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### **Creating the leader in South American retail**

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## **Key transaction highlights**

Transaction rationale	<ul> <li>Building the largest South American retail group with unmatched geographical footprint and leading market positions</li> <li>Cross-fertilization opportunities and significant cost synergies</li> <li>Compelling value creation for Éxito shareholders with an optimized financial structure</li> </ul>
Financial terms	<ul> <li>Éxito will acquire 50% of the voting shares (ON) owned by Casino in GPA for US\$ 1,536m (R\$ 100 per share), implying a premium of +20.6% on 3-month average share price and 100% of Libertad for US\$ 270m enterprise value, representing a 2014 sales multiple of 0.55x</li> <li>Use of a mix of cash on the balance sheet and newly issued debt to finance the acquisitions, with pro-forma 2014 consolidated leverage of 0.2x, leaving room for development.</li> </ul>
Transaction structure	<ul> <li>Governance structure ensuring for Éxito full consolidation of GPA with equal representation at Board level</li> <li>Management of Éxito and GPA to work together to accelerate development and crystallize synergies through a dedicated committee</li> </ul>
Timetable	<ul> <li>Transaction recommended by the independent board members of Éxito and by the Board of Casino on July 29</li> <li>Éxito's Extraordinary General Meeting to approve the transaction convened on 18 August</li> <li>Transaction expected to close by the end of August 2015</li> </ul>



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The new Exito: a major step forward



Notes:

FX rate: 1-year average as of 31/12/14 (R/ US : 2.35 - US / ARS : 8.12 - US / COP : 2,002.7) GPA is fully consolidated





## A major step to strengthen further our strategic pillars

1 Internationalization	<ul> <li>Significant expansion of geographical footprint:         <ul> <li>From 2 to 4 countries</li> <li>Leadership positions in key LatAm economies</li> </ul> </li> <li>Enhanced growth profile of Exito post transaction with a higher like-for-like and additional growth opportunities</li> </ul>
2 Omni-channel expansion	<ul> <li>Increased exposure to e-commerce and click &amp; collect potential through Cnova</li> <li>Active management and development of our real-estate expertise and value enhancing real-estate opportunities in Argentina</li> </ul>
3 Commercial development	<ul> <li>Significant cross-fertilization opportunities capitalizing on GPA's experience in Cash &amp; Carry and on Éxito's side CRM, loyalty.</li> <li>Opportunity to develop synergistic approach in products innovation, private labels and purchases</li> </ul>
4 Operational excellence	<ul> <li>Implementation of synergies improving profitability</li> <li>GPA: best-in-class profitability and ROIC</li> <li>Exchange of best practices</li> </ul>
5 Human Resources and sustainability	<ul> <li>Exchange of people/knowledge around LatAm operations</li> <li>Significant opportunities for joint Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs under the umbrella of Casino's principles</li> </ul>





## **Transaction structure**

#### Key governance structure

- 50-50% ownership between Casino and Exito of the French company historically owning 99.9% of GPA's voting shares
- Exito owning a 18.8% economic share in GPA
- GPA board composition:
  - 3 directors nominated by each party and up to 5 independent directors
  - Equal representation at Special Committees
- Governance structure ensuring for Exito full consolidation of GPA



% economic % voting rights

## A compelling strategic rationale





c. 80% of total GDP and c. 75% of total population in the region covered by Exito

## Colombia

- **48 million inhabitants –** 2<sup>nd</sup> largest country in the region
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Economy
  - c. 10% of total regional GDP
  - US\$ 8,076 GDP/capita
- # of stores: 537

#### Argentina

- **42 million inhabitants** 3<sup>rd</sup> largest country in the region
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Economy
  - c. 13% of total regional GDP
  - US\$ 12,873 GDP/capita
- # of stores: 27
- Leading food retailer in the region of Cordoba



#### Brazil

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- 203 million inhabitants 5<sup>th</sup> largest worldwide country and 1<sup>st</sup> one in the region
- 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Economy
  - c. 55% of total regional GDP
  - US\$ 11,604 GDP/capita
- # of stores: 2,143
- # 2 in cash & carry and e-commerce

#### Uruguay

- 3 million inhabitants
- Highest GDP/capita in the region US\$ 16,199
- Wealthy and urbanized population
- # of stores: 54



## **Comprehensive coverage of customers**







# Relevant and modern stores formats operated through strong and trusted local banners

# stores (end of 2014)	Colombia 🖕	Brazil <sub>०</sub>	Uruguay <sub>-</sub>	Argentina 🥃	Exito consolidated
Hypermarket	82 éxito	137 <b>extra</b>	2 • Géant	15 Libertad	236
Supermarket	153 Coullo éxito	388 <b>extra</b> Pao <i>t</i> Acúcar	52 Devoto <sup>a</sup>		593
Cash & carry / Discount	199 Super ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	84			283
Specialized non-food		1,037 pontofrio			1,037
Convenience store	103 Coullo éxito	256		12	371
Total stores	537	1,902 <sup>(1)</sup>	54	27	2,520





## A best-in-class omni-channel model







Exposure to fast-growing e-commerce operations Large market size in Brazil with still significant penetration potential Capacity to benefit from the rebound in Argentina and the roll-over of a dual retail / real estate model

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## Strong value creation potential







## **Unlocking synergies**



- Total run-rate synergies of US\$ 160m representing 0.5% of 2014 combined sales
- Split between geographies:
  - 55% will directly benefit to GPA
  - 45% will directly benefit to Exito

A synergy and cross-fertilization committee between GPA and Exito will be set up in order to implement synergies and cross-development opportunities.





### Accelerating cross-fertilization opportunities for growth







## Additional revenues from alignment on best practices

Target

Textile sales	<ul> <li>Development of textile sales based on Exito's expertise generating additional commercial margin for GPA and Libertad</li> <li>7-8% of textile sales in hypermarkets vs. 4-5% today</li> </ul>	
Premium concepts	<ul> <li>Exchange of best practices between GPA's and Exito's premium proximity banners</li> <li>Development of successful high value added offers (wine, home delivery, healthy products, artisan bakery)</li> </ul>	
Loyalty program	<ul> <li>Implementation of loyalty program in Brazil food operations based on Exito's know-how</li> <li>1% additional sales</li> </ul>	Total run-rate synergies of
Extended warranty	<ul> <li>Higher penetration of extended warranty program in Colombia based on GPA's know-how</li> <li>From &lt;1% up to 5% of non-food sales with extended warranty</li> </ul>	US\$ 65m
Access to customer database	Improvement of conditions obtained from market analysis companies     Mid-single digit figure	
Cash & carry	<ul> <li>Capitalization on Assai experience to accelerate Cash &amp; Carry development in Colombia, Argentina and Uruguay</li> <li>Not quantified in synergies</li> </ul>	



## **Purchasing synergies**



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### **Costs and capex synergies**

Costs synergies

- Shared central services
- Saving on administrative expenses
- Improvement of marketing and advertising purchasing

Capex synergies

- Optimization of construction costs
- Improvement of purchasing conditions of equipment
- Alignment on best practices in terms of development and maintenance capex

Total run-rate synergies of US\$ 45m





## Strong value creation potential

Key drivers of EPS accretion and ROE improvement

- Enhancement of the growth profile
- Profitability improvement
- Optimization of the financial structure, leaving room for growth opportunities
- Robust run-rate synergies delivering additional value creation

EPS accretion expected from 2016 onwards of more than 5% excluding synergies and around 30% after full implementation of synergies

Strong ROE improvement from 6.5% to 9.5% post-transaction (2014 PF) including run-rate synergies





### Strong capital structure preserved

#### **Transaction financing**

- Transaction to be financed via a mix of cash on balance sheet (US\$ 350m) and newly issued debt (up to US\$ 1,600m) by Banco de Bogota/Grupo Aval, Bancolombia, Citigroup and Davividenda
- Structure:
  - 10-year amortizing loan of up to US\$ 700m
  - 18-month bridge loan<sup>1</sup> of up to US\$ 730m
  - 12-month RCF of US\$ 170m
- Financing cost estimated at c. 6.8% p.a.
- Consolidated PF 2014 Net Debt position of 0.2x
   EBITDA post transaction

(1) To be refinanced post closing

Acquisition of 50% of GPA voting shares	US\$ 1,536m
Acquisition of Libertad	US\$ 290m <sup>(1)</sup>
Uses	US\$ 1,826m
Cash on balance sheet	US\$ 350m
New debt	US\$ 1,476m
Sources	US\$ 1,826m

(1) Including a net cash position of US\$ 20m



# **Steps and procedures to approve the transaction following strict Corporate Governance Standards**

Step 1: Engagement of external advisors	The Aggregate Consideration amounts to USD1.826bn. The pricing of this transaction was made respecting the strictest corporate governance rules. Rothschild & Cie was the common financial advisor for Grupo Éxito and the Casino Group. Bank of America Merrill Lynch provided a fairness opinion to the Board of Directors of Exito that, as of the date thereof, and subject to the analyses, assumptions, limitations and qualifications thereof, the Aggregate Consideration to be paid by Exito in the transaction is fair, from a financial point of view, to Exito.
Step 2: Meeting of Supporting Committees	<ul> <li>Audit and Corporate Governance Committees reviewed the related party transaction to ensure the arms' length principle and the preservation of shareholders' interests.</li> </ul>
Step 3: Meeting of the Conflict of Interest Committee	<ul> <li>Formed by non-conflicted board members which recommended to the Board of Directors measures to properly handle the conflict of interest at Board and Management level.</li> <li>Recommendation to submit the decision to the Shareholders Meeting in order to solve the conflict of interests.</li> </ul>
Step 4: Involvement and decisions of the Board of Directors	<ul> <li>Non- conflicted board members (i) acknowledged the conflicts of interest, (ii) submitted the transaction to the General Shareholders Meeting for approval, (iii) issued a recommendation to the General Shareholders Meeting to approve the transaction, (iii) authorized management to execute the transaction documents subject to the approval of the General Shareholders Meeting, (iv) ratified actions taken by Management in connection with the transaction.</li> </ul>
Step 5: Meeting and decisions of General Shareholders Meeting	<ul> <li>Submission to the General Shareholders Meeting for the approval of the transaction</li> </ul>





### **Timetable**

29 July – Independent Board Members approve the transaction

**18 August – Extraordinary General Meeting** 

By the end of August 2015 - Closing

## Conclusion





## **Creating the leading South American retail group**



- Unmatched geographical footprint and market positions (# 1 player in Colombia, Brazil and Uruguay in modern food retail)
- Well balanced business profile in food, non-food and e-commerce
- Multi-format and omni-channel presence

Strong value creation through synergies implementation

- Cross fertilization opportunities in cash & carry, e-commerce, real estate and consumer finance
- Total run-rate synergies estimated at US\$160m

Coordinated and dedicated management team

- Fully coordinated and dedicated management team
- Creation of a synergy committee, established to deliver opportunities across the group.

Optimized financial structure and significant value creation for Exito shareholders

- Use of cash available on Exito balance sheet with sustainable leverage post transaction and room for further development
- 30% run-rate EPS accretion (including synergies)
- Positive impact on Éxito ROE of +300bps including run-rate synergies

## Appendix





## **GPA overview**



#### GPA in a nutshell

- Largest brazilian food, furniture and electronics/appliance retailer and second largest in cash & carry and e-commerce
- Key operational figures
  - Stores located in 21 of the 27 Brazilian States
  - 647 mm of tickets in 2014
  - 2,143 stores totalling 2.8m sqm of sales area
  - 60 distribution centers and depots
  - 160,000 employees

#### Key figures highlights



#### **Geographical footprint**



\*Share of GPA gross sales in 2014

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Source: \*Based on GPA annual report which includes the international operations of Cnova from August 2014

#### **GPA** overview





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## ViaVarejo overview



#### Via Varejo in a nutshell

- Dominant player in the electronics and furniture segment in Brazil
- 3 segments:
  - Electronics
  - White goods and portable appliances
  - Furniture
- Key operational figures
  - 1,037 stores in Brazil
  - c.1,110k of sqm of sales area
  - c.65,000 employees



Key figures highlights

#### **Geographical footprint**









### **Cnova overview**



#### Cnova in a nutshell

- #6 global e-Commerce pure player by sales
- An eCommerce market leader in France, with leadership position in key eCommerce categories (Home Appliances, Consumer Electronics, IT Products)
- # 2 e-Commerce company in Brazil
- Key operational figures
  - US\$6.0bn of Gross Merchandise Volume in 2014
  - c.13.6m active customers
  - c.31.7m placed orders in 2014
  - c.18,000 click & collect stations at the end of 2014

#### Key figures highlights



#### **Geographical footprint**





## Libertad overview



#### Libertad in a nutshell

- Leading food retailer in the Cordoba region (14.1% ms) and 7<sup>th</sup> Argentinean player (2.6% ms)
- 2 activities:
  - Retail: 2 formats (hypermarket and Proxi)
  - Real estate: c.145,150 sqm of commercial galleries under management
- Key operational figures
  - c.2,800 FTEs
  - 15 hypermarkets and 12 proximity stores with c.144,500sqm of sales area

#### Key figures highlights



#### **Geographical footprint**









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