# ACTIVISION BUZARD®

## **Fourth Quarter 2016 Results**

February 9, 2017

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The forward-looking statements contained herein are based upon information available to the company at this time and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. Although these forward-looking statements are believed to be true when made, they may ultimately prove to be incorrect. These statements are not guarantees of our future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond our control and may cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations.

## Non-GAAP (as previously defined) and Non-GAAP (redefined) Financial Measures

In accordance with the updated Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations issued by the SEC staff on May 17, 2016, beginning with the reporting of our second-quarter 2016 results, we have reported our financial results and provided our outlook using GAAP and non-GAAP (redefined). We have historically provided Non-GAAP (as previously defined) financial measures. The only difference between the two measures is the inclusion (Non-GAAP (redefined)) or exclusion (Non-GAAP (as previously defined)) of the impact from revenue deferrals accounting treatment on certain of our online enabled products. Please see materials from July 29, 2016 call for further details.

## **Use of Non-GAAP Measures**

As a supplement to our financial measures presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), Activision Blizzard presents certain non-GAAP measures of financial performance. These non-GAAP financial measures are not intended to be considered in isolation from, as a substitute for, or as more important than, the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP. In addition, these non-GAAP measures have limitations in that they do not reflect all of the items associated with the company's results of operations as determined in accordance with GAAP.

Activision Blizzard provides net income (loss), earnings (loss) per share and operating margin data and guidance both including (in accordance with GAAP) and excluding (non-GAAP) certain items. When relevant, the company also provides constant FX information to provide a framework for assessing how our underlying businesses performed excluding the effect of foreign currency rate fluctuations. In addition, Activision Blizzard provides EBITDA (defined as GAAP net income (loss) before interest (income) expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization) and adjusted EBITDA (defined as non-GAAP operating margin (see non-GAAP financial measure below) before depreciation). The non-GAAP financial measures exclude the following items, as applicable in any given reporting period and our outlook:

- · expenses related to stock-based compensation;
- the amortization of intangibles from purchase price accounting;
- fees and other expenses related to the King acquisition, inclusive of related debt financings, and refinancing of long-term debt, including penalties and the write off of unamortized discount and deferred financing costs;
- restructuring charges;
- other non-cash charges from reclassification of certain cumulative translation adjustments into earnings as required by GAAP; and
- the income tax adjustments associated with any of the above items (tax impact on Non-GAAP pre-tax income is calculated under the same accounting principles applied to the GAAP pre-tax income under ASC 740, which employs an annual effective tax rate method to the results).

In the future, Activision Blizzard may also consider whether other items should also be excluded in calculating the non-GAAP financial measures used by the company. Management believes that the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures provides investors with additional useful information to measure Activision Blizzard's financial and operating performance. In particular, the measures facilitate comparison of operating performance between periods and help investors to better understand the operating results of Activision Blizzard by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of the company's core business, operating results or future outlook. Internally, management uses these non-GAAP financial measures, along with others, in assessing the company's operating results, and measuring compliance with the requirements of the company's debt financing agreements, as well as in planning and forecasting.

Activision Blizzard's non-GAAP financial measures are not based on a comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles, and the terms non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP earnings per share, non-GAAP operating margin, and non-GAAP or adjusted EBITDA do not have a standardized meaning. Therefore, other companies may use the same or similarly named measures, but exclude different items, which may not provide investors a comparable view of Activision Blizzard's performance in relation to other companies.

Management compensates for the limitations resulting from the exclusion of these items by considering the impact of the items separately and by considering Activision Blizzard's GAAP, as well as non-GAAP, results and outlook, and by presenting the most comparable GAAP measures directly ahead of non-GAAP measures, and by providing a reconciliation that indicates and describes the adjustments made.

## **Better-Than-Expected and Record Performance**

#### **Executing on growth opportunities**

#### A record year in 2016:

- Record 2016 GAAP revenues up 42% Y/Y and EPS up 8% Y/Y
- Record 2016 non-GAAP (redefined)<sup>1</sup> operating margins of >35% and EPS up 68% Y/Y
- Record operating cash flow of \$2.2B, up 71% Y/Y

#### Key growth initiatives:

- **1.**Overwatch<sup>®</sup> proved our ability to launch new owned IP:
  - Blizzard's fastest game to reach over 25M players globally

#### 2. Successfully integrated King:

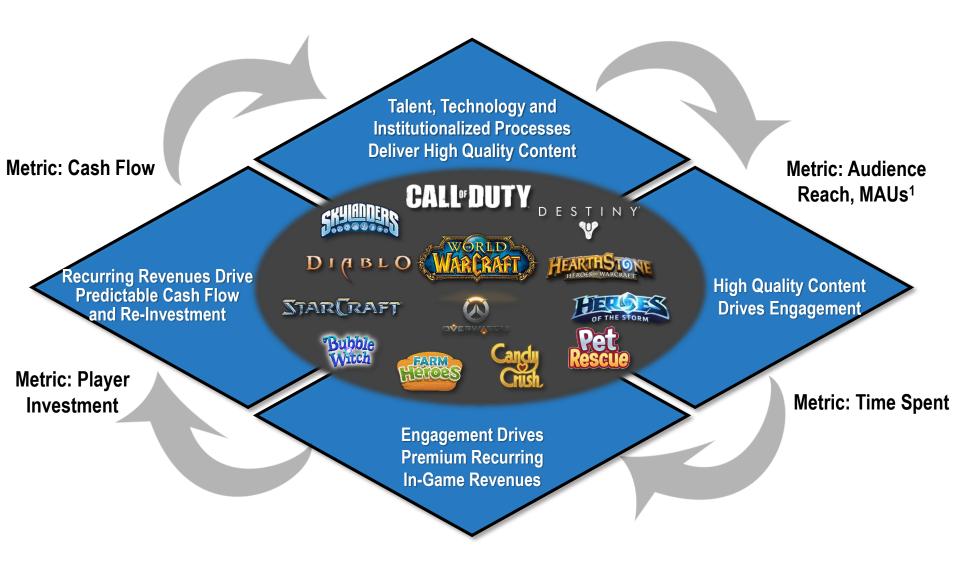
- Mobile gross bookings<sup>2</sup> for the Candy Crush<sup>™</sup> franchise grew in 2016
- Progressed on initiative to bring advertising to one of the world's largest and most engaged mobile networks
- **3.**Nurtured emerging growth opportunities outside of games including esports, film and TV, and consumer products:
  - Accelerated esports efforts with the integration of MLG, the formation of the Call of Duty<sup>®</sup> World League, and the announcement of the Overwatch League<sup>™</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Non-GAAP information: reconciliation tables in the appendix of the earnings release dated February 9, 2017, which is available on <u>www.activisionblizzard.com</u>. "Non-GAAP (redefined)" includes the net effect of revenue deferrals accounting treatment on certain of our online enabled products. Please see materials from July 29, 2016 call for further details. <sup>2</sup> Gross bookings is an operating metric reflecting the total price paid by players, which includes indirect taxes (sales tax or value added tax etc.), platform providers fees, and King's share of revenues.



## **Strategic Focus on Franchises**

We relentlessly focus on building reach, engagement, and player investment



<sup>1</sup> Monthly Active Users (MAUs) defined as number of individuals who played a particular game in a given month averaged across the number of months in a respective period. Refer to definition included in earnings release for additional details.

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## **Audience Reach**

#### 447M MAUs<sup>1</sup> in the quarter across the company

		Activision	Blizzard	King					
	Q4 MAUs <sup>1</sup>	51M	41M, Q4 record	355M					
20	016 MAUs <sup>1</sup>	50M, all-time record	36M, all-time record	405M					
Details:	<ul> <li>Reach base a</li> <li>Q4 MA</li> </ul>	d for strongest launch year financial ned 25M registered players faster that across east and west AUs <sup>1</sup> rose to new franchise high							
WARCRAFT		Received 55 "Game of the Year" awards 2016 MAUs <sup>1</sup> grew 10% Y/Y; Q4 MAUs <sup>1</sup> grew >20% Y/Y							
HEARTHSTONE HEROESOF WARCHAFT	• 2016 r	record MAUs¹ grew 20% Y/Y; Q4 MA	AUs <sup>1</sup> were also up Y/Y						
CALL" DUTY.	<ul> <li>#1 franchise in NA for 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row, #1 console franchise globally for 7 of last 8 years<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Life-to-date on current-gen consoles, <i>Call of Duty</i> has 3 of the top 10 games<sup>2</sup></li> <li><i>Call of Duty</i> is the most successful videogame franchise of the 20 years<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Record annual MAUs<sup>1</sup> for the franchise; Q4 MAUs<sup>1</sup> stable as players engaged on multiple titles</li> <li>2017 title will take <i>Call of Duty</i> back to its roots</li> </ul>								
SHUERS	• Skyla	<ul> <li>11<sup>th</sup> largest console franchise of all time with more than 300M toys sold<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Skylanders™ Academy TV series on Netflix well received; second season expected to be delivere later this year, &amp; Netflix has ordered a 3<sup>rd</sup> season; new mobile game in development</li> </ul>							

<sup>1</sup> MAUs defined as number of individuals who played a particular game in a given month averaged across the number of months in a respective period. Refer to definition included in earnings release for additional details. <sup>2</sup> NPD & GfK Chart-Track



## **Deep Engagement**

#### >10B hours spent playing our games in Q4; ~43B<sup>1</sup> hours including spectating in 2016

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Details:									
BILZARD®	•	Blizzard had record Q4 play time, breaking previous record set in Q3 <b>Overwatch</b> 's seasonal events continue to drive engagement records, including the most recent Lunar New Year event <b>World of Warcraft</b> <sup>®</sup> time spent grew Q/Q, surpassing <b>Legion</b> 's <sup>™</sup> launch quarter and all non-launch quarters in the last 4 years							
Ving	•	Player base continues to be highly engaged with 34 minutes per day per DAU, up Q/Q and Y/Y New franchise sequel, <b>Bubble Witch Saga 3</b> ™ launched early 2017							
ACTIVISION, BUZARD	•	Announced new Consumer Products division, headed by Tim Kilpin, veteran of Mattel and Disney							
MLG	•	Viewership on social platforms like Facebook and Instagram grew 50% Y/Y							
	•	<b>COD World League</b> delivered 120M video views with >2x the time spent viewing vs. 2015's season							
BIZZ	•	BlizzCon® had 25,000+ attendees and 10M+ viewers; sold record number of DirecTV PPV tickets							
	•	Announced at <b>BlizzCon</b> , creating a premier experience for team owners, players, and fans Plan to start the process of selling teams and commercializing media rights in 2017							

<sup>1</sup> Includes King for full period. <sup>2</sup> MAUs defined as number of individuals who played a particular game in a given month averaged across the number of months in a respective period. Refer to definition included in earnings release for additional details.

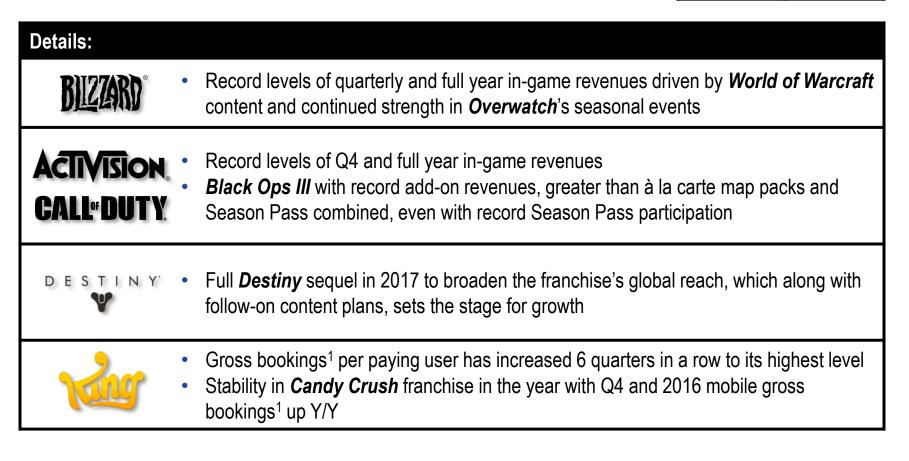


## **Providing Opportunities for Player Investment**

Quarterly record of over \$1B GAAP in-game revenues

2016 GAAP in-game revenue:

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\$3.6B	+126%



<sup>1</sup> Gross bookings is an operating metric reflecting the total price paid by players, which includes indirect taxes (sales tax or value added tax etc.), platform providers fees, and King's share of revenues. <sup>2</sup> U.S. ranking for Apple App Store and Google Play Store combined, per App Annie Intelligence for fourth quarter 2016.



## Fourth Quarter and 2016 Segment Results

#### **Record 2016 Blizzard segment net revenue and segment operating income**

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Q4 Segment Net Revenues:	\$1,151M	\$669M	\$436M			
Q4 Segment Operating Income:	\$479M 42%	\$273M 41%	\$156M 36%			
2016 Segment Net Revenues:	\$2,220M	\$2,428M	\$1,586M			
2016 Segment Operating Income:	\$788M 35%	\$1,013M 42%	\$537M <i>34%</i>			
Key Highlights:	<ul> <li>Record 2016 segment operating margin of 35%, driven by strong digital performance</li> <li>Record Q4 and full year in-game revenues</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Record 2016 segment revenues and operating income</li> <li>In 2016, &gt;60% of segment revenues from non-World of Warcraft franchises, 20% of segment revenues from non-PC platforms, and &gt;25% of segment revenues in APAC</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Contributed more than the originally planned 30% accretion to results</li> <li>In 2016, Candy Crush franchise mobile gross bookings<sup>1</sup> grew Y/Y</li> <li>2 of the top 10 grossing games in the U.S. for the 13<sup>th</sup> quarter in a row<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>			

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Note: Segment results here are consistent with how we report our US GAAP segment results externally in the footnotes to our financial statements. The segment performance is exclusive of the impact of the change in deferred revenues and related cost of revenues with respect to certain of our online-enabled products, stock-based compensation expense, amortization of intangible assets as a result of purchase price accounting, and fees and other expenses related to financings and acquisitions. Reconciliation of our segment results to our consolidated results is included in the appendix of the earnings release dated February 9, 2017, which is available on www.activisionblizzard.com.



## **Better-than-Expected Fourth Quarter 2016 Results**

Record total & digital revenues; GAAP EPS up 57% and Non-GAAP(redefined) EPS up 160%

If you would like to calculate Non-GAAP metrics as previously defined, in order to do year-over-	Q4 2015 Actual			Prior	Q4 2016 O	utlook <sup>2</sup>	Q4 2016 Actual			
year comparisons, you would add the impact of GAAP deferrals to the relevant Non-GAAP (redefined) metrics. Please see materials from July 29, 2016 call for further details.	GAAP	Non-GAAP <sup>1</sup> (redefined)	Impact of GAAP deferrals	GAAP	Non-GAAP <sup>1</sup> (redefined)	Impact of GAAP deferrals	GAAP	Non-GAAP <sup>1</sup> (redefined)	Impact of GAAP deferrals	
Net Revenues	\$1,353M	\$1,353M	\$765M	\$1,856M	\$1,856M	\$522M	\$2,014M	\$2,014M	\$438M	
Digital Revenues %	54%	54%					72%	72%		
Operating Income	\$250M	\$284M	\$554M				\$425M	\$681M	\$238M	
Operating Margin	18%	21%		12%	26%		21%	34%		
Interest Expense, Net <sup>3</sup>	\$49M	\$49M		\$129M	\$45M		\$125M	\$41M		
EPS	\$0.21	\$0.25	\$0.58	\$0.05	\$0.40	\$0.34	\$0.33	\$0.65	\$0.27	
Total share count for EPS <sup>4</sup>	750M	750M		765M	765M		758M	758M		
Operating Cash Flow <sup>5</sup>		\$1,063M						\$859M		
Free Cash Flow <sup>5,6</sup>		\$1,047M						\$822M		

<sup>1</sup>Non-GAAP reconciliations are in the appendices of the earnings releases dated November 3, 2016 and February 9, 2017, which are available on <u>www.activisionblizzard.com</u>. <sup>2</sup> Prior outlook provided November 3, 2016. <sup>3</sup> Includes a \$82M loss on extinguishment of debt in 2016 Q4 GAAP actual results. <sup>4</sup> Fully diluted weighted average shares outstanding includes options and participating securities based on average share price. <sup>5</sup> During Q3 2016 we adopted a new accounting standard that included retrospectively revising cash flows for all periods presented. Refer to the tables attached to the company's earnings released dated November 3, 2016, for more details. <sup>6</sup> Free Cash Flow represents Operating Cash Flow minus Capital Expenditure (which includes payment for acquisition of intangible assets).



## **Record 2016 Results**

#### Record revenues, digital revenues, EPS, and operating cash flow

If you would like to calculate Non-GAAP metrics as previously defined, in order to do year-over-	2015 Actual			Pri	or 2016 Out	look <sup>2</sup>	2016 Actual			
year comparisons, you would add the impact of GAAP deferrals to the relevant Non-GAAP (redefined) metrics. Please see materials from July 29, 2016 call for further details.	GAAP	Non-GAAP <sup>1</sup> (redefined)	Impact of GAAP deferrals	GAAP	Non-GAAP <sup>1</sup> (redefined)	Impact of GAAP deferrals	GAAP	Non-GAAP <sup>1</sup> (redefined)	Impact of GAAP deferrals	
Net Revenues	\$4,664M	\$4,664M	(\$43M)	\$6,450M	\$6,450M	\$75M	\$6,608M	\$6,608M	(\$9M)	
Digital Revenues %	54%	54%					74%	74%		
Operating Income	\$1,319M	\$1,427M	\$39M				\$1,412M	\$2,324M	\$10M	
Operating Margin	28%	31%		19%	33%		21%	35%		
Interest Expense, Net <sup>6</sup>	\$198M	\$198M		\$313M	\$213M		\$306M	\$206M		
Tax Rate	20%	21%		17%	24%		13%	22%		
EPS	\$1.19	\$1.30	\$0.02	\$0.98	\$1.92	\$0.10	\$1.28	\$2.18	\$0.02	
Total share count for EPS <sup>3</sup>	747M	747M		762M	762M		757M	757M		
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Operating Cash Flow <sup>4</sup>	\$1,259M						\$2	2,155M, up 71 <sup>o</sup>	% Y/Y	
Free Cash Flow <sup>4,5</sup>		\$1,148M					\$2	2,019M, up 76 <sup>°</sup>	% Y/Y	

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### **Balance Sheet**

#### Record 2016 adjusted-EBITDA, up over 60% Y/Y

	12/31/15	9/30/16 <sup>2</sup>	12/31/16
Cash and investments	\$5.4B <sup>1</sup>	\$2.50B <sup>3</sup>	\$3.27B
Term Ioan B	\$1.87B		
Term Ioan A		\$2.69B	\$2.69B
New 2021 Notes		\$0.65B	\$0.65B
Original 2021 Notes	\$1.50B	4	
2023 Notes	\$0.75B	\$0.75B	\$0.75B
2026 Notes		\$0.85B	\$0.85B
Gross Debt	\$4.12B	\$4.94B	\$4.94B
Net Debt <sup>5</sup>		\$2.44B	\$1.67B
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Adjusted TTM EBITDA <sup>6</sup>	\$1,513M	\$2,039M	\$2,447M
Secured Debt / Adj. TTM EBITDA <sup>6</sup>	1.2x	NA	NA
Gross Debt / Adj. TTM EBITDA <sup>6</sup>	2.7x	2.4x	2.0x
Net Debt <sup>3</sup> / Adj. TTM EBITDA <sup>6</sup>	NA	1.2x	0.7x

<sup>1</sup> Includes \$3.6B of cash in escrow. <sup>2</sup> Adjusts the September 30, 2016 balances to remove the temporary increase in cash and debt due to issuance of new 5 & 10 year notes with the intent of calling and refinancing existing 2021 notes. On October 19, we redeemed those legacy notes inclusive of call premiums, which reduced our cash and debt positions by ~\$1.6B and \$1.5B, respectively.

<sup>3</sup>Reduced the September 30, 2016 cash and investments position of \$4.1B by ~\$1.6B for the October repayment of the 2021 notes.

<sup>4</sup> Reduced the September 30, 2016 existing 2021 Notes balance of \$1.5B for the October repayment to extinguish the liability.

<sup>5</sup> Net debt is defined as gross debt less cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and long-term investments.

<sup>6</sup> Adjusted TTM EBITDA is calculated as non-GAAP (redefined) operating income plus depreciation for the trailing twelve months of respective periods ended.



## Financial Outlook as of February 9, 2017

Expect to build on year-round engagement and in-game player investment

	Q1 2017		2017			Impact of GAAP Deferrals <sup>2</sup>	
	GAAP	Non-GAAP <sup>1</sup> (redefined)	GAAP	Non-GAAP <sup>1</sup> (redefined)		Q1 2017	2017
Net Revenues	\$1,550M	\$1,550M	\$6,000M	\$6,000M		(\$500M)	\$300M
COGS (Prod/Game Ops)	21%	21%	22%	22%			
Op Ex, incl. Royalties	60%	43%	64%	47%			
Operating Margin <sup>3</sup>	18%	35%	14%	31%			
Interest Expense from Debt	\$43M	\$39M	\$156M	\$149M			
Tax Rate	21%	24%	21%	24%			
EPS	\$0.25	\$0.51	\$0.72	\$1.70		(\$0.33)	\$0.15
Fully Diluted Weighted Avg. Shares <sup>4</sup>	760M	760M	765M	765M			

#### **Currency Assumptions for Current 2017 Outlook:**

- \$1.08 USD/Euro (vs. \$1.11 avg. for 2016 & \$1.11 avg. for 2015)
- \$1.25 USD/GBP (vs. \$1.36 avg. for 2016 & \$1.53 avg. for 2015)
- Note: Revenue and EPS increase if the Euro or GBP strengthen vs. USD

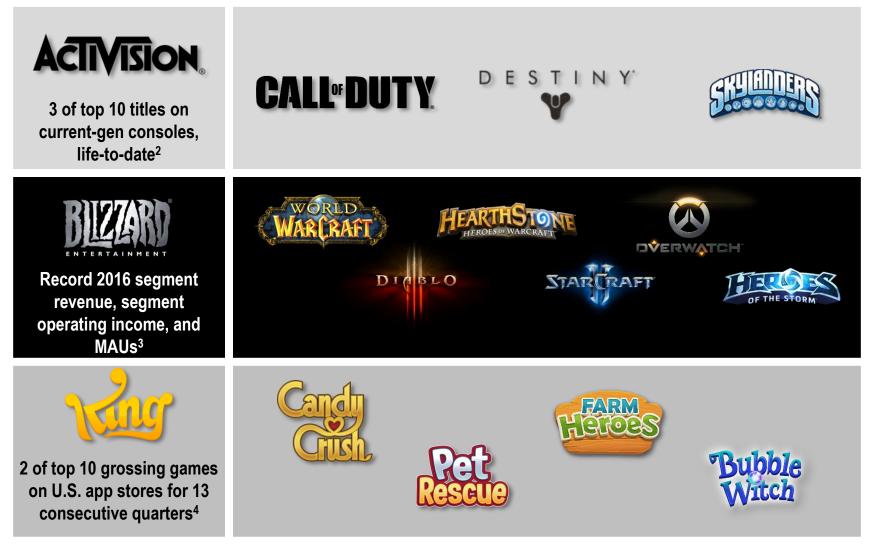
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## **A Portfolio of Compelling Franchises**

Seven \$1B+ franchises across our portfolio of primarily owned IP<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Based on revenues life-to-date <sup>2</sup>NPD & GfK Chart-Track. <sup>3</sup> MAUs defined as number of individuals who played a particular game in a given month averaged across the number of months in a respective period. Refer to definition included in earnings release for additional details. <sup>4</sup> U.S. ranking for Apple App Store and Google Play Store combined, per App Annie Intelligence for fourth guarter 2016.

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## Q&A

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