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*Creating a Stronger, More Efficient
Competitor Able to Meet Growing
Challenges of a Rapidly Changing Industry*

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Discussion of Forward-Looking Statements

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Additional Information

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IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC

Office Depot will file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include the Joint Proxy Statement of Office Depot and OfficeMax that also constitutes a prospectus of Office Depot. Office Depot and OfficeMax plan to mail the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus to their respective shareholders in connection with the transaction. **INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OFFICE DEPOT, OFFICEMAX, THE TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS.** Investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by Office Depot and OfficeMax through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and shareholders will be able to obtain free copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed by Office Depot with the SEC by contacting Office Depot Investor Relations at 6600 North Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33496 or by calling 561-438-3657, and will be able to obtain free copies of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed by OfficeMax by contacting OfficeMax Investor Relations at 263 Shuman Blvd., Naperville, Illinois, 60563 or by calling 630-864-6800.

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

Office Depot and OfficeMax and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the respective shareholders of Office Depot and OfficeMax in respect of the transaction described in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in the solicitation of the respective shareholders of Office Depot and OfficeMax in connection with the proposed transaction, including a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus when it is filed with the SEC. Information regarding Office Depot's directors and executive officers is contained in Office Depot's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2012 and its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, dated March 15, 2012, which are filed with the SEC. Information regarding OfficeMax's directors and executive officers is contained in OfficeMax's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, dated March 20, 2012, which are filed with the SEC.

Transaction Highlights

- **OfficeMax and Office Depot merger of equals to create \$18 billion¹ office solutions company**
- **Two leading companies to combine to build a stronger, more efficient competitor able to meet the growing challenges of a rapidly changing industry**
- **Customers will benefit from unique, innovative products, services and solutions available through a global, multichannel network**
- **Combined company positioned for sustainable long-term value creation, including anticipated annual synergies of \$400-\$600 million and improved cash flows**
- **Combined company's newly constituted Board of Directors to include equal representation from each of the two companies**

¹Pro forma combined revenue for the 12 months ended December 29, 2012

Transaction Highlights

Transaction

- Tax-free stock-for-stock merger

Consideration

- 2.69 Office Depot common shares per OfficeMax common share

Pro Forma Ownership

- If BC Partners is redeemed in full: 54% Office Depot, 46% OfficeMax
- If BC Partners converts half of their preferred shares into common shares: 51% Office Depot, 44% OfficeMax, 5% BC Partners

Governance & Management

- New Board of Directors with equal representation from each company
- Neil Austrian, the Chairman and CEO of Office Depot, and Ravi Saligram, the President and CEO of OfficeMax will remain in their current positions through the completion of the new CEO search process
- Both incumbent CEOs, as well as external candidates, will be considered in the new CEO search process
- The combined company's management team will draw upon experienced group of leaders from both companies

Other Provisions

- OfficeMax has the ability to declare a special dividend of up to \$131mm / \$1.50 per common share, which would not affect exchange ratio

Approval Process

- Stockholder approval by both companies required
- BC Partners has already agreed to vote in favor of the deal
- Transaction is subject to regulatory approval

Anticipated Close

- Calendar year 2013

Key Strategic Benefits of the Merger of Equals Transaction

Office Depot and OfficeMax are a compelling strategic fit

- **Enhanced financial performance**
- **Increased scale and competitiveness**
- **Global footprint**
- **Improved customer experience**
- **Accelerated innovation**

Combined company will leverage talented associates and managers with deep industry knowledge

Enhanced Financial Performance

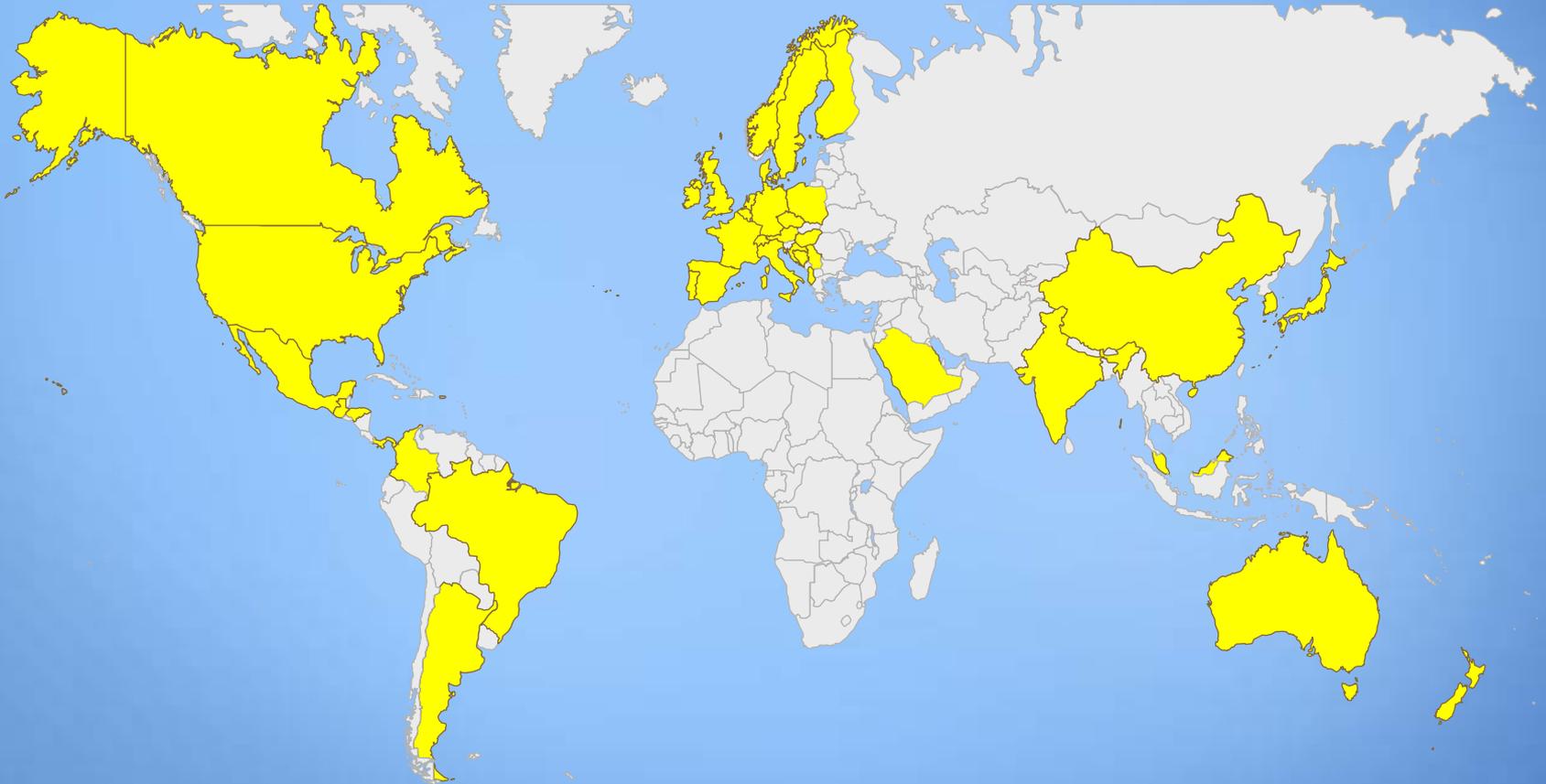
- **Pro forma combined North American cost base of approximately \$14 billion**
- **\$400-\$600 million of total annual synergies mutually identified**
 - Driven by purchasing efficiencies, supply chain, advertising, headcount reduction & other G&A
- **Expect \$350-\$450 million of one-time costs to achieve and transaction expenses and expect capital investment of approximately \$200 million**
- **International operations are complementary and are not expected to deliver significant synergies**

Increased Scale and Competitiveness

- **Well positioned to optimize shared multichannel sales platform and distribution network, primarily in North America**
- **Size and scale allow for expanded multichannel capabilities to better serve customers**
- **Combined company better able to compete against larger players (e.g., Wal-Mart, Amazon, Costco, Target)**
- **Better able to make the necessary investments to grow e-commerce platform and enhance systems to provide a seamless customer experience across channels**
- **Global reach strengthens portfolio of products, services and solutions to customers worldwide**

Global Footprint

Strong position in multiple geographies



Improved Customer Experience

Build lasting brand loyalty

- Continued focus on a high level of service
- Improved omnichannel capabilities to better serve our valued customers
- Products, services and solutions that enable customers to work more efficiently and productively
- Accelerate change in the office solutions business, bringing to customers innovative solutions for today's workplace
- Provide customers with a seamless experience across retail stores, direct sales, telesales and digital environments

Accelerated Innovation

- **Sharing customer insights and learnings from innovative pilot programs underway to better identify and fulfill evolving customer needs**
- **Improved and expanded e-commerce offerings**
- **Complementary capabilities will provide customers with better solutions faster and more efficiently**

Conclusion

- **Two leading companies combine to build a stronger, more efficient competitor**
- **Customers to benefit from innovative products, services and solutions available through a global, multichannel network**
- **Long-term value creation, including anticipated annual synergies of \$400-\$600 million**
- **Significant cash generation and liquidity to fund internal and external opportunities**

Creates \$18 billion¹ global office solutions company to meet growing challenges of a rapidly changing industry

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