

## Investor Day Growth Story

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I WELCOME TO THE NEW HOSTESS BRANDS

Andy Callahan | CEO & President

**2 QUARTERLY RESULTS & 2022 GUIDANCE** 

Mike Gernigin | Chief Accounting Officer & Interim CFO

3 ENTERING THE NEXT PHASE OF GROWTH

Andy Callahan | CEO & President

**4 OUR DIFFERENTIATED GROWTH STRATEGY** 

Dan O'Leary | Chief Growth Officer
Tina Lambert | VP, Growth & Innovation

5 ATTRACTIVE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL ALGORITHM

Mike Gernigin | Chief Accounting Officer & Interim CFO

6 Q&A



## Andy Callahan

PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



#### Welcome to the new Hostess Brands

## Hostess. BRANDS

...a snacking company



#### We are Proud of our Progress

Talent, capabilities and expanded brand portfolio to launch us into the next phase of growth

2020-2021

**Simplified Equity** 

**Structure** 

**Well-Positioned** for Growth

2022+

## Hostess

## **BRANDS**

2018-2020

2013-2016

**Restarted Hostess Brands** 

- 2013: Modern Hostess Relaunched
- **Nov 2016:** Hostess Goes Public

**Executed Strategic Transactions** 

- Feb 2018: Cloverhill Acquisition
- Aug 2019: In- Store **Bakery Disposition**
- Jan 2020: Voortman Acquisition



Nov 2020: Eliminated **Dual-Class Share** Structure

Nov 2021: Cashless Settlement of **Outstanding Warrants** 



2013

**Beloved, Iconic** 

100-year-old Brands



#### We are a Different Company

Differentiated Look



Differentiated Results

Sustained top quartile growth and shareholder returns

Differentiated Growth

What **TODAY** is all about!!



#### Today's Key Messages

- Poised to **CATAPULT** Hostess into the next phase of growth
- 2 Building a snacking pure-play with unique access to **GROWING** SPACES, best-in-class **BUSINESS MODEL**, and accelerating **INNOVATION & MARKETING** capabilities

Attractive LONG-TERM GROWTH ALGORITHM and CONTINUING to deliver top-tier shareholder returns



#### Q4 Caps an Outstanding Year of Double-Digit Growth

Double Digit Growth in Net Revenue, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS





## Adjusted EBITDA



### Adjusted EPS

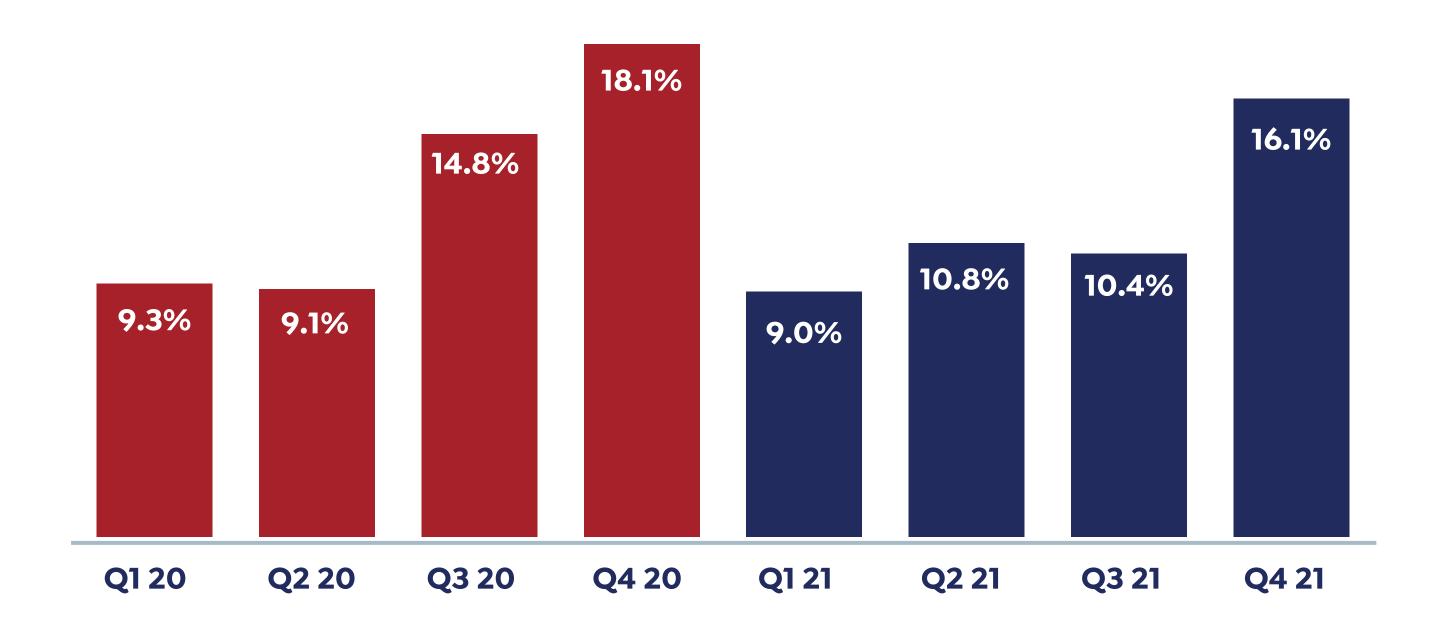




#### 8th Consecutive Quarter of over 9% Revenue Growth

**Consistent Net Revenue Growth Driven by Strong Demand** 

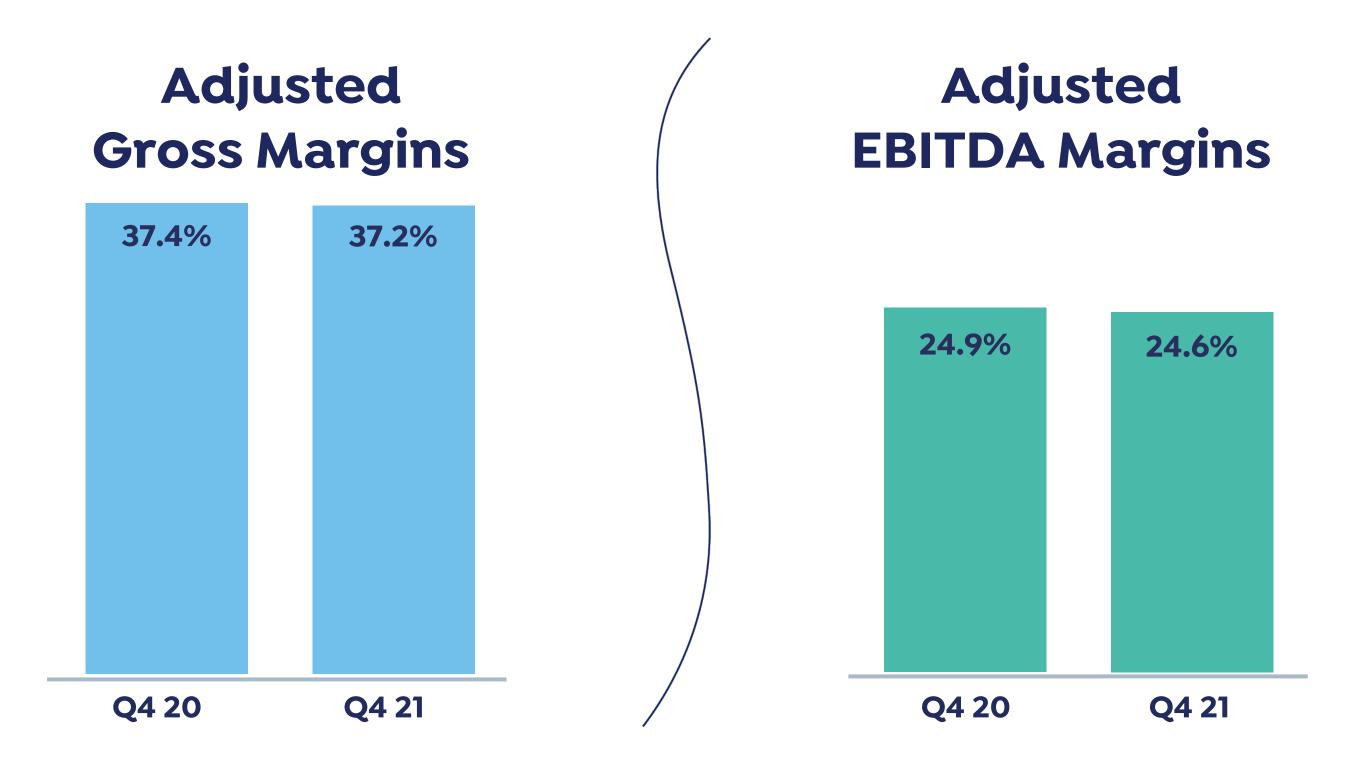
#### **Quarterly Adjusted Net Revenue Growth**





#### While Maintaining Industry-Leading Margins in Q4

Held margins relatively flat despite double-digit inflation and investments for growth





## Mike Gernigin

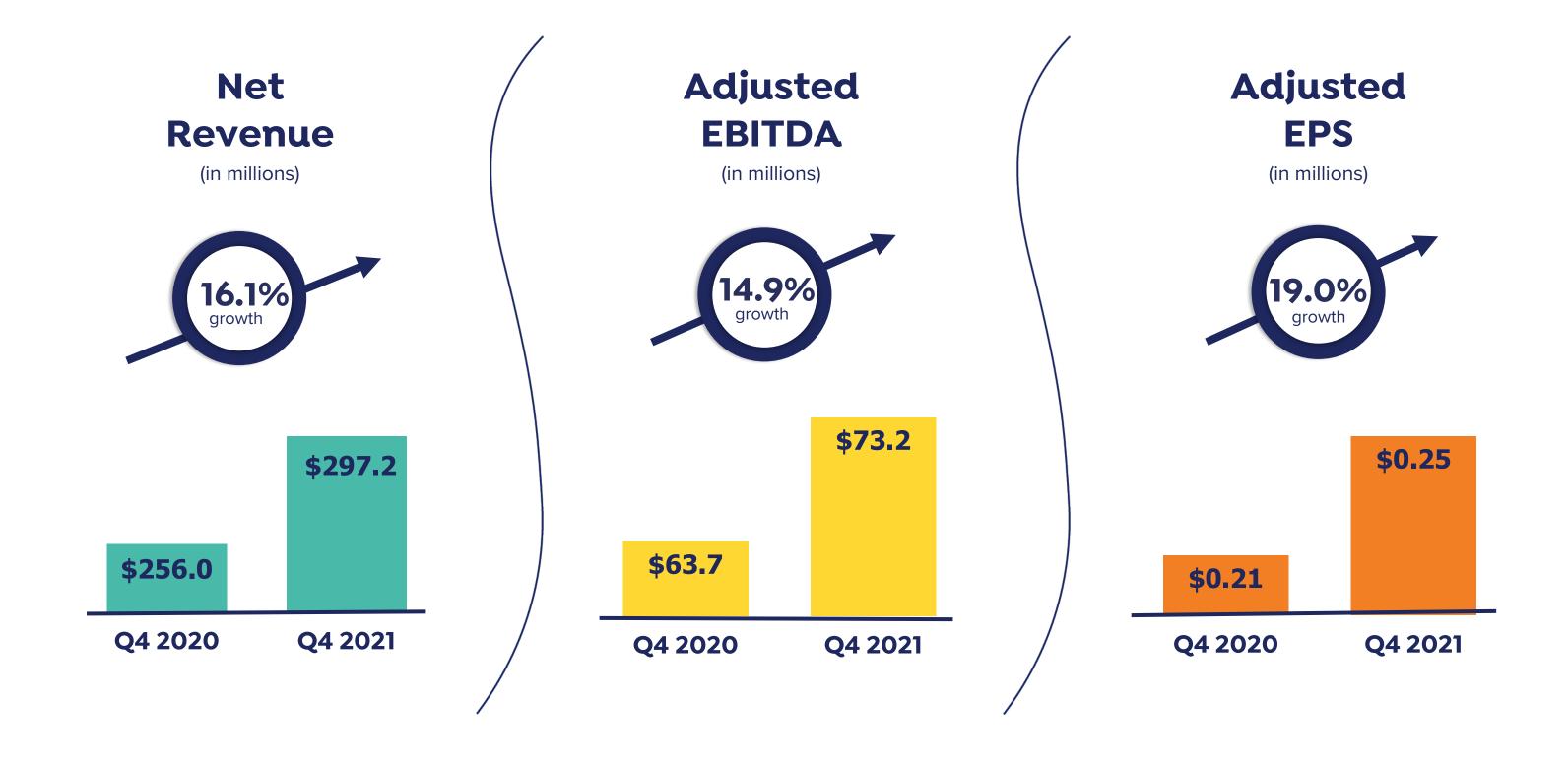
CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER INTERIM
CFO





#### **Excellent Fourth Quarter Performance**

Outstanding retail and operational execution amplifies solid consumer demand





#### Record-High Fourth Quarter Net Revenue

Brand strength and innovation drove broad-based volume growth complemented by pricing actions and favorable mix



(in millions)



#### **Growth highlights:**

- Sweet Baked Goods up 17.3%
- Cookies up 6.6%
- Category leading innovation
- Volume growth despite pricing actions

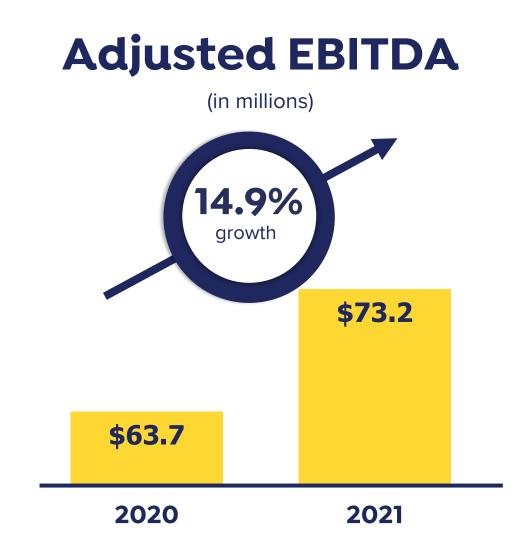


#### Double-Digit EBITDA Growth

Higher gross profit partially offset by higher labor costs to support our workforce

 Relatively flat gross margins despite double-digit inflation and discretionary "thank-you" bonus to our bakery associates

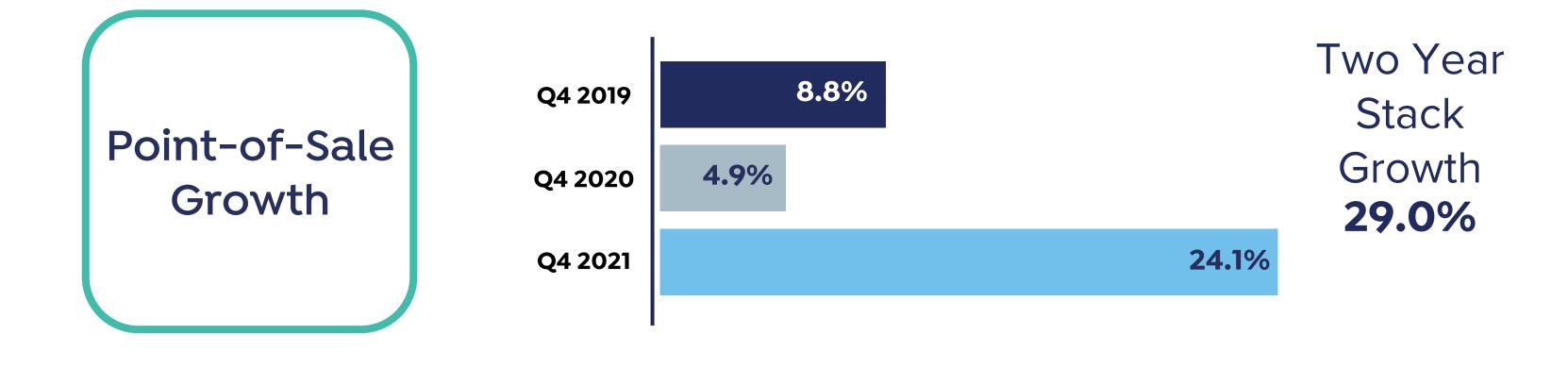
 Double digit gross profit and EBITDA growth highlights our disciplined execution in a volatile and challenging operating environment

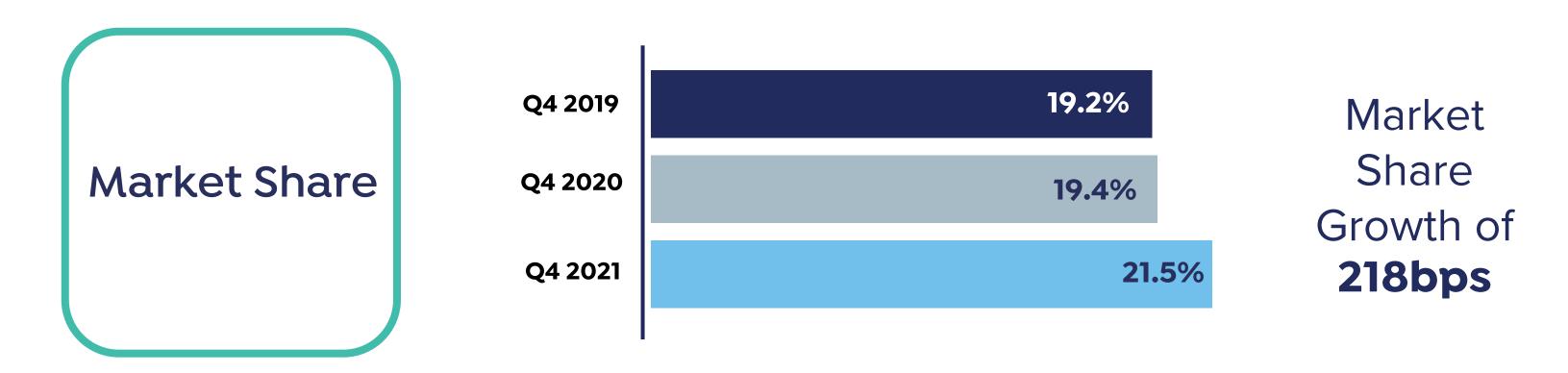




#### Consumer Demand Accelerates in the Fourth Quarter

Leading Sweet Baked Goods growth across channels, pack-types and occasions

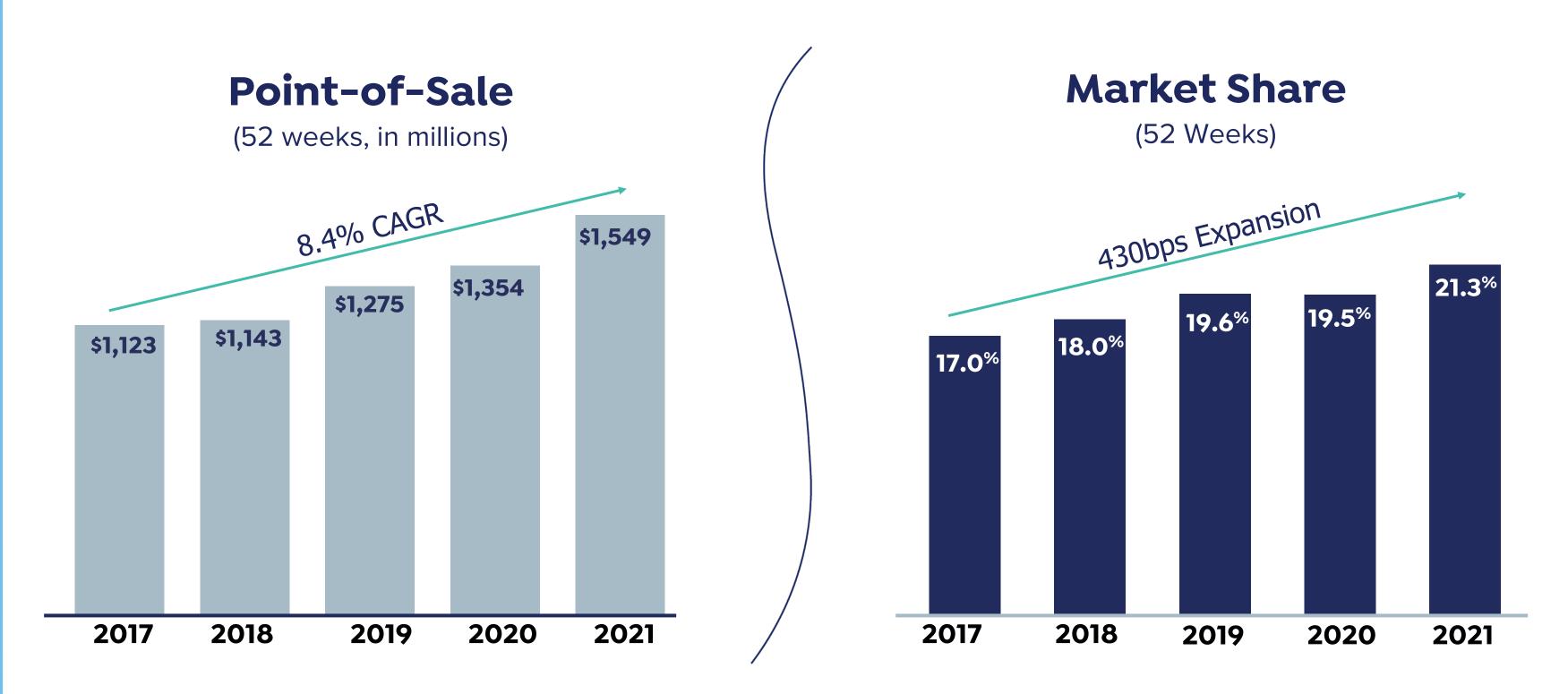






#### **Consistent Track Record of Market Share Gains**

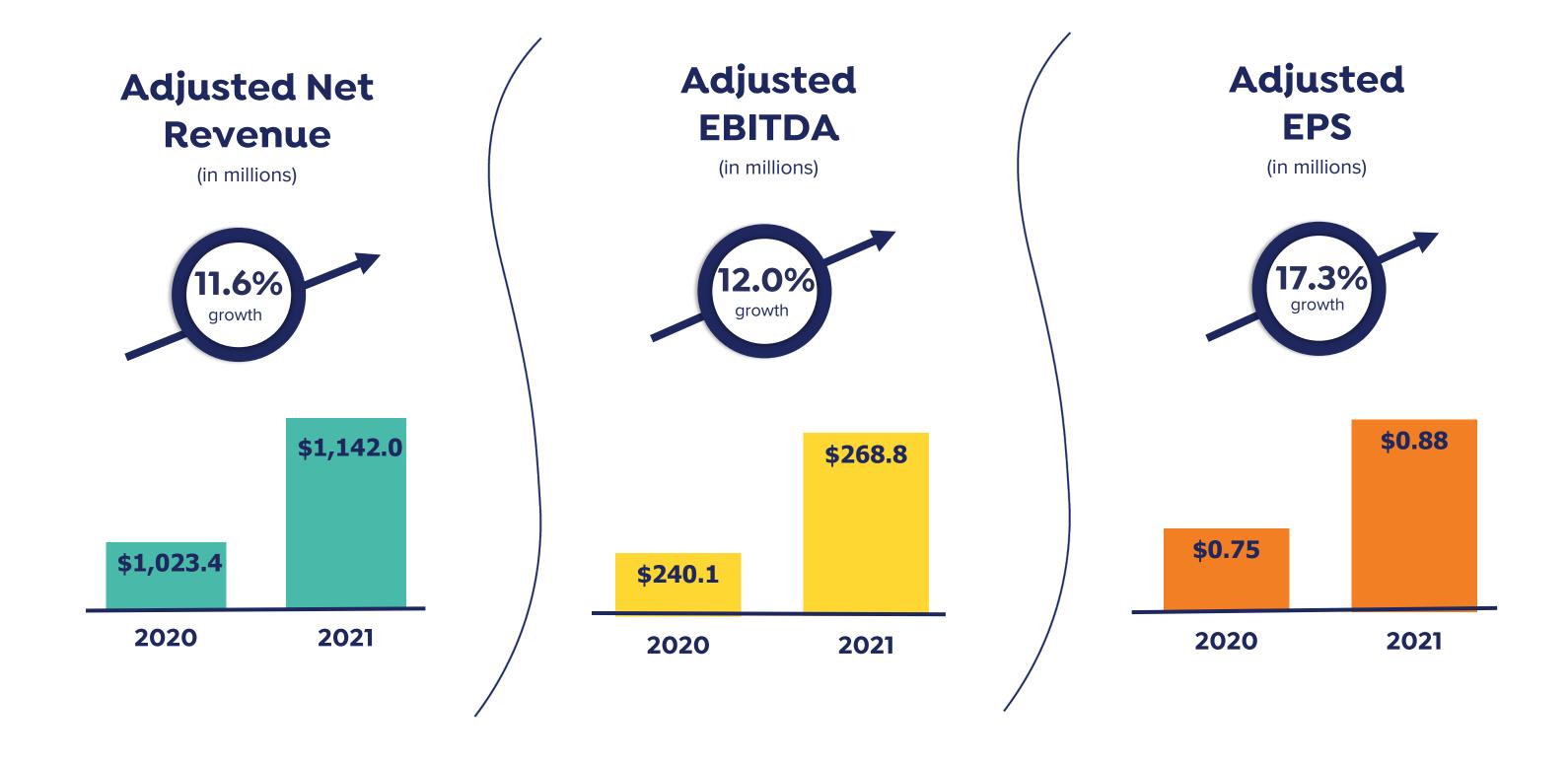
Outstanding execution in 2021 drives 187 basis points of share gains in Sweet Baked Goods category





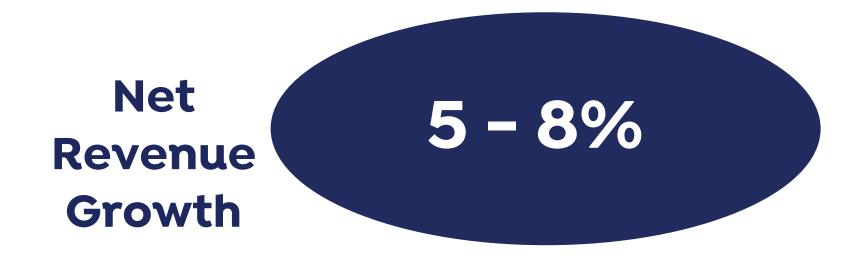
#### **Outstanding Full Year 2021 Results**

Double-digit growth in revenue, EBITDA and EPS while maintaining margins in a challenging environment





#### 2022 Guidance Builds on Continued Momentum



- Strong consumer trends
- Market share gains
- New products targeting key snacking occasions



- Benefit from pricing actions
- Productivity savings
- Continued inflationary pressures
- Higher A&M investments



- Benefit of strong operating performance
- D&A headwinds from capital investments



## Andy Callahan

PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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# Entering Our Next Phase of Growth





#### Catapulting to the Next Phase of Growth

Hostess Brands positioned as high growth snacking focused company

#### Relaunch

2013-2015

- Modern Hostess relaunched
- Shift to warehouse delivery model
- Regain and expand distribution
- Basic innovation, R&D, and A&M capabilities

#### Solidify Foundation

2016-2021

- Create a sustainable growth company
- Invest in talent, analytics, and capabilities
- Streamline portfolio; build robust innovation pipeline
- Platform for accretive acquisitions

#### Catapult to Next Phase of Growth

2022+

- Focus on faster growing snacking occasions
- Attractive, top-tier long-term growth algorithm
- Activate growth fly-wheel through continuous productivity
- Unlock balance sheet to drive organic and inorganic growth agenda



#### Delivered Against Commitments Unlocking Growth

Strategic investments in our products, talent, capabilities and operations for sustained profitable growth





#### Solidified Foundation with Investments for Growth

Strategic investments in our products, talent, capabilities and operations for sustained profitable growth

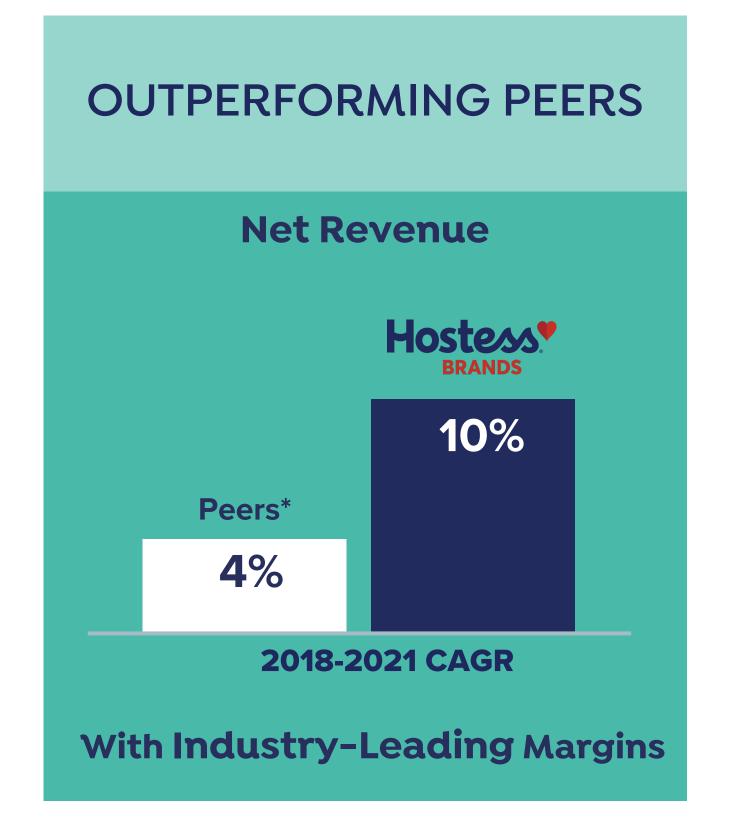
- ✓ Strengthened our core
- Enhanced capabilities
- Leveraged and expanded our highly efficient and profitable business model
- Executed strategic acquisitions while effectively managing our capital structure



#### **Track Record of Financial Outperformance**

Proven history of sustained growth consistently outperforming the peer set





<sup>\*</sup> Weighted average of peer group including BGS, CAG, CPB, FLO, FRPT, GIS, HAIN, HRL, HSY, JBSS, JJFS, K, KHC, LANC, LW, MDLZ, MKC, NOMD, PEP, POST, SJM, SMPL, STKL, THS per Factset
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## Today's Agenda is Focused on our Organic Growth Potential





#### **Key Enablers of Differentiated Growth**

To catapult Hostess Brands into the next phase of organic growth

1

Our business sits in GROWING SPACES

2

Our
BUSINESS
MODEL
is best-in-class

3

Our
INNOVATION &
MARKETING are
gaining
momentum

- Five Key Snacking Occasions
- Evergreen Consumer Trends

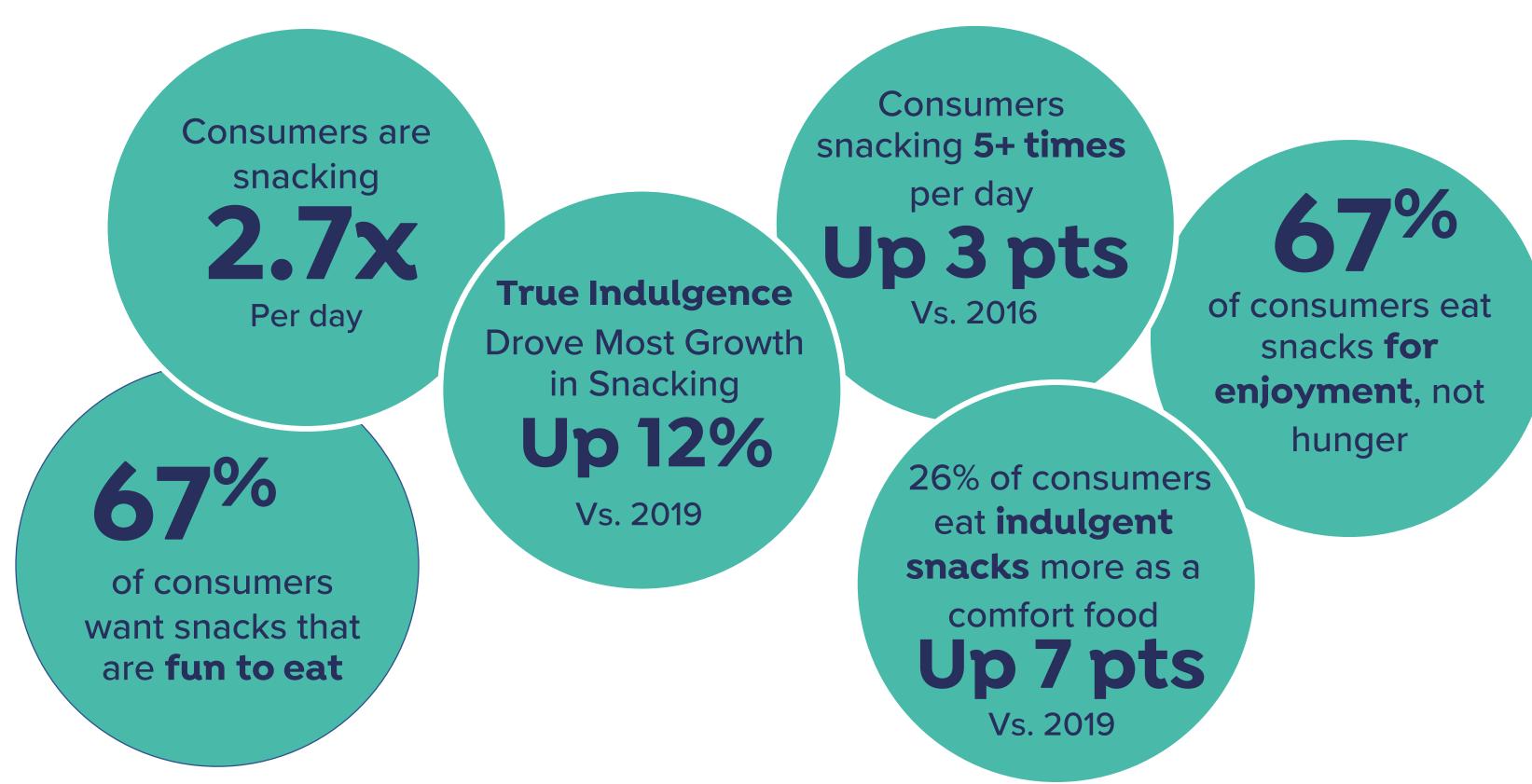
- Wide Availability
- Strong Brands
- Unique Go to Market Model
- Operational Excellence

- Incremental Innovation
- High ROI marketing communication



#### **Snacking Trends Have Positive Momentum**

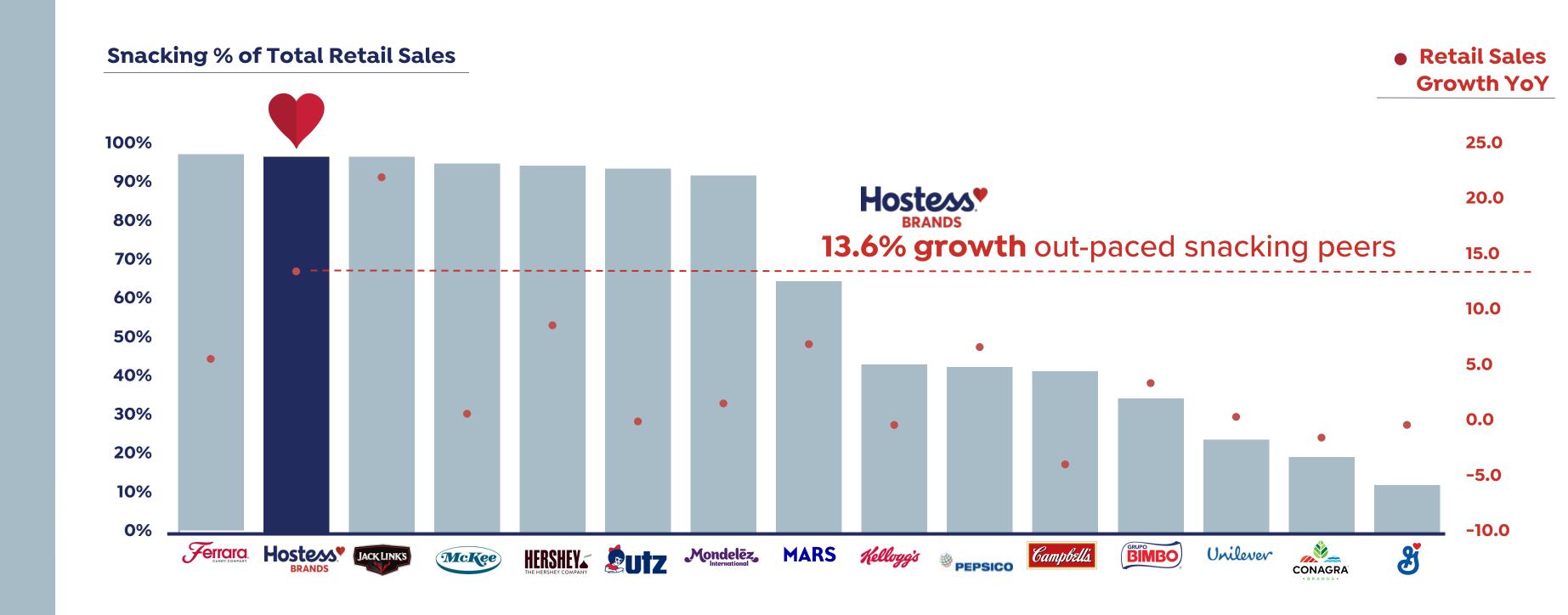
Our snacking portfolio is perfectly positioned to benefit from these strong consumer trends





#### Faster Growing Snacking Pure-Play

Snacking focused portfolio uniquely positioned within the snacking universe





#### **Consumers Snack by Occasions**

Targeting consumer snacking occasions expands addressable market





#### **Targeting Fastest Growing Snacking Occasions**

Large addressable markets aligned well to our product portfolio

#### **Target Snacking Occasions**

\$50 Billion + ADDRESSABLE MARKET In Targeted Occasions

Morning Sweet Start



Lunchbox



Afternoon Reward



**Immediate Consumption** 

Afternoon Sharing





Composite 3 year CAGR of just these 5 segments = **5.6**%



## Best in Class Business Model is a Sustained Competitive Advantage





#### **Strong Consumer Activation**

Incremental Innovation







High ROI
Marketing
Communication



#### Fly-Wheel to Drive Sustained Growth

High margin business with focused productivity provides fuel for investing to drive strong growth





### Introducing New Long-Term Growth Algorithm

Delivering leading sales and profit growth while maintaining our industry-leading margins





### **ROI-Driven Capital Allocation Priorities**

Capital allocation priorities shift to drive organic and in-organic growth

- 1 Support Core Growth
- 2 Targeted M&A

**3** Return Capital to Shareholders

4 Maintain Targeted Leverage



# Committed to Transparency and Progress in our ESG Journey





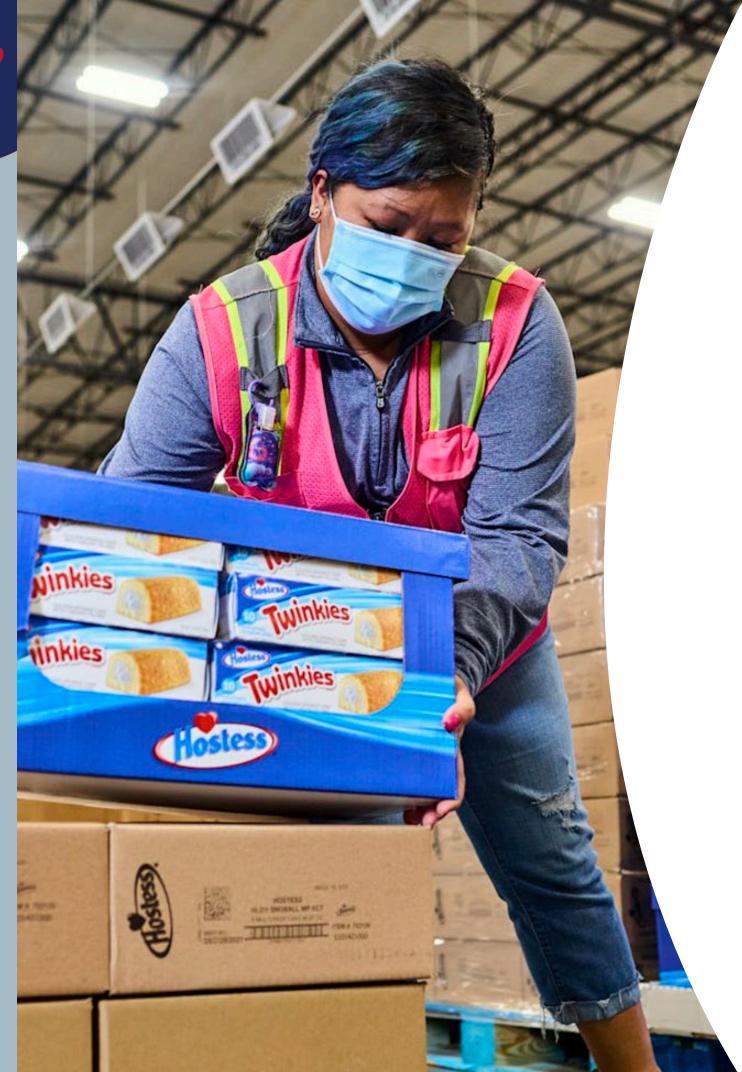
Making Progress on ESG Priority Areas of Focus

#### **Environmental**

- Committed to developing a plan to address greenhouse gas emissions
- Include a health, safety, and environment impact assessment in all Cap Ex decisions







### Making Progress on ESG Priority Areas of Focus

**Equity & Inclusion** 

- Adopted a policy for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging
- Expanded diversity and inclusion training for all employees
- Named one of Forbes top places to work and one of the top 100 places to work for veterans



### Making Progress on ESG Priority Areas of Focus

# Health & Safety

- 100% of our high-risk suppliers have GFSI benchmarked certifications
- Our safety incident rates are 75% lower than the national average for our industry\*
- Maintained company-wide turnover rates below the national average\*\*





### Making Progress on ESG Priority Areas of Focus

#### Governance

- An independent and diverse Board of Directors
- Board level oversight for our ESG and Corporate Responsibility initiatives
- ESG goals included within executive team's strategic objectives





Our Sustainable and Differentiated **Corporate Culture** Our culture is driven by the values of our people and their **nimbleness**, integrity, tenacity, inclusivity, and commitment to quality.



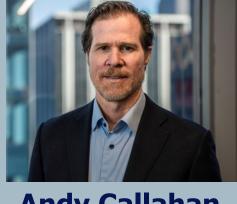
#### We have a Clear Mission

# We inspire moments of joy by putting our into everything we do.

### We have an Experienced, Talented Leadership Team

27 Years
Average
Experience

Strong CPG Backgrounds



Andy Callahan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER



Dan O'Leary
CHIEF GROWTH
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VICE PRESIDENT
STRATEGY



#### **Key Takeaways**

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Attractive LONG-TERM GROWTH ALGORITHM and CONTINUING to deliver top-tier shareholder returns



# Dan O'Leary

CHIEF GROWTH OFFICER

### **Key Growth Strategy Messages**









### We are a Snacking Pure-Play Company



- Indulgent snacking is one of largest and fastest growing snacking segments
- Expanding consumption occasions
- Attractive exposure across all consumer cohorts
- Broad access to all channels even more attractive given consumer dislocation
- Relatively low private label exposure



Compete In Faster-Growing Snacking Occasions

US Sweet Snacking Universe annual sales are \$91B,

growing 4.8% CAGR over the last 3 years

Number of consumers eating 5+ snacks

a day is up double digits vs. 2018

Targeted snacking occasions

growing at 3-year CAGR of 5.6%

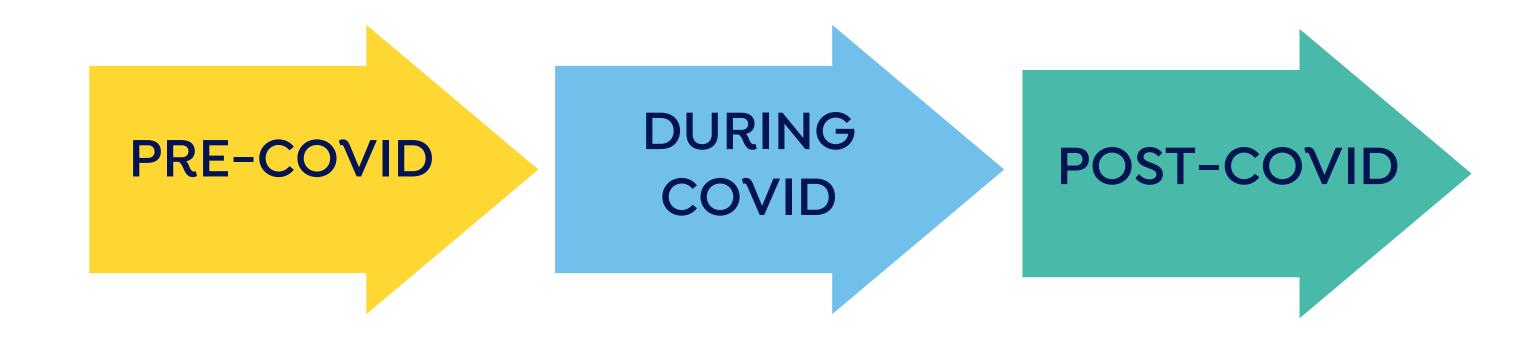
Source: NielsenIQ Total Universe select categories through October 2021 IRI How America Eats: The Snacking Frenzy in 2021 and Beyond, May 11, 2021, consumers 25-44

Occasions: Hostess Consumer Snacking Survey (N=6082; 12/2020), McKinsey Analytics with Nielsen POS data through October 2021



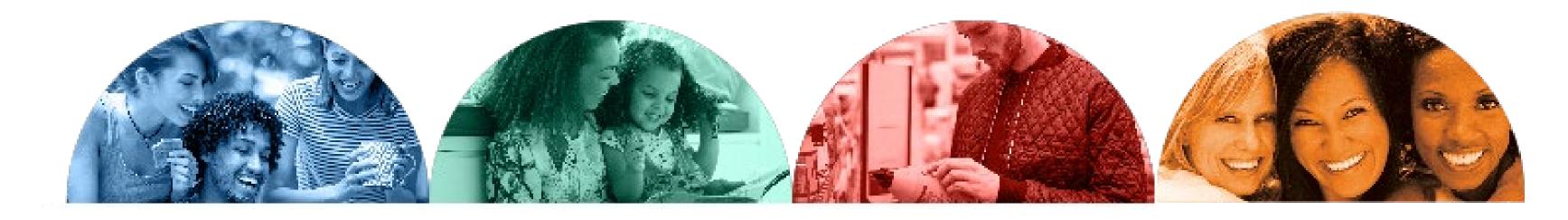


### Trends Driving Our Business Are Evergreen





## Durable Consumer Trends that Create a Long Growth Runway



**Snackification** 

Renewed Family Focus

The Era of
Trusted
Brands

Aging without Compromise

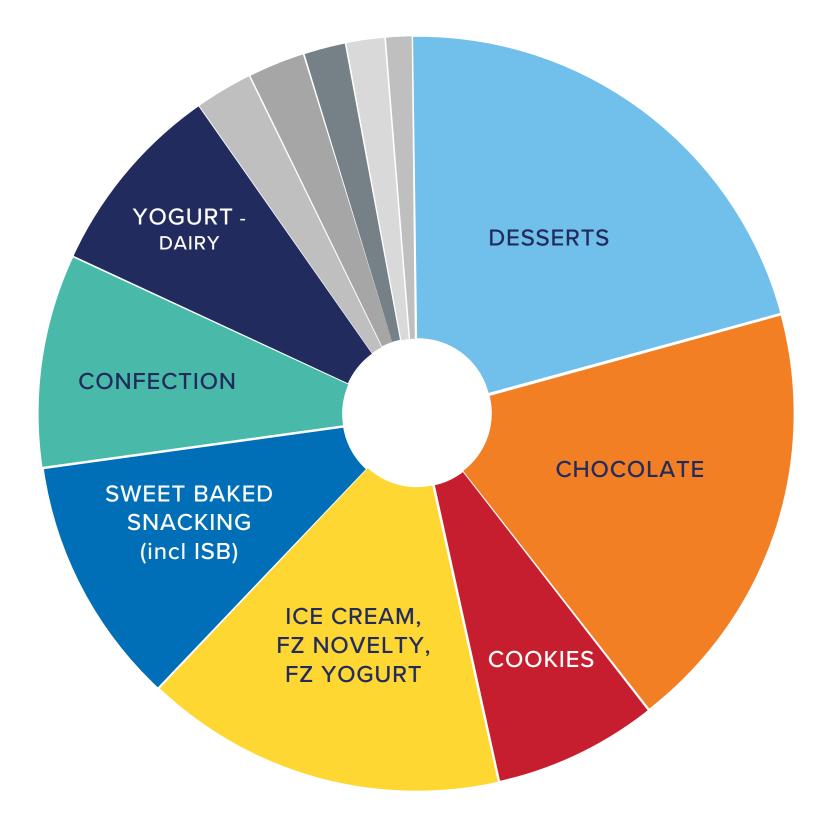


### Traditional Category View of Snacking Misses True Growth Potential

Total US Sweet Snacking Universe annual sales are \$91B, with 3-year CAGR of 4.8%

Sweet Baked Goods category is **growing at**4%

#### **Sweet Snacking Categories**





...Because Consumers Buy Snacks Based on Occasion

Occasion is a combination of three factors:

Role of the snack (treat vs. healthy vs. mini meal)

Time of day

Where they are (at-home vs. on-the-go)

Within each occasion, a wide range of sweet and salty snacks is consumed





### \$50B+ Addressable Market in Targeted Snacking Occasions

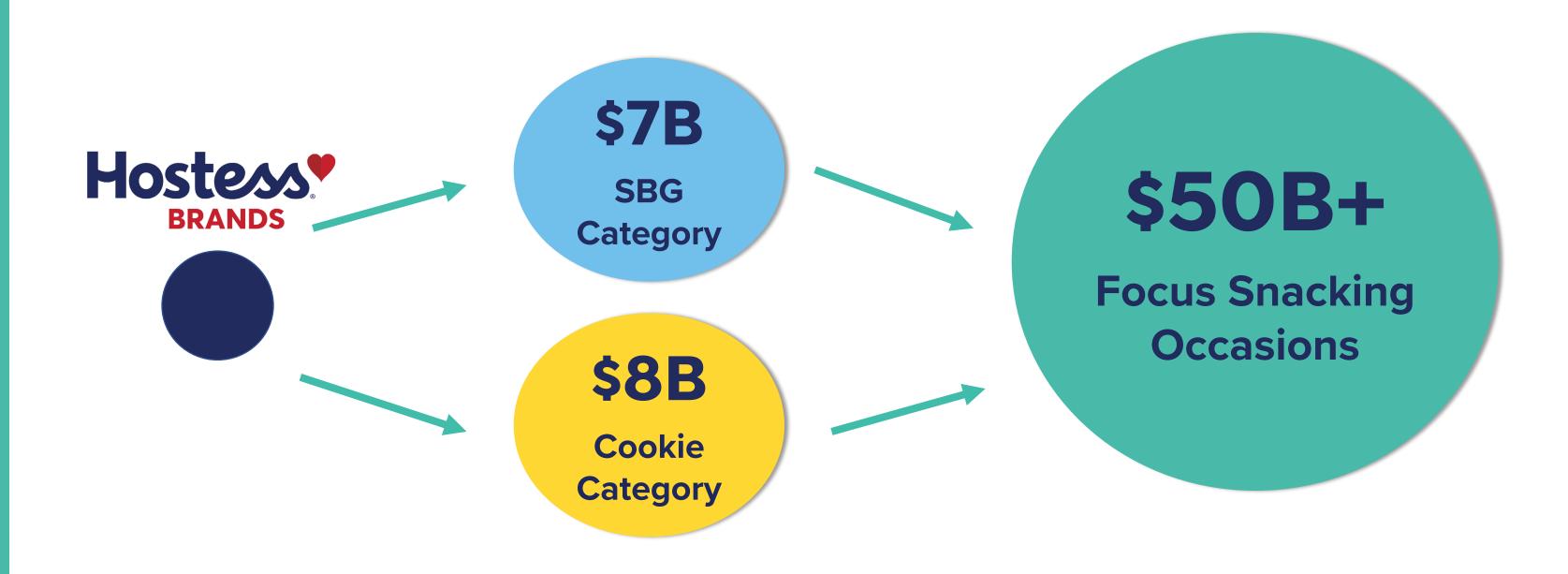
#### **Hostess Brands Top Five Focus Snacking Occasions**

Over \$50B Annual Sales, Three-year CAGR: 5.6%

	Morning Sweet Start	Lunchbox	Afternoon Reward	Immediate Consumption	Afternoon Sharing
\$ Market	\$5.8B	\$6.2B	\$13.6B	\$8.4B	\$19.3B
3-year CAGR	5.5%	5.5%	5.9%	4.7%	5.9%
Snack Examples	COD Stoses Constitution of the Constitution of	Library Colors C	Strawberry WAFERS lided with restrawberry This of strawberris The strawb	COLENS SOURCE CARE  COLENS SOURCE CARE  CHIN CHAPTELING  WELLE DY	DOCITOS  SUGAR FREE!  Shortbread  Find Specific Street  Fi



# Large Addressable Snacking Occasions Provide Confidence to Grow our Brands and Categories





"Morning Sweet Start" Snacking Occasion

Time of day:

Morning

Location:

At home

Total Size:

\$5.8B, \$1.1B is SBG

Top snacks in this occasion:

**Refrigerated Pastries** 

**Breakfast Cookies** 

**Donuts, Danish** 

Muffins/scones

Source: Hostess Consumer Snacking Survey (N=6082; 12/2020), McKinsey Analytics with Nielsen POS data through October 2021



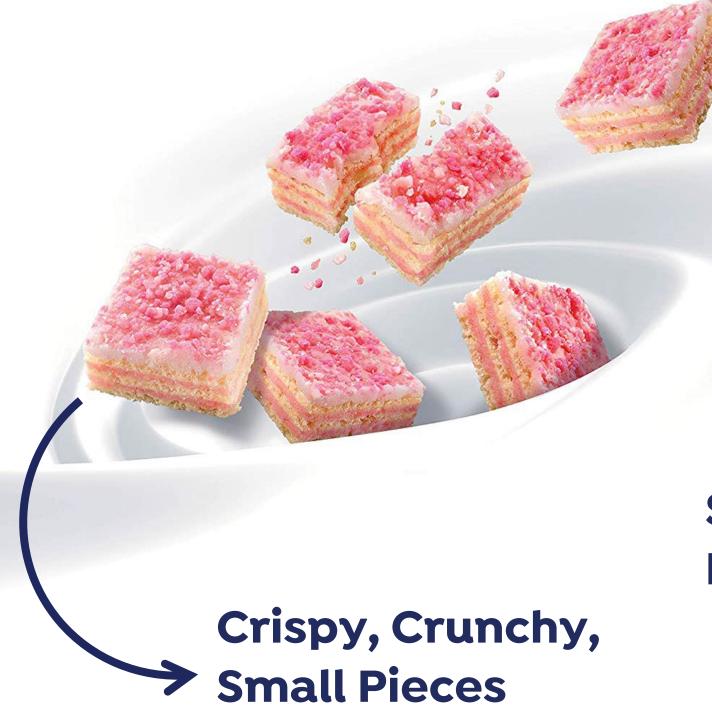


### Crispy Minis™ Innovation for Afternoon Sharing

#### **Afternoon Sharing Occasion is**

\$19.3B, one of the largest snacking occasions

for consumers

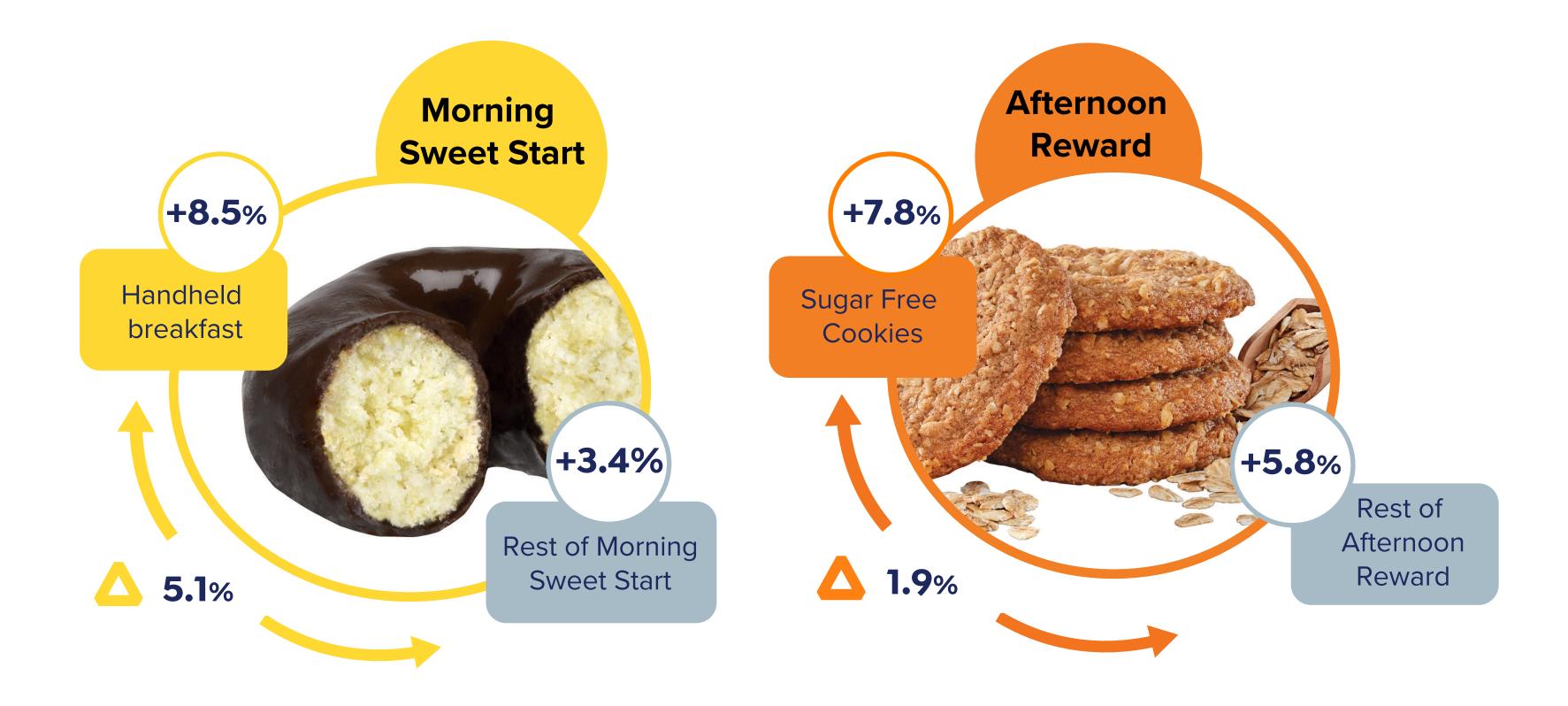




Sharable, Resealable Packaging



### **Outperforming Within Targeted Occasions**





### Hostess on a Higher Growth Trajectory

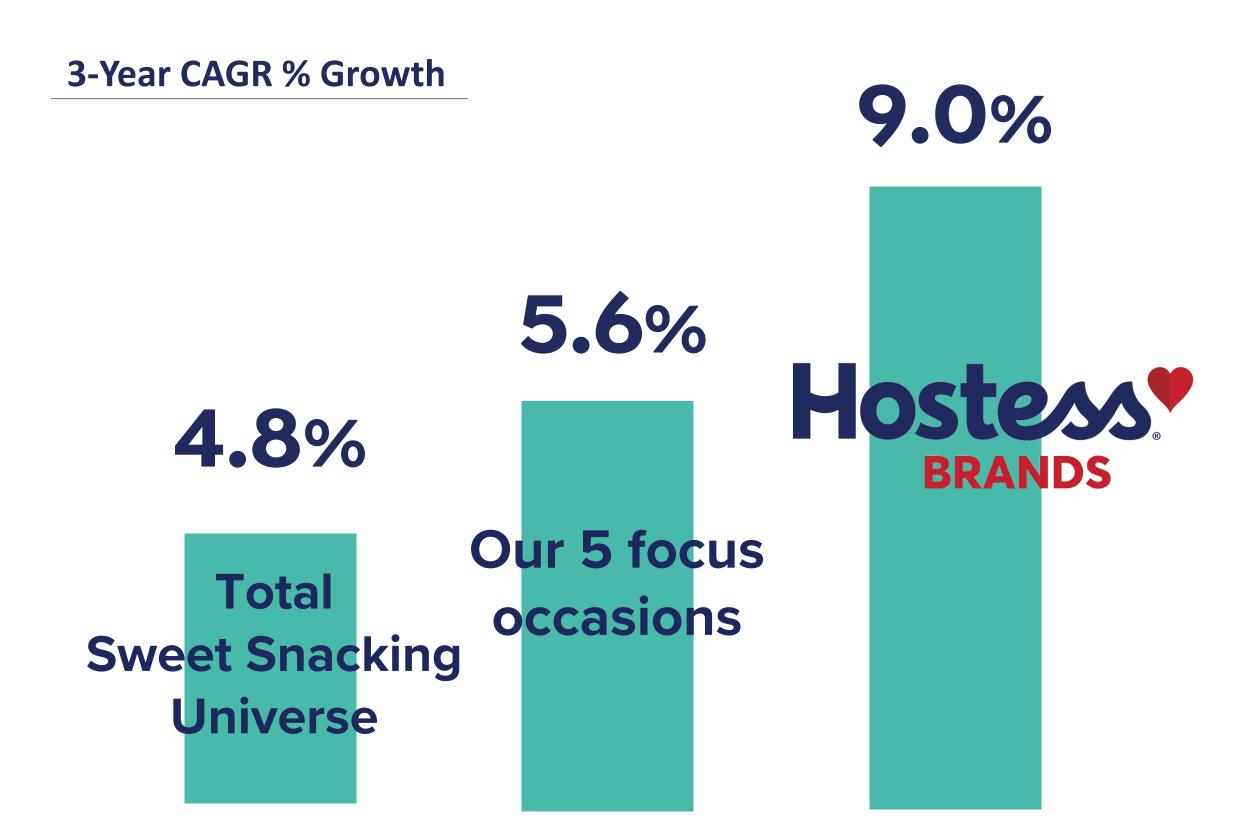
Poised to maintain the current momentum through increasing focus on targeted snacking occasions

Hostess Brands, Inc. Retail Sales Dollars (\$ Millions)





# Our Business Sits in Growing Spaces, and We Are OUTPERFORMING Even These Fast-Growing Spaces



OUR

### Business Model

IS BEST-IN-CLASS





# Business Model Tailor-Made for High Impulse Categories





### First Key Pillar of our Business Model: Wide Availability

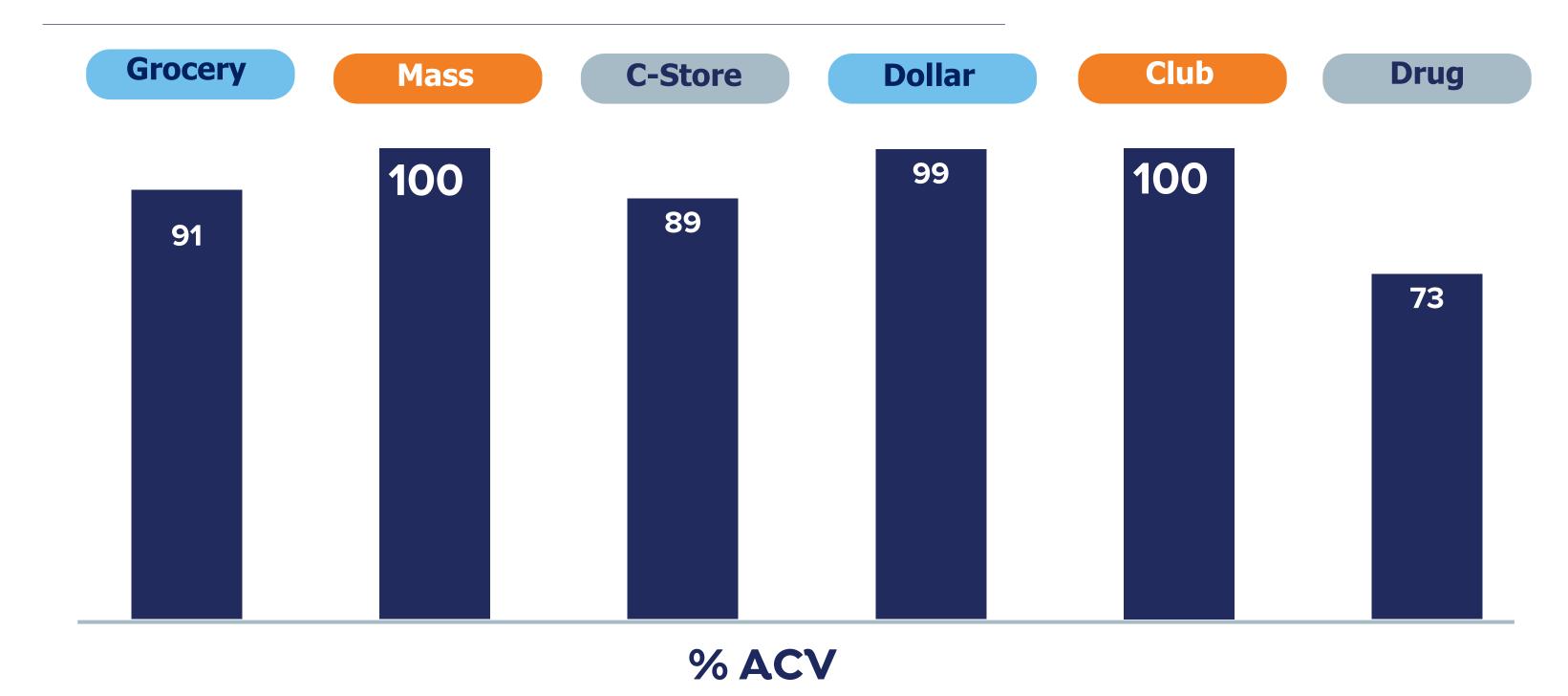




### We are Nearly Everywhere Consumers Shop for Snacks



#### **TOTAL DISTRIBUTION BY CHANNEL – HOSTESS MANUFACTURER**

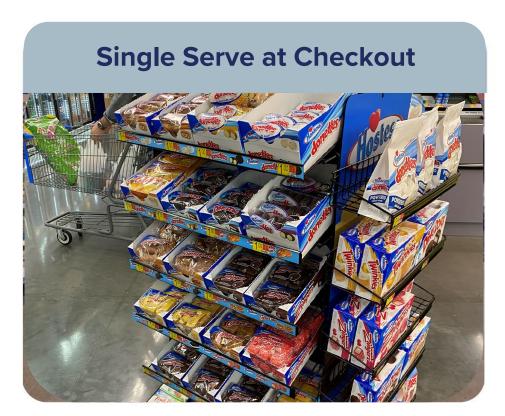


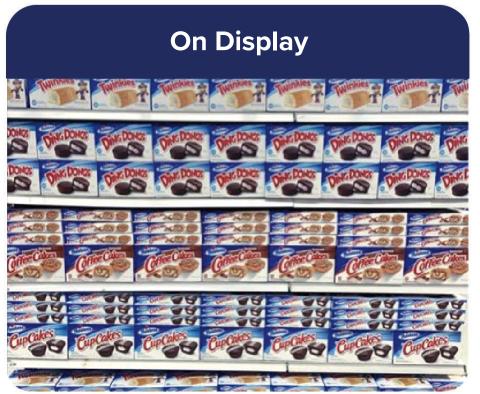


# Broad Multi-aisle Placements Within Stores Means We are Best Positioned for Impulse Buys













#### Second Key Pillar of our Business Model: Strong Brands

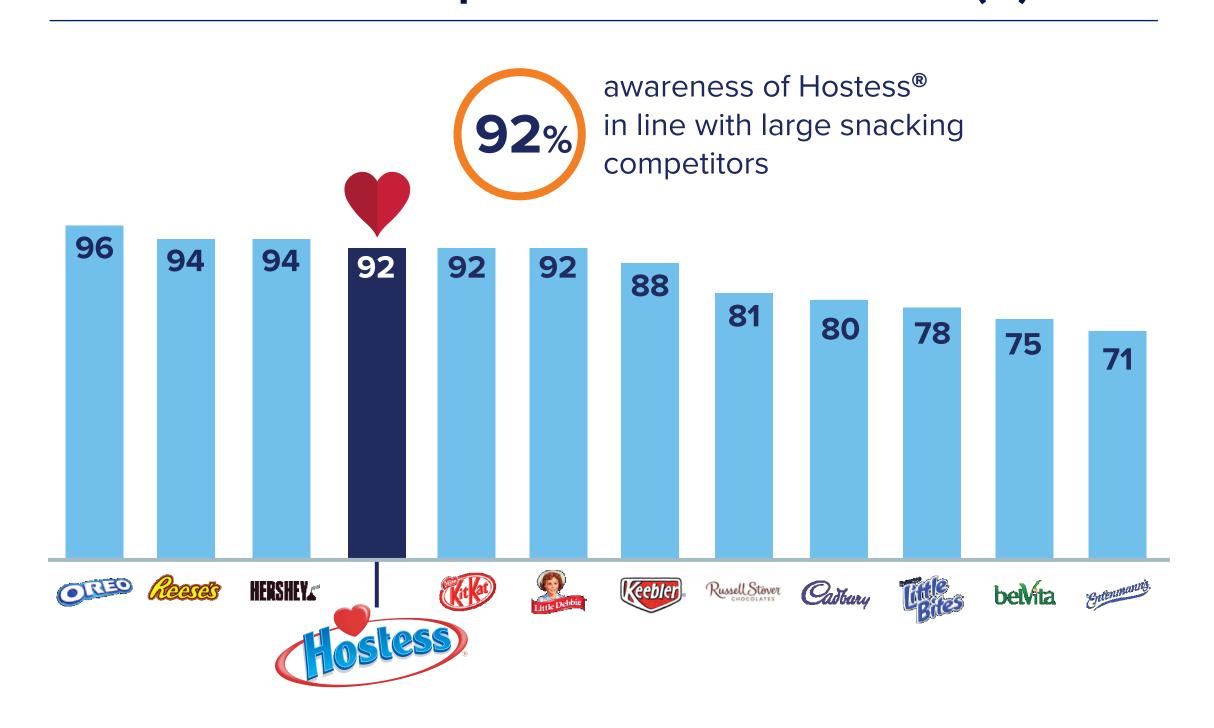




# Consumers Love and Crave Hostess® as Seen by Industry-leading Awareness



#### Percent of People Aware of Brand – Aided (%)





#### Hostess® Wins Where It Matters Most - on Taste!

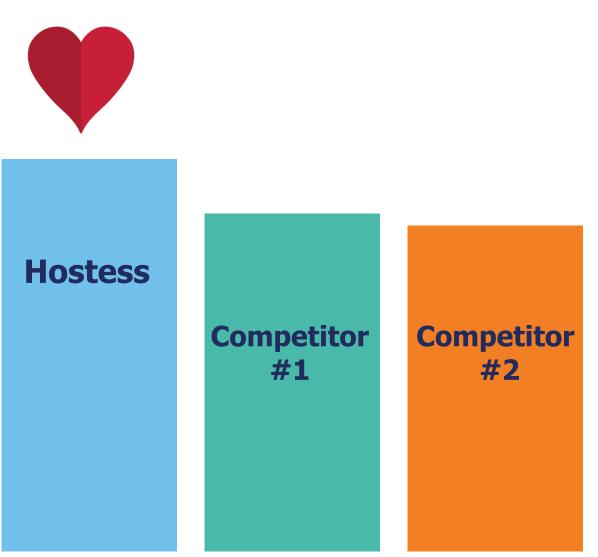


#### Unbranded: Overall Product Liking

Donettes is

our #1 Brand,
at half a Billion
in annual retail
sales!

It leads
in quality
over packaged
donut
competitors



**Bagged Frosted Donuts** 



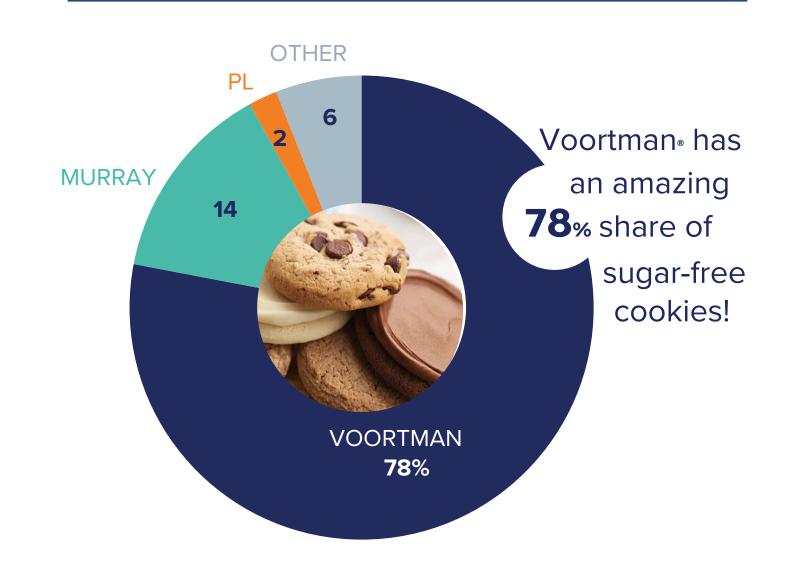


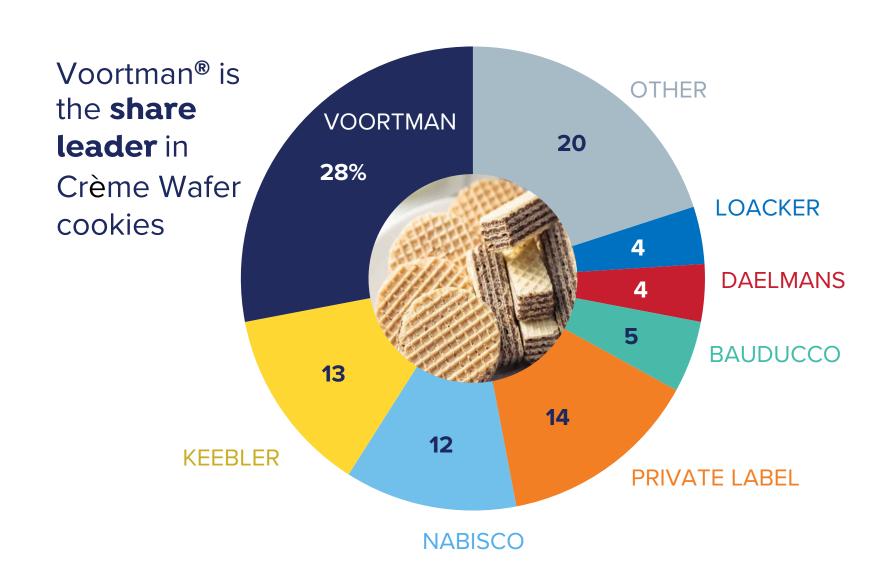
#### **Voortman®** is Becoming a Power Brand



#### **Share of Sugar-Free**







Voortman Retail Sales are up 22% since acquisition!!



#### Third Key Pillar of our Business Model: Go-to-Market Approach





#### We have Unmatched Go-to-Market Capabilities



Warehouse+ model delivers a strong combination of warehouse distribution and in-store merchandizing







**Low-cost** = best-in-class margins



Distribution Breadth
Centralized and highly efficient distribution center



Reliable weekly visits to stores



Broker and distributor data fed back to HQ



Strong shelf and display execution, customized by channel



#### Advantaged vs. Our Direct Store Delivery Peers



### 50%+ longer shelf life vs. leading competitor enables effective inventory management across channels



~ 75k Independent Convenience Retailers



Small & local grocery chains reached leveraging both our warehouse model and frozen distributor delivery



Ability to reach vending and drive onsite impulse snacking!



#### Highly Developed Customizable Merchandising



Cost efficient agile implementation of the hugely effective customized displays programs

 Pre-built displays shipped from single consolidated warehouse drive display all 52 weeks of the year!

 Displays fuel our best-in-class seasonal program, worth over \$50MM retail sales annually









Complementary In-store Capabilities

Our wide broker network greatly expands our in-store execution

Hostess provides broker
 support to Grocery, Mass and
 Convenience Stores

Broker executes more than
 550,000 Retail calls per quarter

 Ensures strong shelf presence and displays

Enables data stream back to HQ





#### Unmatched Access to the On-The-Go Consumer



HPP drives superior in-store execution in the critical, high-impulse Convenience stores channel

 We have partnership agreements in place with over 700 CHAINS AND OVER 52,000 C-STORES!

- That represents 1/3 of the total
   C-store market
- Our partnerships on average lead to the highest availability in our category!



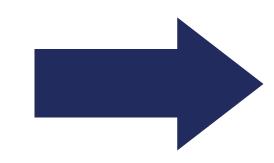


## Data-driven Insights Underpin our Strong Share Gains, Particularly in Convenience Channel





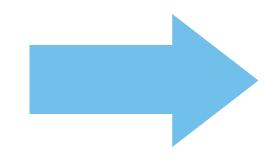
Distributors report all shipments to C-Store



Store-level performance data captured for over half of all C-stores!



Broker reps identify and report out of stock from store



Data loop back to Hostess can correct service outages and ensure product is on shelf



#### Fourth Key Pillar of our Business Model: Operational Excellence





## Our Operational Excellence Provides a Foundation to Build Upon



## Our STRONG FOUNDATION

Of strong operational execution

Enables us to
FOCUS ON THE
FUTURE
by investing in

capacity and

efficiency



#### Strong Foundation of Operational Excellence

#### **Excellent Safety Record**

Safety incident rates are 75% lower than industry peer average

#### **Consumer-focused Product Quality**

Culture of continuous improvement

#### **Highly Efficient Operations**

Output per labor hour up more than ~10% vs. prior year





Edgerton Centralized Warehouse Anchors Distribution Network

**Enables growth and provides competitive advantage** 

Supports Organic and Inorganic Growth Agenda

Increased Capacity 75% since 2019

Removed 2
Million Road
Miles since
2019





#### **Leading Customer Service**

Over-coming industry-wide supply chain challenges

Top quartile on-time and in-full service at major retailer





#### Investing in New Capacity for Future Growth



#### New bakery facility purchased in Arkansas



OUR

## Business Model

IS BEST-IN-CLASS

1

Wide Availability 2

**Beloved Brands** 

Unique Goto-Market Approach

**Operational Excellence** 

3

4



# Tina Lambert

VP INSIGHTS, INNOVATION & ACTIVATION

OUR

## Innovation & Marketing

ARE GAINING MOMENTUM





Our Innovation & Marketing are Gaining Momentum

Incremental Innovation

High ROI
Marketing
Communication





Incremental Innovation



High ROI
Marketing
Communication



#### Systematic Approach to Innovation

#### **Our Best-in-Class CPG Innovation Approach**

#### People

- Dedicated marketing, R&D, and project manager leaders
- Each with 15+ years of food innovation experience

#### **Process**

- Disciplined, stagedriven approach
- 3-year innovation pipeline allowing for more complex projects

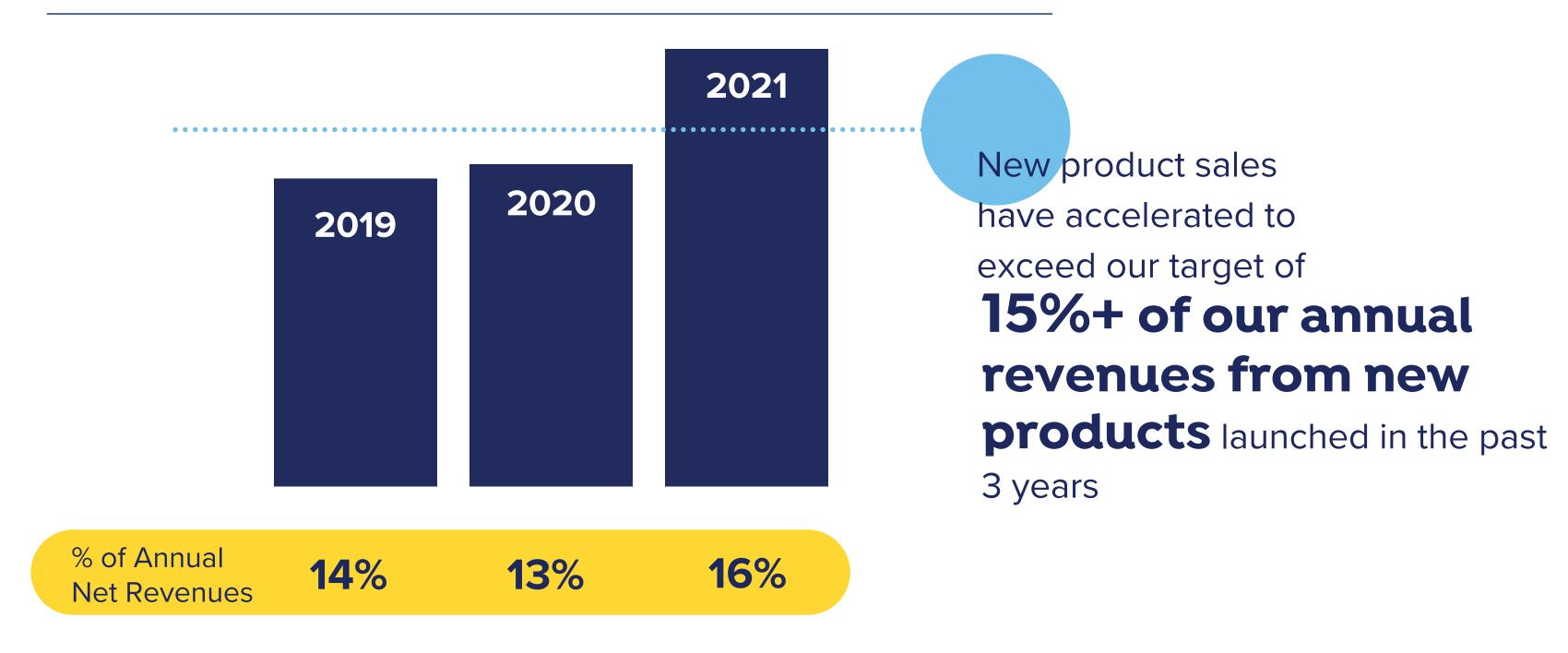
#### Ideas

- Robust consumer insights driving ideation
- Innovation focused on new usage occasions
- New product forms and packaging
- Innovation customized by retail channel



#### Proven Ability to Grow Through Innovation

#### **Net Revenue from Innovation Launched in the Last Three Years (\$ Millions)**





#### **Strong Innovation in 2021**

Baby Bundts and Crispy Minis launches in 2021 were a great start towards accelerated innovation ahead



On track to be over **\$40MM** 





Focus on targeted occasion drove

incremental sales!



#### Social Media is Excited About our Innovation



"These are a great invention: light, airy and great strawberry flavor"

"These are the lightest wafer squares... they just melted away in my mouth"



"OMG! These are FANTASTIC! What sets it apart is the topping"



#### Accelerating Innovation to Drive Incrementality





Innovation Acceleration Plan to Reach New Occasions

Flavor & Seasonal Innovation





New Snacking Forms (2021 +beyond)







Breakthrough Innovation (2023 +beyond )





#### **Lunchbox Occasion Innovation: Hostess® Bouncers**





Poppable, portable, filled mini cakes

Launching **Summer 2022** 

in Large Format Stores and **Fall 2022** in Small

Format Stores



## Afternoon Sharing Occasion Innovation: Voortman mini cookies and Peanut Butter wafers









## Immediate Consumption Innovation: Hostess Boost Donettes®



Source: Mintel: Convenience Stores US, March 2020



## Our Innovation & Marketing Capabilities are Gaining Momentum

Incremental Innovation High ROI
Marketing
Communication



## Simply Reminding Consumers About Hostess® Drives Incremental Sales







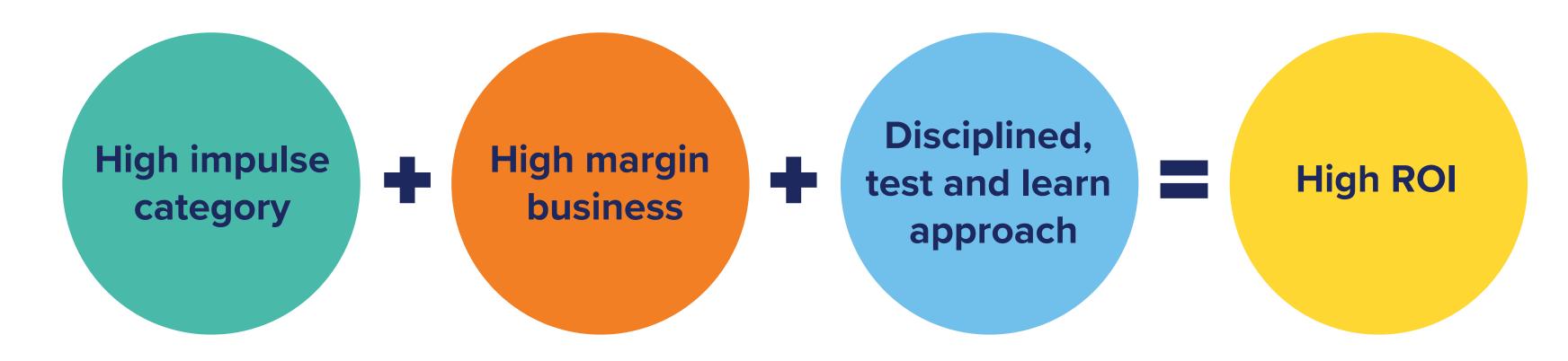
2021

Launched
"Live Your
Mostess®"
campaign



#### Our Marketing Will be a Key Growth Driver

Well-positioned to increase top-of-mind awareness in an impulse category



Top of mind awareness drives impulse

Sales lift will drive more profit vs. peers

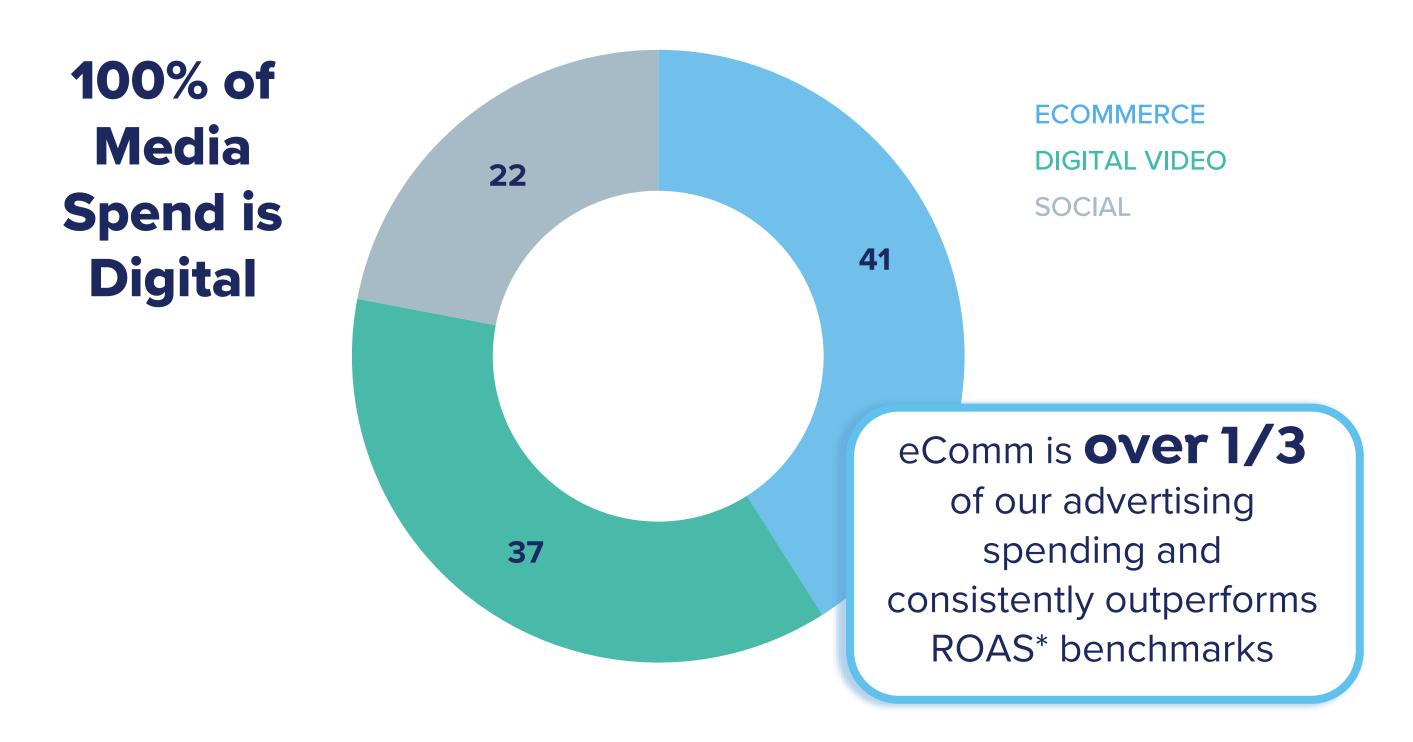
Investment increased over time as we learn

More \$ Profit for every \$ of advertising spent

100



## Focused on Higher ROI Digital Media Without Traditional Media Baggage of our Snacking Peers





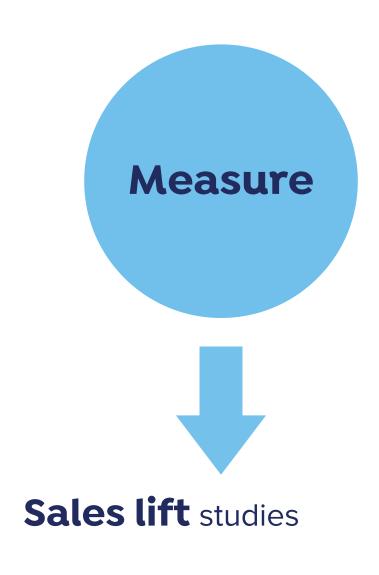
#### eCommerce Growth Flywheel

Investing in all three prongs of eCommerce flywheel to maximize our returns and efficiency

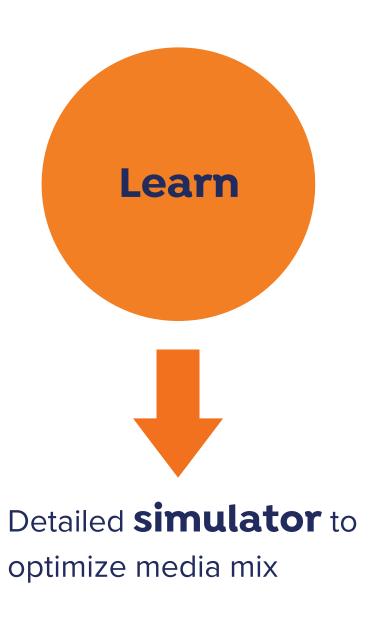




#### Disciplined Test and Learn Approach to Media







Best-in-class **Advertising Assessments** with
consumers



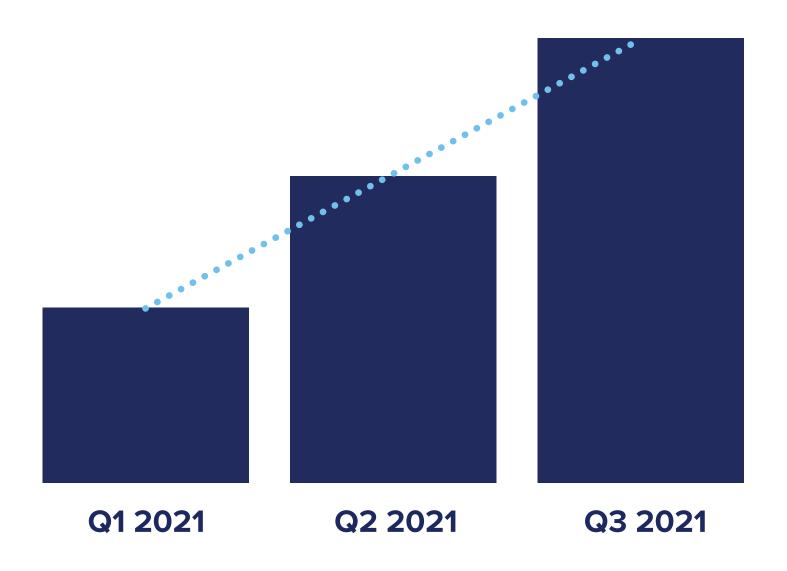
**Optimized creative** airs



#### Improving Media ROI

Digital media focus and a rigorous disciplined test and learn approach driving higher ROI on media spend

#### **Hostess Brand Media ROI Results (\$)**







#### Our Marketing Works: Case Study at Top Grocer







increase in unit velocity



#### Our Innovation & Marketing Are Gaining Momentum

**Incremental Innovation** 

High ROI
Marketing
Communication

#### **Key Growth Strategy Takeaways**



1

Our business sits in GROWING SPACES

2

Our
BUSINESS
MODEL

is best-in-class

3

## Our INNOVATION & MARKETING

are gaining momentum

- Five Key Snacking Occasions
- Evergreen consumer trends

- Wide Availability
- Strong Brands
- Unique Go to Market Model
- Operational Excellence

- Incremental Innovation
- High ROI Marketing
   Communication



### Mike Gernigin

CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER INTERIM
CFO

# Attractive Long-term Growth Algorithm



#### Key Financial Messages



1

New

LONG-TERM ALGORITHM

built on top-tier growth

2

**ACTIVATING** 

the growth

**FLYWHEEL** 

to maintain momentum

3

**INCREASING** 

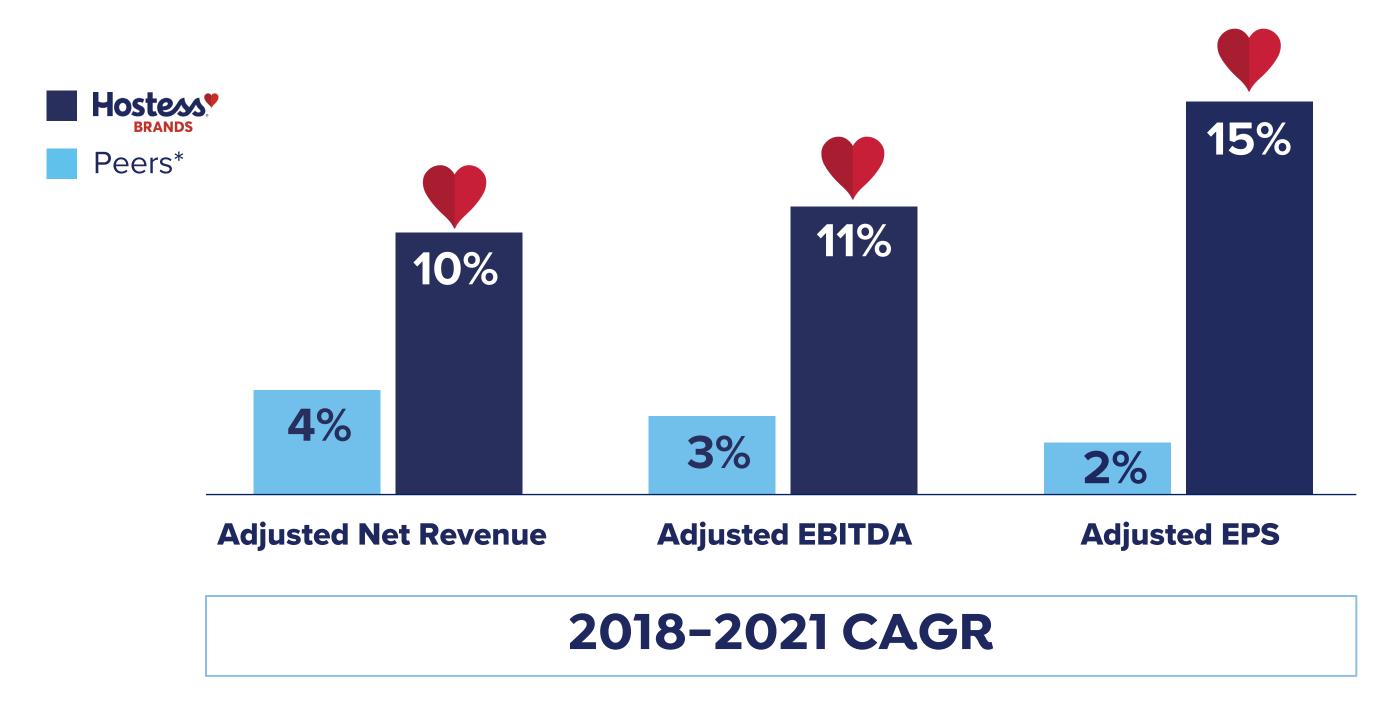
**FIRE-POWER** 

to deliver compelling shareholder returns



#### Double Digit Topline and Profit Growth

Strong foundation built on top-tier performance over last three years



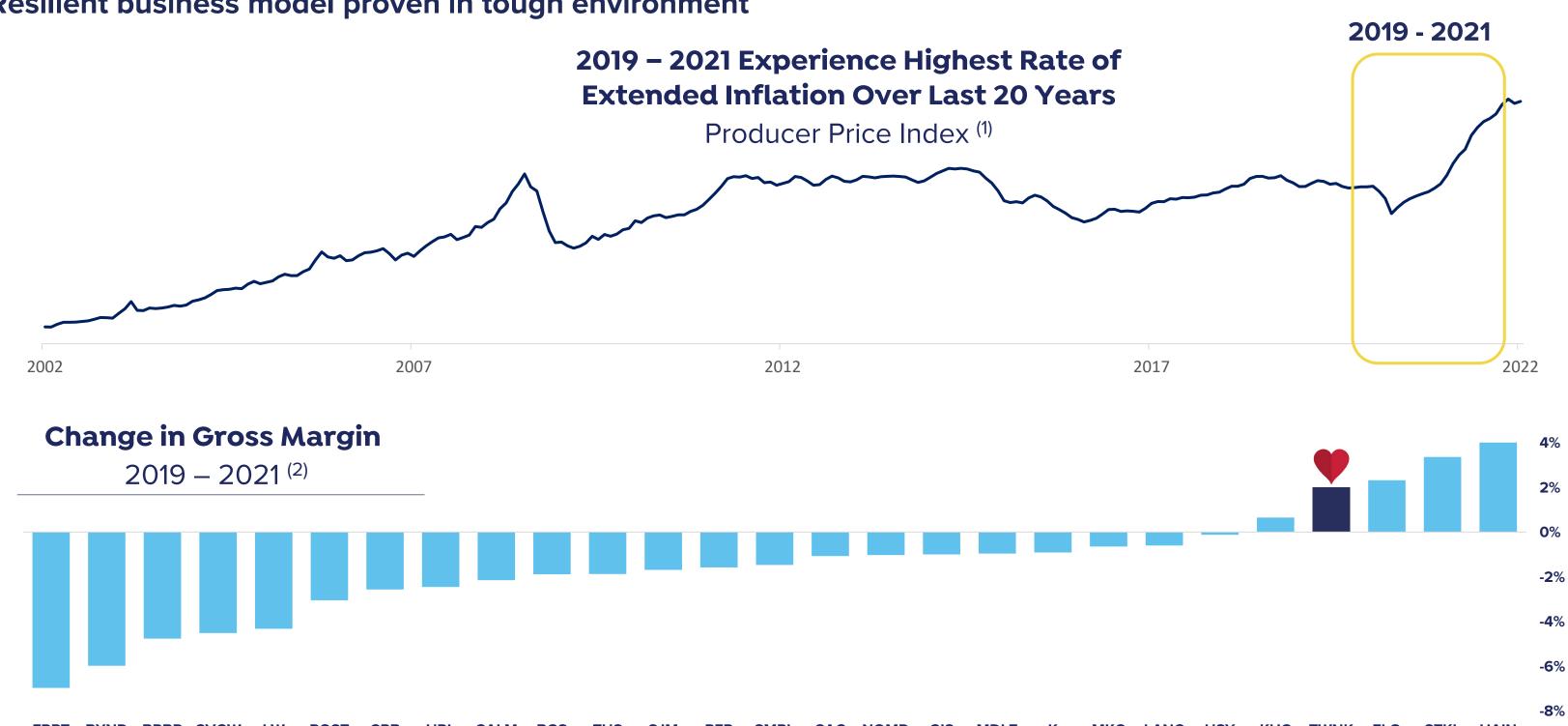
<sup>\*</sup> Weighted average of peer group including BGS, CAG, CPB, FLO, FRPT, GIS, HAIN, HRL, HSY, JBSS, JJFS, K, KHC, LANC, LW, MDLZ, MKC, NOMD, PEP, POST, SJM, SMPL, STKL, THS per Factset

Adjusted Net Revenue, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EPS are non-GAAP financial measure. See "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" and the Appendix for an explanation of all non-GAAP financial measures and reconciliations to the comparable GAAP measures.



#### Stable Gross Margins Better Than Most Food Peers **Despite Historically High Inflation**

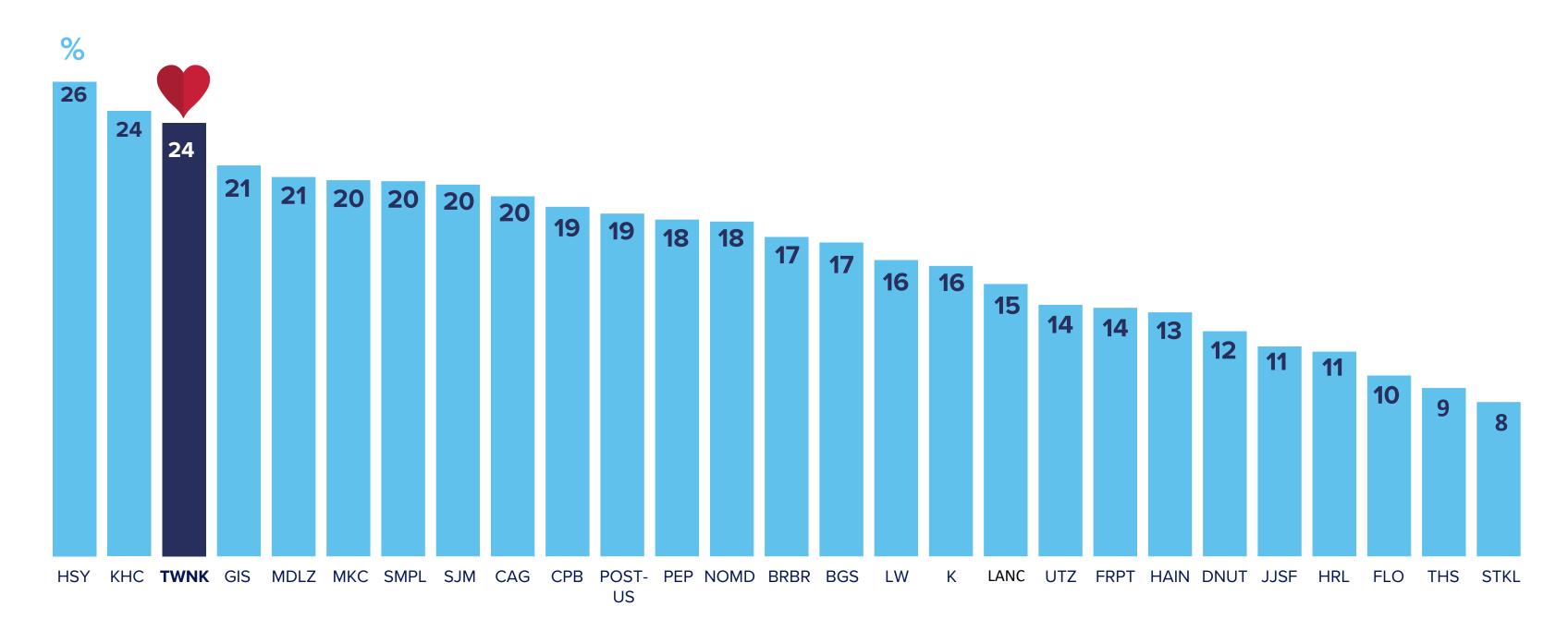
Resilient business model proven in tough environment





#### **Industry Leading Margins**

Industry leading EBITDA margins through a premium portfolio and advantaged supply-chain

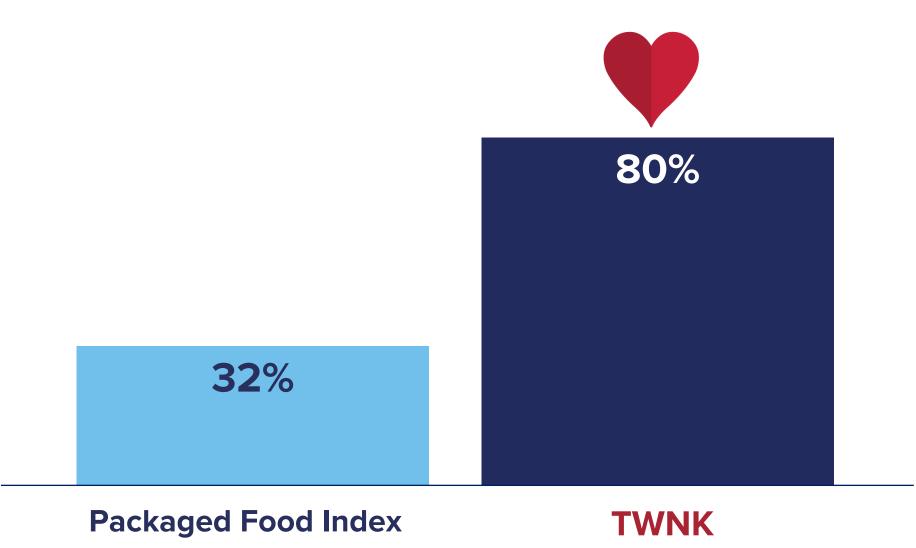




#### Top-tier Total Shareholder Returns Over Last 3 Years

Superior shareholder returns amongst food peers







## Hostess Brands Well-positioned as High Growth Snacking Focused Company

#### Catapult to Next Phase of Growth

#### 2022+

- Focus on faster growing snacking occasions
- Attractive, top-tier long-term growth algorithm
- Activate growth fly-wheel through continuous productivity
- Unlock balance sheet to drive organic and inorganic growth agenda



#### Introducing New Long-Term Growth Algorithm

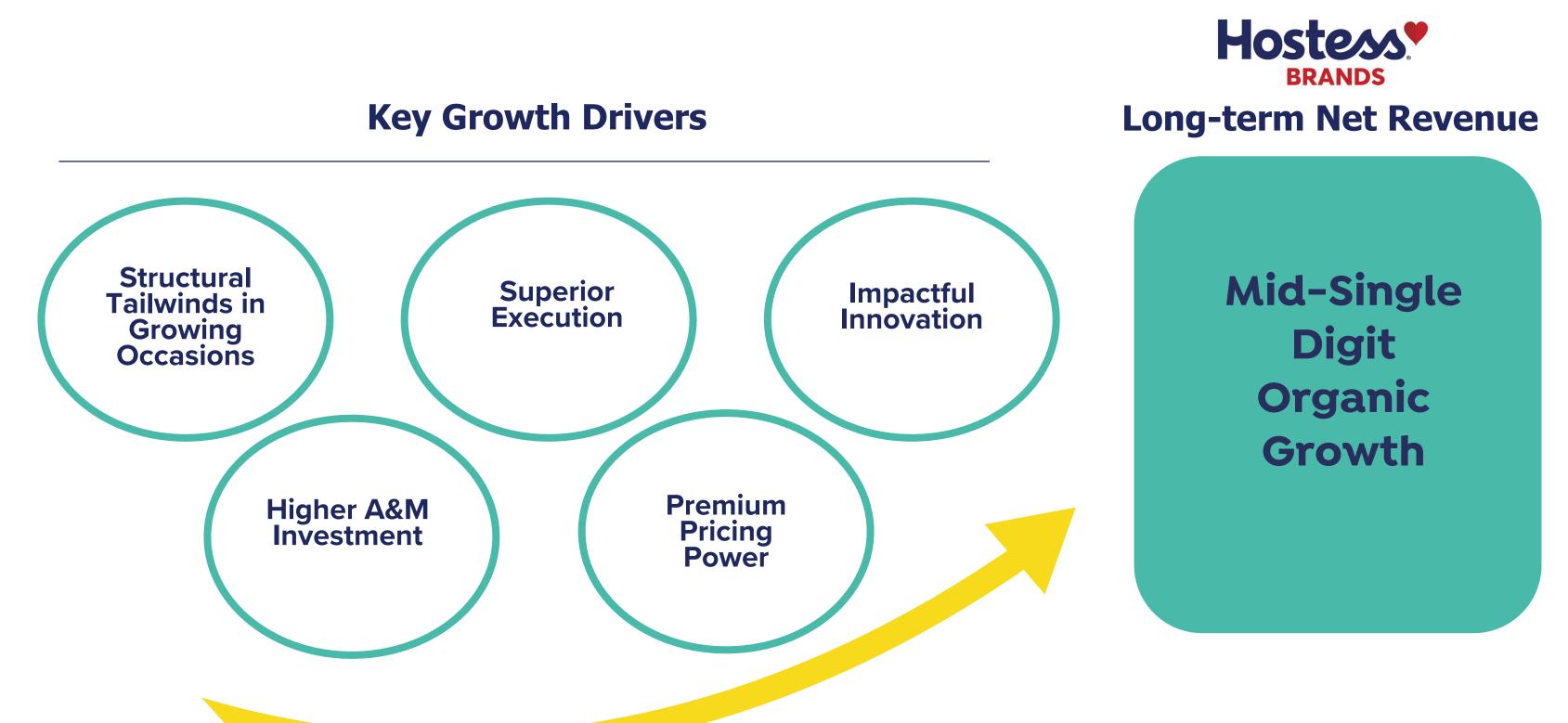
Delivering leading sales and profit growth while maintaining our industry-leading margins

Mid-Single 7-9% **5-7%** Digit **EPS EBITDA Organic** Growth Growth Revenue Growth Long-term Growth Algorithm to Deliver **Top-Tier Shareholder Returns** 



#### Mid-single Digit Topline Growth

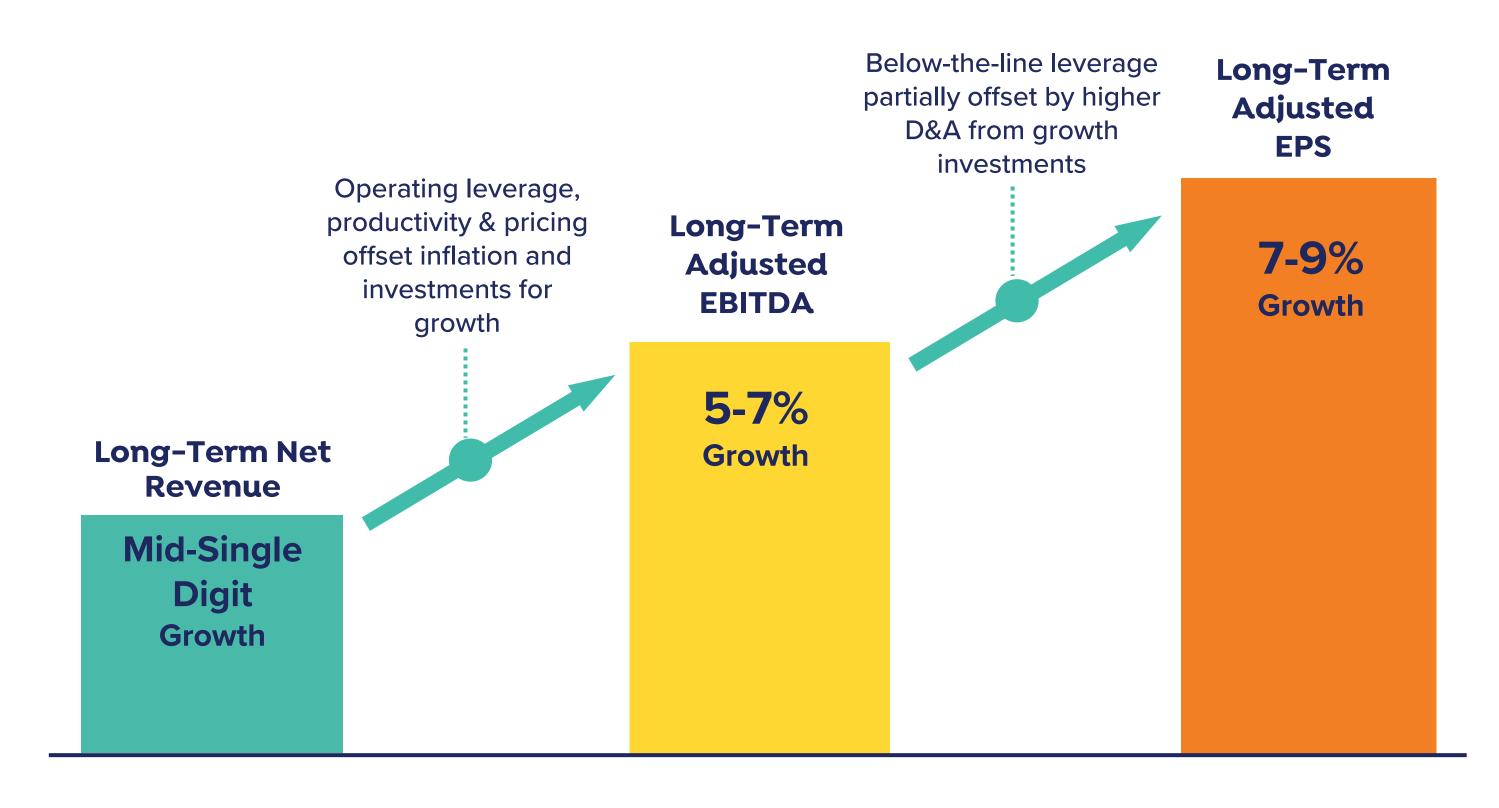
Category leading growth given access to faster-growing snacking occasions, advantaged business model and improving consumer capabilities





#### High-single Digit EPS Growth

Attractive topline complemented by strong and rising margins





#### **Activating the Growth Fly-Wheel**

Increase growth investments while maintaining our attractive margin structure





#### Multiple Levers to Create Operating Leverage

Volume-led growth and pricing power complements scalable operating model

1

Pricing Power
through premium
brands to help
offset inflation

Superior

2

Volume-Led Growth

to drive efficiencies of scale

3

**Positive Sales/Mix** 

with strategic management of product portfolio 4

Scalable and Efficient

operating model



## **Enhanced Approach to Efficiency Initiatives**

Data driven centralized approach to manage and oversee all enterprise-wide productivity initiatives

#### This disciplined approach will centralize:

- Ownership and management of productivity initiatives across the company
- Development and adoption of scalable and repeatable processes
- Facilitation of cross functional collaboration and best practices





#### Productivity Fueling Our Growth Agenda

Enhanced focus provides confidence in future productivity savings

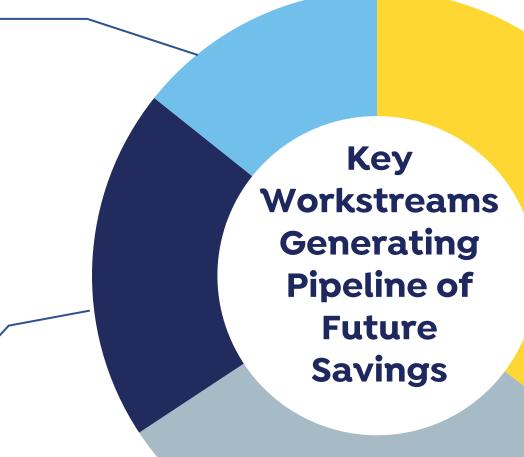


#### **Reduce Complexity**

- Formulation simplification
- SKU Rationalization

#### **Network/Distribution**

- Simplify shipping/ transport scheduling
- Sales/Planning
   Optimization



#### **Procurement**

- Strategic sourcing
- Design to value opportunities

#### **Manufacturing Efficiencies**

- Digitization to extract better performance out of our equipment
- Automation assets to better utilize headcount

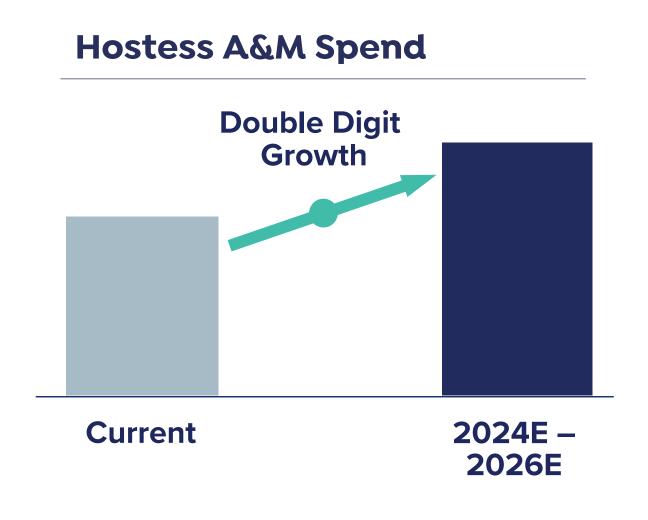


#### **Expect High ROI on Incremental Marketing**

**Investing more behind growth** 



#### Fueling Growth by Increasing A&M



Increasing spend over next several years to fully leverage advantaged brands and categories



#### Deliver Strong Long-Term Sales Growth



Growth fly-wheel to deliver consistent industry-leading topline growth with improving margins



Access to
Faster Growing
Snacking
Occasions



Iconic, Premium Brands



Sharper Data-Driven Insights



Consumer-Centric Innovation

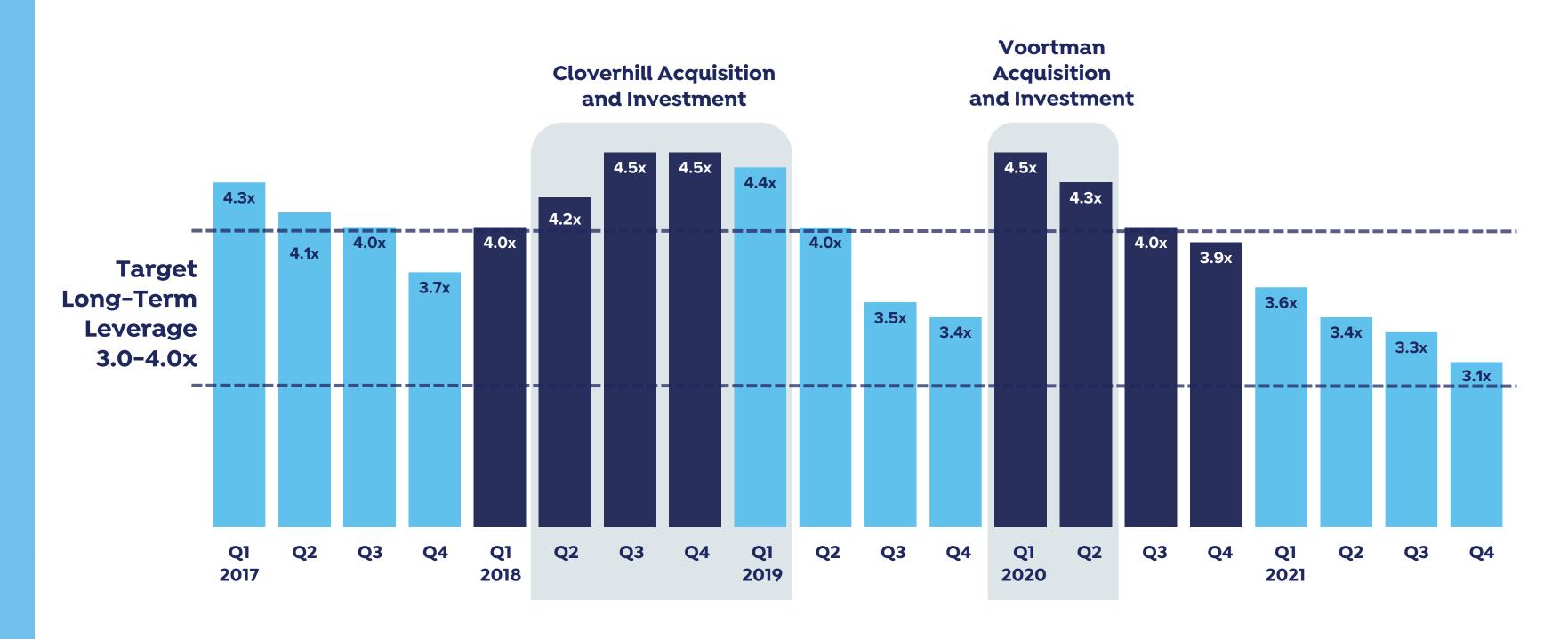


High ROI A&M Investments



#### Proven Track Record of Reducing Leverage

With leverage back within the target range, debt paydown becomes a lower priority



<sup>\*</sup> Net Leverage ratio is net debt (total long-term debt less lease obligations, unamortized debt premiums and cash and cash equivalents) divided by adjusted EBITDA for the trailing twelve-month period.

<sup>\*\* 2020</sup> proforma leverages included an assumption of incremental EBITDA from the acquisition of Voortman and removal of historical in-store bakery EBITDA

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#### **ROI-Driven Capital Allocation Priorities**

Capital allocation priorities shift to drive organic and in-organic growth

1 Support Core Growth

Disciplined capital investments with high ROI hurdle

2 Targeted M&A

Growth-oriented branded targets, that expand our capabilities in snacking universe

Return Capital to Shareholders

Through share repurchases

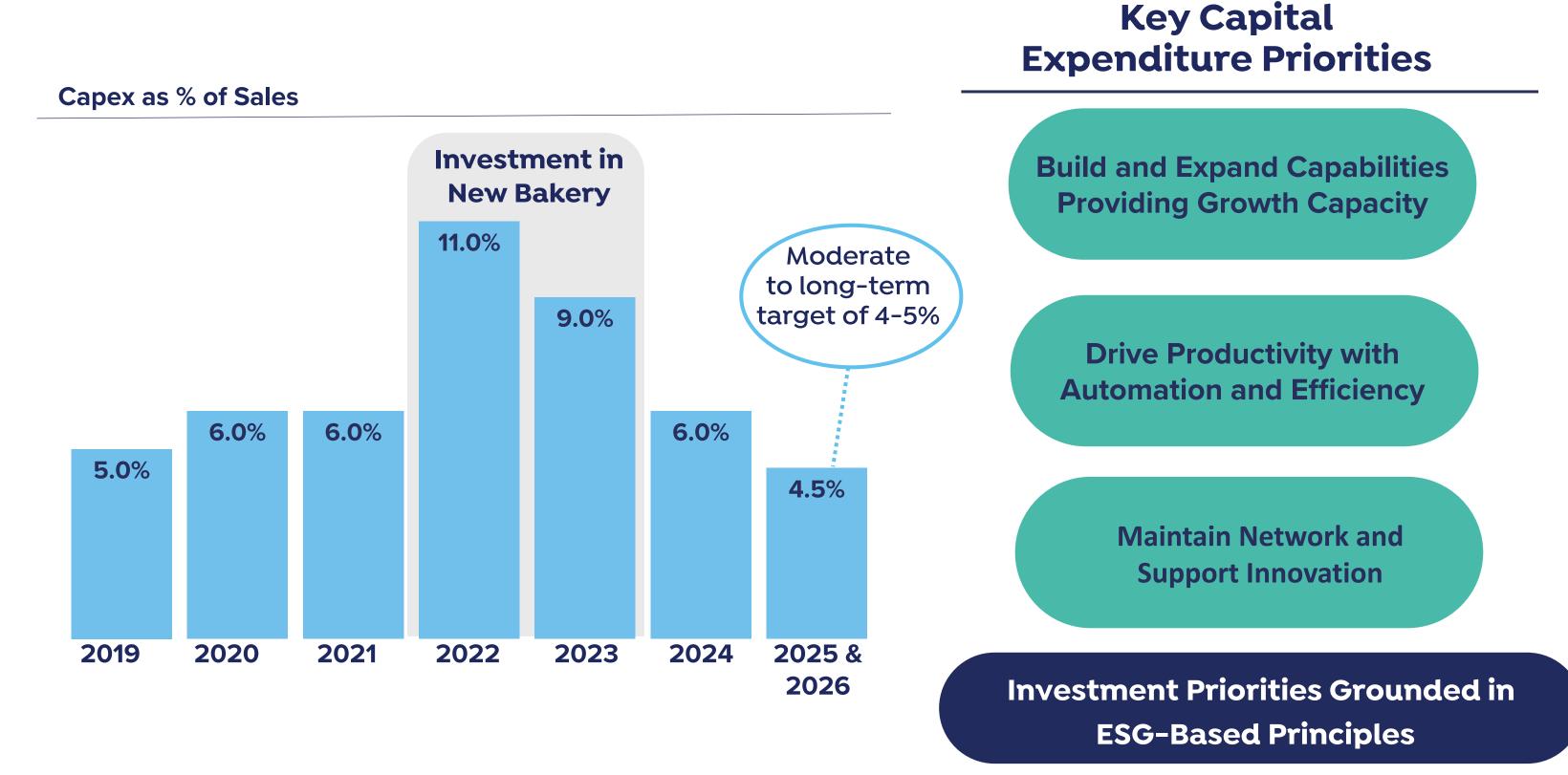
**Maintain Targeted Leverage** 

Target Net Debt to EBITDA leverage of 3-4x



#### Disciplined Capital Investment Behind Growth

Elevated capex in 2022/23 to support strong growth and productivity agenda





#### **Ample Firepower for Strategic Opportunities**

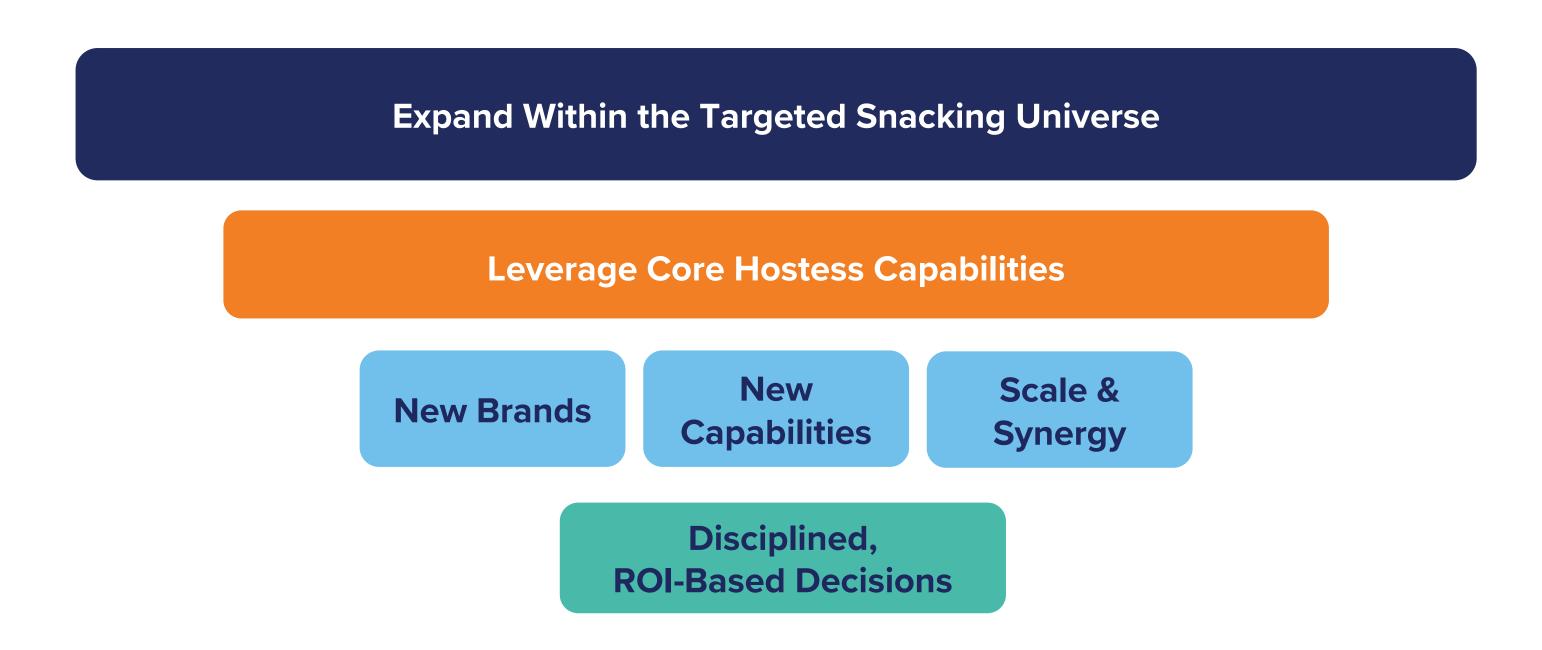
Up to \$1.5 to \$2.0 Billion available for strategic investments through 2026

\$1.5 - \$2.0 Billion **Significant Investing in Available Capital Firepower Expenditures Operating** within Target **for Organic Cash Flow Net Debt Growth** Free Leverage Cash Flow ~100% Cash Flow Conversion



## Well-Defined M&A "Funnel" to Pursue Growth and Capabilities

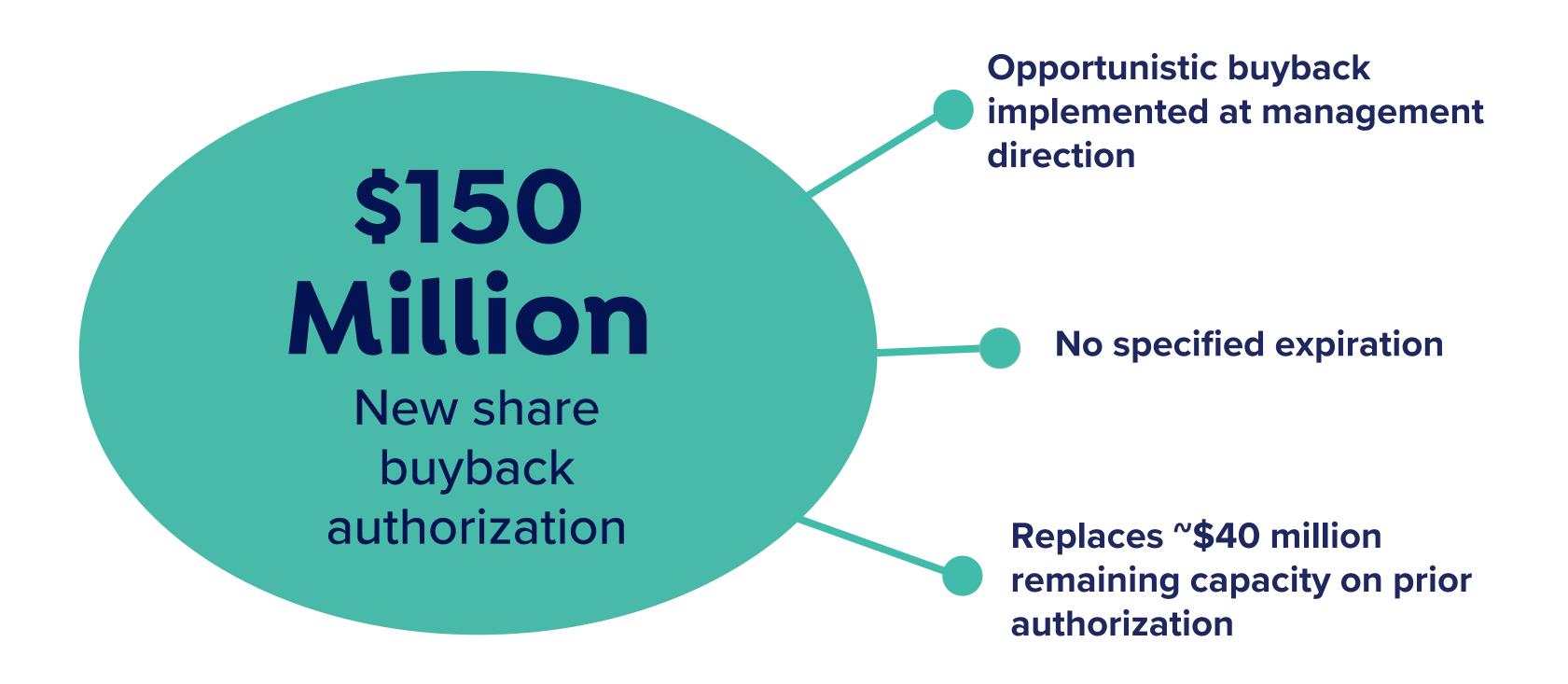
Prepared to look beyond core SBG categories to generate stronger sales and earnings growth





#### **Announcing New \$150M Share Buyback Authorization**

Increasing balance sheet flexibility enhances capital return to shareholders



#### Key Financial Takeaways



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New

LONG-TERM ALGORITHM

built on top-tier growth

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**FLYWHEEL** 

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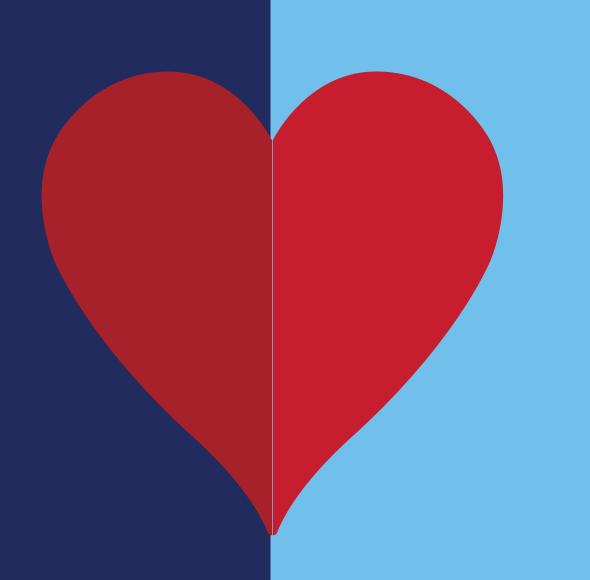
to deliver compelling shareholder returns



#### **Overall Key Takeaways**

- Poised to **CATAPULT** Hostess into the next phase of growth
- Building a snacking pure-play with unique access to **GROWING SPACES**, best-in-class **BUSINESS MODEL**, and accelerating **INNOVATION & MARKETING** capabilities
- Attractive LONG-TERM GROWTH ALGORITHM to UNLOCK top-tier shareholder returns

## thanks



## Appendix



#### **SPEAKER BIOS**



Andy Callahan

President and Chief Executive Officer

Andy Callahan has served as a member of our Board of Directors since April 2018 and as our President and Chief Executive Officer since May 2018. Mr. Callahan served as a member of the Tyson Foods Executive Leadership Team in multiple operations general management roles from August 2014 to September 2017, including President of North American Foodservice & International at Tyson Foods, Inc. from February 2017 until September 2017, and President of Retail Packaged Brands, including iconic brands such as Tyson®, Jimmy Dean®, Hillshire Farm®, Sara Lee®, Aidells® and Ball Park®, from August 2014 to February 2017. He served as an Executive Vice President and President of Retail at The Hillshire Brands Company (f/k/a Sara Lee Corporation), a producer of packaged meat and frozen bakery products, from June 2012 until its acquisition by Tyson in August 2014. Prior to joining The Hillshire Brands Company, Mr. Callahan served in positions of increasing responsibility in marketing, sales and general management for Sara Lee Corporation and Kraft Foods, Inc. Prior to joining Kraft Foods, Inc., Mr. Callahan spent seven years in the U.S. Navy as a Naval Flight Officer.



Mike Gernigin

Chief Accounting Officer, Interim Chief Financial Officer

Mike Gernigin has served as our Chief Accounting Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer since November 2021. Mike has been with the Company since September 2016 as the Corporate Controller. From September 2013 until September 2016, he served as Corporate Vice President, Controller at the former H.D. Smith Wholesale Drug Company, a pharmaceutical wholesaler, heading its core finance, accounting, treasury and tax functions. Prior to that, he served in various roles at KPMG LLP.



#### **SPEAKER BIOS**



Dan O'Leary

Chief Growth Officer

Dan O'Leary has served as our Chief Growth Officer since May, 2021. From February 2019 through April 2021, he was at Tyson Foods, serving first as Senior Vice President of the Hillshire Farm business unit, and then as of September 2019, as the Group General Manager of the Prepared Retail business, where he was responsible for P&L management of the following brands, among others: Jimmy Dean, Hillshire Farm, and Ball Park. From October 2014 through February 2019, he was Senior Vice President at Mizkan America with responsibility for marketing, consumer insights, R&D and key supply chain functions. From August 2004 through October 2014, Dan was at Kraft Foods in a variety of general management, marketing and sales roles.



Tina Lambert

Vice President Innovation & Growth

Tina Lambert has served as Vice President over Consumer Insights, Innovation and Marketing Activation since December 2020. Prior to joining Hostess Brands, Tina ran various innovation teams at Tyson Foods, Inc. from 2014 – 2020. Her roles at Tyson included running the agile Innovation Lab, Foodservice Innovation, Disruptive Innovation, and Innovation Strategy & Planning. As leader of Innovation Strategy & Planning, Tina ran the integration of innovation processes, systems and projects for Tyson Foods and Hillshire Brands after the acquisition. From 2010 to 2014 she acted as Marketing Director of Meals and Desserts Innovation for Kraft Foods working on brands including Jello®, Cool Whip® and Kraft Mac & Cheese®. Tina led Marketing Innovation in various roles at The Kellogg Company including on the Mini Wheats®, Special K®, Froot Loops®, Pop-Tarts® and Krave® brands from 2004 to 2010. She began her career at Procter & Gamble in 1999, holding brand management roles on brands including Sunny Delight® and Pringles®.



#### **Non-GAAP Reconciliations**

	Tillee Month's Ended December 31, 2021						Tillee Month's Ended December 31, 2020												
	Gross	i	Gross	Ope	rating	Net	Net Income	Diluted	G	Gross	Gross	Ор	erating	Net	Net Income	Cla	ass A	Diluted	Diluted
	Profit	:	Margin	Inc	ome:	Income	Margin	EPS	F	Profit	Margin	In	ncome	Income	Margin	Net	Income	Shares	EPS
GAAP results	\$ 11	0.4	37.1%	\$	54.0	\$ 36.5	12.3%	\$ 0.25	\$	95.8	37.4%	\$	44.2	\$ (0.7)	-0.3%	\$	(1.4)	128,353	(0.01)
Non-GAAP adjustments:																			
Foreign currency remeasurement		-	-		-	(0.3)	(0.1)	-		-	-		-	0.7	0.3		0.6	-	0.01
Acquisition, disposal and integration related costs (1)		-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-		0.3	0.3	0.1		0.3	-	-
Tax receivable agreement remeasurement		-	-		(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.5)	-		-	-		0.2	0.2	0.1		0.2	-	-
Impairment of property and equipment		-			-	-	-	-		-			3.0	3.0	1.2		2.9	-	0.02
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities		-	-		-	(1.2)	(0.4)	(0.01)		-	-		-	25.0	9.8		25.0	4,050	0.19
Project consulting costs (2)		-	-		3.6	3.6	1.2	0.03		-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-
Other (3)		0.2	0.1		8.0	1.0	0.3	0.01		-	-		-	0.5	0.2		0.5	-	-
Remeasurement of tax liabilities		-	-		-	(3.4)	(1.1)	(0.02)		-	-		-	0.8	0.3		8.0	-	0.01
Tax impact of adjustments		-	-		-	(0.8)	(0.3)	(0.01)		-	-		-	(1.1)	(0.4)		(1.1)	-	(0.01)
Adjusted Non-GAAP results	\$ 11	0.6	37.2%	\$	56.9	34.0	11.4	\$ 0.25	\$	95.8	37.4%	\$	47.7	28.7	11.3	\$	27.8	132,403	\$ 0.21
Income tax						13.0	4.4							8.7	3.4				
Interest expense						9.9	3.3							10.3	4.0				
Depreciation & amortization						13.7	4.6							13.9	5.4				
Share-based compensation						2.6	0.9							2.1	0.8				
Adjusted EBITDA						\$ 73.2	24.6%							\$ 63.7	24.9%				
Adjusted EBITDA					=	<b>\$</b> /3.2	24.6%						-	\$ 63.7	24.9%				

<sup>1.</sup> Acquisition, disposal and integration operating costs are included in general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statement of operations.

<sup>2.</sup> Project consulting costs are included in general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statement of operations.

In 2021, costs related to certain corporate initiatives, including \$0.5 million of Voortman acquisition related costs. Of the total \$1.0 million, \$0.2 million is included in cost of goods sold, \$0.6 million is included in general and administrative and \$0.2 million is included in other non-operating expenses.



Adjusted EBITDA

#### **Non-GAAP Reconciliations**

	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2021						Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2020									
	Gross	Gross	Operating	Net	Net Income	Diluted		Net	Gross	Gross	Operating	Net	Net Income	Class A	Diluted	
	Profit	Margin	Income	Income	Margin	EPS	R	evenue	Profit	Margin	Income	Income	Margin	Net Income	EPS	
GAAP results	\$ 410.0	35.9%	\$ 200.7	\$ 119.3	10.4%	\$ 0.86	\$	1,016.7	\$ 355.6	35.0%	\$ 135.3	\$ 108.3	10.7%	\$ 104.7	\$ 0.51	
Non-GAAP adjustments:																
Foreign currency remeasurement	-	-	-	(0.5)	-	-		-	-	-	-	2.1	0.2	2.0	0.02	
Acquisition, disposal and integration related costs (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-		6.8	8.0	0.5	29.2	29.2	2.7	27.6	0.22	
Facility transition costs	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	3.7	0.4	5.7	5.7	0.6	5.4	0.04	
Tax receivable agreement remeasurement	-	-	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.1)	(0.01)		-	-	-	0.8	0.8	0.1	8.0	-	
Impairment of property and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-		3.0	3.0	0.3	2.9	0.02	
COVID-19 costs (2)	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	2.1	0.2	2.4	2.4	0.2	2.3	0.02	
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	-	-	-	(0.6)	-	-		-	-		-	(39.9)	(3.9)	(39.9)	-	
Project consulting costs (3)	-	-	6.1	6.1	0.5	0.04		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other (4)	0.7	0.1	2.1	4.3	0.4	0.03		-	-	-	0.1	1.8	0.2	1.7	0.01	
Remeasurement of tax liabilities	-	-	-	(3.4)	(0.3)	(0.03)		-	-	-	-	(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.5)	-	
Tax impact of adjustments	-	-	-	(1.9)	(0.2)	(0.01)		-	-	-	-	(11.0)	(1.1)	(11.0)	(0.09)	
Adjusted Non-GAAP results	\$ 410.7	36.0%	\$ 207.5	122.0	10.7	\$ 0.88	\$	1,023.4	\$ 369.4	36.1%	\$ 176.4	101.8	9.9	\$ 95.9	\$ 0.75	
Income tax				45.7	4.0							31.8	3.1			
Interest expense				39.8	3.5							42.8	4.2			
Depreciation & amortization				51.7	4.5							54.9	5.4			
Share-based compensation				9.6	0.8							8.7	0.9			

1. Acquisition, disposal and integration operating costs include \$8.0 million of selling expense, \$8.6 million of general and administrative expenses and \$4.3 million of business combination transaction costs on the consolidated statement of operations.

\$ 268.8

- COVID-19 costs are included in cost of goods sold and general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statement of operations. Total COVID-19 non-GAAP adjustments primarily consist of costs of incremental cleaning and sanitation, personal protective equipment and employee bonuses.
- 3. Project consulting costs are included in general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statement of operations.
- 4. In 2021, costs related to certain corporate initiatives, including \$2.8 million of Voortman acquisition related costs. Of the total \$4.3 million, \$0.7 million is included in cost of goods sold, \$1.4 million is included in general and administrative and \$2.2 million is included in other non-operating expenses.

23.5%

\$ 240.1

23.5%



#### Non-GAAP Reconciliations

#### Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2018

	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2010									
	Gross	Gross	Operatin	g	Net	Net Income	Class A	Diluted		
	Profit	Margin	Income	l	ncome	Margin	Net Income	EPS		
GAAP results	\$ 267.3	31.4%	\$ 12	1.6 \$	160.6	18.9%	\$ 142.1	\$ 0.61		
Non-GAAP adjustments:										
Acquisition, disposal and integration related costs	10.1	1.2	10	.4	10.4	1.2	8.9	0.08		
Tax receivable agreement remeasurement	-	-	(1	8)	(14.2)	(1.7)	(14.2)	(0.14)		
Impairment of property and equipment	-	-	5	.0	5.0	0.6	4.2	0.04		
Special employee incentive compensation	2.0	0.2	3	3.4	3.4	0.4	2.9	0.02		
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	-	-		-	(79.2)	(9.3)	(79.2)	-		
Other	-	-	C	.6	0.8	0.1	0.6	-		
Remeasurement of tax liabilities	-	-		-	(5.4)	(0.6)	(5.4)	(0.05)		
Tax impact of adjustments	-	-		-	(2.0)	(0.2)	(2.0)	(0.02)		
Adjusted Non-GAAP results	\$ 279.4	32.8%	\$ 139	.2 \$	79.4	9.4%	\$ 57.9	\$ 0.54		
Income tax					20.4	2.4				
Interest expense					39.4	4.6				
Depreciation & amortization					41.4	4.9				
Share-based compensation					5.6	0.6				
Adjusted EBITDA				\$	186.2	21.9%				