offerings** 

**Synchrony Prime** 

**Underwriting decisions and** collections activities are centralized and independent from retail operations. Over 60% of credit decisions are approved automatically based on Conn's auto-decision algorithm.

Conn's Credit **Near Prime** 

**Progressive** Subprime





<sup>(1)</sup>APR data as of August 26, 2019. Source www.bestbuy.com and www.amazon.com

<sup>(2)</sup> https://www.creditcards.com/credit-card-news/historic-credit-card-interest-rate-chart.php

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes promotional financing

<sup>(4)</sup> Comparison assumes \$2,000 transaction with Conn's financing of 36-month term and \$85 monthly payment versus lease-to-own option of 24-month term and \$249 monthly payment.

# **Stable Credit Platform Creates Additional Opportunities to Grow Retail Sales**

	LTM <sup>(1)</sup>	Opportunities / Reinvestment					
Yield	21.8%	<ul> <li>Net yield increasing as higher interest direct loan products further season into the portfolio</li> <li>Higher yield provides opportunities to increase promotional financing offers to drive retail sales</li> </ul>					
Net Charge-Off	12.6%	<ul> <li>Managing losses through sophisticated underwriting and improving collection and recovery performance</li> <li>Stable credit performance allows the company to use credit segment to drive retail sales</li> </ul>					
Credit Spread	9.2%	Target  ➤ 10%  Maintaining ~1,000 bps of credit spread maximizes retail performance and enables stable funding costs, while providing the company with flexibility to navigate changing economic and regulatory environments					

~1,000 bps of credit spread produces roughly breakeven credit segment

Higher spread creates opportunity to grow retail sales













Conn's creates a premium shopping experience for a consumer underserved by the market, which supports...









53% Repeat Customers

1.3x Average Purchases per Year<sup>(1)</sup>

77% NPS Score vs Industry 64%

Rating and Accredited
Business Rating by Better
Business Bureau



# Offering Aspirational, High-Quality and Durable Products for the Home

Better / Best Merchandising Strategy Drives Financing Transaction and Produces Higher Retail Gross Margin Compared to Other Retailers

- 36% of FY 2019 product sales
- Highest margin category
- Assortment includes on-trend styles and color
- High quality furniture sold largely in room packages
- Cost advantage from diversified overseas sourcing













- 24% of FY 2019 product sales
- TV product focus is premium, large screens, driving higher average selling price and margins



















- 31% of FY 2019 product sales
- Commission sales force is an advantage relative to other retailers
- Leader in premium model sales







Robot











- 8% of FY 2019 product sales
- Assortment includes gaming PCs and accessories
- Margins benefit from sale of bundles and virus protection plans











# **Platform Enables Differentiated e-Commerce Offering**

## **Growing Online / Mobile / Digital Engagement**

- Continue to see increasing online traffic as customers view the website before visiting stores
- More than half of Conn's total applications in FY19 were from the web
- Meaningful investments completed during FY19 and early FY20 to support e-Commerce strategy

## **Well-Positioned Strategy**

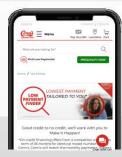
- Conn's has created a fully digital end-to-end credit approval process
- Existing distribution and logistics capabilities support next day in-house delivery
- Omnichannel offering and experience further expands Conn's competitive advantage

## e-Commerce Launch Was a Signficant Milestone, Allowing Customers to...



#### Interact

- New website launched in Q1 FY20
- Website optimized for mobile
- Mobile app under development



# **Apply**

- Credit platform supports fully online process
- Sophisticated waterfall between in-house and third-party offerings



#### **Purchase**

- Omnichannel platform
- Last-mile delivery capabilities already in place
- Expands market reach beyond physical stores





# **Powerful Unit Economics and New Store Growth Characteristics**

Controlled new store sales to proactively manage credit performance associated with new customers

New store unit growth accretive to same store sales as new stores enter comp base

#### **New Store Financial Overview**

- Low capital investment of ~\$1 million per new store
  - ~\$7 million of additional capital required in first year to fund growth in accounts receivables of new stores
- Rapid cash payback of ~12 months
- Low breakeven at less than \$4 million in annual sales
- New stores fund expansion though quick cash payback
- Pre-opening SG&A expenses of approximately \$350,000 start ~6 months prior to opening







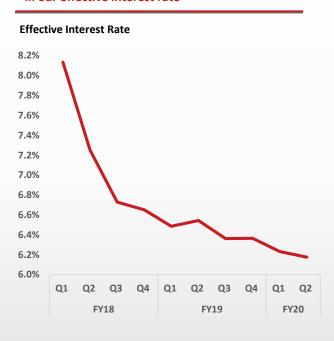




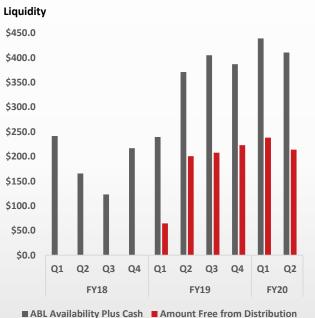


# **Conservative Capital Structure and Strong Liquidity Position Provide Financial Flexibility**

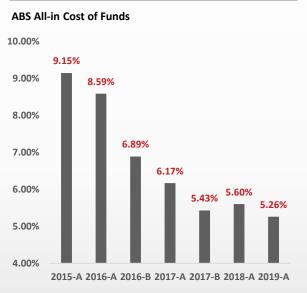
# Continued deleveraging has driven a reduction in our effective interest rate



# Strong liquidity reflected by high availability and increasing amount free from distribution



# Lower all-in cost of funds driven by portfolio performance and better transaction execution



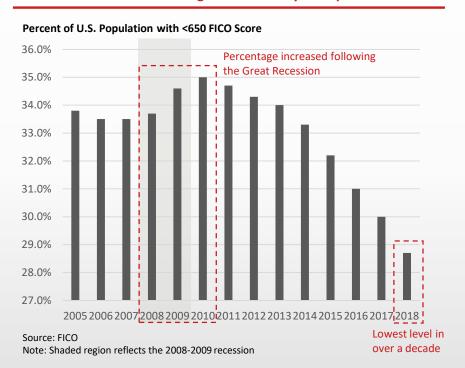
- Balance sheet has continued to deleverage as a result of strong operating performance and improved financing terms
- \$650 million facility size with four-year term; improved terms and covenant modifications with amendment in FY19
- \$75 million buyback approved in Q2FY20
- 9.6% of outstanding shares repurchased through August 29, 2019

- Successfully executed 7 ABS transactions since re-entering the ABS market in 2015
- Continue to experience strong and increasing investor demand
- Improved ratings from both Fitch and Kroll in 2019-A



# Stable Customer Demographic and Demonstrated Historical Performance Regardless of Economic Cycle

# U.S. Population with FICO Score Below 650 Increased in Last Economic Downturn Providing Tailwinds to Cycle Impact



- Historically, economic downturns have increased population of consumers with FICO below 650 creating opportunity to acquire new customers
- Traditional lenders typically retrench during recessions leaving even more consumers underserved
- Percent of the U.S. population with FICO <650 is lowest in over a decade highlighting long term opportunity
- Our core customer has been tested in multiple economic downturns, including the Great Recession, and has performed resiliently

Conservative credit strategy, highly profitable retail business, strong balance sheet and management experience further insulates the company from macroeconomic challenges



# **Quarterly Financial Update**

(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)		2 FY20	Q2 FY19		Variance	
Revenues:						
Net sales	\$	306.1	\$	296.3	\$	9.7
Finance charges and other		95.0		88.3		6.7
Total revenues	\$	401.1	\$	384.6	\$	16.5
Costs and expenses:	_		_		_	
Cost of Goods	\$	182.1	\$	173.6	\$	8.5
Selling, general and administrative		127.5		120.7		6.8
Provision for bad debts		49.7		50.8	\$	(1.1)
Charges and Credits		-		0.3		(0.3)
Total costs and expenses		359.3		345.4		13.9
Operating Income		41.8		39.2		2.6
Interest (income) expense		14.4		15.6		(1.2)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		-		1.4		(1.4)
Income before income taxes		27.4		22.3		5.1
Provision for income taxes		7.4		5.3		2.1
Net income	\$	20.0	\$	17.0	\$	3.0
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	0.62	\$	0.53	\$	0.09
Retail gross margin		40.5%		41.4%		-90 bps
SG&A as a percent of revenue		31.8%		31.4%		40 bps
Net yield		21.9%		21.3%		60 bps
Charge-off percentage		13.0%		13.8%		-80 bps
Credit spread		8.9%		7.5%		140 bps
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Effective tax rate		27.0%		23.8%		320 bps

#### **Financial Highlights**

- Total revenue growth of 4.3% compared to prior year
- Diluted earnings per share of \$0.62, a 17% increase over Q2 of last year

#### Retail

- Total retail sales growth of 3.3% compared to Q2 last year, with non-Hurricane Harvey same store sales growth of 0.4%
- Retail gross margin of 40.5%; fifth consecutive quarter at or above 40.0% target
- Opened four new stores during the quarter and 13 new sores since Q2 of last year

#### Credit

- Credit spread of 890 basis points, the best second quarter credit spread in six years
- Finance charges and other revenue increase primarily driven by 60 bps increase in yield and an increase in insurance income as a result of higher retrospective commissions
- Decline in provision for bad debts driven by lower charge-offs as credit segment performance continues to improve
- Recoveries of \$6.1 million, a 26% increase over Q2 last year
- Interest expense of \$14.4 million, down \$1.2 million compared to Q2 last year



# **Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin**

	LTM Ended July 31,	Year Ended January 31,	Year Ended January 31,	Year Ended January 31, 2017	
(\$ in millions)	2019	2019	2018		
Net income (loss)	\$ 83.6	\$ 73.8	\$ 6.5	\$ (25.6)	
Adjustments:					
Depreciation expense	33.8	31.6	30.8	28.9	
Interest expense	59.2	62.7	80.1	98.6	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	27.2	22.9	25.2	(8.9)	
Loss on extinguishment of debt (1)	-	1.8	3.3	-	
Stock-based compensation expense (2)	13.3	12.2	8.1	4.8	
Indirect tax audit reserve (3)	2.0	2.0	2.6	1.4	
Store and facility closure and relocation costs (4)	(0.7)	-	2.4	1.1	
Legal and professional fees and related reserves associated with the exploration of strategic alternatives, securities-related litigation, a legal					
judgment and other legal matters (5)	4.8	5.1	1.2	0.1	
Employee severance (6)	0.7	0.7	1.3	1.6	
Write-off of capitalized software costs (7)		-	5.8	-	
Executive management transition costs		-	-	0.2	
Impairment from disposal		-	-	2.0	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$223.9	\$212.8	\$167.3	\$104.2	
Total revenues	\$1,561.4	\$1,549.8	\$1,516.0	\$1,596.8	
Operating Margin	10.9%	10.4%	7.6%	4.0%	
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	14.3%	13.7%	11.0%	6.5%	

- (1) Represents costs incurred for the early retirement of our debt.
- (2) Represents the total costs incurred for stock based compensation.
- (3) Represents charges related to increases in our indirect tax audit reserve primarily related to the period from fiscal year 2008 to fiscal year 2016.
- (4) Represents the costs incurred for store closures, relocations, and the reduction in square footage of a distribution center.
- (5) Represents costs related to the TFL judgment and costs related to contingency reserves for legal matters.
- (6) Represents severance costs related to a change in the executive management team.
- (7) Represents a loss from the write-off of previously capitalized costs for a software project that was abandoned during fiscal year 2018 related to the implementation of a new point of sale system that began in fiscal year 2013.

