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# double-digit top and bottom line growth target for FY03/04

### 1Q FY03/04 snap shot

### wholesale

- wholesale turnover grew over 20% YoY
- order bookings through Jan 04 show double-digit YoY growth for Europe
- ahead of schedule on opening shop-in-stores in Europe

#### retail

- double-digit comparable store sales growth in Europe & N. America
- on target to halve losses in Asia
- net sales area increased by over 2,700 m² (▲2%) primarily in Europe

#### licensing

 added new licenses -- edc socks and stationery for Europe and duvet for Asia

### **Europe – extending our key markets**

- Germany and Benelux achieved double-digit sales growth through increases in comp-store sales and selling space
- France delivered over 30% YoY sales growth
  - alliance with Galaries Lafayette heightened brand visibility, translating into further turnover increase
  - planned to open over 10 partnership stores and around 3 directly-managed stores in FY03/04
- UK wholesale and retail development on track
  - started wholesaling with John Lewis department store
  - discussing partnership arrangements with other wholesalers
  - finalizing lease agreement on next retail store in central London area

### U.S. – accelerating retail expansion

- relying on U.S. wholesale channels alone will not suffice for our brand
- set up flagship stores to anchor our brand's presence in the ESPRIT way
- learn about the market with first-hand experience and broaden customer base
- finalizing details on first retail location in New York -- on schedule to open around 5 retail stores in the east coast of U.S. by the end of 2004

### loss reduction well underway in Hong Kong, Taiwan, U.K. and Canada retail

#### Hong Kong & Taiwan

- > trimmed loss-making sales and improved profitability
- better product offerings through successful execution of the central buying strategy

U.K.

- closed Blue Water store
- refurbished Regent Street location with an in-store Starbuck's café

Canada

- promising retail performance with double-digit comp store sales growth recorded in 1Q
- first delivery of wholesale order in early 2004

# differentiation and diversification of products

- better differentiate edc, casual and collection to cater to 3 distinct target groups
  - strengthen multi-dimensional communication between product divisions and other strategic global functions
  - enhance co-ordination between image & visual merchandising to more accurately portrait the different product positioning
- extended successful 12-collection strategy to women's collection
- product diversification through introduction of men's edc
- adding new edc youth line for teenagers to bridge the gap between esprit kids and edc





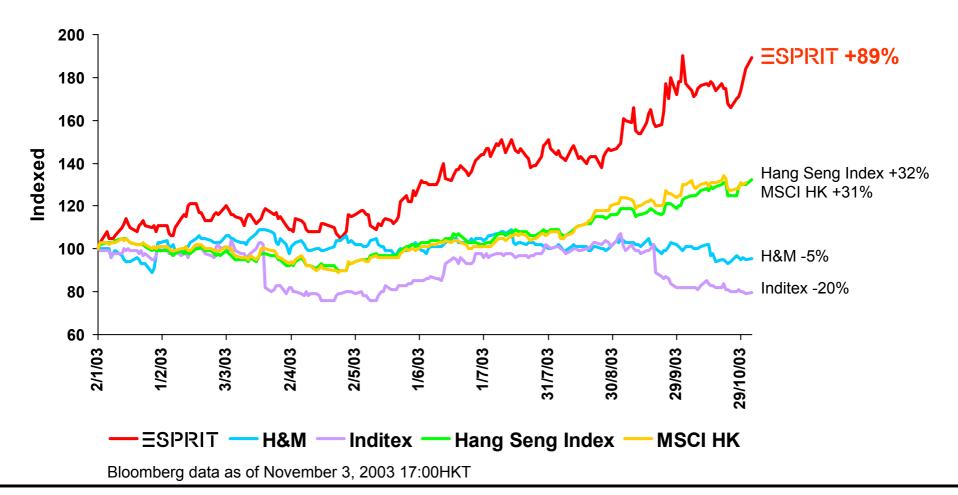
### free-float and liquidity further improved

- placement of 50 mn shares to independent investors by the Chairman Mr. Michael Ying in October 2003
  - remains largest shareholder with 33.8% interest in the company
  - personal investment decision
  - unlikely to have further placement before FY03/04 interim results in February 2004
- did not impact the Group's business
- increased public free float to approx. 58%
- more diversified investor base

#### share option schemes

- ➤ 1 million option shares under old share option scheme expiring in mid-November 2003
- vesting of approx. 6 million options in late November 2003 under the new share option scheme
- support the concept of expensing share options but will await uniform standards for Hong Kong listed companies before implementation
- orderly disposal of option shares will continue

## outperformed global peers and indices since Jan 2003





# valuation and growth compares favorably with global peers

	ESPRIT	H&M	Inditex
est. PEG*	0.78	1.18	1.12
LT Growth (%)#	26.18	17.97	18.42
ROE*	31.86	32.95	26.99
dividend payout ratio (%)^	39.80	37.85	19.91

<sup>\*</sup> Bloomberg data as of November 3, 2003 17:00HKT

IBES estimates as of November 3, 2003 (these forecasts generally refer to a period of between 3 to 5 years into the future)

excluded special dividend, calculation based on Bloomberg data as of November 3, 2003

FY02/03 Final Dividend
FY02/03 Special Dividend
Ex-Dividend Date
Dividend Payable

HK 32.5 cents
HK 30 cents
November 19, 2003
~ December 9, 2003



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