

Risk Factors Comparison 2025-03-19 to 2024-03-21 Form: 10-K

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Risks Related to Global and Economic Conditions ~~We are unable to control many~~ **Many** of the factors affecting consumer spending **are outside of our control**, and a decline in consumer spending may unfavorably impact Signet's future sales and earnings, particularly if such decline occurs during the Holiday Season. Our financial performance is ~~highly~~ **somewhat** dependent on US consumer confidence and the ~~health of~~ **broader economic environment. Overall economic conditions in the US, Canada, UK, and Europe impact our revenue and earnings. A deterioration in these conditions, particularly in the mid-tier and accessible luxury segments, could further pressure our future sales and profitability. The UK economy is also influenced by the Eurozone, which may affect our International segment and have ripple effects on the US economy. Discretionary consumer spending is influenced by numerous factors including but not limited to: economic conditions, inflation** ~~inflation~~ **changes in consumer confidence, unemployment, disposable income,** ~~interest rates, reduced debt levels, credit availability, taxation, changes in government stimulus and assistance programs~~ **interest rates, reduced debt levels, credit availability, taxation, changes in government stimulus and assistance programs**, shifts in **discretionary** spending toward travel and experiences, and general US consumer confidence have each had an effect on our revenue and earnings. If there is further deterioration of the economic conditions in the US, Canada, UK and Europe, or if the effects of inflation, interest rates, a recession, and reduced government stimulus programs further impact consumer spending, especially in the mid-tier or accessible luxury point products, our future sales and earnings could be further adversely impacted. Conditions in the Eurozone have a significant impact on the UK economy even though the UK is not a member of the Eurozone, which could adversely impact trading in the International segment, as well as adversely impact the US economy. The success of our operations depends to a significant extent upon a number of factors relating to discretionary consumer spending. These include economic conditions, and perceptions of such conditions by consumers, consumer confidence, employment, the level of consumers' disposable income, business conditions, interest rates, consumer debt and asset values, availability of credit and levels of taxation for the economy as a whole and in international, regional and local markets where we operate. As our sales are highly seasonal, **an adverse economic shifts or change changes** in any one of these **factors** economic conditions during the Holiday Season could **amplify negative** have an increased adverse impact **impacts** on our sales. While Signet has ~~we serve~~ **we serve** a broad-based customer demographic ~~base~~ **base**, our largest banners primarily operate in the mid-market for jewelry. A significant portion of customers that purchase products from our mid-market **store brands** or value-tiered banners have been and are likely to continue to be impacted more acutely by **vulnerable to** inflation and reductions in government stimulus than customers that shop at luxury jewelry retailers or even at our own accessible luxury **store brands** banners. The termination of temporary benefits from State or Federal government stimulus programs such as the US Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which occurred in February 2023, and the US student loan interest and payment forbearance, which terminated in the third quarter of Fiscal 2024 have had an effect on macroeconomic conditions and Signet's business and the full extent of those effects are currently unknown, but such terminations and future termination of other government stimulus programs may further negatively impact consumer discretionary spending and our financial performance. Consumer spending **is also** may be significantly affected by many factors **beyond** outside of our control, including general economic conditions; consumer disposable income; consumer confidence; wage and unemployment levels; **;** unexpected trends in merchandise demand **trends**; a decline in engagement or marriage rates in the regions in which we operate; significant competitive **retail** and promotional activity by other retailers; the availability, cost and level of consumer debt; inflationary pressures; the increase in general price levels; domestic and global supply chain issues; the **disruptions, rising** costs of basic necessities, and other goods; effects of weather and natural disasters; whether caused by **(including those linked to climate change)** or otherwise; epidemics, contagious disease outbreaks, pandemics and other public health concerns **crises, geopolitical conflicts** including those related to COVID-19 (including variants); or lockdowns of our stores, **and** support centers or distribution centers due to governmental mandates, the Russia-Ukraine war or social unrest. **These pressures** Such decreases in consumer discretionary spending could **reduce store** result in a decrease in consumer traffic, same-store sales, and average transaction values and could cause, **while causing** us to increase promotional activities **activity**, which would have a negative impact on our operating margins, all of which could negatively affect **margins and overall financial performance** our business, results of operations, cash flows or stock price, particularly if consumer spending levels are depressed for a prolonged period of time. **Jewelry** Furthermore, we believe government economic stimulus measures have had a positive impact on our sales and it is **a** uncertain if or how long associated benefits may last. Jewelry purchases are discretionary **purchase** and are dependent on the above factors relating to discretionary consumer spending, particularly as jewelry is often perceived **as to be a luxury purchase**. Consumer purchases of discretionary luxury items, **making it sensitive** such as our products, tend to **economic downturns and decline declines in disposable income**, during **During** recessionary **recessions or** periods; periods of sustained high unemployment, **consumers tend to reduce** or other times when disposable income is lower. Adverse changes in the economy and periods when discretionary spending by consumers may be under **. To address demand fluctuations, we have historically adjusted pricing and promotions, but such measures can** pressure **margins** have and could continue to unfavorably impact sales and earnings. **Additionally** We have responded in the past and may continue to respond in the future by increasing discounts or initiating marketing promotions to reduce excess inventory, **competition from** which could also have a material adverse effect on our margins and operating results. In addition, other retail **discretionary spending** categories and other forms of expenditure, such as electronics, entertainment, and travel **(especially**, also compete for consumers' discretionary spending, particularly during the Holiday Season) **can further shift**. Therefore, the price of jewelry relative to other products influences the proportion of consumers'

expenditures that are spent on jewelry. If the relative price of jewelry increases, or if our competitive position deteriorates, or if consumer **priorities** spending shifts to more experience-oriented categories such as travel, concerts, and restaurants, our sales and operating profits would be adversely impacted. An **Rising inflation and** increase **increased** in general price levels (due to inflationary pressure, domestic and global supply chain issues or other macroeconomic factors) could also result in a shift in consumer demand away from jewelry and related services, which would adversely affect our sales and, at the same time, increase our operating costs including but not limited to materials, labor, fulfillment and advertising. **We may negatively impact not be able to adequately increase our business. If we** prices over time at price points that consumers are willing **unable** to pay **adjust pricing** to offset **these** such increased costs **cost**. An inability to increase **increases without negatively impacting demand, profitability may decline. Sharp commodity cost increases may create a lag before they are reflected in** retail prices to reflect higher commodity, **affecting margins** labor, advertising and other operating costs, would result in lower profitability. **If sustained, these** Particularly sharp increases in commodity costs may **require higher** result in a time lag before increased commodity costs are fully reflected in retail prices or have an impact on our results of operations. As we use an average cost inventory **funding** methodology, volatility in our **or adjustments** commodity costs may also result in **product offerings** a time lag before cost increases are reflected in retail prices. Further, even if price increases are implemented, there is no certainty that such increases will be sustainable or acceptable to consumers. These factors may cause decreases in gross and operating margins and earnings. In addition, any sustained increases in the cost of commodities could result in the need to fund a higher level of inventory or changes in the merchandise available to the customer, which could increase costs, **disrupting** our sales levels and negatively impact liquidity. Any deterioration in consumers' financial position, changes to the regulatory requirements regarding the granting of credit to customers or disruption in the availability of credit to customers could adversely impact the Company's sales and earnings. **Approximately 43** More than 40% of Signet's sales in the US and Canada utilize third-party customer financing or payment programs, with the additional purchases being made in cash or using third-party bank cards. Any significant deterioration in general economic conditions, including a potential recession, or increase in consumer debt levels may inhibit consumers' use of credit and decrease consumers' ability to satisfy requirements for access to customer financing or payment options, which could in turn have an adverse effect on the Company's sales. Additionally, the ability of Signet's customers to obtain credit from our private label credit card providers and the terms of such credit depends on many factors, including continued arrangements with the parties providing the credit financing and compliance with applicable laws and regulations in the US and Canada, any of which may change from time to time. As discussed further in Note **12-11** to the consolidated financial statements in Item 8, Signet has outsourced its third-party credit programs, however, if any of those third-party credit providers were to terminate, Signet may need to enter into other arrangements with other third-parties. If Signet is unable to find other potential providers to supply a similar third-party credit program and alternative payment options, Signet's ability to extend credit to customers could be impaired, which could have an adverse effect on **our Signet's** business. Any new regulatory initiatives or investigations by **Federal** the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau or other state **authority authorities**, including a potential cap on late fees **or** relating to the Company's in-store credit practices, promotions, and payment protection products could impose additional costs and / or restrictions on credit practices of the North America segment, which could have an adverse effect on the conduct of Signet's business. Because of the highly seasonal nature of Signet's sales, any one of these factors that occurs during the Holiday Season would have an increased adverse impact. **Canada and** could be adversely impacted. **New tariffs, trade embargoes, sanctions or others** other restrictions on foreign trade, **if imposed on goods that the Company imports, could have an adverse effect on the Company's results of operations. Many of the products that the Company sells, including cut and polished diamonds, are imported from foreign countries such as India, China and Botswana.** Government officials in the US, Canada and UK have from time-to-time placed tariffs on goods and materials that the Company imports, particularly from China. **The imposition of additional tariffs** Recently, the global macroeconomic environment has been negatively affected by increased **the** US trade tariffs and trade disputes between the US, **UK or Canada could result** China and other countries, which have caused, and are likely to continue to cause, uncertainty and instability in **the adoption** local economies and in global financial markets. Since February 1, 2025, President Trump announced a number of new **additional** tariffs **by other countries** on imports from Canada, Mexico and China as well as tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum. These additional tariffs, if continued, as well as any retaliation by those governments against such tariffs or policies, have introduced significant uncertainty into the market. The escalation of trade tensions **has had and could continue to** have a significant, adverse effect on world trade and the world economy. While the Company does not believe that tariffs will materially impact its business, the imposition of additional or increased tariffs on jewelry or other **items** supplies and materials that the Company imports **imported by it** from China or other countries, or the Company's inability to successfully manage inventory from such **China or other** countries, could require the Company to increase prices to its customers or, if unable to do so, result in lowering its gross margin on products sold. In addition, if taxes, trade **embargoes** **embargos**, sanctions or other restrictions on foreign trade are imposed by the US, UK or Canada on **goods that the company imports from China or other foreign countries, the Company's ability to obtain the finished goods and commodities it sells at retail** Public health crisis or disease outbreak, epidemic or pandemic, such as COVID- 19 **have** had and could continue to have a significant adverse impact on our business, and this outbreak, as well as other public health crises or disease outbreaks, epidemics or pandemics, has and could continue to adversely impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows and could continue to exacerbate other risk factors. A public health crisis or disease outbreak, epidemic or pandemic, such as COVID- 19, or the threat or fear of such an event, **has adversely impacted and could continue to** adversely impact our business. COVID- 19 significantly impacted consumer traffic and our retail sales during Fiscal 2021, **and had long- term impacts on consumer shopping habits and trends**. Our business may be further impacted if the economy deteriorates due to the long- term effects of COVID- 19 pandemic or other disease. **The long- term impacts of the social, economic, and financial disruptions caused by the COVID- 19 pandemic and the government responses to such disruptions are unknown.** Previous COVID- 19 restrictions

caused disruptions in the number of people that were forming new intimate relationships. The effect of that disruption began to negatively impact sales of engagement rings in Fiscal 2023 and ~~is expected to continue~~ **continues** to affect those sales **to date** through at least the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2025. The ultimate duration of this effect on engagements is unknown ~~and could cause unexpected~~. **A temporary or permanent change—change** to consumer trends **in, such as attitudinal shift away from the long-term cultural custom of expressing commitments through engagements and weddings, would have serious negative impacts to the performance of our bridal categories, which currently represent approximately half of our annual sales**. To the extent that COVID-19 has affected and continues to adversely affect the US and global economy, our business, results of operations, cash flows, or financial condition, it has heightened, and may continue to heighten, other risks described herein. A reduction in traffic to ~~shopping malls or centers, including~~ the closing of ~~the~~ other destination retailers in the shopping areas where our stores are located, could significantly reduce our sales and leave us with excess inventory, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, profitability, and cash flows. Many Signet stores are located within shopping malls or shopping centers and benefit from heavy consumer traffic in such locations. Due to the increase in online shopping ~~as well as COVID-19~~, there has been a substantial decline in shopping mall and shopping center traffic. If the Company does not focus its locations in attractive areas and / or increase its online sales, this trend away from shopping mall and shopping center purchases could adversely impact Signet's operations and financial condition. As Signet tests and develops new types of store locations and designs, there is no certainty as to their success. Additionally, because many Signet stores are located within shopping malls or shopping centers, our sales are derived, in part, from the volume of traffic generated by the other destination retailers and the anchor stores in the malls and shopping centers where our stores are located. Customer traffic to these shopping areas may be adversely affected by the closing of such destination retailers or anchor stores, or by a reduction in traffic to such stores resulting from a regional or global economic downturn, an outbreak of flu or other viruses, **increased crime**, a general downturn in the local area where our store is located, or a decline in the desirability of the shopping environment of a particular mall or shopping center. Such a reduction in customer traffic would reduce our sales and leave us with excess inventory, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, profitability, and cash flows. We may respond by increasing markdowns, initiating marketing promotions, or transferring product to other stores to reduce excess inventory, which would further decrease our gross profits and net income. Fluctuations in foreign exchange rates could adversely impact the Company's results of operations and financial condition. Signet ~~publishes~~ **prepares** its consolidated ~~annual~~ financial statements in US dollars. At February ~~3-1, 2024-2025~~, Signet held approximately 91 % of its total assets in entities whose functional currency is the US dollar and generated approximately 91 % of its sales in US dollars for the fiscal year then ended. All the remaining assets and sales are primarily in British pounds and Canadian dollars. Therefore, the Company's results of operations and balance sheet are subject to fluctuations in the exchange rates between the US dollar and both the British pound and Canadian dollar. Accordingly, any decrease in the weighted average value of the British pound or Canadian dollar against the US dollar would decrease reported sales and operating income. The monthly average exchange rates are used to prepare the statements of operations and are calculated based on the daily exchange rates experienced by the International segment and the Canadian subsidiaries of the North America segment in the fiscal month. If British pounds or Canadian dollars are held or used to fund the cash flow requirements of the business, any decrease in the weighted average value of the British pound or Canadian dollar against the US dollar would reduce the amount of cash and cash equivalents. Signet uses foreign currency derivative instruments to hedge certain exposures to currency exchange rate risks. Market conditions, particularly in the UK and Canada could result in significant volatility in currency exchange rate fluctuations and increase Signet's exposure to foreign currency ~~exchange~~ **exchange** rate ~~exchange~~ risks and reduce its ability to effectively use certain derivative instruments to hedge risks. In addition, the prices of certain materials and products bought on the international markets by Signet are denominated in foreign currencies. As a result, Signet has exposures to exchange rate fluctuations on its cost of goods sold, as well as volatility of input prices if foreign manufacturers and suppliers are impacted by exchange rate fluctuations. Our future results of operations may be adversely affected by input cost inflation. Many aspects of our business have been, and may continue to be, directly affected by volatile commodity costs and other inflationary pressures. Commodities, such as diamonds and precious metals, are subject to price volatility which can be caused by commodity market fluctuations, changes in currency exchange rates, imbalances between supply and demand, and government programs **and tariffs**, policies and sanctions among other factors. Volatile fuel costs translate into unpredictable costs for the products and services we receive from our third-party providers. While we seek to offset increased input costs with a combination of price increases to our customers, purchasing strategies, cost savings initiatives and operating efficiencies, we may be unable to fully offset our increased costs or unable to do so in a timely manner. If we are unable to fully offset such cost increases, our financial results could be materially adversely affected. Signet's business could be adversely affected by extreme weather conditions, natural disasters, or terrorism and acts of war. Extreme weather conditions in the areas in which the Company's stores are located **have** negatively impacted sales in the **past fourth quarter of Fiscal 2023** and could negatively affect the Company's business and results of operations in the future. For example, frequent or unusually heavy snowfall, ice storms, or other extreme weather conditions, whether as a result of climate change or otherwise, over a prolonged period could make it difficult for the Company's salesforce or customers to travel to its stores and thereby reduce the Company's sales and profitability, particularly if such events occur during the Company's Holiday Season. In addition, natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, or wildfires, or a combination of these or other factors, could damage or destroy the Company's facilities or make it difficult for the salesforce or customers to travel to its stores, thereby negatively affecting the Company's business and results of operations. Terrorism, armed conflict, and acts of war (or the expectation of such events), both in the US and abroad, could also have a significant impact on Signet's business and the worldwide economy. At times throughout the past several years, volatile geopolitical conditions have impacted the financial markets. Significant market volatility, and government actions taken in response, may exacerbate some of the risks we face. Conflicts abroad could cause decreased demand for the Company's products as

consumers' attention and interests are diverted from jewelry and become focused on issues relating to these events. For instance, the Russia- Ukraine conflict has adversely impacted and could continue to adversely impact, among other things, certain of the Company' s local markets and suppliers, global and local macroeconomic conditions, foreign exchange rates and financial markets, raw material, energy and transportation costs, and cause further supply chain disruptions. In addition, Signet operates quality control and technology centers in Israel. The recent **Middle East Israel- Hamas conflict conflicts** could cause a disruption to Signet' s operations including, but not limited to, delays in product quality certification, failure to maintain or timely update the eCommerce platform for its **digital- Digital banners- brands** or impact its supply chain with vendors located in the Middle East. An inability to receive products after quality control, shortages of products or difficulties in procuring Signet' s products, or a disruption or shutdown of its **digital banner- brand** websites, among others, may adversely impact its ability to commercialize, manufacture or market its products in a timely manner, any of which could have an adverse effect on Signet' s results of operations. Furthermore, there have been travel advisories imposed related to travel to Israel, and restriction on travel, or delays and disruptions as related to imports and exports may be imposed in the future. Volatile geopolitical conditions give rise to regional instability and may result in heightened economic sanctions from the US and the international community in a manner that adversely affects Signet' s business and may impact its ability to manufacture and ship its merchandise for sale to customers. Given that Signet' s control over such issues, including both weather disasters and large- scale violence, is extremely limited, the Company may not have the ability to mitigate the impacts of such occurrences on its business and operations. Risks Related to Our Operations and Seasonality Fluctuations in the pricing and availability of commodities, particularly polished diamonds and gold, which account for the majority of Signet' s merchandise costs, could adversely impact its earnings, inventory valuations and cash availability. The jewelry industry generally is affected by fluctuations in the price and supply of natural and lab- **created- grown** diamonds, gold and, to a lesser extent, other precious and semi- precious metals and stones. The mining, production and inventory policies followed by major producers of rough diamonds can have a significant impact on natural and lab- **created- grown** diamond prices and demand, as can the inventory and buying patterns of jewelry retailers and other parties in the supply chain. The demand for natural and lab- **created- grown** diamonds is uncertain and could decrease, which would have an adverse impact on the Company. The availability of natural diamonds is significantly influenced by the **political situation- environment** in diamond producing countries and by the Kimberley Process, an inter- governmental agreement for the international trading of rough diamonds. Until acceptable alternative sources of diamonds can be developed, any sustained interruption in the supply of natural diamonds from significant producing countries, or to the trading in rough and polished diamonds which could occur as a result of disruption to the Kimberley Process, could adversely affect Signet, as well as the retail jewelry market as a whole. In addition, the current Kimberley Process decision- making procedure is dependent on reaching a consensus among member governments, which can result in **the a** protracted resolution of issues, and there is little expectation of significant reform over the long -term. The impact of this review process on the supply of natural diamonds, and consumers' perception of the diamond supply chain, is unknown. In addition to the Kimberley Process, the supply of diamonds to the US is also impacted by governmental trade sanctions, such as those imposed on Zimbabwe and Russia. The possibility of constraints in the supply of natural or lab- **created- grown** diamonds of a size and quality Signet requires to meet its merchandising requirements may result in changes in Signet' s supply chain practices, including for example its rough sourcing operation. In addition, Signet may from time to time choose to hold more inventory, purchase raw materials at an earlier stage in the supply chain or enter into commercial agreements of a nature that it currently does not use. Such actions could require the investment of cash and / or additional management skills. Such actions may not resolve supply constraints or result in the expected returns and other projected benefits anticipated by management. While jewelry manufacturing is the major final demand for gold, management believes that the cost of gold is predominantly impacted by investment transactions, which have resulted in significant volatility of gold prices in recent years. Signet' s cost of merchandise and potentially its earnings may be adversely impacted by investment market considerations that cause the price of gold to **significantly remain high or** escalate **further**. An inability to increase retail prices to reflect higher commodity costs would result in lower profitability. Particularly sharp increases in commodity costs may result in a time lag before increased commodity costs are fully reflected in retail prices. **As- Because** Signet uses an average cost inventory methodology, volatility in its commodity costs may also result in a time lag before cost increases are reflected in **merchandise margins or require** retail **prices- price changes**. Further, even if price increases are implemented, there is no certainty that such increases will be sustainable **or accepted by customers**. These factors may cause decreases in gross margins and earnings. In addition, any sustained increases in the cost of commodities could result in the need to fund a higher level of inventory or changes in the merchandise available to the customer, which could increase costs and disrupt Signet' s sales levels. Lab- **created- grown** diamonds are a meaningful portion of sales and inventory for Signet and the jewelry industry, and declining costs and retail prices could impact operating results and **disappoint- cause** **consumers- consumer dissatisfaction**. A material increase in the supply of gem quality lab- **created- grown** diamonds, combined with a material increase in consumer acceptance and demand thereof, has impacted and could continue to impact the cost and retail pricing of lab- **created- grown** and natural diamonds. Signet is a leading retailer of lab- **created- grown** diamonds and over the past several years the portion of our inventory, revenue and operating margin related to lab- **created- grown** diamonds has been increasing along with consumer demand and acceptance. In Fiscal **2024- 2025**, approximately **12- 17** % of Signet' s merchandise sales were products containing lab- **created- grown** diamonds. The costs of lab- **created- grown** diamonds have been declining over the past several years as more supply from producers becomes available. The increased supply and lower costs have and may continue to drive down retail prices of lab- **created- grown** diamonds, particularly those without specialty designs, cuts and brands, which may have a negative impact on our revenue, merchandise margins and operating results. Further, as retail prices of lab- **created- grown** diamonds decline, consumers who purchased lab- **created- grown** diamonds at higher prices may become disappointed in the relative value of their purchase which could negatively impact the reputation of Signet and the jewelry industry. Alosa, a Russian diamond mining and distribution company, supplies more than

30 % of the world's diamonds. Sanctions against them, **Alrosa** specifically or the Russian Oligarchs by the US government or other governments **have limited and** may **severely further** limit the supply of diamonds in the world. The world's sources of rough diamonds are highly concentrated in a limited number of countries. Varying degrees of political and economic risk exist in these countries. As a consequence, the diamond business is subject to various sovereign risks beyond Signet's control, such as changes in laws and policies affecting foreign trade and investment. In addition, Signet is subject to various political and economic risks, including the instability of foreign economies and governments, labor disputes, war and civil disturbances and other risks that could cause production difficulties or stoppages, restrict the movement of inventory or result in the deprivation or loss of contract rights or the taking of property by nationalization or expropriation without fair compensation. Signet's direct purchases from Alrosa and its sourcing arrangement in Russia ceased in February 2022 and did not represent a significant part of its operations. However, any **further** interruption in the total market supply of diamonds due to the ongoing Russia- Ukraine conflict or domestic or foreign government sanctions against Alrosa or Russian diamonds may impact the ability of Signet's suppliers to provide Signet with responsibly sourced diamonds that were mined by other companies or in other countries. Beginning in March of **Fiscal 2025-2024**, leaders of the G7 nations intend to phase- in further import restrictions against not only direct purchases of diamonds mined in Russia but also indirect purchases of diamonds mined in Russia (e. g. diamonds that were mined in Russia but then cut and polished in other countries). Any significant disruption of Signet's sources of supply, or restriction of inventory movement could have a material adverse effect on Signet's results of operations or cash flows. Signet may voluntarily disclose, or pursuant to the Dodd Frank Act and SEC rules must file public disclosures regarding the country of origin of certain supplies and materials, which could damage Signet's reputation or impact the Company's ability to obtain merchandise if customers or other stakeholders react negatively to Signet's disclosures. In August 2012, the SEC, pursuant to the Dodd- Frank Act, issued final rules, which require annual disclosure and reporting on the source and use of certain minerals, including gold, from the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining countries. The gold supply chain is complex and, while management believes that the rules currently cover less than 1 % of annual worldwide gold production, the final rules require Signet (and other affected companies that file with the SEC) to make specified country of origin inquiries of Signet's suppliers, and otherwise to exercise reasonable due diligence in determining the country of origin and certain other information relating to any of the statutorily designated minerals (gold, tin, tantalum and tungsten), that are used in products sold by Signet in the US and elsewhere. There may be reputational risks associated with the potential negative response of Signet's customers and other stakeholders to future disclosures by Signet in the event that, due to the complexity of the global supply chain, Signet is unable to sufficiently verify the origin of the relevant commodities. Also, if future responses to verification requests by suppliers of any of the materials used in Signet's products are inadequate or adverse, Signet's ability to obtain merchandise may be impaired and its compliance costs may increase. It is possible that other minerals, such as diamonds as noted above, could be subject to similar disclosure requirements or rules in the future. Signet's sales, operating income, cash and inventory levels fluctuate on a seasonal basis. Signet's business is highly seasonal, with a significant proportion of its sales and operating profit generated during its fourth quarter, which includes the Holiday Season. Management expects Signet to continue to experience a seasonal fluctuation in its sales and earnings. Therefore, there is limited ability for Signet to compensate for shortfalls in fourth quarter sales or earnings by changes in its operations and strategies in other quarters, or to recover from any extensive disruption, for example, due to sudden adverse changes in consumer confidence, consumer spending ability, economic conditions, unexpected trends in merchandise demand, significant competitive and promotional activity by other retailers, inclement weather conditions having an impact on a significant number of stores, **especially** in the last few days immediately before Christmas Day, ~~such as Winter Storm Elliott that impacted stores in December 2022,~~ or disruption to warehousing and store replenishment systems. Additionally, in anticipation of increased sales activity in the Holiday Season, Signet incurs certain significant incremental expenses prior to and during peak selling seasons, including advertising and costs associated with hiring a substantial number of temporary employees to supplement the Company's existing workforce. A significant shortfall in results for the fourth quarter of any fiscal year would therefore be expected to have a material adverse effect on the annual results of operations **and cash flows**, as well as cash and inventory levels. Disruption at lesser peaks in sales at Valentine's Day and Mother's Day would also be expected to adversely impact the results. Failure to manage inventory levels or to obtain merchandise that customers wish to purchase on a timely basis could have a materially adverse impact on sales and earnings. In order to operate its business successfully, Signet must maintain sufficient inventory levels. This requires forecasting, especially in the case of the Holiday Season, and a balance between meeting customer demand and avoiding accumulating excess inventory. If management misjudges expected customer demand, fails to identify changes in customer demand, or its supply chain does not respond in a timely manner, a shortage of merchandise or an accumulation of excess inventory could occur, which could adversely impact Signet's results. Other factors that could affect the Company's inventory management and planning team's ability to accurately forecast customer demand for its products include: • a substantial increase or decrease in demand for products of Signet's competitors; • failure to accurately forecast trends and customer acceptance for new products; • new product introductions, promotions or pricing strategies by competitors, particularly during holiday periods; • changes in the Company's product offerings including seasonal items and the Company's ability to replenish these items in a timely manner; • changes to the Company's overall seasonal promotional cadence and the number and timing of promotional events and clearance sales; • more limited historical store sales information for stores in newer markets; • weakening of economic conditions or consumer confidence in the future, which could reduce demand for discretionary items, such as jewelry; and • acts or threats of war **or**, terrorism or epidemics, which could adversely affect consumer confidence and spending or interrupt production and distribution of Signet's products and raw materials. If the Company is unable to forecast demand accurately, it may encounter difficulties in filling customer orders or in liquidating excess inventory at discount prices and may experience significant write- offs and customers could opt to purchase jewelry from a competitor. These outcomes could have a material adverse effect on the Company's brand image, sales, gross margins, cash flow, competitive advantage and profitability. Any difficulty or delay in

executing or integrating an acquisition, a business combination or a major business or strategic initiative could have a material adverse impact on expected returns and other projected benefits from such an exercise. We have recently made acquisitions of Diamonds Direct and Blue Nile in Fiscal 2022 and Fiscal 2023, respectively, and we may continue to make acquisitions in the future based on available opportunities in the market. All acquisitions, including these, involve numerous inherent challenges, such as our ability to properly evaluate acquisition opportunities and risks during diligence and our ability to balance resource constraints as we begin to integrate an acquired company into our existing business. Other risks and uncertainties related to our acquisitions include: failing to meet sales and profitability expectations; delayed or unrealized costs savings or synergy opportunities; unknown and underestimated liabilities; and difficulties integrating operations, personnel, financial systems and technology systems. Similarly, the acquisition of companies with operating margins lower than ours may cause a lower operating margin for Signet as a whole. Further, our ability to retain key employees of an acquired company, maintain pre-acquisition cultural dynamics and team morale, and foster the entrepreneurial spirit of an acquired company, particularly while implementing policies, procedures and compliance measures we require, may impact our ability to successfully integrate an acquisition. A significant transaction could also disrupt the operation of our current **business** activities and divert significant management time and resources –Likewise, there is always the potential for difficulty or delay in execution of a strategic initiative including our direct diamond sourcing capabilities, or a strategic plan, such as our **Inspiring Brilliance Grow Brand Love** plan, that may prevent us from realizing expected returns and other projected benefits from such exercises during the anticipated timeframe or at all. The long- term growth of our business depends on the successful execution of our evolving business and strategic initiatives. Any number of factors could impact the success of these initiatives, many of which are out of our control, and there can be no assurance that they will be successful or deliver their anticipated benefits. Some initiatives may require us to devote significant management, financial and other resources and may expose us to new and unforeseen risks and challenges. We may also incur significant asset impairment and other charges in connection with any such initiative or an **acquisition**. If we are unable to execute or integrate an acquisition, major business or strategic initiative or a transformation plan, this could have a significant adverse effect on our results of operations. Our current borrowing agreements place certain limited constraints on our ability to make an acquisition, and future borrowing agreements could place tighter constraints on such actions. **Likewise, there is always the potential..... any such initiative or an acquisition.** Long- term changes in consumer attitudes toward jewelry could be unfavorable and harm jewelry sales. Consumer attitudes toward diamonds, gold and other precious metals and gemstones influence Signet’ s sales. Attitudes could be affected by a variety of issues including concern over the source of raw materials; the impact of mining and refining of minerals on the environment; the local community and the political stability of the producing country; labor conditions in the supply chain; and the availability of and consumer attitudes about substitute products such as cubic zirconia, moissanite and lab- **created-grown** diamonds. A negative change in consumer attitudes toward jewelry could adversely impact Signet’ s sales and earnings. In addition, transparency regarding substitute products such as lab- **created-grown** diamonds is important to maintaining consumer confidence. If the Company does not appropriately and adequately identify the use of the substitute products in its jewelry, its reputation and results **could be adversely impacted**. **New tariffs..... goods and commodities it sells at retail** could be adversely impacted. Signet depends on manufacturers and suppliers to timely provide it with sufficient quantities of quality products. Ultimate delivery of Signet’ s merchandise is substantially dependent upon third- party manufacturers and suppliers. In Fiscal **2024-2025**, the five largest suppliers collectively accounted for **approximately 21** ~~20.4~~% of total purchases, with the largest supplier comprising **approximately 6** ~~4.9~~%. A manufacturer’ s or supplier’ s inability to manufacture or deliver a product on time and of appropriate quality would impair Signet’ s ability to respond to consumer demand, which would put the Company at a competitive disadvantage and result in lost sales. Costs would also be increased if Signet were to attempt to engage replacement manufacturers to rush orders on items that the Company needed immediately. See the risk factor above titled “ Public health crisis or disease outbreak, epidemic or pandemic, such as COVID- 19 **have** had and could continue to have a significant adverse impact on our business, and this outbreak, as well as other public health crises or disease outbreaks, epidemics or pandemics, has and could continue to adversely impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows and could continue to exacerbate other risk factors. ” regarding the potential adverse impact COVID- 19 or other public health crisis, disease or outbreak could have on the Company’ s supply chain. Signet has close commercial relationships with a number of suppliers and management holds regular reviews with major suppliers to sustain continuity of these relationships. However, government requirements regarding sources of commodities, such as those required by the Dodd- Frank Act or sanctions on Alrosa or its management, has **resulted** and could continue to result in Signet choosing to terminate relationships with suppliers in the future due to a change in a supplier’ s sourcing practices or Signet’ s compliance with laws and internal policies. Damage to, or loss of, any of these relationships could have an adverse effect on results. In addition, luxury and prestige watch manufacturers and distributors normally grant agencies the right to sell their ranges on a store- by- store basis. An inability to obtain or retain watch agencies for a location could harm the performance of that particular store. In the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2024, the Company substantially completed the divestiture of its UK prestige watch business to third parties. Prestige watch brands help attract customers and build sales in all categories and discontinuing the prestige watch business in Ernest Jones has negatively impacted and will continue to negatively impact the sales at Ernest Jones in all categories. ~~In the case of Ernest Jones, the inability to replace lost sales could adversely impact sales growth.~~ The growth in importance of other branded merchandise within the jewelry market may adversely impact Signet’ s sales and earnings if it is unable to obtain supplies of or further develop branded merchandise that the customer wishes to purchase. In addition, if Signet loses the distribution rights to an important branded jewelry range or is committed to continue to carry a brand that is no longer viewed as on trend, it could adversely impact sales and earnings. Risks Related to Technology and Security Inadequacies in and disruption to systems could result in lower sales and increased costs or adversely impact the **disclosure reporting and control** procedures **and controls**. Signet is dependent on the suitability, reliability and durability of its systems and procedures, including its accounting,

information technology, data protection, warehousing and distribution systems, and those of its service providers. If support ceased for a critical externally supplied software package or system, management would have to implement an alternative software package or system or begin supporting the software internally. Disruption to parts of the business could result in lower sales and increased costs. Signet is in the process of substantially modifying its enterprise resource planning systems and certain web platforms, which involves updating or replacing legacy systems with successor systems and migrating some systems, data and functionality to cloud provider servers. These system changes and upgrades can require significant capital investments and dedication of resources. When evaluating and making such changes, there can be no assurances that the Company will successfully implement such changes, that significant additional investments will not be required beyond the project budget, that such changes will occur without disruptions to its operations or maintenance of its internal control compliance programs or that the new or upgraded systems will achieve the desired business objectives. Any damage, disruption or shutdown of the Company's information systems, or the failure to successfully implement new or upgraded systems, could have a material adverse effect on Signet's results of operations **and its internal control over financial reporting**. Security breaches and other disruptions to Signet's information technology infrastructure and databases and failure of Signet's customer-facing technology to function as intended or in accordance with applicable law could interfere with Signet's operations **and may in the future fail or be compromised**, and could compromise Signet's and its customers' and suppliers' information or cause other harm, exposing Signet to possible business interruptions and liability, which would have a material adverse effect on Signet's business and reputation. **In Signet is increasingly using mobile devices, social media and other online activities to connect with customers, staff and other stakeholders.** Therefore, in the ordinary course of business, Signet relies upon information technology networks and systems, some of which are managed by third parties, to process, transmit and store electronic information, and to manage or support a variety of business processes and activities, including eCommerce sales, supply chain, merchandise distribution, customer invoicing and collection of payments. **Our computer systems and those of our partners and third-party service providers have been and may be in the future vulnerable to physical or electronic intrusions, computer malware, malicious code or other attacks, system failures, programming errors, employee and third-party errors or wrongdoing, and similar disruption or adverse outcomes. The failure of these systems could cause significant interruptions to our operations, which could result in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.** Signet also uses information technology systems to record, process and summarize financial information and results of operations for internal reporting purposes and to comply with regulatory financial reporting, legal and tax requirements. Signet collects and stores this financial and other sensitive data, including intellectual property, proprietary business information, the **proprietary-proprietary** business information of its customers and suppliers, as well as personally identifiable information of Signet's customers and employees, in data centers and on information technology networks. Although we **have implemented and maintain what we believe to be reasonable security controls to** seek to prevent and detect attempts by unauthorized users to gain access to our IT systems, and incur significant costs to do so, our information technology network infrastructure has in the past been and may in the future be vulnerable to attacks by hackers, including state-sponsored organizations with significant financial and technological resources, breaches due to employee error, fraud or malice or other disruptions (including, but not limited to, computer viruses and other malware, denial of service, and ransomware), which may involve a privacy breach requiring us to notify regulators, customers or employees and enlist identity theft protection. The secure operation of these networks, and the processing and maintenance of this information is critical to Signet's business operations and strategy. Despite security measures and business continuity plans, Signet may not timely anticipate evolving techniques used to effect security breaches that may result in damage, disruptions or shutdowns of Signet's and its third-party vendors' networks and infrastructure due to attacks by hackers, including phishing or other cyber-attacks, or breaches due to employee error or malfeasance, or other non-hostile disruptions during the process of upgrading or replacing computer software or hardware, power outages, computer viruses, telecommunication or utility failures or natural disasters or other catastrophic events. The occurrence of any of these events could compromise Signet's or the third-party's networks and the information stored there, including personal, proprietary or confidential information about Signet, its customers or its third-party vendors, and personally identifiable information of Signet's customers and employees could be accessed, manipulated, publicly disclosed, lost or stolen, exposing its customers to the risk of identity theft and exposing Signet or its third-party vendors to a risk of loss or misuse of this information. Signet and its third-party vendors have experienced successful attacks and breaches from time to time, however, to date, these attacks or breaches have not had a material impact on Signet's business or operations. Any such malfunction, access, disclosure or other loss of information could result in legal claims or proceedings, liability or regulatory penalties under laws protecting the privacy of personal information, significant breach-notification costs, lost sales and a disruption to operations (including the Company's ability to process consumer transactions and manage inventories), media attention, and damage to Signet's reputation, which could adversely affect Signet's business. In addition, it could harm Signet's reputation and ability to execute its business through service and business interruptions, management distraction and / or damage to physical infrastructure, which could adversely impact sales, costs and earnings. If Signet is the target of a material cybersecurity attack resulting in unauthorized disclosure of its customer data, the Company may be required to undertake costly notification and credit monitoring procedures. Compliance with these laws will likely increase the costs of doing business. In addition, if Signet's online activities or other customer-facing technology systems do not function as designed or are deemed to not comply with applicable state and federal regulations concerning automated outbound contacts such as text messages and the sale, advertisement and promotion of the jewelry it sells, the Company may experience a loss of customer confidence, data security breaches, regulatory fines, lawsuits, lost sales or be exposed to fraudulent purchases. The regulatory environment related to information security, data collection and privacy is becoming increasingly demanding, with new and changing requirements applicable to Signet's business, including the General Data Protection Regulation and the California Consumer Privacy Act, and compliance with those requirements could result in additional costs, such as costs related

to organizational changes, implementing additional protection technologies, training employees and engaging consultants. In addition, the Company could be subject to claims, fines, penalties or other liabilities for a failure to comply. Failure to manage these risks could have a material adverse effect on Signet's results of operations, financial condition and cash flow. The use of technology based on AI and **machine learning** ("ML") presents risks related to confidentiality, creation of inaccurate and flawed outputs, and emerging regulatory risks which may result in reputational harm, competitive harm, or legal liability, and may adversely affect our business and results of operations. The use of AI and ML involves significant technical complexity, ethical considerations and requires specialized expertise. We use AI and ML in our business to, among other things, optimize inventory distribution and flexible fulfillment. We may further incorporate AI or ML solutions into our business operations, technology systems, and product and service offerings in other ways including but not limited to personalized marketing, enhancements to website experiences or general administrative functions. Our competitors or other third parties may incorporate AI and ML into their businesses more quickly or more successfully than us, which could impair our ability to compete effectively and adversely affect our business and results of operations. Our use of technology systems or applications that utilize or are based on AI or ML (or the disruption or failure of those systems or applications) could result in the disclosure of sensitive, proprietary or confidential information which could harm our business, reputation and operating results. Additionally, if the content, analyses, or recommendations that AI or ML applications assist in producing are or are alleged to be deficient, inaccurate or biased, it may cause us to experience brand or reputational harm, competitive harm, legal liability, new or enhanced governmental or regulatory scrutiny. We may also incur additional costs to resolve such issues, each of which may adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Risks Related to Competition and Innovation Signet's pricing compared to **that of** competitors, the increased price transparency in the market and the highly fragmented competitive nature of the retail jewelry industry, may have an adverse impact on Signet's performance. Critical to maintaining an optimal customer experience is a multi-faceted value proposition focused on attractive brand and category assortments, availability of financing, deep customer service and relationship building with the Company's guest service professionals, as well as competitive pricing. Although not a singular differentiator to the Company's value proposition, if significant price increases are implemented by any segment or across a wide range of merchandise, the impact on earnings will depend on, among other factors, the pricing by competitors of similar products and the response by customers to higher prices. Such price increases may result in lower sales and adversely impact earnings. The retail jewelry industry is competitive. Signet's competitors are specialty jewelry retailers, as well as other jewelry retailers, including department stores, mass merchandisers, discount stores, apparel and accessory fashion stores, brand retailers, shopping clubs, home shopping television channels, direct home sellers, online retailers and auction sites. Aggressive discounting by competitors may adversely impact Signet's performance in the short term. This is particularly the case for easily comparable pieces of jewelry, of similar quality, sold through stores that are situated near those that Signet operates. Signet faces significant competition from independent and regional specialty jewelry retailers that are able to adjust their competitive stance, for example on pricing, to local market conditions. This can put individual Signet stores at a competitive disadvantage as Signet segments have a national pricing strategy. Consumers are increasingly shopping or starting their jewelry buying experience online, which makes it easier for them to compare prices and quality with other jewelry retailers. If Signet's brands do not offer the same or a similar item at the lowest price, or if competitors offer a better and more user-friendly website experience than Signet, or financing that is easier to access or provides better terms, consumers may purchase their jewelry from competitors, which would adversely impact the Company's sales, results of operations and market share. An inability to successfully develop and maintain a relevant OmniChannel experience for customers, failure to anticipate changing fashion trends in the jewelry industry, and poor execution of marketing programs and management of social media could result in a loss of confidence by consumers in Signet's brand names and have an adverse impact on sales. Signet's business has evolved from primarily an in-store experience to interaction with customers across numerous channels, including in-store, online, mobile and social media, among others. OmniChannel retailing is rapidly evolving and Signet must keep pace with changing customer expectations and new developments by its competitors. Signet's customers are increasingly using computers, tablets, mobile phones and other devices to comparison shop, determine product availability and complete purchases online. Signet must compete and remain relevant by offering a consistent and convenient shopping experience for its customers regardless of the ultimate sales channel and by investing in, providing and maintaining digital tools for customers that have the right features and are reliable and easy to use. The ability to differentiate Signet's stores, services, online experience and merchandise from competitors by better designs, branding and category assortments and the level and quality of customer service and marketing and advertising programs, is an important factor in attracting consumers. In today's market, this differentiation requires, among other factors, keeping pace with trends in design, as well as setting new jewelry trends, effectively implementing an OmniChannel experience, and targeting effective media campaigns, including an expansion of social media use and new social media platforms, in order to build and maintain customer confidence in the Company and in the brands it sells. As a result, the Company needs to continuously innovate and develop its OmniChannel experience and social media strategies in order to maintain broad appeal with customers and brand relevance. These initiatives may not be successful, resulting in expenses incurred without the benefit of higher revenues, increased employee engagement or brand recognition. In a distressed economic and retail environment, in which many of the Company's competitors continue to engage in aggressive promotional activities, any failure on Signet's part to react appropriately to changing consumer preferences and fashion trends, including the failure to plan in advance and invest in marketing and advertising campaigns, could have an adverse impact on sales. In addition, adverse or inaccurate information concerning the Company or its brands may be posted on social media platforms at any time, and such information can quickly reach a wide audience. The harm may be immediate without affording the Company an opportunity for redress or correction, and it is challenging to monitor and anticipate developments on social media in order to respond in an effective and timely manner. The Company could also be exposed to these risks if it fails to use social media responsibly in its marketing efforts, including the improper disclosure of proprietary information, exposure of

personally identifiable information, fraud, or out-of-date information. Regardless of its basis or validity, any unfavorable publicity could adversely affect public perception of Signet's brands. These factors could have a material adverse effect on its business. If Signet fails to make, improve, develop or acquire relevant customer-facing technology in a timely manner, fails to keep pace with trendsetting, or if the Company's marketing and social media advertising and efforts are not to scale or ~~miss the mark~~ **do not align with consumer preferences**, the customer could lose confidence in any of Signet's brands, which could materially and adversely impact sales and earnings. Risks Related to Asset Management The Company's inability to optimize its real estate footprint could adversely impact sales and earnings. The success of Signet's stores, as part of its Connected Commerce strategy, is dependent upon a number of factors. These include the availability of desirable property, placement of stores in easily accessible locations with high visibility, the demographic characteristics of the area around the store, the design and maintenance of the stores, the availability of attractive locations within the markets / trade areas that also meet the operational and financial criteria of management, the terms of leases and Signet's relationship with major landlords. If Signet is unable to maintain a real estate portfolio that satisfies its strategic, operational and financial criteria, through cost-effective strategic store closings and targeted, limited store openings, or if there is a disruption in its relationship with its major landlords, sales could be adversely affected. Substantially all of Signet's retail locations are leased, requiring significant cash flow to satisfy the lease obligations. Given the typical length of retail leases, Signet is dependent upon the continued popularity of particular retail locations. Following the initial terms of each lease, it is possible that Signet will not be able to negotiate contract terms favorable to the Company for future leases. This would cause occupancy costs to rise, which would either decrease profit margins at each specific store or force Signet to close certain retail locations. The rate of store footprint optimization is dependent on a number of factors including obtaining suitable real estate, the capital resources of Signet, the availability of appropriate staff and management, estimated sales transference rate and the level of the financial return on investment required by management. The Company's ability to protect its assets, particularly inventory and cash, or intellectual property could have a material adverse impact on its brands, reputation and operating results. Signet's jewelry products carry high value with resale potential and are therefore subject to loss by theft by customers, organized crime or other third-parties. In addition, products held by us for repair or service are also subject to risk of loss or theft. We have experienced theft in the past and loss by theft may continue or increase in the future. In addition, the security measures we take may not be effective in reducing losses. Higher rates of theft including theft by organized retail crime networks that orchestrate burglaries, "smash and grabs," looting or shoplifting operations could adversely impact our reputation, operations and ultimately, our overall financial condition. Furthermore, other costs and expenses resulting from criminal activity such as increased security costs and measures to prevent such activity, increased repair costs and increased costs to protect, retain, replace or recruit team members that may be concerned about future crime impacting our stores or the shopping centers they operate in may also adversely impact our reputation, operations and financial condition. The Company holds significant amounts of cash on hand or short term, highly liquid investments (i. e. cash equivalents) on its balance sheet from time to time. Credit risk exists on the realizability of these assets should the counterparties fail to perform as contracted. Signet does not require collateral or other security to support cash investments or financial instruments with credit risk; however, it is Signet's policy to generally only hold cash and cash equivalent investments and to transact financial instruments with financial institutions with a certain minimum credit rating. Failure, entrance into receivership or insolvency by any of these financial institutions in response to conditions affecting the banking system and financial markets could threaten our ability to access our existing cash, cash equivalents and investments and could adversely impact the Company's financial position and results of operations. Signet's trade names, trademarks, copyrights, patents and other intellectual property are important assets and an essential element of our strategy. The unauthorized reproduction, theft or misappropriation of our intellectual property could diminish the value of our brands or reputation and cause a decline in sales. Protection of our intellectual property and maintenance of distinct branding are particularly important as they distinguish our products and services from those of our competitors. The costs of defending intellectual property may adversely affect our operating results. In addition, any infringement or other intellectual property claim made against us, whether or not it has merit, could be time-consuming, result in costly litigation, cause product delays, or require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements. As a result, any such claim could have a material adverse effect on our operating results. If the Company's goodwill, indefinite-lived intangible assets or long-lived assets become impaired, the Company may be required to record significant charges to earnings. The Company has a substantial amount of goodwill, intangible assets and long-lived assets on its balance sheet. The Company reviews goodwill, indefinite-lived intangible assets and long-lived assets for impairment annually or whenever events or circumstances indicate impairment may have occurred. The impairment evaluation requires significant judgment and estimates by management, and unfavorable changes in these assumptions or other factors could result in future impairment charges and have a significant adverse impact on the Company's reported earnings. Such factors include the operating performance and cash flows of the Company's ~~stores~~ **businesses**, lower than anticipated consumer traffic, changes in customer spending behavior, **uncertainties in the macroeconomic environment**, ~~factors such as inflation~~, **and rising** interest rates, changes in the Company's real estate strategy or other key business initiatives. Additionally, a general decline in the market valuation of the Company's common shares, whether related to Signet's business or overall market conditions, could adversely impact the assumptions used to perform the evaluation of its goodwill, indefinite-lived intangible assets and long-lived assets. For ~~further~~ **additional** information on Signet's evaluation of impairment for goodwill, indefinite-lived intangible assets and long-lived assets, see "Critical Accounting Estimates" under Part II, Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. Risks Related to Our Common Stock and Indebtedness Signet's share price may be volatile due to Signet's results and financial condition or factors impacting the market overall, which could have a short or long-term adverse impact on an investment in Signet stock. Signet's share price has fluctuated and may fluctuate substantially as a result of variations in the actual or anticipated results and financial conditions of Signet and other companies in the retail industry. In addition, the stock market has experienced, and may

continue to experience, price and volume fluctuations that have affected the market price of many retail and other stocks, including Signet's, in a manner unrelated, or disproportionate, to the operating performance of these companies. Signet provides public guidance on its expected operating and financial results for future periods. Such guidance consists of forward-looking statements subject to the risks and uncertainties described in this report and in Signet's other public filings and public statements. Signet's actual results may be below the provided guidance or the expectations of Signet's investors and analysts, especially in times of economic uncertainty. In the past, when the Company has reduced its outlook related to certain measures in its previously provided guidance, the market price of its common stock has declined. If, in the future, Signet's operating or financial results for a particular period do not meet guidance or the expectations of investors and analysts or if Signet reduces its outlook related to certain measures in its guidance for future periods, the market price of its common stock may decline. In addition, if the analysts that regularly follow the Company's stock lower their rating or lower their projections for future growth and financial performance, the Company's stock price could decline. **Shareholder activists could cause a disruption to our business. We have been subject to shareholder activism and may be subject to such activism in the future. For example, on February 27, 2025, Select Equity Group, L. P. filed a Schedule 13D with the SEC advocating for, among other things, the Company to explore strategic options for the business, including its sale. Shareholder activism against the Company could lead to increased costs (e. g., third-party advisors, insurance, and administrative expenses), reputational damage, and business disruptions. It may create uncertainties about our direction, harming relationships with investors, customers, suppliers, and employees, and make it harder to attract and retain talent. Additionally, it could delay or hinder the execution of our business strategy, divert management's focus, and cause stock price fluctuations based on market perceptions rather than fundamentals. Such activism could negatively impact our business, financial condition, and results of operations.** The Company's ability to borrow is important to its operations and financial covenants, credit ratings and interest rate volatility could all impact the availability of such debt and could adversely impact the Company's financial results. The Company's primary sources of liquidity are cash on hand, cash provided by operations and availability under its asset-based credit facility. The Company holds obligations under its 4.70% Senior Unsecured Notes and its redeemable Series A Convertible Preference Shares. The Company's ability to borrow and maintain adequate cash flow is necessary to sustain its operations, particularly given the seasonal fluctuations in inventory and staffing requirements and the concentration of sales in the fourth quarter. The Company's debt and preferred share obligations also require maintaining sufficient cash flow to make continuing payment obligations for interest and dividends. Because a large portion of its financing is asset-based and secured, the Company's ability to draw funds is dependent on maintaining a sufficient borrowing base and it is subject to the risk of loss of such assets to foreclosure or sale to satisfy its debt obligations. Signet's borrowing agreements include various financial and other covenants. A material deterioration in its financial performance could result in a breach of these covenants. In the event of a breach, the Company would have to renegotiate terms with its current lenders or find alternative sources of financing if current lenders required cancellation of facilities or early repayment. In addition, these covenants, in some cases, limit the Company's flexibility to adapt its operations to changing conditions. Terms under the Company's asset-based credit facility include exposure to variable interest rate debt and volatility in benchmark interest rates could adversely impact the Company's financial results. Additionally, credit rating agencies periodically review Signet's capital structure and the quality and stability of the Company's earnings, and should Signet need to obtain more financing, a credit rating downgrade would make it more difficult, expensive and restrictive to do so. Changes in general credit market conditions could also affect Signet's ability to access capital at rates and on terms determined to be attractive. If Signet's ability to access capital becomes constrained, it may not be able to adequately fund its ongoing operations, dividends and share repurchases or planned initiatives and the Company's interest costs will likely increase, which could have a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. Risks Related to Human Capital The Company's ability to recruit, train, motivate and retain suitably qualified sales associates could adversely impact sales and earnings. Management regards the customer experience as an essential element in the success of its business. Competition for suitable sales associates or changes in labor and healthcare laws could require Signet to incur higher labor costs. A shortage of qualified individuals, higher labor costs and the execution of strategic initiatives, including those designed to improve the customer experience, could result in disruptions to the performance of sales associates and an inability to recruit, train, motivate and retain suitably qualified sales associates, which could adversely impact sales and earnings. **Likewise, there are risks associated with attracting and retaining key executive talent during periods of leadership transition, such as our recent appointment of a new CEO and other recent changes in senior leadership from the reorganization under our Grow Brand Love strategy.** Signet's success is dependent on the strength and effectiveness of its relationships with its various stakeholders. The Company's management of its 2030 CSGs as well as increased changing demand for ESG sustainability initiatives and disclosures could result in additional costs or risks. We have established and publicly announced 2030 CSGs including commitments to address climate change **reduce greenhouse gas emissions** and **protect** human rights. These statements reflect **integration with our business planning** plans and aspirations and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are outside our control. Like many companies, Signet aspires to work towards net-zero business operations. The ability for companies to **adjust their operations reduce greenhouse gas emissions** is dependent on the energy infrastructure of the US, namely the availability and cost of low-or non- carbon- based energy sources for our physical locations as well as the availability of low or non- carbon transportation. Signet carefully considers **both investor a wide range of factors, including stakeholder expectations and,** regulatory requirements, **business goals, and corporate strategies** in forming our **CSGs ESG disclosure strategy** and when investing resources in **ESG initiatives, disclosure disclosures,** processes and tools. Standards for tracking and reporting **ESG matters CSG performance** continue to evolve. **Signet has revised and may continue to reassess and modify CSG goals based on changes to our Company purpose, business objectives, stakeholder expectations and the regulatory environment. Signet may be subject to consumer boycotts from customers on both sides of the ideological spectrum. Any**

changes to the CSGs may be perceived as a retraction or deviation from our core values. The voluntary disclosure frameworks and standards we select, and the interpretation or application of those frameworks and standards, may be subject to change and may be different from our peers. Further, the methodologies we use for reporting **ESG data** **CSG performance** may be updated and our previously reported **ESG** data may be adjusted to reflect improvements in data that is available to us, changing assumptions, changes in our operations and other changes in circumstances. Our processes and controls for reporting **ESG** **such** matters across our operations and supply chain are continually evolving as are the differing standards for identifying, measuring, and reporting **sustainability** **ESG** metrics, including **ESG** related disclosures that may be required by government agencies. Preparation for the **recently issued SEC State of California** climate disclosure **rule** **rules** is expected to require additional resources for compliance. Signet will always prioritize legally required disclosures such as greenhouse gas emissions calculations over voluntary frameworks. Consequently, it is possible that we may fail to achieve our 2030 CSGs or that our customers, team members, investors, advocacy groups, government agencies or other stakeholders may not be satisfied with the CSGs we set or our efforts to achieve them. Our failure, or perceive failure, to adequately achieve, update or accurately track and report on these CSGs on a timely basis, or at all, could adversely affect our reputation, financial performance and growth, and may expose us to adverse consumer actions, inhibit our ability to attract and retain talent, and subject us to increased scrutiny from the investment community, special interest groups and enforcement authorities. Collective bargaining activity could disrupt the Company's operations, increase labor costs or interfere with the ability of management to focus on executing business strategies. The employees of Signet's diamond polishing factory in Gaborone, Botswana are covered by a collective bargaining agreement. If relationships with these employees become adverse, operations at the factory could experience labor disruptions such as strikes, lockouts, boycotts and public demonstrations, which could negatively impact the Company's diamond supply, increase costs and cause negative publicity. Labor regulation and the negotiation of new or existing collective bargaining agreements could lead to higher wage and benefit costs, changes in work rules that raise operating expenses, legal costs and limitations on the Company's ability to take cost-saving measures during economic downturns. Any of these cost increases and constraints on Signet's operations could adversely impact its results of operations. Further, collective bargaining activity in other industries, such as various union strikes in the UK that were announced in December 2022 by postal and travel workers, may adversely affect traffic to our stores or delivery of online orders and in turn negatively impact our sales. Risks Related to Compliance The Company's exposure to legal proceedings, tax matters, and / or regulatory or other investigations could reduce earnings and cash, as well as negatively impact debt covenants, leverage ratios and its reputation and divert management attention. Signet is involved in legal proceedings incidental to its business. Litigation is inherently unpredictable. Any actual or potential claims against us, whether meritorious or not, or regulatory or other investigations, could be time consuming, result in costly litigation or litigation settlements, require significant amounts of management time, negatively impact Signet's reputation and result in the diversion of significant operational resources. In addition, while Signet maintains insurance to cover various types of liabilities and loss, such coverage may not be sufficient to cover the full extent of any damages and expenses and the timing of any reimbursement may not correspond to the liabilities accrued or incurred. At any point in time, various tax years are subject to, or are in the process of, audit by various taxing authorities. To the extent that management's estimates of ~~settlements change, or~~ the final tax outcome of these matters is different than the amounts recorded, such differences will impact income tax in the period in which such determinations are made. For example, should His Majesty's Revenue and Customs, or other tax authorities, assess Signet and should the tax authorities prevail in such assessments, there could be a material adverse impact on our results of operations and cash flows in future periods. Failure to comply with labor regulations could adversely affect the Company's business. Various state, federal and global laws and regulations govern Signet's relationship with its employees. Some examples of these laws include requirements related to minimum wage, sick pay, overtime pay, paid time off, workers' compensation rates, and healthcare reform. These laws and regulations change frequently, and the ultimate cost of compliance cannot be precisely estimated. Failure by Signet to comply with labor regulations could result in fines and legal actions. In addition, the ability to recruit and retain staff could be harmed. These consequences could adversely affect the Company's business. The Company's ability to comply with laws and regulations and adapt to changes thereto could adversely affect its business. Signet's policies and procedures are designed to comply with applicable laws and regulations. Changing legal and regulatory requirements in the US and other jurisdictions in which Signet operates have increased the complexity of the regulatory environment in which the business operates and the cost of compliance. Failure to comply with the various regulatory requirements may result in damage to Signet's reputation, civil and criminal proceedings and liability, fines and penalties, and further increase the cost of regulatory compliance. Changes in existing taxation laws, rules or practices may adversely affect the Company's financial results. The Company operates through various subsidiaries in numerous countries throughout the world. Consequently, Signet is subject to changes in tax laws, treaties or regulations or the interpretation or enforcement thereof in the US or jurisdictions where any subsidiaries operate or are incorporated. Tax laws, treaties and regulations are highly complex and subject to interpretation. The Company's income tax expense is based upon interpretation of the tax laws in effect in various countries at the time such expense was incurred. If these tax laws, treaties or regulations, including the recent Bermuda Corporate Income Tax Act of 2023, were to change or any tax authority were to successfully challenge Signet's assessment of the effects of such laws, treaties and regulations in any country, this could result in a higher effective tax rate on the Company's taxable earnings, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations. In addition, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") has led international efforts to devise, and to implement on a permanent basis, a two-pillar solution to address the tax challenges arising from the digitalization of the economy. Pillar One focuses on nexus and profit allocation, and Pillar Two provides for a global minimum effective corporate tax rate of 15%. Pillar One would apply to multinational enterprises with annual global revenue above 20 billion euros and profitability above 10%, with the revenue threshold potentially reduced to 10 billion euros in the future. Based on these thresholds, we currently expect to be outside the scope of the Pillar One proposals, though we anticipate

that we will be subject to Pillar One in the future if our global revenue exceeds the Pillar One thresholds. In December 2021, the OECD published detailed rules that define the scope of the Pillar Two global minimum effective tax rate proposal. A number of countries, including the UK, have adopted the core elements of the Pillar Two proposal effective for years beginning in 2024, and the European Union has adopted a Council Directive which requires certain Pillar Two rules to be transposed into member states' national laws from such time. Based on our current understanding of the minimum revenue thresholds contained in the proposed Pillar Two rules, we expect that we may be within their scope and so their implementation could impact the amount of tax we have to pay. **In January 2025, the OECD published revised guidance which included revisions to the treatment of deferred tax assets under Pillar Two for companies with cross-border operations such as Signet. If Bermuda, or jurisdictions in which Signet operates, adopt revisions to their tax code related to this updated OECD guidance, those revisions may override, reduce or eliminate the deferred tax asset that Signet recorded in the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2024 related to the enactment of Bermuda's Corporate Income Tax Act of 2023.** Additionally, these changes may result in unilateral or uncoordinated local country application of the action items. Any such inconsistencies in the tax laws of countries where the Company operates or is incorporated may lead to increased uncertainty with respect to tax positions or otherwise increase the potential for double taxation. Proposals for US tax reform also potentially could have a significant adverse effect on us. In addition, the European Commission has conducted investigations in multiple countries focusing on whether local country tax legislation or rulings provide preferential tax treatment in violation of European Union state aid rules. Any impacts of these actions could increase the Company's tax liabilities, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition. International laws and regulations and foreign taxes could impact Signet's ability to continue sourcing and manufacturing materials for its products on a global scale. Signet is engaged in sourcing and manufacturing on a global scale, and as such, could be impacted by foreign governmental laws and regulations, foreign duties, taxes, and other charges on importing products, and international shipping delays or disruptions. Signet's global operations are also subject to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other such anti-corruption laws. Additionally, labor relations and general political conditions in the countries where Signet sources and manufactures its materials could impact the ultimate shipment and receipt of such supplies and products. Stakeholders may face difficulties in enforcing proceedings against Signet Jewelers Limited as it is domiciled in Bermuda. It is doubtful whether courts in Bermuda would enforce judgments obtained by investors in other jurisdictions, including the US, Canada and the UK, against the Parent Company or its directors or officers under the securities laws of those jurisdictions or entertain actions in Bermuda against the Parent Company or its directors or officers under the securities laws of other jurisdictions.