IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	Ref. Docket No. 14
Debtors.	(Joint Administration Requested)
F21 OPCO, LLC, et al., ¹	Case No. 25-10469 (MFW)
In re:	Chapter 11

NOTICE OF FILING OF REVISED PROPOSED INTERIM ORDER AUTHORIZING (A) THE CONDUCT OF THE STORE CLOSING SALES, WITH SUCH SALES TO BE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, AND ENCUMBRANCES AND (B) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on March 17, 2025, the debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") filed the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of (I) Interim Order Authorizing (A) the Conduct of the Store Closing Sales, with Such Sales to be Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, and Encumbrances and (B) Granting Related Relief, and (II) Final Order Authorizing (A) the Debtors to Assume the Agency Agreement, (B) the Conduct of the Store Closing Sales, with Such Sales to be Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, and Encumbrances, and (C) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 14] (the "<u>Motion</u>") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>"). A proposed form of order approving the motion on an interim basis (the "<u>Proposed Interim Order</u>") was attached to the Motion as Exhibit A.*

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, subsequent to filing the Motion, the Debtors received comments to the Proposed Interim Order from certain landlords (the "Responding Landlords"). Following discussions among the Debtors and the Responding Landlords, the Debtors have made certain revisions to the Proposed Interim Order, as reflected in the revised Proposed Interim Order attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Revised Proposed Interim Order").²

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors intend to submit the Revised Proposed Interim Order for the Court's consideration at the hearing currently scheduled for March 18, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. (ET).

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The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: F21 OpCo, LLC (8773); F21 Puerto Rico, LLC (5906); and F21 GiftCo Management, LLC (6412). The Debtors' address for purposes of service in these Chapter 11 Cases is 110 East 9th Street, Suite A500, Los Angeles, CA 90079.

For the convenience of the Court and all interested parties, a blackline comparing the Revised Proposed Interim Order to the Proposed Interim Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

Dated: March 18, 2025 YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP

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Exhibit A

Revised Proposed Interim Order

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Debtors. (Jointly Administered)

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INTERIM ORDER AUTHORIZING (I) THE CONDUCT OF THE STORE CLOSING SALES, WITH SUCH SALES TO BE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, AND ENCUMBRANCES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "Motion")² of the Debtors for entry of an interim order (this "Interim Order") (a) authorizing the Debtors, upon entry of the Final Order, to assume the Agency Agreement, (b) authorizing the Debtors to conduct store closing or similar themed sales in accordance with the terms of the Agency Agreement and the Sale Guidelines, with such sales to be free and clear of all liens, claims, and encumbrances, and (c) granting certain related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this

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² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion.

district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and it appearing that proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and upon the record herein; and after due deliberation thereon; and this Court having determined that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest, it is hereby

FOUND, CONCLUDED AND DETERMINED THAT:³

- A. The Debtors' decision to (i) enter into the Agency Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and (ii) perform under and make payments required by the Agency Agreement, is a reasonable exercise of the Debtors' sound business judgment consistent with their fiduciary duties and is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and all other parties in interest.
- B. The Agency Agreement was negotiated, proposed, and entered into by the Agent and the Debtors without collusion, in good faith, and from arm's length bargaining positions.
- C. Time is of the essence in effectuating the Agency Agreement and continuing with the Store Closing Sales contemplated therein without interruption. The conduct of the Store Closing Sales will provide an efficient means for the Debtors to dispose of the Store Closing Assets. The Store Closing Sales under the Agency Agreement must be permitted to continue to maximize the value that the Agent may realize from the Store Closing Sales and the value that the Debtors may realize from assuming the Agency Agreement.

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The findings and conclusions set forth herein constitute this Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7052, made applicable to this proceeding pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9014. To the extent any of the following findings of fact constitute conclusions of law, they are adopted as such. To the extent any of the following conclusions of law constitute findings of fact, they are adopted as such.

- D. The Agent is not an "insider" as that term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code. No common identity of directors or controlling stockholders exists between the Agent and the Debtors.
- E. The Sale Guidelines, as described in the Motion and attached as **Exhibit 2** hereto, are reasonable and appropriate and will maximize the returns on the Store Closing Assets for the benefit of the Debtors' estates and creditors.
- F. The Store Closing Sales, in accordance with the Sale Guidelines and with the assistance of the Agent, will provide an efficient means for the Debtors to liquidate and dispose of the Store Closing Assets as quickly and effectively as possible, and are in the best interests of the Debtors' estates.
 - G. The Resolution Procedures are fair and reasonable and comply with applicable law.
- H. The Debtors have represented that, pursuant to the Motion, they are not seeking to either sell or lease personally identifiable information during the course of the Store Closing Sales at the Closing Stores; *provided*, *however*, that the Agent will be authorized to distribute emails and promotional materials to the Debtors' customers consistent with the Debtors' existing policies on the use of consumer information.
- I. No sale, transfer, or other disposition of the Store Closing Assets pursuant to the Agency Agreement or entry into the Agency Agreement will subject the Agent to any liability for claims, obligations or Encumbrances asserted against the Debtors or the Debtors' interests in such Store Closing Assets by reason of such transfer under any laws, including, without limitation, any bulk-transfer laws or any theory of successor or transferee liability, antitrust, environmental, product line, de facto merger or substantial continuity or similar theories. The Agent is not a successor to the Debtors or their respective estates.

- J. The relief set forth herein is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors and their estates, and the Debtors have demonstrated good, sufficient, and sound business purposes and justifications for the relief approved herein.
- K. The entry of this Interim Order is in the best interest of the Debtors, their estates and creditors, and all other parties in interest herein.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED on an interim basis, as set forth herein.
- 2. All objections to the entry of this Interim Order, to the extent not withdrawn or settled, are overruled.
- 3. The final hearing (the "Final Hearing") on the Motion shall be held on April 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). On or before 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on April 8, 2025 (the "Objection Deadline"), any objections or responses to entry of a final order on the Motion shall be filed with this Court and served on: (a) the Debtors, 110 East 9th Street, Suite A500, Los Angeles, CA 90079, Attn: Michael Brown (mbrown@thinkbrg.com); (b) the Debtors' proposed counsel, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Rodney Square, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Andrew L. Magaziner, Esq. (amagaziner@ycst.com) and S. Alexander Faris, Esq. (afaris@ycst.com); (c) counsel to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in its capacity as Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, Otterbourg P.C., 230 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10169, Attn: Chad Simon, Esq. (csimon@otterbourg.com) and Daniel Fiorillo, Esq. (dfiorillo@otterbourg.com); (d) counsel to Pathlight Capital LP in its capacity as Prepetition Term Loan Agent, Riemer & Braunstein LLP, Times Square Tower, Suite 2506, Seven Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Steven E. Fox, Esq. (sfox@riemerlaw.com) and Paul D. Bekker, Esq. (pbekker@riemerlaw.com); (e) counsel to Simon Blackjack Consolidated Holdings, LLC in its

capacity as Prepetition Subordinated Loan Agent, (i) Choate Hall & Stewart LLP, Two International Place, Boston, MA 02110, Attn: Mark D. Silva, Esq. (msilva@choate.com), Rick Thide, Esq. (rthide@choate.com), and Hampton Foushee, Esq. (hfoushee@choate.com); and (ii) Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, P.C., 824 North Market Street, Suite 800, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Joseph C. Barsalona, Esq. (jbarsalona@pashmanstein.com); and (f) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Jane M. Leamy, Esq. (jane.m.leamy@usdoj.gov). In the event no objections to entry of the Final Order on the Motion are timely received, this Court may enter such Final Order without need for the Final Hearing.

I. EFFECTIVENESS OF AGREEMENT

- 4. The Agency Agreement is operative and effective on an interim basis. The Debtors are authorized to act and perform in accordance with the terms of the Agency Agreement, including, but not limited to, making payments required by the Agency Agreement to the Agent without the need for any application of the Agent or a further order of this Court. Notwithstanding this or any other provision of this Interim Order, nothing shall prevent or be construed to prevent any of the Agent (individually, as part of a joint venture, or otherwise) or any of their affiliates from bidding on the Debtors' other assets pursuant to an agency agreement or otherwise, and Agent is hereby authorized to bid on and guarantee or otherwise acquire such assets notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law, provided that such guarantee, transaction or acquisition is approved by separate order of this Court.
- 5. Subject to the restrictions set forth in this Interim Order and the Sale Guidelines, the Debtors and the Agent are authorized to take any and all actions as may be necessary or

desirable to implement the Agency Agreement and the Store Closing Sales, and each of the transactions contemplated by the Agency Agreement.

II. AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE IN THE STORE CLOSING SALES

- 6. The Debtors are authorized, pursuant to sections 105(a) and 363(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, to immediately continue and conduct the Store Closing Sales in accordance with this Interim Order, the Sale Guidelines, the Agency Agreement and any Side Letter (defined below).
 - 7. The Sale Guidelines are approved in their entirety on an interim basis.
- 8. Subject to entry of the Final Order, all entities that are presently in possession of some or all of the Store Closing Assets in which the Debtors hold an interest that are or may be subject to the Agency Agreement or this Interim Order hereby are directed to surrender possession of such Store Closing Assets to the Debtors or the Agent.
- 9. Except as provided herein, neither the Debtors nor the Agent nor any of their officers, employees, or agents shall be required to obtain the approval of any third party, including (without limitation) any Governmental Unit or any Landlord, to conduct the Store Closing Sales and any related activities in accordance with the Sale Guidelines.

III. ORDER BINDING

10. This Interim Order shall be binding upon and shall govern the acts of all entities, including, without limitation, all filing agents, filing officers, title agents, title companies, recorders of mortgages, recorders of deeds, registrars of deeds, administrative agencies, governmental departments, secretaries of state, federal, state and local officials, and all other persons and entities who may be required by operation of law, the duties of their office, or contract,

to accept, file, register or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments, or who may be required to report or insure any title or state of title in or to the Store Closing Assets.

11. This Interim Order and the terms and provisions of the Agency Agreement shall be binding on all of the Debtors' creditors (whether known or unknown), the Debtors, the Agent, and their respective affiliates, successors and assigns, and any affected third parties including, but not limited to, all persons asserting an interest in the Store Closing Assets, notwithstanding any subsequent appointment of any trustee, party, entity or other fiduciary under any section of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the forgoing parties, and as to such trustee, party, entity or other fiduciary, such terms and provisions likewise shall be binding. The provisions of this Interim Order and the terms and provisions of the Agency Agreement, and any actions taken pursuant hereto or thereto shall survive the entry of any order which may be entered confirming or consummating any plan(s) of the Debtors or converting the Debtors' cases from chapter 11 to chapter 7, and the terms and provisions of the Agency Agreement, as well as the rights and interests granted pursuant to this Interim Order and the Agency Agreement, shall continue in these or any superseding cases and shall be binding upon the Debtors, the Agent and their respective successors and permitted assigns, including any trustee or other fiduciary hereafter appointed as a legal representative of the Debtors under chapter 7 or chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Any trustee appointed in this case shall be and hereby is authorized to operate the Debtors' business to the fullest extent necessary to permit compliance with the terms of this Interim Order and the Agency Agreement, and Agent and the trustee shall be and hereby are authorized to perform under the Agency Agreement upon the appointment of the trustee without the need for further order of this Court.

IV. CONDUCTING THE STORE CLOSING SALES

- 12. Except as otherwise provided in the Agency Agreement, pursuant to section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Agent is authorized to sell all the Store Closing Assets to be sold pursuant to the Agency Agreement free and clear of any and all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests ("Encumbrances"), including, without limitation, the liens and security interests, as the same may have been amended from time to time, of Wells Fargo and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent whether arising by agreement, any statute or otherwise and whether arising before, on or after the date on which these Chapter 11 Cases were commenced; *provided, however*, that any such Encumbrances shall attach to the proceeds of the sale of the Store Closing Assets with the same validity, in the amount, with the same priority as, and to the same extent that any such liens, claims, and encumbrances have with respect to the Store Closing Assets, subject to (i) the ABL-Term Loan Intercreditor Agreement and (ii) any claims and defenses that the Debtors may possess with respect thereto.
- 13. Other than filings made by Wells Fargo and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent with respect to their liens and security interests in the Store Closing Assets, if any person or entity that has filed financing statements, mortgages, construction or mechanic's liens, lis pendens or other documents or agreement evidencing liens on or interests in the Store Closing Assets shall not have delivered to the Debtors, in proper form for filing and executed by the appropriate parties, termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, or releases of any Encumbrances which the person or entity has with respect to the Store Closing Assets, each such person or entity is hereby directed to deliver all such statements, instruments and releases and the Debtors and the Agent are hereby authorized to execute and file such statements, instruments, releases and other documents on behalf of the person or entity asserting the same and the Agent is authorized to file a copy of

this Interim Order which, upon filing, shall be conclusive evidence of the release and termination of such interest. Each and every federal, state and local governmental unit is hereby directed to accept any and all documents and instruments necessary or appropriate to give effect to the Store Closing Sales and related transactions.

- 14. All newspapers and other advertising media in which the Store Closing Sales may be advertised and all Landlords or licensors, as applicable, of the Closing Stores are directed to accept this Interim Order as binding authority so as to authorize the Debtors and the Agent to conduct the Store Closing Sales and the sale of Store Closing Assets pursuant to the Agency Agreement and the Sale Guidelines, including, without limitation, to conduct and advertise the sale of the Store Closing Assets and the Additional Agent Goods in the manner contemplated by and in accordance with this Interim Order, the Sale Guidelines, and the Agency Agreement.
- 15. Nothing nullifies or enjoins the enforcement of any liability to a Governmental Unit under environmental laws or regulations (or any associated liabilities for penalties, damages, cost recovery, or injunctive relief) that any entity would be subject to as the owner, lessor, lessee, or operator of the property after the date of entry of this Interim Order. Nothing contained in this Interim Order or in the Agency Agreement shall in any way (a) diminish the obligation of any entity to comply with environmental laws, or (b) diminish the obligations of the Debtors to comply with environmental laws consistent with their rights and obligations as debtors in possession under the Bankruptcy Code. Nothing herein shall be construed to be a determination that the Agent is an operator with respect to any environmental law or regulation. Moreover, the sale of the Store Closing Assets shall not be exempt from, and the Debtors and the Agent shall be required to comply with laws and regulations of general applicability, including, without limitation, public health and safety, criminal, tax, labor, employment, environmental, antitrust, fair competition,

traffic and consumer protection laws, including consumer laws regulating deceptive practices and false advertising (collectively, "General Laws"). Nothing in this Interim Order shall alter or affect the Debtors' and Agent's obligations to comply with all applicable federal safety laws and regulations. Nothing in this Interim Order shall be deemed to bar any Governmental Unit from enforcing General Laws in the applicable non-bankruptcy forum, subject to the Debtors' or the Agent's right to assert in that forum or before this Court that any such laws are not in fact General Laws or that such enforcement is impermissible under the Bankruptcy Code, this Interim Order, or otherwise. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Interim Order, no party waives any rights to argue any position with respect to whether the conduct was in compliance with this Interim Order and/or any applicable law, or that enforcement of such applicable law is preempted by the Bankruptcy Code. Nothing in this Interim Order shall be deemed to have made any rulings on any such issues.

- 16. In accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of the Agency Agreement, the Agent shall have the right to use the Closing Stores and all related store services, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and other assets of the Debtors for the purpose of conducting the Store Closing Sales, free and clear of any interference from any entity or person, subject to compliance with the Sale Guidelines (as modified by the Side Letters) and this Interim Order.
- 17. Subject to the Resolution Procedures provided herein, the Debtors and the Agent are hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the Agency Agreement and to conduct the Store Closing Sales without the need for a further order of this Court, including, but not limited to, advertising the sale as a "store closing," "sale on everything," "everything must go," "liquidation sale," and "going out of business" or similar themed sale through the posting of signs (including the use of exterior banners at non-enclosed

mall Closing Stores, and at enclosed mall Closing Stores to the extent the applicable Store entrance does not require entry into the enclosed mall common area), use of sign-walkers, A-frames and other street signage, in accordance with the Interim Order, Agency Agreement, and Sale Guidelines.

- 18. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, and in view of the importance of the use of sign-walkers, banners, and other advertising to the sale of the Store Closing Assets, to the extent that, prior to the Final Hearing, disputes arise during the course of such sale regarding laws regulating the use of sign-walkers, banners or other advertising and the Debtors and the Agent are unable to resolve the matter consensually with a Governmental Unit, any party may request an immediate telephonic hearing with this Court pursuant to these provisions. Such hearing will, to the extent practicable, be scheduled initially no later than the earlier of (a) the Final Hearing or (b) within five (5) business days of such request. This scheduling shall not be deemed to preclude additional hearings for the presentation of evidence or arguments as necessary.
- 19. Except as expressly provided in the Agency Agreement and Sale Guidelines, the sale of the Store Closing Assets shall be conducted by the Debtors and the Agent notwithstanding any restrictive provision of any lease, sublease, license, reciprocal easement agreement, restrictive covenant, or other agreement relative to occupancy affecting or purporting to restrict the conduct of the Store Closing Sales, the necessity of obtaining any third party consents, abandonment of assets, or "going dark" provisions, and such provisions shall not be enforceable in conjunction with the Store Closing Sales. Breach of any such provisions in these Chapter 11 Cases in conjunction with the Store Closings shall not constitute a default under a lease or provide a basis to terminate the lease. The Agent, along with landlords and licensors, as applicable, of the Closing Stores are authorized to enter into agreements ("Side Letters") between themselves modifying the

Sale Guidelines without further order of this Court, and such Side Letters shall be binding as among the Agent and any such landlords or licensors, as applicable, of the Closing Stores, provided that nothing in such Side Letters affects the provisions of paragraphs 15, 17 (solely as it relates to the Resolution Procedures), 18, and 30 of this Interim Order. In the event of any conflict between the Sale Guidelines and any Side Letter, the terms of such Side Letter shall control.

20. Except as expressly provided for herein or in the Sale Guidelines, and except with respect to any Governmental Unit (as to which paragraphs 15 and 30 of this Interim Order shall apply), no person or entity, including, but not limited to, any landlord, licensor, service providers, utilities, and creditor, shall take any action to directly or indirectly prevent, interfere with, or otherwise hinder the continuation of the Store Closing Sales or the sale of Sale Closing Assets, or the advertising and promotion (including the posting of signs and exterior banners or the use of signwalkers) of such sales, and all such parties and persons of every nature and description, including, but not limited to, any landlord, licensor, service providers, utilities, and creditor and all those acting for or on behalf of such parties, are prohibited and enjoined from (a) interfering in any way with, obstructing, or otherwise impeding, the conduct of the Store Closing Sales and/or (b) instituting any action or proceeding in any court (other than in this Court) or administrative body seeking an order or judgment against, among others, the Debtors, the Agent, or the landlords or licensors, as applicable, at the Closing Stores that might in any way directly or indirectly obstruct or otherwise interfere with or adversely affect the conduct of the Store Closing Sales or sale of the Store Closing Assets or other liquidation sales at the Closing Stores and/or seek to recover damages for breach(es) of covenants or provisions in any lease, sublease, license, or contract based upon any relief authorized herein.

- 21. The Agent shall honor gift cards and gift certificates, that were issued by or on behalf the Debtors prior to the Petition Date through and including April 15, 2025 (the "Gift Card Termination Date"). To the extent not already completed, as soon as reasonably practicable after entry of this Order, the Debtors shall post conspicuous signage at their stores and on their website advising customers that gift cards and gift certificates will not be honored after the Gift Card Termination Date.
- 22. All sales of all Store Closing Assets and the Additional Agent Goods, if any, shall be "as is" and final. Conspicuous signs stating that "all sales are final" and "as is" will be posted at the cash register areas at all Stores. However, all state and federal laws relating to implied warranties for latent defects shall be complied with and are not superseded by the sale of said goods or the use of the terms "as is" or "final sales."
- 23. Except as expressly provided for in the Agency Agreement, nothing in this Interim Order or the Agency Agreement, and none of the Agent's actions taken in respect of the Store Closing Sales shall be deemed to constitute an assumption by Agent of any of the Debtors' obligations relating to any of the Debtors' employees. Moreover, the Agent shall not become liable under any collective bargaining or employment agreement or be deemed a joint or successor employer with respect to such employees.
- 24. The Agent shall not be liable for sales taxes except as expressly provided in the Agency Agreement, and the Debtors remain responsible for the payment of any and all sales taxes. The Debtors are directed to remit all taxes accruing from the Store Closing Sales to the applicable Governmental Units as and when due, provided that in the case of a bona fide dispute, the Debtors are only directed to pay such taxes upon the resolution of the dispute, if and to the extent that the dispute is decided in favor of the applicable Governmental Unit. For the avoidance of doubt, sales

taxes collected and held in trust by the Debtors shall not be used to pay any creditor or any other party, other than the applicable Governmental Unit for which the sales taxes are collected. This Interim Order does not enjoin, suspend, or restrain the assessment, levy, or collection of any tax under state law, and does not constitute a declaratory judgment with respect to any party's liability for taxes under state law.

- 25. To the extent that the Debtors propose to sell Store Closing Assets that may contain any personal and/or confidential information about the Debtors' employees and/or customers (the "Confidential Information"), the Debtors shall remove all such the Confidential Information from such Store Closing Assets before they are sold.
- 26. The Agent is authorized to sell, without incurring liability to any person or entity, the Store Closing Assets in accordance with the terms of this Interim Order, the Agency Agreement and the Sale Guidelines.
- 27. Nothing in this Interim Order shall (a) alter or affect the Debtors' obligations to comply with section 365(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code or (b) alter or modify the rights of any lessor or other counterparty to a lease with the Debtors to file an appropriate motion or otherwise seek appropriate relief if the Debtors fail to comply with section 365(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code; provided that the conduct of the Store Closing Sales in accordance with the Sale Guidelines, as may have been modified by Side Letter, shall not be a violation of section 365(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 28. During the Store Closing Sales Term, the Agent shall be granted a limited license and right to use the trade names, logos, e-mail lists, mailing lists, customer lists, and e-commerce sites (including (without limitation) websites and social media sites), including a banner on such sites and a store locator to identify the Closing Stores, relating to and used in connection with the

operation of the stores as identified in the Agency Agreement, solely for the purpose of advertising the Store Closing Sales in accordance with the terms of the Agency Agreement, this Interim Order, and the Sale Guidelines; *provided, however*, that the Agent shall not receive personally identifiable information from the Debtors.

V. RESOLUTION PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTES REGARDING LIQUIDATION LAWS

- 29. To the extent that the Store Closing Sales at the Closing Stores are conducted in accordance with this Interim Order and the Sale Guidelines, and are therefore conducted under the supervision of this Court, such Store Closing Sales are authorized notwithstanding any federal, state, or local statute, ordinance, rule, or licensing requirement directed at regulating "going out of business," "store closing," similar inventory liquidation sales, bulk sale laws, or fast pay laws, including laws restricting safe, professional and non-deceptive, customary advertising such as signs, banners, posting of signage, and use of sign-walkers in connection with the sale and including ordinances establishing license or permit requirements, waiting periods, time limits or bulk sale restrictions (collectively, the "Liquidation Laws").
- 30. Provided that the Store Closing Sales are conducted in accordance with the terms of this Interim Order, the Agency Agreement and the Sale Guidelines, and in light of the provisions in the laws of many Governmental Units that exempt court-ordered sales from their provisions, the Debtors shall be presumed to be in compliance with any Liquidation Laws and, subject to paragraphs 15 and 18 herein, are authorized to conduct the Store Closing Sales in accordance with the terms of this Interim Order and the Sale Guidelines without the necessity of further showing compliance with any such Liquidation Laws. To the extent that between the Petition Date and the date of the Final Hearing there is a dispute arising from or relating to the Store Closing Sales, this Interim Order, the Agency Agreement, or the Sale Guidelines, which dispute relates to any

Liquidation Sales Laws (a "Liquidation Dispute"), the following procedures shall apply (the

"Resolution Procedures"):

- a. The Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to resolve the Liquidation Dispute which such Liquidation Dispute will be heard at the Final Hearing, absent a party obtaining expedited relief. Nothing in this Interim Order shall constitute a ruling with respect to any issues to be raised with respect to a Liquidation Dispute. Any Governmental Unit may assert a Liquidation Dispute and shall send a notice (the "Dispute Notice") explaining the nature of the dispute to: (i) the Debtors' proposed counsel, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Rodney Square, 1000 North King Street, DE 19801, Attn: Andrew L. Magaziner. Wilmington, (amagaziner@ycst.com) and S. Alexander Faris (afaris@ycst.com) (iii) counsel to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in its capacity as Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, Otterbourg P.C., 230 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10169, Attn: Chad Simon, Esq. (csimon@otterbourg.com) and Daniel Fiorillo, Esq. (dfiorillo@otterbourg.com); (iv) counsel to Pathlight Capital LP in its capacity as Prepetition Term Loan Agent, Riemer & Braunstein LLP, Times Square Tower, Suite 2506, Seven Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Steven E. Fox, Esq. (sfox@riemerlaw.com) and Paul D. Bekker, Esq. (pbekker@riemerlaw.com); (v) counsel to Hilco Merchant Resources, LLC, Ropes & Gray LLP, 191 North Wacker Drive, 32nd Floor, 60606, Chicago, ILAttn: Stephen (stephen.iacovo@ropesgray.com); (vi) counsel to any statutory committee, and (vii) any affected landlord or its counsel, if known, no later than fourteen (14) days following the service of the Interim Order.
- b. If the Debtors, the Agent and the Governmental Unit are unable to resolve the Liquidation Dispute within fourteen (14) days of service of the notice, the aggrieved party may file a motion with this Court requesting that this Court resolve the Liquidation Dispute (a "<u>Dispute Resolution Motion</u>").
- c. In the event that a Dispute Resolution Motion is filed, nothing in this Interim Order or the Final Order, as applicable, shall preclude the Debtors, a landlord, or any other interested party from asserting (i) that the provisions of any Liquidation Sale Laws are preempted by the Bankruptcy Code, or (ii) that neither the terms of this Interim Order or the Final Order nor the conduct of the Debtors pursuant to this Interim Order or the Final Order, violates such Liquidation Laws. Filing a Dispute Resolution Motion as set forth herein shall not be deemed to affect the finality of this Interim Order or the Final Order or to continue to conduct the Store Closing Sales pursuant to this Interim Order or the Final Order, as applicable, absent further order of the Court. Upon the entry of this Interim Order or the Final Order, the Court grants authority for the Debtors and the Agent to conduct the Store Closing Sales pursuant to the terms of this Interim Order or the Final Order,

the Agency Agreement, and the Sale Guidelines (as may be modified by Side Letters, as defined below) and to take all actions reasonably related thereto or arising in connection therewith. The Governmental Unit will be entitled to assert any jurisdictional, procedural, or substantive arguments it wishes with respect to the requirements of its Liquidation Laws or the lack of any preemption of such Liquidation Laws by the Bankruptcy Code. Nothing in this Interim Order or the Final Order will constitute a ruling with respect to any issues to be raised in any Dispute Resolution Motion.

31. Within two (2) business days of the entry of this Interim Order, the Debtors shall serve copies of this Interim Order, which includes the Agency Agreement and the Sale Guidelines, by email, facsimile, or regular mail on the Applicable Governmental Units and the Landlords.

VI. SECTIONS 363(m) AND 364(e) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

32. Entry into the Agency Agreement is undertaken by the parties thereto in good faith, as that term is used in sections 363(m) and 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Agent shall be protected by sections 363(m) and 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code in the event that this Interim Order is modified, amended or vacated by subsequent order of the Court or any other court. The modification, amendment or vacatur of the authorization provided herein to enter into the Agency Agreement and consummate the transactions contemplated thereby shall not affect the validity of such transactions (including the enforceability of the Store Closing Sales or the liens or priority authorized or created under the Agency Agreement or this Interim Order solely in respect of Additional Agent Goods and the proceeds therefrom), unless such authorization is duly stayed pending such appeal. The Agent is entitled to all of the benefits and protections afforded by sections 363(m) and 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code. The transactions contemplated by the Agency Agreement are not subject to avoidance pursuant to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENT GOODS

33. The Agent is authorized to supplement the Merchandise in the Store Closing Sales with Additional Agent Goods; *provided*, that the Debtors may reasonably object to the inclusion

of Additional Agent Goods that are not of like kind and are of lesser quality to the Merchandise in the Store Closing Sales at the Closing Stores, in which case the Debtors and the Agent shall work in good faith to resolve such objection, which resolution may require the exclusion of such Additional Agent Goods subject to the objection; provided, further, that the cost of Additional Agent Goods shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate Cost Value (as defined in the Agency Agreement) of the Merchandise in the Store Closing Sale. The Additional Agent Goods shall be purchased by the Agent as part of the Store Closing Sales and delivered to the Closing Stores at the Agent's sole expense (including as to labor, freight, and insurance relative to shipping such Additional Agent Goods to the Closing Stores). Sales of Additional Agent Goods shall be run through the Debtors' cash register systems; provided, however, that the Agent shall mark the Additional Agent Goods using either a "dummy" SKU or department number, or in such other manner so as to distinguish the sale of Additional Agent Goods from the sale of Merchandise. The Agent and Debtors shall cooperate to ensure that the Additional Agent Goods are marked in such a way that a reasonable consumer could identify the Additional Agent Goods from the Merchandise. The Agent shall provide signage in the Closing Stores notifying customers that the Additional Agent Goods have been included in the Store Closing Sale.

34. All transactions relating to the Additional Agent Goods are, shall be construed as, and are acknowledged by the Debtors to be, a true consignment from the Agent to the Debtors under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code (the "<u>UCC</u>") and not a consignment for security purposes. Subject solely to Agent's obligations to pay to the Debtors the Additional Agent Goods Fee (as defined in the Agency Agreement), at all times and for all purposes the Additional Agent Goods and their proceeds shall be the exclusive property of the Agent, and no other person or entity (including, without limitation, the Debtors, or any third person claiming a security interest

in the Debtors' property, including any of the Debtors' secured lenders) shall have any claim against any of the Additional Agent Goods or the proceeds thereof. The Additional Agent Goods shall at all times remain subject to the exclusive control of the Agent. The Debtors shall, at Agent's sole cost and expense, insure the Additional Agent Goods and, if required, promptly file any proofs of loss with regard thereto. The Agent shall be responsible for payment of any deductible under any such insurance in the event of any casualty affecting the Additional Agent Goods.

35. The Agent is hereby granted a first priority security interest in and lien upon (a) the Additional Agent Goods and (b) the Additional Agent Goods proceeds, less the Additional Agent Goods Fee, and which security interest shall be deemed perfected without the requirement of filing UCC financing statements or providing notifications to any prior secured parties (provided that the Agent is hereby authorized to deliver all required notices and file all necessary financing statements and amendments thereof under the applicable UCC identifying the Agent's interest in the Additional Agent Goods as consigned goods thereunder and the Debtors as the consignee therefor, and the Agent's security interest in and lien upon such Additional Agent Goods and the Additional Agent Goods proceeds).

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- 36. Nothing in this Interim Order shall be deemed to constitute a postpetition assumption of any agreement under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 37. Subject to entry of the Final Order, any transfers by the Debtors to the Agent prior to the Petition Date (including, without limitation, any proceeds under the Agency Agreement and the valid, binding, and enforceable security interests granted to the Agent solely in respect of the Additional Agent Goods and the proceeds therefrom (subject to the Agent's payment of the Additional Agent Goods Fee)) are not subject to avoidance.

- 38. No later than seven (7) days prior to the Objection Deadline, the Agent shall file a declaration disclosing connections to the Debtors, their creditors, and other parties in interest in these Chapter 11 Cases, and the Debtors shall serve the same on the U.S. Trustee, any official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in these cases, and all parties who have filed requests for service under Bankruptcy Rule 2002.
- Agreement and related documents by the parties may be made in accordance with the terms thereof without further order of this Court; *provided that* any such modifications, amendment or supplements are not adverse to the Debtors or their estates, the interest of the landlords under the applicable Leases are not adversely affected, or as otherwise ordered by this Court; *provided further that* the Debtors shall provide counsel to Wells Fargo and counsel to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent copies of any such modifications, amendments, or supplements at least two (2) business days prior to the effectiveness thereof, which such modification(s), amendment(s), or supplement(s) shall be effective unless Wells Fargo or the Prepetition Term Loan Agent delivers a written objection to the Debtors' counsel, with a copy to any statutory committee (email being sufficient) prior to the expiration of such two (2) business day period.
- 40. Neither the Agent nor any of its respective affiliates (whether individually, as part of a joint venture, or otherwise), shall be precluded from providing additional services to the Debtors or bidding on the Debtors' assets in connection with any other future process that may or may not be undertaken by the Debtors to close stores; *provided that* any such services and/or sales are approved by separate order of this Court.
- 41. Nothing contained in any plan confirmed in these Chapter 11 Cases or any order of this Court confirming such plan or in any other order in these Chapter 11 Cases (including any

order entered after any conversion of this case to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code) shall alter, conflict with, or derogate from, the provisions of the Agency Agreement or the terms of this Interim Order.

- 42. The Debtors are authorized and permitted to transfer to the Agent personal information in the Debtors' custody and control solely for the purposes of assisting with and conducting the Store Closing Sales and only to the extent necessary for such purposes, *provided* that Agent removes such personal information from the FF&E prior to the abandonment of the same.
- 43. The Agent shall not be liable for any claims against the Debtors, and the Debtors shall not be liable for any claims against Agent, in each case, other than as expressly provided for in the Agency Agreement. The Agent shall have no successor liability whatsoever with respect to any Encumbrances or claims of any nature that may exist against the Debtors, including, without limitation, the Agent shall not be, or to be deemed to be: (a) a successor in interest or within the meaning of any law, including any revenue, successor liability, pension, labor, ERISA, bulk-transfer, products liability, tax or environmental law, rule or regulation, or any theory of successor or transferee liability, antitrust, environmental, product line, de facto merger or substantial continuity or similar theories; or (b) a joint employer, co-employer or successor employer with the Debtors, and the Agent shall have no obligation to pay the Debtors' wages, bonuses, severance pay, vacation pay, WARN act claims (if any), benefits or any other payments to employees of the Debtors, including pursuant to any collective bargaining agreement, employee pension plan, or otherwise, except as expressly set forth in the Agency Agreement.

- 44. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein and any actions taken hereunder, except with respect to the Agent, nothing contained herein shall create, nor is intended to create, any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of any claim held by, any person.
- 45. Nothing in this Interim Order is intended to affect any rights of any Applicable Governmental Unit to enforce any law affecting the Debtors' conduct of the Store Closing Sales prior to the Petition Date.
- 46. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), to the extent applicable, this Interim Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry hereof.
- 47. The requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) are satisfied because the relief set forth in this Interim Order is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm.
- 48. The Debtors are authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary or appropriate to implement the relief granted in this Interim Order. The failure to specifically include any particular provision of the Agency Agreement in this Interim Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provisions, it being the intent of this Court that the Agency Agreement and all of its provisions, payments, and transactions, be and hereby are authorized and approved as and to the extent provided for in this Interim Order.
- 49. To the extent that there is any conflict between this Interim Order, the Sale Guidelines, and the Agency Agreement, the terms of this Interim Order shall control over all other documents, and the Sale Guidelines shall control over the Agency Agreement.
- 50. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation or enforcement of this Interim Order.

EXHIBIT 1

Agency Agreement



November 5, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Forever 21 OpCo, LLC 110 East 9th Street, Suite A500 Los Angeles, CA 90079

Attn: Brad Sell

Email: <u>brad.s@forever21.com</u>

Re: Letter Agreement Governing Inventory Disposition

Dear Brad:

By executing below, this letter shall serve as an agreement ("<u>Agreement</u>") between Hilco Merchant Resources, LLC, on the one hand ("<u>Agent</u>" or a "<u>Party</u>"), and Forever 21 OpCo, LLC, on the other hand ("<u>Merchant</u>" or a "<u>Party</u>" and together with the Agent, the "<u>Parties</u>"), under which Agent shall act as the exclusive agent for the purpose of conducting a sale of certain Merchandise (as defined below) at (i) the Merchant's eleven (11) stores as set forth on <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto, and (ii) any other stores or facilities designated for disposition by Merchant from the date of this Agreement (each a "<u>Store</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Stores</u>") through a "Store Closing", "Everything Must Go", "Everything on Sale" or similar themed sale (the "<u>Sale</u>").

A. Merchandise

For purposes hereof, "Merchandise" shall mean all goods, saleable in the ordinary course, located in the Stores on the Sale Commencement Date (defined below) or goods that, upon mutual agreement between the Parties, Merchant ships to the Stores subsequent to the Sale Commencement Date for inclusion in the Sale. "Merchandise" does not mean and shall not include: (1) goods that belong to sublessees, licensees or concessionaires of Merchant; (2) owned furnishings, trade fixtures, equipment and improvements to real property that are located in the Stores (collectively, "FF&E"); or (3) damaged or defective merchandise that cannot be sold.

B. Sale Term

For each Store, the Sale shall commence on November 7, 2024 or such later date as agreed by the Parties (the "Sale Commencement Date") and conclude no later than February 28, 2025 (the "Sale Termination Date"); provided, however, that the Parties may mutually agree in writing to extend or terminate the Sale at any Store prior to the Sale Termination Date. The Parties also intend to conduct sales at additional stores to be identified, and may agree to extended or separate sale termination dates for such stores. The period between the Sale Commencement Date and the Sale Termination Date shall be referred to as the "Sale Term." At the conclusion of the Sale, Agent shall surrender the premises for each Store to Merchant in broom clean condition and in accordance with the lease requirements for such premises; provided, however, Merchant shall bear all costs and expenses associated with surrendering the premises in accordance with the lease requirements for such

premises according to a budget mutually agreed to between the Agent and Merchant. At the conclusion of the Sale at each Store, Agent shall photographically document the condition of each such Store.

C. Project Management

(i) Agent's Undertakings

During the Sale Term, Agent shall, in collaboration with Merchant, (a) provide qualified supervisors (the "Supervisors") engaged by Agent to oversee the management of the Stores; (b) determine appropriate point-of-sale and external advertising for the Stores, approved in advance by Merchant; (c) determine appropriate discounts of Merchandise, staffing levels for the Stores, approved in advance by Merchant, and appropriate bonus and incentive programs, if any, for the Stores' employees, approved in advance by Merchant; (d) oversee display of Merchandise for the Stores; (e) to the extent that information is available, evaluate sales of Merchandise by category and sales reporting and monitor expenses; (f) maintain the confidentiality of all proprietary or non-public information regarding Merchant in accordance with the provisions of the confidentiality agreement signed by the Parties; (g) assist Merchant in connection with managing and controlling loss prevention and employee relations matters; (h) determine the necessity for obtaining any applicable permits and governmental approvals to conduct the Sale, including working with Merchant to obtain each in a timely and orderly fashion and preparing or causing to be prepared all forms necessary to assist in Merchant's securing any applicable permits and governmental approvals necessary to conduct the Sale, the costs and expenses of which shall be paid by Merchant and shall be in addition to the costs and expenses set forth on the Expense Budget; (i) implement Agent's affiliate CareerFlex program for Merchant's Store level and other employees; and (j) provide such other related services deemed necessary or appropriate by Merchant and Agent.

The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that Merchant shall have no liability to the Supervisors for wages, benefits, severance pay, termination pay, vacation pay, pay in lieu of notice of termination or any other liability arising from Agent's hiring or engagement of the Supervisors, and the Supervisors shall not be considered employees of Merchant.

(ii) Merchant's Undertakings

During the Sale Term, Merchant shall (a) be the employer of the Stores' employees, other than the Supervisors; (b) pay all taxes, costs, expenses, accounts payable, and other liabilities relating to the Stores, the Stores' employees and other representatives of Merchant; (c) prepare and process all tax forms and other documentation; (d) collect all sales taxes and pay them to the appropriate taxing authorities for the Stores; (e) use reasonable efforts to cause Merchant's employees to cooperate with Agent and the Supervisors; (f) execute all agreements determined by the Merchant and Agent to be necessary or desirable for the operation of the Stores during the Sale; (g) arrange for the ordinary maintenance of all point-of-sale equipment required for the Stores; (h) apply for and obtain, with Agent's assistance and support, all applicable permits and authorizations (including landlord approvals and consents) for the Sale; (i) assist Agent with implementing the CareerFlex program for Merchant's Store level and other employees; and (j) ensure that Agent has quiet use and enjoyment of the Stores for the Sale Term in order to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

Merchant shall provide throughout the Sale Term central administrative services necessary for the Sale, including (without limitation) customary POS administration, sales audit, cash reconciliation, accounting, and payroll processing, all at no cost to Agent.

The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that Agent shall have no liability to Merchant's employees for wages, benefits, severance pay, termination pay, vacation pay, pay in lieu of notice of termination or any other liability arising from Merchant's employment, hiring or retention of its employees, and such employees shall not be considered employees of Agent.

D. The Sale

All sales of Merchandise shall be made on behalf of Merchant. Agent does not have, nor shall it have, any right, title or interest in the Merchandise. All sales of Merchandise shall be by cash, gift card, gift certificate, merchandise credit, debit card, or credit card and, at Merchant's discretion, by check or otherwise in accordance with Merchant's policies, and shall be "final" with no returns accepted or allowed, unless otherwise directed by Merchant.

E. Agent Fee and Expenses in Connection with the Sale

In consideration of its services hereunder, Agent shall earn a fee equal to 2% of the Gross Proceeds of Merchandise sold at the Stores. For purposes of this Agreement, "Gross Proceeds" means gross receipts calculated using the "gross rings" method, net of applicable sales taxes.

Merchant shall be responsible for all expenses of the Sale, including (without limitation) all Store level operating expenses, all costs and expenses related to Merchant's other retail store operations, and Agent's other reasonable, documented out of pocket expenses. To control expenses of the Sale, Merchant and Agent have established an initial budget (the "Expense Budget") of certain delineated expenses, including (without limitation) payment of the costs of supervision (including (without limitation) Supervisors' wages, fees, travel, and deferred compensation) and advertising costs (including signage and the shipping, freight, and sales tax related thereto where applicable). The Expense Budget for the Sale is attached hereto as Exhibit B. The Expense Budget may only be modified by mutual agreement of Agent and Merchant. The costs of supervision set forth on Exhibits B include, among other things, industry standard deferred compensation. Should Merchant decide to add additional stores to the scope of this Agreement, the Parties shall agree on an incremental expense budget and sale term for such additional stores through an amendment to this Agreement.

All accounting matters (including, without limitation, all fees, expenses, or other amounts reimbursable or payable to Agent) shall be reconciled on every Wednesday for the prior week and shall be paid within seven (7) days after each such weekly reconciliation. The Parties shall complete a final reconciliation and settlement of all amounts payable to Agent and contemplated by this Agreement (including, without limitation, Expense Budget items, and fees earned hereunder) no later than forty five (45) days following the Sale Termination Date for the last Store.

Upon execution of this Agreement, the Merchant shall pay by wire transfer to the Agent an advance payment of costs and expenses delineated in the Expense Budget of \$85,000.00 (the "Expense Advance"). The Expense Advance shall be held by Agent and applied towards Expense Budget items as incurred. Any portion of the Expense Advance not so used shall be returned to Merchant within three days following the final reconciliation.

F. <u>Indemnification</u>

(i) Merchant's Indemnification

Merchant shall indemnify, defend, and hold Agent and its consultants, members, managers, partners, officers, directors, employees, attorneys, advisors, representatives, lenders, potential co-investors, principals, affiliates, and Supervisors (collectively, "Agent Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against all liabilities, claims, demands, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising from or related to: (a) the willful or negligent acts or omissions of Merchant or the Merchant Indemnified Parties (as defined below); (b) the material breach of any provision of this Agreement by Merchant; (c) any liability or other claims, including, without limitation, product liability claims, asserted by customers, any Store employees (under a collective bargaining agreement or otherwise), or any other person (excluding Agent Indemnified Parties) against Agent or an Agent Indemnified Party, except claims arising from Agent's negligence, willful misconduct or unlawful behavior; (d) any harassment, discrimination or violation of any laws or regulations or any other unlawful, tortuous or otherwise actionable treatment of Agent's Indemnified Parties or Merchant's customers by Merchant or Merchant's Indemnified Parties; and (e) Merchant's failure to pay over to the appropriate taxing authority any taxes required to be paid by Merchant during the Sale Term in accordance with applicable law.

(ii) Agent's Indemnification

Agent shall indemnify, defend and hold Merchant and its consultants, members, managers, partners, officers, directors, employees, attorneys, advisors, representatives, lenders, potential coinvestors, principals, and affiliates (other than the Agent or the Agent Indemnified Parties) (collectively, "Merchant Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against all liabilities, claims, demands, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising from or related to (a) the willful or negligent acts or omissions of Agent or the Agent Indemnified Parties; (b) the breach of any provision of, or the failure to perform any obligation under, this Agreement by Agent; (c) any liability or other claims made by Agent's Indemnified Parties or any other person (excluding Merchant Indemnified Parties) against a Merchant Indemnified Party arising out of or related to Agent's conduct of the Sale, except claims arising from Merchant's negligence, willful misconduct, or unlawful behavior; (d) any harassment, discrimination or violation of any laws or regulations or any other unlawful, tortuous or otherwise actionable treatment of Merchant Indemnified Parties, or Merchant's customers by Agent or any of the Agent Indemnified Parties and (e) any claims made by any party engaged by Agent as an employee, agent, representative or independent contractor arising out of such engagement.

G. Insurance

(i) Merchant's Insurance Obligations

Merchant shall maintain throughout the Sale Term, liability insurance policies (including, without limitation, products liability (to the extent currently provided), comprehensive public liability insurance and auto liability insurance) covering injuries to persons and property in or in connection

with the Stores, and shall cause Agent to be named an additional insured with respect to all such policies. At Agent's request, Merchant shall provide Agent with a certificate or certificates evidencing the insurance coverage required hereunder and that Agent is an additional insured thereunder. In addition, Merchant shall maintain throughout the Sale Term, in such amounts as it currently has in effect, workers compensation insurance in compliance with all statutory requirements.

(ii) Agent's Insurance Obligations

As an expense of the Sale, Agent shall maintain throughout the Sale Term, liability insurance policies (including, without limitation, products liability/completed operations, contractual liability, comprehensive public liability and auto liability insurance) on an occurrence basis in an amount of at least Two Million dollars (\$2,000,000) and an aggregate basis of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) covering injuries to persons and property in or in connection with Agent's provision of services at the Stores. Agent shall name Merchant as an additional insured and loss payee under such policy, and upon execution of this Agreement provide Merchant with a certificate or certificates evidencing the insurance coverage required hereunder. In addition, Agent shall maintain throughout the Sale Term, workers compensation insurance compliance with all statutory requirements. Further, should Agent employ or engage third parties to perform any of Agent's undertakings with regard to this Agreement, Agent will ensure that such third parties are covered by Agent's insurance or maintain all of the same insurance as Agent is required to maintain pursuant to this paragraph and name Merchant as an additional insured and loss payee under the policy for each such insurance.

H. Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Agreements

- (i) Merchant warrants, represents, covenants and agrees that (a) Merchant is a company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of organization, with full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, and maintains its principal executive office at the address set forth herein, (b) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement has been duly authorized by all necessary actions of Merchant and this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Merchant enforceable against Merchant in accordance with its terms and conditions, and the consent of no other entity or person is required for Merchant to fully perform all of its obligations herein, (c) all ticketing of Merchandise at the Stores has been and will be done in accordance with Merchant's customary ticketing practices; (d) all normal course hard markdowns on the Merchandise have been, and will be, taken consistent with customary Merchant's practices, and (e) the Stores will be operated in the ordinary course of business in all respects, other than those expressly agreed to by Merchant and Agent.
- (ii) Agent warrants, represents, covenants and agrees that (a) Agent is a company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of organization, with full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform the Agent's obligations hereunder, and maintains its principal executive office at the addresses set forth herein, (b) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement has been duly authorized by all necessary actions of Agent and this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Agent enforceable against Agent in accordance with its terms and conditions, and the consent of no other entity or person is required for Agent to fully perform all of its obligations herein, (c) Agent shall comply with and act in accordance with any and all applicable state and local laws, rules, and regulations, and other

legal obligations of all governmental authorities, (d) no non-emergency repairs or maintenance in the Stores will be conducted without Merchant's prior written consent, and (e) Agent will not take any disciplinary action against any employee of Merchant.

I. <u>Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment</u>

Agent shall sell the FF&E in the Stores from the Stores themselves. Merchant shall be responsible for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Agent in connection with the sale of FF&E, which costs and expenses shall be incurred pursuant to a budget or budgets to be established from time to time by mutual agreement of the Parties. Agent shall have the right to abandon at the Stores any unsold FF&E.

In consideration for providing the services set forth in this section I, Agent shall be entitled to a commission from the sale of the FF&E equal to 17.5% of the Gross Proceeds of the sale of the FF&E.

Agent shall remit to Merchant all Gross Proceeds from the sale of FF&E. During each weekly reconciliation described in section E above, Agent's FF&E fee shall be calculated, and Agent's calculated FF&E fee and all FF&E costs and expenses then incurred shall paid within seven (7) days after each such weekly reconciliation.

J. Termination

The following shall constitute "Termination Events" hereunder:

- (a) Merchant's or Agent's failure to perform any of their respective material obligations hereunder, which failure shall continue uncured seven (7) days after receipt of written notice thereof to the defaulting Party;
- (b) Any representation or warranty made by Merchant or Agent is untrue in any material respect as of the date made or at any time and throughout the Sale Term; or
- (c) the Sale is terminated or materially interrupted or impaired for any reason other than an event of default by Agent or Merchant.

If a Termination Event occurs, the non-defaulting Party (in the case of an event of default) or either Party (if the Sale is otherwise terminated or materially interrupted or impaired) may, in its discretion, elect to terminate this Agreement by providing seven (7) business days' written notice thereof to the other Party and, in the case of an event of default, in addition to terminating this Agreement, pursue any and all rights and remedies and damages resulting from such default. If this Agreement is terminated, Merchant shall be obligated to pay Agent all amounts due under this Agreement through and including the termination date.

K. Notices

All notices, certificates, approvals, and payments provided for herein shall be sent by fax or by recognized overnight delivery service as follows: (a) To Merchant: at the address listed above with a copy to scott.hampton@forever21.com; (b) To Agent: c/o Hilco Merchant Resources, LLC,

One Northbrook Place, 5 Revere Drive, Suite 206, Northbrook, IL 60062, Fax: 847-313-4799, Attn: T. Kellan Grant; or (c) such other address as may be designated in writing by Merchant or Agent.

L. <u>Independent Consultant</u>

Agent's relationship to Merchant is that of an independent contractor without the capacity to bind Merchant in any respect. No employer/employee, principal/agent, joint venture or other such relationship is created by this Agreement. Merchant shall have no control over the hours that Agent or its employees or assistants or the Supervisors work or the means or manner in which the services that will be provided are performed and Agent is not authorized to enter into any contracts or agreements on behalf of Merchant or to otherwise create any obligations of Merchant to third parties, unless authorized in writing to do so by Merchant.

M. Non-Assignment

Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights hereunder may be transferred or assigned by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party. No modification, amendment or waiver of any of the provisions contained in this Agreement, or any future representation, promise or condition in connection with the subject matter of this Agreement, shall be binding upon any Party to this Agreement unless made in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative or agent of such Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Agent shall have the right to syndicate the transaction contemplated by this Agreement by providing Merchant with written notice of such syndication. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and permitted assigns.

N. Severability

If any term or provision of this Agreement, as applied to either Party or any circumstance, for any reason shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, unenforceable, inoperative or otherwise ineffective, that provision shall be limited or eliminated to the minimum extent necessary so that this Agreement shall otherwise remain in full force and effect and enforceable. If the surviving portions of the Agreement fail to retain the essential understanding of the Parties, the Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of the Parties.

O. Governing Law, Venue, Jurisdiction and Jury Waiver

This Agreement, and its validity, construction and effect, shall be governed by and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Delaware (without reference to the conflicts of laws provisions therein). Merchant and Agent waive their respective rights to trial by jury of any cause of action, claim, counterclaim or cross-complaint in any action, proceeding and/or hearing brought by either Agent against Merchant or Merchant against Agent on any matter whatsoever arising out of, or in any way connected with, this Agreement, the relationship between Merchant and Agent, any claim of injury or damage or the enforcement of any remedy under any law, statute or regulation, emergency or otherwise, now or hereafter in effect.

P. Entire Agreement

This Agreement, together with all additional schedules and exhibits attached hereto, constitutes a single, integrated written contract expressing the entire agreement of the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof. No covenants, agreements, representations or warranties of any kind whatsoever have been made by any Party except as specifically set forth in this Agreement. All prior agreements, discussions and negotiations are entirely superseded by this Agreement.

Q. Execution

This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in counterparts (including by means of electronic mail, facsimile or portable document format (pdf) signature pages), any one of which need not contain the signatures of more than one party, but all such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, to the extent signed and delivered by means of electronic mail, a facsimile machine or electronic transmission in portable document format (pdf), shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original thereof and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effects as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person.

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If this Agreement is acceptable to you, kindly execute a copy in the space provided, and return a countersigned version to the undersigned. Thank you again for this opportunity -- we look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,

HILCO MERCHANT RESOURCES, LLC

By: T. Kellan Grant

Its: EVP Commercial Counsel

AGREED AND ACCEPTED as of the 5th day of November, 2024:

F21 OPCO, LLC

By:

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Brad SUL -D9DA973AC102408. Brad Sell

Its: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT A

Store List

Exhibit B

Expense Budget



December 10, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Forever 21 OpCo, LLC 110 East 9th Street, Suite A500 Los Angeles, CA 90079

Attn: Brad Sell

Email: brad.s@forever21.com

Re: First Amendment to Letter Agreement

Dear Brad:

Reference is made to that certain Letter Agreement Governing Inventory Disposition (the "<u>Agreement</u>") by and between Hilco Merchant Resources, LLC ("<u>Agent</u>") and Forever 21 OpCo, LLC ("<u>Merchant</u>" and together with Agent, the "<u>Parties</u>")), dated as of November 5, 2024. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.

The Parties hereby amend the Agreement as follows (the "Amendment"):

As set forth in the Agreement, Agent was engaged to act as the exclusive agent for the purpose of providing certain services in connection with the disposition of the Merchandise and FF&E located at certain of Merchant's retail locations. Agent and Merchant have agreed to amend the Agreement to add the seven (7) additional stores reflected on Exhibit A to this Amendment (the "Additional Stores").

Merchant and Agent hereby further agree that, with respect to the Additional Stores, Agent will assist Merchant in disposing of the Merchandise and FF&E at the Additional Store through the conduct of "Store Closing", "Everything Must Go," "Everything on Sale" or similar themed sales (such sale, the "Supplemental Sale"). The Supplemental Sale will commence on December 12, 2024 (the "Supplemental Sale Commencement Date") and will terminate no later than February 23, 2025 (the "Supplemental Sale Termination Date"); provided, however, that the Parties may mutually agree in writing to extend or terminate the Supplemental Sale at any Additional Store prior to the Supplemental Sale Termination Date. The period from the Supplemental Sale Commencement Date to the Supplemental Sale Termination Date shall be referred to as the "Supplemental Sale Term."

To control expenses of the Supplemental Sale, Merchant and Agent have established an appropriate budget (the "Supplemental Budget," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, of certain delineated expenses, including costs of supervision, deferred compensation, advertising (including signage and the shipping, freight, and sales tax related thereto where applicable)).

Both the Agreement and this Amendment shall govern the Supplemental Sale at the Additional Stores. For purposes of interpreting the Agreement and the Amendment with respect to the Supplement Sale, the following defined terms and exhibits shall be replaced in the Agreement with the corresponding defined terms and exhibits in or attached to this Amendment:

Agreement	Amendment
Budget	Supplemental Budget
Sale	Supplemental Sale
Store or Stores	Additional Store or Additional Stores
Sale Commencement Date	Supplemental Sale Commencement Date
Sale Termination Date	Supplemental Sale Termination Date
Sale Term	Supplemental Sale Term

With respect to this Amendment, (i) Merchant hereby reaffirms the representations, warranties, and agreements set forth in section H of the Agreement, and (ii) Agent hereby reaffirms the representations, warranties, and agreements set forth in section H of the Agreement.

This Amendment, together the Agreement, all prior amendments or supplements, and all schedules and exhibits attached hereto and thereto, constitutes a single, integrated written contract expressing the entire agreement of the parties concerning the subject matter hereof. No covenants, agreements, representations or warranties of any kind whatsoever have been made by any party to this Amendment except as specifically set forth in this Amendment or the Agreement.

If this Amendment is acceptable to you, kindly execute a copy in the space provided, and return a countersigned version to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

HILCO MERCHANT RESOURCES, LLC

By: T. Kellan Grant

Its: EVP Commercial Counsel

AGREED AND ACCEPTED as of the 12th day of December, 2024:

FORFVER 21OpCo, LLC

Brad Sell

Its: Chief Financial Officer

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Vashville	Nashville
endall	Kendall
.utz	2224 Grand Cypress Dr. Suite 730 Lutz
Sincinnati	7875 Montgomery Rd. #1150 Cincinnal
acksonv	Jacksonville

Forever 21 Exhibit B

Expense Budget (1)

	1st Week	Subsequent Weeks
Advertising		
Digital & Media	2,422	2,422
Signs (2)	33,404	-
Sign Walkers	-	
Subtotal Advertising	35,825	2,422
Supervision		
Fees / Wages / Expenses (3)	19,407	15,807
Subtotal Supervision	19,407	15,807
Miscellaneous		
Miscellaneous /Legal (4)		-
Subtotal Miscellaneous	-	-
Total Expenses	55,232	18,229

Notes:

- 1. This Expense Budget contemplates a sale term of December, 12, 2024 through February 23, 2025. The Expense Budget remains subject to modification in the event that this term is extended, or as otherwise agreed to by the parties.
- 2. Includes Sales Tax.
- 3. Includes Deferred Compensation and Insurance.
- 4. Any legal expenses associated with issues raised by or disputes with landlords, including (without limitation) negotiations in respect of landlord side letters, shall be in addition to and not part of the budgeted legal expenses.



February 12, 2025

VIA EMAIL

F21 OpCo, LLC 110 East 9th Street, Suite A500 Los Angeles, CA 90079

Attn: Brad Sell

Email: <u>brad.s@forever21.com</u>

Re: Second Amendment to Letter Agreement

Dear Brad:

Reference is made to that certain Letter Agreement Governing Inventory Disposition by and between Hilco Merchant Resources, LLC ("<u>Hilco</u>") and F21 OpCo, LLC ("<u>Merchant</u>" and together with Agent (as defined below), the "<u>Parties</u>"), dated as of November 5, 2024 (as amended and revised, the "<u>Agreement</u>"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.

The Parties hereby further amend the Agreement as follows (this "Amendment"):

As set forth in the Agreement, Hilco was engaged to act as the exclusive agent for the purpose of providing certain services in connection with the disposition of the Merchandise and FF&E located at certain of the Merchant's retail locations. Hilco and Merchant have agreed to amend the Agreement to add (i) the 355 additional stores reflected on Exhibit A to this Amendment (in waves as may be reflected on Exhibit A), (ii) any other stores or facilities designated for disposition by Merchant subsequent to execution of this Amendment (collectively, the "Additional Stores"), and (iii) Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC ("Gordon Brothers") and SB360 Capital Partners, LLC ("SB360" and, together with Gordon Brothers and Hilco, "Agent"), to which Hilco has syndicated certain responsibilities, as Parties to the Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, following the effective date of this Amendment, Gordon Brothers and SB360 shall be bound by the terms of the Agreement (including this Amendment) and Merchant shall have the right to enforce the Agreement against them in the event of any breach.

Merchant and Agent hereby further agree that, with respect to the Additional Stores, Agent will assist Merchant in disposing of the Merchandise and FF&E at the Additional Stores through the conduct of "Store Closing", "Everything Must Go," "Everything on Sale" or similar themed sales (such sale, the "Supplemental Sale"). The Supplemental Sale will commence on February 12, 2025 (the "Supplemental Sale Commencement Date") and will terminate no later than April 30, 2025 (the "Supplemental Sale Termination Date"); provided, however, that the Parties may mutually agree in writing to extend or terminate the Supplemental Sale at any Additional Store prior to the Supplemental Sale Termination Date, and that different Additional Stores may have different Supplemental Sale Commencement Dates or Supplemental Sale Termination Dates as set forth in Exhibit A. The period from the Supplemental Sale Commencement Date to the Supplemental Sale Termination Date shall be referred to as the "Supplemental Sale Term."

To control expenses of the Supplemental Sale, Merchant and Agent have established an appropriate budget (the "Supplemental Budget," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, of certain delineated expenses, including costs of supervision, deferred compensation, advertising (including signage and the shipping, freight, and sales tax related thereto where applicable)).

Both the Agreement and this Amendment shall govern the Supplemental Sale at the Additional Stores. For purposes of interpreting the Agreement and this Amendment with respect to the Supplement Sale, the following defined terms and exhibits shall be replaced in the Agreement with the corresponding defined terms and exhibits in or attached to this Amendment:

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Moreover, the first paragraph of section E of the Agreement is hereby replaced and reinstated as follows:

In consideration of its services hereunder, the Agent shall earn a base fee equal to two (2.0%) of the Gross Proceeds (as defined below) of Merchandise sold at the Stores during the Sale Term (the "Merchandise Fee"). Agent shall earn a base wholesale fee of seven and one half percent (7.5%) of the Gross Proceeds of Merchandise sold through Agent's wholesale channels (the "Wholesale Fee"). For purposes of this Agreement, "Gross Proceeds" means gross receipts (including, without limitation, as a result of the redemption of any gift card, or gift certificates issued by the Merchant), calculated using the "gross rings", from sales of Merchandise during the Sale Term, net of applicable sales taxes. For the purposes of calculating Gross Proceeds, the Merchant and the Agent shall keep (a) a strict count of gross register receipts less applicable sales taxes; and (b) cash reports of sales within each Store.

In addition to the Merchandise Fee, and not in lieu thereof, the Merchant shall pay to the Agent from Gross Proceeds of such Merchandise (but not Gross Proceeds of Merchandise sold through wholesale channels) an additional fee based upon the Gross Recovery Percentages achieved as set forth in the following table (the "Additional Incentive Compensation"). The Additional Incentive Compensation shall be equal to the aggregate sum of the percentages set forth in the "Additional Incentive Compensation" column of the table (e.g., calculated back to first dollar) for the corresponding Gross Recovery Percentage achieved; provided, however, no Additional Incentive Compensation shall be earned or payable where the Gross Recovery Percentage is less than 138.9%:

Gross Recovery Percentage	Additional Incentive Compensation
Between 138.9% and 140.9%	An additional 0.25% of Gross
	Proceeds (total fee equal to 2.25% of
	Gross Proceeds)
Above 140.9%	An additional 0.25% of Gross
	Proceeds (total fee equal to 2.5% of Gross
	Proceeds)

For purposes of the Additional Incentive Compensation:

"Cost Value" with respect to each item of Merchandise sold shall mean the lower of (i) the lowest per unit vendor cost in the File or in the Merchant's books and records, maintained in the ordinary course consistent with historic practices; or (ii) the Retail Price.

"File" shall mean shall mean Merchant's "01.Inventory listing as of Week 49 by Store (Category Level)" files and all subsequent files received by Agent.

"Gross Recovery Percentage" shall mean the Gross Proceeds divided by the sum of the aggregate Cost Value of all of the Merchandise sold during the Sale Term at the Stores.

"Retail Price" shall mean with respect to each item of Merchandise sold, the retail price reflected at the register for such item, excluding the discount granted in connection with such sale.

In addition to the foregoing, Merchant shall (a) pay \$242,545 on account of accrued and unpaid invoice amounts owing to Agent by Merchant and (b) provide an additional Expense Advance (as defined in the Agreement) of \$1,477,093 promptly upon execution of this Amendment. The Expense Advance shall be adjusted to ensure that Agent's outstanding fees and expenses owed under the Agreement shall be paid current prior to Merchant commencing a proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code. The Expense Advance shall be held by Agent and applied towards Expense Budget items as incurred. Any portion of the Expense Advance not so used shall be returned to Merchant within three days following the final reconciliation. [In addition, Merchant shall fund to Agent \$75,000 as a legal deposit to be held by Agent and applied to Agent's legal fees as they are incurred. All amounts due to the Agent under the Agreement shall be payable upon receipt of invoice by Merchant. The remainder of section E shall continue in full force and effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement or this Amendment, Merchant's obligations to pay any fees, expenses, or other amounts due to Agent shall only be owed to Hilco.

Moreover, section I of the Agreement is hereby replaced and reinstated as follows:

"Agent shall sell the FF&E in the Stores from the Stores themselves, and shall sell FF&E from Merchant's corporate offices and, as applicable and only upon express direction from Merchant, its distribution center(s). Merchant shall be responsible for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Agent in connection with the sale of

FF&E, which costs and expenses shall be incurred pursuant to the Budget, as may be modified from time to time by mutual agreement of the Parties. Agent shall have the right to abandon any unsold FF&E. For the avoidance of doubt, Agent shall be the exclusive agent for FF&E sales from any facilities designated for disposition by Merchant during the term of this Agreement.

In consideration for providing the services set forth in this section I, Agent shall be entitled to a commission from the sale of the FF&E equal to 17.5% of the Gross Proceeds of the sale of the FF&E.

Agent shall remit to Merchant all Gross Proceeds from the sale of FF&E. During each weekly reconciliation described in section E above, Agent's FF&E fee shall be calculated, and Agent's calculated FF&E fee and all FF&E costs and expenses then incurred shall paid within seven (7) days after each such weekly reconciliation."

Moreover, section N of the Agreement is hereby replaced and reinstated as follows:

"Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights hereunder may be transferred or assigned by either Party without the prior written consent of the other Party. No modification, amendment or waiver of any of the provisions contained in this Agreement, or any future representation, promise or condition in connection with the subject matter of this Agreement, shall be binding upon any Party to this Agreement unless made in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative or agent of such Party. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective legal representatives, successors and permitted assigns. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Agent shall have the right to syndicate the transaction contemplated by this Agreement with additional entities so long as such relationships do not impose any additional cost or liability to Merchant, Agent provides Merchant with written notice of such syndication, and such partner(s) are reputable firms with experience and resources similar to those of Agent. Merchant acknowledges that as of February 12, 2025, Hilco has syndicated certain responsibilities under this Agreement to Gordon Brothers and SB360, who collectively serve as "Agent" hereunder. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and permitted assigns."

Additionally, new paragraph R is added to the Agreement as follows:

R. Bankruptcy

"If the Merchant commences a case under Chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), with a bankruptcy court (the "Bankruptcy Court"), the Merchant shall promptly file a motion to assume sections of this Agreement under section 365 and/or 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, and utilize its reasonable best efforts to ensure that such motion is approved by an order that approves, among other things, as follows (the "Approval Order"): (i) the payment of all fees and reimbursement of expenses under this Agreement is approved without further order of the court; (ii) all such payments of fees and reimbursement of expenses related to such Approval Order

shall be made on a weekly basis without further order of the Bankruptcy Court and otherwise in accordance with this Agreement; (iii) the payment of all fees and reimbursement of expenses to Agent related to such Approval Orders shall be included in any approved debtor-in-possession, cash collateral, or other post-petition financing budget as a condition to the assumption of this Agreement; (iv) the conduct of the Sale without the necessity of complying with state and local rules, laws, ordinances and regulations, including, without limitation, permitting and licensing requirements, that could otherwise govern the Sale; (v) the conduct of the Sale notwithstanding restrictions in leases, reciprocal easement agreements or other contracts that purport to restrict the Sale or the necessity of obtaining any third party consents; (vi) the Sale through the conduct of "Going out of Business" or similar themed sales, in addition to the Sale themes set forth in the Agreement; (vii) the sale of Additional Agent Goods in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof; and (viii) Merchant in taking all further actions as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to resolve any issues arising under this Agreement. In such event, any legal action, suit or proceeding arising in connection with this Agreement shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court having jurisdiction over the Merchant, and each Party waives any defenses or objections based on lack of jurisdiction, improper venue, and/or forum non conveniens. From and after entry of the Approval Order, Agent shall conduct the Sale in accordance with the terms of the Approval Order in all material respects. If any objections are received prior to entry of the Approval Order, Agent will use commercially reasonable efforts to assist Merchant in negotiating a consensual resolution of such objection with the objecting party."

Additionally, new paragraph S is added to the Agreement as follows:

T. Additional Agent Goods

"Agent shall have the right, at Agent's sole cost and expense, to supplement the Merchandise in the Sale at the Stores with additional goods procured by Agent which are of like kind, and no lesser quality to the Merchandise in the Sale at the Stores ("Additional Agent Goods"); provided, further, that the cost of Additional Agent Goods shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate Cost Value of Merchandise in the Sale. The Additional Agent Goods shall be purchased by Agent as part of the Sale, and delivered to the Stores at Agent's sole expense (including as to labor, freight and insurance relative to shipping such Additional Agent Goods to the Stores). Sales of Additional Agent Goods shall be run through Merchant's cash register systems; provided however, that Agent shall mark the Additional Agent Goods using either a "dummy" SKU or department number, or in such other manner so as to distinguish the sale of Additional Agent Goods from the sale of Merchandise. Agent and Merchant shall also cooperate so as to ensure that the Additional Agent Goods are marked in such a way that a reasonable consumer could identify the Additional Agent Goods as non-Merchant goods. Additionally, Agent shall provide signage in the Stores notifying customers that the Additional Agent Goods have been included in the Sale.

Agent shall pay to Merchant an amount equal to five percent (5%) percent of the gross proceeds (excluding Sale Taxes) from the sale of the Additional Agent Goods (the

"Additional Agent Goods Fee"), and Agent shall retain all remaining amounts from the sale of the Additional Agent Goods. Agent shall pay Merchant its Additional Agent Goods Fee in connection with each weekly sale reconciliation with respect to sales of Additional Agent Goods sold by Agent during each then prior week (or at such other mutually agreed upon time).

Agent and Merchant intend that the transactions relating to the Additional Agent Goods are, and shall be construed as, a true consignment from Agent to Merchant in all respects and not a consignment for security purposes. Subject solely to Agent's obligations to pay to Merchant the Additional Agent Goods Fee, at all times and for all purposes the Additional Agent Goods and their proceeds shall be the exclusive property of Agent, and no other person or entity shall have any claim against any of the Additional Agent Goods or their proceeds. The Additional Agent Goods shall at all times remain subject to the exclusive control of Agent.

Merchant shall, at Agent's sole cost and expense, insure the Additional Agent Goods and, if required, promptly file any proofs of loss with regard to same with Merchant's insurers. Agent shall be responsible for payment of any deductible under any such insurance in the event of any casualty affecting the Additional Agent Goods.

Merchant acknowledges, and the Approval Order shall provide, that the Additional Agent Goods shall be consigned to Merchant as a true consignment under Article 9 of the Code. Agent is hereby granted a first priority security interest in and lien upon (i) the Additional Agent Goods and (ii) the Additional Agent Goods proceeds *less* the Additional Agent Goods Fee, and which security interest shall be deemed perfected pursuant to the Approval Order without the requirement of filing UCC financing statements or providing notifications to any prior secured parties (provided that Agent is hereby authorized to deliver all required notices and file all necessary financing statements and amendments thereof under the applicable UCC identifying Agent's interest in the Additional Agent Goods as consigned goods thereunder and the Merchant as the consignee therefor, and Agent's security interest in and lien upon such Additional Agent Goods and Additional Agent Goods proceeds).

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, "Merchandise" shall not include Additional Agent Goods."

With respect to this Amendment, (i) Merchant hereby reaffirms the representations, warranties, and agreements set forth in section H of the Agreement, and (ii) Agent hereby reaffirms the representations, warranties, and agreements set forth in section H of the Agreement.

This Amendment, together with the Agreement, all prior amendments or supplements, and all schedules and exhibits attached hereto and thereto, constitutes a single, integrated written contract expressing the entire agreement of the parties concerning the subject matter hereof. No covenants, agreements, representations or warranties of any kind whatsoever have been made by any party to this Amendment except as specifically set forth in this Amendment or the Agreement.

If this Amendment is acceptable to you, kindly execute a copy in the space provided, and return a countersigned version to the undersigned.

	Very truly yours,
	HILCO MERCHANT RESOURCES, LLC
	T. Kellan Grant
	By: T. Kellan Grant Its: EVP Commercial Counsel
AGREED AND ACCEPTED as of February, 2025, intending to be	of the 12th day e bound to the terms of the Agreement:
	GORDON BROTHERS RETAIL PARTNERS, LLC
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	SB360 CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC
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F21 OpCo, LLC

By: Brad Sell

Chief Financial Officer Its:

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F21 OpCo, LLC	
By: Brad Sell	
Its: Chief Financial Officer	

Forever 21 Exhibit A

Store List

Address	City	State	Zip	Landlord	Gross Sq. Ft.	Selling Sq. Ft.	Commencement Date
223 Stonewood St.	Downey	CA	90241	Macerich	18,031	12,296	2/12/2025
201 E Magnolia Blvd	Burbank	CA	91502	Onni Properties LLC	13,607	10,704	2/27/2025
4701 Mills Circle	Ontario	5	91764	Simon Property Group, Inc.	52,456	42,648	2/12/2025
5060 Montclair Plaza Ln., #2121	Montclair	CA	91763	CIM Group	15,700	11,022	2/27/2025
22500 Town Circle, Suite 1050	Moreno Valley	CA	92553	The Woodmont Company	21,558	14,197	2/12/2025
9301 Tampa Ave., #4	Northridge	CA	91324	Brookfield Properties	23,970	16,955	2/12/2025
415 Parkway Plaza #357	El Cajon	8	92020	Pacific Retail Capital Partners	20,020	16,796	2/12/2025
2249 Stoneridge Mall Rd.	Pleasanton	CA	94588	Simon Property Group, Inc.	21,367	15,876	2/12/2025
2200 Eastridge Loop	San Jose	S	95122	Eastridge Property Holdings, LLC	15,480	11,601	2/12/2025
2655 Richmond Ave., Suite 1040	Staten Island	Ž	10314	Brookfield Properties	17,143	14,137	2/27/2025
5065 Main Street, #178	Trumbull	CT	06611	Namdar Realty Group LLC	21,906	18,232	2/27/2025
7101 Democracy Blvd, Space 1252	Bethesda	MD	20817	Westfield LLC	21,413	16,767	2/12/2025
4160 Baldwin Road Space #426	Auburn Hills	Ξ	48326	The Taubman Company	47,203	40,260	2/12/2025
30 Mall Drive West, #B54A	Jersey City	2	07310	Simon Property Group, Inc.	22,366	18,377	2/12/2025
1500 Apalachee Pkwy, Ste 1210	Tallahassee	占	32301	Brookfield Properties	13,156	10,632	2/27/2025
651 Kapkowski Rd., #315	Elizabeth	2	07201	Simon Property Group, Inc.	58,879	45,857	2/12/2025
2034 Green Acres Mall, Space #108	Valley Stream	×	11581	Macerich	14,733	11,970	2/12/2025
27001 U.S Highway 19 N., Ste #2030	Clearwater	చ	33761	Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc.	20,000	16,194	2/27/2025
38 South County Center Way	Saint Louis	MO	63129	CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.	6,480	4,494	2/12/2025
189 Montgomery Mall	North Wales	PA	19454	Kohan Retail Investment Group	16,362	13,187	2/12/2025
8200 Perry Hall Blvd, #1235	Baltimore	MD	21236	Spinoso Real Estate Group, LLC	14,959	11,813	2/27/2025
1701 Sunrise Hwy, #D10	Bay Shore	×	11706	Namdar Realty Group LLC	16,161	13,099	2/27/2025
3510 Palisades Center Drive, Ste G307	West Nyack	×	10994	Pyramid Management Group	33,136	12,942	2/12/2025
1115 Annapolis Mall #173	Annapolis	MD	21401	Centennial Real Estate Company	30,487	25,736	2/12/2025
3500 Oleander Dr. Ste 1069	Wilmington	NC	28403	Brookfield Properties	10,410	8,113	2/27/2025
18900 Michigan Ave	Dearborn	Ξ	48126	Kohan Retail Investment Group	28,472	22,431	2/27/2025
602 Briarwood Circle, D101A	Ann Arbor	Ξ	48108	Simon Property Group, Inc.	15,941	10,846	2/12/2025
155 Westfarms Mall	Farmington	CT	06032	The Taubman Company	22,512	18,444	2/27/2025
174 Quaker Bridge Mall, Space #1003A	Lawrence Township	Z	08648	Simon Property Group, Inc.	26,902	23,156	2/12/2025
2929 Turner Hill Road N.E #2460	Lithonia	GA	30038	Urban Retail Properties, LLC	19,921	13,954	2/27/2025
23000 Eureka Rd Space #1360	Taylor	Ξ	48180	Brookfield Properties	22,500	17,439	2/27/2025
1201 Boston Post Rd, #2009	Milford	CT	06460	Centennial Real Estate Company	14,807	11,151	2/27/2025
8401 Gateway Blvd West #Q01B	El Paso	¥	79925	Simon Property Group, Inc.	20,732	16,565	2/12/2025
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway	Columbia	MD	21044	Brookfield Properties	8,646	5,935	2/27/2025
1046 Lloyd Center, Suite F112	Portland	OR	97232	Urban Renaissance Group	19,029	11,985	2/12/2025
3195 28th St. SE	Grand Rapids	Ξ	49512	PREIT Services, LLC	26,164	18,668	2/12/2025
8501 West Bowles Ave.	Littleton	00	80123	Brookfield Properties	13,302	9,821	2/12/2025
5043 Tuttle Crossing Blvd Ste 283	Dublin	НО	43016	Namdar Realty Group LLC	11,258	8,321	2/27/2025
1689 Arden Way	Sacramento	8	95815	Centennial Real Estate Company	16,157	12,418	2/27/2025
6020 E. 82nd St., Ste 1515	Indianapolis	Z	46250	Simon Property Group, Inc.	25,463	18,225	2/12/2025
450A Great Mall Dr.	Milpitas	CA	95035	Simon Property Group, Inc.	33,334	27,843	2/12/2025
49 West Maryland Street	Indianapolis	Z	46204	Hendricks Group	10,947	7,437	2/12/2025
2300 E Lincoln Hwy Ste 270	Langhorne	PA	19047	Simon Property Group, Inc.	17,218	13,359	2/12/2025
6170 W. Grand Ave	Gurnee	=	60031	Simon Property Group, Inc.	24,107	19,647	2/12/2025
8111 Concord Mills Blvd, Ste #XQA	Concord	NC	28027	Simon Property Group, Inc.	29,367	24,810	2/27/2025
12000 SE 82nd Ave., Ste #1129	Happy Valley	OR	92086	Brookfield Properties	33,597	29,372	2/12/2025
2700 Miamishiirg-Centerville Space # 300	Dayton	Н	45459	Spinoso Real Estate Group, LLC	11 502	000	2/12/2025

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Selling Sq. Ft.	17,020	11,183	25,567	11,680	8,090	4,556	13,060	23,123	11,355	2,645	9,926	18,850	8,177	10,533	9,092	5,016	18,319	16,685	16,815	9,928	48,335	10,565	19,702	18,304	14,370	5,130	12,128	16,099	8,393	4,416	8,848	7,626	17,263	5,751	25,412	15,446	14,088	9,748	13,878	6,650	9,082	17,256	9,032	8,410	9,418	10,270	8,984
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Address	72840 Highway 111, Ste. T-393	7121 N. West 86 Terrace #117	160 N. Gulph Rd, Ste #1910	4301 W. Wisconsin Ave. #902	101 Jordan Creek Parkway	12482 N. Main St.	2500 Moreland Rd, Ste 2001	8557 Park Meadows Center Drive	343 Southland Mall Drive, Space #76	400 Commons Way	3451 dogwood Ave, #1117	3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway	1500 S. Willow St, Space S117B	11401 Pines Blvd #576	999 S. Washington Street	1201 Broadway W132	400 Ernest Barrett Parkway, Space #252A	9801 Northlake Mall Drive Space #201	15900 La Cantera Parkway, Ste 12050	1000 North Point Circle Ste 1170	12801 W. Sunrise Blvd Ste 555	10000 Coors Blvd, #B21A	2700 Riverchase Galleria, Space 2701	451 E. Altamonte Drive Suite 2113	5001 Monroe Street Unit 1800	1201 Hooper Ave #1087A	2825 S. Glenstone, Suite #S03B	560 Great Northern Mall	293 Valley River Center	2028 Florence Mall #2070	134 St. Clair Square #112	16535 SW Freeway #550	12300 Jefferson Ave., Ste #100	2500 North Mayfair Road, Space # 624	5000 S. Arizona Mills Circle, Suite #590	5900 Sugarloaf Parkway, Space 531	6000 West Glades Road, Space #1166E	1455 NW 107 Ave, Suite 560A	3333 Buford Drive, Space #1058A	288 Orland Square Dr.	99 Rockingham Park Boulevard, W-143B	14006 Riverside Drive, Space #244	566 Brandon Town Center	4201 Coldwater Rd., #D04	3506 Capital City Mall Drive #0808	4146-E North Harlem Ave.	8700 NE Vancouver Mall Dr., #138
Name	Palm Desert	Zona Rosa	Plaza @ King of Prussia	Fox River	Jordan Creek Town Center	Victoria Gardens	Willow Grove Park	Park Meadows	Southland	Bridgewater Commons	Imperial Valley Mall	Grapevine Mills	Mall of New Hampshire	Pembroke Lakes Mall	Emerald Square	Square One Mall	Town Center @ Cobb	Northlake Mall	The Shops @ La Cantera	North Point Mall	Sawgrass Mills	Cottonwood Mall	Riverchase Mall	Altamonte Mall	Franklin Park	Ocean County Mall	Battlefield Mall	Great Northern	Valley River Center	Florence Mall	St. Clair Square	First Colony	Patrick Henry Mall	Mayfair Mall	Arizona Mills	Discover Mills	Town Center at Boca Raton	Miami International	Mall of Georgia	Orland Square	The Mall at Rockingham Park	Sherman Oaks Fashion Square	Brandon Town Center	Glenbrook Square	Capital City	Harlem & Irving	Vancouver Mall
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Address	City	State	Zip	Landlord	S dinss	S 1	Commencement
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400 Bald Hill Road	Warwick	R	02886	Bliss Properties, Inc.	15,844	11,522	2/27/2025
1000 Southlake Circle	Morrow	ВA	30260	Vintage Real Estate, LLC	23,620	18,265	2/27/2025
6191 State St., Ste. 1930	Murray	TO	84107	Brookfield Properties	10,135	7,177	2/27/2025
520 Town Center Drive	Oxnard	CA	93036	CenterCal Properties, LLC	16,182	12,258	2/12/2025
215 E. Foothills Pkwy # 620	Fort Collins	00	80525	Prism Places, Inc.	15,309	11,465	2/27/2025
8500 Beverly Blvd., Ste 835	Los Angeles	8	90048	The Taubman Company	33,232	21,968	2/12/2025
5 Woodfield Mall, Space D116	Schaumburg	=	60173	Simon Property Group, Inc.	21,628	16,155	2/27/2025
4200 Conroy Rd Ste #206	Orlando	교	32839	The Forbes Company	17,605	13,673	2/12/2025
313 Smith Haven Mall, Space #MO5	Lake Grove	Ž	11755	Simon Property Group, Inc.	17,592	10,977	2/12/2025
1100 S. Hayes St.	Arlington	۸۸	22202	Simon Property Group, Inc.	23,317	16,707	2/12/2025
7925 FM 1960 Rd West	Houston	논	77070	Brookfield Properties	19,655	15,183	2/27/2025
11025 Carolina Place Parkway	Pineville	NC	28134	Brookfield Properties	18,485	14,614	2/27/2025
173 Woodbridge Center Drive	Woodbridge	2	07095	Spinoso Real Estate Group, LLC	21,687	17,834	2/12/2025
5488 S. Padre Island Dr.	Corpus Christi	X	78411	Trademark Property Company	24,261	17,402	2/27/2025
3525 W. Carson St. #184	Torrance	CA	90503	Simon Property Group, Inc.	20,217	14,333	2/12/2025
9601 SW Washington Square Rd	Tigard	OR	97223	Macerich	18,329	10,875	2/27/2025
575 E. University Parkway #E91	Orem	TO	84097	Woodbury Corporation	20,438		2/27/2025
4999 Old Orchard Center #J6	Skokie	=	22009	Westfield LLC	20,009		2/12/2025
2800 N. Main St. #201	Santa Ana	CA	92705	Centennial Real Estate Company	13,860		2/12/2025
6801 Hollywood Blvd. #2C-271	Los Angeles	CA	90028	DJM Capital Partners, Inc	11,000		2/12/2025
4325 Glenwood Ave #1093	Raleigh	NC	27612	Pacific CVM Management, LLC	21,176		2/27/2025
3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd Space #54F	Metairie	ΓA	70002	The Feil Organization	15,094		2/12/2025
5000 W. Markham St. #1050	Little Rock	AR	72205	The Woodmont Company	24,926	19,486	2/12/2025
197 Westbank Expressway #1013	Gretna	₹	2002	Brookfield Properties	25,000	19,657	2/12/2025
l Garden State Plaza, Space #B11	Paramus	2	07652	Westfield LLC	38,218	30,844	2/12/2025
11799 W. 95th St.	Overland Park	KS	66214	CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.	21,301	15,947	2/27/2025
1429 Cumberland Mall	Atlanta	ВA	30339	Brookfield Properties	25,748	20,653	2/27/2025
3111 West Chandler Blvd	Chandler	AZ	85226	Macerich	29,198		2/27/2025
11750 Fair Oaks #H227	Fairfax	۸۸	22033	Olshan Properties	23,723	18,006	2/12/2025
4400 Ashford Dunwoody Rd., Space #1315	Atlanta	ВA	30346	Brookfield Properties	13,211	9,129	2/27/2025
701 Lynnhaven Parkway, Space #E07A	Virginia Beach	۸۷	23452	Brookfield Properties	25,035		2/12/2025
5870 E. Broadway Boulevard	Tucson	AZ	85711	Pacific Retail Capital Partners	18,449		2/12/2025
836 Southcenter Mall	Tukwila	WA	98188	Westfield LLC	26,611		2/12/2025
1842 Willowbrook Mall, Space #1275	Wayne	2	07470	Brookfield Properties	15,555		2/27/2025
3030 Plaza Bonita Rd., #2100	National City	CA	91950	Westfield LLC	20,000		2/12/2025
100 Robinson Centre Dr., Space #2800	Pittsburgh	PA	15205	Kohan Retail Investment Group	15,833		2/12/2025
3811 S. Cooper St. #1020	Arlington	¥	76015	Brookfield Properties	39,750	34,070	2/12/2025
325 Dulaney Valley Rd., Space #1405	Towson	MD	21204	Brookfield Properties	25,210	20,854	2/27/2025
6155 Eastex Freeway, Suite D-420	Beaumont	X	277706	CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.	23,999		2/12/2025
5401 Bluebonnet Blvd., Space 1002	Baton Rouge	Z	70836	Brookfield Properties	26,885	20,362	2/12/2025
13860 City Center Dr., Space #5085	Chino Hills	5	91709	Chino Dunhill, LLC	20,880	15,732	2/27/2025
1068 Fox Valley Center Dr., Space #G08	Aurora	=	60504	Centennial Real Estate Company	10,721	8,840	2/12/2025
69 Chestnut St., Space #B112 & #B212	Beavercreek	НО	45440	Olshan Properties	21,051		2/12/2025
2855 Stevens Creek Blvd, Unit #2522	Santa Clara	8	95050	Westfield LLC	15,362	11,571	2/12/2025
9 West County Center	Des Peres	MO	63131	CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.	20,000	15,451	2/12/2025
210 Andover Street, Space #W169B	Peabody	MA	01960	Simon Property Group, Inc.	40,000		2/12/2025
50 Holyoka Straat Space #C-342	Holyoke	VVV	01010	Paramid Management Crous	100	000	1000

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Foc #	Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Landlord	Sq. Ft.	Sq. Ft.	Commencement Date
773	Meadows Mall	4300 Meadows Lane, Space #2380	Las Vegas	2	89107	Brookfield Properties	16,957	13,559	2/27/2025
774	Cross Country	8040 Mall Walk	Yonkers	×	10704	Marx Realty and Development Co	26,373	20,427	2/12/2025
775	Katy Mills	5000 Katy Mills Circle, Space #330C	Katy	X	77494	Simon Property Group, Inc.	20,921	18,317	2/27/2025
176	Flatiron Crossing	51 West Flat Iron Crossing Dr., #ANC04	Broomfield	00	80021	Macerich	55,257	46,084	2/12/2025
779	Dallas Galleria	13350 Dallas Parkway #2840	Dallas	X	75240	Constance Kneule Madden	30,480	24,560	2/27/2025
780	Northbrook Court	2270 Northbrook Court	Northbrook	-	60062	Brookfield Properties	11,071	7,525	2/12/2025
781	Johnson City	2011 North Roan St., Space #H5	Johnson City	N L	37601	Washington Prime Group	22,229	18,589	2/12/2025
783	Burlington Mall	75 Middlesex Turnpike, Space #1065A	Burlington	MA	01803	Simon Property Group, Inc.	22,606	19,128	2/12/2025
784	Culver City (Fox Hills)	6000 Sepulveda Blvd., Space #1331	Culver City	S	90230	Westfield LLC	31,472	22,923	2/12/2025
785	Kings Plaza Mall	5301 Kings Plaza #210	Brooklyn	ž	11234	Macerich	22,802	17,733	2/27/2025
786	Roosevelt Field Mall	630 Old Country Rd	Garden City	ž	11530	Simon Property Group, Inc.	28,775	18,162	2/12/2025
789	Christiana Mall	162 Christiana Mall, Space #1466	Newark	DE	19702	Brookfield Properties	27,300	24,559	2/12/2025
790	Barton Creek Square	2901 S. Capital of Texas Highway, #M06A	Austin	논	78746	Simon Property Group, Inc.	17,852	14,386	2/27/2025
791	Potomac Square	2700 Potomac Mills, Space #601	Woodbridge	۸۸	22192	Simon Property Group, Inc.	32,001	23,350	2/27/2025
793	Florida Mall	8001 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Orlando	교	32809	Simon Property Group, Inc.	14,912	10,514	2/27/2025
795	Cherry Hill Mall	2000 Route 38	Cherry Hill	Z	08002	PREIT Services, LLC	25,950	20,719	2/12/2025
296	Twelve Oaks Mall	27434 Novi Road	Novi	Σ	48377	The Taubman Company	22,996	21,000	2/27/2025
797	The Oaks	350 W. Hillcrest Drive	Thousand Oaks	S	91360	Macerich	7,975	5,172	2/12/2025
799	West Covina Shopping Center	112 Plaza Drive, Suite #326	West Covina	5	91790	Pacific Retail Capital Partners	33,873	25,193	2/12/2025
2113	La Plaza	2200 S 10th Street, Ste# B48	McAllen	논	78503	Simon Property Group, Inc.	12,000	8,997	2/27/2025
2116	Empire Mall	4001 W 41st Street	Sioux Falls	SD	57106	Simon Property Group, Inc.	8,240	5,585	2/12/2025
2118	Atlantic Station	231 18TH STREET, Suite 565	Atlanta	GA	30363	Hines Global REIT	21,201	13,473	2/27/2025
2119	Dartmouth Mall	200 N Dartmouth Mall	Dartmouth	MA	02747	PREIT Services, LLC	11,303	8,197	2/12/2025
2121	Shops at Carlsbad	2525 El Camino Real, Space #102	Carlsbad	S	92008	Brookfield Properties	24,226	15,829	2/27/2025
2122	Phesant Lane	310 Daniel Webster Hwy	Nashua	HZ	03060	Simon Property Group, Inc.	10,569	6,940	2/12/2025
2130	Tanger Locust Grove	1000 Tanger Drive, Ste. #101	Locust Grove	GA	30248	Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc.	15,000	11,072	2/12/2025
2134	Santa Monica Place	395 Santa Monica Place, Spae # 220	Santa Monica	S	90401	Macerich	9,712	6,731	2/12/2025
2136	Carriage Crossing	4674 Merchandts Park Circle. , Space 721	Collierville	N N	38017	CE Collierville, LLC	19,383	14,024	2/12/2025
2139	Philadelphia Fashion Outlets	907-937A Market Street #2175	Philadelphia	PA	19107	Macerich	11,820	7,818	2/12/2025
2140	Tanger Deerpark	152 The Arches Circle, Ste. 924	Deer Park	N	11729	Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc.	6,860	6,927	2/12/2025
2147	Outlets Of Des Moines	801 Bass Pro Dr NW	Altoona	⊻	20009	New England Development	15,496	11,521	2/12/2025
2149	435 Seventh Avenue - Penn Sta 435 Seventh Ave	iz 435 Seventh Ave	New York	Ž	10120	Vornado Realty Trust	42,595	21,908	2/12/2025
2152	Denver Premium Outlets	13801 Grant Street, Space #550	Thornton	9	80023	Simon Property Group, Inc.	13,337	9,723	2/27/2025
2153	Allen Premium Outlets	820 W. Stacy Rd., Space #602	Allen	X	75013	Simon Property Group, Inc.	12,474	7,195	2/12/2025
2154	Woodbury Premium Outlets	223 Red Apple Ct, Space #0223	Central Valley	Ž	10917	Simon Property Group, Inc.	8,510	5,943	2/27/2025
2155	Grove City Premium Outlets	1911 Leesburg Grove City Road	Grove City	PA	16127	Simon Property Group, Inc.	11,278	7,835	2/12/2025
2157	Norfolk Premium Outlets	1600 Premium Outlets Blvd	Norfolk	۸۸	23502	Simon Property Group, Inc.	12,974	9,510	2/12/2025
2163	Columbia Center	1321 N Columbia Center Blvd	Kennewick	WA	98366	Simon Property Group, Inc.	11,756	8,251	2/27/2025
2175	Tanger Outlets Foley	2601 S. McKenzie St #266	Foley	AL	36236	Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc.	12,040	9,003	2/12/2025
2185	The Westchester Mall	125 Westchester Ave	White Plains	Ž	10601	Simon Property Group, Inc.	8,173	4,633	2/27/2025
2186	Las Vegas North Premium Out	t 875 Grand Central Parkway South	Las Vegas	Š	89106	Simon Property Group, Inc.	17,660	12,728	2/27/2025
2187	Gran Plaza Outlets	888 West 2nd Street	Calexico	5	92231	Excel Property Mgmt Services, Inc.	14,950	10,934	2/12/2025
2188	Chicago Premium Outlets	1650 Premium Outlets Blvd	Aurora	=	60502	Simon Property Group, Inc.	17,689	12,638	2/27/2025
2190	FLORIDA KEYS OUTLET MARKE		Florida City	F	33034	Simon Property Group, Inc.	12,960	9,156	2/27/2025
2191	LEESBURG PREMIUM OUTLET,		Leesburg	۸	20176	Simon Property Group, Inc.	10,800	7,890	2/27/2025
2192	THE OUTLETS SHOPPES AT ATL		Woodstock	ВA	30188	CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.	10,500	7,649	2/12/2025
2193	OUTLETS AT TEJON	5701 Outlets at Tejon Ranch Pkwy	Arvin	CA	93203	TRCC-Rock Outlet Center, LLC	12,397	8,730	2/27/2025

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Selling Sq. Ft.	24,185	21,442	26,184	40,195	10,893	14,693	33,473	58,956	43,831	32,063	44,009	49,566	81,159	65,767	63,319	24,410	22,089	11,347	65,043	8,622	29,953	48,559	14,503	19,611	31,837	22,970	15,503
Gross Sq. Ft.	33,193	35,098	35,739	91,257	14,677	19,398	81,619	80,688	85,691	51,420	56,674	97,311	111,220	85,150	81,772	31,290	27,470	15,867	155,414	13,040	41,937	117,817	19,586	23,608	43,011	33,288	21,215
Landlord	Pacific Retail Capital Partners	Pyramid Management Group	M&J Wilkow Property LLC	Vornado Realty Trust	Brookfield Properties	CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.	Spinoso Real Estate Group, LLC	Macerich	Macerich	Macerich	Macerich	Brookfield Properties	Brookfield Properties	Brookfield Properties	Brookfield Properties	Brookfield Properties	Brookfield Properties	Simon Property Group, Inc.	Macy's West Stores, LLC	Simon Property Group, Inc.	Brookfield Properties	Avison Young Southern California Ltd	Macerich	The Taubman Company	S-Tract Property	Brookfield Properties	
Zip	60148	14225	60611	10036	85705	78041	90640	90712	90703	92408	93710	93304	89109	77380	77546	78216	40207	98409	92503	92691	77338	91007	07728	94520	92926	01760	
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City	Lombard	Buffalo	Chicago	New York	Tucson	Laredo	Montebello	Lakewood	Cerritos	San Bernardino	Fresno	Bakersfield	Las Vegas	The Wooslands	Friendswood	San Antonio	Louisville	Tacoma	Riverside	Mission Viejo	Humble	Arcadia	Freehold	Concord	Costa Mesa	Natick	
Address	300 Yorktown Center	1 Walden Galleria #TH110	835 N. Michigan, Space #6035 & 7025	1540 Broadway	4500 North Oracle Road	5300 San Dario Ave, Suite 2004	1800 Montebello Town Center	326 Lakewood Center Mall	200 Los Cerritos Center	200 Inland Dr.	755 East Shaw Ave.	2801 Ming Ave.	3200 Las Vegas Blvd	1201 Lake Woodland Dr., Ste #100	1408 Baybrook Mall	7400 San Pedro Avenue	5000 Shelbyville Road	4502 S. Steele St., Ste #426B	3700 Galleria at Tyler Mall	555 The Shops at Mission Viejo	20131 Highway 59 North, Suite #2290	400 South Baldwin Avenue	3710 Route 9, Suite #1000	329 Sun Valley Mall, Suite #121	3333 Bristol Ave.	1245 Worcester St., Suite 3030	
Name	Yorktown Center	Walden Galleria	Water Tower Place	Times Square	Tucson Mall	Mall Del Norte	Montebello Town Center	Lakewood Center Mall	Cerritos	Inland Center	Fresno Fashion Fair	Valley Plaza	Fashion Show	The Woodlands Mall	Baybrook Mall	North Star Mall	Mall St. Matthews	Tacoma Mall	Galleria at Tyler	The Shops At Mission Viejo	Deerbrook Mall	Santa Anita	Freehold Raceway	Sun Valley	South Coast Plaza	Natick Mall	
# COC #	3002	3003	3004	3006	3202	3506	3209	3510	3511	3515	3524	3525	3526	3527	3528	3529	3531	3534	3538	3539	3541	3542	6004	9009	8009	6011	355

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Expense Budget (1)

Advertising	
Digital & Media	2,122,500
Signs (2)	300,000
Sign Walkers	586,875
Subtotal Advertising	3,009,375
Supervision	
Fees / Wages / Expenses (3)	3,287,229
Subtotal Supervision	3,287,229
Miscellaneous	
Miscellaneous /Legal (4)	75,000
Subtotal Miscellaneous	75,000
Total Expenses	6,371,604

Notes:

- 1. This Expense Budget contemplates a sale term of February, 12, 2025 through April 30, 2025. The Expense Budget remains subject to modification in the event that this term is extended, or as otherwise agreed to by the parties.
- 2. Includes Sales Tax.
- 3. Includes Deferred Compensation and Insurance.
- 4. Any legal expenses associated with issues raised by or disputes with landlords, including (without limitation) negotiations in respect of landlord side letters, shall be in addition to and not part of the budgeted legal expenses.

EXHIBIT 2

Sale Guidelines

SALE GUIDELINES⁴

- A. The Store Closing Sales shall be conducted so that the Closing Stores in which sales are to occur will remain open no longer than during the normal hours of operation provided for in the respective leases for the Closing Stores.
- B. The Store Closing Sales shall be conducted in accordance with applicable state and local "Blue Laws", where applicable, so that no Store Closing Sales shall be conducted on Sunday unless the Merchant had been operating such Closing Store on a Sunday.
- C. On "shopping center" property, the Agent shall not distribute handbills, leaflets or other written materials to customers outside of any Closing Stores' premises, unless permitted by the lease or, if distribution is customary in the "shopping center" in which such Store is located; *provided* that Agent may solicit customers in the Closing Stores themselves. On "shopping center" property, the Agent shall not use any flashing lights or amplified sound to advertise the Store Closing Sales or solicit customers, except as permitted under the applicable lease or agreed to by the landlord.
- D. The Merchant and the Agent may advertise the Sale as a "store closing" "sale on everything", "everything must go", or similar themed sale, or "going out of business." The Agent may also have a "countdown to closing" sign prominently displayed in a manner consistent with these Sale Guidelines.
- E. Agent shall be permitted to utilize display, hanging signs, and interior banners in connection with the Store Closing Sales; provided, however, that such display, hanging signs, and interior banners shall be professionally produced and hung in a professional manner. The Merchant and the Agent shall not use neon or day-glo on its display, hanging signs, or interior banners. Furthermore, with respect to enclosed mall locations, no exterior signs or signs in common areas of a mall shall be used unless otherwise expressly permitted in these Sale Guidelines. In addition, the Merchant and the Agent shall be permitted to utilize exterior banners at (i) non-enclosed mall Closing Stores and (ii) enclosed mall Closing Stores to the extent the entrance to the applicable Closing Store does not require entry into the enclosed mall common area; provided, however, that such banners shall be located or hung so as to make clear that the Store Closing Sales is being conducted only at the affected Closing Store, shall not be wider than the storefront of the Closing Store. In addition, the Merchant and the Agent shall be permitted to utilize sign walkers and Aframes in a safe and professional manner and in accordance with the terms of the Interim Order. Nothing contained in these Sale Guidelines shall be construed to create or impose upon the Agent any additional restrictions not contained in the applicable lease agreement.
- F. Conspicuous signs shall be posted in the cash register areas of each of the affected Closing Stores to effect that "all sales are final."
- G. Except with respect to the hanging of exterior banners, the Agent shall not make any alterations to the storefront or exterior walls of any Closing Stores, except as authorized by the applicable lease.
- H. The Agent shall not make any alterations to interior or exterior Closing Store lighting, except as authorized by the applicable lease. No property of the landlord of a Closing Store shall be removed or sold

⁴ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the *Debtors'* Motion for Entry of (I) Interim Order Authorizing (A) the Conduct of the Store Closing Sales, With Such Sales to be Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, and Encumbrances and (B) Granting Related Relief, and (II) Final Order Authorizing (A) the Debtors to Assume the Agency Agreement, (B) the Conduct of the Store Closing Sales, With Such Sales to be Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, and Encumbrances, and (C) Granting Related Relief or Agency Agreement, as applicable.

during the Store Closing Sales. The hanging of exterior banners or in-store signage and banners shall not constitute an alteration to a Closing Store.

- I. The Agent shall keep Closing Store premises and surrounding areas clear and orderly consistent with present practices.
- J. The Agent, at the direction of the Debtors, and the landlord of any Store are authorized to enter into Side Letters without further order of the Court, provided that such agreements do not have a material adverse effect on the Debtors or their estates.
- K. Subject to the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the Agent shall have the right to sell all furniture, fixtures, and equipment located at the Closing Stores and the corporate office (the "FF&E"). The Agent may advertise the sale of the FF&E in a manner consistent with these guidelines at the Closing Stores and or if the Merchant otherwise agrees, the corporate office. The purchasers of any FF&E sold during the sale shall be permitted to remove the FF&E either through the back shipping areas at any time, or through other areas after Store business hours; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not apply to de minimis FF&E sales made whereby the item(s) can be carried out of the Closing Store in a shopping bag or shopping cart. For the avoidance of doubt, as of the Sale Termination Date, the Agent may abandon, in place and without further responsibility, any FF&E.
- L. The Agent shall be entitled to include Additional Agent Goods in the Store Closing Sales in accordance with the terms of the Interim Order and the Agency Agreement.
- M. At the conclusion of the Store Closing Sales at each Closing Store, pending assumption or rejection of applicable leases, the landlords of the Closing Stores shall have reasonable access to the Closing Stores' premises as set forth in the applicable leases. The Merchant, the Agent and their agents and representatives shall continue to have exclusive and unfettered access to the Closing Stores.
- N. The rights of landlords against Merchant for any damages to a Closing Store shall be reserved in accordance with the provisions of the applicable lease; provided that to the extent certain leases of Closing Stores require written confirmation of receipt of a key to effectuate surrender, this requirement is waived.
- O. If and to the extent that the landlord of any Closing Store affected hereby contends that the Agent or Merchant is in breach of or default under these Sale Guidelines, such landlord shall email or deliver written notice by overnight delivery on the Merchant's counsel and the Agent's counsel as follows:

If to the Merchant:

F21 OpCo, LLC 110 E. 9th Street, Suite A500 Los Angeles, California 90079 Attention: Michael Brown mbrown@thinkbrg.com

With copies to:

Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP 1000 North King Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801 Attention: Andrew Magaziner, Esq.(amagaziner@ycst.com) and S. Alexander Faris, Esq. (afaris@ycst.com)

If to the Agent:

HILCO MERCHANT RESOURCES, LLC c/o Ropes & Gray LLP 191 North Wacker Drive, 32nd Floor Chicago, IL 60606, Attn: Stephen Iacovo (stephen.iacovo@ropesgray.com)

Exhibit B

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	Chapter 11
F21 OPCO, LLC, et al., ¹ Debtors.	Case No. 25 (25-10469 (MFW) (Jointly Administered)
	Ref: Docket No. ——14

INTERIM ORDER AUTHORIZING (I) THE CONDUCT OF THE STORE CLOSING SALES, WITH SUCH SALES TO BE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, AND ENCUMBRANCES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "Motion")² of the Debtors for entry of an interim order (this "Interim Order") (a) authorizing the Debtors, upon entry of the Final Order, to assume the Agency Agreement, (b) authorizing the Debtors to conduct store closing or similar themed sales in accordance with the terms of the Agency Agreement and the Sale Guidelines, with such sales to be free and clear of all liens, claims, and encumbrances, and (c) granting certain related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the

The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: F21 OpCo, LLC (8773); F21 Puerto Rico, LLC (5906); and F21 GiftCo Management, LLC (6412). The Debtors' address for purposes of service in these Chapter 11 Cases is 110 East 9th Street, Suite A500, Los Angeles, CA 90079.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion.

United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and it appearing that proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and upon the record herein; and after due deliberation thereon; and this Court having determined that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest, it is hereby

FOUND, CONCLUDED AND DETERMINED THAT:3

- A. The Debtors' decision to (i) enter into the Agency Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and (ii) perform under and make payments required by the Agency Agreement, is a reasonable exercise of the Debtors' sound business judgment consistent with their fiduciary duties and is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and all other parties in interest.
- B. The Agency Agreement was negotiated, proposed, and entered into by the Agent and the Debtors without collusion, in good faith, and from arm's length bargaining positions.
- C. Time is of the essence in effectuating the Agency Agreement and continuing with the Store Closing Sales contemplated therein without interruption. The conduct of the Store Closing Sales will provide an efficient means for the Debtors to dispose of the Store Closing Assets. The Store Closing Sales under the Agency Agreement must be permitted to continue to maximize the value that the Agent may realize from the Store Closing Sales and the value that the Debtors may realize from assuming the Agency Agreement.

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The findings and conclusions set forth herein constitute this Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7052, made applicable to this proceeding pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9014. To the extent any of the following findings of fact constitute conclusions of law, they are adopted as such. To the extent any of the following conclusions of law constitute findings of fact, they are adopted as such.

- D. The Agent is not an "insider" as that term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code. No common identity of directors or controlling stockholders exists between the Agent and the Debtors.
- E. The Sale Guidelines, as described in the Motion and attached as **Exhibit 2** hereto, are reasonable and appropriate and will maximize the returns on the Store Closing Assets for the benefit of the Debtors' estates and creditors.
- F. The Store Closing Sales, in accordance with the Sale Guidelines and with the assistance of the Agent, will provide an efficient means for the Debtors to liquidate and dispose of the Store Closing Assets as quickly and effectively as possible, and are in the best interests of the Debtors' estates.
- G. The Resolution Procedures are fair and reasonable and comply with applicable law.
- H. The Debtors have represented that, pursuant to the Motion, they are not seeking to either sell or lease personally identifiable information during the course of the Store Closing Sales at the Closing Stores; *provided*, *however*, that the Agent will be authorized to distribute emails and promotional materials to the Debtors' customers consistent with the Debtors' existing policies on the use of consumer information.
- I. No sale, transfer, or other disposition of the Store Closing Assets pursuant to the Agency Agreement or entry into the Agency Agreement will subject the Agent to any liability for claims, obligations or Encumbrances asserted against the Debtors or the Debtors' interests in such Store Closing Assets by reason of such transfer under any laws, including, without limitation, any bulk-transfer laws or any theory of successor or transferee liability, antitrust,

environmental, product line, de facto merger or substantial continuity or similar theories. The Agent is not a successor to the Debtors or their respective estates.

- J. The relief set forth herein is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors and their estates, and the Debtors have demonstrated good, sufficient, and sound business purposes and justifications for the relief approved herein.
- K. The entry of this Interim Order is in the best interest of the Debtors, their estates and creditors, and all other parties in interest herein.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED on an interim basis, as set forth herein.
- 2. All objections to the entry of this Interim Order, to the extent not withdrawn or settled, are overruled.
- 3. The final hearing (the "Final Hearing") on the Motion shall be held on April 15, 2025, at : .mlat 2:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). On or before : _.m.]4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on _____April 8, 2025] (the "Objection **Deadline**"), any objections or responses to entry of a final order on the Motion shall be filed with this Court and served on: (a) the Debtors, 110 East 9th Street, Suite A500, Los Angeles, CA 90079, Attn: Michael Brown (mbrown@thinkbrg.com); (b) the Debtors' proposed counsel, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Rodney Square, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Andrew L. Magaziner, Esq. (amagaziner@ycst.com) and S. Alexander Faris, Esq. (afaris@ycst.com); (c) counsel to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in its capacity as Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, Otterbourg P.C., 230 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10169, Attn: Chad Simon, Esq. (csimon@otterbourg.com) Daniel Fiorillo, and Esq. (dfiorillo@otterbourg.com); (d) counsel to Pathlight Capital LP in its capacity as Prepetition

Term Loan Agent, Riemer & Braunstein LLP, Times Square Tower, Suite 2506, Seven Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Steven E. Fox, Esq. (sfox@riemerlaw.com) and Paul D. Bekker, Esq. (pbekker@riemerlaw.com); (e) counsel to Simon Blackjack Consolidated Holdings, LLC in its capacity as Prepetition Subordinated Loan Agent, (i) Choate Hall & Stewart Two International Place, Boston, MA 02110, Attn: Mark D. Silva, Esq. (msilva@choate.com), Rick Thide, Esq. (rthide@choate.com), and Hampton Foushee, Esq. (hfoushee@choate.com); and (ii) Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, P.C., 824 North Market Street, Suite 800, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Joseph C. Barsalona, Esq. (jbarsalona@pashmanstein.com); and (f) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Jane M. Leamy, Esq. (jane.m.leamy@usdoj.gov). In the event no objections to entry of the Final Order on the Motion are timely received, this Court may enter such Final Order without need for the Final Hearing.

I. EFFECTIVENESS OF AGREEMENT

4. The Agency Agreement is operative and effective on an interim basis. The Debtors are authorized to act and perform in accordance with the terms of the Agency Agreement, including, but not limited to, making payments required by the Agency Agreement to the Agent without the need for any application of the Agent or a further order of this Court. Notwithstanding this or any other provision of this Interim Order, nothing shall prevent or be construed to prevent any of the Agent (individually, as part of a joint venture, or otherwise) or any of their affiliates from bidding on the Debtors' other assets pursuant to an agency agreement or otherwise, and Agent is hereby authorized to bid on and guarantee or otherwise acquire such assets notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law,

provided that such guarantee, transaction or acquisition is approved by separate order of this Court.

5. Subject to the restrictions set forth in this Interim Order and the Sale Guidelines, the Debtors and the Agent are authorized to take any and all actions as may be necessary or desirable to implement the Agency Agreement and the Store Closing Sales, and each of the transactions contemplated by the Agency Agreement.

II. AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE IN THE STORE CLOSING SALES

- 6. The Debtors are authorized, pursuant to sections 105(a) and 363(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, to immediately continue and conduct the Store Closing Sales in accordance with this Interim Order, the Sale Guidelines, the Agency Agreement and any Side Letter (defined below).
 - 7. The Sale Guidelines are approved in their entirety on an interim basis.
- 8. Subject to entry of the Final Order, all entities that are presently in possession of some or all of the Store Closing Assets in which the Debtors hold an interest that are or may be subject to the Agency Agreement or this Interim Order hereby are directed to surrender possession of such Store Closing Assets to the Debtors or the Agent.
- 9. Except as provided herein, neither the Debtors nor the Agent nor any of their officers, employees, or agents shall be required to obtain the approval of any third party, including (without limitation) any Governmental Unit or any Landlord, to conduct the Store Closing Sales and any related activities in accordance with the Sale Guidelines.

III. ORDER BINDING

10. This Interim Order shall be binding upon and shall govern the acts of all entities, including, without limitation, all filing agents, filing officers, title agents, title companies,

recorders of mortgages, recorders of deeds, registrars of deeds, administrative agencies, governmental departments, secretaries of state, federal, state and local officials, and all other persons and entities who may be required by operation of law, the duties of their office, or contract, to accept, file, register or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments, or who may be required to report or insure any title or state of title in or to the Store Closing Assets.

11. This Interim Order and the terms and provisions of the Agency Agreement shall be binding on all of the Debtors' creditors (whether known or unknown), the Debtors, the Agent, and their respective affiliates, successors and assigns, and any affected third parties including, but not limited to, all persons asserting an interest in the Store Closing Assets, notwithstanding any subsequent appointment of any trustee, party, entity or other fiduciary under any section of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the forgoing parties, and as to such trustee, party, entity or other fiduciary, such terms and provisions likewise shall be binding. The provisions of this Interim Order and the terms and provisions of the Agency Agreement, and any actions taken pursuant hereto or thereto shall survive the entry of any order which may be entered confirming or consummating any plan(s) of the Debtors or converting the Debtors' cases from chapter 11 to chapter 7, and the terms and provisions of the Agency Agreement, as well as the rights and interests granted pursuant to this Interim Order and the Agency Agreement, shall continue in these or any superseding cases and shall be binding upon the Debtors, the Agent and their respective successors and permitted assigns, including any trustee or other fiduciary hereafter appointed as a legal representative of the Debtors under chapter 7 or chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Any trustee appointed in this case shall be and hereby is authorized to operate the Debtors' business to the fullest extent necessary to permit compliance with the terms of this Interim Order and the Agency Agreement, and Agent and the trustee shall be and hereby are

authorized to perform under the Agency Agreement upon the appointment of the trustee without the need for further order of this Court.

IV. CONDUCTING THE STORE CLOSING SALES

- 12. Except as otherwise provided in the Agency Agreement, pursuant to section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Agent is authorized to sell all the Store Closing Assets to be sold pursuant to the Agency Agreement free and clear of any and all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests ("Encumbrances"), including, without limitation, the liens and security interests, as the same may have been amended from time to time, of Wells Fargo and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent whether arising by agreement, any statute or otherwise and whether arising before, on or after the date on which these Chapter 11 Cases were commenced; provided, however, that any such Encumbrances shall attach to the proceeds of the sale of the Store Closing Assets with the same validity, in the amount, with the same priority as, and to the same extent that any such liens, claims, and encumbrances have with respect to the Store Closing Assets, subject to (i) the ABL-Term Loan Intercreditor Agreement and (ii) any claims and defenses that the Debtors may possess with respect thereto.
- 13. Other than filings made by Wells Fargo and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent with respect to their liens and security interests in the Store Closing Assets, if any person or entity that has filed financing statements, mortgages, construction or mechanic's liens, lis pendens or other documents or agreement evidencing liens on or interests in the Store Closing Assets shall not have delivered to the Debtors, in proper form for filing and executed by the appropriate parties, termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, or releases of any Encumbrances which the person or entity has with respect to the Store Closing Assets, each such person or entity is hereby directed to deliver all such statements, instruments and releases and the

Debtors and the Agent are hereby authorized to execute and file such statements, instruments, releases and other documents on behalf of the person or entity asserting the same and the Agent is authorized to file a copy of this Interim Order which, upon filing, shall be conclusive evidence of the release and termination of such interest. Each and every federal, state and local governmental unit is hereby directed to accept any and all documents and instruments necessary or appropriate to give effect to the Store Closing Sales and related transactions.

- 14. All newspapers and other advertising media in which the Store Closing Sales may be advertised and all Landlords or licensors, as applicable, of the Closing Stores are directed to accept this Interim Order as binding authority so as to authorize the Debtors and the Agent to conduct the Store Closing Sales and the sale of Store Closing Assets pursuant to the Agency Agreement and the Sale Guidelines, including, without limitation, to conduct and advertise the sale of the Store Closing Assets and the Additional Agent Goods in the manner contemplated by and in accordance with this Interim Order, the Sale Guidelines, and the Agency Agreement.
- 15. Nothing nullifies or enjoins the enforcement of any liability to a Governmental Unit under environmental laws or regulations (or any associated liabilities for penalties, damages, cost recovery, or injunctive relief) that any entity would be subject to as the owner, lessor, lessee, or operator of the property after the date of entry of this Interim Order. Nothing contained in this Interim Order or in the Agency Agreement shall in any way (a) diminish the obligation of any entity to comply with environmental laws, or (b) diminish the obligations of the Debtors to comply with environmental laws consistent with their rights and obligations as debtors in possession under the Bankruptcy Code. Nothing herein shall be construed to be a determination that the Agent is an operator with respect to any environmental law or regulation. Moreover, the sale of the Store Closing Assets shall not be exempt from, and the Debtors and the

Agent shall be required to comply with laws and regulations of general applicability, including, without limitation, public health and safety, criminal, tax, labor, employment, environmental, antitrust, fair competition, traffic and consumer protection laws, including consumer laws regulating deceptive practices and false advertising (collectively, "General Laws"). Nothing in this Interim Order shall alter or affect the Debtors' and Agent's obligations to comply with all applicable federal safety laws and regulations. Nothing in this Interim Order shall be deemed to bar any Governmental Unit from enforcing General Laws in the applicable non-bankruptcy forum, subject to the Debtors' or the Agent's right to assert in that forum or before this Court that any such laws are not in fact General Laws or that such enforcement is impermissible under the Bankruptcy Code, this Interim Order, or otherwise. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Interim Order, no party waives any rights to argue any position with respect to whether the conduct was in compliance with this Interim Order and/or any applicable law, or that enforcement of such applicable law is preempted by the Bankruptcy Code. Nothing in this Interim Order shall be deemed to have made any rulings on any such issues.

- 16. In accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of the Agency Agreement, the Agent shall have the right to use the Closing Stores and all related store services, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and other assets of the Debtors for the purpose of conducting the Store Closing Sales, free and clear of any interference from any entity or person, subject to compliance with the Sale Guidelines (as modified by the Side Letters) and this Interim Order.
- 17. Subject to the Resolution Procedures provided herein, the Debtors and the Agent are hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the Agency Agreement and to conduct the Store Closing Sales without the need for a further order of this Court, including, but not limited to, advertising the sale as a "store closing," "sale on

everything," "everything must go," "liquidation sale," and "going out of business" or similar themed sale through the posting of signs (including the use of exterior banners at non-enclosed mall Closing Stores, and at enclosed mall Closing Stores to the extent the applicable Store entrance does not require entry into the enclosed mall common area), use of sign-walkers, A-frames and other street signage, in accordance with the Interim Order, Agency Agreement, and Sale Guidelines.

- 18. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, and in view of the importance of the use of sign-walkers, banners, and other advertising to the sale of the Store Closing Assets, to the extent that, prior to the Final Hearing, disputes arise during the course of such sale regarding laws regulating the use of sign-walkers, banners or other advertising and the Debtors and the Agent are unable to resolve the matter consensually with a Governmental Unit, any party may request an immediate telephonic hearing with this Court pursuant to these provisions. Such hearing will, to the extent practicable, be scheduled initially no later than the earlier of (a) the Final Hearing or (b) within five (5) business days of such request. This scheduling shall not be deemed to preclude additional hearings for the presentation of evidence or arguments as necessary.
- 19. Except as expressly provided in the Agency Agreement and Sale Guidelines, the sale of the Store Closing Assets shall be conducted by the Debtors and the Agent notwithstanding any restrictive provision of any lease, sublease, license, reciprocal easement agreement, restrictive covenant, or other agreement relative to occupancy affecting or purporting to restrict the conduct of the Store Closing Sales, the rejection of leases or licenses, the necessity of obtaining any third party consents, abandonment of assets, or "going dark" provisions, and such provisions shall not be enforceable in conjunction with the Store Closing Sales. Breach of

any such provisions in these Chapter 11 Cases in conjunction with the Store Closings shall not constitute a default under a lease or provide a basis to terminate the lease. The Agent, along with landlords and licensors, as applicable, of the Closing Stores are authorized to enter into agreements ("Side Letters") between themselves modifying the Sale Guidelines without further order of this Court, and such Side Letters shall be binding as among the Agent and any such landlords or licensors, as applicable, of the Closing Stores, provided that nothing in such Side Letters affects the provisions of paragraphs 15, 17 (solely as it relates to the Resolution Procedures), 18, and 30 of this Interim Order. In the event of any conflict between the Sale Guidelines and any Side Letter, the terms of such Side Letter shall control.

20. Except as expressly provided for herein or in the Sale Guidelines, and except with respect to any Governmental Unit (as to which paragraphs 15 and 30 of this Interim Order shall apply), no person or entity, including, but not limited to, any landlord, licensor, service providers, utilities, and creditor, shall take any action to directly or indirectly prevent, interfere with, or otherwise hinder the continuation of the Store Closing Sales or the sale of Sale Closing Assets, or the advertising and promotion (including the posting of signs and exterior banners or the use of signwalkers) of such sales, and all such parties and persons of every nature and description, including, but not limited to, any landlord, licensor, service providers, utilities, and creditor and all those acting for or on behalf of such parties, are prohibited and enjoined from (a) interfering in any way with, obstructing, or otherwise impeding, the conduct of the Store Closing Sales and/or (b) instituting any action or proceeding in any court (other than in this Court) or administrative body seeking an order or judgment against, among others, the Debtors, the Agent, or the landlords or licensors, as applicable, at the Closing Stores that might in any way directly or indirectly obstruct or otherwise interfere with or adversely affect the conduct of the Store

Closing Sales or sale of the Store Closing Assets or other liquidation sales at the Closing Stores and/or seek to recover damages for breach(es) of covenants or provisions in any lease, sublease, license, or contract based upon any relief authorized herein.

- 21. The Agent shall honor gift cards and gift certificates, that were issued by or on behalf the Debtors prior to the Petition Date through and including April 15, 2025 (the "Gift Card Termination Date"). To the extent not already completed, as soon as reasonably practicable after entry of this Order, the Debtors shall post conspicuous signage at their stores and on their website advising customers that gift cards and gift certificates will not be honored after the Gift Card Termination Date.
- 22. All sales of all Store Closing Assets and the Additional Agent Goods, if any, shall be "as is" and final. Conspicuous signs stating that "all sales are final" and "as is" will be posted at the cash register areas at all Stores. However, all state and federal laws relating to implied warranties for latent defects shall be complied with and are not superseded by the sale of said goods or the use of the terms "as is" or "final sales."
- 23. Except as expressly provided for in the Agency Agreement, nothing in this Interim Order or the Agency Agreement, and none of the Agent's actions taken in respect of the Store Closing Sales shall be deemed to constitute an assumption by Agent of any of the Debtors' obligations relating to any of the Debtors' employees. Moreover, the Agent shall not become liable under any collective bargaining or employment agreement or be deemed a joint or successor employer with respect to such employees.
- 24. The Agent shall not be liable for sales taxes except as expressly provided in the Agency Agreement, and the Debtors remain responsible for the payment of any and all sales taxes. The Debtors are directed to remit all taxes accruing from the Store Closing Sales to the

applicable Governmental Units as and when due, provided that in the case of a bona fide dispute, the Debtors are only directed to pay such taxes upon the resolution of the dispute, if and to the extent that the dispute is decided in favor of the applicable Governmental Unit. For the avoidance of doubt, sales taxes collected and held in trust by the Debtors shall not be used to pay any creditor or any other party, other than the applicable Governmental Unit for which the sales taxes are collected. This Interim Order does not enjoin, suspend, or restrain the assessment, levy, or collection of any tax under state law, and does not constitute a declaratory judgment with respect to any party's liability for taxes under state law.

- 25. To the extent that the Debtors propose to sell Store Closing Assets that may contain any personal and/or confidential information about the Debtors' employees and/or customers (the "Confidential Information"), the Debtors shall remove all such the Confidential Information from such Store Closing Assets before they are sold.
- 26. The Agent is authorized to sell, without incurring liability to any person or entity, the Store Closing Assets in accordance with the terms of this Interim Order, the Agency Agreement and the Sale Guidelines.
- 27. Nothing in this Interim Order shall (a) alter or affect the Debtors' obligations to comply with section 365(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code or (b) alter or modify the rights of any lessor or other counterparty to a lease with the Debtors to file an appropriate motion or otherwise seek appropriate relief if the Debtors fail to comply with section 365(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code; provided that the conduct of the Store Closing Sales in accordance with the Sale Guidelines, as may have been modified by Side Letter, shall not be a violation of section 365(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.

28. During the Store Closing Sales Term, the Agent shall be granted a limited license and right to use the trade names, logos, e-mail lists, mailing lists, customer lists, and e-commerce sites (including (without limitation) websites and social media sites), including a banner on such sites and a store locator to identify the Closing Stores, relating to and used in connection with the operation of the stores as identified in the Agency Agreement, solely for the purpose of advertising the Store Closing Sales in accordance with the terms of the Agency Agreement, this Interim Order, and the Sale Guidelines; *provided, however*, that the Agent shall not receive personally identifiable information from the Debtors.

V. RESOLUTION PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTES REGARDING LIQUIDATION LAWS

- 29. To the extent that the Store Closing Sales at the Closing Stores are conducted in accordance with this Interim Order and the Sale Guidelines, and are therefore conducted under the supervision of this Court, such Store Closing Sales are authorized notwithstanding any federal, state, or local statute, ordinance, rule, or licensing requirement directed at regulating "going out of business," "store closing," similar inventory liquidation sales, bulk sale laws, or fast pay laws, including laws restricting safe, professional and non-deceptive, customary advertising such as signs, banners, posting of signage, and use of sign-walkers in connection with the sale and including ordinances establishing license or permit requirements, waiting periods, time limits or bulk sale restrictions (collectively, the "Liquidation Laws").
- 30. Provided that the Store Closing Sales are conducted in accordance with the terms of this Interim Order, the Agency Agreement and the Sale Guidelines, and in light of the provisions in the laws of many Governmental Units that exempt court-ordered sales from their provisions, the Debtors shall be presumed to be in compliance with any Liquidation Laws and,

subject to paragraphs 15 and 18 herein, are authorized to conduct the Store Closing Sales in accordance with the terms of this Interim Order and the Sale Guidelines without the necessity of further showing compliance with any such Liquidation Laws. To the extent that between the Petition Date and the date of the Final Hearing there is a dispute arising from or relating to the Store Closing Sales, this Interim Order, the Agency Agreement, or the Sale Guidelines, which dispute relates to any Liquidation Sales Laws (a "Liquidation Dispute"), the following procedures shall apply (the "Resolution Procedures"):

- The Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to resolve the Liquidation Dispute which such Liquidation Dispute will be heard at the Final Hearing, absent a party obtaining expedited relief. Nothing in this Interim Order shall constitute a ruling with respect to any issues to be raised with respect to a Liquidation Dispute. Any Governmental Unit may assert a Liquidation Dispute and shall send a notice (the "Dispute Notice") explaining the nature of the dispute to: (i) the Debtors' proposed counsel, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Rodney Square, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Andrew L. Magaziner, Esq. (amagaziner@ycst.com) and S. Alexander Faris (afaris@ycst.com) (iii) counsel to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. in its capacity as Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, Otterbourg P.C., 230 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10169, Attn: Chad Simon, Esq. (csimon@otterbourg.com) and Daniel Fiorillo, Esq. (dfiorillo@otterbourg.com); (iv) counsel to Pathlight Capital LP in its capacity as Prepetition Term Loan Agent, Riemer & Braunstein LLP, Times Square Tower, Suite 2506, Seven Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Steven E. Fox, Esq. (sfox@riemerlaw.com) and Paul D. Bekker, Esq. (pbekker@riemerlaw.com); and (v) counsel to Hilco Merchant Resources, LLC, Ropes & Gray LLP, 191 North Wacker Drive, 32nd Floor. Chicago, IL 60606, Attn: Stephen (stephen.iacovo@ropesgray.com); (vi) counsel to any statutory committee, and (vii) any affected landlord or its counsel, if known, no later than fourteen (14) days following the service of the Interim Order.
- b. If the Debtors, the Agent and the Governmental Unit are unable to resolve the Liquidation Dispute within fourteen (14) days of service of the notice, the aggrieved party may file a motion with this Court requesting that this Court resolve the Liquidation Dispute (a "**Dispute Resolution Motion**").
- c. In the event that a Dispute Resolution Motion is filed, nothing in this Interim Order or the Final Order, as applicable, shall preclude the Debtors, a landlord, or any other interested party from asserting (i) that the provisions of any Liquidation Sale Laws are preempted by the Bankruptcy

Code, or (ii) that neither the terms of this Interim Order or the Final Order nor the conduct of the Debtors pursuant to this Interim Order or the Final Order, violates such Liquidation Laws. Filing a Dispute Resolution Motion as set forth herein shall not be deemed to affect the finality of this Interim Order or the Final Order or to limit or interfere with the Debtors' or the Agent's ability to conduct or to continue to conduct the Store Closing Sales pursuant to this Interim Order or the Final Order, as applicable, absent further order of the Court. Upon the entry of this Interim Order or the Final Order, the Court grants authority for the Debtors and the Agent to conduct the Store Closing Sales pursuant to the terms of this Interim Order or the Final Order, the Agency Agreement, and the Sale Guidelines (as may be modified by Side Letters, as defined below) and to take all actions reasonably related thereto or arising in connection therewith. The Governmental Unit will be entitled to assert any jurisdictional, procedural, or substantive arguments it wishes with respect to the requirements of its Liquidation Laws or the lack of any preemption of such Liquidation Laws by the Bankruptcy Code. Nothing in this Interim Order or the Final Order will constitute a ruling with respect to any issues to be raised in any Dispute Resolution Motion.

31. Within two (2) business days of the entry of this Interim Order, the Debtors shall serve copies of this Interim Order, which includes the Agency Agreement and the Sale Guidelines, by email, facsimile, or regular mail on the Applicable Governmental Units and the Landlords.

VI. SECTIONS 363(m) AND 364(e) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

32. Entry into the Agency Agreement is undertaken by the parties thereto in good faith, as that term is used in sections 363(m) and 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Agent shall be protected by sections 363(m) and 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code in the event that this Interim Order is modified, amended or vacated by subsequent order of the Court or any other court. The modification, amendment or vacatur of the authorization provided herein to enter into the Agency Agreement and consummate the transactions contemplated thereby shall not affect the validity of such transactions (including the enforceability of the Store Closing Sales or the liens or priority authorized or created under the Agency Agreement or this Interim Order solely in

respect of Additional Agent Goods and the proceeds therefrom), unless such authorization is duly stayed pending such appeal. The Agent is entitled to all of the benefits and protections afforded by sections 363(m) and 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code. The transactions contemplated by the Agency Agreement are not subject to avoidance pursuant to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.

VII. ADDITIONAL AGENT GOODS

33. The Agent is authorized to supplement the Merchandise in the Store Closing Sales with Additional Agent Goods; provided, that the Debtors may reasonably object to the inclusion of Additional Agent Goods that are not of like kind and are of lesser quality to the Merchandise in the Store Closing Sales at the Closing Stores, in which case the Debtors and the Agent shall work in good faith to resolve such objection, which resolution may require the exclusion of such Additional Agent Goods subject to the objection; provided, further, that the cost of Additional Agent Goods shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate Cost Value (as defined in the Agency Agreement) of the Merchandise in the Store Closing Sale. The Additional Agent Goods shall be purchased by the Agent as part of the Store Closing Sales and delivered to the Closing Stores at the Agent's sole expense (including as to labor, freight, and insurance relative to shipping such Additional Agent Goods to the Closing Stores). Sales of Additional Agent Goods shall be run through the Debtors' cash register systems; provided, however, that the Agent shall mark the Additional Agent Goods using either a "dummy" SKU or department number, or in such other manner so as to distinguish the sale of Additional Agent Goods from the sale of Merchandise. The Agent and Debtors shall cooperate to ensure that the Additional Agent Goods are marked in such a way that a reasonable consumer could identify the Additional Agent Goods from the Merchandise. The Agent shall provide signage in the Closing

Stores notifying customers that the Additional Agent Goods have been included in the Store Closing Sale.

- 34. All transactions relating to the Additional Agent Goods are, shall be construed as, and are acknowledged by the Debtors to be, a true consignment from the Agent to the Debtors under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code (the "UCC") and not a consignment for security purposes. Subject solely to Agent's obligations to pay to the Debtors the Additional Agent Goods Fee (as defined in the Agency Agreement), at all times and for all purposes the Additional Agent Goods and their proceeds shall be the exclusive property of the Agent, and no other person or entity (including, without limitation, the Debtors, or any third person claiming a security interest in the Debtors' property, including any of the Debtors' secured lenders) shall have any claim against any of the Additional Agent Goods or the proceeds thereof. The Additional Agent Goods shall at all times remain subject to the exclusive control of the Agent. The Debtors shall, at Agent's sole cost and expense, insure the Additional Agent Goods and, if required, promptly file any proofs of loss with regard thereto. The Agent shall be responsible for payment of any deductible under any such insurance in the event of any casualty affecting the Additional Agent Goods.
- 35. The Agent is hereby granted a first priority security interest in and lien upon (a) the Additional Agent Goods and (b) the Additional Agent Goods proceeds, less the Additional Agent Goods Fee, and which security interest shall be deemed perfected without the requirement of filing UCC financing statements or providing notifications to any prior secured parties (provided that the Agent is hereby authorized to deliver all required notices and file all necessary financing statements and amendments thereof under the applicable UCC identifying the Agent's interest in the Additional Agent Goods as consigned goods thereunder and the Debtors as the

consignee therefor, and the Agent's security interest in and lien upon such Additional Agent Goods and the Additional Agent Goods proceeds).

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- 36. Nothing in this Interim Order shall be deemed to constitute a postpetition assumption of any agreement under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 37. Subject to entry of the Final Order, any transfers by the Debtors to the Agent prior to the Petition Date (including, without limitation, any proceeds under the Agency Agreement and the valid, binding, and enforceable security interests granted to the Agent solely in respect of the Additional Agent Goods and the proceeds therefrom (subject to the Agent's payment of the Additional Agent Goods Fee)) are not subject to avoidance.
- 38. No later than seven (7) days prior to the Objection Deadline, the Agent shall file a declaration disclosing connections to the Debtors, their creditors, and other parties in interest in these Chapter 11 Cases, and the Debtors shall serve the same on the U.S. Trustee, any official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in these cases, and all parties who have filed requests for service under Bankruptcy Rule 2002.
- Agreement and related documents by the parties may be made in accordance with the terms thereof without further order of this Court; *provided that* any such modifications, amendment or supplements are not adverse to the Debtors or their estates, the interest of the landlords under the applicable Leases are not adversely affected, or as otherwise ordered by this Court; *provided further that* the Debtors shall provide counsel to Wells Fargo and counsel to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent copies of any such modifications, amendments, or supplements at least two (2) business days prior to the effectiveness thereof, which such modification(s), amendment(s), or

supplement(s) shall be effective unless Wells Fargo or the Prepetition Term Loan Agent delivers a written objection to the Debtors' counsel, with a copy to any statutory committee (email being sufficient) prior to the expiration of such two (2) business day period.

- 40. Neither the Agent nor any of its respective affiliates (whether individually, as part of a joint venture, or otherwise), shall be precluded from providing additional services to the Debtors or bidding on the Debtors' assets in connection with any other future process that may or may not be undertaken by the Debtors to close stores; *provided that* any such services and/or sales are approved by separate order of this Court.
- 41. Nothing contained in any plan confirmed in these Chapter 11 Cases or any order of this Court confirming such plan or in any other order in these Chapter 11 Cases (including any order entered after any conversion of this case to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code) shall alter, conflict with, or derogate from, the provisions of the Agency Agreement or the terms of this Interim Order.
- 42. The Debtors are authorized and permitted to transfer to the Agent personal information in the Debtors' custody and control solely for the purposes of assisting with and conducting the Store Closing Sales and only to the extent necessary for such purposes, *provided* that Agent removes such personal information from the FF&E prior to the abandonment of the same.
- 43. The Agent shall not be liable for any claims against the Debtors, and the Debtors shall not be liable for any claims against Agent, in each case, other than as expressly provided for in the Agency Agreement. The Agent shall have no successor liability whatsoever with respect to any Encumbrances or claims of any nature that may exist against the Debtors, including, without limitation, the Agent shall not be, or to be deemed to be: (a) a successor in

interest or within the meaning of any law, including any revenue, successor liability, pension, labor, ERISA, bulk- transfer, products liability, tax or environmental law, rule or regulation, or any theory of successor or transferee liability, antitrust, environmental, product line, de facto merger or substantial continuity or similar theories; or (b) a joint employer, co-employer or successor employer with the Debtors, and the Agent shall have no obligation to pay the Debtors' wages, bonuses, severance pay, vacation pay, WARN act claims (if any), benefits or any other payments to employees of the Debtors, including pursuant to any collective bargaining agreement, employee pension plan, or otherwise, except as expressly set forth in the Agency Agreement.

- 44. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein and any actions taken hereunder, except with respect to the Agent, nothing contained herein shall create, nor is intended to create, any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of any claim held by, any person.
- 45. Nothing in this Interim Order is intended to affect any rights of any Applicable Governmental Unit to enforce any law affecting the Debtors' conduct of the Store Closing Sales prior to the Petition Date.
- 46. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), to the extent applicable, this Interim Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry hereof.
- 47. The requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) are satisfied because the relief set forth in this Interim Order is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm.
- 48. The Debtors are authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary or appropriate to implement the relief granted in this Interim Order. The failure to specifically include any particular provision of the Agency Agreement in this Interim Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provisions, it being the intent of this Court that the

Agency Agreement and all of its provisions, payments, and transactions, be and hereby are authorized and approved as and to the extent provided for in this Interim Order.

- 49. To the extent that there is any conflict between this Interim Order, the Sale Guidelines, and the Agency Agreement, the terms of this Interim Order shall control over all other documents, and the Sale Guidelines shall control over the Agency Agreement.
- 50. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation or enforcement of this Interim Order.

EXHIBIT 1

Agency Agreement

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EXHIBIT 2

Sale Guidelines

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SALE GUIDELINES¹

- A. The Store Closing Sales shall be conducted so that the Closing Stores in which sales are to occur will remain open no longer than during the normal hours of operation provided for in the respective leases for the Closing Stores.
- B. The Store Closing Sales shall be conducted in accordance with applicable state and local "Blue Laws", where applicable, so that no Store Closing Sales shall be conducted on Sunday unless the Merchant had been operating such Closing Store on a Sunday.
- C. On "shopping center" property, the Agent shall not distribute handbills, leaflets or other written materials to customers outside of any Closing Stores' premises, unless permitted by the lease or, if distribution is customary in the "shopping center" in which such Store is located; *provided* that Agent may solicit customers in the Closing Stores themselves. On "shopping center" property, the Agent shall not use any flashing lights or amplified sound to advertise the Store Closing Sales or solicit customers, except as permitted under the applicable lease or agreed to by the landlord.
- D. The Merchant and the Agent may advertise the Sale as a "store closing" "sale on everything", "everything must go", or similar themed sale, or "going out of business." The Agent may also have a "countdown to closing" sign prominently displayed in a manner consistent with these Sale Guidelines.
- E. Agent shall be permitted to utilize display, hanging signs, and interior banners in connection with the Store Closing Sales; provided, however, that such display, hanging signs, and interior banners shall be professionally produced and hung in a professional manner. The Merchant and the Agent shall not use neon or day-glo on its display, hanging signs, or interior banners. Furthermore, with respect to enclosed mall locations, no exterior signs or signs in common areas of a mall shall be used unless otherwise expressly permitted in these Sale Guidelines. In addition, the Merchant and the Agent shall be permitted to utilize exterior banners at (i) non-enclosed mall Closing Stores and (ii) enclosed mall Closing Stores to the extent the entrance to the applicable Closing Store does not require entry into the enclosed mall common area; provided, however, that such banners shall be located or hung so as to make clear that the Store Closing Sales is being conducted only at the affected Closing Store, shall not be wider than the storefront of the Closing Store. In addition, the Merchant and the Agent shall be permitted to utilize sign walkers and A-frames in a safe and professional manner and in accordance with the terms of the Interim Order. Nothing contained in these Sale Guidelines shall be construed to create or impose upon the Agent any additional restrictions not contained in the applicable lease agreement.
- F. Conspicuous signs shall be posted in the cash register areas of each of the affected Closing Stores to effect that "all sales are final."
- G. Except with respect to the hanging of exterior banners, the Agent shall not make any alterations to the storefront or exterior walls of any Closing Stores, except as authorized by the applicable lease.
- H. The Agent shall not make any alterations to interior or exterior Closing Store lighting, except as authorized by the applicable lease. No property of the landlord of a Closing Store shall be removed or

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Debtors' Motion for Entry of (I) Interim Order Authorizing (A) the Conduct of the Store Closing Sales, With Such Sales to be Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, and Encumbrances and (B) Granting Related Relief, and (II) Final Order Authorizing (A) the Debtors to Assume the Agency Agreement, (B) the Conduct of the Store Closing Sales, With Such Sales to be Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, and Encumbrances, and (C) Granting Related Relief or Agency Agreement, as applicable.

sold during the Store Closing Sales. The hanging of exterior banners or in-store signage and banners shall not constitute an alteration to a Closing Store.

- I. The Agent shall keep Closing Store premises and surrounding areas clear and orderly consistent with present practices.
- J. The Agent, at the direction of the Debtors, and the landlord of any Store are authorized to enter into Side Letters without further order of the Court, provided that such agreements do not have a material adverse effect on the Debtors or their estates.
- K. Subject to the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the Agent shall have the right to sell all furniture, fixtures, and equipment located at the Closing Stores and the corporate office (the "FF&E"). The Agent may advertise the sale of the FF&E in a manner consistent with these guidelines at the Closing Stores and or if the Merchant otherwise agrees, the corporate office. The purchasers of any FF&E sold during the sale shall be permitted to remove the FF&E either through the back shipping areas at any time, or through other areas after Store business hours; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not apply to de minimis FF&E sales made whereby the item(s) can be carried out of the Closing Store in a shopping bag or shopping cart. For the avoidance of doubt, as of the Sale Termination Date, the Agent may abandon, in place and without further responsibility, any FF&E.
- L. The Agent shall be entitled to include Additional Agent Goods in the Store Closing Sales in accordance with the terms of the Interim Order and the Agency Agreement.
- M. At the conclusion of the Store Closing Sales at each Closing Store, pending assumption or rejection of applicable leases, the landlords of the Closing Stores shall have reasonable access to the Closing Stores' premises as set forth in the applicable leases. The Merchant, the Agent and their agents and representatives shall continue to have exclusive and unfettered access to the Closing Stores.
- N. The rights of landlords against Merchant for any damages to a Closing Store shall be reserved in accordance with the provisions of the applicable lease; provided that to the extent certain leases of Closing Stores require written confirmation of receipt of a key to effectuate surrender, this requirement is waived.
- O. If and to the extent that the landlord of any Closing Store affected hereby contends that the Agent or Merchant is in breach of or default under these Sale Guidelines, such landlord shall email or deliver written notice by overnight delivery on the Merchant's counsel and the Agent's counsel as follows:

If to the Merchant:

F21 OpCo, LLC 110 E. 9th Street, Suite A500 Los Angeles, California 90079 Attention: Michael Brown mbrown@thinkbrg.com

With copies to:

Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP 1000 North King Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801 Attention: Andrew Magaziner, Esq.(amagaziner@ycst.com) and S. Alexander Faris, Esq. (afaris@ycst.com)

If to the Agent:

HILCO MERCHANT RESOURCES, LLC c/o Ropes & Gray LLP 191 North Wacker Drive, 32nd Floor Chicago, IL 60606, Attn: Stephen Iacovo (stephen.iacovo@ropesgray.com)