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# Rent-A-Center will continue to return value to shareholders in a number of ways

Core U.S.

- Optimize profitability in maturing business
- Strategic initiatives such as Flexible Labor and Supply Chain

**Acceptance Now** 

- Maximize revenue growth and profit opportunity
- Expand beyond staffed model by expanding sales channels

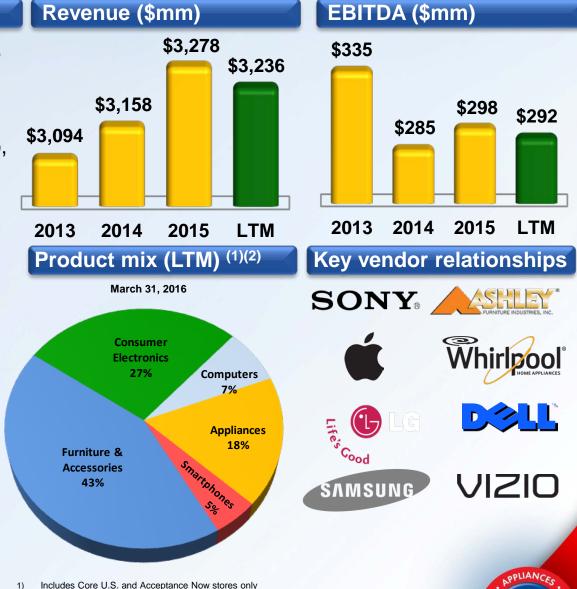
**Capital Allocation** 

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## **Rent-A-Center snapshot**

#### **Rent-A-Center overview**

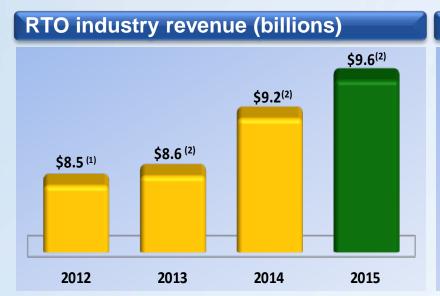
- Rent-A-Center (NASDAQ: RCII) is one of the <u>Largest</u> rent-to-own ("RTO") operators in the U.S.
  - 4,980 locations across the US, Mexico,
    Canada and Puerto Rico
    - 2,662 Core U.S. locations
    - 1,962 Kiosks at retailers
    - 129 Mexico locations
    - 227 Franchised stores
- Offers high quality, durable products
  - Flexible rental purchase agreements
  - Allows customers to obtain ownership at the conclusion of an agreed upon rental term



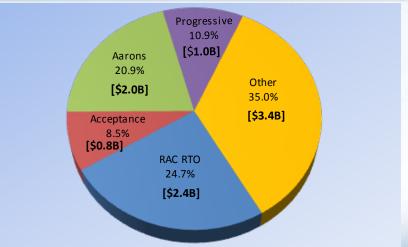
## RTO industry offers attractive fundamentals and Rent-A-Center is one of the largest operators

#### **Key industry facts**

- ~\$10.0 billion industry
- 18,000+ stores across the United States, Mexico and Canada
- Serves an estimated 4.8 million households
- National industry with established, constructive regulatory environment







<sup>(1)</sup> APRO (Association of Progressive Rental Organizations) as October 2013; Industry numbers were not updated in 2011 or 2013

### Core U.S. overview



#### **Domestic company-owned RTO operations:**

- Offering high-quality products to consumers under flexible rental-purchase agreements
- Largest segment with 70% of Q1 '16 revenues









## Core U.S. Strategic Initiatives



#### Flexible Labor Model

- Replacing fixed overtime hours with part-time hours
- \$20-\$25mm of annual labor savings opportunity related to overtime premium
- Ability to flex hours up or down based on store activity levels

#### **Supply Chain**

- Product cost savings from a more efficient supply chain using 3rd party logistics provider;
  Improve in-stock rates by reducing shipping lead times from 17 days to 4-5 days
- Initiative remains on track to fully realize \$25-35mm of annual run-rate income statement benefits by the end of 2016

#### **Pricing**

Continue to optimize pricing strategies and take opportunistic actions based on test results



## **Acceptance NOW overview**

#### **Description**

- Kiosks inside traditional retailers
  - Customers turned down for credit are referred to Acceptance NOW
  - Retailers "save the sale" (~50% conversion rate)
  - Developed Acceptance NOW Direct technology for lower volume locations
- Low initial investment since inventory is not purchased until the sale is made
- Growing customer base with YoY revenue increase of 2.7% in Q1 2016
- Focused on profitable growth in 2016

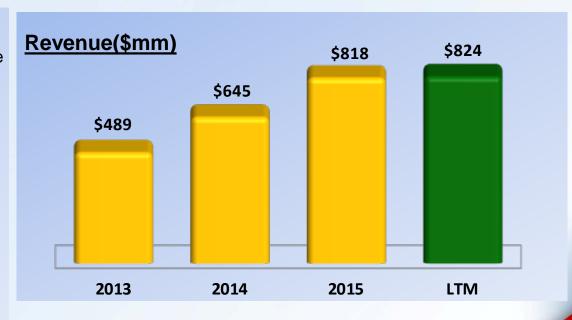
#### Capturing a new customer base

Credit scores:	< 520	521–580	> 581
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Acceptance NOW	41%	29%	30%

(1) Random sample of 1,000 RTO & 1,000 Acceptance NOW customer's credit scores provided by TransUnion

#### **Status**

- As of Q1 '16, 1,436 Acceptance NOW staffed and 526
   Acceptance NOW direct locations
- 16 staffed locations opened and 25 merged with existing locations in Q1'16
- ➤ 5 direct locations opened in Q1'16; 10 were merged with existing locations in Q1 '16
- One staffed location converted



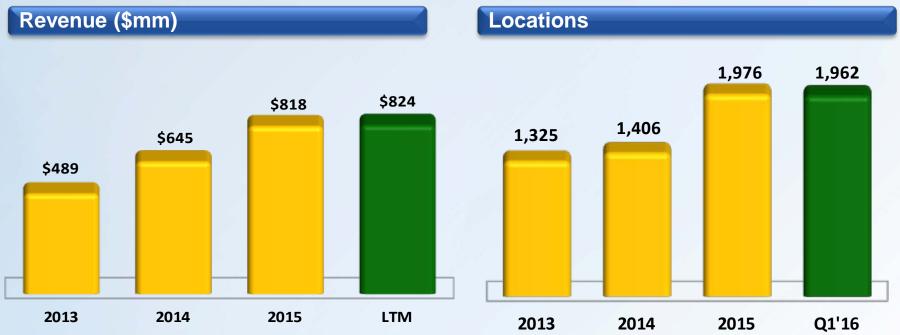


## **Acceptance NOW**



#### RTO kiosks inside traditional retail stores:

- Alternative transaction for customers of retail partners who cannot buy on credit
- Growing segment with 28% of Q1 '16 revenues
- Focus on maximizing revenue growth and profit opportunity



#### **Strategic Initiatives**

- Established a dedicated commercial sales organization to grow Acceptance Now's national footprint while continuing to deliver industry leading service
- Working on improving the profitability of 90 day cash option transactions
- Doubled the penetration of online approval via retailer websites as well as the technology to support the seamless application process. Each of these technologies are available in about a third of our staffed locations

## **Mexico and Franchise Segment overview**

#### Mexico

Segment Overview

Revenue (\$mm)

#### Mexico company-owned RTO operations:

- Segment with 2% of Q1 '16 revenues
- FY '16 EBITDA goal of breakeven and exiting underperforming markets
- Potential platform for future international expansion







#### Franchising

#### Franchisor of RTO stores:

- Sells merchandise to franchisors who in turn rent it out to public
- Earn royalties of approx. 2-6% of revenues
- Segment with 1% of Q1 '16 revenues



Locations

## **Financial Highlights**

## Q1 2016 Rent-A-Center operating results

#### **Financial Metrics (Non-GAAP)**

(\$ in mm)	Q1'16	Q1'15	<b>△</b> YoY
Core US	\$584	\$629	(7.1%)
Acceptance NOW	\$230	\$224	2.7%
Mexico	\$14	\$18	(23.3%)
Franchising	<u>\$7</u>	\$6	14.7%
Total Revenue	\$836	\$878	(4.8%)
Same Store Sales	(2.5%)	8.0%	(1050 bps)
Core US	\$412	\$441	(6.6%)
Acceptance NOW	\$111	\$109	1.8%
Mexico	\$9	\$12	(23.0%)
Franchising	\$3	\$2	18.8%
<b>Total Gross Profit</b>	\$535	\$565	(5.3%)
Gross Profit Margin	64.0%	64.3%	(30 bps)
Core US	\$62	\$68	(7.9%)
Acceptance NOW	\$29	\$35	(15.0%)
Mexico	(\$0)	(\$3)	92.3%
Franchising	\$1	\$1	16.2%
Corporate	(\$42)	(\$43)	3.0%
Operating Profit	\$51	\$57	(10.7%)
Operating Profit Margin	6.1%	6.5%	(40 bps)
EBITDA	\$71	\$77	(8.1%)
EBITDA Margin	8.5%	8.7%	(20 bps)
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<sup>(1)</sup> Includes restated financials

#### **Key Results**

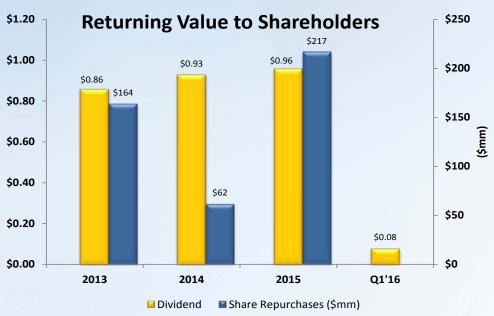
- Total revenues decreased ~\$42mm, or (4.8%)
  - Single digit sales growth in Acceptance NOW segment was offset by a same store sales decline in the Core coupled with the continued rationalization of our store base in both the Core and Mexico
- Core U.S. revenue decreased by 7.1% primarily due to lower same store sales and continued rationalization of our Core U.S. store base
- Gross profit margins decreased 30 bps, and gross profit dollars decreased \$30mm, or 5.3%
  - Gross margin in Core U.S. increased 40 bps due to pricing and supply chain initiatives and revenue mix
  - Acceptance NOW gross margin decreased YOY, however, showed a meaningful improvement of 360 bps from Q4'15
- Operating profit decreased ~\$6mm, or 10.7%

## **Rent-A-Center balance sheet**

	% of			
(\$mm)	Book			% of Book
	Q1'16	Capital	Q1'15	Capital
Cash	\$46		\$93	
Senior Debt	\$214	17.0%	\$349	15.1%
Senior Unsecured Notes	\$543	43.4%	\$550	23.9%
Total Debt	\$756	60.4%	\$899	39.0%
Shareholder's Equity	\$496	39.6%	\$1,405	61.0%
Total Capitalization	\$1,252	100.0%	\$2,304	100.0%
Net Debt/Total Capitalization		56.7%		35.0%

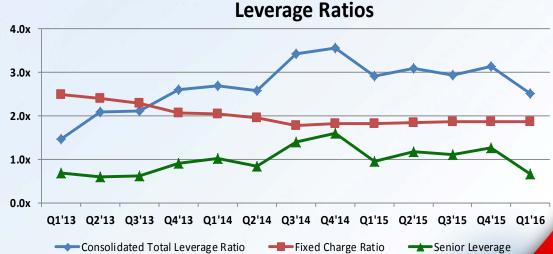
## **Rent-A-Center Leverage**







'14 FCF impacted by tax deferral reversal



Ratios below covenants

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