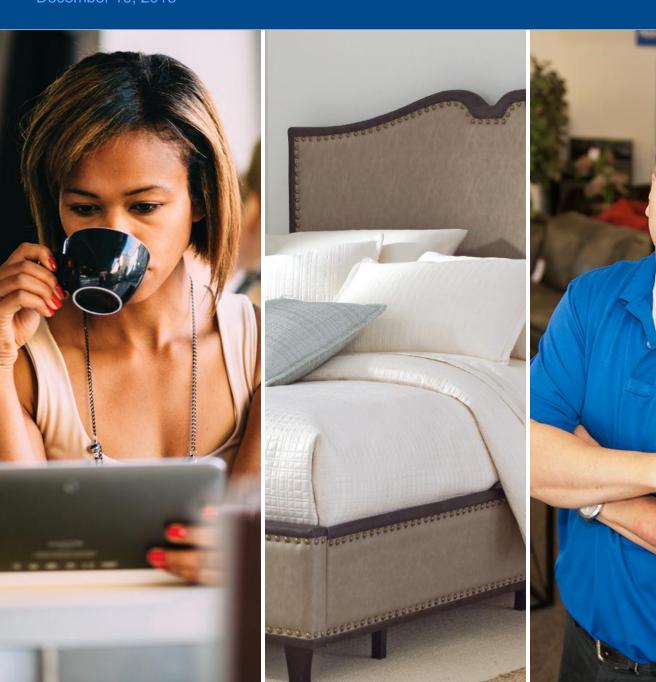
# Rent-A-Center

December 19, 2018







#### Safe Harbor



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Please see the Company's earnings press releases dated April 30, 2018, July 30, 2018 and November 5, 2018 for non-GAAP reconciliation of diluted earnings per share excluding special items and consolidated adjusted EBITDA in the applicable quarterly periods of 2018. The Company has not quantitatively reconciled differences between EBITDA or free cash flow and their corresponding GAAP measures for future periods due to the inherent uncertainty regarding variables affecting the comparison of these measures.

# The Company's Strategic Plan, which focuses on three key areas, was launched in the First Quarter of 2018...



## Optimize Cost Structure

- The Company is targeting significant cost savings opportunities
- Primary areas of opportunity include overhead, supply chain and other store expenses



## **Enhance Value Proposition**

- Targeted approach to pricing strategy across product categories
- Competitively pricing elastic categories while capturing more profit in inelastic categories
- Aimed at improving traffic trends
- Improved return on investment through a shorter payback period and higher ownership levels



# **Execute** Refranchising

- Pursue refranchising of certain brick and mortar Rent-A-Center locations
- Allows the Company to optimize physical footprint and leverage brand strength
- Improves the capital position of the Company with proceeds used to pay down debt

Source: Company information

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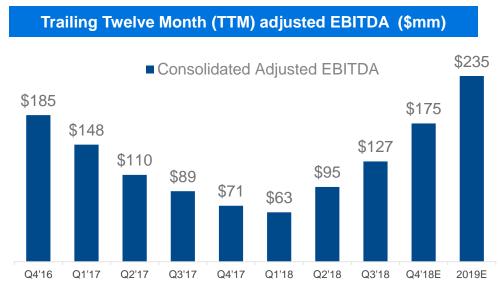
# ... and the Company has made significant progress across all areas of the Strategic Plan



#### **Key Operating Highlights**

- Positive same store sales across all segments, eight consecutive quarters of same store sales improvement
  - Q3 2018: Consolidated: 5.7%, Core U.S.: 5.2%, Acceptance Now: 6.7%, Mexico: 12.8%
  - October 2018: Consolidated: 8.2%, Core U.S.: 7.6%, Acceptance Now: 10.0%, Mexico: 12.5%
  - November 2018: Consolidated: 8.9%, Core U.S.: 8.8%, Acceptance Now: 8.6%, Mexico: 14.7%
- Reduced outstanding debt balance by \$139mm for the nine months ended September 30, 2018
  - Leverage improved from 9.0x as of December 2017 to 3.6x as of the end of the third quarter
- Generated approximately \$175mm in free cash flow through the first three quarters of 2018
- TTM adjusted EBITDA has sequentially improved in each quarter, beginning Q1 2018





## Optimize Cost Structure



The company identified and executed a plan to optimize costs resulting in over \$120 million in run rate savings, increased from the originally communicated range of \$65 to \$85 million.

#### **Expected Benefits (\$mm)**

#### **Operating Costs and Working Capital**

Initiative	FY18 Act/Fcst		FY19 Guidance	
Overhead Indirect Spend	\$	25 12	\$	37 25
Supply Chain Sub Total	\$	<b>67</b>	\$	60 122
Working capital savings		42		-
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 1	.09	\$	122

#### Commentary

- Overhead
  - 250 Corporate positions eliminated in March 2018
  - 60 Field overhead positions eliminated in April 2018
- Indirect Spend
  - Rationalization of indirect spend and technology spend at the store level
- Supply Chain
  - Exit of our 3<sup>rd</sup> party distribution network (NFI) benefits gross margin in future due to lower cost of goods
  - Product service centers 2018 initiatives included route optimization; 2019 includes eliminating and moving product service back to the stores
  - Collection Centers 500 positions eliminated and 400 vehicles reduced by closing all collection centers in March 2018
- Working Capital
  - Working capital one-time benefits include inventory right sizing at the store level and the elimination of our 3<sup>rd</sup> party distribution network and conversion to a direct-to-store distribution model

## 2 Enhance Value Proposition



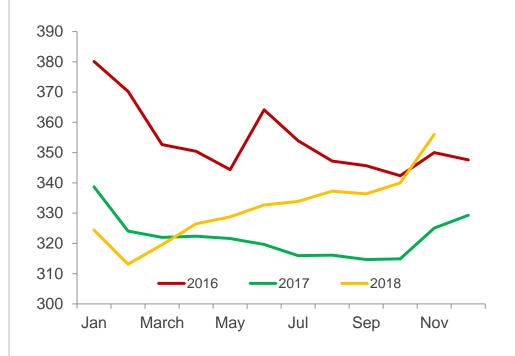
The Company has enhanced the value proposition through a more targeted approach within the Core stores...



#### Core U.S.

- The Company deployed in Q1, a targeted approach to competitively pricing elastic categories offsetting those changes from a margin perspective within inelastic categories
- Focus has been on a more balanced approach to customer and ticket growth
- Some items can generate additional margin to pave the way for other categories to become traffic drivers
- Utilizing more category-specific pricing enables the reduction of promotional free time to drive traffic
- Expectations are for the overall strategy to benefit store traffic

#### **Customers (Per Store Average)**



## Enhance Value Proposition

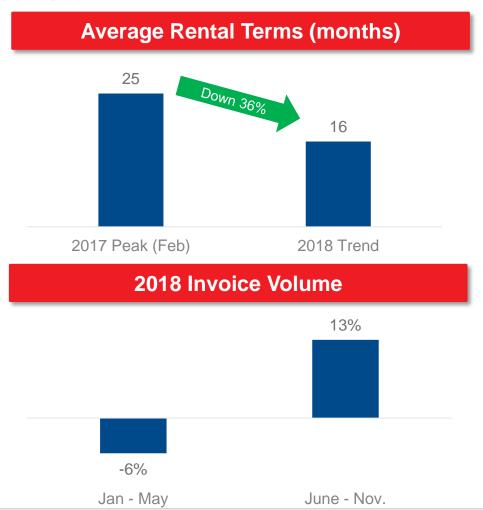


...And by lowering total cost of ownership through shorter payback which will drive a better return on investment within Acceptance Now

### Acceptance NOW!

#### **Acceptance Now**

- New Value Proposition rolled out to retail partners in January 2018
- The value proposition centers around improved return on investment through a shorter payback period and higher ownership levels
- · Average rental terms were shortened
- The total cost of ownership is more in line with the competition, coupled with lower attractive monthly payment amounts, prompting higher ownership levels
- Improved payment plans to be more competitive, began in March 2018 and fully deployed by the end of May 2018 (see invoice volume chart)
  - Since inception of the improved payment plans, the return rate metric has improved from approximately 20% to 7%, reducing Acceptance Now's dependency on our Core business



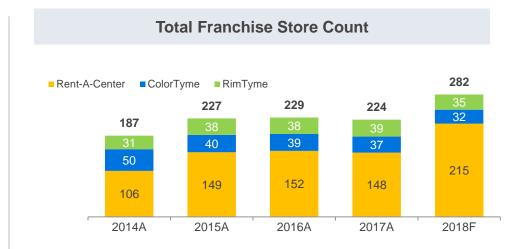
## Execute on Franchising Strategy



# Franchising is a key pillar within the overall strategy, with the intent to pursue large scale franchising

#### Overview

- Began execution of the franchising strategy in Q1 2018 with the sale of 31 Core locations...
- ... with another 38 Core locations sold in Q4 2018 and a strong pipeline of locations for early 2019
- Franchising is a low-cost strategy to improve the balance sheet, cash position and margin profile
- With the help of consultants, the Company has identified a significant store opportunity in several target markets, with additional longer-term growth opportunity
- The expected benefits of the refranchising strategy are not built into the Company's current targets after 2018E



**Banners Operated Under Franchise Segment** 







Franchising can help maintain and grow the brand with less capital intensity

## Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 Targets



#### Target Ranges (\$mm)

_	2018 Act/Fcst <sup>1</sup>		2019 Guidance <sup>1</sup>	
_	Low	High	Low	High
Consolidated Revenues	\$2,650	\$2,665	\$2,615	\$2,660
Core	\$1,850	\$1,860	\$1,795 <sup>(2</sup>	<sup>)</sup> \$1,820
ANOW	\$720	\$725	\$725	\$740
Same store sales	4.4%	4.7%	Low single digits	Mid single digits
Adjusted EBITDA	\$170	\$180	\$220	\$250
Adjusted EBITDA %	6.4%	6.8%	8.4%	9.4%
Non-GAAP Diluted EPS <sup>3</sup>	\$0.85	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$2.15
Free Cash Flow <sup>4</sup>	\$180	\$190	\$130	\$160
Net Debt <sup>5</sup>	\$425	\$415	\$295	\$265
Cash	\$115	\$125	\$245	\$275
Year End Consolidated Leverage Ratio <sup>6</sup>	2.75x	2.50x	1.50x	1.20x

<sup>(1)</sup> The guidance above does not reflect the \$126.5 million reverse breakup fee owed by affiliates of Vintage Capital to the Company in connection with the termination of the merger agreement with those parties

<sup>(2)</sup> Core Revenue decline driven by 125 store closures and franchising impact

<sup>(3)</sup> Tax rate assumed at 24%

<sup>(4)</sup> Free cash flow in 2018 includes benefit of one-time working capital savings and one-time tax benefit

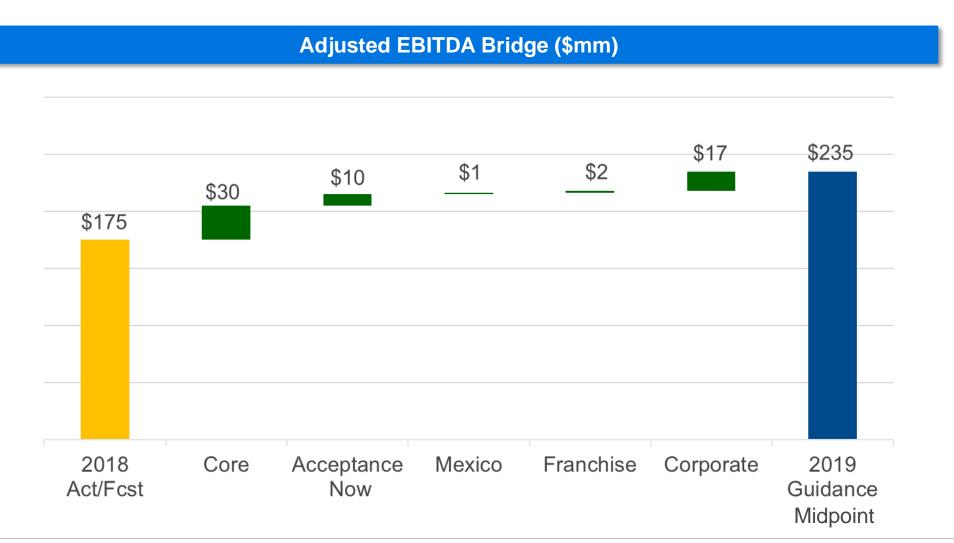
<sup>(5)</sup> Net debt defined as debt less cash

<sup>(6)</sup> Leverage ratio defined as the ratio of Consolidated Funded Debt to Consolidated EBITDA; where funded debt is Indebtedness minus unrestricted cash in excess of \$25mm

## Fiscal Year 2019 Adjusted EBITDA Bridge



#### 2019 Adjusted EBITDA aided by our 2018 strategies and operational improvements

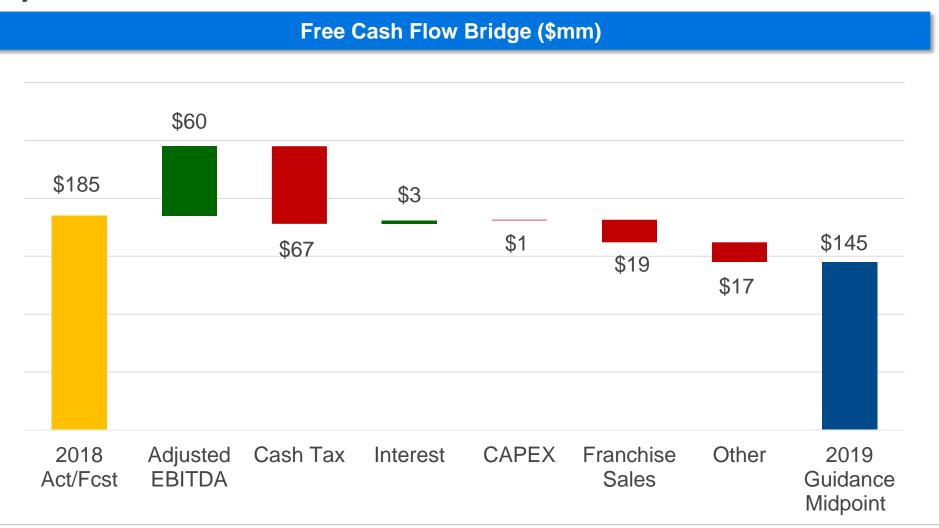


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## Fiscal Year 2019 Free Cash Flow Bridge



Free cash flow reduction driven by one-time benefits in 2018 partially offset by higher Adjusted EBITDA in 2019



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