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# ScottsMiracle-Gro We're in the business of growing great things.

World's largest marketer of branded consumer products for Lawn & Garden care

- FY22 Net Sales \$3.9B (>90% U.S.)
- FY22 Adjusted EBITDA \$558M
- 5 Yr Annual Revenue Growth >8%
- Dividend Yield >3%

Most recognized brands in the L&G industry



Exclusive marketing agent for the Consumer Roundup business

- FY23 New Formula: Roundup Dual Action

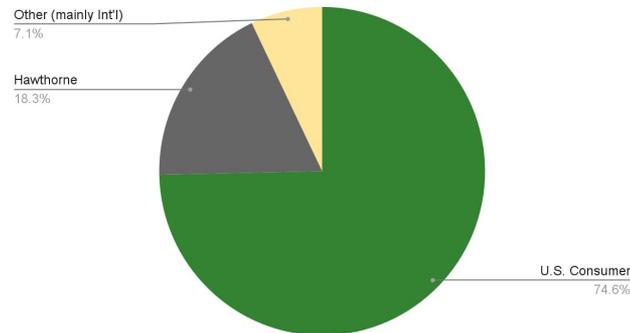


Leader in the evolution and emergence of indoor cultivation

HAWTHORNE GARDENING  
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FY22 Revenue Percentage by Segment



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NYSE: **SMG**

## Our Mission

ScottsMiracle-Gro is committed to helping consumers around the world by providing them with innovative solutions to create beautiful and healthy lawns and gardens. We will be responsible stewards of our planet. We will provide a dynamic workplace for our associates to succeed and grow their careers. In return, we will be rewarded with an improved market presence and profitable growth that enhances shareholder value.



Why SMG? A strong long-term opportunity

# Why SMG?

## A strong long-term opportunity

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- Focused, high return investments in industry-leading innovation
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# SMG's five pillars of growth are our key drivers for long-term shareholder value creation:

<p><b>The Core</b></p> 	<p><b>Live Goods</b></p> 	<p><b>Omnichannel</b></p> <p><b>Greendigs</b></p> <p>Scotts.com / Retailer.com / Brand.com</p>	<p><b>HGC</b></p> 	<p><b>HGC</b></p> 
<p><b>Leverage brand value to maintain strong market share</b></p> <p><b>Innovate new products to grow L&amp;G category</b></p> <p><b>Activate consumer with creative marketing</b></p> <p><b>Deliver for retailers</b></p>	<p><b>Engage new consumers in veggies, herbs and color</b></p> <p><b>Expand to succulents, indoor plants, trees and shrubs</b></p> <p><b>Bring new, innovative products to market with proprietary genetics</b></p>	<p><b>Partner, educate and grow L&amp;G category</b></p> <p><b>Design solutions for new consumer values &amp; lifestyles</b></p>	<p><b>Extend market leading brand positions</b></p> <p><b>Innovate to sustain organic growth</b></p> <p><b>Win in emerging states</b></p> <p><b>Capture longer-term shift to ProHort</b></p>	<p><b>Focus on vertical licenses in key NE/MW markets</b></p> <p><b>Construct portfolio of recognized brands</b></p> <p><b>Maximize value from proprietary genetics</b></p>

We are focused on generating steady, organic growth with disciplined capital allocation while we drive down debt and leverage to sustainable levels through FY24.



**Financial Highlights:  
Sustainable Savings will  
Feed Margin Expansion**

# First Quarter 2023 Financial Summary



## 1Q23 Results\*

L&G starting strong; Hawthorne recovery lagging

- U.S. Consumer sales increased 8% y/y driven by pricing
- Record December shipments from precision supply chain execution
- ◆ Hawthorne sales declined 31% y/y on continued industry pressure
- 90 bps gross margin rate decline on higher costs and lower volume
- Early progress on Project Springboard improving full year outlook
- Leverage well within covenant at 5.9X; interest expense up \$19M y/y
- Introduced new innovation: Roundup Dual Action & Ortho Flex Packaging

*“The first quarter reflects our disciplined approach to reorient the business and strengthen the operational and financial performance of the Company. We have further positioned ScottsMiracle-Gro for long-term growth and shareholder value.”*

~Jim Hagedorn, Chairman & CEO



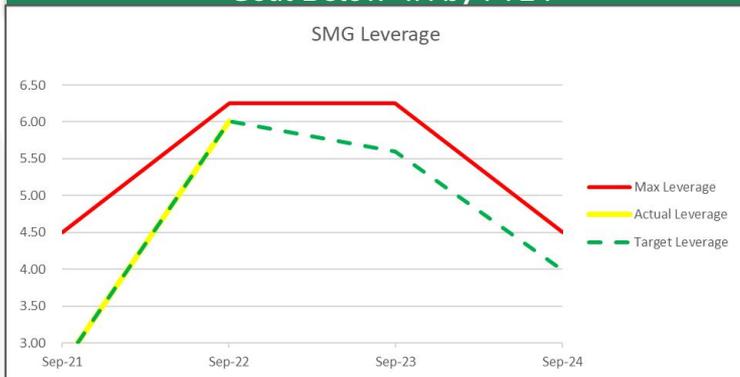
\*Non-GAAP Financial Measures

# Rapid pandemic-driven expansion followed by a sharp contraction in 2H22 drove up debt and impacted capital allocation:

**Generating \$1 Billion of Free Cash Flow over Two Years**

*Converting working capital to a source of cash by reducing inventory*

**Maintaining Leverage Compliance w/ Stretch Goal Below 4X by FY24**



**Maintaining or Increasing our Quarterly Dividend since 2005**

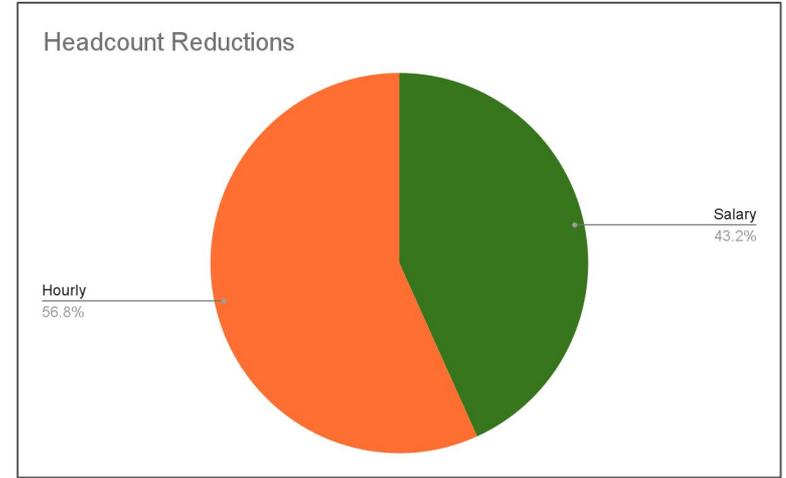
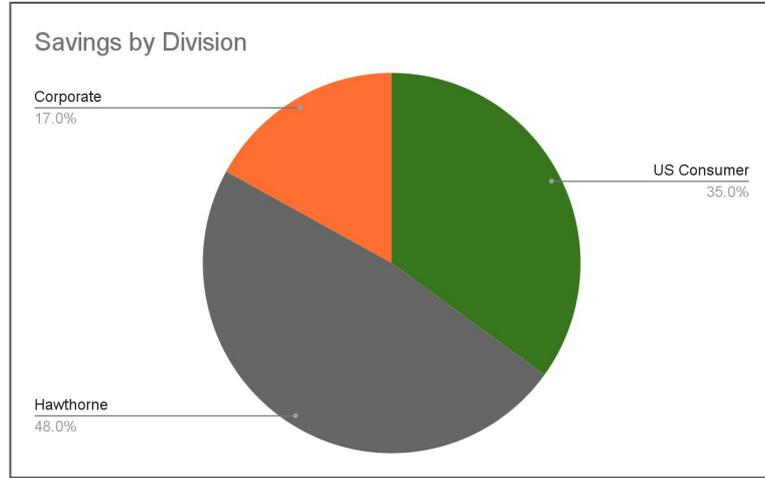


**Deploying \$100 Million of annual CapEx in FY23 and FY24**

*Focusing on maintenance requirements and high return, short payback projects*

SMG quickly embarked on Project Springboard to rightsize the business, drive out costs, focus on strengthening the balance sheet, and ensure compliance with debt covenants.

# Project Springboard will drive >\$185M in annualized savings across the enterprise by the end of Fiscal 2023:



Savings will be most evident in SG&A, but supply chain optimization will also deliver meaningful gross margin benefits across both operating segments. We are driving **SG&A below 15% of sales** in FY23 through our rightsizing efforts and expect to sustain spending at this level in FY24.

# A modest LSD% decline in gross margin rate is expected from higher costs & lower production volumes, offset by net pricing & efficiencies:

Pricing & Trade	↑ 6-7%	<i>Net pricing from 8/21-8/22 of ~17% offsets dollar commodity cost increases within gross margin</i>
Mix	Flat	<i>Favorable segment mix on lower Hawthorne sales, offset by unfavorable category &amp; brand mix</i>
Fixed Cost Leverage incl. Distribution	↓ 0-1%	<i>Springboard supply chain cost &amp; network efficiencies offset ~15% lower production volumes</i>
Materials	↓ 6-7%	<i>&gt;\$500M of commodity headwinds on a 3 year stack drove pricing decisions</i>



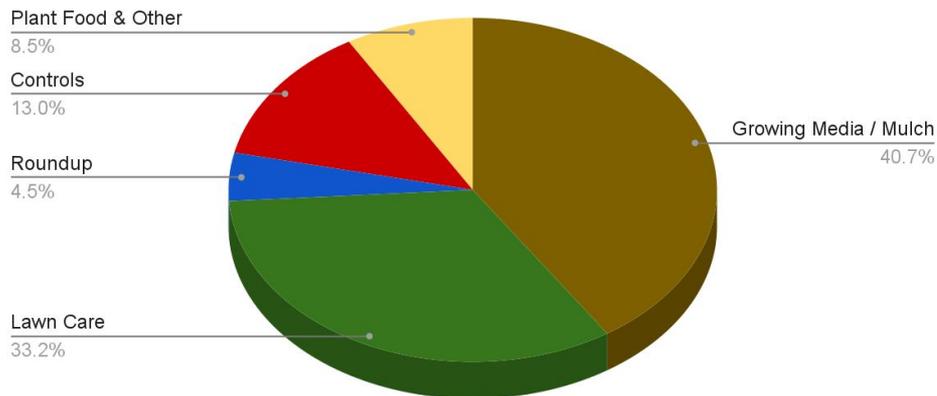
Commodities now represent 1/3rd of total COGS, up from 1/4th pre-pandemic. **If commodities continue to moderate, we have clear line of sight to margin rate expansion post-FY23.**



US Consumer:  
Year of the Lawn!

# Lawns POS volume declined 20% in FY22 from high pandemic comps, unseasonably poor Spring weather, and low activation spend...

FY22 US Consumer Net Sales by Category:



We will return to more favorable category mix through growth in Lawns (+10% POS volume) with an intense focus on driving consumer engagement early and throughout the year...

# While lowering our total SG&A, our working media spend will increase in FY23 to drive awareness and consumers to our brands:



## FY23 SG&A: MSD% Decline vs. FY22

*Planning SG&A dollar spend below FY19 levels*

*SG&A expected to be sustainable below 15% as a percentage of sales*

## FY23 SG&A plan includes Working Media +24% vs. FY22

*Reinvesting non-working media and marketing funds into working media*

*Majority of spend dedicated to organizational focus on Lawns business*

Our FY23 plan brings our media spend back up to FY19 levels and leans into the benefits of retailer media to supercharge how we're reaching shoppers & driving early season engagement.

# We are growing the Lawns Category with early season engagement through multiple notable media campaigns:



**DayLawn Savings:** Home Center exclusive amplifying brand messaging and driving early season engagement.



**Roundup New Dual Action Formula:** A new chapter of last year's ultra successful THIS STUFF WORKS campaign.

**Martha Gardens:** Walmart & ROKU partnership driving full funnel strategy.



**Scott for Scotts:** The all knowing neighbor with the best lawn care advice will be back and better than ever for March Madness!

Shoppers who make their first purchase before May spend more than twice as much on L&G for the year compared to shoppers who make their first purchase after April.

# Our March Lawns business campaign is ready to roll with Daylawn Saving starting in home centers this week. It's an extra big deal!

Scott's  
DAYLAWN SAVING  
UP TO  
**\$20 OFF!**  
BIGGEST DEAL OF THE YEAR  
Scott's Turf Builder Triple Action  
ezseed  
IT'S AN EXTRA BIG DEAL!

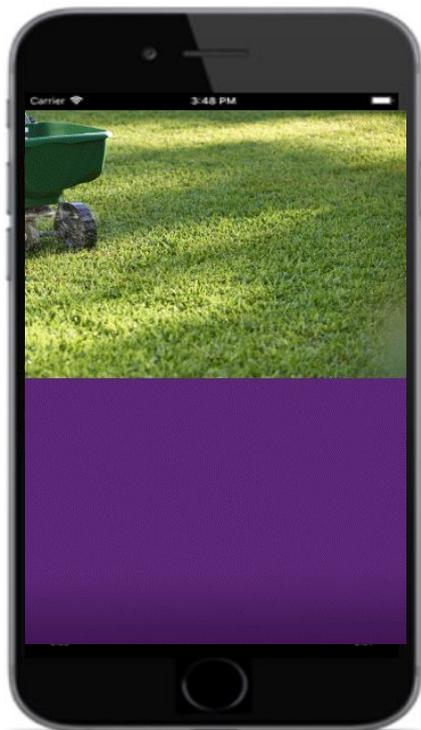
When used in retail stores on select Scott's EZ Seed and Turf Builder Triple Action products. While supplies last. Offer ends 3/31/24. See store for details. ©2024 Scott's Green Care, Inc. All rights reserved. Scott's and Daylawn Saving are trademarks of Scott's Green Care, Inc. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.



Daylawn Saving Time  
It's an extra big deal!  
Scott's  
Scott's Turf Builder Triple Action  
ezseed  
Scott's Turf Builder Triple Action

Icons: rake, shovel, house, leaves

# While it's still early, our media is building exciting momentum across all channels in Texas and Florida...



## BONUS S KICKOFF

- 4 Weeks Earlier
- 2X Impressions
- Promo + Media +26% over 2 Week Window
- **Bonus S Units**  
Feb. +139% w/ TX leading the way!
- **Grass Seed Units**  
Feb. +15%, Feb. +82% in TX!



Our Bonus S campaign started four weeks earlier and is in full swing in our early southern markets. Retailers are leaning in with us on media & promotions to drive seasonal foot traffic.



# Hawthorne: Strategic Path to Profitability

# Hawthorne is realigning its cost structure and pursuing five strategic vectors for profitable growth in FY23 and beyond:

Integration into SMG



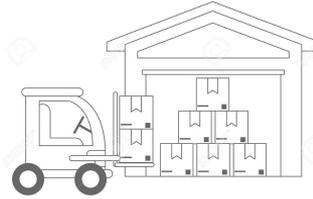
**Benefit: Cost Reduction, Enterprise Support, Flexibility**

Focus On Signature + Brand Strategy



**Benefit: Focused Innovation, Margin Accretive, Grower's Best Friend**

Right-Sizing of Inventory & Warehouses



**Benefit: Improve Cash Flow & Fixed Cost Structure, Margin, Increase Variable Flex**

Growth Orientation & Future Proofing

- Pro Hort Lighting
- Shift to Commercial
- Shift to Legal States
- Innovation



**Benefit: Insulation from Volatility, Competitively Sustainable Advantages, Differentiate w Strengths**

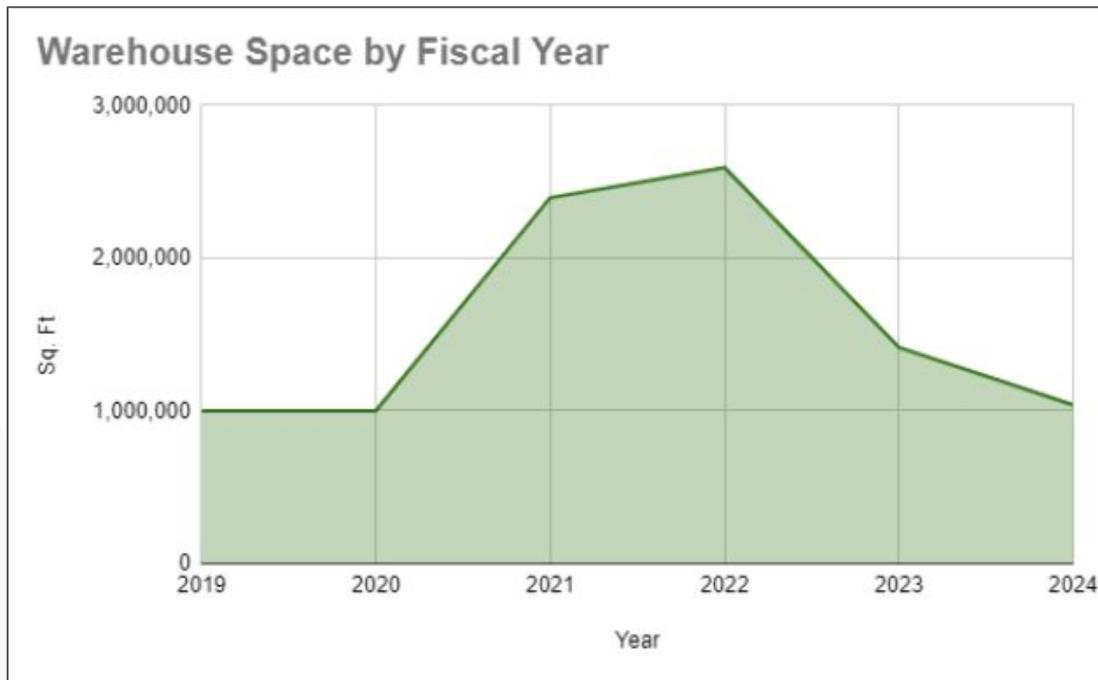
Strategic Partnerships w/ Complementary Co's.



**Benefit: Competitively Sustainable Advantages, Control Own Destiny**

While the industry continues through its downturn, HGC is optimizing via five key strategic initiatives which allow us to be flexible and profitable in a dynamic market.

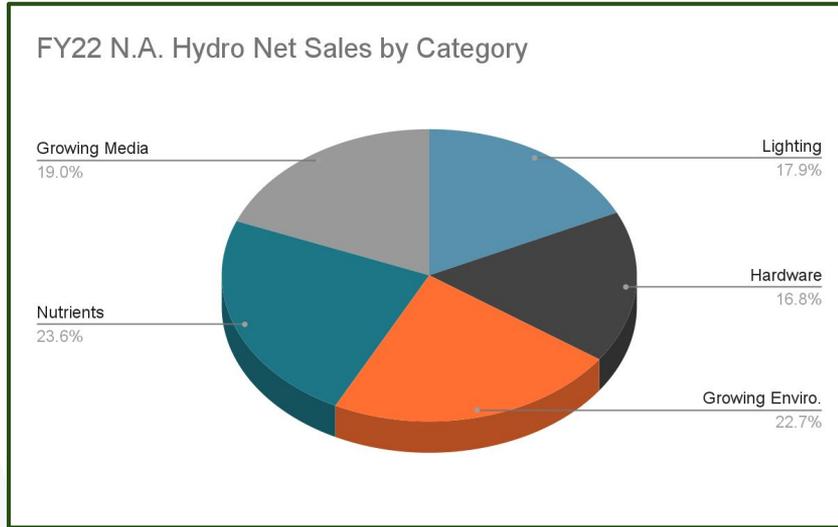
# Through Springboard, Hawthorne is contracting its distribution network to align with expected sales and improve margins in FY23:



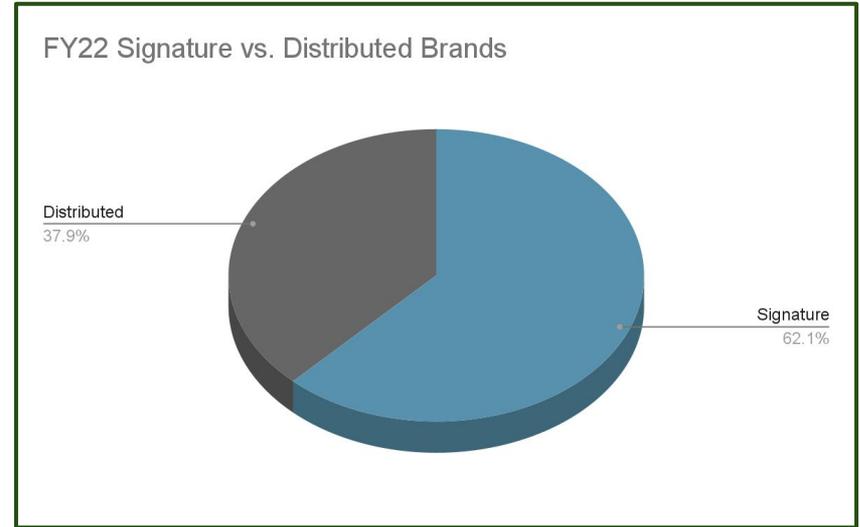
Location	Size (sq ft)
Tracy, CA	390k
Romulus, MI	255k
Denver, CO	201k
San Bernardino, CA	191k
Gresham, OR	378k
Phillipsburg, NJ	175k
Vancouver (WHQ), WA	220k
Toronto, ONT	50k
San Bernardino (Annex), CA	147k
Wixom, MI	110k
Vancouver (Annex), WA	95k
Surrey, BC	0
Lakeland, FL	0
Tulsa, OK	0
York, PA	0

As of the end of 1Q23, four sites totaling ~380k ft<sup>2</sup> were closed. Six additional exits totaling ~800k ft<sup>2</sup> are slated through the balance of the year to end at ~1.4M ft<sup>2</sup> with potential for additional future exits.

# Improved brand and category mix also play a key role in HGC's strategic path to profitability:



*Consumables (GM & Nutrients) accounted for ~43% of N.A. Hydro FY22 revenue.\**



*Higher margin Signature brands generated ~62% of N.A. Hydro FY22 revenue.*

HGC's "Signature+" Strategy leans into our most profitable best-in-class Signature brands, plus key Distributed brands, to drive profitability and provide growers complete product & service solutions.

\*Consumables were ~37% of total net sales including Europe ProHort Lighting.



Focused Innovation:  
Protecting our future and  
driving shareholder value

# SMG's leading Core L&G business innovation is designed to delight both customers and consumers:

## The Best of 2023:

**Roundup Dual Action:** Bayer's exclusive longer-lasting non-glyphosate formula effectively treats for up to 4 months

**"Gro More Good" w/ Flexi Packaging:** Ortho Super Concentrate refill pouches reduce plastic waste by up to 90%

**Retail Ready Displays:** Reduce materials by 15% in an easy to shop and merchandise modular design

**One Gallon Bottle Optimization:** New design uses 10% less plastic without compromising strength and improves consumer experience

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**GRO  
MORE  
GOOD**



Founder Horace Hagedorn often said, "Find a need and fill it." We still live by that philosophy in developing **innovative solutions that work safely & effectively** for our constituents.

# Omnichannel innovation is an important driver of L&G category growth:

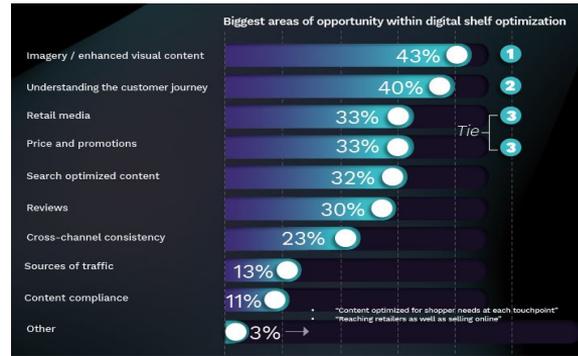
## Ecommerce Growth



**COVID brought growth in eComm, which is still increasing despite normalizing behaviors**

## Digital Shelf Presence

Almost half of consumers prioritize imagery & content in their path to purchase



**30% of Consumers will not purchase if images are missing**

## Value of the Omni Shopper

Customer purchase channels	Avg Spend \$/Year	Trips/Year
In-Store Only	\$120	5.3
Online + In-Store (OMNI)	\$259	10.1
Online Only	\$49	2.2
Omni vs in-store	116%	91%
Omni vs Online	429%	359%

**Omnichannel consumers make twice the trips and spend more than twice as much as in-store only shoppers!**

Although a vast majority of POS still occurs in-store, an online presence has a highly favorable impact on in-store purchases. All of our key retailers are investing further in their online marketplaces.

# Hawthorne's R&D investments support breakthrough innovations and unique insights for maximizing yield & efficiency for growers

## By The Numbers

- 2 dedicated Research Facilities (3 shared with SMG)
- 16 PhDs
- 31 dedicated associates in R&D/Innovation
- **30 product launches with ~\$415M in sales since 2019**
- 75 patents granted
- 11 patent applications pending

## Research Facilities

### Kelowna, BC

NA's First Cannabis R&D Station

### Vancouver, WA

R&D on LED lights, controllers, filters, benches, hardware, and electronics

### Gervais, OR\*

Hemp-Only biology & genetics research field station

### Marysville, OH\*

Pesticide efficacy lab, lighting lab, greenhouse, field & genetics research

### Apopka, FL\*

Hemp-Only biology & genetics research field station

## Recent Innovations

### Botanicare Slide Bench Agrolux Wega



### Gavita 2400e



### Gavita EL3



### Botanicare MP4



### Botanicare CocoPro



Professional research on cannabis cultivation remains extremely limited. The investments we've made will be a long-term advantage as the industry matures.



**Why SMG?**  
**Unparalleled competitive advantages**

# Our long-time Core competitive advantages continue to support our leading position as the L&G industry continues to evolve:

## Industry-Leading Brands



Brands foster unrivaled consumer relationships

## Unrivaled Innovation



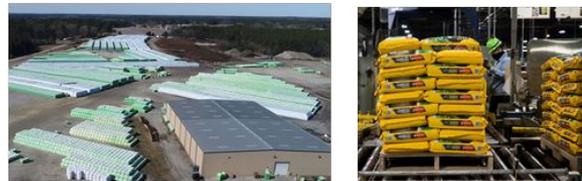
Consumer-based innovation delivers innovation to drive profitable growth

## In-Store Execution



In-store sales associates enhance consumer engagement and provide critical support to retailers

## Supply Chain



Our supply chain provides best-in-class service to retailers and is now being leveraged to improve direct-to-consumer efforts

SMG is now leveraging the full power of these strengths in the Hawthorne business through our Project Springboard and integration efforts creating a stronger and more focused enterprise.

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# Appendix 1

Fiscal 2023 Guidance Summary

# FY23 Guidance Details (unchanged from 1Q23 earnings call):



<b>Topline</b>	<b>Total Company</b>	<i>Low single-digit decline in total Company net sales.</i>
	<b>Hawthorne</b>	<i>20 to 30 percent decline in Hawthorne segment net sales.</i>
<b>Gross Margin</b>	<b>Total Company</b>	<i>Low single-digit decline in gross margin rate (60+ bps).</i>
	<b>Commodities</b>	<i>Now 1/3rd of total COGS due to historic inflation (up from 1/4th pre-2021).</i>
<b>Adjusted Earnings</b>	<b>SG&amp;A</b>	<i>Mid single-digits percentage decline from fiscal 2019.</i>
	<b>Adjusted EBIT</b>	<i>Low single-digit percentage growth in adjusted operating income.</i>
	<b>Adjustments</b>	<i>Increase &lt;\$20M primarily related to higher share-based payments.</i>
	<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<i>Low single-digit percentage growth in adjusted EBITDA.</i>
<b>Other</b>	<b>Interest Expense</b>	<i>Interest expense increase of approximately \$60 million on higher rates.</i>
	<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	<i>Free cash flow of \$1 billion over the next two years (about evenly split).</i>
	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<i>Effective tax rate of 26 to 27 percent.</i>



## Appendix 2

### Reconciliation and Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

#### Use of Non-GAAP Measures

To supplement the financial measures prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), the Company uses non-GAAP financial measures. The reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP are shown in the following tables. These non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for or superior to, financial measures reported in accordance with GAAP. Moreover, these non-GAAP financial measures have limitations in that they do not reflect all the items associated with the operations of the business as determined in accordance with GAAP. Other companies may calculate similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures differently than the Company, limiting the usefulness of those measures for comparative purposes.

In addition to GAAP measures, management uses these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate the Company’s performance, engage in financial and operational planning and determine incentive compensation because it believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide additional perspective on and, in some circumstances are more closely correlated to, the performance of the Company’s underlying, ongoing business. Management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors in their assessment of operating performance and the valuation of the Company. In addition, these non-GAAP financial measures address questions routinely received from analysts and investors and, in order to ensure that all investors have access to the same data, we have determined that it is appropriate to make this data available to all investors.

Non-GAAP financial measures exclude the impact of certain items (as further described below) and provide supplemental information regarding operating performance. By disclosing these non-GAAP financial measures, management intends to provide investors with a supplemental comparison of operating results and trends for the periods presented. Management believes these non-GAAP financial measures are also useful to investors as such measures allow investors to evaluate performance using the same metrics that management uses to evaluate past performance and prospects for future performance. Management views free cash flow as an important measure because it is one factor used in determining the amount of cash available for dividends and discretionary investment.



# Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

## Definitions of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The reconciliations of non-GAAP disclosure items include the following financial measures that are not calculated in accordance with GAAP and are utilized by management in evaluating the performance of the business, engaging in financial and operational planning, determining incentive compensation and determining the amount of cash available for dividends and discretionary investments, and by investors and analysts in evaluating performance of the business:

- Adjusted EBITDA: Net income (loss) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization as well as certain other items such as the impact of the cumulative effect of changes in accounting, costs associated with debt refinancing and other non-recurring or non-cash items affecting net income (loss). The presentation of adjusted EBITDA is intended to be consistent with the calculation of that measure as required by the Company's borrowing arrangements, and used to calculate a leverage ratio and an interest coverage ratio.
- Adjusted diluted net income (loss) per common share: Diluted net income (loss) per common share excluding impairment, restructuring and other charges / recoveries, costs related to refinancing, and certain non-operating income / expense items, each net of tax.

## Forward Looking Non-GAAP Measures

In this presentation, the Company presents certain forward-looking non-GAAP measures. The Company does not provide outlook on a GAAP basis because changes in the items that the Company excludes from GAAP to calculate the comparable non-GAAP measure, described above, can be dependent on future events that are less capable of being controlled or reliably predicted by management and are not part of the Company's routine operating activities. Additionally, due to their unpredictability, management does not forecast many of the excluded items for internal use and therefore cannot create or rely on a GAAP outlook without unreasonable efforts. The occurrence, timing and amount of any of the items excluded from GAAP to calculate non-GAAP could significantly impact the Company's fiscal 2023 GAAP results. As a result, the Company does not provide a reconciliation of forward-looking non-GAAP measures to GAAP measures, in reliance on the unreasonable efforts exception provided under Item 10(e)(1)(i)(B) of Regulation S-K.

# Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures:

## FY22 Adjusted EBITDA

Year Ended September 30, 2022

(In millions)

Net loss (GAAP)	\$	(437.5)
Income tax benefit from continuing operations		(120.6)
Interest expense		118.1
Depreciation		68.1
Amortization		37.1
Impairment, restructuring and other charges from continuing operations		852.2
Equity in loss of unconsolidated affiliates		12.9
Interest income		(6.7)
Share-based compensation expense		34.3
<b>Adjusted EBITDA (Non-GAAP)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>557.9</b>