#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

#### FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 2, 2016 (December 2, 2016)

#### **GENESCO INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Tennessee

1-3083

62-0211340

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1415 Murfreesboro Road Nashville, Tennessee (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

37217-2895 (Zip Code)

(615) 367-7000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

#### **Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On December 2, 2016, Genesco Inc. issued a press release announcing results of operations for the fiscal third quarter ended October 29, 2016. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On December 2, 2016, Genesco Inc. also posted on its website, <u>www.genesco.com</u>, commentary by its chief financial officer on the quarterly results. A copy of the commentary is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

In addition to disclosing financial results calculated in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the press release and commentary furnished herewith contain non-GAAP financial measures, including adjusted selling, general and administrative expense, operating earnings, pretax earnings, earnings from continuing operations and earnings per share from continuing operations, as discussed in the text of the release and commentary and as detailed on the reconciliation schedule attached to the press release and commentary. For consistency and ease of comparison with Fiscal 2017's previously announced earnings expectations and the adjusted results for the prior period announced last year, the Company believes that disclosure of the non-GAAP measures will be useful to investors.

### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated December 2, 2016, issued by Genesco Inc.
99.2	Genesco Inc. Third Fiscal Quarter Ended October 29, 2016 Chief Financial Officer's Commentary

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

## GENESCO INC.

Date: December 2, 2016

By: Name: Title: /s/ Roger G. Sisson Roger G. Sisson Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

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## **GENESCO REPORTS THIRD QUARTER FISCAL 2017 RESULTS**

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 2, 2016 --- Genesco Inc. (NYSE:GCO) today reported earnings from continuing operations for the third quarter ended October 29, 2016, of \$25.9 million, or \$1.30 per diluted share, compared to earnings from continuing operations of \$32.9 million, or \$1.43 per diluted share, for the third quarter ended October 31, 2015. Fiscal 2017 third quarter results reflect pretax items of \$0.6 million, or \$0.02 per diluted share after tax, for asset impairment charges, offset by \$0.8 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, from a lower than normal tax rate due to the release of tax reserves and other items. Fiscal 2016 third quarter results reflect pretax items of \$0.2 million, or \$0.00 per diluted share after tax, for network intrusion expenses and asset impairment charges, offset by \$0.7 million, or \$0.03 per diluted share, from a lower than normal tax rate due to the release of valuation allowances.

Adjusted for the items described above in both periods, earnings from continuing operations were \$25.5 million, or \$1.28 per diluted share, for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017, compared to earnings from continuing operations of \$32.2 million, or \$1.40 per diluted share, for the third quarter of Fiscal 2016. For consistency with Fiscal 2017's previously announced earnings expectations and with previously reported adjusted results for the prior year period, the Company believes that the disclosure of the results from continuing operations adjusted for these items will be useful to investors. A reconciliation of earnings and earnings per share from continuing operations in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles with the adjusted earnings and earnings per share numbers presented in this paragraph is set forth on Schedule B to this press release.

Net sales for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 decreased 8% to \$711 million from \$774 million in the third quarter of Fiscal 2016, reflecting the sale of the Lids Team Sports business in the fourth quarter of last year and a decrease of approximately 3% in sales from businesses operated during both periods. Consolidated third quarter 2017 comparable sales, including same store sales and comparable e-commerce and catalog sales, decreased 3%, with an 8% decrease in the Journeys Group, a 2% increase in the Lids Sports Group, flat comparable sales in the Schuh Group, and a 1% increase in the Johnston & Murphy Group. Comparable sales for the Company reflected a 4% decrease in same store sales and a 7% increase in e-commerce sales.

Robert J. Dennis, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Genesco, said, "Consolidated comparable sales for the third quarter came in ahead of our expectations, thanks to better than expected sales at the Lids Sports Group and Schuh Group. Our top-line performance, effective management of selling costs, and share repurchases made during the quarter allowed us to deliver earnings per share ahead of expectations. We were able to offset some of the bottom line pressure caused by negative expense leverage on lower sales versus last year through gross margin expansion, primarily a significant increase in the Lids Sports Group.

"Fourth quarter consolidated comparable sales were -2% through November 29, 2016. The strong positive impact of the World Series on the Lids Sports Group's sales has offset weaker comps in the rest of our businesses so far during the quarter. While we expect the Cubs' victory to continue to drive sales through the balance of the quarter, it will have less impact than the gains immediately following the Series.

"Our outlook going forward takes into account the better than expected third quarter performance and positive effect of the World Series win. This is offset, primarily by expectations for a more challenging fourth quarter at Journeys due to unseasonably warmer weather that has hurt sales and the continued impact of the fashion shift that began to affect Journeys' sales in the second quarter. Thus, we are reiterating expectations for adjusted diluted earnings per share for the fiscal year ending January 28, 2017, in the range of \$3.80 to \$4.00." Consistent with previous guidance, these expectations do not include expected non-cash asset impairments and other charges, net of the gain on a litigation settlement and gain on the sale of Lids Team Sports, estimated in the range of a \$1.8 million pretax gain to a \$0.8 million pretax charge, or \$(0.06) to \$0.03 per share after tax, for the full fiscal year. This guidance assumes a comparable sales decrease in the 2% to 3% range for the full year. A reconciliation of the adjusted financial measures cited in the guidance to their corresponding measures as reported pursuant to U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles is included in Schedule B to this press release.

Dennis concluded, "While the headwinds for Journeys are likely to continue in the near term, we have made purchase commitments for spring product that reflect the shift in fashion, which we believe should reverse the negative trend. Beyond that, we remain confident in the strategic positioning of all our retail businesses and believe that the Company's long-term competitive advantages will drive improved profitability and greater shareholder value."

#### **Conference Call and Management Commentary**

The Company has posted detailed financial commentary in writing on its website, <u>www.genesco.com</u>, in the investor relations section. The Company's live conference call on December 2, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. (Central time), may be accessed through the Company's internet website, <u>www.genesco.com</u>. To listen live, please go to the website at least 15 minutes early to register, download and install any necessary software.

#### **Cautionary Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

This release contains forward-looking statements, including those regarding the performance outlook for the Company and its individual businesses (including, without limitation, sales, expenses, margins and earnings) and all other statements not addressing solely historical facts or present conditions. Actual results could vary materially from the expectations reflected in these statements. A number of factors could cause differences. These include adjustments to estimates reflected in forward-looking statements, including the level and timing of promotional activity necessary to maintain inventories at appropriate levels; the timing and amount of non-cash asset impairments related to retail store fixed assets and intangible assets of acquired businesses; the effectiveness of the Company's omnichannel initiatives; costs associated with changes in minimum wage and overtime requirements; the level of chargebacks from credit card users for fraudulent purchases or other reasons; weakness in the consumer economy and retail industry; competition in the Company's markets; fashion trends that affect the sales or product margins of the Company's retail product offerings; weakness in shopping mall traffic and challenges to the viability of malls where the Company operates stores, related to planned closings of department stores or other factors; changes in buying patterns by significant wholesale customers: bankruptcies or deterioration in financial condition of significant wholesale customers or the inability of wholesale customers or consumers to obtain credit; disruptions in product supply or distribution; unfavorable trends in fuel costs, foreign exchange rates, foreign labor and material costs, and other factors affecting the cost of products; the effects of the British decision to exit the European Union, including potential effects on consumer demand, currency exchange rates, and the supply chain; the Company's ability to continue to complete and integrate acquisitions, expand its business and diversify its product base; changes in the timing of holidays or in the onset of seasonal weather affecting period-to-period sales comparisons; and the

performance of athletic teams, the participants in major sporting events such as the Super Bowl and World Series, developments with respect to certain individual athletes, and other sports-related events or changes that may affect period-to-period comparisons in the Company's Lids Sports Group retail businesses. Additional factors that could affect the Company's prospects and cause differences from expectations include the ability to build, open, staff and support additional retail stores and to renew leases in existing stores and control occupancy costs, and to conduct required remodeling or refurbishment on schedule and at expected expense levels; deterioration in the performance of individual businesses or of the Company's market value relative to its book value, resulting in impairments of fixed assets or intangible assets or other adverse financial consequences; unexpected changes to the market for the Company's shares; variations from expected pension-related charges caused by conditions in the financial markets; disruptions in the Company's information technology systems either by security breaches and incidents or by potential problems associated with the implementation of new or upgraded systems; and the cost and outcome of litigation, investigations and environmental matters involving the Company. Additional factors are cited in the "Risk Factors," "Legal Proceedings" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" sections of, and elsewhere in, our SEC filings, copies of which may be obtained from the SEC website, <u>www.sec.gov</u>, or by contacting the investor relations department of Genesco via our website, www.genesco.com. Many of the factors that will determine the outcome of the subject matter of this release are beyond Genesco's ability to control or predict. Genesco undertakes no obligation to release publicly the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements that may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Forward-looking statements reflect the expectations of the Company at the time they are made. The Company disclaims any obligation to update such statements.

#### About Genesco Inc.

Genesco Inc., a Nashville-based specialty retailer, sells footwear, headwear, sports apparel and accessories in more than 2,800 retail stores and leased departments throughout the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and Germany, principally under the names Journeys, Journeys Kidz, Shi by Journeys, Schuh, Schuh Kids, Little Burgundy, Lids, Locker Room by Lids, Lids Clubhouse, Johnston & Murphy, and on internet websites www.journeys.com, www.journeyskidz.com, www.shibyjourneys.com, www.schuh.co.uk, www.littleburgundyshoes.com, www.johnstonmurphy.com, www.lids.com, www.lids.ca, www.lidslockerroom.com, www.lidsclubhouse.com, http://shop.neweracap.com, www.trask.com, www.suregripfootwear.com and www.dockersshoes.com. The Company's Lids Sports Group division operates the Lids headwear stores, the Locker Room by Lids and other team sports fan shops and single team clubhouse stores. In addition, Genesco sells wholesale footwear under its Johnston & Murphy brand, the Trask brand, the licensed Dockers brand, G.H. Bass & Co., SureGrip, and other brands. For more information on Genesco and its operating divisions, please visit www.genesco.com.

# **GENESCO INC.**

## **Consolidated Earnings Summary**

		Three	M	onths Ended	Nine Months Ended					
	October 29,		October 31,		October 29,			October 31,		
In Thousands		2016		2015		2016		2015		
Net sales	\$	710,822	\$	773,898	\$	1,985,172	\$	2,090,020		
Cost of sales		355,187		400,012		985,103		1,069,710		
Selling and administrative expenses*		314,698		321,685		925,603		935,540		
Asset impairments and other, net		589		151		(3,799)		3,970		
Earnings from operations		40,348		52,050		78,265		80,800		
Gain on sale of Lids Team Sports		_		—		(2,485)		—		
Interest expense, net		1,488		1,330		3,931		2,903		
Earnings from continuing operations										
before income taxes		38,860		50,720		76,819		77,897		
Income tax expense		12,912		17,865		25,803		27,504		
Earnings from continuing operations		25,948		32,855		51,016		50,393		
Provision for discontinued operations		(53)		(348)		(133)		(488)		
Net Earnings	\$	25,895	\$	32,507	\$	50,883	\$	49,905		

\*Includes \$1.5 million in deferred payments related to the Schuh acquisition in the first nine months ended October 31, 2015.

# **Earnings Per Share Information**

		Three	e M	onths Ended	Nine Months Endee						
	October 29,			October 31,		October 29,		October 31,			
In Thousands (except per share amounts)		2016		2015		2016		2015			
Average common shares - Basic EPS		19,912		22,834		20,307		23,308			
Basic earnings per share:											
From continuing operations	\$	1.30	\$	1.44	\$	2.51	\$	2.16			
Net earnings	\$	1.30	\$	1.42	\$	2.51	\$	2.14			
Average common and common											
equivalent shares - Diluted EPS		19,962		22,917		20,399		23,436			
Diluted earnings per share:											
From continuing operations	\$	1.30	\$	1.43	\$	2.50	\$	2.15			
Net earnings	\$	1.30	\$	1.42	\$	2.49	\$	2.13			
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Three Months Ended Nine Months Ended												
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	October 29,		(	October 31,	(	October 29,		October 31,				
In Thousands		2016		2015		2016		2015				
Sales:												
Journeys Group	\$	314,159	\$	321,996	\$	860,514	\$	847,805				
Schuh Group		90,087		101,644		262,717		283,410				
Lids Sports Group		200,279		246,967		568,567		675,514				
Johnston & Murphy Group		72,115		70,416		207,241		197,600				
Licensed Brands		34,058		32,599		85,624		85,118				
Corporate and Other		124		276		509		573				
Net Sales	\$	710,822	\$	773,898	\$	1,985,172	\$	2,090,020				
Operating Income (Loss):												
Journeys Group	\$	25,656	\$	38,944	\$	49,757	\$	72,594				
Schuh Group (1)		6,615		8,649		9,647		10,880				
Lids Sports Group		8,173		4,704		21,342		6,900				
Johnston & Murphy Group		4,922		4,637		12,019		9,460				
Licensed Brands		2,689		3,345		4,776		7,526				
Corporate and Other (2)		(7,707)		(8,229)		(19,276)		(26,560)				
Earnings from operations		40,348		52,050		78,265		80,800				
Gain on sale of Lids Team Sports		_		_		(2,485)		_				
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Provision for discontinued operations		(53)		(348)		(133)		(488)				
Net Earnings	\$	25,895	\$	32,507	\$	50,883	\$	49,905				

(1)Includes \$1.5 million in deferred payments related to the Schuh acquisition in the first nine months ended October 31, 2015.

(2)Includes a \$0.6 million charge in the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 for asset impairments. Includes a \$3.8 million gain for the first nine months of Fiscal 2017 which includes an \$8.9 million gain for network intrusion expenses as a result of a litigation settlement, partially offset by \$5.0 million for asset impairments and \$0.1 million for other legal matters.

Includes a \$0.2 million charge in the third quarter of Fiscal 2016 which includes \$0.1 million for asset impairments and \$0.1 million for network intrusion expenses. Includes a \$4.0 million charge for the first nine months of Fiscal 2016 which includes \$2.1 million for network intrusion expenses, \$1.8 million for asset impairments and \$0.1 million for other legal matters.

# **GENESCO INC.**

## **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

	October 29,	October 31,
In Thousands	2016	2015
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 30,520	\$ 28,148
Accounts receivable	55,109	82,136
Inventories	719,975	779,895
Other current assets	88,969	96,912
Total current assets	894,573	987,091
Property and equipment	321,780	322,069
Goodwill and other intangibles	355,512	390,733
Other non-current assets	24,559	43,447
Total Assets	\$ 1,596,424	\$ 1,743,340
Liabilities and Equity		
Accounts payable	\$ 247,282	\$ 270,951
Current portion long-term debt	12,172	15,437
Other current liabilities	112,826	148,220
Total current liabilities	372,280	434,608
Long-term debt	214,076	199,327
Pension liability	9,283	21,441
Deferred rent and other long-term liabilities	135,052	157,601
Equity	865,733	930,363
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,596,424	\$ 1,743,340

# **GENESCO INC.**

Retail Units Operated - Nine Months Ended October 29, 2016												
	Balance	Acqui-		Balance								
	1/31/2015	sitions	Open	Close	1/30/2016	Open	Close	10/29/2016				
Journeys Group	1,182	37	29	26	1,222	32	17	1,237				
Journeys	834	_	13	5	842	13	8	847				
Underground by												
Journeys	110	—		12	98	—	2	96				
Journeys Kidz	189		16	5	200	19	1	218				
Shi by Journeys	49	_	_	3	46	_	6	40				
Little Burgundy	_	37		1	36	_	_	36				
Schuh Group	108	_	17	_	125	5	4	126				
Lids Sports Group*	1,364		27	59	1,332	13	78	1,267				
Johnston & Murphy												
Group	170		8	5	173	6	3	176				
Shops	105		3	5	103	4	2	105				
Factory Outlets	65	—	5	_	70	2	1	71				
Total Retail Units	2,824	37	81	90	2,852	56	102	2,806				

#### Retail Units Operated - Three Months Ended October 29, 2016

	Balance	Acqui-			Balance
	7/30/2016	sitions	Open	Close	10/29/2016
Journeys Group	1,230	_	15	8	1,237
Journeys	846	_	4	3	847
Underground by					
Journeys	96	_	_	_	96
Journeys Kidz	208	_	11	1	218
Shi by Journeys	44	_	_	4	40
Little Burgundy	36		_	_	36
Schuh Group	126		1	1	126
Lids Sports Group*	1,275		6	14	1,267
Johnston & Murphy Group	174		2	_	176
Shops	104		1	_	105
Factory Outlets	70	_	1	_	71
Total Retail Units	2,805	_	24	23	2,806

\*Includes 151 Locker Room by Lids in Macy's stores as of October 29, 2016.

#### Comparable Sales (including same store and comparable direct sales)

	Three M	Months Ended	Nine N	Aonths Ended
	October	(	October	
	29,	October 31,	29,	October 31,
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Journeys Group	(8)%	6%	(4)%	5%
Schuh Group	— %	2%	(2)%	5%
Lids Sports Group	2 %	12%	1 %	8%
Johnston & Murphy Group	1 %	5%	3 %	6%
Total Comparable Sales	(3)%	7%	(1)%	6%

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Adjustments to Reported Earnings from Continuing Operations

Three Months Ended October 29, 2016 and October 31, 2015

	Three Months Ended								
		Octo	ober 29, 2	2016		(	L, 201	15	
			Net of	Pe	r Share		Net of	]	Per share
In Thousands (except per share amounts)	Pı	retax	Tax	Aı	nounts	Pretax	Tax		Amounts
Earnings from continuing operations, as reported		\$	25,948	\$	1.30		\$ 32,85	5\$	1.43
Pretax adjustments:									
Impairment charges	\$	579	383		0.02	\$ 82	4	8	_
Network intrusion expenses		10	6		—	69	3	9	—
Total adjustments	\$	589	389		0.02	\$ 151	8	7	_
Resolution of income tax matters and other items			(789)	)	(0.04)		(74	.9)	(0.03)
Adjusted earnings from continuing operations (1) & (2)		\$	25,548	\$	1.28		\$ 32,19	3\$	1.40

(1) The adjusted tax rate for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 is 35.2% excluding a FIN 48 discrete item of less than \$0.1 million. The adjusted tax rate for the third quarter of Fiscal 2016 is 36.7% excluding a FIN 48 discrete item of less than \$0.1 million.

(2) EPS reflects 20.0 and 22.9 million share count for Fiscal 2017 and 2016, which includes common stock equivalents in both years.

The Company believes that disclosure of earnings and earnings per share from continuing operations adjusted for the items not reflected in the previously announced expectations will be meaningful to investors, especially in light of the impact of such items on the results.

### Genesco Inc. Adjustments to Reported Operating Income Three Months Ended October 29, 2016 and October 31, 2015

	Three Months Ended October 29, 2016								
	0	perating		Adj Operating					
In Thousands	]	ncome	Other Adj	Income					
Journeys Group	\$	25,656	\$ _\$	25,656					
Schuh Group		6,615	—	6,615					
Lids Sports Group		8,173	—	8,173					
Johnston & Murphy Group		4,922	—	4,922					
Licensed Brands		2,689	—	2,689					
Corporate and Other		(7,707)	589	(7,118)					
Total Operating Income	\$	40,348	\$ 589 \$	40,937					

Three Months Ended October 31, 2015

	Operating		A	dj Operating
In Thousands	 Income	Other Adj		Income
Journeys Group	\$ 38,944	\$ —	- \$	38,944
Schuh Group	8,649	_	_	8,649
Lids Sports Group	4,704	_	_	4,704
Johnston & Murphy Group	4,637	_	_	4,637
Licensed Brands	3,345	_	_	3,345
Corporate and Other	(8,229)	153	1	(8,078)
Total Operating Income	\$ 52,050	\$ 153	1\$	52,201

#### Genesco Inc.

#### Adjustments to Reported Earnings from Continuing Operations Nine Months Ended October 29, 2016 and October 31, 2015

	Nine Months Ended											
		0	cto	ber 29, 2	2016	6	October 31, 202			2015		
				Net of	Pe	er Share				Net of	Pe	er share
In Thousands (except per share amounts)	]	Pretax		Tax	A	mounts	Pre	tax		Tax	A	mounts
Earnings from continuing operations, as reported			\$	51,016	\$	2.50			\$	50,393	\$	2.15
Pretax adjustments:												
Impairment charges	\$	5,032		3,253		0.16	\$1	,779		1,129		0.05
Deferred payment - Schuh acquisition		_		_		_	1	,490		1,490		0.06
Sale of Lids Team Sports		(2,485)		(1,602)		(0.08)		_		_		—
Other legal matters		90		57		_		118		75		—
Network intrusion expenses		(8,921)		(5,750)		(0.28)	2	,073		1,316		0.06
Total adjustments	\$	(6,284)		(4,042)		(0.20)	\$5	,460		4,010		0.17
Resolution of income tax matters and other items				(1,555)		(0.07)				(1,561)		(0.07)
Adjusted earnings from continuing operations (1) & (2)			\$	45,419	\$	2.23			\$	52,842	\$	2.25

(1) The adjusted tax rate for the first nine months of Fiscal 2017 is 35.4% excluding a FIN 48 discrete item of \$0.2 million. The adjusted tax rate for the first nine months of Fiscal 2016 is 36.5% excluding a FIN 48 discrete item of less than \$0.1 million.

(2) EPS reflects 20.4 and 23.4 million share count for Fiscal 2017 and 2016, which includes common stock equivalents in both years.

The Company believes that disclosure of earnings and earnings per share from continuing operations adjusted for the items not reflected in the previously announced expectations will be meaningful to investors, especially in light of the impact of such items on the results.

### Genesco Inc. Adjustments to Reported Operating Income Nine Months Ended October 29, 2016 and October 31, 2015

	Nine Months Ended October 29, 2016						
	С	perating			Adj Operating		
In Thousands		Income	Othe	er Adj	Income		
Journeys Group	\$	<b>49,</b> 757	\$	_ 4	<b>49,7</b> 57		
Schuh Group		9,647		_	9,647		
Lids Sports Group		21,342		_	21,342		
Johnston & Murphy Group		12,019		_	12,019		
Licensed Brands		4,776		_	4,776		
Corporate and Other		(19,276)		(3,799)	(23,075)		
Total Operating Income	\$	78,265	\$	(3,799) \$	5 74,466		

	Nine Months Ended October 31, 2015				
					Adj
	C	Operating			Operating
In Thousands		Income	(	Other Adj	Income
Journeys Group	\$	72,594	\$	— \$	72,594
Schuh Group*		10,880		1,490	12,370
Lids Sports Group		6,900		_	6,900
Johnston & Murphy Group		9,460		_	9,460
Licensed Brands		7,526		_	7,526
Corporate and Other		(26,560)	)	3,970	(22,590)
Total Operating Income	\$	80,800	\$	5,460 \$	86,260

\*Schuh Group adjustments include \$1.5 million in deferred purchase price payments.

#### Genesco Inc. Adjustments to Forecasted Earnings from Continuing Operations Fiscal Year Ending January 28, 2017

In Thousands (except per share amounts)	High Guidance Fiscal 2017		Low Guidan Fiscal 2017		
Forecasted earnings from continuing operations	\$	81,747 \$	4.06 \$	75,998 \$	3.77
Adjustments: (1)					
Gain on sale of Lids Team Sports		(1,593)	(0.08)	(1,593)	(0.08)
Pension settlement		962	0.05	1,923	0.10
Asset impairment and other charges*		(553)	(0.03)	169	0.01
Adjusted forecasted earnings from continuing operations (2)	\$	80,563 \$	4.00 \$	76,497 \$	3.80

\*Includes a \$9.0 million litigation settlement gain in the second quarter this year.

(1) All adjustments are net of tax where applicable. The forecasted tax rate for Fiscal 2017 is approximately 35.9%.

(2) EPS reflects 20.2 million share count for Fiscal 2017 which includes common stock equivalents.

This reconciliation reflects estimates and current expectations of future results. Actual results may vary materially from these expectations and estimates, for reasons including those included in the discussion of forward-looking statements elsewhere in this release. The Company disclaims any obligation to update such expectations and estimates.

### GENESCO INC. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S COMMENTARY FISCAL YEAR 2017 THIRD QUARTER ENDED OCTOBER 29, 2016

#### **Consolidated Results**

#### Third Quarter

#### <u>Sales</u>

Third quarter net sales decreased 8.2% to \$711 million in Fiscal 2017 from \$774 million in Fiscal 2016 reflecting the sale of the Lids Team Sports business in the fourth quarter of last year and a decrease of approximately 3% in sales from businesses operated during both periods. Comparable sales for Genesco and each of its business segments, including both same store sales and comparable sales from the Company's direct (e-commerce and catalog) businesses for the quarter, were as follows:

Comparable Sales								
	3rd Qtr	3rd Qtr						
Same Store and Comparable Direct Sales:	FY17	FY16						
Journeys Group	(8)%	6%						
Schuh Group	0%	2%						
Lids Sports Group	2%	12%						
Johnston & Murphy Group	1%	5%						
Total Genesco	(3)%	7%						
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The Company's same store sales decreased 4% and comparable direct sales increased 7% for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 compared to a 6% increase and 25% increase, respectively, in the same period last year.

Combined comparable sales for the fourth quarter through November 29, 2016 decreased 2%.

#### **Gross Margin**

Third quarter gross margin was 50.0% this year compared with 48.3% last year, primarily due to higher gross margin in Lids Sports Group, reflecting the sale of Lids Team Sports and a lower level of promotions in the retail business, and to a lesser extent, higher gross margin in Johnston & Murphy Group, partially offset by decreased gross margin in the other businesses.

#### SG&A

Selling and administrative expense for the third quarter this year was 44.3% compared to 41.6% of sales last year. The increase in expenses as a percentage of sales reflects increased expenses in all of the Company's business segments. In addition, last year's third quarter expenses included Lids Team Sports which operated at a lower level of expense than the retail businesses.

#### **Asset Impairment and Other Items**

The asset impairment and other charge of \$0.6 million for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 included only asset impairments. The previous year's third quarter asset impairment and other charge of \$0.2 million included asset impairments of \$0.1 million and network intrusion expenses of \$0.1 million. The asset impairment and other charge are referred to as "Excluded Items" in the discussion below.

#### **Operating Income**

Genesco's operating income for the third quarter was \$40.3 million this year compared with \$52.1 million last year. Adjusted for the Excluded Items in both periods, operating income for the third quarter was \$40.9 million this year compared with \$52.2 million last year. Adjusted operating margin was 5.8% of sales in the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 and 6.7% last year. A reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measure is posted on the company's website in conjunction with this document.

#### Interest Expense

Net interest expense for the quarter was \$1.5 million, compared with \$1.3 million for the same period last year. Net interest expense increased in the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 primarily because of increased revolver borrowings compared to the previous year as a result of the Little Burgundy acquisition in the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2016.

#### **Pretax Earnings**

Pretax earnings for the quarter were \$38.9 million in Fiscal 2017 and \$50.7 million last year. Adjusted for the Excluded Items in both years, pretax earnings for the quarter were \$39.4 million in Fiscal 2017 compared to \$50.9 million last year. A reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measure is posted on the company's website in conjunction with this document.

#### <u>Taxes</u>

The effective tax rate for the quarter was 33.2% in Fiscal 2017 compared to 35.2% last year. The adjusted tax rate, reflecting the exclusion of the Excluded Items, was 35.2% in Fiscal 2017 compared to 36.7% last year. The lower adjusted tax rate for this year was due to the work opportunity tax credit in Fiscal 2017 which was in place earlier this year than it was in Fiscal 2016 and changes in the U.K. tax rate.

#### **Earnings From Continuing Operations After Taxes**

Earnings from continuing operations were \$25.9 million, or \$1.30 per diluted share, in the third quarter of Fiscal 2017, compared to earnings of \$32.9 million, or \$1.43 per diluted share, in the third quarter last year. Adjusted for the Excluded Items in both periods, third quarter earnings from continuing operations were \$25.5 million, or \$1.28 per diluted share in Fiscal 2017, compared with \$32.2 million, or \$1.40 per diluted share, last year. A reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measure is posted on the company's website in conjunction with this document.

#### Segment Results

#### Lids Sports Group

Lids Sports Group's sales for the third quarter decreased 18.9% to \$200 million from \$247 million last year. Almost all of the decline in sales is due to the sale of the Lids Team Sports business, which was sold in the fourth quarter last year. The rest is due to closed stores.

Comparable sales, including both same store and comparable direct sales, increased 2% this year compared to a 12% increase last year. Combined comparable sales for the fourth quarter through November 29, 2016 increased 15%.

The Group's gross margin as a percent of sales increased 790 basis points with about one-half of the improvement due to the sale of Lids Team Sports which had lower margins. The remaining improvement in retail was driven mostly by decreased promotional activity but also by decreased shipping and warehouse expense.

SG&A expense as a percent of sales increased 570 basis points, due to the sale of Lids Team Sports which had lower SG&A expense. SG&A expense in the remaining retail businesses was not able to leverage due to increased store-related expenses, primarily credit card expenses and freight from the stores to customers, and increased bonus expense in non-store related expenses.

The Group's third quarter operating earnings for Fiscal 2017 were \$8.2 million, or 4.1% of sales, up from earnings of \$4.7 million, or 1.9% of sales, last year.

#### Journeys Group

Journeys Group's sales for the quarter decreased 2.4% to \$314 million from \$322 million last year, including the acquisition of Little Burgundy in the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2016.

Combined comparable sales decreased 8% for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 compared with a 6% increase last year. Combined comparable sales for the fourth quarter through November 29, 2016 decreased 12%.

Gross margin for the Journeys Group decreased 120 basis points in the quarter due primarily to higher markdowns.

The Journeys Group's SG&A expense increased 270 basis points as a percent of sales for the third quarter, reflecting increased store related expenses, primarily increased occupancy and advertising expenses and credit card expenses.

The Journeys Group's operating income for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 was \$25.7 million, or 8.2% of sales, compared to \$38.9 million, or 12.1% of sales, last year.

#### Schuh Group

Schuh Group's sales in the third quarter were \$90 million, compared to \$102 million last year, a decrease of 11.4%. Schuh Group's sales were impacted by declines in exchange rates which decreased sales \$16.0 million in the third quarter this year compared to the same period last year. Total comparable sales were flat compared to a 2% increase last year. Combined comparable sales for the fourth quarter through November 29, 2016 decreased 6%.

Schuh Group's gross margin decreased 110 basis points in the quarter due primarily to changes in sales mix and more promotional activity. Schuh Group's SG&A expense increased 20 basis points reflecting increased store related expenses, primarily increased occupancy, and bonus expenses, mostly offset by foreign exchange gains.

Schuh Group's operating income for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 was \$6.6 million, or 7.3% of sales compared with \$8.6 million, or 8.5% of sales last year. Schuh Group's operating income was negatively impacted by \$1.5 million due to the decline in foreign exchange rates.

#### Johnston & Murphy Group

Johnston & Murphy Group's third quarter sales increased 2.4%, to \$72 million, compared to \$70 million in the third quarter last year.

Johnston & Murphy Group's wholesale sales increased 3% for the quarter. Combined comparable sales increased 1% for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 compared to 5% last year. Combined comparable sales for the fourth quarter through November 29, 2016 were flat.

Johnston & Murphy's gross margin for the Group increased 100 basis points in the quarter primarily due to lower markdowns and lower expense to deliver product. SG&A expense as a percent of sales increased 80 basis points, due to increased store-related expenses, primarily occupancy and advertising expenses.

The Group's operating income for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 was \$4.9 million or 6.8% of sales, compared to \$4.6 million, or 6.6% of sales last year.

#### **Licensed Brands**

Licensed Brands' sales increased 4.5% to \$34 million in the third quarter of Fiscal 2017, compared to \$33 million in the third quarter last year. Gross margin was down 150 basis points reflecting lower initial margins.

SG&A expense as a percent of sales was up 80 basis points primarily due to increased freight expenses and shipping and warehouse expenses.

Operating income for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 was \$2.7 million or 7.9% of sales, compared with \$3.3 million, or 10.3% of sales, last year.

#### <u>Corporate</u>

Corporate expense was \$7.7 million or 1.1% of sales for the third quarter of Fiscal 2017, compared with \$8.2 million or 1.1% of sales, last year. Adjusted for the applicable Excluded Items, corporate expenses were \$7.1 million this year compared to \$8.1 million last year, primarily due to decreased bonus accruals and decreased foreign exchange losses. A reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures is posted on the Company's website in conjunction with this document.

#### **Balance Sheet**

#### <u>Cash</u>

Cash at the end of the third quarter was \$31 million compared with \$28 million last year. We ended the quarter with \$40 million in U.K. debt, compared with \$66 million in U.K. debt last year. Domestic

revolver borrowings were \$186 million at the end of the third quarter this year compared to \$149 million for the third quarter last year. The domestic revolver borrowings included \$19 million related to Genesco (UK) Limited, \$36 million related to GCO Canada and \$131 million in U.S. dollar borrowings at the end of the third quarter of Fiscal 2017.

We repurchased 747,000 shares in the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 for a cost of \$39.8 million at an average price of \$53.34. We repurchased 1,708,000 shares in the third quarter of Fiscal 2016 at a cost of \$101.5 million at an average price of \$59.45. We currently have \$40 million remaining under the most recent buyback authorization.

#### **Inventory**

Inventories decreased 8% in the third quarter of Fiscal 2017 on a year-over-year basis. Retail inventory per square foot decreased 6%.

#### **Capital Expenditures and Store Count**

For the third quarter, capital expenditures were \$25 million and depreciation and amortization was \$19 million. During the quarter, we opened 24 new stores and closed 23 stores. Excluding Locker Room by Lids in Macy's stores, we ended the quarter with 2,655 stores compared with 2,630 stores at the end of the third quarter last year, or an increase of 1%. Square footage increased 2% on a year-over-year basis, including the Macy's locations and increased 3% excluding them. The store count as of October 29, 2016 included:

Lids stores (including 112 stores in Canada)	898
Lids Locker Room Stores (including 36 stores in Canada)	191
Lids Clubhouse stores	27
Journeys stores (including 42 stores in Canada)	847
Little Burgundy	36
Journeys Kidz stores	218
Shï by Journeys stores	40
Underground by Journeys stores	96
Schuh Stores	126
Johnston & Murphy Stores and Factory stores (including 7 stores in Canada)	176
Total Stores	2,655
Locker Room by Lids in Macy's stores	151
Total Stores and Macy's Locations	2,806

For Fiscal 2017, we are forecasting capital expenditures in the range of \$110 to \$120 million and depreciation and amortization of about \$76 million. Projected square footage growth is expected to be flat for Fiscal 2017. Our current store openings and closing plans by chain are as follows:

	Actual Jan 2016	Projected New	Projected Closings	Projected Jan 2017
Journeys Group	1,222	59	(22)	1,259
Journeys stores (U.S.)	803	15	(10)	808
Journeys stores (Canada)	39	6	0	45
Little Burgundy	36	0	0	36
Journeys Kidz stores	200	38	(2)	236
Shï by Journeys	46	0	(6)	40
Underground by Journeys	98	0	(4)	94
Johnston & Murphy Group	173	9	(3)	179
Schuh Group	125	7	(4)	128
Lids Sports Group	1,332	16	(99)	1,249
Lids hat stores (U.S.)	806	6	(36)	776
Lids hat stores (Canada)	113	4	(5)	112
Locker Room stores (U.S.)	161	2	(14)	149
Locker Room stores (Canada)	38	0	(3)	35
Clubhouse stores	29	1	(4)	26
Locker Room by Lids (Macy's)	185	3	(37)	151
Total Stores	2,852	91	(128)	2,815

### Comparable Sales Assumptions in Fiscal 2017 Guidance

Our guidance for Fiscal 2017 assumes comparable sales (including both same store sales and comparable direct sales) for each retail segment by quarter as follows:

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Guid	ance
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY17
Journeys Group	1%	(4)%	(8)%	(9) - (8)%	(5) - (4)%
Lids Sports Group	2%	0%	2%	4 - 5%	2 - 3%
Schuh Group	(5)%	(1)%	0%	(1) - 0%	(2) - (1)%
Johnston & Murphy Group	6%	3%	1%	(1) - 0%	1 - 2%
Total Genesco	1%	(1)%	(3)%	(3) - (2)%	(3) - (2)%

#### **Cautionary Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

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