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## Continuing Track Record of Investing in Customers, Communities and Associates

Post closing, Kroger will invest approximately...





**\$1.3B** into Albertsons stores to enhance customer experience



**\$1B** to continue raising associate wages & comprehensive benefits





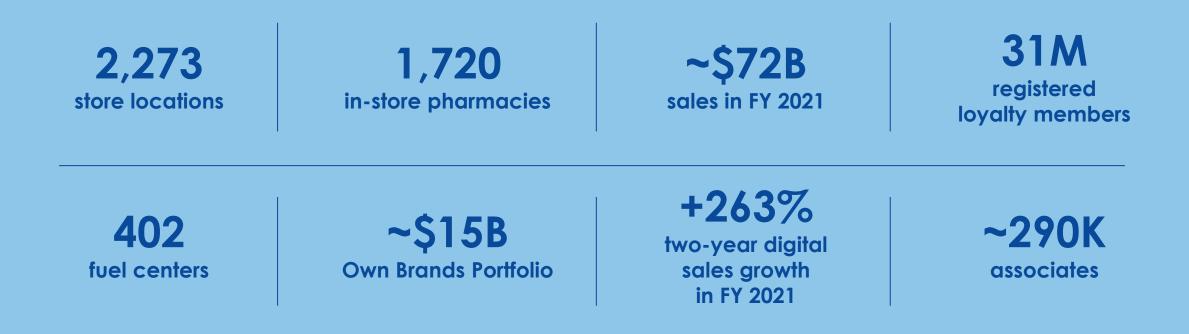
## **Transaction Overview**

Consideration	<ul> <li>Kroger will acquire all outstanding shares of Albertsons for estimated total consideration of \$34.10 per share in cash, subject to certain per share reductions</li> <li>Implies total enterprise value of ~\$24.6B, including assumption of ~\$4.7B of Albertson's net debt</li> <li>Represents 32.8% premium to unaffected closing price of Albertson's common stock on October 12, 2022 and 29.7% to 30-day VWAP</li> <li>Albertsons will pay a special cash dividend of up to \$4 billion to its shareholders, which is expected to be approximately \$6.85 per share and will reduce purchase price commensurately</li> </ul>
Enhanced Financial Performance and Value Creation	<ul> <li>Delivered combined ~\$210B revenue, \$11.6B of adjusted EBITDA and \$3.3 billion in net earnings in FY 2021</li> <li>Expected average TSR well above Kroger standalone model of 8-11% in the first four years following close</li> <li>Accretive to earnings in the first year following close and double digit accretive to earnings by year four, excluding one-time costs</li> <li>Expects to achieve \$1B annual run-rate synergies net of divestitures within first four years post-close; approximately 50% achieved within first two years post-close</li> </ul>
Financing	<ul> <li>Kroger will fund transaction with cash on hand and proceeds from new debt financing</li> <li>Albertson's existing bonds will roll into pro forma capital structure and rank pari passu with Kroger's bonds</li> <li>Engaged with rating agencies and strongly committed to current investment grade credit rating</li> </ul>
Capital Allocation	<ul> <li>Will continue to invest in high return projects that support strategy</li> <li>Intend to continue paying quarterly dividend and expect to raise dividend over time, subject to Board approval</li> <li>Prioritizing de-leveraging to achieve 2.5x EBITDA net leverage target in first 18 – 24 months post close; repurchase program has been paused until net leverage target achieved</li> </ul>
Leadership	<ul> <li>Rodney McMullen, Chairman and CEO of Kroger, will be Chairman and CEO of combined company</li> <li>Gary Millerchip, SVP and CFO will continue his role in the combined company</li> </ul>
Path to Close	<ul> <li>Transaction subject to required regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions</li> <li>Targeted close in early 2024</li> <li>Transaction approved by Albertsons shareholders holding a majority of outstanding common and preferred stock</li> <li>Merger agreement contemplates some store divestitures may be accomplished through establishment of Albertsons subsidiary to be spun-off to Albertsons shareholders immediately prior to close, that would operate as standalone public company; SpinCo would be a new, agile competitor with quality stores, experienced management, operational flexibility, a strong balance sheet, and focused capital allocation and resources to provide customers with continued value and quality service and associates with ongoing compelling career opportunities; would comprise minimum of 100 stores and up to 375 stores</li> </ul>



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## Albertsons at a Glance



## 20+ Trusted Iconic Banners With Track Record of Operating Excellence



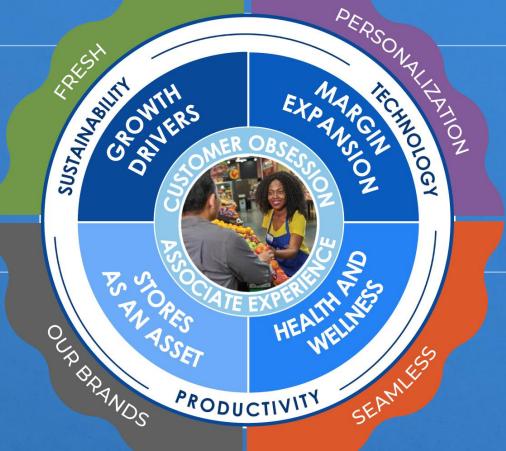
## Complementary National Footprint with Iconic and Trusted Supermarket Banners



## Accelerates Go-to-Market Strategy Through Complementary Priorities, Assets, and Expertise

Enables Kroger to serve more of America with fresher food, faster

Creates broader selection of *Our Brands* products to offer customers higher quality and better value



Offers unmatched personalized experience, offering more relevant recommendations and promotions to save customers time and money

Delivers an enhanced seamless customer experience requiring zero compromise

## Fresh: Faster and Fresher Than Ever

#### **Kroger Capabilities**

Supplier	Sourced products at peak of flavor & quality		
Distribution Center	Reduced transit time		
Merchandising	Optimal assortment, price & promotion		
Store Operations	Simplified tasks & training; Improved scheduling		
Customers	Fresh for Everyone marketing, personalization & loyalty		



Broader supplier base & national and local networks enable fresher products to reach more customers faster

Enhanced assortment & signature items



Accelerates penetration of Fresh portfolio

Data & Science Driven

# Our Brands: Expanding Portfolio to Deliver Greater Value and Quality



Combined capabilities will accelerate growth and profitability

~\$**43B** Our Brands Portfolio<sup>(1)</sup>

Combined portfolio of ~34,000 total private label products

1,520

Combined New Products in 2021 Launched combined ~300 products in Q1 2022

One of the Largest CPG Companies in the U.S

Tremendous opportunities for growth

52 Manufacturing Plants Supporting innovation in combined portfolio

(1) Reflects FY 2021A sales for Kroger and Albertsons.

## Personalization: Data, Personalization and Loyalty Program **Benefit Customers**

#### Loyalty & core retail growth:

- ~85 million households
- One of the most comprehensive firstparty data repositories in the food and retail space
- Compelling retail loyalty program
- More relevant recommendations and promotions across price points
- Promotes healthier lifestyles

#### Unmatched personalized experience saves customers time and money





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# Seamless: Serving Customers Anything, Anytime, Anywhere

#### **Expanded Omnichannel Customer Experience**



Fresh Products & Meal Solutions Assortment



Stores, Pickup, Delivery





Personalized Recommendations / Offers

## 5 Fulfillment Centers

- 6 Kroger Automated Fulfillment Centers
- 12 Kroger Spokes
- 7 Albertsons' Automated Micro-Fulfillment Centers

#### Fulfillment capabilities combining stores and FCs

- ✓ Improve customer experience and freshness with expanded network
- ✓ Expand capacity and shorten lead times for added convenience
- Increase utilization of automated fulfillment network through large, medium and small FCs
- ✓ Improve overall efficiency and lower operating costs
- Expand comprehensive digital ecosystem and delivery service providers



## Associates Enable our Success

Investing in associates

since 2018, Kroger has invested an incremental \$1.2B in compensation and benefits

Cultivating an exciting culture embracing diversity, equity and inclusion

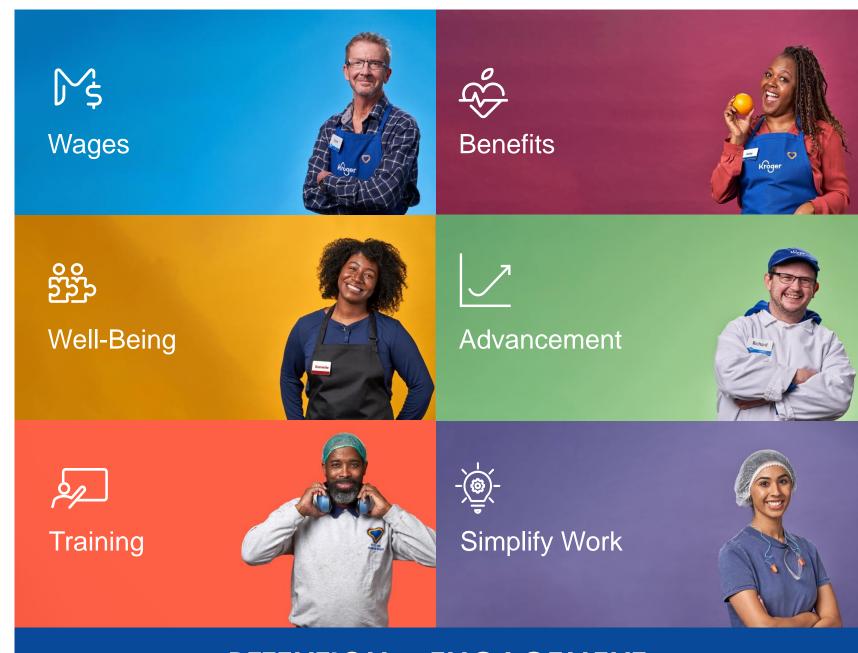
**Best-in-class associate experience** enabling, supporting and empowering associates to unlock their full potential

**Creating new career opportunities** for associates

Securing union jobs

continuing to work with local unions across America to serve our communities





## **RETENTION & ENGAGEMENT**

## Sustainability is a Longstanding Priority



- Complementary ESG strategies to advance shared mission to support communities
- Focus on responsible corporate stewardship, workforce diversity, equity and inclusion, and creating communities free from hunger and waste

Together, we will drive continued progress toward our shared ESG initiatives

# Expanded Network Enables Accelerated Profitable Growth and Value Creation



(1) Current combined store, pharmacy and fuel center count.Note: Reflects FY 2021A metrics for Kroger and Albertsons

## Strengthens Our Value Creation Flywheel



#### Strong Supermarket, Fuel & Pharmacy Business

TRAFFIC & REVENUE

**DATA & TRAFFIC** 



Fast Growing Alternative Profit Businesses



## Expanded National Reach Accelerates Alternative Profit Businesses

**Kroger Today** 

+\$**1**B Annual Alternative Profits

> 60M Households

96% of transactions tethered to a loyalty card



~\$**1.5B** Annual Alternative Profits Opportunity



- ✓ Providing most relevant data assets for insight and media activation monetization
- Enhancing services to media clients to provide more targeted, sophisticated solutions
- ✓ Fueling growth in Retail Media, Kroger Personal Finance, and Customer Insights
- ✓ Driving higher-margin alternative profit revenue streams

POWERED BY:





:**12**51° Insights



# Significant Synergy Opportunities



estimated annual run-rate synergies net of divestitures within first four years post-close

~50%

achieved within first two years post-close



Sourcing & Goods Not For Resale



Technology



Supply Chain & Manufacturing



General & Administrative Costs



## **Compelling Value Creation Opportunity**

- On a combined basis, delivered approximately \$210 billion in revenue, \$11.6 billion of adjusted EBITDA, and \$3.3 billion in net earnings in fiscal year 2021
- Expects to be accretive to earnings in first full-year post-close<sup>(1)</sup>
- Expects to be double digit accretive by year four(1)
- Continue strong free cash flow generation; 30%
   accretive to total annual free cash flow by year four

Expects to deliver TSR well above Kroger's standalone 8 – 11% during first four years post-close



<sup>(1)</sup> EPS Accretion excludes one-time costs

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## **Financing and Capital Allocation**

### Financing

- Kroger has \$17.4B bridge commitment from Citi and Wells Fargo
- Will fund transaction through cash and proceeds from new debt financing
- Plan to hedge interest rate risk on new debt issuance
- Existing Albertsons bonds will roll into pro forma capital structure and rank pari passu with Kroger bonds
- Engaged with rating agencies and strongly committed to current investment grade credit rating

### **Capital Allocation**

- Will continue to invest in business through high return projects that support go-to-market strategy
- Will continue to pay quarterly dividend and expect to increase dividend over time, subject to Board approval
- Have already paused share repurchase program to prioritize de-leveraging
- Expects to achieve 2.5x net debt to EBITDA leverage ratio within first 18-24 months post-close



# **Investment Thesis**

#### Accelerated Go-To-Market Strategy<sup>(1)</sup>

## Proven Value Creation Model

- ~\$59B Fresh Sales
- Best-in-Class Data on ~85M Households
- ~\$43B Our Brands Business
- Significant Digital Business, >\$12B
- Combined TSR well above Kroger's standalone TSR Model of 8 – 11% in first four years post-close
  - Annual run-rate synergy savings of \$1B within first four years of combined operations
  - High Growth, Margin Accretive Alternative Profits
- Disciplined Capital Investments
- Increasing dividend over time, subject to board approval

Resilient financial model in a variety of operating and economic environments

Strong Balance Sheet &

**Resilient Free Cash Flow** 

- Strong Free Cash Flow; 30% accretive to total annual Free Cash Flow by year four
- Investment Grade Debt Rating



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## **Q&A** Session









## Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliations<sup>(1)</sup>

(\$ mm)	Kroger	Albertsons	Pro Forma
FY 2021 Sales	\$137,888	\$71,887	\$209,775
(\$ mm)	Kroger	Albertsons	Pro Forma
FY 2021 Net Income	\$1,655	\$1,620	\$3,275
(\$ mm)	Kroger	Albertsons	Pro Forma
FY 2021 Adjusted EBITDA	\$7,185	\$4,398	\$11,583
Kroger (\$ mm)			FY 2021
Net earnings attributable to The	\$1,655		
LIFO charge (credit)	197		
Depreciation and amortization	2,824		
Interest expense			571
Income tax expense			385
Adjustment for pension plan withc	449		
Adjustment for company-sponsor	87		
Adjustment for loss (gain) on inve	821		
Adjustment for Home Chef contin	66		
Adjustment for transformation cos	sts <sup>(2)</sup>		136
Other			(6)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$7,185		

Albertsons (\$ mm)	FY 2021
Net Income	\$1,620
(Gain) loss on interest rate and commodity hedges, net	(23)
Facility closures and transformation <sup>(3)</sup>	57
Acquisition and integration costs <sup>(4)</sup>	9
Equity-based compensation expense	101
Gain on property dispositions and impairment losses, net	(15)
LIFO expense	115
Government-mandated incremental COVID-19 pandemic related pay <sup>(5)</sup>	58
Amortization of debt discount and deferred financing costs	23
Loss on debt extinguishment	4
Amortization of intangible assets resulting from acquisitions	49
Combined Plan and UFCW National Fund withdrawal <sup>(6)</sup>	(106)
Miscellaneous adjustments <sup>(7)</sup>	(63)
Tax impact of adjustments to Adjusted net income	(46)
Adjusted Net Income	\$1,781
Tax impact of adjustments to Adjusted net income	46
Income tax expense	480
Amortization of debt discount and deferred financing costs	(23)
Interest expense, net	482
Amortization of intangible assets resulting from acquisitions	(49)
Depreciation and amortization	1,681
Adjusted FBITDA	\$4.398



Transformation costs primarily include costs related to store and business closure costs and third party professional consulting fees associated with business transformation and cost saving initiatives. Includes costs related to closures of operating facilities and third-party consulting fees related to strategic priorities and associated business transformation

conversion activities and related costs associated with integrating acquired businesses. Also includes expenses related to management fees paid in prior fiscal years in connection with acquisition and financing activities

incremental pay that is legislatively required in certain municipalities in which Albertsons operates.

26 Miscellaneous adjustments include non-cash lease-related adjustments, lease and lease-related costs for surplus and closed stores, net realized and unrealized gain on non-operating investments, certain legal and regulatory accruals and settlements, net and other (primarily includes adjustments pension settlement gain, unconsolidated equity investments and certain contract terminations).

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