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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-1**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*UNDER*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**RESTORATION HARDWARE HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

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(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

45-3052669  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

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**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of<br>Securities to be Registered | Proposed Maximum                  |                               |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   | Aggregate Offering<br>Price(1)(2) | Amount of<br>Registration Fee |
| Common stock, \$0.0001 par value                      | \$200,000,000.00                  | \$27,280.00                   |

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.  
(2) Includes offering price of shares that the underwriters have the option to purchase.

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**The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The selling stockholders may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state or other jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**Subject to Completion**

**Preliminary Prospectus Dated April 26, 2013**

## **Shares**

### **Common Stock**

Certain stockholders of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. are offering \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of shares to be offered in this offering.

Our shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol RH.

**Investing in our common stock involves risks that are described in the Risk Factors section beginning on page 15 of this prospectus.**

|  | <b>Per Share</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| Public offering price                                      | \$               | \$           |
| Underwriting discount                                      | \$               | \$           |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholders (1) | \$               | \$           |

(1) We will pay the filing fees and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and disbursements) incident to securing any required review by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. of the sale of the shares of our common stock. See Underwriting. The underwriters may also exercise their option to purchase up to \_\_\_\_\_ additional shares from the selling stockholders, at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, for 30 days after the date of this prospectus.

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The shares will be ready for delivery on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

**BofA Merrill Lynch**

**Baird**

**William Blair**

**Goldman, Sachs & Co.**

**Piper Jaffray**

**Stifel**

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectus that we authorize to be delivered to you. Neither we nor the selling stockholders or underwriters have authorized anyone to provide you with additional or different information. If anyone provides you with additional, different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the shares offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of its date.

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**BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

We use a 52 – 53 week fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to January 31. Fiscal years are identified in this prospectus according to the calendar year prior to the calendar year in which they end. For example, references to 2012, fiscal 2012 or similar references refer to the fiscal year ended February 2, 2013.

All of the outstanding capital stock of Restoration Hardware, Inc. was acquired on June 16, 2008, by Home Holdings, LLC, which we refer to in this prospectus as the Acquisition. Home Holdings' equity interests are held by (i) CP Home Holdings, LLC, an investment entity managed by funds affiliated with Catterton Management Company, LLC, (ii) Tower Three Home LLC, an investment fund managed by Tower Three Partners, LLC, and (iii) funds affiliated with Glenhill Capital Management LLC. In this prospectus, we refer to CP Home Holdings, LLC and its affiliated funds as Catterton, we refer to Tower Three Home LLC and its affiliated funds as Tower Three and we refer to Glenhill Capital Management LLC and its affiliated funds as Glenhill. As a result of the Acquisition, a new basis of accounting was created beginning June 17, 2008. In this prospectus, the periods prior to the Acquisition are referred to as the Predecessor periods and the periods after the Acquisition are referred to as the Successor periods. The Predecessor periods presented in this prospectus for 2008 include the period from February 3, 2008 through June 16, 2008, reflecting approximately 19 weeks of operations, and the Successor periods presented in this prospectus for 2008 include the period from June 17, 2008 through January 31, 2009, reflecting approximately 33 weeks of operations. Due to the Acquisition, the financial statements presented in this prospectus for the Successor periods are not comparable to those of the Predecessor periods.

In this prospectus, when we refer to store level cash contribution margin, we mean store net revenues less product costs and cash operating costs related to store operations, divided by store net revenues.

In this prospectus, when we refer to store demand in a market, we mean the dollar value of orders booked by customers associated with that particular location for the specified period.

In this prospectus, when we refer to direct demand in a market, we mean the dollar value of orders booked by customers through catalogs and e-commerce in that market for the specified period.

In this prospectus, when we refer to GAAP, we mean accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

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**PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights some of the key information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider in making your investment decision. You should read the following summary together with the entire prospectus carefully, including Risk Factors, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, the more detailed information regarding our Company and the common stock being sold in this offering, as well as our consolidated financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus, before deciding to invest in our common stock. Some of the statements in this prospectus constitute forward-looking statements. See Forward-Looking Statements and Market Data.*

*Except where the context otherwise requires or where otherwise indicated, the terms Restoration Hardware, we, us, our, our Company and our business refer, prior to the Reorganization discussed below, to Restoration Hardware, Inc. and, after the Reorganization, to Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc., in each case together with its consolidated subsidiaries, including Restoration Hardware, Inc., as a combined entity. The term Restoration Hardware Holdings refers to Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. and the term Home Holdings refers to Home Holdings, LLC, and, in each case, not to any of their subsidiaries.*

**Our Company**

We believe RH is one of the most innovative and fastest growing luxury brands in the home furnishings marketplace. We believe our brand stands alone and is redefining this highly fragmented and growing market, contributing to our superior sales growth and market share gains over the past several years as compared to industry growth rates. Our ability to innovate, curate and integrate products, categories, services and businesses with a completely authentic and distinctive point of view, then rapidly scale them across our fully integrated multi-channel infrastructure is a powerful platform for continued long-term growth. We evolved our brand to become RH, positioning our Company to curate a lifestyle beyond the four walls of the home. Our unique product development, go-to-market and supply chain capabilities, together with our significant scale, enable us to offer a compelling combination of design, quality and value that we believe is unparalleled in the marketplace.

Our business is fully integrated across our multiple channels of distribution, consisting of our stores, catalogs and websites. As of April 26, 2013, we operated a total of 70 retail stores, consisting of 63 Galleries, 4 Full Line Design Galleries and 3 Baby & Child Galleries, as well as 13 outlet stores throughout the United States and Canada. In fiscal 2012, we distributed approximately 32.7 million Source Books, and our websites logged over 18.9 million unique visits.

Over the last several years, we have achieved strong growth in sales and profitability, as illustrated by the following:

From fiscal 2009 to fiscal 2012, we increased our net revenues 91% to \$1,193 million, our adjusted EBITDA 449% to \$96.6 million and our adjusted EBITDA margin by 530 basis points to 8.1%.

From fiscal 2009 to fiscal 2012, we increased our adjusted net income by \$56.2 million from an adjusted net loss of \$18.5 million to adjusted net income of \$37.7 million. Over the same time period, our GAAP net loss decreased from \$28.7 million to a net loss of \$12.8 million.

We have achieved 12 consecutive quarters of double-digit net revenue growth through our fiscal quarter ended February 2, 2013. We achieved this growth as we reduced our store base from 95 retail locations as of January 30, 2010 to 71 locations as of February 2, 2013.

See Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data for a discussion of adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income (loss), and a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income (loss) to net income (loss).



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### **Our Competitive Strengths**

We attribute our success to the following competitive strengths:

*Our Market-Redefining Luxury Brand.* We believe RH stands alone as a leading luxury brand of inspired design, and is redefining the highly fragmented home furnishings market by offering a compelling combination of design, quality and value. We believe we are changing the home furnishings landscape by attracting affluent consumers from designer showrooms and high-end boutiques, as well as aspirational consumers trading up from department stores and other home furnishings retailers. In a market characterized by smaller, independent competitors, we believe our luxury positioning, superior quality and significant scale enable us to grow our market share.

*Our Unique Development Model.* We believe our unique approach to the development of new products, categories and services enables us to gain market share, adapt our business to emerging trends, stay relevant with our customers and enter into new businesses that leverage our strengths. The foundation of our unique development model is:

*Innovation.* We are dedicated to offering products and services that push established boundaries. The scope of our innovation is demonstrated in every aspect of our organization, including in our products and services, our stores and presentation, our channel-agnostic go-to-market strategy and our fully integrated supply chain and systems infrastructure.

*Curation.* At our core we are not designers, rather we are curators and composers of inspired design and experiences. We travel the world in search of people, ideas, items, experiences and inspiration, and then create a composition that is unique and entirely our own.

*Integration.* Everything we curate and compose must be beautifully and intelligently integrated, enhancing the appeal of our offering and experience. This process involves both art and science as we integrate new products, categories, services and businesses that enhance our existing offering, and as our supporting functions and infrastructure are integrated to achieve our goals.

Our ability to innovate, curate and integrate products, categories, services and businesses, then rapidly scale them across our fully integrated multi-channel infrastructure is a powerful platform for continued long-term growth.

*Our Superior Capabilities.* Our product development and multi-channel go-to-market capabilities, together with our fully integrated infrastructure and significant scale, enable us to offer a compelling combination of design, quality and value that we believe is unparalleled in the marketplace.

*Highly Differentiated Product Development Capabilities.* We have established a cross-functional organization centered on product leadership, with teams that collaborate across functions and work closely with our network of artisan partners. Our product development platform and significant scale have enabled us to introduce an increasing number of new products with each collection and dramatically shorten our product lead times, while allowing us to offer greater value to our customers.

*Multi-Channel Go-To-Market Ability.* We pursue a market-based rather than a channel-based sales strategy, where we size our stores to the potential of the area that each location serves and leverage our direct channels to provide access to our complete product offering. This approach is designed to enhance the customer experience, generate greater sales, increase our market share and deliver higher returns on invested capital.

*Fully Integrated Infrastructure.* Our infrastructure is integrated across our channels, providing strong direct sourcing capabilities, a centrally managed inventory and a reconfigured distribution network and new order management, warehouse management and point-of-sale systems. We believe our sophisticated operating platform provides us with significant capabilities to support our future growth.



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*Our High-Performance Culture and Team.* We have built a high-performance organization driven by a company-wide commitment to our core values of People, Quality, Service and Innovation. We believe our leadership team, led by our Chief Executive Officer, Carlos Alberini, is a key driver of our success and positions us to execute our long-term growth strategy. We also benefit from the vision and advice of Gary Friedman, our Chairman Emeritus, Creator and Curator.

### **Our Growth Strategy**

Key elements of our growth strategy are to:

*Transform Our Real Estate Platform.* We believe we have an opportunity to significantly increase our sales by transforming our real estate platform from our existing retail footprint to a portfolio focused on Full Line Design Galleries. Our Full Line Design Galleries are sized based on the market potential and the size of our assortment. We currently have four Full Line Design Galleries that average approximately 23,400 selling square feet, more than three times the size of our average Gallery. Our Full Line Design Galleries allow consumers to experience a broader merchandise assortment in a highly differentiated retail setting. We have found that we experience higher sales across all of our channels when we showcase more of our assortment. We have identified approximately 50 key metropolitan markets where we can open new Full Line Design Galleries in iconic or high profile locations that are representative of our luxury brand positioning. We believe, based on our analysis of the market, that we have the opportunity to more than double our current selling square footage in the United States and Canada over the next 5 to 10 years as we transform our real estate platform by opening Full Line Design Galleries in these 50 identified markets.

We opened our first four Full Line Design Galleries in Los Angeles in June 2011, Houston in November 2011, Scottsdale in November 2012 and Boston in April 2013. In the Los Angeles and Houston markets, store demand increased by approximately 90% and 60%, respectively, and direct demand increased by approximately 30% and 45%, respectively, in the first full year of operations of those Full Line Design Galleries. In the Scottsdale market, we experienced an approximate 80% increase in store demand and an approximate 75% increase in direct demand during the months from the store's opening in November 2012 through the end of fiscal 2012. We plan to open new Full Line Design Galleries in Indianapolis, Greenwich and Atlanta. In addition, we have identified locations, and are in active lease discussions, in approximately 20 markets including New York City, Chicago, Miami, Denver, Dallas and San Diego.

*Expand Our Offering and Increase Our Market Share.* We participate in the domestic housewares and home furnishings market, that based on our research we believe represented \$143 billion in sales in 2010. Our annual net revenues currently represent less than 1% of this market, and we believe we have a significant opportunity to increase our market share by:

Growing our merchandise assortment and introducing new products and categories, including current initiatives in furniture, rugs, lighting, tableware, children's furnishings and decorative accessories;

Expanding our service offerings, including interior design, product customization and gift registry services; and

Exploring and testing new business opportunities complementary to our core business that leverage our defining strengths of taste, style and innovation, such as the planned introduction of our Contemporary Art business.

*Increase Brand Awareness.* We will continue to increase our brand awareness and customer loyalty through our real estate transformation, our circulation strategy, our digital marketing initiatives, and our increased advertising and public relations efforts. Our stores are a critical branding vehicle and we believe the transformation of our real estate platform to a portfolio focused on Full Line Design Galleries will contribute to

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increased brand awareness as our customers experience an enhanced expression of our luxury brand positioning. Our Source Books and other catalogs are also an important branding and advertising vehicle. Our Source Book strategy has contributed to an 81% increase in the number of catalog pages circulated and a 30% increase in net revenues for our direct business in fiscal 2012.

*Pursue International Expansion.* We plan to strategically expand our business into select countries outside of the United States and Canada over the next several years. We believe that our luxury brand positioning and unique aesthetic will have strong international appeal.

*Increase Operating Margins.* We have the opportunity to continue to improve our operating margins by leveraging our fixed occupancy costs and scalable infrastructure. We believe that our real estate transformation, specifically consolidating multiple Galleries into single Full Line Design Galleries, will allow us to better leverage our fixed occupancy costs.

For a discussion of risks that could adversely affect our growth strategies, see [Risk Factors](#) [Risks Related to Our Business](#).

## **Our High-Performance Culture**

Our culture is driven by our management team, which instills a company-wide commitment to our core values of People, Quality, Service and Innovation. We believe our distinct corporate culture allows us to attract highly talented team members who are passionate and driven and who share our vision.

## **Evolution of Our Business**

In 2001, we began to reposition Restoration Hardware from a nostalgic, discovery-items business to a leading home furnishings brand. Over the last twelve years, we built a new company as we:

Elevated our brand positioning;

Enhanced our product development process;

Refined our go-to-market strategy;

Reconceptualized our stores and developed our Full Line Design Gallery format;

Built a new supply chain and systems infrastructure; and

Strengthened our management team.

We believe these initiatives have contributed to our recent strong performance and increased profitability, and position us for sustained growth and profitability.

## **Our Market**

We participate in the large and growing domestic housewares and home furnishings market. Based on our research, we believe this market generated \$143 billion in retail sales in 2010 and is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 3% - 4% between 2011 and 2015. Our annual net revenues currently represent less than 1% of this market, providing us with a substantial opportunity to gain market share.

According to Euromonitor International, a market research and analysis firm, the U.S. housewares and home furnishings market is highly fragmented. The top 20 companies comprised only 20% of the total market in 2008, with the largest player representing less than 3% of the total

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market. As a result of the weakening housing market and economic downturn in 2007, many home furnishings retailers were forced to close stores, dramatically scale

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back operations or lower prices. While our sales results were also adversely affected during this period, this disruption also created an opportunity for us to differentiate our brand in the marketplace. We believe we are well positioned to gain market share in the current competitive environment as a result of our compelling combination of design, quality and value.

We target households with incomes of \$200,000 and higher, which we believe drive a disproportionate share of spending in the home furnishings market. We believe that these consumers are highly attractive as they tend to be less impacted by an economic downturn and return to spending more quickly in an economic recovery.

### **Summary Risk Factors**

We are subject to a number of risks, including risks that may prevent us from achieving our business objectives or that may adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and prospects. You should carefully consider the following risks, including the risks discussed in the section entitled Risk Factors, before investing in our common stock:

Growth in our business may not be sustained and may not generate a corresponding improvement in our results of operations.

If we fail to successfully anticipate consumer preferences and demand, or to manage our inventory commensurate with demand, our results of operations may be adversely affected.

Our growth strategy and performance depend on our ability to purchase our merchandise in sufficient quantities at competitive prices, including our products that are produced by artisans and specialty vendors, and any disruptions we experience in our ability to obtain our products in a timely fashion or in the quantities required could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We are undertaking a large number of business initiatives at the same time and if these initiatives are not successful, they may have a negative impact on our operating results.

If any of our vendors is not able to meet our product requirements, we may not be able to develop relationships with new alternative vendors to replace those product requirements in a timely and satisfactory manner, which could lead to product shortages and customer backorders, which could harm our business.

We do not have exclusive relationships with most of our vendors, and there is a risk that our vendors may sell similar or identical products to our competitors, which could harm our business.

We may not have adequate remedies with our vendors for defective merchandise, which could damage our reputation and brand image and harm our business.

Changes in consumer spending or the housing market may significantly harm our revenue and results of operations.

If we lose key personnel or are unable to hire additional qualified personnel, our business may be harmed.

Our operations have significant liquidity and capital requirements and depend on the availability of adequate financing on reasonable terms, and if we are unable to borrow sufficient capital, it could have a significant negative effect on our business.

A number of factors that affect our ability to successfully open new stores within the time frames we initially target or to optimize our store footprint are beyond our control, and these factors may harm our ability to execute our strategy of sizing stores to the potential of the market, which may negatively affect our results of operations.

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Our operating results are subject to quarterly and seasonal fluctuations, and results for any quarter may not necessarily be indicative of the results that may be achieved for the full fiscal year.

Our business depends in part on a strong brand image. We continue to invest in the development of our brand and the marketing of our business, and if we are not able to maintain and enhance our brand or market our product offerings, we may be unable to attract a sufficient number of customers or sell sufficient quantities of our products.

We are exploring opportunities to expand into new categories or complementary businesses. If we are not successful in these new categories or business areas, it may have an adverse effect on our results of operations and our reputation.

Our former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Gary Friedman, recently resigned from these positions and as a director of the Company, following an investigation by a special committee of non-management directors of the board. There can be no assurance that this transition will not have an adverse impact on us.

### **Principal Equity Holders**

Home Holdings' equity interests are held by funds affiliated with Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill. In this prospectus, we refer to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill as our Principal Equity Holders.

Home Holdings is the single largest holder of our common stock. We entered into a stockholders agreement with Home Holdings in connection with our initial public offering. The stockholders agreement (and our certificate of incorporation) provide for a waiver of the corporate opportunity doctrine with respect to Home Holdings and its affiliates, including the Principal Equity Holders. If Home Holdings or its affiliates, including the Principal Equity Holders, participate in any such corporate opportunity, Thomas Mottola and Barry Sternlicht, two of our directors, will also be afforded a waiver of the corporate opportunity doctrine in connection with any participation by them in any such corporate opportunity. The stockholders agreement provides that, for so long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders hold a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, Home Holdings shall have the right to nominate a majority of the members of our board of directors and as long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders hold at least 30% of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, Home Holdings shall have the right to nominate two members of our board of directors. Home Holdings currently has designated two directors to our board of directors, one of which is designated by Catterton and one of which is designated by Tower Three. For so long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders own a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, no action may be taken or vote approved by our board of directors or any committee thereof (other than the audit committee or any other committee of directors that may be created with the approval of Home Holdings as not being subject to this provision) without the affirmative vote of the Catterton and Tower Three designated directors. In addition, for so long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders hold at least 30% of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, certain actions may not be taken without the approval of Home Holdings.

*Catterton.* Catterton is a leading private equity firm with an exclusive focus on providing equity capital in support of small to middle-market consumer companies that are positioned for attractive growth. Since its founding in 1989, Catterton has invested in approximately 80 companies and led equity investments totaling over \$3.3 billion. Currently, Catterton is actively managing more than \$2.5 billion of equity capital focused on all sectors of the consumer industry: food, beverage, retail, restaurants, consumer products, consumer services and media and marketing services. Catterton's combination of investment capital, strategic operating skills and industry network has enabled it to become a highly sought after firm within this industry.



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*Tower Three.* Tower Three is an operationally-focused private equity fund formed to create a concentrated portfolio of investments in U.S.-based middle-market businesses. Tower Three's professionals are experienced with operational management, financial restructuring, private equity and credit markets. With long-term committed capital from major institutional investors, Tower Three has the flexibility to participate in a variety of transactions.

*Glenhill.* Glenhill is a privately owned investment partnership that invests primarily in public equity markets internationally. Founded in 2001, Glenhill is led by Glenn J. Krevlin, who has served as the managing member of Krevlin Advisors, LLC, an investment management firm, which is the general partner of Glenhill.

Funds affiliated with Catterton and Tower Three invested in Home Holdings in order to fund Home Holdings' acquisition of Restoration Hardware, Inc. Funds associated with Glenhill acquired their interests in Home Holdings pursuant to a rollover agreement, pursuant to which such funds agreed to contribute a portion of their shares of Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s common stock in exchange for a pro rata equity interest in Home Holdings. See *Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions*.

Our Principal Equity Holders are also in the business of making investments in companies and may from time to time acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. Our Principal Equity Holders may also pursue acquisition opportunities that are complementary to our business and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us. See *Risk Factors Home Holdings, Catterton and Tower Three continue to have significant influence over us, including over decisions that require the approval of stockholders, and their interests in our business may be different from yours.*

### **Corporate and Other Information**

Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. is a Delaware corporation. Our corporate headquarters is located at 15 Koch Road, Suite J, Corte Madera, CA 94925. Our telephone number is (415) 924-1005. Our principal website addresses are [www.restorationhardware.com](http://www.restorationhardware.com) and [www.rh.com](http://www.rh.com). We also operate a website for our Baby & Child brand at [www.rhbabyandchild.com](http://www.rhbabyandchild.com). The information on any of our websites is not deemed to be incorporated in this prospectus or to be part of this prospectus.

This prospectus includes our trademarks, such as Restoration Hardware, RH and Restoration Hardware Baby & Child, which are protected under applicable intellectual property laws and are the property of Restoration Hardware. This prospectus also contains trademarks, service marks, trade names and copyrights of other companies, which are the property of their respective owners. Solely for convenience, trademarks and trade names referred to in this prospectus may appear without the ® or ™ symbols, but such references are not intended to indicate, in any way, that we will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, our rights or the right of the applicable licensor to these trademarks and trade names.

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**The Offering**

Common stock offered by the selling stockholders                      shares

Common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering                      shares

Use of proceeds                      The selling stockholders, which include certain of our officers, directors and employees will receive all of the proceeds from this offering and we will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares in this offering. See Principal and Selling Stockholders.

Principal stockholders                      Immediately following the completion of this offering, Home Holdings will own                      shares, or                      %, of our outstanding common stock (including outstanding unvested shares). Of that amount, Catterton will beneficially own                      shares, or                      %, of our outstanding common stock, Tower Three will beneficially own                      shares, or                      %, of our outstanding common stock and Glenhill will beneficially own                      shares, or                      %, of our outstanding common stock.

We are a controlled company within the meaning of the NYSE listing rules, and therefore will be exempt from certain of the corporate governance listing requirements of the NYSE. See Management Corporate Governance.

Home Holdings and the directors appointed by Home Holdings have certain approval rights. See Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Stockholders Agreement.

Dividend policy                      We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings for use in the operation of our business, and therefore we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination to pay dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our results of operations, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors that our board of directors deems relevant. We are a holding company, and substantially all of our operations are carried out by our subsidiary, Restoration Hardware, Inc., and its subsidiaries. Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s ability to pay dividends to us is limited by the terms of its credit agreement, which may in turn limit our ability to pay dividends on our common stock. Our ability to pay dividends may also be restricted by the terms of any future credit agreement or any future debt or preferred securities of ours or of our subsidiaries. See Dividend Policy.

Risk factors                      Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page 15 of this prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our common stock.



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Unless otherwise indicated, all information in this prospectus relating to the number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering:

excludes an aggregate of 748,159 shares of unvested common stock issued to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman under the Restoration Hardware 2012 Equity Replacement Plan, which we refer to as the Replacement Plan, in connection with the Reorganization, which shares begin to vest during the 36-month period following our initial public offering when the ten-day trailing price of our common stock exceeds a price per share of \$37.79 per share for at least ten consecutive trading days, and such shares shall fully vest when the price our common stock reaches a price per share of \$46.50 for at least ten consecutive trading days (with proportional vesting in between);

excludes vested options to purchase an aggregate of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock granted under the Restoration Hardware 2012 Stock Incentive Plan (which we refer to as the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan), with a weighted-average exercise price equal to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share (the shares issuable upon exercise of these options are subject to selling restrictions that will lapse over time);

excludes vested options to purchase an aggregate of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock granted under the Restoration Hardware 2012 Stock Option Plan, which we refer to as the Option Plan, with an exercise price of \$29.00 per share (the shares issuable upon exercise of these options are subject to selling restrictions that will lapse over time);

excludes vested options to purchase an aggregate of 5,953,652 shares of our common stock granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman under the Option Plan, with an exercise price per share of \$46.50, with restrictions on sale that will lapse in increments when our stock price reaches specified levels ranging from \$50.75 to \$111.25;

excludes \_\_\_\_\_ additional shares of common stock reserved for future grants under the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan; and

assumes no exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase up to \_\_\_\_\_ additional shares from the selling stockholders.

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**Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data**

The following tables present Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc.'s summary historical consolidated financial and operating data as of the dates and for the periods indicated.

Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. was formed as a Delaware corporation on August 18, 2011. On November 7, 2012, Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. completed an initial public offering and acquired all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Restoration Hardware, Inc. In connection with the initial public offering, common stock of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. was issued to Home Holdings and in replacement of prior unit awards under the Team Resto Ownership Plan. These transactions are referred to as the Reorganization. Prior to the Reorganization, Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. had not engaged in any business or other activities except in connection with its formation and the Reorganization. Accordingly, all financial and other information herein relating to periods prior to the completion of the Reorganization is that of Restoration Hardware, Inc.

All of the outstanding capital stock of Restoration Hardware, Inc. was acquired on June 16, 2008, by Home Holdings, which we refer to in this prospectus as the Acquisition.

The summary consolidated financial data for the fiscal years ended January 29, 2011, January 28, 2012, February 2, 2013 and as of February 2, 2013, were derived from Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc.'s consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary consolidated financial data for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2010 was derived from Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s consolidated financial statements for such year not included herein.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, we changed our accounting policy for recognizing stock-based compensation expense which has been applied retrospectively to the periods presented below. For further discussion, see footnote 1 to the table below.

The summary historical consolidated data presented below should be read in conjunction with the sections entitled Risk Factors, Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto and other financial data included elsewhere in this prospectus.

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|  | Year Ended   |                     |                     |                     |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | January 30,<br>2010  | January 29,<br>2011 | January 28,<br>2012 | February 2,<br>2013 |
|  | (dollars in thousands, excluding share, per share and<br>per square foot data) |                     |                     |                     |
| <b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>   |  |                     |                     |                     |
| Net revenues   | \$ 625,685   | \$ 772,752          | \$ 958,084          | \$ 1,193,046        |
| Cost of goods sold   | 412,629  | 501,132             | 601,735             | 756,597             |
| Gross profit   | 213,056  | 271,620             | 356,349             | 436,449             |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses (1)   | 238,889  | 274,836             | 329,506             | 505,485             |
| Income (loss) from operations  | (25,833)   | (3,216)             | 26,843              | (69,036)            |
| Interest expense   | (3,241)  | (3,150)             | (5,134)             | (5,776)             |
| Income (loss) before income taxes  | (29,074)   | (6,366)             | 21,709              | (74,812)            |
| Income tax expense (benefit) (2)   | (423)  | 685                 | 1,121               | (62,023)            |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ (28,651)  | \$ (7,051)          | \$ 20,588           | \$ (12,789)         |
| Weighted-average number of basic and diluted shares outstanding  | 100  | 100                 | 468                 | 9,428,828           |
| Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share  | \$ (286,510)   | \$ (70,510)         | \$ 43,991           | \$ (1.36)           |
| <b>Other Financial and Operating Data:</b>   |  |                     |                     |                     |
| Growth in net revenues:  |  |                     |                     |                     |
| Stores (3)   | (6)%   | 15%                 | 22%                 | 20%                 |
| Direct   | (15)%  | 37%                 | 27%                 | 30%                 |
| Total  | (10)%  | 24%                 | 24%                 | 25%                 |
| Retail (4):  |  |                     |                     |                     |
| Comparable store sales change (5)  | (7)%   | 19%                 | 25%                 | 28%                 |
| Retail stores open at end of period  | 95   | 91                  | 74                  | 71                  |
| Total leased square footage at end of period (in thousands)  | 1,015  | 970                 | 808                 | 768                 |
| Total leased selling square footage at end of period (in thousands) (6)                                  | 642  | 613                 | 516                 | 501                 |
| Retail sales per leased selling square foot (7)  | \$ 525   | \$ 635              | \$ 846              | \$ 1,143            |
| Direct:  |  |                     |                     |                     |
| Catalogs circulated (in thousands) (8)   | 31,336   | 46,507              | 26,052              | 32,712              |
| Catalog pages circulated (in millions) (8)   | 4,418  | 6,260               | 8,848               | 16,029              |
| Direct as a percentage of net revenues (9)   | 39%  | 43%                 | 44%                 | 46%                 |
| Capital expenditures   | \$ 2,024   | \$ 39,907           | \$ 25,593           | \$ 49,058           |
| Adjusted EBITDA (10)   | \$ 17,596  | \$ 41,097           | \$ 80,154           | \$ 96,571           |
| Adjusted net income (loss) (10)  | \$ (18,483)  | \$ 3,025            | \$ 26,451           | \$ 37,739           |
| Pro forma diluted weighted-average shares used in calculating adjusted diluted net income per share (11) |  |                     |                     | 37,242,178          |
| Adjusted diluted net income per share (10)   |  |                     |                     | \$ 1.01             |

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|  | As of February 2, 2013<br>(in thousands) |
|--|--|
| <b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>                                 |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                  | \$ 8,354                                 |
| Working capital (excluding cash and cash equivalents) (12) | \$ 267,905                               |
| Total assets   | \$ 789,613                               |
| Revolving line of credit                                   | \$ 82,501                                |
| Term loan  |  |
| Total debt (including current portion) (13)                | \$ 87,029                                |
| Total stockholders' equity                                 | \$ 451,611                               |

- (1) In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, we changed our policy for recognizing stock-based compensation expense from the graded method of accounting to the straight-line method of accounting for our pre-Reorganization time-based units (or service-only awards). This change in accounting had the same impact on our selling, general and administrative expenses and net income (loss) for all periods presented. The table below presents the impact to our net income (loss) as a result of this change in accounting policy. The impact to fiscal 2009 was immaterial and there was no impact for years prior to 2009. See Note 3 *Change in Accounting Principle Stock-Based Compensation* to our audited consolidated financial statements.

|  | Year Ended          |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | January 29,<br>2011 | January 28,<br>2012 |
|  | (in thousands)      |                     |
| Net income (loss) as reported          | \$ (8,074)          | \$ 20,341           |
| Change in accounting policy adjustment | 1,023               | 247                 |
| Net income (loss) as revised           | \$ (7,051)          | \$ 20,588           |

- (2) As of the end of fiscal 2012, our U.S. operations achieved a position of cumulative profits (adjusted for permanent differences) for the most recent three-year period. We concluded that this record of cumulative profitability in recent years, coupled with our business plan for profitability in future periods, provided assurance that our future tax benefits more likely than not would be realized. Accordingly, in the three and twelve months ended February 2, 2013, we released all of our U.S. valuation allowance of \$57.2 million against net deferred tax assets.
- (3) Stores data represents retail stores plus outlet stores.
- (4) Retail data has been calculated based upon our retail stores and excludes our outlet stores.
- (5) Comparable store sales have been calculated based upon retail stores that were open at least fourteen full months as of the end of the reporting period and did not change square footage by more than 20% between periods. If a store is closed for seven days during a month, that month will be excluded from comparable store sales. Comparable store net revenues exclude revenues from outlet stores. Because fiscal 2012 was a 53-week year, comparable store sales percentage for fiscal 2012 excludes the extra week of sales.
- (6) Leased selling square footage is retail space at our stores used to sell our products. Leased selling square footage excludes backrooms at retail stores used for storage office space or similar matters. Leased selling square footage excludes exterior sales space located outside a store, such as courtyards, gardens and rooftops. Leased selling square footage for fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2010 includes approximately 4,500 square feet related to one owned store location.
- (7) Retail sales per leased selling square foot is calculated by dividing total net revenues for all retail stores, comparable and non-comparable, by the average leased selling square footage for the period.
- (8) The catalogs and catalog pages circulated from period to period do not take into account different page sizes per catalog distributed. Page sizes and page counts vary for different catalog mailings and we sometimes mail different versions of a catalog at the same time. Accordingly, period to period comparisons of catalogs circulated and catalog pages circulated do not take these variations into account.

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- (9) Direct revenues include sales through our catalogs and websites.
- (10) EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted net income per share are supplemental measures of financial performance that are not required by, or presented in accordance with, GAAP. We define EBITDA as consolidated net income (loss) before depreciation and amortization, interest expense and provision for income taxes. We define adjusted EBITDA as consolidated net income (loss) before depreciation and amortization, interest expense and provision for income taxes, adjusted for the impact of certain non-recurring and other items that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance. We define adjusted net income as consolidated net income (loss), adjusted for the impact of certain non-recurring and other items that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance. We define adjusted diluted net income per share as adjusted net income divided by our pro forma diluted weighted-average shares as of February 2, 2013. Reconciliations of these measures to the equivalent measures under GAAP are set forth below in Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data.

We believe that EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income are useful measures of operating performance, as they eliminate expenses that are not reflective of the underlying business performance, facilitate a comparison of our operating performance on a consistent basis from period-to-period and provide for a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our business. We also use adjusted EBITDA as one of the primary methods for planning and forecasting overall expected performance and for evaluating on a quarterly and annual basis actual results against such expectations, and as the basis of our Management Incentive Plan ( MIP ), which is our cash based-incentive compensation program designed to motivate and reward annual performance for eligible employees. Additionally, EBITDA is frequently used by analysts, investors and other interested parties to evaluate companies in our industry. We use EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA, alongside other GAAP measures such as gross profit, operating income (loss) and net income (loss), to measure profitability, as a key profitability target in our annual and other budgets, and to compare our performance against that of peer companies.

EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted net income per share are not GAAP measures of our financial performance or liquidity and should not be considered as alternatives to net income (loss) or net income (loss) per share as a measure of financial performance, cash flows from operating activities as a measure of liquidity, or any other performance measure derived in accordance with GAAP and they should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items. Additionally, EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are not intended to be measures of free cash flow for management's discretionary use, as they do not consider certain cash requirements such as tax payments and debt service requirements and certain other cash costs that may recur in the future. EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA contain certain other limitations, including the failure to reflect our cash expenditures, cash requirements for working capital needs and cash costs to replace assets being depreciated and amortized. In addition, these non-GAAP measures exclude certain non-recurring and other charges.

In evaluating these non-GAAP measures, you should be aware that in the future we may incur expenses that are the same as or similar to some of the adjustments in these non-GAAP measures. Our presentation of these non-GAAP measures should not be construed to imply that our future results will be unaffected by any such adjustments. Management compensates for these limitations by relying primarily on our GAAP results and by using these non-GAAP only supplementally. These non-GAAP measures are not necessarily comparable to other similarly titled captions of other companies due to different methods of calculation.

- (11) On a pro forma basis, basic and diluted shares outstanding include (1) the impact of the Reorganization, as well as (2) the 4,782,609 shares of common stock that we issued and sold on November 7, 2012 in our initial public offering, as if such events had been completed as of the beginning of the respective periods and the common stock resulting therefrom was outstanding for the respective periods.



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- (12) Working capital is defined as current assets, excluding cash and cash equivalents, less current liabilities, excluding the current portion of long term debt.
- (13) Total debt (including current portion) includes amounts outstanding under the Restoration Hardware, Inc. revolving line of credit, term loan and capital lease obligations.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*This offering and an investment in our common stock involve a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below, together with the risks and uncertainties described elsewhere in this prospectus, including our consolidated financial statements and the related notes contained elsewhere in this prospectus, before you decide to purchase shares of our common stock. If any of the following risks or uncertainties actually occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow and prospects could be materially and adversely affected. As a result, the price of our common stock could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment in our common stock.*

**Risks Related to Our Business**

*Growth in our business may not be sustained and may not generate a corresponding improvement in our results of operations.*

We may not be able to maintain or improve the levels of growth that we have experienced in the recent past. In addition, although we have recently experienced strong comparable store sales, if our future comparable store sales fail to meet market expectations or decline, the price of our common stock could decline. Various factors affect comparable store sales, including the number, size and location of stores we open, close, remodel or expand in any period, the overall economic and general retail sales environment, consumer preferences and demand, our ability to efficiently source and distribute products, changes in our product offerings, competition, current local and global economic conditions, changes in catalog circulation and the success of marketing programs. These factors may cause our comparable store sales results to be materially lower than recent periods and our expectations, which could harm our results of operations and result in a decline in the price of our common stock.

Although we have recently experienced sales growth as a result of a number of new business initiatives, this sales growth may not continue and the level of our sales could decrease if customer response to our product offerings is not sustained. Many factors can influence customer response to our product offerings and store formats including responses from our competitors, who may introduce similar products or merchandise formats. In addition, sales levels for particular merchandise or product categories may not continue over time if customer demand levels are not sustained. The level of customer response to our Full Line Design Galleries may vary in different markets and store locations. Similarly, the level of customer response to our Source Book catalog format, in which we display a greater percentage of our product assortment, may vary in different markets. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to migrate customer demand successfully when we choose to close a store in a particular location in favor of a Full Line Design Gallery in the same or an adjacent market location. While our objective is to retain a high percentage of customer demand from store locations that we close, there can be no assurance that we will retain a high percentage of sales from stores closed in the future or that we will continue to retain a high percentage of sales from stores previously closed.

In addition, these developments in our business could result in material changes in our operating costs, including increased merchandise inventory costs and costs for paper and postage associated with the mailing and shipping of catalogs and products. We cannot assure you that we will succeed in offsetting these expenses with increased efficiency or that cost increases associated with our business will not have an adverse effect on our financial results.

*If we fail to successfully anticipate consumer preferences and demand, or to manage our inventory commensurate with demand, our results of operations may be adversely affected.*

Our success depends in large part on our ability to originate and define home product trends, as well as to anticipate, gauge and react to changing consumer demands in a timely manner. Our products must appeal to a range of consumers whose preferences cannot always be predicted with certainty. We cannot assure you that we

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will be able to continue to develop products that customers positively respond to or that we will successfully meet consumer demands in the future. Any failure on our part to anticipate, identify or respond effectively to consumer preferences and demand could adversely affect sales of our products. If this occurs, our sales may decline significantly, and we may be required to mark down certain products to sell the resulting excess inventory or to sell such inventory through our outlet stores, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, we must manage our merchandise in stock and inventory levels to track consumer demand. Much of our merchandise requires that we provide vendors with significant ordering lead time, frequently before market factors are known. In addition, the seasonal nature of our products requires us to carry a significant amount of inventory prior to peak selling seasons. If we are not able to anticipate consumer demand for our different product offerings, or successfully manage inventory levels for products that are in demand, we may experience:

back orders, order cancellations and lost sales for products that are in high demand for which we did not stock adequate inventory;  
and

overstock inventory levels for products that have lower consumer demand, requiring us to take markdowns or other steps to sell slower-moving merchandise.

As a result of these and other factors, we are vulnerable to demand and pricing shifts and to misjudgments in the selection and timing of merchandise purchases.

### ***Changes in consumer spending or the housing market may significantly harm our revenue and results of operations.***

Our business depends on consumer demand for our products and, consequently, is sensitive to a number of factors that influence consumer spending in the retail home furnishings sector, including, among other things, the general state of the economy, capital and credit markets, consumer confidence, general business conditions, the availability and cost of consumer credit, the level of consumer debt, interest rates, level of taxes affecting consumers, housing prices, new construction and other activity in the housing sector and the state of the mortgage industry and other aspects of consumer credit tied to housing, including the availability and pricing of mortgage refinancings and home equity lines of credit. We believe that a number of these factors have had, and may continue to have, an adverse impact on the retail home furnishings sector, and have also affected our business and results, and these factors may make it difficult for us to accurately predict our operating and financial results for future periods. The housing market may be commencing a recovery after a prolonged downtrend, and rising levels of home purchases and remodelings, in turn, may increase consumer spending on home furnishings. However, the overall economic outlook remains uncertain and there can be no assurance that any economic or housing recovery will be sustained or that our business will continue to perform well even in a stronger housing market.

### ***We are undertaking a large number of business initiatives at the same time and if these new initiatives are not successful, they may have a negative impact on our operating results.***

We are experiencing rapid growth and undertaking a large number of new business initiatives. For example, we have developed and continue to refine and enhance our Full Line Design Gallery format which involves larger store square footage. We plan to continue to open Full Line Design Galleries in select major metropolitan markets and we expect to close a number of our older stores and replace them with the Full Line Design Gallery format. We also continue to add new product categories and to expand product assortments. For example, we introduced our new Tableware category in Spring 2013. We are currently contemplating other new product lines and extensions and complementary brand-enhancing businesses, as well as expanding sales to international markets. In addition, we are continuing a number of new initiatives in other areas of our business, including product sourcing and distribution and management information systems. For example, we have reduced the use of third-party buying agents in most foreign locations. Further, we continue to evolve our Source Book strategy. We may incur costs for these new initiatives before we realize any corresponding revenue.

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The number of current business initiatives could strain our financial, operational and management resources. In addition, these initiatives may not be successful. If we are not successful in managing our current growth and the large number of new initiatives that are underway, we might experience an adverse impact on our financial performance and results of operations. All of the foregoing risks may be compounded in any economic downturn. If we fail to achieve the intended results of our current business initiatives, or if the implementation of these initiatives is delayed or abandoned, diverts management's attention or resources from other aspects of our business or costs more than anticipated, we may experience inadequate return on investment for some of our business initiatives, which would have a negative effect on our operating results.

***Our growth strategy and performance depend on our ability to purchase our merchandise in sufficient quantities at competitive prices, including our products that are produced by artisans and specialty vendors, and any disruptions we experience in our ability to obtain our products in a timely fashion or in the quantities required could have a material adverse effect on our business.***

We do not own or operate any manufacturing facilities. We instead purchase all of our merchandise from a large number of vendors, many of which are the sole sources for particular products. Our growth strategy includes expanding the amount of products we sell, and our performance depends on our ability to purchase our merchandise in sufficient quantities at competitive prices. However, many of our key products are produced by artisans, specialty vendors and other vendors that may have limited production capacity. In addition, some of our vendors are small and undercapitalized firms. A number of our vendors, particularly our artisan vendors, may have limited resources, production capacities and operating histories. As a result, the capacity of some of our vendors to meet our supply requirements has been, and may in the future be, constrained at various times and our vendors may be susceptible to production difficulties or other factors that negatively affect the quantity or quality of their production during future periods. A disruption in the ability of our significant vendors to access liquidity could also cause serious disruptions or an overall deterioration of their businesses, which could lead to a significant reduction in their ability to manufacture or ship products to us.

Any difficulties that we experience in our ability to obtain products in sufficient quality and quantity from our vendors could have a material adverse effect on our business. In fiscal 2012, we purchased approximately 85% of our merchandise from vendors that are located abroad. Our ability to obtain desired merchandise in sufficient quantities could be impaired by events that adversely affect our vendors or the locations in which they operate, such as difficulties or problems associated with our vendors' operations, business, finances, labor, economic environment, importation of products, costs, production, insurance and reputation. Failure of vendors to produce adequate quantities of merchandise in a timely manner has resulted in back orders and lower revenue in certain periods of our business operation. While we believe our vendors have the capacity to meet our demand, we cannot assure you that our vendors will be able to produce adequate quantities of merchandise in a timely manner in the future.

We also do not have long-term contracts or other contractual assurances of continued supply, pricing or access to new products with our vendors, and generally we transact business with our vendors on an order-by-order basis. Therefore, any vendor could discontinue selling to us at any time. Any disruptions we experience in our ability to obtain our products in a timely fashion or in the quantities required could have a material adverse effect on our business.

***We may not be able to locate and develop relationships with a sufficient number of new vendors, which could lead to product shortages and customer backorders, which could harm our business.***

In the event that one or more of our vendors is unable to meet the quantity or quality of our product requirements, we may not be able to develop relationships with new vendors in a manner that is sufficient to supply the shortfall. Even if we do identify such new vendors, we may experience product shortages and customer backorders as we transition our product requirements to incorporate the alternative suppliers. In addition, we cannot assure you that any new vendor with which we do business, particularly any new vendor abroad, would not be subject to the same or similar quality and quantity risks as our existing suppliers.

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***We do not have exclusive relationships with most of our vendors, and there is a risk that our vendors may sell similar or identical products to our competitors, which could harm our business.***

Our arrangements with our vendors are generally not exclusive. As a result, most of our vendors might be able to sell similar or identical products to certain of our competitors, some of which purchase products in significantly greater volume. Our competitors may enter into arrangements with suppliers that could impair our ability to sell those suppliers' products, including by requiring suppliers to enter into exclusive arrangements, which could limit our access to such arrangements or products. Our vendors could also initiate or expand sales of their products through their own stores or through the Internet to the retail market and therefore compete with us directly or sell their products through outlet centers or discount stores, increasing the competitive pricing pressure we face.

***We may not have adequate remedies with our vendors for defective merchandise, which could damage our reputation and brand image and harm our business.***

If products that we purchase from vendors are damaged or prove to be defective, we may not be able to return products to these vendors and obtain refunds of our purchase price or obtain other indemnification from them. Our vendors' limited capacities may result in a vendor's inability to replace any defective merchandise in a timely manner. In addition, our vendors' limited capitalization or liquidity may mean that a vendor that has supplied defective merchandise will not be able to refund the purchase price to us or pay us any penalties or damages associated with any defects.

In addition, our vendors may not adhere to our quality control standards, and we might not identify a quality deficiency before merchandise ships to our stores or customers. Our vendors' failure to manufacture or import quality merchandise in a timely and effective manner could damage our reputation and brand image, and could lead to an increase in product returns or exchanges or customer litigation against us and a corresponding increase in our routine and non-routine litigation costs. Further, any merchandise that does not meet our quality standards or other government requirements could become subject to a recall, which could damage our reputation and brand image and harm our business.

***Our former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Gary Friedman, resigned from these positions and as a director of the Company last year. There can be no assurance that these developments will not have an adverse impact on us.***

Our former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Gary Friedman, resigned from these positions and as a director of the Company, effective October 20, 2012, following an investigation by a special committee of non-management directors of the board assisted by independent counsel prompted by disclosure that Mr. Friedman and a Company employee were engaged in a personal relationship, described by the parties as consensual. The investigation concluded that Mr. Friedman engaged in activities that were inconsistent with the board of directors' expectations for executive conduct as previously communicated by the board of directors and failed to comply with certain Company policies. We incurred \$4.8 million of expenses related to the investigation. There can be no assurance that we will not incur expenses or claims in the future related to the conduct that was the subject of the investigation or similar conduct that has occurred in the past or, given Mr. Friedman's continued involvement with the Company in his new roles, may occur in the future.

In connection with his resignation as Chairman, Co-Chief Executive Officer and a director, Mr. Friedman and the Company entered into an advisory services agreement that provides for Mr. Friedman to advise the Company in a role described as the Creator and Curator with respect to product development, merchandising and other creative matters as more specifically outlined in Executive Compensation Employment and Other Agreements. In addition, in connection with our initial public offering, Home Holdings agreed to invest \$5 million, consisting of \$2.5 million in an initial tranche and \$2.5 million in one or more additional tranches, directly or indirectly, in Hierarchy, LLC ( Hierarchy ), a recently formed entity in which Mr. Friedman has a

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controlling interest. If requested by Home Holdings and agreed to by us, we may make such subsequent tranche investments. We will have the right to acquire all or a portion of Home Holdings' interest in Hierarchy between the second and third anniversaries of our initial public offering, at the greater of the then fair market value and the price paid by Home Holdings. Further, Home Holdings has assigned to us its right of first offer and co-sale right over the sale by Mr. Friedman of his interests in Hierarchy, its right of first offer over the sale of Hierarchy or any of its lines of business and its preemptive rights on issuances of additional interests in Hierarchy. Unless otherwise agreed by Home Holdings, for two years from the date of the Hierarchy operating agreement, Hierarchy's lines of business will be limited to apparel and apparel related businesses. In addition, Hierarchy will be permanently prohibited from entering into lines of business in which we are engaged and certain lines of business in which we may become engaged (other than luggage, which Hierarchy may enter into after such two year period). The agreements among Hierarchy, Home Holdings, Mr. Friedman and the Company contemplate that we will enter into an agreement to provide Hierarchy with back office, logistics, supply chain and administrative support, with pricing determined based on the fair market value of such services. We also transferred to Hierarchy our minimal apparel-related assets at fair market value, as more specifically outlined in Certain Relationships and Related-Party Transactions Arrangements with Hierarchy. Mr. Friedman is also a significant stockholder in the Company and will continue to advise the board of directors in an observer capacity, with the honorary title of Chairman Emeritus.

Mr. Friedman's leadership and creative talents were important contributors to the Company's performance during his tenure as our Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer. While we believe that Mr. Alberini, the current sole Chief Executive Officer, and the other management team members can continue to effectively lead the Company, and we expect to continue to benefit from Mr. Friedman's contributions as the Company's Creator and Curator on an advisory basis, and as Chairman Emeritus, there can be no assurance that the absence of Mr. Friedman in his former roles will not have an adverse impact on us.

### ***If we lose key personnel or are unable to hire additional qualified personnel, our business may be harmed.***

The success of our business depends upon the continued service of our key personnel, including our Chief Executive Officer, Carlos Alberini. In addition, the leadership and creative talents of Gary Friedman, our Chairman Emeritus, who currently serves as our Creator and Curator on an advisory basis, have been and are expected to continue to be important contributors to our performance. The loss of the services of our key personnel or advisor could make it more difficult to successfully operate our business and achieve our business goals. In addition, we do not maintain key man life insurance policies on any of our key personnel. As a result, we may not be able to cover the financial loss we may incur in losing the services of any of our key personnel.

Mr. Alberini's and Mr. Friedman's equity ownership in our Company may give them a substantial amount of personal wealth. As a result, it may be difficult for us to continue to retain and motivate them, and this wealth could affect their decisions about whether or not they continue to perform services for us. If we do not succeed in retaining and motivating Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman, we may be unable to achieve our historical growth rates.

Competition for qualified employees and personnel in the retail industry is intense. We may be unable to retain other existing personnel that are important to our business or hire additional qualified personnel. The process of locating personnel with the combination of skills and attributes required to carry out our goals is often lengthy. Our success depends to a significant degree upon our ability to attract, retain and motivate qualified management, marketing and sales personnel, in particular store managers, and upon the continued contributions of these people. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in attracting and retaining qualified executives and personnel.

In addition, our success depends in part upon our ability to attract, motivate and retain a sufficient number of store employees who understand and appreciate our corporate culture and customers. Turnover in the retail industry is generally high. Excessive store employee turnover will result in higher employee costs associated

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with finding, hiring and training new store employees. If we are unable to hire and retain store personnel capable of consistently providing a high level of customer service, our ability to open new stores may be impaired, the performance of our existing and new stores could be materially adversely affected and our brand image may be negatively impacted.

*Our operations have significant liquidity and capital requirements and depend on the availability of adequate financing on reasonable terms, and if we are unable to borrow sufficient capital, it could have a significant negative effect on our business.*

Our operations have significant liquidity and capital requirements. Among other things, the seasonality of our businesses requires us to purchase merchandise well in advance of the outdoor selling season in our second fiscal quarter and the holiday selling season in our fourth fiscal quarter. In addition, we have invested significant capital expenditures in remodeling and opening new stores and these capital expenditures have increased and will continue to increase in fiscal 2013 and succeeding fiscal periods as we open additional Full Line Design Galleries, which may require us to undertake upgrades to historical buildings or construction of new buildings. During fiscal 2012, we spent \$27.8 million for capital expenditures related to new stores and remodeling, and we incurred \$21.3 million of additional capital expenditures related to supply chain investments and systems infrastructure. We anticipate our capital expenditure requirements to be approximately \$95 million to \$100 million for fiscal 2013. We plan to continue our growth and expansion, including opening Full Line Design Galleries in select major metropolitan markets, pursuing category extensions of our brand, and exploring new business areas. We purchased the building and land for our store in San Francisco but we have relied upon leases with landlords for our other locations to date. As we develop new stores in the future, we may explore other models for our real estate which could include joint ventures or other forms of equity ownership in the real estate interests associated with new sites and buildings. These approaches might require greater capital investment than a traditional store lease with a landlord.

We depend on our ability to generate cash flows from operating activities, as well as revolving borrowings under the Restoration Hardware, Inc. revolving line of credit, to finance the carrying costs of our inventory, to pay for capital expenditures and operating expenses and to support our growth strategy. As of February 2, 2013, we had borrowed \$82.5 million under the revolving line of credit and had \$188.5 million available for borrowing. Various factors may impact our lenders' willingness to provide funds to us, including:

our continuing compliance with the terms of our revolving line of credit;

the amount of availability under the revolving line of credit, which depends on various factors, including the amount of collateral available under the revolving line of credit, which relies on a borrowing base formula tied principally to the value of our assets, including our inventory; and

our lenders' financial strength and ability to perform under the revolving line of credit.

If the cash flows from our operating activities are not sufficient to finance the carrying costs of inventory and to pay for capital expenditures and operating costs, and if we are unable to borrow a sufficient amount under the revolving line of credit to finance or pay for such expenditures and costs, it could have a significant negative effect on our business.

We currently believe that our cash flow from operations and funds available under the revolving line of credit will satisfy our capital and operating requirements for the next twelve months. However, any weakening of, or other adverse developments concerning our sales performance or adverse developments concerning the availability of credit under the revolving line of credit, could limit the overall amount of funds available to us.

In addition, we may experience cash flow shortfalls in the future, and we may otherwise require additional external funding, or we may need to raise funds to take advantage of unanticipated opportunities, to make acquisitions of other businesses or companies or to respond to changing business conditions or unanticipated

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competitive pressures. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to raise funds on favorable terms, if at all, or that future financing requirements would not be dilutive to holders of our capital stock. If we fail to raise sufficient additional funds, we may be required to delay or abandon some of our planned future expenditures or aspects of our current operations.

*A number of factors that affect our ability to successfully open new stores within the time frames we initially target or optimize our store footprint are beyond our control, and these factors may harm our ability to execute our strategy of sizing stores to the potential of the market, which may negatively affect our results of operations.*

We are focused on sizing our assortments and our stores to the potential of the market by adjusting the square footage and number of stores on a geographic market-by-market basis. We plan to optimize our real estate by continuing to open larger square footage Full Line Design Galleries in key markets and relocating or closing selected stores in these or adjacent markets. When we address the introduction of new stores in a particular market or changes to, or closure of, existing stores, we must make a series of decisions regarding the size and location of new stores (or the existing stores slated to undergo changes or closure) and the impact on our other existing stores in the area.

Our ability to maximize the productivity of our retail store base, depends on many factors, including, among others, our ability to:

identify suitable locations, the availability of which is largely outside of our control;

size the store locations to the market opportunity;

retain customers in certain geographic markets when we close stores in that market;

negotiate acceptable new lease terms or lease renewals, modifications or terminations;

efficiently build and equip new stores or further remodel existing locations;

source sufficient levels of inventory to meet the needs of changes in our store footprint on a timely basis;

successfully integrate changes in our store base into our existing operations and information technology systems;

obtain or maintain adequate capital resources on acceptable terms;

avoid construction or local permit delays and cost overruns in connection with the opening of new stores or the expansion or further remodeling of existing stores;

maintain adequate distribution facilities, information systems and other operational systems to serve our new stores and remodeled stores; and

address competitive, merchandising, marketing, distribution and other challenges encountered in connection with expansion into new geographic areas and markets.



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We have experienced delays in opening some new stores within the time frames we initially targeted, and may continue to experience such delays in the future. Any of these challenges could delay or prevent us from completing store openings or the additional remodeling of existing stores or hinder the operations of stores we open or remodel. If any of these challenges delays the opening of a store, our results of operations will be negatively affected as we will incur leasing and other costs during the delay without associated store revenue at such location. New or remodeled stores may not be profitable or achieve our target return on investment. Unfavorable economic and business conditions and other events could also interfere with our plans to expand or modify store footprints. Our failure to effectively address challenges such as those listed above could adversely affect our ability to successfully open new stores or change our store footprint in a timely and cost-effective manner and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

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***Our operating results are subject to quarterly and seasonal fluctuations, and results for any quarter may not necessarily be indicative of the results that may be achieved for the full fiscal year.***

Our quarterly results have fluctuated in the past and may fluctuate significantly in the future, depending upon a variety of factors, including, among other things, our product offerings, the timing and level of markdowns, promotional events, store openings, store closings, the weather, remodeling or relocations, shifts in the timing of holidays, timing of catalog releases or sales, timing of delivery of orders, competitive factors and general economic conditions.

In addition, we historically have realized, and expect to continue to realize, higher net revenue and profitability in the fourth quarter of our fiscal year due to the holiday selling season and to a lesser extent in the second quarter due to the outdoor selling season. In fiscal 2012, we recorded net revenues of \$292.9 million and \$398.1 million in the second and fourth fiscal quarters or 24.6% and 33.4%, respectively, of our fiscal 2012 net revenue. In fiscal 2012, our gross profit for the second and fourth quarters was \$114.1 million and \$145.2 million or 26.1% and 33.3% of our fiscal 2012 gross profit, respectively. In anticipation of increased sales activity for the outdoor selling season during our second fiscal quarter and the holiday selling season during our fourth fiscal quarter, our working capital requirements are typically higher in the first and third fiscal quarters due to inventory-related working capital requirements for the outdoor selling season and the holiday selling season.

Accordingly, our results of operation may fluctuate on a seasonal basis and relative to corresponding periods in prior years. We may take certain pricing, merchandising or marketing actions that could have a disproportionate effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations in a particular quarter or selling season. For example, we periodically engage in sales promotional activities that are designed to increase our sales but can have the effect of reducing our gross margins. These initiatives and promotional activities may disproportionately impact results in a particular quarter and we believe that period to period comparisons of our operating results are not necessarily meaningful and cannot be relied upon as indicators of future performance.

***Our business depends in part on a strong brand image. We continue to invest in the development of our brand and the marketing of our business, and if we are not able to maintain and enhance our brand or market our product offerings, we may be unable to attract a sufficient number of customers or sell sufficient quantities of our products.***

We believe that the brand image we have developed, and the lifestyle image associated with our brand, have contributed significantly to the success of our business to date. We also believe that maintaining and enhancing our brand is integral to our business and to the implementation of our strategies for expanding our business. This will require us to continue to make investments in areas such as marketing and advertising, as well as the day-to-day investments required for store operations, catalog mailings, website operations and employee training. Our brand image may be diminished if new products, services or other businesses fail to maintain or enhance our distinctive brand image. Furthermore, our reputation could be jeopardized if we fail to maintain high standards for merchandise and service quality, if we fail to maintain high ethical, social and environmental standards for all of our operations and activities, if we fail to comply with local laws and regulations or if we experience other negative events that affect our image or reputation. Any failure to maintain a strong brand image could have an adverse effect on our sales and results of operations.

***We are exploring opportunities to expand into new categories or complementary businesses. If we are not successful in these new categories or business areas, it may have an adverse effect on our results of operations and our reputation.***

We are engaged in ongoing efforts to explore new business opportunities that we believe can leverage our current business platform. We have developed a number of new product categories and extensions over the last several years, including Garden & Outdoor, Baby & Child and Small Spaces. We also have introduced other merchandise categories that enhance the customer experience in our Full Line Design Galleries, including fresh cut flowers, magazines and tea. We plan further brand-enhancing offerings, such as the planned introduction of

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our Contemporary Art business, or a café, wine bar or restaurant adjacent to, or inside of, select Full Line Design Galleries. We are incubating a number of other new ideas for potential expansion of our business, some of which may become new core categories or new store concepts and others of which may be primarily offered as enrichment of the customer experience.

Developing and testing new business opportunities will involve us in business operations and areas of expertise that would be new to our organization and may require management time and resources. We may not achieve wide market acceptance or generate revenue sufficient to recoup the cost of developing and operating such new concepts, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. Any new businesses we enter may expose us to additional laws, regulations and risks, including the risk that we may incur ongoing operating expenses in such businesses in excess of revenues, which could harm our results of operations and financial condition. The financial profile of any such new businesses may be different than our current financial profile, which could affect our financial performance and the market price for our common stock.

### ***Competition in the home furnishings sector of the retail market may adversely affect our future financial performance.***

The home furnishings sector within the retail market is highly competitive. We compete with the interior design trade and specialty stores, as well as antique dealers and other merchants that provide unique items and custom-designed product offerings at higher price points. We also compete with national and regional home furnishing retailers and department stores. In addition, we compete with mail order catalogs and online retailers focused on home furnishings. We compete with these and other retailers for customers, suitable retail locations, vendors, qualified employees and management personnel. Many of our competitors have significantly greater financial, marketing and other resources than we do and therefore may be able to adapt to changes in customer preferences more quickly, devote greater resources to the marketing and sale of their products, generate greater national brand recognition or adopt more aggressive pricing policies than we can. In addition, increased catalog mailings by our competitors may adversely affect response rates to our own catalog mailings. Moreover, increased competition may result, and has resulted in the past, in potential or actual litigation between us and our competitors relating to such activities as competitive sales, hiring practices and other matters. As a result, increased competition may adversely affect our future financial performance, and we cannot assure you that we will be able to compete successfully in the future.

We believe that our ability to compete successfully is determined by several factors, including, among other things, the quality of our product selection, our brand, our merchandise presentation and value proposition, customer service, pricing and store locations. We may not ultimately succeed in competing with other retailers in our market.

### ***Disruptions in the global financial markets may make it difficult for us to borrow a sufficient amount of capital to finance the carrying costs of inventory and to pay for capital expenditures and operating costs, which could negatively affect our business.***

Disruptions in the global financial markets and banking systems have made credit and capital markets more difficult for companies to access, even for some companies with established revolving or other credit facilities. Under the credit agreement governing the Restoration Hardware, Inc. revolving line of credit, each financial institution that is part of the syndicate for the revolving line of credit is responsible for providing a portion of the loans to be made under the revolving line of credit. Factors that have previously affected our borrowing ability under the revolving line of credit have included the borrowing base formula limitations, adjustments in the appraised value of our inventory used to calculate the borrowing base and the availability of each of our lenders to advance its portion of requested borrowing drawdowns under the facility. If, in connection with a disruption in the global financial markets or otherwise, any participant, or group of participants, with a significant portion of the commitments in the revolving line of credit fails to satisfy its obligations to extend credit under the facility, and if we are unable to find a replacement for such participant or group of participants on a timely basis (if at all), then our liquidity and our business may be materially adversely affected.

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***Reductions in the volume of mall traffic or closing of shopping malls as a result of unfavorable economic conditions or changing demographic patterns could significantly reduce our sales and leave us with unsold inventory.***

Most of our stores are currently located in shopping malls. Sales at these stores are derived, in part, from the volume of traffic in those malls. These stores benefit from the ability of the malls' anchor tenants, generally large department stores and other area attractions, to generate consumer traffic in the vicinity of our stores and the continuing popularity of the malls as shopping destinations. Unfavorable economic conditions, particularly in certain regions, have adversely affected mall traffic and resulted in the closing of certain anchor stores and have threatened the viability of certain commercial real estate firms which operate major shopping malls. A continuation of this trend, including failure of a large commercial landlord or continued declines in the popularity of mall shopping generally among our customers, could reduce our sales and leave us with excess inventory. We may respond by increasing markdowns or initiating marketing promotions to reduce excess inventory, which would further adversely impact our results of operations.

***Our business depends upon the successful operation of our distribution facilities, furniture home delivery hubs and customer service center, as well as our ability to fulfill orders and to deliver our merchandise to our customers in a timely manner.***

Our business depends upon the successful operation of our distribution centers, furniture home delivery hubs and customer service center, as well as our order management and fulfillment services and the re-stocking of inventories within our stores. The efficient flow of our merchandise requires that our facilities have adequate capacity to support our current level of operations, and any anticipated increased levels that may follow from any growth of our business.

If we encounter difficulties associated with any of our facilities or if any of our facilities were to shut down for any reason, including as a result of fire, earthquakes (to which our California-based distribution and home delivery facilities in Tracy and Mira Loma and our corporate headquarters in Corte Madera are particularly vulnerable), power outages or other natural disasters, we could face shortages of inventory resulting in out of stock conditions in our stores, significantly higher costs and longer lead times associated with distributing our products to both our stores and online customers and the inability to process orders in a timely manner or ship goods to our customers. Further, any significant interruption in the operation of our customer service center, including the call center, could also reduce our ability to receive and process orders and provide products and services to our stores and customers, which could result in lost sales, cancelled sales and a loss of loyalty to our brand.

In January 2012, we opened a furniture home delivery hub in Avenel, New Jersey and, in February 2012, we opened a furniture distribution center in North East, Maryland. We also recently expanded our West Coast distribution center in Mira Loma, California, reduced the size of our furniture delivery hub in Tracy, California and have entered into a lease in connection with a planned distribution center in Grand Prairie, Texas. We are also planning to expand into an additional 400,000 square feet at our West Jefferson, Ohio distribution center in May 2013, and in-sourcing three home furniture delivery facilities in 2013. As a result of these and other efforts with respect to our distribution facilities, we may encounter operational difficulties with respect to our facilities, such as disruptions in transitioning fulfillment orders to the new distribution facilities and problems associated with operating new facilities or reducing the size and changing functions of existing facilities, and any such difficulties could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Our results may be adversely affected by fluctuations in raw materials and energy costs.***

Increases in the prices of the components and raw materials used in our products could negatively affect the sales of our merchandise and our product margins. These prices may fluctuate based on a number of factors beyond our control, including: commodity prices including prices for oil, lumber and cotton, changes in supply and demand, general economic conditions, labor costs, competition, import duties, tariffs, anti-dumping duties,

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currency exchange rates and government regulation. In addition, energy costs have fluctuated dramatically in the past. These fluctuations may result in an increase in our transportation costs for freight and distribution, utility costs for our retail stores and overall costs to purchase products from our vendors. Accordingly, changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currencies may increase our vendors' cost of business and ultimately our cost of goods sold and our selling, general and administrative costs. If we are unable to pass such cost increases on to our customers or the higher cost of the products results in decreased demand for our products, our results of operations would be harmed. Any such cost increase could reduce our earnings to the extent we are unable to adjust the prices of our products.

### ***We are subject to risks associated with our dependence on foreign imports for our merchandise.***

Based on total volume dollar purchases, in fiscal 2012 we purchased approximately 85% of our merchandise from vendors located outside the United States, including 78% from Asia, the majority of which originated from China. In addition, some of the merchandise we purchase from vendors in the United States also depends, in whole or in part, on vendors located outside the United States. As a result, our business highly depends on global trade, as well as trade and cost factors that impact the specific countries where our vendors are located, including Asia. Our future success will depend in large part upon our ability to maintain our existing foreign vendor relationships and to develop new ones. While we rely on our long-term relationships with our foreign vendors, we have no long-term contracts with them and transact business on an order by order basis. Additionally, many of our imported products are subject to existing duties, tariffs, anti-dumping duties and quotas that may limit the quantity of some types of goods which we may import into the United States. Our dependence on foreign imports also makes us vulnerable to risks associated with products manufactured abroad, including, among other things, risks of damage, destruction or confiscation of products while in transit to our distribution centers located in the United States, charges on or assessment of additional import duties, tariffs, anti-dumping duties and quotas, loss of most favored nation trading status by the United States in relation to a particular foreign country, work stoppages, including without limitation as a result of events such as longshoremen strikes, transportation and other delays in shipments, including without limitation as a result of heightened security screening and inspection processes or other port-of-entry limitations or restrictions in the United States, freight cost increases, economic uncertainties, including inflation, foreign government regulations, trade restrictions, including the United States retaliating against protectionist foreign trade practices and political unrest, increased labor costs and other similar factors that might affect the operations of our vendors in specific countries such as China.

An interruption or delay in supply from our foreign sources, or the imposition of additional duties, taxes or other charges on these imports, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations unless and until alternative supply arrangements are secured.

In addition, there is a risk that compliance lapses by our vendors could occur which could lead to investigations by U.S. government agencies responsible for international trade compliance. Resulting penalties or enforcement actions could delay future imports/exports or otherwise negatively impact our business. In addition, there remains a risk that one or more of our foreign vendors will not adhere to applicable legal requirements or our global compliance standards such as fair labor standards, the prohibition on child labor and other product safety or manufacturing safety standards. The violation of applicable legal requirements by any of our vendors or the failure to adhere to labor, manufacturing safety and other laws by any of our vendors, or the divergence of the labor practices followed by any of our vendors from those generally accepted in the United States, could disrupt our supply of products from our vendors or the shipment of products to us, result in potential liability to us and harm our reputation and brand and subject us to boycotts by our customers or activist groups, any of which could negatively affect our business and operating results.

### ***We extend unsecured credit to our vendors.***

Some of our vendors have limited cash flows and/or access to capital and require us to advance payments in order for them to be able to meet our supply requirements. We typically advance a portion of the payments to be

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made to such vendors under our purchase orders prior to the delivery of the ordered products. These advance payments are unsecured. These vendors may become insolvent and their failure to repay our advances, and any related failure to deliver products to us, could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations.

### ***We rely upon independent third-party transportation providers for the majority of our product shipments.***

We currently rely upon independent third-party transportation providers for our product shipments to our stores and to our customers outside of certain areas. Our utilization of their delivery services for shipments, or those of any other shipping companies we may elect to use, is subject to risks, including increases in fuel prices, which would increase our shipping costs, and strikes, work stoppages and inclement weather, which may impact the shipping companies' abilities to provide delivery services that adequately meet our shipping needs. If we change shipping companies, we could face logistical difficulties that could adversely affect deliveries and we would incur costs and expend resources in connection with such change. Moreover, we may not be able to obtain terms as favorable as those received from the third-party transportation providers we currently use, which in turn would increase our costs.

### ***We may be exposed to risks and costs associated with protecting the integrity and security of our customers' information.***

A significant number of customer purchases from us across all of our channels are made using credit cards. Additionally, a significant number of our customer orders are placed through our websites. In order for our business to function successfully, we and other market participants must be able to handle and transmit confidential information, including credit card information, securely. We are not fully compliant with Payment Card Industry, or PCI, Data Security Standards and there can be no assurance that in the future we will be able to operate our facilities and our customer service and sales operations in accordance with PCI or other industry recommended practices. We intend to obtain compliance with PCI Data Security Standards and will incur additional expenses to attain and maintain PCI compliance. Further, there is increased litigation over personally identifiable information and we may be subject to one or more claims or lawsuits related to intentional or unintentional exposure of our customers' personally identifiable information. Even if we are compliant with such standards, we still may not be able to prevent security breaches involving customer transaction data. Any breach could cause consumers to lose confidence in the security of our website and choose not to purchase from us. If a computer hacker or other criminal is able to circumvent our security measures, he or she could destroy or steal valuable information or disrupt our operations. Any security breach could expose us to risks of data loss, fines, litigation and liability and could seriously disrupt our operations and harm our reputation, any of which could adversely affect our business. In addition to the possibility of fines, lawsuits and other claims, we could be required to change our business practices or modify our service offerings in connection with the protection of personally identifiable information, which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

In addition, states and the federal government have enacted additional laws and regulations to protect consumers against identity theft, including laws governing treatment of personally identifiable information. We collect and store personal information from consumers in the course of doing business. These laws have increased the costs of doing business and, if we fail to implement appropriate safeguards or we fail to detect and provide prompt notice of unauthorized access as required by some of these laws, we could be subject to potential claims for damages and other remedies. If we were required to pay any significant amounts in satisfaction of claims under these laws, or if we were forced to cease our business operations for any length of time as a result of our inability to comply fully with any such law, our business, operating results and financial condition could be adversely affected.

### ***Material damage to, or interruptions in, our information systems as a result of external factors, staffing shortages and difficulties in updating our existing software or developing or implementing new software could have a material adverse effect on our business or results of operations.***

We depend largely upon our information technology systems in the conduct of all aspects of our operations, many of which we have only adopted and implemented within the past five years in connection with rebuilding

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our supply chain and infrastructure. Such systems are subject to damage or interruption from power outages, computer and telecommunications failures, computer viruses, security breaches and natural disasters. Damage or interruption to our information systems may require a significant investment to fix or replace them, and we may suffer interruptions in our operations in the interim. Management information system failures or telecommunications system problems may disrupt operations. In addition, costs and potential problems and interruptions associated with the implementation of new or upgraded systems and technology or with maintenance or adequate support of existing systems could also disrupt or reduce the efficiency of our operations. Any material interruptions or failures in our systems may have a material adverse effect on our business or results of operations.

We also rely heavily on our information technology staff. If we cannot meet our staffing needs in this area, we may not be able to fulfill our technology initiatives while continuing to provide maintenance on existing systems.

We rely on certain software vendors to maintain and periodically upgrade many of these systems so that they can continue to support our business. The software programs supporting many of our systems were licensed to us by independent software developers. The inability of these developers or us to continue to maintain and upgrade these information systems and software programs would disrupt or reduce the efficiency of our operations if we were unable to convert to alternate systems in an efficient and timely manner.

We are vulnerable to various risks and uncertainties associated with our websites, including changes in required technology interfaces, website downtime and other technical failures, costs and technical issues as we upgrade our website software, computer viruses, changes in applicable federal and state regulation, security breaches, legal claims related to our website operations and e-commerce fulfillment and other consumer privacy concerns. Our failure to successfully respond to these risks and uncertainties could reduce website sales and have a material adverse effect on our business or results of operations.

***Our failure to successfully manage the costs of our catalog and promotional mailings could have a negative impact on our business.***

Catalog mailings are an important component of our business. Increases in costs relating to paper, printing, postal rates and other catalog distribution costs would affect the cost of our catalog mailings. In 2012, we significantly expanded the page counts of our catalogs, increased the number of households receiving our catalogs and reduced the number of catalog mailings. We rely on customary discounts from the basic postal rate structure that are available for our catalog mailings, which could be changed or discontinued at any time. The market price for paper has fluctuated significantly during the past three fiscal years and may continue to fluctuate in the future. Future increases in postal rates, paper costs or printing costs would have a negative impact on our operating results to the extent that we are unable to offset such increases by raising prices, by implementing more efficient printing, mailing, delivery and order fulfillment systems or by using alternative direct-mail formats.

We have historically experienced fluctuations in customer response to our catalogs. Customer response to our catalogs depends substantially on product assortment, product availability and creative presentation, the selection of customers to whom the catalogs are mailed, changes in mailing strategies, the page size, page count, frequency and timing of delivery of the catalogs, as well as the general retail sales environment and current domestic and global economic conditions. The failure to effectively produce or distribute our catalogs could affect the timing of catalog delivery. The timing of catalog delivery has been and can be affected by postal service delays. Any delays in the timing of catalog delivery could cause customers to forgo or defer purchases. If the performance of our catalogs declines, if we misjudge the correlation between our catalog circulation and net sales, or if our catalog circulation optimization strategy is not successful, our results of operations could be negatively impacted.

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***Our failure to successfully anticipate merchandise returns might have a negative impact on our business.***

We record a reserve for merchandise returns based on historical return trends together with current product sales performance in each reporting period. If actual returns are greater than those projected and reserved for by management, additional sales returns might be recorded in future periods. In addition, to the extent that returned merchandise is damaged, we often do not receive full retail value from the resale or liquidation of the merchandise. Further, the introduction of new merchandise, changes in merchandise mix, changes in consumer confidence or other competitive and general economic conditions may cause actual returns to exceed merchandise return reserves. Adverse economic conditions in the past have resulted in an increase in our merchandise returns. Any significant increase in merchandise returns that exceeds our reserves could harm our business and operating results.

***Certain of our products may be subject to recalls or other actions by regulatory authorities, and any such recalls or similar actions could have a material adverse effect on our business.***

Certain of the products we sell are subject to regulation by the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission and similar state and international regulatory authorities, which require certification and testing of certain regulated substances, among other requirements. For example, in August 2008, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008, or CPSIA, was signed into law. In general, the CPSIA bans the sale of children's products containing lead in excess of certain maximum standards, and imposes other restrictions and requirements on the sale of children's products, including importing, testing and labeling requirements. Our products have, from time to time, been subject to recall for product safety reasons, and issues of product safety could result in future product recalls, other actions by applicable government authorities or product liability claims. Product safety concerns may also require us, whether on a voluntary or involuntary basis, to remove selected products from our stores, particularly with respect to our Baby & Child brand. Product recalls and removal of products and defending such product liability claims can result in, among other things, lost sales, diverted resources, potential harm to our reputation and increased customer service costs, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

***There are claims made against us and/or our management from time to time that can result in litigation or regulatory proceedings which could distract management from our business activities and result in significant liability.***

From time to time we and/or our management are involved in litigation, claims and other proceedings relating to the conduct of our business, including but not limited to consumer protection class action litigation, claims related to our collection of reproductions, claims related to our employment practices, claims of intellectual property infringement, including with respect to trademarks and trade dress, and claims asserting unfair competition and unfair business practices by third parties. In addition, from time to time, we are subject to product liability and personal injury claims for the products that we sell and the stores we operate. Subject to certain exceptions, our purchase orders generally require the vendor to indemnify us against any product liability claims; however, if the vendor does not have insurance or becomes insolvent, we may not be indemnified. In addition, we could face a wide variety of employee claims against us, including general discrimination, privacy, labor and employment, ERISA and disability claims. Any claims could result in litigation against us and could also result in regulatory proceedings being brought against us by various federal and state agencies that regulate our business, including the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Often these cases raise complex factual and legal issues, which are subject to risks and uncertainties and which could require significant management time. Our Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Alberini was employed by Guess?, Inc., which has been subject to a tax audit and assessment proceeding in Italy. There is a related proceeding by a prosecutor in Italy that has been initiated with respect to several current and former members of the Guess Europe management team as well as Mr. Alberini. There can be no assurance as to the exact timing or outcome of the Italian prosecutorial proceeding or that it will not require Mr. Alberini to devote substantial time in addressing this matter prior to its final resolution. Guess?, Inc. has reported a settlement of this tax proceeding in Italy and we



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expect that the related proceeding regarding Mr. Alberini will be resolved favorably. Litigation and other claims and regulatory proceedings against us or our management could result in unexpected expenses and liability and could also materially adversely affect our operations and our reputation.

### ***Labor activities could cause labor relations difficulties for us.***

Currently none of our employees is represented by a union. However, our employees have the right at any time to form or affiliate with a union, and union organizational activities have occurred previously at our Baltimore distribution center. We cannot predict the negative effects that any future organizational activities will have on our business and operations. If we were to become subject to work stoppages, we could experience disruption in our operations and increases in our labor costs, either of which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

### ***Intellectual property claims by third parties or our failure or inability to protect our intellectual property rights could diminish the value of our brand and weaken our competitive position.***

Third parties have and may in the future assert intellectual property claims against us, particularly as we expand our business to include new products and product categories and move into other geographic markets. Our defense of any claim, regardless of its merit, could be expensive and time consuming and could divert management resources. Successful infringement claims against us could result in significant monetary liability and prevent us from selling some of our products. In addition, resolution of claims may require us to redesign our products, license rights from third parties or cease using those rights altogether, which could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We currently rely on a combination of copyright, trademark, trade dress and unfair competition laws, as well as confidentiality procedures and licensing arrangements, to establish and protect our intellectual property rights. We believe that our trademarks and other proprietary rights have significant value and are important to identifying and differentiating certain of our products and brand from those of our competitors and creating and sustaining demand for certain of our products. We also cannot assure you that the steps taken by us to protect our intellectual property rights will be adequate to prevent infringement of such rights by others, including imitation of our products and misappropriation of our brand. If we are unable to protect and maintain our intellectual property rights, the value of our brand could be diminished and our competitive position could suffer.

### ***We are subject to risks associated with occupying substantial amounts of space, including future increases in occupancy costs. We may choose in the future to acquire some of our store locations, which will subject us to additional risks.***

We lease all but one of our retail store locations and we also lease our outlet stores, our corporate headquarters and our seven distribution and delivery facilities. The initial lease term of our retail stores generally ranges from ten to fifteen years, and certain leases contain renewal options for up to fifteen years. Most leases for our retail stores provide for a minimum rent, typically including escalating rent increases, plus a percentage rent based upon sales after certain minimum thresholds are achieved, as well as common area maintenance charges, real property insurance and real estate taxes. We purchased the building and land for our store in San Francisco, but to date we have relied upon leases with landlords for our other locations. As we develop new stores in the future, we may explore other models for our real estate which could include joint ventures or other forms of equity ownership in the real estate interests associated with new sites and buildings. These approaches might require additional capital investment and could present different risks than a traditional store lease with a landlord, including greater financial exposure if a new store location is not as successful as we originally target in our plans.

If we decide to close an existing or future store, we may nonetheless have continuing obligations with respect to that property pursuant to the applicable lease or ownership arrangements, including, among other

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things, paying the base rent for the balance of the lease term. Our ability to re-negotiate favorable terms on an expiring lease, to arrange for the sale of an owned property or to negotiate favorable terms for a suitable alternate location could depend on conditions in the real estate market, competition for desirable properties, our relationships with current and prospective landlords and other factors that are not within our control. Our inability to enter into new leases or renew existing leases on terms acceptable to us or be released from our obligations under leases or other obligations for stores that we close could materially adversely affect our business and results of operations.

***Compliance with laws may be costly, and changes in laws could make conducting our business more expensive or otherwise change the way we do business.***

We are subject to numerous regulations, including labor and employment, customs, truth-in-advertising, consumer protection, privacy, safety, environmental and zoning and occupancy laws and other laws, including consumer protection regulations that regulate retailers generally or govern our business. If these regulations were to change or were violated by us or our vendors or buying agents, the costs of certain goods could increase, or we could experience delays in shipments of our goods, be subject to fines or penalties, or suffer reputational harm, which could reduce demand for our products and harm our business and results of operations.

In addition to increased regulatory compliance requirements, changes in laws could make ordinary conduct of our business more expensive or require us to change the way we do business. For example, as a retail business, changes in laws related to employee benefits and treatment of employees, including laws related to limitations on employee hours, supervisory status, leaves of absence, mandated health benefits or overtime pay, could negatively impact us by increasing compensation and benefits costs for overtime and medical expenses. In addition, newly enacted United States health care laws and potential global and domestic greenhouse gas emission requirements and other environmental legislation and regulations could result in increased direct compliance costs for us (or may cause our vendors to raise the prices they charge us in order to maintain profitable operations because of increased compliance costs), increased transportation costs or reduced availability of raw materials.

***Because of our international operations, we could be adversely affected by violations of applicable U.S. federal and state or foreign laws and regulations, such as the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and similar worldwide anti-bribery, anti-corruption and anti-kickback laws.***

We source substantially all of our products abroad, and we are increasing the level of our international sourcing activities in an effort to obtain more of our products directly from vendors located abroad. Additionally, we have expanded our business-to-business sales. The foreign and U.S. laws and regulations that are applicable to our operations are complex and may increase the costs of regulatory compliance, or limit or restrict the products or services we sell or subject our business to the possibility of regulatory actions or proceedings. The United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and other similar laws and regulations, generally prohibit companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments to foreign governmental officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business. While our policies mandate compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including anti-bribery laws and other anti-corruption laws, we cannot assure you that we will be successful in preventing our employees or other agents from taking actions in violation of these laws or regulations. Such violations, or allegations of such violations, could disrupt our business and result in a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

***Our operations are subject to risks of natural disasters, acts of war, terrorism or widespread illness, any one of which could result in a business stoppage and negatively affect our operating results.***

Our business operations depend on our ability to maintain and protect our facilities, computer systems and personnel. Our operations and consumer spending may be affected by natural disasters or other similar events, including floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, widespread illness or fires. In particular, our corporate headquarters is located in Northern California, and other parts of our operations including distribution facilities are located in

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Northern and Southern California, each of which is in a seismically active region susceptible to earthquakes that could disrupt our operations and affect our operating results. Many of our vendors are also located in areas that may be affected by such events. Moreover, geopolitical or public safety conditions which affect consumer behavior and spending may impact our business. Terrorist attacks in the United States or threats of terrorist attacks in the United States in the future, as well as future events occurring in response to or in connection with them, could again result in reduced levels of consumer spending. Any of these occurrences could have a significant impact on our operating results, revenue and costs.

### ***We have experienced net losses in the past and we may experience net losses in the future.***

We experienced a net loss of \$7.1 million in fiscal 2010. We achieved profitability in fiscal 2011 with net income of \$20.6 million. We experienced a GAAP net loss of \$12.8 million in fiscal 2012 as a result of certain non-recurring and other items. We may experience net losses in the future, and we cannot assure you that we will return to profitability in future periods.

### ***Fluctuations in our tax obligations and effective tax rate and realization of our deferred tax assets, including net operating loss carryforwards, may result in volatility of our operating results.***

We are subject to income taxes in the United States and certain foreign jurisdictions. We record income tax expense based on our estimates of future payments, which include reserves for uncertain tax positions in multiple tax jurisdictions, and valuation allowances related to certain net deferred tax assets, including net operating loss carryforwards. At any one time, many tax years are subject to audit by various taxing jurisdictions. The results of these audits and negotiations with taxing authorities may affect the ultimate settlement of these issues. Under United States federal and state income tax laws, if over a rolling three-year period, the cumulative change in our ownership exceeds 50%, our ability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards to offset future taxable income may be limited. Changes in ownership can occur due to transactions in our stock or the issuance of additional shares of our common stock or, in certain circumstances, securities convertible into our common stock. Certain transactions we have completed, including our going private transaction in June 2008, and the sale of shares contemplated in our initial public offering and this offering may impact the timing of the utilization of our net operating loss carryforwards. Furthermore, it is possible that transactions in our stock that may not be within our control may cause us to exceed the 50% cumulative change threshold and may impose a limitation on the utilization of our net operating loss carryforwards in the future. Any such limitation on the timing of utilizing our net operating loss carryforwards would increase the use of cash to settle our tax obligations. We expect that throughout the year there could be ongoing variability in our quarterly tax rates as events occur and exposures are evaluated.

In addition, our effective tax rate in a given financial statement period may be materially impacted by changes in the mix and level of earnings, timing of the utilization of net operating loss carryforwards, changes in the valuation allowance for deferred taxes or by changes to existing accounting rules or regulations. Further, tax legislation may be enacted in the future that could negatively impact our current or future tax structure and effective tax rates.

### ***Changes to accounting rules or regulations may adversely affect our results of operations.***

New accounting rules or regulations and varying interpretations of existing accounting rules or regulations have occurred and may occur in the future. A change in accounting rules or regulations may even affect our reporting of transactions completed before the change is effective, and future changes to accounting rules or regulations or the questioning of current accounting practices may adversely affect our results of operations. For example, in August 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued an exposure draft outlining proposed changes to current lease accounting in FASB Accounting Standards Codification ( Codification or ASC ) 840, Leases. In July 2011, the FASB made the decision to issue a revised exposure draft, which is expected to occur in the second quarter of 2013. The proposed new accounting pronouncement, if

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ultimately adopted in its proposed form, could result in significant changes to current accounting, including the capitalization of leases on the balance sheet that currently are recorded off balance sheet as operating leases. While this change would not impact the cash flow related to our store leases, it could adversely impact our balance sheet and could therefore impact our ability to raise financing from banks or other sources.

*Our total assets include intangible assets with an indefinite life, goodwill and trademarks, and substantial amounts of long lived assets, principally property and equipment. Changes to estimates or projections used to assess the fair value of these assets, or operating results that are lower than our current estimates at certain store locations, may cause us to incur impairment charges that could adversely affect our results of operations.*

Our total assets include intangible assets with an indefinite life, goodwill and trademarks, and substantial amounts of property and equipment. We make certain estimates and projections in connection with impairment analyses for these long lived assets. We also review the carrying value of these assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the asset may not be recoverable. We will record an impairment loss when the carrying value of the underlying asset, asset group or reporting unit exceeds its fair value. These calculations require us to make a number of estimates and projections of future results. If these estimates or projections change, we may be required to record additional impairment charges on certain of these assets. If these impairment charges are significant, our results of operations would be adversely affected. In that regard, we recorded a \$2.1 million impairment charge on long-lived assets of certain underperforming stores in fiscal 2010, and we recorded charges amounting to \$3.2 million related to retail store closures in fiscal 2011. No such related charges were recorded in fiscal 2012.

*If we are unable to implement and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting in the future, the accuracy and timeliness of our financial reporting may be adversely affected.*

We recently initiated steps to implement, evaluate, and test our internal control over financial reporting. We have not completed these procedures and until these controls are fully implemented and tested there is a possibility that a material misstatement would not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. We are not currently required to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended (the

Sarbanes-Oxley Act ), and are therefore not currently required to make an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal controls. Our first assessment of the effectiveness of our internal controls will be included within our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ending February 1, 2014. During the evaluation and testing processes, if we identify one or more material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, we will be unable to assert that our internal control over financial reporting is effective. In addition, our independent registered public accounting firm will be required to attest to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting beginning with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ending February 1, 2014. Even if our management concludes that our internal control over financial reporting is effective, our independent registered public accounting firm may issue a report that is qualified if it is not satisfied with our controls or the level at which our controls are documented, designed, operated, or reviewed, or if it interprets the relevant requirements differently from us. Material weaknesses may be identified during the audit process or at other times. During the course of the evaluation, documentation, or attestation, we or our independent registered public accounting firm may identify weaknesses and deficiencies that we may not be able to remedy in time to meet the deadline imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for compliance with Section 404.

Our reporting obligations as a public company will place a significant strain on our management and our operational and financial resources and systems for the foreseeable future. If we fail to timely achieve and maintain the adequacy of our internal control over financial reporting, we may not be able to produce reliable financial reports. Our failure to achieve and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could prevent us from filing our periodic reports on a timely basis, which could result in the loss of investor confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, harm our business, and negatively impact the trading price of our common stock.

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*We incur new costs as a newly public company, and our management is required to devote substantial time to new compliance matters.*

As a newly public company, we incur significant legal, accounting, and other expenses, including costs resulting from public company reporting obligations under the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations regarding corporate governance practices, including those under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Dodd-Frank Act, and the listing requirements of the stock exchange on which our securities are listed. Our management and other personnel need to devote a substantial amount of time to ensure that we comply with all of these requirements. The reporting requirements, rules, and regulations increase our legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more time-consuming and costly.

These rules and regulations make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. These factors could also make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on our board of directors, particularly to serve on our audit and compensation committees, or as executive officers.

### **Risks Related to this Offering and Ownership of Our Common Stock**

*Our common stock price may be volatile or may decline regardless of our operating performance.*

The market price for our common stock may be volatile. As a retailer, our results are significantly affected by factors outside our control, particularly consumer spending and consumer confidence, which can significantly affect our stock price. In addition, the market price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly in response to a number of other factors, including those described elsewhere in this Risk Factors section, as well as the following:

quarterly variations in our operating results compared to market expectations;

changes in preferences of our customers;

announcements of new products or significant price reductions by us or our competitors;

size of the public float;

stock price performance of our competitors;

fluctuations in stock market prices and volumes;

default on our indebtedness;

actions by competitors or other shopping center tenants;

changes in senior management or key personnel;

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changes in financial estimates by securities analysts or failure to meet their expectations;

actual or anticipated negative earnings or other announcements by us or other retail companies;

downgrades in our credit ratings or the credit ratings of our competitors;

natural disasters or other similar events;

issuances or expected issuances of capital stock; and

global economic, legal and regulatory changes unrelated to our performance.

In addition, stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market prices of equity securities of many retail companies. In the past, stockholders have instituted securities class action litigation following periods of market volatility. If we were involved in securities litigation, we could incur substantial costs and our resources and the attention of management could be diverted from our business.

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Our filings and public disclosures have attracted the attention of a hedge fund manager whose investment strategies we believe include making investments that increase in value when stock prices decline. The fund manager has informed us of the fund's negative view of our Company and business and has threatened to publicize those views. There can be no assurance that this fund manager will not attempt to influence the broader investment community or otherwise attempt to disparage our Company or our brand, which could negatively affect our stock price.

### ***Substantial future sales of our common stock, or the perception in the public markets that these sales may occur, may depress our stock price.***

Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that these sales could occur, could adversely affect the price of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional shares. As of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, we had \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock outstanding that are freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), except for any shares of our common stock that are held or acquired by our directors, executive officers and other affiliates, as that term is defined in the Securities Act, which are restricted securities under the Securities Act. Restricted securities may not be sold in the public market unless the sale is registered under the Securities Act or an exemption from registration is available. Moreover, under a registration rights agreement, Home Holdings, Catterton and Tower Three have registration rights whereby Home Holdings, Catterton or Tower Three can require us to register under the Securities Act any shares owned by Home Holdings, Catterton or Tower Three as of the date of our initial public offering. If our existing stockholders sell substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market, or if the public perceives that such sales could occur, this could have an adverse impact on the market price of our common stock, even if there is no relationship between such sales and the performance of our business.

We, our executive officers and directors and the selling stockholders have agreed, subject to certain exceptions, not to sell or transfer any common stock, or securities convertible into, exchangeable for, exercisable for or repayable with common stock, for 90 days after the date of this prospectus, without first obtaining written consent of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Goldman, Sachs & Co., representatives of the underwriters. See Underwriting.

In the future, we may also issue our securities in connection with a capital raise or acquisitions. The amount of shares of our common stock issued in connection with a capital raise or acquisition could constitute a material portion of our then-outstanding shares of our common stock, which would result in dilution.

### ***Anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents and Delaware law might discourage or delay acquisition attempts for us that you might consider favorable.***

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that may make the acquisition of our Company more difficult without the approval of our board of directors. These provisions:

establish a classified board of directors so that not all members of our board of directors are elected at one time;

authorize the issuance of undesignated preferred stock, the terms of which may be established and the shares of which may be issued without stockholder approval, and which may include super voting, special approval, dividend or other rights or preferences superior to the rights of the holders of common stock;

after the date on which Home Holdings no longer holds a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, prohibit stockholder action by written consent, which requires all stockholder actions to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders;

provide that our board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal our bylaws; and

establish advance notice requirements for nominations for elections to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at stockholder meetings.





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Our certificate of incorporation also contains a provision that provides us with protections similar to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ( DGCL ), and prevents us from engaging in a business combination with a person who acquires at least 15% of our common stock for a period of three years from the date such person acquired such common stock unless board or stockholder approval is obtained prior to the acquisition, except that Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill and any persons to whom Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill sell their common stock will be deemed to have been approved by our board of directors, and thereby not subject to these restrictions. These anti-takeover provisions and other provisions under Delaware law could discourage, delay or prevent a transaction involving a change in control of our Company, even if doing so would benefit our stockholders. These provisions could also discourage proxy contests and make it more difficult for you and other stockholders to elect directors of your choosing and to cause us to take other corporate actions you desire.

*We do not expect to pay any cash dividends for the foreseeable future.*

We do not anticipate that we will pay any cash dividends on shares of our common stock for the foreseeable future. Any determination to pay dividends in the future will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon results of operations, financial condition, contractual restrictions, restrictions imposed by applicable law and other factors our board of directors deems relevant. Accordingly, realization of a gain on your investment will depend on the appreciation of the price of our common stock, which may never occur. Investors seeking cash dividends in the foreseeable future should not purchase our common stock.

*Home Holdings, Catterton and Tower Three continue to have significant influence over us, including over decisions that require the approval of stockholders, and their interests in our business may be different from yours.*

After the completion of this offering, Home Holdings will own approximately            million shares, or    %, of our outstanding common stock (including outstanding restricted shares). Of that amount, Catterton will beneficially own approximately            million shares, or    %, of our outstanding common stock, and Tower Three beneficially will beneficially own approximately            million shares, or    %, of our outstanding common stock. Glenhill will beneficially own approximately            million shares, or    %, of our outstanding common stock.

Home Holdings, and through Home Holdings, Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill, have significant influence over our reporting and corporate management and affairs and are able to control certain matters requiring stockholder approval. It is possible that the interests of our Principal Equity Holders may in some circumstances conflict with the interests of our other stockholders, including you. We have entered into a stockholders agreement with Home Holdings that provides for certain approval rights for Home Holdings and designation of directors by Home Holdings. The stockholders agreement provides that, for so long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders hold a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, Home Holdings shall have the right to nominate a majority of the members of our board of directors and as long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders hold at least 30% of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, Home Holdings shall have the right to nominate two members of our board of directors. For so long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders own a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, no action may be taken or vote approved by our board of directors or any committee thereof (other than the audit committee or any other committee of directors that may be created with the approval of Home Holdings as not being subject to this provision) without the affirmative vote of the Catterton and Tower Three designated directors. In addition, for so long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders hold at least 30% of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, certain actions may not be taken without the approval of Home Holdings. The stockholders agreement (and our certificate of incorporation) also provides for a waiver of the corporate opportunity doctrine with respect to Home Holdings and its affiliates, including the Principal Equity Holders. If Home Holdings or its affiliates, including the Principal Equity Holders, participate in any such corporate opportunity, Thomas Mottola and Barry Sternlicht, two of our directors, will also be afforded a waiver of the corporate opportunity doctrine in connection with any participation by them in any such corporate opportunity.

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Our Principal Equity Holders are also in the business of making investments in companies and may from time to time acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. Our Principal Equity Holders may also pursue acquisition opportunities that are complementary to our business and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us. So long as Home Holdings or our Principal Equity Holders, or other funds controlled by or associated with our Principal Equity Holders, continue to indirectly own a significant amount of our outstanding common stock, even if such amount represents less than a majority, Home Holdings and our Principal Equity Holders will continue to be able to strongly influence our decisions. The concentration of ownership in the hands of our Principal Equity Holders may have the effect of delaying, preventing or deterring a change of control of our Company, could deprive stockholders of an opportunity to receive a premium for their common stock as part of a sale of our Company and might ultimately affect the market price of our common stock.

***We are a controlled company within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) listing requirements and, as a result, qualify for, and intend to rely on, exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements. You will not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to such corporate governance requirements.***

Because of the aggregate voting power over our Company held by Home Holdings, we are considered a controlled company for the purposes of the NYSE listing requirements. As such, we are exempt from the corporate governance requirements that our board of directors, our compensation committee and our nominating and corporate governance committee meet the standard of independence established by those corporate governance requirements. The independence standards are intended to ensure that directors who meet the independence standard are free of any conflicting interest that could influence their actions as directors.

We intend to utilize these exemptions afforded to a controlled company. Accordingly, you do not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the NYSE.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND MARKET DATA**

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements give our current expectations and projections relating to our financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business. You can identify forward-looking statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. These statements may include words such as anticipate, estimate, expect, project, plan, intend, believe, may, will, should, likely and other words and terms in connection with any discussion of the timing or nature of future operating or financial performance or other events. For example, forward-looking statements include statements we make relating to:

anticipated demand in given markets, market growth projections and our expected increased market share, store sales and brand awareness;

our real estate platform transformation, including planned store openings, closings, relocations, remodelings, anticipated store demand, square footage, sales per square foot and occupancy costs, and expected inventory investments, opening expenses and initial investment payback periods for new stores;

plans and expectations regarding merchandise assortments, product designs, product category introductions and increased merchandise margins;

plans and expectations relating to growing our direct business through our Source Book catalog circulation strategy and by implementing our digital and social marketing initiative and increased advertising and public relations efforts;

our intention to expand customer services, such as by offering consultations and customization, and to explore and test new complementary business opportunities, such as the planned launch of our Contemporary Art business, or a café, wine bar or restaurant adjacent to, or inside of, select Full Line Design Galleries;

our plan to strategically expand our business in select countries outside of the United States and Canada and our belief that we will have strong international appeal;

other plans and objectives for future operations, growth, initiatives or strategies, including anticipated personnel hiring and planned investments in capital;

our intention to continue to strengthen our supply chain operations and enhance our technology systems;

our belief that our vendors have, or will have, adequate capacity to meet our anticipated demand;

our expectations regarding consumer spending, the housing market and the North American economy; and

estimated and projected costs, expenditures, cash flows, growth rates, operating margins and financial results.

These and other forward-looking statements are subject to risk and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those that we expected. We derive many of our forward-looking statements from our operating budgets and forecasts, which are based upon many detailed

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assumptions. While we believe that our assumptions are reasonable, we caution that it is very difficult to predict the impact of known factors and it is impossible for us to anticipate all factors that could affect our actual results. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations, or cautionary statements, are disclosed under the sections entitled Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in this prospectus. All forward-looking statements attributable to us, or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements, as well as other cautionary statements. You should evaluate all forward-looking statements made in this prospectus in the context of these risks and uncertainties.

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We caution you that the important factors referenced above may not contain all of the factors that are important to you. In addition, we cannot assure you that we will realize the results or developments we expect or anticipate or, even if substantially realized, that they will result in the consequences or affect us or our operations in the way we expect. The forward-looking statements included in this prospectus are made only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as otherwise required by law.

We obtained the industry, market and competitive position data throughout this prospectus from (i) our own internal estimates and research, (ii) industry and general publications and research or (iii) studies and surveys conducted by third parties. Industry publications, research, studies and surveys generally do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information. While we believe that the information included in this prospectus from such publications, research, studies and surveys is reliable, we have not independently verified data from these third-party sources. While we believe our internal estimates and research are reliable and the definitions of our market and industry are appropriate, neither such estimates and research nor such definitions have been verified by any independent source.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

The selling stockholders, who include certain of our directors, officers and employees, will receive all of the proceeds from this offering and we will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares in this offering. See Principal and Selling Stockholders.

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**DIVIDEND POLICY**

We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings for use in the operation of our business, and therefore we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination to pay dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our results of operations, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors that our board of directors deems relevant. We are a holding company, and substantially all of our operations are carried out by our subsidiary, Restoration Hardware, Inc., and its subsidiaries. Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s ability to pay dividends to us is limited by the terms of its credit agreement, which may in turn limit our ability to pay dividends on our common stock. Our ability to pay dividends may also be restricted by the terms of any future credit agreement or any future debt or preferred securities of ours or of our subsidiaries.

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**SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA**

The following tables present Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc.'s consolidated financial and operating data as of the dates and for the periods indicated.

Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. was formed as a Delaware corporation on August 18, 2011. On November 7, 2012, Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. completed an initial public offering and acquired all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Restoration Hardware, Inc. Prior to the Reorganization, Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. had not engaged in any business or other activities except in connection with its formation and the Reorganization. Accordingly, all financial and other information herein relating to periods prior to the completion of the Reorganization is that of Restoration Hardware, Inc.

All of the outstanding capital stock of Restoration Hardware, Inc. was acquired on June 16, 2008, by Home Holdings, which we refer to as the Acquisition. As a result of the Acquisition, a new basis of accounting was created beginning June 17, 2008. The period prior to the Acquisition is referred to as the Predecessor period and the periods after the Acquisition are referred to as the Successor periods. The Predecessor period presented includes the period from February 3, 2008 through June 16, 2008, reflecting approximately 19 weeks of operations, and the Successor periods include the period from June 17, 2008 through January 31, 2009, reflecting approximately 33 weeks of operations. Due to the Acquisition, the financial statements for the Successor periods are not comparable to those of the Predecessor period.

The selected consolidated financial data as of February 2, 2013 and January 28, 2012 and for the fiscal years ended February 2, 2013, January 28, 2012 and January 29, 2011, were derived from Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc.'s consolidated financial statements included herein. The selected consolidated financial data as of January 29, 2011 and as of and for the periods ended January 30, 2010, January 31, 2009 and June 16, 2008, were derived from Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s consolidated financial statements for such years not included herein.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, we changed our accounting policy for recognizing stock-based compensation expense which has been applied retrospectively to the periods presented below. For further discussion, see footnote 1 to the table below.



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The selected historical consolidated data presented below should be read in conjunction with the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto and other financial data included elsewhere in this prospectus.

|  | Predecessor<br>Period from<br>February 3,<br>2008<br>Through<br>June 16,<br>2008 | Period<br>from<br>June 17,<br>2008<br>Through<br>January 31,<br>2009 | January 30,<br>2010 | Successor<br>Year Ended |                     |                     |
|--|--|--|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  |  |  |                     | January 29,<br>2011     | January 28,<br>2012 | February 2,<br>2013 |
| (dollars in thousands, excluding share, per share and per square foot data)                              |  |  |                     |                         |                     |                     |
| <b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>   |  |  |                     |                         |                     |                     |
| Net revenues   | \$ 195,437   | \$ 498,581   | \$ 625,685          | \$ 772,752              | \$ 958,084          | \$ 1,193,046        |
| Cost of goods sold   | 140,088  | 308,448  | 412,629             | 501,132                 | 601,735             | 756,597             |
| Gross profit   | 55,349   | 190,133  | 213,056             | 271,620                 | 356,349             | 436,449             |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses (1)   | 75,396   | 213,011  | 238,889             | 274,836                 | 329,506             | 505,485             |
| Income (loss) from operations  | (20,047)   | (22,878)   | (25,833)            | (3,216)                 | 26,843              | (69,036)            |
| Interest expense   | (2,731)  | (4,907)  | (3,241)             | (3,150)                 | (5,134)             | (5,776)             |
| Income (loss) before income taxes  | (22,778)   | (27,785)   | (29,074)            | (6,366)                 | 21,709              | (74,812)            |
| Income tax expense (benefit) (2)   | 508  | (201)  | (423)               | 685                     | 1,121               | (62,023)            |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ (23,286)  | \$ (27,584)  | \$ (28,651)         | \$ (7,051)              | \$ 20,588           | \$ (12,789)         |
| Weighted-average number of basic and diluted shares outstanding  |  |  |                     |                         |                     |                     |
|  | 38,969,000   | 100  | 100                 | 100                     | 468                 | 9,428,828           |
| Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share  | \$ (0.60)  | \$ (275,840)   | \$ (286,510)        | \$ (70,510)             | \$ 43,991           | \$ (1.36)           |
| <b>Other Financial and Operating Data:</b>   |  |  |                     |                         |                     |                     |
| Growth in net revenues:  |  |  |                     |                         |                     |                     |
| Stores (3)   |  |  | (6)%                | 15%                     | 22%                 | 20%                 |
| Direct   |  |  | (15)%               | 37%                     | 27%                 | 30%                 |
| Total  |  |  | (10)%               | 24%                     | 24%                 | 25%                 |
| Retail (4):  |  |  |                     |                         |                     |                     |
| Comparable store sales change (5)  | (12)%  | (8)%   | (7)%                | 19%                     | 25%                 | 28%                 |
| Retail stores open at end of period  | 100  | 99   | 95                  | 91                      | 74                  | 71                  |
| Total leased square footage at end of period (in thousands)  | 1,061  | 1,057  | 1,015               | 970                     | 808                 | 768                 |
| Total leased selling square footage at end of period (in thousands) (6)                                  | 671  | 670  | 642                 | 613                     | 516                 | 501                 |
| Retail sales per leased selling square foot (7)  | \$ 147   | \$ 406   | \$ 525              | \$ 635                  | \$ 846              | \$ 1,143            |
| Direct:  |  |  |                     |                         |                     |                     |
| Catalogs circulated (in thousands) (8)   | 13,771   | 26,831   | 31,336              | 46,507                  | 26,052              | 32,712              |
| Catalog pages circulated (in millions) (8)   | 2,168  | 3,507  | 4,418               | 6,260                   | 8,848               | 16,029              |
| Direct as a percentage of net revenues (9)   | 43%  | 41%  | 39%                 | 43%                     | 44%                 | 46%                 |
| Capital expenditures   | \$ 3,821   | \$ 13,428  | \$ 2,024            | \$ 39,907               | \$ 25,593           | \$ 49,058           |
| Adjusted EBITDA (10)   | \$ (8,219)   | \$ 4,386   | \$ 17,596           | \$ 41,097               | \$ 80,154           | \$ 96,571           |
| Adjusted net income (10)   |  |  | \$ (18,483)         | \$ 3,025                | \$ 26,451           | \$ 37,739           |
| Pro forma diluted weighted-average shares used in calculating adjusted diluted net income per share (11) |  |  |                     |                         |                     | 37,242,178          |
| Adjusted diluted net income per share (10)   |  |  |                     |                         |                     | \$ 1.01             |

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|   | January 31,<br>2009 | January 30,<br>2010 | January 29,<br>2011<br>(in thousands) | January 28,<br>2012 | February 2,<br>2013 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>                                    |                     |                     |                                       |                     |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                     | \$ 8,603            | \$ 13,186           | \$ 13,364                             | \$ 8,512            | \$ 8,354            |
| Working capital (excluding cash and cash equivalents)<br>(12) | 102,850             | 57,058              | 103,894                               | 156,506             | 267,905             |
| Total assets  | 494,773             | 431,528             | 501,991                               | 586,810             | 789,613             |
| Revolving line of credit                                      | 110,696             | 57,442              | 111,837                               | 107,502             | 82,501              |
| Term loan   |                     |                     |                                       | 14,798              |                     |
| Total debt (including current portion) (13)                   | 117,515             | 61,652              | 116,995                               | 131,040             | 87,029              |
| Total stockholders' equity                                    | 238,670             | 221,079             | 215,804                               | 250,463             | 451,611             |

- (1) In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, we changed our policy for recognizing stock-based compensation expense from the graded method of accounting to the straight-line method of accounting for our pre-Reorganization time-based units (or service-only awards). This change in accounting had the same impact on our selling, general and administrative expenses and net income (loss) for all periods presented. The table below presents the impact to our net income (loss) as a result of this change in accounting policy. The impact to fiscal 2009 was immaterial and there was no impact for years prior to 2009. See Note 3 *Change in Accounting Principle Stock-Based Compensation* to our audited consolidated financial statements.

|  | Year Ended          |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | January 29,<br>2011 | January 28,<br>2012 |
|  | (in thousands)      |                     |
| Net income (loss) as reported          | \$ (8,074)          | \$ 20,341           |
| Change in accounting policy adjustment | 1,023               | 247                 |
| Net income (loss) as revised           | \$ (7,051)          | \$ 20,588           |

- (2) As of the end of fiscal 2012, our U.S. operations achieved a position of cumulative profits (adjusted for permanent differences) for the most recent three-year period. We concluded that this record of cumulative profitability in recent years, coupled with our business plan for profitability in future periods, provided assurance that our future tax benefits more likely than not would be realized. Accordingly, in the three and twelve months ended February 2, 2013, we released all of our U.S. valuation allowance of \$57.2 million against net deferred tax assets.
- (3) Stores data represents retail stores plus outlet stores.
- (4) Retail data has been calculated based upon our retail stores and excludes our outlet stores.
- (5) Comparable store sales have been calculated based upon retail stores that were open at least fourteen full months as of the end of the reporting period and did not change square footage by more than 20% between periods. If a store is closed for seven days during a month, that month will be excluded from comparable store sales. Comparable store net revenues exclude revenues from outlet stores. Because fiscal 2012 was a 53-week year, comparable store sales percentage for fiscal 2012 excludes the extra week of sales.
- (6) Leased selling square footage is retail space at our stores used to sell our products. Leased selling square footage excludes backrooms at retail stores used for storage office space or similar matters. Leased selling square footage excludes exterior sales space located outside a store, such as courtyards, gardens and rooftops. Leased selling square footage for fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2010 includes approximately 4,500 square feet related to one owned store location.
- (7) Retail sales per leased selling square foot is calculated by dividing total net revenues for all retail stores, comparable and non-comparable, by the average leased selling square footage for the period.

Average leased selling square footage for the 2008 Predecessor period is calculated by adding the average leased selling square footage for the first quarter of the year ended January 31, 2009, and for the period

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May 4, 2008, through June 16, 2008, and dividing by two. Average leased selling square footage for the period May 4, 2008, through June 16, 2008, is calculated by taking the total leased selling square footage at the beginning of the period plus the total leased selling square footage at the end of the period and dividing by two.

Average leased selling square footage for the 2008 Successor period is calculated by adding the average leased selling square footage for three periods, being the period June 17, 2008, through August 2, 2008, the third quarter of the year ending January 31, 2009, and the fourth quarter of the year ended January 31, 2009, and dividing by three. Average leased selling square footage for the period June 17, 2008, through August 2, 2008, is calculated by taking the total leased selling square footage at the beginning of the period plus the total leased selling square footage at the end of the period and dividing by two.

- (8) The catalogs and catalog pages circulated from period to period do not take into account different page sizes per catalog distributed. Page sizes and page counts vary for different catalog mailings and we sometimes mail different versions of a catalog at the same time. Accordingly, period to period comparisons of catalogs circulated and catalog pages circulated do not take these variations into account.
- (9) Direct revenues include sales through our catalogs and websites.
- (10) EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted net income per share are supplemental measures of financial performance that are not required by, or presented in accordance with, GAAP. We define EBITDA as consolidated net income (loss) before depreciation and amortization, interest expense and provision for income taxes. We define adjusted EBITDA as consolidated net income (loss) before depreciation and amortization, interest expense and provision for income taxes, adjusted for the impact of certain non-recurring and other items that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance. We define adjusted net income as consolidated net income (loss), adjusted for the impact of certain non-recurring and other items that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance. We define adjusted diluted net income per share as adjusted net income divided by our pro forma diluted weighted-average shares as of February 2, 2013.

We believe that EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income are useful measures of operating performance, as they eliminate expenses that are not reflective of the underlying business performance, facilitate a comparison of our operating performance on a consistent basis from period-to-period and provide for a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our business. We also use adjusted EBITDA as one of the primary methods for planning and forecasting overall expected performance and for evaluating on a quarterly and annual basis actual results against such expectations, and as the basis of our Management Incentive Plan ( MIP ), which is our cash based-incentive compensation program designed to motivate and reward annual performance for eligible employees. Additionally, EBITDA is frequently used by analysts, investors and other interested parties to evaluate companies in our industry. We use EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA, alongside other GAAP measures such as gross profit, operating income (loss) and net income (loss), to measure profitability, as a key profitability target in our annual and other budgets, and to compare our performance against that of peer companies.

EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted net income per share are not GAAP measures of our financial performance or liquidity and should not be considered as alternatives to net income (loss) or net income (loss) per share as a measure of financial performance, cash flows from operating activities as a measure of liquidity, or any other performance measure derived in accordance with GAAP and they should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items. Additionally, EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are not intended to be measures of free cash flow for management's discretionary use, as they do not consider certain cash requirements such as tax payments and debt service requirements and certain other cash costs that may recur in the future. EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA contain certain other limitations, including the failure to reflect our cash expenditures, cash requirements for working capital needs and cash costs to replace assets being depreciated and amortized. In addition, these non-GAAP measures exclude certain non-recurring and other charges.

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In evaluating these non-GAAP measures, you should be aware that in the future we may incur expenses that are the same as or similar to some of the adjustments in these non-GAAP measures. Our presentation of these non-GAAP measures should not be construed to imply that our future results will be unaffected by any such adjustments. Management compensates for these limitations by relying primarily on our GAAP results and by using these non-GAAP only supplementally. These non-GAAP measures are not necessarily comparable to other similarly titled captions of other companies due to different methods of calculation.

A reconciliation of net income (loss) to EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA is set forth below:

|  | Predecessor (a)  |  | Successor<br>Year Ended |                     |                     |                     |
|--|--|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | Period<br>from<br>February 3,<br>2008<br>Through<br>June 16,<br>2008 | Period<br>from<br>June 17,<br>2008<br>Through<br>January 31,<br>2009 | January 30,<br>2010     | January 29,<br>2011 | January 28,<br>2012 | February 2,<br>2013 |
|  | (in thousands)   |  |                         |                     |                     |                     |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ (23,286)  | \$ (27,584)  | \$ (28,651)             | \$ (7,051)          | \$ 20,588           | \$ (12,789)         |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 7,934  | 50,222   | 43,065                  | 31,263              | 29,186              | 26,748              |
| Interest expense   | 2,731  | 4,907  | 3,241                   | 3,150               | 5,134               | 5,776               |
| Income tax expense (benefit)   | 508  | (201)  | (423)                   | 685                 | 1,121               | (62,023)            |
| EBITDA   | (12,113)   | 27,344   | 17,232                  | 28,047              | 56,029              | (42,288)            |
| Management and board fees (b)  | 91   | 1,985  | 4,620                   | 4,793               | 10,715              | 4,258               |
| Non-cash and other one-time compensation (c)                               | 2,319  |  | 592                     | 1,119               | 7,907               | 116,157             |
| Terminated operations (d)  | 884  | 3,821  | 2,604                   | 352                 | 1,580               |                     |
| Severance and other transaction costs (e)                                  | 600  | 368  | 1,521                   | 1,797               | 621                 |                     |
| Impairment of long-lived assets (f)  |  | 3,868  | 2,304                   | 2,115               |                     |                     |
| Lease termination costs (g)  |  |  |                         |                     | 3,110               | (386)               |
| Amortization of inventory fair value adjustment (h)                        |  | (35,075)   | (12,780)                |                     |                     |                     |
| Non-capitalized IPO costs (i)  |  |  |                         | 2,351               |                     |                     |
| Special committee investigation and remediation (j)                        |  |  |                         |                     |                     | 4,778               |
| Initial public offering costs (k)  |  |  |                         |                     |                     | 10,755              |
| Anti-dumping exposure (l)  |  |  |                         |                     |                     | 3,250               |
| Other adjustments allowable under our agreements with our stockholders (m) |  | 2,075  | 1,503                   | 523                 | 192                 | 47                  |
| Adjusted EBITDA  | \$ (8,219)   | \$ 4,386   | \$ 17,596               | \$ 41,097           | \$ 80,154           | \$ 96,571           |

- (a) We have presented adjusted EBITDA for the Predecessor periods consistently with the Successor periods to present information on a comparable basis for those periods.
- (b) Includes fees and expenses paid in accordance with our management services agreement with Home Holdings in the Successor periods, as well as fees and expense reimbursements paid to our board of directors prior to the initial public offering in both the Predecessor and Successor periods.
- (c) Fiscal 2012 includes a \$92.0 million non-cash compensation charge related to equity grants at the time of the Reorganization, as well as a non-cash compensation charge of \$23.1 million related to the performance-based vesting of certain shares granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman. Fiscal 2011 includes a \$6.4 million compensation charge related to the repayment of loans owed to Home Holdings by Gary Friedman, through the reclassification by Home Holdings of Mr. Friedman's Class A and Class A-1 ownership units into an equal number of Class A Prime and Class A-1 Prime ownership units. Mr. Friedman served as our Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer at the time of such loan repayment. In addition, amounts include stock-based compensation expense incurred prior to the initial public offering.
- (d) Includes the impact of divesting our Brocade Home brand, closing four temporary clearance centers operated from October 2008 to March 2010, costs related to closing of The Michaels Furniture Company and costs related to the restructuring of our Shanghai office location.
- (e) Amounts in the 2008 Predecessor period and the 2008 Successor period include severance costs, and transaction costs associated with our Acquisition by Home Holdings. Amounts in fiscal 2009, fiscal 2010, and fiscal 2011 generally include executive severance and other related costs.
- (f) Includes costs related to impairment of long-lived assets related to our retail store operations.
- (g) Includes lease termination costs for retail stores that were closed prior to their respective lease termination dates. The amount in fiscal 2012 relates to changes in estimates regarding liabilities for future lease payments for closed stores.

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- (h) Represents non-cash impact of amortizing the net fair value adjustment to inventory recorded in connection with the purchase price allocation for the Acquisition over the period of the inventory turn.
- (i) Represents costs related to our efforts to pursue an initial public offering.
- (j) Represents legal and other professional fees, incurred in connection with the investigation conducted by the special committee of the board of directors relating to our former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Gary Friedman, and our subsequent remedial actions.
- (k) Represents costs incurred in connection with our initial public offering, including a fee of \$7.0 million to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill in accordance with our management services agreement, payments of \$2.2 million to certain former executives and bonus payments to employees of \$1.3 million.

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- (l) Represents expense incurred as a result of increased tariff obligations of one of our foreign suppliers following the U.S. Department of Commerce's review of the anti-dumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from China for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.
- (m) Represents items which management believes are not indicative of our ongoing operating performance. The 2008 Successor period includes consulting fees related to organizational matters following the Acquisition. Fiscal 2009 adjustments include one-time start-up costs associated with Baby & Child and occupancy costs for corporate office space exited by us as part of the Acquisition. Fiscal 2010 and fiscal 2011 adjustments include consulting fees related to organizational matters and state franchise tax amounts. All periods include foreign exchange gains and losses.

A reconciliation of net income (loss) to adjusted net income is set forth below:

|   | Year Ended          |                     |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | January 30,<br>2010 | January 29,<br>2011 | January 28,<br>2012 | February 2,<br>2013 |
|   | (In thousands)      |                     |                     |                     |
| GAAP net income (loss)                              | \$ (28,651)         | \$ (7,051)          | \$ 20,588           | \$ (12,789)         |
| <b>Adjustments (pre-tax):</b>                       |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Management and pre-IPO board fees (a)               | \$ 4,620            | \$ 4,793            | \$ 10,715           | \$ 4,258            |
| Non-cash and other one-time compensation (b)        |                     |                     | 6,350               | 115,055             |
| Terminated operations (c)                           | 2,604               | 352                 | 1,580               |                     |
| Severance and other transaction costs (d)           | 1,521               | 1,797               | 621                 |                     |
| Impairment of long-lived assets (e)                 | 2,304               | 2,115               |                     |                     |
| Lease termination costs (f)                         |                     |                     | 3,110               | (386)               |
| Amortization of inventory fair value adjustment (g) | (12,780)            |                     |                     |                     |
| Non-capitalized initial public offering costs (h)   |                     | 2,351               |                     |                     |
| Special committee investigation and remediation (i) |                     |                     |                     | 4,778               |
| Initial public offering costs (j)                   |                     |                     |                     | 10,755              |
| Anti-dumping exposure (k)                           |                     |                     |                     | 3,250               |
| Subtotal adjusted items                             | (1,731)             | 11,408              | 22,376              | 137,710             |
| Impact of income tax items (l)                      | 11,899              | (1,332)             | (16,513)            | (87,182)            |
| Adjusted net income (loss) (m)                      | \$ (18,483)         | \$ 3,025            | \$ 26,451           | \$ 37,739           |

- (a) Represents fees paid in accordance with our management services agreement with Home Holdings, as well as fees and expense reimbursements paid to our Board of Directors prior to the initial public offering. All management fees were paid in full at the time of the initial public offering. Board fees and expenses subsequent to the initial public offering are not included in the above adjustments and are included in both the GAAP and adjusted net income amounts.
- (b) The three and twelve months ended February 2, 2013 include a \$92.0 million non-cash compensation charge related to equity grants at the time of the Reorganization, as well as a non-cash compensation charge of \$23.1 million related to the performance-based vesting of certain shares granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman. The twelve months ended January 28, 2012 includes a \$6.4 million non-cash compensation charge related to the repayment of loans owed to Home Holdings by our former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Gary Friedman, through the reclassification by Home Holdings of Mr. Friedman's Class A and Class A-1 ownership units into an equal number of Class A Prime and Class A-1 Prime ownership units. Mr. Friedman served as our Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer at the time of such loan repayment.
- (c) Represents costs related to the restructuring of our Shanghai office location.
- (d) Amounts include executive severance and other related costs.
- (e) Includes costs related to impairment of long-lived assets related to our retail store operations.
- (f) Includes lease termination costs for retail stores that were closed prior to their respective lease termination dates. The amount in the twelve months ended February 2, 2013 relate to changes in estimates regarding liabilities for future lease payments for closed stores.
- (g) Represents non-cash impact of amortizing the net fair value adjustment to inventory recorded in connection with the purchase price allocation for the Acquisition over the period of the inventory turn.
- (h) Represents costs related to our efforts to pursue an initial public offering.
- (i) Represents legal and other professional fees, incurred in connection with the investigation conducted by the special committee of the Board of Directors relating to our former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer and our subsequent remedial actions.
- (j) Represents costs incurred in connection with our initial public offering, including a fee of \$7.0 million to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill in accordance with our management services agreement, payments of \$2.2 million to certain former executives and bonus payments to employees of \$1.3 million.
- (k)

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Represents expense incurred as a result of increased tariff obligations of one of our foreign suppliers following the U.S. Department of Commerce's review of the anti-dumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from China for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

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- (l) As of the end of fiscal 2012, our U.S. operations achieved a position of cumulative profits for the most recent three-year period. We concluded that this record of cumulative profitability in recent years, coupled with our business plan for profitability in future periods provided assurance that our future tax benefits more likely than not would be realized. Accordingly, in the three and twelve months ended February 2, 2013, we released all of our valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets for the U.S. In addition, income tax items exclude the tax benefit related to the resolution of our Canada Revenue Agency examination in the twelve months ended February 2, 2013, exclude the tax benefit from the utilization of federal and state net operating losses, and assume a normalized tax rate of 40% for all periods presented.
- (m) Adjusted net income is a supplemental measure of financial performance that is not required by, or presented in accordance with, GAAP. We define adjusted net income as consolidated net income (loss) adjusted for the impact of certain non-recurring and other items that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance. Adjusted net income is included in this prospectus because management believes that adjusted net income provides meaningful supplemental information for investors regarding the performance of our business and facilitates a meaningful evaluation of actual results on a comparable basis with historical results. Our management uses this non-GAAP financial measure in order to have comparable financial results to analyze changes in our underlying business from quarter to quarter.

A reconciliation of diluted net loss per share to adjusted diluted net income per share is set forth below:

|  | <b>Year Ended<br/>February 2,<br/>2013</b> |
|--|--|
| Basic and diluted net loss per share   | \$ (1.36)                                  |
| Pro forma weighted-average shares used in computing pro forma basic and diluted net loss per share (a) | 37,242,178                                 |
| Pro forma diluted net loss per share   | \$ (0.34)                                  |
| <b>EPS impact of adjustments (pre-tax):</b>  |  |
| Management and pre-IPO board fees (b)  | \$ 0.10                                    |
| Non-cash and other one-time compensation (c)   | 3.09                                       |
| Special committee investigation and remediation (d)  | 0.13                                       |
| Initial public offering costs (e)  | 0.29                                       |
| Anti-dumping exposure (f)  | 0.09                                       |
| Subtotal adjusted items  | 3.70                                       |
| Impact of income tax items (g)   | (2.35)                                     |
| Adjusted diluted net income per share  | \$ 1.01                                    |

- (a) On a pro forma basis, basic and diluted shares outstanding include (1) the impact of the Reorganization, as well as (2) the 4,782,609 shares of common stock that we issued and sold on November 7, 2012 in our initial public offering, as if such events had been completed as of the beginning of the respective periods and the common stock resulting therefrom was outstanding for the respective periods.
- (b) Represents fees and expenses paid in accordance with our management services agreement with Home Holdings, as well as fees and expense reimbursements paid to our Board of Directors prior to the initial public offering. All management fees were paid in full at the time of the initial public offering. Board fees and expenses subsequent to the initial public offering are not included in the above adjustments and are included in both the GAAP and adjusted net income amounts.
- (c) The twelve months ended February 2, 2013 include a \$92.0 million non-cash compensation charge related to equity grants at the time of the Reorganization, as well as a non-cash compensation charge of \$23.1 million related to the performance-based vesting of certain shares granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman.
- (d) Represents legal and other professional fees, incurred in connection with the investigation conducted by the special committee of the Board of Directors relating to our former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer and our subsequent remedial actions.
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- (f) Represents expense incurred as a result of increased tariff obligations of one of our foreign suppliers following the U.S. Department of Commerce's review of the anti-dumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from China for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.
- (g) As of the end of fiscal 2012, our U.S. operations achieved a position of cumulative profits for the most recent three-year period. We concluded that this record of cumulative profitability in recent years, coupled with our business plan for profitability in future periods provided assurance that our future tax benefits more likely than not would be realized. Accordingly, in the twelve months ended February 2, 2013, we released all of our valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets for the U.S. In addition, income tax items exclude the tax benefit related to the resolution of our Canada Revenue Agency examination in the twelve months ended February 2, 2013, exclude the tax benefit from the utilization of federal and state net operating losses, and assume a normalized tax rate of 40% for all periods presented.



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- (12) Working capital is defined as current assets, excluding cash and cash equivalents, less current liabilities, excluding the current portion of long-term debt.
- (13) Total debt (including current portion) includes the revolving line of credit, term loan, and capital lease obligations.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF  
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

**Overview**

We are a leading luxury retailer in the home furnishings marketplace. Our collections of timeless, updated classics and reproductions are presented consistently across our sales channels in sophisticated and unique lifestyle settings that we believe are on par with world-class interior designers. We offer dominant merchandise assortments across a growing number of categories, including furniture, lighting, textiles, bathware, décor, outdoor and garden, tableware and children's furnishings. Our business is fully integrated across our multiple channels of distribution, consisting of our stores, catalogs and websites. We position our stores as showrooms for our brand, while our catalogs and websites act as virtual extensions of our stores. As of April 26, 2013, we operated 63 Galleries, 4 Full Line Design Galleries, 3 Baby & Child Galleries, as well as 13 outlet stores throughout the United States and Canada.

In order to drive growth across our business, we are focused on the following key strategies:

*Transform Our Real Estate Platform.* We believe we have an opportunity to significantly increase our sales by transforming our real estate platform from our existing retail footprint to a portfolio focused on Full Line Design Galleries. Our Full Line Design Galleries are sized based on the market potential and the size of our assortment. We currently have four Full Line Design Galleries that average approximately 23,400 selling square feet, more than three times the size of our average Gallery. We have found that we experience higher sales across all of our channels when we showcase more of our assortment. We have identified approximately 50 key metropolitan markets where we can open new Full Line Design Galleries in iconic or high-profile locations that are representative of our luxury brand positioning.

We opened our first four Full Line Design Galleries in Los Angeles in June 2011, Houston in November 2011, Scottsdale in November 2012 and Boston in April 2013. In the Los Angeles and Houston markets, store demand increased by approximately 90% and 60%, respectively, and direct demand increased by approximately 30% and 45%, respectively, in the first full year of operations of those Full Line Design Galleries. In the Scottsdale market, we experienced an approximate 80% increase in store demand and an approximate 75% increase in direct demand during the months from the store's opening in November 2012 through the end of fiscal 2012.

*Expand Our Offering and Increase Our Market Share.* We believe we have a significant opportunity to increase our market share by:

Growing our merchandise assortment and introducing new products and categories, including current initiatives in furniture, rugs, lighting, tableware, children's furnishings and decorative accessories;

Expanding our service offerings, including interior design, product customization and gift registry services; and

Exploring and testing new business opportunities complementary to our core business that leverage our defining strengths of taste, style and innovation, such as the planned launch of our Contemporary Art business.

*Increase Brand Awareness.* We will continue to increase our brand awareness and customer loyalty through our real estate transformation, our circulation strategy, our digital marketing initiatives, and our increased advertising and public relations efforts.

*Pursue International Expansion.* We plan to strategically expand our business into select countries outside of the United States and Canada over the next several years. We believe that our luxury brand positioning and unique aesthetic will have strong international appeal.



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*Increase Operating Margins.* We have the opportunity to continue to improve our operating margins by leveraging our fixed occupancy costs and scalable infrastructure.

Our fiscal 2012 results reflect the ongoing strength of our business. We have continued to take market share, and at the same time invested in our infrastructure and supply chain to support future growth. Key financial achievements of fiscal 2012 include:

Net revenues increased 25% to \$1.2 billion, on top of a 24% increase in fiscal 2011 and a 24% increase in fiscal 2010.

Comparable store sales increased 28% on top of a 25% increase in fiscal 2011 and a 19% increase in fiscal 2010.

Direct net revenues increased 30% on top of a 27% increase in fiscal 2011 and a 37% increase in fiscal 2010.

The fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 marked our 12th consecutive quarter of double digit revenue growth.

Our GAAP net loss was \$12.8 million. Our adjusted net income increased 43% to \$37.7 million.

### **Factors Affecting Our Operating Results**

Various factors affected our results for the periods presented in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations including the following:

*Overall Economic Trends.* The industry in which we operate is cyclical, and consequently our revenues are affected by general economic conditions. For example, reduced consumer confidence and lower availability and higher cost of consumer credit reduces demand for our products and limits our ability to increase prices or sustain price increases. We expect that some of the economic factors that have been in place for the last several years, including the continuing economic uncertainty (particularly in the housing market in the United States) may continue in future periods. Based on our research, we believe that the domestic housewares and home furnishings market is anticipated to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 3-4% between 2011 and 2015. However, there can be no assurance that the market will grow at this rate. The growth rate of the market could be affected by macroeconomic conditions in the United States. Although we believe our annual net revenues currently represent less than 1% of the domestic housewares and home furnishings market and therefore we have opportunities to grow market share in future periods, slower rates of growth could negatively impact our results. For more information, see Risk Factors Changes in consumer spending or the housing market may significantly harm our revenue and results of operations.

*Our Strategic Initiatives.* We are in the process of implementing a number of significant business initiatives that have had and will continue to have an impact on our results of operations, including the development of new larger Full Line Design Galleries in a number of new locations, the optimization of our store sizes to better fit anticipated demand in a given market, the expansion of our product categories and services and changes in the ways in which we market with our catalogs. Although these initiatives are designed to create growth in our business and continuing improvement in our operating results, the timing of expenditures related to these initiatives, as well as the achievement of returns on our investments, may affect our results of operation in future periods, and we may not achieve the desired benefits. Opening Full Line Design Galleries will require significant capital expenditures, and retail store closures may lead to charges including lease termination and other exit costs. These changes could affect our results of operation in future periods. In addition, the investments required to continue our strategic initiatives may have a negative impact on cash flows in future periods and could create pressure on our liquidity if we do not achieve the desired results from these initiatives in a timely manner. We expect that we will continue to incur significant capital expenditures as part of our initiative to open more Full Line Design Galleries over the next several years, and that these expenditures will have an impact on our cash flows during this time. For fiscal 2012, we incurred total capital expenditures of \$49.1 million and we anticipate our capital expenditure requirements to be approximately \$95 million to \$100 million for fiscal 2013.

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*Consumer Preferences and Demand.* Our ability to maintain our appeal to existing customers and attract new customers depends on our ability to originate, develop and offer a compelling product assortment responsive to customer preferences and design trends. We have successfully introduced a large number of new products during recent periods, which we believe has been a contributing factor in our sales and operating results. Periods in which our products have achieved strong customer acceptance generally have had more favorable results. If we misjudge the market for our products, we may be faced with excess inventories for some products and may be required to become more promotional in our selling activities, which would impact our net revenues and gross profit.

*Our Ability to Source and Distribute Products Effectively.* Our net revenue and gross profits are affected by our ability to purchase our merchandise in sufficient quantities at competitive prices. While we believe our vendors have adequate capacity to meet our current and anticipated demand, our level of net revenues have been adversely affected in prior periods by constraints in our supply chain, including the inability of our vendors to produce sufficient quantities of some merchandise in a manner that was able to match market demand from our customers, leading to higher levels of customer back orders and lost sales.

*Seasonality.* Our business is seasonal. As a result, our net revenues fluctuate from quarter to quarter, which often affects the comparability of our results between periods. Net revenues are historically higher in the second and fourth fiscal quarters due primarily to the impact of the outdoor selling season and the holiday selling season, respectively. Cash requirements are typically higher in the first and third quarters due to inventory-related working capital requirements for the outdoor and holiday selling periods. See **Risk Factors** Our operating results are subject to quarterly and seasonal fluctuations, and results for any quarter may not necessarily be indicative of the results that may be achieved for the full fiscal year.

### **How We Assess the Performance of Our Business**

In assessing the performance of our business, we consider a variety of financial and operating measures that affect our operating results, including net revenues, gross profit, selling, general and administrative expenses, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income.

*Net Revenues.* Net revenues reflect our sale of merchandise plus shipping and handling revenue collected from our customers, less returns and discounts. Revenues are recognized upon receipt of product by our customers.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit is equal to our net revenues less cost of goods sold. Gross profit as a percentage of our net revenues is referred to as gross margin. Cost of goods sold include the direct cost of purchased merchandise; inventory shrinkage; inventory adjustments due to obsolescence, including excess and slow-moving inventory and lower of cost or market reserves; inbound freight; all freight costs to get merchandise to our stores; design, buying and allocation costs; occupancy costs related to store operations, such as rent and common area maintenance; depreciation and amortization of leasehold improvements, equipment and other assets in our stores and distribution centers; and all logistics costs associated with shipping product to our customers, which are only partially offset by shipping income collected from customers. We expect gross profit to increase to the extent that we successfully grow our net revenues and leverage the fixed portion of cost of goods sold.

Our gross profit can be favorably impacted by sales volume increases, as occupancy and certain other costs that are largely fixed do not necessarily increase proportionally with volume increases. Changes in the mix of our products may also impact our gross profit. We review our inventory levels on an ongoing basis in order to identify slow-moving merchandise and use product markdowns and our outlet stores to efficiently sell these products. The timing and level of markdowns are driven primarily by customer acceptance of our merchandise. The primary drivers of the costs of individual goods are raw materials costs, which fluctuate based on a number of factors beyond our control, including commodity prices, changes in supply and demand, general economic conditions, competition, import duties, tariffs and government regulation, logistics costs (which may increase in the event of, for example, expansions of or interruptions in the operation of our distribution centers, furniture

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home delivery hubs and customer service center or damage or interruption to our information systems) and labor costs in the countries where we source our merchandise. We place orders with merchandise vendors primarily in United States dollars and, as a result, are not exposed to significant foreign currency exchange risk.

Our gross profit may not be comparable to other specialty retailers, as some companies may not include all or a portion of the costs related to their distribution network and store occupancy in calculating gross profit as we and many other retailers do, but instead may include them in selling, general and administrative expenses.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses include all operating costs not included in cost of goods sold. These expenses include all payroll and payroll-related expenses, store expenses other than occupancy and expenses related to many of our operations at our headquarters, including utilities, depreciation and amortization, credit card fees and marketing expense, which primarily includes catalog production, mailing and print advertising costs. All store pre-opening costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses and are expensed as incurred. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenues is usually higher in lower-volume quarters and lower in higher-volume quarters because a significant portion of the costs are relatively fixed.

Our recent revenue growth has been accompanied by increased selling, general and administrative expenses. The most significant components of these increases are marketing and payroll costs. We expect these expenses to continue to increase as we continue to open new stores, develop new product categories and otherwise grow our business.

*Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income.* We believe that adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income are useful measures of operating performance, as the adjustments eliminate non-recurring and other items that are not reflective of underlying business performance, facilitate a comparison of our operating performance on a consistent basis from period-to-period and provide for a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our business. We also use adjusted EBITDA as one of the primary methods for planning and forecasting overall expected performance and for evaluating on a quarterly and annual basis actual results against such expectations, and as the basis of our MIP.

We define adjusted EBITDA as consolidated net income (loss) before depreciation and amortization, interest expense and provision for income taxes, adjusted for the impact of certain non-recurring and other items that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance. Because adjusted EBITDA omits non-cash items, we feel that it is less susceptible to variances in actual performance resulting from depreciation, amortization and other non-cash charges and is more reflective of other factors that affect our operating performance.

We define adjusted net income as consolidated net income (loss), adjusted for the impact of certain non-recurring and other items that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance.

## **Purchase Accounting**

All of the outstanding capital stock of Restoration Hardware, Inc. was acquired on June 16, 2008, by Home Holdings, which we refer to as the Acquisition, through a transaction that was accounted for under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 141, Business Combinations. The purchase price was allocated to state our assets and liabilities at fair value, which took into account work performed by an independent third-party valuation firm. The allocation of the purchase price had the net effect of reducing the carrying amount of inventory by \$47.9 million, increasing property and equipment by \$17.6 million and increasing amortizable intangible assets by \$55.7 million. The \$47.9 million decrease in inventory value was due to the prevailing adverse economic situation at the date of the Acquisition and the application of a market participant approach to the valuation of inventory on hand. Such decrease was amortized to cost of goods sold over approximately nine

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months and resulted in increased gross profit during fiscal 2009. We are depreciating the \$17.6 million increase in property and equipment over the useful life of each asset, which has had the effect of reducing gross profit and increasing selling, general and administrative expenses subsequent to the Acquisition. The \$55.7 million increase in amortizable intangible assets is being amortized over the remaining life of each asset and has had the effect of reducing gross profit and increasing selling, general and administrative expenses subsequent to the Acquisition. We also recorded intangible assets with an indefinite life, which consisted of goodwill and trademarks, at their fair values of \$122.3 million and \$47.1 million, respectively.

The following table summarizes the financial impact of purchase accounting adjustments on gross profit and selling, general and administrative expenses in dollars, and as a percentage of net revenues, in fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2010:

|  | February 2,<br>2013 |        | Year Ended<br>January 28,<br>2012<br>(dollars in thousands) |        | January 29,<br>2011 |        |
|--|---------------------|--------|---|--------|---------------------|--------|
| <b>Net revenues</b>  | \$ 1,193,046        | 100%   | \$ 958,084  | 100%   | \$ 772,752          | 100%   |
| <b>Gross profit increase (decrease)</b>                        |                     |        |   |        |                     |        |
| Depreciation related to step up of property and equipment      | \$ (1,253)          | (0.1)% | \$ (1,783)  | (0.2)% | \$ (3,076)          | (0.4)% |
| Amortization of intangible related to net fair value of leases | (879)               | (0.1)% | (1,507)   | (0.1)% | (1,975)             | (0.3)% |
|  | \$ (2,132)          | (0.2)% | \$ (3,290)  | (0.3)% | \$ (5,051)          | (0.7)% |
| <b>Selling general and administrative increase (decrease)</b>  |                     |        |   |        |                     |        |
| Amortization of intangible related to core technologies        | \$ 1,316            | 0.1%   | \$ 1,316  | 0.1%   | \$ 1,316            | 0.2%   |
| Depreciation related to step up of property and equipment      |                     | %      |   | %      | 150                 | %      |
| Amortization of intangible related to net fair value of leases | (9)                 | %      | (21)  | %      | 140                 | %      |
|  | \$ 1,307            | 0.1%   | \$ 1,295  | 0.1%   | \$ 1,606            | 0.2%   |

**Basis of Presentation and Results of Operations**

On November 7, 2012, Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. completed an initial public offering and acquired all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Restoration Hardware, Inc. In connection with the initial public offering, common stock of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. was issued in replacement of prior unit awards under the Team Resto Ownership Plan. These transactions are referred to as the Reorganization. Prior to the Reorganization, Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. had not engaged in any business or other activities except in connection with its formation and the Reorganization. Accordingly, all financial and other information herein relating to periods prior to the completion of the Reorganization is that of Restoration Hardware, Inc.

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The following table sets forth our statement of operations and other financial and operating data.

|   | February 2,<br>2013   | Year Ended<br>January 28,<br>2012 | January 29,<br>2011 |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
|   | (dollars in thousands, excluding per<br>square foot store data) |                                   |                     |
| <b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>                                    |   |                                   |                     |
| Net revenues  | \$ 1,193,046  | \$ 958,084                        | \$ 772,752          |
| Cost of goods sold  | 756,597   | 601,735                           | 501,132             |
| Gross profit  | 436,449   | 356,349                           | 271,620             |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses                            | 505,485   | 329,506                           | 274,836             |
| Income (loss) from operations   | (69,036)  | 26,843                            | (3,216)             |
| Interest expense  | (5,776)   | (5,134)                           | (3,150)             |
| Income (loss) before income taxes                                       | (74,812)  | 21,709                            | (6,366)             |
| Income tax expense (benefit)  | (62,023)  | 1,121                             | 685                 |
| Net income (loss)   | \$ (12,789)   | \$ 20,588                         | \$ (7,051)          |
| <b>Other Financial and Operating Data:</b>                              |   |                                   |                     |
| Growth in net revenues:   |   |                                   |                     |
| Stores (1)  | 20%   | 22%                               | 15%                 |
| Direct  | 30%   | 27%                               | 37%                 |
| Total   | 25%   | 24%                               | 24%                 |
| Retail (2):   |   |                                   |                     |
| Comparable store sales change (3)                                       | 28%   | 25%                               | 19%                 |
| Retail stores open at beginning of period                               | 74  | 91                                | 95                  |
| Stores opened   | 5   | 5                                 | 4                   |
| Stores closed   | 8   | 22                                | 8                   |
| Retail stores open at end of period                                     | 71  | 74                                | 91                  |
| Total leased square footage at end of period (in thousands)             | 768   | 808                               | 970                 |
| Total leased selling square footage at end of period (in thousands) (4) | 501   | 516                               | 613                 |
| Retail sales per leased selling square foot (5)                         | \$ 1,143  | \$ 846                            | \$ 635              |
| Direct:   |   |                                   |                     |
| Catalogs circulated (in thousands) (6)                                  | 32,712  | 26,052                            | 46,507              |
| Catalog pages circulated (in millions) (6)                              | 16,029  | 8,848                             | 6,260               |
| Direct as a percentage of net revenues (7)                              | 46%   | 44%                               | 43%                 |
| Capital expenditures  | \$ 49,058   | \$ 25,593                         | \$ 39,907           |
| Adjusted net income (8)   | \$ 37,739   | \$ 26,451                         | \$ 3,025            |

- (1) Stores data represents retail stores plus outlet stores. Net revenues for outlet stores for fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2010 were \$54.3 million, \$43.9 million and \$31.2 million, respectively.
- (2) Retail data has been calculated based upon retail stores, which includes our Baby & Child stores, and exclude outlet stores.
- (3) Comparable store sales have been calculated based upon retail stores that were open at least fourteen full months as of the end of the reporting period and did not change square footage by more than 20% between periods. If a store is closed for seven days during a month, that month will be excluded from comparable store sales. Comparable store net revenues exclude revenues from outlet stores. Because fiscal 2012 was a 53-week year, comparable store sales percentage for fiscal 2012 excludes that extra week of sales.
- (4) Leased selling square footage is retail space at our stores used to sell our products. Leased selling square footage excludes backrooms at retail stores used for storage office space or similar matters. Leased selling square footage excludes exterior sales space located outside a store, such as courtyards, gardens and rooftops. Leased selling square footage includes approximately 4,500 square feet related to one



owned store location.

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- (5) Retail sales per leased selling square foot is calculated by dividing total net revenues for all retail stores, comparable and non-comparable, by the average leased selling square footage for the period.
- (6) The catalogs and catalog pages circulated from period to period do not take into account different page sizes per catalog distributed. Page sizes and page counts vary for different catalog mailings and we sometimes mail different versions of a catalog at the same time. Accordingly, period to period comparisons of catalogs circulated and catalog pages circulated do not take these variations into account.
- (7) Direct revenues include sales through our catalogs and websites.
- (8) Adjusted net income is a supplemental measure of financial performance that is not required by, or presented in accordance with, GAAP. We define adjusted net income as consolidated net income (loss), adjusted for the impact of certain non-recurring and other items that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance. Adjusted net income is included in this prospectus because management believes that adjusted net income provides meaningful supplemental information for investors regarding the performance of our business and facilitates a meaningful evaluation of actual results on a comparable basis with historical results. Our management uses this non-GAAP financial measure in order to have comparable financial results to analyze changes in our underlying business from quarter to quarter. The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, to adjusted net income for the periods indicated below.

|   | February 2,<br>2013 | Year Ended<br>January 28,<br>2012<br>(in thousands) | January 29,<br>2011 |
|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| Net income (loss)                                   | \$ (12,789)         | \$ 20,588   | \$ (7,051)          |
| Adjustments pre-tax:                                |                     |   |                     |
| Management and board fees (a)                       | 4,258               | 10,715  | 4,793               |
| Non-cash and other one-time compensation (b)        | 115,055             | 6,350   |                     |
| Terminated operations (c)                           |                     | 1,580   | 352                 |
| Severance and other transaction costs (d)           |                     | 621   | 1,797               |
| Impairment of long-lived assets (e)                 |                     |   | 2,115               |
| Lease termination costs (f)                         | (386)               | 3,110   |                     |
| Non-capitalized IPO costs (g)                       |                     |   | 2,351               |
| Special committee investigation and remediation (h) | 4,778               |   |                     |
| Initial public offering costs (i)                   | 10,755              |   |                     |
| Anti-dumping exposure (j)                           | 3,250               |   |                     |
| Subtotal adjusted items                             | 137,710             | 22,376  | 11,408              |
| Impact of income tax items (k)                      | (87,182)            | (16,513)  | (1,332)             |
| Adjusted net income                                 | \$ 37,739           | \$ 26,451   | \$ 3,025            |

- (a) Includes fees and expenses paid in accordance with our management services agreement with Home Holdings, as well as fees and expense reimbursements paid to our board of directors prior to the initial public offering.
- (b) The fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 includes a \$92.0 million non-cash compensation charge related to equity grants at the time of the Reorganization, as well as a non-cash compensation charge of \$23.1 million related to the performance-based vesting of certain shares granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman. The third quarter of fiscal 2011 includes a \$6.4 million compensation charge related to the repayment of loans owed to Home Holdings by Gary Friedman, through the reclassification by Home Holdings of Mr. Friedman's Class A and Class A-1 ownership units into an equal number of Class A Prime and Class A-1 Prime ownership units. Mr. Friedman served as our Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer at the time of such loan repayment.
- (c) Includes costs related to the restructuring of our Shanghai office location.
- (d) Generally includes executive severance and other related costs.
- (e) Includes costs related to impairment of long-lived assets related to our retail store operations.
- (f) Includes lease termination costs for retail stores that were closed prior to their respective lease termination dates. The lease termination amount in fiscal 2012 includes changes in estimates regarding liabilities for future lease payments for closed stores.

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- (g) Represents costs related to our efforts to pursue an initial public offering.
- (h) Represents legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the investigation conducted by the special committee of the board of directors relating to our former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Gary Friedman, and our subsequent remedial actions.
- (i) Represents costs incurred in connection with our initial public offering, including a fee of \$7.0 million to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill in accordance with our management services agreement, payments of \$2.2 million to certain former executives and bonus payments to employees of \$1.3 million.
- (j) Represents expense incurred as a result of increased tariff obligations of one of our foreign suppliers following the U.S. Department of Commerce's review of the anti-dumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from China for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.
- (k) As of the end of fiscal 2012, our U.S. operations achieved a position of cumulative profits for the most recent three-year period. We concluded that this record of cumulative profitability in recent years, coupled with our business plan for profitability in future periods provided assurance that our future tax benefits more likely than not would be realized. Accordingly, in fiscal 2012, we released all of our U.S. valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets. In addition, income tax items exclude the tax benefit related to the resolution of our Canada Revenue Agency examination in fiscal 2012, exclude the tax benefit from the utilization of federal and state net operating losses, and assume a normalized tax rate of 40% for all periods.

The following table sets forth our consolidated statement of operations data as a percentage of total revenues.

|  | Year Ended          |                     |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | February 2,<br>2013 | January 28,<br>2012 | January 29,<br>2011 |
| <b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>         |                     |                     |                     |
| Net revenues                                 | 100.0%              | 100.0%              | 100.0%              |
| Cost of goods sold                           | 63.4                | 62.8                | 64.9                |
| Gross profit                                 | 36.6                | 37.2                | 35.1                |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 42.4                | 34.4                | 35.5                |
| Income (loss) from operations                | (5.8)               | 2.8                 | (0.4)               |
| Interest expense                             | (0.5)               | (0.5)               | (0.4)               |
| Income (loss) before income taxes            | (6.3)               | 2.3                 | (0.8)               |
| Income tax expense (benefit)                 | (5.2)               | 0.1                 | 0.1                 |
| Net income (loss)                            | (1.1)%              | 2.2%                | (0.9)%              |

We operate a fully integrated distribution model through our stores, catalogs and websites. The following table shows a summary of our Stores revenues, which include all sales for orders placed in retail stores as well as sales through outlet stores, and our Direct revenues which include sales through our catalogs and websites.

|              | Year Ended          |                     |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|              | February 2,<br>2013 | January 28,<br>2012 | January 29,<br>2011 |
|              | (in thousands)      |                     |                     |
| Stores       | \$ 643,306          | \$ 534,411          | \$ 438,463          |
| Direct       | 549,740             | 423,673             | 334,289             |
| Net revenues | \$ 1,193,046        | \$ 958,084          | \$ 772,752          |

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**Table of Contents****Fiscal 2012 Compared to Fiscal 2011*****Net revenues***

Net revenues increased \$234.9 million, or 24.5%, to \$1,193.0 million in fiscal 2012 compared to \$958.1 million in fiscal 2011. We had 71 and 74 retail stores open at February 2, 2013 and January 28, 2012, respectively. Stores sales increased \$108.9 million, or 20.4%, to \$643.3 million in fiscal 2012 compared to \$534.4 million in fiscal 2011 due in large part to our comparable store sales increase of 28% in fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011, partially offset by having fewer stores open during fiscal 2012 compared to fiscal 2011. Direct sales increased \$126.0 million, or 29.8%, to \$549.7 million in fiscal 2012 compared to \$423.7 million in fiscal 2011. We believe that the increase in both comparable store and direct sales was due primarily to our customers' favorable reaction to our merchandise assortment, including the expansion of existing product categories, new product categories, and an increase in catalog pages circulated.

***Gross profit***

Gross profit increased \$80.1 million, or 22.5%, to \$436.4 million in fiscal 2012 from \$356.3 million in fiscal 2011. As a percentage of net revenues, gross margin decreased 0.6% to 36.6% of net revenues in fiscal 2012 from 37.2% of net revenues in fiscal 2011.

In fiscal 2012, we incurred a \$3.3 million charge related to increased tariff obligations of one of our foreign suppliers following the U.S. Department of Commerce's review of the anti-dumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from China for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. Excluding the impact associated with this obligation, gross margin decreased 0.3% to 36.9% of net revenues in fiscal 2012 from 37.2% in fiscal 2011. This decrease was primarily driven by changes in product mix, strategic pricing on new product introductions and increased promotional activity. In addition, gross margin decreased due to increased freight costs resulting from a higher percentage of furniture sales during the period, as furniture deliveries require greater shipping costs than our other products. These decreases in gross margins as a percentage of net revenues were partially offset by improvement in occupancy costs from improved leverage on the fixed portion of our store and distribution center occupancy costs.

***Selling, general and administrative expenses***

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$176.0 million, or 53.4%, to \$505.5 million in fiscal 2012 compared to \$329.5 million in fiscal 2011. Selling, general and administrative expenses for fiscal 2012 included (i) a \$92.0 million non-cash compensation charge related to equity grants at the time of the Reorganization and initial public offering, (ii) a \$23.1 million non-cash compensation charge related to the performance-based vesting of certain shares granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman in connection with the Reorganization and initial public offering, (iii) \$10.8 million of costs incurred in connection with our initial public offering, including a fee of \$7.0 million to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill in accordance with our management services agreement, payments of \$2.2 million to certain former executives and bonus payments to employees of \$1.3 million, and (iv) \$4.8 million of legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the investigation conducted by the special committee of the board of directors relating to Mr. Friedman and our subsequent remedial actions. Selling, general and administrative expenses for fiscal 2011 included a \$6.4 million non-cash compensation charge related to the repayment of loans to Mr. Friedman from Home Holdings through the reclassification by Home Holdings of certain pre-Reorganization ownership units in Home Holdings held by Mr. Friedman at that time.

The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses, excluding the one-time and non-cash compensation items mentioned above, was primarily related to advertising and marketing costs associated with increased catalog circulation, an increase in employment costs, an increase in credit card fees increased due to growth in revenues and an increase in occupancy costs.

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Excluding the one-time and non-cash compensations items mentioned above, selling, general and administrative expenses were 31.8% of net revenues in fiscal 2012 compared to 33.7% of net revenues in fiscal 2011. The improvement in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenues was primarily driven by reductions in employment costs, professional fees and occupancy costs, in each case as a percentage of net revenues, due to leverage on the fixed portion of these expenses. These reductions were partially offset by an increase in advertising and marketing costs associated with increased catalog circulation.

**Interest expense**

Interest expense was \$5.8 million in fiscal 2012 compared to \$5.1 million in fiscal 2011. This increase was primarily due to the higher interest rate under the modified revolving line of credit agreement entered into in August 2011, higher borrowings under the revolving line of credit, as well as interest related to the term loan entered into in January 2012.

**Income tax expense (benefit)**

Income tax benefit increased \$63.1 million to a \$62.0 million benefit in fiscal 2012 compared to an expense of \$1.1 million in fiscal 2011. Our effective tax rate was 82.9% in fiscal 2012 compared to 5.2% in fiscal 2011. The increase in the tax benefit was primarily attributable to the reversal of the U.S. valuation allowance against our net deferred tax assets, resulting in a \$57.2 million benefit in our provision for income taxes. By the end of fiscal 2012, our U.S. operations achieved a position of cumulative profits (adjusted for permanent differences) for the most recent three-year period. We concluded that this record of cumulative profitability in recent years, coupled with our business plan for profitability in future periods, provided assurance that our future tax benefits are more likely than not to be realized. Accordingly, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we released all of our U.S. valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets.

**Fiscal 2011 Compared to Fiscal 2010**

The following table summarizes the financial impact of purchase accounting adjustments on gross profit and selling, general and administrative expenses in dollars, and as a percentage of net revenues, for fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2010:

|   | Fiscal Year Ended |        |  |        | Increase (Decrease) |        |
|---|-------------------|--------|--|--------|---------------------|--------|
|   | January 28, 2012  |        | January 29, 2011<br>(dollars in thousands) |        |                     |        |
| Net revenues  | \$ 958,084        | 100.0% | \$ 772,752                                 | 100.0% | \$ 185,332          |        |
| Gross profit excluding purchase accounting adjustments  | \$ 359,639        | 37.5%  | \$ 276,671                                 | 35.8%  | \$ 82,968           | 1.7%   |
| Decrease in gross profit from purchase accounting adjustments                                 | (3,290)           | (0.3)% | (5,051)                                    | (0.7)% | 1,761               | 0.4%   |
| Gross profit  | \$ 356,349        | 37.2%  | \$ 271,620                                 | 35.1%  | \$ 84,729           | 2.1%   |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses excluding purchase accounting adjustments        | \$ 328,211        | 34.3%  | \$ 273,230                                 | 35.3%  | \$ 54,981           | (1.0)% |
| Increase in selling, general and administrative expenses from purchase accounting adjustments | 1,295             | 0.1%   | 1,606                                      | 0.2%   | (311)               | (0.1)% |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses  | \$ 329,506        | 34.4%  | \$ 274,836                                 | 35.5%  | \$ 54,670           | (1.1)% |

**Net revenues**

Net revenues increased \$185.3 million, or 24.0%, to \$958.1 million in fiscal 2011 compared to \$772.8 million in fiscal 2010. We had 74 and 91 retail stores open at January 28, 2012, and January 29, 2011, respectively. This decrease in the number of retail stores was part of our strategy to consolidate stores in markets



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where we open new Full Line Design Galleries and to close stores that do not meet our profitability objectives. In fiscal 2011, we opened five stores and closed 22 stores. Of the 22 closed stores, 16 were closed at the expiration of the lease, while six were closed prior to the expiration of the lease. We incurred charges of \$3.1 million related to the early closures. Stores sales increased \$95.9 million, or 21.9%, to \$534.4 million in fiscal 2011 compared to \$438.5 million in fiscal 2010 due in large part to our comparable store sales increase of 25% in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010. Direct sales increased \$89.4 million, or 26.7%, to \$423.7 million in fiscal 2011 compared to \$334.3 million in fiscal 2010. We believe that the increase in both comparable store and direct sales was due primarily to our customers' favorable reaction to our merchandise assortment, including expansions of existing product categories and new product categories, an increase in circulated catalog pages and positive customer reaction to our new Design Gallery format.

***Gross profit***

Gross profit increased \$84.7 million, or 31.2%, to \$356.3 million in fiscal 2011 from \$271.6 million in fiscal 2010. As a percentage of net revenues, gross margin increased 2.1%, to 37.2% of net revenues in fiscal 2011 from 35.1% of net revenues in fiscal 2010. Gross profit in fiscal 2011 included \$3.3 million of unfavorable gross profit impact due to purchase accounting compared to \$5.1 million of unfavorable gross profit impact due to purchase accounting in fiscal 2010.

Excluding the impact of purchase accounting, gross margin increased 1.7%. This increase was primarily driven by an improvement in occupancy costs achieved due to improved leverage on the fixed portion of our store and distribution center occupancy costs, partially offset by one-time costs associated with the opening of a new distribution center during fiscal 2011. The overall increase in gross margin was also partially offset by higher freight costs due to a change in shipping rates charged to customers as we moved to flat rate shipping fees and experienced a higher percentage of furniture sales, which incurs greater shipping costs than our other products, and due to increased promotional activity.

***Selling, general and administrative expenses***

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$54.7 million, or 19.9%, to \$329.5 million in fiscal 2011 compared to \$274.8 million in fiscal 2010. Selling, general and administrative expenses in fiscal 2011 included \$1.3 million of unfavorable impact due to purchase accounting compared to \$1.6 million of unfavorable impact due to purchase accounting in fiscal 2010. Excluding the effect of purchase accounting adjustments, the increase in selling, general and administrative expenses was primarily related to an increase in employment costs associated with the growth of our operations, a \$6.4 million compensation charge related to the repayment of loans between Mr. Friedman and Home Holdings via the reclassification by Home Holdings of Mr. Friedman's pre-Reorganization ownership units, an increase in advertising and marketing costs associated with increased circulated catalog pages, an increase in management fees to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill and an increase in credit cards fees due to the growth in sales revenues. During fiscal 2011, we closed four retail store locations in advance of the related lease termination dates resulting in a charge of \$3.2 million. In addition, in fiscal 2011 we recorded a \$1.6 million restructuring charge associated with our Shanghai office, increased travel-related expenses and an increase in retail store pre-opening expenses.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were 34.4% of net revenues in fiscal 2011 compared to 35.5% of net revenues in fiscal 2010. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenues included 0.1% of unfavorable impact of purchase accounting in fiscal 2011 compared to 0.2% of unfavorable impact of purchase accounting in fiscal 2010. The improvement in selling, general and administrative expenses excluding the effect of purchase accounting adjustments was driven largely by increased net revenues during fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010, which resulted in a reduction of employment costs, a reduction in advertising and marketing costs, as well as a reduction in professional fees, in each case as a percentage of net revenues. These reductions were partially offset by an increase in costs as a percentage of net revenues related to corporate office costs, due in part to the restructuring charge associated with our Shanghai office and pre-opening

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expenses related to new retail store locations we opened in fiscal 2011, as well as an increase in occupancy expense as a percentage of net revenues primarily related to the closure of four retail store locations prior to the related lease termination dates.

### ***Interest expense***

Interest expense increased \$1.9 million to \$5.1 million in fiscal 2011 compared to \$3.2 million in fiscal 2010. This increase was primarily due to the higher interest rate under the modified revolving line of credit agreement entered into in August 2011, as well as an increase in the amount of borrowings under the revolving line of credit in fiscal 2011 as compared to fiscal 2010 primarily due to increased inventory levels.

### ***Income tax expense***

Income tax expense increased \$0.4 million to \$1.1 million in fiscal 2011 compared to \$0.7 million in fiscal 2010. Our effective tax rate was 5.2% for fiscal 2011 compared to (10.8)% for fiscal 2010. The increase in our tax expense was primarily due to an increase in taxable income for state and foreign jurisdictions. The state taxable income was primarily generated as a result of certain states disallowing the utilization of net operating loss carryovers.

## **Quarterly Results and Seasonality**

The following table sets forth our historical quarterly consolidated statements of income for each of the last eight fiscal quarters ended through February 2, 2013. This quarterly information has been prepared on the same basis as our annual audited financial statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus and includes all adjustments that we consider necessary to present fairly the financial information for the fiscal quarters presented. The quarterly data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes included herein.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, we changed our accounting policy for recognizing stock-based compensation expense which has been applied retrospectively to the periods presented below. See footnote 1 to the table below for further detail.

Our business is seasonal and we have historically realized a higher portion of our net revenues and net income in the second and fourth fiscal quarters due primarily to the outdoor selling season in the second fiscal quarter and the holiday selling season in the fourth fiscal quarter. Working capital requirements are typically higher in the first and third fiscal quarters due to inventory-related working capital requirements in advance of the outdoor selling season and the holiday selling season. During these peak periods of working capital requirements, we have historically increased our borrowings under the Restoration Hardware, Inc. revolving line of credit. As such, results of a period shorter than a full year may not be indicative of results expected for the entire year. Furthermore, the seasonal nature of our business may affect comparisons between periods.



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|   | Fiscal 2011   |                |                   |  | Fiscal 2012   |                    |                   |                    |
|---|---------------|----------------|-------------------|--|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|   | First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter (1) | Fourth Quarter<br>(dollars in thousands) | First Quarter | Second Quarter (2) | Third Quarter (2) | Fourth Quarter (3) |
| Net revenues                                      | \$ 184,760    | \$ 235,623     | \$ 232,459        | \$ 305,242                               | \$ 217,914    | \$ 292,906         | \$ 284,171        | \$ 398,055         |
| Cost of goods sold                                | 121,576       | 144,377        | 148,066           | 187,716                                  | 142,646       | 178,779            | 182,291           | 252,881            |
| Gross profit                                      | 63,184        | 91,246         | 84,393            | 117,526                                  | 75,268        | 114,127            | 101,880           | 145,174            |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses (4) | 68,707        | 81,688         | 88,496            | 90,615                                   | 77,365        | 94,465             | 99,886            | 233,769            |
| Income (loss) from operations                     | (5,523)       | 9,558          | (4,103)           | 26,911                                   | (2,097)       | 19,662             | 1,994             | (88,595)           |
| Interest expense                                  | (899)         | (989)          | (1,598)           | (1,648)                                  | (1,575)       | (1,479)            | (1,544)           | (1,178)            |
| Income (loss) before income taxes                 | (6,422)       | 8,569          | (5,701)           | 25,263                                   | (3,672)       | 18,183             | 450               | (89,773)           |
| Income tax expense (benefit)                      | (204)         | 987            | (871)             | 1,209                                    | 56            | 567                | (1,235)           | (61,411)           |
| Net income (loss)                                 | \$ (6,218)    | \$ 7,582       | \$ (4,830)        | \$ 24,054                                | \$ (3,728)    | \$ 17,616          | \$ 1,685          | \$ (28,362)        |
| Adjusted EBITDA (5)                               | \$ 5,333      | \$ 22,414      | \$ 11,102         | \$ 41,305                                | \$ 6,159      | \$ 28,738          | \$ 12,973         | \$ 48,701          |
| Adjusted net income (loss) (6)                    | \$ (2,118)    | \$ 8,003       | \$ 1,076          | \$ 19,490                                | \$ (1,324)    | \$ 12,245          | \$ 2,662          | \$ 24,156          |
| Comparable store sales (7)                        | 25%           | 17%            | 36%               | 22%                                      | 26%           | 31%                | 29%               | 26%                |

- (1) The third quarter of fiscal 2011 includes a \$6.4 million compensation charge related to the repayment of loans owed to Home Holdings by Gary Friedman, through the reclassification by Home Holdings of Mr. Friedman's Class A and Class A-1 ownership units into an equal number of Class A Prime and Class A-1 Prime ownership units. Mr. Friedman served as our Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer at the time of such loan repayment.
- (2) The second and third quarters of fiscal 2012 include \$2.0 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, of legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the investigation conducted by the special committee of the board of directors relating to our former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Gary Friedman, and our subsequent remedial actions.
- (3) The fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 includes (i) a \$92.0 million non-cash compensation charge related to equity grants at the time of the Reorganization, (ii) a non-cash compensation charge of \$23.1 million related to the performance-based vesting of certain shares granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman, (iii) costs incurred in connection with our initial public offering, including a fee of \$7.0 million to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill in accordance with our management services agreement, payments of \$2.2 million to certain former executives and bonus payments to employees of \$1.3 million and (iv) \$3.3 million incurred as a result of increased tariff obligations of one of our foreign suppliers following the U.S. Department of Commerce's review of the anti-dumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from China for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. In addition, as of the end of fiscal 2012, our U.S. operations achieved a position of cumulative profits (adjusted for permanent differences) for the most recent three-year period. We concluded that this record of cumulative profitability in recent years, coupled with our business plan for profitability in future periods, provided assurance that our future tax benefits more likely than not would be realized. Accordingly, in the fourth fiscal quarter of 2012, we released all of our U.S. valuation allowance of \$57.2 million against net deferred tax assets.
- (4) In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, we changed our policy for recognizing stock-based compensation expense from the graded method of accounting to the straight-line method of accounting for our pre-Reorganization time-based units (or service-only awards). This change in accounting had the same impact on our selling, general and administrative expenses and net income (loss) for all periods presented. The table below presents the impact to our net income (loss) as a result of this change in accounting policy. See Note 3 *Change in Accounting Principle Stock-Based Compensation* to our audited consolidated financial statements.

|  | Fiscal 2011   |                |               |                | Fiscal 2012   |                |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|  | First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter | First Quarter | Second Quarter |

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|  | (in thousands) |          |            |           |            |           |
|--|----------------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Net income (loss) as reported          | \$ (6,327)     | \$ 7,467 | \$ (4,857) | \$ 24,058 | \$ (3,764) | \$ 17,753 |
| Change in accounting policy adjustment | 109            | 115      | 27         | (4)       | 36         | (137)     |
| Net income (loss) as revised           | \$ (6,218)     | \$ 7,582 | \$ (4,830) | \$ 24,054 | \$ (3,728) | \$ 17,616 |

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- (5) The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, to EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA for the periods indicated below. For further discussion of the use of EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA, see footnote 10 to the table included in Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data.

|  | Fiscal 2011     |                  |                  |                  | Fiscal 2012     |                  |                  |                  |
|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | First Quarter   | Second Quarter   | Third Quarter    | Fourth Quarter   | First Quarter   | Second Quarter   | Third Quarter    | Fourth Quarter   |
|  | (in thousands)  |                  |                  |                  |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ (6,218)      | \$ 7,582         | \$ (4,830)       | \$ 24,054        | \$ (3,728)      | \$ 17,616        | \$ 1,685         | \$ (28,362)      |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 7,386           | 7,597            | 7,373            | 6,830            | 6,424           | 6,468            | 6,593            | 7,263            |
| Interest expense   | 899             | 989              | 1,598            | 1,648            | 1,575           | 1,479            | 1,544            | 1,178            |
| Income tax expense (benefit)   | (204)           | 987              | (871)            | 1,209            | 56              | 567              | (1,235)          | (61,411)         |
| <b>EBITDA</b>  | <b>1,863</b>    | <b>17,155</b>    | <b>3,270</b>     | <b>33,741</b>    | <b>4,327</b>    | <b>26,130</b>    | <b>8,587</b>     | <b>(81,332)</b>  |
| Management and board fees (a)  | 1,198           | 1,198            | 1,149            | 7,170            | 889             | 1,198            | 1,198            | 973              |
| Non-cash and other one-time compensation (b)                               | 389             | 487              | 6,687            | 344              | 387             | 351              | 364              | 115,055          |
| Terminated operations (c)  | 1,666           |                  | 14               | (100)            |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Severance and other related costs (d)                                      | 28              |                  | 443              | 150              |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Lease termination costs (e)  |                 | 3,571            | (461)            |                  | 575             | (961)            |                  |                  |
| Special committee investigation (f)  |                 |                  |                  |                  |                 | 1,989            | 2,789            |                  |
| Initial public offering costs (g)  |                 |                  |                  |                  |                 |                  |                  | 10,755           |
| Anti-dumping exposure (h)  |                 |                  |                  |                  |                 |                  |                  | 3,250            |
| Other adjustments allowable under our agreements with our stockholders (i) | 189             | 3                |                  |                  | (19)            | 31               | 35               |                  |
| <b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>   | <b>\$ 5,333</b> | <b>\$ 22,414</b> | <b>\$ 11,102</b> | <b>\$ 41,305</b> | <b>\$ 6,159</b> | <b>\$ 28,738</b> | <b>\$ 12,973</b> | <b>\$ 48,701</b> |

- (a) Includes fees and expenses paid in accordance with our management services agreement with Home Holdings, as well as fees and expense reimbursements paid to our board of directors prior to the initial public offering.
- (b) The fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 includes a \$92.0 million non-cash compensation charge related to equity grants at the time of the Reorganization, as well as a non-cash compensation charge of \$23.1 million related to the performance-based vesting of certain shares granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman. The third quarter of fiscal 2011 includes a \$6.4 million compensation charge related to the repayment of loans owed to Home Holdings by Gary Friedman, through the reclassification by Home Holdings of Mr. Friedman's Class A and Class A-1 ownership units into an equal number of Class A Prime and Class A-1 Prime ownership units. Mr. Friedman served as our Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer at the time of such loan repayment. In addition, amounts include stock-based compensation expense incurred prior to the initial public offering.
- (c) Includes costs related to the restructuring of our Shanghai office location.
- (d) Generally includes executive severance and other related costs.
- (e) Includes lease termination costs for retail stores that were closed prior to their respective lease termination dates. The lease termination amounts in the third quarter of fiscal 2011 and the first and second quarters of fiscal 2012 include changes in estimates regarding liabilities for future lease payments for closed stores.
- (f) Represents legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the investigation conducted by the special committee of the board of directors relating to our former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Gary Friedman, and our subsequent remedial actions.
- (g) Represents costs incurred in connection with our initial public offering, including a fee of \$7.0 million to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill in accordance with our management services agreement, payments of \$2.2 million to certain former executives and bonus payments to employees of \$1.3 million.
- (h) Represents expense incurred as a result of increased tariff obligations of one of our foreign suppliers following the U.S. Department of Commerce's review of the anti-dumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from China for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

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- (i) Represents items which management believes are not indicative of our ongoing operating performance. The second quarter of fiscal 2011 adjustments include consulting fees related to organizational matters. The fourth quarter of fiscal 2010 and the first quarter of fiscal 2011 include state franchise tax amounts. All periods include foreign exchange gains and losses.
- (6) Adjusted net income (loss) is a supplemental measure of financial performance that is not required by, or presented in accordance with, GAAP. We define adjusted net income as consolidated net income (loss), adjusted for the impact of certain non-recurring and other items that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance. Adjusted net income (loss) is included in this prospectus because management believes that adjusted net income (loss) provides meaningful supplemental information for investors regarding the performance of our business and facilitates a meaningful evaluation of actual results on a comparable basis with historical results. Our management uses this non-GAAP financial measure in order to have comparable financial results to analyze changes in our underlying business from quarter to quarter. The following table presents a reconciliation of net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, to adjusted net income (loss) for the periods indicated below.

|  | Fiscal 2011    |                |               |                | Fiscal 2012   |                |               |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|  | First Quarter  | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter | First Quarter | Second Quarter | Third Quarter | Fourth Quarter |
|  | (in thousands) |                |               |                |               |                |               |                |
| Net income (loss)                            | \$ (6,218)     | \$ 7,582       | \$ (4,830)    | \$ 24,054      | \$ (3,728)    | \$ 17,616      | \$ 1,685      | \$ (28,362)    |
| Adjustments pre-tax:                         |                |                |               |                |               |                |               |                |
| Management and board fees (j)                | 1,198          | 1,198          | 1,149         | 7,170          | 889           | 1,198          | 1,198         | 973            |
| Non-cash and other one-time compensation (k) |                |                | 6,350         |                |               |                |               | 115,055        |
| Terminated operations (l)                    | 1,666          |                | 14            | (100)          |               |                |               |                |
| Severance and other related costs (m)        | 28             |                | 443           | 150            |               |                |               |                |
| Lease termination costs (n)                  |                | 3,571          | (461)         |                | 575           | (961)          |               |                |
| Special committee investigation (o)          |                |                |               |                |               | 1,989          | 2,789         |                |
| Initial public offering costs (p)            |                |                |               |                |               |                |               | 10,755         |
| Anti-dumping exposure (q)                    |                |                |               |                |               |                |               | 3,250          |
| Subtotal adjusted items                      | 2,892          | 4,769          | 7,495         | 7,220          | 1,464         | 2,226          | 3,987         | 130,033        |
| Impact of income tax items (r)               | 1,208          | (4,348)        | (1,589)       | (11,784)       | 940           | (7,597)        | (3,010)       | (77,515)       |
| Adjusted net income (loss)                   | \$ (2,118)     | \$ 8,003       | \$ 1,076      | \$ 19,490      | \$ (1,324)    | \$ 12,245      | \$ 2,662      | \$ 24,156      |

- (j) Includes fees and expenses paid in accordance with our management services agreement with Home Holdings, as well as fees and expense reimbursements paid to our board of directors prior to the initial public offering.
- (k) The fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 includes a \$92.0 million non-cash compensation charge related to equity grants at the time of the Reorganization, as well as a non-cash compensation charge of \$23.1 million related to the performance-based vesting of certain shares granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman. The third quarter of fiscal 2011 includes a \$6.4 million compensation charge related to the repayment of loans owed to Home Holdings by Gary Friedman, through the reclassification by Home Holdings of Mr. Friedman's Class A and Class A-1 ownership units into an equal number of Class A Prime and Class A-1 Prime ownership units. Mr. Friedman served as our Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer at the time of such loan repayment.
- (l) Includes costs related to the restructuring of our Shanghai office location.
- (m) Generally includes executive severance and other related costs.
- (n) Includes lease termination costs for retail stores that were closed prior to their respective lease termination dates. The lease termination amounts in the third quarter of fiscal 2011 and the first and second quarters of fiscal 2012 include changes in estimates regarding liabilities for future lease payments for closed stores.
- (o) Represents legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the investigation conducted by the special committee of the board of directors relating to our former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Gary Friedman, and our subsequent remedial actions.
- (p) Represents costs incurred in connection with our initial public offering, including a fee of \$7.0 million to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill in accordance with our management services agreement, payments of \$2.2 million to certain former executives and bonus payments to employees of \$1.3 million.



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- (q) Represents expense incurred as a result of increased tariff obligations of one of our foreign suppliers following the U.S. Department of Commerce's review of the anti-dumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from China for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.
- (r) As of the end of fiscal 2012, our U.S. operations achieved a position of cumulative profits for the most recent three-year period. We concluded that this record of cumulative profitability in recent years, coupled with our business plan for profitability in future periods, provided assurance that our future tax benefits more likely than not would be realized. Accordingly, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we released all of our U.S. valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets. In addition, income tax items exclude the tax benefit related to the resolution of our Canada Revenue Agency examination in the third quarter of fiscal 2012, exclude the tax benefit from the utilization of federal and state net operating losses and assume a normalized tax rate of 40% for all periods.
- (7) Comparable store sales have been calculated based upon retail stores that were open at least fourteen full months as of the end of the reporting period and did not change square footage by more than 20% between periods. If a store is closed for seven days during a month, that month will be excluded from comparable store sales. Comparable store net revenues exclude revenues from outlet stores. Because the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 was a 14-week quarter, comparable store sales percentage for fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 excludes the extra week of sales.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources****General**

Our business relies on cash flows from operations and the revolving line of credit as our primary sources of liquidity. Our primary cash needs are for merchandise inventories, Source Books and other catalogs, payroll, store rent, capital expenditures associated with opening new stores and updating existing stores, as well as infrastructure and information technology. The most significant components of our working capital are cash and cash equivalents, merchandise inventories, accounts receivable, accounts payable and other current liabilities. Our working capital is seasonal as a result of building inventory and paying for catalog costs for the key selling seasons, and as a result, our borrowings are generally higher during these periods when compared to the rest of our fiscal year. Our borrowings generally increase in our first fiscal quarter as we prepare for the outdoor selling season, which is in our second fiscal quarter, and they generally increase in the third fiscal quarter as we prepare for the holiday selling season, which is in our fourth fiscal quarter. We believe that cash expected to be generated from operations, and borrowing availability under the revolving line of credit or other financing arrangements, will be sufficient to meet working capital requirements, anticipated capital expenditures and payments due under our revolving line of credit for at least the next 12-24 months. Our investments in capital expenditures for fiscal 2012 totaled \$49 million, of which \$28 million was for construction of new stores and \$21 million was for our infrastructure, including supply chain, information technology and renovations to our corporate headquarters. We expect to have capital expenditures of approximately \$95 million to \$100 million in fiscal 2013, primarily related to our efforts to continue our growth and expansion, including construction of Full Line Design Galleries and infrastructure investments.

**Cash Flow Analysis**

A summary of operating, investing, and financing activities is shown in the following table:

|  | February 2,<br>2013 | Year Ended<br>January 28,<br>2012<br>(in thousands) | January 29,<br>2011 |
|--|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| Provided by (used in) operating activities       | \$ (3,864)          | \$ 17,121   | \$ (11,810)         |
| Used in investing activities                     | (49,368)            | (25,593)  | (39,907)            |
| Provided by financing activities                 | 53,052              | 3,371   | 51,601              |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (158)               | (4,852)   | 178                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period       | 8,354               | 8,512   | 13,364              |

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**Table of Contents*****Net Cash Used In Operating Activities***

Cash from operating activities consists primarily of net income (loss) adjusted for non-cash items including depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation and the effect of changes in working capital and other activities.

For fiscal 2012, net cash used in operating activities was \$3.9 million and consisted of an increase in working capital and other activities of \$73.0 million and a net loss of \$12.8 million, offset by non-cash items of \$81.9 million. Non-cash items of \$81.9 million include a \$92.0 million compensation charge related to equity activity at the time of the Reorganization, a compensation charge of \$23.1 million related to the performance-based vesting of certain shares granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman subsequent to the Reorganization and depreciation and amortization of \$26.7 million, offset by the release of our U.S. valuation allowance in fiscal 2012 of \$57.2 million and a decrease in our non-cash income tax adjustments of \$4.7 million. The increase in working capital and other activities consisted primarily of increases in inventory of \$107.5 million as part of our strategy to improve our inventory position to meet demand levels, prepaid expenses of \$24.5 million primarily due to an increase in catalog costs associated with the Source Book strategy and accounts receivable of \$5.3 million due to timing of payments received related to our credit card receivables. These uses of cash from working capital components were partially offset by increases in accrued liabilities and accounts payable of \$36.2 million primarily due to timing of payments, increases in deferred revenue and customer deposits of \$16.2 million due to the timing of shipments made at fiscal year end, as well as increases in deferred rent and lease incentives of \$10.9 million primarily due to entering into new lease agreements for Full Line Design Gallery locations.

For fiscal 2011, net cash provided by operating activities was \$17.1 million and consisted of net income of \$20.6 million and non-cash items of \$48.6 million, offset by an increase in working capital and other activities of \$52.1 million. Non-cash items of \$48.6 million include expenses of \$6.4 million related to the repayment of the executive loan by Mr. Friedman and \$6.0 million for the management fee to the Principal Equity Holders, both incurred by Home Holdings on our behalf and reflected as capital contributions. The increase in working capital and other activities consisted primarily of increases in inventory of \$39.5 million in anticipation of future demand and as a result of the increased capacity due to opening a new distribution center in fiscal 2011, prepaid expenses of \$36.4 million primarily due to an increase in catalog costs associated with the Source Book strategy and accounts receivable of \$7.3 million due to timing of payments received related to our credit card receivables. These uses of cash from working capital components were offset by sources of cash from increases in accrued liabilities and accounts payable of \$14.4 million primarily due to timing of payments, increases in deferred revenue and customer deposits of \$11.4 million due to the timing of shipments made at fiscal year end, as well as increases in other current liabilities of \$3.9 million primarily due to an increase in gift certificate-related liabilities.

For fiscal 2010, net cash used in operating activities was \$11.8 million and consisted of an increase in working capital and other activities of \$39.0 million, and a net loss of \$7.1 million partially offset by non-cash expenses included in the net loss of \$34.3 million. Working capital and other activities consisted primarily of increases in inventory of \$57.1 million, partially offset by increases in deferred rent and lease incentives of \$8.6 million, accrued liabilities and accounts payable of \$5.5 million primarily due to timing of payments, other current liabilities of \$3.4 million primarily due to an increase in gift certificate related liabilities and deferred revenue and customer deposits of \$2.5 million primarily due to an increase in special orders as well as timing of shipments made at period end.

***Net Cash Used In Investing Activities***

Investing activities consist primarily of investments in capital expenditures related to new store openings and improvements and in supply chain and systems infrastructure.

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For fiscal 2012, net cash used in investing activities was \$49.4 million primarily as a result of investments in new stores of \$27.8 million and investment in supply chain and systems infrastructure of \$21.3 million and the purchase of a new domain name for \$0.3 million.

For fiscal 2011, capital expenditures were \$25.6 million as a result of investments in new stores of \$15.7 million and investment in supply chain and systems infrastructure of \$9.9 million.

For fiscal 2010, capital expenditures were \$39.9 million as a result of investments in approximately 80 Gallery store conversions of \$21.2 million, new stores of \$11.0 million and investment in supply chain and systems infrastructure of \$7.7 million.

***Net Cash Provided By Financing Activities***

Financing activities consist primarily of borrowings and repayments related to the revolving line of credit, term loan and capital contributions.

For fiscal 2012, net cash provided by financing activities was \$53.1 million primarily due to the issuance of common stock which generated proceeds of \$106.8 million, partially offset by issuance costs of \$9.1 million. This overall increase in cash provided by the initial public offering was partially offset by net repayments under the revolving line of credit of \$25.0 million, the repayment in full of the term loan of \$15.0 million and payments on capital lease obligations of \$4.2 million.

For fiscal 2011, net cash provided by financing activities was \$3.4 million primarily due to entering into an amendment to Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s credit agreement, for the purpose of incorporating a term loan facility for \$15.0 million in January 2012. This increase is offset by net repayments under the revolving line of credit of \$4.6 million, debt issuance costs related to the amended credit agreement and term loan of \$2.8 million, as well as payments on capital lease obligations of \$4.2 million.

For fiscal 2010, net cash provided by financing activities was \$51.6 million primarily due to an increase in net borrowing under the revolving line of credit of \$54.2 million resulting from an increase in inventory purchases made during the period. This overall increase in cash provided by financing activities was partially offset by payments on capital lease obligations of \$2.6 million.



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***Revolving Line of Credit and Term Loan***

In August 2011, Restoration Hardware, Inc., along with its Canadian subsidiary, Restoration Hardware Canada, Inc., entered into a credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, and certain other lenders. This credit agreement modified a previous facility under which Restoration Hardware, Inc. had a revolving line of credit for up to \$190.0 million, as of July 30, 2011. As a result of the modification, the unamortized deferred financing fees of \$0.2 million related to the previous line of credit on the date of the modification will be amortized over the life of the new revolving line of credit, which has a maturity date of August 3, 2016. Under the credit agreement, Restoration Hardware, Inc. has a revolving line of credit available of up to \$417.5 million (following Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s exercise of the commitment increase option on November 1, 2012, as described below), of which \$10.0 million is available to Restoration Hardware Canada, Inc. The credit agreement was further amended in January 2012 to add a \$15.0 million term loan facility with a maturity date of July 6, 2015, which was repaid in full on November 7, 2012, as described below.

Under the credit agreement's commitment increase provision, Restoration Hardware, Inc. had the option to increase the amount of the revolving line of credit by up to an additional \$100.0 million, provided that, among other things, the existing lenders or additional lenders agreed to participate in the increased loan commitments under the revolving line of credit, no default under the credit agreement then existed or would result from such increase and sufficient borrowing base collateral was available to support increased loan amounts. On November 1, 2012, Restoration Hardware, Inc. increased the amount of the revolving line of credit by \$100.0 million pursuant to this commitment increase provision.

On November 7, 2012, Restoration Hardware, Inc. made payments of \$75.7 million on its revolving line of credit and repaid its outstanding term loan of \$15.0 million in full. Such payments were funded from the proceeds received as a result of our initial public offering. Upon the repayment of the term loan in full, we expensed the remaining debt issuance costs of \$0.2 million related to the term loan.

The availability of credit at any given time under the revolving line of credit is limited by reference to a borrowing base formula based upon numerous factors, including the value of eligible inventory, eligible accounts receivable, eligible real estate, and, in the case of the term loan, registered trade names and reserves established by the administrative agent. As a result of the borrowing base formula, the actual borrowing availability under the revolving line of credit could be less than the stated amount of the revolving line of credit (as reduced by the actual borrowings and outstanding letters of credit under the revolving line of credit). All obligations under the credit agreement are secured by substantially all of Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s assets, including accounts receivable, inventory, intangible assets, property, equipment, goods and fixtures.

Borrowings under the revolving line of credit are subject to interest, at the borrower's option, at either the bank's reference rate or LIBOR (or the BA Rate or the Canadian Prime Rate, as such terms are defined in the credit agreement, for Canadian borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars or the United States Index Rate or LIBOR for Canadian borrowings denominated in United States dollars) plus an applicable margin rate, in each case. The weighted-average interest rate for the revolving line of credit was 2.5% as of February 2, 2013.

As of February 2, 2013, \$82.5 million was outstanding under the revolving line of credit. As of February 2, 2013, Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s undrawn borrowing availability under the revolving line of credit was \$188.5 million and there were \$19.5 million in outstanding letters of credit.

The credit agreement contains various restrictive covenants, including, among others, limitations on the ability to incur liens, make loans or other investments, incur additional debt, issue additional equity, merge or consolidate with or into another person, sell assets, pay dividends or make other distributions or enter into transactions with affiliates, along with other restrictions and limitations typical to credit agreements of this type and size. The credit agreement does not contain any significant financial or coverage ratio covenants unless the availability under the revolving line of credit is less than the greater of (i) \$17.5 million and (ii) 10% of the lesser of (A) the aggregate maximum commitments under the revolving line of credit and (B) the domestic borrowing base. If the availability under the revolving line of credit is less than the foregoing amount, then Restoration

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Hardware, Inc. is required to maintain a consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of at least one to one. Such ratio is approximately the ratio on the last day of each month on a trailing twelve-month basis of (a) (i) consolidated EBITDA (as defined in the agreement) minus (ii) capital expenditures, minus (iii) the income taxes paid in cash to (b) the sum of (i) debt service charges plus (ii) certain dividends and distributions paid. As of February 2, 2013, Restoration Hardware, Inc. was in compliance with all covenants, and if the availability under the revolving line of credit were less than the amount described above, Restoration Hardware, Inc. would have been in compliance with the consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio described in the previous sentence. The credit agreement requires a daily sweep of cash to prepay the loans under the credit agreement while (i) an event of default exists or (ii) the availability under the revolving line of credit for extensions of credit to Restoration Hardware, Inc. is less than the greater of (A) \$20.0 million and (B) 15% of the lesser of the aggregate maximum commitments and the domestic borrowing base.

**Contractual Obligations**

We enter into long term contractual obligations and commitments, primarily debt obligations and non-cancelable operating leases, in the normal course of business. As of February 2, 2013, our contractual cash obligations over the next several periods were as follows:

|                                 | Total             | Payments Due by Period |                   |                   |                   |         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|
|                                 |                   | 2013                   | 2014              | 2015              | 2016              | 2017    |
|                                 |                   | (in thousands)         |                   |                   |                   |         |
| Revolving line of credit (1)    | \$ 82,501         | \$                     | \$                | \$                | \$ 82,501         | \$      |
| Other long-term obligations (2) | 4,710             | 3,070                  | 1,598             |                   | 42                |         |
| Operating leases (3)            | 472,836           | 62,343                 | 103,056           |                   | 83,042            | 224,395 |
| Letters of credit               | 19,466            | 19,466                 |                   |                   |                   |         |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$ 579,513</b> | <b>\$ 84,879</b>       | <b>\$ 104,654</b> | <b>\$ 165,585</b> | <b>\$ 224,395</b> |         |

- (1) Excludes estimated interest under the revolving line of credit. Interest costs for the revolving line of credit have been estimated based on interest rates in effect for our indebtedness as of February 2, 2013, as well as estimated borrowing levels in the future based upon planned inventory purchases. Actual borrowing levels and interest costs may differ. The revolving line of credit has a maturity date of August 3, 2016.
- (2) Other long-term obligations consist of capital lease obligations.
- (3) We enter into operating leases in the normal course of business. Most lease arrangements provide us with the option to renew the leases at defined terms. The future operating lease obligations would change if we were to exercise these options, or if we were to enter into additional new operating leases. Amounts above do not include estimated contingent rent due under operating leases of \$1.5 million at February 2, 2013.

The liability of \$1.8 million as of February 2, 2013, for unrecognized tax benefits associated with uncertain tax positions (see Note 10 *Income Taxes* to our audited consolidated financial statements) has not been included in the contractual obligations table above because we are not able to reasonably estimate when cash payments for these liabilities will occur or the amount by which these liabilities will increase or decrease over time.

**Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no material off balance sheet arrangements as of February 2, 2013.

**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements and related notes, as well as the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Management evaluates its accounting policies, estimates, and judgments on an on-going basis.



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Management bases its estimates and judgments on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions and such differences could be material to the consolidated financial statements.

Management evaluated the development and selection of its critical accounting policies and estimates and believes that the following involve a higher degree of judgment or complexity and are most significant to reporting our results of operations and financial position, and are therefore discussed as critical. The following critical accounting policies reflect the significant estimates and judgments used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. With respect to critical accounting policies, even a relatively minor variance between actual and expected experience can potentially have a materially favorable or unfavorable impact on subsequent results of operations. However, our historical results for the periods presented in the consolidated financial statements have not been materially impacted by such variances. More information on all of our significant accounting policies can be found in Note 4 *Significant Accounting Policies* to our audited consolidated financial statements.

### ***Revenue Recognition***

We recognize revenues and the related cost of goods sold when merchandise is received by our customers. Revenues from cash-and-carry store sales are recognized at the point of sale in the store. Revenues from direct-to-customer and home-delivered sales are recognized when the merchandise is delivered to the customer. Discounts provided to customers are accounted for as a reduction of sales.

We recognize shipping and handling fees as revenue when the merchandise is received by our customers. Costs of shipping and handling are included in cost of goods sold.

Sales tax collected is not recognized as revenue as it is ultimately remitted to governmental authorities.

We reserve for projected merchandise returns based on actual, historical experience and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable. Actual merchandise returns are monitored regularly and have not been materially different from the estimates recorded. Merchandise returns are granted for various reasons, including delays in product delivery, product quality issues, customer preference and other similar matters. Product returned often represents merchandise that can be resold. Amounts refunded to customers are generally made by issuing the same payment tender as used in the original purchase. Merchandise exchanges of the same product and price are not considered merchandise returns and, therefore, are excluded when calculating the sales returns reserve.

### ***Gift Certificates and Merchandise Credits***

We sell gift certificates and issue merchandise credits to our customers in our stores and through our websites and product catalogs. Such gift certificates and merchandise credits do not have expiration dates. Revenue associated with gift certificates and merchandise credits is deferred until either (i) redemption of the gift certificate and merchandise credits or (ii) when the likelihood of redemption is remote and there exists no legal obligation to remit the value of unredeemed gift certificates or merchandise credits to the relevant jurisdictions (breakage). The breakage rate is based on monitoring of certificates issued, actual certificate redemptions and our analysis of when we believe it is remote that redemptions will occur.

Redeemed gift certificates and merchandise credits are recorded in net revenues. The liability for unredeemed gift certificates and merchandise credits is reversed to selling, general and administrative expenses when it is determined that certificates will not be redeemed.

### ***Merchandise Inventories***

Our merchandise inventories are composed of finished goods and are carried at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined on a weighted-average cost method and market determined based on the estimated net realizable value. To determine if the value of inventory should be marked down below original cost, we consider

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current and anticipated demand, customer preference and the merchandise age. The inventory value is adjusted periodically to reflect current market conditions, which requires management judgments that may significantly affect the ending inventory valuation, as well as gross margin. The significant estimates used in inventory valuation are obsolescence (including excess and slow-moving inventory and lower of cost or market reserves) and estimates of inventory shrinkage. We adjust our inventory for obsolescence based on historical trends, aging reports, specific identification and our estimates of future retail sales prices.

Reserves for shrinkage are estimated and recorded throughout the period as a percentage of net sales based on historical shrinkage results and current inventory levels. Actual shrinkage is recorded throughout the year based upon periodic cycle counts and the results of our annual physical inventory count. Actual inventory shrinkage and obsolescence can vary from estimates due to factors including the mix of our inventory (which ranges from large furniture to decorative accessories) and execution against loss prevention initiatives in our stores, distribution centers, off-site storage locations and with third-party transportation providers.

Due to these factors, our obsolescence and shrinkage reserves contain uncertainties. Both estimates have calculations that require management to make assumptions and to apply judgment regarding a number of factors, including market conditions, the selling environment, historical results and current inventory trends. If actual observed obsolescence or periodic updates of our shrinkage estimates differ from our original estimates, we adjust our inventory reserves accordingly throughout the period. Management does not believe that changes in the assumptions used in these estimates would have a significant effect on our net income or inventory balances. We have not made any material changes to our assumptions included in the calculations of the obsolescence and shrinkage reserves during the periods presented or recorded significant adjustments related to the physical inventory process.

### ***Impairment of Goodwill and Long-Lived Assets***

#### ***Goodwill***

We evaluate goodwill annually to determine whether it is impaired. Goodwill is also tested between annual impairment tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would indicate that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. Conditions that may indicate impairment include, but are not limited to, a significant adverse change in customer demand or business climate that could affect the value of an asset; general economic conditions, such as increasing Treasury rates or unexpected changes in gross domestic product growth; a change in our market share; budget-to-actual performance and consistency of operating margins and capital expenditures; a product recall or an adverse action or assessment by a regulator; or changes in management or key personnel. If an impairment indicator exists, we test the intangible asset for recoverability. We have identified only one single reporting unit. We selected the fourth fiscal quarter to perform our annual goodwill impairment testing.

We qualitatively assess goodwill impairment to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. During fiscal 2012, we performed a qualitative analysis examining key events and circumstances affecting fair value and determined it is more likely than not that the reporting unit's fair value is greater than its carrying amount. As such, no further analysis was required for purposes of testing of our goodwill for impairment.

For goodwill not qualitatively assessed, a two-step quantitative approach is used. In the first step, we compare the fair value of the reporting unit, generally defined as the same level as or one level below an operating segment, to its carrying value. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds the carrying value of the net assets assigned to that unit, goodwill is considered not impaired and we are not required to perform further testing. If the carrying value of the net assets assigned to the reporting unit exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit, then we must perform the second step of the impairment test in order to determine the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill. If the carrying value of a reporting unit's goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, then we would record an impairment loss equal to the difference. The assumptions used in such valuations are subject to volatility and may differ from actual results.

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Our tests for impairment of goodwill resulted in a determination that the fair value of the Company substantially exceeded the carrying value of our net assets as of February 2, 2013. We do not anticipate any material impairment charges in the near term.

### *Long-Lived Assets*

Long-lived assets, such as property and equipment and intangible assets subject to amortization, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Conditions that may indicate impairment include, but are not limited to, a significant adverse change in customer demand or business climate that could affect the value of an asset, a product recall or an adverse action or assessment by a regulator. If the sum of the estimated undiscounted future cash flows related to the asset are less than the carrying value, we recognize a loss equal to the difference between the carrying value and the fair value, usually determined by the estimated discounted cash flow analysis of the asset.

We evaluate long-lived tangible assets at an individual store level, which is the lowest level at which independent cash flows can be identified. We evaluate corporate assets or other long-lived assets that are not store-specific at the consolidated level.

Since there is typically no active market for our long-lived tangible assets, we estimate fair values based on the expected future cash flows. We estimate future cash flows based on store-level historical results, current trends, and operating and cash flow projections. Our estimates are subject to uncertainty and may be affected by a number of factors outside our control, including general economic conditions and the competitive environment. While we believe our estimates and judgments about future cash flows are reasonable, future impairment charges may be required if the expected cash flow estimates, as projected, do not occur or if events change requiring us to revise our estimates.

### *Stock-Based Compensation*

In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, we changed our policy for recognizing stock-based compensation expense from the graded method of accounting to the straight-line method of accounting for our time-based units (or service-only) awards. Based on research and analysis, we believe the straight-line method of accounting for stock-based compensation expense for service-only awards is the predominant method used in our industry. In order for our results of operations to be comparable to our peers, we have concluded that the straight-line method of accounting for stock-based compensation is a preferable accounting method in accordance with ASC 250-10-45.

We account for stock-based compensation in accordance with applicable guidance which requires the fair value of stock-based payments to be recognized in the consolidated financial statements as compensation expense over the requisite service period. For service-only awards compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis, net of forfeitures, over the requisite service period for the fair value of awards that actually vest. Fair value for restricted stock units is valued using the closing price of our stock on the date of grant. The fair value of each option award granted under our award plans subsequent to our initial public offering is estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes Merton option pricing model with the following assumptions:

**Expected volatility** Based on the lack of historical data for our own shares, we base our expected volatility on a representative peer group that takes into account industry, market capitalization, stage of life cycle and capital structure.

**Expected term** Represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. We elected to calculate the expected term of the option awards using the simplified method. This election was made as we do not have sufficient historical exercise data to provide a reasonable basis upon which to estimate expected term. Under the simplified calculation method, the expected term is calculated as an average of the vesting period and the contractual life of the options.

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Risk-free interest rate Based on the U.S. Treasury zero-coupon bond rate with a remaining term approximate of the expected term of the option.

Dividend yield As we have not paid dividends, nor do we currently plan to pay dividends in the future, the assumed dividend yield is zero.

Prior to the Reorganization, Home Holdings had granted performance-based units that vested and became deliverable upon achievement or satisfaction of performance conditions specified in the performance agreement or upon the return on investment attained by certain of the equity investors in Home Holdings at defined liquidity events, including an initial public offering or certain sale or merger transactions. We estimated the fair value of performance-based units awarded to employees at the grant date based on the fair value of the Company on such date. We also considered the probability of achieving the established performance targets in determining our stock-based compensation with respect to these awards. We recognize compensation cost over the performance period. When the performance is related to a specific event occurring in the future, we recognize the full expense at the time of the event. In connection with the initial public offering, shares of our common stock with substantially similar restrictions, terms and conditions were issued in replacement of these performance-based units.

In connection with Gary Friedman's resignation as Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer and new role as Chairman Emeritus, Creator and Curator, shares of unvested stock he received in replacement of certain performance-based units will be marked to market every period until the required vesting criteria are met in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718. As of April 26, 2013, 480,959 of these shares remained unvested.

### ***Income Taxes***

We account for income taxes under an asset and liability approach that requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in our consolidated financial statements or tax returns. In estimating future tax consequences, we generally take into account all expected future events then known to us, other than changes in the tax law or rates which have not yet been enacted and which are not permitted to be considered. Accordingly, we may record a valuation allowance to reduce our net deferred tax assets to the amount that is more-likely-than-not to be realized. The determination as to whether a deferred tax asset will be realized is made on a jurisdictional basis and is based upon management's best estimate of the recoverability of our net deferred tax assets. Future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning are considered in determining the amount of the valuation allowance, and the amount of the allowance is subject to adjustment in the future. Specifically, in the event we are to determine that we are not more-likely-than-not able to realize our net deferred tax assets in the future, an adjustment to the valuation allowance would decrease income in the period such determination is made. This allowance does not alter our ability to utilize the underlying tax net operating loss and credit carryforwards in the future, the utilization of which is limited to achieving future taxable income.

In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, we consider both positive and negative evidence related to the likelihood of realization of the deferred tax assets. If, based on the weight of available evidence, it is more-likely-than-not the deferred tax assets will not be realized, we record a valuation allowance. The weight given to the positive and negative evidence is commensurate with the extent to which the evidence may be objectively verified. As such, it is generally difficult for positive evidence regarding projected future taxable income exclusive of reversing taxable temporary differences to outweigh objective negative evidence of recent financial reporting losses. United States GAAP states that cumulative losses in recent years are a significant piece of negative evidence that is difficult to overcome in determining that a valuation allowance is not needed against deferred tax assets.

Due to the historical losses incurred, we had recorded a full valuation allowance against the U.S. net deferred tax assets, excluding deferred tax liabilities related to indefinite lived intangibles, as well as against the net deferred tax assets in Shanghai.

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A sustained period of profitability in our operations was required before we would change our judgment regarding the need for a full valuation allowance against our net deferred tax assets. Although we were profitable for the full fiscal 2011, the seasonality of our business continued to result in losses during certain quarters. We recorded a net loss of \$3.7 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2012, compared to a net loss of \$6.2 million in the same quarter of fiscal 2011, and net income of \$17.6 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2012, compared to net income of \$7.6 million in the same quarter of fiscal 2011. Due to the seasonality of our business, our full year results historically have substantially depended on the results from operations in the fourth quarter.

By the end of fiscal 2012, our U.S. operations achieved a position of cumulative profits (adjusted for permanent items) for the most recent three-year period. We concluded that this record of cumulative profitability in recent years, coupled with our business plan for profitability in future periods, provided assurance that our future tax benefits are more likely than not to be realized. Accordingly, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we released all of our U.S. valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets, resulting in a \$57.2 million benefit in our provision for income taxes. At February 2, 2013, we have retained a valuation allowance totaling \$0.3 million against deferred tax assets for our Shanghai operations.

The accounting standard for uncertainty in income taxes prescribes a recognition threshold that a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements and provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition issues. Differences between tax positions taken in a tax return and amounts recognized in the financial statements generally result in an increase in a liability for income taxes payable or a reduction of an income tax refund receivable, or a reduction in a deferred tax asset or an increase in a deferred tax liability, or both. We recognize interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in tax expense.

### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

#### ***Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets***

In July 2012, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued guidance that revises the requirements around how entities test indefinite-lived intangible assets other than goodwill for impairment. Similar to the guidance issued in September 2011 related to the testing of goodwill for impairment, this guidance allows companies to perform a qualitative assessment before calculating the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset. If entities determine, on the basis of qualitative factors, that the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset is more likely than not greater than the carrying amount, a quantitative calculation would not be needed. We adopted this guidance for our fiscal 2012 annual indefinite-lived intangible assets impairment test. The adoption of this guidance resulted in a change in how we performed our indefinite-lived intangible assets impairment assessment; however, the adoption did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

### **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure of Market Risks**

#### ***Interest Rate Risk***

We are subject to interest rate risk in connection with borrowings under our revolving line of credit and, prior to its repayment on November 7, 2012, our term loan, which bear interest at variable rates. At February 2, 2013, \$82.5 million was outstanding under the revolving line of credit. As of February 2, 2013, the undrawn borrowing availability under the revolving line of credit was \$188.5 million, and there were \$19.5 million in outstanding letters of credit. We currently do not engage in any interest rate hedging activity and we have no intention to do so in the foreseeable future. Based on the average interest rate on the revolving line of credit during the year ended February 2, 2013, and to the extent that borrowings were outstanding, we do not believe that a 10% change in the interest rate would have a material effect on our consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

#### ***Impact of Inflation***

Our results of operations and financial condition are presented based on historical cost. While it is difficult to accurately measure the impact of inflation due to the imprecise nature of the estimates required, we believe the effects of inflation, if any, on our results of operations and financial condition have been immaterial.



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### **BUSINESS**

#### **Our Company**

We believe RH is one of the most innovative and fastest growing luxury brands in the home furnishings marketplace. We believe our brand stands alone and is redefining this highly fragmented and growing market, contributing to our superior sales growth and market share gains over the past several years as compared to industry growth rates. Our ability to innovate, curate and integrate products, categories, services and businesses with a completely authentic and distinctive point of view, then rapidly scale them across our fully integrated multi-channel infrastructure is a powerful platform for continued long-term growth. We evolved our brand to become RH, positioning our Company to curate a lifestyle beyond the four walls of the home. Our unique product development, go-to-market and supply chain capabilities, together with our significant scale, enable us to offer a compelling combination of design, quality and value that we believe is unparalleled in the marketplace.

Our business is fully integrated across our multiple channels of distribution, consisting of our stores, catalogs and websites. As of April 26, 2013, we operated a total of 70 retail stores, consisting of 63 Galleries, 4 Full Line Design Galleries and 3 Baby & Child Galleries, as well as 13 outlet stores throughout the United States and Canada. In fiscal 2012, we distributed approximately 32.7 million Source Books, and our websites logged over 18.9 million unique visits.

Over the last several years, we have achieved strong growth in sales and profitability, as illustrated by the following:

From fiscal 2009 to fiscal 2012, we increased our net revenues 91% to \$1,193 million, our adjusted EBITDA 449% to \$96.6 million and our adjusted EBITDA margin by 530 basis points to 8.1%.

From fiscal 2009 to fiscal 2012, we increased our adjusted net income by \$56.2 million from an adjusted net loss of \$18.5 million to adjusted net income of \$37.7 million. Over the same time period, our GAAP net loss decreased from \$28.7 million to a net loss of \$12.8 million.

We have achieved 12 consecutive quarters of double-digit net revenue growth through our fiscal quarter ended February 2, 2013. We achieved this growth as we reduced our store base from 95 retail locations as of January 30, 2010 to 71 locations as of February 2, 2013.

See Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data for a discussion of adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income (loss), and a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA and adjusted net income (loss) to net income (loss).

#### **Our Competitive Strengths**

We attribute our success to the following competitive strengths:

*Our Market-Redefining Luxury Brand.* We believe RH stands alone as a leading luxury brand of inspired design, and is redefining the highly fragmented home furnishings market. We provide dominant merchandise assortments across a growing number of categories and feature a highly differentiated style, presentation and customer experience. We believe that offering a compelling combination of design, quality and value enables us to remain relevant with our target customer and expand our reach. We believe we are changing the home furnishings landscape by attracting affluent consumers from designer showrooms and high-end boutiques with our compelling value proposition, as well as aspirational consumers trading up to our more sophisticated aesthetic relative to what can be found in department stores and other home furnishings retailers. We believe this has led to our superior sales growth and market share gains over the past several years as compared to industry growth rates. In a market characterized by smaller, independent competitors, we believe our luxury positioning, superior quality and significant scale enable us to grow our market share.

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*Our Unique Development Model.* We believe our unique approach to the development of new products, categories and services enables us to gain market share, adapt our business to emerging trends, stay relevant with our customers and enter into new businesses that leverage our strengths. The foundation of our unique development model is:

*Innovation.* We are dedicated to offering products and services that push established boundaries. We are driven to look beyond current business paradigms and best practices to create new paradigms and next practices. The scope of our innovation is demonstrated in every aspect of our organization, including in our products and services, our stores and presentation, our channel-agnostic go-to-market strategy and our fully integrated supply chain and systems infrastructure.

*Curation.* At our core we are not designers, rather we are curators and composers of inspired design and experiences. We travel the world in search of people, ideas, items, experiences and inspiration, and then create a composition that is unique and entirely our own. Through this journey of searching, discovering, re-imagining, curating and composing the ideas, items and experiences that we love, we create a completely unique and authentic expression in the marketplace.

*Integration.* Everything we curate and compose must be beautifully and intelligently integrated, enhancing the appeal of our offering and experience. This process involves both art and science as we integrate new products that enhance existing products, new categories that enhance existing categories and new services and businesses that enhance existing services and businesses, and as our supporting functions and infrastructure are integrated to achieve our goals.

Our ability to innovate, curate and integrate products, categories, services and businesses, then rapidly scale them across our fully integrated multi-channel infrastructure is a powerful platform for continued long-term growth.

*Our Superior Capabilities.* Our product development and multi-channel go-to-market capabilities together with our fully integrated infrastructure and significant scale, enable us to offer a compelling combination of design, quality and value that we believe is unparalleled in the marketplace.

*Highly Differentiated Product Development Capabilities.* We have architected a proprietary product development platform that is fully integrated from product ideation to presentation. We have established a cross-functional organization centered on product leadership, with teams that collaborate across our product development, sourcing, merchandising, inventory and creative functions. Our product development facility, the *RH Center of Innovation & Product Leadership*, supports and streamlines the entire product development process. We work closely with our network of artisan partners who possess specialized design and manufacturing capabilities and who we consider an extension of our product development team. Our product development platform and significant scale have enabled us to introduce an increasing number of new products with each collection and dramatically shorten our product lead times from 12–18 months to 3–9 months and reduce product costs, which allow us to offer greater value to our customers.

*Multi-Channel Go-To-Market Ability.* We pursue a market-based rather than a channel-based sales strategy and allocate resources by market to maximize our return on invested capital. Our strategy is to size our product assortments to the potential of the market and to size our stores to the potential of the area that each location serves. We leverage our direct channels to maximize reach, increase brand awareness and allow customers to access our complete product offering. Our channels are fully integrated and complement each other, with our stores acting as showrooms for our brand while our Source Books and our websites act as virtual extensions of our stores. Our stores allow our customers to experience our product collections in lifestyle settings and to consult with our highly qualified sales associates and interior designers to develop design solutions for their homes. We complement our stores with targeted catalog mailings, emails and apps for smartphones and tablets. In our stores, our sales associates use iPads and other devices to allow customers to shop our entire merchandise assortment while in the store. We believe that by offering a seamless experience across our stores and

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direct channels, we present a consistent brand image and inspire our customers to shop with us more often. This approach is designed to enhance our customer experience, generate greater sales, increase our market share and deliver higher returns on invested capital.

*Fully Integrated Infrastructure.* Our infrastructure is integrated across our multiple channels, providing three key advantages. First, we have strong direct sourcing capabilities and direct vendor relationships that contribute to shortened product lead times and reduced merchandise costs. Second, our inventory is centrally managed across our channels to drive working capital efficiency and optimize product availability. Third, our reconfigured distribution network and new order management, warehouse management and point-of-sale systems contribute to improved customer service levels, including shorter delivery times. Our systems platform has business intelligence reporting capabilities that provide multi-channel information which enable us to make timely and informed decisions across all aspects of our business. We believe our infrastructure provides us with a sophisticated operating platform and significant capabilities to support our future growth.

*Our High-Performance Culture and Team.* We have built a high-performance organization driven by a company-wide commitment to our core values of People, Quality, Service and Innovation. The leadership team led by our Chief Executive Officer, Carlos Alberini, has significant expertise across all of our core functions, including brand management, product development, sourcing, supply chain, merchandising, finance and operations. Mr. Alberini is a highly respected financial and operational leader in the retail sector, having most recently served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Guess? from 2000 to 2010. Mr. Alberini is widely recognized in the industry for his role in helping to build Guess? into a leading global brand and business. We also benefit from the vision and advice of Gary Friedman, who serves as our Chairman Emeritus, Creator and Curator. With over 24 years of experience in executive roles in the specialty home industry, Mr. Friedman is recognized as a creative force and design leader. We believe our high-performance culture and team are key drivers of our success and position us well to execute our long-term growth strategy.

## **Our Growth Strategy**

Key elements of our growth strategy are to:

*Transform Our Real Estate Platform.* We believe we have an opportunity to significantly increase our sales by transforming our real estate platform from our existing retail footprint to a portfolio focused on Full Line Design Galleries. Our Full Line Design Galleries are sized based on the market potential and the size of our assortment. We currently have four Full Line Design Galleries that average approximately 23,400 selling square feet, more than three times the size of our average Gallery. Our Full Line Design Galleries allow consumers to experience a broader merchandise assortment in a highly differentiated retail setting. We have found that we experience higher sales across all of our channels when we showcase more of our assortment. We have identified approximately 50 key metropolitan markets where we can open new Full Line Design Galleries in iconic or high profile locations that are representative of our luxury brand positioning. We believe, based on our analysis of the market, that we have the opportunity to more than double our current selling square footage in the United States and Canada over the next 5 to 10 years as we transform our real estate platform by opening Full Line Design Galleries in these 50 identified markets.

We opened our first four Full Line Design Galleries in Los Angeles in June 2011, Houston in November 2011, Scottsdale in November 2012 and Boston in April 2013. In the Los Angeles and Houston markets, store demand increased by approximately 90% and 60%, respectively, and direct demand increased by approximately 30% and 45%, respectively, in the first full year of operations of those Full Line Design Galleries. In the Scottsdale market, we experienced an approximate 80% increase in store demand and an approximate 75% increase in direct demand during the months from the store's opening in November 2012 through the end of fiscal 2012. We plan to open new Full Line Design Galleries in Indianapolis, Greenwich and Atlanta. In addition, we have identified locations, and are in active lease discussions, in approximately 20 markets including New York City, Chicago, Miami, Denver, Dallas and San Diego.

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*Expand Our Offering and Increase Our Market Share.* We participate in the domestic housewares and home furnishings market that based on our research, we believe represented \$143 billion in sales in 2010. Our annual net revenues currently represent less than 1% of this market, and we believe we have a significant opportunity to increase our market share as more customers are exposed to our growing merchandise assortment and as introductions of new products and services inspire current and new customers to add to their collections. We believe our dominant assortments and continued expansion of product categories enable us to change the highly fragmented luxury home furnishings landscape and grow our market share. We apply our unique design aesthetic and superior product development capabilities to bring a fresh and differentiated perspective to existing and new product categories, new services and new businesses:

*Increase Product Categories and Assortments.* Over the past few years we have successfully expanded our offering across our categories. We have continued this strong level of innovation with a number of initiatives, including in: (i) indoor and outdoor furniture, where we continued to broaden our assortments in upholstery, dining and occasional, as well as introduced new finishes in our living, dining and bedroom collections; (ii) rugs, where we continued to significantly enhance our collection developed by Ben Soleimani of Mansour Rug, a 4th generation family-owned rug business known for its innovative designs; (iii) lighting, where we significantly expanded our assortment; and (iv) baby and child products, where we continued to expand our assortments in furniture, textiles and décor. We also introduced our collection of smaller living space furnishings, and custom window shades and blinds.

We are continuing to introduce select new product categories where we can offer a dominant merchandise assortment consistent with our brand positioning in other product categories. We recently launched two new collections through distinct Source Books: Tableware, our collection of dinnerware, flatware and table linens, and Objects of Curiosity, our collection of unique decorative accessories and objects for the home.

We have a successful record of new category introductions, including Outdoor in Spring 2006, Baby & Child in Spring 2008, Outdoor & Garden in Spring 2010 and Small Spaces in Spring 2012. Historically, once a category is tested and proven in our direct business, we selectively roll out an edited collection of the products in our stores. We believe this approach allows us to efficiently launch categories in a disciplined, expeditious and cost-effective manner. For example, our Garden collection took seven months from concept to introduction, with minimal additional resources required to launch.

*Expand Services.* We plan to provide our customers with a growing range of services designed to enhance the customer experience and optimize sales. We have introduced interior design services, providing our customers with complimentary in-store and in-home design consultations. As of February 2, 2013, we had 39 interior designers in 25 locations, and plan to expand this program. Based on the results achieved to date, we believe that our interior design team will contribute to increased sales as they assist, inspire and influence customers in the manner in which they envision their homes. In addition, an expanded portion of our product offering can be customized to meet individual preferences, including different choices of materials, fabrics and finishes. We are also enhancing our existing registry services and believe that a significant opportunity exists to expand and improve our bridal and gift registry businesses with the expansion of our Baby & Child offering and our introduction of Tableware and Objects of Curiosity.

*Enter New Businesses.* We believe we have the ability to leverage our defining strengths of taste, style and innovation across multiple businesses, which can enhance brand awareness, reinforce our lifestyle positioning and enrich the customer experience. We plan to explore and test from time to time new business opportunities complementary to our core business which can capitalize on our unique development model. For example, in 2013 we plan to launch our Contemporary Art business, with our first freestanding art gallery in the Chelsea Arts District in New York, as well as an e-commerce platform. We believe we can scale new businesses rapidly, leveraging our fully integrated multi-channel infrastructure and providing a powerful platform for continued long-term growth.

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*Increase Brand Awareness.* We will continue to increase our brand awareness and customer loyalty through our real estate transformation, our circulation strategy, our digital marketing initiatives and our advertising and public relations efforts.

*Real Estate Positioning.* Our stores are a critical branding vehicle. We believe the transformation of our real estate platform from a mall-based retail footprint to a portfolio focused on Full Line Design Galleries will contribute to increased brand awareness as our customers experience an enhanced expression of our luxury brand positioning.

*Circulation Strategy.* Our catalogs are also an important branding and advertising vehicle. We have found that when we display a greater merchandise assortment in our catalogs, we experience increased sales across all of our channels. Since Spring 2011, we have pursued our Source Book strategy, whereby we distribute to a higher number of households dominant catalogs that feature expanded page counts and present over 80% of our product assortment at the time of publication. This strategy contributed to an 81% increase in the number of catalog pages circulated and a 30% increase in net revenues for our direct business in fiscal 2012.

*Digital Initiatives.* We are investing in enhanced marketing initiatives for our e-commerce business, which we believe will result in greater website traffic and sales. Our websites display our most comprehensive product assortment and serve as critical tools for introducing and testing new products. We are continually enhancing the navigation and presentation features of our websites, which enable our customers to develop design solutions for themselves. In order to increase traffic to our websites, we have increased our email marketing efforts and have introduced apps for smartphones and tablets, which provide an additional means for our customers to browse our growing product assortment.

*Advertising and Public Relations Efforts.* We proactively market our brand through public relations and print advertisements in brand relevant publications such as *Architectural Digest*, *Vanity Fair*, *Elle Décor*, *House Beautiful*, *Veranda*, *Town and Country* and *DuJour*. In addition, we plan to continue to host in-store events related to new store openings and product launches. We believe that increased brand awareness will drive higher sales in our stores and our direct business over time.

*Pursue International Expansion.* We plan to strategically expand our business into select countries outside of the United States and Canada over the next several years. We believe that our luxury brand positioning and unique aesthetic will have strong international appeal. We expanded into the Canadian market in 1998 and successfully built our presence into a multi-channel business featuring five retail locations and in-market catalog and online capabilities. We intend to leverage this experience as we expand our business internationally.

*Increase Operating Margins.* We have the opportunity to continue to improve our operating margins by leveraging our fixed occupancy costs and scalable infrastructure. We believe that our real estate transformation will allow us to better leverage our fixed occupancy costs by consolidating multiple Galleries into single Full Line Design Galleries, opening in locations that tend to have lower lease costs per square foot and reducing non-selling backroom space. Our Full Line Design Galleries are architected to offer more compelling unit economics by increasing the selling square footage devoted to our retail assortment and utilizing non-traditional selling space such as rooftops and garden courtyards, which carry much lower occupancy costs than the typical retail space. In addition, because our Full Line Design Galleries are destinations for customers, we believe that they will allow us to improve margins by obtaining more favorable lease arrangements with landlords. We have a well-developed, scalable infrastructure that is positioned to support our revenue growth without a proportionate increase in operating expenses. We also believe that our margins can further benefit over time from the introduction of new, higher-margin product categories, reduced product costs based on greater volumes with our vendors, and opportunities to optimize our shipping expenses.

## **Our High-Performance Culture**

We believe that to know our Company, you have to know our culture and our values. We are a team of people who believe we can change the world. We believe in our ability to create an endless reflection of hope, inspiration, passion and love that will ignite the human spirit and transcend our existence.

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Our culture is driven by our management team, which instills a company-wide commitment to our core values. Every leader in our Company participates in a training program annually and signs our Leadership Contract, a commitment to model and teach our values. We believe our distinct corporate culture allows us to attract highly talented team members who are passionate and driven and who share our vision. Our Company's core values are:

*People* We believe the right people are our greatest asset. We value people with high energy, who possess the ability to energize others. People who are smart, creative and have a point of view. People who see the answer in every problem, versus those who see the problem in every answer. People who are driven, determined and won't take no for an answer. We value team players, people who are more concerned with what is right, rather than who is right.

*Quality* Quality starts with our people and should be visible in every aspect of our Company. From our people to our products, to our service and our standards, from the way we communicate to our commitment to educate. From the accuracy and efficiency in our distribution facilities, to the marketing and presentation of our products in our stores, catalogs and websites. Being committed to quality means being able to see it in every detail of our organization.

*Service* We believe that service starts inside the organization and embrace a concept called People First. Simply put, it means if we expect our people to deliver first class service to our customers, we must first deliver first class service to our people. It is everyone's responsibility to remove the obstacles and provide support so our associates throughout the organization are empowered to Do the right thing. Our people smile when we smile, our people serve our customers when we serve our people.

*Innovation* We value innovation, taking risks and boldly going where no company has gone before. We believe you're either striving to get better, or allowing yourself to get worse, there is no such thing as staying the same. The power of innovation comes from leveraging the creative minds and spirit of all our people at all levels of the organization. We strive to build an environment that encourages people to challenge, ask why? and why not? We embrace those people who have the courage to put forth new ideas and breathe new life into our Company. Innovation is at the core of what we do.

## **Evolution of Our Business**

In 2001, we began to reposition Restoration Hardware from a nostalgic, discovery-items business to a leading home furnishings brand. In 2008, we were taken private by investment funds affiliated with Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill. Our strategic plan at the time of the going private transaction required significant investments in infrastructure to develop our distribution center in West Jefferson, Ohio and other initiatives to improve our merchandise delivery capabilities. As part of the going private process, we received access to additional equity capital from our investors and as a result we were able to accelerate the transformation of our business and brand and the development of our multi-channel business model and infrastructure. Over the last twelve years, we have built a new company through the following initiatives:

*Elevated Our Brand Positioning* We significantly enhanced the quality and design of our merchandise, elevating our brand to a luxury positioning. We believe this strategy, along with our compelling combination of design, quality and value, have allowed us to change the highly fragmented home furnishings landscape and position us to grow our market share.

*Enhanced Our Product Development Process* We established a collaborative organization with cross-functional teams in product development, sourcing, merchandising, inventory and creative, all focused on product leadership. We built the *RH Center of Innovation & Product Leadership*, a facility which supports and streamlines the entire product development process. In addition, we have developed direct sourcing relationships with our artisan partners. The transformation of our creative process has dramatically shortened our typical product lead times, reduced our product costs and enhanced our ability to successfully introduce new categories.

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*Refined Our Go-To-Market Strategy* We aligned our organization and the way in which we approach the consumer to pursue a market-based rather than channel-based sales strategy across our stores and direct channels. Our strategy is to size our product assortments to the potential of the market and to size our stores to the potential of the area that each location serves. We believe this approach enables us to strategically deploy our resources by market to maximize return on invested capital. In order to expose more customers to a broader product assortment we use our Source Books and websites as virtual extensions of our stores. In Spring 2011, we introduced our new Source Book large catalog format that displays a greater percentage of our product assortment, which we believe is continuing to increase sales across all of our channels because customers respond to the assortments that we emphasize and feature prominently both in our catalogs and in our stores.

*Reconceptualized Our Stores and Developed Full Line Design Gallery Format* In 2009 and 2010, we remodeled substantially all of our existing retail stores into our Gallery format that reconceptualizes the store experience by presenting our products in sophisticated lifestyle settings. We experienced enhanced productivity and profitability as a result of our Gallery conversions. In 2011, we developed our Full Line Design Gallery format. This format is architected to offer more compelling unit economics by increasing the selling square footage devoted to our retail assortment and utilizing non-traditional selling space such as rooftops and garden courtyards, which carry much lower occupancy costs than the typical retail space.

*Built a New Supply Chain and Systems Infrastructure* We invested over \$60 million from fiscal 2006 to fiscal 2010 in our supply chain and systems infrastructure, including: (i) reconfiguring and adding to our distribution network; (ii) implementing new point-of-sale, warehouse management, order management and customer service systems; and (iii) enhancing our direct sourcing capabilities.

*Strengthened Our Management Team* We strengthened our management team by adding Mr. Alberini to our team as well as other senior leaders in merchandising, product development, finance, information technology and inventory planning who bring extensive experience in their respective fields.

We believe these initiatives have contributed to our recent strong performance and increased profitability, and position us for sustained growth and profitability. The following chart illustrates some of the principal aspects of the transformation of the old Restoration Hardware to the new RH:

|                                   | <b>Old Restoration Hardware</b>   | <b>New RH</b>  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Merchandise Strategy</b>       | Nostalgic, discovery items  | Category dominance, integrated lifestyle presentation  |
| <b>Product Development</b>        | Internally designed and developed (12 – 18 months lead time)                          | Externally discovered and curated (3 – 9 months lead time)   |
| <b>Go-to-Market Strategy</b>      | Conventional channel-focused marketing  | Fully integrated market-based, multi-channel strategy  |
| <b>Retail Strategy</b>            | Multiple small locations in a given market showcasing narrow and redundant assortment | Consolidated markets, generally featuring larger locations showcasing broader assortment   |
| <b>Direct Strategy</b>            | 84-page catalog; limited mailing list; nascent e-commerce platform                    | Over 1,600 pages across our Interiors, Outdoor, Baby & Child, Objects of Curiosity, Small Spaces and Tableware Source Books; broader mailing list; established e-commerce platform |
| <b>Sourcing</b>                   | Traditional agent buying structure  | Highly collaborative direct vendor relationships   |
| <b>Supply Chain &amp; Systems</b> | Channel-specific architecture   | Fully integrated multi-channel platform  |

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### **Our Market**

We participate in the large and growing domestic housewares and home furnishings market. Based on our research, we believe this market generated \$143 billion in retail sales in 2010 and is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 3%–4% between 2011 and 2015. Our annual net revenues currently represent less than 1% of this market, providing us with a substantial opportunity to gain market share. We believe the seven major categories in the housewares and home furnishings market are the following: indoor furniture, textiles, dishes and flatware, bath, lighting, outdoor furniture, and carpets and floor coverings. Based on our research, we believe that indoor furniture represented the largest percentage of the market in 2010 at 43%, or \$62 billion in total sales, and textiles represented the second largest segment. We believe that our dominant merchandise assortments and differentiated product designs in these key categories will enable us to increase our market share.

According to Euromonitor International, a market research and analysis firm, the U.S. housewares and home furnishings market is highly fragmented. The top 20 companies comprised only 20% of the total market in 2008, with the largest player representing less than 3% of the total market. As a result of the weakening housing market and economic downturn in 2007, many home furnishings retailers were forced to close stores, dramatically scale back operations or lower prices. Companies such as Bombay Company, Smith & Hawken, Linens 'n Things, Z Gallerie and Levitz declared bankruptcy or liquidated, while many others were weakened. While our sales results were also adversely affected during this period, this disruption also created an opportunity for us to differentiate our brand in the marketplace. We believe we are well positioned to gain market share in the current competitive environment as a result of our compelling combination of design, quality and value.

We target households with incomes of \$200,000 and higher, which we believe drive a disproportionate share of spending in the home furnishings market. We believe that these consumers are highly attractive as they tend to be less impacted by an economic downturn and return to spending more quickly in an economic recovery.

### **Our Products**

We are merchants of luxury home furnishings offering collections of timeless, updated classics and reproductions. We operate as a curator of products that we regard as the finest historical design. Our luxury products embody our design aesthetic and reflect inspiration from across the centuries and around the globe. Our objective is to position RH as a lifestyle brand and design authority by offering dominant merchandise assortments across a growing number of categories, including furniture, lighting, textiles, bathware, décor, tableware, outdoor, garden, and baby and child products.



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The following is a description of our primary product categories:

| <b>Category</b>  | <b>Select Products Offered</b> | <b>Select Product Highlights</b>   |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Furniture</b> | Bedroom                        | Our bedroom collections reflect classical 18th and 19th century designs with handcrafted artisan details and fine English construction in styles such as the St. James, French Empire, Maison and Rosette. Our dining room collections use architecturally inspired new and salvaged wood in both classic and contemporary designs and include the Russian Oak, Trestle and Farmhouse collections. Our home office products include vintage and industrial-inspired desks, seating and storage solutions reconceived for the home office, including the Aviator Wing Desk, inspired by World War II fighter planes and the Mayfair Steamer Secretary Trunk, created in collaboration with antiques dealer and furniture maker Timothy Oulton of London, England. For Spring 2013, we collaborated with artisans Luay Al-Rawi and Victoria Sala to introduce a new line of aged wood dining and occasional tables. In addition, we added distressed white and antique taupe finishes to many of our wooden furnishings, to complement the natural, brown and ebony finishes we currently carry. |
|                  | Dining                         |  |
|                  | Upholstery                     |  |
|                  | Home Office                    |  |
|                  | Media                          |  |
|                  | Cabinets                       |  |
| <b>Lighting</b>  | Ceiling                        | Our lighting designs and reproductions draw from architectural and historical pieces. In Spring 2013, we introduced the Vaille crystal and chain chandelier as well as the 19th century French Empire chain chandelier. We carry a comprehensive assortment of floor, table, wall and ceiling lighting.  |
|                  | Table                          |  |
|                  | Floor                          |  |
|                  | Wall                           |  |
|                  | Outdoor                        |  |
| <b>Textiles</b>  | Bed Linens                     | We offer fine Italian bedding, which includes our signature Italian hotel collection, designed in close partnership with Carlo Bertelli, a proprietor of a Florentine atelier recognized for luxurious Italian linen. Our bath linens use fine 100% Turkish cotton terry cloth with meticulous hand sewn detail, and are sourced in partnership with Haluk Eke of Turkey. Our drapes are made of high quality fabrics that include Libeco Lagae Belgian linen, Thai Silk and vintage velvet. We have further expanded our rug collections in Fall 2012 based on the successful introduction in Fall 2011 of rugs designed by Ben Soleimani of Mansour Rug. In Fall 2012, we introduced an exclusive line of custom roman shades and wood blinds with our partner The Shade Store, and a bespoke garment-dyed bed linen assortment designed by Matthew Lenoci.  |
|                  | Bath Linens                    |  |
|                  | Drapery                        |  |
|                  | Rugs                           |  |
|                  | Pillows & Throws               |  |
| <b>Bathware</b>  | Faucets                        | Our bath faucets are made from drop forged brass and available in several finishes. Our fittings are German-made and feature drip-free valves. Our furniture and sink collections reflect classic designs and are made of fine materials. In Spring 2013, we added distressed white and antique taupe to our wood bath furniture collections in addition to our natural, coffee and ebony finishes.  |
|                  | Hardware                       |  |
|                  | Furniture                      |  |
|                  | Sinks                          |  |
| <b>Décor</b>     | Decorative Accessories         | Our décor assortment is centered around beautiful accents for the home in objects, frames, candlelight and wall art. Our holiday assortment features vintage inspired ornaments and carefully curated gifts. In Spring 2013, we introduced our 128 page Objects of Curiosity Source Book, partnering with talented artisans around the globe to showcase our collection of unique decorative accessories and objects for the home.   |
|                  | Home Accessories               |  |
|                  | Wall Art                       |  |
|                  | Gifts                          |  |

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| Category                    | Select Products Offered | Select Product Highlights   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Tableware</b>            | Dinnerware              | We debuted our Tableware collection in Spring 2013 with an 80 page Source Book. This collection features plates in round, square and coupe shapes made of authentic Chinese porcelain, presented in four translucent colored glazes. In addition, we are offering English silver from Sheffield, German Crystal stemware from Riedel, washed Belgian linens in 20 colors, and horn and bone flatware. We plan on showcasing our Tableware assortment in our stores later this year.   |
|                             | Serveware               |   |
|                             | Glassware               |   |
|                             | Flatware                |   |
|                             | Entertaining            |   |
|                             | Table Linens            |   |
| <b>Outdoor &amp; Garden</b> | Furniture               | We carry 30 collections of outdoor furniture that feature teak, metal and all-weather wicker available in custom finishes. We partner with Perennials and Sunbrella to create a collection of outdoor fabrics for our cushions and umbrellas. In Spring 2013, we partnered with Copenhagen designer Søren Rose to introduce the Aspen furniture collection made from French oak timbers. Our Garden collection is focused on completing the outdoor space with statuary, fire tables, garden structures, containers and lanterns.   |
|                             | Textiles                |   |
|                             | Lighting                |   |
|                             | Accessories             |   |
|                             | Fire                    |   |
|                             | Shade                   |   |
| <b>Baby &amp; Child</b>     | Furniture               | We developed Baby & Child as an extension of our brand, offering the same level of quality and design for children's furnishings as we offer for the rest of the home. We offer core categories for both nurseries and children's rooms. Our furniture collections are inspired by 18th and 19th century European designs, vintage industrial styles and French antiques, all built with the same level of quality as our home brand. Within textiles, we offer European bedding, Turkish towels, high-quality lined drapery, roman shades, and wool rugs. Our accessories include wall décor, storage solutions and playroom accents, inspired by vintage finds, industrial design and classic style and function. |
|                             | Bedding                 |   |
|                             | Window Coverings        |   |
|                             | Flooring                |   |
|                             | Lighting                |   |
|                             | Décor                   |   |

We are in the process of expanding the following existing categories: (i) indoor and outdoor furniture, where we continue to broaden our assortments in upholstery, dining and occasional, as well as introduced new finishes in our living, dining and bedroom collections; (ii) rugs, where we continue to significantly enhance our collection developed by Ben Soleimani of Mansour Rug, a 4th generation, family rug business known for its innovative designs; (iii) lighting, where we have significantly expanded our assortment; and (iv) baby and child products, where we continue to expand our assortments in furniture, textiles and décor. We have also introduced our collection of smaller living space furnishings, and custom window shades and blinds.

We are continuing to introduce select new product categories where we can offer a dominant merchandise assortment consistent with our brand positioning in other product categories. We recently launched two new collections through distinct Source Books: Tableware, our collection of dinnerware, flatware and table linens, and Objects of Curiosity, our collection of unique decorative accessories and objects for the home.

We have a successful record in introducing complementary product categories, including Outdoor in Spring 2006, Baby & Child in Spring 2008, Garden in Spring 2010 and Small Spaces in Spring 2012. Each of these new product categories was introduced as a new, standalone catalog. Historically, once a category is tested and proven in our direct business, we selectively roll out an edited collection of the products in our stores. We believe this approach allows us to efficiently launch categories in a disciplined, expeditious and cost-effective manner. For example, our Garden collection took seven months from concept to introduction, with minimal additional resources required to launch.



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### **Product Development**

Over the past several years we have architected a proprietary product development platform that is fully integrated from ideation to presentation. We have streamlined our product development organization and process to shorten product lead times and enhance our ability to introduce more new products with each collection. We believe that our new product development organization, process and facility allow us to deliver home furnishings with a compelling combination of design, quality and value. Key aspects are:

*Organization* We have established a collaborative, cross-functional organization centered on product leadership and coordinated across our product development, sourcing, merchandising, inventory and creative teams. Our product teams are focused on maximizing the sales potential of each product category across all channels, which eliminates the channel conflicts and functional redundancies often found in other retail organizations.

*Process* For many of our products, we work closely with our network of artisan partners who possess specialized product development and manufacturing capabilities and who we consider an extension of our product development team. We collaborate with our global network of specialty vendors and manufacturers to produce artisanal pieces on a large scale with a high level of quality and value, including both distinctive original designs and reinterpretations of antiques.

*Facility* We have built the *RH Center of Innovation and Product Leadership*, a facility which supports the entire product development process, from product ideation to presentation for all channels.

As a result of our proprietary organization, process and facility, we have shortened our typical product lead times from 12 – 18 months to 3 – 9 months and enhanced our ability to introduce more new products with each collection. In addition, our product development platform, sourcing capabilities and significant scale have enabled us to reduce our product costs, which allows us to offer greater value to our customers.

### **Sales Channels**

We distribute our products through a fully integrated sales platform comprised of our stores, catalogs and websites. We believe the level of integration among all of our channels and our approach to the market distinguishes us from most other retailers. For fiscal 2012, sales of products originating in our stores represented 54% of our net revenues, while sales from our direct business represented 46% of our net revenues. We believe our channels complement each other and our customers' buying decisions are influenced by their experiences across more than one of our sales channels. We encourage our customers to shop across our channels and have aligned our business and internal organization to be channel agnostic. Our integrated distribution and product delivery network serves all of our channels.

We believe the key advantage of our multiple sales channels is our ability to leverage the unique attributes of each channel in our approach to the market. Our catalog mailings serve as a key driver of sales through both our websites and retail stores. Through our Source Book strategy, we have expanded the page count and circulation of our catalogs to expose more customers to a broader product assortment. Our customers respond to the Source Books across all of our channels, with sales trends closely correlating to the assortments that we emphasize and feature prominently both in our Source Books and in our stores. Our retail stores reinforce our luxury brand aesthetic and showcase product collections in lifestyle settings consistent with the presentation in our direct channels. In addition, our store associates use iPads and other devices to allow customers to shop our entire merchandise assortment while in the store.

We maintain a database of customer information, which include sales patterns, detailed purchasing information, certain demographic information, geographic locations and email addresses of our customers. As of February 2, 2013, our customer database contained 14.0 million names. This database supports our ability to analyze our customers' buying behaviors across sales channels and facilitates the development of targeted marketing strategies. We segment our customer files based on multiple variables, and we tailor our catalog

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mailings and emails in response to the purchasing patterns and product needs of our customers. We focus on continually improving the segmentation of customer files and the expansion of our customer database.

In addition to our core channels, we are also expanding into professional services channels, including Trade and Contract. In the Trade channel, we work directly with independent interior designers purchasing for their businesses. Separately, we sell directly to customers who make purchases with the assistance of their own interior designers or decorators, which we refer to as designer-assisted sales. We are also expanding our Contract business, which services hospitality, real estate development, and other business clients. These channels offer additional avenues for reaching new customers, including both businesses and individuals. We believe there is substantial opportunity for us to grow these businesses.

### ***Stores***

#### ***Retail Stores***

As of April 26, 2013, we operated a total of 70 retail stores throughout the United States and Canada, consisting of 63 Galleries, 4 Full Line Design Galleries and 3 Baby & Child Galleries. Our retail stores are located primarily in upscale malls and street locations. We believe situating our stores in desirable locations with high visibility is critical to the success of our business, and we identify store locations based on several store specific aspects including geographic location, demographics, and proximity to other high-end specialty retail stores. We pursue a market based sales strategy, whereby we assess each market's overall sales potential and how best to approach the market across all of our channels. We customize square footage and catalog circulation to maximize each market's sales potential and increase our return on invested capital.

We operate three distinct store types: (1) our Full Line Design Gallery format, which currently averages approximately 23,400 selling square feet, (2) our Gallery format, which currently averages approximately 6,800 selling square feet, and (3) our Baby & Child Gallery format. We are transforming our real estate portfolio from our existing retail footprint to a portfolio based on Full Line Design Galleries sized to maximize the potential of each market. In key metropolitan markets, we will continue to open Full Line Design Galleries and in small to mid-sized markets, we expect to continue to open and operate Galleries. Our three stand-alone Baby & Child Galleries are located in Corte Madera (California), Houston, and Santa Monica. We anticipate that our Full Line Design Galleries will include dedicated Baby & Child retail space and, in addition, we will continue to evaluate potential opportunities for additional Baby & Child Galleries as stand-alone locations in other markets.

Our store formats convey a design aesthetic and shopping environment that is highly differentiated from other home furnishings retailers. We have reconceptualized the customer experience by showcasing products in a sophisticated lifestyle setting that we believe is on par with world-class interior designers, consistent with the imagery and product presentation featured in our catalogs and on our websites. Products in our stores are presented in fully appointed rooms, emphasizing collections over individual pieces. This presentation encourages a higher average order value as customers are inspired to purchase a full collection of products to replicate the design aesthetic found in our stores. We have optimized our selling space to display a greater number of products, resulting in higher sales productivity and profitability.

On average, our Gallery stores display less than 20% of our current assortment. Based on our historical performance, when a product is presented on the selling floor, we experience a significant increase in sales for that product across all of our channels. Our newer, larger store model, the Full Line Design Gallery, significantly enhances our merchandise presentation and customer experience to capitalize on this opportunity for sales growth.

Full Line Design Galleries are shopping destinations in iconic or high-profile locations with high customer visibility that enhance the RH brand. Our current strategy is to size these new Full Line Design Galleries based

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on the potential of the market and the size of our assortment. Landlords are currently offering us leases with more favorable terms that are typically available only to anchor tenants. We believe that we can structure these types of anchor tenant leases in a number of high-profile retail shopping centers. We expect that these leases will result in more predictable timing, higher developer contribution to our build-outs, and lower rents.

We expect that our Full Line Design Galleries will capture demand from larger market areas and allow us to close select existing locations, thereby eliminating unnecessary duplication of our assortment, optimizing our working capital investment and reducing occupancy costs and other expenses. We have identified approximately 50 key metropolitan markets where we can open new Full Line Design Galleries. We opened our first four Full Line Design Galleries in Los Angeles in June 2011, Houston in November 2011, Scottsdale in November 2012 and Boston in April 2013. In the Los Angeles and Houston markets, store demand increased by approximately 90% and 60%, respectively, and direct demand increased by approximately 30% and 45%, respectively, in the first full year of operations of those Full Line Design Galleries. In the Scottsdale market, we experienced an approximate 80% increase in store demand and an approximate 75% increase in direct demand during the months from the store's opening in November 2012 through the end of fiscal 2012. We plan to open new Full Line Design Galleries in Indianapolis, Greenwich and Atlanta. In addition, we have identified locations, and are in active lease discussions, in approximately 20 markets including New York City, Chicago, Miami, Denver, Dallas and San Diego. We believe this strategy will enhance our sales, profitability and return on invested capital in key markets while making a powerful brand statement, as our Full Line Design Galleries heighten the visibility of our brand with customers and underscore our position as a destination for luxury home furnishings.

We size our Full Line Design Galleries based on the market potential and the size of our assortment. For a Full Line Design Gallery with approximately 25,000 gross square feet and 21,500 selling square feet, our capital investment would be approximately \$250 per gross square foot, net of landlord contributions of approximately \$25 per gross square foot. Our expected initial inventory investment would be approximately \$1,375,000, which includes store inventory and working capital to support projected sales volumes. Our expected pre-opening expenses would be approximately \$500,000, annual sales per selling square foot would be approximately \$850, and store level cash contribution margin would be approximately 27% of sales. We target an average payback period of 20 months or less on our initial investment.

The table below highlights certain information regarding our retail stores open during the three years ended February 2, 2013:

|                                    | Fiscal Year |      |      |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------|------|
|                                    | 2012        | 2011 | 2010 |
| Stores open at beginning of period | 74          | 91   | 95   |
| Stores opened                      | 5           | 5    | 4    |
| Stores closed                      | (8)         | (22) | (8)  |
| Stores open at end of period       | 71          | 74   | 91   |

We continually analyze opportunities to selectively close stores which have been under-performing, will be consolidated in connection with openings of our Full Line Design Galleries or are no longer consistent with our brand positioning. In many cases, we operated the store until lease expiration in order to effect the closure in a cost-efficient manner. In fiscal 2011, we recorded a charge of approximately \$3.2 million, relating primarily to closing stores prior to lease expiration.

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The following list shows the number of retail stores in each U.S. state and each Canadian province where we operate as of February 2, 2013:

| Location    | Store | Location       | Store | Location             | Store     |
|-------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| Alabama     | 1     | Massachusetts  | 2     | Rhode Island         | 1         |
| Arizona     | 1     | Michigan       | 1     | Tennessee            | 1         |
| California  | 17    | Minnesota      | 1     | Texas                | 6         |
| Colorado    | 1     | Missouri       | 2     | Utah                 | 1         |
| Connecticut | 2     | New Jersey     | 2     | Virginia             | 2         |
| Florida     | 4     | New York       | 3     | Washington           | 1         |
| Georgia     | 1     | North Carolina | 2     | District of Columbia | 1         |
| Illinois    | 3     | Ohio           | 3     | Alberta              | 2         |
| Indiana     | 1     | Oklahoma       | 1     | British Columbia     | 1         |
| Louisiana   | 1     | Oregon         | 1     | Ontario              | 2         |
| Maryland    | 1     | Pennsylvania   | 2     |                      |           |
|             |       |                |       | <b>Total</b>         | <b>71</b> |

*Outlet Stores*

As of February 2, 2013, we operated 13 outlet stores in 12 states. Our outlet stores are branded as Restoration Hardware Outlet and located primarily in large outlet malls. Our outlet stores serve as an efficient means to sell discontinued or irregular inventory outside of our core sales channels.

*Source Books*

We produce a series of catalogs to showcase our merchandise assortment, including our Interiors, Outdoor, Baby & Child, Objects of Curiosity, Small Spaces and Tableware. Our catalogs are one of our primary branding and advertising vehicles. We have been expanding the page counts of our catalogs, which allows us to showcase nearly our entire product assortment. We refer to these larger catalogs as Source Books. For example, our Spring 2013 Source Books presented over 80% of our product assortment at the time of publication. We have found that when we display a greater merchandise assortment in our catalogs, we experience increased sales across all of our channels. As in our retail stores, our catalogs present our merchandise in lifestyle settings that represent our unique design aesthetic. Our Source Books also feature profiles of select artisan vendors and other compelling editorial content regarding home décor. All creative work on our catalogs is coordinated by our in-house personnel in our *RH Center of Innovation & Product Leadership*, providing us greater control over the brand image presented to our customers, while also reducing our catalog production costs.

We use our catalogs to drive sales across all of our channels, and we generally experience increased sales of the products featured in our catalogs. We mail our catalogs to addresses from our proprietary customer database, as well as to addresses provided to us by third parties. We also use customer data that we collect to determine which prospective customers are most likely to respond to our catalogs.

Our catalogs, in concert with our e-commerce channel, are a cost-effective means of testing new products, and allow us to launch categories in a disciplined, expeditious and cost-effective manner.

*E-Commerce*

Our primary websites, [www.restorationhardware.com](http://www.restorationhardware.com) and [www.rh.com](http://www.rh.com), provide our customers with the ability to purchase our merchandise online. In May 2008, we launched [www.rhbabyandchild.com](http://www.rhbabyandchild.com), an e-commerce enabled website devoted to our children's furnishings category. In May 2011, we launched apps for smartphones and tablets that enable customers to browse our growing product assortment.

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Our e-commerce platform provides simplicity and ease of use while allowing customers to experience the RH lifestyle reflected in our catalogs and throughout our stores. We update our websites on a regular basis to reflect product availability and special offers. In fiscal 2012, our websites logged over 18.9 million unique visits, an increase of 32% over fiscal 2011.

We display substantially all of our current product assortment on our websites. The websites also offer a room-based navigation, which allows the customer to envision and shop items by room or by product, expanding on the richness of the online experience. For example, customers can search our websites for products by size or color, browse through our extensive product categories and see detailed information about each item and collection, such as dimensions, materials and care instructions. Additionally, customers can select color swatches and view merchandise displayed with different color and fabric options.

## **Marketing and Advertising**

We employ a variety of marketing and advertising vehicles to drive customer traffic across all our channels, strengthen and reinforce our brand image and acquire new customers. These include targeted catalog circulation, promotional mailings, email communications, online and print advertisements and public relations activities. We maintain a database of 14.0 million customers, which includes sales patterns, detailed purchasing information, demographic data, geographic locations and postal and email addresses. We use this information to tailor our programs and increase productivity of our marketing and promotion initiatives. We leverage our marketing and advertising expenses across all our channels as we seek to optimize the efficiency of our investment.

Our stores and our catalogs are the primary branding and advertising vehicles for the RH brand. The highly-differentiated design aesthetic and shopping environment of our stores drive customer traffic not only to our stores but also to our direct channels. Our catalogs and targeted emails further reinforce the RH brand image and drive sales across all of our sales channels. We also engage in a wide range of other marketing, promotional and public relations activities to promote our brand. These campaigns include media coverage in design, lifestyle, culture/society and specialty publications, as well as in-store events related to new store openings and product launches. We also engage print advertising in brand-relevant publications such as *Architectural Digest*, *Vanity Fair*, *Elle Décor*, *House Beautiful*, *Veranda*, *Town and Country*, *DuJour* and others, and from time to time have also engaged in online advertising. We believe that these efforts will drive increased brand awareness, leading to higher sales in our stores and our direct business over time.

## **Sourcing**

We do not own or operate any manufacturing facilities; instead, we contract with third-party vendors for the manufacture of our merchandise. Our sourcing strategy focuses on identifying and using vendors that can provide the quality materials and fine craftsmanship that our customers expect of our brand. To ensure that our high standards of quality and timely delivery of merchandise are met, we work closely with vendors and manufacturers. We seek to ensure the consistent quality of our manufacturers' products by selectively inspecting pre-production samples, conducting periodic site visits to certain of our vendors' production facilities and by selectively inspecting inbound shipments at our distribution facilities. In fiscal 2012, we sourced approximately 75% of our purchase dollar volume from approximately 35 vendors. In fiscal 2012, one vendor accounted for approximately 11% of our purchase dollar volume. Based on total dollar volume of purchases for fiscal 2012, approximately 78% of our products were sourced in Asia, the majority of which originated from China, 15% from the United States and the remainder from other regions.

We have a limited number of long-term merchandise supply contracts but we believe that we generally have strong relationships with our product vendors. Although we transact business primarily on an order by order basis, we typically work with many of our vendors over extended periods of time, and many vendors are making long term capacity investments to serve our increasing demands. Over the last several years, we engaged in a sourcing initiative to develop closer relationships with our vendors in order to achieve better efficiencies and



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further improve our product development process. Through this process, we have eliminated the use of most third party purchasing agents in favor of a model in which we directly manage our vendors. We have achieved significant cost savings and other efficiencies from this initiative.

### **Distribution and Delivery**

We manage the distribution and delivery of our products through seven facilities, each of which serves all of our sales channels:

Our West Jefferson, Ohio facility is approximately 805,000 square feet. It serves as our distribution center for all of our small package direct-to-customer orders and retail store replenishment, as well as a furniture home delivery hub for the surrounding area. We are planning to expand into an additional 400,000 square feet in May 2013.

Our Baltimore, Maryland facility is approximately 508,000 square feet. It serves as a furniture distribution center for the Eastern and Central regions of the United States and Canada, as well as a furniture home delivery hub for the greater Baltimore and Washington, D.C. metropolitan areas.

Our North East, Maryland facility is approximately 1,200,000 square feet and is located near our Baltimore facility. It serves as a second furniture distribution center for the Eastern and Central regions of the United States and Canada.

Our Mira Loma, California facility is approximately 886,000 square feet. It serves as our furniture distribution center for the Western regions of the United States and Canada, as well as a furniture home delivery hub for the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Our Tracy, California facility is approximately 151,000 square feet. It serves as a furniture home delivery hub for the San Francisco Bay Area market. In December 2011, we leased approximately 133,000 additional square feet of short-term, temporary storage within the same facility to also serve our furniture distribution network.

Our Avenel, New Jersey facility is approximately 114,000 square feet. It serves as a furniture delivery hub for the greater New York/New Jersey metropolitan area.

Our Houston, Texas facility is approximately 71,000 square feet. It serves as a furniture delivery hub for the greater Houston metropolitan area and eastern Texas region.

In addition, we recently entered into a lease in connection with a planned distribution center in Grand Prairie, Texas which is approximately 860,000 square feet. This new facility will support our furniture merchandise distribution for our Central and Southern regions within the United States and is expected to commence operations in the second half of 2013. This location will also house our new customer service call center. To support the startup of the Grand Prairie distribution center, we have also entered into a short-term lease in the Ft. Worth, Texas area for 300,000 square feet of distribution space. We intend to exit this interim facility shortly after commencing operations at the Grand Prairie facility.

We offer a white glove home delivery service for larger furniture items and items delivered with multiple components, where our delivery personnel assist our customers by properly installing and assembling the product. We operate portions of our home delivery services in five key markets to leverage operating costs and improve our customers' service experience, while reducing returns and damage to our products. We plan to continue this trend of in-sourcing these services in additional markets over time, including three in 2013, while managing deliveries in other markets through third-party vendors.

Through expansions and upgrades to our inventory warehousing, distribution and delivery operations over the last four years, we have improved our supply chain and distribution operations, and have built a scalable infrastructure with significant capabilities to support our future growth. We believe our enhanced supply chain



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and fulfillment operations allow us to manage customer orders and distribute merchandise to stores and customers in an efficient and cost-effective manner. We also believe that these upgrades have improved customer satisfaction by reducing delivery times, reducing damage to merchandise and improving the customer's overall buying experience.

We intend to continue to strengthen our supply chain operations through a number of key initiatives in 2013 designed to improve our fulfillment and delivery logistics performance and achieve greater efficiencies in the management of our inventories.

### **Management and Information Technology**

We use industry-standard information technology systems to provide customer service, business process support, and business intelligence across our sales channels. Over the past several years, our technology team has systematically upgraded several of our core systems, including:

Implementing new order management and warehouse management systems to improve efficiencies, accuracy and service levels;

Implementing a platform upgrade to our e-commerce and search software products in support of our marketing strategy and customer ordering preferences;

Installing new web-based store systems, including in-store iPads, with associated ordering tools, in all of our stores to support secure, in-store purchasing;

Deploying a new business intelligence and data warehouse system that equips management with more timely analysis of the current business trends, results, and comparisons to our historical performance; and

Delivering a variety of supply chain enhancements to several key software systems that increase the efficiencies of operations, and enable our associates to deliver quality services.

We believe these substantial upgrades to our information technology systems provide management with the ability to drive ongoing improvement in our operating model, focus on efficiency opportunities, and increase management control. New access to results through our technology tools also equips management to more timely identify, analyze and respond to business trends.

Over the next several years, we intend to further enhance our IT infrastructure to support our growth. Key initiatives include:

Further upgrading our multi-channel ordering, supply chain and inventory management systems to maximize operating efficiencies;

Enhancing our in-store, web and mobile commerce capabilities with state-of-the art technology to optimize the customer shopping experience; and

Continuing our expansion of business intelligence capabilities and data warehouse management to optimize information for timely decision making.

We are committed to a high level of integration in technology across our business. We believe our approach to technology demonstrates an appropriate balance of strategic planning and innovation to support both today's business and tomorrow's growth.

### **Competition**

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The home furnishings industry is highly competitive. We primarily compete against a large number of independent retailers that provide unique items and custom-designed product offerings at high price points,

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including antique dealers and home furnishings retailers who market to the interior design community. We also compete with national and regional home furnishings retailers and department stores, as well as with mail order catalogs and online retailers focused on home furnishings.

We believe we compete primarily on the basis of design, quality, value and customer service. We believe our distinct combination of design, quality and value allows us to compete effectively and we believe we differentiate ourselves from competitors based on the strength of our brand, products and our fully integrated multi-channel business model. We compete with the interior design trade and specialty merchants by providing a broader product assortment at an exceptional value based both upon the price and quality of our products. We compete against certain other home furnishings retailers primarily by offering what we believe is superior quality, highly distinctive design styles and a sophisticated lifestyle presentation in our product offering.

We also believe that our success depends in substantial part on our ability to originate and define product trends, as well as to timely anticipate, gauge and react to changing consumer demands. Certain of our competitors are larger and have greater financial, marketing and other resources than us. However, many smaller specialty retailers may lack the financial resources, infrastructure, scale and national brand identity necessary to compete effectively with us.

## **Employees**

As of February 2, 2013, we had approximately 3,100 employees, of which approximately 1,000 were part-time employees. As of that date, approximately 1,700 of our employees were based in our stores. None of our employees is represented by a union, and we have had no labor-related work stoppages. We believe our relations with our employees are good.

## **Intellectual Property**

The Restoration Hardware and RH trademarks and certain variations thereon, such as the Restoration Hardware and RH logos, the Baby & Child logo and many trademarks used for our product lines are registered or are the subject of pending trademark applications with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and with the trademark registries of many foreign countries. In addition, we own many domain names, including restorationhardware.com, rh.com, rhhbabyandchild.com and others that include our trademarks. We also have pending patent applications for some of our proprietary product designs and own copyrights in our catalogs and websites. We believe that our trademarks, product designs and copyrighted works have significant value and we vigorously protect them against infringement.

## **Seasonality**

Our business is seasonal, and we have historically realized a higher portion of our net sales, net income and operating cash flows in the fourth fiscal quarter, attributable to the impact of the holiday selling season. In addition, some of our product offerings such as outdoor furniture and garden products are seasonal in nature and experience higher sales during our second fiscal quarter. As a result of these factors, our working capital requirements and demands on our product distribution and delivery network fluctuate during the year in response to seasonal trends in our business, and are greatest in the first and third fiscal quarters as we ramp up for the outdoor selling season and the holiday season, respectively.

## **Properties**

We leased approximately 935,000 gross square feet for our 65 Galleries, 3 Full Line Design Galleries, 3 Baby & Child Galleries and 13 outlet stores that were open as of February 2, 2013. The initial lease term of our retail stores is generally 10 – 15 years. Certain leases contain renewal options for up to 20 years. Most leases for our retail stores provide for a minimum rent, typically including escalating rent increases, plus a percentage rent

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based upon sales after certain minimum thresholds are achieved. The leases generally require us to pay insurance, utilities, real estate taxes and repair and maintenance expenses. We also lease approximately 35,000 square feet for offsite storage.

*Leased Properties*

The following table summarizes the location and size of our leased distribution centers and corporate facilities occupied as of February 2, 2013:

| <b>Location</b>             | <b>Purpose</b>                      | <b>Lease Expiration</b> | <b>Occupied Square Footage (Approximate)</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| <i>Distribution Centers</i> |                                     |                         |  |
| North East, Maryland        | Distribution center                 | February 2028           | 1,200,000                                    |
| Mira Loma, California       | Distribution center / Home delivery | June 2020               | 886,000                                      |
| West Jefferson, Ohio        | Distribution center / Home delivery | April 2028              | 805,000                                      |
| Baltimore, Maryland         | Distribution center / Home delivery | June 2014               | 508,000                                      |
| Ft. Worth, Texas            | Distribution center                 | (1)                     | 300,000                                      |
| Tracy, California           | Home delivery                       | September 2016          | 151,000                                      |
| Avenel, New Jersey          | Home delivery                       | November 2016           | 114,000                                      |
| Houston, Texas              | Home delivery                       | August 2018             | 71,000                                       |
| <i>Corporate Facilities</i> |                                     |                         |  |
| Corte Madera, California    | Corporate headquarters              | (2)                     | 240,000                                      |
| Richmond, California        | Warehouse                           | September 2022          | 200,000                                      |
| San Rafael, California      | Warehouse                           | July 2013               | 10,000                                       |

- (1) Relates to a short-term lease agreement to support the startup of our new distribution center in Grand Prairie, Texas which is expected to commence operations in the second half of 2013. We intend to exit this interim facility shortly after commencing operations at the Grand Prairie facility.
- (2) Lease agreements for our corporate headquarters expire between July 2013 and September 2022. Includes approximately 15,000 square feet of warehouse space.

*Owned Properties*

We currently own one store, our approximately 8,000 square foot Gallery in San Francisco's Design District.

We believe that our current offices and facilities are in good condition, are being used productively and are adequate to meet our requirements for the foreseeable future.

**Regulation and Legislation**

We are subject to labor and employment laws, laws governing truth-in-advertising, privacy laws, safety regulations and other laws, including consumer protection regulations that regulate retailers and govern the promotion and sale of merchandise and the operation of stores and warehouse facilities. We monitor changes in these laws and believe that we are in material compliance with applicable laws.

**Legal Proceedings**

From time to time we and/or our management are involved in litigation, claims and other proceedings relating to the conduct of our business, including but not limited to consumer protection class action litigation, claims related to our collection of reproductions, claims related to our employment practices, claims of intellectual property infringement, including with respect to trademarks and trade dress, and claims asserting unfair competition and unfair business practices by third parties. In addition, from time to time, we are subject to product liability and personal injury claims for the products that we sell and the stores we operate. Subject to

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certain exceptions, our purchase orders generally require the vendor to indemnify us against any product liability claims; however, if the vendor does not have insurance or becomes insolvent, we may not be indemnified. In addition, we could face a wide variety of employee claims against us, including general discrimination, privacy, labor and employment, ERISA and disability claims. Any claims could result in litigation against us and could also result in regulatory proceedings being brought against us by various federal and state agencies that regulate our business, including the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Often these cases raise complex factual and legal issues, which are subject to risks and uncertainties and which could require significant management time. Litigation and other claims and regulatory proceedings against us could result in unexpected expenses and liability and could also materially adversely affect our operations and our reputation.

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Below is a list of the names and ages, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 of the following persons and a description of the business experience of each of them.

| <b>Directors and Executive Officers</b> | <b>Age</b> | <b>Position</b>                      |
|---|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Carlos Alberini                         | 57         | Chief Executive Officer and Director |
| Karen Boone                             | 39         | Chief Financial Officer              |
| Ken Dunaj                               | 46         | Chief Operating Officer              |
| Eri Chaya                               | 39         | Director                             |
| J. Michael Chu                          | 54         | Director                             |
| Mark Demilio                            | 56         | Director                             |
| William Forrest                         | 52         | Director                             |
| Thomas Mottola                          | 64         | Director                             |
| Barry Sternlicht                        | 51         | Director                             |

**Advisor**

|               |    |  |
|---------------|----|--|
| Gary Friedman | 55 | Chairman Emeritus, Creator and Curator |
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**Directors and Executive Officers**

*Carlos Alberini* joined us as a Co-Chief Executive Officer in June 2010 and was appointed as the sole Chief Executive Officer in October 2012. He has also been a director since June 2010. Prior to joining us, he was President and Chief Operating Officer of Guess?, Inc. ( Guess ), a publicly traded specialty retailer of apparel and accessories, from December 2000 to June 2010. From May 2006 to July 2006, Mr. Alberini served as Interim Chief Financial Officer of Guess. Mr. Alberini served as a member of the board of directors of Guess from December 2000 to September 2011. From October 1996 to December 2000, Mr. Alberini served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Footstar, Inc., a retailer of footwear. From May 1995 to October 1996, Mr. Alberini served as Vice President of Finance and Acting Chief Financial Officer of the Melville Corporation, a retail holding corporation. From 1987 to 1995, Mr. Alberini was with The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc., an operator of department stores, in various capacities, including Corporate Controller, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. Prior to that, Mr. Alberini served in various positions at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an audit firm. Mr. Alberini's former employer, Guess, was subject to a tax audit and assessment proceeding in Italy seeking additional tax payments from a Guess subsidiary in Italy. There was a related proceeding by a prosecutor in Italy with respect to three current and former members of the Guess Europe management team as well as Mr. Alberini who signed certain of the Guess tax returns in Italy for the relevant periods. We have been advised by our Italian counsel that tax audits in Italy involving proposed income adjustments greater than \$2 million (which is the case for the Guess audit in question) are automatically referred to a public prosecutor who may choose to pursue charges against individuals rather than against the affected companies under Italian law. In January 2013, Guess stated that to avoid a potentially long and costly litigation process, it reached an agreement (which remains, in part, subject to final documentation) with the Italian tax authority, which covered fiscal years 2008 through 2013. Guess has agreed to provide legal defense costs to all the named individuals. Mr. Alberini's employment agreement provides that he will serve as our Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our board of directors. Mr. Alberini was selected to our board of directors because he possesses particular knowledge and experience in retail and merchandising, branded consumer goods, accounting, financing and capital finance, board practices of other large retail companies and leadership of complex organizations.

*Karen Boone* joined us as our Chief Financial Officer in June 2012. From December 1996 to June 2012, Ms. Boone worked for Deloitte & Touche LLP, an accounting and consulting firm, where she most recently served as an audit partner. Before becoming an audit partner in 2010, she served as a senior manager in Deloitte's audit practice from 2005 to 2010 and as a manager from 2002 to 2005. Her entire career at Deloitte was spent specializing in service to retail and consumer products companies.



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*Ken Dunaj* has served as our Chief Operating Officer since May 2006. From August 2005 to May 2006, Mr. Dunaj served as Senior Vice President, Global Logistics, for Williams-Sonoma, Inc., a specialty retailer of products for the home. From September 2000 to August 2005, Mr. Dunaj held various other positions at Williams-Sonoma, including Vice President, Distribution. Prior to joining Williams-Sonoma, Mr. Dunaj held various positions at Toys R Us, Inc., Genesis Direct, Inc., Reebok International Ltd. and NIKE, Inc.

## **Advisor**

*Gary Friedman* was appointed Chairman Emeritus, Creator and Curator on an advisory basis in October 2012. He previously served as Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer from June 2010 to October 2012, and as our Chief Executive Officer from March 2001 to June 2010. He served as a member on our board of directors from March 2001 to October 2012. Prior to joining us, from 1988 to 2001, Mr. Friedman worked for Williams-Sonoma, Inc., a specialty retailer of products for the home, where he served in various capacities, including as President and Chief Operating Officer from May 2000 to March 2001, as Chief Merchandising Officer and President of Retail Stores from 1995 to 2000 and as Executive Vice President and President of the Williams-Sonoma and Pottery Barn brands from 1993 to 1995. Prior to joining Williams-Sonoma, Mr. Friedman spent eleven years with The Gap, Inc., a specialty retailer, in various management positions.

## **Directors**

We believe our board of directors should be composed of individuals with sophistication and experience in many substantive areas that impact our business. We believe experience, qualifications, or skills in the following areas are most important: retail merchandising; marketing and advertising; furniture and consumer goods; sales and distribution; accounting, finance, and capital structure; strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations; legal/regulatory and government affairs; people management; and board practices of other major corporations. We believe that all our current board members possess the professional and personal qualifications necessary for board service, and have highlighted particularly noteworthy attributes for each board member in the individual biographies below, or above in the case of our Chief Executive Officer.

*Eri Chaya* was appointed to our board of directors on November 1, 2012. Ms. Chaya has served as our Chief Creative Officer since April 2008. Before becoming our Chief Creative Officer, Ms. Chaya was our Vice President of Creative, starting in July 2006. From February 2004 to June 2006, Ms. Chaya was a creative director at Goodby, Silverstein and Partners, an international advertising agency. From May 2000 to February 2004, Ms. Chaya was a creative director at Banana Republic, a clothing retailer. Ms. Chaya was selected to our board of directors because she possesses particular knowledge and experience in product development, marketing, advertising and design.

*J. Michael Chu* was appointed to our board of directors in June 2008. Mr. Chu serves as a Managing Partner of Catterton Partners, a private equity firm he co-founded in 1989. Mr. Chu serves on the board of directors of Bloomin Brands, Inc., a Nasdaq-listed restaurant business, and the board of directors of Baccarat, a crystal manufacturer listed on the NYSE Euronext Paris. Prior to forming Catterton Partners, Mr. Chu held a variety of senior management positions with The First Pacific Company and its various subsidiaries, including as Vice President and Corporate Treasurer of First Pacific in Hong Kong, and as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of various operating companies owned or controlled by First Pacific in both the United States and Europe. First Pacific is a Hong Kong publicly listed investment and management company where he was employed from 1983 to 1989. Prior to First Pacific he was Assistant Treasurer at Allied Bank International from 1980 to 1983. Mr. Chu was selected to our board because he possesses particular knowledge and experience both in the United States and globally, in supporting high-growth consumer businesses.

*Mark Demilio* has served as a member of our board of directors since September 2009. Mr. Demilio has been a member of the board of directors of Cosi, Inc., a publicly traded national restaurant chain, since April 2004. He served as Chairman of the board of directors of Cosi from March 2010 to December 2011 and served as interim Chief Executive Officer of Cosi from September 2011 to December 2011. From April 2004 until he was

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named Chairman of the board of directors of Cosi, Mr. Demilio served as Chairman of the company's audit committee. From December 2000 until his retirement in October 2008, Mr. Demilio served as the Chief Financial Officer of Magellan Health Services, Inc., a publicly traded managed specialty healthcare company that manages the delivery of behavioral healthcare treatment services, specialty pharmaceuticals and radiology services. Mr. Demilio has also been the Chief Financial Officer of Youth Services International, Inc., a financial analyst for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield of Maryland and a certified public accountant with Arthur Andersen LLP. He was a principal officer of Magellan Health Services, Inc. and 88 of its affiliates, which commenced a case on March 11, 2003, under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. These companies emerged from Chapter 11 on January 5, 2004. Mr. Demilio was selected to our board of directors because he possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, finance and capital structure, strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations and board practices of other major corporations.

*William Forrest* was first appointed to our board of directors in June 2008. Since November 2007, he has been the Founder and Managing Partner of Tower Three Partners, LLC, a private equity firm. Since April 2008, he has been a member of the board of directors of Magellan Health Services, Inc., a publicly traded managed specialty healthcare company that manages the delivery of behavioral healthcare treatment services, specialty pharmaceuticals and radiology services. He served as the Non-Executive Chairman of Cosi, Inc., a publicly traded national restaurant chain, from December 2006 through November 2007. He served as the Executive Chairman of Cosi from April 2003 until December 2006. Prior to joining Cosi, Mr. Forrest was a Managing Director leading the restructuring group and serving on the management committee at Gleacher & Co., an investment bank, from 2001 until 2004. Throughout his career, he has served in executive management, investment banking and investor roles with organizations in a variety of industries including healthcare, manufacturing and food services. Mr. Forrest was selected to our board of directors because he possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, finance and capital structure, strategic planning and leadership of complex organizations, retail businesses and board practices of other major corporations.

*Thomas Mottola* was appointed to our board of directors on November 1, 2012. In 2003, Mr. Mottola founded The Mottola Company, a company specializing in multimedia, entertainment, communications, branding, licensing and consulting, and has been its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since that time. From 1993 to 2003, Mr. Mottola served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sony Music Entertainment, Inc., a global recorded music company. Prior to becoming Chief Executive Officer of Sony, he served as its President from 1988 to 1993. He has served on the board of directors of ONE World Enterprises since 2010. Mr. Mottola is widely known for signing and developing the careers of major recording artists, including Celine Dion, Mariah Carey, Beyoncé, Jennifer Lopez, Ricky Martin, Gloria Estefan, Shakira, Dixie Chicks, Marc Anthony, Barbra Streisand, Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel and Harry Connick Jr., among many others. Mr. Mottola has served on the boards of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Police Athletic League, T.J. Martell Foundation for Cancer, Leukemia and AIDS Research and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation and Museum. Mr. Mottola's extensive experience as a senior executive and director of a major branded consumer company provides us with business and leadership insight.

*Barry Sternlicht* was appointed to our board of directors on November 1, 2012. Mr. Sternlicht has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of Starwood Capital Group, a global investment firm, since its formation in 1991 and has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer of Starwood Property Trust, Inc., a NYSE-listed real estate investment trust, since its inception in 2009. He was the Chairman of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (Starwood Hotels), a NYSE-listed company, from September 1997 to May 2005 and the Chief Executive Officer of Starwood Hotels from January 1999 to October 2004. He was also the Chairman of Starwood Hotels & Resorts, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Starwood Hotels, from January 1995 to May 2005 and the Chief Executive Officer of this subsidiary from January 1995 to October 2004. Mr. Sternlicht is Chairman of the Board of Société du Louvre and Baccarat, a NYSE Euronext Paris-listed crystal manufacturer. Mr. Sternlicht is a trustee of his alma mater, Brown University. He serves on the Board of Directors of The Estée Lauder Companies, Mammoth Mountain, Ellen Tracy, Field & Stream and National Golf.

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He serves as Vice Chairman of Robin Hood and is on the boards of the Pension Real Estate Association (PREA), the Dreamland Film & Performing Arts Center, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's National Leadership Advocacy Program, and the Business Committee for the Arts. He is a member of the Real Estate Roundtable, the Committee to Encourage Corporate Philanthropy, the Young Presidents Organization, and the Urban Land Institute. Mr. Sternlicht's extensive experience as a chief executive and director of a private investment firm and other publicly traded entities provides the Board with leadership and financial expertise.

## **Selection Arrangements**

Upon completion of this offering Home Holdings will continue to control a majority of the voting power of our common stock and as a result, we expect that Home Holdings will control the election of our directors.

## **Corporate Governance**

### *Composition of our Board of Directors*

Our board of directors consists of seven directors, including our Chief Executive Officer, and we expect to add two additional members to our board of directors. Our certificate of incorporation provides that, subject to any rights applicable to any then outstanding preferred stock and the terms of our stockholders agreement, our board of directors shall consist of such number of directors as determined from time to time by resolution adopted by a majority of the total number of authorized directors whether or not there exists any vacancies in previously authorized directorships. Subject to any rights applicable to any then-outstanding preferred stock and the terms of the stockholders agreement, any additional directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors may only be filled by the directors then in office unless otherwise required by law or by a resolution passed by our board of directors. The term of office for each director will be until his or her successor is elected at our annual meeting or his or her death, resignation or removal, whichever is earliest to occur.

Gary Friedman, who serves as our Creator and Curator on an advisory basis, is a board observer and advisor, with the honorary title of Chairman Emeritus. Glenn Krevlin advises the board of directors in an observer capacity. Home Holdings has the right to nominate two observers to our board of directors.

Our board of directors is divided into three classes, with each director serving a three-year term, and one class being elected at each year's annual meeting of stockholders. Ms. Chaya and Mr. Demilio serve as Class I directors with an initial term expiring in 2013. Mr. Mottola and Mr. Sternlicht serve as Class II directors with an initial term expiring in 2014. Mr. Alberini, Mr. Chu and Mr. Forrest serve as Class III directors with an initial term expiring in 2015.

Home Holdings controls a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, we are a controlled company under the NYSE corporate governance standards. As a controlled company, exemptions under the NYSE standards mean that we are not required to comply with certain corporate governance requirements, including the requirements:

that a majority of our board of directors consists of independent directors, as defined under the rules of the NYSE;

that we have a nominating and corporate governance committee that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities;

that we have a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities; and

that we conduct an annual performance evaluation of the nominating and governance committee and compensation committee. These exemptions do not modify the independence requirements for our audit committee, and we intend to comply with the applicable requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and rules with respect to our audit committee within the applicable time frame.



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### *Director Independence*

In April 2013, our board of directors undertook a review of the independence of our directors and considered whether any director has a material relationship with us that could compromise that director's ability to exercise independent judgment in carrying out that director's responsibilities. Our board of directors has affirmatively determined that each of Mr. Demilio, Mr. Mottola and Mr. Sternlicht is an independent director, as defined under the rules of the NYSE.

### *Director Voting*

Our certificate of incorporation and stockholders agreement will provide that no action may be taken or vote approved by our board of directors or any committee thereof without the affirmative vote of two of the directors nominated by Home Holdings (other than the audit committee or any other committee of directors that may be created with the approval of Home Holdings as not being subject to this provision). Accordingly, Home Holdings is able to control the decisions by our board of directors and its committees, other than the audit committee or any such other committee whose creation is approved by Home Holdings. Home Holdings will cease to have these veto rights when it ceases to own a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock.

### *Board Leadership Structure*

Our board of directors has three standing committees: the audit committee, the compensation committee and the nominating committee. Each of these committees reports to our board of directors as it deems appropriate and as our board of directors may request.

With respect to the roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that the roles may be separated or combined, and our board of directors exercises its discretion in combining or separating these positions as it deems appropriate in light of prevailing circumstances. Our board of directors believes that the combination or separation of these positions should continue to be considered as part of our succession planning process. As of the date of this offering, the roles are separated, with Mr. Alberini serving as Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Chu serving as Chairman of the Board. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines will provide the flexibility for our board of directors to modify our leadership structure in the future as appropriate. We believe that Restoration Hardware, like many United States companies, is well served by this flexible leadership structure.

### *Board Committees*

The composition, duties and responsibilities of our committees are as set forth below.

#### *Audit Committee*

The audit committee is responsible for, among other matters: (1) appointing, compensating, retaining, evaluating, terminating and overseeing our independent registered public accounting firm; (2) discussing with our independent registered public accounting firm the independence of its members from its management; (3) reviewing with our independent registered public accounting firm the scope and results of their audit; (4) approving all audit and permissible non-audit services to be performed by our independent registered public accounting firm; (5) overseeing the financial reporting process and discussing with management and our independent registered public accounting firm the interim and annual financial statements that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission; (6) reviewing and monitoring our accounting principles, accounting policies, financial and accounting controls and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; (7) establishing procedures for the confidential anonymous submission of concerns regarding questionable accounting, internal controls or auditing matters; and (8) reviewing and approving related-person transactions.

Our audit committee consists of Mr. Demilio and Mr. Mottola. Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act and rules require us to have one independent audit committee member upon the listing of our common stock on the NYSE,

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a majority of independent directors within 90 days of the date of the listing of our common stock on the NYSE and at least three audit committee members, all of whom are independent, within one year of the date of the listing of our common stock on the NYSE. Our board of directors has affirmatively determined that Mr. Demilio and Mr. Mottola meet the definition of independent director for purposes of serving on an audit committee under Rule 10A-3 and NYSE rule. In addition, our board of directors has determined that Mr. Demilio qualifies as an audit committee financial expert, as such term is defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K. We intend to comply with the requirement that there be at least three members on the audit committee within the time period specified by the NYSE rules.

Our board of directors has adopted a written charter for the audit committee, which is available on our investor relations website, accessible through our principal corporate websites at [www.restorationhardware.com](http://www.restorationhardware.com) and [www.rh.com](http://www.rh.com).

### *Compensation Committee*

The compensation committee is responsible for, among other matters: (1) reviewing key employee compensation goals, policies, plans and programs; (2) reviewing and approving the compensation of our directors, Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers; (3) reviewing and approving employment agreements and other similar arrangements between us and our executive officers; and (4) appointing and overseeing any compensation consultants.

Our compensation committee consists of Mr. Chu and Mr. Forrest. As a controlled company, we rely upon the exemption from the requirement that we have a separate compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors. Our board of directors adopted a written charter for the compensation committee, which is available on our investor relations website, accessible through our principal corporate websites at [www.restorationhardware.com](http://www.restorationhardware.com) and [www.rh.com](http://www.rh.com).

### *Nominating Committee*

The nominating committee is responsible for, among other matters: (1) identifying individuals qualified to become members of our board of directors, consistent with criteria approved by our board of directors; (2) overseeing the organization of our board of directors to discharge the board's duties and responsibilities properly and efficiently; (3) recommending corporate governance principles; and (4) developing and recommending to our board of directors a set of corporate governance guidelines and principles.

Our nominating committee consists of Mr. Forrest and Mr. Sternlicht. As a controlled company, we rely upon the exemption from the requirement that we have a separate nominating and corporate governance committee composed entirely of independent directors. Our board of directors adopted a written charter for the nominating committee, which is available on our investor relations website, accessible through our principal corporate websites at [www.restorationhardware.com](http://www.restorationhardware.com) and [www.rh.com](http://www.rh.com).

### *Risk Oversight*

Our board of directors is responsible for overseeing our risk management process. Our board of directors focuses on our general risk management strategy, the most significant risks facing us, and oversees the implementation of risk mitigation strategies by management. Our board of directors is also apprised of particular risk management matters in connection with its general oversight and approval of corporate matters and significant transactions.

### *Risk Considerations in Our Compensation Program*

We conducted an assessment of our compensation policies and practices for our employees and concluded that these policies and practices are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our Company.

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We compensate our non-management directors other than designees of Home Holdings as follows:

an annual fee of \$120,000, paid quarterly in advance;

a fee of \$2,500 or \$1,500 for each meeting attended in-person or telephonically, respectively;

an annual fee of \$25,000 for our audit committee members, with the chair receiving \$50,000; \$20,000 for our compensation committee members, with the chair receiving \$35,000; and \$15,000 for our nomination committee members, with the chair receiving \$25,000; and

an annual grant of restricted stock units with an aggregate value equal to \$125,000 based on the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant, which shares shall vest in full one year after the date of grant.

Mr. Chu and Mr. Forrest, as designees of Home Holdings, and Mr. Alberini and Ms. Chaya, as Company employees, are not participants in any director compensation program, but all directors receive reimbursement for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with meetings of the board.

*Summary Compensation Table*

The following table shows the compensation earned by our directors during fiscal 2012.

| Name                 | Fees Earned or Paid in Cash | Stock Awards(1)(2) | All Other Compensation | Total        |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Eri Chaya            | \$                          | \$                 | \$ (3)                 | \$ 3,782,061 |
| J. Michael Chu       | \$                          | \$                 | \$                     | \$           |
| Mark Demilio         | \$ 157,500                  | \$ 374,976         | \$                     | \$ 532,476   |
| William Forrest      | \$                          | \$                 | \$                     | \$           |
| Thomas Mottola       | \$ 38,750                   | \$ 124,992         | \$                     | \$ 163,742   |
| Barry Sternlicht     | \$ 36,250                   | \$ 124,992         | \$                     | \$ 161,242   |
| Frederick Wilson (4) | \$ 150,000                  | \$ 349,992         | \$                     | \$ 499,992   |

(1) At February 2, 2013, the following non-employee directors each held stock awards covering the following aggregate numbers of shares:

| Name             | Stock Awards (number of shares) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mark Demilio     | 15,624                          |
| Thomas Mottola   | 5,208                           |
| Barry Sternlicht | 5,208                           |

(2) Reflects the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards of stock made in fiscal 2012, computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718.

(3) Ms. Chaya did not receive compensation in her role as director in fiscal 2012. This amount reflects compensation to Ms. Chaya for services in her role as an executive officer in the following amounts:

**Benefits and Payments**

**Amount**

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| Salary                                 | \$ 488,462 |
| Non-Equity Incentive Compensation Plan |            |
| Stock Awards (a)                       | 2,599,446  |
| Option Awards (b)                      | 688,154    |
| Auto allowance                         | 6,000      |
| Total                                  | \$         |

- (a) In connection with the Reorganization, Ms. Chaya received 350,391 shares of stock under our 2012 Equity Replacement Plan. The amount disclosed reflects the aggregate grant date fair value of all of the



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stock awards made to Ms. Chaya recorded in connection with the Reorganization, computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718. See Note 12 *Stock-Based Compensation* to our audited consolidated financial statements.

- (b) Reflects the aggregate grant date fair value of the grants of options to purchase 95,600 shares of common stock made in fiscal 2012, computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718. See Note 12 *Stock-Based Compensation* to our audited consolidated financial statements.

- (4) Mr. Wilson resigned from our board of directors in October 2012.  
*Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation*

For fiscal 2012, the members of the compensation committee of our board of directors were Mr. Chu and Mr. Forrest. Neither Mr. Chu nor Mr. Forrest is an officer or employee, or former officer or employee, of us or any of our subsidiaries. Mr. Chu is a managing partner of Catterton, and Mr. Forrest is the managing partner of Tower Three. Catterton and Tower Three are two of our Principal Equity Holders, and certain of their respective affiliates provide advisory and consulting services to us. See *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions Management Services Agreement*.

No interlocking relationships exist between the members of our board of directors or compensation committee and the board of directors or compensation committee of any other company.

*Code of Business Conduct and Code of Ethics*

We have adopted a code of business conduct and a code of ethics applicable to our principal executive, financial and accounting officers and all persons performing similar functions. A copy of these codes are available on our investor relations website, accessible through our principal corporate websites at [www.restorationhardware.com](http://www.restorationhardware.com) and [www.rh.com](http://www.rh.com). We expect that any amendments to the codes, or any waivers of its requirements, will be disclosed on our website or as required by applicable law or NYSE listing requirements.

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**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

**Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

*Introduction*

The following discussion and analysis of compensation arrangements of our named executive officers identified below for fiscal 2012 should be read together with the compensation tables and related disclosures set forth below.

We refer to the following individuals as our named executive officers for fiscal 2012:

Carlos Alberini, Chief Executive Officer

Karen Boone, Chief Financial Officer

Ken Dunaj, Chief Operating Officer

Gary Friedman, Chairman Emeritus, Creator and Curator (Former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer)

Our board of directors has established a compensation committee, which has been comprised of Mr. Chu and Mr. Forrest since July 2008. The compensation committee is responsible for the oversight, implementation and administration of all of our executive compensation plans and programs. For fiscal 2012, the compensation committee recommended for approval to our board of directors all of the components of compensation for our named executive officers for fiscal 2012. We are a controlled company and the compensation committee is therefore exempt from the requirement that it be composed entirely of independent directors. See Management Corporate Governance Compensation Committee.

*Overview of Compensation Program and Philosophy*

Our compensation program is intended to support the achievement of our annual and long-term strategic goals by attracting and rewarding employees for superior results. Such a program aligns our named executive officers' interests with those of the equity holders by rewarding performance that reaches or exceeds established goals, with the ultimate objective of improving company value.

To that end, we evaluate both performance and compensation of our named executive officers to ensure that our Company maintains its ability to attract and retain senior management.

This compensation philosophy guides the compensation committee in assessing the compensation to be paid to our named executive officers. The compensation committee endeavors to ensure that the total compensation paid to named executive officers is fair, reasonable and competitive, consistent with our compensation philosophy. This compensation philosophy also guides the compensation committee as to the proper allocation between long-term compensation, current cash compensation and short-term bonus compensation.

In determining the particular elements of compensation, the compensation committee takes into consideration a number of factors related to our performance, such as our adjusted EBITDA and revenue growth, as well as competitive practices among peer companies.

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### *Role of Senior Management in Compensation Decisions*

With regard to the compensation paid to each named executive officer other than our Chief Executive Officer, we have on an annual basis reviewed with our Chief Executive Officer, Carlos Alberini the compensation paid to each such named executive officer during the past year, and our Chief Executive Officer has submitted to the compensation committee his recommendations regarding the compensation to be paid to such persons during the next year. Following a review of such recommendations, the compensation committee takes such action regarding such compensation as it deems appropriate, including either approving compensation in an amount the compensation committee deems reasonable or submitting to the board of directors for approval its recommendation regarding the compensation to be paid to such named executive officers. Mr. Alberini has played a significant role in the compensation-setting process for the other named executive officers by:

evaluating employee performance;

recommending business performance targets and establishing objectives; and

recommending salary levels, bonuses and stock awards.

### *Executive Compensation Components*

For the fiscal year ended February 2, 2013, the principal components of compensation for the named executive officers were:

base salary;

performance-based annual cash incentives;

long-term equity incentive compensation; and

perquisites and other personal benefits.

### *Base Salary*

We provide our named executive officers with base salary to compensate them for services rendered during the fiscal year. In setting base salaries, the compensation committee periodically reviews broad-based third-party survey data for the industry as an informal market check for salary levels. The base salary for each of the named executive officers is guided by the salary levels for comparable positions in the industry, as well as such individual's personal performance, responsibilities and internal alignment considerations. The relative weight given to each factor is not specifically quantified and varies with each individual at the compensation committee's discretion.

Each named executive officer's base salary is typically reviewed annually and is adjusted from time to time on the basis of (i) the compensation committee's evaluation of the executive officer's personal performance for the year, (ii) the recommendations of our Chief Executive Officer (other than with respect to the Chief Executive Officer's base salary), and (iii) the competitive marketplace for executives in comparable positions.

The performance and profitability of our Company also may be a factor in determining the base salaries for the named executive officers, as well as increases in the base salaries for the executive officers. In addition, increases in base salaries for an executive officer have been approved in the past by the compensation committee as a result of an individual's performance or increases in the executive officer's responsibilities. Further, in certain cases the compensation committee has approved, as part of an executive officer's initial employment arrangement with us, a pre-determined increase in the executive officer's base salary in a later year. Mr. Alberini, Ms. Boone and Mr. Dunaj received annual base salaries in 2012 of \$1,100,000, \$475,000 and \$535,000, respectively. We increased Mr. Alberini's annual base salary from \$1,000,000 to

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\$1,100,000 on November 1, 2012 in connection with the Company's initial public offering.

As of October 20, 2012, Mr. Friedman tendered his resignation and terminated his employment agreement with our Company and contemporaneously entered into an advisory services agreement pursuant to which he

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receives an annual consulting fee of \$1,100,000. Prior to his resignation, Mr. Friedman received an annual base salary of \$1,000,000.

*Performance-Based Annual Cash Incentives*

We have adopted a Management Incentive Plan, or MIP, which is a cash based-incentive compensation program designed to motivate and reward annual performance for eligible employees, including our named executive officers. The compensation committee considers at the beginning of each year whether MIP bonus targets should be established for the year and, if so, approves the group of employees eligible to participate in the MIP for that year. The MIP includes various incentive levels based on the participant's position. Cash bonuses under the MIP have the effect of linking a significant portion of the named executive officers' total cash compensation to our overall performance.

The named executive officers are eligible to receive an annual cash bonus based on a percentage of annual base salary under the MIP. The compensation committee sets minimum, target and maximum levels for our financial objectives each year and the payment and amount of any bonus is dependent upon whether we achieve those performance goals. The compensation committee generally establishes financial objectives for our Company that it believes can be reasonably achieved with strong individual performance over the fiscal year.

In particular, the compensation committee sets the minimum, target and maximum levels based upon our achievement of specified company results with respect to adjusted EBITDA, subject to the compensation committee's oversight and modification of those levels. Minimum levels are set below the target level, while maximum levels are set above the target level. In making the determination of minimum, target and maximum levels, the compensation committee may consider the specific circumstances facing our Company during the year and our strategic plan for the year. We define EBITDA as consolidated net income (loss) before depreciation and amortization, interest expense and provision for income taxes. In accordance with the terms of the MIP, our adjusted EBITDA reflects further adjustments to EBITDA to eliminate the impact of certain items, including non-cash or other items that we do not consider representative of our ongoing operating performance, as discussed in more detail in the section entitled "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data" contained herein.

The MIP bonus for our named executive officers is based on the achievement of corporate goals, rather than individual performance, in order to focus the entire senior management team on the attainment of such corporate goals.

For fiscal 2012, the amount that could have been received by Mr. Alberini under the MIP ranged from between 0% of annual base salary to up to 125% of annual base salary, with a target bonus amount of 100% of annual base salary. For our other named executive officers, the amount such officers could have received ranged from 0% of annual base salary to up to 60% of annual base salary, with a target bonus amount of 50% of annual base salary.

The exact amount of the bonus payable under the MIP was based on a scale with respect to the level of achievement of our adjusted EBITDA for fiscal 2012. No bonuses would be paid under the MIP for fiscal 2012 unless we met the threshold of at least a 20% achievement level with respect to our adjusted EBITDA. The target adjusted EBITDA amount under the MIP was the 100% achievement level. The following table sets forth the bonuses payable under the MIP to Mr. Alberini, Ms. Boone and Mr. Dunaj at each achievement level:

| Achievement Level | Bonus as a Percentage of Base Salary |             |           |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
|                   | Carlos Alberini                      | Karen Boone | Ken Dunaj |
| 0%                |                                      |             |           |
| 20%               | 20%                                  | 10%         | 10%       |
| 100%              | 100%                                 | 50%         | 50%       |
| 120%              | 125%                                 | 60%         | 60%       |

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The compensation committee retains wide discretion to interpret the terms of the MIP and to interpret and determine whether our adjusted EBITDA objectives have been met in any particular fiscal year. The compensation committee also retains the right to exclude extraordinary charges or other special circumstances in determining whether our adjusted EBITDA objectives were met during any particular fiscal year. The compensation committee exercises such discretion based on its business judgment and the experience and familiarity of its members with both recurring and extraordinary factors affecting performance of companies in our industry of a similar scale to ours. Accordingly, for purposes of determining whether certain MIP goals have been met, the compensation committee may determine to exclude from the adjusted EBITDA calculation isolated items that the compensation committee does not believe are indicative of future Company performance or other items that the compensation committee does not believe should impact the amount of the bonuses paid to employees under the MIP. The compensation committee may consult with our board of directors or seek ratification from our board of directors with respect to interpretations of the terms of the MIP.

For fiscal 2012, we paid Mr. Alberini a bonus of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ under the MIP, we paid Ms. Boone a bonus of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ under the MIP, and we paid Mr. Dunaj a bonus of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ under the MIP.

In addition, from time to time the compensation committee may approve cash bonuses outside of the MIP on a discretionary basis for reasons such as individual performance or in connection with an executive officer's initial employment arrangement with the Company or other events, and such bonus awards may overlap with bonus awards paid under the MIP. For example, for fiscal 2012, in addition to her MIP award, Ms. Boone received a bonus of \$40,000 as part of her initial employment arrangement with the Company and a bonus of \$100,000 in connection with the completion of the Company's initial public offering.

The compensation committee has not yet finalized the MIP bonus scales for our named executive officers for fiscal 2013, however we anticipate the fiscal 2013 MIP bonus scales will be consistent with those for fiscal 2012.

Mr. Friedman's advisory services agreement provides that Mr. Friedman is eligible to earn a minimum annual bonus of \$500,000, assuming achievement of annual performance goals and criteria established by our Chief Executive Officer, provided that the maximum bonus for which Mr. Friedman was eligible in fiscal 2012 is \$400,000. In fiscal 2012, Mr. Friedman was paid a bonus of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

*Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation.* We believe that providing long-term incentives as a component of compensation helps us to attract and retain our named executive officers. These incentives also align the financial rewards paid to our named executive officers with our long-term performance, thereby encouraging our named executive officers to focus on our long-term goals.

In connection with our initial public offering in November 2012, we completed the Reorganization. In connection with these events, our board of directors adopted the Restoration Hardware 2012 Equity Replacement Plan, which we refer to as the Replacement Plan. At such time, all existing equity awards made to our named executive officers were replaced with awards granted under the Replacement Plan. A portion of the shares issued to our named executive officers under the Replacement Plan were fully vested, unrestricted shares.

In addition, a portion of the shares issued under the Replacement Plan are subject to resale restrictions whereby the holder may not sell the shares for a period of 20 years after our initial public offering, except as follows: (i) with respect to certain of these shares, such resale restrictions will lapse over time based on the named executive officer's continued service in accordance with the dates set forth in the award agreement, and (ii) with respect to certain of these shares, such resale restrictions will lapse on the date on which the ten-day average trading price of our common stock reaches a price per share of \$46.50 for at least ten consecutive trading days. If we terminate an executive officer's service for certain causes, we will have the right, for a period of 90 days following such termination, to repurchase any vested shares that remain subject to resale restrictions for

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their fair market value as of the repurchase date, payable, in our sole discretion, either in cash or by an unsecured promissory note with a term of up to ten years. If we terminate an executive officer's service as a result of his or her material breach of a Company agreement or policy, or his or her conviction for criminal acts, any vested shares that remain subject to resale restrictions shall be deemed reconveyed to the Company for no cash or other consideration, and we will be the legal and beneficial owner of such shares.

In addition, a portion of the shares issued under the Replacement Plan were unvested restricted shares issued to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman in replacement of their 2X-3X performance based units and unvested 3X-5X performance based units. With respect to the 512,580 shares received by Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman in replacement of their 2X-3X performance-based units, such shares would fully vest, and restrictions would lapse, during the 36-month period following our initial public offering when the ten-day average trading price of our common stock reaches a price per share of \$31.00 for at least ten consecutive trading days (with proportional vesting based on our stock price in our initial public offering). All such shares have vested. With respect to the 1,331,548 shares received by Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman in replacement of their 3X-5X performance-based units, such shares began to vest, and restrictions began to lapse, during the 36-month period following our initial public offering when the price of our common stock reached a price per share of \$31.00 for at least ten consecutive trading days, and such shares will fully vest when the ten-day average trading price of our common stock reaches a price per share of \$46.50 (with proportional vesting in between). The unvested shares held by Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman may not be sold prior to vesting and will be forfeited if they have not vested by the date that is 36 months after our initial public offering. As of [redacted], 2013, [redacted] of such shares had vested.

In conjunction with our initial public offering, under the Option Plan, we also granted new stock options to Mr. Alberini to purchase 2,976,826 shares of our common stock and to Mr. Friedman to purchase 2,976,826 shares of our common stock, each at an exercise price per share of \$46.50. These options are fully vested, and the underlying shares are subject to stock price performance-based selling restrictions, which, subject to continuous service, will lapse with respect to 1/12th of the shares when the ten-day trailing average price of the Company's common stock exceeds \$50.75 per share for at least ten consecutive trading days, and which will lapse with respect to additional 1/12ths of the shares when the ten-day trailing average price of the Company's common stock reaches a price per share of \$57.00, \$63.25, \$69.25, \$75.00, \$80.75, \$86.25, \$91.75, \$96.75, \$102.00, \$106.75 and \$111.25 for ten consecutive trading days, respectively. In addition, we granted stock options to members of our management team at an exercise price of \$24.00 for Ms. Boone, who had not previously been granted any equity of our Company, and \$29.00 per share for Mr. Dunaj, who had previously been granted equity of our Company. These options are fully vested, but the underlying shares are subject to time-based selling restrictions, which, subject to continuous service, will lapse annually over the four-year periods following the awards' respective vesting commencement dates. These options were granted in order to continue to provide these named executive officers with incentive to build shareholder value over the long-term.

Our board of directors has also adopted the Restoration Hardware 2012 Stock Incentive Plan, which we refer to as the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan. No future awards will be made under the Replacement Plan and the Option Plan, and going forward, we plan to grant long-term equity incentive awards to our management team under the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan. See Employee Benefit and Stock Plans 2012 Stock Incentive Plan.

*Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits*

We provide certain named executive officers with perquisites and other personal benefits that we and the compensation committee believe are reasonable and consistent with our overall compensation program to better enable us to attract and retain superior employees for key positions. The compensation committee periodically reviews the levels of perquisites and other personal benefits provided to the named executive officers.

Certain named executive officers are provided an automobile allowance. In addition, it has been our practice to provide key executive officers with relocation benefits in connection with their initial hiring by our Company.

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### *Severance Benefits*

We have entered into agreements with certain key employees providing severance benefits in the event of termination, including certain of the named executive officers. These severance protection agreements are designed to promote stability and continuity of senior management. Information regarding applicable payments that would be payable under such agreements for the named executive officers is provided under the heading *Potential Payments Upon Termination and Change in Control* on page 115. In the event that any termination payments made to our Chief Executive Officer are deemed under Section 280G of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the *Code*), to constitute excess parachute payments subject to an excise tax, we will gross up such payments to cover the excise tax and any additional taxes associated with such gross-up. See *Employment and Other Agreements* below.

### *Total Compensation*

In making decisions with respect to any element of a named executive officer's compensation, the compensation committee considers the total compensation that may be awarded to the officer, including salary, annual bonus and long-term equity incentive compensation. In addition, in reviewing and approving employment agreements for the named executive officers, the compensation committee considers the other benefits to which the officer is entitled by the agreement, including compensation payable upon termination of the agreement under a variety of circumstances. The compensation committee's goal is to award compensation that is reasonable when all elements of potential compensation are considered.

### *Compensation Committee Review of Compensation*

The compensation committee reviews compensation elements and amounts for named executive officers on an annual basis, at the time of a promotion or other change in level of responsibilities, as well as when competitive circumstances or business needs may require.

In making compensation decisions in the future with respect to our named executive officers, we expect that we will use the services of a third-party compensation consultant to assist us with determining compensation levels for our named executive officers and we will gather information that includes a report of benchmark data for executive positions for similar companies, including summaries of base salary, annual cash incentive plan opportunities and awards and long-term incentive award values.

Our Chief Executive Officer will provide compensation recommendations to the compensation committee for executives other than himself based on data described above and the other considerations mentioned in this Compensation Discussion and Analysis. The compensation committee will recommend a compensation package that is consistent with our compensation philosophy strategically positioned above the median of the peer group and competitive with other leading retail organizations. The compensation committee will then discuss these

recommendations with our Chief Executive Officer and may with respect to certain elements of our compensation programs make a recommendation to our board of directors, which our board of directors will consider and approve, if appropriate.

The compensation committee will consider input from our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer when setting financial objectives for our incentive plans. We also expect that the compensation committee in determining compensation will consider input from our Chief Executive Officer (for persons other than for himself) regarding benchmarking and recommendations for base salary, annual incentive targets and other compensation awards. The compensation committee will likely give significant weight to the judgment of our Chief Executive Officer when assessing each of the other named executive officer's individual performance and determining appropriate compensation levels and incentive awards. The members of our board of directors (other than the Chief Executive Officer), or the compensation committee, meeting in executive session, will determine the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, including his annual incentive targets.



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### **Accounting and Tax Considerations**

In determining which elements of compensation are to be paid, and how they are weighted, we also take into account whether a particular form of compensation will be deductible under Section 162(m) of the Code. Section 162(m) generally limits the deductibility of compensation paid to our named executive officers (other than the Chief Financial Officer) to \$1 million during any fiscal year unless such compensation is performance-based under Section 162(m). However, under a Section 162(m) transition rule for compensation plans or agreements of corporations which are privately held and which become publicly held in an initial public offering, compensation paid under a plan or agreement that existed prior to the initial public offering will not be subject to Section 162(m) until the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) the expiration of the plan or agreement; (2) a material modification of the plan or agreement; (3) the issuance of all employer stock and other compensation that has been allocated under the plan; or (4) the first meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected that occurs after the close of the third calendar year following the year of the initial public offering (the Transition Date). After the Transition Date, rights or awards granted under the plan, other than certain options and stock appreciation rights, will not qualify as performance-based compensation for purposes of Section 162(m) unless such rights or awards are granted or vest upon pre-established objective performance goals, the material terms of which are disclosed to and approved by our stockholders.

Our compensation program is intended to maximize the deductibility of the compensation paid to our named executive officers to the extent that we determine it is in our best interests. Consequently, we may rely on the exemption from Section 162(m) afforded to us by the transition rule described above for compensation paid pursuant to our pre-existing plans.

### **Stock Ownership Guidelines**

We do not require that the named executive officers maintain a minimum ownership interest in our Company.

**Table of Contents****Compensation Tables***Summary Compensation Table*

The following table shows the compensation earned by our named executive officers during fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011, and fiscal 2010.

| Name and Principal Position  | Fiscal Year | Salary       | Bonus         | Stock Awards    | Option Awards (1) | Non-Equity Incentive  | All Other Compensation (3) | Total        |
|--|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|  |             |              |               |                 |                   | Plan Compensation (2) |                            |              |
| <b>Carlos Alberini</b>   | 2012        | \$ 1,000,000 | \$            | \$ 6,712,974(6) | \$ 17,362,089     | \$                    | \$ 11,400                  | \$           |
| <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>   | 2011        | \$ 908,462   | \$            | \$              | \$                | \$ 1,145,195          | \$ 352,272                 | \$ 2,405,929 |
|  | 2010        | \$ 507,692   | \$            | \$ 1,922,627(7) | \$                | \$ 531,200            | \$ 250,406                 | \$ 3,211,925 |
| <b>Karen Boone (4)</b>   | 2012        | \$ 287,250   | \$ 140,000(8) | \$              | \$ 1,996,234      | \$                    | \$ 8,100                   | \$           |
| <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>   |             |              |               |                 |                   |                       |                            |              |
| <b>Ken Dunaj</b>   | 2012        | \$ 546,539   | \$            | \$ 3,585,367(6) | \$ 668,154        | \$                    | \$ 12,692                  | \$           |
| <i>Chief Operating Officer</i>   | 2011        | \$ 535,000   | \$            | \$              | \$                | \$ 337,050            | \$ 6,000                   | \$ 878,050   |
|  | 2010        | \$ 526,923   | \$            | \$              | \$                | \$ 218,673            | \$ 6,000                   | \$ 751,596   |
| <b>Gary Friedman (5)</b>   | 2012        | \$ 1,000,000 | \$            | \$ 9,305,599(6) | \$ 17,362,089     | \$                    | \$ 11,400                  | \$           |
| <i>Chairman Emeritus, Creator and Curator (Former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer)</i> | 2011        | \$ 995,769   | \$            | \$              | \$                | \$ 1,249,519          | \$ 11,400                  | \$ 2,256,688 |
|  | 2010        | \$ 900,000   | \$            | \$              | \$                | \$ 747,000            | \$ 11,400                  | \$ 1,658,400 |

- (1) Reflects the aggregate grant date fair value of the grants of options made in fiscal 2012, computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 ( FASB ASC 718 ). See Note 12 *Stock-Based Compensation* to our audited consolidated financial statements.
- (2) Reflects the cash awards that our named executive officers received under our MIP for fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011, and fiscal 2010 performance, as applicable.
- (3) Reflects perquisites to the named executive officers in the form of car allowances. In addition, for fiscal 2011, the relocation benefits provided to Mr. Alberini were in the aggregate amount of \$340,872, which includes \$120,000 as a housing stipend, \$198,247 in moving-related expenses and a tax adjustment gross up payment of \$22,625.
- (4) Karen Boone's employment with our Company commenced in June 2012.
- (5) On October 20, 2012, Mr. Friedman's employment agreement was terminated and he entered into an advisory services agreement with the Company.
- (6) In connection with the Reorganization, in fiscal 2012, Mr. Alberini, Mr. Dunaj, and Mr. Friedman received 1,426,658, 350,391, and 2,425,319 shares of stock under the Replacement Plan. The amounts disclosed reflect the expense recorded on November 1, 2012 with respect to stock awards made to our named executive officers, computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718. See Note 12 *Stock-Based Compensation* to our audited consolidated financial statements.
- (7) Reflects the aggregate grant date fair value of the grants of units made in fiscal 2010, computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 ( FASB ASC 718 ). See Note 12 *Stock-Based Compensation* to our audited consolidated financial statements. The grant date fair value of performance-based awards granted in fiscal 2010 was zero based on the probable outcome of the performance conditions as assessed on the grant date, calculated in accordance with applicable accounting guidance. If the awards were valued on the maximum outcome of performance-based conditions, Mr. Alberini's awards would be valued on grant date at \$3,138,591.
- (8) Represents a signing bonus of \$40,000 and a one-time payment of \$100,000 to Ms. Boone in connection with the completion of our initial public offering.

**Table of Contents***Grants of Plan-Based Awards*

The following table provides information on the estimated possible payouts under our MIP for fiscal 2012 based on certain assumptions about the achievement of performance objectives for our Company and the individual named executive officer at various levels. The following table does not set forth the actual bonuses awarded to the named executive officers for fiscal 2012 under the MIP. The actual bonuses awarded to the named executive officers for fiscal 2012 are reported in the Summary Compensation Table under the column entitled Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation. The following table also provides information on awards of shares under the 2012 Equity Replacement Plan and award of stock options granted or approved in fiscal 2012 to each of our named executive officers.

| Name                       | Grant Date | Board/<br>Compensation<br>Committee<br>Approval<br>Date | Estimated Future<br>Payouts Under<br>Non-Equity<br>Incentive Plan<br>Awards (1) |              |              | Estimated Future<br>Payouts Under<br>Equity<br>Incentive Plan<br>Awards (2) |         |            | All<br>Other<br>Stock<br>Awards:<br>Number<br>of Shares<br>of Stock | All Other<br>Option<br>Awards:<br>Number<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Option | Exercise<br>or<br>Base<br>Price<br>of<br>Option<br>(per share) | Grant<br>Date Fair<br>Value of<br>Stock<br>Awards |
|----------------------------|------------|---|---|--------------|--------------|---|---------|------------|---|---|--|---|
|                            |            |   | Threshold   | Target       | Maximum      | Threshold   | Target  | Maximum    |   |   |  |   |
| <b>Carlos<br/>Alberini</b> | N/A        | N/A   | \$ 200,000  | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 1,250,000 |   |         |            |   |   |  |   |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              | 183,064   | 420,840 | 895,366    |   |   |  | \$ 5,681,976(6)                                   |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              |   |         |            | 333,606(4)  |   |  | \$ 1,030,998(7)                                   |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              |   |         |            | 197,686(5)  |   |  | (8)   |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              |   |         |            |   | 2,976,826   | \$ 46.50   | \$ 17,362,098(3)                                  |
| <b>Karen<br/>Boone</b>     | N/A        | N/A   | \$ 23,750   | \$ 237,500   | \$ 285,000   |   |         |            |   |   |  |   |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              |   |         |            |   | 230,000   | \$ 24.00   | \$ 1,996,234(3)                                   |
| <b>Ken<br/>Dunaj</b>       | N/A        | N/A   | \$ 26,750   | \$ 267,500   | \$ 321,000   |   |         |            |   |   |  |   |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              |   |         | 147,381(9) |   |   |  | \$ 3,537,144(6)                                   |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              |   |         |            | 41,301(4)   |   |  | \$ 48,213(7)                                      |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              |   |         |            | 161,709(5)  |   |  | (8)   |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              |   |         |            |   | 95,600  | \$ 29.00   | \$ 668,154(3)                                     |
| <b>Gary<br/>Friedman</b>   | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              | 329,516   | 757,513 | 1,564,309  |   |   |  | \$ 9,091,152(6)                                   |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              |   |         |            | 190,632(4)  |   |  | \$ 214,447(7)                                     |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              |   |         |            | 670,378(5)  |   |  | (8)   |
|                            | 11/1/12    | 11/1/12   |   |              |              |   |         |            |   | 2,976,826   | \$ 46.50   | \$ 17,362,098(3)                                  |

(1) Amounts shown in these columns are the estimated possible payouts for fiscal 2012 under our MIP and assume the achievement of performance objectives for our Company at various levels. The actual bonuses awarded to the named executive officers for fiscal 2012 are reported in the Summary Compensation Table under the column entitled Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation.

The named executive officers are eligible to receive an annual cash bonus based on a percentage of base salary under our MIP. Our Company's financial objectives are established each year and the payment and the amount of any bonus are dependent upon whether our Company achieves those performance goals. The specific amount any participant could receive is dependent on the level of our performance. The amounts shown in these columns for the named executive officers are based on the following assumptions:

In the threshold column, the amount for each named executive officer reflects the minimum bonus that would have been awarded if we had met, but had not exceeded, our minimum financial objectives.

In the target column, the amount for each named executive officer reflects the midpoint of the range of bonus amounts that would have been awarded if we had met, but had not exceeded, our midpoint financial objectives.

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In the maximum column, the amount for each named executive officer reflects the maximum bonus that would have been awarded if we had met or exceeded our maximum financial objectives.

- (2) Represents the number of shares awarded in fiscal 2012 to each named executive officer in connection with the Reorganization under the 2012 Equity Replacement Plan that would vest, or for which resale restrictions would lapse, based on the trading price of our common stock price. The amounts shown in the threshold column represent the total number of performance-based restricted shares for which restrictions would lapse based on the price of our common stock reaching a ten-trailing day average price per share of at least \$31.00 for at least ten consecutive trading days, and the amount shown in the target column represent the total number of performance-based restricted shares for which restrictions would lapse based on the price of our common stock reaching a ten-trailing day average price per share of at least \$38.75 for at least ten consecutive trading days and the amount shown in the maximum column represent the total number of performance-based restricted shares for which restrictions would lapse based on the price of our common stock reaching a ten-trailing day average price per share of at least \$46.50 for at least ten consecutive trading days. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation above for additional information.
- (3) Reflects the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards made in fiscal 2012, computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718. See Note 12 *Stock-Based Compensation* to our audited consolidated financial statements.

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- (4) Represents the aggregate number of shares awarded in fiscal 2012 to the named executive officer in connection with the Reorganization, under the Replacement Plan for which resale restrictions would lapse over time based on such named executive officer's continued service with our Company. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation above for additional information.
- (5) Represents the aggregate number of vested, unrestricted shares awarded in fiscal 2012 to the named executive officer in connection with the Reorganization under the Replacement Plan. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation above for additional information.
- (6) The amounts disclosed reflect the expense recorded on November 1, 2012 with respect to performance-based stock awards made to our named executive officers in connection with the Reorganization not granted in respect of existing units, computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718. See Note 12 *Stock-Based Compensation* to our audited consolidated financial statements. No amounts were recorded as expense on November 1, 2012 for 658,617 and 1,185,511 shares of unvested stock granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman, respectively, in respect of previously held 2X 3X and 3X 5X performance-based units that had not vested at the Reorganization.
- (7) The amounts disclosed reflect the expense recorded on November 1, 2012 with respect to acceleration at the Reorganization of unvested time-based units previously held, computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718. See Note 12 *Stock-Based Compensation* to our audited consolidated financial statements.
- (8) In accordance with FASB ASC 718, no incremental expense was recorded on November 1, 2012 for 197,686, 161,704 and 670,378 shares granted to Mr. Alberini, Mr. Dunaj and Mr. Friedman, respectively, with respect to previously held time-based and performance-based units that vested at the Reorganization.
- (9) Restrictions on these shares will lapse only when our common stock reaches a ten-trailing day average price per share of \$46.50 for at least ten consecutive days.

*Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End*

The table below sets forth certain information regarding the outstanding equity awards held by our named executive officers as of February 2, 2013.

**Stock Awards**

| Name                 | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable but Restricted (#) | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable and Unrestricted (#) | Option Exercise Price (\$) | Option Expiration Date | Number of Shares Subject to Selling Restrictions (#) | Market Value of Shares of Stock Subject to Selling Restrictions(\$)(4) |
|----------------------|--|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
|                      | <b>Carlos Alberini</b>   | 2,976,826  |                            | \$ 46.50               | 10/31/22   | 887,718 (1)  |
| <b>Karen Boone</b>   | 206,000  | 24,000   | \$ 24.00                   | 10/31/22               |  |  |
| <b>Ken Dunaj</b>     | 95,600   |  | \$ 29.00                   | 10/31/22               | 188,682 (2)  | \$ 5,339,614   |
| <b>Gary Friedman</b> | 2,976,826  |  | \$ 46.50                   | 10/31/22               | 1,140,683 (3)  | \$ 41,326,945  |

- (1) Resale restrictions with respect to 236,749 of Mr. Alberini's shares lapse on the date on which the ten-day average trading price of our common stock reaches a price per share of \$46.50 for at least ten consecutive trading days. Resale restrictions with respect to 333,606 of Mr. Alberini's shares lapse over time based on Mr. Alberini's continued service in accordance with the dates set forth in the award agreement. Resale restrictions with respect to 317,363 of Mr. Alberini's shares lapse during the period from February 2, 2013 through November 1, 2015 when the ten-day average trading price of our common stock exceeds a price per share of \$36.16 per share for at least ten consecutive trading days and such restrictions shall fully lapse when the price of our common stock reaches a price per share of \$46.50 for at least ten consecutive trading days (with proportional vesting in between), and as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, \_\_\_\_\_ of such shares remained subject to resale restrictions.
- (2) Resale restrictions with respect to 147,381 of Mr. Dunaj's shares lapse on the date on which the ten-day average trading price of our common stock reaches a price per share of \$46.50 for at least ten consecutive trading days. Resale restrictions with respect to 41,301 of Mr. Dunaj's shares lapse over time based on Mr. Dunaj's continued service in accordance with the dates set forth in the award agreement.
- (3) Resale restrictions with respect to 378,798 of Mr. Friedman's shares lapse on the date on which the ten-day average trading price of our common stock reaches a price per share of \$46.50 for at least ten consecutive trading days. Resale restrictions with respect to 190,632 of Mr. Friedman's shares lapse over time based on Mr. Alberini's continued service in accordance with the dates set forth in the award agreement. Resale restrictions with respect to 571,253 of Mr. Friedman's shares lapse during the period from February 2, 2013 through November 1, 2015 when the ten-day average trading price of our common stock exceeds a price per share of \$36.16 per share for at least ten consecutive trading days and such restrictions shall fully lapse when the price of our common stock reaches a price per share of \$46.50 for at least ten consecutive trading days (with proportional vesting), and as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, \_\_\_\_\_ of such shares remained subject to resale restrictions.
- (4) Calculated based on the per share closing price of our common stock of \$36.23 per share as on February 2, 2013 on the NYSE.

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None of our named executive officers exercised stock options to purchase shares of our common stock during fiscal 2012. The following table provides information relating to the units held under the Team Resto Ownership Plan that vested from the beginning of fiscal 2012 to the Reorganization and the unvested shares awarded under the Replacement Plan that vested from the Reorganization until the end of fiscal 2012.

| Name                   | Unit Awards              |   | Stock Awards  |  |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|--|
|                        | Number TROP Units Vested | Value Realized on Vesting of TROP Units (1) | Number of Restricted Replacement Plan Shares Vested | Value Realized on Vesting of Replacement Plan Shares (2) |
| <b>Carlos Alberini</b> | 2,038,411                | \$ 10,298,906                               | 341,254   | \$ 12,547,482  |
| <b>Karen Boone</b>     |                          |   |   |  |
| <b>Ken Dunaj</b>       | 553,925                  | \$ 2,485,692                                |   |  |
| <b>Gary Friedman</b>   | 2,126,814                | \$ 9,550,129                                | 614,258   | \$ 22,585,499  |

(1) Represents the total fair market value for these units upon vesting, calculated on an aggregate basis as of the dates the respective units vested.

(2) Represents the total fair market value for these shares upon vesting, calculated on an aggregate basis as of the dates the respective shares vested.

**Employment and Other Agreements**

The following is a description of the terms of the employment agreements with each of our named executive officers.

*Carlos Alberini*

In connection with our initial public offering, we entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with Mr. Alberini, our Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Alberini's employment agreement provides for an annual base salary of at least \$1.1 million. Mr. Alberini is eligible for annual bonus compensation targeted at between 85% and 125% of his annual base salary.

If Mr. Alberini's employment is terminated by us without cause (as defined in the agreement), or by Mr. Alberini for good reason (as defined in the agreement), he is entitled to (a) all accrued salary and vacation pay through the termination date, (b) any earned and unpaid portion of his annual bonus, (c) severance payments totaling \$3.0 million, less withholdings, paid on our regular payroll schedule over the 24 months following the termination date, (d) a pro-rata amount (based on the number of days Mr. Alberini was employed during the fiscal year through the termination date) of Mr. Alberini's target bonus for the applicable fiscal year in which termination of employment occurs, to be paid at the same time and in the same form as Mr. Alberini's annual bonus would otherwise be paid, (e) subject to his timely election under COBRA, continuation of medical benefits for 24 months following the termination date, subject to Mr. Alberini's payment of applicable premiums at the same rate that would have been applied had he remained an executive officer of our Company, paid for by us to the same extent that we paid for his health insurance prior to termination. In addition, Mr. Alberini's vested shares and options that are subject to performance-based vesting or selling restrictions will remain outstanding for two years following the date of termination (during which time the selling restrictions may lapse or vesting may occur in accordance with their terms). To the extent such shares remain unvested after two years, they will be forfeited. To the extent the selling restrictions remain unexpired after two years, the shares will be subject to repurchase by us, at the then fair market value. Any unvested time-based equity awards and any selling restrictions applicable to vested time-based equity awards that Mr. Alberini may hold will accelerate as to the number of shares or options that would have vested and the selling restrictions that would have lapsed during the three-year period following the date of termination.

Mr. Alberini agreed that, during his employment with us, he will not directly or indirectly work for or engage or invest in any competitor. Mr. Alberini also agreed that, during his employment with us and the two

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years following his employment, he will not solicit, directly or through any third party, any business from any of our material customers or suppliers or, as specified in the employment agreement, encourage any of our customers or suppliers to reduce their business or contractual relationship with us.

### *Karen Boone*

In connection with our initial public offering, we entered into an employment agreement with Ms. Boone, our Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Boone's employment agreement provides for an annual base salary of \$475,000. Pursuant to her offer letter, Ms. Boone received a \$40,000 signing bonus. Ms. Boone is eligible for annual bonus compensation targeted at 50% of her annual base salary, and received a one-time cash bonus of \$100,000 upon consummation of our initial public offering. Pursuant to the employment agreement, Ms. Boone also received options to purchase 230,000 shares of our common stock under the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan.

If Ms. Boone's employment is terminated by us without cause (as defined in the agreement), or by Ms. Boone for good reason (as defined in the agreement), she is entitled to: (a) all accrued salary and vacation pay through the termination date; (b) any earned and unpaid portion of her annual bonus; (c) severance payments equal to (i) 18 months base salary, less withholdings, paid on our regular payroll schedule over the 18 months following the termination date, if terminated within one year of the consummation of our initial public offering, or (ii) 12 months base salary, less withholdings, paid on our regular payroll schedule over the 12 months following the termination date, if terminated more than one year after the consummation of our initial public offering; and (d) subject to Ms. Boone's timely election under COBRA and Ms. Boone's payment of applicable premiums at the same rate that would have been applied had she remained an executive officer of our Company, paid for by us to the same extent that we paid for her health insurance prior to termination, continuation of medical benefits for (i) 18 months following the termination date, if terminated within one year of the consummation of our initial public offering, or (ii) 12 months following the termination date, if terminated more than one year after the consummation of our initial public offering.

Ms. Boone agreed that during her employment with us, she will not directly or indirectly work for or engage or invest in any competitor. She also agreed that during her employment with us and the 18 months or 12 months, as the case may be (based upon whether the severance payments are paid over 18 months or 12 months, as described above), following her employment, she will not solicit, directly or through any third party any business from any of our material customers or suppliers or encourage any of our customers or suppliers to reduce their business or contractual relationship with us.

### *Ken Dunaj*

We have entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Dunaj, our Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Dunaj's employment agreement, as amended, provides that if his employment is terminated by us other than for cause (as defined in the agreement), he will receive salary continuation for a period of one year from such termination date. In the event that within 18 months following a change of control of the Company, Mr. Dunaj's employment is terminated by us without cause or by Mr. Dunaj within 45 days following certain events, including a relocation of his principal place of employment by more than 50 miles without his consent, Mr. Dunaj will receive salary continuation for a period of one year from such termination date plus Mr. Dunaj's target bonus amount (which for purposes of his employment agreement is deemed to be \$300,000). The agreement provides that the receipt of this severance is conditioned on Mr. Dunaj's execution of a release of claims and his compliance with his proprietary information agreements with us and certain other conditions.

### *Gary Friedman*

We have entered into an advisory services agreement with Mr. Friedman, pursuant to which he will devote approximately 80% of his business time to providing services to us as assigned by our Chief Executive Officer in the areas of design, products, store development and merchandising and display. Mr. Friedman has the title of

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Creator and Curator, and reports to our Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Friedman will also serve, at the board's discretion, as an advisor to our board of directors, have board observer rights and have the honorary title of Chairman Emeritus. The agreement has a five-year term and is renewable for an additional five-year period. Non-renewal of the agreement following the first five-year term is deemed a termination without cause (unless such non-renewal is caused by or results from a termination for cause).

The advisory services agreement provides for a fee for services paid at a rate of \$1.1 million annually. Mr. Friedman will be eligible to earn a minimum annual bonus of \$500,000, assuming achievement of annual performance goals and criteria established by our Chief Executive Officer in good faith following consultation with Mr. Friedman and approved by our compensation committee (provided that his maximum bonus will be \$400,000 for fiscal 2012).

If Mr. Friedman's services are terminated by us without cause (as defined in the agreement) or by Mr. Friedman for good reason (as defined in the agreement), he is entitled to (a) all accrued advisory fees and benefits through the termination date, (b) termination pay in the amount of \$4 million to be paid in 24 equal monthly cash installments, (c) any earned but unpaid portion of his annual bonus, (d) his vested shares and options that are still subject to selling restrictions will remain outstanding for two years following the date of termination (during which time the selling restrictions may lapse in accordance with their terms) and will be subject to repurchase by us after two years at the then fair market value to the extent that such selling restrictions remain unexpired, and (e) any unvested performance-based equity awards that Mr. Friedman may hold shall remain outstanding and vest according to their terms for a period of two years following the date of termination and shall be forfeited to the extent unvested after such period.

If Mr. Friedman's services are terminated by us for cause (as defined in the agreement), he is entitled to all accrued advisory fees and benefits through the termination date. Upon such termination for cause, certain of Mr. Friedman's other equity interests that are either unvested or subject to selling restrictions and repurchase rights will terminate, expire and be forfeited for no value, or otherwise be subject to repurchase in accordance with their terms and shall be forfeited to the extent unvested after such period. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation.

Mr. Friedman has agreed that, during the term of his advisory services agreement, he will not directly or indirectly work for or engage or invest in any competitor. In addition, Mr. Friedman has agreed that, during the term of his advisory services agreement and for the two year period thereafter, he will not (a) solicit, directly or through any third party, any employee of ours or (b) use our proprietary information to solicit the business of any of our material customers or suppliers, or as specified in the advisory services agreement, encourage any of our suppliers and customers to reduce their business or contractual relationship with us. The agreement also contains a mutual non-disparagement clause.

The agreement provides for indemnification of Mr. Friedman for claims relating to the service performed by Mr. Friedman within his authority under and the scope of the service contemplated by the agreement.



**Table of Contents****Potential Payments Upon Termination and Change in Control**

The information below describes and quantifies certain compensation that would have been paid to the following named executive officers in the event of their termination of employment or a change in control, assuming such event was effective at February 2, 2013. Due to a number of factors that affect the nature and amount of any benefits provided upon the events discussed below, any actual amounts paid or distributed in the event of an officer's termination or a change in control may be different. Factors that could affect these amounts include the timing during the year of any such event.

*Carlos Alberini*

| <b>Benefits and Payments</b> | <b>Termination Without Cause<br/>or Resignation With<br/>Good<br/>Reason (1)</b> |
|------------------------------|--|
| Cash severance payment (2)   | \$ 4,000,000   |
| Health coverage benefits (3) | 45,532   |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 4,045,532</b>  |

- (1) The amounts set forth in this column are payable upon termination without cause or resignation with good reason. In the event of the executive's death or disability, he would be entitled to receive his accrued benefits through the date of termination, plus a pro-rata amount of the annual bonus he would have been eligible to receive had he remained employed by us for the remainder of the year.
- (2) This amount includes salary continuation in the aggregate amount of \$3 million paid over 24 months and a lump sum payment of \$1,000,000, which corresponds to Mr. Alberini's target MIP bonus amount for fiscal 2012.
- (3) This amount includes all health benefits Mr. Alberini would have been entitled to following termination of employment.

*Karen Boone*

| <b>Benefits and Payments</b>   | <b>Termination Without Cause<br/>or<br/>Resignation With Good<br/>Reason</b> |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Cash severance payment (1)     | \$ 712,500 (1)   |
| Health coverage total benefits | 32,190 (2)   |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$ 744,690</b>  |

- (1) This amount includes salary continuation in the aggregate amount of \$712,500 paid over 18 months.
- (2) This amount includes all health benefits Ms. Boone would have been entitled to following termination.

**Table of Contents***Ken Dunaj*

| <b>Payments</b>        | <b>Termination on Change<br/>in Control</b> | <b>Termination Without Cause</b> |
|------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Cash severance payment | \$ 835,000 (1)                              | \$ 535,000 (2)                   |
| Total                  | \$ 835,000                                  | \$ 535,000                       |

(1) This amount reflects salary continuation at Mr. Dunaj's current rate plus \$300,000 paid over 12 months.

(2) This amount reflects salary continuation at Mr. Dunaj's current salary rate paid over 12 months.

*Gary Friedman*

| <b>Benefits and Payments</b> | <b>Termination Without<br/>Cause<br/>or Resignation With Good<br/>Reason</b> |
|------------------------------|--|
| Cash severance payment (1)   | \$ 4,400,000   |
| Total                        | \$ 4,400,000   |

(1) This amount includes salary continuation in the aggregate amount of \$4 million paid over 24 months and a lump sum payment of \$400,000, which corresponds to Mr. Friedman's annual bonus amount for fiscal 2012.

**Employee Benefit and Stock Plans***2012 Equity Replacement Plan*

In connection with our initial public offering, our board of directors adopted the Restoration Hardware 2012 Equity Replacement Plan, which we refer to as the Replacement Plan. A portion of the shares issued under the Replacement Plan are subject to resale restrictions whereby the holder may not sell the shares for a period of 20 years after our initial public offering, except as follows: (i) with respect to 818,209 of these shares, such resale restrictions will lapse over time in accordance with the dates set forth in the award agreement, and (ii) with respect to 1,523,041 of these shares, such resale restrictions will lapse on the date after our initial public offering on which the ten-day average trading price of our common stock reaches a price per share of \$46.50 for at least ten consecutive trading days.

A portion of the shares issued under the Replacement Plan are restricted shares issued to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman. With respect to the shares received by Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman, 512,580 of such shares had vested when the price of our common stock reached a price per share of \$31.00 for at least ten consecutive trading days. In addition, 1,331,548 of such shares shall fully vest when the ten-day average trading price of our common stock reaches a price per share of \$46.50 for at least ten consecutive trading days (with proportional vesting between the \$31.00 and \$46.50 average prices), and of such shares had vested as of , 2013. The unvested shares held by Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman may not be sold prior to vesting and will be forfeited if they have not vested by the date that is 36 months after our initial public offering.

No further awards will be granted under the Replacement Plan.

*2012 Stock Option Plan*

In connection with our initial public offering, our board of directors adopted the Option Plan, pursuant to which we have granted 6,829,041 options in connection with our initial public offering to certain of our employees and advisors. The options granted under this plan vest and are

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subject to resale restrictions as follows: (i) with respect to 875,389 of these shares, which have an exercise price equal to \$29.00 per share, such resale restrictions will lapse over time in accordance with the dates set forth in the award agreement, and (ii) with

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respect to 5,953,652 shares, which have an exercise price equal to \$46.50 per share, such resale restrictions will lapse in increments on dates after our initial public offering on which the price of our common stock reach, for at least ten consecutive trading days, prices specified in the applicable award agreement ranging. As of fiscal year 2012, ended on February 2, 2013, all shares remained subject to resale restrictions.

No further awards will be granted under the Option Plan.

*2012 Stock Incentive Plan*

In connection with our initial public offering, our board of directors adopted the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan. The 2012 Stock Incentive Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options, within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code to our employees and any parent and subsidiary corporations employees, and for the grant of cash, shares of our common stock, non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, dividend equivalent rights, cash-based awards and any combination thereof to our employees, directors and consultants and our parent and subsidiary corporations employees, directors and consultants.

Pursuant to the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan, in connection with our initial public offering, we granted 1,267,886 options to certain of our employees with a weighted-average exercise price of \$26.50 per share. These options vested upon the completion of our initial public offering and are subject to resale restrictions, which will lapse over time in accordance with the dates set forth in the applicable award agreements. In addition, in connection with our initial public offering, we granted an aggregate of 40,623 shares of unvested common stock to certain of our directors, which shares vested in January 2013. Subsequently, in fiscal 2012, we also granted unvested stock options to purchase 66,500 shares of stock.

*Share Reserve.* We reserved a total of 5,071,630 shares of our common stock for issuance pursuant to the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan. In addition, the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan provides for annual increases in the number of shares available for issuance thereunder on the first business day of each fiscal year, beginning with our fiscal year following the year of our initial public offering, equal to the lowest of (x) two percent of the number of shares of our common stock outstanding on the last day of our immediately preceding fiscal year, calculated on a fully diluted basis; or (y) a lower number of shares determined by our board of directors. After giving effect to all outstanding awards made under the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan as of , 2013, shares remained available for grant.

*Administration.* Our board of directors administers the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan with respect to directors and officers, and our board of directors has delegated to the compensation committee the non-exclusive authority to administer the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan with respect to employees and consultant that are not executive officers or directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of awards intended to qualify as performance-based compensation within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code, the administrator will consist of two or more outside directors within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code. The administrator has the power to determine and interpret the terms and conditions of the awards, including the employees, directors and consultants who will receive awards, the exercise price, the number of shares subject to each such award, the vesting schedule and exercisability of the awards, the restrictions on transferability of awards and the form of consideration payable upon exercise. The administrator also has the authority to reduce the exercise prices of outstanding stock options and the base appreciation amount of any stock appreciation right and to cancel options and stock appreciation rights in exchange for new awards, in each case without stockholder approval.

*Stock Options.* The 2012 Stock Incentive Plan allows for the grant of incentive stock options that qualify under Section 422 of the Code only to our employees and employees of any parent or subsidiary of ours. Non-qualified stock options may be granted to our employees, directors, and consultants and those of any parent or subsidiary of ours. The exercise price of all options granted under the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan must at least be equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant. The term of an incentive stock option

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may not exceed ten years, except that with respect to any employee who owns more than 10% of the voting power of all classes of our outstanding stock or any parent or subsidiary corporation as of the grant date, the term must not exceed five years, and the exercise price must equal at least 110% of the fair market value on the grant date.

After the continuous service of an employee, director or consultant terminates, he or she may exercise his or her option, to the extent vested, for the period of time specified in the option agreement. However, an option may not be exercised later than the expiration of its term.

*Stock Appreciation Rights.* The 2012 Stock Incentive Plan allows for the grant of stock appreciation rights. Stock appreciation rights allow the recipient to receive the appreciation in the fair market value of our common stock between the date of grant and the exercise date. The administrator will determine the terms of stock appreciation rights, including when such rights become exercisable and whether to pay the increased appreciation in cash or with shares of our common stock, or a combination thereof, except that the base appreciation amount for the cash or shares to be issued pursuant to the exercise of a stock appreciation right will be no less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant. After the continuous service of an employee, director or consultant terminates, he or she may exercise his or her stock appreciation right, to the extent vested, only to the extent provided in the stock appreciation right agreement.

*Restricted Stock Awards.* The 2012 Stock Incentive Plan allows for the grant of restricted stock. Restricted stock awards are shares of our common stock that vest in accordance with terms and conditions established by the administrator. The administrator will determine the number of shares of restricted stock granted to any employee, director or consultant. The administrator may impose whatever conditions on vesting it determines to be appropriate. For example, the administrator may set restrictions based on the achievement of specific performance goals. Shares of restricted stock that do not vest are subject to our right of repurchase or forfeiture.

*Restricted Stock Units.* The 2012 Stock Incentive Plan allows for the grant of restricted stock units. Restricted stock units are awards that will result in payment to a recipient at the end of a specified period only if the vesting criteria established by the administrator are achieved or the award otherwise vests. The administrator may impose whatever conditions to vesting, or restrictions and conditions to payment that it determines to be appropriate. The administrator may set restrictions based on the achievement of specific performance goals or on the continuation of service or employment. Payments of earned restricted stock units may be made, in the administrator's discretion, in cash, with shares of our common stock or other securities, or a combination thereof.

*Transferability of Awards.* The 2012 Stock Incentive Plan allows for the transfer of awards under the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan only (i) by will, (ii) by the laws of descent and distribution and (iii) for awards other than incentive stock options, to the extent authorized by the administrator. Only the recipient of an incentive stock option may exercise such award during his or her lifetime.

*Certain Adjustments.* In the event of certain changes in our capitalization, to prevent enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits available under the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan, the administrator will make adjustments to one or more of the number of shares that are covered by outstanding awards, the exercise or purchase price of outstanding awards, the numerical share limits contained in the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan, and any other terms that the administrator determines require adjustment. In the event of our complete liquidation or dissolution, all outstanding awards will terminate immediately upon the consummation of such transaction.

*Corporate Transactions and Changes in Control.* The 2012 Stock Incentive Plan provides that except as otherwise provided in an individual award agreement, in the event of a corporate transaction or change in control, as such terms are defined in the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan, the portion of each outstanding award that is neither assumed nor replaced will automatically become fully vested and exercisable and be released from any repurchase or forfeiture rights (other than repurchase rights exercisable at fair market value) immediately prior to the specified effective date of such corporate transaction or change in control. In addition, any incentive stock

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option, as defined in the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan, accelerated in connection with a corporate transaction or change in control, will remain exercisable as an incentive stock option only to the extent the dollar limitation under the Code is not exceeded.

*Plan Amendments and Termination.* The 2012 Stock Incentive Plan will automatically terminate ten years following the date it becomes effective, unless we terminate it sooner. In addition, our board of directors has the authority to amend, suspend or terminate the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan provided such action does not impair the rights under any outstanding award.

*401(k) Plan*

We maintain a 401(k) retirement savings plan. Each participant who is a United States employee may contribute to the 401(k) plan, through payroll deductions, up to 50% of his or her salary limited to the maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Service regulations. All amounts contributed by employee participants and earnings on these contributions are fully vested at all times and are not taxable to participants until withdrawn. Employee participants may elect to invest their contributions in various established funds. We may make contributions to the accounts of plan participants.

**Table of Contents****PRINCIPAL AND SELLING STOCKHOLDERS**

The following table sets forth information as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock immediately prior to this offering and as adjusted to give effect to this offering by:

each person or group who is known by us to own beneficially more than 5% of our outstanding shares of our common stock;

each of our named executive officers;

each of our directors;

each of our selling stockholders; and

all of our current executive officers and directors as a group.

For further information regarding material transactions between us and our stockholders or their affiliates, see Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions.

Beneficial ownership for the purposes of the following table is determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. These rules generally provide that a person is the beneficial owner of securities if such person has or shares the power to vote or direct the voting thereof, or to dispose or direct the disposition thereof or has the right to acquire such powers within 60 days. Common stock subject to options and unvested stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable or that vest within 60 days of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 are deemed to be outstanding and beneficially owned by the person holding the options. These shares, however, are not deemed outstanding for the purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Percentage of beneficial ownership is based on \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock outstanding as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013. Except as disclosed in the footnotes to this table and subject to applicable community property laws, we believe that each stockholder identified in the table possesses sole voting and investment power over all shares of common stock shown as beneficially owned by the stockholder. Unless otherwise indicated in the table or footnotes below, the address for each beneficial owner is c/o Restoration Hardware, Inc., 15 Koch Road, Suite J, Corte Madera, CA 94925.

| Name                                    | Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to This Offering |         | Shares To Be Sold in This Offering | Shares Beneficially Owned After This Offering Assuming No Option to Purchase Additional Shares |         |
|---|--|---------|------------------------------------|--|---------|
|   | Number   | Percent |                                    | Number   | Percent |
| <b>5% Stockholders:</b>                 |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| Home Holdings, LLC (1)                  |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| Catterton (1)(2)                        |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| Tower Three (1)(3)                      |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| Glenhill (1)(4)                         |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| Gary Friedman (5)                       |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| <b>Executive Officers and Directors</b> |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| Carlos Alberini (6)                     |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| Karen Boone (7)                         |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| Ken Dunaj (8)                           |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| Eri Chaya (9)                           |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| J. Michael Chu (2)                      |  |         |                                    |  |         |
| Mark Demilio                            |  |         |                                    |  |         |

William Forrest (3)

Thomas Mottola

Barry Sternlicht

**All current executive officers and directors as a group**

**(10 persons) (10)**

**Other Selling Stockholders:**



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- \* Represents beneficial ownership of less than 1% of our outstanding common stock.
- (1) As of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, CP Home Holdings, LLC beneficially owns 45.4% of the outstanding membership interests of Home Holdings, Tower Three Home LLC beneficially owns 42.9% of the outstanding membership interests of Home Holdings and funds affiliated with Glenhill Capital Management LLC, beneficially own 11.7% of the outstanding membership interests of Home Holdings.
  - (2) J. Michael Chu and Scott Dahnke share voting control and investment power over the shares held by CP Home Holdings, LLC, but disclaim beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein. Shares set forth in the table above with respect to Mr. Chu consist solely of shares held by CP Home Holdings, LLC. The address for this entity is c/o Catterton Partners, 599 W. Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.
  - (3) Mr. Forrest has voting control and investment power over the shares held by Tower Three Home LLC, but disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. Shares set forth in the table above with respect to Mr. Forrest consist solely of shares held by Tower Three Home LLC. The address for this entity is Two Soundview Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830.
  - (4) Includes 3,218,144 shares beneficially owned by Glenhill Capital Overseas Master Fund, LP, 14,697 shares beneficially owned by Glenn J. Krevlin, Trustee of the Glenn J. Krevlin Revocable Trust and 11,758 shares beneficially owned by Krevlin 2005 Gift Trust. Glenn Krevlin has voting control and investment power over the shares held by the entities affiliated with Glenhill, but disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein and except with respect to the shares held by the Glenn J. Krevlin Revocable Trust. The address for these funds is 600 Fifth Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10020.
  - (5) Includes \_\_\_\_\_ shares of unvested common stock that may vest within 60 days of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 and 2,976,826 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of options that may be exercisable within 60 days of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, in each case subject to increases in the share price of our common stock as set forth in the applicable award agreements.
  - (6) Includes 406,819 shares of common stock held by Carlos Alberini, as trustee of the Carlos E. Alberini Family Trust, dated November 1, 2012, \_\_\_\_\_ shares of unvested common stock that may vest within 60 days of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 and 2,976,826 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of options that may be exercisable within 60 days of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, in each case subject to increases in the share price of our common stock as set forth in the applicable award agreements.
  - (7) Includes 230,000 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of vested options.
  - (8) Includes 95,600 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of vested options.
  - (9) Includes 95,600 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of vested options.
  - (10) Does not include shares held by CP Home Holdings, LLC or Tower Three Home LLC. See notes 2 and 3 above.

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### **CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

#### **Registration Rights Agreement**

In connection with our initial public offering, we entered into a registration rights agreement with Home Holdings, our Principal Equity Holders, Mr. Alberini, Mr. Friedman and certain other stockholders in connection with the offering. The registration rights agreement provides that Home Holdings, Catterton and Tower Three have registration rights whereby Home Holdings, Catterton or Tower Three can require us to register under the Securities Act any shares in the Company owned by Home Holdings, Catterton or Tower Three as of the date of the initial public offering. Catterton and Tower Three are entitled to three long-form registrations each (including through Home Holdings) and an unlimited number of short-form registrations, provided that we are not obligated to effect more than two such short-form registrations in any twelve month period.

If we register any shares for public sale, our stockholders with piggyback registration rights under the registration rights agreement have the right to include their shares in the registration, subject to certain exceptions. For example, if the piggyback registration is an underwritten offering and the managing underwriters advise us that, in their opinion, the number of shares requested to be included in the offering exceeds the number which can be sold in such offering within a price range acceptable to us, we are required to include in the offering (i) first, the securities we propose to sell, (ii) second, the registrable securities requested to be included in such registration, pro rata among the holders of such registrable securities on the basis of the number of registrable securities owned by each such holder and (iii) third, any other securities requested to be included in such registration pursuant to contractual arrangements with the Company.

The registration rights agreement contains certain restrictions on sale applicable to Mr. Friedman, Mr. Alberini, Ms. Boone, Mr. Dunaj and certain other employees of the Company that, subject to certain exceptions, generally have the effect of limiting sales by such holders to a pro rata rate of sell-down corresponding to sales by Home Holdings, Catterton and Tower Three unless such selling restrictions are waived in any particular instance or as to any affected stockholder. However, Mr. Friedman will also have a preferential right to sell up to 10% of the shares offered in this offering, up to \$15 million total.

#### **Stockholders Agreement**

In connection with our initial public offering, we entered into a stockholders agreement with Home Holdings. The stockholders agreement (and our certificate of incorporation) provides for a waiver of the corporate opportunity doctrine with respect to Home Holdings and its affiliates, including the Principal Equity Holders. If Home Holdings or its affiliates, including the Principal Equity Holders, participate in any such corporate opportunity, Thomas Mottola and Barry Sternlicht, two of our directors, will also be afforded a waiver of the corporate opportunity doctrine in connection with any participation by them in any such corporate opportunity. The stockholders agreement provides that, for so long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders hold a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, Home Holdings shall have the right to nominate a majority of the members of our board of directors and as long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders hold at least 30% of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, Home Holdings shall have the right to nominate two members of our board of directors. Home Holdings has the right to nominate two observers to our board of directors and two directors to our board of directors, one of which is designated by Catterton and one of which is designated by Tower Three. Our board observers, including Gary Friedman, will have the right to attend and participate in all meetings of the board of directors in a non-voting, observer capacity. In addition, our board observers will generally receive, concurrently with members of our board of directors, notice of such meetings and a copy of all minutes, consents and other materials provided to members of our board of directors. For so long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders own a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, no action may be taken or vote approved by our board of directors or any committee thereof (other than the audit committee or any other committee of directors that may be created with the approval of Home Holdings as not being subject to this provision) without the

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affirmative vote of the Catterton and Tower Three designated directors. In addition, for so long as Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders hold at least 30% of the voting power of our outstanding common stock, certain actions may not be taken without the approval of Home Holdings, including:

a change of control or the merger or consolidation of us or any of our subsidiaries;

entering into any contract relating to a joint venture, investment, recapitalization, reorganization or contract with any other person or the acquisition of any securities or assets of another person (other than inventory acquired in the ordinary course of business);

any transfer of a material amount of assets of us or any of our subsidiaries, other than inventory sold in the ordinary course of business;

the issuance of any capital stock of us or any of our subsidiaries, other than certain issuances upon the grant of equity awards;

the filing of any registration statement by us or any of our subsidiaries, or the commencement of any public offering by us or any of our subsidiaries, other than in respect of certain equity awards;

the guarantee, assumption, incurrence or refinancing of indebtedness for borrowed money by us or any of our subsidiaries or the pledge of, or granting of a security interest in, any of our assets or the assets of our subsidiaries other than our existing debt (under our revolving line of credit) and trade indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business;

entering into related party transactions or amending or modifying any existing related party agreement;

the adoption of a poison pill or other material defensive mechanisms not in place as of the consummation of the Company's initial public offering;

the payment, declaration or setting aside of dividends or distributions on our capital stock;

redemptions or repurchases of our capital stock (other than repurchases of shares from employees upon termination of employment pursuant to terms of equity grants) or repricing of equity awards;

any amendment of our certificate of incorporation, bylaws or the terms of our common stock;

the creation of any new class or series of shares of having rights, preferences or privileges senior to or on a parity with our common stock;

the creation of any committees of our board of directors or the board of any of our subsidiaries, or delegation of authority to a committee, except as set forth in committee charters adopted;

certain actions in respect of liquidation, dissolution or bankruptcy; and

the entering into of any agreement to do any of the foregoing.

**Management Services Agreement**

Restoration Hardware, Inc. and Home Holdings entered into a management services agreement as of June 17, 2008, with Catterton Management Company, LLC, Tower Three Partners LLC and GJK Capital Advisors, LLC, which agreement was terminated in connection with our initial public offering. Under the management services agreement, Catterton Management Company, LLC, Tower Three Partners LLC and GJK Capital Advisors, LLC provided management and advisory service to Restoration Hardware, Inc. and its affiliates, including general management consulting services, support and analysis with respect to financing alternatives and strategic planning functions. The aggregate fees paid to Catterton Management Company, LLC under the agreement were \$1.83 million, \$4.65 million and \$5.12 million for fiscal 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively; the fees paid to Tower Three Partners LLC under the agreement were \$1.73 million, \$4.39 million and \$4.83 million for fiscal 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively; and the fees paid to GJK Capital Advisors, LLC were \$0.34 million, \$0.85 million and \$0.94 million for fiscal 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively. The fees paid under the

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management services agreement were paid by Restoration Hardware, Inc. or, in the case of a portion of the payments made for fiscal year 2011, by Home Holdings which were reflected as a capital contribution from Home Holdings through additional paid-in capital.

### **Arrangements with Hierarchy**

In connection with the initial public offering, Home Holdings agreed to invest \$5 million, consisting of \$2.5 million in an initial tranche and up to \$2.5 million in one or more additional tranches, directly or indirectly, in a newly formed entity named Hierarchy, LLC ( Hierarchy ). If requested by Home Holdings and agreed to by us, we may make the subsequent investments. Following this \$5 million investment, Home Holdings will indirectly hold approximately a 20% voting interest in Hierarchy. Gary Friedman has a controlling interest in Hierarchy. We have the right to acquire all or a portion of Home Holdings' interest in Hierarchy between the second and third anniversary of the offering, at the greater of then fair market value and the price paid by Home Holdings. Further, Home Holdings has assigned to us its right of first offer and co-sale right over the sale by Mr. Friedman of his interests in Hierarchy, its right of first offer over the sale of Hierarchy or any of its lines of business, and its preemptive rights on issuances of additional interests in Hierarchy. In the event that the Company acquires interests in and becomes a member of Hierarchy, the Company and any member holding 10% of the outstanding interests in Hierarchy, including Mr. Friedman, will have a right of first offer, and each such member will have a co-sale right, over any future sale by the Company of its interests in Hierarchy. We transferred to Hierarchy our minimal apparel-related assets for fair market value. Unless otherwise agreed by Home Holdings, for two years from the date of the Hierarchy agreements, Hierarchy's lines of business will be limited to apparel and apparel related businesses. In addition, Hierarchy will be permanently prohibited from entering into lines of business in which we are engaged and certain lines of business in which we may become engaged (other than luggage, which Hierarchy may enter into after such two year period). The agreements among Hierarchy, Home Holdings, Mr. Friedman and the Company contemplate that we will enter into an agreement to provide Hierarchy with back office, logistics, supply chain and administrative support, with pricing determined based on the fair market value of such services. For so long as any transaction with Hierarchy would be deemed a related party transaction under applicable SEC rules, all transactions between us and Hierarchy will be reviewed and subject to approval or disapproval by our audit committee, none of the members of which will be affiliated with Home Holdings.

### **Employment Agreements**

We have entered into employment agreements with our executive officers. For more information regarding these agreements and our advisory services agreement with Mr. Friedman, see Executive Compensation Employment and Other Agreements.

### **Equity Grants**

We have made certain equity grants to members of our senior management and certain members of our board of directors. For more information regarding these grants, see Executive Compensation Compensation Tables.

### **Director and Officer Indemnification and Limitation of Liability**

Our bylaws provide that we will indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law (the DGCL ), subject to certain exceptions contained in our bylaws. In addition, our certificate of incorporation provides that our directors will not be liable for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty.

We entered into indemnification agreements with each of our executive officers and directors. The indemnification agreements provide the executive officers and directors with contractual rights to indemnification, expense advancement and reimbursement, to the fullest extent permitted under the DGCL, subject to certain exceptions contained in those agreements.

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There is no pending litigation or proceeding naming any of our directors or officers to which indemnification is being sought, and we are not aware of any pending litigation that may result in claims for indemnification by any director or officer.

### **Our Policy Regarding Related Party Transactions**

We have a written policy with respect to related party transactions. Under our related party transaction policies and procedures, a Related Party Transaction is any financial transaction, arrangement or relationship (or series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships) in which we or any of our subsidiaries is a participant and in which a Related Party has or will have a direct or indirect interest, other than any transactions, arrangements or relationships in which the aggregate amount involved will not or may not be expected to exceed \$120,000 in any calendar year, subject to certain exceptions. A Related Party is any of our executive officers, directors or director nominees, any stockholder directly or indirectly beneficially owning in excess of 5% of our stock or securities exchangeable for our stock, or any immediate family member of any of the foregoing persons.

Pursuant to our related person transaction policies and procedures, any Related Party Transaction must be reviewed by the audit committee. In connection with its review of a Related Party Transaction, the audit committee may take into account, among other factors it deems appropriate, whether the Related Party Transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third-party under the same or similar circumstances and the extent of the related party's interest in the Related Party Transaction. Management shall present to the audit committee the following information, to the extent relevant, with respect to actual or potential Related Party Transactions:

1. A general description of the transaction(s), including the material terms and conditions;
2. The name of the related party and the basis on which such person or entity is a related party;
3. The related party's interest in the transaction(s), including the related party's position or relationship with, or ownership of, any entity that is a party to or has an interest in the transaction(s);
4. The approximate dollar value of the transaction(s), and the approximate dollar value of the related party's interest in the transaction(s) without regard to amount of profit or loss;
5. In the case of a lease or other transaction providing for periodic payments or installments, the aggregate amount of all periodic payments or installments expected to be made;
6. In the case of indebtedness, the aggregate amount of principal to be outstanding and the rate or amount of interest to be payable on such indebtedness; and
7. Any other material information regarding the transaction(s) or the related party's interest in the transaction(s).

Other than compensation agreements and other arrangements which are described under Executive Compensation, and the transactions described above, since January 28, 2012, there has not been, and there is not currently proposed, any transaction or series of similar transactions to which we were or will be a party in which the amount involved exceeded or will exceed \$120,000 and in which any of our directors, executive officers, holders of more than 5% of any class of our voting securities or any member of the immediate family of the foregoing persons had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

### **Loans to Certain Directors and Executive Officers**

Home Holdings entered into loan agreements with Mr. Alberini, Mr. Dunaj and Mr. Friedman. All of such loans have been repaid.

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Mr. Alberini entered into a loan agreement with Home Holdings in May 2010 in the principal amount of approximately \$4 million in connection with his purchase of 888,889 units, with each unit consisting of both one

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Class A-1 unit and one Class A-2 unit at a price of \$4.50 for each pair of securities. The unpaid principal balance under the loan accrued interest at the rate of 5% per annum. The outstanding principal on the loan, together with accrued interest thereon, was repaid in full by Mr. Alberini on August 25, 2010, in the amount of \$4,057,535. No prior payments of principal or interest were made by Mr. Alberini under the loan agreement.

Mr. Dunaj entered into a loan agreement with Home Holdings in April 2011 in the principal amount of \$600,000. The unpaid principal balance under the loan accrued interest at the rate of 5% per annum. On September 8, 2011, Mr. Dunaj repaid the entire unpaid principal amount of the loan and accrued interest thereon through the reclassification of Mr. Dunaj's Class B units of Home Holdings into Class B Prime units of Home Holdings that are entitled to a lower distribution amount than Class B units, commensurate with the amount of all previously outstanding principal and interest on his loan. On the date of such repayment, the total principal amount of the loan, including all accrued interest thereon, was \$620,712. No prior payments of principal or interest were made by Mr. Dunaj under the loan agreement.

Mr. Friedman entered into a loan agreement with Home Holdings in December 2008 in the principal amount of \$968,712 in connection with his purchase of 215,269 Class A units of Home Holdings. The unpaid principal balance under the loan accrued interest at the rate of 8% per annum. In connection with Mr. Friedman's purchase in May 2010 of 1,118,064 units, with each such unit consisting of both one Class A-1 unit and one Class A-2 unit at a price of \$4.50 for each pair of units, Mr. Friedman entered into an amendment to the loan agreement which, among other things, increased the principal amount of the loan to \$6 million in the aggregate and changed the interest rate to 5% per annum, effective as of the date of the original \$968,712 loan received in December 2008. On September 8, 2011, Mr. Friedman repaid the entire unpaid principal amount of the loan and accrued interest thereon through the reclassification by Home Holdings of Mr. Friedman's Class A units and Class A-1 units into an equal number of Class A Prime units and Class A-1 Prime units, respectively. We incurred a \$6.4 million compensation charge in connection with this transaction. The Class A Prime units and Class A-1 Prime units do not entitle Mr. Friedman to distributions from Home Holdings until after certain amounts have been distributed to the holders of Class A units, commensurate with the amount of all previously outstanding principal and interest on his loans. On the date of such repayment, the total principal amount of the loan, including all accrued interest thereon, was \$6,559,877. No prior payments of principal or interest were made by Mr. Friedman under the loan agreement.



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**DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS**

The following is a summary of the material terms of the Restoration Hardware, Inc. revolving line of credit and term loan. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the agreements which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part.

In August 2011, Restoration Hardware, Inc., along with its Canadian subsidiary, Restoration Hardware Canada, Inc., entered into a credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, and certain other lenders. This credit agreement modified a previous facility under which Restoration Hardware, Inc. had a revolving line of credit for up to \$190.0 million, as of July 30, 2011. As a result of the modification, the unamortized deferred financing fees of \$0.2 million related to the previous line of credit on the date of the modification will be amortized over the life of the new revolving line of credit, which has a maturity date of August 3, 2016. Under the credit agreement, Restoration Hardware, Inc. has a revolving line of credit available of up to \$417.5 million (following Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s exercise of the commitment increase option on November 1, 2012, as described below), of which \$10.0 million is available to Restoration Hardware Canada, Inc. The credit agreement was further amended in January 2012 to add a \$15.0 million term loan facility with a maturity date of July 6, 2015, which was repaid in full on November 7, 2012, as described below.

Under the credit agreement's commitment increase provision, Restoration Hardware, Inc. had the option to increase the amount of the revolving line of credit by up to an additional \$100.0 million, provided that, among other things, the existing lenders or additional lenders agreed to participate in the increased loan commitments under the revolving line of credit, no default under the credit agreement then existed or would result from such increase and sufficient borrowing base collateral was available to support increased loan amounts. On November 1, 2012, Restoration Hardware, Inc. increased the amount of the revolving line of credit by \$100.0 million pursuant to this commitment increase provision.

On November 7, 2012, Restoration Hardware, Inc. made payments of \$75.7 million on its revolving line of credit and repaid its outstanding term loan of \$15.0 million in full. Such payments were funded from the proceeds received as a result of our initial public offering. Upon the repayment of the term loan in full, we expensed the remaining debt issuance costs of \$0.2 million related to the term loan.

The availability of credit at any given time under the revolving line of credit is limited by reference to a borrowing base formula based upon numerous factors, including the value of eligible inventory, eligible accounts receivable, eligible real estate, and, in the case of the term loan, registered trade names and reserves established by the administrative agent. As a result of the borrowing base formula, the actual borrowing availability under the revolving line of credit could be less than the stated amount of the revolving line of credit (as reduced by the actual borrowings and outstanding letters of credit under the revolving line of credit). All obligations under the credit agreement are secured by substantially all of Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s assets, including accounts receivable, inventory, intangible assets, property, equipment, goods and fixtures.

Borrowings under the revolving line of credit are subject to interest, at the borrower's option, at either the bank's reference rate or LIBOR (or the BA Rate or the Canadian Prime Rate, as such terms are defined in the credit agreement, for Canadian borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars or the United States Index Rate or LIBOR for Canadian borrowings denominated in United States dollars) plus an applicable margin rate, in each case. The weighted-average interest rate for the revolving line of credit was 2.5% as of February 2, 2013.

As of February 2, 2013, \$82.5 million was outstanding under the revolving line of credit. As of February 2, 2013, Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s undrawn borrowing availability under the revolving line of credit was \$188.5 million and there were \$19.5 million in outstanding letters of credit.

A letter of credit fee accrues on the face amount of all letters of credit, and is payable quarterly in arrears. A commitment fee accrues on the amount of the revolving line of credit not utilized in the form of borrowings or

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letters of credit, and is payable quarterly in arrears. Certain other customary fees are payable in connection with the credit agreement.

Interest on borrowings is payable monthly in arrears, in the case of interest accruing at the bank's reference rate, and every one, two or three months, as applicable, in arrears, in the case of interest accruing based on LIBOR. Voluntary prepayments are permitted in whole or in part without premium or penalty (subject to customary breakage costs).

Borrowings under the credit agreement are subject to, among other conditions, the material accuracy of representations and warranties, the absence of any material adverse change and the absence of events of default.

The credit agreement contains various restrictive covenants, including, among others, limitations on the ability to incur liens, make loans or other investments, incur additional debt, issue additional equity, merge or consolidate with or into another person, sell assets, pay dividends or make other distributions or enter into transactions with affiliates, along with other restrictions and limitations typical to credit agreements of this type and size. The credit agreement does not contain any significant financial or coverage ratio covenants unless the availability under the revolving line of credit is less than the greater of (i) \$17.5 million and (ii) 10% of the lesser of (A) the aggregate maximum commitments under the revolving line of credit and (B) the domestic borrowing base. If the availability under the revolving line of credit is less than the foregoing amount, then Restoration Hardware, Inc. is required to maintain a consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of at least one to one. Such ratio is approximately the ratio on the last day of each month on a trailing twelve-month basis of (a) (i) consolidated EBITDA (as defined in the agreement) minus (ii) capital expenditures, minus (iii) the income taxes paid in cash to (b) the sum of (i) debt service charges plus (ii) certain dividends and distributions paid. As of February 2, 2013, Restoration Hardware, Inc. was in compliance with all covenants, and if the availability under the revolving line of credit were less than the amount described above, Restoration Hardware, Inc. would have been in compliance with the consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio described in the previous sentence. The credit agreement requires a daily sweep of cash to prepay the loans under the credit agreement while (i) an event of default exists or (ii) the availability under the revolving line of credit for extensions of credit to Restoration Hardware, Inc. is less than the greater of (A) \$20.0 million and (B) 15% of the lesser of the aggregate maximum commitments and the domestic borrowing base.

Events of default under the credit agreement include, but are not limited to: (i) nonpayment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts; (ii) failure to perform or observe covenants; (iii) certain cross-default to indebtedness; (iv) bankruptcy or insolvency of borrowers, guarantors or subsidiaries; (v) inability of the borrowers, guarantors, or their material subsidiaries to pay debts; (vi) certain monetary judgments against borrowers, guarantors or their material subsidiaries and material non-monetary judgments; and (vii) failure of subordination, in each case, subject to certain exceptions and qualifications.

All obligations under the credit agreement are secured by a first-priority lien on substantially all of borrowers' assets, including accounts receivable, inventory, intangible assets, property, equipment, goods and fixtures. All of Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s material domestic subsidiaries, if any, must become either borrowers or guarantors of the obligations under the credit agreement and pledge substantially all of their respective assets as security therefor.

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**DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**

The following is a description of the material terms and provisions of our common stock and preferred stock, our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as they will be in effect upon completion of this offering, and of the DGCL. For more complete information, you should read our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, copies of which are or will be filed with the SEC as exhibits to the registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part.

**Authorized Capitalization**

Our authorized capital stock consists of 180 million shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 10 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. As of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, we had outstanding \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock held of record by stockholders and no shares of preferred stock. In addition, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, there were \_\_\_\_\_ unvested shares outstanding and \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock that were issuable pursuant to the exercise of outstanding options.

**Common Stock**

*Voting Rights*

Each share of common stock entitles the holder to one vote with respect to each matter presented to our stockholders on which the holders of common stock are entitled to vote. Subject to any rights that may be applicable to any then outstanding preferred stock, our common stock votes as a single class on all matters relating to the election and removal of directors on our board of directors and as provided by law. Holders of our common stock will not have cumulative voting rights. Except in respect of matters relating to the election of and removal of directors on our board of directors and as otherwise provided in our certificate of incorporation or required by law, all matters to be voted on by our stockholders must be approved by a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter. In the case of election of directors, all matters to be voted on by our stockholders must be approved by a plurality of the votes entitled to be cast by all shares of common stock. In the case of removal of directors, all matters to be voted on by our stockholders must be approved by an affirmative vote of 66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of our common stock, except as set forth in the following sentence. For so long as Home Holdings and our other Principal Equity Holders own a majority of our common stock, directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of our outstanding shares.

*Dividend Rights*

Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any then-outstanding shares of our preferred stock, the holders of our outstanding shares of common stock are entitled to receive dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by our board of directors out of legally available funds. It is our present intention not to pay cash dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future. We are a holding company and substantially all of our operations are carried out by our subsidiary, Restoration Hardware, Inc., and its subsidiaries. Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s ability to pay dividends to us is limited by the terms of its credit agreement, which in turn may limit our ability to pay dividends on our common stock. See Dividend Policy.

*Liquidation Rights*

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, holders of our common stock would be entitled to share ratably in our assets that are legally available for distribution to our common stockholders after payment of our debts and other liabilities. If we have any preferred stock outstanding at such time, holders of the preferred stock may be entitled to distribution or liquidation preferences. In either

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such case, we must pay the applicable distribution to the holders of our preferred stock before we may pay distributions to the holders of our common stock.

### *Other Rights*

Our stockholders have no preemptive, conversion or other rights to subscribe for additional shares. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of our preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

### **Preferred Stock**

Our certificate of incorporation authorizes our board of directors to provide for the issuance of up to 10 million shares of preferred stock in one or more series and to fix the preferences, powers and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including the dividend rate, conversion rights, voting rights, redemption rights and liquidation preference and to fix the number of shares to be included in any such series without any further vote or action by our stockholders. Any preferred stock so issued may rank senior to our common stock with respect to the payment of dividends or amounts upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, or both. The issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of our Company without further action by the stockholders and may adversely affect the voting and other rights of the holders of common stock. The issuance of preferred stock with voting and conversion rights may adversely affect the voting power of the holders of common stock, including the loss of voting control to others. At present, we have no plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

### **Corporate Opportunity**

As permitted under the DGCL, our certificate of incorporation renounces any interest or expectancy in, or any offer of an opportunity to participate in, specified business opportunities that are presented to Home Holdings and its affiliates, including the Principal Equity Holders. If Home Holdings or its affiliates, including the Principal Equity Holders, participate in any such corporate opportunity, Mr. Mottola and Mr. Sternlicht will also be afforded a waiver of the corporate opportunity doctrine in connection with any participation by them in any such corporate opportunity.

### **Director Voting**

Our certificate of incorporation and stockholders agreement provide that no action may be taken or vote approved by our board of directors or any committee thereof (other than the audit committee or any other committee of directors that may be created with the approval of Home Holdings) without the affirmative vote of two directors nominated by Home Holdings (one of which is a director nominated by Catterton and one of which is a director nominated by Tower Three). Accordingly, Home Holdings will be able to control the decisions of our board of directors and its committees, other than the audit committee or any such other committee whose creation is approved by Home Holdings. Home Holdings and the Principal Equity Holders will cease to have these veto rights when they cease to own a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock.

### **Exclusive Venue**

Unless we consent otherwise, the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware shall be the sole and exclusive forum for stockholder actions against us.

### **Antitakeover Effects of Delaware Law and Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws**

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws also contain provisions that may delay, defer or discourage another party from acquiring control of us. We expect that these provisions, which are summarized below, will

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discourage coercive takeover practices or inadequate takeover bids. These provisions are also designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with our board of directors, which we believe may result in an improvement of the terms of any such acquisition in favor of our stockholders. However, they also give our board of directors the power to discourage acquisitions that some stockholders may favor.

### *Undesignated Preferred Stock*

The authorization of undesignated preferred stock in our certificate of incorporation will make it possible for our board of directors to issue preferred stock with super voting, special approval, dividend or other rights or preferences on a discriminatory basis that could impede the success of any attempt to acquire us. These and other provisions may have the effect of deferring, delaying or discouraging hostile takeovers, or changes in control or management of our Company.

### *Classified Board of Directors*

Our certificate of incorporation provides that our board of directors is divided into three classes, with each class serving three-year staggered terms. In addition, our certificate of incorporation provides that directors may only be removed from our board of directors with cause and by an affirmative vote of  $66\frac{2}{3}\%$  of our common stock except as set forth in the following sentence. For so long as Home Holdings and our other Principal Equity Holders own a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock, directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of our outstanding shares. These provisions may have the effect of deferring, delaying or discouraging hostile takeovers, or changes in control or management, of our Company.

### *Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Meetings, Nominations and Proposals*

Our certificate of incorporation provides that special meetings of the stockholders may be called only by a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of the majority of the directors then in office or, for so long as Home Holdings and our other Principal Equity Holders own a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock, upon the request of the holders of a majority of our outstanding shares of common stock. Our bylaws prohibit the conduct of any business at a special meeting other than as specified in the notice for such meeting. In addition, any stockholder who wishes to bring business before an annual meeting or nominate directors must comply with the requirements set forth in our bylaws. These provisions may have the effect of deferring, delaying or discouraging hostile takeovers or changes in control or management of our Company.

### *Stockholder Action by Written Consent*

Pursuant to Section 228 of the DGCL, any action required to be taken at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares of our stock entitled to vote thereon were present and voted, unless our Company's certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Our certificate of incorporation provides that, after the date on which Home Holdings and the other Principal Equity Holders no longer hold a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock, any action required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders may be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of our stockholders and may not be effected by consent in writing by such stockholders.

### *Business Combinations with Interested Stockholders*

We elected in our certificate of incorporation not to be subject to Section 203 of the DGCL, an anti-takeover law. In general, Section 203 prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a business

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combination, such as a merger, with a person or group owning 15% or more of the corporation's voting stock for a period of three years following the date the person became an interested stockholder, unless (with certain exceptions) the business combination or the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder is approved in a prescribed manner. Accordingly, we are not subject to any anti-takeover effects of Section 203. However, our certificate of incorporation contains provisions that have the same effect as Section 203, except that they provide that our Principal Equity Holders and any persons to whom our Principal Equity Holders sell their common stock will be deemed to have been approved by our board of directors, and thereby not subject to the restrictions set forth in these provisions.

## **Amendments**

Any amendments to the foregoing provisions of our certificate of incorporation (other than the designation of preferred stock pursuant to a certificate of designation) require the affirmative vote of at least 70% of the voting power of all shares of our common stock then outstanding or, for so long as Home Holdings and our other Principal Equity Holders own a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock, the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of all shares of our common stock then outstanding. Our bylaws may be adopted, amended or repealed by (i) our board of directors, (ii) in the event that Home Holdings and our Principal Equity Holders own a majority of the voting power of all of our outstanding shares of common stock, by the holders of a majority of the voting power of all of outstanding shares and (iii) in the event that Home Holdings and our Principal Equity Holders own less than a majority of the voting power of all of our outstanding shares of common stock, by the holders of more than 70% of the voting power of all of the outstanding shares.

## **Listing**

Our common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol RH.

## **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

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**SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE**

Future sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that such sales may occur, could adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common stock. No prediction can be made as to the effect, if any, future sales of shares, or the availability of shares for future sales, will have on the market price of our common stock prevailing from time to time. The sale of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that such sales could occur, could harm the prevailing market price of our common stock.

**Sale of Restricted Shares**

Upon completion of this offering, we will continue to have \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock outstanding. Of these shares of common stock, \_\_\_\_\_ shares will be freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act, except for any such shares which may be held or acquired by an affiliate of ours, as that term is defined in Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act, which shares will be subject to the volume limitations and other restrictions of Rule 144 as described below. The remaining shares held by our existing stockholders upon completion of this offering will be restricted securities, as that phrase is defined in Rule 144, and may be resold only after registration under the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption from such registration, including, among others, the exemptions provided by Rule 144 and 701 under the Securities Act, which rules are summarized below.

These remaining shares of common stock held by our existing stockholders upon completion of this offering will be available for sale in the public market after the expiration of the lock-up agreements described in Underwriting, taking into account the provisions of Rules 144 and 701 under the Securities Act; provided that (i) \_\_\_\_\_ of these shares issued under our Replacement Plan will be subject to additional resale restrictions as described further above in Executive Compensation Employee Benefit and Stock Plans 2012 Equity Replacement Plan, (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ of these shares held by certain stockholders executing our registration rights agreement will be subject to additional resale restrictions as described above in Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Registration Rights Agreement. In addition, \_\_\_\_\_ unvested shares held by Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman will be subject to additional resale restrictions as described above in Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis Long-Term Equity Compensation.

**Rule 144**

Under Rule 144, a person who was not one of our affiliates at any time during the three months preceding a sale would be entitled to sell an unlimited number of shares of our common stock provided current public information about us is available, and a person who was one of our affiliates at any time during the three months preceding a sale would be entitled to sell within any three-month period only a number of shares of common stock that does not exceed the greater of either of the following:

1% of the number of shares of our common stock then outstanding, which equals approximately million shares, based on the number of shares of our common stock outstanding as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013; or

the average weekly trading volume of our common stock on the NYSE during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to the sale.

At the expiration of the one-year holding period from the date of our initial public offering, a person who was not one of our affiliates at any time during the three months preceding a sale would be entitled to sell an unlimited number of shares of our common stock without restriction. A person who was one of our affiliates at any time during the three months preceding a sale would remain subject to the volume restrictions described above.

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Sales under Rule 144 by our affiliates are also subject to manner of sale provisions and notice requirements and to the availability of current public information about us.

### **Rule 701**

In general, under Rule 701, any of our employees, directors, officers, consultants or advisors who acquired shares from us in connection with a compensatory stock or option plan or other written agreement in compliance with Rule 701 before November 1, 2012, the effective date of the registration statement, are eligible to resell such shares in reliance upon Rule 144, subject to the terms at any applicable lock-up restrictions as discussed below. If such person is not an affiliate, the sale may be made without complying with the minimum holding period or public information requirements of Rule 144. If such a person is an affiliate, the sale may be made under Rule 144 without compliance with its one-year minimum holding period, but subject to the other Rule 144 restrictions.

### **Stock Plans**

We have filed registration statements on Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register shares of our common stock issued or reserved for issuance under the Replacement Plan, the Option Plan and the 2012 Stock Incentive Plan. Accordingly, shares registered under such registration statements are available for sale in the open market, unless such shares are subject to vesting restrictions with us, Rule 144 restrictions applicable to our affiliates described above or the lock-up restrictions described below.

### **Lock-Up Agreements**

We, our executive officers and directors and the selling stockholders have agreed, subject to certain limited exceptions, not to sell or transfer any common stock or securities convertible into, exchangeable for, exercisable for, or repayable with common stock, for 90 days after the date of this prospectus without first obtaining the written consent of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Goldman, Sachs & Co. See Underwriting.

The registration rights agreement contains certain restrictions on sale applicable to Mr. Friedman, Mr. Alberini and certain other stockholders that, subject to certain exceptions, generally have the effect of limiting sales by such holders to a pro rata rate of sell-down corresponding to sales by Home Holdings, Catterton and Tower Three unless such selling restrictions are waived in any particular instance or as to any affected stockholder. However, Mr. Friedman also has a preferential right to sell up to 10% of the shares offered in this offering, up to \$15 million total.



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**MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS TO NON-U.S. HOLDERS**

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to non-U.S. holders (as defined below) with respect to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock, but does not purport to be a complete analysis of all potential tax considerations related thereto. This summary is based on current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), final, temporary or proposed Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, administrative rulings and judicial opinions, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. We have not sought any ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, with respect to the statements made and the conclusions reached in the following summary, and there can be no assurance that the IRS will agree with such statements and conclusions.

This summary is limited to non-U.S. holders who purchase shares of our common stock issued pursuant to this offering and who hold such shares of our common stock as capital assets (within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code).

This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be important to a particular non-U.S. holder in light of that non-U.S. holder's individual circumstances, nor does it address any aspects of U.S. federal estate or gift tax laws or tax considerations arising under the laws of any non-U.S., state or local jurisdiction. This discussion also does not address tax considerations applicable to a non-U.S. holder subject to special treatment under the U.S. federal income tax laws, including without limitation:

banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions;

partnerships or other pass-through entities;

tax-exempt organizations;

tax-qualified retirement plans;

dealers in securities or currencies;

traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities holdings;

U.S. expatriates and certain former citizens or long-term residents of the United States;

controlled foreign corporations;

passive foreign investment companies;

persons that own, or have owned, actually or constructively, more than 5% of our common stock; and

persons that will hold common stock as a position in a hedging transaction, straddle or conversion transaction for tax purposes. Accordingly, we urge prospective investors to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. income and other tax considerations of acquiring, holding and disposing of shares of our common stock.

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If a partnership (or other entity or arrangement classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership (or member in such other entity) will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Any partner in a partnership holding shares of our common stock (and such partnership) should consult their own tax advisors.

**PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS TO THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATIONS AS WELL AS ANY TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK ARISING UNDER THE U.S. FEDERAL ESTATE OR GIFT TAX RULES OR UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER TAXING JURISDICTION OR UNDER ANY APPLICABLE TAX TREATY.**

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### **Definition of Non-U.S. Holder**

In general, a non-U.S. holder is any beneficial owner of shares of our common stock (other than a partnership or other entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that is not a U.S. person. A U.S. person is any of the following:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia (or other entity treated as such for U.S. federal income tax purposes);

an estate, the income of which is includible in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes regardless of its source; or

a trust if (a) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (b) it has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

### **Distributions on Our Common Stock**

As described in the section titled **Dividend Policy**, we currently do not anticipate paying dividends on shares of our common stock in the foreseeable future. If, however, we make cash or other property distributions on shares of our common stock (other than certain pro rata distributions of shares of our common stock), such distributions will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from our current earnings and profits for that taxable year or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. Amounts not treated as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes will constitute a return of capital and will first be applied against and reduce a non-U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the shares of our common stock, but not below zero. Any excess will be treated as gain realized on the sale or other disposition of shares of our common stock and will be treated as described under the section titled **Gain on Sale or Other Disposition of Shares of Our Common Stock** below.

Dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder of shares of our common stock generally will be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax at a rate of 30% of the gross amount of the dividends, or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty. To receive the benefit of a reduced treaty rate, a non-U.S. holder must furnish to us or our paying agent a valid IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) certifying, under penalties of perjury, such non-U.S. holder's qualification for the reduced rate. This certification must be provided to us or our paying agent prior to the payment of dividends and must be updated periodically.

If a non-U.S. holder holds shares of our common stock in connection with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States, and dividends paid on shares of our common stock are effectively connected with such non-U.S. holder's U.S. trade or business (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, are attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States), the non-U.S. holder will be exempt from the aforementioned U.S. federal withholding tax. To claim the exemption, the non-U.S. holder must furnish to us or our paying agent a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI (or applicable successor form).

Such effectively connected dividends generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis at the regular graduated U.S. federal income tax rates in the same manner as if such non-U.S. holder were a resident of the United States. A non-U.S. holder that is a non-U.S. corporation also may be subject to an additional branch profits tax equal to 30% (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty) of a portion of its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year. Non-U.S. holders should consult any applicable income tax treaties that may provide for different rules.

A non-U.S. holder that claims exemption from withholding or the benefit of an applicable income tax treaty generally will be required to satisfy applicable certification and other requirements prior to the distribution date.

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Non-U.S. holders that do not timely provide us or our paying agent with the required certification, may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS. Non-U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding their entitlement to benefits under a relevant income tax treaty or applicability of other exemptions from withholding.

### **Gain on Sale or Other Disposition of Shares of Our Common Stock**

Subject to the discussion below regarding backup withholding, a non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized upon the sale or other disposition of shares of our common stock, unless:

the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business carried on by the non-U.S. holder in the United States and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, the gain is attributable to a permanent establishment of the non-U.S. holder maintained in the United States;

the non-U.S. holder is an individual present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of disposition and certain other requirements are met; or

we are or have been a U.S. real property holding corporation, or a USRPHC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes at any time within the shorter of the five-year period preceding the disposition and the non-U.S. holder's holding period for the shares of our common stock, and our common stock has ceased to be traded on an established securities market prior to the beginning of the calendar year in which the sale or other disposition occurs. The determination of whether we are a USRPHC depends on the fair market value of our U.S. real property interests relative to the fair market value of our other trade or business assets and our foreign real property interests.

We believe we currently are not, and we do not anticipate becoming, a USRPHC for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Gain described in the first bullet point above will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis at regular graduated U.S. federal income tax rates generally in the same manner as if such non-U.S. holder were a resident of the United States. A non-U.S. holder that is a non-U.S. corporation also may be subject to an additional branch profits tax equal to 30% (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty) of a portion of its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year. Non-U.S. holders should consult any applicable income tax treaties that may provide for different rules.

Gain described in the second bullet point above will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a flat 30% rate (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty) but may be offset by U.S. source capital losses (even though the individual is not considered a resident of the United States), provided that the non-U.S. holder has timely filed U.S. federal income tax returns with respect to such losses. Non-U.S. holders should consult any applicable income tax treaties that may provide for different rules.

### **Backup Withholding and Information Reporting**

Generally, we must report annually to the IRS and to each non-U.S. holder the amount of dividends paid to, and the tax withheld with respect to, each non-U.S. holder. This information also may be made available under a specific treaty or agreement with the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides or is established. Backup withholding generally will not apply to distributions to a non-U.S. holder of shares of our common stock provided the non-U.S. holder furnishes to us or our paying agent the required certification as to its non-U.S. status, such as by providing a valid IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8ECI, or certain other requirements are met. Notwithstanding the foregoing, backup withholding may apply if either we or our paying agent has actual knowledge, or reason to know, that the holder is a U.S. person that is not an exempt recipient.

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Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against a non-U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

**New Legislation Relating to Foreign Accounts**

Newly enacted legislation may impose withholding taxes on certain types of payments made to foreign financial institutions, as specially defined under such rules, and certain other non-U.S. entities. The legislation imposes a 30% withholding tax on dividends on, or gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, shares of our common stock paid to a foreign financial institution unless the foreign financial institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. Treasury to, among other things, undertake to identify accounts held by certain U.S. persons or U.S.-owned foreign entities, annually report certain information about such accounts, and withhold 30% on payments to account holders whose actions prevent it from complying with these reporting and other requirements. In addition, the legislation imposes a 30% withholding tax on the same types of payments to a foreign non-financial entity unless the entity certifies that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or furnishes identifying information regarding each substantial U.S. owner. These rules generally would apply to payments of dividends made after December 31, 2013, and to gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of shares of our common stock after December 31, 2017. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding this legislation.

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Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an underwriting agreement among us, the selling stockholders and the underwriters, the selling stockholders have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the selling stockholders, the number of shares of common stock set forth opposite its name below. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Goldman, Sachs & Co. are acting as representatives of each of the underwriters listed below.

| <u>Underwriter</u>   | Number of<br>Shares |
|--|---------------------|
| Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith<br>Incorporated      |                     |
| Goldman, Sachs & Co.<br>Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated |                     |
| William Blair & Company, L.L.C.<br>Piper Jaffray & Co.     |                     |
| Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated                   |                     |
| <b>Total</b>   |                     |

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, the underwriters have agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase all of the shares sold under the underwriting agreement if any of these shares are purchased. If an underwriter defaults, the underwriting agreement provides that the purchase commitments of the nondefaulting underwriters may be increased or the underwriting agreement may be terminated.

We and the selling stockholders have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The underwriters are offering the shares, subject to prior sale, when, as and if accepted by them, subject to approval of legal matters by their counsel, including the validity of the shares, and other conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, such as the receipt by the underwriters of officer's certificates and legal opinions. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

**Commissions and Discounts**

The representatives have advised us that the underwriters propose initially to offer the shares to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus and to dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of \$ per share. After the initial offering, the public offering price, concession or any other term of the offering may be changed.

The following table shows the public offering price, underwriting discount and proceeds before expenses to the selling stockholders. The information assumes either no exercise or full exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase additional shares.

|  | Per Share | Without Option | With Option |
|--|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| Public offering price                                  | \$        | \$             | \$          |
| Underwriting discount                                  | \$        | \$             | \$          |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholders | \$        | \$             | \$          |

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The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting discount, are estimated at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and are payable by us. We will pay the filing fees and expenses (including reasonable legal fees and disbursements) incident to securing any required review by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. of the terms of the sale of the shares of our common stock up to \$20,000 (excluding filing fees).

### **Option to Purchase Additional Shares**

The selling stockholders have granted an option to the underwriters to purchase up to \_\_\_\_\_ additional shares at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount. The underwriters may exercise this option for 30 days from the date of this prospectus. If the underwriters exercise this option, each underwriter will be obligated, subject to conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, to purchase a number of additional shares proportionate to that underwriter's initial amount reflected in the above table.

### **Lockup Agreements**

We, our executive officers and directors and the selling stockholders have agreed not to sell or transfer any common stock or securities convertible into, exchangeable for, exercisable for, or repayable with common stock, for 90 days after the date of this prospectus without first obtaining the written consent of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Goldman, Sachs & Co. Specifically, we and these other persons have agreed, with certain limited exceptions, not to directly or indirectly:

offer, pledge, sell or contract to sell any common stock;

sell any option or contract to purchase any common stock;

purchase any option or contract to sell any common stock;

grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of any common stock;

lend or otherwise dispose of or transfer any common stock;

file, or request or demand or cause to be filed any a registration statement related to the common stock or other securities referred to below; or

enter into any swap or other agreement or transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, the economic consequence of ownership of any common stock or other securities referred to below.

whether any such swap or transaction is to be settled by delivery of shares or other securities, in cash or otherwise. However, the lock-up provisions do not restrict these persons from participating as selling stockholders in this offering, including by sale or transfer of their shares or other securities to the underwriters.

This lock-up provision applies to common stock and to securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with common stock. It also applies to common stock owned now or acquired later by the person executing the agreement or for which the person executing the agreement later acquires the power of disposition. In the event that either (x) during the last 17 days of the lock-up period referred to above, we issue an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to us occurs or (y) prior to the expiration of the lock-up period, we announce that we will release earnings results or become aware that material news or a material event will occur during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the lock-up period, the restrictions described above shall continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the issuance of the earnings release or the occurrence of the material news or material event, unless Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Goldman, Sachs & Co. waive, in writing, such extension.

**Listing**

Our common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol RH.



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### **Price Stabilization, Short Positions and Penalty Bids**

Until the distribution of the shares is completed, SEC rules may limit underwriters and selling group members from bidding for and purchasing our common stock. However, the representatives may engage in transactions that stabilize the price of the common stock, such as bids or purchases to peg, fix or maintain that price.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell our common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, purchases on the open market to cover positions created by short sales and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of shares than they are required to purchase in the offering. Covered short sales are sales made in an amount not greater than the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares described above. The underwriters may close out any covered short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional shares or purchasing shares in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the option to purchase additional shares. Naked short sales are sales in excess of the option to purchase additional shares. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of our common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of various bids for or purchases of shares of common stock made by the underwriters in the open market prior to the completion of the offering.

The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives have repurchased shares sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriters' purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock. As a result, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. The underwriters may conduct these transactions on the NYSE, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of our common stock. In addition, neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation that the representatives will engage in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

### **Electronic Offer, Sale and Distribution of Shares**

In connection with the offering, certain of the underwriters or securities dealers may distribute prospectuses by electronic means, such as email.

### **Other Relationships**

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Some of the underwriters and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, commercial and investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions. Bank of America, N.A., an affiliate of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, an underwriter in this offering, is a lender under the Restoration Hardware, Inc. revolving line of credit and term loan.

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In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area**

This prospectus is not a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive. This prospectus has been prepared on the basis that all offers of the shares will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to produce a prospectus in connection with offers of the shares. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make any offer within the European Economic Area of the shares which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus should only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for us to produce a prospectus for such offers.

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State ), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date ), no offer of shares may be made to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

- A. to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- B. to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives; or
- C. in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of shares shall require us or the representatives to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

Each person in a Relevant Member State who initially acquires any shares or to whom any offer is made will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that (A) it is a qualified investor within the meaning of the law in that Relevant Member State implementing Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive, and (B) in the case of any shares acquired by it as a financial intermediary, as that term is used in Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, the shares acquired by it in the offering have not been acquired on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in any Relevant Member State other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive, or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the representatives has been given to the offer or resale. In the case of any shares being offered to a financial intermediary as that term is used in Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, each such financial intermediary will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that the shares acquired by it in the offer have not been acquired on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in circumstances which may give rise to an offer of any shares to the public other than their offer or resale in a Relevant Member State to qualified investors as so defined or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the representatives has been obtained to each such proposed offer or resale.

We, the representatives and their affiliates will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representation, acknowledgement and agreement.

This prospectus has been prepared on the basis that any offer of shares in any Relevant Member State will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus

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for offers of shares. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of shares which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for us or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive in relation to such offer. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of shares in circumstances in which an obligation arises for us or the underwriters to publish a prospectus for such offer.

For the purpose of the above provisions, the expression "an offer to the public" in relation to any shares in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the shares to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the shares, as the same may be varied in the Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in the Relevant Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (including the 2010 PD Amending Directive) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom**

In addition, in the United Kingdom, this prospectus is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are "qualified investors" (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19 (5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "Order") and/or (ii) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons"). This prospectus must not be acted on or relied on in the United Kingdom by persons who are not relevant persons. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity to which this prospectus relates is only available to, and will be engaged in with, relevant persons.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong**

This prospectus has not been approved by or registered with the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong or the Registrar of Companies of Hong Kong. The shares will not be offered or sold in Hong Kong other than (a) to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance. No advertisement, invitation or document relating to the shares which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) has been issued or will be issued in Hong Kong or elsewhere other than with respect to shares which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance and any rules made under that Ordinance.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore**

This prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the shares may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the shares be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289) (the "SFA"), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the shares are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire

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share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, then shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares under Section 275 except: (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (ii) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (iii) by operation of law.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan**

The shares have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended) and, accordingly, will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan, or for the benefit of any Japanese Person or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to any Japanese Person, except in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines promulgated by relevant Japanese governmental or regulatory authorities in effect at the relevant time. For the purposes of this paragraph, Japanese Person shall mean any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in Switzerland**

The shares may not be publicly offered in Switzerland and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange ( SIX ) or on any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. This document has been prepared without regard to the disclosure standards for issuance prospectuses under art. 652a or art. 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or the disclosure standards for listing prospectuses under art. 27 ff. of the SIX Listing Rules or the listing rules of any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the shares or the offering may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

Neither this prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the offering, the Company or the shares have been or will be filed with or approved by any Swiss regulatory authority. In particular, this prospectus will not be filed with, and the offer of shares will not be supervised by, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, and the offer of shares has not been and will not be authorized under the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes ( CISA ). The investor protection afforded to acquirers of interests in collective investment schemes under the CISA does not extend to acquirers of shares.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in the Dubai International Financial Centre**

This prospectus relates to an Exempt Offer in accordance with the Offered Securities Rules of the Dubai Financial Services Authority ( DFSA ). This prospectus is intended for distribution only to persons of a type specified in the Offered Securities Rules of the DFSA. It must not be delivered to, or relied on by, any other person. The DFSA has no responsibility for reviewing or verifying any documents in connection with Exempt Offers. The DFSA has not approved this prospectus nor taken steps to verify the information set forth herein and has no responsibility for the prospectus. The shares to which this prospectus relates may be illiquid and/or subject to restrictions on their resale. Prospective purchasers of the shares offered should conduct their own due diligence on the shares. If you do not understand the contents of this prospectus you should consult an authorized financial advisor.

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the common stock offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Morrison & Foerster LLP, San Francisco, California. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by Sidley Austin LLP, San Francisco, California.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. as of January 28, 2012 and February 2, 2013 and for the fiscal years ended January 29, 2011, January 28, 2012 and February 2, 2013 included in this prospectus have been so included in reliance on the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act that registers the shares of our common stock to be sold in this offering. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits, contains additional relevant information about us and our common stock. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit from this document certain information included in the registration statement.

You may read and copy the reports and other information we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the public reference section of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. You may obtain information regarding the operation of the public reference room by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about issuers, like us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is <http://www.sec.gov>.

We are subject to the reporting, proxy and information requirements of the Exchange Act, and as a result are required to file periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These periodic reports, proxy statements and other information are available for inspection and copying at the SEC's public reference room and on the website of the SEC referred to above, as well as on our websites, [www.restorationhardware.com](http://www.restorationhardware.com) and [www.rh.com](http://www.rh.com). The contents of our website are not part of this prospectus, and you should not consider the contents of our website in making an investment decision with respect to our common stock.

We furnish our stockholders with annual reports containing audited financial statements and make available to our stockholders quarterly reports for the first three quarters of each fiscal year containing unaudited interim financial information.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders

Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), stockholders' equity and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries at February 2, 2013 and January 28, 2012 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended February 2, 2013 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

San Francisco, CA

April 25, 2013

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**Table of Contents****RESTORATION HARDWARE HOLDINGS, INC.****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(In thousands, except share amounts)**

|   | February 2,<br>2013 | January 28,<br>2012 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                     |                     |
| Current assets:   |                     |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 8,354            | \$ 8,512            |
| Accounts receivable net   | 17,040              | 11,759              |
| Merchandise inventories   | 353,329             | 245,876             |
| Current deferred tax assets   | 37,006              | 4,161               |
| Prepaid expense and other current assets  | 77,029              | 52,570              |
| Total current assets  | 492,758             | 322,878             |
| Property and equipment net  | 111,406             | 83,558              |
| Goodwill  | 122,601             | 122,595             |
| Trademarks  | 47,410              | 47,100              |
| Other intangible assets net   | 2,713               | 5,426               |
| Non-current deferred tax assets   | 6,873               |                     |
| Other assets  | 5,852               | 5,253               |
| Total assets  | \$ 789,613          | \$ 586,810          |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>  |                     |                     |
| Current liabilities:  |                     |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | \$ 145,353          | \$ 105,694          |
| Deferred revenue and customer deposits  | 41,643              | 25,419              |
| Other current liabilities   | 32,428              | 30,861              |
| Total current liabilities   | 219,424             | 161,974             |
| Revolving line of credit  | 82,501              | 107,502             |
| Term loan   |                     | 14,798              |
| Deferred rent and lease incentives  | 30,784              | 19,851              |
| Deferred tax liabilities  |                     | 22,153              |
| Other long-term obligations   | 5,293               | 10,069              |
| Total liabilities   | 338,002             | 336,347             |
| Commitments and contingencies (See Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements)  |                     |                     |
| Stockholders equity:  |                     |                     |
| Common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, 180,000,000 shares authorized, 38,856,251 shares issued and 37,967,635 shares outstanding as of February 2, 2013; zero par value, 1,000 shares authorized, 1,000 shares issued and outstanding as of January 28, 2012 | 4                   |                     |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 505,883             | 292,011             |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income  | 1,211               | 1,150               |
| Accumulated deficit   | (55,487)            | (42,698)            |
| Total stockholders equity   | 451,611             | 250,463             |

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 789,613 | \$ 586,810 |
|--|------------|------------|

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.*

**Table of Contents****RESTORATION HARDWARE HOLDINGS, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

|   | <b>February 2,<br/>2013</b> | <b>Year Ended<br/>January 28,<br/>2012</b> | <b>January 29,<br/>2011</b> |
|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Net revenues  | \$ 1,193,046                | \$ 958,084                                 | \$ 772,752                  |
| Cost of goods sold  | 756,597                     | 601,735                                    | 501,132                     |
| Gross profit  | 436,449                     | 356,349                                    | 271,620                     |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses  | 505,485                     | 329,506                                    | 274,836                     |
| Income (loss) from operations   | (69,036)                    | 26,843                                     | (3,216)                     |
| Interest expense  | (5,776)                     | (5,134)                                    | (3,150)                     |
| Income (loss) before income taxes   | (74,812)                    | 21,709                                     | (6,366)                     |
| Income tax expense (benefit)  | (62,023)                    | 1,121                                      | 685                         |
| Net income (loss)   | \$ (12,789)                 | \$ 20,588                                  | \$ (7,051)                  |
| Weighted-average shares used in computing basic and diluted net income (loss) per share | 9,428,828                   | 468  | 100                         |
| Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share   | \$ (1.36)                   | \$ 43,991                                  | \$ (70,510)                 |

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**RESTORATION HARDWARE HOLDINGS, INC.**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**

**(In thousands)**

|  | <b>February 2,<br/>2013</b> | <b>Year Ended<br/>January 28,<br/>2012</b> | <b>January 29,<br/>2011</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Net income (loss)                                  | \$ (12,789)                 | \$ 20,588                                  | \$ (7,051)                  |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment net of tax | 61                          | 163  | 657                         |
| <b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>           | <b>\$ (12,728)</b>          | <b>\$ 20,751</b>                           | <b>\$ (6,394)</b>           |

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**Table of Contents****RESTORATION HARDWARE HOLDINGS, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**

(In thousands, except share amounts)

|  | Common Stock |        | Additional<br>Paid-In<br>Capital | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income<br>(Loss) | Accumulated<br>Deficit | Total<br>Stockholders<br>Equity |
|--|--------------|--------|----------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Shares       | Amount |                                  |   |                        |                                 |
| <b>Balances January 30, 2010</b>   | 100          | \$     | \$ 276,984                       | \$ 330  | \$ (56,235)            | \$ 221,079                      |
| Stock-based compensation   |              |        | 1,119                            |   |                        | 1,119                           |
| Net loss   |              |        |                                  |   | (7,051)                | (7,051)                         |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment net of tax                                 |              |        |                                  | 657   |                        | 657                             |
| <b>Balances January 29, 2011</b>   | 100          |        | 278,103                          | 987   | (63,286)               | 215,804                         |
| Stock-based compensation   |              |        | 1,557                            |   |                        | 1,557                           |
| Capital contribution executive compensation  |              |        | 6,350                            |   |                        | 6,350                           |
| Capital contribution management fee  |              |        | 6,000                            |   |                        | 6,000                           |
| Net income   |              |        |                                  |   | 20,588                 | 20,588                          |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment net of tax                                 |              |        |                                  | 163   |                        | 163                             |
| Capitalization of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc.                              | 900          |        | 1                                |   |                        | 1                               |
| <b>Balances January 28, 2012</b>   | 1,000        |        | 292,011                          | 1,150   | (42,698)               | 250,463                         |
| Stock-based compensation   |              |        | 116,183                          |   |                        | 116,183                         |
| Conversion of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. common stock upon Reorganization | (1,000)      |        |                                  |   |                        |                                 |
| Issuance of common stock upon Reorganization                                       | 32,188,891   | 3      | (3)                              |   |                        |                                 |
| Issuance of common stock net of issuance costs                                     | 4,782,609    | 1      | 97,692                           |   |                        | 97,693                          |
| Vesting of stock awards  | 996,135      |        |                                  |   |                        |                                 |
| Net loss   |              |        |                                  |   | (12,789)               | (12,789)                        |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment net of tax                                 |              |        |                                  | 61  |                        | 61                              |
| <b>Balances February 2, 2013</b>   | 37,967,635   | \$ 4   | \$ 505,883                       | \$ 1,211  | \$ (55,487)            | \$ 451,611                      |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Table of Contents****RESTORATION HARDWARE HOLDINGS, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(In thousands)

|  | February 2,<br>2013 | Year Ended<br>January 28,<br>2012 | January 29,<br>2011 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                     |                                   |                     |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ (12,789)         | \$ 20,588                         | \$ (7,051)          |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: |                     |                                   |                     |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 26,748              | 29,186                            | 31,263              |
| Impairment of property and equipment   |                     |                                   | 2,115               |
| Loss on disposal of property and equipment   |                     | 674                               |                     |
| Stock-based compensation expense   | 116,183             | 1,557                             | 1,119               |
| Capital contribution executive compensation  |                     | 6,350                             |                     |
| Capital contribution management fee paid by Home Holdings on behalf of the Company                 |                     | 6,000                             |                     |
| Release of valuation allowance   | (57,185)            |                                   |                     |
| Deferred income taxes  | (4,686)             | 4,299                             | (427)               |
| Amortization of financing fees   | 863                 | 573                               | 193                 |
| Change in assets and liabilities:  |                     |                                   |                     |
| Accounts receivable  | (5,282)             | (7,280)                           | 68                  |
| Merchandise inventories  | (107,454)           | (39,475)                          | (57,103)            |
| Prepaid expense and other current assets   | (24,454)            | (36,371)                          | (1,477)             |
| Other assets   | (371)               | (573)                             | (797)               |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses  | 36,154              | 14,374                            | 5,475               |
| Deferred revenue and customer deposits   | 16,224              | 11,418                            | 2,503               |
| Other current liabilities  | 2,689               | 3,915                             | 3,395               |
| Deferred rent and lease incentives   | 10,923              | 1,732                             | 8,638               |
| Other long-term obligations  | (1,427)             | 154                               | 276                 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities  | (3,864)             | 17,121                            | (11,810)            |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                     |                                   |                     |
| Capital expenditures   | (49,058)            | (25,593)                          | (39,907)            |
| Purchase of trademarks and other intangible assets   | (310)               |                                   |                     |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (49,368)            | (25,593)                          | (39,907)            |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>  |                     |                                   |                     |
| Gross borrowings under revolving line of credit  | 1,344,468           | 1,007,330                         | 875,936             |
| Gross repayments under revolving line of credit  | (1,369,469)         | (1,011,937)                       | (821,734)           |
| Proceeds from issuance of term loan  |                     | 15,000                            |                     |
| Repayment of term loan   | (15,000)            |                                   |                     |
| Debt issuance costs  | (426)               | (2,835)                           |                     |
| Payments on capital leases and other long-term obligations   | (4,214)             | (4,188)                           | (2,601)             |
| Capitalization of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc.  |                     | 1                                 |                     |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock net of issuance costs                                       | 97,693              |                                   |                     |
| Net cash provided by financing activities  | 53,052              | 3,371                             | 51,601              |
| Effects of foreign currency exchange rate translation  | 22                  | 249                               | 294                 |

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|--|----------|----------|-----------|
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                               | (158)    | (4,852)  | 178       |
| Cash and cash equivalents  |          |          |           |
| Beginning of period  | 8,512    | 13,364   | 13,186    |
| End of period  | \$ 8,354 | \$ 8,512 | \$ 13,364 |
| Cash paid for interest   | \$ 5,382 | \$ 3,737 | \$ 2,068  |
| Cash paid for taxes  | 1,861    | 1,697    | 744       |
| Non-cash transactions:   |          |          |           |
| Property and equipment acquired under capital lease                                |          | 7,770    | 3,550     |
| Property and equipment additions in accounts payable                               | 3,505    | 645      | 454       |
| Capital contribution executive compensation  |          | 6,350    |           |
| Capital contribution management fee paid by Home Holdings on behalf of the Company |          | 6,000    |           |

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements.*

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**RESTORATION HARDWARE HOLDINGS, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1 NATURE OF BUSINESS**

Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, together with its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company), is a luxury home furnishings retailer that offers a growing number of categories including furniture, lighting, textiles, bathware, decorative accessories, outdoor and children's furnishings. These products are sold through the Company's stores, catalogs and websites. As of February 2, 2013, the Company operated a total of 71 retail stores and 13 outlet stores in 28 states, the District of Columbia and Canada, and had sourcing operations in Shanghai and Hong Kong.

**NOTE 2 ORGANIZATION**

The Company was formed on August 18, 2011 and capitalized on September 2, 2011 as a holding company for the purposes of facilitating an initial public offering of common equity and is a direct subsidiary of Home Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Home Holdings).

On November 1, 2012, the Company acquired all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Restoration Hardware, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Restoration Hardware, Inc. became a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Outstanding units issued by Home Holdings under its equity compensation plan, referred to as the Team Resto Ownership Plan, were replaced with common stock of the Company at the time of its initial public offering. Restoration Hardware, Inc. was a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Home Holdings prior to the Company's initial public offering. These transactions are referred to as the Reorganization. As a result of these transactions, as of November 1, 2012, 32,188,891 shares of the Company's common stock were outstanding.

On November 7, 2012, the Company completed its initial public offering. In connection with its initial public offering, the Company issued and sold 4,782,609 shares of its common stock at a price of \$24.00 per share. In addition, certain of the Company's stockholders sold an aggregate of 381,723 shares of common stock held by them in the initial public offering. Further, certain stockholders sold an additional aggregate of 774,650 shares of common stock held by them pursuant to the exercise by the offering's underwriters of their option to purchase additional shares. The Company did not receive any proceeds from the sale of stock by its stockholders.

As a result of the initial public offering, the Company raised a total of \$114.8 million in gross proceeds, or approximately \$106.7 million in net proceeds after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions of \$8.1 million. The Company capitalized \$9.1 million of offering costs associated with its initial public offering, which are included in additional paid-in capital and offset against the initial public offering proceeds.

Prior to the Reorganization, Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. had not engaged in any business or other activities except in connection with its formation and the Reorganization. Accordingly, all financial and other information herein relating to periods prior to the completion of the Reorganization is that of Restoration Hardware, Inc.

**NOTE 3 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**

In the third quarter of 2012, the Company changed its policy for recognizing stock-based compensation expense from the graded method of accounting to the straight-line method of accounting for its time-based units (or service-only awards). The Company previously disclosed this change in accounting policy and retrospectively restated its consolidated financial statements for such change in its audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended January 28, 2012 and unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended July 28, 2012, which are included in the Company's final prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 5, 2012.



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Based on research and analysis, the Company believes the straight-line method of accounting for stock-based compensation expense for service-only awards is the predominant method used in its industry. In order for the Company's results of operations to be comparable to its peers, it has concluded that the straight-line method of accounting for stock-based compensation is a preferable accounting method in accordance with ASC 250-10-45.

The following table presents the comparative effect of the change in accounting method and its impact on key components of the Company's consolidated statements of operations (*dollar amounts in thousands*):

|  | Year Ended          |               |                     |               |
|--|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
|  | January 28,<br>2012 |               | January 29,<br>2011 |               |
|  | As<br>Reported      | As<br>Revised | As<br>Reported      | As<br>Revised |
| Net revenues   | \$ 958,084          | \$ 958,084    | \$ 772,752          | \$ 772,752    |
| Cost of goods sold   | 601,735             | 601,735       | 501,132             | 501,132       |
| Gross profit   | 356,349             | 356,349       | 271,620             | 271,620       |
| Selling, general and administrative expense                            | 329,753             | 329,506       | 275,859             | 274,836       |
| Income (loss) from operations  | 26,596              | 26,843        | (4,239)             | (3,216)       |
| Interest expense   | (5,134)             | (5,134)       | (3,150)             | (3,150)       |
| Income (loss) before income taxes                                      | 21,462              | 21,709        | (7,389)             | (6,366)       |
| Income tax expense   | 1,121               | 1,121         | 685                 | 685           |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ 20,341           | \$ 20,588     | \$ (8,074)          | \$ (7,051)    |
| Shares used in computing basic and diluted net income (loss) per share | 468                 | 468           | 100                 | 100           |
| Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share                          | \$ 43,464           | \$ 43,991     | \$ (80,740)         | \$ (70,510)   |

The following table presents the comparative effect of the change in accounting method and its impact on key components of the Company's consolidated balance sheets (*in thousands*):

|  | January 28, 2012 |               |
|--|------------------|---------------|
|  | As<br>Reported   | As<br>Revised |
| Stockholders' equity:  |                  |               |
| Common stock, zero par value, 1,000 shares authorized, 1,000 shares issued and outstanding | \$               | \$            |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 293,281          | 292,011       |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income   | 1,150            | 1,150         |
| Accumulated deficit  | (43,968)         | (42,698)      |
| Total stockholders' equity   | \$ 250,463       | \$ 250,463    |

The change did not impact cash flows from total operating, investing or financing activities.

**NOTE 4 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of Presentation**

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These consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ( GAAP ). The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. Accordingly, all intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated through the consolidation process.

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### **Fiscal Years**

The Company's fiscal year ends on the Saturday closest to January 31. As a result, the Company's fiscal year may include 53 weeks. The fiscal year ended February 2, 2013 (fiscal 2012) consisted of 53 weeks and the fiscal years ended January 28, 2012 (fiscal 2011) and January 29, 2011 (fiscal 2010) each consisted of 52 weeks.

### **Use of Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and such differences could be material to the consolidated financial statements.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Company considers highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

The Company maintains its cash and cash equivalent accounts in financial institutions in both U.S. dollar and Canadian dollar denominations. Accounts at the U.S. institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 and accounts at the Canadian institutions are insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC) up to \$100,000 Canadian dollars. As of February 2, 2013, the Company had two U.S. bank account balances that were in excess of the FDIC insurance limit and one Canadian bank account balance that was in excess of the CDIC insurance limit. The Company performs ongoing evaluations of these institutions to limit its concentration of credit risk.

### **Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable consist primarily of receivables from the Company's credit card processors for sales transactions and tenant improvement allowances from the Company's landlords in connection with new leases. Accounts receivable is presented net of allowance for doubtful accounts, which is recorded on a specific identification basis. The allowance for doubtful accounts was not significant as of February 2, 2013 and January 28, 2012.

### **Merchandise Inventories**

The Company's merchandise inventories are comprised of finished goods and are carried at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined on a weighted-average cost method and market determined based on the estimated net realizable value. To determine if the value of inventory should be marked down below original cost, the Company considers current and anticipated demand, customer preference and the merchandise age. The inventory value is adjusted periodically to reflect current market conditions, which requires management judgments that may significantly affect the ending inventory valuation, as well as gross margin. The significant estimates used in inventory valuation are obsolescence (including excess and slow-moving inventory and lower of cost or market reserves) and estimates of inventory shrinkage. The Company adjusts its inventory for obsolescence based on historical trends, aging reports, specific identification and its estimates of future retail sales prices.

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Reserves for shrinkage are estimated and recorded throughout the period as a percentage of net sales based on historical shrinkage results and current inventory levels. Actual shrinkage is recorded throughout the year based upon periodic cycle counts and the results of the Company's annual physical inventory count. Actual inventory shrinkage and obsolescence can vary from estimates due to factors including the mix of the Company's inventory (which ranges from large furniture to decorative accessories) and execution against loss prevention initiatives in the Company's stores, distribution centers, off-site storage locations and with its third-party transportation providers.

Due to these factors, the Company's obsolescence and shrinkage reserves contain uncertainties. Both estimates have calculations that require management to make assumptions and to apply judgment regarding a number of factors, including market conditions, the selling environment, historical results and current inventory trends. If actual obsolescence or shrinkage estimates change from the Company's original estimates, the Company will adjust its inventory reserves accordingly throughout the period. Management does not believe that changes in the assumptions used in these estimates would have a significant effect on the Company's net income (loss) or inventory balances. The Company's inventory reserve balances were \$5.9 million and \$5.6 million as of February 2, 2013 and January 28, 2012, respectively.

### **Prepaid Catalog and Advertising Expenses**

Advertising expenses primarily represent the costs associated with the Company's catalog mailings, as well as print and website marketing. All advertising costs are expensed as incurred, with the exception of prepaid catalog expenses. Prepaid catalog expenses consist primarily of third-party incremental direct costs to prepare, print and distribute catalogs. Such costs are capitalized as prepaid catalog expenses and are amortized over their expected period of future benefit. Such amortization is based upon the ratio of actual revenues to the total of actual and estimated future revenues on an individual catalog basis. Estimated future revenues are based upon various factors such as the total number of catalogs and pages circulated, the probability and magnitude of consumer response and the assortment of merchandise offered. Each catalog is generally fully amortized within an eight- to nine-month period, with the majority of the amortization occurring within the first five to six months. Prepaid catalog expenses are evaluated for realizability on a regular basis by comparing the carrying amount associated with each catalog to the estimated probable remaining future sales associated with that catalog. The Company had \$43.8 million and \$28.6 million of prepaid catalog costs that are included in prepaid expense and other current assets on the consolidated balance sheets as of February 2, 2013, and January 28, 2012, respectively.

Advertising costs, recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses, were \$98.8 million, \$66.9 million, and \$56.1 million in fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011, and fiscal 2010, respectively.

### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment is recorded at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method, generally using the following useful lives:

| <b>Category of Property and Equipment</b> | <b>Useful Life</b> |
|---|--------------------|
| Building                                  | 40 years           |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment         | 3 to 7 years       |
| Machinery and equipment                   | 3 to 5 years       |
| Computer software                         | 3 years            |

The cost of leasehold improvements and lease acquisitions is amortized over the lesser of the useful life of the asset or the applicable lease term.

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Interest is capitalized on construction in progress and software projects during the period in which expenditures have been made, activities are in progress to prepare the asset for its intended use and actual interest costs are being incurred.

Assets acquired under non-cancelable leases, which meet the criteria of capital leases, are capitalized in property and equipment and amortized over the lesser of the useful life of the asset or the applicable lease term.

The land purchased by the Company is recorded at cost and is a non-depreciable asset.

Property and equipment is reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of assets may not be recoverable.

## **Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets reflect the value assigned to trademarks, customer relationships, core technologies and the fair market value of the Company's leases. Customer relationships, core technologies and the fair market value of the leases are amortized over their useful life. The Company does not amortize trademarks as the Company defines the life of the asset as indefinite.

## **Impairment**

### *Goodwill*

The Company evaluates goodwill annually to determine whether it is impaired. Goodwill is also tested between annual impairment tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would indicate that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. Conditions that may indicate impairment include, but are not limited to, a significant adverse change in customer demand or business climate that could affect the value of an asset; general economic conditions, such as increasing Treasury rates or unexpected changes in GDP growth; a change in the Company's market share; budget-to-actual performance and consistency of operating margins and capital expenditures; a product recall or an adverse action or assessment by a regulator; or changes in management, key personnel, etc. If an impairment indicator exists, the Company tests the intangible asset for recoverability. The Company has identified only one single reporting unit. The Company selected the fourth fiscal quarter to perform its annual goodwill impairment testing.

The Company qualitatively assesses goodwill impairment to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. During fiscal 2012, the Company performed a qualitative analysis examining key events and circumstances affecting fair value and determined it is more likely than not that the reporting unit's fair value is greater than its carrying amount. As such, no further analysis was required for purposes of testing of the Company's goodwill for impairment.

If goodwill is not qualitatively assessed, a two-step quantitative approach is used. In the first step, the Company compares the fair value of the reporting unit, generally defined as the same level as or one level below an operating segment, to its carrying value. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds the carrying value of the net assets assigned to that unit, goodwill is considered not impaired and the Company is not required to perform further testing. If the carrying value of the net assets assigned to the reporting unit exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit, then the Company must perform the second step of the impairment test in order to determine the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill. If the carrying value of a reporting unit's goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, then the Company would record an impairment loss equal to the difference.

The Company's tests for impairment of goodwill resulted in a determination that the fair value of the Company substantially exceeded the carrying value of the Company's net assets in fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011. No impairment to goodwill has been recorded in any period.

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### *Trademarks*

The Company annually evaluates whether trademarks continue to have an indefinite life. Trademarks are reviewed for impairment annually in the fourth quarter and may be reviewed more frequently if indicators of impairment are present. Conditions that may indicate impairment include, but are not limited to, a significant adverse change in customer demand or business climate that could affect the value of an asset, a product recall or an adverse action or assessment by a regulator.

In 2012, the Company adopted the option to qualitatively assess indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of the asset is less than its carrying amount. Accordingly, the Company performed a qualitative analysis examining key events and circumstances affecting fair value and determined it is more likely than not that the asset's fair value is greater than its carrying amount. As such, no further analysis was required for purposes of testing of the Company's trademarks for impairment.

If trademarks are not qualitatively assessed, an impairment review is performed by comparing the carrying value to the estimated fair value, determined using a discounted cash flow methodology. Factors used in the valuation of intangible assets with indefinite lives include, but are not limited to, management's plans for future operations, brand initiatives, recent operating results and projected future cash flows.

The Company tested the trademarks for impairment and concluded that there has been no impairment in any period.

### *Long-Lived Assets*

Long-lived assets, such as property and equipment and intangible assets subject to amortization, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Conditions that may indicate impairment include, but are not limited to, a significant adverse change in customer demand or business climate that could affect the value of an asset, a product recall or an adverse action or assessment by a regulator. If the sum of the estimated undiscounted future cash flows related to the asset are less than the carrying value, the Company recognizes a loss equal to the difference between the carrying value and the fair value, usually determined by the estimated discounted cash flow analysis of the asset.

The Company evaluates long-lived tangible assets at an individual store level, which is the lowest level at which independent cash flows can be identified. The Company evaluates corporate assets or other long-lived assets that are not store-specific at the consolidated level.

Since there is typically no active market for the Company's long-lived tangible assets, the Company estimates fair values based on the expected future cash flows. The Company estimates future cash flows based on store-level historical results, current trends, and operating and cash flow projections. The Company's estimates are subject to uncertainty and may be affected by a number of factors outside its control, including general economic conditions and the competitive environment. While the Company believes its estimates and judgments about future cash flows are reasonable, future impairment charges may be required if the expected cash flow estimates, as projected, do not occur or if events change requiring the Company to revise its estimates.

The Company did not record an impairment charge on long-lived assets in fiscal 2012 or fiscal 2011. The Company recorded a \$2.1 million impairment charge on long-lived assets of certain underperforming stores in fiscal 2010, which is included in cost of goods sold on the consolidated statements of operations.

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### **Capital and Operating Leases**

The Company classifies leases at the inception of the lease as either a capital lease or an operating lease. A lease is classified as a capital lease if any of the following conditions are met: (i) the ownership of the leased property is transferred to the lessee by the end of the lease term, (ii) there is a bargain purchase option, (iii) the lease term is at least 75% of the property's estimated remaining economic life or (iv) the present value of the minimum lease payments at the beginning of the lease term is 90% or more of the fair value of the leased property. A capital lease is accounted for as if there were an acquisition of an asset and an incurrence of an obligation at the inception of the lease. All leases not identified as capital leases are accounted for as operating leases.

The Company leases stores, distribution facilities, office space and certain machinery and equipment under various operating leases. Most real estate lease agreements contain, among other terms and conditions, tenant improvement allowances, rent holidays, lease premiums, rent escalation clauses and contingent rent provisions. For purposes of recognizing lease incentives, premiums and minimum rental expenses on a straight-line basis over the terms of the leases, the Company uses the date of initial possession to begin amortization, which is generally when the Company enters the space and begins to make improvements in preparation of intended use. For tenant improvement allowances and rent holidays, the Company records a deferred rent liability, reported as a long-term liability on the consolidated balance sheets, and amortizes the deferred rent over the term of the lease as an adjustment to rent expense.

For scheduled rent changes during the lease terms or for rental payments commencing at a date other than the date of initial occupancy (rent holidays), the Company records minimum rental expenses on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Certain leases provide for contingent rents, which are determined as a percentage of gross sales in excess of specified levels. The Company records a contingent rent liability in accounts payable and accrued expenses on the consolidated balance sheets and the corresponding rent expense when specified levels have been achieved or when management estimates that achieving the specified levels during the lease term is probable.

### **Debt Issuance Costs**

The Company capitalizes debt issuance costs related to its revolving line of credit and term loan. Capitalized costs related to the revolving line of credit are included in other assets on the consolidated balance sheets as deferred financing fees. Capitalized costs paid to lenders relating to the term loan are netted against the term loan on the consolidated balance sheets. Deferred financing fees are amortized utilizing the straight-line method and are included in interest expense on the consolidated statements of operations.

### **Revenue Recognition**

The Company recognizes revenues and the related cost of goods sold when merchandise is received by its customers. Revenues from cash-and-carry store sales are recognized at the point of sale in the store. Revenues from direct-to-customer and home-delivered sales are recognized when the merchandise is delivered to the customer. Discounts provided to customers are accounted for as a reduction of sales.

The Company recognizes shipping and handling fees as revenue when the merchandise is received by its customers. Costs of shipping and handling are included in cost of goods sold.

Sales tax collected is not recognized as revenue but is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses on the consolidated balance sheets as it is ultimately remitted to governmental authorities.

The Company reserves for projected merchandise returns. Merchandise returns are often resaleable merchandise and are refunded by issuing the same payment tender of the original purchase. Merchandise

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exchanges of the same product and price are not considered merchandise returns and, therefore, are excluded when calculating the sales returns reserve.

The Company's customers may return purchased items for a refund. The Company provides an allowance for sales returns, net of cost of goods sold, based on historical return rates. A summary of the allowance for sales returns, presented net of cost of goods sold, is as follows (*in thousands*):

|                                     | February 2,<br>2013 | Year Ended<br>January 28,<br>2012 | January 29,<br>2011 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance at beginning of fiscal year | \$ 3,181            | \$ 3,403                          | \$ 3,145            |
| Provision for sales returns         | 134,909             | 102,875                           | 83,393              |
| Actual sales returns                | (132,884)           | (103,097)                         | (83,135)            |
| Balance at end of fiscal year       | \$ 5,206            | \$ 3,181                          | \$ 3,403            |

**Deferred Revenue and Customer Deposits**

Deferred revenue represents the revenue associated with orders that have been shipped by the Company to its customers but have not yet been received by the customer. As the Company recognizes revenue when the merchandise is received by its customers, it is included as deferred revenue on the consolidated balance sheets while in-transit.

Customer deposits represent payments made by customers on custom orders. At the time of purchase the Company collects deposits for all custom orders equivalent to 50% of the customer purchase price. Custom order deposits are recognized as revenue when the merchandise is received by the customer or at the time of cancellation of the order by the customer.

**Gift Certificates and Merchandise Credits**

The Company sells gift certificates and issues merchandise credits to its customers in its stores and through its websites and product catalogs. Such gift certificates and merchandise credits do not have expiration dates. Revenue associated with gift certificates and merchandise credits is deferred until either (i) redemption of the gift certificate and merchandise credits or (ii) when the likelihood of redemption is remote and there exists no legal obligation to remit the value of unredeemed gift certificates or merchandise credits to the relevant jurisdictions (breakage). The breakage rate is based on monitoring of certificates issued, actual certificate redemptions and the Company's analysis of when it believes it is remote that redemptions will occur.

Redeemed gift certificates and merchandise credits are recorded in net revenues. Breakage resulted in a reduction of selling, general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of operations of \$1.8 million, \$3.2 million, and \$3.0 million in fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011, and fiscal 2010, respectively.

**Self Insurance**

The Company maintains insurance coverage for significant exposures, as well as those risks that, by law, must be insured. In the case of the Company's health care coverage for employees, the Company has a managed self insurance program related to claims filed. Expenses related to this self insured program are computed on an actuarial basis, based on claims experience, regulatory requirements, an estimate of claims incurred but not yet reported (IBNR) and other relevant factors. The projections involved in this process are subject to uncertainty related to the timing and amount of claims filed, levels of IBNR, fluctuations in health care costs and changes to regulatory requirements.

The Company is self-insured for all workers' compensation claims related to incidents incurred after November 1, 2012 and prior to November 1, 2007.



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### **Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation in accordance with applicable guidance which requires the fair value of stock-based payments to be recognized in the consolidated financial statements as compensation expense over the requisite service period. For service-only awards compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis, net of forfeitures, over the requisite service period for the fair value of awards that actually vest. Fair value for restricted stock units is valued using the closing price of the Company's stock on the date of grant. The fair value of each option award granted under the Company's award plans subsequent to its initial public offering is estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes Merton option pricing model with the following assumptions:

**Expected volatility** Based on the lack of historical data for its own shares, the Company bases its expected volatility on a representative peer group that takes into account industry, market capitalization, stage of life cycle and capital structure.

**Expected term** Represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. The Company elected to calculate the expected term of the option awards using the simplified method. This election was made as the Company does not have sufficient historical exercise data to provide a reasonable basis upon which to estimate expected term. Under the simplified calculation method, the expected term is calculated as an average of the vesting period and the contractual life of the options.

**Risk-free interest rate** Based on the U.S. Treasury zero-coupon bond rate with a remaining term approximate of the expected term of the option.

**Dividend yield** As the Company has not paid dividends, nor does it currently plan to pay dividends in the future, the assumed dividend yield is zero.

Prior to the Reorganization, Home Holdings had granted performance-based units that vested and became deliverable upon achievement or satisfaction of performance conditions specified in the performance agreement or upon the return on investment attained by certain of the equity investors in Home Holdings at defined liquidity events, including an initial public offering or certain sale or merger transactions. The Company estimated the fair value of performance-based units awarded to employees at the grant date based on the fair value of the Company on such date. The Company also considered the probability of achieving the established performance targets in determining its stock-based compensation with respect to these awards. The Company recognizes compensation cost over the performance period. When the performance is related to a specific event occurring in the future, the Company recognizes the full expense at the time of the event. At the time of the Reorganization, these performance-based units were replaced with shares of the Company's common stock with substantially similar restrictions, terms and conditions. Refer to Note 12 *Stock-Based Compensation*.

In connection with Mr. Friedman's resignation as Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer and new role as Creator and Curator, 1,185,511 shares of unvested stock he received in replacement of certain performance-based units will be marked to market every period until the required vesting criteria are met, resulting in additional stock based compensation in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718.

### **Cost of Goods Sold**

Cost of goods sold includes, but is not limited to, the direct cost of purchased merchandise, inventory shrinkage, inventory reserves and write-downs, inbound freight, all freight costs to get merchandise to the Company's stores, design and buying costs, occupancy costs related to store operations, such as rent, property tax and common area maintenance, depreciation and amortization, and all logistics costs associated with shipping product to customers.

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### **Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses include all operating costs not included in cost of goods sold. These expenses include payroll and payroll related expenses, store expenses other than occupancy and expenses related to many of the Company's operations at its headquarters, including utilities, depreciation and amortization, credit card fees and marketing expense, which primarily includes catalog production, mailing and print advertising costs. All store pre-opening costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses and are expensed as incurred.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for fiscal 2012 include a \$92.0 million non-cash compensation charge related to equity grants at the time of the Reorganization, as well as a non-cash compensation charge of \$23.1 million related to the performance-based vesting of certain shares granted to the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Carlos Alberini, and Gary Friedman, who serves as the Company's Creator and Curator. Costs incurred in connection with the initial public offering, including a fee of \$7.0 million to Catterton Management Company, LLC (Catterton), Tower Three Partners LLC (Tower Three) and GJK Capital Advisors, LLC (Glenhill) in accordance with the Company's management services agreement, payments of \$2.2 million to certain former executives and bonus payments to employees of \$1.3 million, were included in selling, general and administrative expenses in fiscal 2012. In addition, legal and other professional fees of \$4.8 million, incurred in connection with the investigation conducted by the special committee of the board of directors relating to Mr. Friedman and the Company's subsequent remedial actions, are included in fiscal 2012 selling, general and administrative expenses.

### **Earnings (Loss) Per Share**

Basic earnings (loss) per share is computed as net income (loss) divided by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings (loss) per share is computed as net income (loss) divided by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period plus common stock equivalents consisting of shares subject to stock-based awards with exercise prices less than or equal to the average market price of the Company's common stock for the period, to the extent their inclusion would be dilutive. Potential dilutive securities are excluded from the computation of diluted earnings (loss) per share if their effect is anti-dilutive.

### **Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes under an asset and liability approach that requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements or tax returns. In estimating future tax consequences, the Company generally takes into account all expected future events then known to it, other than changes in the tax law or rates which have not yet been enacted and which are not permitted to be considered. Accordingly, the Company may record a valuation allowance to reduce its net deferred tax assets to the amount that is more-likely-than-not to be realized. The determination as to whether a deferred tax asset will be realized is made on a jurisdictional basis and is based upon management's best estimate of the recoverability of the Company's net deferred tax assets. Future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning are considered in determining the amount of the valuation allowance, and the amount of the allowance is subject to adjustment in the future. Specifically, in the event the Company were to determine that it is not more-likely-than-not able to realize its net deferred tax assets in the future, an adjustment to the valuation allowance would decrease income in the period such determination is made. This allowance does not alter the Company's ability to utilize the underlying tax net operating loss and credit carryforwards in the future, the utilization of which is limited to achieving future taxable income.

The accounting standard for uncertainty in income taxes prescribes a recognition threshold that a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements and provides guidance on

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derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition issues. Differences between tax positions taken in a tax return and amounts recognized in the financial statements generally result in an increase in a liability for income taxes payable or a reduction of an income tax refund receivable, or a reduction in a deferred tax asset or an increase in a deferred tax liability, or both. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in tax expense.

### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and borrowings under the revolving line of credit approximate their estimated fair values.

The degree of judgment used in measuring the fair value of financial instruments generally correlates to the level of pricing observability. Pricing observability is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of financial instrument, whether the financial instrument is new to the market and not yet established and the characteristics specific to the transaction. Financial instruments with readily available active quoted prices for which fair value can be measured generally will have a higher degree of pricing observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. Conversely, financial instruments rarely traded or not quoted will generally have less, or no, pricing observability and a higher degree of judgment used in measuring fair value.

The Company's financial assets and liabilities measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level 1 Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date.

Level 2 Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies.

Level 3 Pricing inputs are unobservable for the investment and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the investment. The inputs used in the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

The Company's financial assets and liabilities were classified as Level 1 as of February 2, 2013, and January 28, 2012.

### **Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

Comprehensive income (loss) consists of net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss). The Company's other comprehensive income (loss) consists of foreign currency translation adjustments.

### **Foreign Currency Translation**

Local currencies are generally considered the functional currencies outside the United States of America. Assets and liabilities denominated in non-U.S. currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the consolidated balance sheets and revenues and expenses are translated at average rates of exchange for the period. The related translation gains (losses) are reflected in the accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) section of the consolidated statements of stockholders' equity. Foreign currency gains (losses) resulting from foreign currency transactions are included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of operations and have not been material in all periods presented.

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In July 2012, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued guidance that revises the requirements around how entities test indefinite-lived intangible assets other than goodwill for impairment. Similar to the guidance issued in September 2011 related to the testing of goodwill for impairment, this guidance allows companies to perform a qualitative assessment before calculating the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset. If entities determine, on the basis of qualitative factors, that the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset is more likely than not greater than the carrying amount, a quantitative calculation would not be needed. The Company adopted this guidance for its fiscal 2012 annual indefinite-lived intangible assets impairment test. The adoption of this guidance resulted in a change in how the Company performed its indefinite-lived intangible assets impairment assessment; however, the adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**NOTE 5 PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consist of the following (*in thousands*):

|  | February 2,<br>2013 | January 28,<br>2012 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Prepaid catalog  | \$ 43,828           | \$ 28,608           |
| Vendor deposits  | 20,383              | 9,399               |
| Prepaid expenses                                       | 11,479              | 8,923               |
| Other current assets                                   | 1,339               | 5,640               |
| <b>Total prepaid expenses and other current assets</b> | <b>\$ 77,029</b>    | <b>\$ 52,570</b>    |

**NOTE 6 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment consists of the following (*in thousands*):

|   | February 2,<br>2013 | January 28,<br>2012 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Leasehold improvements <sup>(1)</sup>                 | \$ 155,338          | \$ 118,898          |
| Computer software                                     | 33,459              | 27,194              |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment                     | 27,076              | 16,166              |
| Machinery and equipment                               | 8,866               | 4,823               |
| Land  | 2,388               | 2,388               |
| Building  | 2,205               | 2,205               |
| Equipment under capital leases <sup>(2)</sup>         | 8,879               | 13,918              |
| <b>Total property and equipment</b>                   | <b>238,211</b>      | <b>185,592</b>      |
| <b>Less accumulated depreciation and amortization</b> | <b>(126,805)</b>    | <b>(102,034)</b>    |
| <b>Total property and equipment net</b>               | <b>\$ 111,406</b>   | <b>\$ 83,558</b>    |

(1) Leasehold improvements include construction in progress of \$25.9 million and \$9.1 million as of February 2, 2013, and January 28, 2012, respectively.

(2) Accumulated depreciation and amortization include accumulated amortization related to equipment under capital leases of \$6.8 million and \$8.5 million as of February 2, 2013, and January 28, 2012, respectively.

The Company recorded depreciation expense of \$24.3 million, \$26.2 million, and \$27.8 million in fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011, and fiscal 2010, respectively.



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The following sets forth the goodwill and intangible assets as of February 2, 2013 (*dollar amounts in thousands*):

|   | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Foreign<br>Currency<br>Translation | Net Book<br>Value<br>February 2,<br>2013 | Useful<br>Life |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Intangible assets subject to amortization:      |                             |                             |                                    |  |                |
| Core technologies                               | \$ 6,580                    | \$ (6,141)                  | \$                                 | \$ 439                                   | 5 years        |
| Fair value of leases                            |                             |                             |                                    |  |                |
| Fair market write-up                            | 10,737                      | (8,511)                     | 48                                 | 2,274                                    | (2)            |
| Fair market write-down                          | (2,591)                     | 1,789                       |                                    | (802) <sup>(1)</sup>                     | (2)            |
| Total intangible assets subject to amortization | 14,726                      | (12,863)                    | 48                                 | 1,911                                    |                |
| Intangible assets not subject to amortization:  |                             |                             |                                    |  |                |
| Goodwill  | 122,285                     |                             | 316                                | 122,601                                  |                |
| Trademarks and domain name                      | 47,410                      |                             |                                    | 47,410                                   |                |
| Total intangible assets                         | \$ 184,421                  | \$ (12,863)                 | \$ 364                             | \$ 171,922                               |                |

(1) The fair market write-down of leases is included in other long-term obligations on the consolidated balance sheets.

(2) The fair value of each lease is amortized over the life of the respective lease. The longest lease for which a fair value adjustment was recorded has a termination date in January 2019.

The following sets forth the goodwill and intangible assets as of January 28, 2012 (*dollar amounts in thousands*):

|   | Gross<br>Carrying<br>Amount | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Foreign<br>Currency<br>Translation | Net Book<br>Value<br>January 28,<br>2012 | Useful<br>Life |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Intangible assets subject to amortization:      |                             |                             |                                    |  |                |
| Core technologies                               | \$ 6,580                    | \$ (4,825)                  | \$                                 | \$ 1,755                                 | 5 years        |
| Fair value of leases                            |                             |                             |                                    |  |                |
| Fair market write-up                            | 11,988                      | (8,365)                     | 48                                 | 3,671                                    | (2)            |
| Fair market write-down                          | (2,591)                     | 1,448                       |                                    | (1,143) <sup>(1)</sup>                   | (2)            |
| Total intangible assets subject to amortization | 15,977                      | (11,742)                    | 48                                 | 4,283                                    |                |
| Intangible assets not subject to amortization:  |                             |                             |                                    |  |                |
| Goodwill  | 122,285                     |                             | 310                                | 122,595                                  |                |
| Trademarks                                      | 47,100                      |                             |                                    | 47,100                                   |                |
| Total intangible assets                         | \$ 185,362                  | \$ (11,742)                 | \$ 358                             | \$ 173,978                               |                |

(1) The fair market write-down of leases is included in other long-term obligations on the consolidated balance sheets.

(2) The fair value of each lease is amortized over the life of the respective lease. The longest lease for which a fair value adjustment was recorded has a termination date in January 2019.

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The Company recorded amortization expense related to intangible assets of \$2.4 million, \$2.8 million, and \$3.4 million in fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011, and fiscal 2010, respectively.

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The following table sets forth the remaining amortization of the intangible assets based on a straight-line method of amortization over the respective useful lives as of February 2, 2013 (*in thousands*):

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| 2013               | \$ 1,128 |
| 2014               | 613      |
| 2015               | 95       |
| 2016               | 56       |
| 2017               | 19       |
| Total amortization | \$ 1,911 |

**NOTE 8 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following (*in thousands*):

|   | February 2,<br>2013 | January 28,<br>2012 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Accounts payable                            | \$ 81,608           | \$ 47,440           |
| Accrued freight and duty                    | 17,639              | 8,896               |
| Accrued compensation                        | 16,621              | 21,168              |
| Accrued sales taxes                         | 12,783              | 8,472               |
| Accrued catalog costs                       | 6,906               | 7,176               |
| Accrued occupancy                           | 5,842               | 6,203               |
| Accrued professional fees                   | 2,114               | 2,494               |
| Other accrued expenses                      | 1,840               | 3,845               |
| Total accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 145,353          | \$ 105,694          |

Accounts payable included negative cash balances due to outstanding checks of \$28.1 million and \$12.4 million as of February 2, 2013, and January 28, 2012, respectively.

Other current liabilities consist of the following (*in thousands*):

|  | February 2,<br>2013 | January 28,<br>2012 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Unredeemed gift certificate and merchandise credit liability | \$ 18,435           | \$ 20,742           |
| Allowance for sales returns                                  | 5,206               | 3,181               |
| Capital lease obligation - current                           | 2,925               | 4,114               |
| Other liabilities  | 5,862               | 2,824               |
| Total other current liabilities                              | \$ 32,428           | \$ 30,861           |

**NOTE 9 LINE OF CREDIT AND TERM LOAN**

In August 2011, Restoration Hardware, Inc., along with its Canadian subsidiary, Restoration Hardware Canada, Inc., entered into a credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, and certain other lenders. This credit agreement modified a previous facility under which Restoration Hardware, Inc. had a revolving line of credit for up to \$190.0 million, as of July 30, 2011. As a result of the modification, the unamortized deferred financing fees of \$0.2 million related to the previous line of credit on the date of the modification will be amortized over the life of the new revolving line of credit, which has a maturity date of August 3, 2016. Under the credit agreement, Restoration



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Hardware, Inc. has a revolving line of credit available of up to \$417.5 million (following Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s exercise of the commitment increase option on

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November 1, 2012, as described below), of which \$10.0 million is available to Restoration Hardware Canada, Inc. The credit agreement was further amended in January 2012 to add a \$15.0 million term loan facility with a maturity date of July 6, 2015, which was repaid in full on November 7, 2012, as described below.

Under the credit agreement's commitment increase provision, Restoration Hardware, Inc. had the option to increase the amount of the revolving line of credit by up to an additional \$100.0 million, provided that, among other things, the existing lenders or additional lenders agreed to participate in the increased loan commitments under the revolving line of credit, no default under the credit agreement then existed or would result from such increase and sufficient borrowing base collateral was available to support increased loan amounts. On November 1, 2012, Restoration Hardware, Inc. increased the amount of the revolving line of credit by \$100.0 million pursuant to this commitment increase provision.

On November 7, 2012, Restoration Hardware, Inc. made payments of \$75.7 million on its revolving line of credit and repaid its outstanding term loan of \$15.0 million in full. Such payments were funded from the proceeds received as a result of the Company's initial public offering. Upon the repayment of the term loan in full, the Company expensed the remaining debt issuance costs of \$0.2 million related to the term loan.

The availability of credit at any given time under the revolving line of credit is limited by reference to a borrowing base formula based upon numerous factors, including the value of eligible inventory, eligible accounts receivable, eligible real estate, and, in the case of the term loan, registered trade names and reserves established by the administrative agent. As a result of the borrowing base formula, the actual borrowing availability under the revolving line of credit could be less than the stated amount of the revolving line of credit (as reduced by the actual borrowings and outstanding letters of credit under the revolving line of credit). All obligations under the credit agreement are secured by substantially all of Restoration Hardware, Inc.'s assets, including accounts receivable, inventory, intangible assets, property, equipment, goods and fixtures.

Borrowings under the revolving line of credit are subject to interest, at the borrower's option, at either the bank's reference rate or LIBOR (or the BA Rate or the Canadian Prime Rate, as such terms are defined in the credit agreement, for Canadian borrowings denominated in Canadian dollars or the United States Index Rate or LIBOR for Canadian borrowings denominated in United States dollars) plus an applicable margin rate, in each case. The weighted-average interest rate for the revolving line of credit was 2.5% as of February 2, 2013.

As of February 2, 2013, \$82.5 million was outstanding under the revolving line of credit and the undrawn borrowing availability under the revolving line of credit was \$188.5 million. There were \$19.5 million and \$6.9 million in outstanding letters of credit as of February 2, 2013, and January 28, 2012, respectively.

The credit agreement contains various restrictive covenants, including, among others, limitations on the ability to incur liens, make loans or other investments, incur additional debt, issue additional equity, merge or consolidate with or into another person, sell assets, pay dividends or make other distributions or enter into transactions with affiliates, along with other restrictions and limitations typical to credit agreements of this type and size. The credit agreement does not contain any significant financial or coverage ratio covenants unless the availability under the revolving line of credit is less than the greater of (i) \$17.5 million and (ii) 10% of the lesser of (A) the aggregate maximum commitments under the revolving line of credit and (B) the domestic borrowing base. If the availability under the revolving line of credit is less than the foregoing amount, then Restoration Hardware, Inc. is required to maintain a consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of at least one to one. Such ratio is approximately the ratio on the last day of each month on a trailing twelve-month basis of (a) (i) consolidated EBITDA (as defined in the agreement) minus (ii) capital expenditures, minus (iii) the income taxes paid in cash to (b) the sum of (i) debt service charges plus (ii) certain dividends and distributions paid. As of February 2, 2013, Restoration Hardware, Inc. was in compliance with all covenants, and if the availability under the revolving line of credit were less than the amount described above, Restoration Hardware, Inc. would have been in compliance with the consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio described in the previous sentence. The credit agreement requires a daily sweep of cash to prepay the loans under the credit agreement while (i) an

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event of default exists or (ii) the availability under the revolving line of credit for extensions of credit to Restoration Hardware, Inc. is less than the greater of (A) \$20.0 million and (B) 15% of the lesser of the aggregate maximum commitments and the domestic borrowing base.

**NOTE 10 INCOME TAXES**

The following is a summary of the income tax expense (benefit) (*in thousands*):

|                                     | February 2,<br>2013 | Year Ended<br>January 28,<br>2012 | January 29,<br>2011 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Current                             |                     |                                   |                     |
| Federal                             | \$                  | \$                                | \$ 53               |
| State                               | 236                 | 331                               | 837                 |
| Foreign                             | (387)               | 595                               | 280                 |
| Total current tax expense (benefit) | (151)               | 926                               | 1,170               |
| Deferred                            |                     |                                   |                     |
| Federal                             | (48,745)            | (76)                              | 135                 |
| State                               | (12,903)            | 223                               | (397)               |
| Foreign                             | (224)               | 48                                | (223)               |
| Total deferred tax benefit          | (61,872)            | 195                               | (485)               |
| Total income tax expense (benefit)  | \$ (62,023)         | \$ 1,121                          | \$ 685              |

A reconciliation of the federal statutory tax rate to the Company's effective tax rate is as follows:

|  | February 2,<br>2013 | Year Ended<br>January 28,<br>2012 | January 29,<br>2011 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Provision at federal statutory tax rate      | 35.0%               | 34.0%                             | 34.0%               |
| State income taxes net of federal tax impact | 0.7                 | 5.6                               | 2.1                 |
| Foreign income                               | 0.6                 | (2.0)                             | (3.3)               |
| Net adjustments to tax accruals and other    | 0.1                 | 4.6                               | (4.4)               |
| Valuation allowance                          | 76.5                | (49.4)                            | (32.5)              |
| Stock-based compensation                     | (30.0)              | 12.4                              | (6.7)               |
| Effective tax rate                           | 82.9%               | 5.2%                              | (10.8)%             |

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Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows (*in thousands*):

|  | February 2,<br>2013 | January 28,<br>2012 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Current deferred tax assets (liabilities)</b>         |                     |                     |
| Accrued expense  | \$ 11,026           | \$ 9,970            |
| State tax benefit  | (931)               | (1,370)             |
| Inventory  | 14,215              | 11,121              |
| Deferred revenue   | 20,144              | 12,213              |
| Net operating loss carryforwards                         | 12,337              | 27,166              |
| Construction allowance                                   | (1,698)             | (1,037)             |
| Prepaid expense and other                                | (18,056)            | (12,729)            |
| <b>Current deferred tax assets</b>                       | <b>37,037</b>       | <b>45,334</b>       |
| Valuation allowance                                      | (31)                | (41,173)            |
| <b>Net current deferred tax assets</b>                   | <b>37,006</b>       | <b>4,161</b>        |
| <b>Non-current deferred tax assets (liabilities)</b>     |                     |                     |
| State tax benefit  | (2,040)             | (892)               |
| Stock-based compensation                                 | 21,231              |                     |
| Deferred lease credits                                   | 9,687               | 4,251               |
| Property and equipment                                   | (5,975)             | (2,061)             |
| Net operating loss carryforwards                         | 262                 | 7,525               |
| U.S. impact of Canadian transfer pricing                 | 2,091               | 3,760               |
| Trademarks   | (19,361)            | (19,275)            |
| Other  | 1,240               | 850                 |
| <b>Non-current deferred tax assets (liabilities)</b>     | <b>7,135</b>        | <b>(5,842)</b>      |
| Valuation allowance                                      | (262)               | (16,311)            |
| <b>Net non-current deferred tax assets (liabilities)</b> | <b>6,873</b>        | <b>(22,153)</b>     |
| <b>Net deferred tax assets (liabilities)</b>             | <b>\$ 43,879</b>    | <b>\$ (17,992)</b>  |

A reconciliation of the valuation allowance is as follows (*in thousands*):

|  | February 2,<br>2013 | Year Ended<br>January 28,<br>2012 | January 29,<br>2011 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance at beginning of fiscal year                | \$ 57,484           | \$ 68,318                         | \$ 65,087           |
| Charged to expense                                 | (57,185)            | 299                               | (236)               |
| Net changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities | (6)                 | (11,133)                          | 3,467               |
| <b>Balance at end of fiscal year</b>               | <b>\$ 293</b>       | <b>\$ 57,484</b>                  | <b>\$ 68,318</b>    |

The Company has recorded deferred tax assets and liabilities based upon estimates of their realizable value, such estimates are based upon likely future tax consequences. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, the Company considers both positive and negative evidence related to the likelihood of realization of the deferred tax assets. If, based on the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will not be realized, the Company records a valuation allowance.

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As of the end of fiscal year 2012, the Company's U.S. operations achieved a position of cumulative profits (adjusted for permanent differences) for the most recent three-year period. The Company concluded that this record of cumulative profitability in recent years, coupled with its business plan for profitability in future periods,

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provided assurance that its future tax benefits more likely than not would be realized. Accordingly, in fiscal 2012, the Company released all of its U.S. valuation allowance of \$57.2 million against net deferred tax assets.

As of February 2, 2013, the Company has retained a valuation allowance totaling \$0.3 million against deferred tax assets for its Shanghai operations.

As of February 2, 2013, the Company had federal and state net operating loss carryovers of \$28.3 million and \$31.6 million, respectively. The federal and state net operating loss carryovers will expire between 2014 and 2031. Internal Revenue Code Section 382 and similar state rules place a limitation on the amount of taxable income which can be offset by net operating loss carryforwards after a change in ownership (generally greater than 50% change in ownership). The Company cannot give any assurances that it will not undergo an ownership change in the future resulting in further limitations on utilization of net operating losses.

A reconciliation of the exposures related to unrecognized tax benefits is as follows (*in thousands*):

|  | February 2,<br>2013 | Year Ended<br>January 28,<br>2012 | January 29,<br>2011 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance at beginning of fiscal year                      | \$ 2,505            | \$ 9,015                          | \$ 8,261            |
| Gross (decreases) increases prior period tax positions   | (57)                |                                   |                     |
| Gross increases (decreases) current period tax positions |                     | (14)                              | 1,048               |
| Consent for accounting method change                     |                     | (6,496)                           |                     |
| Lapses in statute of limitations                         | (607)               |                                   | (294)               |
| Balance at end of fiscal year                            | \$ 1,841            | \$ 2,505                          | \$ 9,015            |

As of February 2, 2013 and January 28, 2012, \$1.8 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, of the exposures related to unrecognized tax benefits would affect the effective tax rate if realized and are included in other long-term obligations on the consolidated balance sheets. These amounts are primarily associated with foreign tax exposures that would, if realized, reduce the amount of net operating losses that would ultimately be utilized. As of February 2, 2013, \$0.3 million of the exposures related to unrecognized tax benefits are expected to decrease in the next 12 months due to the lapse of the statute of limitations.

Adjustments required upon adoption of accounting for uncertainty in income taxes related to deferred tax asset accounts were offset by the related valuation allowance. Future changes to the Company's assessment of the realizability of those deferred tax assets will impact the effective tax rate. The Company accounts for interest and penalties related to exposures as a component of income tax expense. The Company has accrued \$0.5 million and \$1.3 million of interest associated with exposures as of February 2, 2013, and January 28, 2012, respectively.

A significant portion of the Company's unrecognized tax benefits as of January 29, 2011 was related to an uncertain tax position for advanced payments for the sale of gift cards. The Company filed a request to change its accounting method for advanced payments for the sale of gift cards with the IRS in fiscal 2011 and, during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011, the IRS approved the Company's request. This approval allowed the Company to increase its tax liability for the impact of the change over a four-year period beginning with its January 28, 2012 tax return. The Company reduced its balance of unrecognized tax benefits by \$6.5 million for the impact of the approval on this uncertain tax position.

This Company is subject to tax in the United States, Canada, Shanghai and Hong Kong. The Company could be subject to United States federal and state tax examinations for years 2001 and forward by virtue of net

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operating loss carryforwards available from those years. There are no United States tax examinations currently in progress. The Company may also be subject to audits in Canada for years 2004 and forward. During fiscal 2012, the Canada Revenue Agency concluded, with no adjustments, its audit of Restoration Hardware Canada, Inc. for the years ended 2006 and 2007 and for the period ended June 16, 2008.

### **NOTE 11 EARNINGS PER SHARE**

On November 1, 2012, the Company acquired all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Restoration Hardware, Inc. and Restoration Hardware, Inc. became a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Outstanding units issued by Home Holdings under its equity compensation plan, referred to as the Team Resto Ownership Plan, were replaced with common stock of the Company at the time of its initial public offering. Restoration Hardware, Inc. was a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Home Holdings prior to the Company's initial public offering. As a result of these transactions, as of November 1, 2012, 32,188,891 shares of the Company's common stock were outstanding.

On November 7, 2012, the Company completed its initial public offering. In connection with its initial public offering, the Company issued and sold 4,782,609 shares of its common stock.

The weighted-average number of shares for fiscal 2011 is calculated by giving effect to the capitalization of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. on September 2, 2011, which resulted in the number of shares outstanding increasing from 100 shares to 1,000 shares.

The weighted-average number of shares for fiscal 2012 excludes 6,020,152 million shares related to stock options and other stock awards because their inclusion would have an anti-dilutive effect on earnings per share. The Company did not have any anti-dilutive securities in fiscal 2011 or fiscal 2010 because all securities granted in those periods were granted by Home Holdings.

### **NOTE 12 STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation in accordance with applicable guidance, which requires the Company to estimate the value of securities issued based upon an option-pricing model and recognize this estimated value as compensation expense over the vesting periods.

#### *Team Resto Ownership Plan*

Home Holdings established the Team Resto Ownership Plan in fiscal 2009. Awards under the Team Resto Ownership Plan were granted by the Home Holdings and were made up of the following:

Time-based units    time-based units vested in annual installments, generally over a five-year graded vesting period.

Performance-based units    performance-based units vested based on a return on equity investment to the Company's investors between either two times and three times such investment or three times and five times such investment.

All stock-based compensation expense associated with the grants of units by Home Holdings to the Company's directors, executive officers and employees was recorded by the Company.

On November 7, 2012, the Company completed its initial public offering and at the time of the initial public offering, outstanding units under the Team Resto Ownership Plan, were replaced with common stock of the Company.

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The following table presents the time-based unit activity in fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2012:

|                              | Number Of<br>Units | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Grant Date<br>Fair<br>Value | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Life<br>(In Years) |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Outstanding January 29, 2011 | 9,801,071          | 0.61  | 8.35   |
| Granted                      | 1,626,000          | 1.28  | 10.00  |
| Cancelled                    | (570,426)          | 0.58  | 9.53   |
| Forfeited                    | (567,925)          | 1.18  | 9.78   |
| Outstanding January 28, 2012 | 10,288,720         | 0.69  | 7.43   |
| Granted                      |                    |   |  |
| Cancelled                    | (33,000)           | 0.62  | 9.36   |
| Forfeited                    | (253,750)          | 1.24  | 9.68   |
| Replaced with common stock   | (10,001,970)       | 0.67  | 6.65   |
| Outstanding February 2, 2013 |                    |   |  |

The fair value of each time-based unit granted in fiscal 2011 was estimated on the date of grant using a Monte Carlo method with the following weighted-average assumptions:

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Expected volatility     | 56%   |
| Expected life (years)   | 0.8   |
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.19% |
| Dividend yield          |       |

As of February 2, 2013, all compensation expense related to time-based units was recorded by the Company. No stock-based compensation cost had been capitalized in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

The Company recorded stock-based compensation expense for time-based units of \$1.1 million, \$1.6 million, and \$1.1 million in fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011, and fiscal 2010, respectively, which is included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of operations.

*Team Resto Ownership Plan Performance-Based Units*

The following table presents the performance-based unit activity in fiscal 2011 and fiscal 2012:

|                              | Number Of<br>Units | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Grant Date<br>Fair Value |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Outstanding January 29, 2011 | 9,422,384          | 0.25   |
| Granted                      | 1,069,000          | 0.48   |
| Cancelled                    | (762,609)          | 0.35   |
| Forfeited                    | (607,000)          | 0.11   |



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|                            |                  |             |      |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|------|
| Outstanding                | January 28, 2012 | 9,121,775   | 0.28 |
| Granted                    |                  |             |      |
| Forfeited                  |                  | (45,000)    | 0.64 |
| Replaced with common stock |                  | (9,076,775) | 0.28 |
| Outstanding                | February 2, 2013 |             |      |

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The fair value of each performance-based unit granted in fiscal 2011 was estimated on the date of grant using a Monte Carlo method with the following weighted-average assumptions:

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Expected volatility     | 56%   |
| Expected life (years)   | 0.8   |
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.21% |
| Dividend yield          |       |

The Company recognizes expense associated with the units when it becomes probable that the performance condition will be met. Once it becomes probable that a participant will vest, the Company recognizes compensation expense equal to the number of shares which have vested multiplied by the fair value of the related shares measured at the grant date. In connection with its initial public offering, the Company recorded \$0.8 million related to the vested performance-based units, which is included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of operations.

*2012 Equity Replacement Plan*

In connection with the Reorganization, the Board of Directors adopted the Restoration Hardware 2012 Equity Replacement Plan (the Replacement Plan), and outstanding units under the Team Resto Ownership Plan were replaced with vested and unvested shares of common stock under the Replacement Plan, in some cases subject to selling restrictions.

A portion of the shares issued under the Replacement Plan, which are fully vested, are subject to resale restrictions whereby the holder may not sell the shares until the earlier of 20 years after the initial public offering, or: (i) with respect to 818,209 of these shares, such resale restrictions will lapse over time in accordance with the dates set forth in the applicable award agreement, and (ii) with respect to 1,523,041 of these shares, such resale restrictions will lapse on the date after the initial public offering on which the price of the Company's common stock reaches a 10-day average closing price per share of \$46.50 for at least 10 consecutive trading days.

The Company recorded a non-cash compensation charge at the Reorganization of \$39.1 million related to the awards granted under the Replacement Plan which is included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of operations.

A portion of the shares issued under the Replacement Plan are unvested restricted shares issued to Carlos Alberini, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, and Gary Friedman, who serves as the Company's Creator and Curator, in replacement of certain of their performance-based units granted under the Team Resto Ownership Plan. With respect to the 1,331,548 shares received by Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman in replacement of certain of their performance-based units, such shares begin to vest during the 36-month period following the initial public offering when the price of the Company's common stock reaches a 10-day average closing price per share of \$31.00 for at least 10 consecutive trading days, and such shares shall fully vest when the price of the Company's common stock reaches a 10-day average closing price per share of \$46.50 for at least 10 consecutive trading days (with proportional vesting in between). In addition, with respect to the 512,580 shares received by Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman in replacement of certain of their performance-based units, such shares shall begin to vest during the 36-month period following the initial public offering when the 10-day average closing price of the Company's common stock exceeds the initial public offering price of \$24.00 per share for at least 10 consecutive trading days, and such shares shall fully vest when the 10-day average closing price of the Company's common stock reaches a price per share of \$31.00 for at least 10 consecutive trading days (with proportional vesting in between) during the period.

In connection with Mr. Friedman's resignation and new role as the Creator and Curator, 1,185,511 shares of unvested stock he received in replacement of certain performance-based units will be marked to market every period until the required vesting criteria are met in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718.

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During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, all 512,580 shares received by Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman in replacement of certain of their performance-based units met the performance objective of \$31.00 per share for at least 10 consecutive trading days. The Company recorded a non-cash compensation charge of approximately \$12.5 million related to these awards in fiscal 2012 which is included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of operations. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, 442,932 shares of the 1,331,548 shares received by Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman in replacement of certain of their performance-based units had vested in accordance with the performance objective as described above. The Company recorded a non-cash compensation charge of approximately \$10.6 million related to these awards in fiscal 2012 which is included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of operations. Unrecognized compensation for units that have not yet met the performance objectives as of February 2, 2013 was \$16.4 million.

Subsequent to February 2, 2013, and through April 16, 2013, 140,457 shares of the 1,331,548 shares received by Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman in replacement of certain of their performance-based units had vested in accordance with the performance objective as described above. The Company will record a non-cash compensation charge of approximately \$3.4 million related to these awards in the first quarter of fiscal 2013 through April 16, 2013. Additionally, the unvested portion will continue to vest based upon stock price performance in future periods as described above.

Aside from the awards described above, no other awards will be granted under the Replacement Plan.

### *2012 Stock Option Plan and 2012 Stock Incentive Plan*

In connection with the Reorganization, the Board of Directors adopted the Restoration Hardware 2012 Stock Option Plan (the *Option Plan*), pursuant to which 6,829,041 fully vested options were granted in connection with the Reorganization to certain of the Company's employees and advisors, including Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman. The options granted under this plan were fully vested upon the completion of the initial public offering and are subject to resale restrictions whereby the holder may not sell the shares for a period of 20 years after the initial public offering, except as follows: (i) with respect to 875,389 of these shares with an exercise price of \$29.00 per share, such resale restrictions will lapse over time in accordance with the dates set forth in the applicable award agreement, and (ii) with respect to 5,953,652 shares with an exercise price of \$46.50 per share, such resale restrictions will lapse on dates after the initial public offering on which the 10-day average closing price per share of the Company's common stock reaches specified levels ranging from \$50.75 to \$111.25 for at least 10 consecutive trading days. Aside from these options granted in connection with the Reorganization, no other awards will be granted under the Option Plan.

In connection with the Reorganization, the Board of Directors adopted the Restoration Hardware 2012 Stock Incentive Plan (the *Stock Incentive Plan*). The Stock Incentive Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options to the Company's employees, non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, dividend equivalent rights, cash-based awards and any combination thereof to the Company's employees, directors and consultants and the Company's parent and subsidiary corporations' employees, directors and consultants. In connection with the Reorganization, the Board of Directors granted options to purchase 1,264,036 shares of the Company's common stock to employees of the Company under the Stock Incentive Plan, which options were fully vested upon the completion of the initial public offering, with a weighted-average exercise price equal to \$26.50 per share.

In addition, in connection with the Reorganization, the Board of Directors granted an aggregate of 40,623 restricted stock units to certain of the Company's directors under the Stock Incentive Plan. Such restricted stock units vested in full on January 31, 2013.

In connection with the grants under the Option Plan and the Stock Incentive Plan, the Company recorded a non-cash compensation charge at the Reorganization of \$52.0 million related to these awards which is included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of operations.

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As of February 2, 2013, the total number of shares issuable under the Option Plan and Stock Incentive Plan was 11,900,671. Awards under the plans reduce the number of shares available for future issuance. Cancellations and forfeitures of shares previously granted increase the number of shares available for future issuance. The number of shares available for future issuance under the Stock Incentive Plan as of February 2, 2013 was 3,700,471. There are no more shares available for issuance under the Option Plan.

A summary of stock option activity under the Option Plan and the Stock Incentive Plan for fiscal 2012 is as follows:

|                              | Options   | Weighted-Average<br>Exercise Price |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Outstanding January 28, 2012 |           | \$                                 |
| Granted                      | 8,159,577 | 41.41                              |
| Exercised                    |           |                                    |
| Forfeited                    |           |                                    |
| Outstanding February 2, 2013 | 8,159,577 | \$ 41.41                           |

A summary of additional information about stock options in fiscal 2012 is as follows:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Weighted-average fair value per share of stock options granted      | \$ 6.34   |
| Aggregate intrinsic value of stock options exercised (in thousands) | \$        |
| Fair value of stock options vested (in thousands)                   | \$ 51,063 |

Information about stock options outstanding, vested or expected to vest, and exercisable as of February 2, 2013 is as follows:

| Range of Exercise Prices                          | Options Outstanding  |   |  | Options Exercisable  |  |
|---|----------------------|---|--|----------------------|--|
|   | Number of<br>Options | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Life (in years) | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise Price | Number of<br>Options | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise Price |
| \$24.00 - \$29.00                                 | 2,139,425            | 9.74  | \$ 27.52                               | 2,139,425            | \$ 27.52                               |
| \$30.00 - \$33.00                                 | 66,500               | 9.89  | 32.38                                  |                      |  |
| \$46.50   | 5,953,652            | 9.74  | 46.50                                  | 5,953,652            | 46.50                                  |
| Total   | 8,159,577            | 9.74  | \$ 41.41                               | 8,093,077            | \$ 41.48                               |
| Vested or expected to vest as of February 2, 2013 | 8,159,577            | 9.74  | \$ 41.41                               |                      |  |

The aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding, options vested or expected to vest, and options exercisable as of February 2, 2013 was \$18.9 million, \$18.9 million, and \$18.6 million, respectively. Stock options exercisable as of February 2, 2013 had a weighted-average remaining contractual life of 9.74 years.

As of February 2, 2013, the total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested options was \$0.5 million, which is expected to be recognized on a straight-line basis over a weighted-average period of 3.80 years. No stock-based compensation cost has been capitalized in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

**NOTE 13 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS**

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The Company has a 401(k) plan for its employees who meet certain service and age requirements. Participants may contribute up to 50% of their salaries limited to the maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Service regulations. The Company, at its discretion, may contribute funds to the 401(k) plan. The Company made no contributions to the 401(k) plan during fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011, or fiscal 2010.

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**NOTE 14 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

*Resignation of Co-Chief Executive Officer and Formation of Hierarchy*

The Company's former Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Gary Friedman, resigned from these positions and as a director of the Company effective as of October 20, 2012. In connection with such resignation, Mr. Friedman and the Company entered into an advisory services agreement that provides for Mr. Friedman to advise the Company in his role as the Creator and Curator with respect to product development, merchandising and other creative matters. The agreement has a five-year term and is renewable for an additional five-year period. In addition, in connection with the Company's initial public offering, Home Holdings has agreed to invest \$5 million, consisting of \$2.5 million in an initial tranche and up to \$2.5 million in one or more additional tranches, directly or indirectly, in Hierarchy, LLC (Hierarchy), a newly formed entity in which Mr. Friedman has a controlling interest. If requested by Home Holdings and agreed to by the Company, the Company may make these subsequent investments. The Company will have the right to acquire all or a portion of Home Holdings' interest in Hierarchy between the second and third anniversaries of the Company's initial public offering, at the greater of the then fair market value and the price paid by Home Holdings. As of February 2, 2013, the initial investment tranche of \$2.5 million had not been funded by Home Holdings.

In addition, Home Holdings has assigned to the Company its right of first offer and co-sale right over the sale by Mr. Friedman of his interests in Hierarchy, its right of first offer over the sale of Hierarchy or any of its lines of business and its preemptive rights on issuances of additional interests in Hierarchy. The agreements among Hierarchy, Home Holdings, Mr. Friedman and the Company contemplate that the Company will enter into an agreement to provide Hierarchy with back office, logistics, supply chain and administrative support, with pricing determined based on the fair market value of such services. Unless otherwise agreed by Home Holdings, for two years from the date of the Hierarchy operating agreement, Hierarchy's line of business will be limited to apparel and apparel related businesses. In addition, Hierarchy will be permanently prohibited from entering into lines of business in which the Company is engaged and certain lines of business in which the Company may become engaged (other than luggage, which Hierarchy may enter into after such two year period). Mr. Friedman is also a significant stockholder in the Company and will continue to advise the Board of Directors in an observer capacity, with the honorary title of Chairman Emeritus.

*Management Agreement*

Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Management Services Agreement with certain affiliates of Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill, such affiliated entities were to provide services to the Company for general management, consulting services and other strategic planning functions. The amount of the annual management fee payable to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill under the Amended and Restated Management Services Agreement was equal to 1.5% of Catterton's and Tower Three's invested capital in Home Holdings and 1% of Glenhill's invested capital in Home Holdings.

The Amended and Restated Management Services Agreement provided that the term of the agreement ends upon the consummation of an initial public offering, and that additional fees would be payable upon termination in connection with an initial public offering. The Company paid additional fees upon such termination in connection with its initial public offering to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill in the amount of \$3.3 million, \$3.1 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

In addition to the initial public offering termination fees, the Company recorded management fees of \$3.9 million in selling, general and administrative expenses in fiscal 2012 and such management fees were paid by the Company as of February 2, 2013.

The Company recorded management fees of \$9.9 million in selling, general and administrative expenses in fiscal 2011, of which \$6.0 million was paid directly by Home Holdings and reflected as a capital contribution from Home Holdings through additional paid-in capital. The remaining \$3.9 million was paid by the Company as of January 28, 2012.

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The Company recorded management fees of \$3.9 million in selling, general and administrative expenses in fiscal 2010 and such management fees were paid by the Company as of January 29, 2011.

*Executive Loans with Home Holdings*

In December 2008, Mr. Friedman entered into a \$1.0 million loan with Home Holdings in connection with the purchase of a 0.3% ownership interest in Home Holdings. The full recourse loan initially bore interest at a rate of 8.0% per annum. If the interest was not paid in cash on December 31 of each year, such interest was deemed paid by capitalization and added to the principal amount of the loan. Principal and accrued interest was due the earlier of December 31, 2018, upon the sale of the Company or upon Mr. Friedman's termination of employment. In May 2010, the loan was amended and restated to, among other things, reduce the interest rate to 5.0% per annum, as of the date of the original \$1.0 million loan received in December 2008, modify the maturity date to December 31, 2015, and provide for an additional \$5.0 million loan from Home Holdings in connection with the purchase of an additional 1.7% ownership interest in Home Holdings.

In September 2011, Mr. Friedman repaid the loans owed to Home Holdings, together with accrued interest thereon, through the reclassification by Home Holdings of Mr. Friedman's pre-Reorganization Class A units and Class A-1 units in Home Holdings into an equal number of pre-Reorganization Class A Prime units and Class A-1 Prime units in Home Holdings, respectively. The Class A Prime units and Class A-1 Prime units, which are not subject to any future vesting, do not entitle Mr. Friedman to distributions from Home Holdings until after certain amounts have been distributed to the holders of Class A units, commensurate with the amount of all previously outstanding principal and interest on the loans. On the date of such repayment, the total principal amount of the loans, including all accrued interest thereon, was \$6,559,877. No prior payments of principal or interest were made by Mr. Friedman under the loan agreements. The Company completed a valuation analysis regarding the reclassification of units which resulted in a \$6.4 million compensation charge included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of operations for fiscal 2011 and reflected as a capital contribution from Home Holdings through additional paid-in capital. Such compensation charge was calculated as the total principal amount of the loans, including all accrued interest thereon, as of the repayment date, less the difference in fair value of the Class A units and Class A-1 units in Home Holdings as compared to the Class A Prime units and Class A-1 Prime units in Home Holdings.

In May 2010, Mr. Alberini, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, entered into a \$4.0 million loan with Home Holdings in connection with the purchase of a 1.4% ownership interest in Home Holdings bearing interest at the rate of 5.0% per annum with a maturity date of ninety days from the original date of such note. The loan to Mr. Alberini was repaid in full on August 25, 2010.

In April 2011, Ken Dunaj, the Company's Chief Operating Officer, entered into a \$600,000 loan with Home Holdings. The full recourse loan bears interest at 5.0% per annum and is secured by Mr. Dunaj's Team Restoration Ownership Plan units. The loan, together with all interest accrued but unpaid, is due and payable on the first to occur of (i) December 31, 2015, (ii) ninety days following termination of employment, (iii) the date of any sale of the Company, (iv) the date of an initial public offering, (v) the date of any acceleration that might occur as a result of a defined default under the note, or (vi) demand for repayment by Home Holdings.

In September 2011, Mr. Dunaj repaid the loan owed to Home Holdings, together with accrued interest thereon, through the reclassification by Home Holdings of Mr. Dunaj's pre-Reorganization Class B units issued under the Team Resto Ownership Plan into an equal number of pre-Reorganization Class B Prime units under the Team Resto Ownership Plan. The Class B Prime units are entitled to a lower distribution amount than Class B units, commensurate with the amount of all previously outstanding principal and interest on the loan. On the date of such repayment, the total principal amount of the loan, including all accrued interest thereon, was \$620,712. No prior payments of principal or interest were made by Mr. Dunaj under the loan agreement. On the date of such repayment, Mr. Dunaj surrendered 300,000 of his unvested Class B performance units under the Team Resto Ownership Plan. The Company undertook a valuation analysis regarding the reclassification of units which resulted in no compensation charge recorded in connection with the reclassification in the Company's consolidated financial statements for fiscal 2011 as it relates to vested awards and over the remaining vesting periods for currently unvested awards.

**Table of Contents****NOTE 15 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES****Leases**

The Company leases certain property consisting of retail and outlet stores, corporate offices, distribution centers and equipment. Leases expire at various dates through 2027. The stores, distribution centers and corporate office leases generally provide that the Company assumes the maintenance and all or a portion of the property tax obligations on the leased property. Most store leases also provide for minimum annual rentals, with provisions for additional rent based on a percentage of sales and for payment of certain expenses.

The aggregate future minimum rental payments under leases in effect as of February 2, 2013, are as follows (*in thousands*):

|   | <b>Capital<br/>Leases</b> | <b>Operating<br/>Leases</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 2013  | \$ 3,070                  | \$ 62,343                   | \$ 65,413         |
| 2014  | 1,414                     | 55,137                      | 56,551            |
| 2015  | 184                       | 47,919                      | 48,103            |
| 2016  | 42                        | 43,497                      | 43,539            |
| 2017  |                           | 39,545                      | 39,545            |
| Thereafter  |                           | 224,395                     | 224,395           |
| <b>Minimum lease commitments</b>                  | <b>4,710</b>              | <b>\$ 472,836</b>           | <b>\$ 477,546</b> |
| Less amount representing interest                 | (183)                     |                             |                   |
| <b>Present value of capital lease obligations</b> | <b>4,527</b>              |                             |                   |
| Less current capital lease obligations            | (2,925)                   |                             |                   |
| <b>Long-term capital lease obligations</b>        | <b>\$ 1,602</b>           |                             |                   |

The current and long-term capital lease obligations are included in other current liabilities and other long-term obligations, respectively, on the consolidated balance sheets.

Lease payments that depend on factors that are not measurable at the inception of the lease, such as future sales volume, are contingent rentals and are excluded from minimum lease payments and included in the determination of total rental expense when it is probable that the expense has been incurred and the amount is reasonably estimable. Future payments for insurance, real estate taxes and repair and maintenance to which the Company is obligated are excluded from minimum lease payments. Minimum and contingent rental expense under operating leases is as follows (*in thousands*):

|                               | <b>February 2,<br/>2013</b> | <b>Year Ended<br/>January 28,<br/>2012</b> | <b>January 29,<br/>2011</b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Operating leases</b>       |                             |  |                             |
| Minimum rental expense        | \$ 52,750                   | \$ 51,665                                  | \$ 48,801                   |
| Contingent rental expense     | 3,318                       | 1,456                                      | 900                         |
| <b>Total operating leases</b> | <b>\$ 56,068</b>            | <b>\$ 53,121</b>                           | <b>\$ 49,701</b>            |

**Commitments**

The Company had no off balance sheet commitments as of February 2, 2013.





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The Company is involved from time to time in various legal claims, actions and complaints arising in connection with its business. The outcome of matters the Company is involved in cannot be determined at this time and the results cannot be predicted with certainty and could result in unexpected expenses and liability and could also materially adversely affect the Company's operations.

The Company reviews the need for any loss contingency reserves and establishes reserves when, in the opinion of management, it is probable that a matter would result in liability, and the amount of loss, if any, can be reasonably estimated. Generally, in view of the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of those matters, particularly in cases in which claimants seek substantial or indeterminate damages, it is not possible to determine whether a liability has been incurred or to reasonably estimate the ultimate or minimum amount of that liability until the case is close to resolution, in which case no reserve is established until that time.

**NOTE 16 SEGMENT REPORTING**

The Company defines an operating segment on the same basis that it uses to evaluate performance internally by the Chief Operating Decision Maker ( CODM ). The Company has determined that the Chief Executive Officer (or Co-Chief Executive Officers prior to Mr. Friedman's resignation from such position) was its CODM and there was one operating segment. Therefore, the Company reports as a single segment. This includes all sales channels accessed by the Company's customers, including sales through catalogs, sales through the Company's website and sales through the Company's stores.

The Company classifies its sales into furniture and non-furniture product lines. Furniture includes both indoor and outdoor furniture from the Company's business lines. Non-furniture includes lighting, textiles, accessories and home décor. Net revenues in each category were as follows (in thousands):

|                           | February 2,<br>2013 | Year Ended<br>January 28,<br>2012 | January 29,<br>2011 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Furniture                 | \$ 628,092          | \$ 477,730                        | \$ 339,173          |
| Non-furniture             | 564,954             | 480,354                           | 433,579             |
| <b>Total net revenues</b> | <b>\$ 1,193,046</b> | <b>\$ 958,084</b>                 | <b>\$ 772,752</b>   |

The Company is domiciled in the United States and operates stores in the United States and Canada. Revenues from Canadian operations, and the long-lived assets in Canada, are not material to the Company. Geographic revenues are determined based upon where service is rendered.

No single customer accounted for more than 10% of the Company's revenues in fiscal 2012, fiscal 2011, or fiscal 2010.

**NOTE 17 RETAIL STORE CLOSURES AND OFFICE RESTRUCTURING***Shanghai Office Restructuring*

In April 2011, the Company restructured its Shanghai office location and terminated employees at that office, as well as terminated employees within the corporate headquarters in Corte Madera, CA. As a result, during fiscal 2011, the Company incurred \$1.6 million in restructuring related costs, including one-time employee termination benefits, contract termination fees, loss on disposal of capitalized property and equipment, and other associated costs, which are included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of operations. During fiscal 2012, the Company did not incur any restructuring related costs. At February 2, 2013, the Company did not have any remaining future liabilities related to this office restructuring. The Company does not expect to incur additional costs associated with this office restructuring in future periods.

**Table of Contents***Retail Store Closures*

In June and July 2011, the Company closed four retail store locations prior to their respective lease termination dates. As a result, during fiscal 2011, the Company incurred \$3.2 million in exit related costs, including contract termination fees, one-time employee termination benefits and other associated costs. During fiscal 2012, the Company recorded income of \$0.4 million related to a change in estimate of liabilities related to closed stores. At February 2, 2013, the Company had remaining future liabilities existing under the lease agreements of \$0.3 million which consist of contract termination fees. The Company does not expect to incur additional costs associated with these retail store closures in future periods.

**NOTE 18 SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)**

Quarterly financial data for fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2011 are set forth below (*in thousands, except share and per share amounts*):

| Fiscal 2012   | Three Months Ended |                  |                     |                     |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | April 28,<br>2012  | July 28,<br>2012 | October 27,<br>2012 | February 2,<br>2013 |
| Net revenues  | \$ 217,914         | \$ 292,906       | \$ 284,171          | \$ 398,055          |
| Gross profit  | 75,268             | 114,127          | 101,880             | 145,174             |
| Net income (loss)   | (3,728)            | 17,616           | 1,685               | (28,362)            |
| Weighted-average shares used in computing basic and diluted net income (loss) per share | 1,000              | 1,000            | 1,000               | 35,692,064          |
| Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share   | \$ (3,728)         | \$ 17,616        | \$ 1,685            | \$ (0.79)           |

| Fiscal 2011   | Three Months Ended |                  |                     |                     |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | April 30,<br>2011  | July 30,<br>2011 | October 29,<br>2011 | January 28,<br>2012 |
| Net revenues  | \$ 184,760         | \$ 235,623       | \$ 232,459          | \$ 305,242          |
| Gross profit  | 63,184             | 91,246           | 84,393              | 117,526             |
| Net income (loss)   | (6,218)            | 7,582            | (4,830)             | 24,054              |
| Weighted-average shares used in computing basic and diluted net income (loss) per share | 100                | 100              | 674                 | 1,000               |
| Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share   | \$ (62,180)        | \$ 75,820        | \$ (7,166)          | \$ 24,054           |

The three months ended February 2, 2013 includes (i) a \$92.0 million non-cash compensation charge related to equity grants at the time of the Reorganization, (ii) a non-cash compensation charge of \$23.1 million related to the performance-based vesting of certain shares granted to Mr. Alberini and Mr. Friedman, (iii) costs incurred in connection with the initial public offering, including a fee of \$7.0 million to Catterton, Tower Three and Glenhill in accordance with the Company's management services agreement, payments of \$2.2 million to certain former executives and bonus payments to employees of \$1.3 million and (iv) \$3.3 million incurred as a result of increased tariff obligations of one of the Company's foreign suppliers following the U.S. Department of Commerce's review of the anti-dumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from China for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. In addition, as of the end of fiscal 2012, the Company's U.S. operations had returned to a position of cumulative profits (adjusted for permanent differences) for the most recent three-year period. The Company concluded that this record of cumulative profitability in recent years, coupled with its business plan for profitability in future periods, provided assurance that the Company's future tax benefits more likely than not would be realized. Accordingly, in the three months ended February 2, 2013, the Company released all of its U.S. valuation allowance of \$57.2 million against net deferred tax assets.

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The three months ended July 28, 2012 and October 27, 2012 include \$2.0 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, of legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the investigation conducted by the special committee of the board of directors relating to Mr. Friedman and its subsequent remedial actions.

The three months ended October 29, 2011 includes a \$6.4 million compensation charge related to the repayment of loans owed to Home Holdings by Mr. Friedman, through the reclassification by Home Holdings of Mr. Friedman's Class A and Class A-1 ownership units into an equal number of Class A Prime and Class A-1 Prime ownership units.

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Through and including \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 (the 25th day after the date of this prospectus), all dealers effecting transactions in these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to a dealer's obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as an underwriter and with respect to an unsold allotment or subscription.

**Shares**

**Common Stock**

**PROSPECTUS**

**BofA Merrill Lynch**

**Goldman, Sachs & Co.**

**Baird**

**William Blair**

**Piper Jaffray**

**Stifel**



**Table of Contents****PART II****INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS****Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution**

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses, other than the underwriting discount, payable in connection with the sale and distribution of the securities being registered. All amounts are estimated except the SEC registration fee and the FINRA filing fee. Except as otherwise noted, all the expenses below will be paid by us.

|                                   | <b>Amount<br/>to be paid</b> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| SEC Registration Fee              | \$ 27,280                    |
| FINRA Filing Fee                  | \$ 30,500                    |
| Listing Fee                       | *                            |
| Legal Fees and Expenses           | *                            |
| Accounting Fees and Expenses      | *                            |
| Printing and Engraving Expenses   | *                            |
| Blue Sky Fees and Expenses        | *                            |
| Transfer Agent and Registrar Fees | *                            |
| Director and Officer Insurance    | *                            |
| Miscellaneous Expenses            | *                            |
| Total                             | \$ *                         |

\* To be filed by amendment.

**Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") permits a corporation to include in its charter documents, and in agreements between the corporation and its directors and officers, provisions expanding the scope of indemnification beyond that specifically provided by the current law.

Our certificate of incorporation provides that our directors will not be liable for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty.

Our bylaws provide that we will indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. Our bylaws provide for the indemnification of officers and directors acting on our behalf if this person acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in and not opposed to our best interest, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, the indemnified party had no reason to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our executive officers and directors, in addition to indemnification provided for in our charter documents, and we intend to enter into indemnification agreements with any new directors and executive officers in the future. The indemnification agreements provide the executive officers and directors with contractual rights to indemnification, expense advancement and reimbursement, to the fullest extent permitted under the DGCL.

The underwriting agreement (Exhibit 1.1 hereto) provides for indemnification by the underwriters of us, and indemnification of the underwriters by us for certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in connection with matters specifically provided in writing by the underwriters for inclusion in the registration statement.

We have purchased and intend to maintain insurance on behalf of us and any person who is or was a director or officer against any loss arising from any claim asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in that capacity, subject to certain exclusions and limits of the amount of coverage.





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### **Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities**

In August and November 2012, as described in the prospectus that is a part of this registration statement, a total of 28,199,041 shares of common stock were issued by Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. to Home Holdings, LLC. There were no underwriters employed in connection with these transactions, which were made in reliance upon Section 4(2) of the Securities Act (or Rule 501 of Regulation D promulgated thereunder). No other securities were sold by Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. within the past three fiscal years that were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ).

### **Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

#### **(a) Exhibits**

The exhibit index attached hereto is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **(b) Financial Statement Schedules**

Financial statement schedules have been omitted because the information required to be set forth therein is not applicable or is shown in the financial statements or notes thereto.

### **Item 17. Undertakings**

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted as to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 14, or otherwise, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, we will, unless in the opinion of our counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by us is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

- (1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus as filed as part of this Registration Statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective.
- (2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

**Table of Contents****Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, we have duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-1 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Town of Corte Madera, State of California, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

RESTORATION HARDWARE HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Carlos Alberini  
**Carlos Alberini**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**Power of Attorney**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Carlos Alberini and Karen Boone, and each of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to sign any registration statement for the same offering covered by this Registration Statement that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all post-effective amendments thereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or his or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement on Form S-1 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <b>Signature</b>                       | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Date</b>    |
|--|---|----------------|
| /s/ Carlos Alberini<br>Carlos Alberini | Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)  | April 26, 2013 |
| /s/ Karen Boone<br>Karen Boone         | Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer (Principal Financial and Principal Accounting Officer) | April 26, 2013 |
| /s/ Eri Chaya<br>Eri Chaya             | Director  | April 26, 2013 |
| /s/ J. Michael Chu<br>J. Michael Chu   | Director  | April 26, 2013 |
| /s/ Mark Demilio<br>Mark Demilio       | Director  | April 26, 2013 |
| /s/ William Forrest                    | Director  | April 26, 2013 |

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| William Forrest      |          |                |
| /s/ Thomas Mottola   | Director | April 26, 2013 |
| Thomas Mottola       |          |                |
| /s/ Barry Sternlicht | Director | April 26, 2013 |
| Barry Sternlicht     |          |                |

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| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Exhibit Description</b>   | <b>Incorporated by Reference</b> |                        |                                 |                           | <b>Filed<br/>Herewith</b> |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                           |  | <b>Form</b>                      | <b>File<br/>Number</b> | <b>Date of First<br/>Filing</b> | <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> |                           |
| 1.1*                      | Form of Underwriting Agreement   |                                  |                        |                                 |                           | X                         |
| 3.1                       | Certificate of Incorporation of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc.  | 10-K                             |                        | April 26, 2013                  | 3.1                       |                           |
| 3.2                       | Bylaws of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc.  | 10-K                             |                        | April 26, 2013                  | 3.2                       |                           |
| 4.1                       | Form of Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. s Common Stock Certificate   | S-1                              | 333-176767             | October 23, 2012                | 4.1                       |                           |
| 5.1*                      | Opinion of Morrison & Foerster LLP   |                                  |                        |                                 |                           | X                         |
| 10.1                      | Form of Indemnification Agreement entered into by and between Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc. and each of its directors  | S-1                              | 333-176767             | October 23, 2012                | 10.4                      |                           |
| 10.2                      | First Amendment to Ninth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of January 6, 2012, by and among Restoration Hardware, Inc., as lead borrower, Restoration Hardware Canada, Inc., as Canadian borrower, the other borrowers party thereto, the guarantors party thereto, the lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent | S-1                              | 333-176767             | June 26, 2012                   | 10.5                      |                           |
| 10.3                      | Ninth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 3, 2011, by and among Restoration Hardware, Inc., as lead borrower, Restoration Hardware Canada, Inc., as Canadian borrower, the other borrowers party thereto, the guarantors party thereto, the lenders from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent   | S-1                              | 333-176767             | June 26, 2012                   | 10.6                      |                           |
| 10.4                      | Stockholders Agreement dated as of November 7, 2012, by and between Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc., and Home Holdings, LLC  | 10-K                             |                        | April 26, 2013                  | 10.4                      |                           |
| 10.5                      | Registration Rights Agreement dated as of November 7, 2012, by and among Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc., Home Holdings, LLC, CP Home Holdings, LLC, Tower Three Home, LLC, and the other parties thereto  | 10-K                             |                        | April 26, 2013                  | 10.5                      |                           |
| 10.7                      | Advisory Services Agreement dated as of October 20, 2012, between Restoration Hardware, Inc. and Gary Friedman   | S-1                              | 333-176767             | October 31, 2012                | 10.18                     |                           |
| 10.8                      | Employment Agreement dated as of November 1, 2012 by and between Restoration Hardware, Inc. and Carlos Alberini  | 10-K                             |                        | April 26, 2013                  | 10.8                      |                           |
| 10.9                      | Employment Agreement dated as of November 1, 2012, by and between Restoration Hardware, Inc. and Karen Boone   | 10-K                             |                        | April 26, 2013                  | 10.9                      |                           |
| 10.10                     | Amended and Restated Offer Letter, between Restoration Hardware, Inc. and Ken Dunaj  | S-1                              | 333-176767             | October 23, 2012                | 10.3                      |                           |
| 10.11                     | 2012 Equity Replacement Plan and related documents   | S-8                              | 333-184716             | November 2, 2012                | 4.2                       |                           |
| 10.12                     | 2012 Stock Incentive Plan and related documents  | S-8                              | 333-184716             | November 2, 2012                | 4.3                       |                           |
| 10.13                     | 2012 Stock Option Plan and related documents   | S-8                              | 333-184716             | November 2, 2012                | 4.4                       |                           |
| 21.1                      | Subsidiary List  | S-1                              | 333-176767             | June 26, 2012                   | 21.1                      |                           |
| 23.1                      | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  |                                  |                        |                                 |                           | X                         |
| 24.1                      | Power of Attorney (included on signature page)   |                                  |                        |                                 |                           | X                         |

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Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\* To be filed by amendment.