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### City Chic Collective Limited

### Investor Presentation and Trading Update

**City Chic Collective Limited** (ASX: CCX) ("City Chic", or the "Group") today announces a trading update for 2H FY22 to date (the 17 trading weeks from 27 December 2021 to 24 April 2022), ahead of presenting at the Goldman Sachs Emerging Leaders Conference today, and at the Macquarie Australia Conference on 3 May 2022.

The trading update is included in the investor presentation that is attached to this announcement, which will be presented at both conferences.

#### Trading Update Conference Call

Phil Ryan, Managing Director and CEO, and Peter McClelland, CFO, will host a market conference call for investors and analysts today at 9.30-10.00am AEST to discuss the trading update.

To listen to the conference call, please pre-register via the link below:

https://s1.c-conf.com/diamondpass/10021770-4cSf66.html

The release of this announcement was authorised by the Board.

### About City Chic Collective

City Chic Collective is a global omni-channel retailer specialising in plus-size women's apparel, footwear and accessories. It is a collective of customer-led brands including City Chic, Avenue, Evans, CCX, Hips & Curves and Fox & Royal. City Chic and CCX appeal to fashion forward women and its omni-channel model comprises; of a network of 94 stores across Australia and New Zealand (ANZ) and websites operating in ANZ, the US, the UK and Europe. Avenue (US based) and Evans (UK based) target a broad customer base across conservative and fashion segments, both with a long history and significant online customer following. Hips & Curves in the US, and Fox & Royal in ANZ, the UK and Europe, are online intimates brands. City Chic Collective owns recently acquired European-based online marketplace Navabi and also sells its collective of brands through third-party marketplace and wholesale partners in the US, Canada, UK, Europe and the Middle East.

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LEADING A WORLD OF CURVES

INVESTOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATION 27 APRIL 2022

Phil Ryan, CEO



## PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Execution of strategic plan on track for global growth
- Product range that resonates globally
- Strong 1H performance (Sales \$178m representing 46% growth and \$23.5m underlying EBITDA<sup>2</sup>)
- 2H to date<sup>1</sup> strong total sales growth at 25% on pcp:
  - USA total sales growth of 47%
  - Evans performing at pre-acquisition levels
  - AU sales performing above last year, with online up 13%
  - Global partner sales growth of 465%, extending our omni channel presence in key markets
- Inventory in all markets globally, ready to support continued growth despite increasing global supply chain volatility
- 2H EBITDA to exceed 1H, subject to ongoing consumer demand in key trading months of May and June

<sup>1. 17</sup> trading weeks from 27 Dec to 24 April

<sup>2.</sup> Underlying earnings adjusted for net expenses of \$1.7m, which include costs associated with the acquisition of Navabi and its integration into the business, as well as costs associated with the impact of additional on-costs incurred on the vesting of performance rights in 1HFY22 and the outstanding performance rights and loan funded shares at the end of 1H FY22 (net of a favorable impact from the forfeiture of long-term performance incentives in 1H FY22). No adjustment for the non-cash long term incentive share-based payments expense of \$0.7m in 1H FY22 (\$1.5m in 1H FY21). Presented pre-AASB16

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## 1H FY22 RESULT HIGHLIGHTS



Comparable sales exclude Wholesale and Online Marketplaces and the recent acquisition of Evans and Navabi; excludes period of extended store closures due to Government-directed lockdowns. On constant currency basis (prior year restated at current year FX rate)

Online represents websites and online marketplace sales; based on last 12 months revenue to remove seasonality impacts

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3. Active customers include customers who have shopped online, in stores and omni-channel in the last 12 months; excludes wholesale and marketplace customers

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- 5. Traffic to Online excludes traffic to Online Marketplaces
- 6. ANZ refers to Australia and New Zealand, Americas includes USA and Canada, EMEA region refers to UK, Europe, Middle East and Africa

## GLOBAL BUSINESS OVERVIEW

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Traffic to our own websites in the 12 months to Dec 2021; excludes stores and partner marketplace websites

Average annual spend excludes wholesale and marketplace customers

Includes Navabi revenue (in AUD) and metrics for 5 months since acquisition (acquired on 23 July 2021)

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## **GLOBAL PLUS-SIZE LANDSCAPE**

Currently address US\$100bn+ of the US\$180bn<sup>1</sup> total global plus size market Entry into US\$45bn European market in FY22 with Navabi acquisition<sup>2</sup>



#### City Chic's current penetration by product stream and region

ANZ	Established	Early Stage	Established	
USA	Early Stage	Established	Early Stage	
UK	Early Stage	Established	Early Stage	
EU	Entry in July 2021 with Navabi acqusition <sup>2</sup>			
Canada	Entry in April 2021 with minimal current share <sup>3</sup>			

GROWTH	<ul> <li>Plus-size market forecast to grow c.7%<sup>1</sup> annually</li> <li>Average annual spend in plus-size is currently materially less than the rest of the women's apparel market</li> <li>Curvy women increasingly gaining confidence</li> <li>Increasing rates of plus-size women globally</li> </ul>
ONLINE	<ul> <li>Plus-size women have embraced shopping online</li> <li>Current online sales represent one-quarter<sup>1</sup> of total plus-size sales globally</li> <li>Strong forecast growth in online channels in the global plus-size market</li> </ul>
UNDERSERVED	<ul> <li>Traditionally, plus-sized women's clothing has been serviced by department stores or select retailers with extended sizing</li> <li>Limited number of independent plus-sized brands</li> </ul>

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City Chic Collective acquired European plus-size retailer Navabi on 23 July 2021
 New 3PL facility established and launched with HBC; expanding marketplace partners

# World of Curves

THE DESTINATION FOR HER EVERY LIFESTYLE NEED

EXECUTING OUR STRATEGY	GLOBAL PRODUCT RANGE	GLOBAL DIGITAL STORE FRONTS	GLOBAL PLUS-SIZE MARKET
Deliver the Collective's significant product range to the global plus-size market through our global digital and physical storefronts	8k+ 15+ STYLES BRANDS <sup>2</sup>	city chic avenue EVANS navabi & Partners + Stores	Global Plus-size Customer across various lifestyles: fashion, youth, conversative, intimates US\$180bn annually <sup>1</sup>
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2. Includes recently launched lifestyle brands and owned brands acquired through Navabi

## KEY INITIATIVES TO LEAD A WORLD OF CURVES

MARKET SHARE EXPANSION IN THE AMERICAS	MARKET SHARE EXPANSION IN THE UK	MARKET ENTRY FOR 'CONSERVATIVE VALUE' IN ANZ	MARKET ENTRY IN EUROPE
<ul> <li>Significant market share opportunity in the US\$49bn<sup>1</sup> market</li> <li>Cross selling of City Chic and Evans product to the Avenue customer is tracking well</li> <li>Expand marketing campaigns to grow customer base and to re- engage customers</li> <li>Expand existing and enter new marketplace partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Significant market share opportunity in the US\$7bn<sup>1</sup> market</li> <li>Evans acquisition has accelerated entry into the UK; providing platform to drive customer base growth</li> <li>Supply chain issues have materially impacted the range delivery in the UK and EU business and these are a key focus to get right for the northern hemisphere summer</li> <li>Expand existing and enter new marketplace partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Significant market share opportunity in the US\$2bn market<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Adopted the learnings from the US market entry experience - leverage the strong existing traffic streams of Citychic.com.au and launched the conservative value product stream across 7 David Jones concession stores and David Jones marketplace with strong positive early reads</li> <li>Launched Avenue/Evans on Citychic.com.au with assortment including over 1,500 styles; very pleasing customer reaction to date</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Significant market share opportunity in the US\$45bn<sup>1</sup> market</li> <li>Acquisition of Navabi provides a foothold into European market</li> <li>Range build was stopped by supply chain issues and the range build will commence in summer 2022</li> <li>Introduce all the collective's brands and further develop the current product and lifestyle offering</li> <li>Launch marketplace partnerships in Europe to drive brand awareness</li> </ul>
EXPAND FASHION / YOUTH OFFERING GLOBALLY city chic collective 1.	NEW MARKET PARTNERSHIPS CANADA AND THE MIDDLE EAS		REVIEW INORGANIC OPPORTUNITIES

## CUSTOMER-CENTRIC OPERATING MODEL





## GLOBAL MARKETPLACE PARTNERSHIPS<sup>1</sup>

Partnerships in new and existing regions form a part of our customer acquisition strategy; leveraging infrastructure to profitably bring awareness to our global brands as trends continue online



## THE FUTURE OF DIGITAL PRIVACY

Data protection has experienced a paradigm shift over the last few years with GDPR in Europe, CCPA in California & PIPEDA in Canada. As a global digital retailer, we are looking to adapt to these changes by moving from client-side to server-side tracking. We are removing the power of tracking from the browser to our encrypted servers, providing us enhanced control over our data while adding additional protection to our consumer's data.



### CURRENT TRACKING - CLIENT-SIDE

We currently operate "Client-Side", tracking through browser data, third-party cookies and pixels.

### WHY MOVE FROM CLIENT-SIDE TRACKING

- Outdated model and degradation of data due to ad-blockers, Intelligent Tracking Protection (ITP), misattribution.
- Google looking to block third-party cookies in 2023
- IOS updates have led to complications for Facebook and Google Advertising tracking. While server side is not a complete solution and is evolving, it allows us to enhance our conversion tracking and pass it back to Facebook and Google for improved accuracy.

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### **FUTURE TRACKING - SERVER-SIDE**

We will be moving to Server-Side, tracking directly through customers interactions within our server.

### THE IMPACT OF SERVER-SIDE TRACKING

- Enhanced data security for consumers and IP anonymization
- Enhanced data tracking capabilities removes complications from adblockers and Intelligent Tracking Protection
- Data ownership removing third-party data from cookies and tracking pixels
- Enhanced data to be passed to and from our advertising channels leading to improve efficiencies in our spend and behavioral tracking

### TRAFFIC ANALYSIS EVANS COMPARISON TO PREDICTIVE TRAFFIC ALGORITHMS



- There has been a lot of focus and commentary about traffic and performance reported through third party predictive traffic algorithms, especially in relation to the Evans website
- We have graphed Evans.co.uk 3 month rolling third-party predicted traffic numbers against actual traffic from our analytics program from Dec 19 to March 22
- In Jan to March 22 there was a major move in the actual data compared to the prediction. At this time, we commenced driving traffic to the Evans site as product availability improved

3. TRADING UPDATE 2H FY22 TO DATE<sup>1</sup> city chic collective

1. 17 trading weeks from 27 Dec to 24 April



### TRADING UPDATE BY CHANNEL AND REGION - 2H FY22 TO DATE<sup>3</sup>

	1H FY22
	Online
	Stores
	Marketpl
	Wholesal
	Total
(70)	1H FY22
	ANZ
	Americas
	EMEA
	Total
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Sales

Growth

%

(Reporti ng)

72.2%

49.8%

28.1 (16.8%)

5.1 257.5%

3.0 132.6%

Sales

Revenue

(A\$m)

142.1

178.3

Sales

Revenue

(A\$m)

Marketplace

Wholesale

2H FY22 To Date <sup>3</sup>	Sales Revenue (A\$m)	Sales Growth % (Reportin g)
Online	77.8	22.7%
Stores	19.8	(8.0)%
Marketplace	8.6	342.8%
Wholesale	3.0	2415.4%
Total	109.2	25.4%

### **REVENUE BY REGION**

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80.8 14.0%	0%	ANZ	48.3
77.2 62.2%	2%	Americas	47.5
0.3 N/A	/A	EMEA	13.4
8.3 49.8%	8%	Total	109.2



Marketplace Wholesale Online Stores

CONTRIBUTION BY REGION



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Constant currency is calculated by restating the prior year sales at the current year FX rate

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3. 17 trading weeks from 27 Dec to 24 April

## TRADING UPDATE - 2H FY22 TO DATE<sup>1</sup>

City Chic has delivered strong sales growth of 25% in 2H FY22 to date<sup>1</sup>, underpinned by the Group's strong instock inventory position, despite ongoing volatility in global supply and demand. Trading margins at a regional and channel level have remained consistent on pcp.

Northern Hemisphere has grown to be 55.7% of group sales and has continued its growth at a rate of 52% in 2H FY22 to date<sup>1</sup>, highlighting the global appeal of our product assortment.

### USA growth continues to be strong, up 47% in 2H FY22<sup>1</sup> to date

- Our websites have shown continued strong growth, up 26%
- The integration of CoEdition to the City Chic websites is delivering excellent results
- City Chic lifestyle segments in the better dressing area are driving growth across all channels, reinforcing our Collective's ability to introduce product range to an existing customer base and using partners to drive growth globally
- Avenue is trading above pre-acquisition levels and showing good growth, as a result of the execution of supply chain initiatives and strong inventory

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### EMEA sales growth of 69%

- Proactive management of logistics, with the launch of summer stock, has resulted in Evans growing 140% on pcp in the 8 weeks to 24 April, which is above pre-acquisition levels
- Evans trading demonstrates our ability to integrate acquisitions into our infrastructure and deliver growth
- Navabi sales are growing weekly with a continually improving stock position
- Performance of City Chic branded product in the UK, EU and with partners has been very pleasing, reinforcing the global appeal of our assortment



# GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS RAPIDLY GROWING; SALES GROWTH UP 465% IN 2H FY22 TO DATE<sup>1</sup>

Partner growth extends our omni-channel presence in key growth markets.

Being adaptive to the partner, to maximise the revenue opportunity, has been a key learning and execution priority during 2H.

Existing partnerships	New in 2H FY22 to date <sup>1</sup>
<list-item><list-item><ul> <li>Hudson's Bay - launched product in to 20 stores, CCX is their biggest apparel marketplace vendor, greatly expediating our trial into the Canadian market</li> <li>Macy's and Nordstrom - trading above pre-COVID levels</li> <li>Target - performed above expectations in Q3</li> <li>Very - launched concession marketplace arrangement</li> <li>Alshaya - franchise arrangement for 23 stores and digital presence in the Middle East for all CCX brands</li> <li>MUDSON'S BAY</li> <li>NORDSTROM</li> <li>MUDSON'S MAX</li> </ul></list-item></list-item>	<ul> <li>The loonic - first order placed in April</li> <li>Dia - grew our established marketplace business into a concession business within their subscription box retail model</li> <li>Amazon &amp; Walmart - moving to wholesale and fulfilled by Walmart to drive growth through these channels</li> <li>Zalando - introduced product into their warehouse environment to drive marketplace sales</li> <li>Debenhams - first order placed in April</li> <li>THE ICONIC</li> <li>Distriction</li> <li>Distri</li></ul>

## TRADING UPDATE - 2H FY22 TO DATE<sup>1</sup>

ANZ has continued to grow sales in 2H FY22<sup>1</sup> at 3%, against a strong pcp and in a challenging market due to the continued impact of the COVID-19 Omicron variant in the first few months of the second half.

- Online has continued to grow at 13%, against a strong FY21 base number
  - Our assortment has continued to increase, with the introduction of a broader range of Avenue and Evans product hitting the website
  - The footwear assortment from Evans and Cloudwalkers has been the most pleasing performer, as it captures a new share of wallet from our Australian customer

Stores in Australia are recovering after a slow start to 2H due to COVID-19:

- Jan and Feb were impacted by lower foot traffic in store, primarily due to COVID-19
- Since that time we have seen week on week improvements:

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- Easter week this year was bigger than Easter week in store last year
- Our dress business in March and April has driven a recovery, as events such as weddings return
- Growth expected for the balance of the financial year compared to pcp

## 2H FY22 OUTLOOK

City Chic expects 2H FY22 EBITDA to exceed 1H FY22 EBITDA, subject to ongoing consumer demand in the key trading months of May and June.

- Our proactive management of inventory has countered the ongoing and increasing global supply chain disruptions
  - We have the inventory ready, and in market, to drive growth in all regions, protecting demand in the balance of 2H and into Q1 FY23
  - Many ports in China are closed due to the COVID Zero policy, and shipping delays have increased this half
- Consistent with comments made at the 1H result, our inventory position will continue to build in 2H, driven by:
  - Typical seasonal investment in inventory to support the peak sales period in the Northern Hemisphere in 2H
  - The continued strategic investment in inventory to support future growth and to continue to proactively manage the ongoing supply chain challenges being experienced across the globe
- Net debt position, as at financial year end, is expected to be in the range of \$6-12m, subject to demand and supply chain volatility. Post the Northern Hemisphere peak sales period, and as the supply chain challenges ease, we expect to release inventory and deliver strong positive cash flows in FY23

We are reviewing retail prices globally, with a view to increasing prices in categories that we see opportunities in





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