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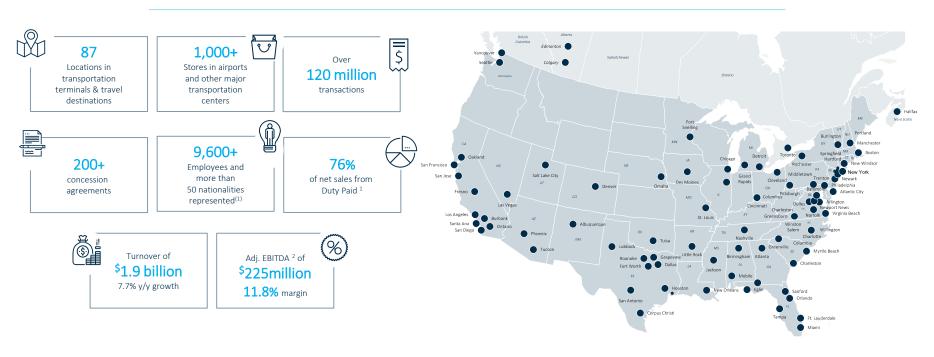


# COMPANY OVERVIEW



# Hudson Group is an Industry Leader in North American Travel Retail

# Broad geographic footprint spanning four corners of North America



Note: Unless otherwise noted data presented as of or for the twelve months ended, September 30, 2018. Anchorage, Alaska location not pictured in map.

As of December 31, 2017

(2) Adjusted EBITDA is a non-IFRS measure. See reconciliation at the end of this presentation for a reconciliation to the most comparable IFRS measure.

# Diversified set of highly recognized concepts



Travel Essentials & Bookstores

Proprietary Duty Free

Branded Specialty

Proprietary Specialty

Quick-Service Food & Beverage







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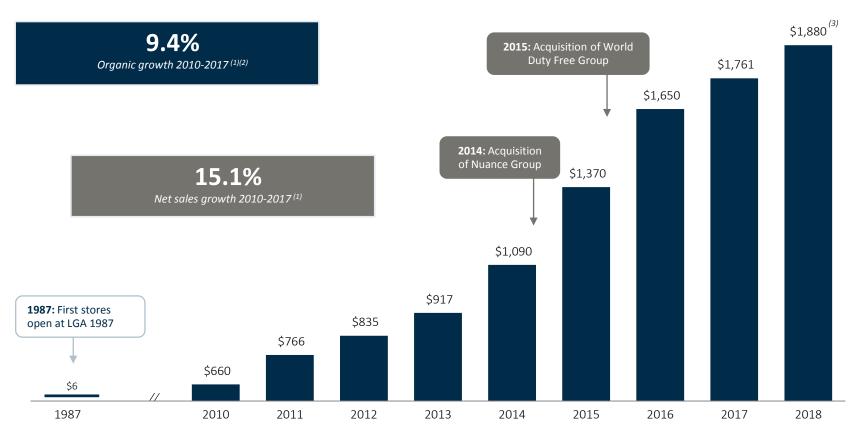




Portfolio of brands underpins go-to market strategy

## Long and consistent record of impressive net sales growth





Note: \$ in millions.

Represents net sales (i.e., turnover minus advertising income).

2011 onwards reflects consolidation of Dufry North America assets owned prior to acquisition of Hudson.

(1) Year-over-year average for the years ended 12/31/2010 through 12/31/2016. (2)

Excludes growth attributable to specific stores acquired in the acquisition of Nuance Group or World Duty Free Group that management expected, at the time of the applicable acquisition, to wind down. (3)

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## **Travel Retail Has Distinct Advantages**



#### **Captive Audience**

- Passengers arrive at airports earlier due to travel unknowns
- Average dwell time between 90 105 minutes increases spend

#### **Propensity to Spend**

- Passenger spend increased at a 4% CAGR from 2007 to 2017
- The median passenger is 45 54 years old
- \$100k \$125k median household income

# Immediate Needs and Wants

- Customer driven by a combination of impulses and immediate needs
- Need exacerbated by lack of in-flight services onboard airlines

# Limited E-Commerce Competition

 Airport retailers face limited competition from Internet retailers

#### Regulatory Environment

- Complex operating environment
- Controlled by government and airport authorities

#### Landlord Relationships

- Longstanding relationships with airports and landlords drive contract extensions and new business wins
- Consistent execution and scale are required to grow

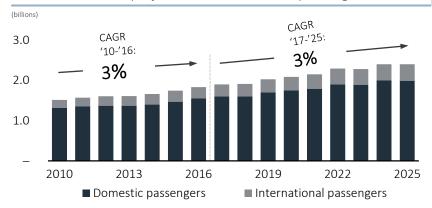
Overall the competitive landscape for travel retail remains unchanged.

Unique challenges and complexity of travel retail environment combined with years required to scale serve as barriers to entry.

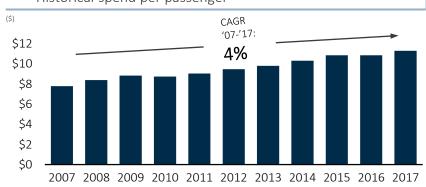


## The North American Travel Concessions Market is Expected to Continue Growing

#### Historical and projected North American passenger volumes



#### Historical spend per passenger



# Air travel is a way of life

ource: ACI-NA Concessions Benchmarking Survey, Airport Revenue News (ARN).

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## **Organizational Structure That Delivers Value to Key Constituents**





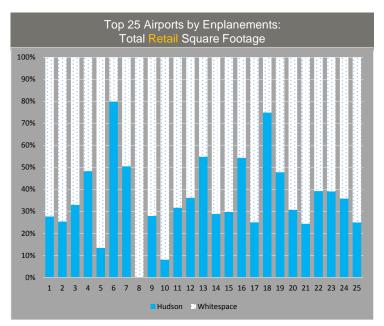
#### **Strong Market Share with Room to Grow**

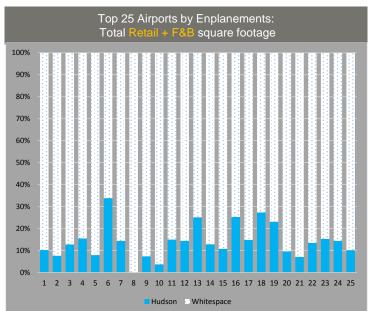


While we are in 24 of the top 25 airports, we are not in every terminal

Top 25 airports represent ~59% of total N.A. travel retail market1

We have significant room to grow sales, not only in travel retail but also in food & beverage, a category that is a natural extension of our business





For illustrative purposes only. Revenue opportunities in particular airports may be limited by airport policies

(1) Based on square feet available for retail and food & beverage operations Source: ARN, company data and N.A. airport data



# 2 THIRD QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

# Q3 2018 Highlights



- Organic net sales growth of 6.5% <sup>1</sup>
  - Includes 90 bps currency headwind
  - Like-for-like net sales growth of 3.3% (4.2% CC)
  - Net new business and expansions in Ft. Lauderdale, Seattle, JFK and LAX
- Gross profit margin expanded 160 bps to 63.7%
  - Continued impact of successful vendor negotiations
  - Ongoing positive sales mix shift to higher margin categories
- Adjusted EBITDA growth of 27.6% (9.3% assuming reduced franchise fee in effect in 3Q17)
  - Driven primarily by higher gross profit
- Variability in net new business growth
  - Typical in travel retail industry
  - Timing of new store openings varies from period to period
  - Function of RFP cycle, airport construction

# **2018 Wins and Extensions**



| New Wins                             |  | Extensions (1) + Expansions                   |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| New Market                           | Existing Market                                    | Existing Market                               |  |
| Billy Bishop Toronto<br>January 2018 | Seattle-Tacoma Int'l Airport<br>March 2018         | Clinton National Airport<br>January 2018      | Greater Rochester<br>Int'l Airport<br><i>April 2018</i>              |
|                                      | Phoenix Sky Harbor Int'l Airport  March 2018       | Pittsburgh Int'l Airport<br><i>March 2018</i> | Burlington Int'l Airport<br>June 2018                                |
|                                      | Boston Logan Int'l Airport<br>April 2018           | JFK Terminal 7<br><i>March 2018</i>           | Baltimore/Washington Int'l<br>Thurgood Marshall Airport<br>June 2018 |
|                                      | Philadelphia International<br>Airport<br>July 2018 | Orlando Int'l Airport<br>April 2018           | LaGuardia Airport Terminal B<br>June 2018                            |
|                                      | Salt Lake City<br>December 2018                    |   | Chicago CitiGroup Center  August 2018                                |

<sup>(1)</sup> An extension is defined as a continuation in the same market whether the Company won through an RFP process or extended an existing contract.

# **Store Openings Q3 2018**



















# Food & Beverage – A Leading Category of Growth





Continue to see strong results in stores with open in-line and island coolers driving sales of grab and go food

Accelerating installation of open island and wall coolers due to early success

Sales of grab and go food line grew 49% YoY





# **Electronics – An Evolving Category**







**(iii** works!



- Active noise cancelling
- Power stations
- Adapters





# **Whitespace Growth Continues to Present Opportunities**



Recent Announcements of Airport Expansion Projects

JFK - \$13B makeover (w/4 million addt'l sq.ft.)













# 3 Q3 2018 FINANCIAL RESULTS

# Financial Highlights Q3 2018



Solid 6.0% turnover growth and 6.5% organic net sales growth<sup>1</sup>

160bps gross margin improvement

Adjusted EBITDA growth of 27.6% (9.3% assuming lower franchise fee structure was in place in 3Q17)

Adjusted EBITDA margin of 14.5% and 250 bps Adjusted EBITDA margin improvement (50 bps improvement pro forma)



Note: All figures compared to Q3 2017

<sup>(1)</sup> See reconciliation to Turnover in Appendix. Organic net sales growth represents the combination of growth from (i) like-for-like net sales growth and (ii) net new stores and expansions. Organic net sales growth excludes growth attributable to (i) acquired stores until such stores have been part of our business for at least 12 months and (ii) eight stores acquired in the 2014 acquisition of Nuance and 46 stores acquired in the 2015 acquisition of World Duty Free Group that management expected, at the time of the applicable acquisition, to wind down.

<sup>(2)</sup> For a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to net earnings for the periods presented see Appendix.

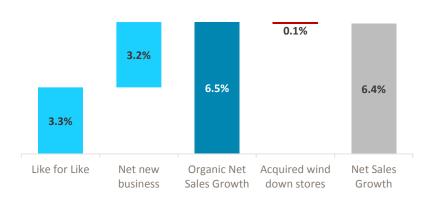
<sup>(3)</sup> Q3 2018 includes \$2.7 million incremental public company related costs as compared to Q3 2017.

# **Organic Net Sales Growth Components Q3 2018**



# Growth components

| Q3 18 / Q3 17 |
|---------------|
| 4.2%          |
| -0.9%         |
| 3.3%          |
| 3.2%          |
| 6.5%          |
| 0.07.0        |
| -0.1%         |
| 6.4%          |
|               |



# Quarterly evolution

Q3 18 Like for like growth negatively impacted 90 bps due to stronger USD. Canadian dollar depreciated 4.1% over Q3 2017.

Net new business includes new operations in Ft. Lauderdale, JFK, LAX, & Seattle.



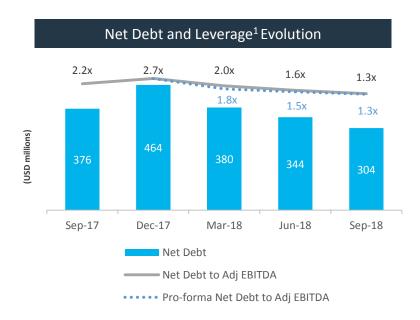


# **Quarterly Summary – Q3**

| (in millions USD)                   | Q3 2018<br>% of turnover | Q3 2017<br>% of turnover | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Turnover                            | \$526.6<br>100%          | \$496.6<br>100%          | 6.0%     |
| Gross Profit                        | \$335.5<br>63.7%         | \$308.5<br><i>62.1%</i>  | 8.8%     |
| Selling Expenses                    | \$121.7<br>23.1%         | \$113.5<br>22.9%         | 7.2%     |
| Personnel expenses                  | \$105.4<br>20.0%         | \$95.7<br>19.3%          | 10.1%    |
| General and administrative expenses | \$32.3<br>6.1%           | \$39.5<br>8.0%           | (18.2%)  |
| Share of result of associates       | \$0.1<br>-               | \$(0.1)                  | NM       |
| Adjusted EBITDA                     | \$76.2<br>14.5%          | \$59.7<br>12.0%          | 27.6%    |
| Depreciation & Amortization         | \$30.2<br>5.7%           | \$26.0<br>5.2%           | 16.2%    |
| Other Operational Result            | \$1.6<br>0.3%            | \$(7.2)<br>(1.4)%        | (122.2%) |
| Operating Profit (EBIT)             | \$44.4<br>8.4%           | \$40.9<br>8.2%           | 8.6%     |

#### **Balance Sheet and Cash Flow**





- Increase in net debt in Q4 '17 driven by payment of 100m outstanding Franchise fees to Dufry
- Reduction in Q1'18 net debt due to receipt of \$60M pre-IPO restructuring proceeds from sales of non-Hudson US assets to Dufry International
- Pro Forma leverage based on Adjusted EBITDA further adjusted for the new reduced Franchise fee payable to Dufry as if it applied for the entire 12-month period

#### **Cash Flow Statement**

|  | Quarter Ended |           |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|--|
| IN MILLIONS OF USD                                   | 9/30/2018     | 9/30/2017 |  |
| Net cash flows from operating activities             | \$75.2        | \$88.0    |  |
| Net cash flows used in investing activities          | (20.7)        | (17.3)    |  |
|  |               |           |  |
| Net cash flows (used in) / from financing activities | (24.8)        | (74.4)    |  |
| Currency translation on cash                         | 1.0           | 5.1       |  |
| (Decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents   | 30.7          | 1.4       |  |
|  |               |           |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the                     |               |           |  |
| – beginning of the period                            | 239.0         | 219.1     |  |
| – end of the period                                  | 269.7         | 220.5     |  |

# **Components of Target Revenue Growth and Long-Term Financial Framework**





| Q4/FY18 Preliminary Results:            |                  |                    |  |  |
|---|------------------|--------------------|--|--|
|   | 4Q 2018          | FY 2018            |  |  |
| Net Sales                               | \$459.8M or 4.5% | \$1,882.0M or 6.9% |  |  |
| Organic Net Sales Growth                | 4.6%             | 7.1%               |  |  |
| Like-for-Like Sales Growth <sup>1</sup> | 1.7% (2.5% CC) 👚 | 3.7% (3.7% CC) 1   |  |  |

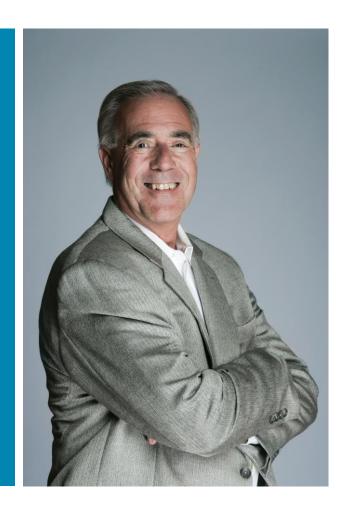
#### **CEO Transition**

Announced January 9, 2019



#### Roger Fordyce succeeds Joe DiDomizio as CEO

- Roger has worked hand-in-hand with Joe over the previous 30+ years across the full spectrum of CEO demands including company management, RFP process and being deeply involved in the company's IPO process
- Prior to his appointment as CEO, Roger served as EVP & COO and was responsible for the day-to-day general management of the company
- His prior responsibilities continue to be fulfilled by Brian Quinn who has been co-COO since 2008
- Prior to joining Hudson Group, Mr. Fordyce held positions as manager at Dobbs/Aeroplex, WH Smith, and Greenman Bros.
- Roger has a long-standing relationship with Dufry and the company's BOD, who extend their enthusiastic support for him as the new CEO
- Dufry and the BOD thank Joe for his many contributions to Hudson Group's development over the years and wishes Joe all the best in his future endeavors
- Joe's employment agreement included two-year non-compete and non-solicitation provisions upon leaving the company





# 4 APPENDIX

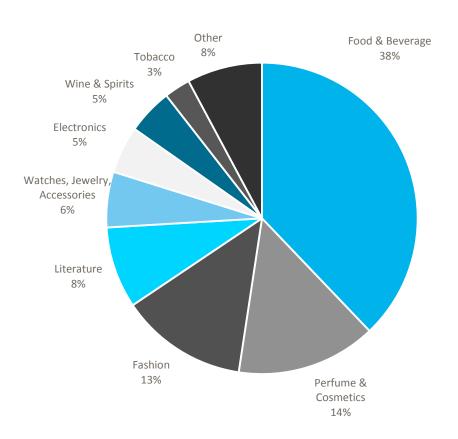
# Q3 Net Sales Breakdown – by product category



## Q3 2017

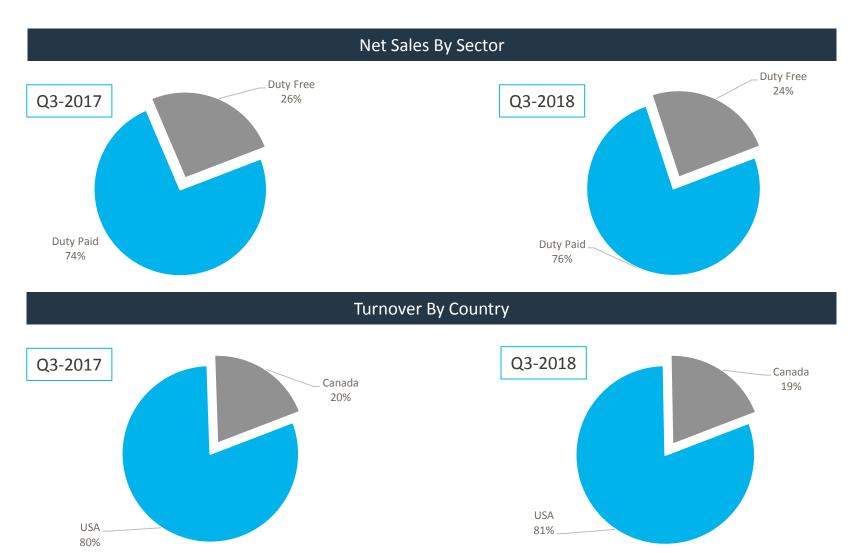
# Other Food & Beverage 8% Tobacco 36% 3% Wine & Spirits 5% Electronics 5% Watches, Jewelry, Accessories 7% Literature 9% Fashion Perfume & 13% Cosmetics 14%

# Q3 2018



# **Q3 Sales Breakdown**





# **Turnover to Organic Net Sales Growth Reconciliation**



|                          | Organic | Acquired<br>Wind Down<br>Stores | Reported<br>Growth |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Like for Like            | 3.3%    | 0.0%                            | 3.3%               |
| Net New Business         | 3.2%    | -0.1%                           | 3.1%               |
| Organic Net Sales Growth | 6.5%    | -0.1%                           | 6.4%               |
| Advertising Income       |         |                                 | -0.4%              |
| Total Turnover Growth    |         |                                 | 6.0 %              |

## **Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation**



|   | QUARTER ENDED | QUARTER ENDED | NINE MONTHS ENDED | NINE MONTHS ENDED |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| IN MILLIONS OF USD                        | 9/30/2018     | 9/30/2017     | 9/30/2018         | 9/30/2017         |
|   |               |               |                   |                   |
| Net earnings                              | 36.8          | 22.5          | 63.0              | 24.2              |
| Income tax expense                        | 0.7           | <u>11.0</u>   | <u>4.1</u>        | 8.0               |
| Earnings before taxes (EBT)               | 37.5          | 33.5          | 67.1              | 32.2              |
| Foreign exchange gain / (loss)            | (0.2)         | (0.4)         | 0.3               | (0.8)             |
| Interest income                           | (0.6)         | (0.4)         | (1.7)             | (1.4)             |
| Interest expenses                         | <u>7.7</u>    | <u>8.2</u>    | 23.3              | 22.7              |
| Operating Profit (EBIT)                   | 44.4          | 40.9          | 89.0              | 52.7              |
| Depreciation, amortization and impairment | 30.2          | 26.0          | 89.6              | 79.3              |
| Other operational result (1)              | <u>1.6</u>    | <u>(7.2)</u>  | <u>6.6</u>        | (0.9)             |
| Adjusted EBITDA                           | 76.2          | 59.7          | 185.2             | 131.1             |

For the quarter ended September 30, 2018, other operational result consisted of \$1.2 million of litigation reserve and \$0.4 million of other non-recurring items. For the quarter ended September 30, 2017, other operational result included \$9.9 million of other operating income resulting from forgiveness of certain intercompany payables due to Dufry and \$0.5 million of other non-recurring income items, partially offset by \$3.2 million of IPO transaction costs. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, other operational result consisted of \$2.2 million of litigation reserve, \$0.8 million of asset write-offs related to conversions and store closings, \$0.8 million of uncollected receivables, \$0.7 million of IPO transaction costs, \$0.6 million of restructuring expenses and \$1.5 million of other non-recurring items. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, other operational result consisted primarily of \$9.9 million of other operating income resulting from forgiveness of certain intercompany payables due to Dufry, which was partially offset by other operating expenses including \$3.2 million of IPO transaction costs, \$3.0 million of restructuring costs associated with the World Duty Free Group acquisition, \$1.5 million of asset write-offs and \$1.3 million of other non-recurring items.

# **Pro Forma Net Debt Reconciliation**



|   | QUARTER ENDED |
|---|---------------|
| MILLIONS OF USD                           | 9/30/18       |
|   |               |
| Financial debt                            | 573           |
| Less: Cash and cash equivalents           | <u>(269)</u>  |
| Net debt                                  | 304           |
|   |               |
| Adj. EBITDA (Trailing 12 mo)              | 227           |
| Add: reduction in franchise fees to Dufry | 9             |
| Pro forma Adj EBITDA (Trailing 12 mo)     | 236           |
|   |               |
| Pro forma net debt / Adj. EBITDA ratio    | 1.3           |