# 2017 Interim Results 

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## Agenda

# Results Highlights <br> Financial Review <br> Business Review 

Appendix


## 2017H1 Highlights

## Financial Highlights :

- Reported net profit of RMB 189 million, margin raised from 3.2\% to 4.7\%
$>$ Revenue up $11 \%$ to RMB 3,996 million
> Gross profit margin expanded 1 percentage point
$>$ Enhanced operating leverage through disciplined cost management
> Negative impact of RMB 22 million from new business investment
- Operating cash flow (Excluded Double Happiness) increased over 90\% to RMB 589 million
- Significant improvement in working capital continued
$>$ Gross average working capital improved (down) by $14 \%$ while revenue increased by $11 \%$
$>$ Cash conversion cycle further improved (shortened) by 19 days (2016: 75 days / 2017: 56 days)


## Operational Highlights:

- High-single digit growth for total platform retail sales, including online and offline channels
- Channel inventory turnover improvement continued
- Overall Same-Store-Sales in 2017H1 grew mid-single digit
- New product performance improved
> Sell-out rate up over 4 percentage points
> Discount rate improved 1 percentage point



## Revenue

Growp Total


## Revenue and Sell-Through Mix

LN Branal exclo international markets


Enhanced profitability driven by further balanced business model

## Same Store Sales Growth (SSSG) Rate

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## Overall Platform



Retail


Wholesale


## Online and Offline Expansion

LN Brand, exతlo international market sales
Sell-through growth, YoY \%

No. of POS (Period End)

$\square$ Offline Channel $\square$ Online and Offline Channels


Productive expansion continued to drive business growth

## Wholesale Business^ ${ }^{\wedge}$

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Controlled business growth led by precise trade fair order strategy

## Retail Business^

LN Brand

## Business Performance



Revenue Growth Analysis


Revenue growth impacted by negative SSSG and non-productive store closure

## GP Margin Analysis - 2017H1 vs 2016H1

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2016H1
Reported GP Margin

Channel Revenue Mix

Wholesale New Product Mix
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## Direct Retail New Product Discount

2017H1 Reported GP Margin


Gross profit (GP) margin expansion driven by enhanced channel mix

## Profitability Analysis - 2017H1 vs 2016H1

Net Change of Major Pda lems

## -RMB Million-




Margin expansion continued; Led by operating leverage of LN brand and partially offset by new business investments

## Channel Inventory

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Improvement in efficiency and inventory mix driven by controlled wholesale business initiatives

## Company Inventory

## Exclo Double Happiness

At cost, before provision (RMB Million)


Further optimized inventory mix notwithstanding expansion in direct operated business (Incl. EC)

## Trade Receivables

## Excla Double Hoppiness



Receivables volume significantly improved

## Working Capital Efficiency

## Exela Double Hoppiness



## Balance sheet summary and cash position

## Exclo Double Happiness

-RMB Million-

| - |  |  |  |  | 2,163 |
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|  |  |  |  | 1,754 |  |
|  |  | 1,247 | 1,335 |  |  |
| Net Cash Position^ | 993 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Jun | Dec | Jun | Dec | Jun |
|  | 2015 | 2015 | 2016 | 2016 | 2017 |
| -For the Six Months Period- |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash Conversion Cycle (Days) | 90 | 71 | 75 | 56 | 56 |
| Operating Cash Flow | 91 | 596 | 304 | 532 | 589 |



## Foster the LI-LING Brand Value Through Experience, Embrace The Opportunities In Sports Market

## National Policies in <br> favor of industry <br> development

- Implement policies that promote the development of sports industry, including < No. 46 Guidance issued by the State Council>, < National Fitness Program>
- Regular sports participant are estimated to increase from approx. 400 million in 2016 to 500 million in 2025.


Sports Experience

## Sports industry <br> trend in China

- The sales of sporting goods in China are estimated to increase from RMB190 billion in 2016 to RMB270 billion in 2021.
- The number of participants in marathon or related races have reached 2.8 million in 2016 and is estimated to reach 10 million in 2020.


## Demand for

 smart products- The demand for sports electronics equipment was driven by the increasing popularity of personal sports data analysis.
- Runners tend to use social media platform to conveniently share their sports records, in order to seek recognition.


## LI-NING Brand Value Through Experience

Experience through interacting with sports participants, design the products to meet their needs and provide flexible experience according to the differentiated consumption habits.

## Enhance Experience Value based on the foundation of "Three-Pillar" Strategy and Digitization

> - Establish all-rounded experience value through
> product, channel and retail capability
> - Strengthen brand value through digitization

- Classify stores by categories with own profitability model, to match product planning and assortment
- Optimize channels to enhance retail sales efficiency, by closing down low productivity and loss-making stores

- Upgrade store image and implement standard operating procedure
- Reinforce the training for frontline sales and building sports advisors team
- Strengthen membership platform through omni-channel digital marketing
- Enhance sports functionality adhered, integrate trendy elements into design
- Differentiated product assortment and management


## Product: Five Core Categories* Drove Business Growth

Retail Sell-through - YoY Change

| Total Value |  |  | - 9\% |
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| LI-NING | Running | 害 | - $26 \%$ |
|  | Training | ) | 15\% |
|  | Basketball |  | - $5 \%$ |
|  | Sports Causal |  | 2\% |
|  | Non-core |  | - $21 \%$ |

Retail Sell-through - Mix


## Running Product: Diversified running footwear portfolio

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## Basketball Product: Combination of Function and Fashion

|  | Basketball Court Shoes | "WADE" series | BAD FIVE apparel series |
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| Design Focus | - Li-Ning shock-absorption technology applied to the midsole <br> - Carbon-fiber plate provides support to midfoot and prevents sprains <br> - Special knit structure, practical and goodlooking | - Trendy and stylish sports casual <br> - Casual and all-match, simple but fashion <br> - Provide choices of diversified all season products | - Focus on street basketball fashion <br> - Playful design, simple but fashionable <br> - Trendy and stylish, sporty and energetic |
| Key Product | CBA designated "Sonic V" basketball shoes <br> - Launched in 17Q2 <br> -Tag price: RMB 599 |  |  |
| 2017 Sales <br> Performance | - 3 months sell-out rate: $46 \%$ <br> - 3 months sales volume: Over 40,000 pairs | - 6 months sell-out rate: $76 \%$ <br> - 6 months sales volume: Over 570,000 units | - 6 months sell-out rate: $65 \%$ <br> - 6 months sales volume: Over 630,000 units |

## Training Product: Technological elements boost performance

|  | Training Footwear |  | Training Apparel |
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| Design Focus | - Breathable one-piece knit <br> - EVA light sole provides flexibility | - Reinforced support provides good protection <br> - Elastic big sole enhances flexibility | - Keep warm: far-infrared WARM AT FAR INFRARED <br> - Quick-dry: AT DRY/ AT DRY FREEZE <br> - Protection: AT PROOF WIND/ AT-BACTERIA |
| Key Product | Super Trainer -One-piece knit trainers <br> - Launched in 17Q1 <br> - Tag Price: RMB 369 | One-piece knit trainers <br> - Launched in 17Q1 <br> - Tag Price: RMB 439 |  |
| 2017 Sales <br> Performance | - 6 months sell-out rate: 74\% <br> - 6 months sales volume: over 200,000 pairs | - 6 months sell-out rate: $78 \%$ <br> - 6 months sales volume: approx. 40,000 pairs | - 6 months sell-out rate: $73 \%$ <br> - 6 months sales volume: over $2,000,000$ units |

## Sports Causal Products: Uniqueness by Colors and Texture

|  | Hero Products |  |  |
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| Design Focus | - Full palm cushion protection; upgraded Tech+ experience <br> - Multi-color mix \& match, break up the boredom | - Neat and clean shoe body design, simple but unique <br> - Lightweight thickened IP midsole, providing a comfortable wearing experience | - Single-piece knitting vamp that allows feet to breathe <br> - Bubble UP half palm air cushion + EVA midsole, giving a comfortable wearing experience |
| Key Product | Bubble Face full palm air cushion casual shoes <br> - Launched in 17Q1 <br> - Tag Price: RMB 439 | Heather Classic Casual Shoes <br> Launched in 17Q2 <br> - Tag Price: RMB 299 | Bubble UP Knit half palm air cushion casual shoes <br> - Launched in 17Q2 <br> - Tag Price: RMB 399 |
| 2017 Sales Performance | - 6 months sell-out rate: $75 \%$ <br> - 6 months sales volume: over 220,000 pairs | - 3 months sell-out rate: $62 \%$ <br> - 3 months sales volume: approx. 130,000 pairs | - 3 months sell-out rate: $56 \%$ <br> - 3 months sales volume: over 230,000 pairs |

## Channel: Capitalized on trends, diversified online experience



## Channel: Digitalization enhanced efficiency and experience

## Forecast system based on data analysis

> More accurate product planning and sales forecast
> Coordinate and integrate forecast with supply chain to improve operating efficiency
> Increase customer loyalty through enhancing user experience
> Continuously increase O 2 O interaction to seek for business opportunities


Strengthen "We Media" culture for online stores

Precision Marketing


Content marketing + interaction


## Channel: Well-defined categories stores focused on high store productivity



## Channel: Well-defined category stores

Full-Categories Store - Shanghai River Mall experience store


## Channel: Well-defined category stores

Category focus store - Basketball-focused store Beijing Wukesong Hua Xi HI-UP store


## Channel: Focus on larger stores with high store productivity

Xi'an Xiaozhai Saige experience store


- Located in the core business district in the most important city in Northwest China
- Area: Approx. 400 square meters

Dalian New Mart Shopping
Plaza experience store


- Core business district in Dalian
- The first experience store in China's department store
- Area: Approx. 400 square meters

Conghua Chang Chao experience store


- The first large scale experience store in third-tier city in Southern China
- Area: Approx. 500 square meters


## Retail Capability: Optimizing Retail Operation Platform

- Identify store image by categories
- Optimized the design process
- Refined and upgraded store management system
- Enhanced evaluation system
- Enhance training system in a step-ladder approach
- Equipped the frontline sales with ability of recommending adjustment for the rhythm of product sales according to regional weather, consumer habits etc.



## Retail Capability: Strengthened The Retail Operation "Closed Loop"

(Data reflected the situation in the first half of 2017 and YoY change

## Offline Channel Sales Performance

$\sim$ Sell-through: mid single-digit growthSales Volume: low single-digit growth


3 ) Product
Sales Mix

Offline Channel Sales Efficiency

- SSSG: low single-digit decline $\omega$ Retail Discount: increased 0.7 p.p.


## 4 ) In-Store

 Retail
## Retail

 Operation "Closed Loop"5 ) Stock Clearance


Over 12 months inventory mix

- Channel: declined (improved) 6 p.p.
$\omega$ Company: declined (improved) 6 p.p.

News Product Performance

- Contribution to total sales: up 2 p.p.
$\sim$ Sell-through: increase by approximately $9 \%$


## New Product Sell-out Rate

$\omega$ Q1 products: up 4 p.p. in 6 months
$\sim$ Q2 products: up 5 p.p. in 3 months

## Operating Cash Flow

- Cashflow from operating activities: RMB589 million net inflow
~ Net Cash: increased by RMB828 million
- Trade receivables before provisions:

Amount decreased (Improved) by 20\%
$\omega$ Cash conversion cycle:
decreased(improved) by 19 days

## New Business Progress

| DANSKIN | YOUNG |  |
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| The brand positioned itself as a brand of female sports presented in a fashionable manner; Product lines include Dansfit (sports products with fashionable and modern designs), Danslife (the pure fashion series), Danslux (the high-end fashion series) and Dance (the ballet series) <br> $\approx$ Partnered with experienced suppliers in the first half of 2017 <br> To promote its brand value with marketing activities focused on digital channels <br> $\sim$ Planned to open 3 to 5 stores in the fourth quarter of 2017 <br> ~ The expected negative impact on net profit is approximately RMB35 million for 2017 | 2 Opened approximately 20 stores in the first half, most of them located in the northern part of China, planned to net addition for 70 store in second half. <br> ~The current distributors from the $3^{\text {rd }}$ party licensee will be taken over on Jan 1, 2018 <br> $\sim$ Channel development based on market demand, LN YOUNG stores YOUNG/ cover the market of age 3-14; LN KIDS stores $\mathbb{N O S}$ focus on the market of 3-6. <br> ~ Developed retail business operation model based on products and store profitability <br> ~ The trade fair of LI-NING YOUNG for the first quarter of 2018 was held, with improvement in product design, style and materials <br> ~ The expected negative impact on net profit is approximately RMB30 million for 2017 | $\sim$ Continued to improve and optimize products according to brand positioning in the first half of 2017 <br> ~ Channel expansion has been focused on established shopping malls, consistent to our strategy <br> $\sim$ As of 30 June 2017, 8 stores were opened in cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Hefei, Dalian, Qingdao and Nanjing. <br> $\sim$ The expected negative impact on net profit is approximately RMB25 million for 2017 |



## Summary of Income Statement

| (RMB million) | $\begin{gathered} \text { H1 } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { H1 } \\ 2016 \end{gathered}$ | Better/(Worse) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Period ended 30 June |  |  |
| Revenue | 3,996 | 3,596 | 11\% |
| Gross Profit | 1,904 | 1,678 | 14\% |
| Distribution costs | -1,502 | -1,355 | (11\%) |
| Administrative expenses | -220 | -203 | (8\%) |
| Other income and other gains - net | 20 | 33 | (39\%) |
| Operating Profit | 202 | 153 | 32\% |
| EBITDA | 416 | 353 | 18\% |
| Profit Attributable to Equity Holders | 189 | 113 | 67\% |
| Basic Earnings per share(RMB cents) | 7.93 | 5.16 | 54\% |

## Profit Margins And Expense Ratios

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { H1 } \\ 2017 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { H1 } \\ 2016 \end{gathered}$ | Better/(Worse) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Period ended 30 June |  |  |
| Gross Profit Margin | 47.7\% | 46.7\% | 1.0p.p. |
| Operating Profit Margin | 5.0\% | 4.2\% | 0.8p.p. |
| EBITDA Margin* | 10.4\% | 9.8\% | 0.6p.p. |
| Margin of Profit Attributable to Equity Holders | 4.7\% | 3.2\% | 1.5p.p. |
| R\&D Expenses(as \% of revenue) | 1.4\% | 1.6\% | 0.2p.p. |
| A\&P Expenses(as \% of revenue) | 11.3\% | 12.1\% | 0.8p.p. |
| Staff Costs(as \% of revenue) | 10.7\% | 9.8\% | (0.9p.p.) |

## Key Operational Indicators



## Summary of Balance Sheet

| (RMB Million) | 30 Jun 2017 | 31 Dec 2016 | Better/(Worse) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 2,365 | 1,954 | 21\% |
| Borrowings | 202 | 200 | (1\%) |
| Convertible Bonds Liabilities | 0 | 568 | N.A |
| Net Cash* | 2,163 | 1,754 | 23\% |
| Current Liabilities | 2,072 | 2,674 | $23 \%$ |
| Current Ratio(times) | 2.3 | 1.7 | $\mathbf{0 . 6 x}$ |
| Total Liabilities to Total Assets Ratio | $31.4 \%$ | $41.0 \%$ | 9.6p.p. |

