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## **AGENDA**

Business Highlights

Jose Manuel Martínez, Group CEO

Interim Results Review

Thomas Tang, Group CFO

Jose Manuel Martínez, Group CEO

Q&As

Strategic Update

# BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

## **BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS**

## Continued improvement of financial results

- Net profit of HK\$61 million, as compared to a Net loss of -HK\$238 million in the same period last year
- Positive EBIT from underlying operations (excl. exceptional items) of HK\$2 million, a significant recovery from LBIT -HK\$252 million in the same period last year, driven by two major developments:
  - Downsizing of business (closure of unprofitable stores and loss of low-performing wholesale spaces)
  - Reduction of the level of promotional activities, price markdowns and wholesale discounts
- As a result, revenue decline -9.9% yoy in LCY, against a -14.3% yoy reduction of total controlled space
- But gross profit margin was increased by +2.0% pts yoy
- And regular OPEX was reduced by -11.2% yoy in LCY; hence, fully out-weighing the decline in top line
- Net cash balance of HK\$4.5 billion at 31 December 2016, with zero debt

## > Continued progress in the execution of the Strategic Plan

- Progressive rejuvenation of the "Esprit brand"
- Development of the Vertical & Omnichannel models to improve products and channels performance
- Ambitious reduction of OPEX to accelerate turnaround

# INTERIMRESULTS REVIEW

	1H	1H	YoY change		
(in HK\$'m)	FY16/17	FY15/16	HKD	LCY	
Revenue	8,323	9,315	<b>V</b> 10.6%	9.9%	
COGS	(3,952)	(4,615)	<b>T</b> 14.4%	<b>▼</b> 13.5%	
Gross profit	4,371	4,700	<b>▼</b> 7.0%	▼ 6.2%	
GP margin	52.5%	50.5%	▲ 2.0%pts	▲ 2.0%pts	
Regular OPEX	(4,369)	(4,952)	<b>▼</b> 11.8%	<b>▼</b> 11.2%	
EBIT/(LBIT)* of underlying operations	2	(252)			
Exceptional items	(15)	5			
(LBIT)*	(13)	(247)			
Interest & Taxation (net credit)	74	9			
Net profit / (loss)	61	(238)			

Revenue decline less than reduction in total controlled space of -14.3%

- Space reduction due to closure of the most unprofitable retail stores and loss of nonperforming wholesale spaces
- Actions to increase gross profit margins by reducing the level of promotional activities, price markdowns and wholesale discounts
- Additional pressure from unseasonably warm weather in Europe in 1Q

Earnings/loss before interest and tax

<sup>▲/▼</sup> year-on-year change

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## Significant improvement in overall profitability

- by 2% pts despite negative development of Euro exchange rates
- Regular OPEX reduction of 11.2% in LCY

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Achieved Net Profit thanks to a release of deferred tax liability no longer required based on recent communication received from the relevant tax authority

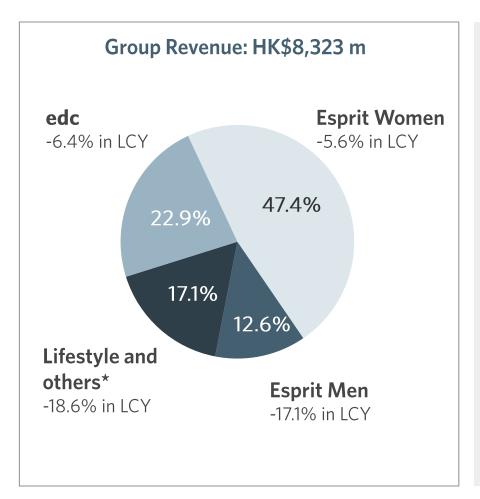
As the net profit was very small, the Board has resolved not to declare any interim dividend

<sup>\*</sup> Earnings/loss before interest and tax

**<sup>▲/▼</sup>** year-on-year change

# REVENUE

## REVENUE BY PRODUCT DIVISION



## **Esprit Women and edc**

- Decline in Esprit Women and edc mainly due to space reduction
- Comp-store-sales (incl. eshop) for Esprit Women and edc only declined by -2.6% and -1.4% yoy in LCY

## **Esprit Men**

- Reduced space allocated to Men's products due to sales performance
- Restructured and strengthened management team during 1H FY16/17

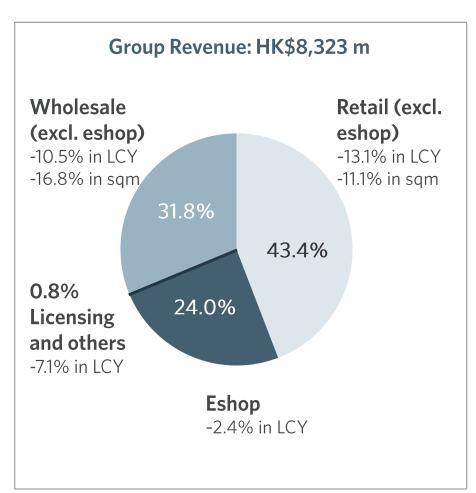
## Lifestyle and others

Largest decline came from the Kids division (-62.8% yoy in LCY) due to its licensing to Groupe Zannier (majority of net sales are now booked by our license partner, while Esprit primarily receives the corresponding royalties)

<sup>\*</sup> Lifestyle and others mainly include accessories, bodywear, shoes, and the sales and royalty income from licensed products such as kidswear, timewear, eyewear, jewelry, bed & bath, and houseware.

<sup>+ / -</sup> yoy change

## REVENUE BY CHANNEL



## Directly managed channels: Retail (excl. eshop) and Eshop:

- Most impacted by the measures to improve gross profit margin
- In Retail (excl. eshop), productivity remained stable in full-price stores (+0.3% sales/sqm in LCY) and all the decline happened in the off-price outlets
- Sales decline of Eshop was mainly due to a drop of online traffic to our Eshop in Europe
- Eshop in APAC grew +58.7% yoy

## Wholesale (excl. eshop)

 Closure of non performing locations is driving an increase in average sales productivity of the remaining controlled space, driven by improved order intakes from both offline and online partners

<sup>+/-</sup> yoy change

## REVENUE DEVELOPMENT BY CHANNEL PER QUARTER

	Revenue yoy growth in LCY		
	1Q (Jul'16 - Sep'16)	2Q (Oct '16- Dec'16)	
Retail (excl. eshop)	-15.2% (vs -11.7% sqm)	-11.3% (vs -11.1% sqm)	Decline fully in line with space reduction in 2Q
Eshop	-7.0%	+1.6%	Moderate revenue growth in 2Q
Wholesale (excl. eshop)	-11.4% (vs -16.7% sqm)	-9.2% (vs -16.8% sqm)	Improved revenue development vs sqm in 2Q
Group	-11.8% (vs -14.5% sqm)	-7.8% (vs -14.3% sqm)	Single-digit revenue decline in 2Q, much below space reduction

## REVENUE BY REGION



#### +/-yoy change

## Germany

- Retail impacted by erratic retail market in the country in 1H FY16/17 (incl. unseasonably warm weather in 10)
- Retail net sales area only reduced by -1.8% yoy due to longer lease terms than other regions
- Wholesale revenue decline (-6.4% yoy in LCY) compares favorably against space reduction (-12.9% yoy), reflecting improved order intakes

## **Rest of Europe**

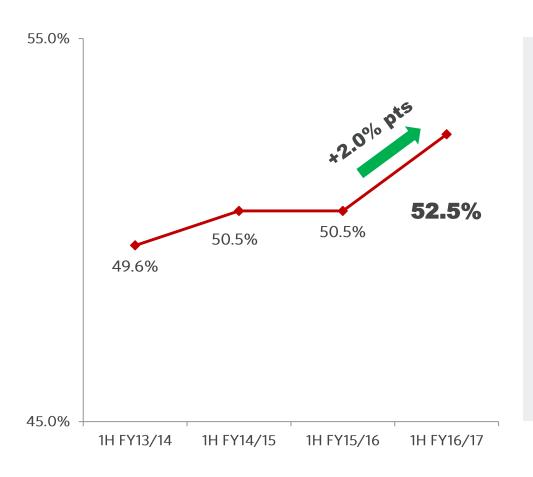
- Closure of unprofitable stores progressing well; retail net sales area down -15.3% yoy
- Slightly positive comp-store-sales growth (+0.1% yoy)
- Wholesale revenue decline (-12.5% in LCY) compares favorably against space reduction (-16.3% yoy), also reflecting improved order intakes

## Asia Pacific

 Had the most drastic reduction of promotional activities, which explains the -9.2% yoy decline in comparable Retail sales (excl. eshop)

## PROFITABILITY

## GROSS PROFIT MARGIN



Improvement in gross profit margin across all channels, regions and key product divisions

## Benefited from

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Decisive actions to reduce the level of promotional activities, price markdowns and wholesale discounts

Offset by negative impact from



Continued weakness of the Euro

## **OPERATING EXPENSES**

(in HK\$'m) Regular OPEX	1H FY16/17 4,369	1H FY15/16 4,952	Change in % LCY ▼ 11.2%
Staff costs	1,474	1,574	▼ 5.7%
Occupancy costs	1,276	1,428	▼ 9.9%
Logistics expenses	473	516	▼ 7.6%
Marketing & advertising expenses	402	535	<b>▼</b> 24.3%
Depreciation	260	302	<b>▼</b> 13.1%
Other operating costs	484	597	<b>▼</b> 18.9%
Exceptional expenses / (income)	15	(5)	
Total OPEX	4,384	4,947	▼ 10.8%

## Successful reduction of Regular OPEX through:

- Accelerated closure of loss-making stores
- Overhead cost restructuring measures
- Lower marketing and advertising expenditure level following the strong push last year

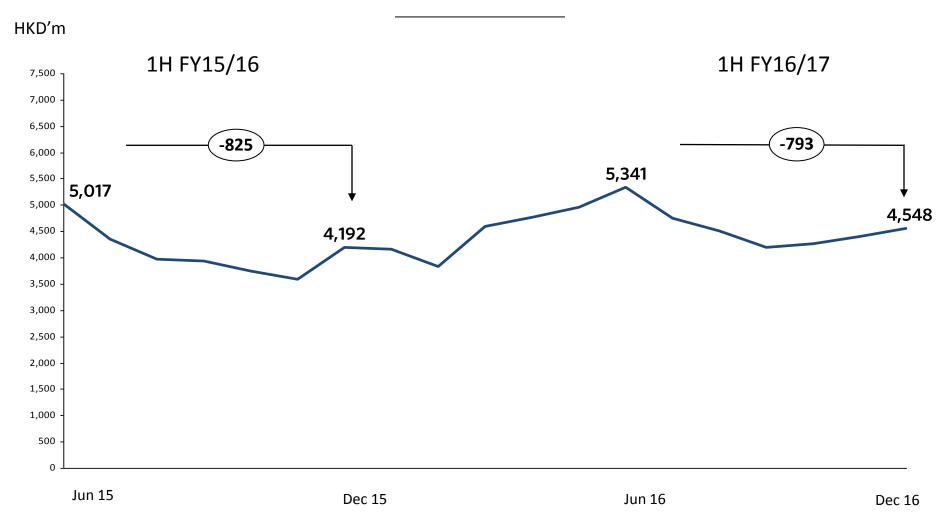
Savings achieved across all key cost lines

Exceptional items mainly related to one-off costs for staff reduction

The Group is fully on track to achieve our target to reduce OPEX by HK\$1 billion (excluding exchange rate impact) over 2 years from FY15/16 level

# WORKING CAPITAL

## GROUP CASH DEVELOPMENT- NET CASH



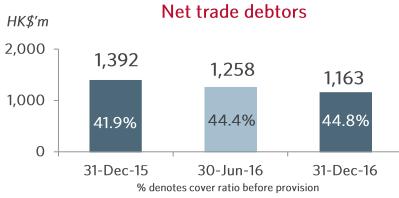
✓ Cash utilization less than the same period last year
✓ Cash balance at end of December is generally lower than at the end of June due to seasonality
✓ Present cash balance at a healthy level, higher than the same period last year

## **WORKING CAPITAL**



Inventories value ▼ 9.5% yoy due to:

- ▼ -4.0% depreciation in EUR/HKD closing rate yoy
- Inventory turnover days ▲ 7 days due to higher share of retail business vs wholesale, the leftovers carried over from the previous financial year and the lower revenue in comparable retail stores and eshop



Net trade debtors ▼16.5% yoy:

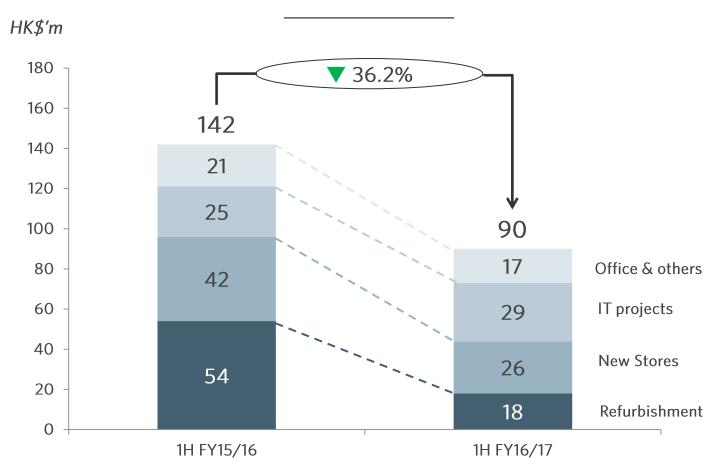
- Lower wholesale revenue
- ▼ -4.0% depreciation in EUR/HKD closing rate yoy
- Cover ratio before provision of 44.8% increased by 2.9%pts yoy



Trade creditors ▼41.4% yoy:

Quicker payment to take advantage of higher discount from suppliers

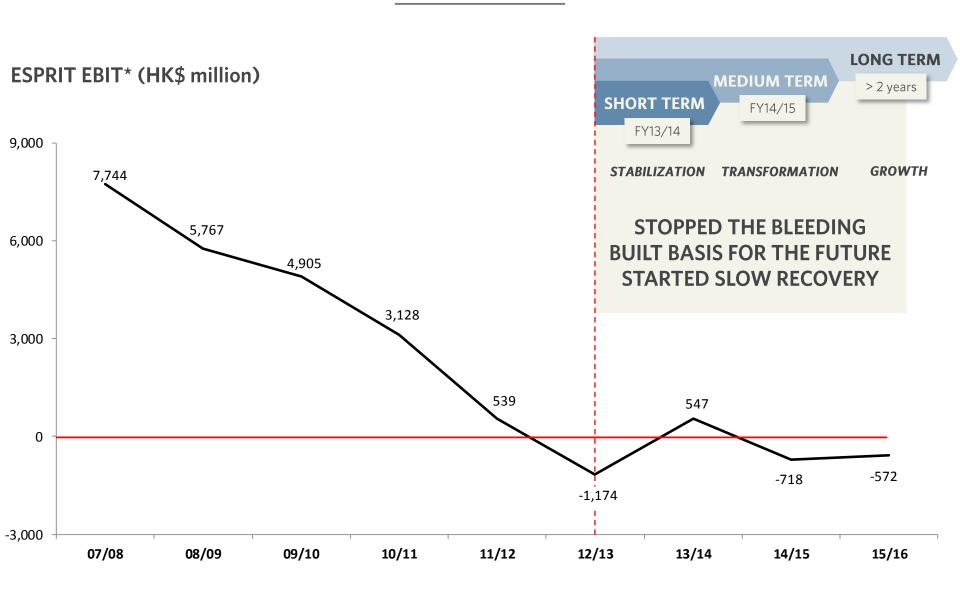
## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



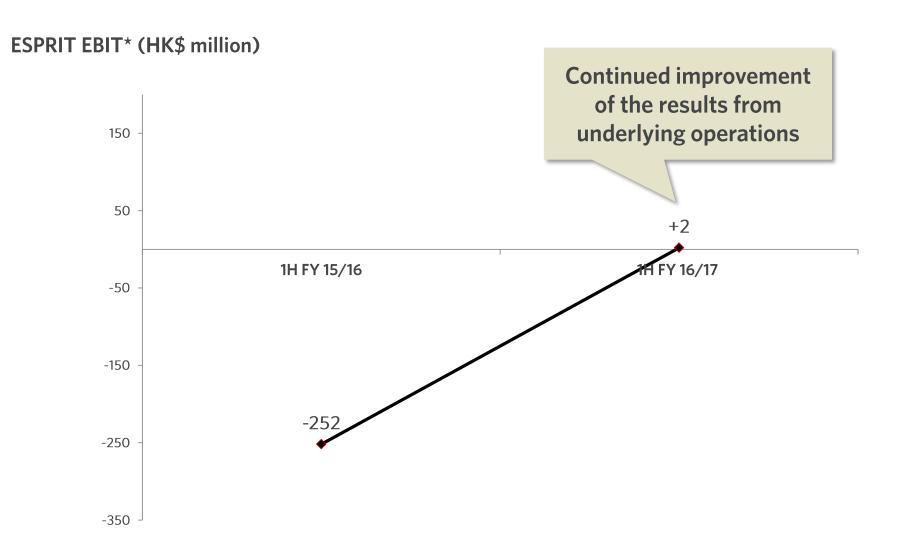
Largest reductions in store openings and refurbishments, as large scale refurbishments are mostly completed

# STRATEGY UPDATE

## EBIT\* DEVELOPMENT UNTIL FY15/16



## EBIT\* DEVELOPMENT IN 1H FY16/17



## KEY OPPORTUNITES AHEAD

- 1. Strategic Plan Continue to develop towards excellence in the three core elements of our Business Model:
  - Brand Strengthen and rejuvenate brand image
  - Product Complete the main elements of the Vertical Model
  - Channels Keep on developing the Omnichannel Model
- **2. APAC** Turnaround business performance through a specific strategic plan for the region (repositioning of our brand and retail footprint)
- **3. Wholesale** Stabilize contribution through specialized solutions for each type of partner
- **4. OPEX** Complete target reduction of HK\$1 bn over the next 2 years (complete store closures and reduction of overhead expenses)
- **5. Growth** Reignite top line growth by deploying cash reserves into sales initiatives and expansion

# BRAND REJUVENATE IMAGE

## COLLABORATION WITH OPENING CEREMONY

# OPENING CEREMONY

Est. 2002



## **Opening Ceremony**

- Founded by Carol Lim (CEO) and Humberto Leon (Creative Director) in 2002
- Awarded with "Cooper Hewitt National Design Award for Fashion Design" in 2016 by the U.S. White House
- Carol and Humberto are also creative directors at KENZO (part of LVMH), leading the relaunch of the brand
- Carol and Humberto are judges at the LVMH prize alongside Karl Lagerfeld, Marc Jacobs, and more
- Opening Ceremony is one of the most influential fashion houses with locations in New York, Los Angeles & Tokyo
- Strong social media following and community engagement with influencers and opinion leaders in the industry
- Collaborative design has always been a key aspect of their retail philosophy (Chloe Sevigny, Lacoste, Adidas)



## **ESPRIT by Opening Ceremony**

Launched September 11, 2016 at New York Fashion Week

- Unique co-branded collection
- Three seasonal collections between FW 16 and FW 17
- Exclusive and selective distribution by Opening Ceremony
- Below the line marketing activation including influencer seeding, social media and press activation

## ESPRIT X OPENING CEREMONY

## OUR HALO









## ESPRIT X OPENING CEREMONY- KEY OPINION LEADERS

## **LAUNCH EVENT**











## ESPRIT X OPENING CEREMONY - CELEBRITIES

#### DRAKE



KARLIE KLOSS

American (Victoria's Secret Angel) model

☐ IG 6.2 Mio ▼ TW 2.39 Mio



## **JESSICA ALBA**

American actress, model & business woman

☐ IG 9.7 Mio ▼TW 9.47 Mio



JOE JONAS

American singer & actor **③ IG 5.4 Mio ▶ TW 8.41 Mio** 



### **KELLY ROWLAND**

American (Destiny's Child Lead-) singer

⊚ IG 6.4 Mio 
▼ TW 7.07 Mio



HAILEE STEINFELD

American actress, model & singer

⊚ IG 4.4 Mio 

→ TW 704 k



## ESPRIT X OPENING CEREMONY - SOCIAL MEDIA



Georgiana Lovcicov 24 #cym #ESPRIT #openingceremony #workingout:



#metanotashion #canon #70d #50mm #nyc\_highlights #espet #openingceremony #hm #cahrinklern #adidasoriginals #nmd #mensfashion #Esprit by openingogramony



#sundayselfie #couchingtime #mysofaandme #esprit #vintage #sweater #peaceandlove #enjoyinglife #needcalmness



Here's a #tbt of a #tbt as I posted this last year sometime BUT seeing as the Gesprit Gopening ceremony collaboration is upon us I had to share again because this was my most favorite

Copening ceremony # espritoco





some # vintage #bathroom #moments with Attroback Blook a la P openingceremony gles # esprit @ Vparis #fashionweek



夏で2秒で買うと決めたエスブリとオーブニング1 レモニーのコラボのマーしゃつロー型く着たさある ロ6人のもの見に行って自分の買い物画っ先にする 5555 #ESPRITXOC



Can't find a pic of the Gesprit backpack I rocked al the way through college till the zipper broke, but here is a proper beach baby flowery number



fistore #goodwill #salvationarmy #triptotgethrift #comeups #yardsale



Lave this look % wardrobe # EapritxOC # openingoeremony Yealth account sweater on & off to YOGA (-ID

Sup?! € Wetro #celine # espritxoc digrammar school sweater that makes me feel like a 6 year old #espritxoc #eaprit # openinggeremony Alabelorush Rawester Adenim



Orok # OPENINGCEREMONY # ESPRIT #878



Nathalie De Schepper



#Grimes #Heart #BeachGoth #LAist #Nikon.



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Habiliée pour l'automne du respritunc let puis profiter du fait d'avoir un super photographe sous



tyle#streetstyle#polishgiri#landgn#blagger#moda#



Poschstyle key-piece of my wardrobe this week: a cosy HOODIE () wearing a Respirt X Copening peremony #hoodie // this Sheroes heroines to make my YOGA week so



As a girl growing up in the 80's, you were only part of the Cool Kids Club if you had an Esprit tote. My parents bought me a bootleg one from the swapmeet, and although it came with me everywhere and camed all the essentials like my Trapper Keeper and scratch n sniff sticker collection, I always longed for a "real" one. w Today I finally get to live out my 6th grade Esprit

tote bag fantasies thanks to the Copeningseremony x Clesprit collab. There's always a small thrill and a sweet sense of gratification when as an adult, you can purchase the things you really wanted as a kid. Stoked to finally be a "real" Cool Kid after all these years.



Couldn't dig up a throwback in time but I did whip out the crimper. @asprit @openingcaremony



More #childhood @esprit love, this ti 6th grade, I loved this t-shirt and bike combo, and would still wear this look the chance of resprittod co: Soper

Liz Baca



And before lights out tonight nota get my Gesprit

#esprit and Drea in an #esprit polo under her

(what looks like) #jamsworld two piece. #freshtodeath # espritxoc co: @openingceremony

post in. Elementary school.. Jenny in #esprit, me I



elizabethjiwoochun Throwback.... Gesprit Gopeningceremony #ESPRITXOC



childhood uniform #espritxoc #threebestfriends #

Women's Esprit Crewneck Sweater: size Lifits Backpack Purchase/ Questions: DM 60 #prostarsthrowbacks # esprt #90s # vintage Washion #wow #throwbackthursday #160



Style is seasonless!

## ESPRIT X OPENING CEREMONY - EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTION

Presence in key influencer stores globally: Paris (Tom Greyhound), London (Selfridges), Hong Kong (i.T.), NYC (Opening Ceremony and Kith), L.A. (Opening Ceremony), Berlin (KaDeWe)









## REJUVENATION OF BRAND CAMPAIGNS - SPRING SUMMER



## REJUVENATION OF ALL BRAND BUILDING TOUCH POINTS















# PRODUCT VERTICAL MODEL

## VERTICAL PRODUCTS PERFORMANCE

	FULL PRICE RETAIL	FY15/16 (1H)	FY16/17 (1H)	ACCUM. (1H)
SALES PRODUCTIVITY* yoy GROWTH	TOTAL	+7.3%	+5.0%	+12.6%
	STORES	+2.8%	+0.3%	+3.2%
	ESHOP	+15.9%	-2.4%	+13.1%
GROSS PROFIT PRODUCTIVITY* yoy GROWTH	TOTAL	+3.4%	+7.7%	+11.5%
	STORES	-1.1%	+7.0%	+5.8%
	ESHOP	+10.1%	-5.0%	+4.6%

### **VERTICAL MODEL - NEXT STEPS**

### **VERTICAL**

Product Development

Merchandising

**Supply Chain** 

**Distribution** 

Store / POS

Stock

**1. Lean Supply Chain Management -** Accelerate introduction of best sustainability practices



**2. Category Management Teams –** Further integrate all divisions for larger synergies: teams, IT, supply, etc.



**3. New Merchandising Model –** Optimize merchandise management in every store by fine tuning divisional splits and layouts



**4. Seasonal Calendar -** 4 seasons fully consolidated



**5. Product Range –** Continue reduction in all divisions



**6. Fast to Market –** Grow scale of vertical and short lead time products in all channels

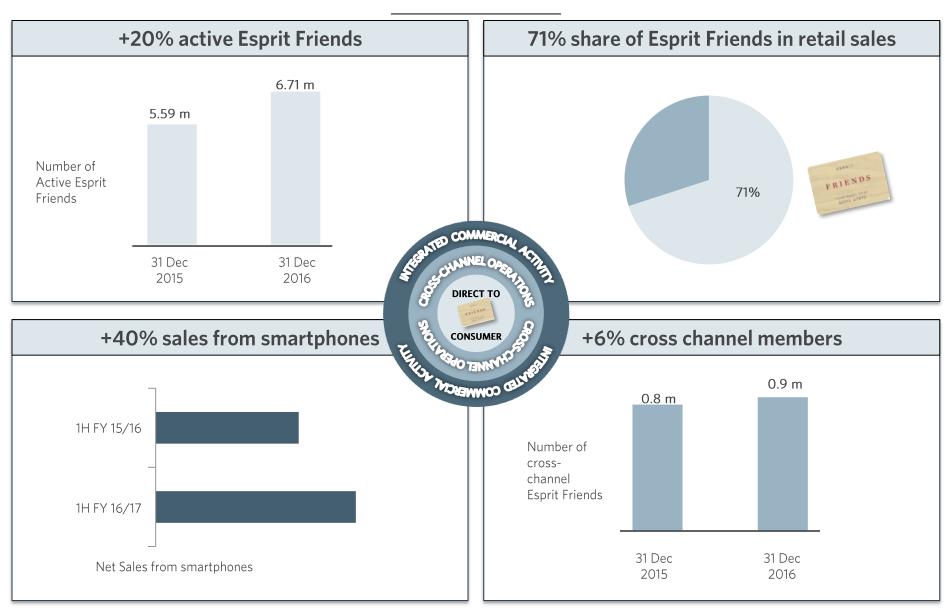


**7. Stock Management Optimization** - Develop capacity and capabilities for improved deliveries and store replenishment



# CHANNELS OMNICHANNEL MODEL

## OMNICHANNEL MODEL IN 1H FY 16/17



# OMNICHANNEL MODEL - NEXT STEPS

#### 1. Direct to Consumer

- Integration of Esprit Friends in Tmall (for China): December 2017
- New Esprit Friends branding concept: December 2017
- Further Personalization of consumer experience: ongoing
- New Esprit Friends recruitment and reachability initiatives: ongoing

### 2. Cross-Channel Operations

- Roll-out completion of online-offline integrated features: click & collect - return in store - reserve in store (Retail & PSS/Wholesale): June 2017
- Responsive Webdesign: June 2017
- Launch full native Esprit App: June 2017
- Test of digital screens for the Retail stores: December 2017

### 3. Integrated Commercial Activity

- New Omnichannel theme marketing: just completed
- Insourcing photo-studio: just completed



# APAC REPOSITIONING

### REPOSITIONING OF ESPRIT APAC

## Channels

- Retail Reconstruction of the distribution footprint in line with main international brands:
  - Stand alone Downsize large flagships and grow more profitable/smaller format in prime shopping malls
  - Concessions Relocate to "international" floors with a more efficient/larger format for both genders together
  - **Outlets** Premiumize and downsize network to focus on clearing inventories
- Wholesale Leverage channel for strong partnerships in new large countries
- **Eshop** Maximization of online growth by strengthening internal capabilities and developing a strategic partnership with the dominant market player

#### **Products**

- Global product offer with increased voice of Asia
- Strengthened merchandising for better adaptation of APAC's assortment

### **Marketing**

 Communication of Esprit based on Global brand image and complemented by tactical and modern local initiatives

### APAC UPDATE

### yoy growth in LCY

### Main drivers

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-3.5% Sales/sqm +5.3% GP/sqm

# Stores (full price)

+1.0% Sales/sqm +11.2% GP/sqm

### **Eshop**

+58.7% Sales +74.0% GP

**Wholesale** 

-42.6% Sales -30.7% GP

**APAC** 

+58.0% EBIT

- Accelerated reduction of loss-making spaces both in Retail (-18.5% y-o-y) and Wholesale (-44.6% y-o-y)
- Strong focus on gross profit margin recovery by drastically reducing promotional activity & price markdowns
- Improved operations across all retail functions
- Rapid e-commerce sales growth and profitability improvement
- Downsizing of overhead costs

# WHOLESALE SPECIALIZED SOLUTIONS

### WHOLESALE UPDATE

### yoy growth in LCY

-16.8% sqm (controlled space)

-10.5% Revenue

-7.2% Gross Profit

-29.3% OPEX

+19% EBIT

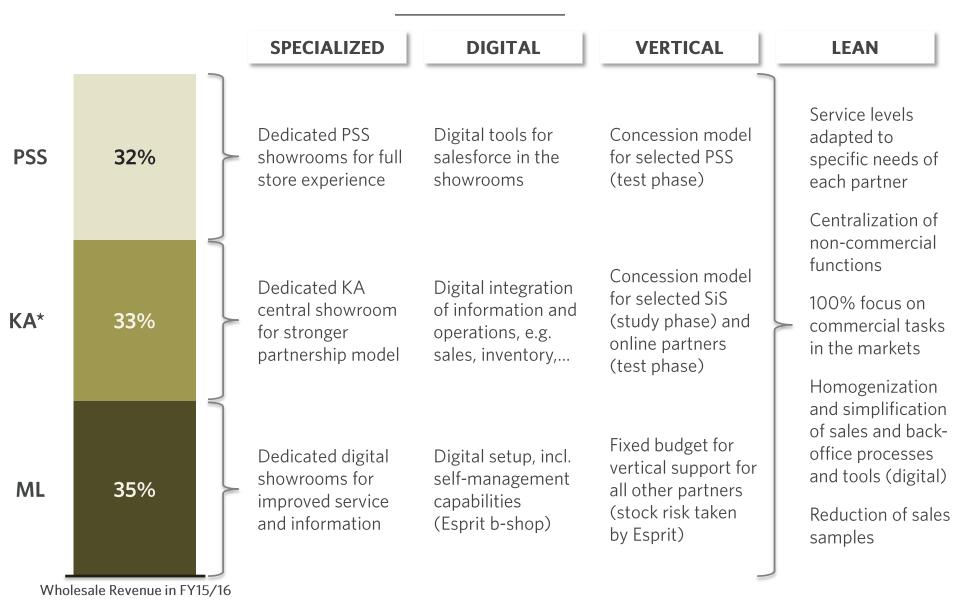
(463 HK\$ million EBIT contribution)

### Main drivers

- Closure of unprofitable spaces by wholesale partners
- Improvement of gross profit margin by eliminating excessive discounts to selected partners
- Improved productivity from remaining spaces (better Order Intake trend)
- Downsized infrastructure (closure and merger of different showrooms across Germany, Rest of Europe and APAC)

Wholesale

## WHOLESALE SOLUTIONS (WIP)



<sup>\*</sup> Key Accounts represents TOP partners in Europe and APAC

# OPEX REDUCTION PLAN

### **OPEX REDUCTION - UPDATE**

### yoy growth in LCY

# 1H FY16/17 -10.8% OPEX +5.1% OPFX 1H FY15/16\* -8.9% OPEX 1H FY14/15 -18.2% OPEX 1H FY13/14

### Main drivers

- Closure of heaviest loss-making retail stores since 1 July 2015
  - Germany (-11 stores, -7,342 sqm)
  - Rest of Europe (-30 stores, -17,354 sqm)
  - APAC (-44 stores, -15,630 sqm)
- Downsizing of wholesale structures
  - Closure of UK showroom & affiliate
  - Further showroom closures/downsizing in Germany, The Netherlands, Spain, Italy and Finland
  - Merger of all APAC showrooms into one
- Overhead restructuring plans
  - Social Plan in Germany HQs
  - Social Plan in France
  - Streamlining of local European and Asian country organizations

<sup>\* -3.9%</sup> if excluding exceptional inventory provision write back and extraordinary marketing expense for the launching of the #ImPerfect brand campaign in AW 2015

# OUTLOOK

## SECOND HALF OUTLOOK FOR FY16/17

- Continue to execute our Strategic Plan with primary focus on improving our bottom line
- In the short term, this approach implies:
  - A decline in revenue due to the reduction of unprofitable controlled space
  - Countered by better sales productivity, improved margins and reduced operating expenses
- We expect in the Second Half of this financial year a similar development as observed in the First Half

## THANKS AGAIN!



