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## **FORM 10-Q**

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#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### **Item 1. Financial Statements**

#### KOHL'S CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

(Dollars in Millions)	October 31, 2020	February 1, 2020	November 2, 2019
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,939	\$ 723	\$ 490
Merchandise inventories	3,607	3,537	4,887
Income tax receivable	115	15	25
Other	335	374	379
Total current assets	5,996	4,649	5,781
Property and equipment, net	6,876	7,352	7,364
Operating leases	2,422	2,391	2,427
Other assets	150	163	167
Total assets	\$ 15,444	\$ 14,555	\$ 15,739
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 2,184	\$ 1,206	\$ 2,454
Accrued liabilities	1,272	1,233	1,347
Income taxes payable	· —	48	2
Current portion of:			
Finance lease and financing obligations	127	124	110
Operating leases	160	158	162
Total current liabilities	3,743	2,769	4,075
Long-term debt	2,450	1,856	1,856
Finance lease and financing obligations	1,402	1,367	1,332
Operating leases	2,644	2,619	2,643
Deferred income taxes	74	260	258
Other long-term liabilities	293	234	220
Shareholders' equity:			
Common stock	4	4	4
Paid-in capital	3,303	3,272	3,256
Treasury stock, at cost	(11,594)	(11,571)	(11,490)
Retained earnings	13,125	13,745	13,585
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 4,838	\$ 5,450	\$ 5,355
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 15,444	\$ 14,555	\$ 15,739

# KOHL'S CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended			
(Dollars in Millions, Except per Share Data)	October 31, 2020	November 2, 2019		October 31, 2020		November 2, 2019	
Net sales	\$ 3,779	\$ 4,358	\$	9,152	\$	12,348	
Other revenue	200	267		662		794	
Total revenue	3,979	4,625		9,814		13,142	
Cost of merchandise sold	2,424	2,775		6,360		7,740	
Operating expenses:							
Selling, general, and administrative	1,302	1,419		3,418		3,962	
Depreciation and amortization	210	227		656		687	
Impairments, store closing, and other costs	21	_		85		55	
(Gain) on sale of real estate	_	_		(127)		_	
Operating income (loss)	22	204		(578)		698	
Interest expense, net	78	52		214		157	
(Gain) loss on extinguishment of debt	_	(9)	)	_		(9)	
(Loss) income before income taxes	(56)	161		(792)		550	
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(44)	38		(286)		124	
Net (loss) income	\$ (12)	\$ 123	\$	(506)	\$	426	
Net (loss) income per share:							
Basic	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.79	\$	(3.28)	\$	2.69	
Diluted	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.78	\$	(3.28)	\$	2.67	

# KOHL'S CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended			
(Dollars in Millions, Except per Share Data)	Octo	ober 31, 2020	November 2, 2019 Octobe		October 31, 2020 Novem		ember 2, 2019	
Common stock								
Balance, beginning of period	\$	4	\$	4	\$	4	\$	4
Stock-based awards				<u> </u>				<u> </u>
Balance, end of period	\$	4	\$	4	\$	4	\$	4
Paid-in capital								
Balance, beginning of period	\$	3,290	æ	3,236	¢	3,272	œ	3,204
Stock-based awards	Ψ	3,290	φ	20	Φ	3,272	φ	52
Balance, end of period	\$		\$		\$		\$	3,256
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Treasury stock, at cost								
Balance, beginning of period	\$	(11,594)	\$	(11,353)		(11,571)	\$	(11,076)
Treasury stock purchases		_		(133)		(8)		(387)
Stock-based awards		_		(5)		(21)		(32)
Dividends paid		_		1		6		5
Balance, end of period	\$	(11,594)	\$	(11,490)	\$	(11,594)	\$	(11,490)
Detained comings								
Retained earnings		13,137	<b>~</b>	13,568	•	40 745	<b>ተ</b>	40.005
Balance, beginning of period Change in accounting standard (a)	\$	13,137	Ф	13,506	Þ	13,745	Ф	13,395 88
Net (loss) income		(12)		123		(506)		426
Dividends paid		(12)		(106)		(114)		(324)
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Balance, end of period	\$	13,125	<b>\$</b>	13,585	<b>&gt;</b>	13,125	<b>Þ</b>	13,585
Total shareholders' equity, end of period	\$	4,838	\$	5,355	\$	4,838	\$	5,355
Common stock								
Shares, beginning of period		377		375		375		374
Stock-based awards		_		_		2		1
Shares, end of period		377		375		377		375
Treasury stock								
Shares, beginning of period		(219)		(215)		(219)		(211)
Treasury stock purchases		· —		(3)				(7)
Shares, end of period		(219)		(218)		(219)		(218)
Total shares outstanding, end of period		`158 <sup>°</sup>		157 <sup>°</sup>		158		`157 <sup>´</sup>
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Dividends paid per common share	Þ	_	φ	0.07	Ą	0.704	\$	2.01

<sup>(</sup>a) Adoption of new lease accounting standard in 2019.

# KOHL'S CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

		Nine Mon	ths Ended	
Dellars in Millians)	0	ctober 31,	November	2,
Dollars in Millions) Operating activities		2020	2019	
Operating activities		(500)	Φ.	400
Net (loss) income	\$	(506)	Ъ	426
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:  Depreciation and amortization		CEC		607
		656		687
Share-based compensation  Deferred income taxes		26		47
		(181)		45
Impairments, store closing, and other costs		49		45
(Gain) on sale of real estate		(127)		/0
(Gain) loss on extinguishment of debt		407		(9
Non-cash inventory costs		187		440
Non-cash lease expense		111		112
Other non-cash expense (income)		15		(3
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		(054)	1	1 105
Merchandise inventories		(251)	(	1,405
Other current and long-term assets		54		34
Accounts payable		978		1,266
Accrued and other long-term liabilities		159		(26
Income taxes		(147)		(49
Operating lease liabilities		(113)		(125
Net cash provided by operating activities		910		1,045
Investing activities				
Acquisition of property and equipment		(264)		(678
Proceeds from sale of real estate		194		_
Other				8
Net cash used in investing activities		(70)		(670
Financing activities				
Proceeds from issuance of debt		2,097		_
Deferred financing costs		(19)		_
Treasury stock purchases		(8)		(387
Shares withheld for taxes on vested restricted shares		(21)		(32
Dividends paid		(108)		(319
Reduction of long-term borrowings		(1,497)		(6
Finance lease and financing obligation payments		(72)		(88
Proceeds from stock option exercises		_		2
Proceeds from financing obligations		4		11
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		376		(819
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,216		(444
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		723		934
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	1,939	\$	490
Supplemental information	ĺ	,		
Interest paid, net of capitalized interest	\$	159	\$	131
Income taxes paid	•	138	•	154
Property and equipment acquired through:		.55		
Finance lease liabilities		118		163
Operating lease liabilities		140		103

### KOHL'S CORPORATION NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for fiscal year end Consolidated Financial Statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. For further information, refer to the Consolidated Financial Statements and related footnotes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 1, 2020 (Commission File No. 1-11084) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Due to the seasonality of the business of Kohl's Corporation (the "Company," "Kohl's," "we," "our," or "us") and the uncertainty surrounding the financial impact of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic, results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved for a full fiscal year.

We operate as a single business unit.

#### **Accounting Policies**

The accounting policies the Company follows are set forth in its most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K. There have been no material changes to these accounting policies except as discussed below.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with U.S GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes. We believe that our accounting estimates are appropriate and reflect the increased uncertainties surrounding the severity and duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Leases

In the first quarter of 2020, we negotiated rent deferrals for a significant number of our stores, with repayment at later dates, primarily in the third and fourth quarter of 2020 and first and second quarter of 2021. These concessions provide a deferral of rent payments with no substantive changes to the original contract. Consistent with updated guidance from the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") in April 2020, we have elected to treat the COVID-19 pandemic-related rent deferrals as accrued liabilities. We will continue to recognize expense during the deferral periods.

In the second quarter of 2020, we completed a sale leaseback for our San Bernardino E-commerce fulfillment and distribution center. The properties were sold for \$195 million and generated net proceeds of \$193 million after fees. A gain of \$127 million was recognized during the second quarter of 2020 and is recorded in gain on sale of real estate. An initial operating lease liability and a corresponding right of use asset of \$84 million were recorded for these leased locations.

In the third quarter of 2019, we purchased leased equipment that was accounted for as a financing obligation and resulted in recognition of a \$9 million gain on extinguishment of debt.

#### **Merchandise Inventories**

Merchandise inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market using the Retail Inventory Method ("RIM"). Under RIM, the valuation of inventory at cost and the resulting gross margins are calculated by applying a cost-to-retail ratio to the retail value of inventory. RIM is an averaging method that has been widely used in the retail industry due

to its practicality. The use of RIM will result in inventory being valued at the lower of cost or market since permanent markdowns are taken as a reduction of the retail value of inventories. A reserve would be recorded if the future estimated selling price is less than cost.

In the first quarter of 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and store closures, we recorded a reserve of \$163 million for excess seasonal inventory where the expected selling price was less than cost for the quarter ended May 2, 2020. No reserve was required for the quarter ended October 31, 2020 or November 2, 2019.

#### **Property and Equipment and Long Lived Assets**

All property and equipment and other long-lived assets are reviewed for potential impairment at least annually or when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset's carrying value may not be recoverable. If such indicators are present, it is determined whether the sum of the estimated undiscounted future cash flows attributable to such assets is less than the carrying value of the assets. A potential impairment has occurred if projected future undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying value of the assets. Given the substantial reduction in our sales and the reduced cash flow projections as a result of the store closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we determined that a triggering event occurred in the first quarter of 2020 and an impairment assessment was warranted for certain stores and other long lived assets. Based on this assessment, we recorded impairment charges of \$51 million in the first quarter of 2020 in Impairments, store closing, and other costs. In connection with the closure of four stores in the first quarter of 2019, we recorded impairment charges of \$49 million in the first quarter of 2019 in Impairments, store closing, and other costs. We recorded impairment charges of \$10 million in the second quarter of 2019 related to the closure of our four Off-Aisle clearance centers in Impairments, store closing, and other costs.

In the third quarter of 2020, we reclassified \$22 million of assets held for sale to assets to be held and used. As of October 31, 2020, we did not have any assets held for sale.

#### **Restructuring Reserve**

The following table summarizes changes in the restructuring reserve during the nine months ended October 31, 2020:

(Dollars In Millions)	Severance	
Balance - February 1, 2020	\$	27
Payments and reversals		(34)
Additions		23
Balance - October 31, 2020	\$	16

Charges related to corporate restructuring efforts are recorded in Impairments, store closing, and other costs.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

We adopted the new accounting standard on accounting for expected credit losses (ASU 2016-13), effective at the beginning of fiscal 2020. We applied the new principle using a modified retrospective approach. There was no material impact on our financial statements due to adoption of the new standard.

We adopted the new accounting standard on recognizing implementation costs related to a cloud computing arrangement (ASU 2018-15), effective at the beginning of fiscal 2020. We applied the new principle using a prospective approach. There was no material impact on our financial statements due to adoption of the new standard.

The following table provides a brief description of issued, but not yet effective, accounting standards:

Standard	Description	Effect on our Financial Statements
	The new standard is designed to simplify the accounting for income taxes by removing certain exceptions to the general principles as outlined in U.S. GAAP.	We are evaluating the impact of the new standard on our financial statements.
Issued December 2019		
Effective Q1 2021		

#### 2. Revenue Recognition

The following table summarizes net sales by line of business:

		Three Mon	ths Ended	Nine Months Ended				
(Dollars in Millions)	Octo	October 31, 2020 November 2, 2019		October 31, 2020	November 2, 2019			
Women's	\$	1,025	\$ 1,267	\$ 2,569	\$ 3,868			
Home		700	639	1,840	1,786			
Men's		711	899	1,672	2,538			
Children's		593	649	1,257	1,565			
Footwear		389	473	959	1,346			
Accessories		361	431	855	1,245			
Net Sales	\$	3,779	\$ 4,358	\$ 9,152	\$ 12,348			

Unredeemed gift cards and merchandise return card liabilities totaled \$272 million as of October 31, 2020, \$334 million as of February 1, 2020, and \$252 million as of November 2, 2019. Revenue of \$127 million was recognized during the current year from the February 1, 2020 ending balance.

#### 3. Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following unsecured senior debt:

			Outstanding			
Maturity (Dollars in Millions)	Effective Rate	Coupon Rate	October 31, 2020	February 1, 2020	November 2, 2019	
2023	3.25%	3.25%	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	
2023	4.78%	4.75%	184	184	184	
2025	9.50%	9.50%	600	_	_	
2025	4.25%	4.25%	650	650	650	
2029	7.36%	7.25%	42	42	42	
2033	6.05%	6.00%	113	113	113	
2037	6.89%	6.88%	101	101	101	
2045	5.57%	5.55%	427	427	427	
Outstanding unsecured senior debt			2,467	1,867	1,867	
Unamortized debt discounts and deferred financing costs			(17)	(11)	(11)	
Unsecured senior debt			2,450	1,856	1,856	
Effective interest rate			5.90%	4.74%	4.74%	

Our unsecured senior long-term debt is classified as Level 1, financial instruments with unadjusted, quoted prices listed on active market exchanges. The estimated fair value of our unsecured senior debt was \$2.6 billion at October 31, 2020, \$2.0 billion at February 1, 2020, and \$2.0 billion at November 2, 2019.

In March 2020, we fully drew down our \$1.0 billion senior unsecured revolver. In April 2020, we replaced and upsized the unsecured credit facility with a \$1.5 billion senior secured, asset based revolving credit facility maturing in July 2024. The revolver is secured by substantially all of our assets other than real estate, and contains customary events of default and financial, affirmative, and negative covenants, including but not limited to, a springing financial covenant related to our fixed charge coverage ratio and restrictions on indebtedness, liens, investments, asset dispositions, and restricted payments, including a restriction on dividends in 2020 if our outstanding borrowings under the credit facility exceed \$1.0 billion. Outstanding borrowings under the credit facility bear interest at a variable rate based on LIBOR plus the applicable margin. In October 2020, we fully repaid the \$1.0 billion outstanding balance on our revolver and have the full \$1.5 billion available for utilization. No amounts were outstanding on the credit facility in place as of October 31, 2020, February 1, 2020 or November 2, 2019.

In April 2020, we issued \$600 million of 9.50% notes with semi-annual interest payments beginning in November 2020. The notes include coupon rate step ups if our long-term debt is downgraded to below a BBB- credit rating by S&P Global Ratings or Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. The notes mature in May 2025. We used part of the net proceeds from this offering to repay \$500 million of the borrowings under our senior secured, asset based revolving credit facility with the remaining net proceeds available for general corporate purposes.

#### 4. Stock-Based Awards

The following table summarizes our stock-based awards activity for the nine months ended October 31, 2020:

	Stock Options		Nonvested 5	Stock Awards	Performance Share Units		
(Shares and Units in Thousands)	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	
Balance - February 1, 2020	87	\$ 51.78	2,312	\$ 56.24	1,274	\$ 61.55	
Granted	_	_	2,602	20.24	735	21.12	
Exercised/vested	_		(981)	53.47	(826)	42.72	
Forfeited/expired	(49)	51.47	(404)	40.56	(25)	73.55	
Balance - October 31, 2020	38	\$ 52.20	3,529	\$ 32.23	1,158	\$ 49.03	

In 2019, we granted 1,747,441 of stock warrants. The total vested and unvested warrants as of October 31, 2020 were 349,489 and 1,397,952, respectively.

#### 5. Contingencies

We are subject to certain legal proceedings and claims arising out of the conduct of our business. In the opinion of management, the outcome of these proceedings and litigation will not have a material adverse impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### 6. Income Taxes

The Company's effective income tax rates for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2020 were 78.6% and 36.1%, respectively. The effective income tax rates for the three and nine months ended November 2, 2019 were 23.6% and 22.5%, respectively. The change in the effective income tax rate from the prior year and prior quarter and in comparison to the statutory rate was driven by the carryback of net losses and associated tax planning strategies that offset income from taxable years where the rate was 35%, as contemplated by the CARES Act. The Company is continuing to evaluate tax planning strategies, which may drive additional material tax benefits in the balance of the year.

#### 7. Net (Loss) Income Per Share

Basic Net (loss) income per share is Net (loss) income divided by the average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted Net (loss) income per share includes incremental shares assumed for share-based awards and stock warrants. Potentially dilutive shares include stock options, unvested restricted stock units and awards, and warrants outstanding during the period, using the treasury stock method. Potentially dilutive shares are excluded from the computations of diluted earnings per share ("EPS") if their effect would be anti-dilutive.

The information required to compute basic and diluted Net (loss) income per share is as follows:

		Three Mor	nths Ended	Nine Months Ended		
(Dollar and Shares in Millions, Except per Share Data)	00	ctober 31, 2020	November 2, 2019	October 31, 2020	November 2, 2019	
Numerator—Net (loss) income	\$	(12)		\$ (506)		
Denominator—Weighted-average shares:						
Basic		154	156	154	158	
Dilutive impact		_	1	_	1	
Diluted		154	157	154	159	
Net (loss) income per share:						
Basic	\$	(0.08)	\$ 0.79	\$ (3.28)	\$ 2.69	
Diluted	\$	(0.08)	\$ 0.78	\$ (3.28)	\$ 2.67	

The following potential shares of common stock were excluded from the diluted Net (loss) income per share calculation because their effect would have been anti-dilutive:

	Three Mo	nths Ended	Nine Months Ended				
(Shares in Millions)	October 31, 2020	November 2, 2019	October 31, November 2, 2020 2019				
Anti-dilutive shares	6	3	6	3			

#### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

For purposes of the following discussion, unless noted, all references to "the quarter" and "the third quarter" are for the three fiscal months (13 weeks) ended October 31, 2020 or November 2, 2019. References to "year to date" are for the nine fiscal months (39 weeks) ended October 31, 2020 or November 2, 2019. References to "the first quarter" are for the three fiscal months (13 weeks) ended May 2, 2020 or May 4, 2019. References to "the second quarter" are for the three fiscal months (13 weeks) ended August 1, 2020 or August 3, 2019.

This Form 10-Q contains "forward-looking statements" made within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "may," "intends," "will," "should," "expects," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements may include comments about our future sales or financial performance and our plans, performance, and other objectives, expectations, or intentions, such as statements regarding our liquidity, debt service requirements, planned capital expenditures, future store initiatives, and adequacy of capital resources and reserves and the competitive environment, including statements relating to the ongoing implications of COVID-19. Forward-looking statements are based on our management's then-current views and assumptions and, as a result, are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Any such forward-looking statements are qualified by the important risk factors described in Part I Item 1A of our 2019 Form 10-K, Part II Item 1A of our first quarter 2020 Form 10-Q, or disclosed from time to time in our filings with the SEC, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those predicted by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements relate to the date initially made and we undertake no obligation to update them.

#### **Executive Summary**

As of October 31, 2020, we operated 1,162 Kohl's stores, a website (www.Kohls.com), and 12 FILA outlets. Our Kohl's stores and website sell moderately-priced proprietary and national brand apparel, footwear, accessories, beauty, and home products. Our Kohl's stores generally carry a consistent merchandise assortment with some differences attributable to local preferences. Our website includes merchandise which is available in our stores, as well as merchandise that is available only online.

Key financial results for the guarter included:

- Third quarter sales and earnings exceeded company expectations, with significant improvement from the second quarter
- Strengthened financial position during the quarter by fully repaying revolver and ending with \$1.9 billion in cash
- Strong operating cash flow year-to-date of \$910 million, including \$606 million in the third quarter
- 13.3% decrease in comparable sales
- 48 basis point decrease in gross margin as a percent of net sales
- 8.2% decrease in SG&A expenses
- (\$0.08) loss per share
- \$0.01 earnings per share on a non-GAAP basis

#### Recent Developments

As discussed in our 2019 Form 10-K, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a pandemic in March 2020. Subsequently, COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the United States. As a result, the President of the United States declared a national emergency. Federal, state, and local governing bodies mandated various restrictions, including travel restrictions, restrictions on public gatherings, stay at home orders and advisories, and quarantining of people who may have been exposed to the virus. The response to the COVID-

19 pandemic has negatively affected the global economy, disrupted global supply chains, and created significant disruption in the financial and retail markets, including a decrease in consumer demand for our merchandise.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had, and will likely continue to have, significant adverse effects on our business including, but not limited to the following:

- On March 20, 2020, the Company furloughed 85,000 store and distribution center associates, as well as some corporate office associates, as a result of temporarily closing all of our stores which limited our business to the digital channel. As of October 31, 2020, the majority of the associates who were furloughed have returned to work.
- Starting on May 4, 2020, we began reopening stores in locations where permitted. As of October 31, 2020, we have reopened all of our stores.
- The Company experienced a significant decline in sales demand, and expects to continue to experience volatility in demand for its merchandise. We also experienced pressure in gross margin, and continue to expect pressures on gross margin as we expect digital penetration to remain elevated. In addition, during the fourth quarter of 2020, the Company anticipates an impact to gross margin from freight surcharges related to increased digital penetration across the retail industry resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Additionally, social distancing measures or changes in consumer spending behaviors due to COVID-19 may continue to impact store traffic which could result in a loss of sales and profit. As our stores reopened, we have implemented numerous social distancing and safety measures. These include providing personal protective equipment to our associates, implementing a more rigorous cleaning process, including enhanced cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout the day, installing protective barriers at all registers, and requiring associates and customers to wear face coverings while inside our stores. To encourage social distancing, we installed social distancing signage and markers throughout the store, closed our fitting rooms, widened aisles by removing in-aisle fixtures, relocated Amazon returns to a separate area of the store, and are limiting occupancy in stores as appropriate. We have implemented a new process for handling merchandise returns, reduced store operating hours, and are providing dedicated shopping hours for at-risk individuals.

The chart below details costs that we believe are directly attributable to COVID-19:

(Dollars In Millions)			Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
Description	Classification		October 31, 2020	October 31, 2020
Inventory write-downs	Cost of merchandise sold	9	S —	\$ 187
Net compensation and benefits	Selling, general, and administrative		15	55
Other costs	Selling, general, and administrative		14	41
Asset write-offs	Impairments, store closing, and other costs		_	53
Total		9	3 29	\$ 336

In response to COVID-19 we have taken the following actions to preserve financial liquidity and flexibility during the first nine fiscal months of 2020:

- Managed inventory receipts meaningfully lower,
- Significantly reduced expenses across all areas of the business including marketing, technology, operations, and payroll,
- Reduced capital expenditures 61% year to date 2020,
- · Suspended share repurchase program,
- Suspended regular guarterly cash dividend beginning in the second guarter of 2020.
- Replaced and upsized the unsecured \$1.0 billion revolver with a \$1.5 billion secured facility, of which all was fully available for utilization as of quarter-end,

- Issued \$600 million of 9.5% notes due 2025, and
- Completed a sale leaseback for our San Bernardino E-commerce fulfillment and distribution center which generated net proceeds of \$193
  million after fees and also resulted in a \$127 million gain.

We cannot estimate with certainty the length or severity of this pandemic, or the extent to which the disruption may materially impact our Consolidated Financial Statements. However, we do expect the impact to continue to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations for the full year 2020.

See "Results of Operations" and "Liquidity and Capital Resources" for additional details about our financial results.

#### Our Vision and Strategy

During the quarter we introduced our new strategic framework. Our vision is to be "the most trusted retailer of choice for the active and casual lifestyle." We are uniquely positioned to deliver against this vision by serving the entire family, offering an accessible and aspirational brand portfolio, providing a seamless omnichannel experience, and having a leading loyalty program.

Our strategy is designed to create long-term shareholder value and we have four key areas of focus: driving top line growth, expanding operating margin, disciplined capital management, and an agile, accountable, and inclusive culture.

#### **Driving Top Line Growth**

We are focused on driving top line growth by being the destination for the active and casual lifestyle, leading with loyalty and value, and offering a differentiated omnichannel experience. As the destination for the active and casual lifestyle, our initiatives include expanding our active and outdoor business to at least 30% of net sales, reigniting growth in our women's business, building a sizable beauty business, driving category productivity and inventory turn, and capturing market share from the retail industry disruption. Our loyalty and value efforts include simplifying the value we deliver to our customers and maintaining our industry leading loyalty program, which includes Kohl's Rewards and the Kohl's Card. We will also continue to offer a compelling and differentiated omnichannel experience, through modernizing our stores and enhancing our digital experience, as well as continuing to invest in our omnichannel capabilities.

#### **Expanding Operating Margin**

We have established a goal of expanding our operating margin to 7% to 8%. To accomplish this goal, we are targeting both gross margin improvement and selling, general, and administrative expense leverage. Our gross margin initiatives include inventory management and increasing inventory turn, optimizing our promotional strategies, and transforming our supply chain. Our selling, general, and administrative expense initiatives include leveraging our operational excellence discipline with a focus on driving greater efficiency across stores, marketing, technology, and corporate expenses.

#### **Disciplined Capital Management**

We are committed to disciplined capital management and we will continue to manage the business with a long-term objective of sustaining an Investment Grade rating. We have a long history of strong cash flow generation, investing in our business, and returning significant capital to shareholders, all of which will continue to remain important in the future.

#### Agile, Accountable, and Inclusive Culture

We are committed to fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment for our associates and customers. We have recently established a diversity and inclusion framework, which includes a number of key initiatives across three pillars: Our People, Our Customers, and Our Communities. In addition, we continue to show our commitment

to Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance ("ESG") and have established 2025 goals related to climate change, waste and recycling, and sustainable sourcing.

#### **Results of Operations**

#### Total Revenue

	Th	ree Months Ended		Nine Months Ended				
(Dollars in Millions)	October 31, 2020	November 2, 2019	Change	October 31, 2020	November 2, 2019	Change		
Net sales	\$ 3,779	\$ 4,358	\$ (579)	\$ 9,152	\$ 12,348	\$ (3,196)		
Other revenue	200	267	(67)	662	794	(132)		
Total revenue	\$ 3,979	\$ 4,625	\$ (646)	\$ 9,814	\$ 13,142	\$ (3,328)		

Net sales declined 13.3% for the third quarter of 2020 and 25.9% for year to date 2020.

- Comparable sales decreased 13.3% for the third quarter.
- The decrease in net sales reflects the continued impact of COVID-19 which includes the temporary nationwide closure of our stores on March 20, 2020 resulting in a decrease in transactions. All of our stores reopened during the second quarter of 2020 and remained open during the third quarter of 2020.
- Digital sales increased 25% for the third quarter of 2020 and 35% for year to date 2020. Digital penetration represented 32% of net sales for the third quarter of 2020 and 38% of net sales for year to date 2020.
- From a line of business perspective, Home and Children's outperformed the company average for the third quarter and year to date 2020, and Accessories, Footwear, Men's, and Women's performed below the company average in both the third quarter and year to date 2020.
- Active continues to be a key strategic initiative and outperformed the rest of the Company for the third quarter and year to date 2020.

Comparable sales is a measure that highlights the performance of our stores and digital channel by measuring the change in sales for a period over the comparable, prior-year period of equivalent length. Comparable sales includes all store and digital sales, except sales from stores open less than 12 months, stores that have been closed, and stores where square footage has changed by more than 10%. We measure the change in digital sales by including all sales initiated online or through mobile applications, including omnichannel transactions which are fulfilled through our stores.

As our stores were closed for a period during the first nine months of 2020, we have not included a discussion of year to date comparable sales as we do not believe it is a meaningful metric over this period of time. Quarter to date comparable sales is disclosed above as our stores were open for the entire third quarter.

We measure digital penetration as digital sales over net sales. These amounts do not take into consideration fulfillment node, digital returns processed in stores, and coupon behaviors.

Comparable sales and digital penetration measures vary across the retail industry. As a result, our comparable sales calculation and digital penetration are non-GAAP measures that may not be consistent with the similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

The decreases in Other revenue of \$67 million for the third quarter of 2020 and \$132 million for year to date 2020 were driven by lower credit revenue due to lower accounts receivable balances associated with lower sales and a higher payment rate resulting in less interest, late fees, and write-off activity.

#### Cost of Merchandise Sold and Gross Margin

		Three Months Ended					Nine Months Ended						
(Dollars in Millions)	С	October 31, 2020	ı	November 2, 2019		Change		October 31, 2020	١	November 2, 2019		Change	
Net sales	\$	3,779	\$	4,358	\$	(579)	\$	9,152	\$	12,348	\$	(3,196)	
Cost of merchandise sold		2,424		2,775		(351)		6,360		7,740		(1,380)	
Gross margin	\$	1,355	\$	1,583	\$	(228)	\$	2,792	\$	4,608	\$	(1,816)	
Gross margin as a percent of net sales		35.8%		36.3%		(48) bps	3	30.5%		37.3%		(680)	bps

Cost of merchandise sold includes the total cost of products sold, including product development costs, net of vendor payments other than reimbursement of specific, incremental, and identifiable costs; inventory shrink; markdowns; freight expenses associated with moving merchandise from our vendors to our distribution centers; shipping expenses for digital sales; and terms cash discount. Our Cost of merchandise sold may not be comparable with that of other retailers because we include distribution center and buying costs in Selling, general, and administrative expenses while other retailers may include these expenses in Cost of merchandise sold.

In the third quarter, the decrease in gross margin as a percent of net sales was driven by increased shipping costs due to increased digital sales penetration offset by strong inventory management and pricing and promotion optimization. Year to date, the decrease was driven by approximately 320 bps due to the inventory actions taken in the first quarter of 2020, approximately 210 bps due to higher shipping costs, and approximately 150 bps due to the mix of business partially offset by strong inventory management and pricing and promotion optimization.

#### Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses ("SG&A")

		Tł	ree Months Ended	d	Nine Months Ended				
(Dollars in Millions)	Oc	tober 31, 2020	November 2, 2019	Change	October 31, 2020	Change			
SG&A	\$	1,302	\$ 1,419	\$ (117)	\$ 3,418	\$ 3,962	\$ (544)		
As a percent of total revenue		32.7%	30.7%	205 bps	34.8%	30.1%	467 bps		

SG&A expenses include compensation and benefit costs (including stores, corporate, buying, and distribution centers); occupancy and operating costs of our retail, distribution, and corporate facilities; freight expenses associated with moving merchandise from our distribution centers to our retail stores and among distribution and retail facilities; marketing expenses, offset by vendor payments for reimbursement of specific, incremental, and identifiable costs; expenses related to our credit card operations; and other administrative revenues and expenses. We do not include depreciation and amortization in SG&A. The classification of these expenses varies across the retail industry.

Many of our expenses, including store payroll and distribution costs, are variable in nature. These costs generally increase as sales increase and decrease as sales decrease. We measure both the change in these variable expenses and the expense as a percent of sales. If the expense as a percent of sales decreased from the prior year, the expense "leveraged". If the expense as a percent of sales increased over the prior year, the expense "deleveraged".

The following table summarizes the decreases in SG&A by expense type:

	Three	Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
(Dollars In Millions)	Oct	ober 31, 2020	October 31, 2020
Credit expenses	\$	(15)	\$ (53)
Corporate and other		(16)	(98)
Marketing		(40)	(163)
Store expenses		(46)	(230)
Total decrease	\$	(117)	\$ (544)

SG&A expenses decreased \$117 million, or 8.2%, to \$1.3 billion in the third quarter of 2020. As a percentage of revenue, SG&A deleveraged by 205 bps. Year to date SG&A expenses decreased \$544 million, or 13.7%. As a percentage of revenue, SG&A deleveraged by 467 bps. The decrease in the third quarter and year to date 2020 SG&A was primarily driven by a reduction in store expenses due to a reduction in sales and staffing model changes, lower marketing expense due to reductions in all working media channels, reduced capital spending in technology, and lower credit expenses due to lower payroll. Partially offsetting the decrease in SG&A expenses in the third quarter and year to date 2020 were expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic which primarily consisted of incremental employee compensation and benefits as well as cleaning and protective supplies. Included in these expenses was the retention credit benefit we were eligible for under The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"). The CARES Act, enacted on March 27, 2020, provides eligible employers with an employee retention credit equal to 50% of qualified wages paid to employees who were not providing services to the Company due to the impact of COVID-19.

#### Other Expenses

	Thre	e Months Ended		Nine Months Ended			
(Dollars in Millions)	October 31, 2020	November 2, 2019	Change	October 31, 2020	November 2, 2019	Change	
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 210	\$ 227	\$ (17)	\$ 656	\$ 687	\$ (31)	
Interest expense, net	78	52	26	214	157	57	
Impairments, store closing, and other costs	21	_	21	85	55	30	
(Gain) on sale of real estate	_	_	_	(127)	_	(127)	
(Gain) loss on extinguishment of debt	_	(9)	9	_	(9)	9	

Depreciation and amortization decreases were driven by the maturity of our store portfolio, as well as reduced capital spending in 2020.

In the third quarter of 2020, we recognized a corporate restructuring charge of \$21 million in Impairments, store closing, and other costs. In the second quarter of 2020, we recognized a gain of \$2 million related to a lease amendment which was partially offset by an asset impairment on assets held for sale. In the first quarter of 2020, we incurred \$51 million in asset write-offs, \$2 million related to capital reductions and strategy changes due to COVID-19, and \$13 million in brand exit costs.

Year to date 2019, we incurred \$55 million of impairments, store closing, and other costs; \$49 million in lease impairment charges related to the closure of four Kohl's stores and \$6 million in costs related to the closure of our four Off-Aisle clearance centers, a voluntary role reduction program, and a gain on lease termination.

In the second quarter of 2020, we recognized a gain of \$127 million from the sale leaseback transaction of our San Bernardino E-commerce fulfillment and distribution centers.

In the third quarter of 2019, we purchased leased equipment that was accounted for as a financing obligation and resulted in the recognition of a \$9 million gain on extinguishment of debt.

Net interest expense increased in the third quarter and year to date 2020 as a result of higher interest expense due to the outstanding balance on the revolving credit facility which was fully paid in October 2020 and the \$600 million of notes issued in April 2020.

#### Income Taxes

		Three Months Ended			Nine		
		November 2,				November 2,	
(Dollars in Millions)	(	October 31, 2020	2019	Change	October 31, 2020	2019	Change
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	\$	(44)	\$ 38	\$ (82)	\$ (286)	\$ 124	\$ (410)
Effective tax rate		78.6%	23.6%		36.1%	22.5%	

The Company's effective income tax rates for the three and nine months ended October 31, 2020 were 78.6% and 36.1%, respectively. The effective income tax rates for the three and nine months ended November 2, 2019 were 23.6% and 22.5%, respectively. The change in the effective income tax rate from the prior year and prior quarter and in comparison to the statutory rate was driven by the carryback of net losses and associated tax planning strategies that offset income from taxable years where the rate was 35%, as contemplated by the CARES Act. The Company is continuing to evaluate tax planning strategies, which may drive additional material tax benefits in the balance of the year.

#### (Loss) Income Before Income Taxes, Net (Loss) Income, and (Loss) Earnings Per Diluted Share

	Oct	tob	per 31, 2020		Nov	/em	ber 2, 2019	
(Dollars in Millions, Except per Share Data)	(Loss) before Income Taxes	(L	Net .oss) Income	(Loss) Earnings Per Diluted Share	Income before Income Taxes		Net Income	Earnings Per Diluted Share
Three Months Ended:								
GAAP(1)	\$ (56)	\$	(12)	\$ (0.08)	\$ 161	\$	123	\$ 0.78
Impairments, store closing, and other costs	21		21	0.14	_		_	_
(Gain) on sale of real estate	_		_	_	_		_	_
(Gain) loss on extinguishment of debt	_		_	_	(9)		(9)	(0.06)
Income tax impact of items noted above	_		(7)	(0.05)			2	0.02
Adjusted (non-GAAP)(2)	\$ (35)	\$	2	\$ 0.01	\$ 152	\$	116	\$ 0.74
Nine Months Ended:								
GAAP	\$ (792)	\$	(506)	\$ (3.28)	\$ 550	\$	426	\$ 2.67
Impairments, store closing, and other costs	85		85	0.55	55		55	0.35
(Gain) on sale of real estate	(127)		(127)	(0.82)	_		_	_
(Gain) loss on extinguishment of debt	_		_	_	(9)		(9)	(0.06)
Income tax impact of items noted above	_		16	0.10			(12)	(0.07)
Adjusted (non-GAAP)	\$ (834)	\$	(532)	\$ (3.45)	\$ 596	\$	460	\$ 2.89

<sup>(1)</sup> Weighted average diluted shares outstanding for purposes of calculating diluted adjusted (loss) earnings per share for the three months ended October 31, 2020 was 154 million as the effect of including dilutive shares would be antidilutive.

We believe the adjusted results in the table above are useful because they provide enhanced visibility into our results for the periods excluding the impact of certain items such as those included in the table above. However, these non-GAAP financial measures are not intended to replace the comparable GAAP measures.

#### **Seasonality and Inflation**

Our business, like that of other retailers, is subject to seasonal influences. Sales and income are typically higher during the back-to-school and holiday seasons. Because of the seasonality of our business, results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved for a full fiscal year. Due to the impact of COVID-19, typical sales patterns may not occur this year.

In addition to COVID-19, we expect that our operations will continue to be influenced by general economic conditions, including food, fuel, and energy prices, higher unemployment, and costs to source our merchandise, including tariffs. There can be no assurances that such factors will not impact our business in the future.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Financial liquidity and flexibility are a key focus of our response to COVID-19. As previously mentioned, we took various actions during the first nine months of 2020 to preserve our financial liquidity and flexibility.

<sup>(2)</sup> Weighted average diluted shares outstanding for purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share for the three months ended October 31, 2020 was 155 million, which includes the dilutive effect of share-based awards as determined under the treasury stock method.

The following table presents our primary uses and sources of cash:

Cash Sources
Cash flow from operations     Short-term trade credit, in the form of extended payment terms     Line of credit under our revolving credit facility     Issuance of debt

Our working capital and inventory levels typically build throughout the fall, peaking during the November and December holiday selling season. Due to COVID-19, typical working capital and inventory patterns may not occur this fiscal year.

	Nine Months Ended					
(Dollars in Millions)	October 31, 2020	November 2, 2019	Change			
Net cash provided by (used in):						
Operating activities	\$ 910	\$ 1,045	\$ (135)			
Investing activities	(70)	(670)	600			
Financing activities	376	(819)	1,195			

#### Operating Activities

Operating activities generated \$910 million year to date 2020 compared to \$1,045 million year to date 2019. The decrease was primarily due to a decline in net income resulting from decreased sales due to the temporary nationwide store closures due to COVID-19.

#### **Investing Activities**

Investing activities used \$70 million year to date 2020 and \$670 million year to date 2019. The decrease was due to reductions in capital expenditures as a part of our response to COVID-19 as well as the proceeds from the sale of real estate.

#### Financing Activities

Financing activities generated \$376 million year to date 2020 compared to \$819 million used year to date 2019.

In March 2020, we fully drew down our \$1.0 billion senior unsecured revolver. In April 2020, we replaced and upsized the unsecured credit facility with a \$1.5 billion senior secured, asset based revolving credit facility maturing in July 2024. In October 2020, we paid \$1.0 billion to fully repay our revolver and have \$1.5 billion available for utilization. No amounts were outstanding on the credit facility in place as of October 31, 2020, February 1, 2020, or November 2, 2019.

In April 2020, we issued \$600 million of 9.50% notes with semi-annual interest payments beginning in November 2020. The notes mature in May 2025. We used part of the net proceeds from this offering to repay \$500 million of the borrowings under our senior secured, asset based revolving credit facility with the remainder for general corporate purposes.

As a result of the suspension of our share repurchase program in response to COVID-19, treasury stock purchases year to date 2020 were \$8 million compared to \$387 million year to date 2019. Share repurchases are discretionary

in nature. The timing and amount of repurchases are based upon available cash balances, our stock price, and other factors.

Cash dividend payments were \$108 million (\$0.704 per share) year to date 2020 and \$319 million (\$2.01 per share) year to date 2019. In response to COVID-19, the dividend program was suspended beginning in the second quarter of 2020. The Company remains committed to paying a dividend and through disciplined capital management we plan to reinstate a dividend during the first half of 2021.

As of October 31, 2020, our credit ratings were as follows:

	Moody's	Standard & Poor's	Fitch
Long-term debt	Baa2	BBB-	BBB-

#### Key Financial Ratios

Key financial ratios that provide certain measures of our liquidity are as follows:

(Dollars in Millions)	October 31, 2020	November 2, 2019
Working capital	\$ 2,253	\$ 1,706
Current ratio	1.60	1.42

The increase in our working capital and current ratio are primarily due to higher cash balances as a result of debt issuances, lower capital expenditures, proceeds from the sale of real estate, and cash provided by operating activities offset by a decrease in merchandise inventory.

#### **Debt Covenant Compliance**

Our senior secured, asset based revolving credit facility contains customary events of default and financial, affirmative and negative covenants, including but not limited to, a springing financial covenant relating to our fixed charge coverage ratio and restrictions on indebtedness, liens, investments, asset dispositions, and restricted payments, including a restriction on dividends in 2020 if our outstanding borrowings under the credit facility exceed \$1.0 billion. These covenants vary from those presented in our Annual Report on Form 10-K. As of October 31, 2020, we were in compliance with all covenants and expect to remain in compliance during the remainder of fiscal 2020.

#### **Contractual Obligations**

During the first quarter of 2020, we issued \$600 million in aggregate principal amount of 9.50% notes due 2025. We also replaced our outstanding unsecured credit facility, of which no amount was outstanding at the end of the quarter. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources" for additional details about these financing activities. See Note 3 of the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details about outstanding debt. There have been no other significant changes in the contractual obligations disclosed in our 2019 Form 10-K.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have not provided any financial guarantees as of October 31, 2020.

We have not created and are not a party to, any special-purpose or off-balance sheet entities for the purpose of raising capital, incurring debt, or operating our business. We do not have any arrangements or relationships with entities that are not consolidated into our financial statements that are reasonably likely to materially affect our financial condition, liquidity, results of operations, or capital resources.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts. Management has discussed the development, selection, and disclosure of its estimates and assumptions with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors. Other than the items discussed in Footnote 1, there have been no significant changes in the critical accounting policies and estimates discussed in our 2019 Form 10-K.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Our operating results are subject to interest rate risk as our secured revolving credit facility carries variable interest rates, and the \$600 million of notes issued in April 2020 include coupon rate step ups if our long-term debt is downgraded to below a BBB- credit rating by S&P Global Ratings or Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. There have been no other significant changes in the Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk described in our 2019 Form 10-K.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (the "Evaluation") at a reasonable assurance level as of the last day of the period covered by this report.

Based upon the Evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective at the reasonable assurance level. Disclosure controls and procedures are defined by Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") as controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls, and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

It should be noted that the design of any system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving our stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how remote.

#### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended October 31, 2020 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no significant changes in the Risk Factors described in our 2019 Form 10-K, other than as set out in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 2, 2020, in Item 1A of Part II.

#### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table contains information for shares of common stock repurchased and shares acquired from employees in lieu of amounts required to satisfy minimum tax withholding requirements upon the vesting of the employees' stock-based compensation during the three fiscal months ended October 31, 2020:

(Dollars in Millions, Except per Share Data)	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
August 2 - 29, 2020	2,032	\$ 22.84	_	\$ 726
August 30 - October 3, 2020	10,208	20.80	_	726
October 4 - 31, 2020	31,689	20.27	_	726
Total	43,929	\$ 20.51	_	\$ 726

#### Item 6. Exhibits

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as inline XBRL and contained in Exhibits 101)

#### **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, thereunto duly authorized.

Kohl's Corporation (Registrant)

Date: December 3, 2020

/s/ Jill Timm

Jill Timm
On behalf of the Registrant and as Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

### CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

#### I, Michelle Gass, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Kohl's Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which
    are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information;
    and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: December 3, 2020 /s/ Michelle Gass

Michelle Gass Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

## CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

#### I, Jill Timm, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Kohl's Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles:
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which
    are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information;
    and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: December 3, 2020

/s/ Jill Timm

Jill Timm

Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

# CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Michelle Gass, Chief Executive Officer of Kohl's Corporation (the "Company"), certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that, to the undersigned's knowledge, on the date of this Certification:

- 1. This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarterly period ended October 31, 2020 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2. That the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: December 3, 2020 /s/ Michelle Gass

Michelle Gass
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

# CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC REPORT BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Jill Timm, Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of Kohl's Corporation (the "Company"), certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that, to the undersigned's knowledge, on the date of this Certification:

- 1. This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarterly period ended October 31, 2020 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2. That the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: December 3, 2020 /s/ Jill Timm

Jill Timm

Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)