

2018 Annual General & Special Meeting of Shareholders





Executive Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer Remarks



## 2017 Financial Highlights



## **Key Performance Factors**

- ✓ Record capital investment of \$173 million
- ✓ Acquisitions:
  - Roadtown Wholesale Trading Ltd. (RTW)
  - North Star Air Ltd. (NSA)



## 2017 Financial Highlights



## **Key Performance Factors Continued**

- X Caribbean hurricane-related store closures:
  - 2 Cost-U-Less stores & 3 RTW stores
  - Annualized impact:
    - U.S. \$92 million in sales
    - U.S. \$6.6 million EBITDA
- √ / X U.S. tax reform



## Top Line Growth Continues • 2017 Financial Highlights





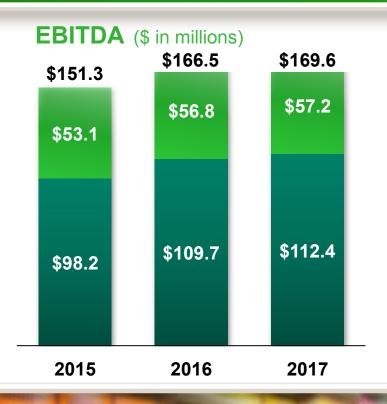


- ✓ Top line sales +5.9% driven by:
  - ✓ RTW & NSA acquisitions
  - ✓ New Giant Tiger stores
  - ✓ Same store sales +1.2%
- X Hurricane-related store closures
  - -\$45 million



#### EBITDA Performance • 2017 Financial Highlights







- ✓ RTW & NSA contribution
- ✓ Northern Canada store results
- X Acquisition costs
- X Hurricane-related store closures
- = EBITDA +\$3.1 million, +1.9%



#### Acquisitions Drive Adjusted EBITDA Improvement • 2017 Financial Highlights







- Hurricane-related Store Closures
- Acquisition Costs
- Reported EBITDA
- X Stamp duty paid to BVI government
- X Negative hurricane impact
- = Adjusted EBITDA +\$14.7 million, +8.8%
  - Accretive acquisitions
  - Core business results



## Net Earnings Performance • 2017 Financial Highlights



#### **Net Earnings** (\$ in millions)



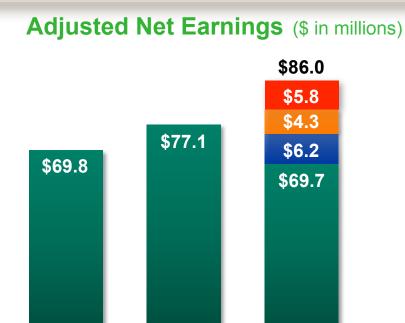
- X Non-comparable costs
- X Higher amortization & interest expense
- X U.S. tax reform transition tax
  - -\$5.8 million
- = Net earnings \$7.4 million, 9.6%



#### Net Earnings Performance • 2017 Financial Highlights

2017





2016

2015



Hurricane-related Store Closures

Acquisition Costs

Reported Net Earnings

- Adjusted net earnings +\$8.9 million, +11.5%
  - ✓ Contribution from RTW & NSA
  - ✓ Solid Northern Canada results





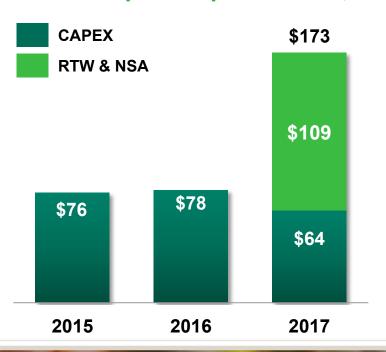
2017 Other Financial Highlights



### Investing to Sustain and Grow • 2017 Financial Highlights



#### **2017 Capital Expenditures** (\$ in millions)



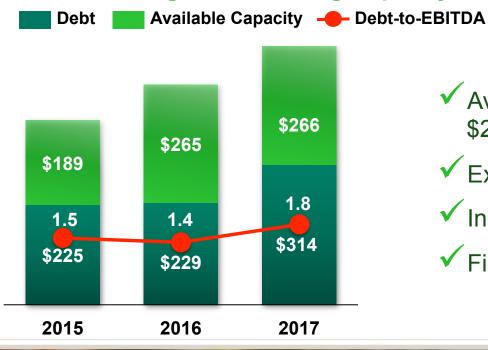
- ✓ Invest in new markets & strengthen our supply chain +\$109 million
- ✓ Continue to sustain & grow existing business:
  - Top Markets
  - Top Categories
  - Project Enterprise
- Right balance of growth & sustaining investments



### Financial Capacity • 2017 Financial Highlights



### **Debt, Leverage & Borrowing Capacity** (\$ in millions)



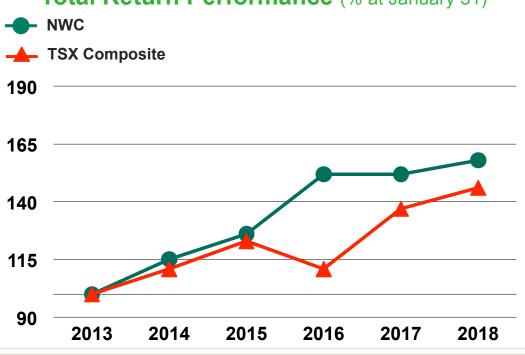
- ✓ Available borrowing capacity \$266 million
- ✓ Extended debt maturities
- ✓ Increased fixed interest rate debt
- ✓ Financial capacity to support growth



#### Shareholder Returns • 2017 Financial Highlights



#### **Total Return Performance** (% at January 31)



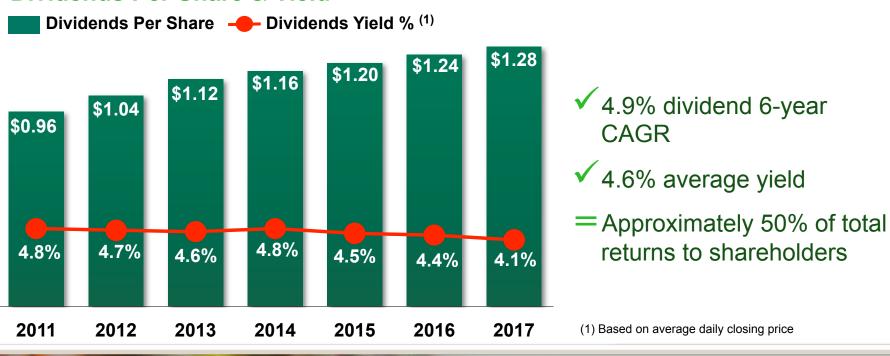
- ✓ Share price growth +26%
- ✓ Dividend reinvestment
- = 9.5% total returns 5-year CAGR



### Increasing Dividends • 2017 Financial Highlights



#### **Dividends Per Share & Yield**







2018 First Quarter Financial Performance



#### Sales Performance • 2018 First Quarter Performance







- ✓ NSA sales growth
- ✓ New Giant Tiger stores
- X Hurricane-related store closures
  - -\$24 million
- X Foreign exchange impact \$8 million

(1) In accordance with IFRS 15



#### Non-comparable Expenses Impact EBITDA • 2018 First Quarter Performance









- ✓ Non-comparable expenses:
  - Lower share-option expense
  - RTW acquisition costs
- X Hurricane-related store closures
- = EBITDA +\$9.4 million, +31.3%



#### EBITDA Performance • 2018 First Quarter Performance









Acquisition Costs

Share-option Expense

Reported EBITDA

= Adjusted EBITDA − \$0.4 million, −0.8%



### Non-comparable Expenses Impact Earnings • 2018 First Quarter Performance



#### **Net Earnings** (\$ in millions)



- ✓ Lower share-option expense
- ✓ Acquisition costs
- X Hurricane-related store closures
- = Net earnings +\$9.5 million



#### Net Earnings Performance • 2018 First Quarter Performance



## Adjusted Net Earnings (\$ in millions)



- Hurricane-related Store Closures
- Acquisition Costs
- Share-option Expense
- Reported Net Earnings
- = Adjusted net earnings \$1.0 million, 5.2%
  - X Giant Tiger food price discounting and unseasonably cold weather
  - X Extended winter road season in Northern Canada
  - X NSA ramp-up costs



#### Consistent Dividend Yield • 2018 First Quarter Performance



### **Quarterly Dividends** (\$ per share)



- ✓ 4.6% yield at April 30
- ✓ Future increases based on earnings and cash flow growth





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**President & CEO Remarks** 



## "Helping Our Customers Live Better"



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Superior Customer Offer

**Top Stores** 

Positive Community Impact

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# 2017: Opportunistic & Strategy Aligned



## **Roadtown Wholesale Trading Ltd.**



#### North Star Air Ltd.





# 2017: Unexpected & Managed



#### **Caribbean Hurricanes**



#### **Northern Manitoba Wildfires**





## **Priority Areas Review**



- 1. Pure Retail
- 2. Top Markets & Categories
- 3. North Star Air
- 4. Giant Tiger













# Pure Retail Approach



- Tackle low-value activity
- Liberate store hours
- Reinvest to get sales





# Pure Retail Scope



- 150 opportunities
- 53 projects
- 90-120 days to complete











## Pure Retail Example #1



#### **PROBLEM**

Log-in delays of several minutes

# **SOLUTION**

Clean-up connector app files

## LIBERATED HOURS

• 20,000





# Pure Retail Example #2



#### **PROBLEM**

Time to receive individual cartons

## **SOLUTION**

Receive by container (with controls)

## LIBERATED HOURS

• 7,800





## Pure Retail Roll-up



- 250,000 liberated hours
- 129 full time positions = \$5 million
- Sets the stage for more simplicity and sales





# Pure Retail People Stream



- More satisfying store roles
- Better physical environment
- Higher attraction and retention





# **Community Associate Training**



- 26% of management from communities
- Structure unfairly discriminates
- A new approach delivers many benefits





# **Top Categories & Markets**



- Prioritize high potential markets & products
- "Learn, fix and double down"











# **Top Categories**



- Convenience is leading Top Category
- Equals 28% of sales
- 5-6% growth rate
- Very profitable, more growth ahead











# **Top Categories**



- 8 c-stores planned
- Modular units for far North
- 41 stand alone by year-end







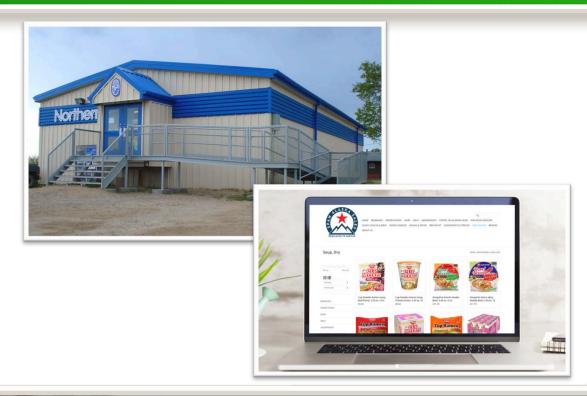




#### "Tomorrow Stores"



- Drive new category growth:
  - 1) Reposition small road stores
  - 2) Build out direct-to-customer
- Leverage < NWC advantages





# **Top Markets**



- Slower pace, higher execution
- Change or eliminate low performing programs
- A compelling investment priority









#### North Star Air



- Tremendous work effort
- New cost reduction, revenue opportunities ahead
- Phase 2 complete by month-end











# **Giant Tiger**



- Priority for improvement
- Cost reductions
- In-store merchandising focus
- Treat it like a core business











# Community Relations



- Uniquely important to our success
- A "community lens" approach
- Trusted partner outcome













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