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*"We believe fine jewelry can be accessible, beautiful and conscientious."* 



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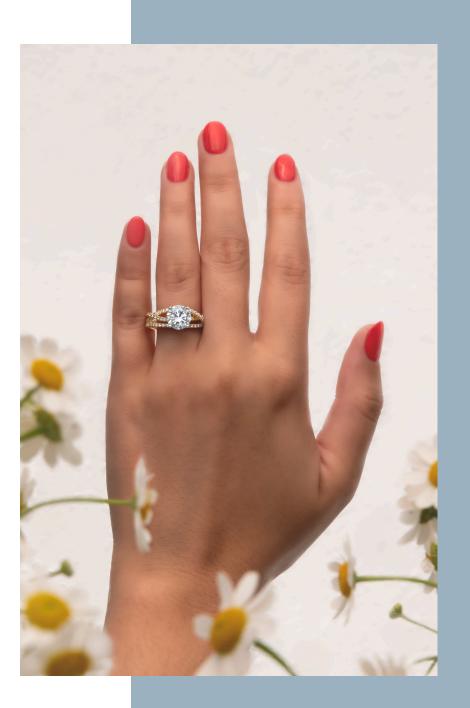
### CHARLES & COLVARD

*Worldwide fashion jewelry market to reach \$300 billion by 2025*<sup>1</sup>

- Publicly traded on Nasdaq: CTHR
- Established in 1995 as the original creator of moissanite
- Today, a fine jewelry company specializing in lab created gemstones
- Currently trading at \$2.90 to \$3.05 range over past five days as of September 27, 2021
- Over last twelve months, stock price has increased over 240%
- Current market cap as of September 27, 2021 is approximately \$90 million

# **Q4 FY 2021 Summary**\*

- Increased net sales by 120% to \$9.7 million with an 86% increase in Online Channels segment along with an increase of 189% in Traditional segment
- Gross Margin of 45%
- Finished jewelry net sales increased 86%, representing 57% of total net sales
- Income from operations of \$1.1 million
- Recognized a \$974,000 gain on extinguishment of debt due to PPP loan forgiveness and income tax benefit of \$6.3 million from the reduction of the valuation allowance against deferred tax assets
- Net income of \$8.4 million or \$0.27 earnings per diluted share
- Generated \$1.8 million in cash flow from operations





### Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 Summary<sup>\*</sup>

- Increased net sales by 34% to \$39.2 million with a 40% increase in Online Channels segment and an increase of 28% in the Traditional segment
- Gross Margin of 47%
- Finished jewelry net sales increased 45%, representing 59% of total net sales
- Income from operations of \$5.5 million versus loss from operations of \$6.3 million
- Recognized a \$974,000 gain on extinguishment of debt due to PPP loan forgiveness and income tax benefit of \$6.3 million from the reduction of the valuation allowance against deferred tax assets
- Net income of \$12.8 million or \$0.42 earnings per diluted share, from the prior year's net loss of \$6.2 million or \$0.22 loss per diluted share
- \$21.4 million in total cash
- Generated \$6.5 million in cash flow from operations
- Working Capital of \$30.1 million which increased by \$12.7 million for a 73% increase

### **FOREVER ONE™ MOISSANITE**

Decades in the making, Forever One is the most premium moissanite exclusively created, cut and faceted by Charles & Colvard.

Grown using a patented process, the quality of Charles & Colvard is superior to that of other moissanite brands.

- MOISSANITE BUSINESS GROWTH 86% over the year ago quarter;
  35% year over year for FY 2021
- Moissanite is The World's Most Brilliant Gem®
- Rare, naturally occurring mineral (Silicon Carbide)
- Charles & Colvard moissanite is grown in high-tech laboratories in Research Triangle Park, NC
- Forever One is the premium brand highest quality and value in the market
- Forever One available in DEF and GHI color grades with a clarity grade IF- VVS1 along with excellent cut, polish and symmetry
- Forever One loose gems available in 28 cuts and a multitude of shapes and sizes
- Set in bridal and fine jewelry 14K and 18K gold as well as platinum; mostly recycled
- What is Moissanite? video: Watch Video

# **CAYDIA® LAB GROWN DIAMONDS**



Caydia® is a specially curated assortment of premium lab grown diamonds *exclusively* available from Charles & Colvard.

Caydia® marries the romance of ancient Greek mythology with contemporary innovation. The Greek name "Cay" means pure and when combined with "dia" from diamond, you get the perfect representation of timeless beauty.

- Estimated \$5.2 billion in the lab grown diamond space<sup>1</sup>; fastest growing segment in the industry
- Launched September 2020 Now included in the conversation
- Available in E, F and G color grades with a minimum clarity of VS1 along with excellent polish and symmetry
- Lab grown diamonds set in bridal and fine jewelry using mostly recycled 14K gold, 18K gold and platinum
- Range in weight from 0.50 carats to 2.00 carats
- Third party certification
- The Truth Behind Lab Grown Diamonds video: <u>Watch Video</u>

### Forever One<sup>™</sup> Moissanite vs. Caydia<sup>®</sup> Lab Grown Diamonds





### Signature Collection, **Patented Design**

Each element of the floret is representative of our mission, and our approach to jewelry design.

See Signature Video: Watch Video



#### Star

There's a flash of brilliance at the heart of every Signature Collection setting, putting our gems' unbeatable sparkle and luster at the center of each design.



#### Petals

Four petal-shaped elements represent our commitment to sustainable practices, which is woven into everything we do and every piece of jewelry we create at Charles & Colvard.



#### Cut

Our Forever One and Caydia gems are cut and polished to perfection to deliver superior sparkle.



#### Color

All of our gems fall within the colorless and near-colorless ranges. Specifically, Forever One is available in either D-E-F or G-H-I color ranges. Our Caydia lab grown diamonds are available in E, F or G color grades.

#### Clarity

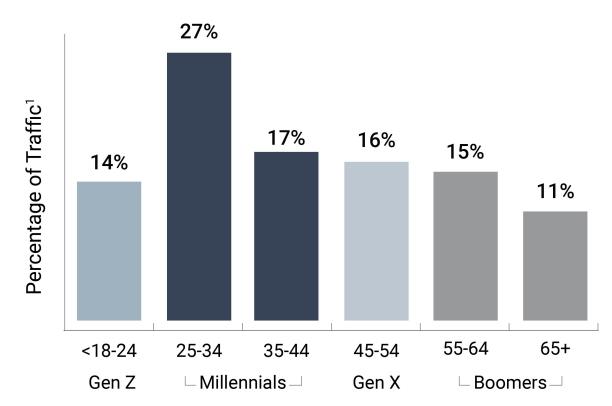


The clarity of Forever One is unmatched, falling within a clarity range equivalent to VS1 to internally flawless. Similarly, our Caydia lab diamonds have a minimum clarity grade of VS1.

### Conscience

Both of our gems are grown in a lab—and that's a good thing. We don't mine, destroy ecosystems, pollute land or engage in violent trade practices. This is jewelry you can feel good about wearing.

### **Customer Demographics**





1 Google Analytics Percentage of Traffic by Age on charlesandcolvard.com for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 2 How to Buy an Engagement Ring Like a Millennial (December 2019)

## Sales and Distribution Channels



#### **Online Channels Segment**

- Transactional websites: charlesandcolvard.com & moissaniteoutlet.com
- Marketplaces
- Dropship retail
- Other pure play outlets

#### **Traditional Segment**

- Wholesale
- Brick & Mortar Customers

#### Distribution & Order Fulfillment

- Solid infrastructure and best-in-breed technology in place
- Lean, centralized hub

#### Marketing

- Paid
  Shared
- Earned Owned

### BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

(millions, except per share)



	6/30/21	6/30/20
Total Cash <sup>1</sup>	\$21.4	\$14.6
Inventory	\$29.2	\$30.6
Total Assets	\$64.9	\$48.9
Debt	\$0.0	\$1.0
Total Liabilities <sup>2</sup>	\$9.2	\$7.5
Shareholders' Equity	\$55.7	\$41.4
Shares Outstanding	29.9	28.9
Book Value Per Share	\$1.85	\$1.42

<sup>1</sup> Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash

<sup>2</sup> As of 6/30/20, Total Liabilities included \$965,000 in PPP Loan and \$622,000 in operating lease liabilities. As of 6/30/21, Total Liabilities included \$0 in PPP Loan and \$4.2 million in operating lease liabilities; lease liabilities increased by \$4.4 million in Q3 2021 related to extension of corporate headquarters lease for additional five years.

# Q4 FY 2021 Net Sales

Net Sales (\$M)



#### Loose Jewel & Finished Jewelry Net Sales (\$M)



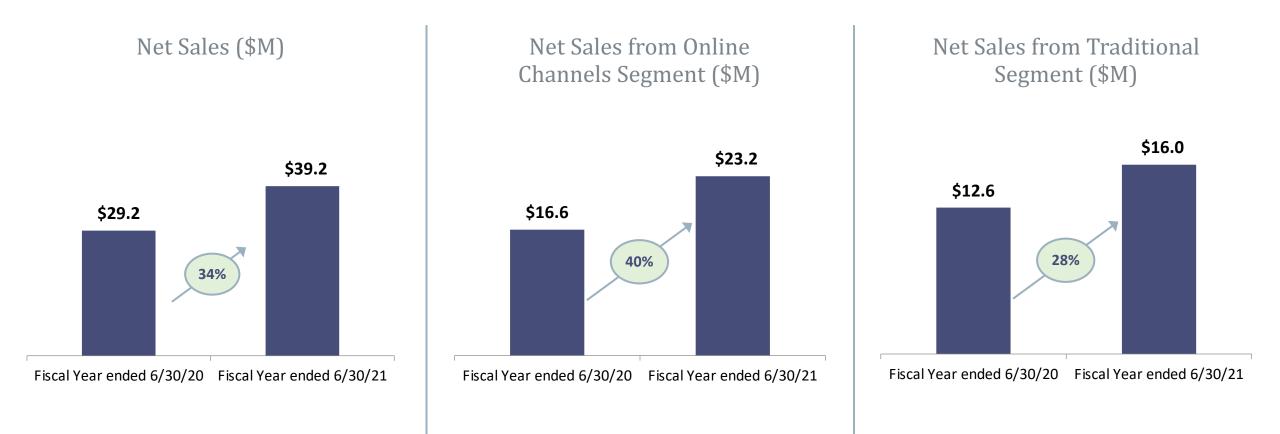
#### Net Sales from Online Channels Segment (\$M)



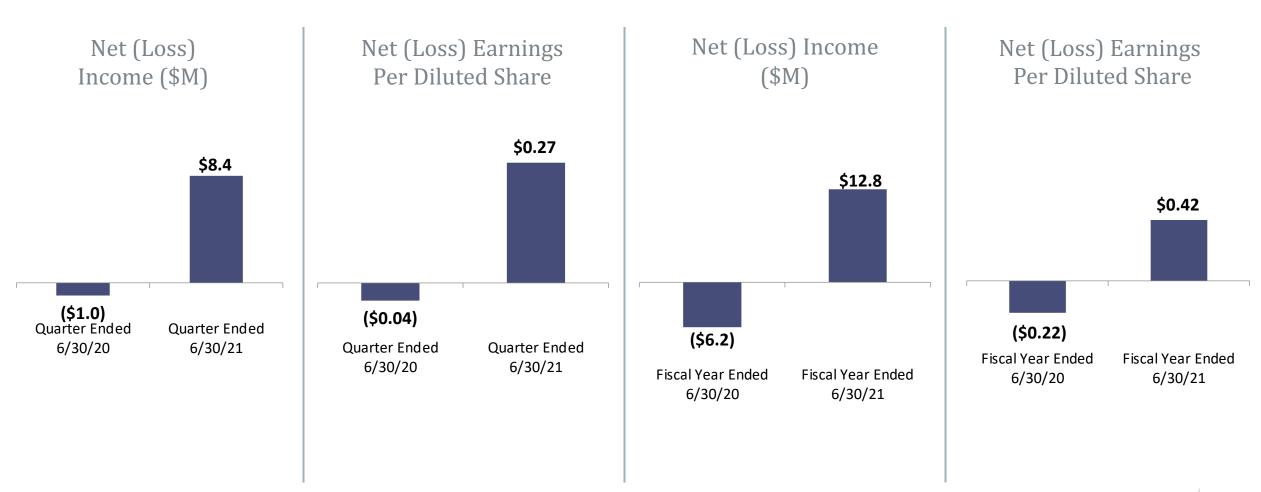
Net Sales from Traditional Segment (\$M)



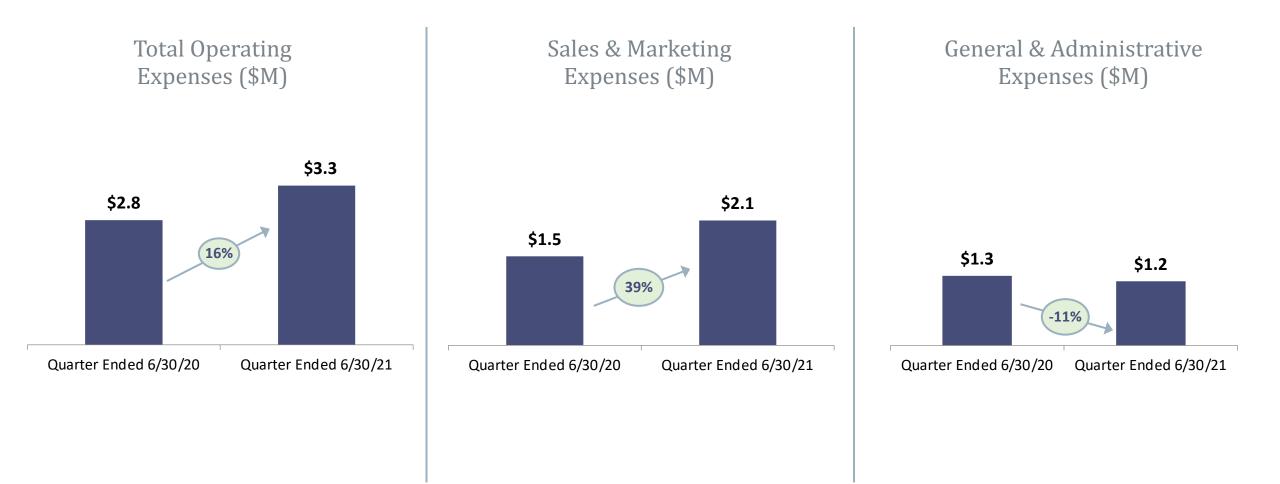
### FY 2021 Net Sales Summary



# Net (Loss) Income & (Loss) Earnings Per Share Q4 FY 2021 & Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021



# Q4 FY 2021 Operating Expenses



### FY 2021 Operating Expenses



# FY 2022 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



Expand Brand Presence and Awareness



**Diversify Product Offerings** 



Enhance Customer Engagement



Focus on Topline and Disciplined Growth Charles & Colvard, Ltd. (Nasdaq: CTHR) believes fine jewelry can be accessible, beautiful and conscientious. Charles & Colvard is the original pioneer of lab-created moissanite, a rare gemstone formed from silicon carbide. The Company brings revolutionary gemstones and jewelry to market through its pinnacle Forever One<sup>™</sup> moissanite brand and its premium Caydia<sup>®</sup> lab grown diamond brand. Consumers seek Charles & Colvard fashion, bridal and fine jewelry because of its exceptional quality, incredible value and shared beliefs in environmental and social responsibility. Charles & Colvard was founded in 1995 and is based in North Carolina's Research Triangle Park.

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