



# FY22 RESULTS PRESENTATION

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# FY22 RESULTS OVERVIEW

RODNEY ORROCK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# FY22 OVERVIEW

RESILIENT BUSINESS DELIVERING STRONG RETURNS THROUGH THE CYCLE

Revenue

**\$622.2m**

(FY21: \$663.2m)

**Online sales +15.6% yoy**

LFL revenue growth

**-0.7%**

**Q4: +6.4%**

Gross margin

**49.1%**

(FY21: 48.9%)

**Gross profit: \$305.4m**

Net cash

**\$36.7m**

(FY21: \$35.7m)

**Inventory: \$95.0m**

EBITDA

**\$62.5m**

(FY21: \$71.6m)

EBITDA margin

**10.0%**

(FY21: 10.8%)

NPAT

**\$41.1m**

(FY21: \$47.0m)

**EPS: 29.2¢<sup>3</sup>**

Dividend

**12¢ per share**

**8.8% dividend yield<sup>4</sup>**

**79.8% payout ratio<sup>5</sup>**

# OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

## DISCIPLINED EXECUTION DELIVERS STRONG MARGIN PERFORMANCE

- Core non-discretionary lines drive significantly improved performance in H2
- Strong sales momentum in Q4 with LFL sales up +6.4%
- Adapted effectively to changing consumer behaviour due to COVID
- Managed operational disruption from elevated absenteeism as a result of COVID
- More than 2,500 new team members onboarded
- Impact of inflation and supply chain disruption well managed
- Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) system implemented
- Cybersecurity audit and systems upgrade
- POS replacement project underway, with discovery, scoping and solution design completed
- Australian Cotton sourcing and tracing established, with volume committed for FY23



# OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

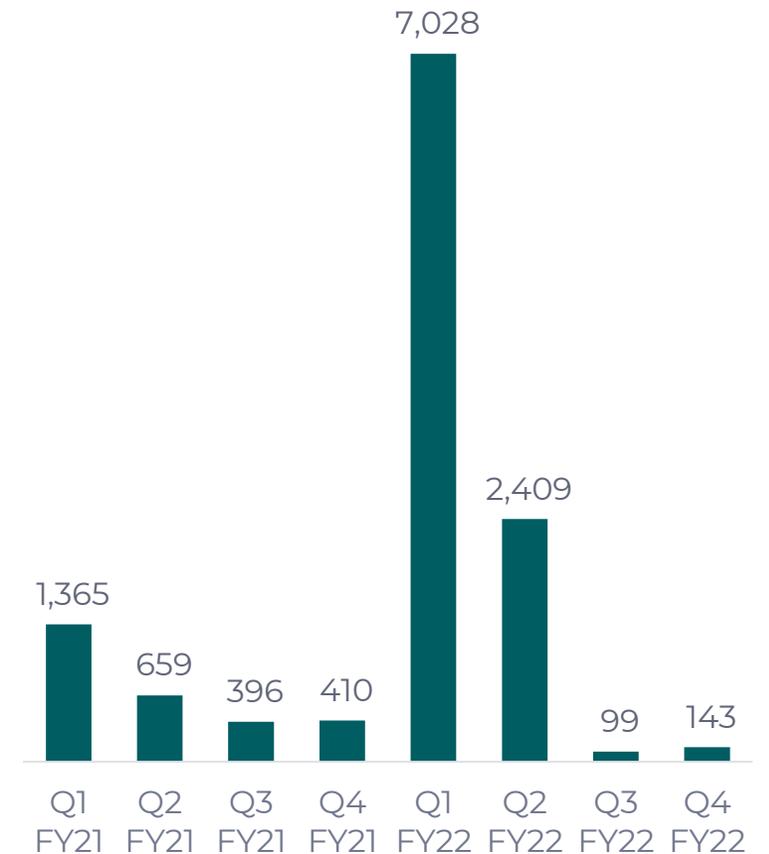
SUPPORTING OUR CUSTOMERS, PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

- 9,679 (10.8%) total trading days lost in FY22 result in over \$50 million of lost sales vs. plan
- Mount Druitt, Toormina, Gympie and Lismore stores closed for extended periods due to storms and flooding
- Foot traffic and consumer behaviour impacted post-lockdowns
- New store openings delayed due to availability of trades and materials

## OUR RESPONSE

- Reopened 44 NSW stores during lockdown for essential products
- Introduced diverse store fulfilment options to mitigate sales impact
- Adjusted orders and moved inventory with agility
- Reduced CODB to offset impact of lower sales and support strong EBITDA outcome
- Supply chain, shipping and labour costs well managed
- Paid COVID-19 leave and vaccination leave to support team members

Lost trading days by quarter



# MANAGING OUR SUPPLY CHAIN

## INFLATION

- COGS inflation managed through selective price increases enabled by 'good, better, best' pricing strategy and cost mitigation negotiations with suppliers
- ASP continues to grow, up 3.2% in FY22

## SHIPPING COSTS

- 75%<sup>1</sup> of orders executed on contract rates significantly lower than spot rates
- Increased lead times to protect against shipping disruption

## INVENTORY

- Inventory \$95.0 million at end FY22 includes \$19.1 million new stock on water to ensure stock availability ahead of key summer selling period
- Clear-as-you-go approach maintains aged inventory at recent low levels (1.7%<sup>2</sup> of total inventory, FY21: 1.8%<sup>3</sup>)
- Disciplined promotional activity to clear seasonal stock

1. % of containers shipped to Australia.  
2. As at 22 August 2022.

3. As at 22 August 2021.





# FY22 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

ANDREW MOORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE <sup>1</sup>	FY22	FY21	Var	FY20	Var
<b>Pro forma financial summary</b>					
Revenue (\$m)	<b>622.2</b>	663.2	-6.2%	625.0	-0.4%
Gross profit (\$m)	<b>305.4</b>	324.5	-5.9%	278.6	+9.6%
Gross margin (%)	<b>49.1%</b>	48.9%	+20bps	44.6%	+450bps
Total CODB (\$m)	<b>242.9</b>	252.9	-4.0%	251.6	-3.5%
EBITDA (\$m)	<b>62.5</b>	71.6	-12.7%	27.0	+131.5%
EBITDA margin (%)	<b>10.0%</b>	10.8%	-80bps	4.3%	+570bps
NPAT (\$m)	<b>41.1</b>	47.0	-12.6%	16.1	+155.3%
<b>Key financial metrics</b>					
Number of stores	<b>242</b>	245	-3	250	-8
Online sales growth (%)	<b>+15.6%</b>	+33.5%	-	+56.8%	-
LFL revenue growth (%)	<b>-0.7%</b>	10.8%	-	+4.8%	-
Trading days lost	<b>9,679</b>	2,830	+242%	3,151	+207%

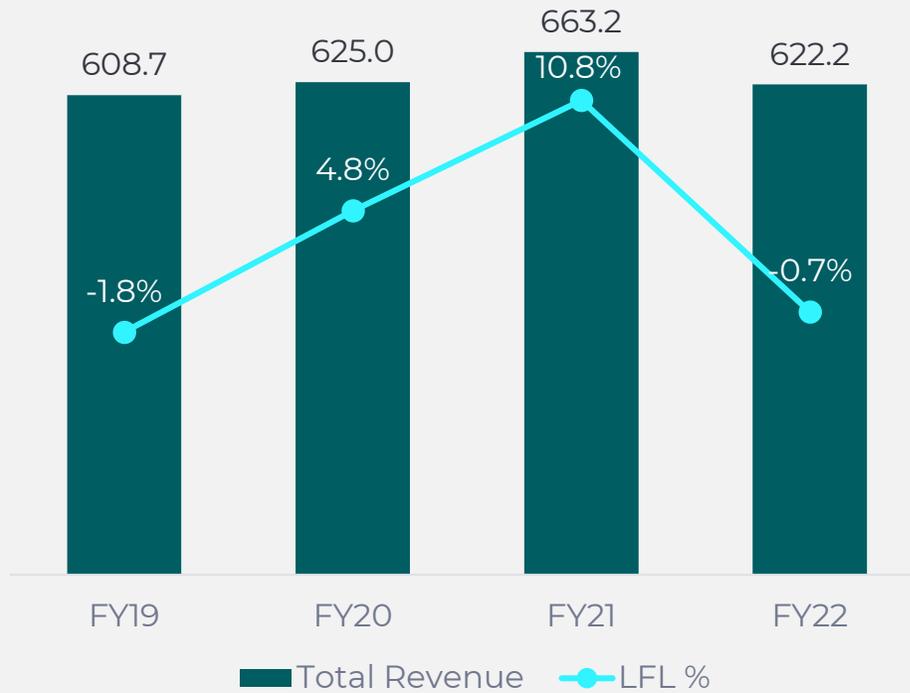
## Highlights<sup>2</sup>

- Resilient performance despite 10.8% lost trading days, with revenue down -6.2% on FY21
- Online revenue +15.6%, now 11.3% of total (FY21: 9.2%)
- LFL sales down -0.7%, strong momentum in Q4, up +6.4%
- Gross margin up +20bps (+450bps on FY20), with agile inventory management and targeted margin reductions to clear seasonal inventory
- Strong double-digit EBITDA margin of 10.0%

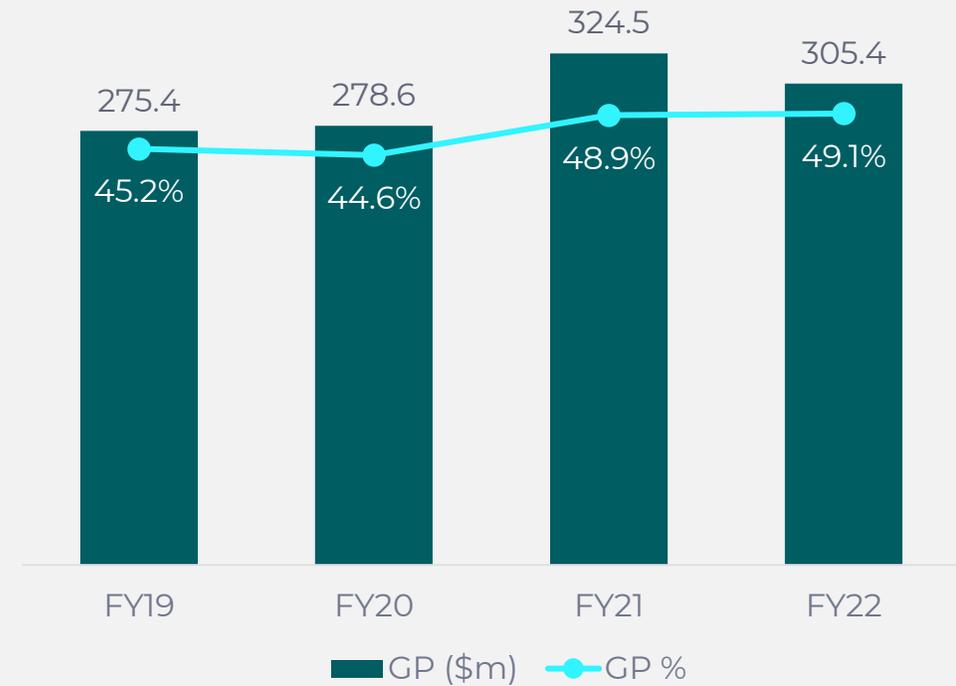
# GROSS MARGIN

VERTICAL RETAIL MODEL DELIVERS STABLE GROSS MARGIN OF 49.1%

## Sales



## Gross profit



# BALANCE SHEET

\$m	3 July 2022	27 June 2021
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	36.7	35.7
Inventories	95.0	80.5
Property, plant and equipment	15.2	9.8
Right-of-use assets	198.0	186.6
Intangibles	11.3	11.8
Other assets	20.5	18.5
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>376.7</b>	<b>342.9</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	62.0	72.2
Borrowings	-	-
Lease liabilities	213.2	197.7
Provisions	7.3	7.3
Income tax payable	6.6	8.1
Employee benefits	14.9	14.5
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>304.0</b>	<b>299.8</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>43.1</b>
<b>Net cash/(debt)</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>35.7</b>

## Highlights<sup>1</sup>

- Robust net cash position of \$36.7 million
- Inventory of \$95.0 million includes \$19.1 million new stock on water
- Aged inventory of \$1.9 million is 2.1% of total inventory (FY21: \$1.4 million (1.6%), FY20: \$5.3 million (7.4%))
- Undrawn working capital facilities with CBA (\$40 million) and BNZ (NZ\$5.5 million), provides flexibility and headroom to fund growth strategy
- Trade and other payables in FY21 included \$5.6 million IPO costs and \$3.9 million associated with management equity plan

# CASH FLOW

\$m	FY22	FY21
EBITDA	62.5	71.6
Non-cash items	0.6	(0.4)
<b><i>Changes in working capital</i></b>		
Inventory	(14.5)	(8.2)
Receivables and prepayments	(0.2)	1.6
Trade and other payables	1.0	(4.7)
<b>Operating cash flow</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>59.8</b>
Capital expenditure (net of landlord contributions)	(6.2)	(4.1)
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>55.7</b>

## Highlights

- Operating cash flow of \$49.4 million
- Operating cash flow conversion 79.0%
- Free cash flow of \$43.2 million
- Free cash flow conversion 69.1%
- Capex increased by 51% due to six new stores, 17 refurbishments and four relocations
- Capex expected to increase in FY23 with 11 new stores opening, more refurbishments scheduled, new POS rollout and further systems upgrades
- \$36.7 million cash and no debt
- \$13.8 million in dividend payments in FY22

# STRATEGY UPDATE

RODNEY ORROCK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# OPPORTUNITY FROM ACCELERATED MIGRATION TO VALUE

Privileged relationship with mum	BLG favourably positioned
	Baby is the entry point
	Better quality than DDS, better value than specialty
	Differentiated market positioning
	#1 retailer in Australia for low price and #2 for value for money <sup>1</sup>
	90% of items sold under \$20
	Low ASP of \$8.33

# OMNICHANNEL PROGRESS

## Investment delivering results

- Adapted effectively to changing consumer preference for online shopping during COVID
- Over 45% of online orders fulfilled through stores
- Mobile accounted for 73% of online sales
- Online category hubs delivered higher engagement and conversion
- Effective digital marketing
- 1.88 million loyalty members<sup>1</sup>, +10% on FY21
- Friends Club NPS up 8pts to +37, drove higher engagement and shopping frequency<sup>2</sup>

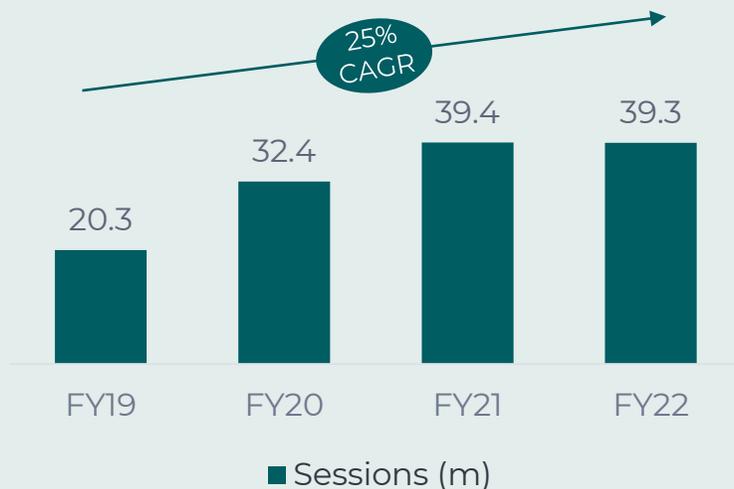
### Coming up in FY23

- Relaunching consumer website
- Using AI to deliver personalised customer experience
- Launching mobile app 2.0
- Online sales % expected to moderate as customers return to stores

### Online sales growth



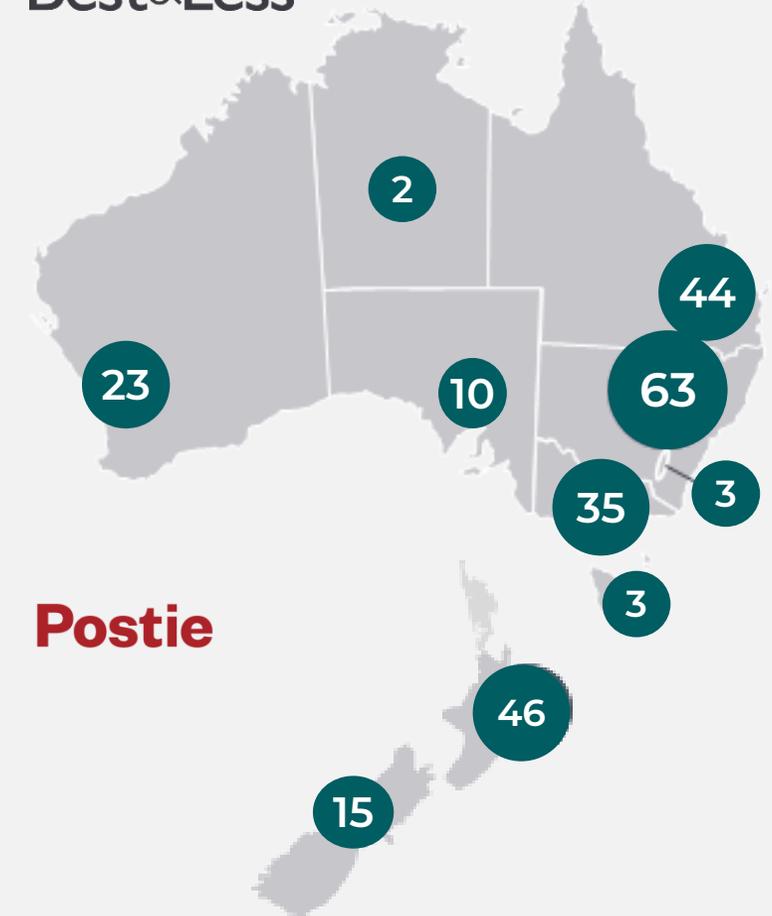
### Website sessions



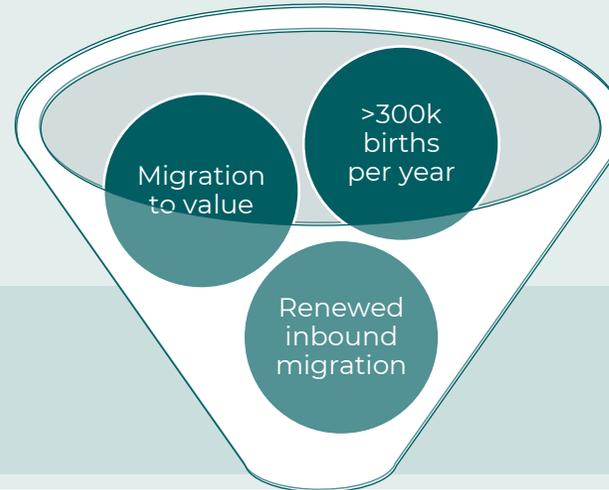
# STORE NETWORK EXPANSION

- Six new stores opened in FY22
- Four store relocations, including two to larger sites
- Nine stores closed, including five planned closures
- Agreements to open 11 new stores in FY23, with three additional relocations to larger sites
- Remain willing to discontinue leases where there is no compelling commercial rationale
- Store profile to remain equally weighted between metro and regional

## Best&Less



# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Value market growth drivers



Market share initiatives

Increase share in baby

Increase share in kids

Increase share in womenswear

Above market online sales growth

Targeted store network expansion

Strategic enablers

Enhance data capability and CRM to improve customer experience and drive loyalty

Further our commitment to operating sustainably

Proactively manage gross margin, CODB and working capital

Outcomes

Increased sales, stable GM%, CODB leverage

Sustainable growth in EBITDA, EBIT and NPAT

Increase cash flow and dividends

# TRADING UPDATE & OUTLOOK

RODNEY ORROCK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# FY23 TRADING UPDATE & OUTLOOK



- Through eight weeks of trading in FY23 total sales +38.0%<sup>1</sup> with LFL sales +1.4% (store sales +7.5%, online sales -29.1%)
- Foot traffic remains below pre-COVID levels but is recovering
- Customer conversion rates elevated and average selling prices increasing, driving sales growth and mitigating input cost price increases

## Outlook

- Inflationary environment expected to accelerate migration to value
- Non-discretionary offer and unique value proposition to continue to drive sales
- Disciplined execution of growth strategy, including expanding store footprint
- Focus on maintaining gross profit margin and managing costs and inventory
- Continue to upgrade our systems and data capability
- Given ongoing economic uncertainty, BLG is not providing sales or earnings guidance at this time

Q&A



# APPENDIX



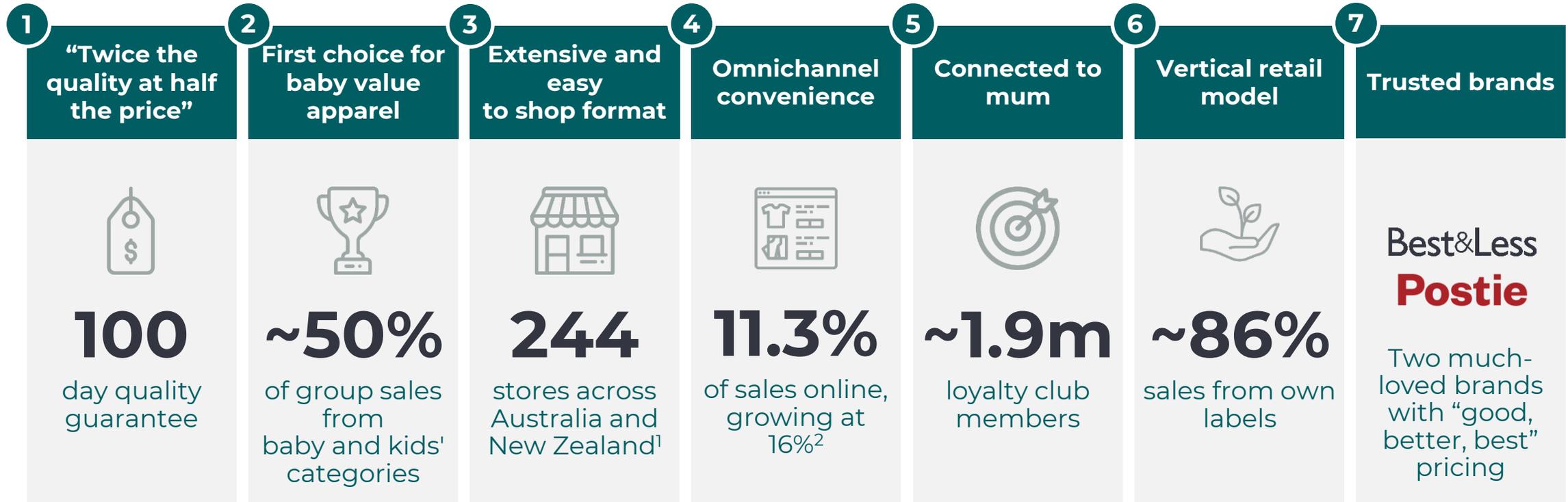
# STATUTORY TO PRO FORMA RECONCILIATION

	FY22 Statutory	Reallocate depreciation expense <sup>1</sup>	FY22 Statutory after reallocation of depreciation expense	Impact of application of AASB 16 <sup>2</sup>	FY22 (pre AASB 16)	IPO costs and pro forma tax adjustment <sup>3</sup>	Pro forma P&L
<b>\$m</b>							
<b>Revenue</b>							
Sales revenue	622.2	-	622.2	-	622.2	-	622.2
Cost of goods sold	(321.1)	4.3	(316.8)	-	(316.8)	-	(316.8)
Gross profit	301.1	4.3	305.4	-	305.4	-	305.4
Other income	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1	-	0.1
<b>Expenses</b>							
Selling expenses	(186.1)	46.3	(139.8)	(54.0)	(193.8)	-	(193.8)
Administration expenses	(50.1)	2.5	(47.6)	(1.6)	(49.2)	-	(49.2)
Other operating expenses	(4.5)	-	(4.5)	-	(4.5)	4.5	-
<b>Operating profit / pro forma EBITDA</b>	60.5	53.1	113.6	(55.6)	58.0	4.5	62.5
Depreciation expense <sup>1</sup>	-	(53.1)	(53.1)	50.4	(2.7)	-	(2.7)
Net finance costs	(10.0)	-	(10.0)	8.7	(1.3)	-	(1.3)
<b>Profit before tax</b>	50.5	-	50.5	3.5	54.0	4.5	58.5
Income tax expense	(14.4)	-	(14.4)	(1.1)	(15.5)	(1.9)	(17.4)
<b>NPAT</b>	36.1	-	36.1	2.4	38.5	2.6	41.1

## Notes

- Total depreciation and amortisation expense of \$53.1m as per Note 7 of the consolidated financial statements is classified by function on the face of the BLG income statement. We have reallocated depreciation and amortisation expense to its own line to derive the 'Statutory EBITDA' of \$113.6m (as per Note 4 of the FY22 BLG consolidated financial statements).
- This adjustment reflects the reversal of the impact of AASB 16 in order to present the pro forma financial information in accordance with AASB 117.
- This adjustment reflects the reversal of non-recurring IPO costs incurred in FY22. It includes employee gift shares, joint lead manager fees, legal and consultancy/advisory services relating to the IPO. The tax adjustment reflects the cumulative income tax effect of the pro forma adjustments. The pro forma income tax expense reflects the application of a 30% Australian corporate tax rate on Australian taxable profits and a 28% New Zealand corporate tax rate on New Zealand taxable profits.

# TWO ICONIC BRANDS, ONE DIFFERENTIATED VALUE PROPOSITION



Combining the two brands provides scale benefits and operational synergies for BLG

# COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY



## QUALITY AND SAFETY

- 100-day guarantee
- Quality Assurance team
- Reputable safety record



## LIVING WAGES

- Living Wage Statement
- Gap analysis conducted
- Next step open costings to identify labour component



## COMMUNITY

- Supported Australian charities through Good360
- Supported Givit Flood Appeal
- Supported Next Steps



## ANIMAL WELFARE

- No fur or leather used in our garments



## ETHICAL SOURCING

- Modern Slavery Statement
- 252 supplier audits<sup>1</sup>
- Workers Grievance Hotline
- PLM implementation
- Sedex membership



## SUSTAINABILITY

- Materiality assessment for ESG framework
- All packaging re-usable, recyclable or compostable by 2025
- Integrating UN SDGs<sup>2</sup>
- GOTS<sup>3</sup> certified organic cotton range
- Carbon audit complete
- Silver membership of NSW Sustainability Advantage program
- Australian Cotton sourcing and volume commitment for FY22



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