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- our ability to optimize costs and cash flow and mitigate the impact of retailer inventory rebalancing through discretionary and overhead spend management, advertising and promotion expense optimization, demand forecast and supply plan adjustments and actions to improve working capital;
- our dependence on the strength of retail and consumer demand and commercial and industrial sectors of the economy in various countries around the world;
- our ability to improve productivity, reduce complexity and streamline operations;
- our ability to manage the actual or perceived effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including as a result of any additional variants of the virus or the efficacy and distribution of vaccines;
- competition with other manufacturers and distributors of consumer products;
- major retailers' strong bargaining power and consolidation of our customers;
- supply chain and operational disruptions in the markets in which we operate, whether as a result of the actual or perceived effects of the COVID-19 pandemic or broader geopolitical and macroeconomic conditions, including the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine:
- changes in the prices and availability of labor, transportation, raw materials and sourced products, including significant inflation, and our ability to offset cost increases through pricing and productivity in a timely manner;
- the cost and outcomes of governmental investigations, inspections, lawsuits, legislative requests or other actions by third parties, the potential outcomes of which could exceed policy limits, to the extent insured;
- our ability to develop innovative new products, to develop, maintain and strengthen end-user brands and to realize the benefits of increased advertising and promotion spend;
- our ability to consistently maintain effective internal control over financial reporting;
- the risks inherent to our foreign operations, including currency fluctuations, exchange controls and pricing restrictions;
- future events that could adversely affect the value of our assets and/or stock price and require additional impairment charges;
- unexpected costs or expenses associated with dispositions;
- our ability to effectively execute our turnaround plan, including Project Ovid, Project Phoenix and the Network Optimization Project;
- risks related to our substantial indebtedness, potential increases in interest rates or changes in our credit ratings;
- a failure or breach of one of our key information technology systems, networks, processes or related controls or those of our service providers;
- the impact of U.S. and foreign regulations on our operations, including the impact of tariffs and environmental remediation costs and legislation and regulatory actions related to data privacy and climate change;
- the potential inability to attract, retain and motivate key employees;
- changes in tax laws and the resolution of tax contingencies resulting in additional tax liabilities;
- product liability, product recalls or related regulatory actions:
- our ability to protect intellectual property rights;
- significant increases in the funding obligations related to our pension plans; and
- other factors listed from time to time in our SEC filings, including but not limited to our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our other SEC filings.

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- ✓ Significant runway for **value creation** by unlocking the power of our brands, scale and operational discipline to drive growth, margin expansion and cash flow generation

## A HIGHLY EXPERIENCED EXECUTIVE TEAM



Chris Peterson President & CEO



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Jim Pisani Segment CEO, Outdoor & Recreation



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Dennis Senovich **Chief Supply Chain** Officer



Mike Geller President, eCommerce & Digital



Steve Parsons Chief Human **Resources Officer** 



**Bradford Turner** Chief Legal & Administrative Officer

### NEWELL AT A GLANCE

~\$8.5B sales\*

25 brands

~90% of sales

>20% of sales via **eCommerce** 

10 countries

~90% of sales

~35% international sales

~28<sub>K</sub> employees

#### **Top 10 Brands**





















#### **Top 10 International Markets**







France

















Japan

Mexico

Brazil

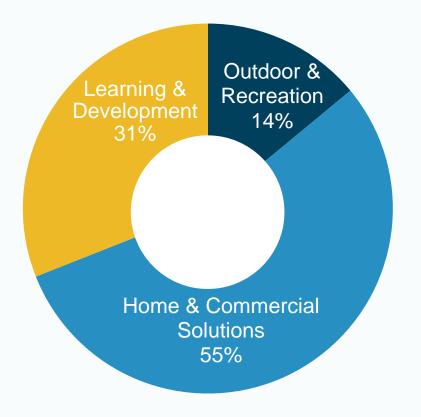
Germany

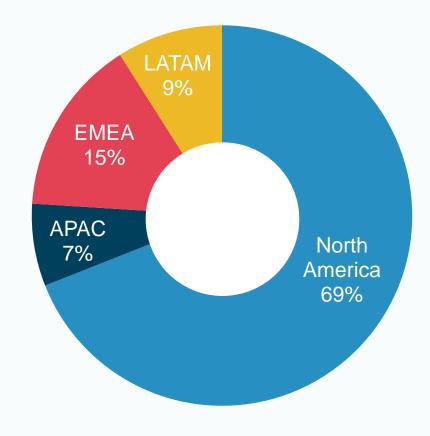
**Australia** 

## **A DIVERSE PORTFOLIO** WITH **GLOBAL** REACH

#### **2022 SEGMENT REVENUE**

#### **2022 REGIONAL REVENUE**







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## DELIVERED OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND SIMPLIFICATION

#### **Project Ovid**

One Order One Truck One Invoice

#### **Legal Entities**

>30% reduction

## **Enterprise Procurement**

Leverage scale and rationalize supplier base

#### **ERP Integration**

~95% sales on 2 platforms

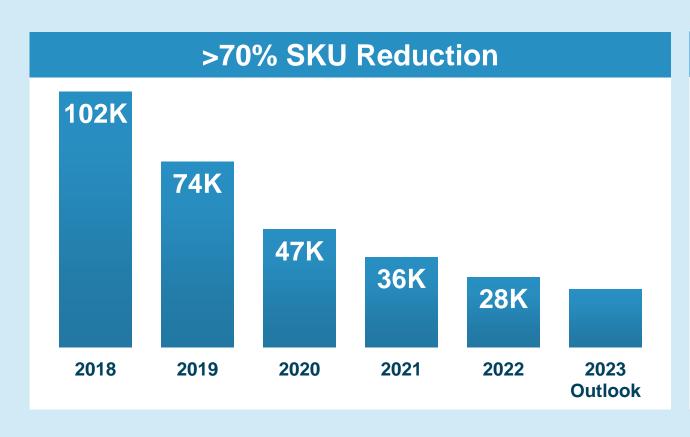
#### **FUEL Productivity**

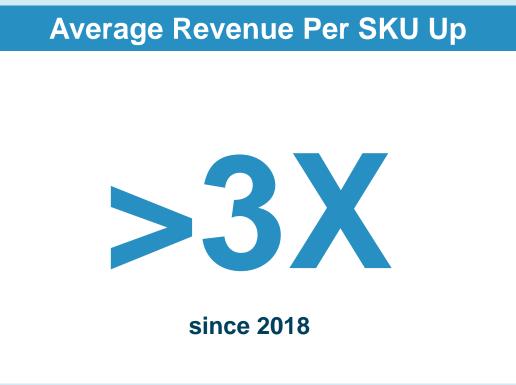
Driving 3% to 4% annual COGS savings

#### **IT Applications**

~90% reduction

## REDUCED SKU COUNT WITH FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR OPTIMIZATION





## **EVOLVING OUR OPERATING MODEL** THROUGH PROJECT PHOENIX

#### **Business** Consolidation

**Three Segments** Learning & Development Home & Commercial Solutions Outdoor & Recreation

#### Unified **Supply Chain**



One Supply Chain organization, including centralized manufacturing

#### **One Newell** International **Go-to-Market**



Cross brand and category sales teams in key geographies

#### One Newell Sales Model



Centralize management of top 4 customers for scale and simplification

Expect to realize \$220M to \$250M in annualized pre-tax savings



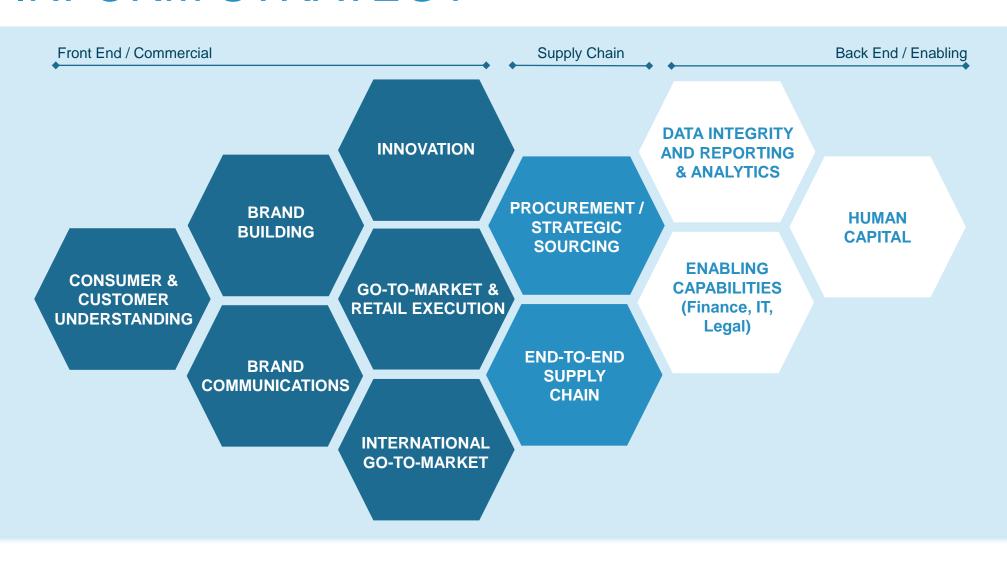
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## CONDUCTED CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT TO INFORM STRATEGY



## WHERE TO PLAY CHOICES:

Distort investment to our largest and most profitable brands

Expand distribution, focusing on fastest-growing channels and winning retailers 3

**US** is top priority. Grow internationally as One Newell

Disproportionately invest in mid- and high-price-point segments

Target Millennial and Gen Z consumers



## DISTORT INVESTMENT TO OUR

## LARGEST AND MOST PROFITABLE BRANDS

WHY?

25 of 80 brands account for

~90% of sales and profit

>2/3 of top 25 brands have leading positions in their home market

WHAT WE'RE DOING

Focusing innovation, distribution, advertising & promotion and our best talent on these brands





## **EXPAND DISTRIBUTION. FOCUS ON FASTEST-**GROWING CHANNELS AND WINNING RETAILERS

#### WHY?

Win with leading retailers and drive white space expansion in growing channels with attractive margins

- ✓ Centralized management of top 4 accounts
- ✓ Joint strategic planning with key customers
- ✓ One Newell new business development function
- ✓ Leverage scale to unlock distribution opportunities





## FOCUS ON TOP 10 COUNTRIES. 3 GROW INTERNATIONALLY AS ONE NEWELL

WHY?

10<sub>of</sub> 50 countries represent

> ~90% sales

Fragmented international operations; 1,500+ distributors

- ✓ US is top priority
- ✓ Drive growth and improve profitability in key countries
- ✓ One Newell organization and go-to-market in largest countries
- ✓ Shift to rationalized distributor model in smaller countries





## DISPROPORTIONATELY INVEST IN MID- AND HIGH-PRICE-POINT SEGMENTS

#### WHY?

- We have the right brand equities to command higher pricing and get paid for innovation
- Mid- and high-price-point segments drive category growth
- Profit pool disproportionately skews to MPP and HPP

- Redirecting innovation to mid- and high-price-point segments
- ✓ Implementing channel segmentation strategies



## TARGET MILLENNIAL AND GEN Z CONSUMERS

#### WHY?

On average, Millennials and Gen Z spend more than Gen X and Boomers on key Newell categories...

... despite lower disposable income

- ✓ Deepening our understanding of these consumer cohorts
- ✓ Purposefully targeting them with relevant innovation and brand communications



## **HOW TO WIN CHOICES:**

Invest in proprietary consumer understanding for **superior** innovation

Create compelling brand building and **brand** communications capabilities

3

Win with the shopper with category and go-to-market expertise

Build a global, scaled and advantaged supply chain

Become a highperformance organization



## INVEST IN PROPRIETARY CONSUMER **UNDERSTANDING FOR SUPERIOR INNOVATION**

#### **CONSUMER INSIGHTS**

- Proprietary consumer research and in-depth ethnographic insights
- Marrying insights with advanced analytics
- Consumer insights throughout innovation process

#### **INNOVATION**

- Focusing on top brands
- Implementing project tiering
- Instituting centralized tracking for margin accretion
- Developing multi-year technology platforms





## CREATE COMPELLING BRAND BUILDING AND BRAND COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES

- Initiating brand management
- Deploying Newell brand-building framework
- Redesigning brand communications process and governance
- Continuing to invest in digital and performance marketing





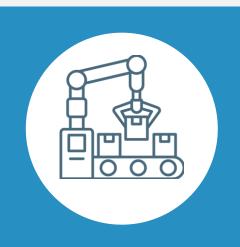
## WIN WITH THE SHOPPER WITH CATEGORY AND GO-TO-MARKET EXPERTISE

- Strengthening Category Development and **Shopper Insights** functions
- Developing Revenue Growth Management capabilities, including strategic pricing, trade frameworks, improved cost to serve
- Emphasizing pay-for-performance and trade fund optimization
- Increasing analytical rigor and data-driven decision making



## BUILD A GLOBAL, SCALED AND ADVANTAGED SUPPLY CHAIN

Drive operational excellence, simplification and competitive advantage through:



Global, highlyautomated, unified manufacturing base



**Best-in-Class One Newell Procurement COE** 



**Ovid Distribution** Network – One Order, One Truck, One Invoice



**FUEL Productivity** delivering 3% to 4% of **COGS** savings per year



## BECOME A **HIGH-PERFORMANCE ORGANIZATION** AND A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

- Attract, develop and retain high-quality talent
- Value diversity and domain expertise
- Transform the culture to:
  - ✓ Ignite a passion for winning
  - √ Focus on impact
  - ✓ Drive higher accountability for results
  - Act with a bias for speed and agility







# NEWELL BRANDS' HOW TO WIN FLYWHEEL



## NEW STRATEGY EXPECTED TO **DELIGHT CONSUMERS AND CREATE SHAREHOLDER VALUE**

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#### **TOP LINE**



## SIGNIFICANT RUNWAY FOR VALUE CREATION: NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



#### **FROM**

- No initiative tiering system
- Inconsistent pre-launch / postmortem financial analysis
- Thousands of new SKUs/year
  - Low revenue per SKU
  - Dilutive economics

#### TO

- ✓ Tiering to distort resources
- Rigorous pre-launch / postmortem financial analysis
- ✓ Fewer, but bigger launches
  - ✓ High velocity SKUs
  - ✓ Accretive margins

Expect +1 to +2 incremental points of top line growth

## **TOP LINE**

## SIGNIFICANT RUNWAY FOR VALUE CREATION: PRICING AND REVENUE GROWTH MANAGEMENT

#### **FROM**



- Sub-optimal price architecture
- Limited trade fund management system capabilities
- >\$1B/year trade fund spending; entitlement basis

#### TO

- ✓ Logical price architecture
- Installing a unified, comprehensive trade fund management system
- Clear pay-for-performance criteria established

Expect +1 to +2 incremental points of top line growth

#### **TOP LINE**



## SIGNIFICANT RUNWAY FOR VALUE CREATION: DISTRIBUTION EXPANSION



#### **FROM**

- Limited progress expanding domestic distribution to new or underserved customers and trade channels
- No meaningful new international category expansion in recent years

#### TO

- Corporate-led "hunter teams" created to unlock white space opportunities
- Systematic One Newell international category expansion plans for focus countries

Expect +1 to +2 incremental points of top line growth



## SIGNIFICANT RUNWAY FOR VALUE CREATION: PLANT NETWORK



#### **FROM**

- A "business unit" network with ~\$1B of 4-wall costs
- 46 plants; 90% single source
- Capacity utilization ~40%
- Geographically suboptimal
- Automation underway

#### TO

- ✓ A One Newell optimized global manufacturing network
- Fewer plants, more multi-sourced
- Capacity utilization ~70%
- Increased regional production
- Significant increase in automation & digitization

Expect 1% to 1.5% of COGS savings per year



## **SIGNIFICANT RUNWAY FOR VALUE CREATION:** PROCUREMENT



#### **FROM**

- Fragmented purchase pools with nearly ~25,000 vendors
- ~60% of \$4B direct and SFG spend pool has only one qualified vendor

#### TO

- Best-in-class One Newell procurement COE with ~18,000 vendors
- Multiple qualified vendors for key purchase pools to ensure continuity of supply and competitive pricing

Expect 2% to 3% of COGS savings per year



## SIGNIFICANT RUNWAY FOR VALUE CREATION: DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORTATION



**FROM** 

- Current US warehouse network
  - ➤ Nearly 30 DCs
  - > ~19M sq. feet
- Highly fragmented international distribution

#### TO

- ✓ Fully optimized Ovid US warehouse network
  - √ ~20 DCs
  - ✓ ~15M sq. feet
- ✓ From >1,500 to ~500 distribution partners

Expect up to 0.5% of COGS savings per year



# SIGNIFICANT RUNWAY FOR VALUE CREATION: OVERHEADS



#### **FROM**

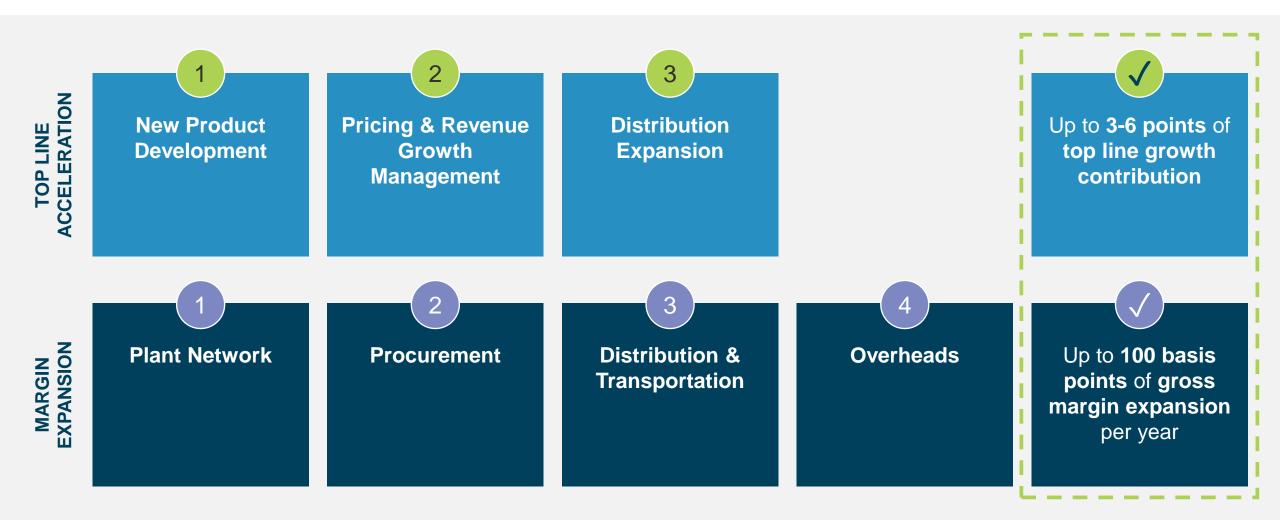
- 1.6M sq. feet office space
- > ~95% sales on 2 ERP systems
- ~300 legal entities
- GBS early-stage formation
- Periodic restructuring

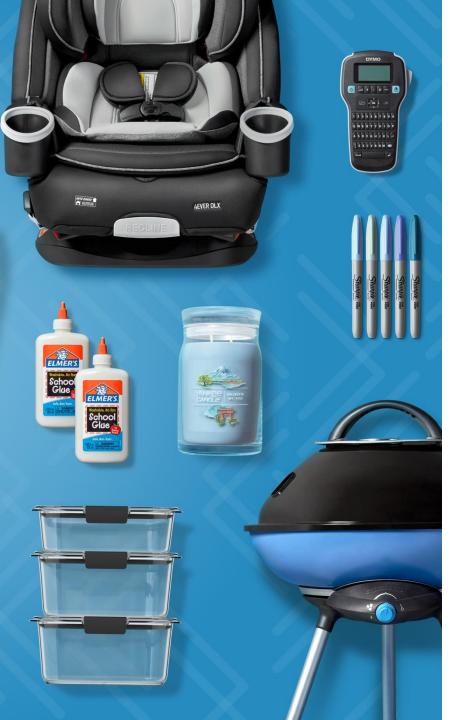
#### TO

- ✓ ~1M sq. feet office space
- √ S4 Hana adoption
- ✓ ~250 legal entities
- ✓ Highly capable GBS org.
- Sustained headcount productivity program

Expect up to ~\$25M of savings per year

## **NEW STRATEGY PROVIDES** SIGNIFICANT RUNWAY FOR VALUE CREATION





## WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROFITABLE GROWTH AND STRONG CASH FLOW

#### **Long-Term Evergreen Annual Targets**

**Low Single-Digit Core Sales Growth**  **50 Bps Operating** Margin **Improvement**\*

~90% FCF **Productivity** 

#### **Capital Allocation Strategy**

Fund high return internal growth opportunities

De-lever to 2.5x investment grade leverage ratio

**Target 30% to 35%** dividend payout ratio

## THE PATH FORWARD IS NOT A STRAIGHT LINE

	NEXT 12-18 MONTHS	BEYOND
External	<ul><li>High-to-moderate inflation</li><li>Modest trade de-stocking</li><li>Potential mild recession</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Moderate-to-low inflation</li> <li>Stable trade inventory levels</li> <li>LSD global GDP growth</li> </ul>
Internal	<ul> <li>Front-end capability build-out</li> <li>Back-end capability acceleration</li> <li>Brand rationalization efforts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strong front-end capabilities</li> <li>Best-in-class supply chain</li> <li>Higher levels of A&amp;P investment</li> </ul>
Financial Expectations	<ul> <li>Core sales growth below evergreen target</li> <li>Operating margin expansion at evergreen target</li> <li>FCF productivity at or above target</li> <li>High leverage ratio</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Core sales growth &amp; operating margin expansion at or above evergreen target</li> <li>FCF productivity at target</li> <li>Reduced leverage ratio</li> </ul>



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## **APPENDIX**

## NON-GAAP INFORMATION

This presentation contains non-GAAP financial measures within the meaning of Regulation G promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

The company uses certain non-GAAP financial measures that are included in this press release and the additional financial information both to explain its results to stockholders and the investment community and in the internal evaluation and management of its businesses. The company's management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures and the information they provide are useful to investors since these measures (a) permit investors to view the company's performance and liquidity using the same tools that management uses to evaluate the company's past performance, reportable segments, prospects for future performance and liquidity, and (b) determine certain elements of management incentive compensation.

The company's management believes that core sales provides a more complete understanding of underlying sales trends by providing sales on a consistent basis as it excludes the impacts of acquisitions, divestitures, retail store openings and closings, certain market and category exits, and changes in foreign exchange from year-over-year comparisons. The effect of changes in foreign exchange on reported sales is calculated by applying the prior year average monthly exchange rates to the current year local currency sales amounts (excluding acquisitions and divestitures), with the difference between the current year reported sales and constant currency sales presented as the foreign exchange impact increase or decrease in core sales. The company's management believes that "normalized operating margin," "normalized EBITDA" and "normalized" net income, which exclude restructuring and restructuring-related expenses and one-time and other events such as costs related to the extinguishment of debt, certain tax benefits and charges, impairment charges, pension settlement charges, divestiture costs, integration and financing of acquired businesses, amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, inflationary adjustments and certain other items, are useful because they provide investors with a meaningful perspective on the current underlying performance of the company's core ongoing operations and liquidity. "Normalized EBITDA" is an ongoing liquidity measure (that excludes non-cash items) and is calculated as normalized earnings before interest, tax depreciation, amortization and stock-based compensation expense.

The company determines the tax effect of the items excluded from normalized net income by applying the estimated effective rate for the applicable jurisdiction in which the pre-tax items were incurred, and for which realization of the resulting tax benefit, if any, is expected. In certain situations in which an item excluded from normalized results impacts income tax expense, the company utilizes a "with" and "without" approach to determine normalized income tax benefit or expense.

The company defines "net debt" as short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt less cash and cash equivalents. Leverage ratio is defined as the ratio of net debt to normalized EBITDA. "Free cash flow" (FCF) is defined as net cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures. "Free cash flow productivity" is defined as the ratio of free cash flow to normalized net income.

While the company believes these non-GAAP financial measures are useful in evaluating the company's performance and liquidity, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as a substitute for or superior to the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Additionally, these non-GAAP financial measures may differ from similar measures presented by other companies.

For all reported periods, SKU count excludes Technical Apparel and third party items sold through the Yankee Candle flagship store. For periods prior to 2021, SKU count also excludes Mapa Professional.

The company has presented forward-looking statements regarding core sales, leverage ratio and free cash flow productivity. These non-GAAP financial measures are derived by excluding certain amounts, expenses or income, from the corresponding financial measures determined in accordance with GAAP. The determination of the amounts that are excluded from these non-GAAP financial measures is a matter of management judgement and depends upon, among other factors, the nature of the underlying expense or income amounts recognized in a given period in reliance on the exception provided by Item 10(e)(1)(i)(B) of Regulation S-K. We are unable to present a quantitative reconciliation of such forward-looking normalized measures to their most directly comparable forward-looking GAAP financial measures because such information is not available, and management cannot reliably predict all of the necessary components of such GAAP measures without unreasonable effort or expense. In addition, we believe such reconciliations would imply a degree of precision that would be confusing or misleading to investors. The unavailable information could have a significant impact on the company's future financial results. These non-GAAP financial measures are aspirational goals and are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, among others, changes in connection with quarter-end and year-end adjustments. Any variation between the company's actual results and the forward-looking measures set forth above may be material.