# carter's, inc.



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# Overview

- Best known brands in young children's apparel
- #1 share of a large market
- Favorable demographics
- Long track record of growth
- \$1.6 billion in sales



### **Dominant Brands in Multiple Channels**



### *Carter's* at Kohl's



# Carter's at Macy's



# Carter's at JCPenney



### Carter's at Babies "R" Us



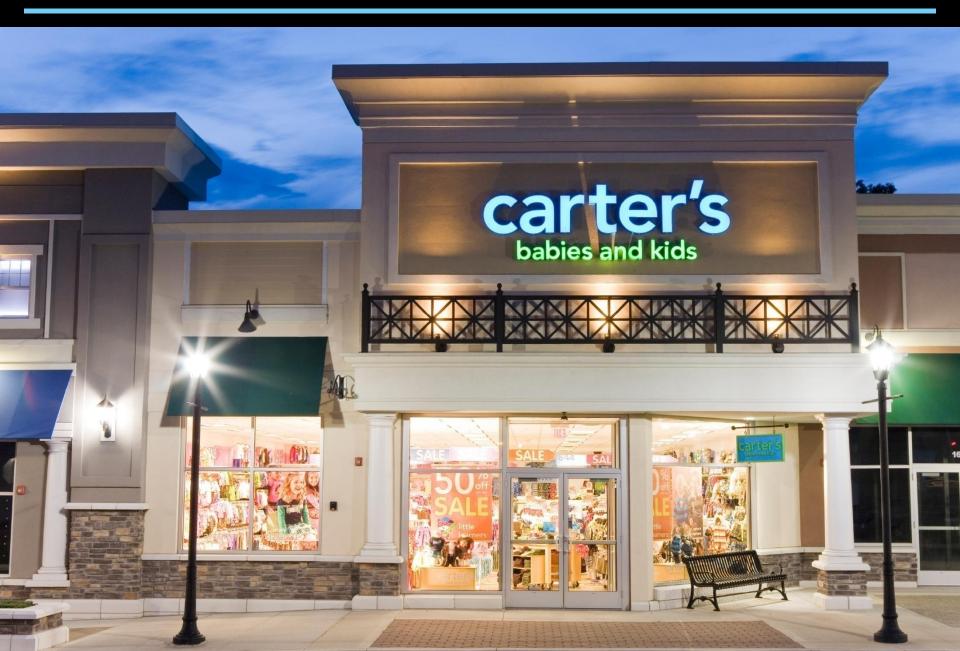
# Carter's at Belk (Before)



# Carter's at Belk (After)



# Carter's Store – Milford, Connecticut



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### **OshKosh Store – Paramus, New Jersey**



### **OshKosh Store – Locust Grove, Georgia**



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### Canada



# China



### Indonesia



# Thailand



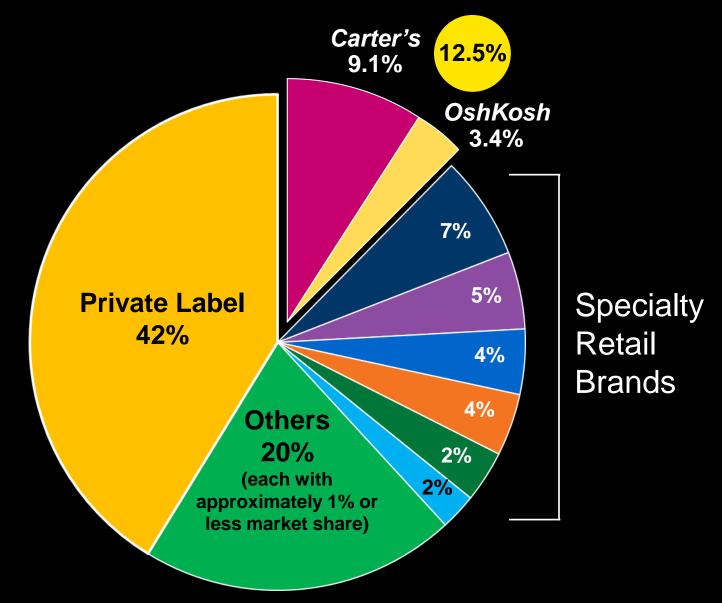
### **United Arab Emirates**



# Philippines



### Largest Share of a \$23 Billion Market



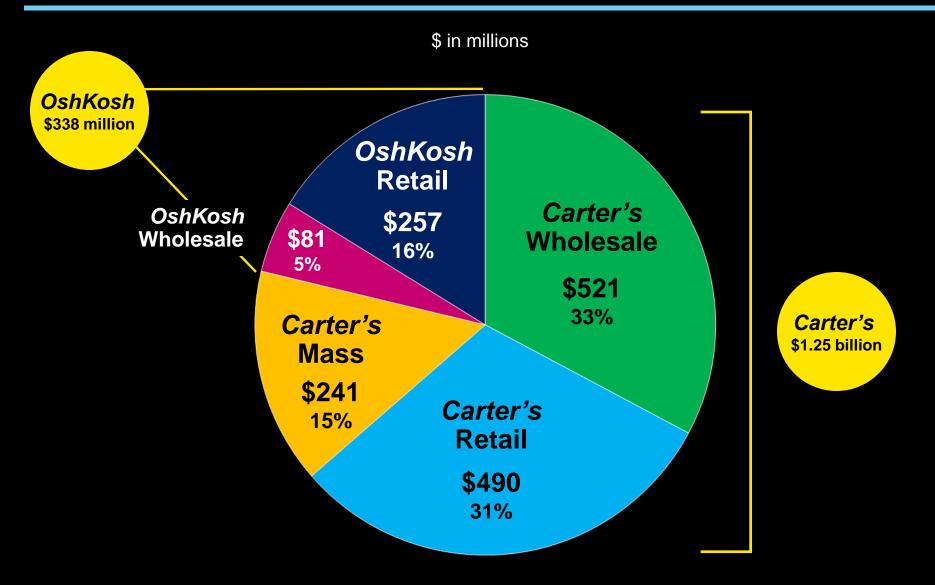
Source: NPD Fashionworld, Children's 0-7 apparel market share in the \$23 billion market – year-end 2009, includes mass channel Note: Carter's market share includes *Child of Mine & Just One Year* 

### **Favorable Demographics**

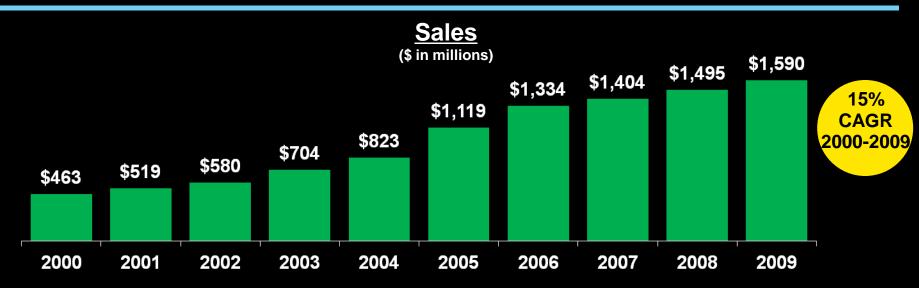
- Over 4 million births annually in the U.S.
- Record number of births
  in 2007
- 40% of births are to first time moms
- Grandparents spend \$50B annually on grandchildren

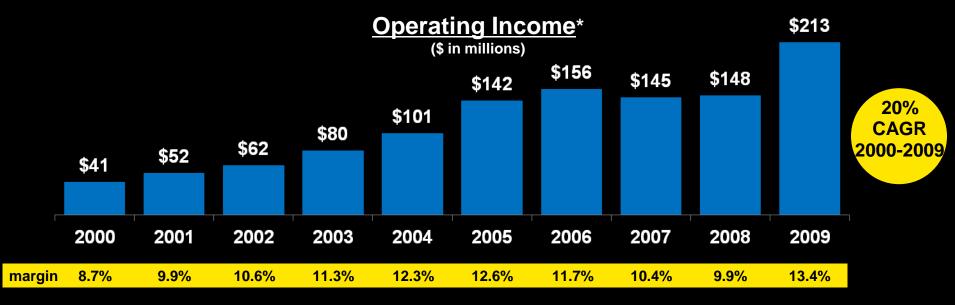


## \$1.6 Billion in Sales in 2009



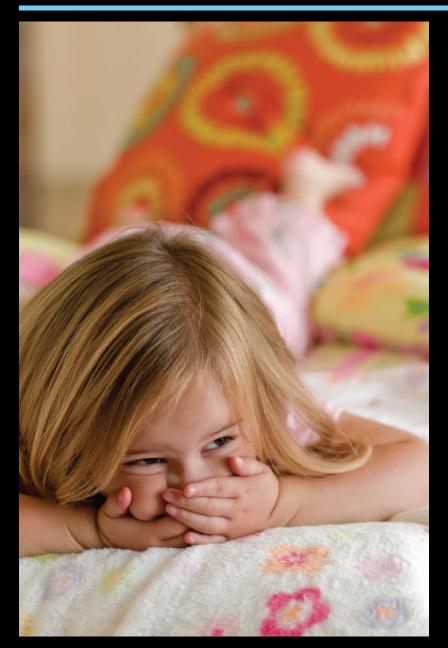
# Long Track Record of Growth





\* Excludes non-recurring charges in certain years.

# **Our Focus**



- Lead the market in product value
- Strengthen brand
  presentation
- Expand the reach of our brands
- Realize the potential of the OshKosh brand
- Continue to expand operating margins

# Summary



- Leader in young children's apparel
- Very attractive market; growing share
- Less discretionary
  purchase
- Favorable demographics
- Positive outlook for growth

## **Forward-looking Statements and Other Information**

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# Thank You!

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#### GAAP to Adjusted Operating Income Reconciliation

(\$ in millions)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	CAGR
Operating income - as reported (GAAP)	\$40.5	<mark>\$31.7</mark>	<mark>\$60.6</mark>	<mark>\$74.6</mark>	<mark>\$100.6</mark>	<mark>\$119.2</mark>	<mark>\$155.6</mark>	(\$14.2)	<b>\$140.0</b>	<mark>\$195.6</mark>	<mark>19.1%</mark>
Workforce reduction										5.5	
Barnesville, GA distribution center closure costs										3.3	
OshKosh, WI office asset impairment charges										1.2	
Professional fees associated with customer support investigation										5.7	
OshKosh intangible asset impairment								154.9			
Executive retirement charges									5.3		
White House, TN distribution center closure costs and asset write-down								5.3	2.6	0.7	
Mexican sewing facility closure charges						6.8					
Costa Rican sewing facility closure charges				1.0	0.6						
Accelerated depreciation on facility closures				1.3		1.6		2.1		1.0	
Berkshire Partners management fee termination				2.6							
Write-off of IPO expenses			0.9								
Barnesville, GA textile facility closure charges and write-down			0.2								
Barnesville, GA print facility closure charges and write-down		2.7									
Harlingen, TX sewing facility closure charges		1.3									
Berkshire Partners acquisition related expenses		11.3									
Inventory step-up expense		4.5				13.9					
Reversal of performance-related stock-based compensation								(2.7)			
		10.9	1.1	4.0	0.6	22.2		150.6	7.0	17.4	
		19.8	1.1	4.9	0.6	22.3		159.6	7.9	17.4	
Operating income - as adjusted	\$40.5	<b>\$51.6</b>	<u>\$61.6</u>	<mark>\$79.6</mark>	<b>\$101.2</b>	\$141.5	<u>\$155.6</u>	\$145.4	<mark>\$147.9</mark>	\$213.0	<mark>20.3%</mark>
Operating margin %	8.7%	9.9%	10.6%	11.3%	12.3%	12.6%	11.7%	10.4%	9.9%	13.4%	