# $T_{\rm NEW \, YORK \, SINCE \, 1837}$ (TIF) 2Q16 RESULTS: LOWER COSTS, HIGHER PRICES DRIVE BETTER MARGINS

	2Q16	2Q15	YoY Change
Revenues (USD Mil.)	\$931.6	\$990.5	(5.5)%
Gross Margin	61.9%	59.9%	200 bps
SG&A/Sales	43.2%	42.4%	80 bps
Operating Margin	18.8%	17.4%	140 bps
Adjusted EPS	\$0.84	\$0.81	3.7%

Source: Company reports/Fung Global Retail & Technology

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# **2Q16 RESULTS**

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Management attributed the declines in the US to lower spending by US customers as well as by Chinese and other foreign tourists. Sales growth in China and South Korea was offset by continuing significant declines in Hong Kong and more moderate declines in most other markets.

Tiffany opened four company-operated stores in the second quarter and closed one existing location. At the end of the period, the company operated 311 stores: 125 in the Americas, 83 in the Asia-Pacific region, 55 in Japan, 43 in Europe, and five in the UAE. A year ago, it operated 304 stores: 124 in the Americas, 79 in the Asia-Pacific region, 56 in Japan, 40 in Europe and five in the UAE.

## **2016 OUTLOOK**

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Gross retail square footage is projected to increase by 2% through 11 store openings, six relocations and 10 store closings.

Operating margins are expected to be below the prior year's 19.7%. Free cash flow is projected to be at least \$400 million and capital expenditure is expected to be \$260 million.

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