### **Esprit Holdings Limited**

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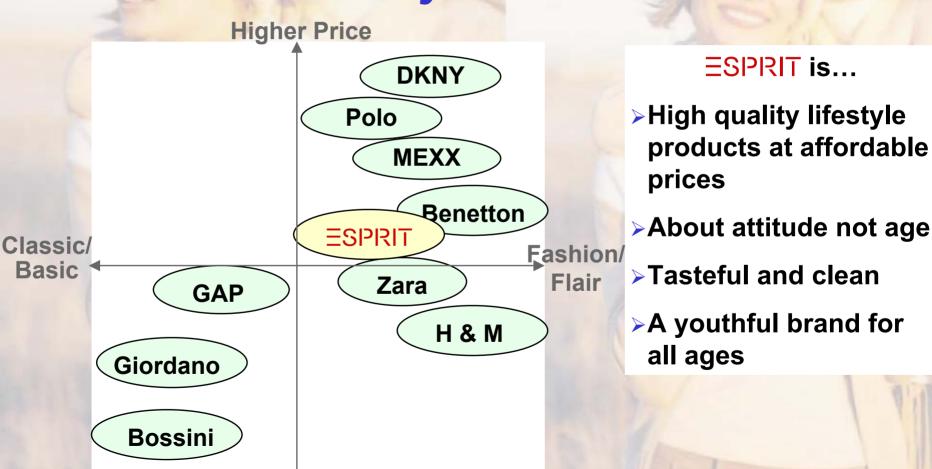
### Forward-looking Statements

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#### One World, One ESPRIT

- Global brand with high awareness
- Wide range of products sold in over 40 countries
- Huge consumer franchise worldwide, controlling over 3 million square feet in retail space
- Over US\$1 billion in annual turnover
- Around US\$2 billion market capitalization \*

# An International Contemporary Lifestyle Brand



**Lower Price** 

### FY01/02 in a Snapshot

Turnover HK\$9.2 billion ↑ 13.7%

**EBITDA Margin** 17.3% ↑ 0.8 % pt

Net Profit HK\$927 million ↑ 61.2%

Cash Generated from Operations HK\$1.6 billion ↑ 51.4%

**EPS HK80.5 cents ↑** 57.2%

Proposed Final Dividend HK17.0 cents ↑ 41.7%

Proposed Special Dividend HK 5.0 cents First Time

We also acquired 100% ownership of ESPRIT and Red Earth worldwide and ended the year with HK\$154 million of Net Cash

# HK\$121 million One-time Tax Credit ≅ HK 10 cents per share

#### **Final Results**

#### **Effective Tax Rate**

28% (-17% pts)

#### **Net Profit**

HK\$927 million (+61% YoY)

#### **Net margin**

10.1% (+3% pts)

#### **EPS**

HK 80.5 cents (+57% YoY)

### **Exclude One-time Tax Credit**

37% (-8% pts)

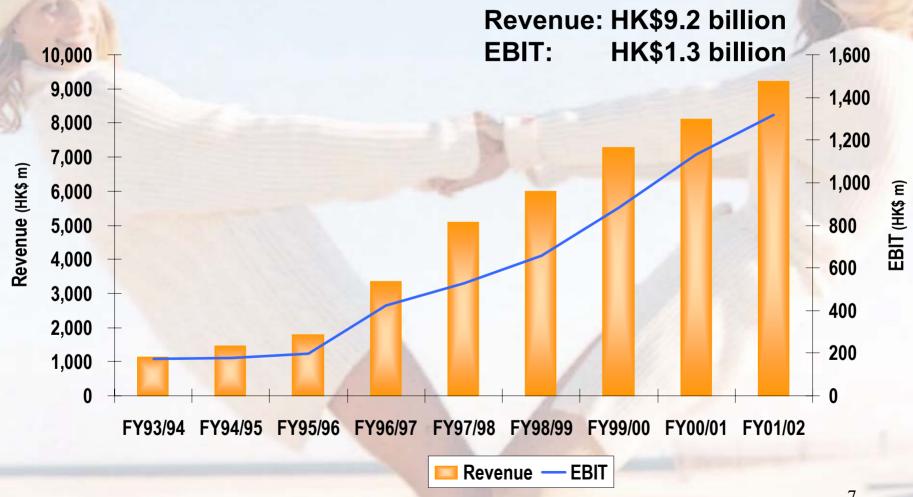
HK\$806 million (+40% YoY)

> 8.7% (+1.6% pts)

HK 70.0 cents (+37% YoY)

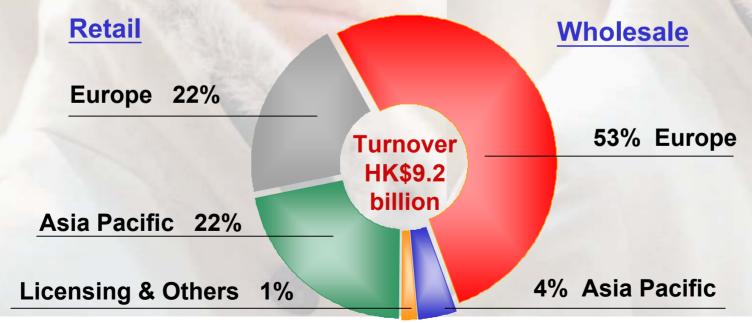
- Maintain a stable annual dividend pay-out ratio of about 33%
- Pay out 50% of one-time tax credit as Special Dividend

### Ninth Consecutive Year of Revenue and Earnings Growth



### Profitable Lines of Business with Double-digit Turnover Growth

(in HK\$ m)	Wholesale	Retail	Sourcing	Licensing & Others
Turnover* (YoY Growth)	5,220 (+15%)	3,841 (+12%)	542 (+16%)	336 (+17%)
EBIT	845	4	430	196



<sup>\*</sup> Turnover includes inter-segment revenue.

## 8,000+ Designs/Styles in 12 Collections a Year



As of June 30, 2002

<sup>\*</sup>Others include salon, café, bodywear, bed & bath, homeware & licensed products like timewear, eyewear, jewelry, etc.

### 17.3% EBITDA Margin - Exceeded our Target Range of 15 - 17%

Accompany 2.30				
	FY01/02	Change		
Total Operating Expenses / Sales (%)	34.8%	↓ 0.6% pt		
Staff Expenses / Sales (%)	13.0%	<b>↓1.2% pts</b>		
Building Expenses / Sales (%)	10.2%	<b>↑0.2% pt</b>		
Inventory Turnover (days) *	64	No Change		

- Better economies of scale as wholesale turnover growth continued
- Minimal currency translation impact for the period
- EBIT margin remains around 14% after strict compliance with new HK Accounting Standards for trademark amortization

<sup>\*</sup> Inventory turnover (days) is defined as average inventory / average daily cost of goods sold.

#### Our Profitable China Joint Venture

- Turnover growth momentum continues
  - Over 30% annual growth in 2001 to over HK\$500 million
  - Approximately 20% growth YoY in first six months of 2002
- Added 12 directly managed retail stores and 130 franchised shops, totaling to approximately 600 points-of-sales
- Working to improve services and upgrading shop image to meet the expectations of the rising middle class
- Maintain target to reach HK\$1 billion retail sales in 2003

### Latest Developments in North America – Initially Capitalize on Brand Awareness with Minimal Capital Commitment

- Leverage on existing global infrastructure to minimize costs
- Wholesale strategy to achieve a meaningful nationwide rollout by forming partnerships with leading department stores
  - Encouraging response from Macy's 17-store test run
    - > "Thrilled... #1 in sell through and #1 in punctual delivery." Letter from Macy's
  - Macy's and Dillard's signed up 270 shop-in-stores to be opened next spring
- Teaming up with local market leaders with multi-channel distribution capabilities as our product licensees
  - Nine West pre-sold over 200,000 pairs of shoes since signing of the license
- Integrate Canadian operations into the North American management structure and to commence wholesale distribution in Canada
- ◆ Gradually build up experience in the North American market and target for approximately US\$60 million of turnover from the U.S. in FY03/04, US\$120 million in FY04/05 and US\$200 million in FY 05/06
- ◆ For FY02/03, the US\$150 million asset acquisition has eliminated the 37% minority interest in Esprit International, thereby capturing approximately HK\$80 million profit before tax based on FY01/02 results

### Looking Forward to Achieving a Decade of Continual Growth

- Increase our women's wear collections from 6 to 12 per year to cut product development lead time and to offer more trend-right merchandise, thus more full-price sales
- Expand retail space, budgeted HK\$400 million in capex to add over 200,000 sq. ft.
- Continue to win market share in Europe with additional retail space and without sacrificing margins
- Asia Pacific revenue is expected to be stable, but we are working to improve margins and profitability
- Focus on further growth in North America, Benelux, U.K. and China

## Corporate Governance – Substance over Form

- Esprit has been ranked in 2002 by:
  - Finance Asia magazine: one of the "Best Managed Company," "Company most dedicated to Corporate Governance," and "Strongest Commitment to Enhancing Shareholder Value" in Hong Kong
  - > The Asset: one of Hong Kong's "Best in Corporate Governance"
  - CFO Asia: one of Asia's "Best Annual Report"
  - e.com: one of "Global Top 200 Annual Reports"
- Rotated audit partners (including Hong Kong and Germany)
- Restricted our firm of auditors from undertaking major consultancy work to avoid potential conflicts of interest
- Early adoption of HK accounting standards as a matter of best practice
- Proactively promote investor relations for better transparency
- In FY02/03, we will:
  - Commence formal quarterly meetings of the Board and the Audit Committee
  - > Appoint an external firm to handle the internal audit functions

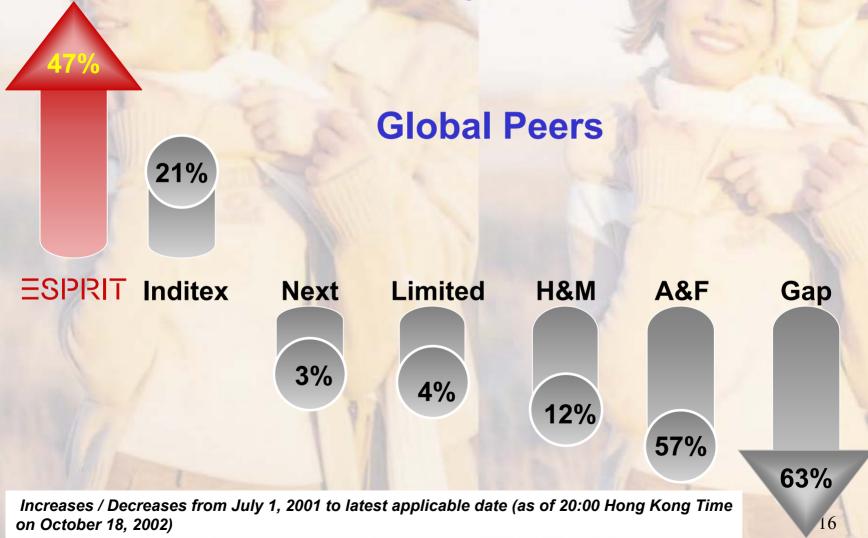
#### 2001 Share Option Scheme

- Will continue to use share options as incentive for key personnel to enhance shareholder value, and for recruitment and retention of talents; no options have been issued so far
- Support expensing share options but will await uniform standards for Hong Kong listed companies
- 14.6 million outstanding stock options (approximately 1% of the issued capital\*) expiring on or before November 2003 – orderly disposal will continue

#### Broaden Shareholder Base

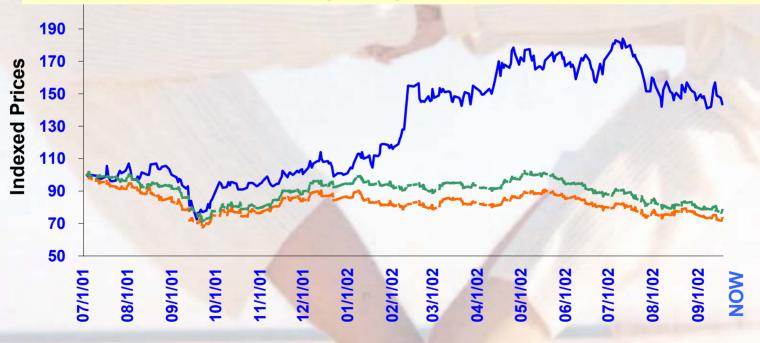
- ◆ Reduce board lot size from 2,000 to 500 shares effective September 23, 2002
- Lower barrier of participation for retail investors

## Relative Share Price Performance since July 2001



### **Outperformance**

- The only Hong Kong listed company amongst the 30 finalists worldwide nominated by The Economist for the "Global Corporate Achievement Awards 2002"
- Relative to Hang Seng Index : 102%\*



## Valuation Compares Favorably with Global Leaders

	≡SPRIT		DERS Inditex	N. SELVI	Next
ROE (%)	34.36#	27.94	25.66		36.27
Est. P/E (x)	14.94*	26.30	32.82		13.59
Est. PEG	0.90*	1.94	1.99	6	0.94
Price / Book	4.37^	8.88	9.66	3 16	5.44

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	OTHERS			
Next	A&F	Limited	Gap	
36.27	33.13	20.51	-0.26	
13.59	10.71	14.52	43.11	
0.94	0.61	1.07	2.70	
5.44	2.93	1.77	2.89	

As of 18:00 Hong Kong time on October 18, 2002 All data sources from Bloomberg

<sup>#</sup> Based on FY01/02 final results

<sup>\*</sup> Based on closing price on October 18, 2002 and FY02/03 consensus estimate (mean)

<sup>^</sup> Based on closing price on October 18, 2002 and FY01/02 published book value per share

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