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Rent·A·Center®

*Investor Presentation
Third Quarter 2004*



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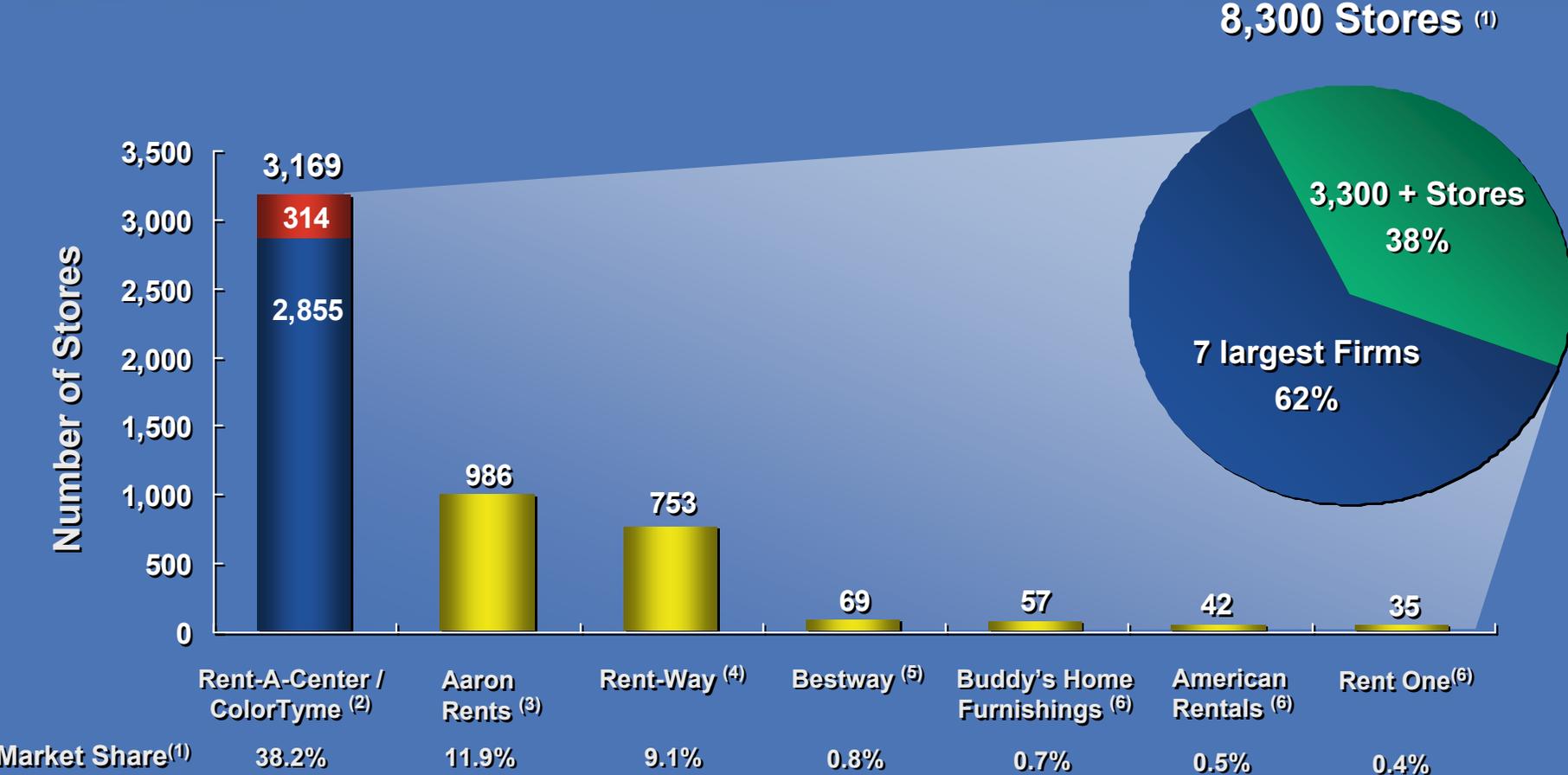
Key Investment Rationale

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- Proven business model
- Multiple growth drivers
- Predictable revenue stream
- Strong cash flow generation
- Experienced management team

Leading RTO Operator in U.S.

- Largest rent-to-own operator in the U.S.
 - 34% market share based on 2,855 domestic store count as of 09/30/04
 - ColorTyme subsidiary represents an additional 4% market share
- Broad selection of high quality goods through flexible rental agreements
 - Home electronics – 37% of rental revenue
 - Furniture and home accessories - 37% of rental revenue
 - Appliances - 15% of rental revenue
 - Personal computers - 11% of rental revenue
- Primarily serves the “underbanked” consumer
- Generated \$2.29 billion in LTM revenue and \$402.0 million in LTM EBITDA as of September 30, 2004

Leading Player in Fragmented Marketplace

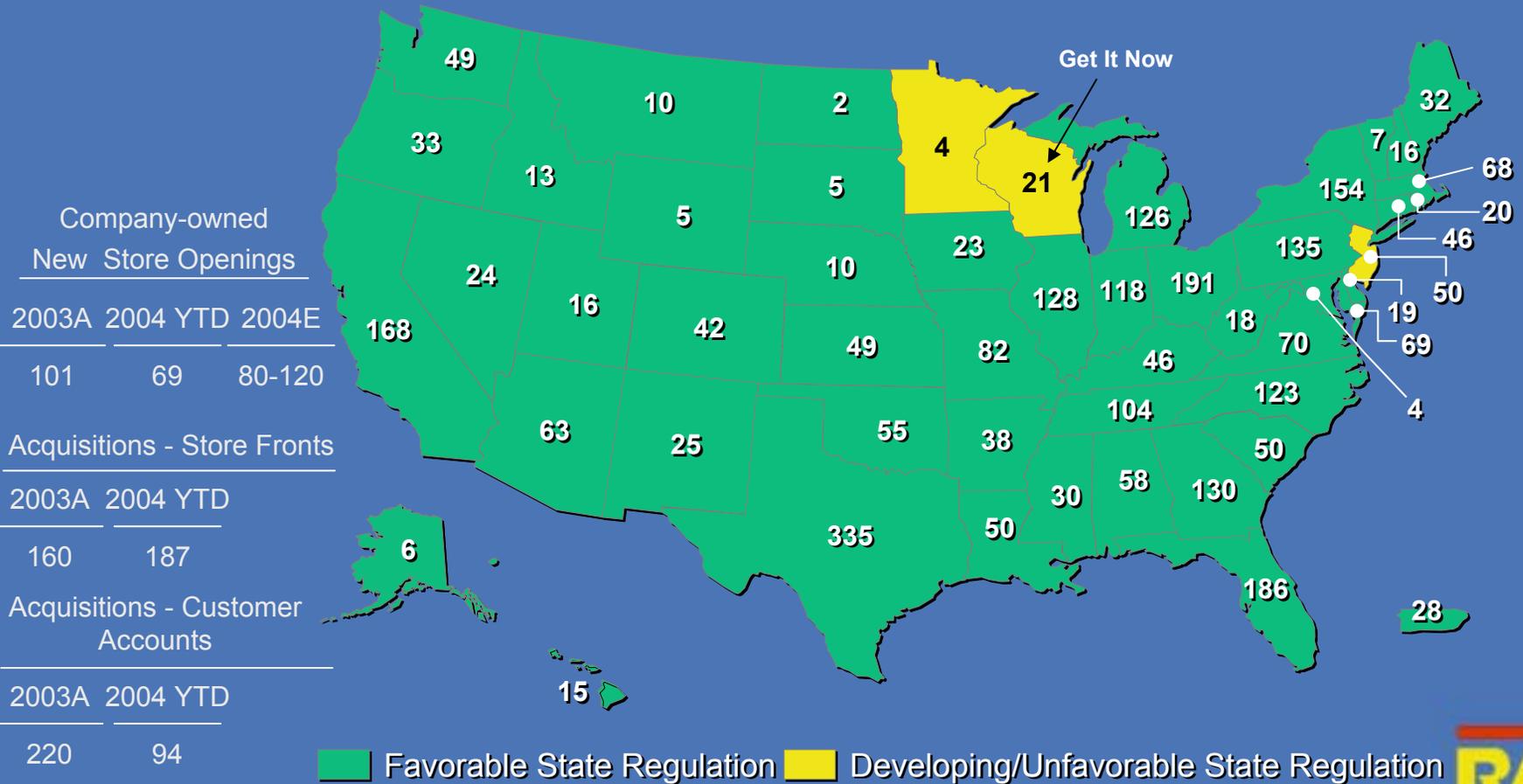


Notes: (1) Based on Association of Progressive Rental Organization (APRO) estimates in 2004 Industry Survey of 8,300 total stores
 (2) Company data as of September 30, 2004
 (3) Company earnings press release of October 28, 2004
 (4) Company press release of October 1, 2004
 (5) Company earnings press release of October 8, 2004
 (6) Company website estimates as of October 28, 2004

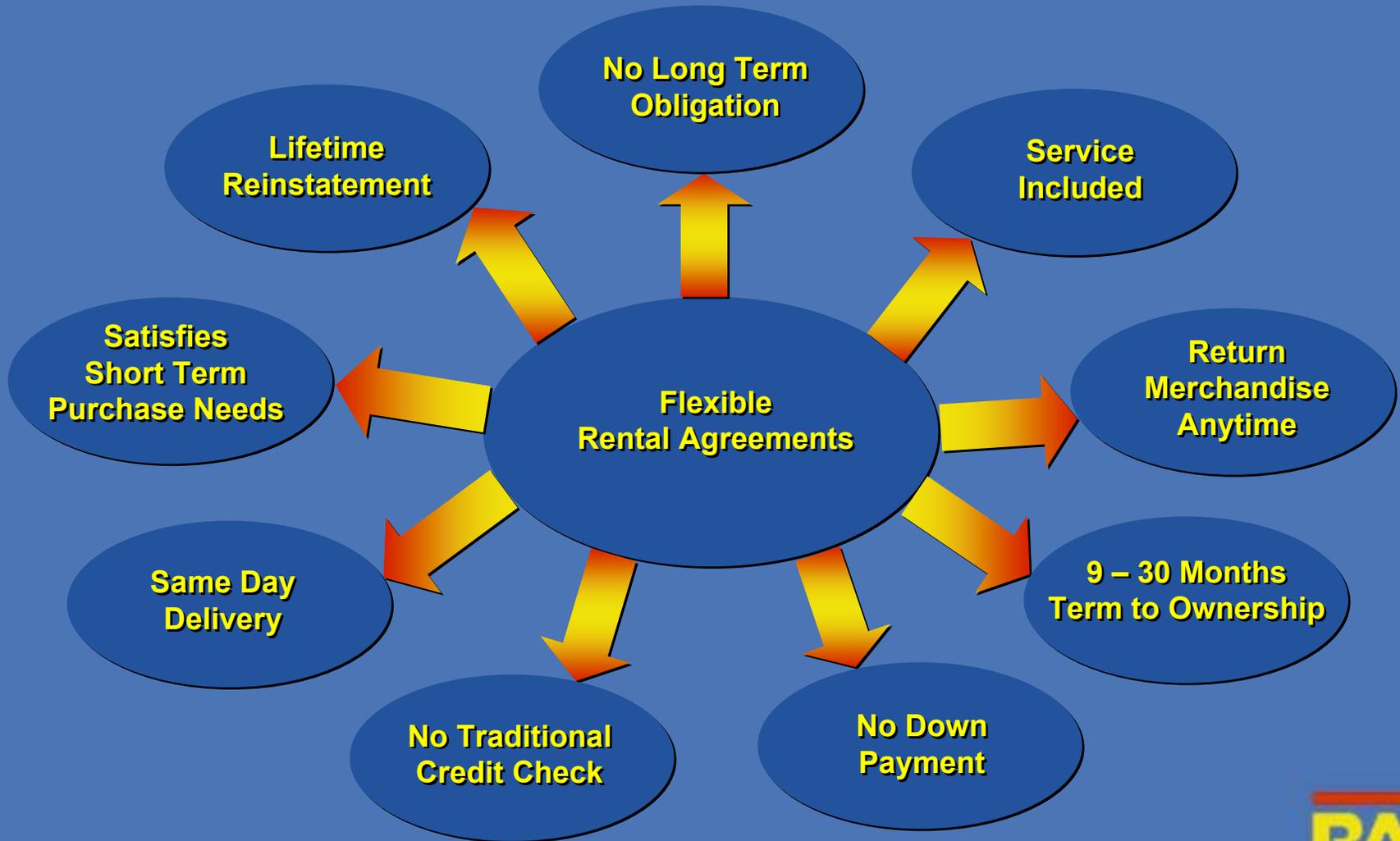


Leading National Footprint

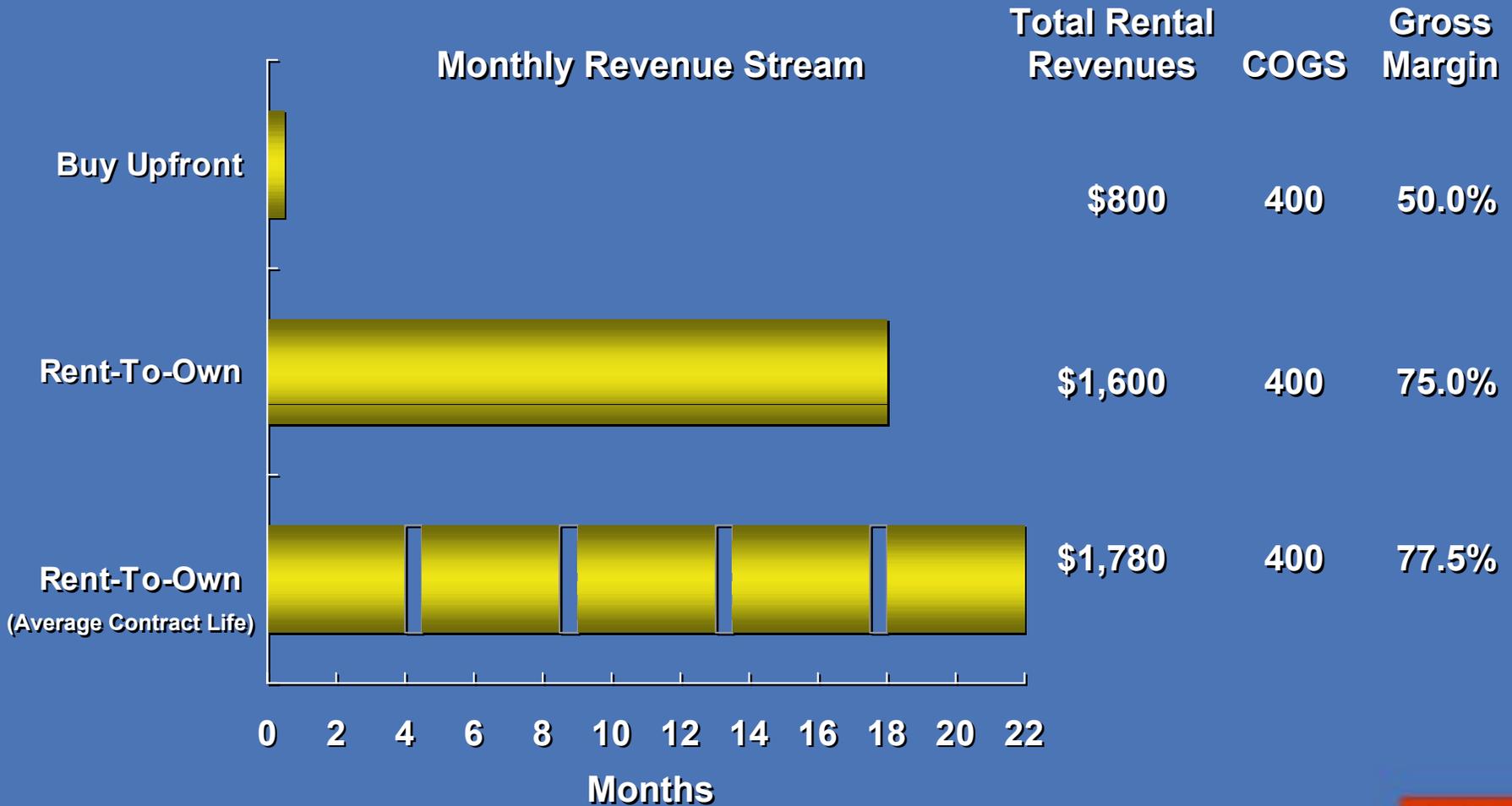
2,855 domestic company-owned stores and 314 franchised stores
 5 company-owned stores in Canada



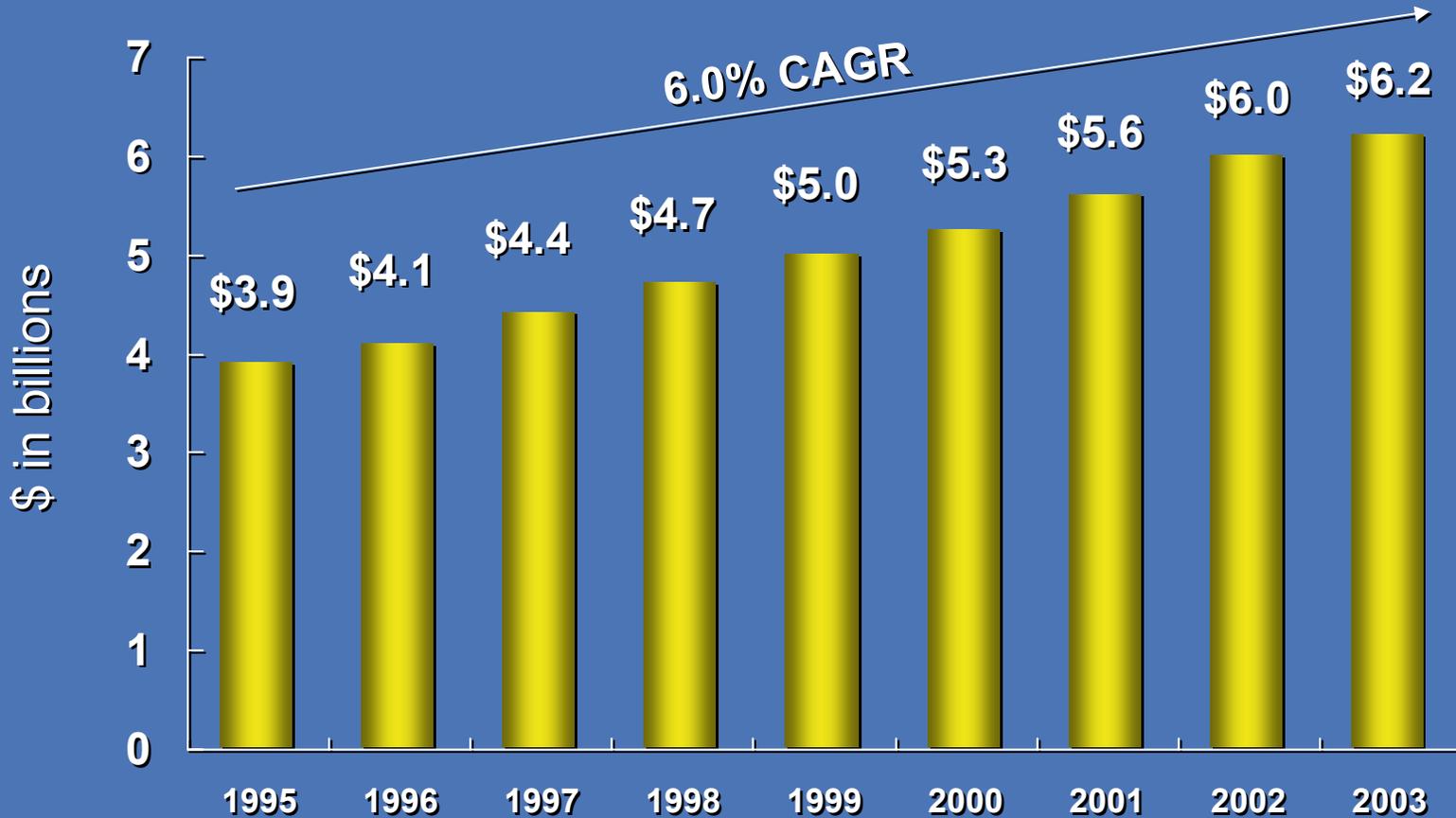
Rent-to-Own is an Appealing Transaction...



...With Attractive Economics ...



...Consistent Industry Growth...



Source: APRO 2004 Industry Survey

Six Levers of Growth

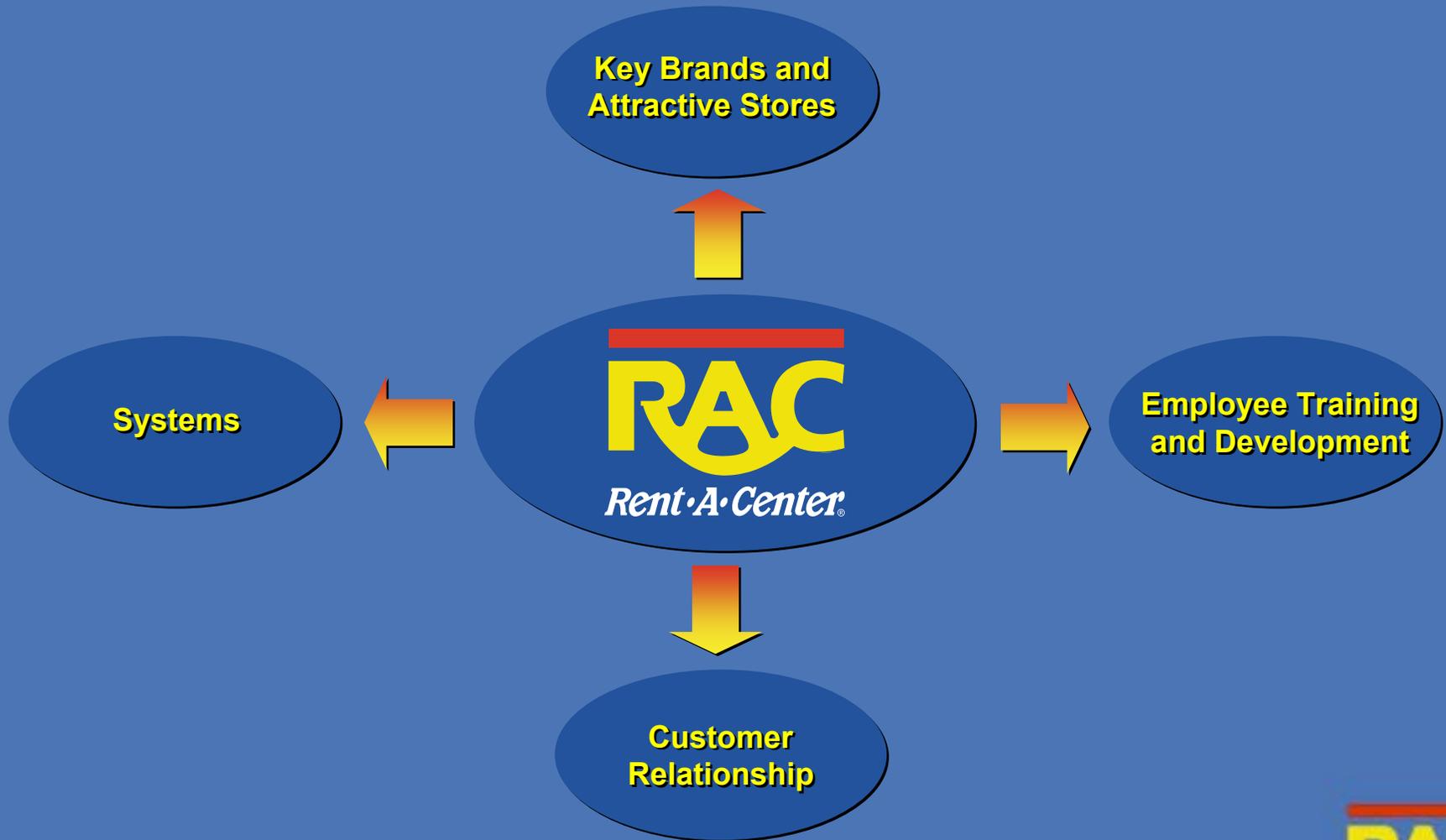
- Open New Stores
- Acquire Existing Rent-to-Own Stores
 - Storefronts
 - Customer Accounts
- Grow Same Store Sales
 - Merchandise Mix
 - Agreements per Customer
 - Customer Growth

Serves the “Underbanked Working Family”

- 92% of Customers in the Industry have Household Incomes between \$15,000 and \$50,000⁽¹⁾
- 45 million Households with Household Incomes between \$15,000 and \$50,000⁽²⁾
- Industry is Serving only 2.7 million of these Households⁽³⁾
- Great Market Opportunity

Note: (1) America's Research Group, February 1999
(2) U.S. Census Bureau - 2001
(3) APRO 2004 Industry Survey

Proven Business Model

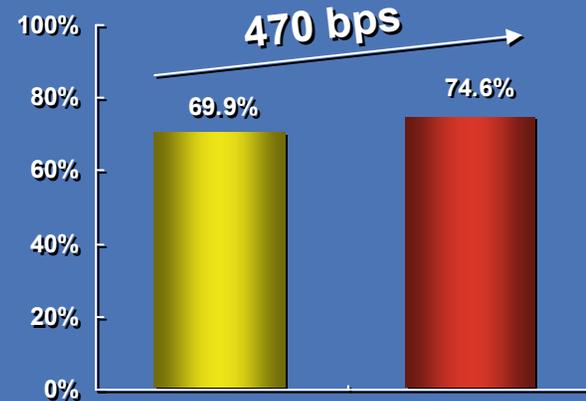


Rent-A-Center Store Profitability vs. Peers

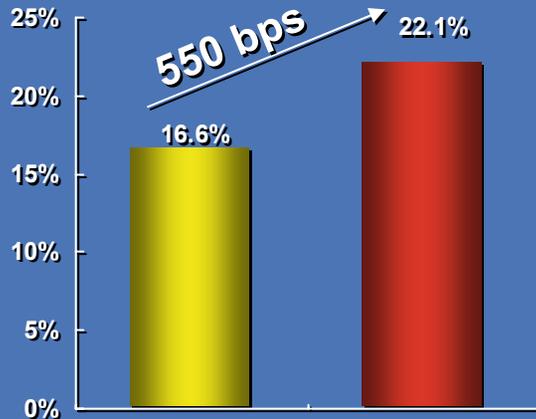
Monthly Revenue



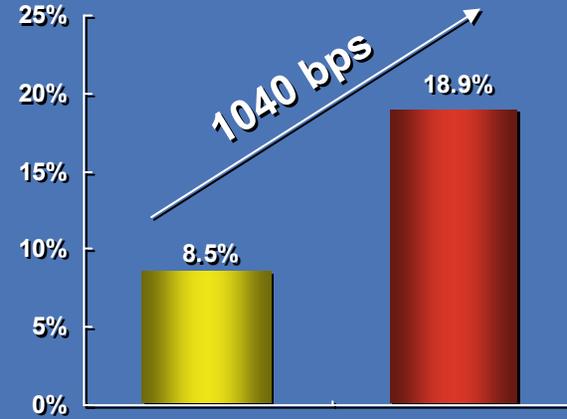
Gross Profit Margin



Store Operating Margin



EBITDA Margin



■ Industry Average (1)

■ Average RCII Store (2)

Notes: (1) Source: APRO 2004 Industry Survey.

(2) Per LTM data for the period ended September 30, 2004 for Rent-A-Center stores (excludes Rainbow & Rent Rite storefronts, Get It Now, ColorTyme, and Canada)

(3) Store Operating Margin is before overhead allocation, EBITDA Margin is after overhead allocation



Easily Accessible, Highly Visible Sites



Leased Sites Only

Spacious Showroom Interior



No Warehouses - Vendors Ship Directly to the Stores

High Quality, Brand-name Merchandise

Electronics
37% of Rental
Revenue

SONY

PHILIPS

JVC

HITACHI

 **Mitsubishi**

Furniture
37% of Rental
Revenue

 **ASHLEY**

 **Simmons**

 **England**

Appliances
15% of Rental
Revenue

 **Whirlpool**



Computers
11% of Rental
Revenue



COMPAQ

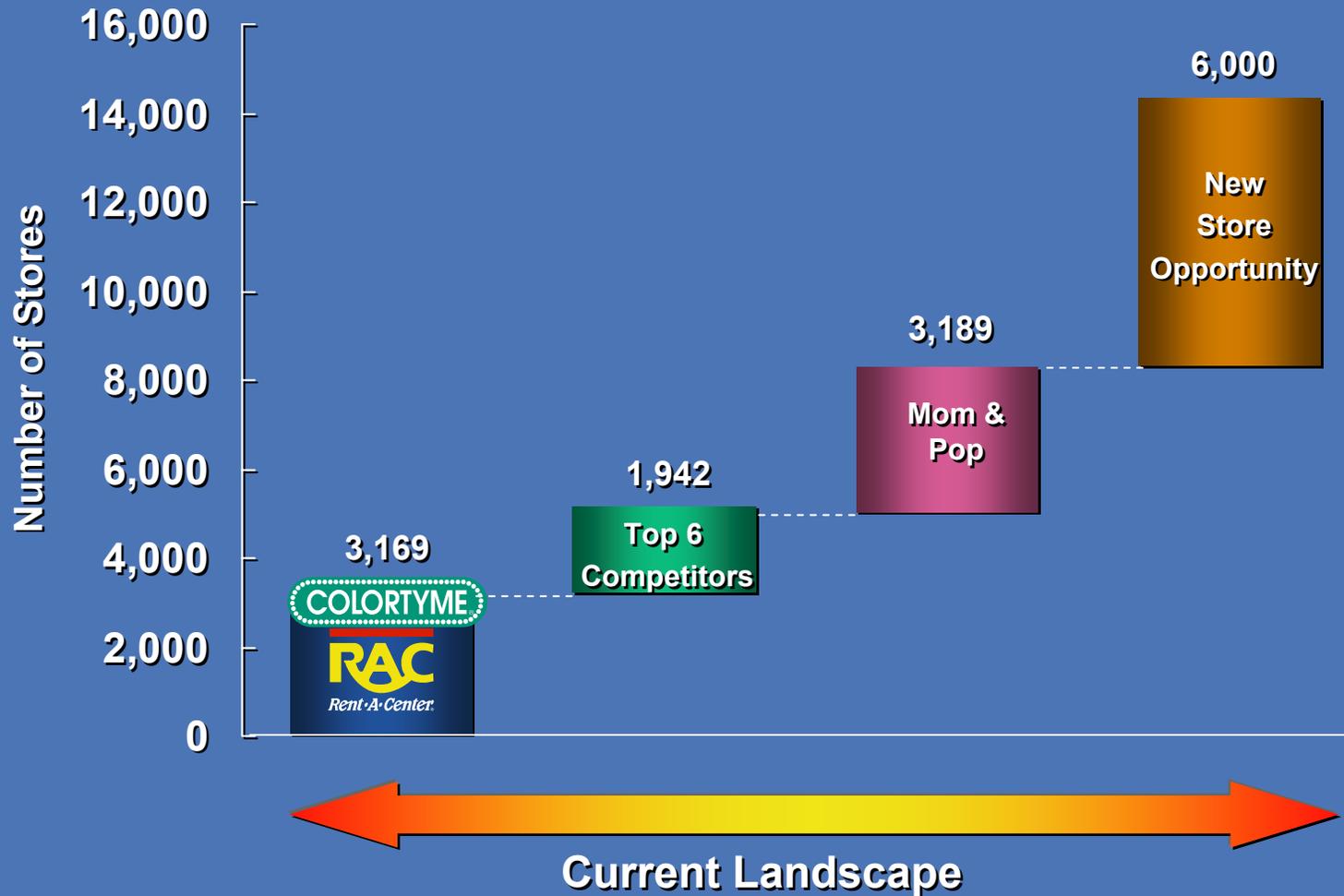
DELL

IBM

Strategic Objectives

- Improve Store Level Profitability
- Open New Stores
- Acquire Existing Rent-to-Own Stores
- Grow Same Store Sales
- Enhance National Brand

Significant Domestic Market Opportunity



Strong New Store Economics

- Start-up investment of approximately \$450,000 (2/3 for inventory)
- Begin turning a monthly profit in approximately nine months
- Cumulative break even within 18–24 months
- Internal Rate of Return of approximately 50%⁽¹⁾

| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Revenues | \$400,000 | \$650,000 | \$750,000 | \$800,000 |
| Store operating margins | (25.0%) | 10.0% | 17.0% | 20.0% |
| EBITDA | (\$85,000) | \$80,000 | \$140,000 | \$170,000 |

Note: (1) Before market and corporate allocation and income tax expense, terminal value of 6.5 X EBITDA in Year 4

Enhancing National Brand

RAC Rent-A-Center
RENT TO OWN FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTERS
Rent-A-Center is a leading national furniture, electronics and computer rental company.

Whether you're looking for a new sofa or a laptop, Rent-A-Center has what you need. Rent to own furniture, electronics and computers. Up to seven days free!

FREE TIL PAYDAY
Up To Seven Days Free

CREATE YOUR OWN RENT TO OWN PLAN
How Do You Want To Rent?

EASY OWNERSHIP
12 Month Rent To Own Plan
FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS
PAYMENT PLAN, MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY
NO CREDIT NEEDED
NO SECURITY DEPOSIT
SERVICE AND DELIVERY INCLUDED
RENT SHORT TERM, LONG TERM OR RENT TO OWN
TRY IT BEFORE YOU BUY IT
90 DAYS SAME AS CASH

Living Room Groups
Laptop Computers
Personal Computers
HD Big Screen TVs

CALL 1-800-877-7758 To Connect To Your Local Store
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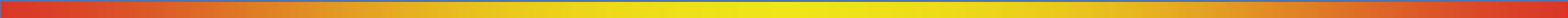
SONY, Panasonic, BERKLINE, Whirlpool, SHILLY, ZEPHIRUS, COMPAQ



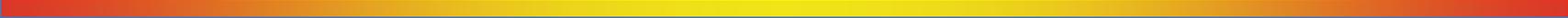
- National and spot media
- Loyalty program
- NASCAR sponsorship with Ford Motor Company and the U.S. Air Force
- Strategic Business Relationships

Experienced Management Team

- Senior management team is the most experienced in RTO industry
 - CEO Mark Speese has over 25 years RTO experience
 - President Mitch Fadel has over 20 years of RTO experience
 - Senior executives average over 10 years of RTO experience
- Attracting the best personnel with industry-leading salary and incentive plans

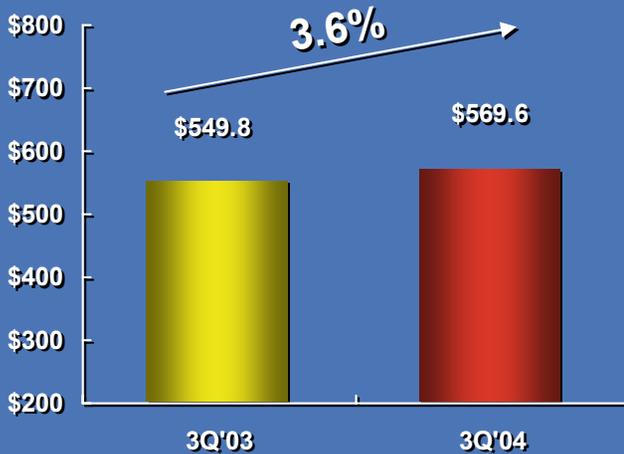


Financial Overview

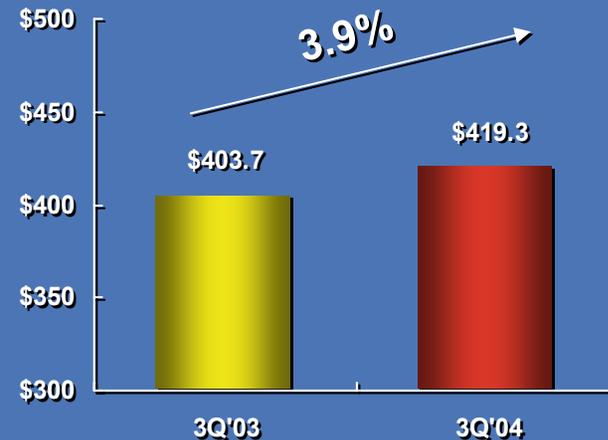


3Q'04 Review

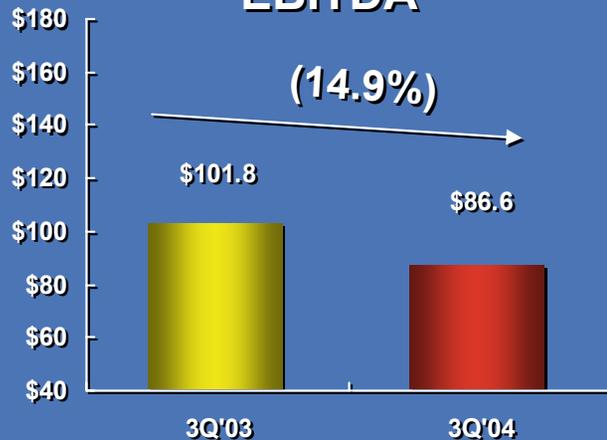
Revenue



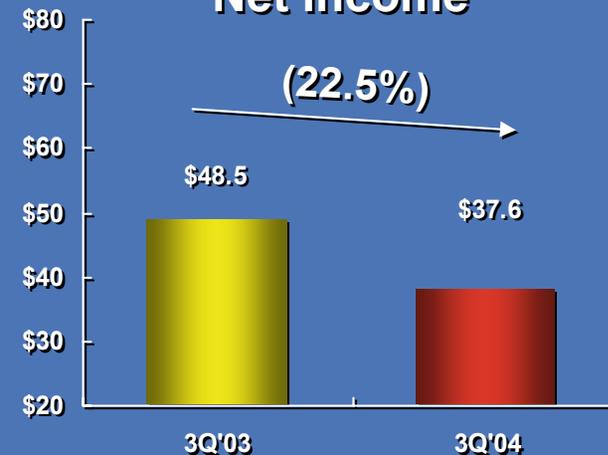
Gross Profit



EBITDA



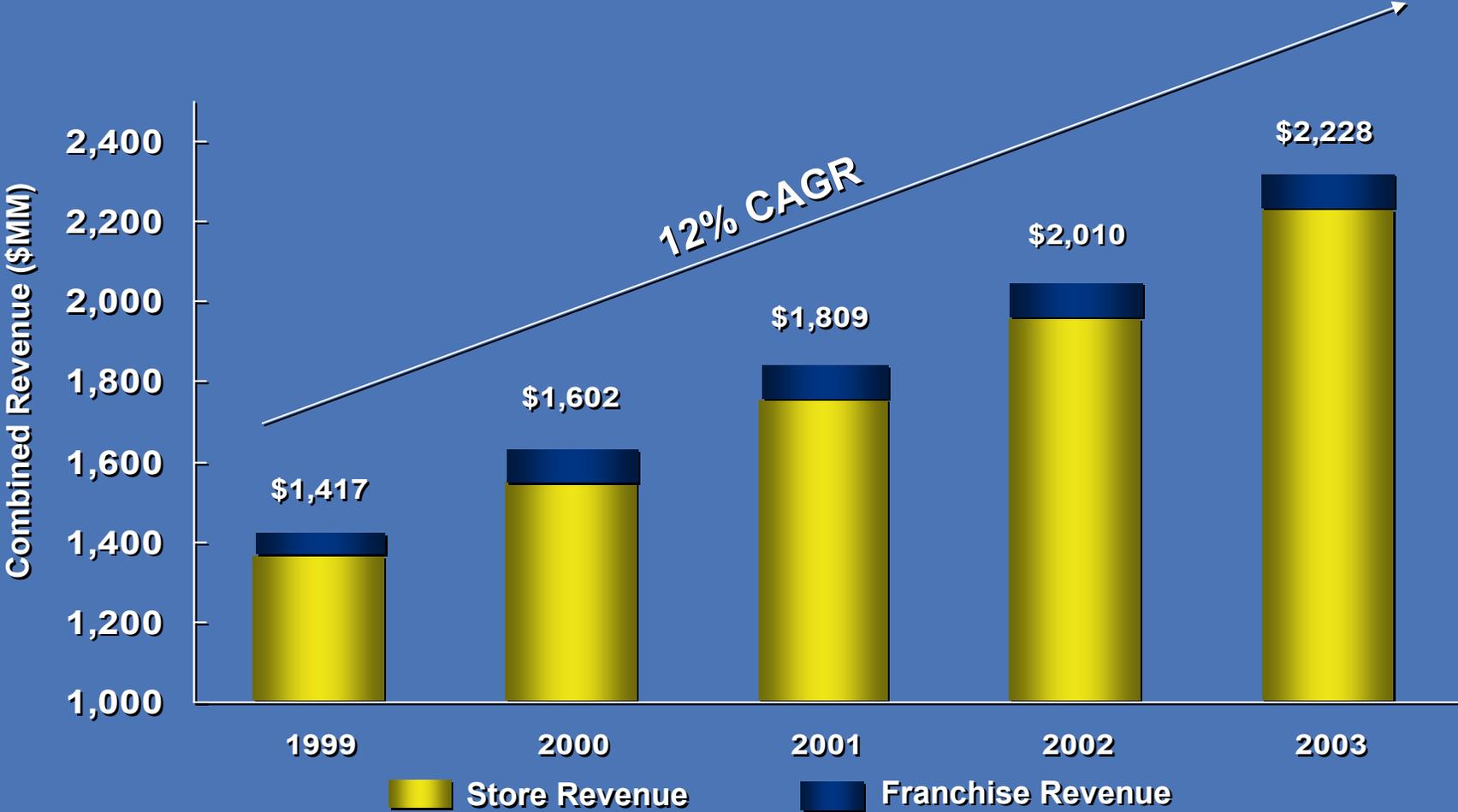
Net Income



| EBITDA Margin | 3Q'03 | 3Q'04 |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| | 18.5% | 15.2% |

| Net Income Margin | 3Q'03 | 3Q'04 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| | 8.8% | 6.6% |

Strong, Consistent Sales Growth



Current Capital Structure

| <i>(in millions of dollars)</i> | Sept 30 2003 | % of Book Capital | Sept 30 2004 | % of Book Capital |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cash & Equivalents | \$156.0 | N/A | \$64.5 | N/A |
| Senior Credit Facilities | 399.0 | 27.3% | 399.1 | 27.0% |
| Subordinated Notes | 300.0 | 20.5% | 300.0 | 20.3% |
| Total Debt | 699.0 | 47.8% | 699.1 | 47.3% |
| Shareholders' Equity | 762.5 | 52.2% | 777.2 | 52.7% |
| Total Capitalization | \$1,461.5 | 100.0% | \$1,476.3 | 100.0% |

Consolidated Leverage Ratio 1.67x (3Q'04)

Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio 10.54x (3Q'04)

Schedule of Free Cash Flow

2004 Estimate

| | <u>2005</u> |
|---|-------------------|
| EBITDA | \$395MM - \$415MM |
| Net Cash Interest | (\$40MM) |
| CapEx | (\$60MM) |
| Net Investment in Rental Merchandise | (\$10MM) |
| Taxes | (\$185MM) |
| Free Cash Flow | \$100MM - \$120MM |

Free Cash Flow Yield of Approximately 6%

Guidance

| <u>QUARTERLY</u> | <u>4Q'03</u> | <u>4Q'04</u> | <u>Growth</u> |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Total Revenue | \$558.7MM | \$583.0-\$588.0MM | 4-5% |
| Diluted EPS | \$0.62 | \$0.55-\$0.57 | (8)-(11)% |
| <u>ANNUAL</u> | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | <u>Growth</u> |
| Total Revenue | \$2.23BN | \$2.31-\$2.32BN | ~ 4% |
| Diluted EPS | \$2.33* | \$2.27-\$2.29** | (3)-(2)% |
| | | <u>2005</u> | |
| | | \$2.40-\$2.43BN | |
| | | \$2.30-\$2.40 | |

* Excludes \$35.3MM of one-time finance charges for the recapitalization program

** Excludes the effects of \$47.0 million in pre-tax charges associated with the Griego/Carrillo litigation and \$4.2 million in pre-tax charges associated with refinancing of the Company's senior credit facility.



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