

### **Quarterly Earnings Results Presentation**

Q3 2025 - November 4, 2025

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#### **Presentation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

In addition to the results provided in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") throughout this presentation the company has provided non-GAAP financial measures, which present results on a basis adjusted for certain items. The company uses these non-GAAP financial measures for business planning purposes and in measuring its performance relative to that of its competitors. The company believes that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful financial metrics to assess its operating performance from period-to-period by excluding certain items that the company believes are not representative of its core business. These non-GAAP financial measures are not intended to replace, and should not be considered superior to, the presentation of the company's financial results in accordance with GAAP. The use of the non-GAAP financial measures terms may differ from similar measures reported by other companies and may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures. These non-GAAP financial measures are reconciled from the respective measures under GAAP in the appendix below.

The company is not able to provide a reconciliation of the company's non-GAAP financial guidance to the corresponding GAAP measures without unreasonable effort because of the inherent difficulty in forecasting and quantifying certain amounts necessary for such a reconciliation such as certain non-cash, nonrecurring or other items that are included in net income and EBITDA as well as the related tax impacts of these items and asset dispositions / acquisitions and changes in foreign currency exchange rates that are included in cash flow, due to the uncertainty and variability of the nature and amount of these future charges and costs.

### Q3 2025 Financial Review



### Highlights for the 13 Weeks Ended September 27, 2025

- Net sales increased 8.0% to \$424.9 million versus Q3 2024
  - Hardware and Protective Solutions ("HPS") increased +10.0%
  - Robotics and Digital Solutions ("RDS") increased +3.3%
  - Canada decreased (0.2)%
- GAAP net income totaled \$23.2 million, or \$0.12 per diluted share, compared to \$7.4 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, in Q3 2024
- Adjusted Gross Margins totaled 51.7% compared to 48.2% in Q3 2024
- Adjusted EBITDA increased to \$88.0 million compared to \$64.8 million in Q3 2024
- Adjusted EBITDA margins were 20.7% compared to 16.5% in Q3 2024
- Net Debt / Adjusted EBITDA (ttm): 2.5x at quarter end, compared to 2.8x on December 28, 2024

### **Q3 2025 Operational Review**

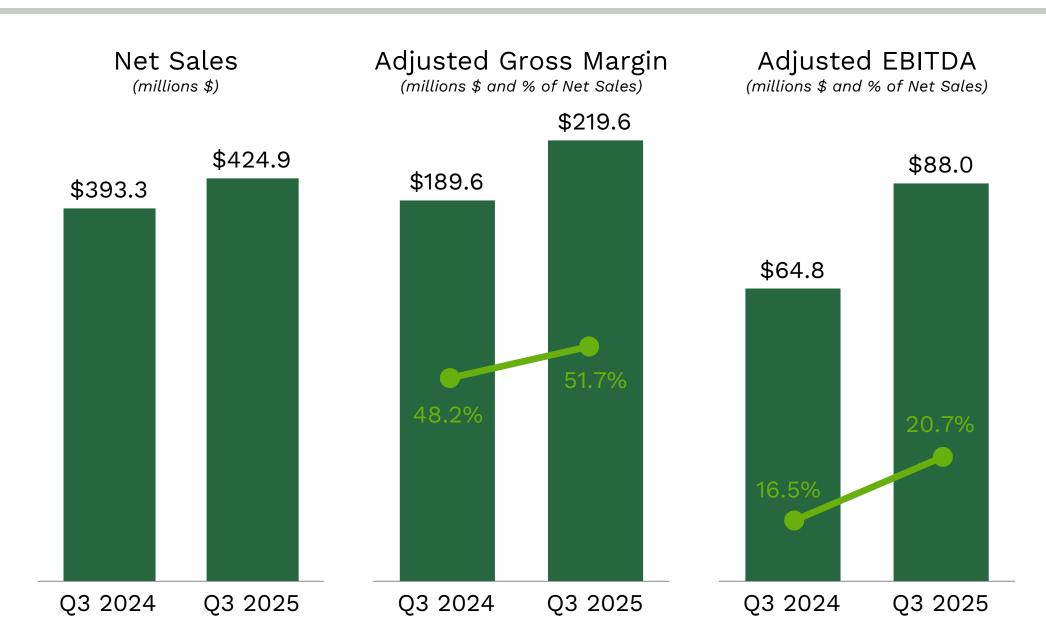


### Highlights for the 13 Weeks Ended September 27, 2025

- Continued taking great care of customers:
  - YTD fill rates averaged 97%
- Continue to pursue accretive M&A opportunities that:
  - Leverage the Hillman moat, and
  - Expand Hillman's pro, commercial, and industrial businesses
- During the quarter, Hillman continued to optimize its "dual faucet" supply chain strategy:
  - Dual source products in different countries
  - Diversify the country of origin to have the ability to reduce China exposure
- Repurchased \$325.6 thousand shares of its common stock at an average price of \$9.72 per share, which totaled \$3.2 million

### **Quarterly Financial Performance**





## **Quarterly Performance**

#### by Product Category



Hardware & Protective	Q3 2025	Q3 2024	Δ	
Thirteen weeks ended	9/27/2025	9/28/2024		Comments
Revenues	\$329,122	\$299,286	10.0%	Driven by M&A, new business, and price
Adjusted EBITDA	\$65,840	\$41,868	57.3%	Q3 2024 included True Value adjustment
Margin (Adj. EBITDA/Net Sales)	20.0%	14.0%	600 bps	
Robotics & Digital	Q3 2025	Q3 2024	Δ	
Thirteen weeks ended	9/27/2025	9/28/2024		Comments
Revenues	\$58,573	\$56,688	3.3%	Supported by MinuteKey 3.5 rollout
Adjusted EBITDA	\$18,390	\$18,431	(0.2)%	
Margin (Adj. EBITDA/Net Sales)	31.4%	32.5%	(110) bps	
Canada	Q3 2025	Q3 2024	Δ	
Thirteen weeks ended	9/27/2025	9/28/2024		Comments
Revenues	\$37,244	\$37,322	(0.2)%	Soft market and economy; FX headwinds
Adjusted EBITDA	\$3,796	\$4,506	(15.8)%	
Margin (Adj. EBITDA/Net Sales)	10.2%	12.1%	(190) bps	
Consolidated	Q3 2025	Q3 2024	Δ	
Thirteen weeks ended	9/27/2025	9/28/2024		
Revenues	\$424,939	\$393,296	8.0%	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$88,026	\$64,805	35.8%	
Margin (Adj. EBITDA/Net Sales)	20.7%	16.5%	420 bps	

Please see reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Net Income in the Appendix of this presentation. Figures in Thousands of USD unless otherwise noted.

### **YTD Performance**

### **by Product Category**



Hardware & Protective	Q3 2025	Q3 2024	Δ	
Thirty-nine weeks ended	9/27/2025	9/28/2024		Comments
Revenues	\$913,055	\$843,964	8.2%	Driven by M&A, new business, and price
Adjusted EBITDA	\$155,639	\$120,081	29.6%	Q3 2024 included True Value adjustment
Margin (Adj. EBITDA/Net Sales)	17.0%	14.2%	280 bps	
Robotics & Digital	Q3 2025	Q3 2024	Δ	
Thirty-nine weeks ended	9/27/2025	9/28/2024		Comments
Revenues	\$167,003	\$162,969	2.5%	Supported by MinuteKey 3.5 rollout
Adjusted EBITDA	\$50,700	\$51,398	(1.4)%	
Margin (Adj. EBITDA/Net Sales)	30.4%	31.5%	(110) bps	
Canada	Q3 2025	Q3 2024	Δ	
Thirty-nine weeks ended	9/27/2025	9/28/2024		Comments
Revenues	\$107,027	\$116,100	(7.8)%	Soft market and economy; FX headwinds
Adjusted EBITDA	\$11,441	\$14,005	(18.3)%	
Margin (Adj. EBITDA/Net Sales)	10.7%	12.1%	(140) bps	
Consolidated	Q3 2025	Q3 2024	Δ	
Thirty-nine weeks ended	9/27/2025	9/28/2024		
Revenues	\$1,187,085	\$1,123,033	5.7%	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$217,780	\$185,484	17.4%	
Margin (Adj. EBITDA/Net Sales)	18.3%	16.5%	180 bps	

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## **Quarterly Revenue**

#### by Product Category



	Hardware & Protective	Robotics & Digital	Canada	Total Revenue
Thirteen weeks ended September 27, 2025				
Fastening and Hardware	\$249,174	<b>\$</b> —	\$33,264	\$282,438
Personal Protective	79,948	_	1,380	81,328
Keys and Key Fobs	_	48,733	2,595	51,328
Engraving and Resharp	_	9,840	5	9,845
Total Revenue	\$329,122	\$58,573	\$37,244	\$424,939

	Hardware & Protective	Robotics & Digital	Canada	Total Revenue
Thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2024				
Fastening and Hardware	\$228,293	<b>\$</b> —	\$33,918	\$262,211
Personal Protective	70,993	_	724	71,717
Keys and Key Fobs	_	45,152	2,674	47,826
Engraving and Resharp	_	11,536	6	11,542
Total Revenue	\$299,286	\$56,688	\$37,322	\$393,296

### **YTD Revenue**

#### **by Product Category**



	Hardware & Protective	Robotics & Digital	Canada	Total Revenue
Thirty-nine weeks ended September 27, 2025				
Fastening and Hardware	\$703,288	\$—	\$95,719	\$799,007
Personal Protective	209,767	_	4,260	214,027
Keys and Key Fobs	_	137,766	7,026	144,792
Engraving and Resharp	_	29,237	22	29,259
Total Revenue	\$913,055	\$167,003	\$107,027	\$1,187,085

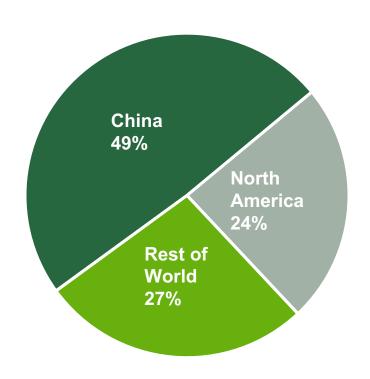
	Hardware & Protective	Robotics & Digital	Canada	Total Revenue
Thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2024				
Fastening and Hardware	\$680,486	\$—	\$106,109	\$786,595
Personal Protective	163,478	_	3,327	166,805
Keys and Key Fobs	—	127,277	6,634	133,911
Engraving and Resharp	_	35,692	30	35,722
Total Revenue	\$843,964	\$162,969	\$116,100	\$1,123,033

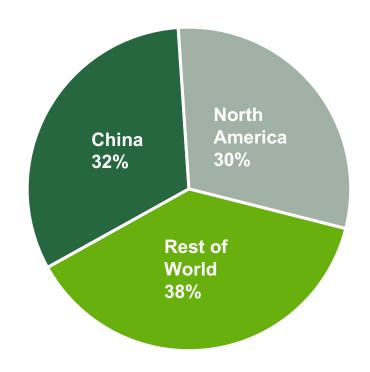
### Hillman's Diversified Supply Chain



## 2018 SUPPLIER COUNTRY OF ORIGIN Approximate Spend FY

2025 SUPPLIER COUNTRY OF ORIGIN Approximate Spend YTD 2025





- Over the past several years, Hillman has lowered its exposure to suppliers based in China
- Accelerating "Dual Faucet" strategy; sourcing from multiple suppliers in multiple countries
- This flexible supply chain allows Hillman to deliver quality products at the best overall value for its customers; mitigating potential tariff impact
- Depending on tariffs and total cost, Hillman will continue to push toward having the ability to source
   ~20% from China by the end of 2025

### **Capital Structure**

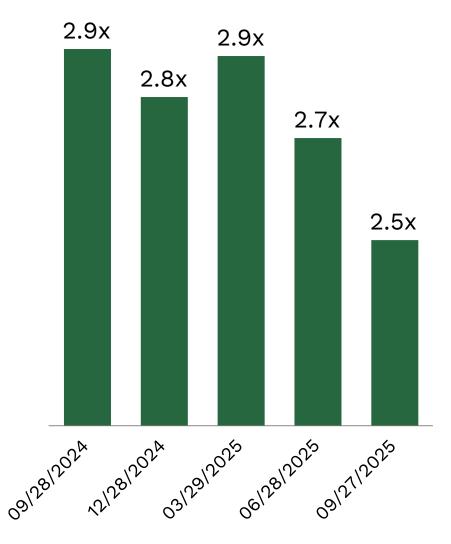


# Leverage holding below 3x; will continue to delever, buy stock back, and/or execute M&A

September 27, 2025	millions \$
ABL Revolver (\$239.2m available)	\$49.0
Term Note	\$639.1
Finance Leases and Other Obligations	\$21.4
Total Debt	\$709.5
Cash	\$37.7
Net Debt	\$671.8
TTM Adjusted EBITDA	\$274.0
Net Debt/ TTM Adjusted EBITDA	2.5x

### **Total Net Leverage**

(Net Debt / TTM Adj. EBITDA)



Please see reconciliation of Non-GAAP metrics Adjusted EBITDA and Net Debt in the Appendix of this presentation.

### 2025 Full Year Guidance



On November 4, 2025, Hillman reiterated its Net Sales and year-end leverage guidance; while raising the midpoint of its Adjusted EBITDA guidance, which was most recently provided on August 5, 2025 with Hillman's Q2 2025 results.

(in millions USD)	Previous FY 2025 Guidance Range	Updated FY 2025 Guidance Range
Net Sales	\$1.535 to \$1.575 billion	\$1.535 to \$1.575 billion
Adjusted EBITDA	\$265 to \$275 million	\$270 to \$275 million
Year-end leverage	2.4x leverage at year end	2.4x leverage at year end

### **Key Takeaways**



#### Resilient Business; Focused on Diversifying Supply Chain

- Business has 60+ year track record of success; proven to be resilient through multiple economic cycles with great long-term partnerships with customers
- Hillman products are utilized for repair, maintenance and remodel projects; products are generally low-cost and a very small percentage of a given project
- 1,200-member sales and service team and direct-to-store fulfillment continue to provide competitive advantages and strengthen competitive moat drives new business wins
- Given the tariff environment, Hillman working to diversify its supply chain to optimize costs and value; working to mitigate higher costs

#### Historical Long-term Annual Growth Targets (Organic):

Revenue Growth: +6% & Adj. EBITDA Growth: +10%

### Historical Long-term Annual Growth Targets (incl. Acquisitions):

Revenue Growth: +10% & Adj. EBITDA Growth: +15%



## **Appendix**







#### Indispensable partner embedded with winning retailers





Customers love us, trust us and rely on us



Market and innovation leader across multiple categories



Large, predictable, growing and resilient end markets



Significant runway for incremental growth: Organic + M&A





Management team with proven operational and M&A expertise

Strong financial profile with 60+ year track record

### Hillman: Overview



#### Who We Are

- We are a leading North American provider of hardware products and solutions, including;
  - Hardware and home improvement products
  - Protective and job site gear including work gloves and job site storage
  - Robotic kiosk technologies ("RDS"): Key duplication, engraving & knife sharpening
- Our differentiated service model provides direct to-store shipping, in-store service, and category management solutions
- We have long-standing strategic partnerships with leading retailers across North America:
  - Home Depot, Lowes, Walmart, Tractor Supply, and ACE Hardware
- Founded in 1964; HQ in Cincinnati, Ohio

#### 2024: By The Numbers

<b>~19 billion</b> Fasteners Sold	<b>~222 million</b> Pairs of Work Gloves Sold	<b>~106+ million</b> Keys Duplicated
<b>~111,000</b> SKUs Managed	<b>~29,000</b> Direct Shipping Retail Locations	<b>~31,500</b> Kiosks in  Retail Locations
#1 Position Across Core Categories*	<b>7.4%</b> Sales CAGR over past 10 years	<b>61-Year</b> Track record of success
<b>\$1.5 billion</b> 2024 Sales	9.6% CAGR 2018-2024 Adj. EBITDA Growth	<b>16.4%</b> 2024 Adj. EBITDA Margin

### **Primary Product Categories**



#### **Hardware Solutions**

#### **Robotics & Digital Solutions**

#### **#1 in Segment**

Fasteners & Specialty

Construction Fasteners

HILLMAN









Builders Hardware & Metal Shapes



**Picture** 

Hanging

STEELWORKS

HILLMAN





**Rope & Chain** 



#### **#1 in Segment**

**Protective Solutions** 

**Work Gear** 

Gloves













Safety / PPE









#### **#1 in Segment**

**Key and Fob Duplication** 









Personalized Tags

Knife Sharpening







Representative Top Customers











### **Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation**



Thirteen weeks ended	September 27, 2025	<b>September 28, 2024</b>
Net income	\$23,192	\$7,434
Income tax expense (benefit)	8,020	4,372
Interest expense, net	14,692	15,108
Depreciation	20,100	17,948
Amortization	15,265	15,354
EBITDA	\$81,269	\$60,216
Stock compensation expense	3,904	3,257
Restructuring and other (1)	749	1,322
Litigation expense (2)	1,950	<del>-</del>
Transaction and integration expense (3)	87	477
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	67	(467)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$88,026	\$64,805

#### Footnotes:

- 1. Includes consulting and other costs associated with severance related to our distribution center relocations and corporate restructuring activities.
- 2. Litigation expense includes an accrual for the tentative settlement of a California wage-hour class action / Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) claim.
- 3. Transaction and integration expense includes professional fees and other costs related to the Koch Industries, Inc. and Intex DIY, Inc. acquisitions.

## **Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation**



Thirty-nine weeks ended	September 27, 2025	September 28, 2024
Net income	\$38,707	\$18,477
Income tax expense	14,579	9,003
Interest expense, net	43,044	44,316
Depreciation	59,343	50,583
Amortization	45,937	45,857
EBITDA	\$201,610	\$168,236
Stock compensation expense	10,739	9,742
Restructuring and other (1)	2,860	3,192
Litigation expense (2)	1,950	<del>-</del>
Transaction and integration expense (3)	215	993
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	(500)	313
Refinancing costs (4)	906	3,008
Adjusted EBITDA	\$217,780	\$185,484

#### **Footnotes:**

- 1. Includes consulting and other costs associated with severance related to our distribution center relocations and corporate restructuring activities.
- 2. Litigation expense includes an accrual for the tentative settlement of a California wage-hour class action / Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) claim.
- 3. Transaction and integration expense includes professional fees and other costs related to the Koch Industries, Inc. and Intex DIY, Inc. acquisitions.
- 4. In the first quarters of 2025 and 2024, we entered into a Repricing Amendment (2025 Repricing Amendment and 2024 Repricing Amendment) on our existing Senior Term Loan due July 14, 2028

### **Adjusted Gross Margin Reconciliation**



Thirteen weeks ended	September 27, 2025	September 28, 2024
Net Sales	\$424,939	\$393,296
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	205,378	203,700
Gross margin exclusive of depreciation and amortization	\$219,561	\$189,596
Gross margin exclusive of depreciation and amortization %	51.7 %	48.2 %
Adjusting Items:	_	_
Adjusted Gross Profit	\$219,561	\$189,596
Adjusted Gross Margin %	51.7 %	48.2 %

Thirty-nine weeks ended	September 27, 2025	September 28, 2024
Net Sales	\$1,187,085	\$1,123,033
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	604,456	581,806
Gross margin exclusive of depreciation and amortization	\$582,629	\$541,227
Gross margin exclusive of depreciation and amortization %	49.1 %	48.2 %
Adjusting Items:	_	_
Adjusted Gross Profit	\$582,629	\$541,227
Adjusted Gross Margin %	49.1 %	48.2 %

# **Adjusted SG&A Expense Reconciliation**



Thirteen weeks ended	September 27, 2025	September 28, 2024
Net sales	\$424,939	\$393,296
Selling, general and administrative expenses	138,342	130,261
SG&A as a % of Net Sales	32.6 %	33.1 %
SG&A Adjusting Items <sup>(1)</sup> :		
Stock compensation expense	3,904	3,257
Restructuring	749	1,322
Litigation expense	1,950	_
Acquisition and integration expense	87	477
Adjusted SG&A	\$131,652	\$125,205
Adjusted SG&A as a % of Net Sales	31.0 %	31.8 %

Thirty-nine weeks ended	September 27, 2025	September 28, 2024
Net sales	\$1,187,085	\$1,123,033
Selling, general and administrative expenses	381,101	369,980
SG&A as a % of Net Sales	32.1 %	32.9 %
SG&A Adjusting Items <sup>(1)</sup> :		
Stock compensation expense	10,739	9,742
Restructuring	2,860	3,192
Acquisition and integration expense	215	993
Customer bankruptcy reserve	<del>-</del>	_
Adjusted SG&A	\$365,337	\$356,053
Adjusted SG&A as a % of Net Sales	30.8 %	31.7 %

<sup>1.</sup> See adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation for details of adjusting items

# **Net Debt & Free Cash Flow Reconciliations**



#### **Reconciliation of Net Debt**

As of	September 27, 2025	<b>December 28, 2024</b>	
Revolving loans	\$49,000	\$62,000	
Senior term loan	639,088	645,470	
Finance leases and other obligations	21,434	11,085	
Gross debt	\$709,522	\$718,555	
Less cash	37,731	44,510	
Net debt	\$671,791	\$674,045	

#### **Reconciliation of Free Cash Flow**

Thirteen weeks ended	September 27, 2025	September 28, 2024
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$26,237	\$63,711
Capital expenditures	(17,172)	(24,118)
Free cash flow	\$9,065	\$39,593
Thirty-nine weeks ended		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$74,289	\$140,187
Capital expenditures	(55,347)	(64,196)
Free cash flow	\$18,942	\$75,991

# **Segment Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliations**



Thirteen weeks ended September 27, 2025	HPS	RDS	Canada
Operating income	\$38,935	\$5,626	\$1,343
Depreciation & amortization	22,007	12,107	1,251
Stock compensation expense	3,010	405	489
Restructuring and other	24	12	713
Litigation expense	1,780	170	
Transaction and integration expense	84	3	_
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	_	67	_
Adjusted EBITDA	\$65,840	\$18,390	\$3,796

Thirteen weeks ended September 28, 2024	HPS	RDS	Canada
Operating income	\$17,673	\$6,879	\$2,362
Depreciation & amortization	20,811	11,334	1,157
Stock compensation expense	2,900	283	74
Restructuring	19	390	913
Transaction and integration expense	465	12	_
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	_	(467)	_
Adjusted EBITDA	\$41,868	\$18,431	\$4,506

# **Segment Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliations**



Thirty-nine weeks ended September 27, 2025	HPS	RDS	Canada
Operating income	\$76,077	\$14,991	\$6,168
Depreciation & amortization	66,516	35,099	3,665
Stock compensation expense	8,929	856	954
Restructuring and other	2,129	77	654
Litigation expense	1,780	170	<u> </u>
Transaction and integration expense	208	7	_
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	_	(500)	_
Adjusted EBITDA	\$155,639	\$50,700	\$11,441

Thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2024	HPS	RDS	Canada
Operating income	\$48,905	\$18,005	\$7,894
Depreciation & amortization	61,198	31,502	3,740
Stock compensation expense	8,383	802	557
Restructuring	631	747	1,814
Transaction and integration expense	964	29	_
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	_	313	_
Adjusted EBITDA	\$120,081	\$51,398	\$14,005