# carter's

if they could just stay little<sup>\*</sup>



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#### **September 12, 2012**







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- Best known brands in young children's apparel
- Largest share of attractive market
- Broadest distribution
- Long track record of growth
- Multiple growth & margin improvement opportunities





#### **d** Our Brand Portfolio

Tagline Established Brand Positioning

Target Consumer

**Brand Loyalty** 

**carter's**<sup>•</sup> *if they could just stay little* 

"What Really Matters to Mom"

1865

**Good-Better** 

Moms and First-Time Moms of Babies up to 2 years

Near 100% Brand Awareness
81% Repeat Purchase





"The Genuine Article Since 1895"

1895

Better-Premium

Moms of Kids 2-7 years old

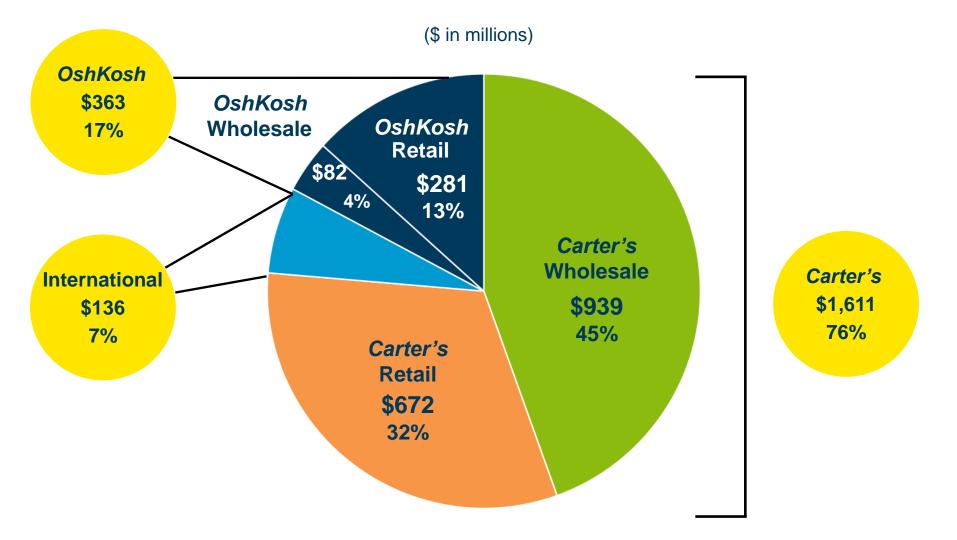
- Near 100% Brand Awareness
- 78% Repeat Purchase



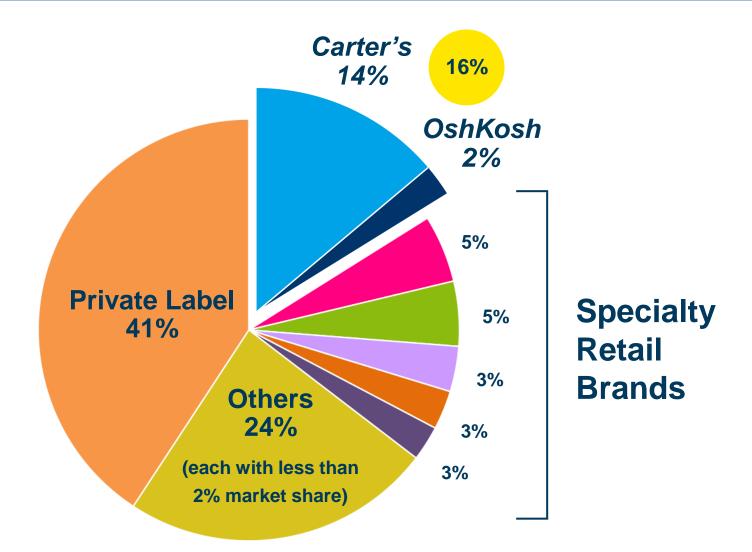
#### **★** Leading Brands in Multiple Channels



#### $\bigstar$ Record \$2.1 Billion in Sales in 2011, +21%



#### **★** Largest Share of a \$22 Billion U.S. Market



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#### ★ Long Track Record of Growth



\* Excludes non-recurring charges in certain years. See reconciliation to GAAP on page 29.



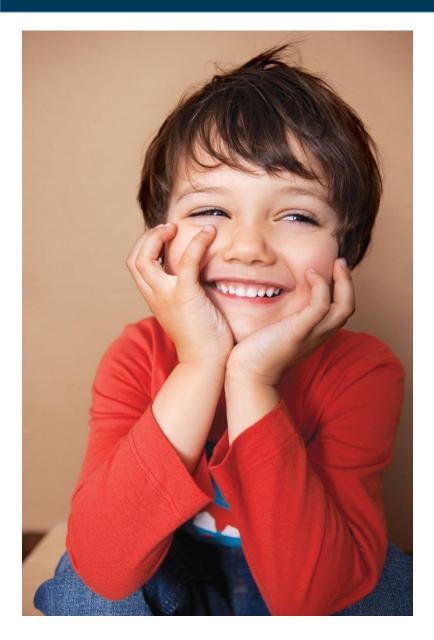
 Lead the market in product value and brand presentation

Extend the reach of our brands

Improve profitability



### **★** Growth Opportunities



#### Wholesale

#### •U.S. Retail

#### •eCommerce

#### International

#### ★ Largest Supplier of Young Children's Apparel to the Largest Retailers



- ~17,000 points of distribution
- Focus on continued growth across portfolio
  - Improve productivity
  - Grow and strengthen branded presence online
  - Expand current offering to all doors in accounts with limited distribution
  - Benefit from new door openings and comp growth

# ★ Wholesale – Kohl's



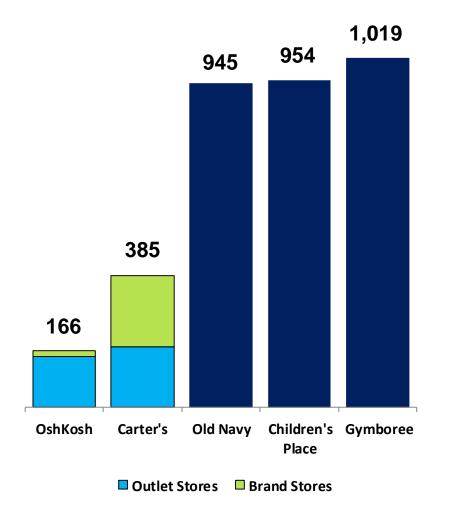
## $\bigstar$ Wholesale – Target, Walmart







#### **T**U.S. Retail Growth Opportunity



- Significant existing penetration in outlet locations
- Meaningful brand store growth opportunity over next several years
- Rolling out successful Carter's brand store format
- Testing OshKosh B'gosh mall store format





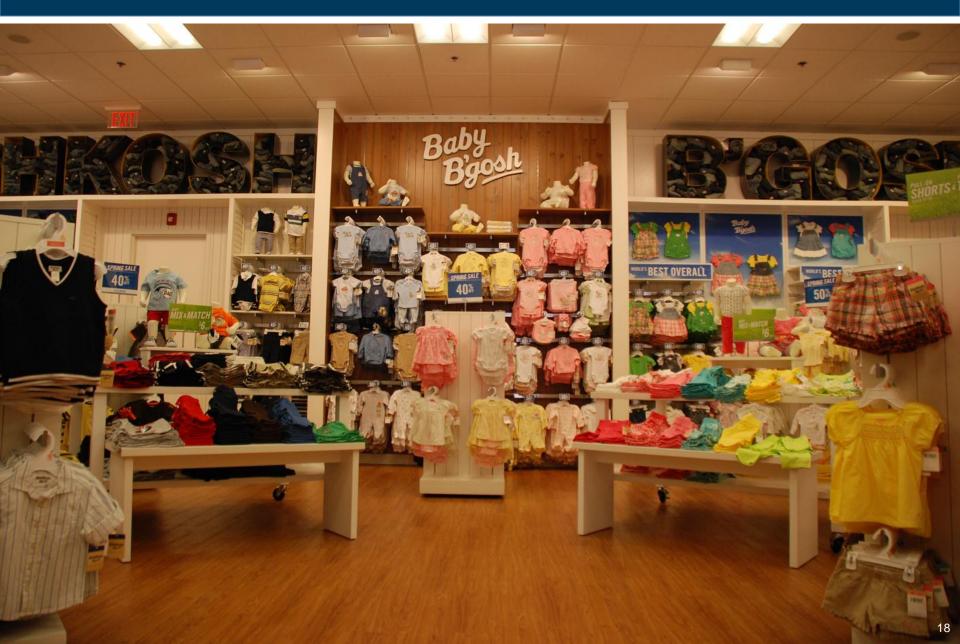












#### **★** eCommerce Opportunity



- Launched in 2010
- Strong traffic and sales momentum – \$100 million+ opportunity in 2012
- Reinforcing Carter's, OshKosh brand positioning and strength
- Building valuable customer relationships
- Focused on providing a best-inclass shopping experience
- Building infrastructure to enable growth

### **★** International Opportunity

- Retail
  - Open 18-20 Canadian stores per year through 2016, growing to ~160 stores
- Wholesale / Licensing
  - Convert select licensees to wholesale model
  - Continue to grow with U.S. multinational retailers and regional wholesalers
  - Execute new partnerships

#### eCommerce

- Launched global eCommerce fulfillment capabilities in Q2 through partnership with FiftyOne
- Build Canada eCommerce capabilities













#### $\bigstar$ International – *Carter's* / *OshKosh* Store



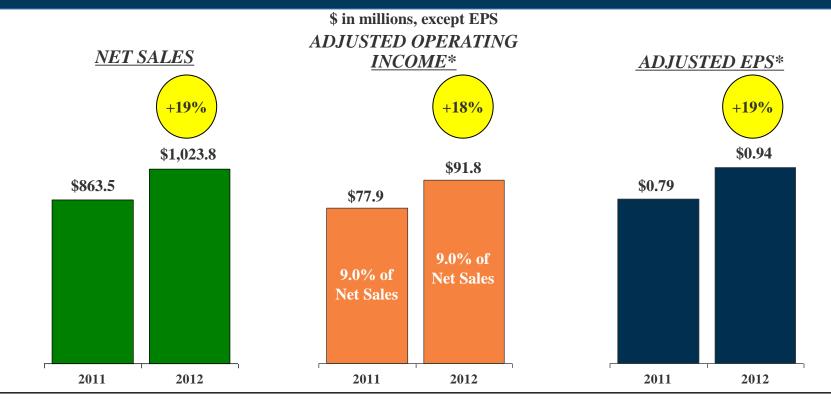
### $\bigstar$ International – South Korea



#### $\bigstar$ International – United Arab Emirates



#### ★ First Half 2012 Highlights



- Sales growth reflects strength of our product offerings and success of our multichannel growth strategies
  - **U.S. net sales +11.8%** 
    - *Carter*'s brands +13.7%
    - OshKosh B'gosh brand +2.4%
  - International net sales \$84.0 million (+\$61.4 million); 8.2% of total company sales
- Success of growth strategies and pricing, promotional, and supply chain initiatives helped to overcome meaningful product cost increases

\* Results are stated on an adjusted basis; see reconciliation to GAAP on page 30.

### $\bigstar$ Margin Expansion Opportunities

- Accelerating high margin retail, eCommerce, and international businesses
- Lowering product costs
- Building direct sourcing capabilities
- Improving inventory management disciplines
- Enhancing distribution capabilities





- Best known and trusted brands in children's apparel
- Largest US market share
- Broad reach multiple brands in multiple channels
- Attractive growth and margin improvement opportunities







## Appendix

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### GAAP to Adjusted Operating Income Reconciliation

#### (\$ in millions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	CAGR
Net Sales	\$463.4	\$518.5	<b>\$579.5</b>	\$703.8	\$822.7	\$1,119.3	\$1,333.9	\$1,404.0	\$1,494.5	\$1,589.7	\$1,749.3	\$2,109.7	14.8%
Operating Income - as reported (GAAP)	\$40.5	\$31.7	<mark>\$60.6</mark>	<mark>\$74.6</mark>	<b>\$100.6</b>	<b>\$119.2</b>	\$155.6	(\$14.2)	\$140.0	<b>\$195.6</b>	\$243.3	\$187.5	14.9%
Workforce reduction										5.5			
Barnesville, GA distribution center closure costs										3.3			
OshKosh, WI office asset impairment charges										1.2			
Professional fees associated with customer support investigation										5.7			
OshKosh intangible asset impairment								154.9					
Executive retirement charges									5.3				
White House, TN distribution center closure costs and asset write-down								5.3	2.6	0.7			
Mexican sewing facility closure charges						6.8							
Costa Rican sewing facility closure charges				1.0	0.6								
Accelerated depreciation on facility closures				1.3		1.6		2.1		1.0			
Berkshire Partners management fee termination				2.6									
Write-off of IPO expenses			0.9										
Barnesville, GA textile facility closure charges and write-down			0.2										
Barnesville, GA print facility closure charges and write-down		2.7											
Harlingen, TX sewing facility closure charges		1.3											
Berkshire Partners 2001 acquisition-related expenses		11.3											
Bonnie Togs 2011 acquisition-related expenses												3.0	
Revaluation of contingent consideration												2.5	
Inventory step-up expense						13.9						6.7	
Reversal of performance-related stock-based compensation								(2.7)					
	· ·	19.8	1.1	4.9	0.6	22.3		159.6	7.9	17.4		12.2	
Operating Income - as adjusted	\$40.5	\$51.6	<u>\$61.6</u>	<mark>\$79.6</mark>	\$101.2	\$141.5	\$155.6	\$145.4	<b>\$147.9</b>	\$213.0	\$243.3	<b>\$199.7</b>	15.6%
Adjusted Operating Margin %	8.7%	9.9%	10.6%	11.3%	12.3%	12.6%	11.7%	10.4%	9.9%	13.4%	13.9%	9.5%	

#### Reconciliation of GAAP to Adjusted Earnings – First Half

\$ in millions, except EPS										
			Income St	atement	Segment Reporting					
First Half of Fiscal 2012	SG&A	% of sales	Operating Income	% of sales	Net Income	Diluted EPS	International Operating Income	% of segment net sales	Corporate Operating Expenses	% of segment net sales
As reported (GAAP)	<b>\$306.0</b>	29.9%	<b>\$88.2</b>	8.6%	<b>\$53.1</b>	<mark>\$0.89</mark>	\$13.7	16.3%	(\$35.0)	(3.4%)
Revaluation of contingent consideration (a) Facility closure-related costs (b) Total adjustments	(1.8) (1.8) (3.6)		1.8 1.8 3.6		1.8 <u>1.2</u> <u>2.9</u>	0.03 0.02 0.05	1.8		<u> </u>	
As adjusted (d)	<u>\$302.4</u>	29.5%	<mark>\$91.8</mark>	9.0%	<u>\$56.0</u>	<u>\$0.94</u>	<u>\$15.5</u>	18.5%	(\$33.1)	(3.2%)

			Income St	atement	Segment Reporting					
First Half of Fiscal 2011	SG&A	% of sales	Operating Income	% of sales	Net Income	Diluted EPS	International Operating Income	% of segment net sales	Corporate Operating Expenses	% of segment net sales
As reported (GAAP)	\$235.1	27.2%	<b>\$75.7</b>	8.8%	<b>\$44.8</b>	<b>\$0.76</b>	\$8.6	38.0%	(\$25.0)	(2.9%)
Professional fees / other expenses (c) Total acquisition-related expenses	(2.2)		2.2 2.2		1.4 1.4	0.03			2.2	
As adjusted (d)	<u>\$232.9</u>	27.0%	<b>\$77.9</b>	9.0%	<b>\$46.2</b>	<b>\$0.79</b>	\$8.6	<u>38.0%</u>	(\$22.8)	(2.6%)

(a) Revaluation of the contingent consideration liability associated with the Company's June 2011 acquisition of Bonnie Togs.

(b) Costs related to closure of a distribution facility located in Hogansville, Georgia including severance and related benefits and accelerated depreciation.

(c) Professional service fees related to the Company's June 2011 acquisition of Bonnie Togs.

(d) The Company has provided adjusted, non-GAAP financial measurements that present SG&A, operating income, net income, and net income on a diluted share basis excluding the adjustments discussed above. The Company has excluded \$3.6 million and \$2.2 million in acquisition-related expenses from these results for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2012 and July 2, 2011, respectively. The Company believes these adjustments provide a meaningful comparison of the Company's results. The adjusted, non-GAAP financial measurements should not be considered as alternatives to net income or as any other measurement of performance derived in accordance with GAAP. The adjusted, non-GAAP financial measurements are presented for informational purposes only and are not necessarily indicative of the Company's future condition or results of operations.

#### Note: Results may not be additive due to rounding.

## Thank you!

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