

# **Premier Merchants, Brands** and Growth

Chico's FAS Investor Day

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market disruptions including pandemics or significant health hazards, severe weather conditions, natural disasters, terrorist activities, financial crises, political crises, war and other military conflicts (including the ongoing military conflict between Russia and Ukraine) or other major events, or the prospect of these events; shifts in consumer behavior, and our ability to adapt, identify and respond to new and changing fashion trends and customer preferences, and to coordinate product development with buying and planning; changes in the general or specialty retail or apparel industries, including significant decreases in market demand and the overall level of spending for women's private branded clothing and related accessories; our ability to secure and maintain customer acceptance of in-store and online concepts and styles; increased competition in the markets in which we operate, including our ability to remain competitive with customer shipping terms and costs; decreases in customer traffic at our stores; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; significant increases in the costs of manufacturing, raw materials, transportation, importing, distribution, labor and advertising; decreases in the quality of merchandise received from suppliers and increases in delivery times for receiving such merchandise; our ability to appropriately manage our store fleet and achieve the expected results of store openings or store closures; our ability to appropriately manage inventory and allocation processes and leverage targeted promotions; our ability to maintain cost saving discipline; our ability to operate our retail websites in a profitable manner; our ability to successfully identify and implement additional sales and distribution channels; our ability to successfully execute and achieve the expected results of our business, brand strategies, brand awareness programs, and merchandising and marketing programs including, but not limited to, the Company's turnaround strategy, retail fleet optimization plan, sales initiatives, multi-channel strategies and five operating priorities which are: 1) continuing our ongoing digital transformation; 2) further refining product through fit, quality, fabric and innovation in each of our brands; 3) driving increased customer engagement through marketing; 4) maintaining our operating and cost discipline; and 5) further enhancing the productivity of our real estate portfolio; our ability to utilize our distribution center and other support facilities in an efficient and effective manner; our increased reliance on sourcing from foreign suppliers and significant adverse economic, labor, political or other shifts (including adverse changes in tariffs, taxes or other import regulations, particularly with respect to China, or legislation prohibiting certain imports from China); U.S. and foreign governmental actions and policies and changes thereto; the continuing performance, implementation and integration of our management information systems; our ability to successfully update our information systems; the impact of any system failure, cyber security or other data security breaches, including any security breaches resulting in the theft, transfer, or unauthorized disclosure of customer, employee, or comp information; our ability to comply with any domestic and foreign information security and privacy laws, regulations and technology platform rules or other obligations related to data privacy and security; our ability to attract, hire, train, motivate and retain qualified employees in an inclusive environment; our ability to successfully recruit leadership or transition members of our senior management team; future unsolicited offers to buy the Company and actions of activist shareholders and others and our ability to respond effectively; our ability to secure and protect our intellectual property rights and to protect our reputation and brand images; unanticipated obligations or changes in estimates arising from new or existing litigation, income taxes and other regulatory proceedings; unanticipated adverse changes in legal, regulatory or tax laws; and our ability to comply with the terms of our Credit Agreement, including the restrictive provisions limiting our flexibility in operating our business and obtaining credit on commercially reasonable terms.

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# Agenda



Vision, Strategy and Opportunity

Molly Langenstein
Chief Executive Officer and
President



**Digital First** 

Jay Topper Chief Digital Officer



**Culture and ESG** 

Kristin Gwinner
Chief Human Resources
Officer



Three-Year Financial Targets

PJ Guido Chief Financial Officer

**Q&A / Closing** 

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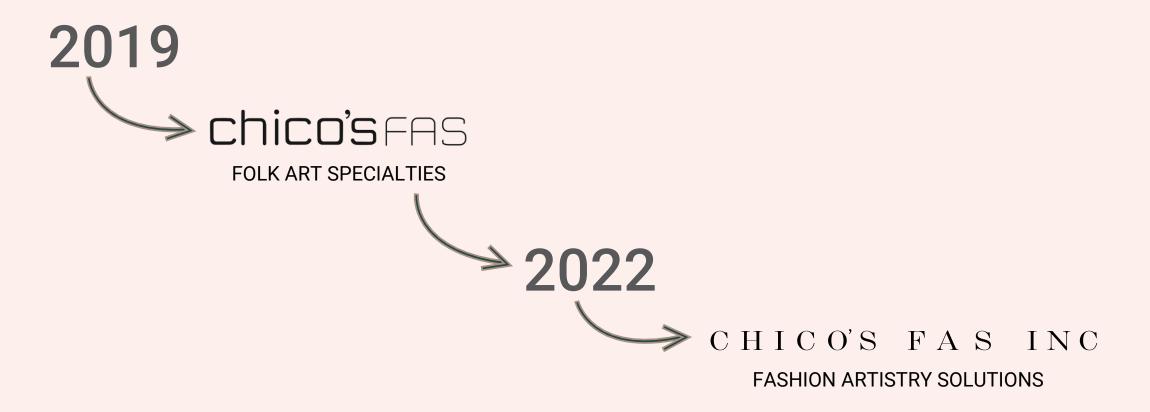
# We Are... Chico's FAS

**Our Vision** 

A world where women never have to compromise

**Our Purpose** 

Providing solutions, building communities and creating memorable experiences to bring women confidence and joy!



# We are a new company today

# A Digital-First, Customer-Led Company on a Clear Path to Growth

200+

years merchant / design experience on Board and management

growing faster

than the market across all three brands

innovative solutions

6.7M

active customers

90%+

42%

loyalty participation rate

digital penetration

#### personalized service

that puts customers at the center

franchise focus is #1

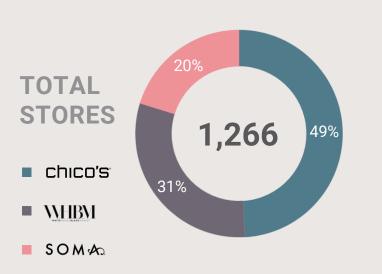
growth opportunity











## **Turnaround Strategy Ahead of Plan**

#### **Reset Org**

Merchant driven customer focus

#### **Reset Product**

Reimagined each of the brands and keeps her coming back to replenish

#### **Shared Platform**

Digital first mindset; talent, tools, investments



CHICO'S FAS INC (1) 2024 target

# Loyal, Expanding Customer Base

chico's		WHITEHOUSE BLACKMARKET		SOMA	
12+	years avg customer length	9+	years avg customer length	7+	years avg customer length
9	year avg reduction in customer age for new customers	2	year avg reduction in customer age for new customers	4	year avg reduction in customer age for new customers
93%	participation rate in loyalty program	92%	participation rate in loyalty program	94%	participation rate in loyalty program
71%	mobile traffic	<b>74</b> %	mobile traffic	80%	mobile traffic
2.6м	total active customers	1.7м	total active customers	2.9м	total active customers

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# **Clearly Defined Strategic Pillars**



#### **CUSTOMER LED**

- Community engagement
- New loyalty programs
- Digitize human experiences
- Increase lifetime value



#### **PRODUCT OBSESSED**

- Distinctive, Premium
- Creative storytelling
- Sustainability
- · Best-in-class items



#### **DIGITAL FIRST**

- Strengthen core platform
- Modernize merchandise, data and store systems
- Data-driven insights
- Test and learn



# OPERATIONALLY EXCELLENT

- Fabric first
- Inventory management
- Enhanced supply chain
- Leveraging real estate



# Connection + Community + Collaboration: Fueling Growth

### chico's



SOMA

Three brands leveraging loyal consumers in retail and a powerful platform of connection, community and collaboration



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Targeting Compelling Growth and Shareholder Return Through 2024

\$2.5B+

sales (~12.5% CAGR)

40%

gross margin

15%+

annual EPS growth

\$1B+

digital sales

7.5%

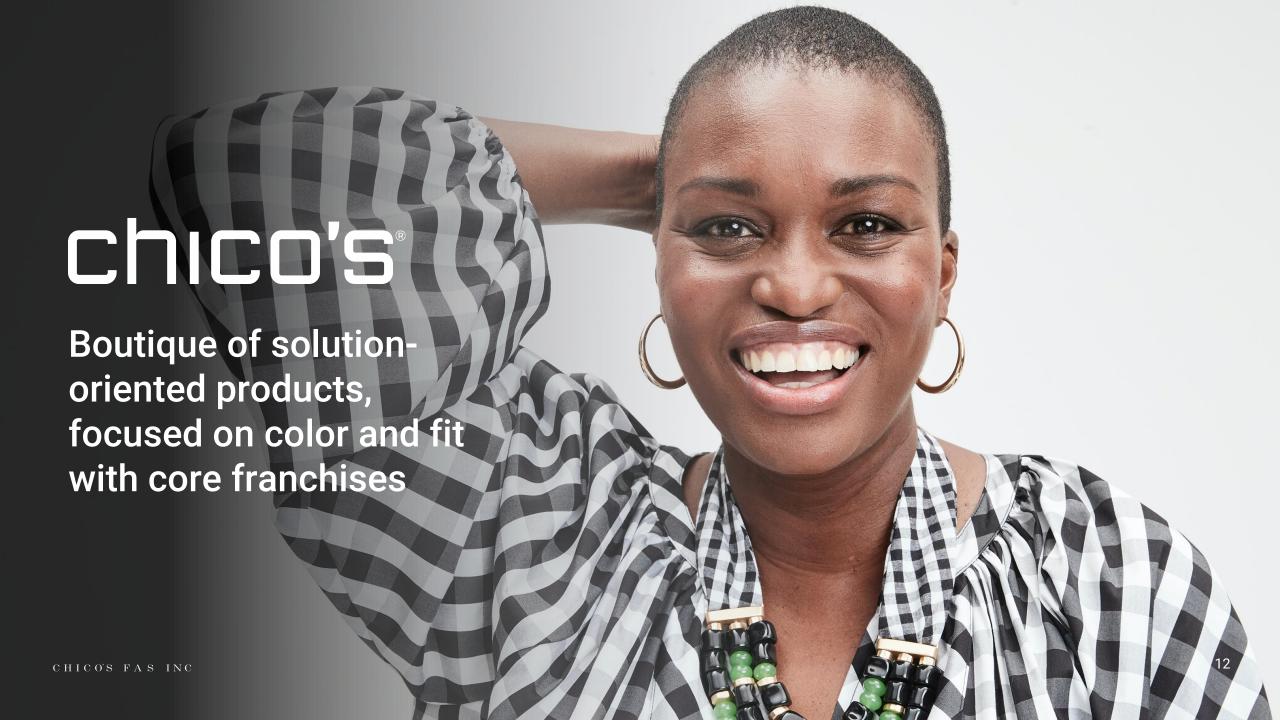
operating margin

\$400M

cumulative 3-year cash flow from operations

15%+

annual TSR



### **Brand Ethos**

### **BRAND VISION**

Inspiring accomplished women to embrace and express their individuality

# BRAND POSITIONING

For women who have grown to know themselves, we always have something new and unique just for them



# BRAND AND CUSTOMER PERSONALITY

Purposeful

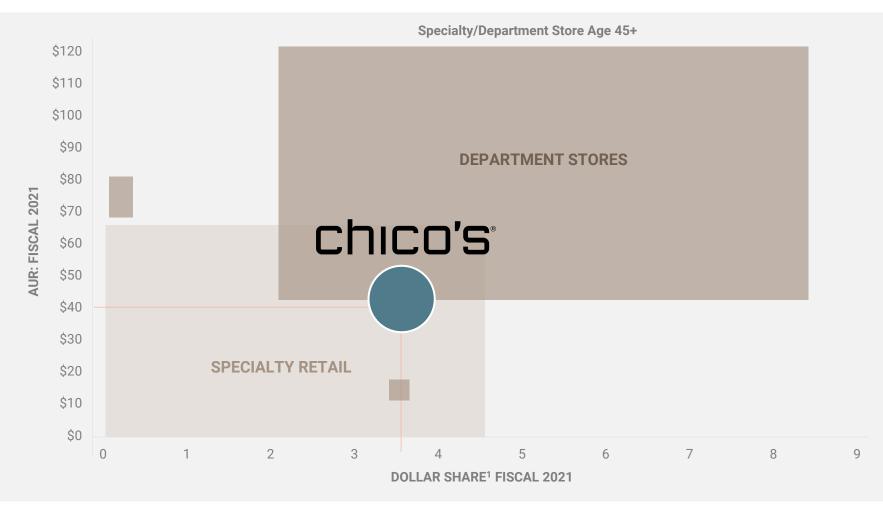
Genuine

Magnetic

Timeless



# Significant Opportunity to Grow Share in Large, Expanding Customer Segment with Spending Power



- Chico's grew 160 bps faster than the specialty store market age 35+2
- Chico's is the #1 brand in market share among consumers 45 to 64 with household income of \$75K+ compared to other specialty stores<sup>2</sup>
- Boomers currently represent Chico's largest customer set and is the fastest growing market segment for apparel spend<sup>2</sup>

# Fiercely Loyal Customer, Coveted Demographic, Foundation for Growth

50% customers with income \$100K+

0-20 inclusive sizes

93% participation rate in loyalty program

61%

of Chico's sales are size 10+
-- the largest segment of
women age 40+<sup>2</sup>

12+

years avg customer length

\$22K

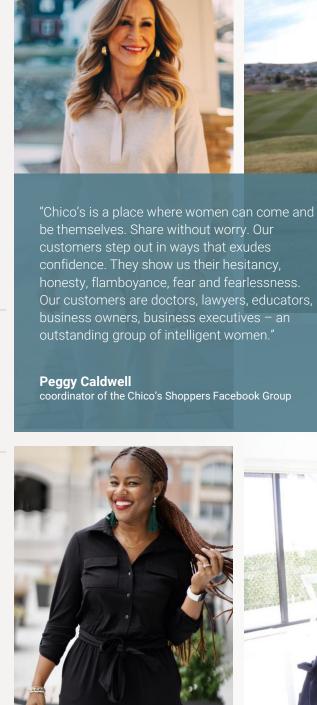
avg annual spend of top 250 customers

~46%

of women in the U.S. today consider Chico's when choosing where to shop<sup>3</sup> 9 year

drop in avg age of new customers — reinforcing brand runway 89%

aided brand awareness





- (1) Unless otherwise noted, all CHS data for LTM ended Jan 29, 2022
- (2) https://www.byrdie.com/average-body-weight
- (3) Dynata, Q3 2021

# Solutions-Oriented Playbook: \$130M+ Expected Sales Growth Through 2024



No-Iron Shirts



So Slimming® Bottoms



ZENERGY®



Travelers



360° Paneling and Flex Waistbands

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# Loyal Relationships to Build Bigger Communities



New loyalty program expected to further drive this competitive strength

# **Strategic Priorities Accelerating Growth**

Deliver continuous product solutions with quality and value



New 360 fit is **beating expectations**; customers say "great for travel and perfect fit"

Drive best in class selling teams and unique inclusive sizing



70% of customers connected with stylist

Modernize and increase familiarity of franchise product



Elevated fabrications attracting new customers

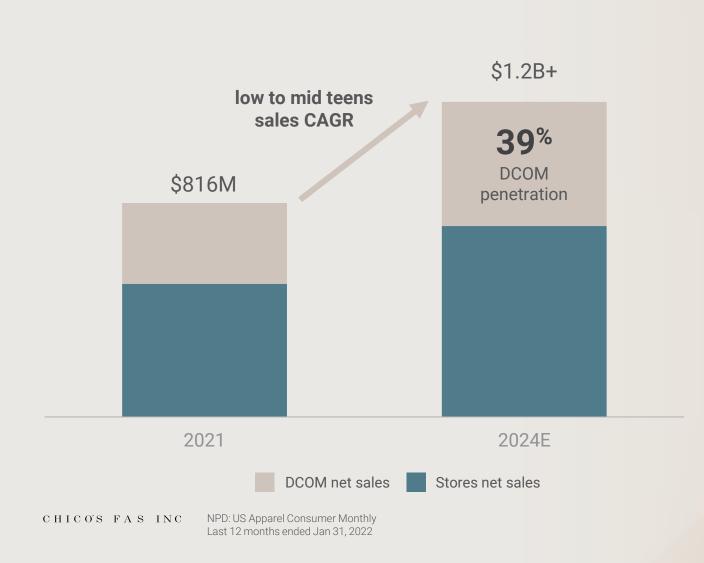
Leverage customer data for franchise growth and innovation solutions



74% of customers are digitally engaged



## **Accelerating Sales Growth**







### WHISTORY

### **Brand Ethos**

#### **BRAND VISION**

Inspiring independent women to embrace both their power and their femininity

# BRAND POSITIONING

For women who understand and accept their duality, we offer fashion infused with designer details that are as surprising as she is



# CUSTOMER VALUES

Family
Friendship
Confidence
Achievement
Optimism

# BRAND AND CUSTOMER PERSONALITY

Authentic

Smart

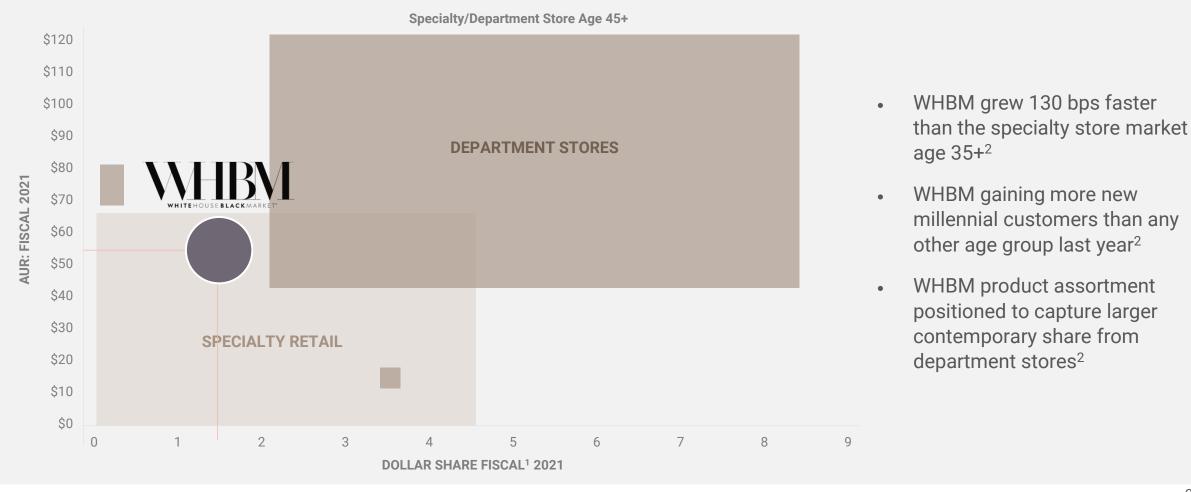
Stylish

Social

Determined



# Significant Opportunity to Grow Share with Large, Expanding Customer Segment with Spending Power



# Affordable Designer Details Driving Loyal Following

65%

of customers have household income over \$100K

\$286

annual spend per customer

92%

participation rate in loyalty program

1 in 3

WHBM customers report being in senior or middle management with 67% working full time 9+

years avg customer length

\$18к

avg annual spend of top 250 customers

35-54

target customer age

2 year

drop in avg age of new customers

85%

aided brand awareness



#### How She Thinks in Her Own Words<sup>1</sup>

"Excellent quality and style. Beautiful fabrics with incredible detail down to stitching and buttons. The sales team is skilled at putting a beautiful outfit together that compliments you perfectly."

"Classic, polished, tailored clothing with a modern flair. Stand out in a crowd (in a great way!). My go to work clothes, weekend clothes."







# Designer Details Playbook: \$110M+ Expected Sales Growth Through 2024







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# Loyal Relationships to Build Bigger Communities

### STYLISTS

style savvy

relationship builders delivering most amazing personal service

3.5K

active stylists

3 years avg stylist tenure

337 avg customers per stylist1

70%

of customers are affiliated to a stylist<sup>2</sup>

1.4M

customers enrolled in StyleConnect – driving longer tenures and greater sales

#### LOYAL CUSTOMERS

style seeking

digitally engaged

brand loyalists

1.7M

L12 month buyers

\$286

avg annual spend

73%

of customers are digitally engaged

New loyalty program expected to further drive this competitive strength

# **Strategic Priorities Accelerating Growth**

Create stylish solutions for her versatile lifestyle leading with fabric, fit and details

Customers are responding to new tailored fabrications, new pants and denim

Refine the ideal extended fit and size offering to meet customer demands

Now offering **extended sizes, length and fit** in bottoms. Classic, petite and curvy fits. Regular, short and long length in sizes 00 - 18

Increase digital exclusive offering in key growth areas for continued growth and alignment to competitive bench

Grew digital penetration from 30% in 2019 to 40% in 2021

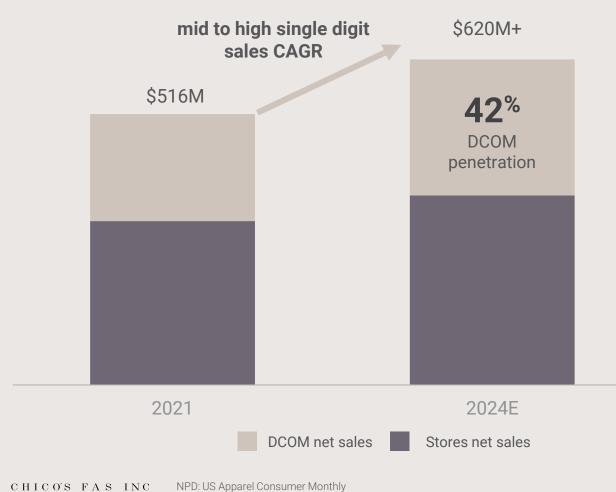
Optimize price elasticity in key categories

Grew AUR from \$42 in 2019 to \$54 in 2021



### **VMBM**

## **Returning to Sales Growth**







### **Brand Ethos**

#### **BRAND VISION**

Inspiring all women to embrace their passion for both comfort and confidence

### BRAND POSITIONING

Beautiful innovative solutions for all women who appreciate fashion as much as function, we offer bras, panties, pajamas and loungewear to give her the very best of both worlds SOMA

Friendship
Community
Comfort
Individuality
Positivity

**CUSTOMER** 

**VALUES** 

# BRAND AND CUSTOMER PERSONALITY

Supportive

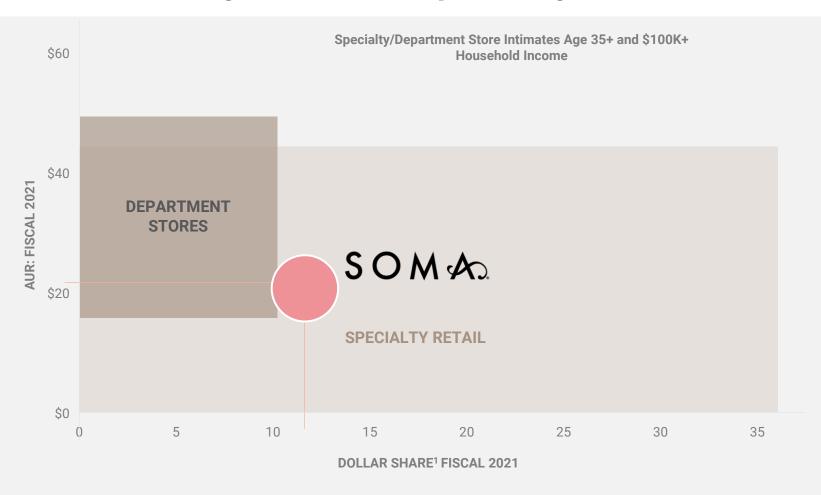
Honest

Clever

Confident



# Significant Opportunity to Grow Share in Large, Expanding Customer Segment with Spending Power



- Soma generated 30% sales growth since 2019
- Soma has 50% digital penetration
- Soma is the #2 brand in market share among consumers aged 35+ with household income 100K+ compared to other specialty stores<sup>2</sup>

(2) NPD Data

<sup>(1)</sup> Dollar Share filter greater than 1

# Beautiful Solutions Capturing Market Share and New Customers

**58**%

customers with income \$100k

**Top 10** 

for non-sport bras and panties

4 out of 5

customers repurchase bras within 7 months

Top 5

brand in sleepwear

**1**M

new customers

\$6к

avg annual spend of top 250 customers

~53%

of all women in the U.S. consider Soma when choosing where to shop<sup>2</sup>

2 year

drop in avg new customer age YoY 83%

aided brand awareness

Her Own Reaction to Bodify<sup>TM (1)</sup>

"Fits perfectly and covers very well...I have a big chest and it's hard for me t find a perfect bra."

"I fall in the category of having one breast fit well and the other not fit in the same size bra – not an issue with Bodify."

"I like that it is a custom fit cup. It just makes it fit perfectly. The straps don't get too tight or too loose."



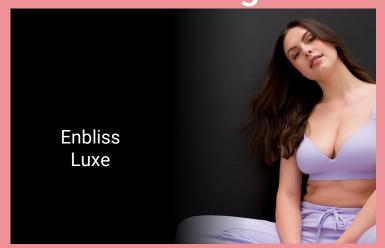
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#### SOMA

# Innovations and Solutions Playbook: \$90M+ Expected Sales

**Growth Through 2024** 













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# Loyal Relationships to Build Bigger Communities

Customers prefer in-store bra fittings

#### **BRA EXPERTS**

solution experts

relationship builders and community connectors delivering most amazing personal service **2K** 

bra experts

**2.3 years** avg stylist tenure

**718** avg customers per stylist<sup>1</sup>

52%

SOMA

of customers are affiliated to a bra expert<sup>1</sup>

1.4M

customers enrolled in StyleConnect – driving longer tenures and greater sales LOYAL CUSTOMERS

solution seeking

digitally engaged

brand loyalists

2.9M

L12 month buyers

\$155

avg annual spend

64%

of customers are digitally engaged

New loyalty program expected to further drive this competitive strength

# **Strategic Priorities Accelerating Growth**

Innovation pipeline to create customer-led solutions in bras



New Bodify bra co-created with **1,500 customers** 

Drive brand awareness and new customer acquisition through digital and new store openings



Added **1M new customers** in 2021 with **55% through digital channels** 

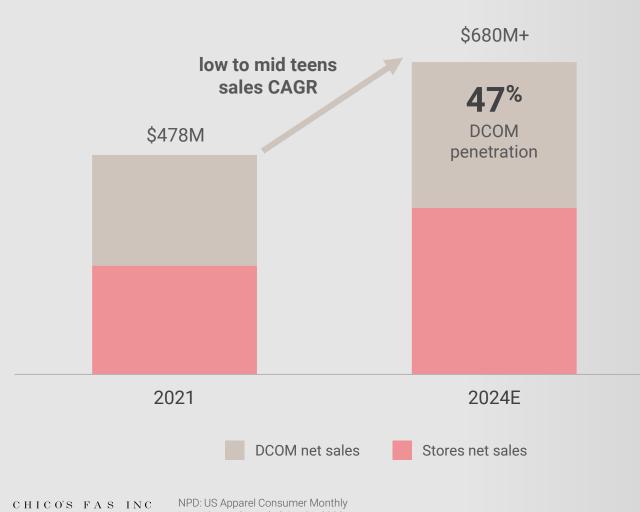
**Development of Sport and Wellness** 



Customer is responding to newly launched sports bra



# **Continuing Sales Growth**







# **Digital First**

Outstanding Results with Greater Upside

**+53**%

dcom traffic

+55%

mobile traffic

5.3B

digital Events (1)

**12** 

percentage point digits penetration improvement

5.1M

StyleConnect customers

**25**%

of our digital business driven by digital tools



### **Building Bigger Communities**

#### **STYLISTS**

style savvy

relationship builders delivering most amazing personal service 11K active stylists

3.7 years avg stylist tenure

**416** avg customers per stylist<sup>1</sup>

63% of customers are affiliated to a Stylist<sup>2</sup>

5.1M

customers enrolled in

StyleConnect – driving longer
tenures and greater sales

# LOYAL CUSTOMERS

style seeking

digitally engaged

brand loyalists

**7.2M**L12 month buyers

\$256 avg annual spend

**70**% of customers are digitally engaged

### **Stores Drive Digital**

Stores drive brand awareness, customer acquisition and serve as distribution and return centers

Significantly higher avg digital spend per 1K customers in markets with stores v. without

**4** FAS store count

个60%

over small market areas without stores

Small market Lancaster, PA

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FAS store count

**177%** 

over large market areas without stores

Large market

Dallas/Ft Worth, TX

Midsize market

East Atlanta / Athens, GA

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FAS store count

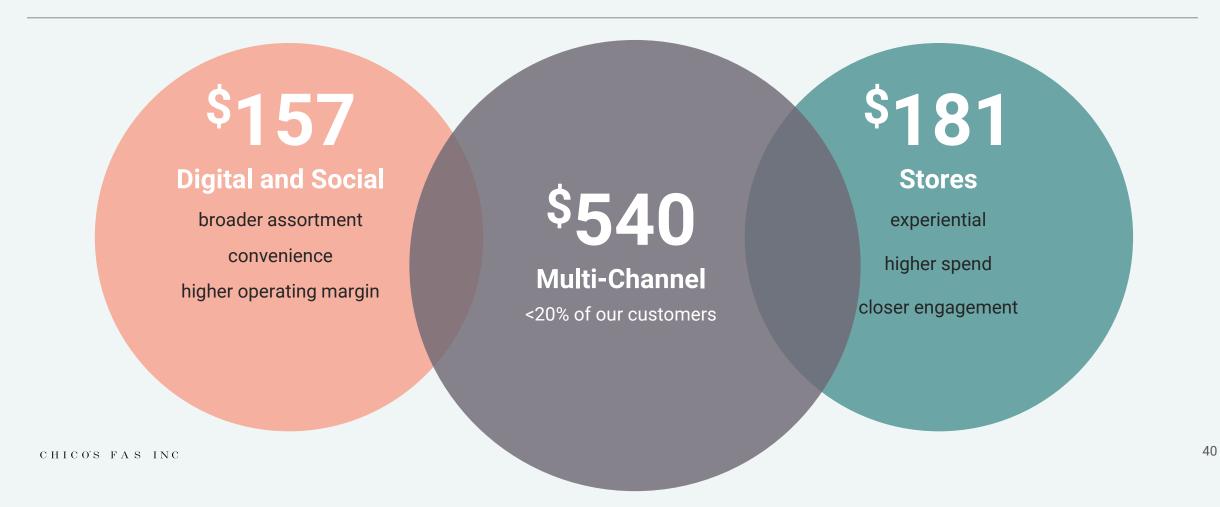
**142**%

over midsize market areas without stores

### **Multi-Channel Drives Growth**

Multi-Channel Customers Grew by 17%+ in 2021 with an Increase in Spend per Customer of 16%

avg spend per customer



# **Digital First**



Connected Commerce



Data Centricity



Technology Enablement



### **Connected Commerce**

Outstanding Results Today...



The positioning of each brand realized at every touch point



For women who have grown to know themselves, we always have something new and unique just for them



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Beautiful innovative solutions for all women who appreciate fashion as much as function, we offer bras, panties, pajamas and loungewear to give her the very best of both worlds

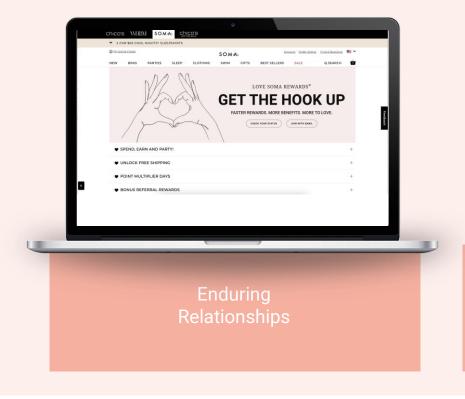
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### **Connected Commerce**

...Greater Upside Ahead



The positioning of each brand realized at every touch point







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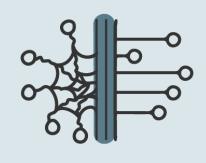
# **Data Centricity**

Outstanding Results Today...

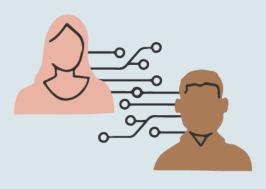








**Quality of Data** 



Analytics and Insights
Platform



# **Data Centricity**

...Greater Upside Ahead









**Target Marketing** 

Automated 1:1 or 1:Many Experiences

Al-Driven Merchandising



# **Technology Enablement**

Outstanding Results Today...



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**Best-in-Class SMS Platform** 



**New Customer Data Platform** 

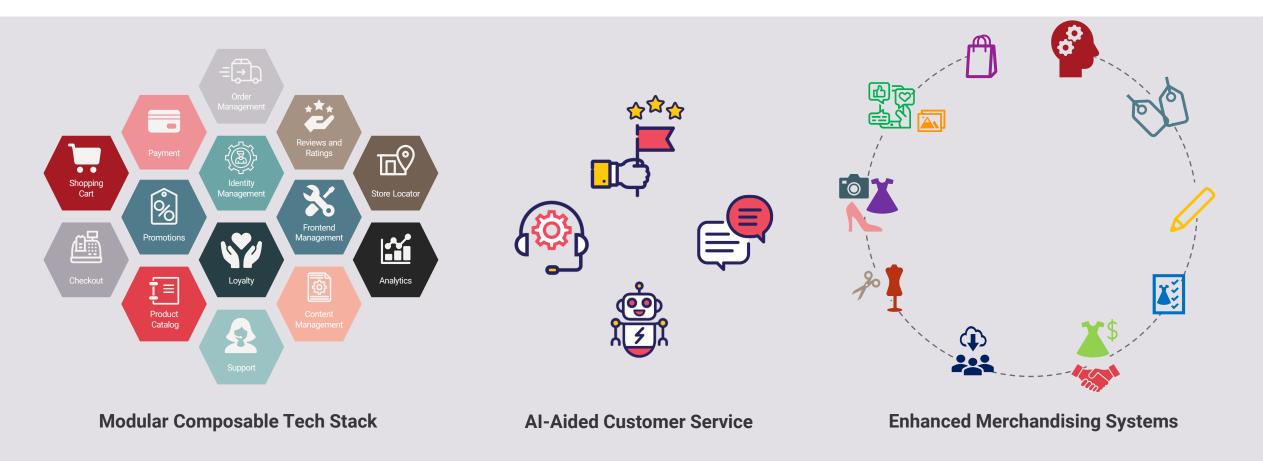


**Headless Content Management System** 

# **Technology Enablement**

...Greater Upside Ahead





# **Digital First**

Digital Sales Expected to Reach \$1B+ by 2024



# Connected Commerce

conversion lifetime value brand awareness

basket size



### Data Centricity

conversion
traffic
marketing efficiency
out of stock reduction



conversion avg order value speed to market retention





#### CHICO'S FAS INC

### **Ethos**

### Vision

Our vision is a world where women never have to compromise

### **Positioning**

A company of brands that provide solutions for women that give them confidence and joy

# Confidence and Joy

### Personality

Curious

Confident

Joyful

Inclusive

**Positive** 

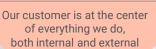


# Our Core Values Shape the **Culture of Our Organization** and Define Our Character











Seek out diverse ideas and thoughts. Embrace new ways of thinking



We are accountable to metrics. We are recognized for results

### **Proven Merchant Expertise**



dedicated Merchant Committee on Board of Directors

merchant and design led

by individual executives at each of the Chico's, WHBM and Soma brands

**Executive Chair with** 30+ years global apparel retail executive leadership experience

30+ year apparel retail industry veteran CEO

**200+ years** 

combined merchant and design experience on Board and management team

Track record at other leading apparel retailers including, among others:





















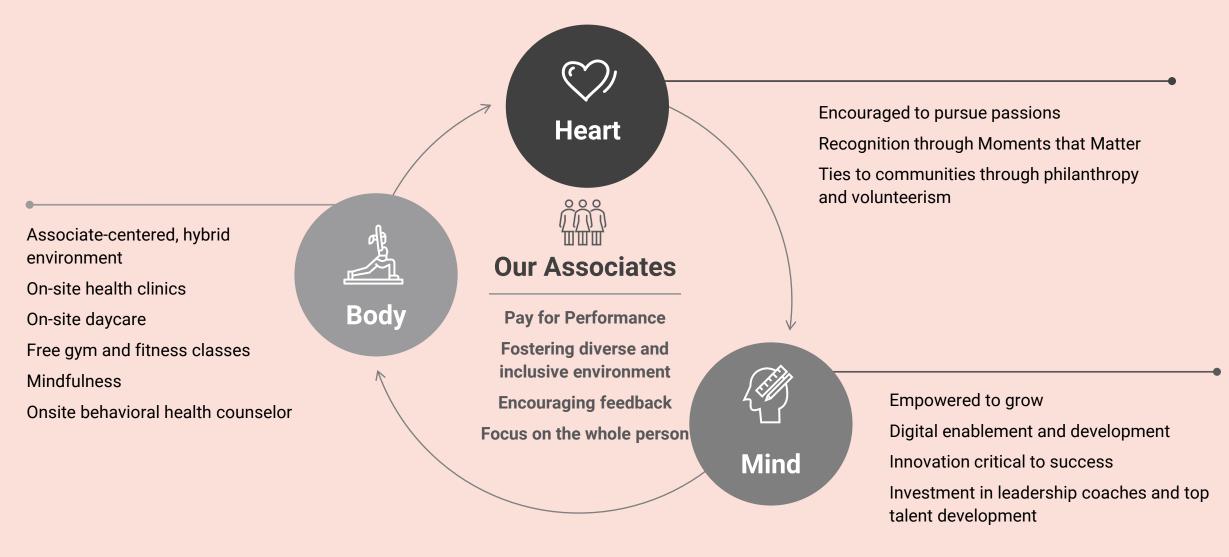








### **Our Associates Make Us Different**



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At Chico's FAS, recognition is an integral part of our culture. We believe recognition is a powerful way to celebrate accomplishments, attitudes, behaviors and keep our Associates engaged. To us, recognition is about creating moments that matter.

#### Recognition Dashboard



#### **Recognition Leader Board**

Select a recognition badge below to view Leader Boards for that specific type of recognition.

















#### **Continuously Improve!**

You took your promotion and dove right in as your team is down 1 person! Thank you for constantly looking to learn as you grow in your merchandising career. You proved to be a strong asset to the Wovens & Sweaters team as you prepared for Q4 final buy.

Keep up the great work!

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BILL SANDLIN Planner, Chico's

What was your branch of service? US Army Reserve

What was your job? Engineer Detachment

Why did you choose to serve?
As a child I looked up to my cousin who served in the Army. When I was 18, I took the opportunity to follow in his footsteps and serve my country.

What leadership lesson did you learn from your service?
You win as a team, not an individual.

What do you miss the most about the service and why?
Clarity; the military operates by making an informed decision, preparing resources and moving forward.

What's something you learned in the service that has helped you the most in your civilian career?
Persistence, never give up.



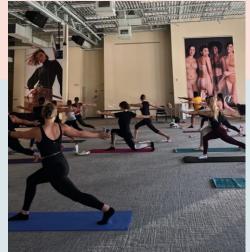
















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# Attracting and Retaining the Best Talent in the Industry

85% store manager retention rate top talent retention across all brands of candidate slates with diverse of candidate slates with diverse candidates candidates resulted in diverse hires of employees feel personally of employees say they are proud to connected to the vision and work for Chico's FAS purpose of referrals come from external key of employees feel like they make a difference leadership

Recognition for Diversity and Women













Best Retail Experience







# **ESG Integrated in Strategic Priorities**

People, Product and Packaging: Profitable Growth, Better World



#### **CUSTOMER LED**

develop assortments with customers and associates for **women of all shapes and sizes**, providing solutions that create comfort and joy



#### PRODUCT OBSESSED

create sustainable styles made from recycled materials and natural fibers



#### **DIGITAL FIRST**

use **digital tools** to **streamline steps** in sourcing, design and production process



#### **OPERATIONALLY EXCELLENT**

source responsibly and leverage latest sustainable packaging and shipping methods



# Environmental **B**

#### 3D Design Technology

- Reduced physical samples
- Reduced reliance on paper
- Increased collaboration in design and development

### **Responsible Sourcing**

- Sustainable raw materials with lower chemical footprints and water usage
- Integration of fabric innovations that eliminate plastics from landfill and ocean

#### **Partner Engagement**

- Supplier selection program that considers shared commitment to reducing environmental impacts
- Robust compliance processes and procedures that hold suppliers accountable to our environmental commitments

### **Product Circularity**

- Soma bra donation / bra recycling programs
- Apparel denim donation / denim recycling program





#### **Customer-Led Business Model**

Committed to our Cultural Values of empowering women and representing our customers through diversity in our workforce

96%	92%
women associates	women in management
69% women officers	<b>50%</b> women directors on the Board

98%

women in field leadership



# Governance



Board of Directors with exceptional leadership and significant experience in fashion merchandising, product development, marketing, e-commerce, retail, store operations, supply chain and sourcing, real estate

Diverse 9-member board: 7 independent directors, including independent Chair 1

Average director tenure: 7 years. 4 new directors appointed in past 4 years; 6 in past 6 years

Accountable, best practice governance polices, including annually-elected directors, separate Chair/CEO, lead independent director, majority voting standard, right to call special meetings, proxy access

Board committees aligned with strategic/operating priorities, including dedicated Merchant, Audit, HR/Compensation/Benefits, Corporate Governance/Nominating, Executive, ESG committees





**PJ Guido** 

**Chief Financial Officer** 



### Positioned to Grow and Create Shareholder Value



Powerful portfolio with three unique brands each thriving in its own market white space



New leadership team with extensive retail experience – deploying a new strategy and operating model that has dramatically improved performance



Competitive advantages that take years to build – operating with an incredibly loyal customer base, a customer-led culture and a diverse store footprint that is hard to replicate



Operating excellence – further building upon enhanced shared service platform with dynamic sourcing, digital and marketing capabilities



World-class retail team -

store associates across the organization are long-tenured with deep retail experience and a love for fashion that endears them to customers



Strong financial position and lean cost structure – will allow for investment to grow topline and grow EPS



### 2021 Marked a Pivotal Year for Performance

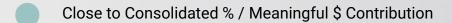
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Total Sales	\$2,038M	\$1,324M	\$1,810M
Gross Margin	34.4%	13.9%	36.7%
SG&A	35.0%	39.8%	33.0%
Operating Income	(12M)	(457M)	67M
Diluted EPS	\$(0.11)	\$(3.11)	\$0.37



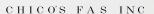
# All Three Brands Contributing to Growth

Brand Metrics Relative to 2021 Total Company Results

	Chico's	WHBM	Soma	Total Company
Gross Margin %				36.7%
Operating Margin %			•	3.7%
EBITDA Contribution \$	•	•		\$121M



Above Consolidated % / Greater \$ Contribution





# All Three Brands Contributing to Growth

Brand Metrics Relative to 2021 Total Company Results

(Unaudited)

	Chico's	WHBM	Soma	Total Company
Store Count %	49%	31%	20%	100%
Digital Penetration	38%	40%	50%	42%
<b>Customer Growth</b>	+17%	+12%	+24%	+17%
Avg Spend <sup>1</sup>	\$289	\$286	\$155	\$256



### We See a Clear Path to Delivering Shareholder Value

Targeting the Following by 2024

\$2.5B+

sales (~12.5% CAGR)

40%

gross margin

**15**%+

annual EPS growth

\$1B+

digital sales

7.5%

operating margin

\$400M

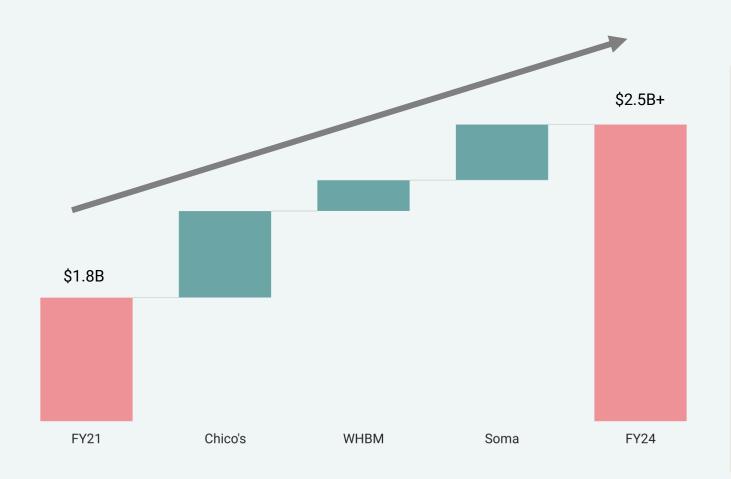
cumulative 3-year cash flow from operations

15%+

annual TSR



### All Three Brands Expected to Drive Sales Growth



#### **Three Year Sales CAGR by Brand**

#### low to mid teens

chico's

continuing to recapture customers, adding new customers and driving successful product franchises

### WHISTOUSEBLACKMARKET

#### mid to high single digit

focusing on brand pillars and driving digital penetration to offset store closures

### SOMA

#### low to mid teens

expanding bra menu, driving digital penetration and opening new stores

CHICO'S FAS INC Actual 2021 and projected 2024 net sales in billions

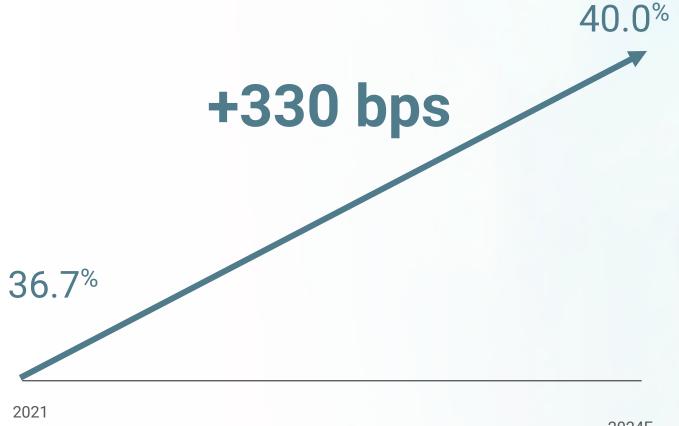
# Significant Growth Targeted in Both Stores and Digital Channels



- Digital sales expected to reach \$1B+ by 2024
- Stores remain key to overall growth across brands; minimizing closures while opening new Soma locations
- Store productivity expected to contribute significantly to total growth

CHICO'S FAS INC Actual 2021 and projected 2024 net sales in billions

Targeting 300+ bps of Gross Margin Expansion by 2024



### **Key Drivers**

- + Scale
- + Occupancy leverage
- + AUR / Pricing
- Raw material costs
- Freight

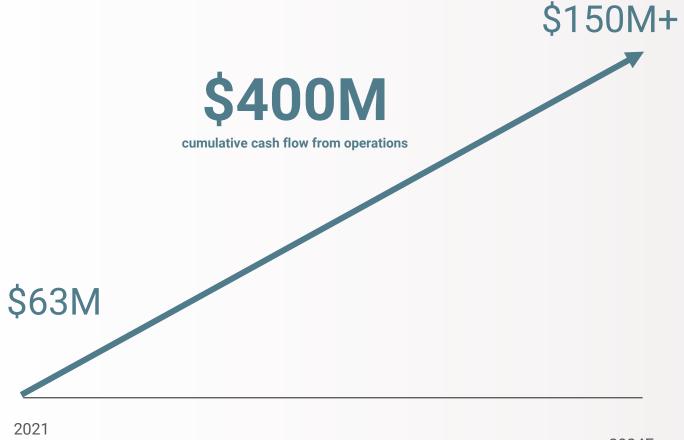
# **Targeting 7.5% Operating Margin by 2024**



# **Key Drivers**

- + Labor productivity
- + Marketing efficiency
- + Expense management
- Investment
- Inflation

# **Targeting \$400M of Cumulative** 3-Year Cash Flow From Operations



### **Key Drivers**

- + Higher margins
- + Inventory management
- Supply chain costs
- Inflation



# **Balanced Capital Allocation Policy**



### **MAINTAIN STRONG LIQUIDITY**

Fund daily need and navigate macro environment



### INVESTMENT IN BRANDS AND SHARED PLATFORM

Targeting 3.5% of annual sales in Capex



### **REPAY DEBT**

Manage balance sheet to minimize financial risk



### RETURN EXCESS CASH TO SHAREHOLDERS

Share repurchase



We Believe Investments Fuel Growth Across Channels

Targeting Capital Expenditures of 3.5% of Sales Annually Allocated Across Digital, Stores and Infrastructure (Supply Chain, Facilities)



### **Digital**

1/3 of total forecasted investment



#### **Stores**

1/3 of total forecasted investment

#### **Traffic drivers**

customer data platform, segmentation, brand shop applications

#### **Conversion / Acquisition drivers**

UX (search, browse, checkout, content), tools (Style Connect, My Closet)

#### **Retention drivers**

self service, personalization, social



Store upgrade / refresh

(lease required and pro-active)



### Infrastructure

# Add capacity to meet demand

(existing campus in Winder and U.S. expansion)

### Call center support

cloud-based system(s)

System upgrades (POS, finance, HR)

Investments expected to drive KPIs that support strong, sustainable growth:

- Traffic
- Conversion
- New acquisition
- Retention
- Service / Experience
- Loyalty



# **Optimizing Real Estate Footprint**

	Mall	Open Air	Outlet	Total Store Count as of Jan 29, 2022
Chico's	130	369	122	621
WHBM	157	178	54	389
Soma	112	126	18	256
Total	399	673	194	1,266

- Growing Soma footprint from 256 stores in 2021 to a projected 375 stores in 2024
- Testing new formats (e.g. Shop-in-Shops) and leveraging stores as customer acquisition engines, distribution and return centers, showrooms and community hubs
- Focusing on improving Chico's and WHBM store profitability and emphasizing digital platform
- Closing ~30-40 stores per annum pending ongoing performance monitoring
- Expect number of mall stores to decrease from 31% of total stores as of year-end 2021 to less than 25% of total stores by year-end 2024



# Powerful Operating Model with Focus on Both Top and Bottom Line

We Believe Strategy Translates into Stronger Sales, Higher Profitability and Cash Flow Generation (Unaudited)



#### **CUSTOMER LED**

High Engagement

customer growth

17% YoY from 2020

spend per customer

**16%** YoY from 2020



#### PRODUCT OBSESSED

Innovative, Unique, Premium

merchandise margin

1 330 bps from 2019





#### **DIGITAL FIRST**

**Connected Commerce** 

digital penetration (2021)

38%+ for each brand



#### **OPERATIONALLY EXCELLENT**

**Cost Management** 

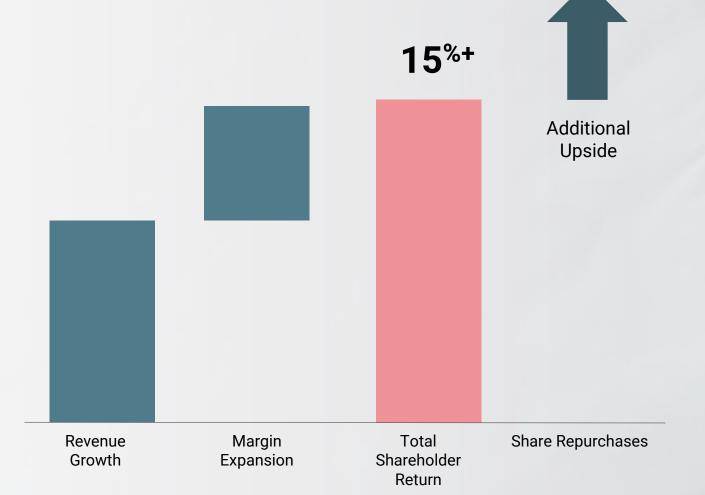
SG&A

**↓ 200** bps from 2019

**EBITDA** 

\$120M+ in 2021 Expected Annual Total Shareholder Return

Through 2024





Q&A





### **GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation: EBITDA Performance**

(Unaudited) (in thousands)

Fiscal 2021	Fiscal 2019
(52 Weeks)	(52 Weeks)
\$ 46,218	\$ (12,754)
6,562	(119)
13,800	800
50,447	87,996
117,027	75,923
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Adjustments to EBITDA		
Material legal settlements	3,910	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 120,937	\$ 75,923

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