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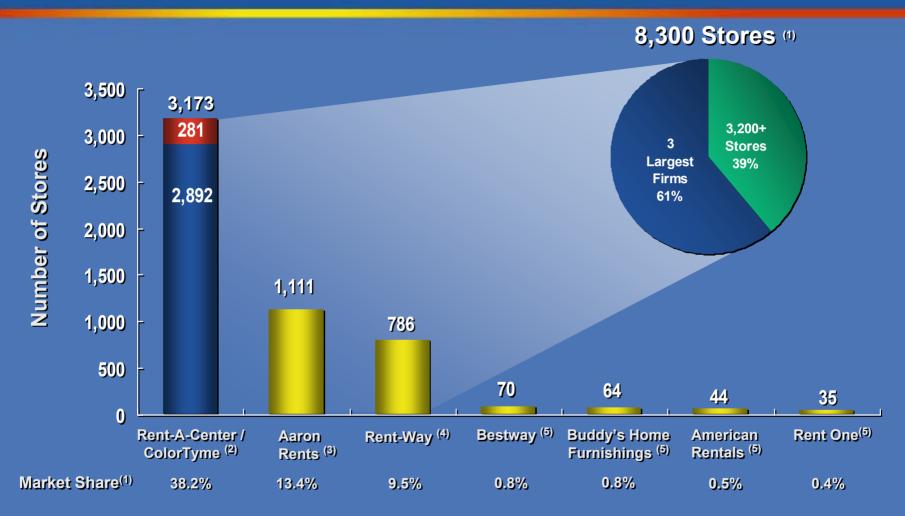
## Leading RTO Operator in U.S.

Largest rent-to-own operator in the U.S.

- 35% market share based on 2,892 domestic store count as of 6/30/05
- ColorTyme subsidiary represents an additional 3% market share
- Broad selection of high quality goods through flexible rental agreements
  - Home electronics 35% of rental revenue
  - Furniture and home accessories 38% of rental revenue
  - Appliances 15% of rental revenue
  - Personal computers 12% of rental revenue
- Primarily serves the "underbanked" consumer
- Generated \$2.34 billion in LTM revenue and \$359.7 million in LTM EBITDA as of June 30, 2005



#### 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 June 30, 2005

(3) Company earnings press release of July 27, 2005

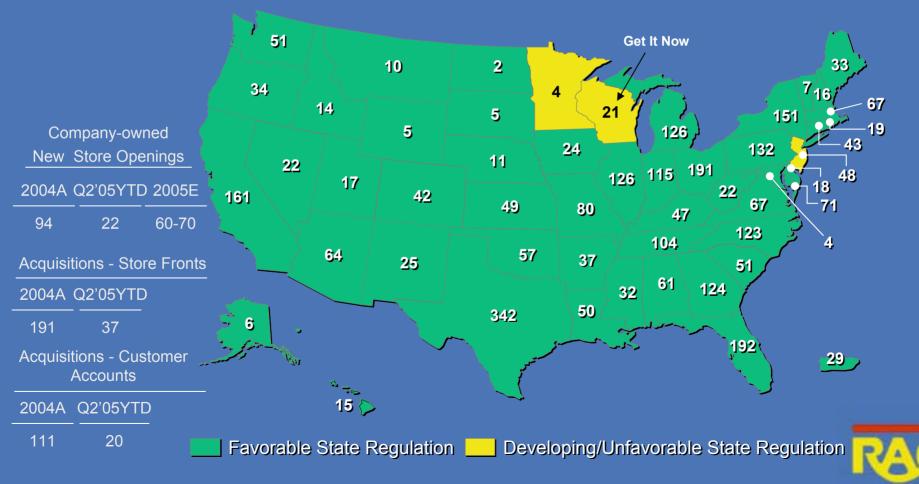
(4) Company earnings press release of August 4, 2005

(5) Company website estimates as of August 9, 2005



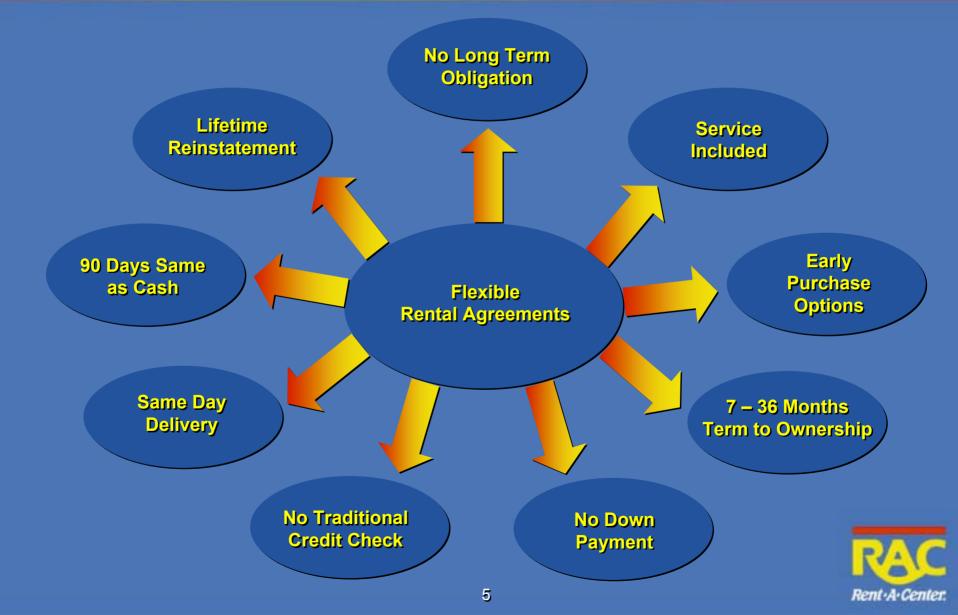
# Leading National Footprint

#### 2,886 domestic company-owned stores and 281 franchised stores 6 company-owned stores in Canada

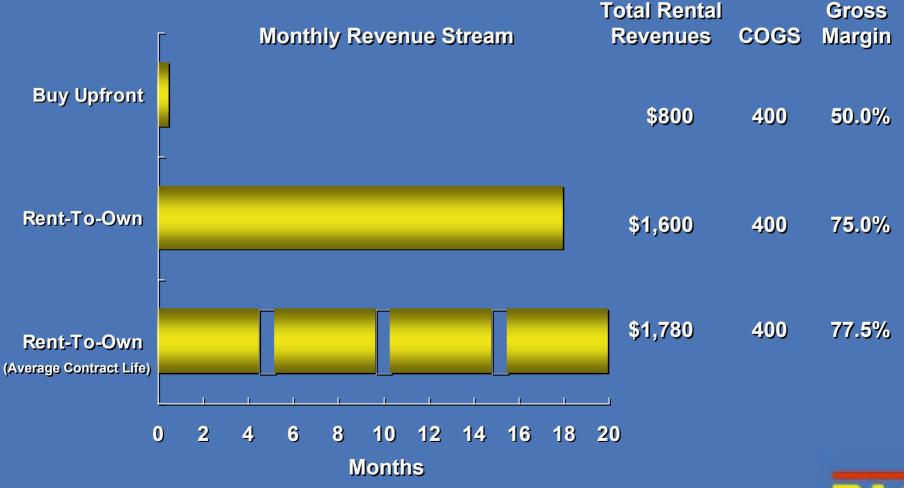


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#### Rent-to-Own is an Appealing Transaction...

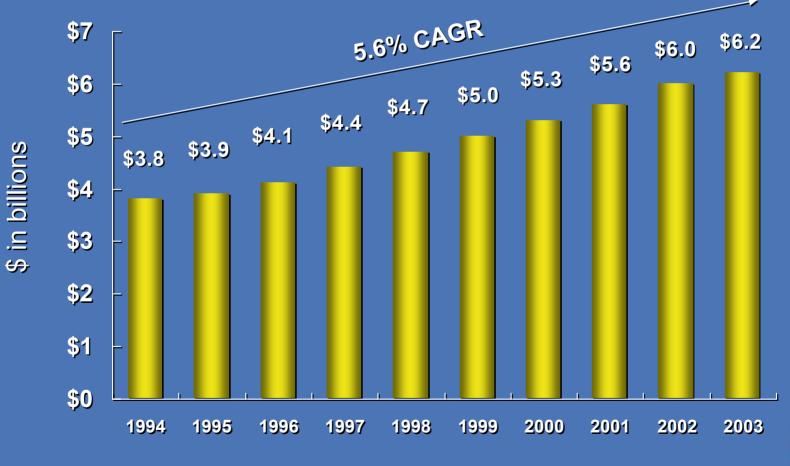


#### ...With Attractive Economics ...





#### and Consistent Industry Growth





Source: APRO 2004 Industry Survey

#### Levers of Growth for Rent-to-Own

Open new rent-to-own 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"

75% of customers in the industry have household incomes between \$15,000 and \$50,000<sup>(1)</sup>

45 million households with household incomes between \$15,000 and \$50,000<sup>(2)</sup>

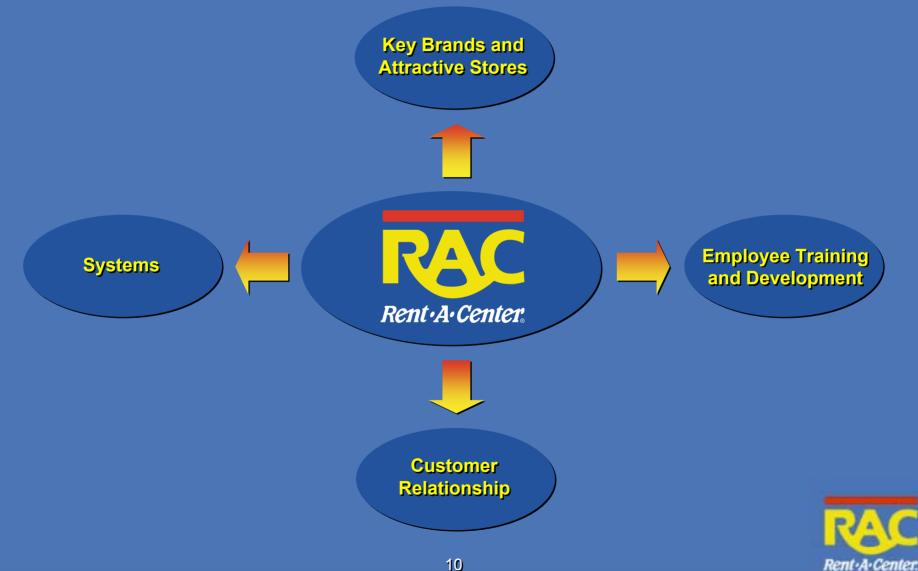
Industry is serving only 2.7 million of these households<sup>(3)</sup>

Great market opportunity

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

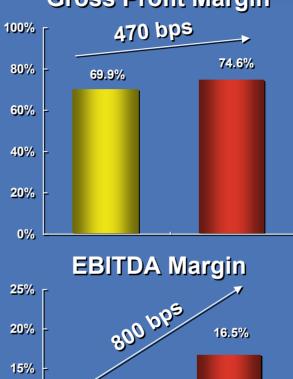


#### **Proven Business Model**



#### **Rent-A-Center Store Profitability vs. Peers**





8.5%

Average RCII Store (2)

#### **Gross Profit Margin**



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

(2) Per LTM data for the period ended June 30, 2005 for Rent-A-Center stores (excludes Get It Now, ColorTyme, and Canada)

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

10%

5%

0%

#### Easily Accessible, Highly Visible Sites



#### Leased Sites Only



#### **Spacious Showroom Interior**



No Warehouses - Vendors Ship Directly to the Stores



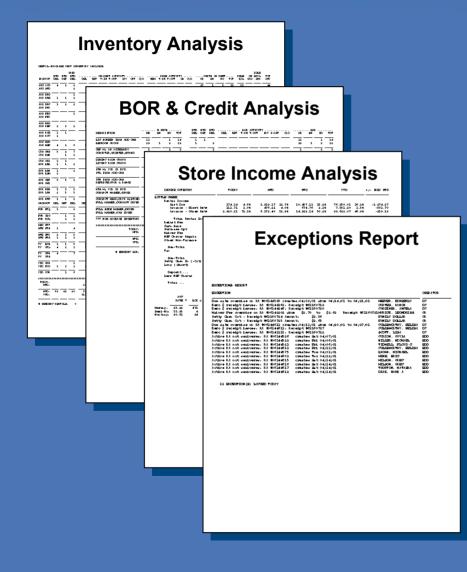
# High Quality, Brand-Name Merchandise





Actual data for the twelve months ended June 30, 2005

### State-of-the-Art Systems Capabilities

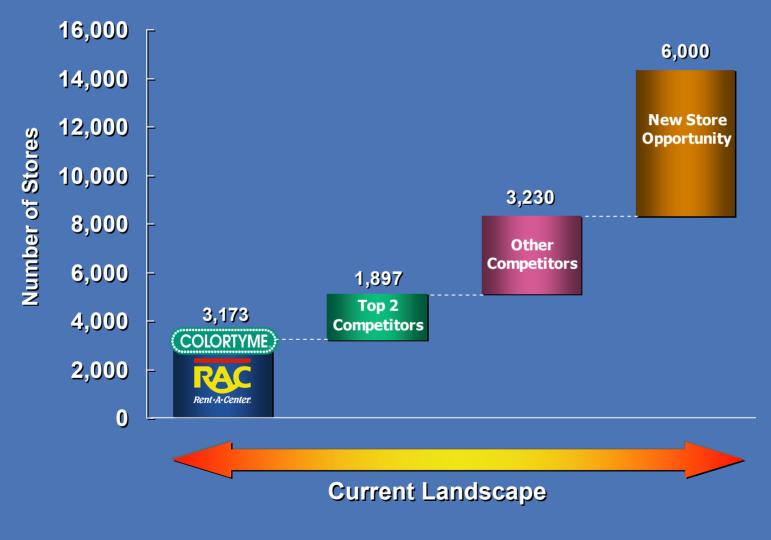


- Daily reports at all levels of organization from store manager to Chairman/CEO
- Manage by exception philosophy
- Systems help enforce strict inventory/cost control



- Enhance store level operations and profitability
- Open new stores
- Acquire existing rent-to-own stores
- Enhance national brand
- Expand into new businesses that serve our customer demographic







Start-up investment of approximately \$500,000 (3/4 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%<sup>(1)</sup>

|                              | Year 1     | Year 2    | Year 3    | Year 4    |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Revenues                     | \$425,000  | \$675,000 | \$750,000 | \$800,000 |
| EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>        | (\$50,000) | \$110,000 | \$140,000 | \$160,000 |
| EBITDA Margin <sup>(1)</sup> | (12%)      | 16%       | 19%       | 20%       |

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



#### **Enhancing National Brand**



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



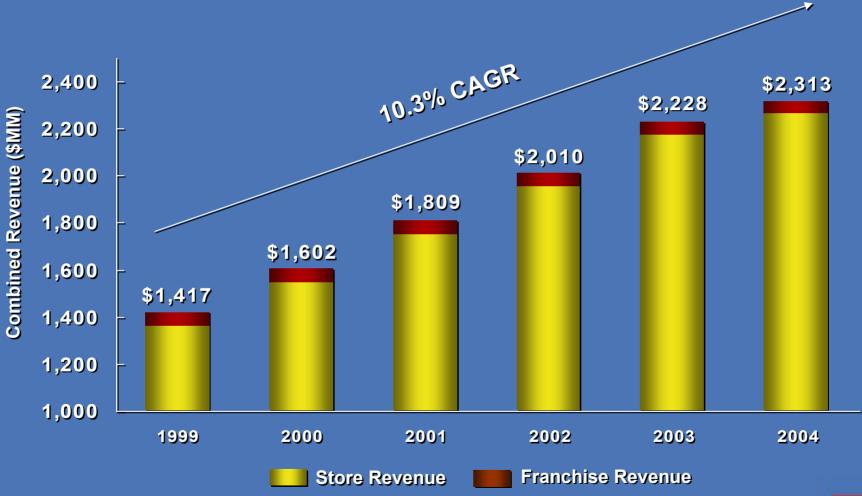
#### **Experienced Management Team**

- Senior management team is the most experienced in RTO industry
  - CEO Mark Speese has over 26 years of RTO experience
  - President Mitch Fadel has over 22 years of RTO experience
  - Senior executives average over 10 years of RTO experience
- Attracting the best personnel with industry-leading salary and incentive plans



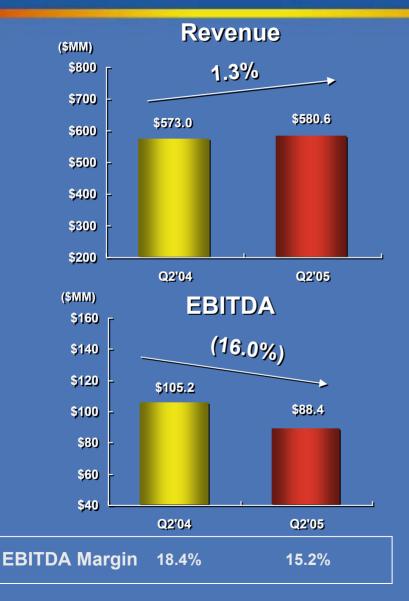
# **Financial Overview**

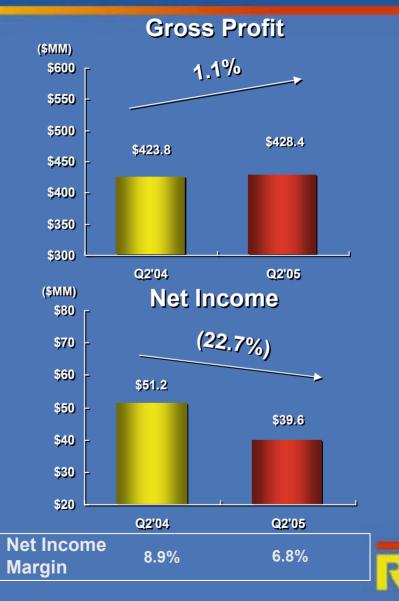
#### Strong, Consistent Sales Growth





## Q2′05 Review





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#### **Current Capital Structure**

| (in millions of dollars)    | Jun 30<br>2004 | % of<br>Book<br>Capital | Jun 30<br>2005 | % of<br>Book<br>Capital |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Cash & Equivalents          | \$86.2         | N/A                     | \$25.1         | N/A                     |
| Senior Credit<br>Facilities | 396.0          | 25.4%                   | 364.5          | 23.5%                   |
| Subordinated Notes          | 300.0          | 19.3%                   | 300.0          | 19.3%                   |
| Total Debt                  | 696.0          | 44.7%                   | 664.5          | 42.8%                   |
| Shareholder's Equity        | 860.2          | 55.3%                   | 889.3          | 57.2%                   |
| Total Capitalization        | \$1,556.2      | 100.0%                  | \$1,553.8      | 100.0%                  |

Consolidated Leverage Ratio 1.95x (Q2'05) Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio 8.26x (Q2'05)



#### **Operating Cash Flow**



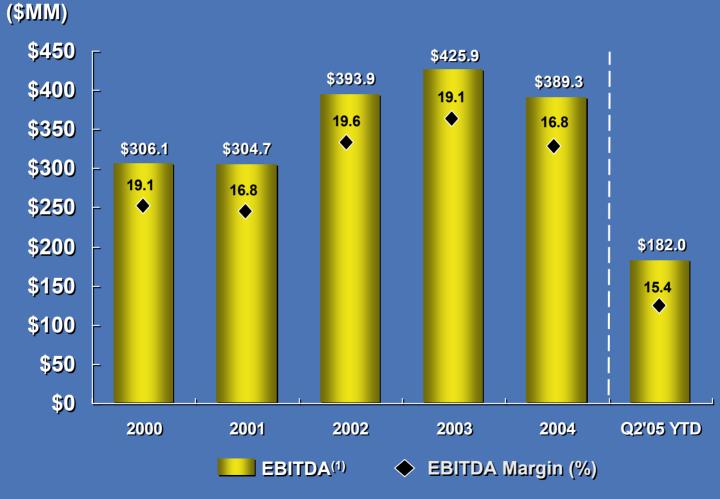


EBITDA\$325MM - \$345MMNet Cash Interest(\$40MM)CapEx(\$60MM)Net Investment in<br/>Rental Merchandise(\$10MM)Taxes(\$115MM)Free Cash Flow\$100MM - \$120MM

Free Cash Flow Yield of Approximately 7%



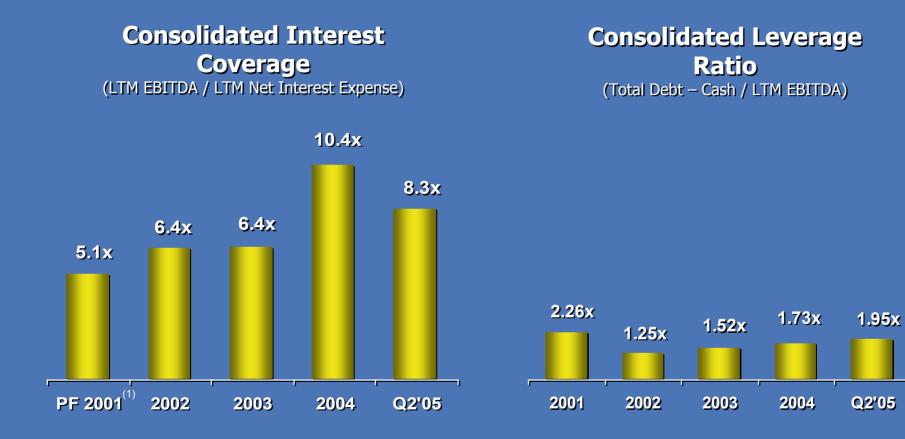
## **EBITDA and EBITDA Margin**





Notes: (1) Excludes nonrecurring charges and credits

### **Key Credit Ratios**



NOTE: (1) Pro forma for a full-year interest expense for the \$100 million bonds issued December 2001



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#### Guidance (per July 25, 2005 press release)

| <u>QUARTERLY</u>             | <u>Q3'04A</u>        | <u>Q3'05P</u>                         |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total Revenue<br>Diluted EPS | \$569.6 MM<br>\$0.47 | \$572.0-\$580.0 MM<br>\$0.38 - \$0.42 |
|                              |                      |                                       |
| ANNUAL                       | <u>2004A</u>         | <u>2005P</u>                          |

\* 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. It also excludes the effects of \$7.9 million in one-time other income associated with the sale of charged-off accounts.

\*\* Excludes the effects of an \$8.0 million in pre-tax credit in the first quarter associated with the Griego/Carrillo litigation. Also exludes the effects of a \$2.0 million tax audit reserve credit associated with the examination and favorable resolution of the Company's 1998 & 1999 federal tax returns.



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