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**Scaling brands  
from clicks to  
bricks.**

**How to Build and Scale a Retail Channel  
(Preview)**

# What's the deal with stores?

Growing purely digitally is getting harder and more expensive

CPMs are skyrocketing and CACs are reaching new heights

Most retail sales still occur in stores

~80% of sales still occur in stores

Consumers want an omnichannel experience

Consumers rank omnichannel experiences as a must-have

Omnichannel consumers are more valuable

Omnichannel shoppers have a 30% higher lifetime value than those who shop using only one channel

Stores “supercharge” customers

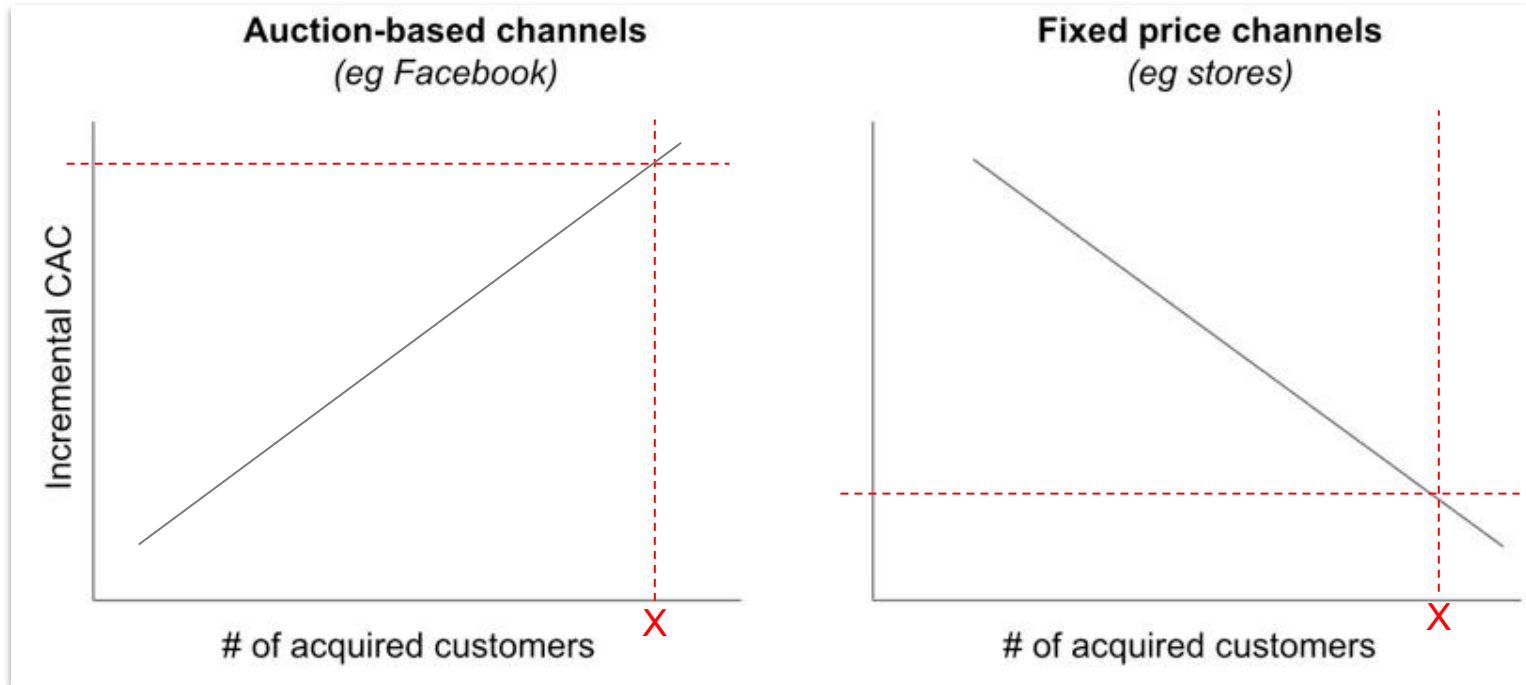
Customers who visit stores spend up to 60% more on an average order than those who do not

Stores reduce CACs and improve CLVs

Retailers who invested in stores early on are reaping the benefits

# Why I like stores

Supply and demand across acquisition channels ebb and flow; having multiple channels reduces exposure to any single channel's idiosyncrasies (eg iOS 14)



Auction channels LOSE leverage as acquisitions increase in a fixed period of time

Fixed price channels GAIN leverage as acquisitions increase

**Retail is all about cycles; diversification is the key to longevity**

# Success can be defined numerous ways



The definition of success can, and should, change over time



- Payback Period → IRR
- 4-wall → Omnichannel
- Sales Growth → Profitability



Success can be measured in various ways



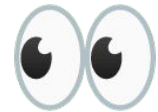
- Capital Efficiency
  - Payback Period
  - (M)IRR
  - NPV
- Operating Health
  - Sales growth
  - EBITDA %



Every real estate portfolio is filled with successes and failures



- Forecasting is impossible to nail down every time
- View as a portfolio with cohorts of:
  - Store format
  - Go-to-market format
  - Regions

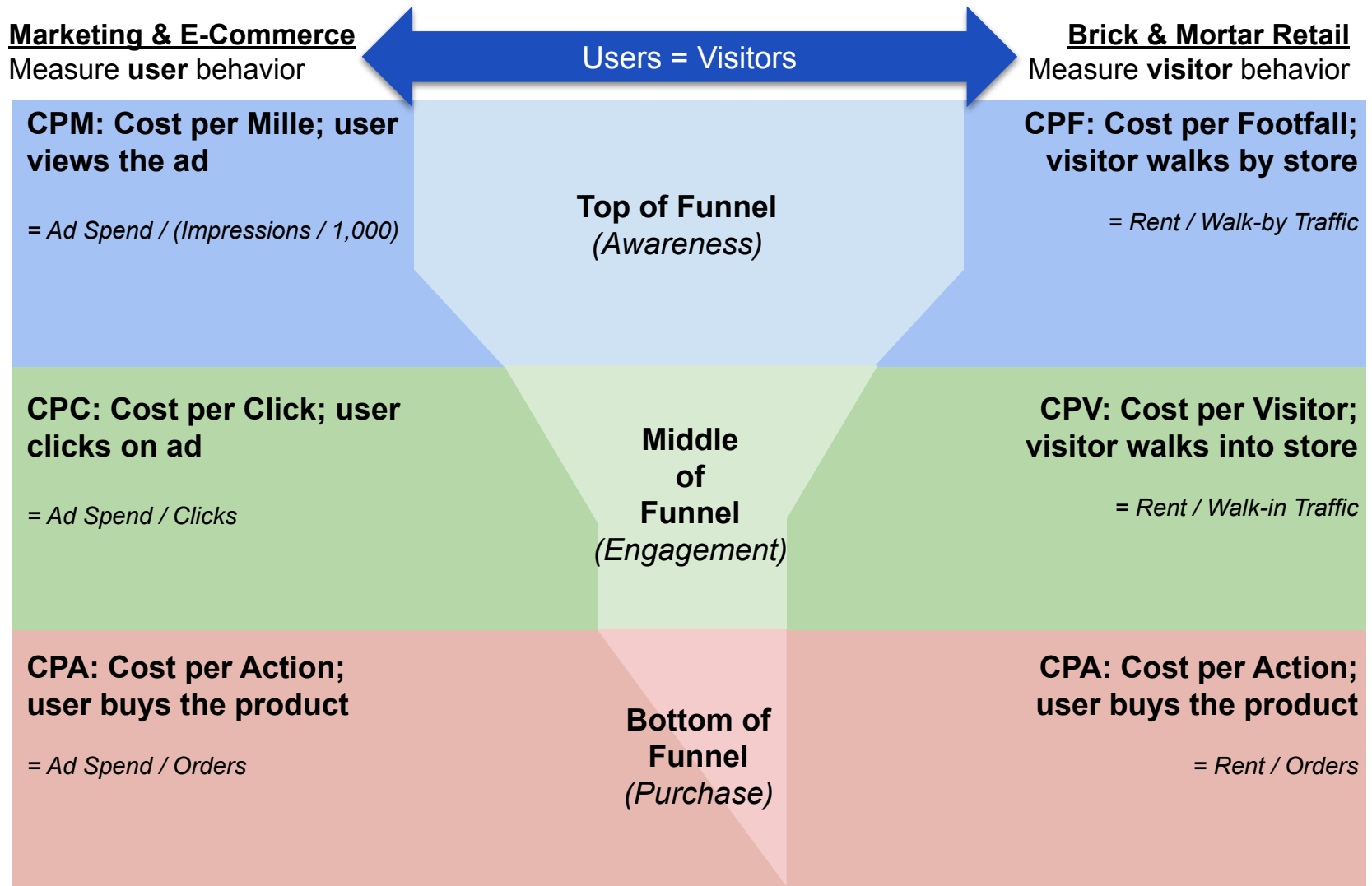


A store's success can be another's failure



- Sales definitions
- Vendors
- Cannibalization across:
  - Channels
  - Locations
  - Growth \$

# Applying your metrics from clicks to bricks



# Functional areas

Opening and operating stores requires expertise across four main areas, which mirrors the lifecycle of a strategy and project

## Retail Strategy & Finance



**Building the strategy and crunching the numbers**

- Market sizing
- Vendor networks
- Financial modeling
- Budgets
- Governance
- Process maps
- New store sales forecasting

## Real Estate & Lease Administration



**Finding and negotiating deals; managing existing leases**

- Broker network
- Market & site tours
- LOI negotiations
- Lease negotiations and attorney management
- Real Estate Committees
- Lease renewals, exits, and restructurings
- Lease compliance

## Store Design & Construction



**Designing, building, and maintaining the stores**

- Design prototype
- Site evaluations and budget estimates
- Test fits
- Design drawings and vendor management
- Tenant allowance collections
- Store renovations, refreshes, and maintenance

## Store Operations & Leadership

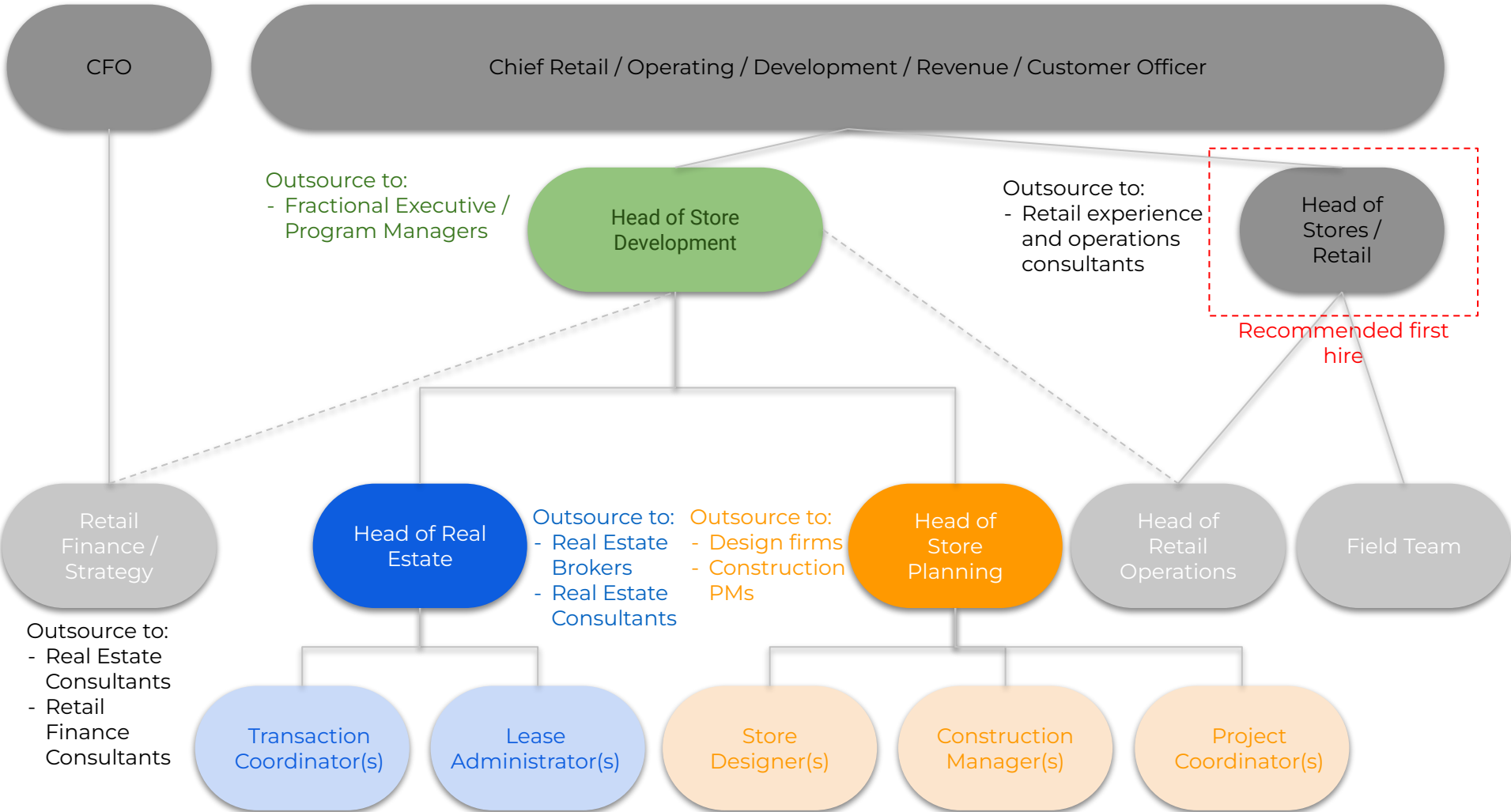


**Managing store setup, operations, and sales**

- NSO preparation
- Operational SOPs
- Cross functional coordination
- Customer experience
- Employee experience
- Performance management
- Sales forecasting
- Labor modeling

# Organizational design

While you shouldn't hire a large team immediately, you should build it with an end structure in mind. Replace full time employees with vendors, and slowly bring those roles in-house as you scale





# The importance of centralization

Store development is arguably the most cross functional process in an organization, with information moving in and out of the team constantly. It's important to have a designated lead who can manage all the moving parts. Shared accountability = no accountability.





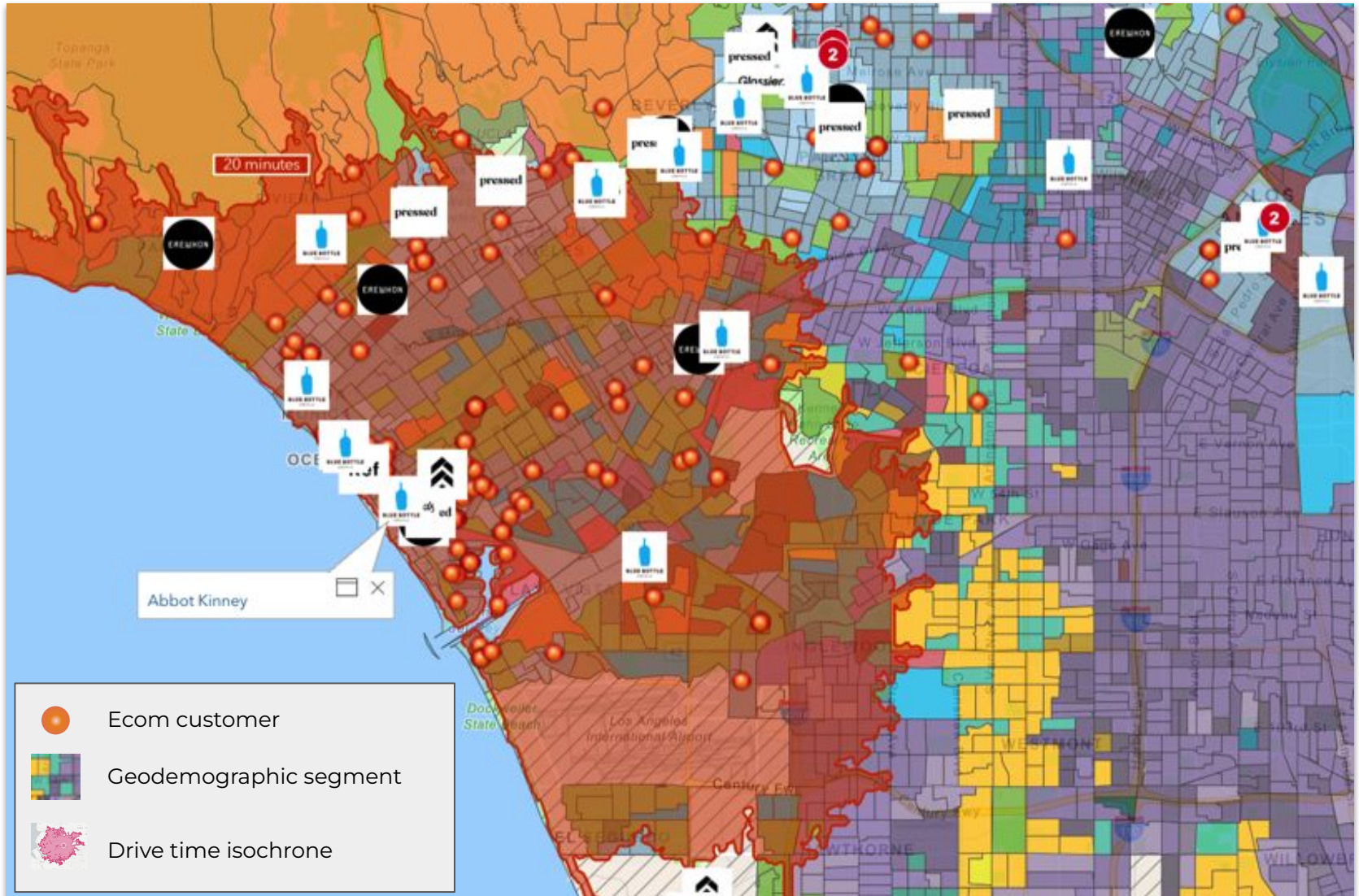
# Leveraging data for market and site selection

DTC brands are uniquely positioned to maximize data-driven site selection



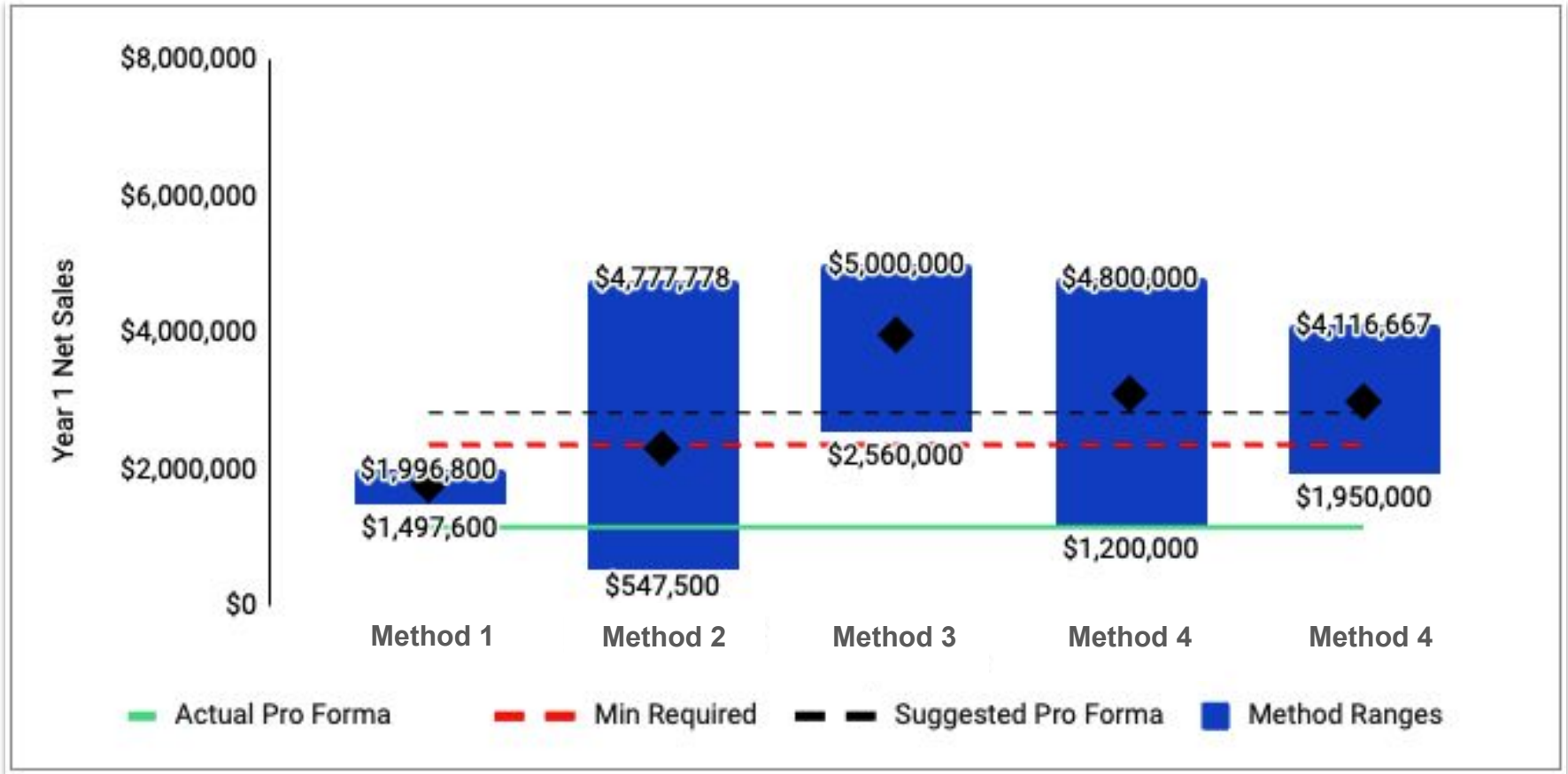
# Visualizing the data

Intersect first party data (ecom customers), third party data (store locations), geodemographics, and isochrones to identify opportunities



# Sales Forecasting Methodologies

## Estimated Sales Potential



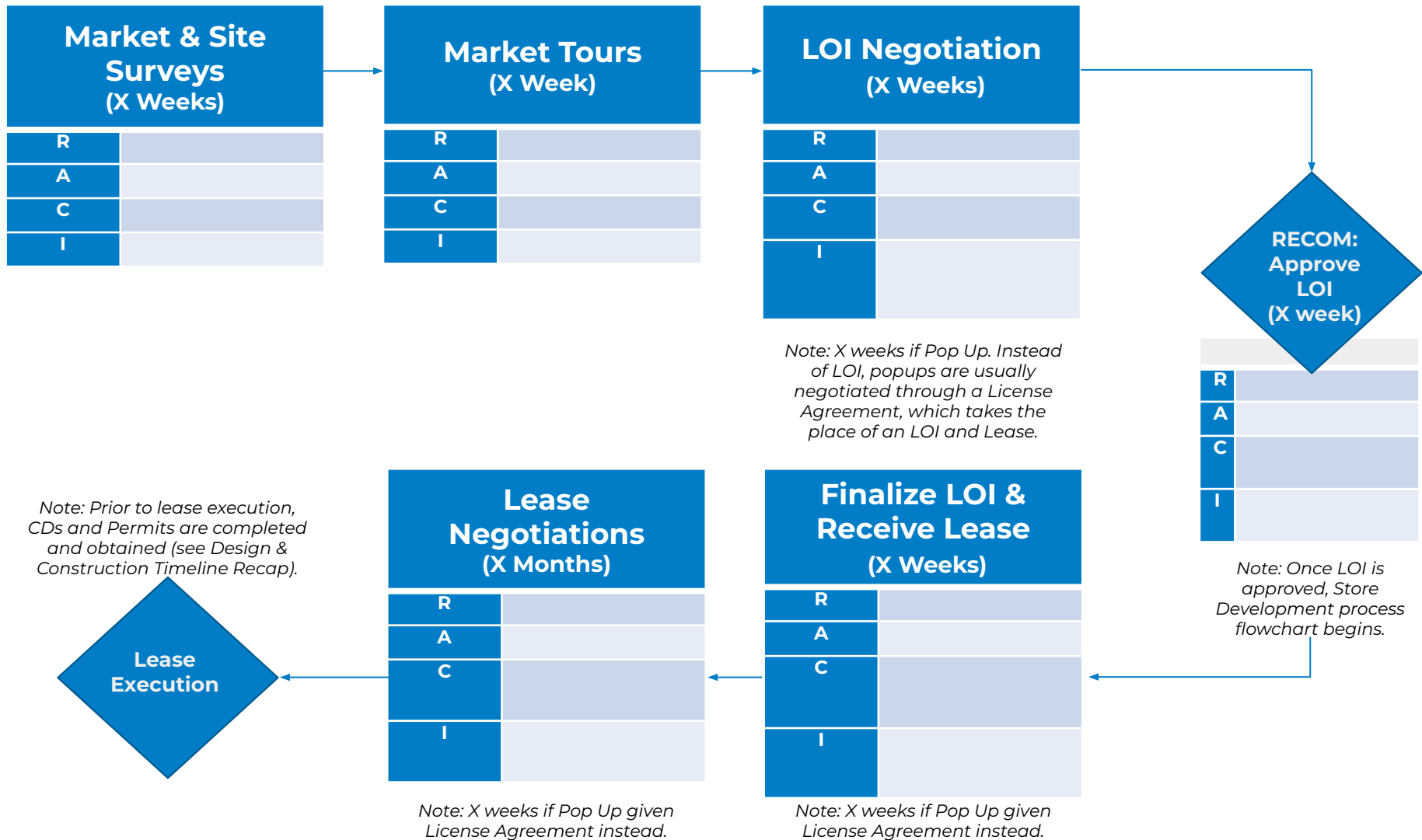
# New Store Pro Forma (Simplified)

## Financial Model

	Year 0	Income Statement					% of Net Sales				
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Net Sales		\$928,200	\$996,312	\$1,069,278	\$1,147,436	\$1,231,149					
% YoY			7%	7%	7%	7%					
SPSF (Selling)		\$825	\$886	\$950	\$1,020	\$1,094					
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<b>\$603,330</b>	<b>\$647,603</b>	<b>\$695,031</b>	<b>\$745,834</b>	<b>\$800,247</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Variable Contribution Profit</b>		<b>\$542,997</b>	<b>\$585,334</b>	<b>\$629,270</b>	<b>\$676,414</b>	<b>\$726,993</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>59%</b>
Labor		\$166,250	\$166,700	\$167,164	\$167,641	\$168,133	18%	17%	16%	15%	14%
Occupancy	\$0	\$113,000	\$116,990	\$121,130	\$125,425	\$129,882	12%	12%	11%	11%	11%
Marketing		\$18,000	\$18,540	\$19,096	\$19,669	\$20,259	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Other G&A	\$22,000	\$3,400	\$3,502	\$3,607	\$3,715	\$3,827	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total G&amp;A</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>	<b>\$300,650</b>	<b>\$305,732</b>	<b>\$310,996</b>	<b>\$316,450</b>	<b>\$322,101</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>4-Wall Cash EBITDA</b>	<b>-\$22,000</b>	<b>\$242,347</b>	<b>\$279,602</b>	<b>\$318,274</b>	<b>\$359,963</b>	<b>\$404,892</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>33%</b>
Tax Impact & Non-Cash Charges	\$0	\$100,833	\$110,372	\$120,285	\$128,478	\$140,160	11%	11%	11%	11%	11%
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$22,000</b>	<b>\$141,514</b>	<b>\$169,230</b>	<b>\$197,988</b>	<b>\$231,485</b>	<b>\$264,732</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Operating Cash Flow</b>	<b>-\$22,000</b>	<b>\$182,159</b>	<b>\$207,626</b>	<b>\$234,067</b>	<b>\$261,510</b>	<b>\$292,298</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>24%</b>
Gross Capital	\$350,000						38%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Tenant Allowance	\$150,000						16%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Net Capital</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Security Deposit	\$17,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0					
Inventory	\$95,550	\$5,819	\$6,173	\$6,549	\$6,948	\$7,371					
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>-\$335,050</b>	<b>\$176,340</b>	<b>\$201,452</b>	<b>\$227,517</b>	<b>\$254,562</b>	<b>\$284,927</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>23%</b>
Cash Payback (Months)		24.2									
Internal Rate of Return (IRR)		57%									
Net Present Value (NPV)		\$575,205									

Template available on [www.resourcehub.1rec.co](http://www.resourcehub.1rec.co)

# Real Estate Timelines



- Note 1: Exact timeline may vary depending on landlord relationship, deal terms, space conditions and occupancy, etc.; timeline shown above is illustrative and intended to provide a framework for teams to refine.
- Note 2: Template available on [www.resourcehub.1rec.co](http://www.resourcehub.1rec.co)



# Timelines: A combined view

## STORE DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

REAL ESTATE & LEASE ADMINISTRATION	Broker Engaged	Market Survey	Market Tours	LOI	Lease
Start	1/1/2024	1/1/2024	1/8/2024	1/25/2024	2/25/2024
End	1/1/2024	1/8/2024	1/22/2024	2/22/2024	5/19/2024
Duration (Wks)	0	1	2	4	12
Commentary	Scenario commentary redacted				

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## STORE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

	Des Drawings	Constr Drawings	Permits	Construction
Start	2/29/2024	3/31/2024	5/8/2024	8/7/2024
End	3/28/2024	5/5/2024	7/31/2024	10/16/2024
Duration (Wks)	4	5	12	10
Commentary	Scenario commentary redacted			

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## STORE OPERATIONS & LEADERSHIP + CROSS FUNCTIONAL PARTNERS

	Misc Prep	Recruiting & Training	Turnover to Open
Start	5/19/2024	7/20/2024	10/19/2024
End	10/19/2024	10/18/2024	10/26/2024
Duration (Wks)	22	13	1
Commentary	Scenario commentary redacted		

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**Weeks to opening**  
**Months to opening**

# Labor Model Basics

Coverage comes in a forms: operating hours, customers, and square feet (sqft)

# Heads Planned by Hour	Weekly Total	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Required Operating Hours	68	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total Hours Staffed	70	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total Labor Hours	112	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Operating Hours Coverage	1.6x	1.6x	1.6x	1.6x	1.6x	1.6x	1.6x	1.6x
Heads Scheduled by Hour								
<p><b>Operating hours</b> are typically influenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Co-tenants:</b> you should be aligned to what your neighbors are doing</li> <li>• <b>Requirements:</b> malls will generally give you required operating hours</li> </ul> <p>Use third party mobility data to validate daily and hourly staffing</p>	8:00 AM							
	9:00 AM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	10:00 AM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	11:00 AM	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	12:00 PM	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	1:00 PM	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	2:00 PM	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	3:00 PM	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	4:00 PM	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5:00 PM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6:00 PM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
--- Weekly Operating Hours	70	70	70	70	70
--- Coverage Ratio	1.6x	1.6x	1.6x	1.6x	1.6x
--- Required Labor Hours	112	112	112	112	112
--- General Manager (GM): Salary & Count	1	1	1	1	1
--- Asst. General Manager (AGM): Salary & Count	1	1	1	1	1
--- Sales Associates (FTE equivalent)	1	1	1	1	1
--- Total Blended FTEs	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
--- Implied Total SQFT Covered per Employee	771	771	771	771	771
--- Implied Selling SQFT Covered per Employee	579	579	579	579	579
--- Implied # Customer Interaction per FTE per Hour	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8

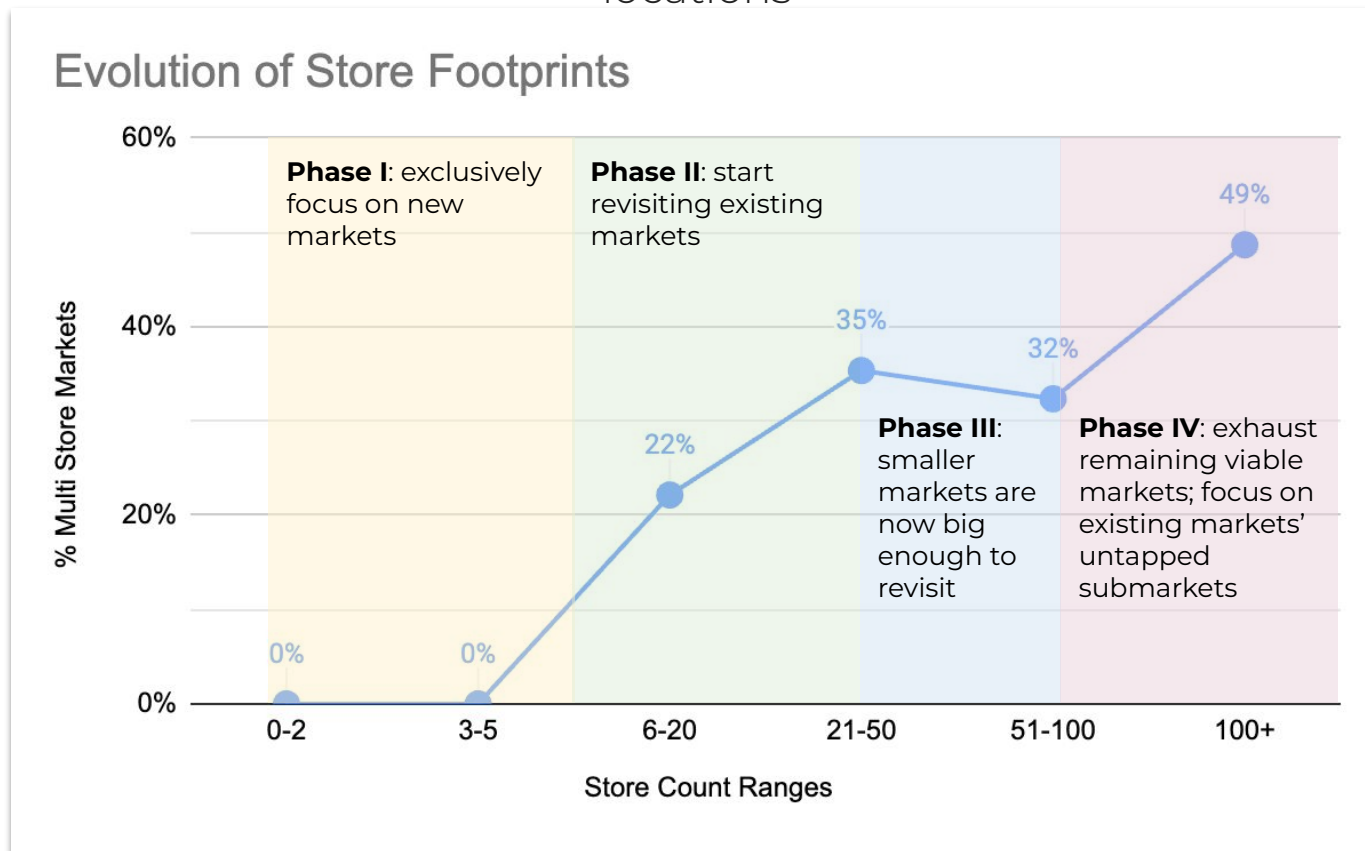
## Coverage metrics:

- **Operating Hours Coverage:**  
Labor Hrs / Operating Hrs
- **Area Coverage:**  
SQFT / FTE
- **Customer Coverage:**  
Daily Traffic / FTE / Daily Operating Hrs



# The “average” scaling journey for DTC brands

Many DTC brands have chosen national expansion over clustering in their first 10 locations



Note: Chart based on DTC brands' footprint data from ChainXY; includes range of DTC brands including but not limited to Warby Parker, Bonobos, Glossier, and Allbirds.

# Your Performance Management Dashboard

Store sales should be decomposed into its underlying metrics to uncover the source of an over / under performing location

Month to Date	Sales \$		Goal \$ / %		% of Total		Conversion		Traffic		AOV		AUR		UPT	
	TY	% vs LY	TY	% Ach	TY	ppts vs LY	TY	ppts vs LY	TY	% vs LY	TY	% vs LY	TY	% vs LY	TY	% vs LY
1 Store Name	\$150,000	4%	\$120,000	80%	5%	0%	20%	3%	1,500	11%	\$500	-22%	\$250	-48%	2.0	50%
2 Store Name	\$150,000	4%	\$165,000	110%	5%	0%	20%	3%	1,500	11%	\$500	-22%	\$250	-48%	2.0	50%
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<b>Stores Total</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$2,850,000</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>-48%</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>50%</b>

**Monthly Goals** are typically set in advance with a 90% achievement minimum in order to unlock bonus payouts

$$\text{Sales} = \text{Traffic} \times \text{Conversion} \times \text{AOV}$$

This basic formula will reveal where sales growth/decline came from

$$\text{AOV} = \text{AUR} \times \text{UPT}$$

This basic formula will reveal where AOV growth/decline came from

# Measuring Success in Hindsight

While success = 24 month Payback Duration or less, you can't wait two years before evaluating; focus on Year 1 Sales achievement vs pro forma

## Mixed results, but overall success

	Actual	Pro Forma	% Achieved
Store 1	\$6,000,000	\$5,000,000	120%
Store 2	\$5,050,000	\$5,000,000	101%
Store 3	\$7,000,000	\$5,000,000	140%
Store 4	\$4,500,000	\$5,000,000	90%
Store 5	\$5,250,000	\$5,000,000	105%
Store 6	\$3,500,000	\$5,000,000	70%
Store 7	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000	40%
Store 8	\$3,150,000	\$5,000,000	63%
Store 9	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000	200%
Store 10	\$6,000,000	\$5,000,000	120%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52,450,000</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>	<b>105%</b>
% Missed Pro Forma			40%
% Exceeded Pro Forma			60%

Look for consistencies between over and underperformers:

- Store format (malls vs street)
- Square footage
- Co-tenancy
- Merchandise
- Staff
- Basket KPIs

## Poor performance overall, but driven by two big underperformers

	Actual	Pro Forma	% Achieved
Store 1	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000	30%
Store 2	\$4,000,000	\$8,000,000	50%
Store 3	\$5,250,000	\$5,000,000	105%
Store 4	\$5,250,000	\$5,000,000	105%
Store 5	\$5,250,000	\$5,000,000	105%
Store 6	\$5,250,000	\$5,000,000	105%
Store 7	\$5,250,000	\$5,000,000	105%
Store 8	\$5,250,000	\$5,000,000	105%
Store 9	\$5,250,000	\$5,000,000	105%
Store 10	\$5,250,000	\$5,000,000	105%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,000,000</b>	<b>\$58,000,000</b>	<b>84%</b>
% Missed Pro Forma			20%
% Exceeded Pro Forma			80%

Continue strategy for next wave, but dig into the poor performers:

- Store format (malls vs street)
- Square footage
- Co-tenancy
- Merchandise
- Staff
- Basket KPIs

## Great performance overall, but driven by two big overperformers

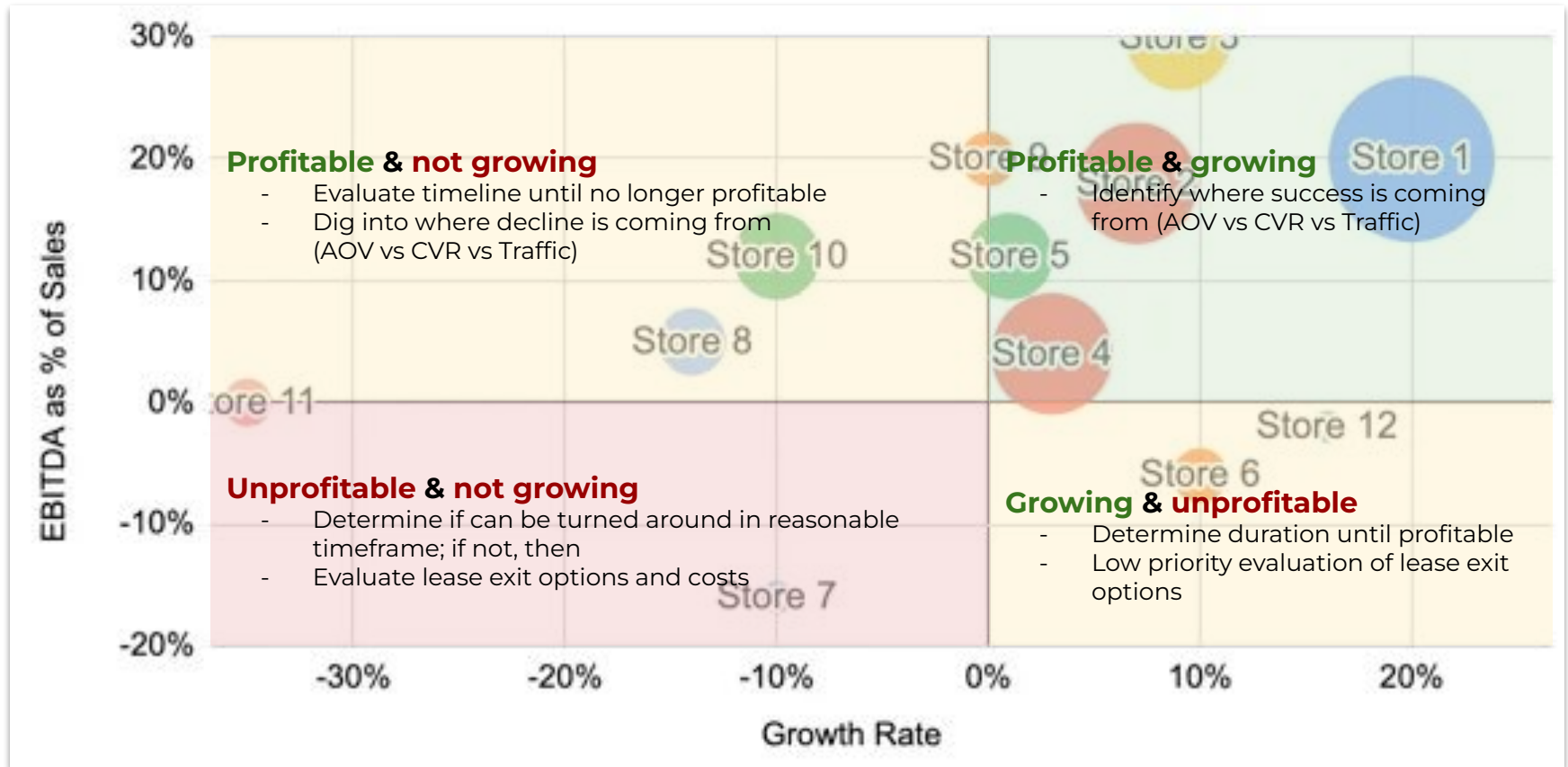
	Actual	Pro Forma	% Achieved
Store 1	\$25,000,000	\$5,000,000	500%
Store 2	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	80%
Store 3	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	80%
Store 4	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	80%
Store 5	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	80%
Store 6	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	80%
Store 7	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	80%
Store 8	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	80%
Store 9	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	80%
Store 10	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$61,000,000</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>	<b>122%</b>
% Missed Pro Forma			90%
% Exceeded Pro Forma			10%

Reassess performance expectations:

- Is the pro forma still healthy despite missing expectations?
- Can you lower the bar and still make future deals work?

# Monitoring Store Health

When stores mature into year 2, add the Store Health Matrix lens to your assessments



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