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# FOSSIL ANNUAL REPORT

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**FOSSIL IS AN AMERICAN** LIFESTYLE BRAND, CREATIVELY **ROOTED IN AUTHENTIC VINTAGE AND** CLASSIC DESIGN.

### LETTER TO **STOCKHOLDERS**

#### DEAR STOCKHOLDERS,

We are pleased to share with you another record financial performance in 2012 and to report significant progress on many of our long-term strategic objectives. In 2012, we generated net sales of \$2.9 billion, increasing 11.3% from 2011 with growth across our major geographies and ongoing strength in our watch category. Earnings per diluted share rose 21% to \$5.59. Our results reflect our ongoing ability to capitalize on the strength of our global design, distribution and sales infrastructure to increase our geographic reach across our core businesses.

Our strong balance sheet and robust cash flow generation provides us the opportunity to invest in support of our future growth and return value to our stockholders. During the year, we invested our capital to acquire Skagen Designs, Ltd., increase our direct ownership in countries of interest, and invest in support of our opportunities in Asia. In 2012, we also continued to invest in our share repurchase program, as we repurchased three million shares of our common stock under our \$750 million share repurchase program. In March 2012, we were added to the S&P 500 index. For the year, our share price rose 13%.

During the year, we focused on growing our three core businesses, FOSSIL, SKAGEN and our watch portfolio while developing and implementing three key enablers to drive those businesses.

In 2012, we restructured the **FOSSIL** brand under a common global leadership. We generated increased sales in our largest category – watches. We repositioned our FOSSIL jewelry line to a global assortment and continued to expand our accessories business. In addition, we grew our direct-toconsumer presence, opening a net six new accessory stores and 53 outlet locations, and delivered comparable store sales growth.

We integrated and positioned our newly acquired **SKAGEN** brand to achieve its long term growth potential. SKAGEN provides us with a complimentary brand that possesses a rich Danish heritage and contemporary design with global appeal. As we begin 2013, we are now well-positioned to benefit from operating SKAGEN through our owned subsidiaries. We plan to expand into more categories, starting with a jewelry line scheduled to launch in the spring of 2013. Our strong **PORTFOLIO** of watch brands generated a third consecutive year of double-digit watch growth. This increase included strength across multiple long-standing and newer brands as we consistently delivered compelling styles to the market, increased our geographic reach and commanded a greater market share. Our portfolio approach to the watch business affords us the opportunity to identify and add compelling new brands. We introduced our Karl Lagerfeld watch business in the first quarter of 2013 to select retail doors around the world and we plan to launch our Tory Burch licensed watches in time for holiday 2014. We are very excited about both opportunities, which are consistent with our strategy to align with terrific brands that have global appeal.

Globalization is our first key enabler to our growth, and central to our strategy, with Asia being integral to our growth strategy. Last year, we grew our Asia business by more than 20%. Our strong performance in key markets like Japan, Korea and China, and the success of our concession business is an indication of the current strength we have in the Asian marketplace. In 2013, we have plans in place to continue our expansion. Asia's rapidly growing middle class has an affinity for watches and jewelry, and in particular, our portfolio of brands. This opportunity in Asia, combined with the significant talent and infrastructure we have developed, has us well-positioned to meet our goal to eventually grow Asia to one-third of our total sales. As Asia also represents our highest margin region, it is a high return opportunity for us as well.

Our second enabler to long-term and sustainable growth is to increase our **efficiency**. We believe that our biggest hindrance to growth is complexity and, as a result, we have taken steps to simplify our processes and to speed the flow of information and product across the Company.

Our third and final enabler is **our management team**. Building a solid and enlightened leadership team is critical to our success. We have promoted many of our top performing managers and have also added several new members to the management team from outside the Company to help us build a world-class organization utilizing benchmarking, best practices, and technology practices from larger global entities.

In summary, the advantages of our portfolio approach to the watch category, the nimbleness with which we operate, the incredible talent of our design teams, and our brands' proven success around the world provide us with a powerful platform in the accessory category to deliver long-term sustainable growth. Above all, our goal is to continue to build a diversified, scalable, and predictable business model that generates solid cash flows and delivers outstanding returns for our stockholders.

In closing, we want to thank all of our employees and partners globally for another record year and we look forward to another strong year in 2013.

Sincerely,

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**KOSTA N. KARTSOTIS** *Chief Executive Officer* 

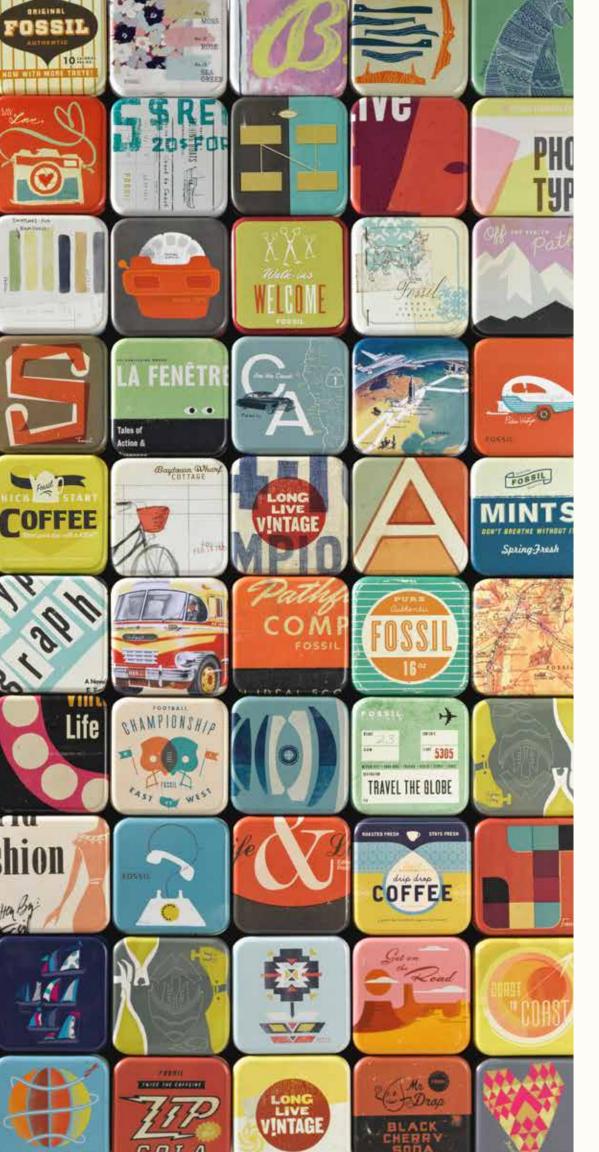
## FINANCIAL **HIGHLIGHTS**

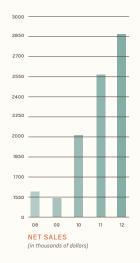
| FISCAL YEAR<br>(in thousands, except per share data)                        | 2012                 | 2011               | 2010               | 2009               | 2008        |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Net sales   | \$2,857,508          | \$2,567,302        | \$2,030,690        | \$1,548,093        | \$1,583,242 |
| Gross profit  | 1,606,543            | 1,439,186          | 1,155,164          | 844,850            | 851,151     |
| Operating income  | 488,840              | 471,991            | 376,414            | 211,627            | 205,770     |
| Income before taxes attributable to Fossil, Inc.                            | 478,726              | 438,860            | 372,448            | 213,776            | 189,429     |
| Net income attributable to Fossil, Inc.                                     | 343,401 <sup>1</sup> | 294,702            | 255,205            | 139,188            | 138,097²    |
| Earnings per share:   |                      |                    |                    |                    |             |
| Basic   | 5.63 <sup>1</sup>    | 4.66               | 3.83               | 2.09               | 2.05²       |
| Diluted   | 5.59 <sup>1</sup>    | 4.61               | 3.77               | 2.07               | 2.02²       |
| Weighted average common shares<br>and common equivalent shares outstanding: |                      |                    |                    |                    |             |
| Basic   | 60,959               | 63,298             | 66,701             | 66,684             | 67,525      |
| Diluted   | 61,400               | 63,965             | 67,687             | 67,153             | 68,323      |
| Working capital   | \$737,334            | \$844,124          | \$801,329          | \$701,193          | \$556,497   |
| Total assets  | 1,841,989            | 1,642,922          | 1,467,573          | 1,276,483          | 1,087,296   |
| Total long-term liabilities   | 194,747              | 134,798            | 76,377             | 62,791             | 74,964      |
| Stockholders' equity attributable to Fossil, Inc.                           | 1,233,535            | 1,105,929          | 1,044,118          | 962,781            | 802,144     |
| Return on average stockholders' equity attributable to Fossil, Inc.         | 29.9%³               | 28.0% <sup>3</sup> | 25.0% <sup>3</sup> | 16.2% <sup>3</sup> | 17.8%³      |

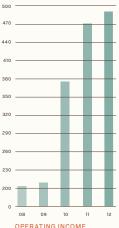
1 Includes a \$10.8 million benefit in income tax expense in connection with the completion of income tax audits.

| 2 | Includes a \$20.8 million benefit in income tax expense related to the reduction of certain current and long-term tax liabilities in connection with completion of income tax audits.

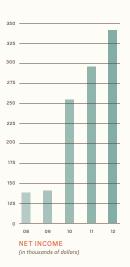
3 Calculated by dividing the five quarter average stockholders' equity attributable to Fossil, Inc. by net income attributable to Fossil, Inc.

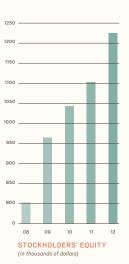






OPERATING INCOME (in thousands of dollars)





### CORPORATE INFORMATION

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

**KOSTA N. KARTSOTIS** Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

LIVIO GALANTI Executive Vice President

**DARREN E. HART** *Executive Vice President, HR* 

**THOMAS M. KENNEDY** Executive Vice President, Fossil Brand

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#### CORPORATE INFORMATION

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#### OUR WEBSITE

The Company maintains a website at the worldwide internet address of www.fossil.com. Certain product, event, and investor relations information concerning the Company is available at the site.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 9:00 am at the Company's headquarters, 901 S. Central Expressway, Richardson, Texas.

#### COMPANY INFORMATION

A copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Annual Report to Stockholders, in addition to other Company information, is available to stockholders without charge upon written request to Fossil, Investor Relations, 901 S. Central Expressway, Richardson, Texas 75080-7302, or online at **www.fossil.com**.







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