



GreenSpace Brands Inc. Reports a 62% YOY Revenue Increase, Increased Gross Margins, Increased Adjusted EBITDA margins and Decreased Rebates and Discount Expenses

TORONTO, Feb. 14, 2018 /CNW/ - GreenSpace Brands Inc. ("GreenSpace" or "the Company") (TSXV: JTR) today reported its third quarter financial results for December 31, 2017.

Key Highlights

- Quarterly gross revenue of \$16.3 million sets record high, representing a 62% increase over previous year and 29% organic growth over previous year
- Adjusted gross margin quarter over quarter growth was slightly higher at 23% vs 22.9%.
- SG&A expenses increased slightly from 19.2% to 20.5% of gross revenue in the third quarter, as a result of one-time restructuring expense with the discontinuation of the Holistic Choice Brand.
- Adjusted EBITDA margins increased to 3.6% in the third quarter, as a percentage of net revenue excluding listing fees, from 3.5% earned in the second quarter of 2018.
- Rebates and Discounts as a % of sales decreased from 11.8% in Q2 to 11.0% in Q3

Consolidated Performance Summary

	Three months ended Dec 31		Nine months ended Dec 31	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>(in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts)</i>				
Gross revenue	16,348	10,078	45,951	29,014
Less: rebates and discounts	(1,798)	(985)	(5,292)	(2,591)
Less: listing fees	(284)	(60)	(826)	(442)
Net revenue	14,266	9,033	39,833	25,981
Gross profit	3,064	2,024	8,500	6,101
Adjusted gross profit ¹	3,348	2,084	9,326	6,543
Adjusted gross profit margin ¹	23.0%	22.9%	22.9%	24.8%
SG&A expenses	3,358	1,932	8,829	5,924
Amortization of intangible assets	353	260	1,059	780
Deferred income tax recovery	(94)	(69)	(281)	(207)
Interest expense	98	113	246	394
Accretion expense	34	318	149	1,231
Loss from continuing operations	(685)	(530)	(1,502)	(2,021)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	-	(396)	-	(503)
Net income (loss)	(685)	(926)	(1,502)	(2,524)
Net loss per share (basic and diluted)	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.01)	(0.04)
EBITDA	(213)	142	(133)	316

EBITDA, as a percentage of net revenue	(1.5%)	1.6%	(0.3%)	1.2%
Adjusted EBITDA¹	528	290	1,418	1,051
Adjusted EBITDA, as a percentage of net revenue excluding listing fees¹	3.6%	3.2%	3.5%	4.0%

These are not measures of financial performance under IFRS. These measures are not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies and should not be construed as an alternative to net income or cash flow from

1 – operating activities as determined in accordance with IFRS. See the discussion included in the Company's annual MD&A for the year-ended March 31, 2017, available on www.sedar.com on non-IFRS disclosure for further details, including reasons for presentation of these financial measures.

Gross revenue, for the third quarter-ended December 31, 2017, was the highest gross revenue amount earned by the Company in any previous quarter. The year on year revenue growth of 62% experienced in the quarter in comparison to the same period in prior year was the result of growth across nearly the entire brand portfolio, with Love Child and Central Roast performing especially well. Q3 also saw the full 3 months of contribution from the recent acquisition, Cedar. Not including acquisitions completed within the last 12 months, revenue growth is coming in at 29% year over year, or approximately 3x the industry average. Revenue was marginally affected by a decision by several of the largest customers to cancel PO's late in the quarter in order to reduce inventory positions. Management expectations are that those customers will go back to normal inventory levels and that we will continue to see strong revenue growth on all core brands for the foreseeable future.

Adjusted gross margins, removing one-time, non-recurring listing fees, remained steady compared to Q2 in the current quarter, posting 23% gross margin and slightly better than the prior year of 22.9%. Rebates and discounts as a percentage of revenue decreased in Q3 to 11.0% from 11.8% in Q2. Price increases have been accepted by most major retail partners for both Love Child and Central Roast which should ensure the continued growth of the gross margin profile going forward. In addition, new product launches and our most recent acquisitions all feature higher gross margins.

For the quarter ending December 31, 2017, SG&A expense, as a percentage of gross revenue, increased slightly in comparison to the previous year, representing 20.5% of revenue versus 19.2% in Q3 2017. The increase was primarily due to one-time restructuring expense from the discontinuation of the Holistic Choice Brand, partially offset by favourable salaries and benefits and storage and delivery expenses. Fines from retailer partners for out of stock products related to Love Child supply shortages also impacted SG&A expenses. With significant growth in all acquired brands, the Company continues to earn the required revenue scale to more than cover its consolidated SG&A expenses and now the Company is gaining profitability by spreading higher sales volumes over largely fixed SG&A expenses. As discussed in previous quarters, the Company has continued to implement a number of cost saving initiatives and the effects of these initiatives is what has contributed to the positive Adjusted EBITDA margins for eight consecutive quarters, and growing Adjusted EBITDA margins for 4 straight quarters including an increase from 3.5% to 3.6% from the second quarter of fiscal 2018, and from 3.2% in the same period in the prior year.

Outlook

GreenSpace continues to believe that there are a number of fundamental trends occurring within both the Global and North American food industries. These trends will continue to drive consumer demand for GSB brands and customers will continue to be attracted by the Company's innovation within the natural and organic marketplace.

As a result of this the Company is optimistic that anticipated market growth will continue to drive demand for the Company's acquired and developed brands and provides a lot of opportunity for further expansion into new product offerings. This has been evidenced by several distribution wins announced over the last three quarters. In particular GreenSpace expects that it will continue to execute on a two-pronged growth strategy. Firstly, the Company expects to have a strong and on-going internal brand and product development program. There are currently a number of new product offerings in various stages of development that the Company expects to release strategically, to fill gaps in the Canadian natural and

organic marketplace, over the next few quarters. Secondly, the tripling in size of the Canadian natural and organic food market over the last decade has been driven by a number of new entrants, creating a highly fragmented competitive landscape. The Company hopes to take advantage of this and expects to continue to grow through acquisition by making strategic investments in strong, simple ingredient businesses which would have positive and immediate impacts on revenue, gross margins and profitability.

With its increasing revenue base and numerous new distribution wins, management expects to see Year on Year quarterly organic revenue growth of 20% or more, continued incremental gross margin improvement and to continue to generate positive adjusted EBITDA margins. The Company continues to feel it is in a strong position to be one of the innovation leaders, as well as a principle consolidator, in the North American natural and organic food market, due to its industry position and accumulated reputational goodwill.

About GreenSpace Brands Inc.

GreenSpace is a Canadian-based brand ideation team that develops, markets and sells premium natural food products to consumers across North America. GreenSpace owns Rolling Meadow Dairy, Canada's first grass fed dairy business, Life Choices, convenience meat products made with grass fed and pasture raised meats without the use of added hormones and antibiotics, Nudge, a line of family favorite foods made better, Love Child, a producer of 100% organic food for infants and toddlers made with the purest, natural and most nutritionally-rich ingredients, Central Roast, a clean snacking brand featuring a wide assortment of nut and seed mixes, Kiju, the Canadian market leader in the shelf stable organic juice segment, Cedar, the leaders in the Canadian Cold Press Juice category and the most recently acquired brand, Go Veggie, one of the leaders in the US plant based dairy market. All brands are wholly owned and retail in a variety of natural and mass retail grocery locations across Canada.

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