







# The Reject Shop

Half Year Results Presentation
17 February 2010



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# **HY2010 Financial Overview** Trading Results



Half Year Financial Results	HY2010 \$	HY2009 \$	% Inc Prior Yr
Sales	250.5m	221.6m	13.0%
Comparable stores sales growth	1.0%	5.9%	
EBITDA	30.9m	26.6m	16.2%
EBIT	26.7m	23.1m	15.6%
NPAT	18.9m	15.6m	21.7%
Interim Dividends (cps)	39.0	32.0	21.9%

- Sales up 13%
  - → 23 New Stores
  - → Comparable store's growth 1.0% pleasing result after slow start
    - -First quarter
- down 0.54%
- -Second Quarter
- up 2.11%

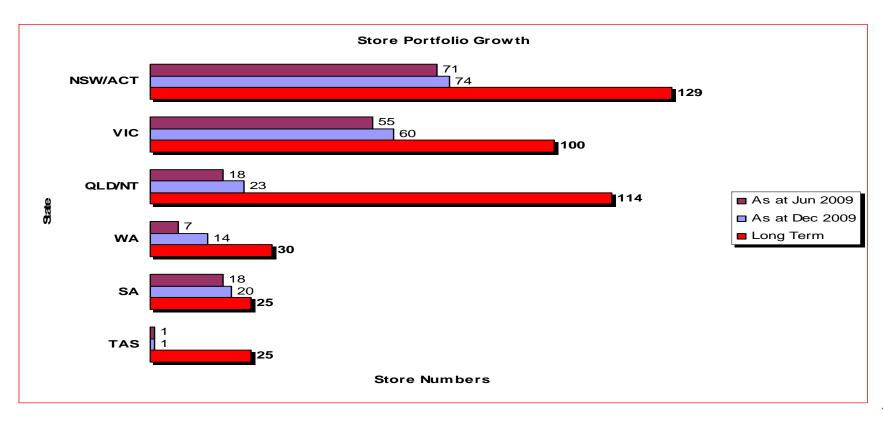
- NPAT up 21.7%
  - → Strong Gross Margins
  - → Tight Cost Control
  - → Improved tax ratio
    - Capital expansion expenditure @ 30%
    - Employee Share Trust Structure



### **HY2010 Operational Overview**



- Store Expansion Continues
- Continuation of store opening program with 23 new stores Total Stores 192 (current)
  - → 11 stores secured from competition
  - → WA store footprint doubled
  - → All new stores performing extremely well





### **HY2010 Operational Overview**

### - Strong Result in Tough Half

- Sales reflected two distinct trading periods
  - → First quarter Comp sales fell away
    - Poor in-stock position
    - Basics out of stock
    - Lack of fresh new offer
  - → Second quarter Comp sales returned
    - Improved in-stock position (work still ongoing)
    - Strong Christmas sell-through
    - New stores ahead of expectations
- Gross margin results from:
  - → Benefit from increase in \$AUD; offset by
  - → Price reductions maintain price competitiveness
- Stock turns remain strong at 5.8x





# **HY2010 Operational Overview**Further Progress on Strategic Initiatives



#### Logistics

- Consolidating overseas shipments now standard practice
  - → Increased number of ports (including SE Asia & Europe)
  - → Shipments now direct to other Australian ports
- Significant attention on new QLD DC:
  - → Hand over of facilities on 1 Feb 2010
  - → Planning for cutover completed

#### **IT Developments**

- SAP implementation
  - → Initial "teething" issues addressed
  - → Enhancements underway
- Point of Sale upgrade commenced
  - → Greater flexibility in pricing
  - → Supports some additional merchandise offerings



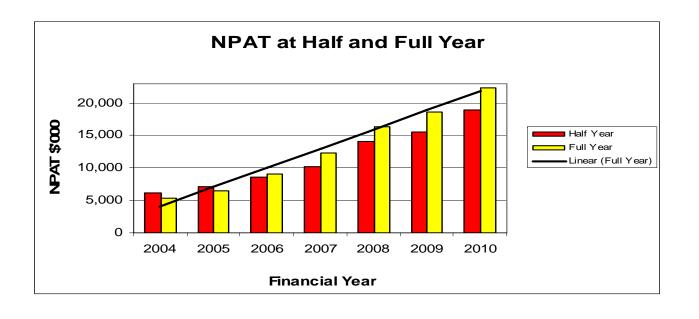
## **HY2010 Financial Overview**Sales and Profit Growth Continues



#### Since Listing:

- 6 consecutive years where:
  - → Sales growth has been double digit
  - → NPAT growth has exceeded 20%
- Second half profitability increasing

- All growth has been organic:
  - → No need to raise capital
  - → More growth to come
- Ever increasing stream of dividends









# **HY2010 Financial Overview Business Fundamentals Remain Strong**



	HY2010	HY2009
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\$'m		
Total Sales	250.5	221.6
Gross Profit	120.1	104.9
Total Operating Expenses	89.2	78.3
EBITDA	30.9	26.6
Depreciation/Amortisation	4.2	3.5
EBIT	26.7	23.1
Net Interest	0.7	0.7
Tax	7.1	6.8
Profit after Tax	18.9	15.6
Sales Growth	13.0%	16.6%
Gross Margin	48.0%	47.3%
CODB	35.6%	35.3%
D & A	1.7%	1.6%
EBIT Margin	10.7%	10.4%
NPAT Growth	21.7%	10.1%
EPS Basic (cents)	73.1	60.3
EPS Diluted (cents)	72.3	59.5
Stores at half year end	192	164

#### **Key Drivers - Sales**

- Comparable store growth at 1.0%
  - Poor start to half
  - Improved 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- 23 new store openings
  - 5 in one day
  - WA presence doubled

#### **Key Drivers - Gross Margins**

- Margin % improved
- Price competitiveness maintained

#### Other Key Impacts on Profit

- Significant store opening costs
- Tax ratio reduced
  - 30% allowance on Capital Expenditure
  - Employee share trust



## **HY2010 Financial Overview**Robust Cash Flows & Balance Sheet



(\$'m)	HY2010	HY2009	
Gross cash flow <sup>†</sup>	25.6	21.3	_ (
Changes in working capital & other	12.9	(1.2)	
Operating cash flows	38.5	20.1	
New store openings	(8.1)	(5.1)	
Existing stores maintenance	(1.5)	(1.1)	
DC development	(9.1)	(1.7)	
IT development	(0.6)	(3.0)	
General capital maintenance	(0.6)	(0.2)	
Net capital expenditure	(19.9)	(11.1)	ı
Free cash flows	18.6	9.0	. '
Key Statistics	HY2010	HY2009	
Stock Turns (times)	5.8x	5.2x	
Interest Cover (times)	40.1x	31.0x	
Fixed Charges Cover (times)	1.68x	1.66x	
Net Debt	(\$0.8m)	(\$4.7m)	

#### **Operating Cash Flows**

- Timing of half year end
- Stock investment for new stores
- Impact of product sourcing

#### **Significant Capital Expenditure Program**

- Significant New Store Program
- QLD DC expenditure

#### **Balance Sheet & Cash Flows Support**

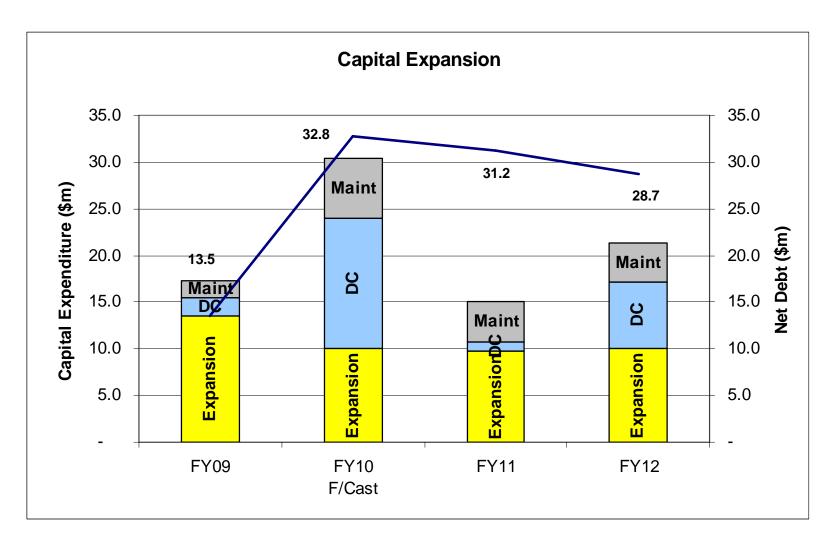
- Planned dividend
- New store growth
- Remaining investment in QLD DC
- Continued investment in IT

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Gross cash flow equals earnings before depreciation and amortisation and after interest and tax



# **Balance Sheet Outlook**Capital Investment Continuing







# **FY2010 – Outlook Merchandise and In-Store Opportunities**



- → Improved Everyday Offering
  - → Less reliance on catalogues
  - → Continual influx of new lines
  - →In-stock of wanted merchandise at right time
- → Improved Merchandise Planning Processes
  - → Seasonal / Event opportunities identified
  - → Range / Item planning
- → Bolster Merchandise Team to Support Growth
  - → Increase buyers / planning support
  - → Replenishment team in place
  - → More focus on growth departments
- → Greater Flexibility to be Provided In-store
  - → Single point of queue
  - → Uniform fixturing in growth departments
  - → Improved use of drive aisle / front of store



### FY2010 - Outlook Ipswich Distribution Centre



#### **Opening Ahead of Plan**

- → Facility on Track
  - → Handover complete
  - → Internal fit out on schedule
- → Stockflow Initiatives to Service QLD DC/Stores
  - → Splitting orders between DC's has commenced
  - → Cutover plans complete
  - → Build up of basic stock from April
  - → Use of overseas consolidation points increasing
- → Information Technology Critical to Success
  - → SAP/WMS enhancements underway
  - → Sortation and conveying system being tested
- → Commencement Date Brought Forward Staged operational ramp up from May
  - → Commence receiving in April 2010
  - → Distribution from May 2010
  - → Fully operational by July 2010



### FY2010 - Outlook NPAT Forecast Upgraded



- NPAT forecast of \$22.0m \$22.5m (upgraded from \$21.4m to 21.6m) based on:
  - → Strong first half result, recent trading with the remainder of the Second Half reflecting:
  - → Sales & Margin
    - Prudent comparable stores sales growth
    - 4 second half openings
    - Gross margins remaining strong
  - → Absorbing Impact of Queensland Distribution Centre
    - Initial operating costs for earlier commencement
    - Some freight savings realised in FY2010
  - → Absorbing Additional Investment in People
    - Additional merchandise resources to support two DC's
    - Increased buyers/planners to target opportunities
    - Replenishment team in place



## **Long Term Outlook**Set for Growth



- By July 2010 we will have the infrastructure to support a business **TWICE OUR SIZE**:
  - → DC Infrastructure to service 400+ stores (we will have less than 200)
    - DC Ipswich to support ongoing efficiency and learning's
    - DC Melbourne Airport to be upgraded
  - → An IT platform we can build on:
    - Improved planning tools
    - Demand Forecasting
  - → Overseas Consolidation Centres where needed
    - Improve flow and timing of stock to multiple Australian ports
    - Store ready deliveries (possibly Christmas 2010)
  - → Growth plans to justify the time spent and the investment
    - Profitable growth into Northern Qld
    - Leverage opportunities
      - Fixed costs spread over larger business
      - Focus on growth departments
    - Flexibility in stock planning and flows



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