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# WELCOME





- Share details of our Transformation Plan
- Present implementation roadmap
- Share progress of Transformation Plan so far
- Provide opportunity to interact with the Board of Management

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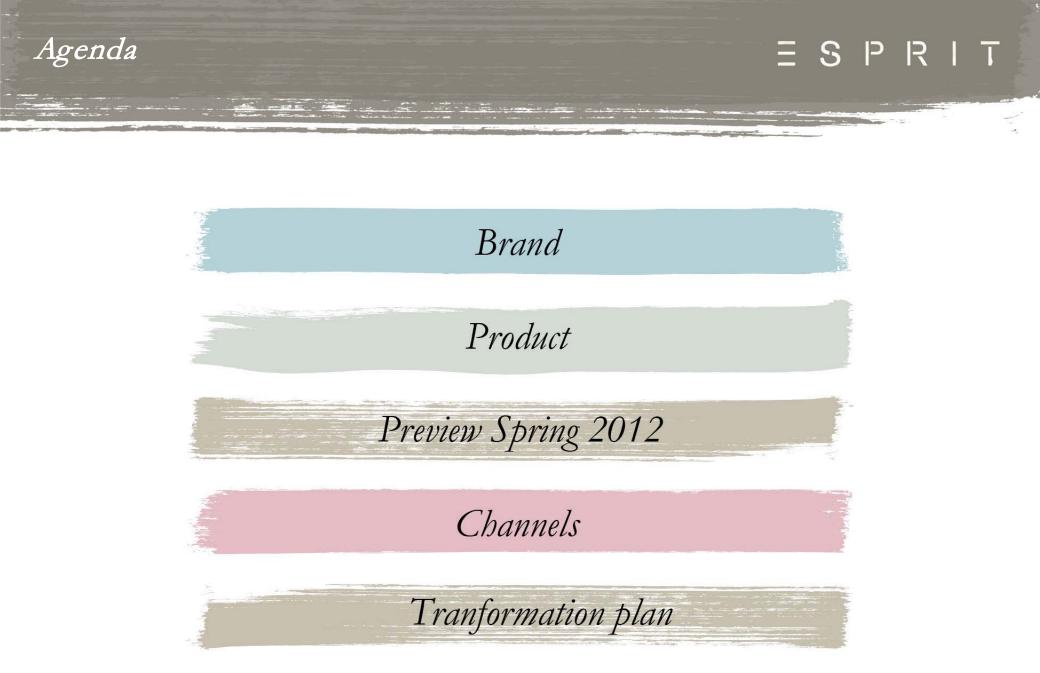
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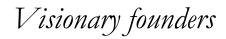


To understand the future, you need to know the past  $\exists S P R | T$ The Early Days

Founded in 1968 in San Francisco, by Susie and Doug Tompkins

Attributes of California Lifestyle





Esprit was a pioneer of the fashion industry





To understand the future, you need to know the past  $\equiv$  S P R I T The Growth Phase

- Founders left the company
- Commercially very successful, but core values and heritage neglected
- Short-term topline focus, instead of customer focus
- Underinvestment in the company
- Customers want us to change. They want their Esprit back.

## *What's right for her, is right for our business Our Transformation Plan 2014/15*

- A bolder execution of our Strategic Initiatives
- We will re-establish Esprit as an inspiring fashion brand
- We will restore sustainable profitability
- A deep and consequent transformation process
- Significant investments, results materializing over time
- Significant impact on our results in the next 2 financial years

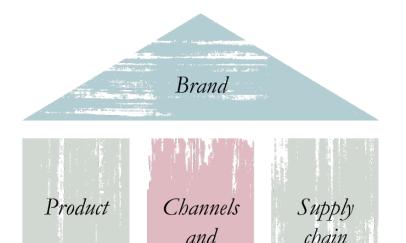
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## Esprit of tomorrow

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### Significant investments ...

- ~ HK\$7B cumulative total Capex investments over the next 4 years
- ~ HK\$11.5B cumulative additional Opex requirements over the next 4 years
- HK\$2.4B provision (pre tax) for FY10/11 related to store closures and the divestiture of North America

## ... as the basis for profitable growth

- Sales CAGR (LCY) ~ 8%–10% (FY 10/11 to FY 14/15)
- Sourcing savings of  $\sim HK$ \$1B p. a. by FY14/15
- Operating profit margin ~ 15% post transformation

## First reactions

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#### FINANCIAL COMMUNITY

"This plan actually makes a lot of sense."

"It is clearly an interesting story and the plan is likely to produce results. The focus on the particular target market sounds promising." "The plan is very clear. And I believe with [...] on board, we will deliver on it."

"We are really tackling all the big issues."

"It's about time! We have been waiting for this for years."

> "It was great meeting the board this time. It really gives you a lot of confidence."

PARTNERS

#### EMPLOYEES



- Why was the Transformation Plan announced now?
- Description of the implementation be ensured?
- Is the Esprit brand still strong enough?
- What is the timing and phasing of the measures?
- How will the investments be financed?



- Deep understanding of the market & the Esprit customer
- The basis of the new Esprit brand direction
- New, international and experienced Board of Management recruited to drive execution



- Clear ownership by the Board of Management
- Continuous and dedicated project management
- Integration of transformation activities into day-to-day business
- Detailed tracking of activities & results on a workstream level

# Esprit is still a strong brand

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What's your favorite brand? 1		Top 10 apparel brands <sup>2</sup> $E$		Brand value (\$M)	
• Germany	#1		1	Nike	13,917
• Netherlands	#2		2	H&M	13,066
• China	#3		3	Zara	10,335
• France	#4		4	Ralph Lauren	3,378
			5 <	Esprit	3,375
"Adidas, Nike and Esprit are the favorite fashion/lifestyle brands in Germany"		6	Adidas	3,088	
		7	Uniqlo	2,916	
		8	Next	2,567	
Germany		2.7	9	Hugo Boss	2,445

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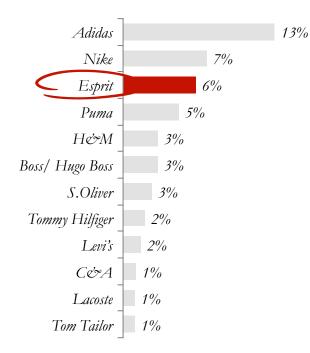
GMK Markenbefragung, June2011

Source: 1. Brand tracker; 2. Survey - Millward Brown Optimor 2011 (incl. Data from BrandZm, Kantar Worldpanel, and Bloomberg)

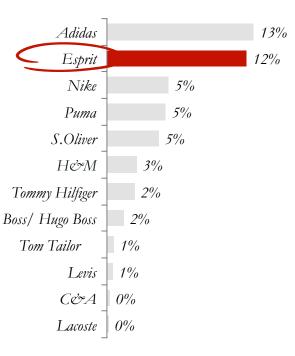
## *Esprit is the No 1 favorite fashion brand amongst women in Germany*

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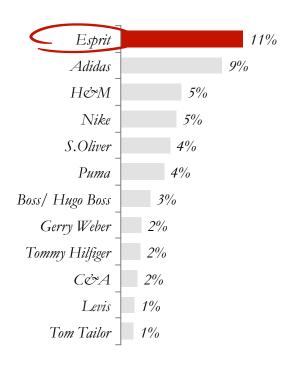
### Favorite brand in Germany: No 3 overall ...



# ... No 2 in high earning households<sup>1</sup> ...

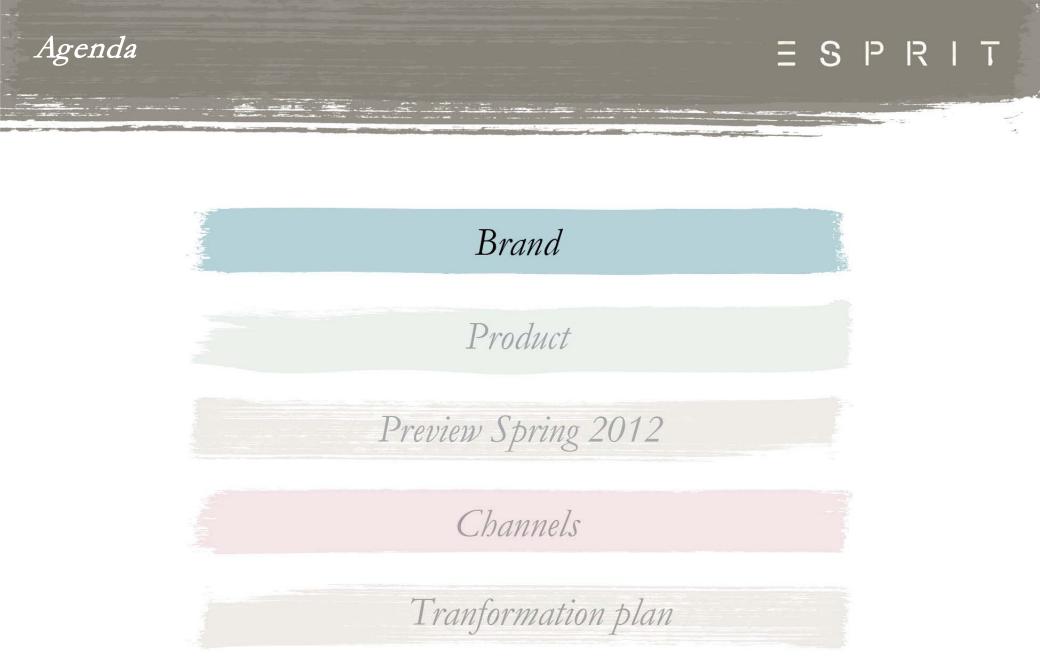


### ... No 1 amongst women



1. Household net income > €3000 per month Note: Representative survey conducted in Germany in Aug 2011, "What is your favourite brand?"

Source: Survey: Die Lieblingsmarken der Deutschen, Ordering party: GMK Markenberatung Köln/München, Number of respondents: 1000 Geman inhabitants older than 14 years, Interview technique: telephone interviews (CATI), open questions, multiple answered permitted. Execution: LINK Institut für Markt- und Sozialforschung





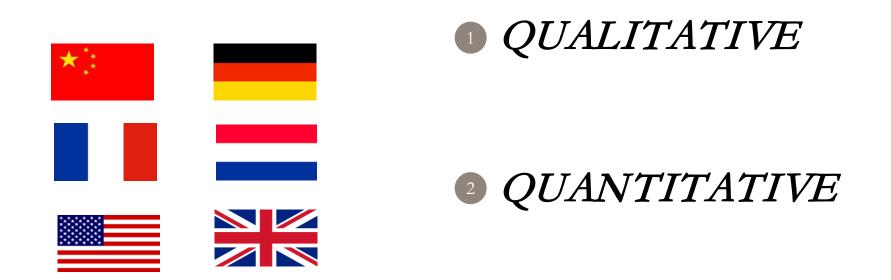
# CONSUMER INSIGHTS

# *EVERYTHING WE DO WE DO FOR HER*

# Who is she?

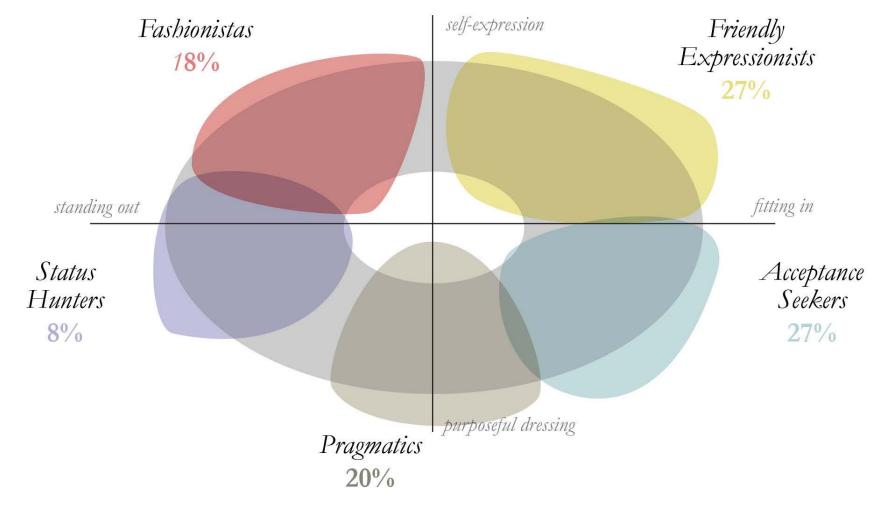


We asked almost 10,000 people in 6 important fashion markets what they had to say about clothing



# 5 global consumer segments

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*For Esprit, Friendly Expressionists evaluated as most attractive segment* 

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She already shops at Esprit today There are many of them She already likes Esprit She is very loyal to her favorite brand

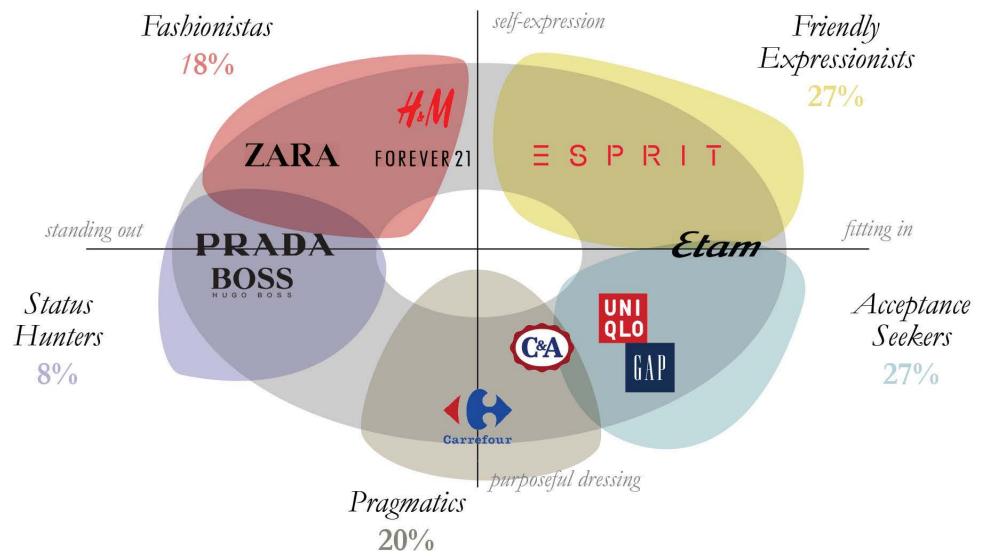
She comes from where we come from





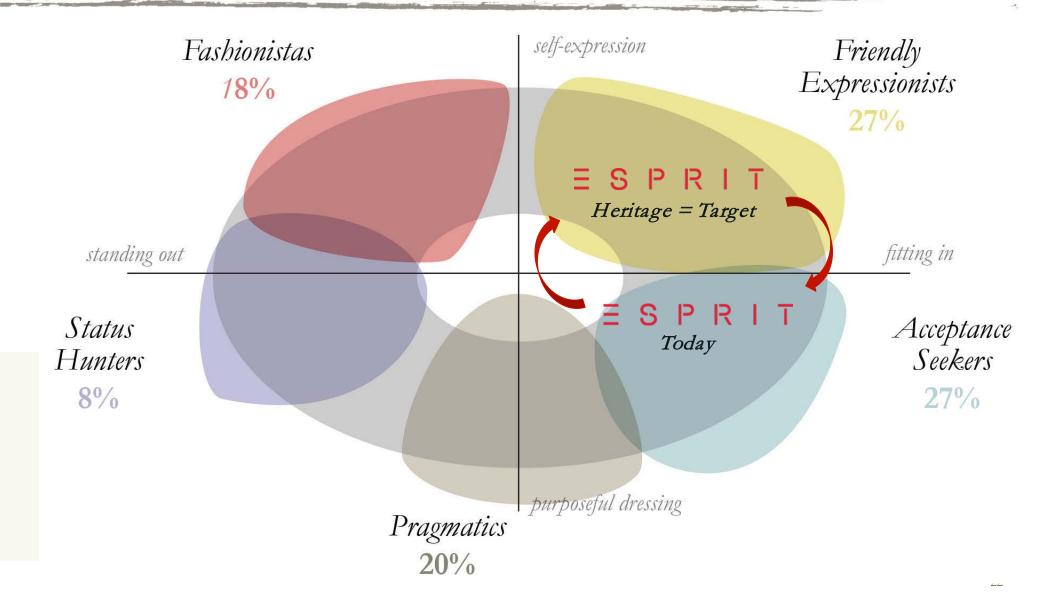
Focus on Friendly Expressionists differentiates Esprit from competitors

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Brand positioning has slipped Now refocus on target segment—our heritage!

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I'm a woman not a girl. I'm confident in who I am and don't need (nor mind) to show it. I care about my family, I care about the world and I care about my looks. I'm passionate when in love. I'm lazy on Sundays. I'm true to my friends. I enjoy shopping. My taste is simple- the best is enough. I love bags, but not more than nature. I'm happy in a dress. I'm sexy in my jeans. To me aging is a gift not a threat. I love the sun and I'm happy in the rain. Life is too important to not have fun. I believe every woman is beautiful through

In a true, natural and relaxed way,

I am ESPRIT



What she expects from us

Give me FASHIONABLE, FEMININE styles Give me QUALITY MADE TO LAST Give me OUTSTANDING VALUE for money Show that you CARE ABOUT THE WORLD around me...

> SURPRISE ME AGAIN ... and I'll be your friend



Esprit creates responsible fashion guided by the latest trends and inspired by our Californian heritage. STYLISH & FEMININE.



The Esprit woman embraces fashion and style in a CONFIDENT AND RELAXED way, caring about her looks as well as the ones around her.

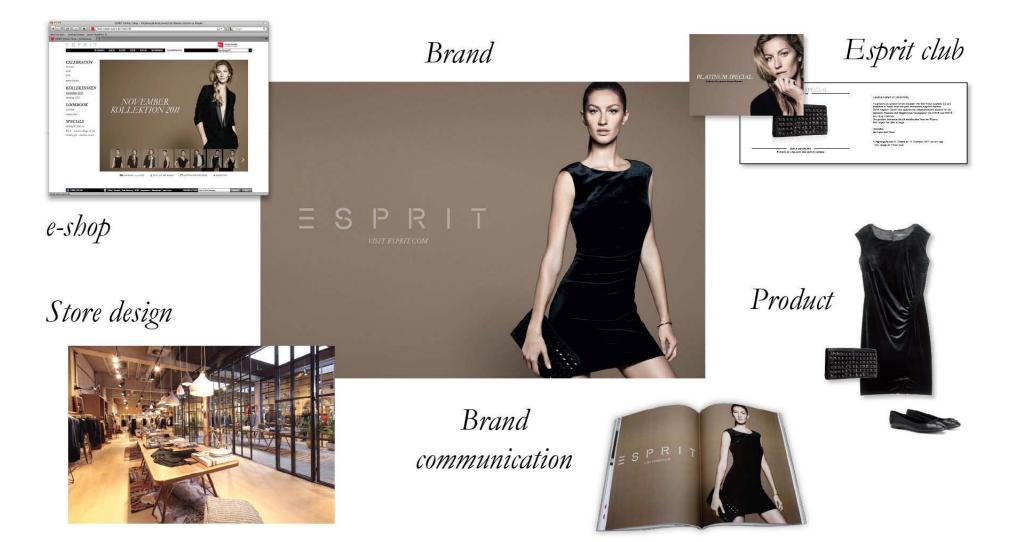


She wants ESPRIT back: a responsible brand that gives her FASHION AND QUALITY to last. To her, that is more relevant than ever before!



## New brand direction will be translated into all consumer touch-points

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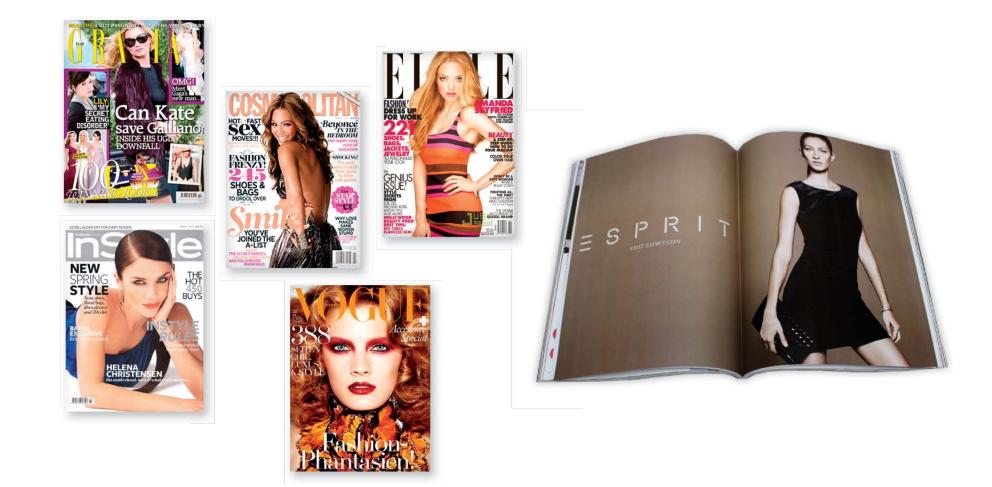
## Bold actions to rebuild our brand

- Heavily invest over the next 4 years
   ~ 6–8% of sales budgeted for branding and marketing as compared to ~2.5% historically
  - Additional spend of ~ HK\$6.8B over the next
     4 years
  - Thereafter, return to industry average levels of  $\sim 4-5\%$
- Focus on core markets
- Supporting brand building activities in fashion capitals
- ~ 30% of all spend dedicated to China



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# E S P R I T









# IT WORKS!

The brand strategy works—New campaigns = S P R | T \_\_with high impact

## *Spring 2011* (Consumer consideration *before* campaign)

# September 2011 (Wave 1)

(Consumer consideration after campaign)



50%

30%

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58%



# Create an inspiring shopping experience $\Xi$ S P R I T

*3 architectural solutions under development* 

1 pilot store opened in Cologne

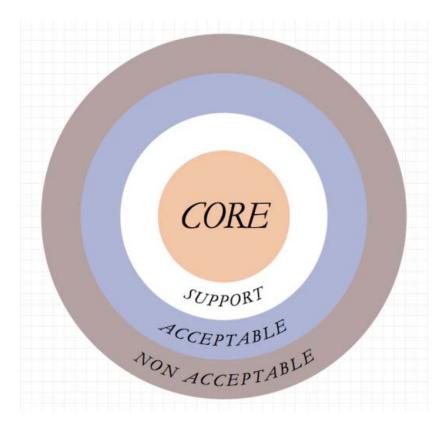
Learnings will be translated into new retail store concept to be rolled out







*License portfolio reviewed in alignment with new*  $\Xi$  S P R | T *brand strategy* 



- Focus on core license categories to strengthen and grow
- Abandon brand diluting categories

Licenses

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THE NEW FRAGRANCE







# Inspiring & consistent brand direction Confirmation from consumers Strong commitment to our Brand

Everything we do, we do for her



## WHAT DOES SHE EXPECT FROM US?

Creating inspiring, fashionable collections with outstanding value

#### WHAT SHE SAYS

#### WHAT WE DO

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Give me FASHIONABLE, FEMININE styles

Give me QUALITY TO LAST

*Give me* OUTSTANDING *VALUE for money* 

Show that you CARE ABOUT THE WORLD around me

Ensure INSPIRATION and TALENT in product creation

*Continue to strengthen our QUALITY* OFFER

Invest to develop the BEST PRODUCT value

Enhance our focus on SUSTAINABILITY

#### Creating inspiring and fashionable collections

- Consolidate Women's divisions ONE WARDROBE
- Launch Trend Division
- Launch China design hub
- Launch Denim division

China design hub











Denim





## PREVIEW Spring/Summer 2012

Investing margin into better product to create outstanding price value proposition

- Value is not about price
- Value is an obsession about details and quality
  - Better workmanship
  - Better detailing
  - Better fabrics
- We will INVEST IN VALUE

#### *The journey has started Collection—September 2011*

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Give me fashionable styles Give me outstanding value for money

#### *The journey has started Collection—October 2011*

### ESPRIT



Give me fashionable styles Give me outstanding value for money

#### *The journey has started Collection—November 2011*

## ESPRIT



Give me fashionable styles Give me outstanding value for money

#### Gostwyck



"Lucky sheep"—RCA winning collection as inspiration

## E S P R I T





#### Gostwyck styles launched in our stores

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#### Give me QUALITY to last

Show that you CARE ABOUT THE WORLD around me



#### Sourcing strategy to deliver annual savings of $\Xi$ S P R | T \_~HK\$ 1B by FY14/15

#### Our sourcing strategy is already showing real benefits in line with expectations

- Consolidation of supplier portfolio
- Best sourcing country footprint per product category
- Investment in quality fabrics and attention to detail

Now focus on accelerating our sourcing strategy

## Structural changes to further optimize supply chain $\equiv$ S P R I T

- Buying/ sourcing function to be centralized
- Quicker ramp-up of local sourcing offices
- Reduce logistics costs with European Distribution Centre

Preferred partners and consolidation of fabrics

Improved country of origin footprint

European distribution center

~ 15%

 $\sim 40\%$ 

 $\sim 30\%$ 

Other (e.g., trims, labelling, non-apparel, commissions)

~ 15%



Fashionable, feminine styles Quality to last Outstanding value Care about the world

Annual sourcing savings of HK\$ 1B





- Focus on core markets
- •Accelerate growth in China
- Expand selectively in emerging markets









- Closure of 80 unprofitable stores
- 2 Upgrade shopping experience
- 3 Strategic expansion in core markets
- 4 Existing strong & loyal consumer base



Export success of online channel

#### Closure of 80 unprofitable stores

	Countries	Store closures
Loss making stores	Germany	24
	Austria	2
	Switzerland	2
	Belgium	2
	Netherlands	7
	France	12
	UK	6
	Singapore	1
	Hong Kong	1
	Xee Australia	13
Retail	Spain	3
market	Denmark	6
exit	Sweden	1
	Total	80

- Closures on track.
- 6 stores closed or signed
- $\sim 30$  stores in final negotiations





"It was the 1st day, the opening day yesterday! It looked simply gorgeous! Really, to be honest, it is one of the most inspiring shops I have been to! "

"I was amazed to hear that the product in this shop is actually the same as in the old Esprit shops! It looks so different and good! There you see the power of a great visual merchandizing & retail concept!"

#### Upgrading the shopping experience

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#### The new concept

- Alignment of store portfolio with the new brand direction
- Increased value perception of product
- Greater merchandising flexibility
- Compensate for historic underinvestment

## The 4 year plan

- Refurbishment of all full price stores by FY 14/15 planned
- Limited refurbishment in current financial year. ~ 2/3 of refurbishment in FY12/13 and 13/14
- Investment in refurbishment is released only if concept is proven to generate required impact

Investments of ~ HK\$3B over next 4 years

#### Expand stand-alone store base by ~ 50% Total investments ~HK\$2.7B

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#### Retail

- White spot analysis conducted
- New retail locations identified

#### Outlets

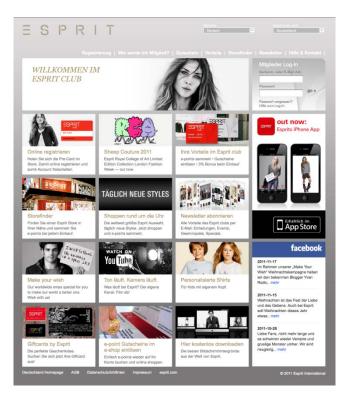
- Additional revenue channel
- Creation of uniform clearance mechanism—Removal of mark-down goods from Retail channel



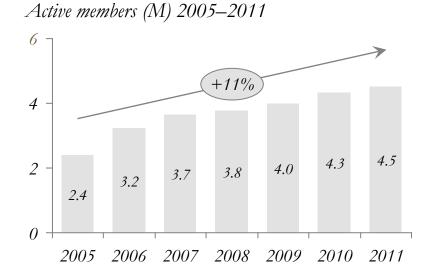
~2/3 of planned expansion in FY13/14 and 14/15

*Esprit club provides a loyal customer base with 4 million members* 

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#### Share of total Retail sales > 50%



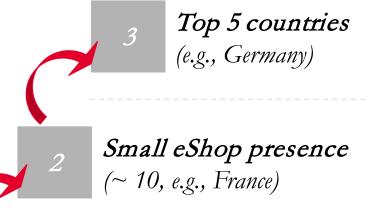
Club members spend on average 25% more per year

## ESPRIT

## "Esprit.de is the German fashion eShop with the highest customer satisfaction levels" – Best Webshops Benchmarking

#### Continue eShop success story

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Maintain momentum—continuously invest in website improvements

Close gap – eShop share of Retail sales still significantly behind Top 5

No own eShop presence (e.g., China)

Export success of eShop to China (Q2 2012) and other international markets

Esprit's eShop among most successful in branded fashion eCommerce # visitors > 100M p.a.



## Upgrade shopping experience Focused expansion Build on loyal consumer base





#### A new approach to our Wholesale business

#### **1** Strengthening of Wholesale channel

- Support for our key wholesale partners
- Elimination of unprofitable distribution and brand-diluting accounts
- Optimized service levels
- Refurbishments of franchise stores and shop-in-shops

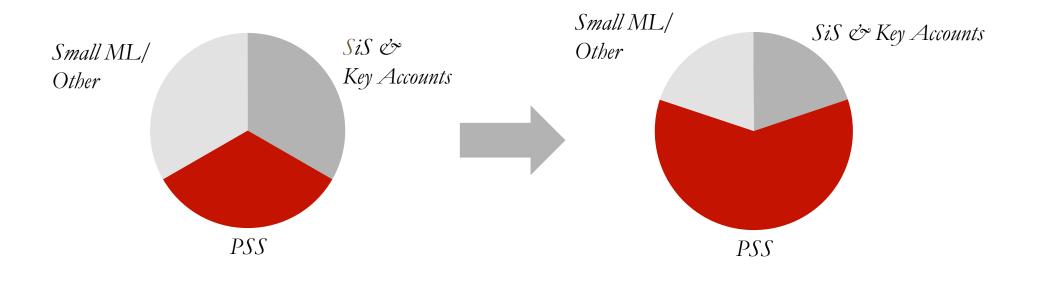
#### 2 Targeted international expansion

- ~200 new franchise stores in core markets
- Expansion in high opportunity markets: India, Eastern Europe, Russia, Latin America

Incremental Opex investment of ~ HK\$3.9B over next 4 years

Continue strengthening our Wholesale channel ESPRIT

*Volume Share by account type—TARGET* 





#### Account type

#### Sales Force

National Key Accounts

PSS Accounts

Field Accounts

Inside Sales Accounts

Dedicated Key Account teams

Dedicated PSS team

Shared field reps

Telesales/B2B shop

#### We will co-invest into refurbishment







- Refurbishment of ~ 75% of all PSS & SiS space by the end of 14/15
- $\sim 2/3$  of refurbishments planned for FY12/13 and 13/14
- ~ 50% of all refurbishment expenses will be paid by Esprit



- $\sim 200$  new franchise stores are planned until 14/15
- Targeted in core markets in Europe: Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Netherlands, and Belgium
- Expansion in high opportunity markets: India, Eastern Europe, Russia, Latin America

~ 2/3 of planned expansion in FY13/14 and 14/15 ~ 50% of expenses contributed by Esprit



## Strengthening the channel Growth with committed partners Focused expansion





# China is an attractive growth opportunity for Esprit $\Xi$ S P R I T

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Strong position in China with further growth potential

- Among top fashion brands
- 2nd largest country for Group
- Profitable multi-channel business
- 2 Target group is largest consumer segment
- 3 Multi-channel model ideally suited and required to exploit attractive positioning
- 4 Ambitious, realistic growth plan for China in place

Holly Li CEO China

• 20 years of retail & wholesale experience in China

• 2000–2011 adidas China

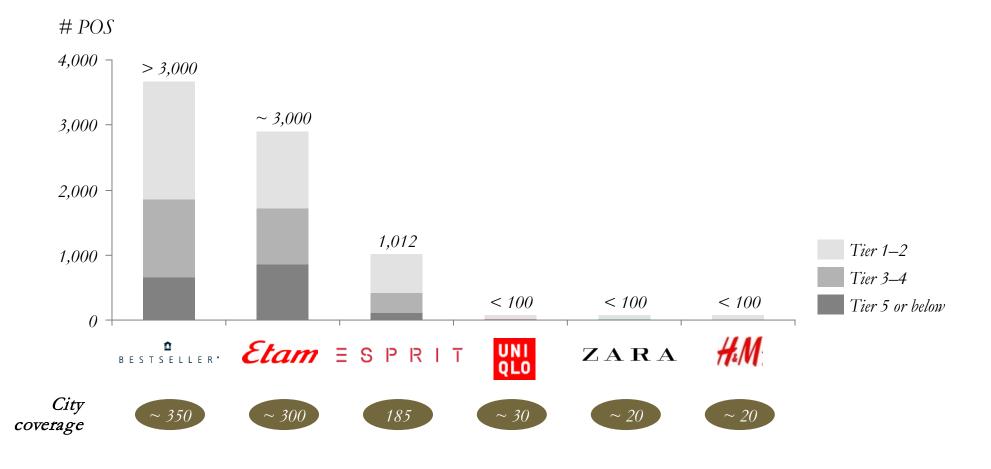


#### A top fashion brand in China



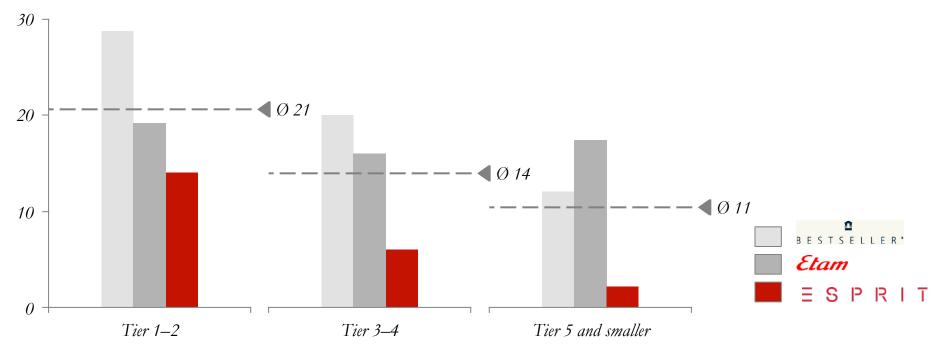
- No 3 Favorite brand
- No 3 Leader of fashion
- No 3 Value for money
- No 2 Share of wallet
- No 4 Latest trends

#### Esprit with strong position in China





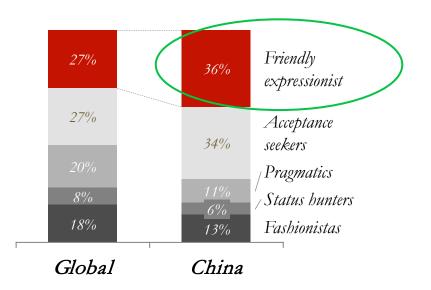
#### Density (# of $POS/KMAC^{1}$ population)

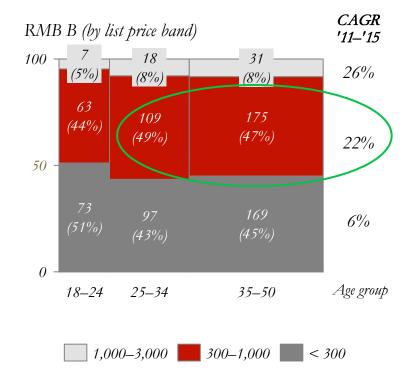




#### Largest consumer segment

#### Growing price segment

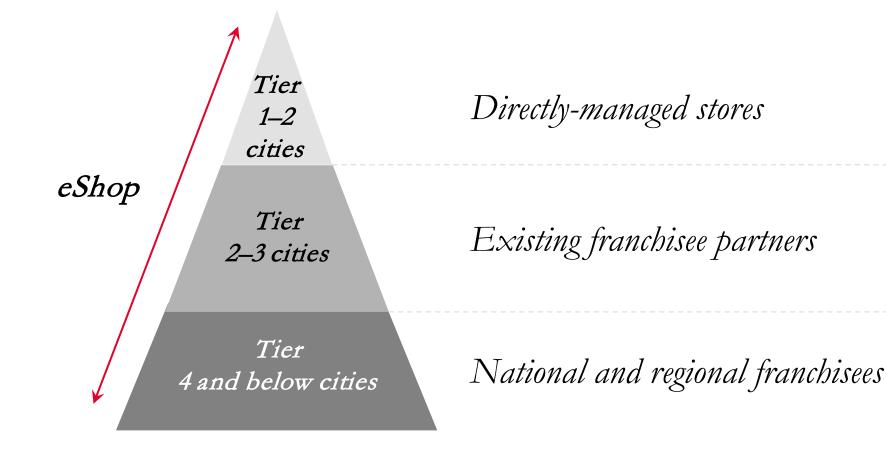




Note: All numbers only take into account urban population; categories exclude intimates, kids wear, footwear, accessories Source: Company data, National Bureau of Statistics, Esprit Synovate study 2010, market research

Source: Market research

*Proven multi-channel strategy as competitive*  $\Xi$  S P R I T *advantage* 

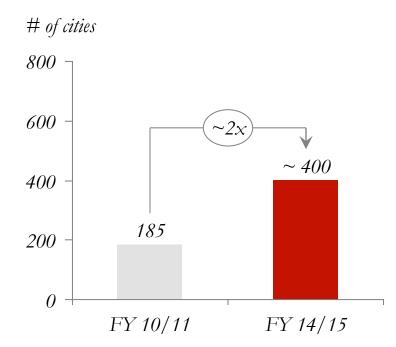


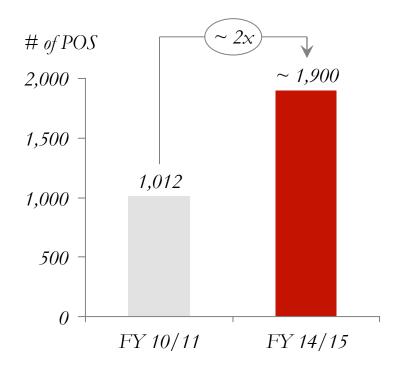
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#### Increasing city coverage...

... and POS density







Strong position Attractive growth opportunity Right business model Strong China team

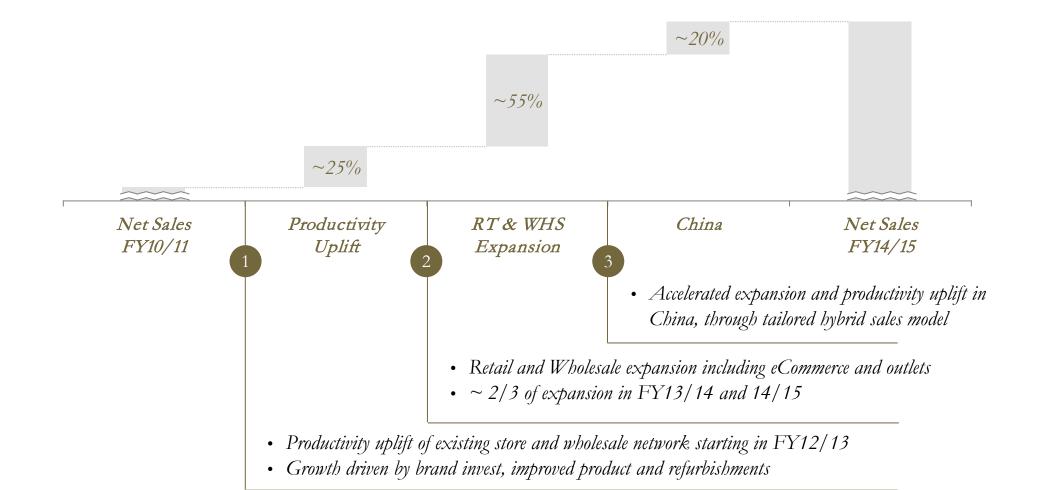




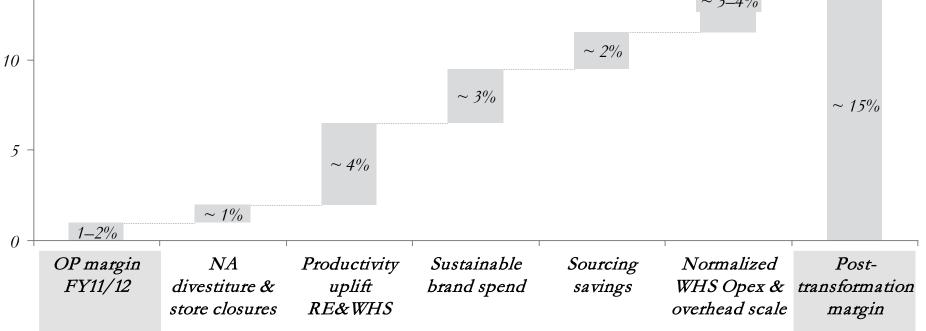
#### *FY11/12 results impacted by short-term measures related to our Transformation Plan*

Sales growth	<ul> <li>3%-5% decline vs. FY 10/11</li> <li>Lose ~ HK\$2.1B of sales (on a full year run-rate basis) as a result of divestments</li> </ul>
Branding and Marketing	• Incremental Opex spending of around HK\$1.5B to rebuild our brand
Retail	• 5%–10% full year yoy space growth off pro-forma retail store base
Wholesale	<ul> <li>Order intake for Jul-Dec 2011 shows mid single digit % decline</li> <li>Incremental Opex spending of HK\$0.9B for our wholesale partners</li> </ul>
Capital expenditures	<ul> <li>~ HK\$1.5B: HK\$0.2B on store expansion, HK\$0.5B on store refurbishment, HK\$0.5B on IT projects, HK\$0.2B on Europe Distribution Centre</li> </ul>
Operating profit margin	• 1%2%

#### *Targeted Sales CAGR of ~ 8%–10% Building the bridge to FY14/15*



# Target post-transformation operating margin ~ 15% $\Xi$ S P R I T Operating Profit margin (in % of sales) 15





- Plan does not foresee significant changes to existing financing structure
- 3 sources of financing for investments
  - Operating cash-flow
  - Existing cash reserves
  - Rolling over of existing debt
- Cash-requirements have been stress-tested
- Investments will be released gradually and monitored closely (no longterm commitments)
- Esprit's balance sheet would enable additional financing, if required
- Dividend payout policy of 60% will be maintained





### SUMMARY

# Good progress ESPRIT

#### Brand

New campaign well received. Improved consideration in key markets
License portfolio reviewed and partner negotiations ongoing

#### Product

Margin invest into product delivering outstanding value for money
China design hub delivering first concepts

- Channels
- First closures implemented, negotiations ongoing
- New pilot store opened in Cologne (today's visit)
- New China CEO hired
- For NA operations, divestment process ongoing



- Detailed Transformation plan in place
- New brand direction as starting point for transformation
- Important changes to products, stores and communication
- Experienced management team to drive
- Structured execution—rigorous processes & implementation KPIs
- Financing ensured



*Esprit will be an INSPIRING fashion brand with a clear identity and SUSTAINABLE PROFITABILITY* 



## REMEMBER ME