

Interim results for six months ended 31 December 2009

3 February 2010

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Achievements in first half - financial



Improving retail performance in 2Q

	1Q	2Q	1H
Group turnover HK\$ growth yoy	-8.0%	2.5%	▼ -3.1%
Retail turnover HK\$ growth yoy	▼ -0.7%	▲ 18.5%	▲ 9.5%
Retail turnover LCY growth yoy	4.5%	▲ 6.3%	▲ 5.5%
Retail comp store sales growth yoy	▼ -3.5%	▲ 0.4%	▼ -1.2%

- Continued strengthening of the wholesale channel mix
- Gross Profit Margin and Operating Profit Margin +2.7%ppt and +0.3%ppt yoy respectively
- Opex increased slightly despite expansion of retail selling space by 10.2% as compared to 31 Dec 2008
- Continued improvement in working capital efficiency, both inventories and trade receivables declined
- Net cash balance increased ~HK\$3bn in the 6 months to HK\$7.9bn

Achievements in first half - operational



- Acquisition of the remaining interest in China JV
- Launched Strategic Initiatives to strengthen platform for growth and profitability
- Differentiated product lines
- Successful introduction of Essentials Program
- New store concepts tested
- New Esprit Collection line for timewear and jewellery launched in Hong Kong
- Opening of first Home Concept Store in Bejing in December 2009. Already 350 POS in China for home textiles and accessories
- Contract signed for new outsourced distribution centre in Europe











2. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Performance highlights



	For the six months of	ended 31 Dec
(HK\$)	2009	2008
Turnover	18,475m	19,064m
1Q	9,365m	10,179m
2Q	9,110m	8,885m
Gross Profit	10,098m	9,910m
Operating Profit	3,367m	3,411m
Net Profit	2,705m	2,853m
EPS (Basic)	2.12	2.24
Net Cash Position (31 Dec)	7,863m	3,848m
Interim Dividend Per Share	0.74	0.80

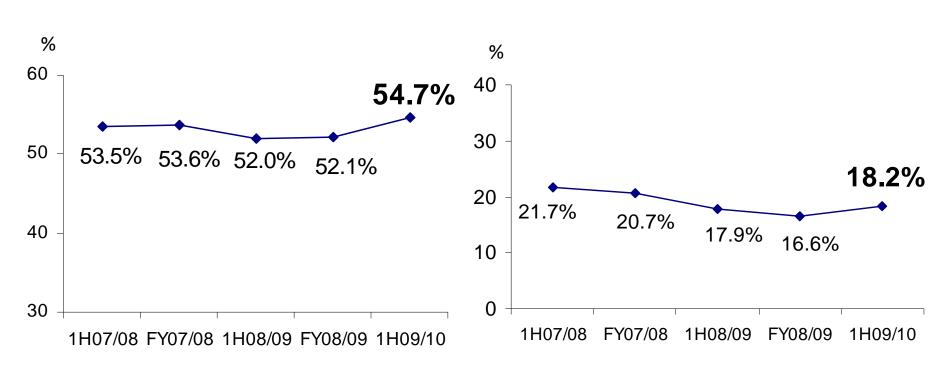
• Interim dividends maintained at a 35% payout ratio

Positive margins trend



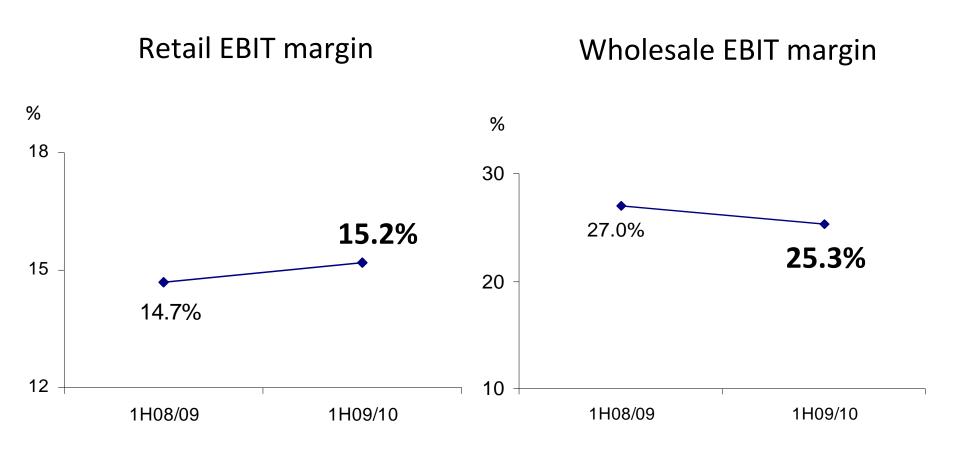


Operating Profit margin



Improved retail EBIT margin





Strong cash flow generation



(HK\$m)	For the six month 2009	s ended 31 Dec 2008
Beginning balance (1 Jul 2009)	4,840	6,521
Cash flows from operating activities	3,768	2,527
Cash flows used in investing activities#	(858)	(879)
Cash flows from (used in) financing activities*	61	(4,154)
Net cash flow	2,971	(2,506)
Exchange difference	52	(167)
Ending balance (31 Dec 2009)	7,863	3,848

[#] Dec 2009 figure included HK\$388m of down payment for acquisition of the remaining interest in China JV

^{*} Dec 2008 figure included HK\$4bn dividend payment

Continued improvement in working capital efficiency

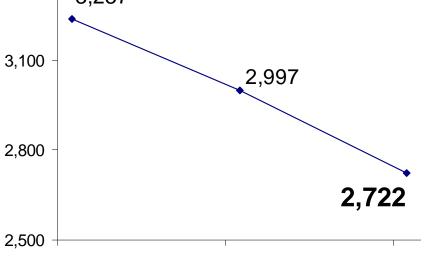




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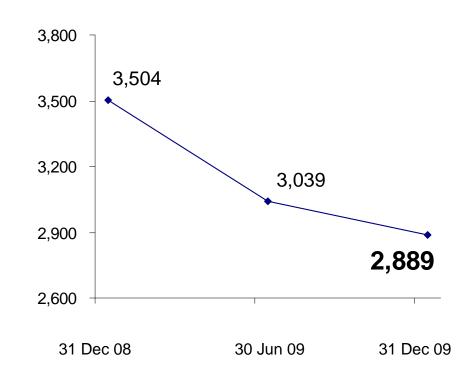
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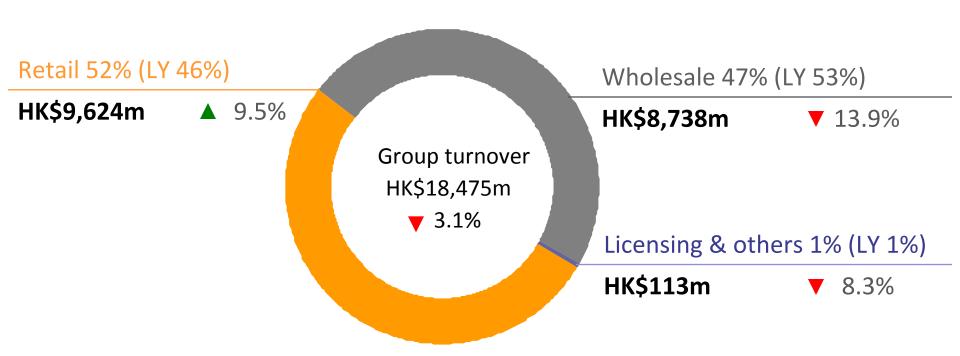
Trade Debtors (HK\$m)



Retail turnover caught up with wholesale



% to Group turnover (Last Year) // turnover in HK\$ // ▲▼% HK\$ growth



Europe retail driving the growth



			Retail turnov	er	
	Six months 31 Dec		Change	in %	LCY
	HK\$m	% to retail turnover	нк\$	Local currency	Comp-store sales growth
Europe	7,905	82%	10.4%	6.5%	-0.7%
Asia Pacific	1,287	13%	3.4%	-1.3%	-5.4%
North America	432	5%	11.6%	8.5%	0.4%
Total retail	9,624	100%	9.5%	5.5%	-1.2%





		Directl	y managed	retail stores		
		POS Number Net sales area (m²)				
	Dec 2009	vs Jun 2009		Dec 2009 vs Jun 2009		
	DCC 2003	opened	closed	Dec 2003	vs Juli 2003	
Europe	413	+35	-7	236,521	6.9%	
Asia Pacific	337	+9	-10	66,616	4.0%	
North America	79	+2	-1	28,916	2.5%	
Group total	829	+46	-18	332,053	5.9%	





		Wholesale	turnover	
	Six month 31 Dec		Chango	e in %
	HK\$m	% to wholesale turnover	нк\$	Local currency
Europe	7,783	89%	-13.8%	-15.0%
Asia Pacific	872	10%	-15.0%	-18.6%
North America and others	83	1%	-11.2%	-13.7%
Total wholesale	8,738	100%	-13.9%	-15.4%

Strengthening the wholesale channel mix



			Controlled wh	olesale space		
	Franchise stores Shop-in-stores Identity corners			corners		
	Net sales area (m²)	Net change in sales area* (m²)	Net sales area (m²)	Net change in sales area* (m²)	Net sales area (m²)	Net change in sales area* (m²)
Europe	302,947	3.7%	204,452	-2.4%	119,163	-8.4%
Asia Pacific	76,905	0.8%	10,084	-2.7%	92,430	8.2%
North America	300	-	177	29.2%	-	-
Red Earth [#]	-	-100.0%		-100.0%	-	-100.0%
Group total	380,152	2.9%	214,713	-2.5%	211,593	-3.4%

[#] The decline in Red Earth stores/units was due to the disposal of Red Earth brand and related operation

^{*} Net change from 30 Jun 2009

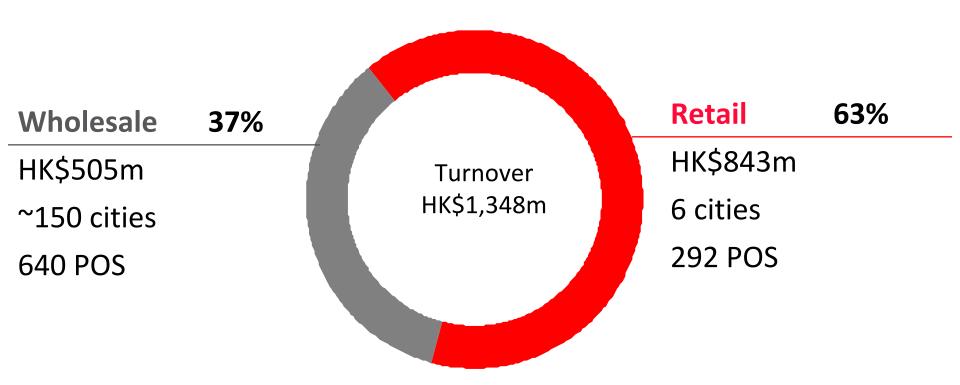


3. BUY-BACK CHINA JV

China – a new horizon



Breakdown of China JV turnover for the 6 months ended 31 Dec 2009



% to China JV turnover

China - a new growth engine for the Group



Upside from operational excellence:

- Increase in sales productivity
- Improve stock turn
- Lower sourcing cost

Expansion potential:

- Further penetration and increase of market share in existing cities
- Expand the footprint from currently 150 to 450+ cities



4. SECOND HALF OUTLOOK

2H Outlook



Wholesale

- Mid-teens % yoy decline in LCY for Jan - Apr 2010
- But month by month improvement of order book trend

Retail

- Maintains the target of 5-10% yoy growth in retail selling space for full financial year FY09/10
- New stores are of larger size to improve efficiency

China

- Full economic benefit of China business on or before end of Feb 2010
- Integration plan being finalized

2H Outlook Brand and Marketing Communication



- Introduction of Magalogue magazine with the latest fashion trends, tips on mix and match etc.
- Print advertisements and inserts in fashion magazines



Magalogue



Inserts



Print Ads



2H Outlook Brand and Marketing Communication



City lights and outdoor billboards





Electronic Magazine on esprit.com
 Additional information on styles, models.
 Click to buy option.



2H Outlook Developments in our license business



- Launch of the new Esprit Home Collection in early 2010
- Introduction of a new fragrance 'Imagine' in March 2010
- Introduction of a new travel and business luggage line in March 2010





5. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Vision To become a truly global company and brand



ESPRIT is an international, youthful lifestyle brand offering smart, affordable luxury and bringing newness and style to life.

There is a global customer for Esprit to be served with a universal value proposition across multi-channels and regions.

This requires a global brand, global mindset and global execution: from product design to marketing to distribution.



6 Strategic Initiatives Strengthening our Platform for Growth



1 Global brand	Strengthening brand equity and improving
	shopping experience to drive traffic and customer
	lovalty

- 2 **Products** Improving product differentiation and newness to grow sales per sqm
- Channel and country Ensuring better execution of the multi-channel strategy to fuel growth and profitability
- 4 Costs of goods sold Achieving savings in sourcing across divisions
- 5 Support functions Establishing best-in-class backbone for growth
- 6 Organization and structure Ensuring better alignment and execution across divisions, regions and channels

Well established for long-term growth



ESPRIT is a global, youthful lifestyle brand offering smart, affordable luxury and bringing newness and style to life.

"... strong collections with high quality products tailored to the needs of our target groups ..."

"... a superior and consistent brand and shopping experience at all points of sale ..."

"... serving our customers with best-in-class multi-channel distribution ..."

"... an **organization** with leading business processes and support functions that **attracts** and **builds** the **best people** in the industry"



6. Q&A

Interim results FY 2009/10 Q&A











Appendix



Corporate Calendar

Last day of trading on a "cum" basis

Ex-dividend date 4 Mar 2010

Fixing of Dividend Reinvestment Price 1 Mar 2010 – 5 Mar 2010 (both days inclusive)

Book close 8 Mar 2010 – 9 Mar 2010 (both days inclusive)

Despatch of Election Form 12 Mar 2010

Election Period 12 Mar 2010 – 26 Mar 2010 (both days inclusive)

Dividend payment 12 Apr 2010