Presentation of Results for Half-Year Ended 31 December 2011



#### Agenda



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# **Strategic Overview**

#### The Future of Retail – Our Omni Channel Strategy



The **CUSTOMER IS FIRST** and ever changing. As a company we have always recognised this and in the past ten years we have implemented changes to have a true cross-channel retail offering. Harvey Norman Holdings is a unique retail / property company which leverages and integrates its extensive property portfolio. Different customers value parts of the experience differently, but want integration of the digital and physical. In fact digital and physical compliment each other and thereby increase sales.

## The Omni Channel Strategy:

- We seamlessly integrate the customer experience across all channels.
- We interact and transact with our customers through our website, physical stores, kiosks, marketing, social media, mobile devices, smart televisions, networked appliances and gaming devices, distribution centres and home services. They are all integrated channels. We are neither just physical stores or just online.
- We give the customer a broad selection of product, detailed product information, customer reviews, and our physical stores provide personal services and the ability to touch products – we make shopping an experience!
- We have distribution points in over 247 sites in Australia and New Zealand for ease of collection and returns.
- We have powerful positioning with our brands (Harvey Norman has just been named third Most Valuable Asia Pacific Brand for 2012 by Interbrand), which means we are uniquely placed compared to nearly any other retailer in our space.
- We integrate our E-Commerce with our physical store channels and provide in-store pick-up, shipping from store and site to store services. All channels work from the same database.
- Ongoing supply chain optimisation to control the value chain.



#### Strategic Overview – The Omni Channel Strategy





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#### **Physical Stores**

247 sites covering country, city Australia & New Zealand.

Personal service, ability to touch product, the shopping experience.

#### **Distribution Centres**

247 sites covering country, city Australia & New Zealand.

In our categories, a truly effective Omni Channel must have extensive coverage of distribution centres throughout the country and city.

#### **Home Services**

With 247 shopfronts in Australia and New Zealand our customers have thousands of knowledgeable sales people who provide personal assistance across a variety of categories to ensure their needs are met before, during and after their purchase.

Our brand partner, "Tech-2-Home", offers the full solution when buying technology products. Specialist advice, connection and installation services support the customer in this fast-paced technology space. Tech-2-Home is currently available in 124 Australian sites and this number will grow to 150 by April 2012.

## **Our Channels**

#### Social Media

Active since 2009.

Across all brands and services. An important part of our delivering seamless interaction with our customers.

#### Smart TV's, Networked Appliances & Gaming Devices

Retail: 30 years experience selling branded technology. This is a must with the latest in sophisticated product.

Customer: 1-stop shopping experience through to service in the home as customers grapple with the integrated digital home.

#### Marketing

In-house agency integrating traditional & digital marketing to customers through all channels.

#### **Kiosks**

Utilises new technologies & Network & Internet Solutions to deliver the solutions. 2002: launched digital photo centres 2003: launched digital photo imaging online

2011: launched On-Demand software

The next generation of our kiosks products will include thin touch screen technology, Cloud based connectivity to the world's most popular social networking platforms and continued refinement to our network based, remote management model

#### **Mobile Devices**

Retail: 17 years experience selling mobile devices has transitioned us as the leader in selling the synchronisation of PC / mobile / tablet technology.

M-Commerce App being released this half

#### Web

Knowledge: Detailed product information. The web influences over 45% of sales offline globally.

Transactional: Approximately 5% Online transactional retail sales globally.

## **Supply Chain Optimisation**

Franchisee Sales Revenue



## **Global Sales \$AUD**

- Sales from the franchised "Harvey Norman" complexes, commercial divisions & other sales outlets in Australia, New Zealand, Slovenia, Croatia, Ireland & Northern Ireland (excluding Singapore)("Global Sales") totalled \$3.11 billion for the six (6) months ended 31 December 2011.
- 6.1% decrease from PCP
- 6.3% like-for-like decrease from PCP

## **Global Sales Increase / (Decrease) %**

|                              |                             | Sales Gr | owth (%) |           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
|                              | Total (%) Like-for-Like (%) |          |          | e (%)     |
|                              | HY Dec-11                   | 1Q12     | 2Q12     | HY Dec-11 |
| Australia \$A                | (-6.8%)                     | (-2.8%)  | (-9.5%)  | (-6.6%)   |
| New Zealand \$NZ             | (-3.5%)                     | (-10.6%) | 2.3%     | (-4.1%)   |
| Slovenia / Croatia<br>€ Euro | 15.1%                       | (-8.9%)  | (-19.3%) | (-14.9%)  |
| Ireland € Euro               | 5.8%                        | (-0.5%)  | 10.0%    | 5.8%      |
| Nth. Ireland<br>£ Pound      | (-3.8%)                     | (-11.1%) | 1.8%     | (-3.8%)   |
| TOTAL in \$A                 | (-6.1%)                     | (-3.8%)  | (-8.0%)  | (-6.3%)   |

#### **Franchisee Trading Performance**



The Australian sales data for the second quarter FY12 has been negatively impacted by the closure of the 7 Clive Peeters and Rick Hart stores, coupled with the transition of rebranding the remaining 18 stores to Harvey Norman and Joyce Mayne franchised complexes.

Australian franchisee sales data for the first half year ended December 2011 indicated that despite the decrease in sales turnover there was strong growth in units sold across all key categories.

- Furniture and bedding franchisee sales remained strong during the period. Even though the industry is experiencing a slowdown due to the soft housing market, these categories continue to perform. The recent placement of the Sleep City Everyday Living brand into administration should be a positive for our brands.
- Transactions in the Audio Visual and Information Technology (AV/IT) categories increased over the same period last year, however, ongoing price deflation, particularly in the flat panel television and computer hardware categories, has resulted in lower sales dollars. This deflation has been well publicised and highlighted by the placing into Administration this week of WOW Sight and Sound and the announcement of the restructure of the Dick Smith Brand. On the back of the home renovation market our home appliance business remains positive.

**Franchisee Trading Performance** 



The decrease in franchisee turnover resulted in a reduction to franchise fees received and an increase in tactical support, ultimately reducing the franchising operations margin & cash flows from operating activities.

Current initiatives undertaken to improve both the franchising operations margin & cash flows from operating activities include:

- improved inventory efficiency program to realise a real reduction in the working capital requirements of franchisees;
- a cost reduction program for the franchisees, franchisor and company-operated stores.

#### **Net Assets (5 Years)**



|                           | Dec-07   | Dec-08   | Dec-09   | Dec-10   | Dec-11   |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net Assets*               | \$1.87bn | \$1.96bn | \$2.10bn | \$2.14bn | \$2.23bn |
| Rate of increase from PCP | 24.8%    | 4.7%     | 7.4%     | 1.9%     | 4.2%     |
| Real Property Assets      | \$1.56bn | \$1.77bn | \$1.83bn | \$1.98bn | \$2.12bn |
| Rate of increase from PCP | 16.4%    | 13.5%    | 3.0%     | 8.4%     | 7.0%     |

- we have MORE THAN DOUBLED our net asset base in 8.5 years
- our net assets were \$1.02 billion in Dec-2003 vs \$2.23 billion in Dec-2011
- included in net assets are real property assets of \$2.12 billion valued at fair market value as at Dec-11
- we have a real, tangible asset base as opposed to many of our competitors whose asset value lies in intangibles such as goodwill, brand names & trademarks

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## Key Financial Highlights



|                            | HY Dec 11 | HY Dec 10 | Mvmt on PCP |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| EBIT                       | \$188.12m | \$219.96m | down 14.5%  |
| EBIT Margin % <sup>1</sup> | 13.5%     | 15.7%     | -220 bps    |
| PBT                        | \$163.47m | \$198.61m | down 17.7%  |
| NPAT <sup>2</sup>          | \$128.95m | \$131.67m | down 2.1%   |
| NPAT Margin % <sup>1</sup> | 9.2%      | 9.4%      | -20 bps     |
| Net Assets <sup>3</sup>    | \$2.23bn  | \$2.14bn  | up 4.2%     |
| Net Debt to Equity %       | 29.74%    | 25.12%    |             |
| Interim Dividend           | 5.0c      | 6.0c      |             |
| EPS                        | 12.14c    | 12.39c    | down 2.0%   |

<sup>1</sup> EBIT & NPAT Margins are calculated on Total Revenues

- <sup>2</sup> HY Dec 11 NPAT has been affected by a lower tax charge in the current period resulting from the Advanced Pricing Arrangement with the ATO and the reversal of future tax liabilities previously recognised on certain pre-CGT properties
- <sup>3</sup> Net Assets is after the exclusion of non-controlling interests primarily relating to Singapore

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#### **Review of the Income Statement**



| Revenue Items           | HY Dec 11 | HY Dec 10 | Mvmt on PCP |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Sales Revenue           | \$806.88m | \$804.13m | up 0.3%     |
| Gross Profit            | \$205.00m | \$215.39m | down 4.8%   |
| Revenues & Other Income | \$584.11m | \$590.38m | down 1.1%   |

| Sales Revenue<br>↑ of \$2.75m due to:           | <ul> <li>increase in CP &amp; RH sales by \$9.65m due to "closing-down" sales of 7 store closures in<br/>Aug-11 &amp; sale of all inventory to HN &amp; JM franchisees upon conversion to franchised model</li> <li>opening of the 1<sup>st</sup> Croatian store in Zagreb in Oct-11 contributed \$5.32M sales for the half<br/>Offset by:</li> <li>lower sales in NZ (natural disasters in Christchurch &amp; subdued NZ economy)</li> <li>FX deterioration for Ireland, Nth. Ireland &amp; Slovenia</li> </ul>                                                                                                    |
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| Gross Profit<br>↓ of \$10.39m due to:           | <ul> <li>price deflation in key categories, aggressive local and overseas competition and heavy discounting</li> <li>continue to grow or at least maintain market share in key categories in overseas markets</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Revenues & Other<br>Income ↓ \$6.27m<br>due to: | <ul> <li>revenue received from franchisees down by \$24.33m or -4.5% due to 6.0% decline in franchise sales revenue [\$2.58bn in Dec-11 vs \$2.74bn in Dec-10] due to challenging retail sector in Australia, price deflation in key product categories &amp; aggressive competition to maintain &amp; grow market share Offset by:</li> <li>revaluation increment on Australian investment properties of \$11.90m</li> <li>revaluation increment for a store in Slovenia of \$2.87m to reverse a previous decrement</li> <li>increased rental income &amp; interest from other third parties by \$3.29m</li> </ul> |

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#### **Review of the Income Statement**



| Expenses & Profit         | HY Dec 11   | HY Dec 10   | Mvmt on PCP |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Expenses            | (\$628.03m) | (\$618.45m) | up 1.5%     |
| Share of JV investments   | \$2.39m     | \$11.30m    | down 78.8%  |
| Profit Before Tax         | \$163.47m   | \$198.61m   | down 17.7%  |
| Income Tax Expense        | (\$32.64m)  | (\$64.61m)  | down 49.5%  |
| Non-Controlling Interests | (\$1.89m)   | (\$2.34m)   | down 19.2%  |
| Profit After Tax & NCI    | \$128.95m   | \$131.67m   | down 2.1%   |

| Total Expenses ↑by<br>\$9.58m due to:      | <ul> <li>a higher level of tactical support to assist franchisees to effectively compete in local markets</li> <li>restructuring and closure costs associated with the impaired CP &amp; RH brand names of \$8.07m</li> <li>higher borrowing costs by \$3.30m due to increased utilisation of the facility and the modification of the Syndicated Loan Facility in Dec-11</li> </ul>                                                                                               |
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| Share of JV profit ↓<br>by \$8.91m due to: | <ul> <li>revaluation decrement of \$3.70m in Dec-11 (increment of \$0.16m in PCP)</li> <li>profit on sale of a development property held by a JV entity in PCP of \$7.34m</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Lower tax charge by<br>\$31.97m due to:    | <ul> <li>reduction in current period profit before tax translating to a decrease in tax liability by ~ \$10m</li> <li>tax benefit of \$12.29m associated with treatment of support payments to Ireland &amp; Nth. Ireland during 2010 &amp; 2011 as agreed under the terms of an Advance Pricing Agreement with the ATO dated 6 Feb 2012</li> <li>tax benefit of \$7.25m for the reversal of future tax liabilities previously recognised on certain pre-CGT properties</li> </ul> |

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## **Review of the Balance Sheet (5 Years)**



|                          | Dec-07   | Dec-08   | Dec-09   | Dec-10   | Dec-11   |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total Assets             | \$3.46bn | \$3.78bn | \$3.82bn | \$4.06bn | \$4.23bn |
| Return on Total Assets % | 6.65%    | 2.63%    | 4.15%    | 3.25%    | 3.05%    |
| Total Liabilities        | \$1.54bn | \$1.76bn | \$1.67bn | \$1.87bn | \$1.96bn |
| Net Assets               | \$1.87bn | \$1.96bn | \$2.10bn | \$2.14bn | \$2.23bn |

| Total Assets      | <ul> <li>steady increase in total assets over the above 5-year period</li> <li>strength of the asset base is in ownership of real, tangible property assets comprising \$2.12bn in Dec-11</li> <li>balance sheet not clouded by intangible assets pinned to the "underlying worth" of the business</li> <li>solid cash reserves of \$122.47m as at Dec-11 (\$87.73m net of bank overdraft)</li> </ul>                                                       |
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| Total Liabilities | <ul> <li>rise in total liabilities slower than the growth in total assets</li> <li>rise in liabilities primarily due to higher current &amp; non-current borrowings from external financiers to fund expansion &amp; development, working capital of overseas entities &amp; to assist franchisees as and when required</li> <li>despite higher utilisation of facilities, debt levels remain low and gearing ratios continue to be conservative</li> </ul> |
| Net Assets        | We have MORE THAN DOUBLED our net asset base in 8.5 years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

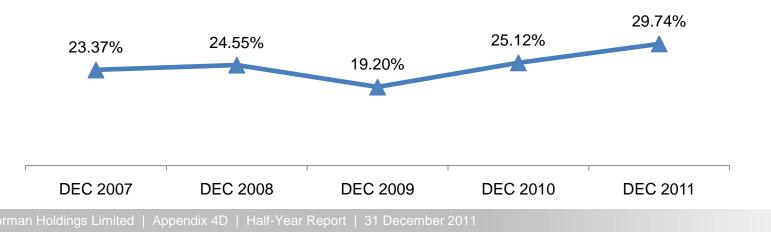
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#### **Review of the Balance Sheet – Net Debt to Equity Ratio (%)**



|                            | Dec-07     | Dec-08      | Dec-09      | Dec-10      | Dec-11      |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| TOTAL DEBT                 | \$515.14m  | \$655.24m   | \$579.57m   | \$682.77m   | \$799.40m   |
| Less: CASH RESERVES        | (\$67.03m) | (\$159.67m) | (\$166.35m) | (\$132.92m) | (\$122.47m) |
| NET DEBT                   | \$448.11m  | \$495.57m   | \$413.22m   | \$549.85m   | \$676.93m   |
| TOTAL EQUITY               | \$1.92bn   | \$2.02bn    | \$2.15bn    | \$2.19bn    | \$2.28bn    |
| Net Debt to Equity Ratio % | 23.37%     | 24.55%      | 19.20%      | 25.12%      | 29.74%      |

## **Net Debt To Equity Ratio**



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#### **Review of the Statement of Cash Flows**



|                      | HY Dec 11 | HY Dec 10 | Mvmt on PCP |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Operating Cash Flows | \$19.88m  | \$93.52m  | down 78.7%  |

| Operating cash<br>flows ↓ by<br>\$73.64m due to: | <ul> <li>a higher net outflow by the franchisor for working capital advances to franchisees by \$65.15m relative to PCP due to an additional purchase of \$35m of computer hardware &amp; Digital SLR inventory in Q2 of FY12 to cater for component shortage resulting from the floods in Thailand (bringing forward Jan &amp; Feb 2012 purchases) &amp; a lower rate of reduction in franchisee loan balances due to reduced cash receipts from franchisee sales</li> <li>offset by lower other receivables due to the franchisor of \$11.7m</li> <li>Reduction in receipts from customers by \$23.87m due to conversion of CP &amp; RH business from company</li> </ul> |
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|                                                  | <ul> <li>operated stores to franchised stores during period &amp; lower sales by NZ stores</li> <li>3) Higher payments for GST by \$9.38m &amp; interest by \$3.08m &amp; lower distributions received from JV's by \$18.98m</li> <li>4) Offset by:</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                  | <ul> <li>a) lower payments to supplier &amp; employees by \$24.59m despite heavy investment in our Omni-channel of<br/>approximately \$22m during the period (digital, on-line, photo centres, software on-demand kiosks, E-<br/>commerce &amp; wireless);</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                  | <ul> <li>b) lower income tax payments by \$34.57m due to lower profits generated &amp; tax benefit of support payments<br/>to Ireland &amp; Nth. Ireland</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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#### **Review of the Statement of Cash Flows**



|                                                       | HY Dec 11   | HY Dec 10   | Mvmt on PCP |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Investing Cash Flows                                  | (\$128.40m) | (\$226.44m) | down 43.3%  |
| Financing Cash Flows                                  | \$77.52m    | \$115.53m   | down 32.9%  |
| Net Decrease in Cash Flows                            | (\$31.00m)  | (\$17.39m)  | down 78.3%  |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents At<br>Beginning of the Period | \$118.73m   | \$100.91m   |             |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents At<br>End of the Period       | \$87.73m    | \$83.52m    | up 5.0%     |

| Investing cash flows<br>↓ by \$98.04m due<br>to: | <ul> <li>prior year included the payment of \$55m for the purchase of the CP &amp; RH assets</li> <li>reduction in payments for investment properties by \$75.62m as the prior period included several large property acquisitions including the At Home Centre at Penrith &amp; extensive costs for the construction of the Springvale development &amp; the Space Asian showroom in Singapore</li> </ul> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Financing cash<br>flows ↓ by \$38.01m<br>due to: | <ul> <li>down due to lower rate of increase in the utilisation of the Syndicated Loan Facility &amp; other external debt</li> <li>reduction in dividends paid by HNHL by \$10.62m</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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## Segment Analysis – Franchising Operations Segment



| Franchising Operations          | HY Dec 11 | HY Dec 10 | Mvmt on PCP |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Segment Revenue                 | \$466.26m | \$498.99m | down 6.6%   |
| Segment EBITDA                  | \$134.88m | \$189.14m | down 28.7%  |
| Segment Result Before Tax       | \$95.51m  | \$150.36m | down 36.5%  |
| Franchising Operations Margin % | 3.70%     | 5.48%     | -178 bps    |

| FO segment<br>revenue ↓ by<br>\$32.73m due to:   | <ul> <li>comprises 33.4% of total revenue for Dec-11 (Dec-10: 35.5%)</li> <li>lower franchise fees received due to tough retail trading conditions experienced by franchisees, price deflation in key categories and aggressive competition</li> <li>reduction partially offset by the conversion of 18 former CP &amp; RH stores to the franchised model &amp; the opening of 4 new complexes during the period</li> </ul>                           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FO segment<br>EBITDA ↓ by<br>\$54.26 m due to:   | <ul> <li>comprises 58.4% of total EBITDA for Dec-11 (Dec-10: 71.3%)</li> <li>profitability of franchisees adversely affected by falling product margins (price deflation in key categories and heavy discounting) resulting from their attempt to maintain &amp; grow market share</li> <li>a higher level of tactical support payments made to franchisees during the period to enable them to effectively compete in their local markets</li> </ul> |
| FO segment result<br>before tax ↓ by<br>\$54.85m | <ul> <li>comprises 58.4% of consolidated profit before tax for Dec-11 (Dec-10: 75.7%)</li> <li>higher funding costs allocated to FO segment due to higher borrowing costs resulting from increased utilisation of debt facility</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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## Segment Analysis – Total Property Segments



| Total Property            | HY Dec 11 | HY Dec 10 | Mvmt on PCP |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Segment Revenue           | \$116.61m | \$91.58m  | up 27.3%    |
| Segment EBITDA            | \$83.37m  | \$60.78m  | up 37.2%    |
| Segment Result Before Tax | \$68.77m  | \$47.18m  | up 45.8%    |

| Property segment<br>revenue ↑ by<br>\$25.03m due to:   | <ul> <li>rent received from owned properties in Australia increased by \$5.22m</li> <li>recognition of profit of \$10.00m on the successful completion &amp; opening of the Springvale development</li> <li>net property revaluation increment of \$11.90m for Aust investment properties (decrement in PCP)</li> <li>reversal of a previous revaluation decrement relating to a property in Slovenia of \$2.87m</li> <li>comprises 8.3% of total revenue for Dec-11 (Dec-10: 6.5%)</li> <li>ownership of high-quality property portfolio of \$2.12bn is an integral component of our system and underpins the franchising operations segment</li> <li>provides a steady &amp; reliable income stream from rent charged to franchisees &amp; external tenants</li> </ul> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Property segment<br>EBITDA ↑ by<br>\$22.59 m due to:   | <ul> <li>comprises 36.1% of total EBITDA for Dec-11 (Dec-10: 22.9%)</li> <li>increase in property-related expenses proportional to the rise in property revenue</li> <li>higher expenses associated with the opening of several large developments during the period</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Property segment<br>result before tax ↑<br>by \$21.59m | <ul> <li>comprises 42.1% of consolidated profit before tax for Dec-11 (Dec-10: 23.8%)</li> <li>the rising value of the property portfolio has necessitated a higher level of financing costs</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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## Segment Analysis – Company-Operated Retail Operations



| Total Retail Operations   | HY Dec 11 | HY Dec 10 | Mvmt on PCP |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Segment Revenue           | \$822.53m | \$818.96m | up 0.4%     |
| Segment EBITDA            | \$9.94m   | \$5.54m   | up 79.5%    |
| Segment Result Before Tax | (\$1.14m) | (\$6.89m) | up 83.5%    |

| Retail Ops segment<br>revenue ↑ by<br>\$3.57m due to:   | <ul> <li>increase in CP &amp; RH sales by \$9.65m due to "closing-down" sales of 7 store closures<br/>&amp; sale of all inventory to HN &amp; JM franchisees upon conversion to franchised model</li> <li>increase in sales in local currency for stores located in Singapore &amp; Malaysia</li> <li>increase in Slovenian sales in local currency due to opening of Maribor store in Oct-11</li> <li>new store in Zagreb, Croatia generated \$5.32m sales since opening in Oct-11</li> <li>offset by reduction in NZ sales revenue by \$10.75m due to subdued state of NZ economy, effect of<br/>natural disasters in Christchurch &amp; increased local and overseas competition</li> <li>sales generated by 14 stores in Ireland &amp; 2 stores in Nth. Ireland similar to PCP</li> </ul> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Retail Ops segment<br>EBITDA ↑ by<br>\$4.40m.           | <ul> <li>comprises 4.3% of total EBITDA for Dec-11 (Dec-10: 2.1%)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Retail Ops segment<br>result before tax ↑<br>by \$5.75m | <ul> <li>pleased with the performance of NZ retail segment: despite 3.7% decrease in sales, profit decreased by only 0.6% from PCP</li> <li>includes closure &amp; restructuring costs for the CP &amp; RH businesses of \$8.07m in current period</li> <li>reduction in trading loss incurred by former CP &amp; RH stores by \$13.19m</li> <li>lower trading losses incurred by Ireland &amp; Nth. Ireland stores by \$2.07m</li> <li>reduction in profitability of the Slovenian &amp; Croatian segment by \$3.0m due to the challenging economic conditions in Europe and store opening costs associated with the Maribor &amp; Zagreb stores</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                  |

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#### Outlook



- continued investment in strengthening our Omni channel strategy
- improved inventory efficiency program & enhanced supply chain controls to reduce the working capital requirements of franchisees
- strategy continues to be underpinned by a strong asset base
- franchising operations within Australia has continued strength from furniture & bedding categories
- the audio visual and information technology categories will continue to remain challenged in the next 6 months.
- our home appliances category continues to remain positive on the back of the home renovation market
- confident that our on-line transactional strategy will produce incremental revenue to the existing franchisee and company-operated stores
- the Space Asia Hub opened in November 2011 and is performing to expectations. Our upgraded store in Kuala Lumpur opens in April 2012. The Space brand is ideally placed for the growing prestige market in Asia / Pacific.
- positive results expected to continue in NZ despite upheaval caused by natural disasters & intense competition
- Irish business continues to improve & outperform the Irish market although economic environment remains very challenging

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#### Outlook



- positioned for growth in Slovenia and Croatia in the year ahead with the opening of our Maribor and Zagreb stores.
- property portfolio continues to be a key asset base of the company
- construction of a 32,600 sqm homemaker centre at Maroochydore, Queensland is on schedule to open in Oct-2012
- balance sheet remains strong through conservative fiscal management
- low debt to equity ratio with tangible property assets in excess of \$2.12 billion has us well positioned to manage the core business within respective territories and take advantage of opportunities in the future



**Questions (limited to 30 minutes)** 

