

Tiffany Reports Holiday Period Sales Results

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Tiffany & Co. (NYSE: TIF) today reported its sales results for the two-month period ended December 31st ("holiday period"). Results were negatively affected by the strong U.S. dollar and weak tourist spending in a number of markets. On a constant-exchange-rate basis that excludes the effect of translating foreign-currency-denominated sales into U.S. dollars (see "Non-GAAP Measures" schedule), worldwide net sales declined 3% (due to declines in the Americas and Asia-Pacific offsetting growth in Japan and Europe) and comparable store sales declined 5%. There were no noteworthy differences in performance among jewelry categories. Reported in U.S. dollars, worldwide net sales of \$961 million were 6% lower than the prior year.

Net sales highlights by region:

- | In the Americas, on a constant-exchange-rate basis total sales and comparable store sales were 5% and 8% below the prior year, respectively. Lower sales occurred across much of the U.S., exacerbated by lower foreign tourist spending in New York and certain other U.S. markets which management attributes to the strong U.S. dollar. Total sales rose in Canada and Latin America. Reported in U.S. dollars, total sales of \$505 million were 7% below the prior year.
- | In the Asia-Pacific region, on a constant-exchange-rate basis total sales and comparable store sales declined 6% and 9%, respectively. A continuation of strong sales growth in China was more than offset by significant weakness in Hong Kong and Singapore, with varying performance in other markets. Reported in U.S. dollars, total sales of \$187 million were 11% below the prior year.
- | In Japan, on a constant-exchange-rate basis total sales increased 12% and comparable store sales rose 10%, reflecting higher sales to local customers and foreign tourists. Reported in U.S. dollars, total sales rose 9% to \$123 million.
- | In Europe, on a constant-exchange-rate basis total sales rose 4% and comparable store sales declined 2%. Sales rose in the U.K., but performance was mixed across continental Europe with a notable decline in France, all of which reflected varying levels of demand among local customers and foreign tourists. Reported in U.S. dollars, total sales in Europe of \$128 million were 4% below the prior year.
- | Other sales on a constant-exchange-rate basis declined 16% in total and comparable store sales on that same basis decreased 12%. Reported in U.S. dollars, sales of \$19 million were 20% below the prior year.
- | At December 31, 2015, the Company operated 307 stores (125 in the Americas, 81 in Asia-Pacific, 56 in Japan, 39 in Europe, and five stores in the United Arab Emirates and one in Russia), versus 296 stores a year ago (123 in the Americas, 73 in Asia-Pacific, 56 in Japan, 38 in Europe, and five in the U.A.E. and one in Russia).

Frederic Cumenal, chief executive officer, said, "In the holiday period, we continued to feel pressure from the strong U.S. dollar on the translation of non-U.S. sales into dollars and on foreign tourist spending in the U.S., which we expect will continue into 2016. We believe overall sales results were negatively affected by restrained consumer spending tied to challenging and uncertain global economic conditions and we expect 2015 earnings to come in at the low end of our previously-set range of expectations. Nonetheless, we were pleased with initial sales of our new fashion and fine jewelry designs, a solid increase in worldwide e-commerce sales and our ability to maintain gross margin at normal levels."

Full Year 2015 and 2016 Outlooks:

Management expects net earnings in the year ending January 31, 2016 to decline approximately 10% (compared with its previously-reported forecast calling for a 5%-10% decline) from last year's \$4.20 per diluted share (excluding the loan impairment charge in the second quarter of 2015 and a debt extinguishment charge in 2014). In addition, this forecast excludes a charge of approximately four cents per diluted share being recorded in the fourth quarter for staff and occupancy reductions. This forecast does not assume recording any additional loan impairment charges. The Company maintains its forecast to generate at least \$500 million of free cash flow in the full year. While financial plans for 2016 have not been finalized, management currently believes that the strong dollar and global macro challenges will likely result in minimal growth in net sales and net earnings, as reported in dollars and excluding charges in 2015, for the year. All assumptions and expectations are approximate and may or may not prove valid.

Upcoming Announcements and Events:

Net Sales:						
Worldwide	(6)%	(3)%	(3)%	(3)%	(5)%	2%
Americas	(7)	(2)	(5)	(4)	(2)	(2)
Asia-Pacific	(11)	(5)	(6)	(2)	(5)	3
Japan	9	(3)	12	(3)	(13)	10
Europe	(4)	(8)	4	(1)	(14)	13
Other	(20)	(4)	(16)	(15)	(6)	(9)

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Comparable Store Sales:

Worldwide	(9)%	(4)%	(5)%	(6)%	(6)%	—%
Americas	(10)	(2)	(8)	(6)	(3)	(3)
Asia-Pacific	(14)	(5)	(9)	(5)	(6)	1
Japan	6	(4)	10	(8)	(13)	5
Europe	(10)	(8)	(2)	(4)	(13)	9
Other	(18)	(6)	(12)	(12)	(9)	(3)

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