



# First Quarter 2017 Results

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**Gerry Smith**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

# First Quarter 2017 Summary

- Continued positive earnings momentum in the quarter
- Sales of \$2.7 billion decreased 7%; 4% adjusted for store closures\*
- Operating income increased to \$127 million compared to \$85 million in the prior year period
  - ✓ Adjusted operating income\* of \$151 million, an increase of \$27 million
  - ✓ Adjusted operating income margin\* increased 130 bps to 5.6%
- EPS increased 27% compared to Q1 2016
  - ✓ Adjusted EPS\* increased 33%
- Progress on divesting International operations
  - ✓ Entered into sale agreement for Australia and New Zealand
  - ✓ Completed sale of South Korea

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# Impressions from First 60 Days

- Balanced portfolio split between Retail and BSD
- Ability to leverage store base as part of extended supply chain to deliver products and services to customers
- Attractive mix of service offerings:
  - ✓ Copy and Print / Managed Print
  - ✓ Technology Diagnostic and Repair
  - ✓ Workspace Interior and Furniture Solutions
  - ✓ K-12 Education Solutions
- Effective North America supply chain – opportunity to be great
- Potential for greater efficiency and cash flow through business process improvements
- Talented and engaged associates and a re-energized salesforce

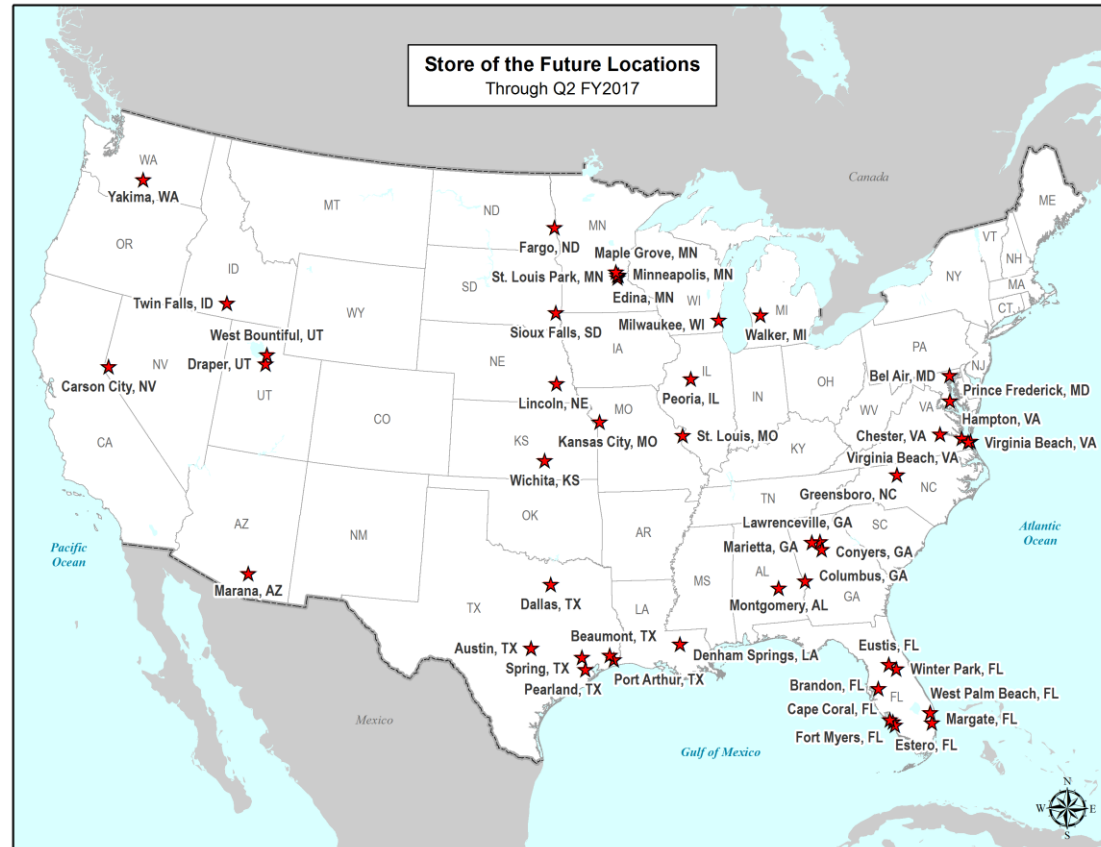
# Retail Reinvention

- Retail margins benefiting from actions to optimize retail business model
  - ✓ Realizing efficiencies from new workforce management tool
  - ✓ Reduction in non-selling tasks
- Utilizing 1,439 stores as omni-channel distribution points to customers
  - ✓ Buy online/pick-up in store program growing approximately 40% over prior year
  - ✓ Expanding ship from store capabilities to rest of the chain
- Launching new product innovations to drive customer excitement and store traffic
  - ✓ Expansion of TUL private brand assortment
  - ✓ Own-brand height-adjustable desk offerings
  - ✓ Enhanced wide-format printing capabilities
  - ✓ In-store events such as Slime



# Retail Reinvention

- Total of 30 stores converted into new store of the future format
- Expect to convert 16 additional stores in Q2 2017
- Continue to evaluate test results and adjust as needed
- Attractive sales lift in service offerings across all of the converted stores:
  - ✓ Copy and Print
  - ✓ Tech Services
- Customer feedback and satisfaction scores continues to be very favorable



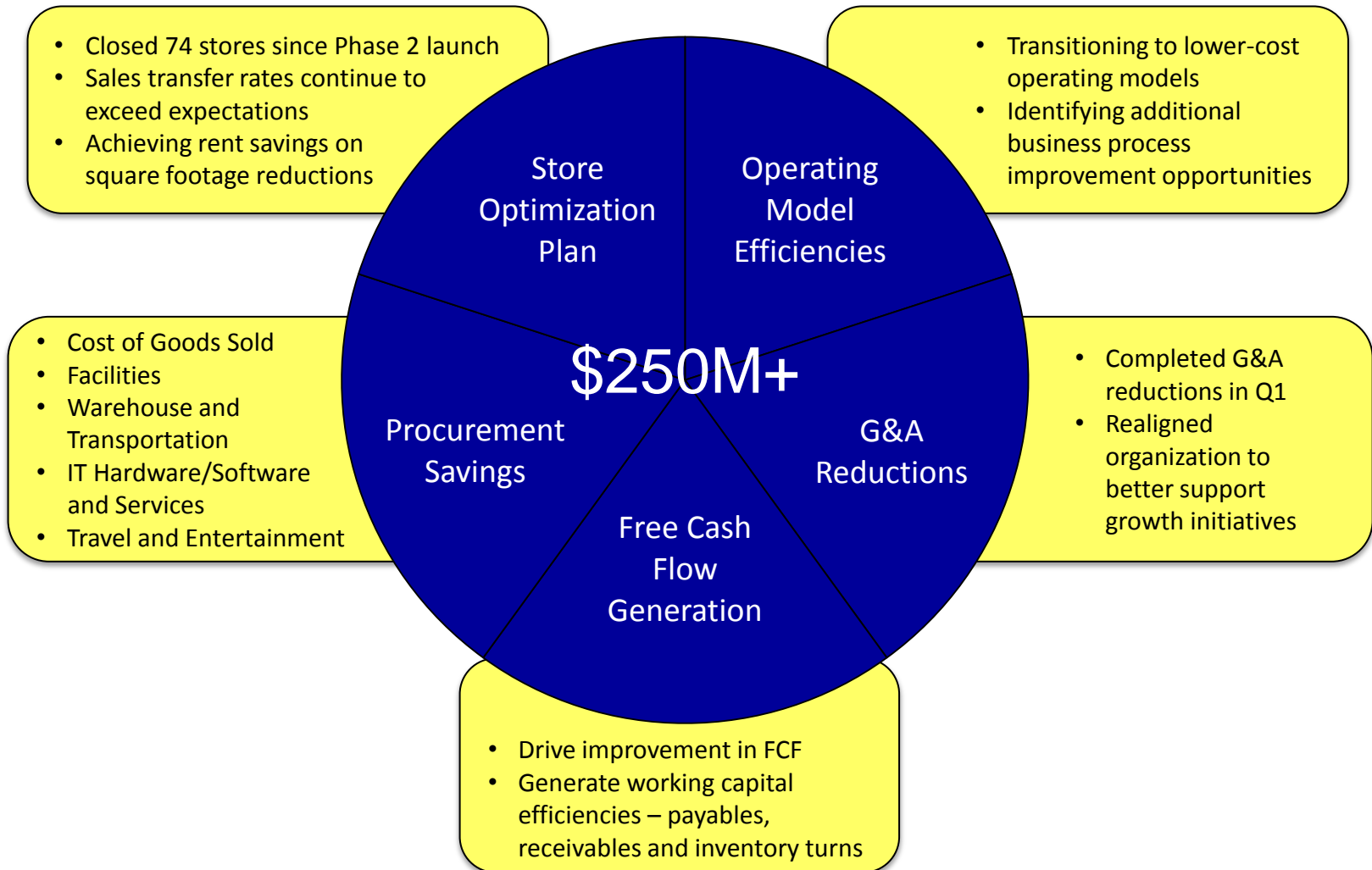
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# Accelerate Contract and Initiatives for Growth

- Contract channel sales pipeline continues to improve
  - ✓ Customer commitments in 1Q17 remained very strong
  - ✓ Implementation of new wins expected to ramp up in second half of year
- Adjacent category expansion in progress
  - ✓ Reallocating additional selling resources to cleaning/breakroom
  - ✓ Partnering with key vendors to add 10,000 new SKUs to assortment
  - ✓ Enhancing supply chain capabilities to support expansion
- OfficeMax integration continues on track and expect to be substantially complete by end of 2017
  - ✓ Supply chain integration anticipated to be complete by mid year
  - ✓ Customer migrations progressing smoothly
  - ✓ Continued positive customer feedback with improved trends after conversion



# Cost Savings and Efficiency Programs





## Steve Hare

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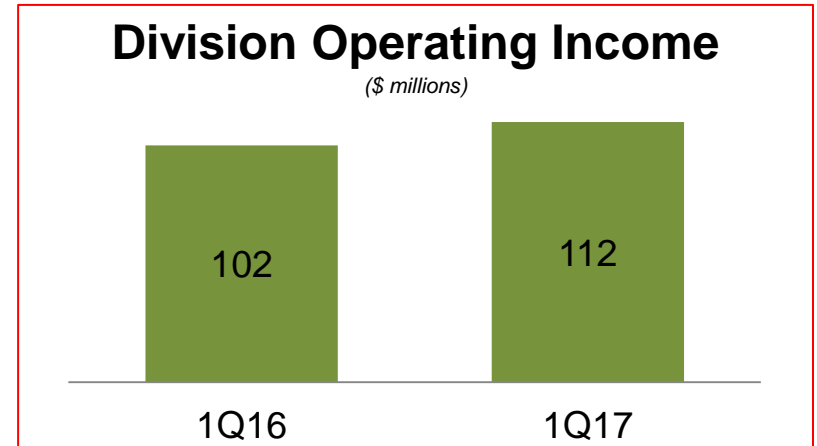
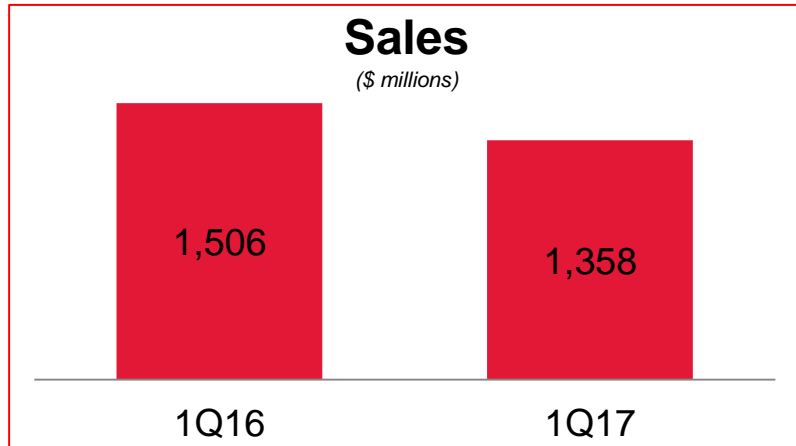
(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	1Q17		1Q16	
	GAAP	Non-GAAP*	GAAP	Non-GAAP*
Operating Income	\$127	\$151	\$85	\$124
Income Tax Expense	\$47	\$57	\$7	\$39
Net Income from Continuing Operations	\$74	\$88	\$62	\$69
Discontinued Operations, Net of Tax	\$42	--	\$(16)	--
Net Income	\$116	\$88	\$46	\$69
Earnings per Share from Continuing Operations (diluted)	\$0.14	\$0.16	\$0.11	\$0.12
Earnings per Share from Discontinued Operations	\$0.08	--	\$(0.03)	--
Earnings per Share (most dilutive)	\$0.22	\$0.16	\$0.08	\$0.12

- Total company sales declined 7% compared to Q1 2016
  - ✓ Down 4%\* adjusted for planned U.S. store closures and foreign currency
  - ✓ Impacted by customer attrition during the period of business disruption
- 1Q17 Adjusted operating income\* of \$151 million, up \$27 million to 1Q16
  - ✓ Excludes \$24 million in merger integration, restructuring and executive transition costs
- 1Q17 Adjusted EPS\* from continuing operations of \$0.16, up 33% to 1Q16

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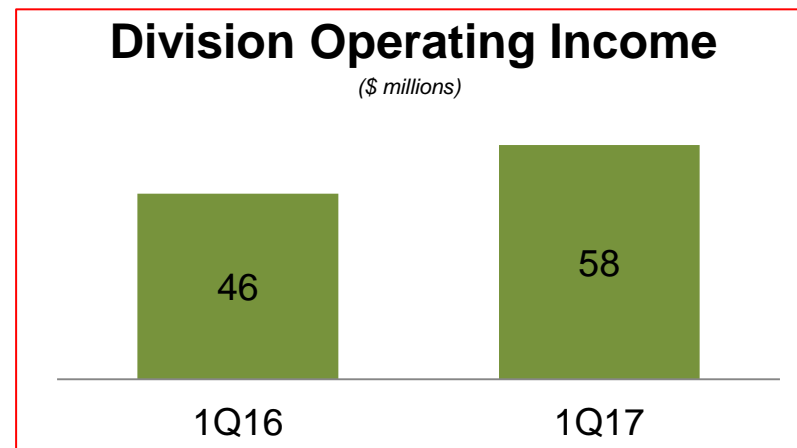
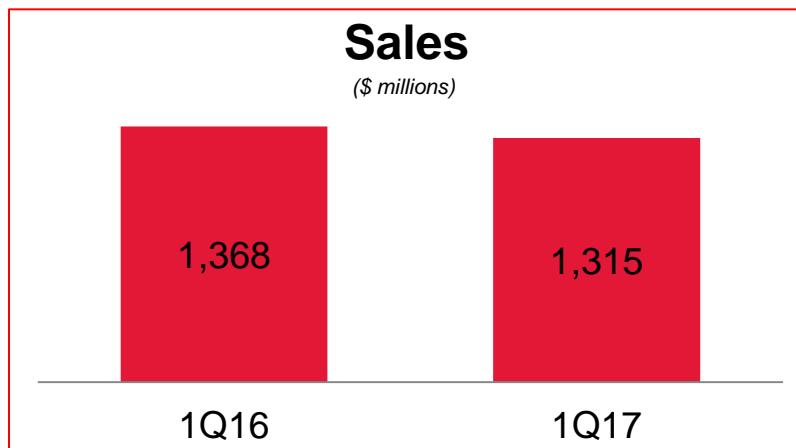
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# North American Retail – 1Q17



- 1Q17 comparable store sales decreased 5%; total sales decreased 10% due to impact of planned store closures
  - ✓ Transaction counts decreased with average order value down slightly
  - ✓ Sales declined across most product categories but increased in furniture and seating
- 1Q17 division operating income increased \$10 million compared to 1Q16 with margins up 140 bps to 8.2%
  - ✓ Higher gross margin rate and lower SG&A expenses including payroll and advertising more than offset the negative flow-through impact from lower sales

# Business Solutions – 1Q17



- 1Q17 sales decreased 4% versus 1Q16 in constant currency
  - ✓ Contract channel decline primarily driven by customer attrition during the business disruption related to the acquisition attempt in 2016
  - ✓ Direct channel flat to prior year as positive online sales growth was offset by lower catalog sales and higher buy online-pick up in store purchases
  - ✓ Sales declined across most product categories but increased in copy and print, cleaning/breakroom and education
- 1Q17 division operating income increased \$12 million compared to 1Q16 with margins up 100 bps to 4.4%
  - ✓ Lower SG&A expenses including payroll, coupled with a flat gross margin rate, more than offset the negative flow-through impact from lower sales

# Sale of International Operations

- Entered into agreement to sell operations in Australia and New Zealand to Platinum Equity
- Expect to complete transaction in next several months after regulatory approval



- Completed sale of business in South Korea on April 26, 2017
- Remaining business in Mainland China actively being marketed
- Plan to retain the sourcing and trading operations in Asia

# Balance Sheet / Cash Flow Highlights

<p><b>Net Cash Position</b> (of Continuing Operations)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total liquidity of approximately \$1.7 billion at end of 1Q17               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ \$0.7 billion of cash &amp; equivalents</li> <li>✓ \$1.0 billion available on asset-based lending facility</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Debt of \$381 million at end of 1Q17, excluding non-recourse timber notes</li> </ul>
<p><b>Operating Cash Flow</b> (of Continuing Operations)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating cash flow provided \$88 million in 1Q17, including the impact of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ \$19 million in OfficeMax merger integration costs</li> <li>✓ \$19 million in restructuring activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Capex</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capex of \$30 million in 1Q17               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Includes merger integration capex of \$7 million</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Shareholder Return</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repurchased 2 million shares for \$10 million in 1Q17</li> <li>• Paid cash dividend of \$0.025 per share or approximately \$13 million in 1Q17</li> </ul>

# 2017 Outlook

- Comparable total company sales in 2017 expected to be lower than 2016 primarily as a result of:
  - ✓ Impact of U.S. retail store closures
  - ✓ Prior year customer losses, though expect the BSD rate of decline to improve throughout the year as Contract channel sales pipeline strengthens
- The company continues to expect adjusted operating income\* of approximately \$500 million in 2017
  - ✓ Comparable year-over-year increase of 10%\*
  - ✓ Estimated non-GAAP annual effective tax rate of approximately 41%
- Free cash flow\* from continuing operations of more than \$300 million
  - ✓ Cash tax rate of 15%
  - ✓ Capital expenditures from continuing operations estimated at \$200 million
  - ✓ Approximately \$150 million of depreciation and amortization expense

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# Summary

- Strong first quarter earnings performance
- Continue to deliver on 2017 operating plan
- Execute against our critical business priorities:
  - ✓ Build foundation for profitable future top-line growth
  - ✓ Leverage distribution model across company
  - ✓ Expand opportunities in adjacencies and services
  - ✓ Execute on cost savings and efficiency programs
  - ✓ Drive additional margin and free cash flow improvements
- Position Office Depot for long-term success

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