# 2018 Annual Results

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# Results highlights

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# 2018 Results Highlights

#### Financial Highlights :

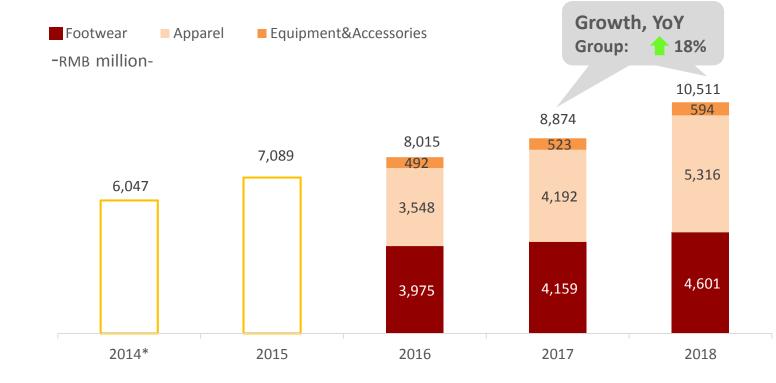
- Reported net profit of RMB 715 million, margin raised from 5.8% to 6.8%
  - Revenue up 18% to RMB 10,511 million
  - Gross profit margin expanded 1 percentage point
  - > Enhanced operating leverage notwithstanding investment in new initiatives and organization costs
- Operating cash flow increased by 44% to RMB 1,672 million
- Significant improvement in working capital continued
  - Gross average working capital improved (reduced) by 12% while revenue increased by 18%
  - Cash conversion cycle further improved (shortened) by 9 days (2017: 49 days / 2018: 40days)

#### **Operational Highlights:**

- Mid-teens growth for total platform retail sales, including online and offline channels
- Channel inventory turnover improvement continued
- Overall Same-Store-Sales growth in 2018 accelerate to Low-teens
- Offline channel new product sell-through increased by mid-teens with new product mix increased by 2 percentage points
  - > Direct retail new product gross margin improved over 1 percentage point

# Financial Review

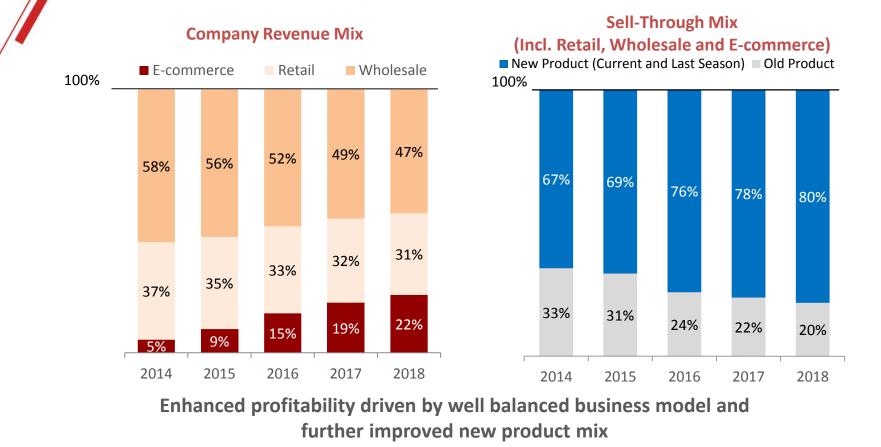
## Revenue Group total



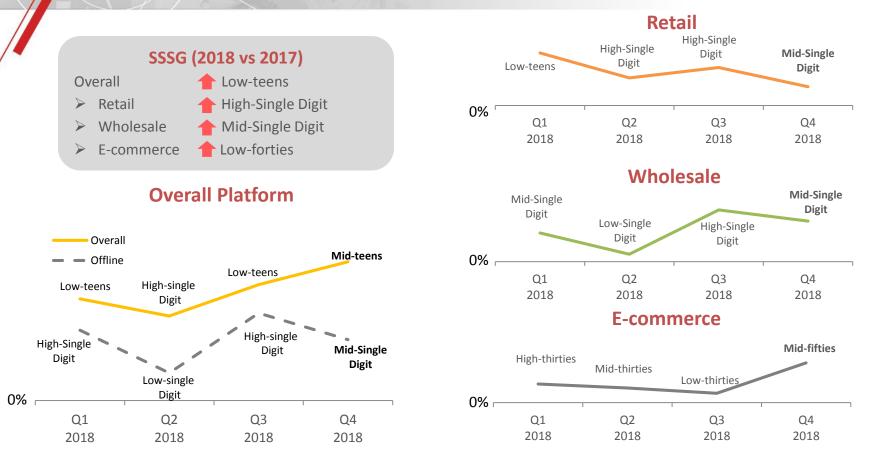
\*Excluded Double Happiness

Growth in all product groups with apparel leading the way

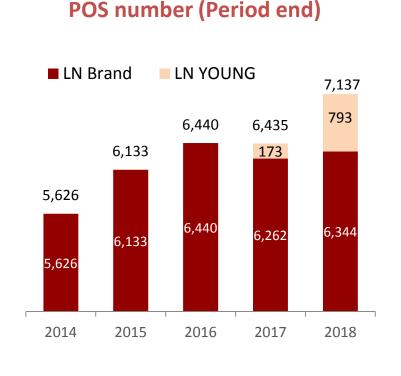
## Revenue and Sell-Through Mix // LN Brand, excl. International markets and LN YOUNG



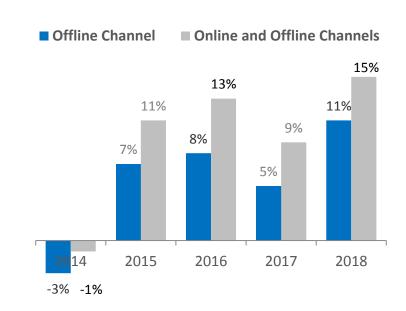
# Same Store Sales Growth (SSSG) Rate **LN Brand**



## Online and Offline Expansion // LN Brand, excl. international market sales



### Sell-through growth, YoY % Excl. LN YOUNG



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Improved productive platform with integrated online and offline growth

# Wholesale Business^

LN Brand, excl. international market sales and LN YOUNG

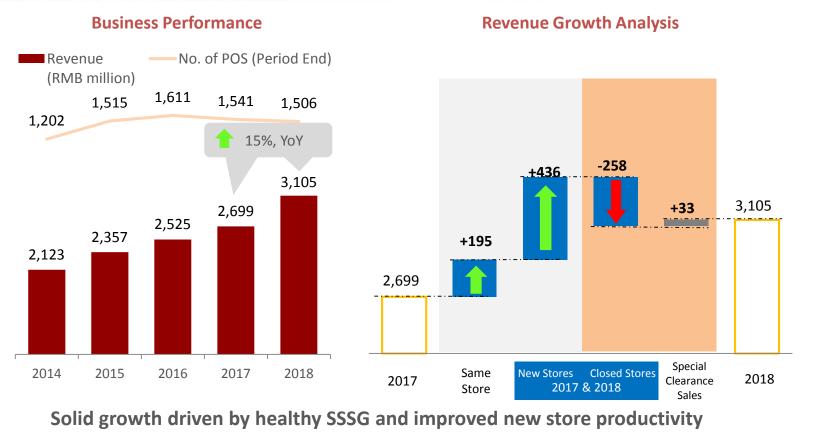


#### Double-Digit growth driven by strong sell-through and continually improved distributors' confidence

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^ Wholesale business: Including sale of badminton and football categories products to specialty-store channel wholesaler \*Order placed during trade fair (excl. orders from subsidiaries), e.g. 2019Q3 orders were placed about half year in advance

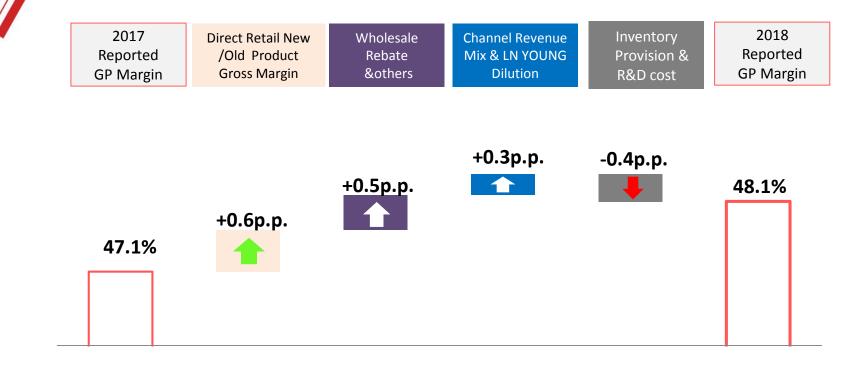




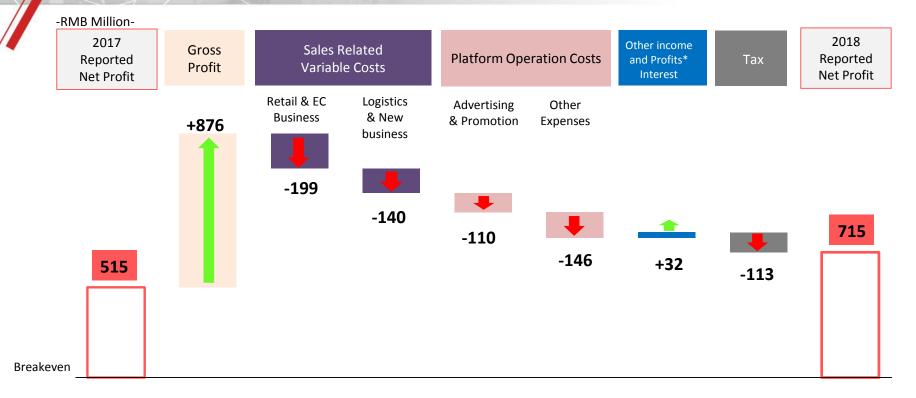
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 Retail business: Refers to direct retail operation Excluded LN YOUNG stores

## GP Margin Analysis // Net Change in Major Items

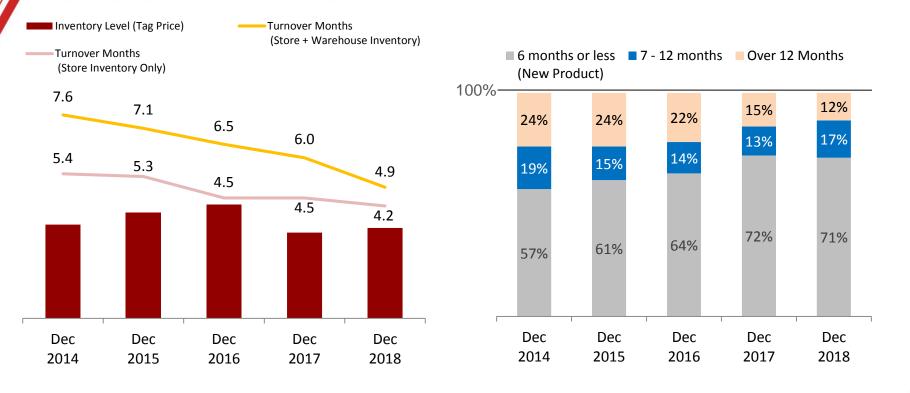


## Profitability Analysis Net Change of Major P&L Items



Enhanced operating leverage through disciplined cost management to fund investment in new initiative





Successful inventory management initiative achieved target turnover and structure

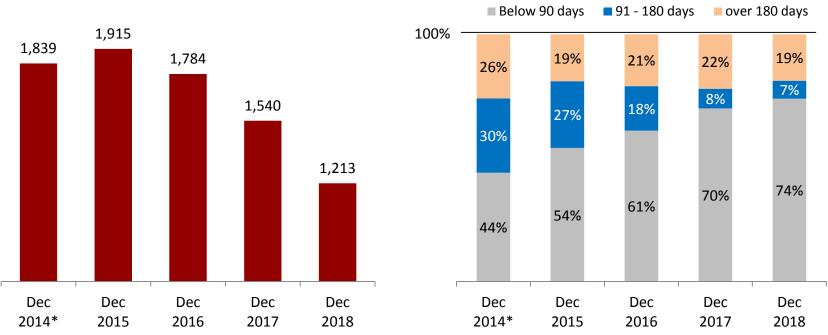
**Company Inventory** 



Further optimized inventory level provided healthy foundation for growth

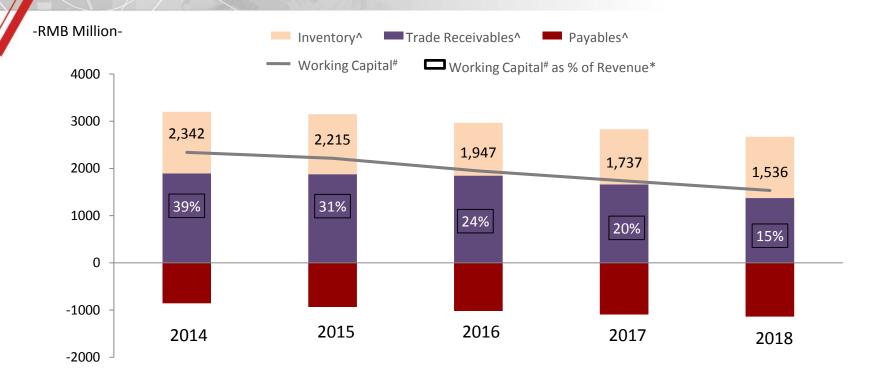
**Trade Receivables** 

At gross amount, before provision (RMB Million)



**Receivable Days Sales Outstanding (DSO) improved significantly** 

**Working Capital Efficiency** 

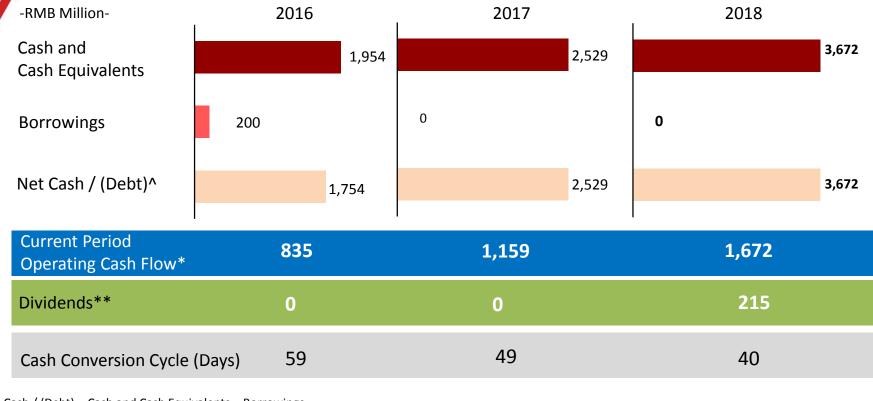


Achieved working capital efficiency ahead of plan

# Simple average between period opening and ending ^ Gross Amounts of inventory, trade receivables and payables, without netting off provisions

\* Annualized revenue

# Balance Sheet Summary And Cash Position



^ Net Cash / (Debt) = Cash and Cash Equivalents – Borrowings

\* Excluded Double Happiness

\*\* Upon shareholders approval

# Business Review

### Grasp the Momentum of Sports Market Enhance LI-NING Brand Value Through Experience

Rely on favorable national policy and steady sports demand growth, focused on building LI-NING brand value through experience



Source: State Council of the People's Republic of China, ASKCI, Industry Research Institute of Qianzhan, www.ocn.com.cn, Euromonitor. (Unit: RMB)

## **Optimize the "Precise + Swift" Retail Business Model**

• Build and optimize a more efficient and dynamic retail business model

• Improve the efficiency and precision of online & offline through application of big data analysis and digital tools, realizing experience value

- Business demand-driven supply chain management
- Focus on automation and optimize supplier reserves
- Integrate upstream resources to enhance in-house supply chain management and the capability of R&D technology



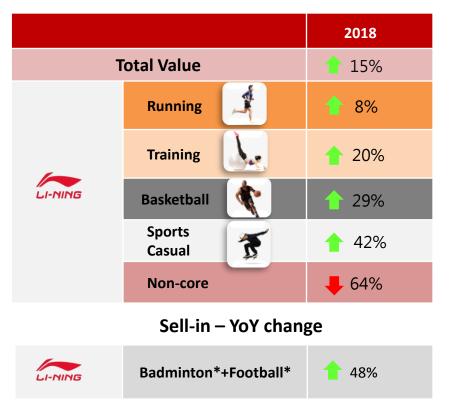
- Seek diversified channel development and continue to promote the opening and transformation of high efficient stores
- Continue to close and transform inefficient and loss-making stores to enhance channel efficiency
- Create an efficient operation support platform
- Introduce new retail concepts, simultaneously increase online and offline sales efficiency

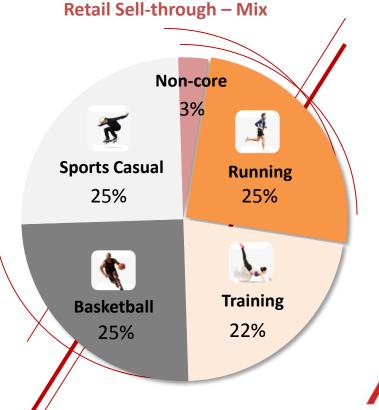
- Explore the combination of sports specialty, fashion and leisure, enhance products competitiveness
- Improve product life-cycle management, optimize the breadth and depth of product portfolios to precisely respond to market changes

## Adopt Strategy of "Single Brand, Multi-Categories, Diversified Channels" - Core Categories Drive Business Growth



#### **Retail Sell-through – YoY Change**





\* Sales of badminton and football products are shown with sell-in data for reference as they are mainly distributed via professional channels.

## Adopt Strategy of "Single Brand, Multi-Categories, Diversified Channels" - Basketball



- Optimize domestic signing player resources, take seasons as the stages, leverage on star players or leagues to promote products
- Integrate high-end professional basketball resources and seek endorsement from professional opinion leaders









• Resonate with the youth

 Energy, passion, strong sense of expression & attitude 0

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Sales Channel Cooperation

- Create LI-NING technology platform based on the core functional demand
- Provide top-notch technology, product packaging and independent marketing









Create buzz while driving sales through sales activities that match channel and product characteristics





## Adopt Strategy of "Single Brand, Multi-Categories, Diversified Channels" Basketball



#### Footwear – Two Major Functional **Basketball Shoes Series**



Sales Volume in 2018: over 340,000 pairs New Product SO rate (6 months): Approx. 70%

### "WADE" **Apparel Series**

Sales Volume in 2018: over 4.4 million units

New Product SO rate (6 months): over 75%

Sales Volume in 2018: over 5.6 million units **"BAD FIVE"** Apparel Series New Product SO rate (6 months): over 75%







## Adopt Strategy of "Single Brand, Multi-Categories, Diversified Channels" - Running



Continue to devote in building reputation for our professional running shoes in order to establish LI-NING as a professional brand among consumers.

#### **Professional Runners**

Improve athletic performance, racing, and lightweight Build professional reputation





Professional events, athletes and products Achieve top marathon resources exposure from scratch

#### Establish a professional products matrix



**Racing Category** 



Stability Category

#### Amateur runners

Provide basic sports protection and comfort Improve functional wearing experience as well as fashion and stylish





Continuation of classics, create hero products Broaden products offered, seek for breakthrough in fashion footwear

Classic continuity (i.e. Super Light 15 Series)

- New Product SO rate (6 mths): over 70%
- New Product SO rate (3 mths): over 55%
- Annual Sales Volume over 750,000 pairs

Fashionable Breakthrough



# New functional technology platform: LI-NING (being) technology with lightweight and high resilience features



New material: use long carbon chain polyamide elastomers material PEBAX, foam molding by supercritical fluid Features:

- Low Density, 0.11-0.14g/cm3
- High Resilience, energy feedback reaches 80%
- Suitable for broad environment temperatures, won't get harden even in low temperature (-40°C)
- Resistance to yellow, excellent anti-aging and anti-sunlight ability









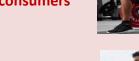
- Insole of Way of Wade 7 (WOW
  7.0) use "LI-NING and technology
- In future, this technology will apply to more LI-NING products in running, basketball and badminton categories

## Adopt Strategy of "Single Brand, Multi-Categories, Diversified Channels" - Training



Use technology as the core According to environment and customer demand Promote innovation of functional platform

Fitness Training (GYM) For gym consumers



Active Training For outdoor athletes

Essentials For mass fitness enthusiasts





#### Implement cooperation with KOLs and Clubs



#### **Functional Apparel Series**

- **Top 20% SKUs sales performance** 
  - •Sales volume: Over 16.7 million units
  - •New Product SO rate (6 mths): Approx. 75%
  - •New Product SO rate (3 mths): Approx. 49%
  - Account for 90% training apparel sales



## Adopt Strategy of "Single Brand, Multi-Categories, Diversified Channels" - Sports Fashion



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#### **Apparel Series**

Sales volume in 2018: over 5.5 million units

New Product SO rate (6 mths): over 70%



Exploit unique brand DNA

Strategic launching

Entertainment Marketing Placement

Communicate the pop culture and attitude



#### **Footwear Series**

- three product series with continuity of brand DNA

Sales volume in 2018: over 50,000 units

New Product SO rate (6 mths): over 70%



## Adopt Strategy of "Single Brand, Multi-Categories, Diversified Channels" - Crossover series



## **LN X STAR WARS**

**Blooming Youth** 





**LN X OG Slick Classic Mix and** 



Match of Street Style and Graffiti

LN "Mickey 90<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversary Retro** Collection"

"Popular trend" originated from 1928





**LN X XLARGE** Fabulous and Fashionable

LN **X EDG** 

**Endless Battle & Perpetual Spirit** 



### Adopt Strategy of "Single Brand, Multi-Categories, Diversified Channels" - New York Fashion Week 2019



#China LI-NING# appeared at NYFW for the second time with its street style fashion that created attractions





 The Show was themed as "Xing" (行: Walking). Keep going and you will eventually reach your destination
 #China LI-NING# Weibo topic discussion and reading volume

reached **200 million**. The Show stirred up heated discussion on social media

afterwards

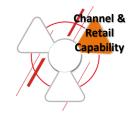




#China LI-NING# products launched in two popular sneaker stores in Manhattan and Harlem, attracted fashion lovers to queue up for it.

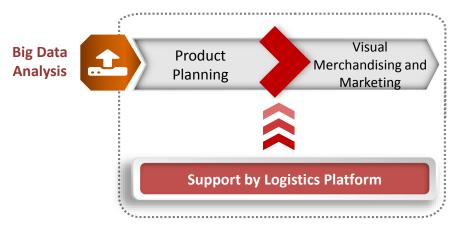


### **Channel and Retail Capability: Integrate Online and Offline Platform to Enhance the Efficiency and Experience**



## Improve Overall Efficiency Through Data Analysis and Forecast System

- Precise product planning, assortment and sales forecast
- Improve consumer labelling system, personalize user experience and increase customer loyalty
- Enhance interaction between online and offline platform, continuously to seek new business opportunities



#### Seek Diversified Sales Channels Development and Implement Strategy of Stores with High Efficiency

- ✓ Focus on differentiated consumer demand and diversify the channel development
- ✓ Optimize store floor space planning and visual merchandising based on store type
- $\checkmark$  Enhance products and retail capability



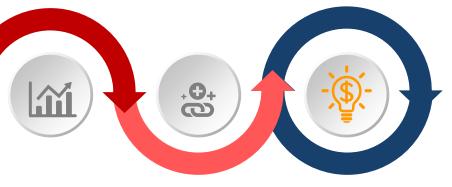
### Channel and Retail Capability : Channel Optimization Through Digitalization to Improve Overall Efficiency



- ✓ Stimulate discussion through themed events and visual merchandising
- ✓ Sports experience: IRUN Club, Sports Consultant
- ✓ "China LI-NING" series arouse brand resonance in online and offline channels

## 04 Increase Sales Opportunities Through Integration of Offline and Online Platform

- ✓ Increase foot traffic of the stores by cross-channel membership events
- $\checkmark~$  Increase sales opportunities through online launching and offline marketing
- ✓ Mix of post-95 members increased



#### 01 Expand the Scope of Consumers by Online Marketing

- ✓ Social Media operation for the brand and stores
- $\checkmark~$  Adopt new marketing mode, such as live streaming
- ✓ Arouse resonance with the brand in online and offline channels with the cultural equity of "China LI-NING" and exclusive series

## **03** Increase conversion rate, units per transaction through promotions

- ✓ Festival holiday promotions
- ✓ Members Promotion

Improve Overall Sales Efficiency Channel &

Retail Capability

## **Channel and Retail Capability: Big Data Analysis, Capitalized on Trends, Diversified Online Experience**



Channel & Retail

Capability

## **Channel and Retail Capability: Offline Channel Diversification**



#### Store with high productivity

- Flagship & full-category model stores
- More than 40,000 people joined sports
- events in experience stores in 2018

which covers multiple brands

• Sales related to sports experience exceeded 3%

**China LI-NING & Fashion Store** 

• Fashion stores use collection store channel



# • Mainly cover metropolises to second-tier

























Channel

Development Strategy



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• Cover markets in high- and low-tier cities

• Pick sports level as the first choice for

location

cities

**Clearance Channel** Factory store

## **Channel and Retail Capability: Offline Channel Diversification Store with high productivity**





#### **Flagship Store**

Tianjin Binjiang Road Modern City Store

- > Opened in early December 2018
- Store size: Over 800 sq.mt
- Average monthly sales approx. RMB 2
- million for the first two mths since open









#### Chengdu Chunxi South Road Experience Store

- Opened at the beginning of 2017Q1
- Store size: Approx. 900 sq.mt
- SSSG of 2018: Approx. 85%

### **Full-Category Model Store**



#### Xian SAGA Store

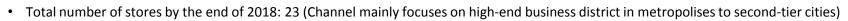
> Opened in late 2016Q3
> Store size: Approx. 400 sq.mt
> SSSG for 2018: Approx. 36%



#### Guangzhou Zhengjiashengdao Store

- ➢Opened in late 2018Q2
- ➤Store size: Over 300 sq.mt
- ≥2018 sales over RMB 6 million

## **Channel and Retail Capability: Offline Channel Diversification China LI-NING Store**



Initial plan for the number of stores to expand to 50, target to reach 100 by the end of 2019 ٠



#### Hangzhou Hubin Intime Store

- ➢Opened in August 2018
- Store Size: 135 sq.mt
- ▶ 2018 average monthly sales over RMB 900,000



Shenzhen Nanshan Mixc World Store

- ➢Opened in November 2018
- Store Size: 180 sq.mt

>2018 average monthly sales over RMB 1 million >2018 average monthly sales over RMB 1 million



Channel &

Retail Capability

#### **Shanghai Raffles store**

➢Opened in December 2018

Store Size: 157 sq.mt

## **Channel and Retail Capability: Strengthened the Retail Operation** "Closed Loop"





# **Supply Chain Management**

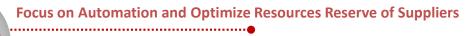


Response to Channel and Product Demand in High-efficiency and High-quality manner

 $\checkmark$  Respose to differentiated demand for channels and products

✓ Further improve the use of materials, introduction of new suppliers and quality standard
✓ Establish the supplier monitoring department

Business Demand Driven Supply Chain Management



✓ Emphasize on partners possessing new technologies, materials and techniques in the industry

 $\checkmark$  Maintain the vitality of supply chain through survival of the fittest and exploration of new suppliers

#### Consolidate Upstream Resources to Enhance our Supply Chain Capabilities

✓ Lease a footwear production plant in Nanning, Guangxi Province to strengthen supply

chain management and application of R&D knowledge

 $\checkmark$ Instill core industrial capabilities to self-owned supply chain system

## **New Business: LN YOUNG**



A year for business expansion and strengthening of refined management

Product

Driven by retail profitability

**LN YOUNG** 

Retail Business

**Product** Further enrich product lines



Marketing

YOUNG

Design online social media matrix Offer promotion in line with hot topics in offline platform



Zhuhai

Leshijie store

### Channel

 Expedited the expansion, upgraded store images and pursued retail standard management;

✓ As of 31 December 2018, LN YOUNG opened 793 stores, expect to reach 1100-1200 stores by the end of 2019.



Shanghai The River Mall store



# **Open Forum**

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE TROINING

# Summary of Income Statement and Balance Sheet

	2018	2017	Better/	
(RMB million)	Period ended 31 December		(Worse)	
Revenue	10,511	8,874	18.4%	
Gross Profit	5,053	4,176	21.0%	
Distribution costs	-3,708	-3,273	(13.3%)	
Administrative expenses	-680	-512	(32.8%)	
Other income and other gains – net	95	44	116.7%	
Operating Profit	777	446	74.4%	
EBITDA	1,252	889	40.8%	
Profit Attributable to Equity Holders	715	515	38.8%	
Basic Earnings per share(RMB cents)	29.63	21.47	38.0%	

(RMB Million)	31 Dec 2018	31 Dec 2017	Better/ (Worse)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,672	2,529	45.2%
Borrowings	0	0	N/A
Net Cash*	3,672	2,529	45.2%
Current Liabilities	2,777	2,128	30.5%
Current Ratio(times)	2.3	2.4	(0.1)
Total Liabilities to Total Assets Ratio	33%	31%	(2p.p.)

## **Profit Margins And Key Operating Indicators**

/		2018	2017	Better/		2018	2017	Better/
			ended ember	(Worse)			Period ended 31 December	
	Gross Profit Margin	48.1%	47.1%	1.0p.p.	Inventory Turnover(Days)	78	80	2
	Operating Profit Margin	7.4%	5.0%	2.4p.p.	Trade Receivables Turnover(Days)	36	52	16
	EBITDA Margin	11.9%	10.0%	1.9p.p.	Trade Payables Turnover(Days)	74	83	(9)
	Margin of Profit Attributable to Equity Holders	6.8%	5.8%	1.0p.p.	Cash Conversion Cycle(Days)	40	49	9
	R&D Expenses(as % of revenue)	2.2%	1.9%	(0.3p.p.)	Return on Equity(ROE)	13.1%	11.4%	1.7p.p.
	A&P Expenses(as % of revenue)	10.4%	11.1%	0.7p.p.	Return on Asset(ROA)	8.9%	7.3%	1.6 p.p.
	Staff Costs(as % of revenue)	10.8%	10.2%	(0.6p.p.)	CAPEX(RMB million)	597	424	40.8%