



SECOND QUARTER 2017
EARNINGS CALL

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SECOND QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

Comp Sales	+4.5%	
Gross Margin	34.21%	-23 bps
SG&A	20.16%	-101 bps¹
Operating Margin	12.22%	+98 bps¹
EPS	\$1.68	+28.2%²
Adjusted EPS*	\$1.57	+14.6%

- Supportive macroeconomic backdrop, combined with our project expertise and omni-channel capabilities continued to drive comp growth
 - Positive comps in 13 of 14 regions
 - Positive comps in all product categories
 - Pro comps above the Company average
- Repurchased \$1.25 billion of stock under share repurchase program and paid \$299 million in dividends

¹ Includes 49 bps favorable impact related to the Q2 2017 gain from the sale of the Company's interest in the Australian joint venture and 46 bps favorable impact related to the Q2 2016 loss on the foreign currency hedge entered into in advance of the Company's RONA acquisition.

² Includes \$0.11 favorable impact from the gain on the sale of the Company's interest in the Australian joint venture.

* Adjusted EPS is a non-GAAP financial measure and reflects adjustments to both the current and prior year for certain discrete amounts. Refer to the Non-GAAP Measures section of this document, starting on page 13, for additional information as well as reconciliations between the Company's GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures.

TOTAL SALES SUMMARY¹

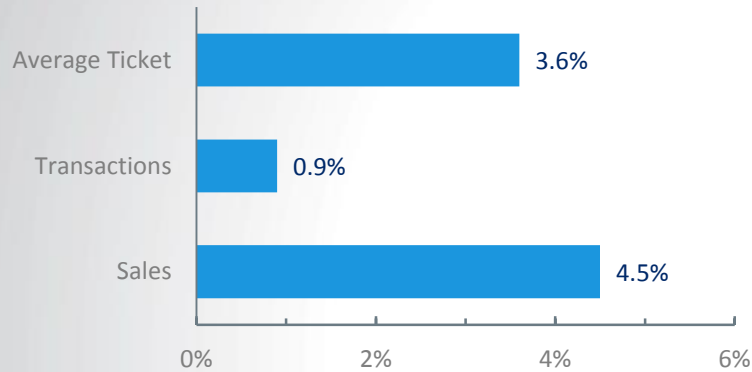
	Total	% Change
Sales	\$19.5B	+6.8%
Average Ticket	\$71.40	+3.5%
Customer Transactions	273.0M	+3.1%

¹ The calendar shift from the extra week in fiscal 2016 reduced sales by approximately \$285 million, while the acquisition of RONA accounted for approximately \$1 billion of sales in the quarter. The acquisition of RONA aided transaction growth; the impact to average ticket was insignificant.

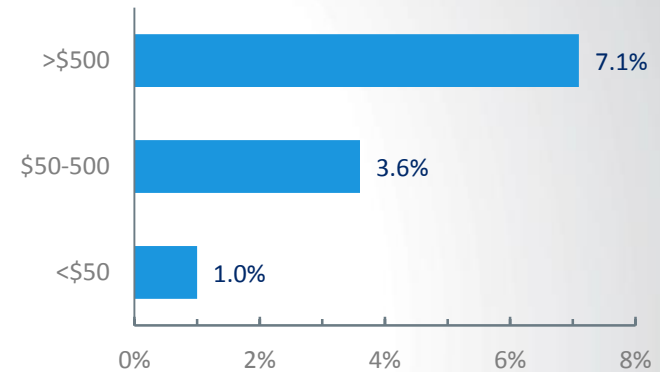


COMPARABLE SALES SUMMARY¹

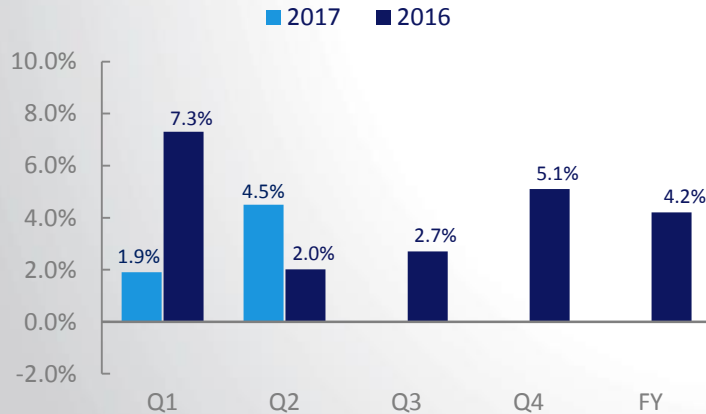
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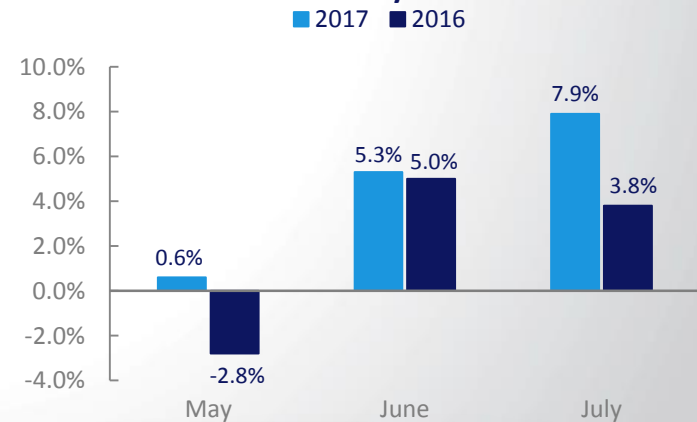
Ticket Size



Quarterly Trend



Monthly Trend



¹ RONA was included in the comparable sales calculation for the first time in the month of July.

PRODUCT CATEGORY PERFORMANCE¹

Above Average

Appliances
Lawn & Garden
Lumber & Building Materials
Rough Plumbing & Electrical

Average

Tools & Hardware

Below Average

Fashion Fixtures
Flooring
Kitchens
Millwork
Paint
Seasonal & Outdoor Living

¹ Q2 comp sales were +4.5%. Positive comps in all product categories.

OPERATING MARGIN SUMMARY

	% of Sales	Leverage/ (Deleverage)	Drivers
Gross Margin	34.21%	(23) bps	(-) Promotional activity (-) Inflation
SG&A	20.16%	101 bps	(+) Store payroll (+) Gain from sale of interest in Australian joint venture (+) Last year's loss on foreign currency hedge (-) Advertising
Depreciation and Amortization	1.83%	20 bps	(+) Higher sales
Operating Margin ¹	12.22%	98 bps	

¹Operating margin is defined as operating income as a percentage of sales.

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

		YOY Change
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1.7B	-\$0.3B or -14.7%
Inventory	\$11.4B	+\$0.8B or +7.6%
Inventory Turnover	4.00x	+11 bps
Accounts Payable	\$8.6B	+\$1.0B or +12.4%
Lease Adjusted Debt to EBITDAR	2.21x	
Return on Invested Capital¹	17.0%	+197 bps

¹ The net impact of the sale of the company's interest in the Australian joint venture and charges recognized in the third and fourth quarters of 2016 negatively impacted ROIC by 153 basis points.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS SUMMARY

	Amount
Operating Cash Flow	\$5.1B
Capital Expenditures	\$0.5B
Free Cash Flow	\$4.6B
Share Repurchases:	
Fiscal Year	\$2.5B
Authorization Remaining	\$2.6B

ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE

- Key drivers of home improvement spending are real disposable personal income, home prices, and housing turnover.
- Outlook for the home improvement industry remains positive, supported by job gains and income growth, strong consumer balance sheets, and favorable revolving credit usage.
- Quarterly Consumer Sentiment Survey revealed that homeowners continue to have a favorable view of the national economy, personal finances and home prices.
- Rising home prices should continue to encourage homeowners to engage in discretionary projects in addition to ongoing maintenance and repair spending.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Expand Home Improvement Reach

- Serve more customers, more effectively
- Differentiate by establishing market leadership for home improvement project solutions
- Continue to deepen and broaden our relationship with the Pro customer

Develop Capabilities to Anticipate and Support Customer Needs

- Empower customers across the most relevant moments of their project journey
- Advance customer experience through our omni-channel assets

Generate Profitable Growth and Substantial Returns

- Enhance operating discipline and focus making productivity a core strength
- Reinvest in capabilities for the future

2017 BUSINESS OUTLOOK

(COMPARISONS TO FISCAL YEAR 2016 – A 53-WEEK YEAR; BASED ON U.S. GAAP)

- Total sales are expected to increase approximately 5 percent
- Comparable sales are expected to increase approximately 3.5 percent
- The Company expects to add approximately 25 home improvement and hardware stores
- Operating income as a percentage of sales (operating margin) is expected to increase 80 to 100 basis points¹
- The effective income tax rate is expected to be 36.9 percent
- Diluted earnings per share of \$4.20 to \$4.30 are expected for the fiscal year ending February 2, 2018; reflective of the loss on extinguishment of debt and the gain from the sale of the company's interest in the Australian joint venture
- Cash flow from operations are expected to be approximately \$5.9B
- Capital expenditures are expected to be approximately \$1.4B
- The Company expects to repurchase approximately \$3.5B of stock

¹ Includes 12 bps benefit of the net gain on the settlement of the foreign currency hedge entered into in advance of RONA acquisition (1Q 2016 and 2Q 2016), 44 bps impact of the non-cash charge associated with the joint venture in Australia (3Q 2016), 15 bps impact of project write-offs that were a part of the ongoing review of strategic initiatives (3Q 2016), 12 bps impact of goodwill and long-lived asset impairment charges associated with Orchard Supply Hardware (3Q 2016), as well as 13 bps impact of severance-related costs associated with the productivity efforts (4Q 2016).



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Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. A wide variety of potential risks, uncertainties, and other factors could materially affect our ability to achieve the results either expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, changes in general economic conditions, such as the rate of unemployment, interest rate and currency fluctuations, fuel and other energy costs, slower growth in personal income, changes in consumer spending, changes in the rate of housing turnover, the availability of consumer credit and of mortgage financing, inflation or deflation of commodity prices, and other factors that can negatively affect our customers, as well as our ability to: (i) respond to adverse trends in the housing industry, a reduced rate of growth in household formation, and slower rates of growth in housing renovation and repair activity, as well as uneven recovery in commercial building activity; (ii) secure, develop, and otherwise implement new technologies and processes necessary to realize the benefits of our strategic initiatives focused on omni-channel sales and marketing presence and enhance our efficiency; (iii) attract, train, and retain highly-qualified associates; (iv) manage our business effectively as we adapt our operating model to meet the changing expectations of our customers; (v) maintain, improve, upgrade and protect our critical information systems from data security breaches, ransomware and other cyber threats; (vi) respond to fluctuations in the prices and availability of services, supplies, and products; (vii) respond to the growth and impact of competition; (viii) address changes in existing or new laws or regulations that affect consumer credit, employment/labor, trade, product safety, transportation/logistics, energy costs, health care, tax or environmental issues; (ix) positively and effectively manage our public image and reputation and respond appropriately to unanticipated failures to maintain a high level of product and service quality that could result in a negative impact on customer confidence and adversely affect sales; and (x) effectively manage our relationships with selected suppliers of brand name products and key vendors and service providers, including third party installers. In addition, we could experience impairment losses if either the actual results of our operating stores are not consistent with the assumptions and judgments we have made in estimating future cash flows and determining asset fair values, or we are required to reduce the carrying amount of our investment in certain unconsolidated entities. With respect to acquisitions, potential risks include the effect of such transactions on Lowe’s and the target company’s strategic relationships, operating results and businesses generally; our ability to integrate personnel, labor models, financial, IT and others systems successfully; disruption of our ongoing business and distraction of management; hiring additional management and other critical personnel; increasing the scope, geographic diversity and complexity of our operations; significant integration costs or unknown liabilities; and failure to realize the expected benefits of the transaction. For more information about these and other risks and uncertainties that we are exposed to, you should read the “Risk Factors” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates” included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and the description of material changes thereto, if any, included in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or subsequent filings with the SEC.

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SUMMARY OF ADJUSTMENTS

Summary of Operating Income Impacts (Income)/Expense	2016					2017	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2
Net Gain on Settlement of Foreign Currency Hedge	(160)	84			(76)		
Non-cash Charge on Australian Joint Venture			290		290		
Non-cash Project Write-offs			96		96		
Non-cash Goodwill & Long-lived Asset Impairment Charges			76		76		
Severance-Related Costs				84	84		
Gain from Sale of Interest in Australian Joint Venture							(96)
Total	(160)	84	462	84	470		(96)

Summary of Non-Operating Income Impacts (Income)/Expense	2016					2017	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Q1	Q2
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt						464	
Total						464	



NON-GAAP MEASURES

Management is using non-GAAP financial measures in this presentation, as further outlined in the following slides, because it considers them to be important supplemental measures of the Company's performance. Management also believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide additional insight for analysts and investors in evaluating the Company's financial and operating performance. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered alternatives to, or more meaningful indicators of, the Company's earnings per common share, total debt or other financial measures as prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Company's methods of determining these non-GAAP financial measures may differ from the methods used by other companies for these or similar non-GAAP financial measures. Accordingly, these non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to measures used by other companies.

Detailed reconciliations between the Company's GAAP and non-GAAP financial results are shown within and are available on the Company's website at www.lowes.com/investor.

NON-GAAP MEASURES

EBITDAR

We define EBITDAR as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, share-based payments, rent, and certain items as defined by the Company's credit facility.

Lease-Adjusted Debt

We define Lease-Adjusted Debt as short-term debt, current maturities of long-term debt, long-term debt excluding current maturities, and six times the last four quarters' rent. We believe six times rent is a reasonable industry standard estimate of the economic value of our leased assets.

Lowe's believes the ratio of Lease-Adjusted Debt to EBITDAR is a useful supplemental measure, as it provides an indication of the results generated by the Company in relation to its level of indebtedness.

NON-GAAP MEASURES

ROIC

We define ROIC as trailing four quarters' Net Operating Profit after Tax (NOPAT) divided by the average of ending debt and equity for the last five quarters.

Lowe's believes ROIC is a useful measure of how effectively the Company uses capital to generate profits.

Free Cash Flow

We define Free Cash Flow as net cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures.

Lowe's believes Free Cash Flow is a useful measure to describe the Company's financial performance and measures its ability to generate excess cash from its business operations.

Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share

We have presented Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share to exclude the impacts of certain items, as further detailed below, not contemplated in Lowe's original Business Outlooks for 2017 and 2016 to assist the user in understanding performance relative to that Business Outlook.

- In the second quarter of 2016, the company settled its foreign currency hedge entered into in advance of the RONA acquisition and recorded an \$84 million loss.
- In the second quarter of 2017, the company recognized a \$96 million gain from the sale of the company's interest in the Australian joint venture.

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES

EBITDAR	Four Quarters Ended	
	August 4, 2017	July 29, 2016
Net Earnings	3,062	2,799
Interest ¹	642	608
Taxes	1,982	1,998
Depreciation and Amortization ²	1,563	1,566
Share-based Payments	97 ³	109
Rent	591	496
Certain Charges	927 ⁴	530 ⁵
EBITDAR	8,864	8,106

¹ Interest includes amortization of original issue discount, deferred loan costs & other non-cash amortization charges

² Depreciation and amortization represents total Company depreciation, including Distribution Networks and Millworks, as well as amortization of certain trademarks and intangibles

³ Includes a \$3M benefit related to award forfeitures associated with the productivity initiative.

⁴ Certain charges include the following: \$464M loss on extinguishment of debt, \$290M impairment associated with the joint venture in Australia, \$96M gain associated with the sale of the interest in the joint venture in Australia, \$76M goodwill and long-lived asset impairment charge associated with Orchard Supply Hardware; \$96M charge related to a write-off as part of the Company's ongoing review of strategic initiatives; and \$97M charge from severance-related costs associated with productivity initiatives.

⁵ Certain charges includes \$530M associated with the joint venture in Australia.

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES

Lease Adjusted Debt	Four Quarters Ended	
	August 4, 2017	July 29, 2016
Short-term Borrowings	—	—
Current Maturities of LTD	296	1,193
Long-term Debt Excluding Current Maturities	15,788	14,618
Total Debt	16,084	15,811
6 Times Rent	3,545	2,974
Lease Adjusted Debt	19,629	18,785
EBITDAR	8,864	8,106
Lease Adjusted Debt to EBITDAR	2.21	2.33

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES

ROIC	Four Quarters Ended	
	August 4, 2017	July 29, 2016
Net Earnings	3,062	2,799
Interest	642	608
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt	464	—
Taxes	1,982	1,998
Net Operating Profit	6,150	5,405
Effective Tax Rate	39.3%	41.7%
Tax Adjustment	2,416	2,203
NOPAT	3,734	3,202
Average Debt and Equity	22,017	21,352
ROIC	16.97%	15.00%

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES

Free Cash Flow	FY 2017E	FY 2016	FY 2015
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	5,900	5,617	4,784
Capital Expenditures	1,400	1,167	1,197
Free Cash Flow	4,500	4,450	3,587

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP MEASURES

The following provides a reconciliation of adjusted diluted earnings per share to diluted earnings per common share, the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

	Three Months Ended August 4, 2017 Per Share Amount			Three Months Ended July 29, 2016 Per Share Amount		
	Pre-Tax Earnings	Tax	Net Earnings	Pre-Tax Earnings	Tax	Net Earnings
Diluted Earnings Per Common Share			\$1.68			\$1.31
Gain from Sale of Interest in Australian Joint Venture	(0.11)	-	(0.11)	-	-	-
Loss on Foreign Currency Hedge	-	-	-	0.09	(0.03)	0.06
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share			\$1.57			\$1.37



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