



# **Investor Presentation**

December 2024



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# The Culp Story – Repositioning for Renewed Growth

Building on a strong foundation Transforming our Mattress Fabrics segment

Accelerating execution in our Upholstery segment Maintaining disciplined capital allocation Clear road map to renewed growth



# Culp Today – Two Market Leading Businesses

## **Revenue Breakdown FY 2024**



## **Upholstery Fabrics**

- ✓ Market leader
- ✓ Asset light
- Primarily Asian supply chain



#### Manufacturing + Sourcing

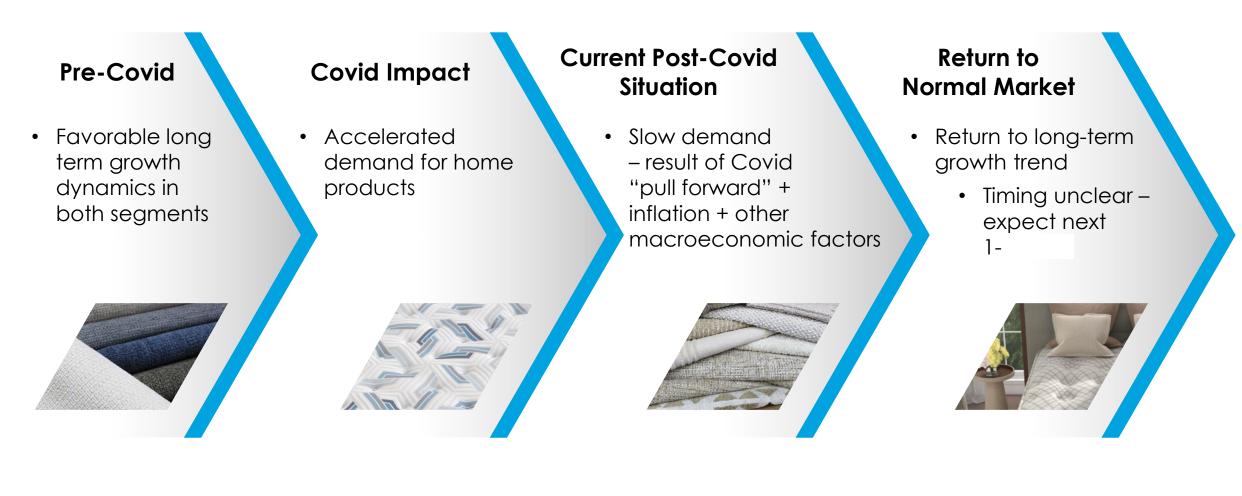
 US, Canada<sup>1</sup>, Haiti, China, Vietnam, Turkey

## **Key Metrics**

- Market cap: \$71.0M<sup>1</sup>
- Employees: ~8641

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# Understanding the Current Macro Situation – Moving Towards a "Normal" Market Environment

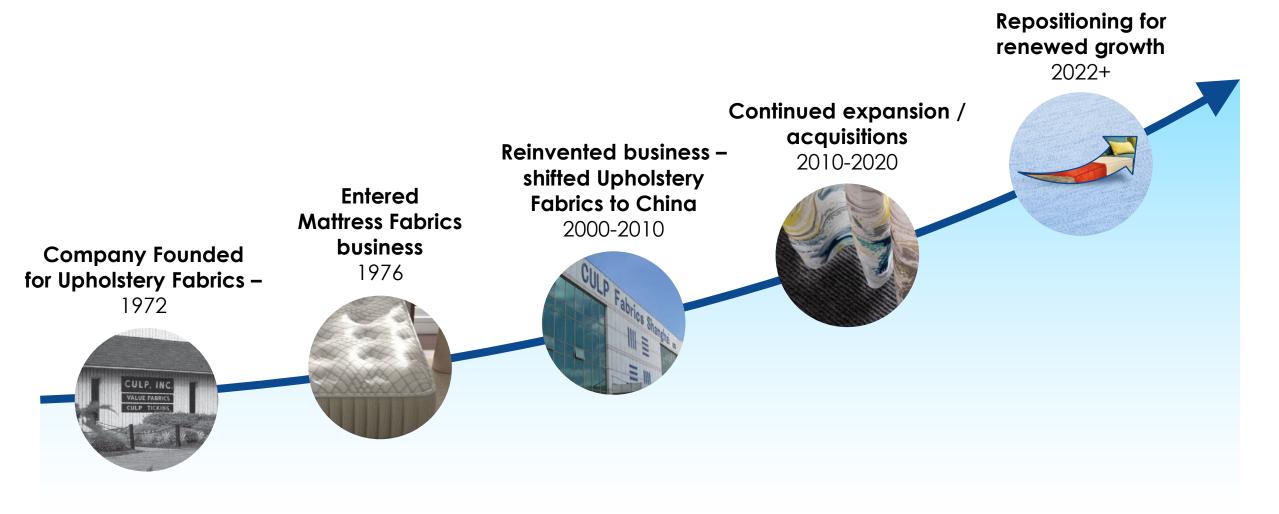


## Why We are Confident in the Long-Term Future of Culp



#### CONFIDENCE REASON #1

## Culp – Record of Adapting Well to Changing Business Conditions and Customer Preferences



## CONFIDENCE REASON #2 **Positioned in Historically Healthy Markets**

## Pre-Covid: Solid Long Term Growth in Both Segments



Wholesale Dollar Sales 2001-2021



Store Sales 2001-2021

**Ongoing Mattress Replacements** 

10-13% of population replaces mattresses each year<sup>3</sup>



## **Pent-Up Demand for Household Formations**





1 in 8 moved back in last year<sup>4</sup>

- Raymond James, ISPA, US ITC See Appendix for details 1.
- 2. Statista 2023 See Appendix for details
- Based on management estimates and ISPA 2022 research
- https://www.propertymanagement.com/high-rent-and-job-losses-forced-1-in-8-millennials-to-move-back-in-with-their-parents-this-year/

#### CONFIDENCE REASON #3

## Our Powerful Innovation Engine – A Key Differentiator Driving Market Share Gains

#### **Consumer focused research**

- Identify trends, preferences
  - Cleanable performance fabrics
  - Sustainability
  - Health / Wellness
  - Cooling

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#### Speed to market

- Ecosystem of global platforms
- Express delivery



#### Customized mapping

- High tech, digital
- 3D modeling



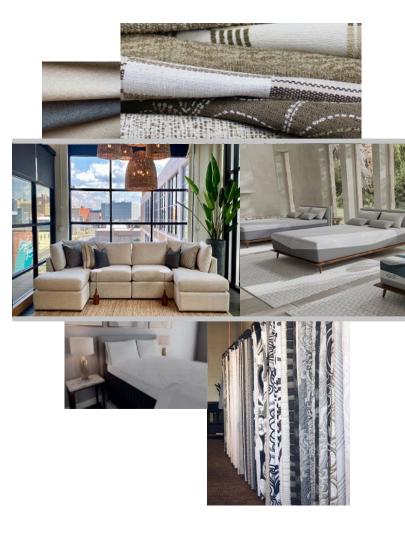
## CONFIDENCE REASON #3 Culp – THE Industry Innovator

#### **Upholstery Fabrics Segment**

- **FIRST** to introduce suede upholstery fabrics to commercial residential market, followed by faux leather looks;
- FIRST with stain-resistant performance fabrics at mid-market price points, including iClean® and LiveSmart® brands
- FIRST to introduce performance + sustainability line of upholstery fabrics with LiveSmart Evolve® line
- FIRST to introduce Nanobionic<sup>®</sup> wellness-focused fabric for residential home furnishings industry

#### **Mattress Segment**

- FIRST to adopt on-shore, near-shore, and off-shore strategy to best support mattress cover customers
- FIRST to introduce LiveFurnish 3-D visual rendering technology to showcase mattress fabric designs while also reducing sampling costs, enhancing customization, allowing faster to market
- FIRST / early innovator with cooling + sustainability-focused mattress fabrics



#### CONFIDENCE REASON #3

# **Case Study: Culp Delivers Innovative Performance Fabrics**

## Situation

#### **Consumer Preference**

 Desire for cleanable fabric to withstand everyday living; additional desire for environmentally-friendly products

#### Challenge

• Create child-friendly, pet-friendly, and stain resistant product at affordable pricing; enhance offering with sustainable fabric

## **Culp Solution**

- Developed superior, easy-to-clean performance product at price points accessible to mass market
- Added sustainable option for products made using recycled water bottles







## Results

#### > \$200M sales to residential customers since 2016

~40%

of upholstery fabrics sales today come from our portfolio of LiveSmart® and iClean® performance brands

## >140M

plastic water bottles diverted from landfills since 2019





# Strong Balance Sheet and Cash Flow

Strong Balance Sheet	Cash Returned to Shareholders <sup>2</sup> (Since June 2011)	Cash Flow from Operations and Free Cash Flow <sup>3</sup> (FY 2016 - FY 2024)
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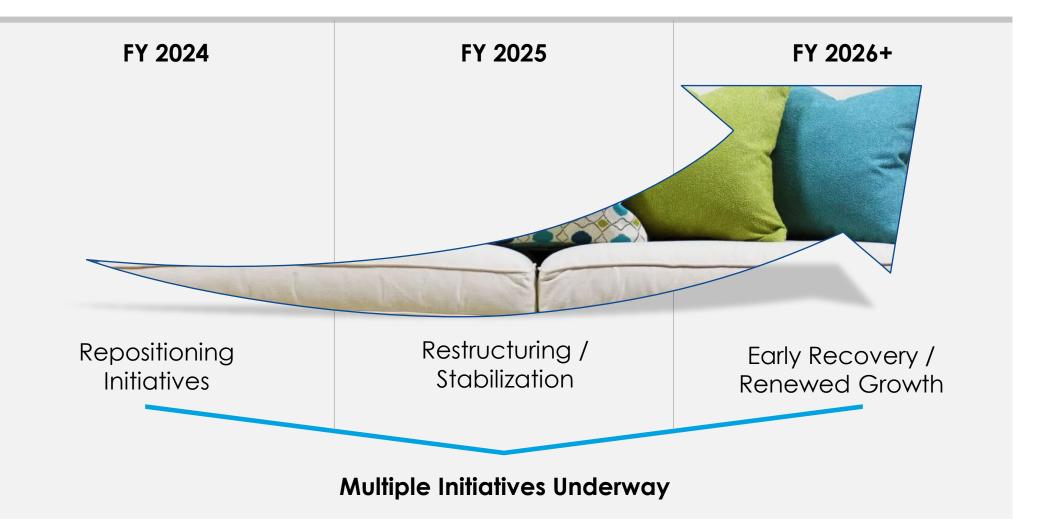
1. As of the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2025

2. Includes regular quarterly dividends, special dividends, and share repurchases

3. See reconciliation table in the appendix at the back of this presentation

CONFIDENCE REASON #5

## Multiple Initiatives Underway to Emerge Stronger when Markets Normalize



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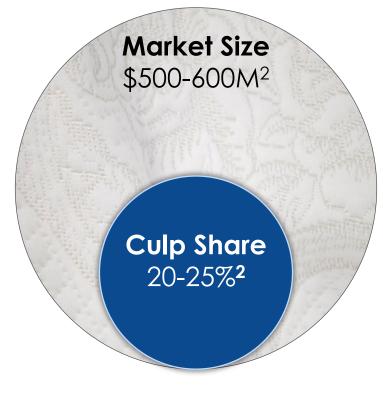
# Mattresses: Leading Market Share in a Consolidated Industry

## Strengths

- One of largest producer of mattress fabrics in N. America
- Global manufacturing and sourcing
  - U.S., Canada<sup>1</sup>, Asia, Haiti, Turkey
- Innovative design capitalizing on:
  - Sleep trends
  - Cooling
  - Sustainability



## Leading Share in Large Market

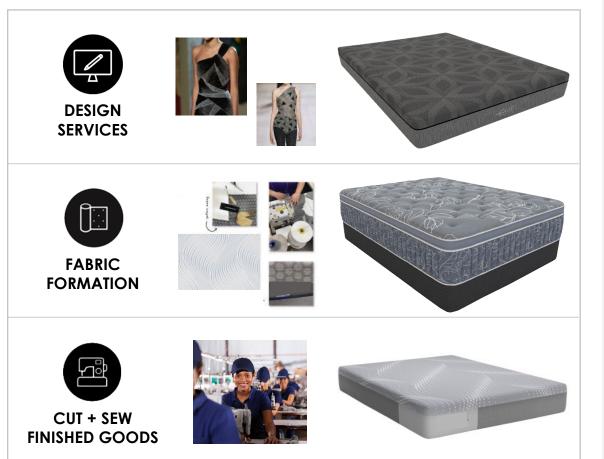


Culp Top 2 player<sup>2</sup>

As of October 27, 2024
 Management estimates for domestic mattress fabric and cover market

## Leading Products for Well-Known Brands

#### **Leading Products**



### **Well-Known Customers**



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## The New Mattress Segment We Are Building

Creating a High-Performance Organization								
Leadership	$\longrightarrow$	Strengthened						
Organization	$\longrightarrow$	Collaborative						
Goals and Accountability	$\longrightarrow$	Clear						
Pricing	$\longrightarrow$	Leading						
Marketing Strategy	$\longrightarrow$	Targeted						
Operations	$\longrightarrow$	Efficient						
Initiatives	$\longrightarrow$	Focused						

## Key Initiatives Underway to Restructure and Transform the Mattress Fabrics Segment

- Strengthened leadership team focused on profitable growth
- Leverage long history of success within the bedding industry

#### Drive operating efficiencies:

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- Optimize manufacturing and sourcing capabilities for customer reactivity and improved cost advantage
- Phased wind down and closure of fabric formation facility in Canada and consolidation of manufacturing and sourcing capabilities to USA, Turkey and Asia
- Consolidate cut and sew operations on Haiti / Dominican Republic border to one facility
- > Diligent focus on production scheduling and quality management
- > Invest in high ROI, quick payback capital projects to drive cost savings

#### New commercial approach including:

- Strong focus on winning new market position as customer innovation cycle increases
- New product introductions priced in line with current costs to improve profit
- Restructured and energized sales team
- Customer, product, and design segmentation including a focused selling strategy and significant SKU rationalization, especially in damask weaving
- Establishment of an open line to balance custom design work with curated fabric offerings where volumes warrant
- Continued focus on new product placement and growing market position

#### CHF Manufacturing & Sourcing Locations Post-Restructuring



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A CLOSER LOOK

## Targeting Top 90%+ Customers and SKUs – That Drive the Business

## Sales by Customers\*



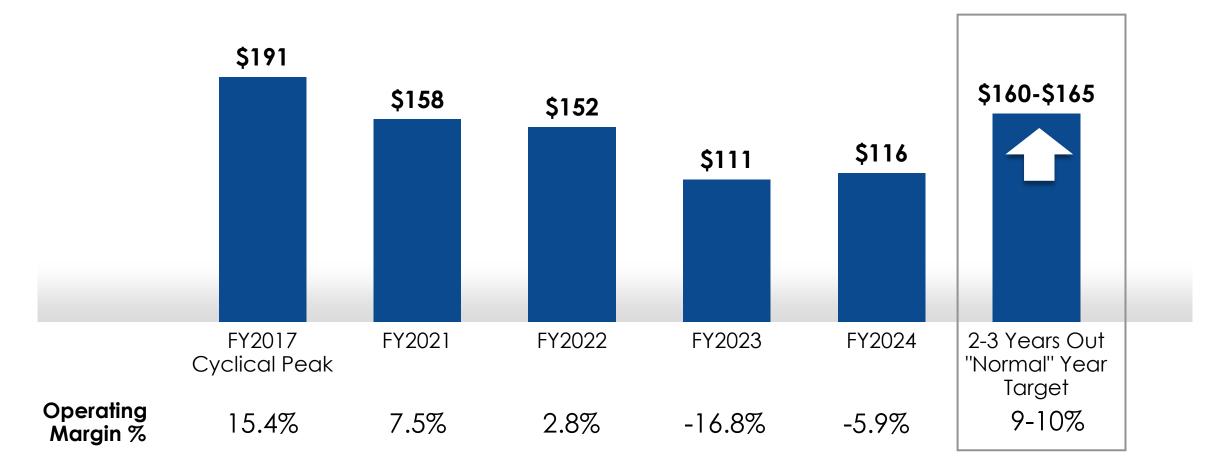
## Sales by Products



GOING FORWARD

## Mattress Fabrics Segment: We Expect Strong Recovery as Market "Normalizes"

## Sales (\$M) and Margin



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# THE UPHOLSTERY FABRICS SEGMENT TODAY Upholstery Fabrics: Market Leader

## Strengths

- Leading position in fragmented market
- Asset light flexible global platform
- Innovative performance products



## Leading Share



Culp Top 5 player<sup>1</sup>

## **Innovative Products for Top Customers**

#### **Innovative Products**





Focused on higher margin / growth segments

- performance products ~40% of total
- hospitality target at >25% of total

## **Top Customers**



## Solidly Profitable Upholstery Fabrics Segment With Key Initiatives Underway to Accelerate Performance

- Leading position in a fragmented market
- Asset light model to maintain flexibility and product profit performance
- Growing innovative performance products
  - LiveSmart<sup>®</sup> performance brand
  - > LiveSmart Evolve<sup>®</sup>, performance plus recycled fibers
  - Nanobionic<sup>®</sup> wellness-focused technology
- Growing Hospitality segment
  - > Targeting >25% of normalized sales with higher margin
  - > Expanding capacity of roller shades within Read Window Products
- Drive operating efficiencies
  - > Cut & Sew platform restructuring completed in both Haiti and Asia
  - Improved Read Window operations
  - Lower inventory markdown expense

## Accelerating Segment Performance





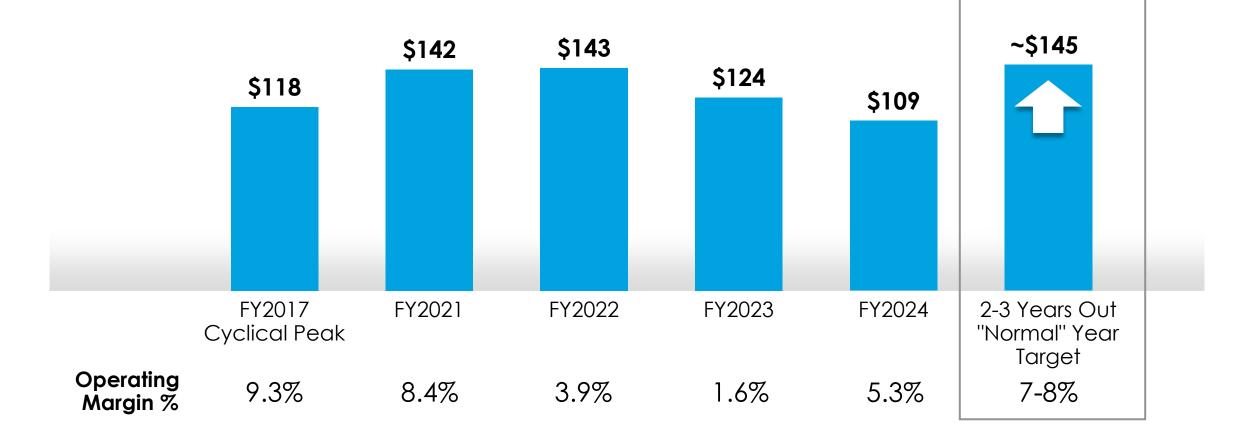




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# **Upholstery Fabrics Segment: Expect Improved Results**

## Sales (\$M) and Margin



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# **Consistent Capital Allocation Priorities**

Maintain Strong Balance Sheet 2 Invest for Growth

# Return Capital to Shareholders – with excess cash

- Minimal or no debt
- Prudentially suspended dividend in June 2022

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- Invest in working capital, cap ex<sup>1</sup>, organic growth
- Selective, non-capital intensive acquisitions



- Share repurchases: since 2012 repurchased ~12% of outstanding shares
- Regular and special dividends as appropriate

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# **Expect Improved Outlook FY'25 and Beyond**



Future improved macro environment (timing uncertain)

New products, normalized margins

Impact of quality / efficiency improvements

Lower raw material costs (60-70% of total costs)

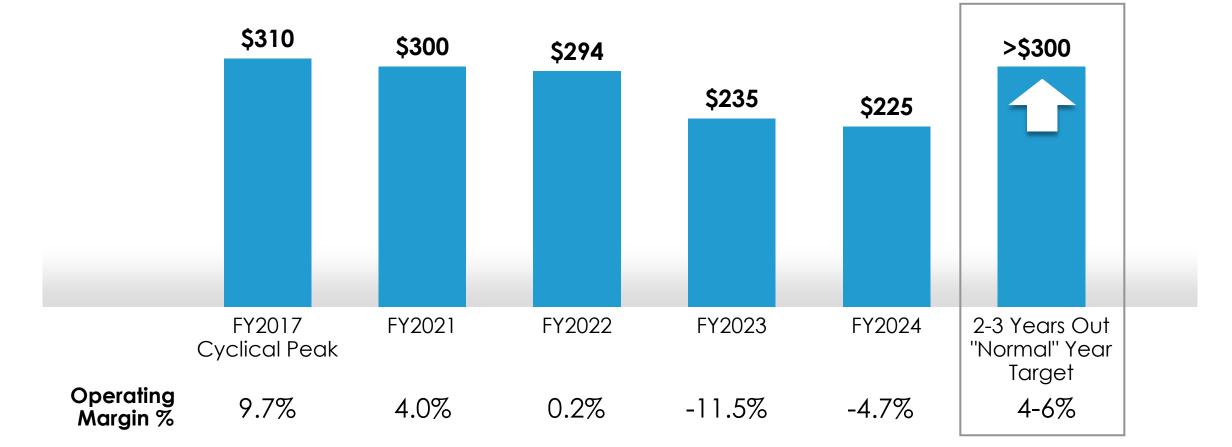
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## **Targeted Timeline to Renewed Growth**



## Culp Target Outlook: Solid Recovery as Market Returns to "Normalized" Growth

## Sales (\$M) and Margin<sup>1</sup>



# How We Will Measure Progress Going Forward in FY25

Our targets and plans include:

Execute restructuring plan (see restructuring presentation at <u>https://culpinc.gcs-web.com/</u>)

- Return to consolidated operating profitability post-restructuring
- Upholstery Fabrics consistently profitable
- Mattress Fabrics recovers to profitability post-restructuring
- Maintain solid balance sheet and liquidity







#### IN SUMMARY

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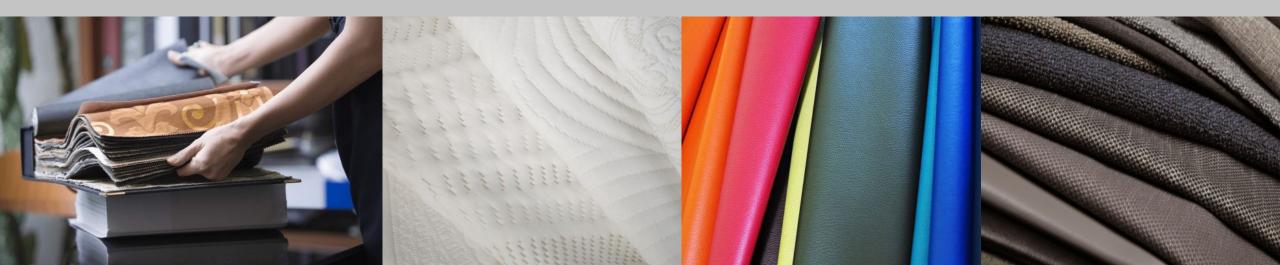
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# Appendix



# **Board of Directors**

#### **Director Bios**

#### John A. Baugh, CFA

- Mr. Baugh is the vice president of investor relations for PROG Holdings, Inc., a publicly traded fintech holding company that provides transparent and competitive payment options to consumers. Prior to joining PROG Holdings, he was a sell-side analyst with Stifel Financial, serving as Managing Director, Senior Equity Research from 2005 – 2020, where he covered industries including home furnishings, retail, building products, and lease-town, including coverage of Culp, Inc. and many of its largest customers.
- Director since 2021
- Member of Compensation Committee; CG&N Committee; and Audit Committee (Chair)

#### Robert G. Culp, IV

- Mr. Culp is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Culp, Inc. (since 2020). He has been employed with Culp since 1998. He was
  named President of Culp Home Fashions in 1994 and Chief Operating Officer in 2019.
- Director since 2020
- Member of Executive Committee

#### Sharon A. Decker

- Ms. Decker is president of Tryon Equestrian Partners, Carolina Operations, an investment group responsible for the development and operation of a premiere sports complex and resort in Western North Carolina.
- Director since 2019
- Member of Compensation Committee; CG&N Committee (Chair); and Audit Committee

#### **Kimberly B. Gatling**

- Ms. Gatling is a partner and the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer at the law firm of Fox Rothschild LLP (formerly Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP).
- Director since 2021
- Member of Compensation Committee; CG&N Committee; and Audit Committee

# **Board of Directors (continued)**

#### Fred A. Jackson

- Mr. Jackson is the retired chief executive officer of American & Efird LLC, a global manufacturer of sewing, thread, embroidery thread, and technical textiles.
- Director since 2016
- Lead Director; Member of Compensation Committee; CG&N Committee; Audit Committee; and Executive Committee

#### Alexander B. Jones

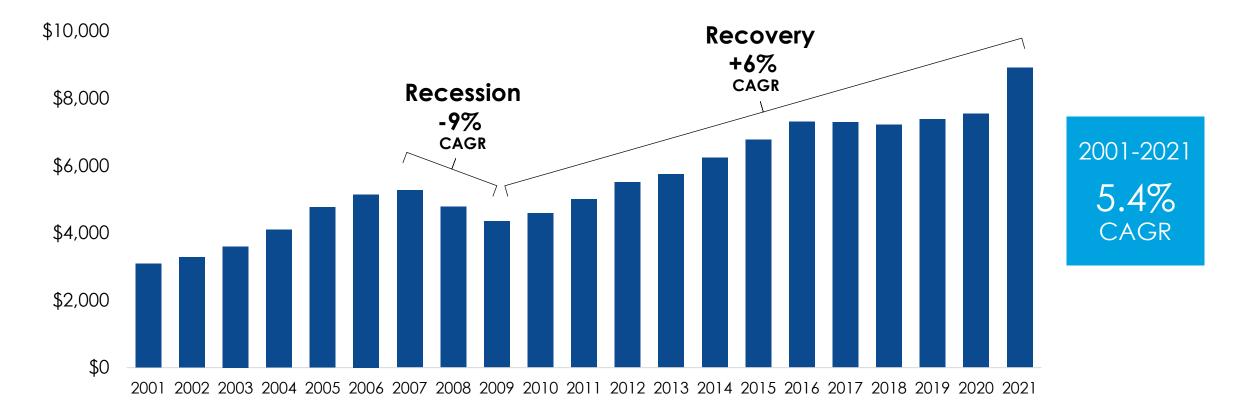
- Mr. Jones is Vice President and Senior Research Analyst for 22NW, LP, a Seattle-based long/short small cap value hedge fund, having joined the firm in 2021.
- Director since 2024
- Member of Compensation Committee and Audit Committee

#### Franklin N. Saxon (Chairman of the Board)

- Mr. Saxon was employed by Culp, Inc. from 1983 to 2022, serving in various senior management capacities, including Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, President of Culp Velvets/prints division, and Chief Operating Officer. He served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 2007 through 2019 and as Executive Chairman from 2020 to 2022.
- Director since 1987
- Member of Executive Committee

## Mattress Sales – Solid Long-Term Growth Trend

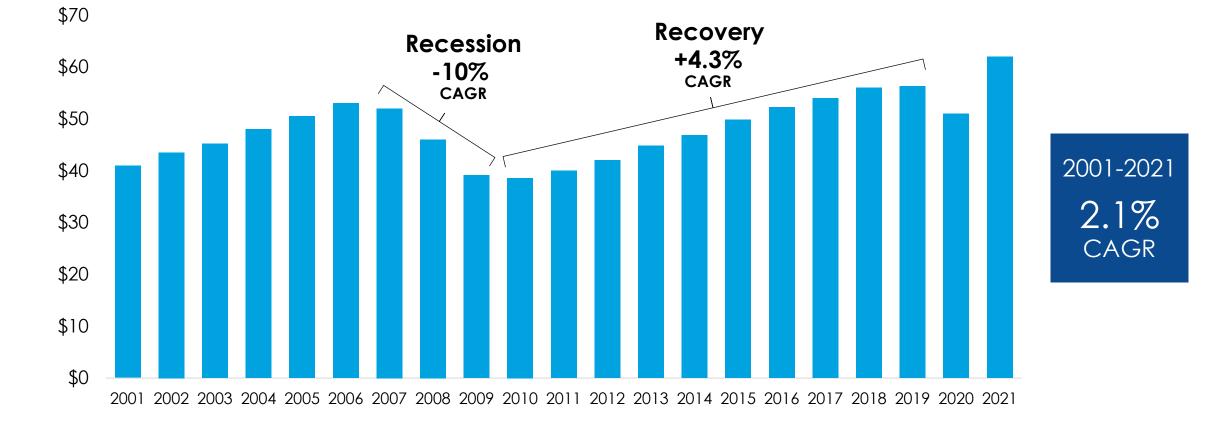
Domestic Wholesale Mattress Dollar Sales (\$Millions)



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## Home Furnishing Sales – Solid Long-Term Growth Trend





## **Reconciliation of Free Cash Flow**

	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$32,981	\$27,473	\$13,873	\$4,970	\$21,478	(\$17,441)	\$7,804	(\$8,224)
Minus: Capital Expenditures	(11,858)	(8,005)	(3,261)	(4,585)	(6,664)	(5,695)	(2,108)	(3,711)
Plus: Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	141	6	1,894	672	12	-	468	385
Plus: Proceeds from long-term note receivable associated with discontinued operation Plus: Proceeds from note receivable	-	-	-	1,523	-	-	- 15	- 330
Minus: Investment in unconsolidated joint venture	(1,129)	(661)	(120)	(220)	(90)	-	-	-
Plus: Proceeds from life insurance policy	-	-	394	-	-	-	-	-
Minus: Payments on vendor-financed capital expenditures	(1,050)	(3,750)	(1,412)	-	-	-	-	-
Plus: Proceeds from the sale of long-term investments (Rabbi Trust)	-	57	1,233	-	157	56	2,058	1,449
Minus: Purchase of long-term investments (Rabbi Trust)	(1,351)	(1,902)	(1,011)	(788)	(619)	(1,088)	(1,185)	(884)
Minus: Premium payment on life insurance policy	(18)	(18)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess tax benefit related to stock options exercised	657	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(56)	85	(93)	(119)	131	(91)	(202)	(171)
Free Cash Flow	\$18,317	\$13,285	\$11,497	\$1,453	\$14,405	(\$24,259)	\$6,850	(\$10,826)

# **ABOUT NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

This document contains disclosures about free cash flow, a non-GAAP liquidity measure that we define as net cash provided by (used in) operating activities, less cash capital expenditures and payments on vendor-financed capital expenditures, plus any proceeds from sale of property, plant, and equipment, plus proceeds from note receivable, plus proceeds from note receivable, plus proceeds from the sale of long-term investments associated with our rabbi trust, less the purchase of long-term investments associated with our rabbi trust, and plus or minus the effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents, in each case to the extent any such amount is incurred during the period presented. Details of these calculations and a reconciliation to information from our GAAP financial statements are set forth in this report. Management believes the disclosure of free cash flow provides useful information to investors because it measures our available cash flow for potential debt repayment, stock repurchases, dividends, additions to cash and investments, and other corporate purposes. We note, however, that not all of the company's free cash flow is available for discretionary spending, as we may have mandatory debt payments and other cash requirements that must be deducted from our cash available for future use. In operating our business, management uses free cash flow to make decisions about what commitments of cash to make for operations, such as capital expenditures (and possible financing arrangements for these expenditures), purchases of inventory or supplies, SG&A expenditure levels, compensation, and other commitments of cash, while still allowing for adequate cash to meet known future commitments for cash, such as debt repayment, and also for making decisions about dividend payments and share repurchases.