## Random Walk Promotional Ensemble Use Cases

Q2, 2023
Random Walk email intelligence through our promotional ensemble delivers the most quantitative and predictive tracking of implied discounts and promotional cadence available. When brands are struggling to generate organic demand they ramp up sending volume to their leads and customers. We capture these potential inflections in near real-time and alert our investor partners ahead of the street.

- Abercrombie \& Fitch (ANF)

TOTAL PROMOTIONAL VOLUME + 9\%

- Crocs (CROX)

STEEP DISCOUNT VOLUME +75\% GROSS MARGIN: -480bps

- The Children's Place (PLCE)

STEEP DISCOUNT VOLUME +75\%

- Farfetch Limited (FTCH)

SIGNIFICANT DISCOUNT VOLUME +127\%

- Foot Locker, Inc. (FL)

STEEP DISCOUNT VOLUME +79\%

- Hibbett, Inc. (HIBB)

STEEP DISCOUNT VOLUME +108\% GROSS MARGIN: -160bps

- Olaplex Holdings, Inc. (OLPX)

TOTAL PROMOTIONAL VOLUME +650\%

- Petco (WOOF)

STEEP DISCOUNT VOLUME +780\% GROSS MARGIN: -140bps

- Ulta Beauty (ULTA)

STEEP DISCOUNT VOLUME +107\% GROSS MARGIN -110bps

- Walmart Inc. (WMT)

STEEP DISCOUNT VOLUME-37\%

GROSS MARGIN: -480bps

GROSS MARGIN: -460bps

GROSS MARGIN: -550bps
GROSS MARGIN +460 bps

GROSS MARGIN -370bps

GROSS MARGIN 40bps

## Abercrombie \& Fitch. (ANF)

PROMOTIONAL ENSEMBLE METRIC: TOTAL DISCOUNT VOLUME MAY-JULY 2023

Abercrombie-ANF: Total Volume promotional emails 2-week moving average YoY, 7/11/2022-9/3/2023


Total Promotional Volumes rose just 9\%, one of the slowest in apparel, and turned negative into August

## ANF Q2 KEY METRICS \& REVELENT COMMENTARY

 AUGUST 23, 2023> Revenue growth accelerated from just 3\% to $16 \%$ yoy In Q2 with Abercrombie brand increasing 26\%.
> Gross margin improved nearly 5\% rising from 57.9\% to 62.5\%.
> "Lower promotional activity" cited by management as key contributor.

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## The Children's Place, Inc. (PLCE)

PROMOTIONAL ENSEMBLE METRIC: STEEP DISCOUNTS MAY-JULY 2023


Steep discount volume increased by ~68\% Y/Y for the May through July period.

## PLCE Q2 KEY METRICS \& RELEVANT COMMENTARY

AUGUST 17, 2023

- "Gross profit margin for the second quarter decreased to 25.4\% of net sales as compared to $30.2 \%$ of net sales in prior year" - "Net Sales -9.3\% to last year, -9.0\% on comp basis"
- "Impact of slowing in consumer demand, resulting from inflation impacting our customer."

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## Crocs, Inc. (HEYDUDE) <br> PROMOTIONAL ENSEMBLE: STEEP DISOCUNTS <br> APRIL-JUNE, 2023



Steep promotional volume from HEYDUDE increased by ~500\% Y/Y for the May through July period

## CROX Q2 RELEASE \& KEY METRICS

JULY 27, 2023
-"As we look towards the remainder of the year for HEYDUDE, we are lowering our outlook for revenues."

- "So for Q3 we do expect HEYDUDE to be down"

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## Foot Locker, Inc. (FL)

## PROMOTIONAL ENSEMBLE METRIC: STEEP DISCOUNTS

MAY-JULY 2023


Steep discount volume increased by ~79\%
Y/Y for the May through July period.

## FL Q2 KEY METRICS \& RELEVENT COMMENTARY

AUGUST 23, 2023

- "Gross margin declined by 460 basis points as compared with the prior-year period, driven by an increase in promotional activity, which included higher markdowns."
- "Total sales decreased by $9.9 \%$ to $\$ 1,861$ million, as compared with sales of $\$ 2,065$ million in the second quarter of 2022."
- "Comparable-store sales decreased by 9.4\%, driven by ongoing consumer softness.."
- "Lowering 2023 Sales and Earnings Guidance"

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## Farfetch Limited (FTCH)

## PROMOTIONAL ENSEMBLE: SIGNIFICANT DISOCUNTS

 APRIL-JUNE 2023

Significant disount volume increased by ~127\% Y/Y for the April through June period

## FARFETCH Q2 RELEASE KEY METRICS \& COMMENTARY

 AUGUST 17, 2023- "Gross Profit Margin decreased 370 bps year-over-year to 42.5\%"
- "Brand Platform Gross Profit Margin decreased 20 bps year-over-year to $52.5 \%$, primarily due to a higher mix of lower margin sales."

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Hibbett, Inc. (HIBB)
PROMOTIONAL ENSEMBLE: STEEP DISCOUNT GROWTH
APRIL-JUNE, 2023

Hibbett Sports-HIBB: Steep promotional emails 2-week moving average YoY, 5/2/2022-8/27/2023


Steep promotional volume increased by ~108\% Y/Y for the May through July neriod

## HIBB Q2 RELEASE KEY METRICS \& COMMENTARY

 AUGUST 25- "Gross margin was $32.8 \%$ of net sales for the second quarter of fiscal ' 24 , compared with $34.4 \%$ in the second quarter of last year."
- "This unfavorable product margin performance is attributed to higher promotional activity across both footwear and apparel categories"

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## Olaplex Holdings, Inc. (OLPX)

## PROMOTIONAL ENSEMBLE: TOTAL PROMOTIONAL VOLUME

 APRIL -JUNE, 2023

Total promotional volume increased by ~650\% Y/Y for the May through July period.

## OLPX Q2 RELEASE \& KEY METRICS

AUGUST 8

- "During the second quarter of 2023, the Company experienced a continued lower level of demand for its products."
- "The Company now anticipates a 500 to 600 basis point decline in gross profit margin for fiscal year 2023, compared to its prior assumption of 300 to 400 basis points of contraction."
- "Our business continues to be negatively impacted by competition, a more promotional environment, and misinformation related to our brand.

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## Petco Health and Wellness Company, Inc. (WOOF) PROMOTIONAL ENSEMBLE: STEEP DISCOUNTS <br> MAY - JULY, 2023



Steep discount volume increased by ~780\% Y/Y for the May through July period.

## WOOF Q2 RELEASE KEY METRICS \& COMMENTARY

AUGUST 24, 2023

- "Q2 gross margin of $38.7 \%$ was down 140 basis points year-over-year."
- "Our updated adjusted EBITDA guide anticipates continued pressure on gross margins."
- "We're operating in a tougher consumer discretionary environment than we forecasted as we entered the year."

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# Ulta Beauty, Inc (ULTA) 

## PROMOTIONAL ENSEMBLE: STEEP DISCOUNTS

MAY-JUNE,2023


Steep promotional volume increased $\sim 107 \%$ Y/Y for the May through July period

## ULTA Q2 RELEASE KEY METRICS \& COMMENTARY

AUGUST 24,2023

- "Second quarter gross margin decreased 110 basis points to 39.3\% compared to 40.4\% last year."
- "Overall merchandise margin was lower due primarily to increased promotional activity."

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## Walmart Inc. (WMT)

## PROMOTIONAL ENSEMBLE: STEEP DISCOUNTS

MAY-JULY, 2023


Steep promotional volume decreased $\sim 58 \% ~ Y / Y$ for the May through July period

## WALMART Q2 RELEASE KEY METRICS \& COMMENTARY

AUGUST 17

- "Lower markdowns and supply chain cost resulted in a gross margin rate increase of 40 basis points."
- "The biggest contributors to the gross margin expansion were really just the lapping of some of the markdowns that we had last year."

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