

News Release

For Information Contact:

Marshall H. Bridges, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (563) 272-7400

Matthew S. McCall, Vice President, Investor Relations and Corporate Development (563) 275-8898

HNI CORPORATION REPORTS EARNINGS FOR SECOND QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2021

MUSCATINE, lowa (July 29, 2021) – **HNI Corporation** (NYSE: HNI) today announced sales for the second quarter ended July 3, 2021 of \$510.5 million and net income of \$17.4 million. GAAP net income per diluted share was \$0.39, compared to \$0.29 in the prior year. Non-GAAP net income per diluted share was \$0.40, compared to \$0.20 in the prior year. GAAP to non-GAAP reconciliations follow the financial statements in this release.

Second Quarter Highlights

- Non-GAAP EPS doubled vs. prior year: Second quarter 2021 non-GAAP EPS increased 100
 percent year-over-year despite a challenging inflationary environment and the return of costs related to
 temporary actions taken in the prior-year quarter. The profit growth was driven by increased volume
 and higher productivity.
- Exceptional performance in Residential Building Products: Second quarter 2021 revenue grew 51 percent, organically, on a year-over-year basis, and operating margin expanded 530 basis points from prior-year quarter. Segment operating profit more than doubled versus second quarter 2020 levels.
- Recovery in Workplace Furnishings: Second quarter 2021 revenue was up approximately nine
 percent from the second quarter of 2020, on an organic basis. Segment non-GAAP operating profit
 increased more than 20 percent year-over-year.

"Our members again executed at a high level during the second quarter—delivering substantial year-over-year profit improvement. Our industry leading Residential Building Products platform continues to drive exceptional growth, and we are capitalizing on the beginnings of the post-pandemic recovery in Workplace Furnishings. Our strong growth and the macro-economic environment presented new challenges related to labor availability, supply chain capacity, and inflation. Our teams managed through those challenges to deliver strong results. Overall, the second quarter shows the power of our diversified revenue streams, our ability to react quickly to

changing market dynamics, and our overall operational capability," stated Jeff Lorenger, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer.

HNI (Corporation – Financial Perform	nance						
(I	Dollars in millions, except per share data	a)						
	Three Month	Three Months Ended						
	July 3, 2021							
GAAP								
Net Sales	\$510.5	\$417.5	22.3%					
Gross Profit %	36.8%	36.1%	70 bps					
SG&A %	32.0%	32.6%	-60 bps					
Operating Income	\$24.7	\$14.8	66.3%					
Operating Income %	4.8%	3.6%	120 bps					
Effective Tax Rate	23.7%	2.7%						
Net Income %	3.4%	3.0%	40 bps					
EPS – diluted	\$0.39	\$0.29	34.5%					
Non-GAAP								
Gross Profit %	36.8%	36.1%	70 bps					
Operating Income	\$25.3	\$14.8	70.7%					
Operating Income %	5.0%	3.6%	140 bps					
EPS – diluted	\$0.40	\$0.20	100.0%					

Second Quarter Summary Comments

- Consolidated net sales increased 22.3 percent from the prior-year quarter to \$510.5 million. On an organic basis, sales increased 19.8 percent year-over-year. The acquisition of Design Public Group ("DPG") in the fourth quarter of 2020 increased year-over-year sales by \$8.7 million, and the acquisition of residential building products distributors in 2020 and 2021 increased year-over-year sales by \$1.5 million. A reconciliation of organic sales, a non-GAAP measure, follows the financial statements in this release.
- Gross profit margin expanded 70 basis points compared to the prior-year quarter. This increase was primarily driven by higher volume and improved net productivity, partially offset by unfavorable price-cost and the return of costs related to temporary actions taken in the prior-year quarter.
- Selling and administrative expenses as a percent of sales decreased 60 basis points compared to the
 prior-year quarter. The decrease was driven by improved leverage from higher volume, partially offset by
 the return of costs related to temporary actions taken in the prior-year quarter, higher investment spend,
 increased freight costs, and normalized variable compensation. Included in current-year quarter SG&A
 was \$0.6 million of one-time costs from exiting Workplace Furnishings showrooms.
- Non-GAAP net income per diluted share was \$0.40 compared to \$0.20 in the prior-year quarter. The \$0.20 increase was due to higher volume and improved net productivity, partially offset by unfavorable price-cost, the return of costs related to temporary actions taken in the prior-year quarter, higher investment spend, and normalized variable compensation.

Non-GAAP EPS in the prior-year quarter included an effective tax rate of 32.5 percent, compared to a
GAAP tax rate of 2.7 percent. The higher non-GAAP tax rate was related to timing of the tax impact from
one-time charges recorded in first quarter 2020.

Second Quarter Orders

- Orders in the Workplace Furnishings segment increased more than 30 percent year-over-year, led by activity with small to mid-sized customers. Public sector demand remained strong, and domestic contract orders recovered—increasing more than 23 percent from second guarter 2020 levels.
- Normalized orders in the Residential Building Products segment increased more than 50 percent compared to the prior-year quarter, with the trend moderating somewhat as the quarter progressed as year-ago comparisons increased. Remodel-retrofit and new construction were both strong throughout the quarter.

Workplace F	Furnishings – Financial Pe	erformance	
	Three Mont	hs Ended	
	July 3, 2021	June 27, 2020	Change
GAAP			
Net Sales	\$344.1	\$308.1	11.7%
Operating Profit	\$8.8	\$7.8	12.5%
Operating Profit %	2.5%	2.5%	0 bps
Non-GAAP			
Operating Profit	\$9.4	\$7.8	20.8%
Operating Profit %	2.7%	2.5%	20 bps

- Workplace Furnishings net sales increased 11.7 percent from the prior-year quarter to \$344.1 million. On an organic basis, sales increased 8.9 percent year-over-year. The acquisition of DPG in the fourth quarter of 2020 increased sales by \$8.7 million compared to the prior-year quarter.
- Workplace Furnishings GAAP operating profit margin was flat versus the prior-year quarter. On a non-GAAP basis, segment operating margin expanded 20 basis points year-over-year driven by higher volume and improved productivity, partially offset by unfavorable price-cost and the return of costs related to temporary actions taken in the prior-year quarter.
- The Workplace Furnishings segment recorded \$0.6 million of one-time costs in the current-year quarter from exiting showrooms.

Residential Buildi	ing Products – Financia (Dollars in millions)	l Performance	
	Three Mont	hs Ended	
	July 3, 2021	June 27, 2020	Change
GAAP			
Net Sales	\$166.3	\$109.4	52.1%
Operating Profit	\$30.5	\$14.4	112.5%
Operating Profit %	18.4%	13.1%	530 bps
Non-GAAP			
Operating Profit	\$30.5	\$14.4	112.5%
Operating Profit %	18.4%	13.1%	530 bps

- Residential Building Products net sales increased 52.1 percent from the prior-year quarter to \$166.3 million. On an organic basis, sales increased 50.7 percent year-over-year. The impact of building products distributors acquired in 2020 and 2021 increased sales \$1.5 million compared to the prior-year quarter.
- Residential Building Products operating profit margin expanded 530 basis points, primarily driven by strong volume growth, partially offset by unfavorable price-cost, normalized variable compensation, the return of costs related to temporary actions taken in the prior-year quarter, and higher investment spend.

Third Quarter 2021 Outlook

- Strong consolidated growth: The Corporation expects consolidated revenue to grow in the mid-20 percent range compared to the prior-year quarter. This outlook includes the impact of headwinds from labor availability and supply chain constraints.
- Residential Building Products revenue: Recent order trends, new home construction activity, the
 outlook for remodel/retrofit demand, and expected benefits tied to multiple growth initiatives, combine
 to suggest growth rates in the mid-to-high 20 percent range compared to the prior-year quarter,
 including the impact of constraints.
- Workplace Furnishings revenue: Strong second quarter order trends, continued momentum with
 office re-entry activity, and a low prior-year comparable suggest a growth rate, including acquisition
 impacts, in the low-to-mid-20 percent range on a year-over-year basis, net of the impact from
 constraints.
- Profitability drivers: Compared to the prior-year quarter, the Corporation expects the impact of strong volume growth to be mostly offset by cost challenges related to inflationary pressures, increased growth investments, and the return of costs associated with temporary actions taken in the prior year. The Corporation expects profit growth to accelerate after the third quarter as recent price actions become effective and temporary cost actions taken during the pandemic are anniversaried.

Concluding Remarks

"Looking to the remainder of 2021 and into 2022, we remain optimistic about our businesses and our markets. We continue to gain momentum in Workplace Furnishings, where our winning customer experiences, multiple strategic investments, and operational excellence provide a competitive advantage as the market recovers. In addition, our unique, industry-leading Residential Building Products platform is positioned for sustained long-term growth. Our growth strategies in this segment continue to gain traction, and we see strong demand supported by demographics and low housing inventories.

I am extremely proud of and grateful for the efforts of all HNI members. As we move through the next stage of the recovery, we do so positioned to grow revenue, expand margins, and increase cash flow," Mr. Lorenger concluded.

Conference Call

HNI Corporation will host a conference call on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (Central) to discuss second quarter fiscal year 2021 results. To participate, call 1-833-522-0258 – conference ID number 9696837. A live webcast of the call will be available on HNI Corporation's website at https://investors.hnicorp.com/events-and-presentations. A replay of the webcast and call will be made available from Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. (Central) through Thursday, August 5, 2021, 10:59 p.m. (Central). To replay the webcast, go to the link above. To replay the call, dial 1-800-585-8367 or 416-621-4642 – Conference ID: 9696837.

About HNI Corporation

HNI Corporation (NYSE: HNI) is a manufacturer of workplace furnishings and residential building products, operating under two segments. The Workplace Furnishings segment is a leading global designer and provider of commercial furnishings, going to market under multiple unique brands. The Residential Building Products segment is the nation's leading manufacturer and marketer of hearth products, which include a full array of gas, electric, wood, and pellet-burning fireplaces, inserts, stoves, facings, and accessories. More information can be found on the Corporation's website at www.hnicorp.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains "forward-looking" statements based on current expectations regarding future plans, events, outlook, objectives, financial performance, expectations for sales growth, and earnings per diluted share (GAAP and non-GAAP), including statements regarding the expected effects on our business, financial condition and results of operations from the COVID-19 pandemic. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words including "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "estimate," "may," "will," "would," "could," "confident", or other similar words, phrases, or expressions. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which may cause the Corporation's actual future results and performance to differ materially from expected results. These risks include but are not limited to: the duration and scope of the COVID-19 pandemic, and its effect on people and the economy; the levels of office furniture needs and housing starts; overall demand for the Corporation's products; general economic and market conditions in the United States and internationally; industry and competitive conditions; the consolidation and concentration of the Corporation's customers; the Corporation's reliance on its network of independent dealers; change in trade policy; changes in raw material, component, or commodity pricing; market acceptance and demand for the Corporation's new products; changing legal, regulatory, environmental, and healthcare conditions; the risks associated with international operations; the potential impact of product defects; the various restrictions on the Corporation's financing activities; an inability to protect the Corporation's intellectual property; impacts of tax legislation; and force majeure events outside the Corporation's control. A description of these risks and additional risks can be found in the Corporation's annual and quarterly reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Forms 10-K and 10-Q. The Corporation assumes no obligation to update, amend, or clarify forward-looking statements, except as required by applicable law.

HNI Corporation and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended					Six Months Ended					
		July 3, 2021		June 27, 2020		July 3, 2021		June 27, 2020			
Net sales	\$	510,455	\$	417,456	\$	994,748	\$	886,161			
Cost of sales		322,593		266,551		626,940		559,238			
Gross profit		187,862		150,905		367,808		326,923			
Selling and administrative expenses		163,175		136,063		320,521		303,148			
Impairment charges				<u> </u>		<u> </u>		32,661			
Operating income (loss)		24,687		14,842		47,287		(8,886)			
Interest expense, net		1,857		1,943		3,612		3,754			
Income (loss) before income taxes		22,830		12,899		43,675		(12,640)			
Income taxes		5,418		345		11,245		(1,299)			
Net income (loss)		17,412		12,554		32,430		(11,341)			
Less: Net loss attributable to non- controlling interest		(2)		(2)		(3)		(2)			
Net income (loss) attributable to HNI Corporation	\$	17,414	\$	12,556	\$	32,433	\$	(11,339)			
Average number of common shares outstanding – basic		43,776		42,640		43,469		42,634			
Net income (loss) attributable to HNI Corporation per common share – basic	\$	0.40	\$	0.29	\$	0.75	\$	(0.27)			
Average number of common shares outstanding – diluted		44,481		42,929		43,986		42,634			
Net income (loss) attributable to HNI Corporation per common share – diluted	\$	0.39	\$	0.29	\$	0.74	\$	(0.27)			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	\$	194	\$	45	\$	62	\$	(555)			
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities, net of tax		(25)		244		(125)		302			
Change in derivative financial instruments, net of tax		143		(283)		406		(2,499)			
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax		312		6		343		(2,752)			
Comprehensive income (loss)		17,724		12,560		32,773		(14,093)			
Less: Comprehensive loss attributable to non-controlling interest		(2)		(2)		(3)		(2)			
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to HNI Corporation	\$	17,726	\$	12,562	\$	32,776	\$	(14,091)			

HNI Corporation and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	July 3, 2021	January 2, 2021		
Assets				
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 118,498	\$	116,120	
Short-term investments	102		1,687	
Receivables	213,925		207,971	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(4,365)		(5,514)	
Inventories	187,467		137,811	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	47,571		37,660	
Total Current Assets	563,198		495,735	
Property, Plant, and Equipment:				
Land and land improvements	29,974		29,691	
Buildings	293,842		293,708	
Machinery and equipment	580,730		578,643	
Construction in progress	24,310		17,750	
	928,856		919,792	
Less accumulated depreciation	 568,551		553,835	
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	360,305		365,957	
Right-of-use Finance Leases	9,671		6,095	
Right-of-use Operating Leases	66,254		70,219	
Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets	451,624		458,896	
Other Assets	 26,136		21,130	
Total Assets	\$ 1,477,188	\$	1,418,032	
Liabilities and Equity				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 420,706	\$	413,638	
Current maturities of long-term debt	3,955		841	
Current maturities of other long-term obligations	4,119		2,990	
Current lease obligations - Finance	2,439		1,589	
Current lease obligations - Operating	19,680		19,970	
Total Current Liabilities	450,899		439,028	
Long-Term Debt	174,566		174,524	
Long-Term Lease Obligations - Finance	7,193		4,516	
Long-Term Lease Obligations - Operating	50,710		53,249	
Other Long-Term Liabilities	85,710		81,264	
Deferred Income Taxes	73,327		74,706	
Total Liabilities	842,405		827,287	
Equity:				
HNI Corporation shareholders' equity	634,460		590,419	
Non-controlling interest	323		326	
Total Equity	634,783		590,745	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,477,188	\$	1,418,032	

HNI Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended July 3, June 27,						
	,	,	June 27, 2020				
Net Cash Flows From (To) Operating Activities:							
Net income (loss)	\$	32,430	\$	(11,341)			
Non-cash items included in net income:							
Depreciation and amortization		41,139		38,605			
Other post-retirement and post-employment benefits		664		736			
Stock-based compensation		7,788		5,659			
Reduction in carrying amount of right-of-use assets		13,081		11,342			
Deferred income taxes		(1,430)		1,092			
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets		_		32,661			
Other – net		3,211		(284)			
Net increase (decrease) in operating assets and liabilities		(62,905)		(49,631)			
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities		3,305		(1,019)			
Net cash flows from (to) operating activities		37,283		27,820			
Net Cash Flows From (To) Investing Activities:							
Capital expenditures		(26,215)		(15,739)			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant, and equipment		151		69			
Acquisition spending, net of cash acquired		(1,529)		(10,857)			
Capitalized software		(6,078)		(5,037)			
Purchase of investments		(2,375)		(1,631)			
Sales or maturities of investments		2,393		1,043			
Net cash flows from (to) investing activities		(33,653)		(32,152)			
Net Cash Flows From (To) Financing Activities:							
Payments of long-term debt		(648)		(73,828)			
Proceeds from long-term debt		3,785		82,129			
Dividends paid		(26,841)		(26,040)			
Purchase of HNI Corporation common stock		(6,543)		(6,764)			
Proceeds from sales of HNI Corporation common stock		29,320		1,294			
Other – net		(325)		1,672			
Net cash flows from (to) financing activities	'	(1,252)		(21,537)			
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		2,378		(25,869)			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	_	116,120		52,073			
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	118,498	\$	26,204			

HNI Corporation and Subsidiaries

Reportable Segment Data (In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended					
		July 3, 2021		June 27, 2020		July 3, 2021		June 27, 2020		
Net Sales:										
Workplace furnishings	\$	344,137	\$	308,081	\$	646,885	\$	646,467		
Residential building products		166,318		109,375		347,863		239,694		
Total	\$	510,455	\$	417,456	\$	994,748	\$	886,161		
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes:										
Workplace furnishings	\$	8,756	\$	7,785	\$	5,685	\$	(25,446)		
Residential building products		30,525		14,365		70,374		35,036		
General corporate		(14,594)		(7,308)		(28,772)		(18,476)		
Operating Income (Loss)		24,687		14,842		47,287		(8,886)		
Interest expense, net		1,857		1,943		3,612		3,754		
Total	\$	22,830	\$	12,899	\$	43,675	\$	(12,640)		
Depreciation and Amortization Expense:										
Workplace furnishings	\$	12,051	\$	10,782	\$	24,035	\$	22,113		
Residential building products		2,448		2,318		4,858		4,624		
General corporate		6,177		6,019		12,246		11,868		
Total	\$	20,676	\$	19,119	\$	41,139	\$	38,605		
Capital Expenditures (including capitalized software):										
Workplace furnishings	\$	7,017	\$	4,293	\$	17,504	\$	11,394		
Residential building products		1,947		206		6,657		3,179		
General corporate		4,365		3,118		8,132		6,203		
Total	\$	13,329	\$	7,617	\$	32,293	\$	20,776		
						As of July 3, 2021		As of January 2, 2021		
Identifiable Assets:										
Workplace furnishings					\$	784,880	\$	762,780		
Residential building products						408,333		381,550		
General corporate						283,975		273,702		
Total					\$	1,477,188	\$	1,418,032		

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This earnings release includes certain non-GAAP financial information as defined by Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation G. Pursuant to the requirements of this regulation, reconciliations of this non-GAAP financial information to HNI's financial statements as prepared in accordance with GAAP are included below and throughout this earnings release. This information gives investors additional insights into HNI's financial performance and operations. While HNI's management believes the non-GAAP financial measures are useful in evaluating HNI's operations, this information should be considered supplemental and not in isolation or as a substitute for, or superior to, financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP. In addition, these measures may be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies, limiting their usefulness for comparison purposes.

To supplement condensed consolidated financial statements, which are prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP, this earnings release uses the following non-GAAP financial measures: organic sales, gross profit, operating income (loss), operating profit (loss), income taxes, net income (loss), and net income (loss) per diluted share (i.e., EPS). These measures are adjusted from the comparable GAAP measures to exclude the impacts of the selected items as summarized in the table below. Generally, non-GAAP EPS is calculated using HNI's overall effective tax rate for the year, as this rate is reflective of the tax applicable to most non-GAAP adjustments.

The sales adjustments to arrive at the non-GAAP organic sales information included in this earnings release excludes the impact of acquiring DPG and residential building products distributors. The transactions excluded for purposes of our other non-GAAP financial information included in this earnings release include non-recurring costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HNI Corporation Reconciliation													
(Dollars in millions)													
Three Months Ended													
			Ju	ly 3, 2021					J	lune	e 27, 2020		
		orkplace rnishings	-	Residential Building Products		Total			orkplace mishings	Ī	esidential Building Products		Total
Sales as reported (GAAP)	\$	344.1	\$	166.3	\$	510.5		\$	308.1	\$	109.4	\$	417.5
% change from PY		11.7%		52.1%		22.3%							
Less: Acquisitions		8.7		1.5		10.2			_		_		_
Organic Sales (non-GAAP)	\$	335.4	\$	164.8	\$	500.2		\$	308.1	\$	109.4	\$	417.5
% change from PY		8.9%		50.7%		19.8%							

HNI Corporation Reconciliation										
(Dollars in millions, except per share data)										
	Three Months Ended July 3, 2021									
		Gross Operating Profit Income Tax			<u> </u>	Net ncome		EPS		
As reported (GAAP)	\$	187.9	\$	24.7	\$	5.4	\$	17.4	\$	0.39
% of net sales		36.8%		4.8%				3.4%		
Tax %						23.7%				
COVID-19 costs				0.6		0.2		0.5		0.01
Results (non-GAAP)	\$	187.9	\$	25.3	\$	5.6	\$	17.9	\$	0.40
% of net sales		36.8%		5.0%				3.5%		
Tax %						23.7%				

HNI Corporation Reconciliation										
(Dollars in millions, except per share data)										
	_	Three Months Ended June 27, 2020								
		Gross Operating Profit Income Ta					Net Income			EPS
As reported (GAAP)	\$	150.9	\$	14.8	\$	0.3	\$	12.6	\$	0.29
% of net sales		36.1%		3.6%				3.0%		
Tax %						2.7%				
Income tax adjustment	_					3.8		(3.8)		(0.09)
Results (non-GAAP)	\$	150.9	\$	14.8	\$	4.2	\$	8.7	\$	0.20
% of net sales		36.1%		3.6%				2.1%		
Tax %						32.5%				

Workplace Furnishii	ngs Rec	onciliation										
(Dollars in millions)												
		nded										
		Percent Change										
Operating profit as reported (GAAP)	\$	8.8	\$	7.8	12.5%							
% of net sales		2.5%		2.5%								
COVID-19 costs		0.6										
Operating profit (non-GAAP)	\$	9.4	\$	7.8	20.8%							
% of net sales		2.7%		2.5%								