



(GIII) 1Q17 RESULTS: BEATS ON EPS DUE TO STRONGER WHOLESALE BUSINESS, REITERATES ANNUAL GUIDANCE

	1Q17	1Q16	YoY Change
Revenues (USD Mil.)	\$457.4	\$433.0	5.6%
Gross Margin	36.2%	35.7%	55 bps
SG&A/Sales	33.5%	31.7%	182 bps
Operating Margin	1.2%	2.7%	(153) bps
EPS	\$0.06	\$0.15	(59.6)%
Source: Company reports			

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Operating expenses were higher than expected due to startup costs for growth initiatives. However, strength in the wholesale business more than offset softness in the retail business.

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2017 OUTLOOK

The company reiterated its FY17 revenue guidance of approximately \$2.62 billion and EPS of \$2.55–\$2.62. The prior year's adjusted EPS of \$2.44 excludes \$0.02 in other income.

For the second quarter, the company expects revenues of approximately \$485.0 million, compared to consensus of \$457.4 million, and EPS of \$0.15–\$0.19, compared to consensus of \$0.18.

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