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ESPRIT HOLDINGS LIMITED

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UNAUDITED FY12/13 FIRST QUARTER UPDATE FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

FIRST QUARTER UPDATE

The Company is pleased to present the unaudited FY12/13 first quarter update of the Company and its subsidiaries for the three months ended 30 September 2012. This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

Turnover by Regions

	For the	e 3 months en					
		2012		2011	Ch	Retail comp	
Regions	HK\$ million	% to Group Turnover	HK\$ million	% to Group Turnover	HK\$	Local currency	store sales growth*
Europe Asia Pacific	5,264 1,173	79.7% 17.8%	6,688 1,334	78.1% 15.6%	-21.3% -12.1%	-11.0% -10.3%	1.1% -7.6%
Subtotal Store closure programmes North America	6,437 97 69	97.5% 1.5% 1.0%	8,022 252 284	93.7% 3.0% 3.3%	-19.7% -61.6% -75.7%	-10.9% -57.6% -75.4%	-0.2% n.a. n.a.
Total	6,603	100.0%	8,558	100.0%	-22.8%	-14.4%	-0.2%

^{*} Exclude the directly managed retail stores covered by the store closure programmes announced in FY09/10 and FY10/11 n.a. Not applicable

Last year, the Group took initiative to divest our North American operations to eliminate unprofitable operations and established a store closure programme for loss making stores. Excluding store closure programmes and North America, Group turnover declined by -10.9% in local currency term (-19.7% in HK dollar term).

The Group's retail comparable stores sales growth improved to -0.2% (2011: -8.5%), attributable by the +1.1% (2011: -9.6%) retail comparable store sales growth in Europe.

Turnover by Key Distribution Channels

	For the						
		Change in %					
		% to Group		% to Group		Local	
Key Distribution Channels	HK\$ million	Turnover	HK\$ million	Turnover	HK\$	currency	
Retail [#]	3,468	52.5%	4,331	50.6%	-19.9%	-11.7%	
Europe	2,554	38.7%	2,977	34.8%	-14.2%	-2.9%	
Asia Pacific	817	12.3%	906	10.5%	-9.8%	-9.0%	
Subtotal	3,371	51.0%	3,883	45.3%	-13.2%	-4.3%	
Store closure programmes	97	1.5%	252	3.0%	-61.6%	-57.6%	
North America	-	-	196	2.3%	-100.0%	-100.0%	
Wholesale	3,092	46.8%	4,167	48.7%	-25.8%	-17.1%	
Europe	2,702	40.9%	3,703	43.3%	-27.0%	-17.7%	
Asia Pacific	352	5.3%	418	4.9%	-15.8%	-11.9%	
North America	38	0.6%	46	0.5%	-20.0%	-18.4%	
Licensing	39	0.6%	49	0.6%	-19.2%	-17.2%	
Others	4	0.1%	11	0.1%	-62.4%	-61.3%	
Total	6,603	100.0%	8,558	100.0%	-22.8%	-14.4%	

^{*} Retail sales include sales from e-shop in countries where available

Excluding divestment of our North American operations and the store closure programmes, the Group retail turnover declined by -4.3% in local currency term (-13.2% in HK dollar term).

Turnover by Product Divisions

	For the	3 months en	ded 30 Septem	ber			
		2012		2011	Change in %		
		% to Group	9,	6 to Group	Loc		
Product Divisions	HK\$ million	Turnover	HK\$ million	Turnover	HK\$	currency	
women	2,556	38.7%	3,527	41.3%	-27.5%	-19.9%	
women casual	1,824	27.6%	2,762	32.3%	-34.0%	-27.0%	
women collection	732	11.1%	765	9.0%	-4.4%	5.9%	
men	1,019	15.4%	1,307	15.2%	-22.0%	-14.4%	
men casual	812	12.3%	1,065	12.4%	-23.8%	-16.1%	
men collection	207	3.1%	242	2.8%	-14.3%	-6.8%	
edc	1,701	25.8%	2,039	23.8%	-16.6%	-7.3%	
others*	1,327	20.1%	1,685	19.7%	-21.2%	-11.8%	
Total	6,603	100.0%	8,558	100.0%	-22.8%	-14.4%	

^{*} Others include accessories, kids, shoes, bodywear, sports, de. corp, trend, salon, licensing income & licensed products like timewear, eyewear, jewellery, bed & bath, houseware, etc.

Key Distribution Channels by Regions

As at 30 September 2012	Retail										
		Comp stores**									
	No. of	Net sales	Net opened	Net change in							
Regions	stores	area m²	stores*	net sales area*	No. of stores						
Esprit											
Europe	364	225,287	6	1.5%	187						
Asia Pacific	643	115,963	(25)	-0.3%	244						
Subtotal	1,007	341,250	(19)	0.9%	431						
Store closure programmes^	29	16,869	(11)	-27.0%	n.a.						
Total	1,036	358,119	(30)	-0.9%	431						

^{*} Net change from 30 June 2012

** All e-shops within Europe are shown as 1 comparable store in Europe

^ 1 out of the 33 stores included under the store closure programme FY09/10 and 10 out of the 80 stores included under the store closure programme FY10/11 were closed during the three months ended 30 September 2012

n.a. Not applicable

Key Distribution Channels by Regions (continued)

As at 30 September 2012		Wholesale (controlled space only)														
		Franchise stores			Shop-in-stores				Identity corners			Total				
	· ·	Net change in			Net change in			Net change in			Net chan			et change in		
	No. of	Net sales	Net opened	net sales	No. of	Net sales	Net opened	net sales	No. of	Net sales	Net opened	net sales	No. of	Net sales	Net opened	net sales
Regions	stores	area m²	store s*	area*	stores	area m²	stores*	area*	stores	area m²	stores*	area*	stores	area m²	store s*	area*
Esprit																
Europe	1,009	254,542	(24)	-2.4%	4,554	172,413	(79)	-2.5%	3,860	83,240	(207)	-5.7%	9,423	510,195	(310)	-3.0%
Asia Pacific	927	118,099	(55)	-5.4%	100	2,456	(11)	-13.9%	-	-	-	-	1,027	120,555	(66)	-5.6%
Total	1,936	372,641	(79)	-3.4%	4,654	174,869	(90)	-2.7%	3,860	83,240	(207)	-5.7%	10,450	630,750	(376)	-3.5%

^{*} Net change from 30 June 2012

By Order of the Board Florence Ng Wai Yin Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 22 October 2012

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises (i) Mr Jose Manuel Martínez Gutiérrez (Group Chief Executive Officer) and Mr Thomas Tang Wing Yung (Group Chief Financial Officer) as Executive Directors; (ii) Mr Jürgen Alfred Rudolf Friedrich as Non-executive Director; and (iii) Mr Raymond Or Ching Fai (Chairman), Mr Paul Cheng Ming Fun (Deputy Chairman) and Mr Alexander Reid Hamilton as Independent Non-executive Directors.