

Debenhams Plc

Preliminary Results 2006/07





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Results Highlights

| Gross transaction value | +5.1% |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Like-for-like sales | - 5.0% |
| Gross margin % | - 90 bps |
| Profit before exceptional items (a) | £131.4m |
| Net debt | £(1,017)m |
| Underlying earnings per share | 11.9 _P |
| Proposed final dividend | 3.8 _P |

Trading Results 2007

Basic earnings per share

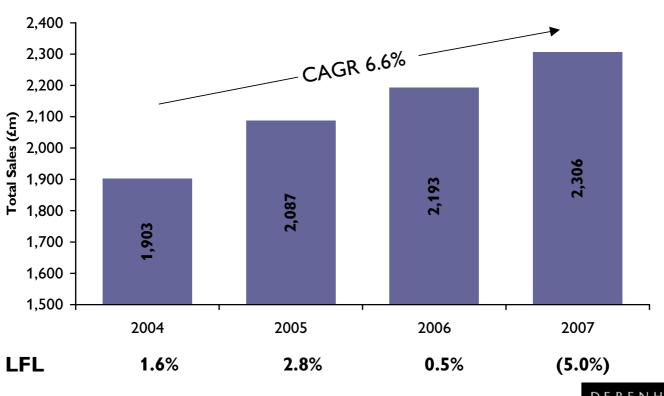
| £m | 2007 | 2006 | % Change |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Gross transaction value | 2,305.6 | 2,192.9 | + 5.1 |
| Operating profit | 194.1 | 238.2 | - 18.5 |
| Interest | (66.6) | (125.4) | |
| Profit before tax and exceptionals | 127.5 | 112.8 | + 13.0 |
| Exceptional items | (14.3) | (50.7) | |
| Taxation | (34.2) | (18.4) | |
| Profit after tax | 79.0 | 43.7 | + 80.8 |
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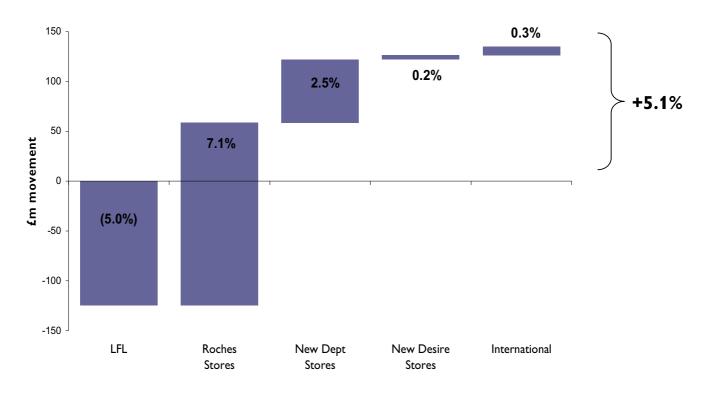
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Sales Growth History

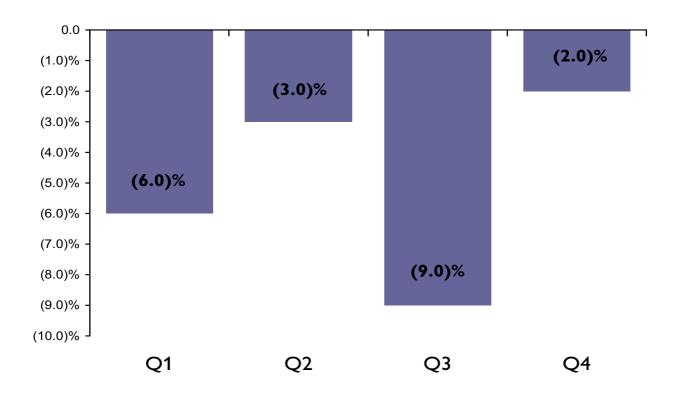


Sales Growth 2007





Quarterly LFL Performance





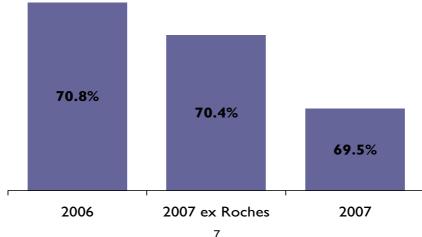
Gross Margin Movement 2007

| Gross margin fall | bps |
|------------------------|------|
| Improved intake margin | +40 |
| Clearance | - 40 |
| Lower pricing | - 30 |
| Product mix | - 60 |
| Total | - 90 |

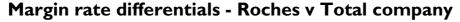
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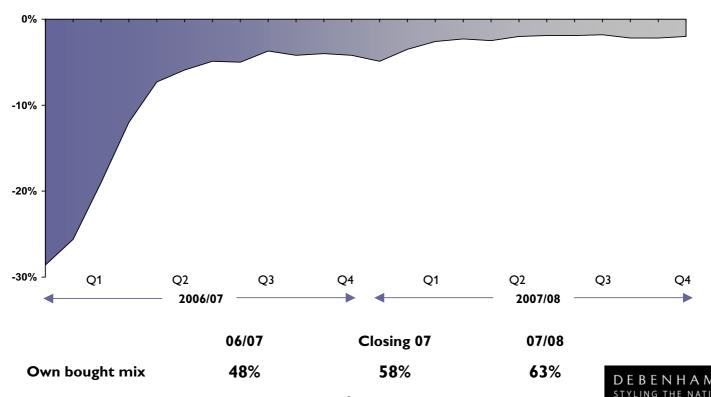
- Increased clearance to maintain clean opening stock position for 2007/08
- New lower pricing across clothing
- Mix away from menswear to lower margin health and beauty & concession lines

Own bought mix



Roches Integration





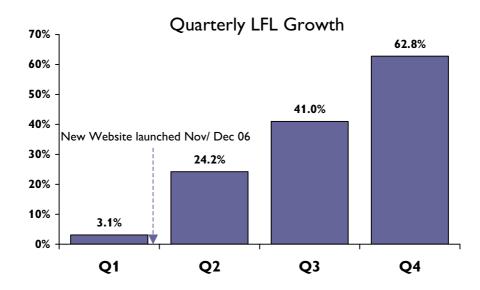
Roches Operating Performance

| £m | FY 07 |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Gross transaction value | 153.4 |
| Gross margin | 58.2 |
| Gross margin rate | 37.9% |
| Costs | (55.5) |
| EBITDA | 2.7 |
| Depreciation | (3.1) |
| Operating loss | (0.4) |
| | |



Direct Highlights

| Gross transaction value | £26.1m |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Sales growth | +31.7% |
| Gross margin | + 160 bps |
| EBITDA | + 92.0% |





Store Costs

| £m | <u>FY 07</u> | FY 07 (Ex Roches) | <u>FY 06</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Payroll | 236.3 | 214.8 | 209.0 |
| % to sales | 10.2% | 10.0% | 9.5% |
| Store rent UK GAAP | 123.0 | 108.9 | 101.2 |
| IFRS adjustment | 14.5 | 14.5 | 15.4 |
| Total store rent | 137.5 | 123.4 | 116.6 |
| % to sales | 6.0% | 5.7% | 5.3% |
| Energy | 25.6 | 23.7 | 16.6 |
| % to sales | 1.1% | 1.1% | 0.8% |



Warehouse and Distribution

| £m | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>Change</u> | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| | | | | |
| Labour | 16.3 | 22.7 | 6.4 | |
| Property | 12.8 | 13.3 | 0.5 | |
| Transport | 17.1 | 17.0 | (0.1) | |
| Total distribution | 46.2 | 53.0 | 6.8 | |
| % to Sales | 2.0% | 2.4% | 0.4% | |



Portfolio KPIs - Space 2007

* Resite (incremental space)

| | | <u>Sq Ft. (k)</u> | Dept Stores | <u>Desires</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 2006 Close | | 9,474 | 122 | 4 | 126 |
| Dept stores openings | •Roches acquisition | 575 | 9 | | |
| | •Llandudno | 46 | 1 | | |
| | •Wigan * | 22 | - | | |
| | •Warrington | 80 | 1 | | |
| Desire store openings | •Birmingham Fort | 13 | | 1 | |
| | •Kirkaldy | 13 | | 1 | |
| | •Merthyr | 14 | | 1 | |
| | •Altrincham | 15 | | 1 | |
| | •Walton-on-Thames | 14 | | 1 | |
| 2007 Close | | 10,266 | 133 | 9 | 142 |

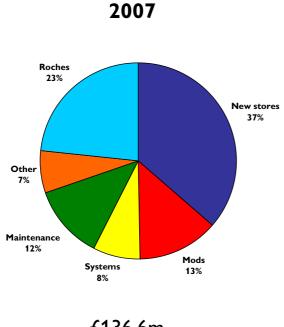
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Portfolio KPIs - Space 2008

| | | <u>Sq Ft. (k)</u> | Dept Stores | <u>Desires</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 2007 Close | | 10,266 | 133 | 9 | 142 |
| Dept store openings | •Derby * | 17 | - | | |
| | •Bangor * | 30 | - | | |
| | •Exeter * | 31 | - | | |
| | •Glasgow Silverburn | 80 | 1 | | |
| | •Ashford | 60 | 1 | | |
| | Blackpool | 65 | 1 | | |
| | •Liverpool | 125 | 1 | | |
| | •Welwyn | 20 | 1 | | |
| | •Llanelli | 22 | 1 | | |
| Desire store openings | •Ballymena | 14 | | 1 | |
| Closures | •Jervis Street | (90) | (1) | | |
| 2008 Close | | 10,640 | 138 | 10 | 148 |
| * Resite (incremental spac | e) | 14 | | | ENHAMS G THE NATION |

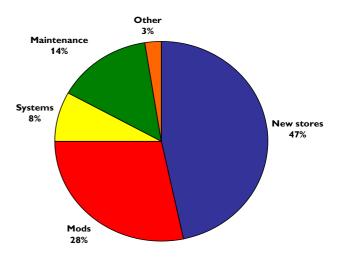
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Capital Additions



£136.6m

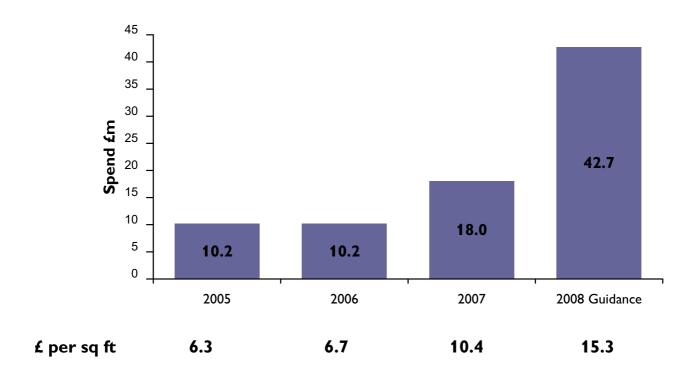
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£150m



Refit Programme





Balance Sheet – Highlights

| £m | 2007 | 2006 | Movement |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Fixed assets | 1,690 | 1,557 | 133 |
| Stock | 245 | 208 | 37 |
| Other working capital | (403) | (337) | (66) |
| Net debt | (1,017) | (1,096) | 79 |
| Liabilities and charges | (352) | (279) | (73) |
| Shareholders' funds | 163 | 53 | 110 |
| Fixed charge cover | 2.3 x | 2.5 x | 0.2 x |
| Net debt / EBITDA | 3.5 x | 3.1 x | 0.4 x |
| Pension surplus | £87.3m | £13.8m | £73.5m |

Balance Sheet - Stock

| | % |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Headline growth | 18% |
| | |
| New stores | 10% |
| Earlier intake of Autumn Winter | 2% |
| Lower prices | 2% |
| International and Direct | 1% |
| Other | 3% |
| | 18% |



Operating Cash Flow

| £m | | | 2007 | | 2006 |
|-----------------|--|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| Reported oper | rating profit | | 194.1 | | 238.2 |
| Depreciation | (a) | | 88.2 | | 85.9 |
| Amortisation | | | 7.0 | _ | 5.1 |
| EBITDA | | | 289.3 | | 329.2 |
| Working capit | al including pensions | | 65.5 | | 0.6 |
| Capital | change in work in progress | (39.9) | | 1.8 | |
| | – spend | (96.5) | | (88.5) | |
| Net capital exp | penditure | | (136.4) | | (86.7) |
| Operating ca | ash flow before exceptionals, taxation | | 218.4 | = | 243.1 |
| Net debt (b) | | | 1,017 | _ | 1,096 |

Note:



⁽a) Includes loss on disposal of fixed assets

⁽b) Net Debt includes £12m (2006: £16m) of capitalised debt flow

Taxation and Dividend

£m

| Profit and loss rate | 30.2% | 29.6% | 29.1% | |
|--|-------------|----------------------|-------|--|
| Cash rate | 27.3% | 28.0% ^(a) | 31.0% | |
| Dividend per share | 6.3p | 2.4p | | |
| (a) Adjusted for pension contributions and sha | ure options | | | |

2007

2006

2008 Guidance













Rob Templeman

Chief Executive



Review 2006/07 - Key Issues

Weaker clothing sales

- Menswear
 - Range
 - Price architecture
- Womenswear
 - Reliance on outerwear
 - Stock availability

Competitive Arena

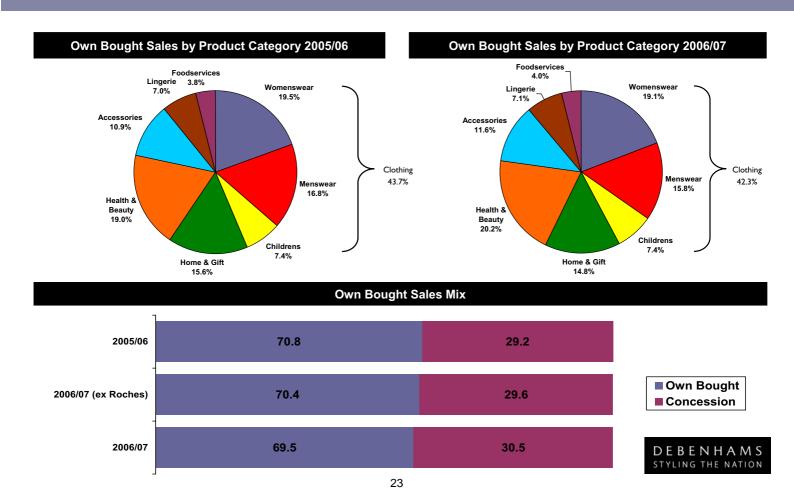
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- Marketing

Core Stores





Product Participation



Drive 2007/08 – Actions Taken

Improved product offer

- Design
- Quality
- Visual merchandising

Price architecture

- · Raising quality and design standards
- Price realignment

Marketing

- New campaign launched
- · Review of media strategy

Core stores

• Refurbishment programme accelerated





Improved Product Offer

Greater focus on products at the front end

- Improving and raising the style bar with Designers at Debenhams
- Enhancing design and quality perceptions

Improving the visual merchandising

- Designers displayed in a more premium way
- Fast fashion displayed as trend statements
- Core lines displayed by category with authority

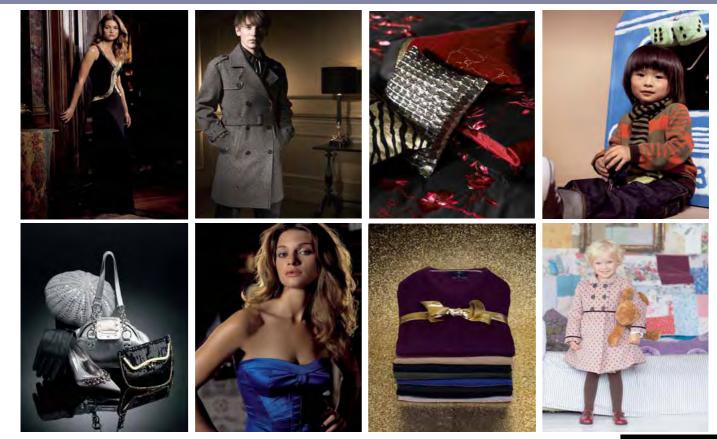
Consolidation of some brands

- Creating destination areas
- Removing duplication
- Widening the target audience





Focus On Product Design And Quality

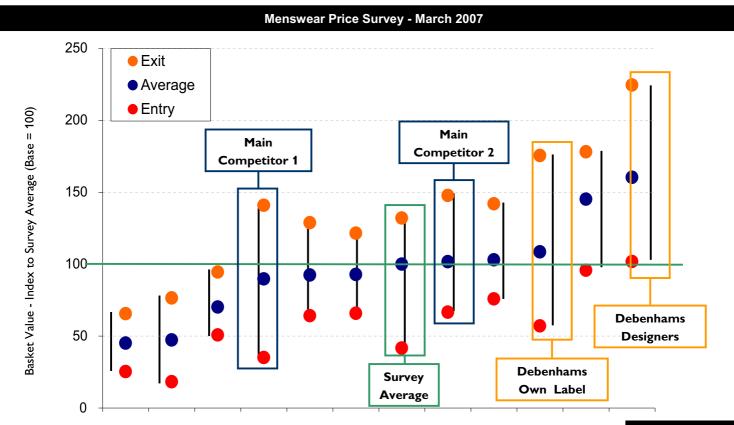




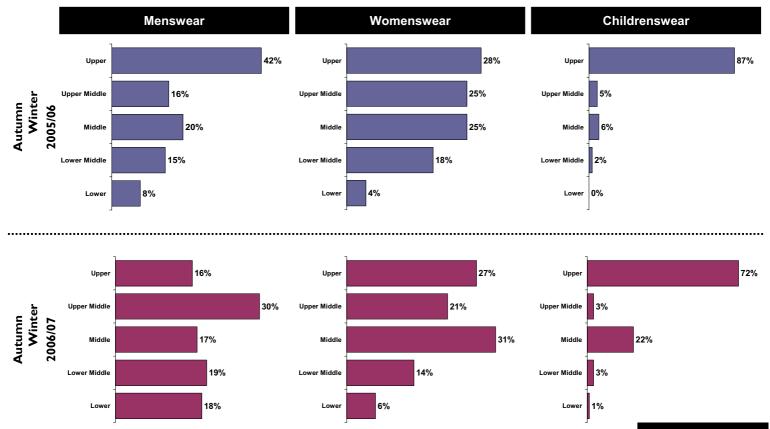
Enhanced Design Details



Price Architecture – Key Issues



Price Architecture – Price Realignment



Impact On Margin Dynamics

Product Mix Concession Mix Intake Margin Markdown 2006/07 Impact

- Improve price points
- Investment in quality and design
- 2007/08 Assumptions Currency gains
 - Direct sourcing

- Stronger clothing sales Lower prices
- Improvement in menswear

- Faster rate of sale
- Less promotions
- RF price change management
- Shorter supply chain

- Higher participation from own bought
- Roches stores



Investment In Retail Technology

£6 million investment in RF technology

- · Leading edge suite
- Infrastructure now in all stores
- Improving the customer experience

Price change management

- Greater clarity of pricing
- Less promotional signage
- Faster sell through on markdown products
- More hours to invest in customer service

Other developments

- Mobile office
- Work planner
- Stock availability management







Marketing

New premium campaign launched

- New "Club" creative
- Conveys range, choice, quality & value

Review of media strategy

- · Increased mix of premium advertising
- Targeted coverage in press and online
- · Increased frequency of advertising

Improved the Store Card

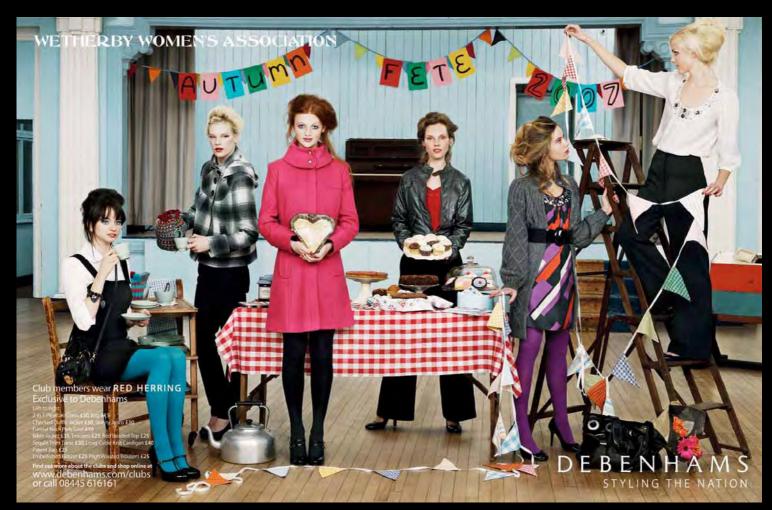
- Rewarding loyal customers for higher spend
- Enhanced benefits
- Better communication to customers







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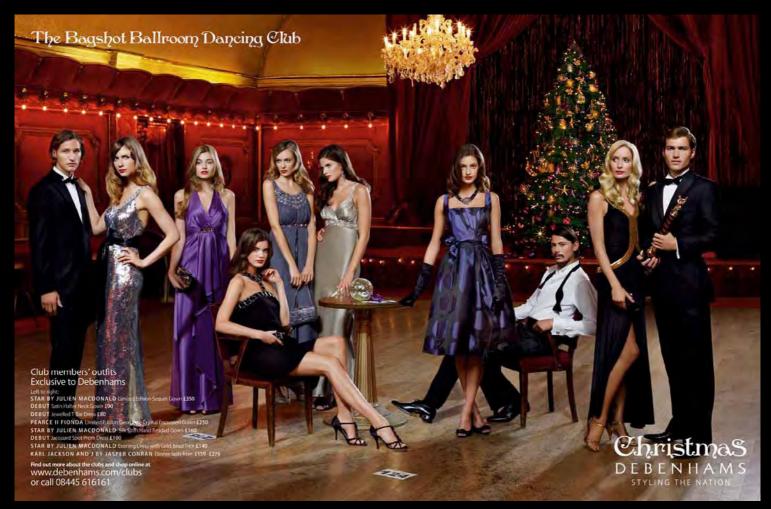




















Department Stores – Accelerating Refurbishments

Elements of the Desire shop fit

· Improved fixtures, branding and graphics

Focus on visual merchandising

Distinguishing designers, fast fashion and core products

Capital expenditure focused on

- Sales Uplift and ROIC
- Customer perception

Average cost of £15 per square foot driving strong financial returns

- Uxbridge cost £9 per square foot
- 10% Sales Uplift

Store Portfolio

| | 06/07 | 07/08 | 08/09 |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| New stores* | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Ex-Allders | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Ex-Roches | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Refurbished stores | 26 | 55 | 85 |
| Core stores | 70 | 41 | 11 |
| Desire | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Total | 142 | 142 | 142 |

^{*} Opened in past 4 years, excludes future pipeline

























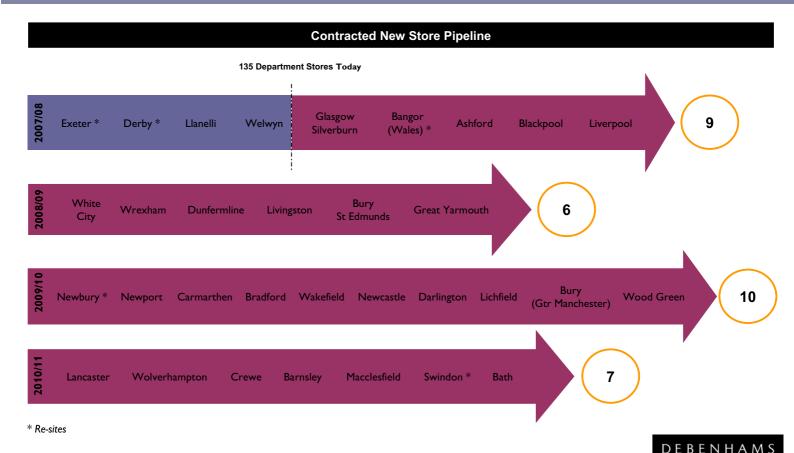








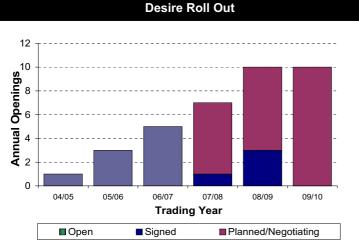
Strategic Growth Drivers - New Department Stores

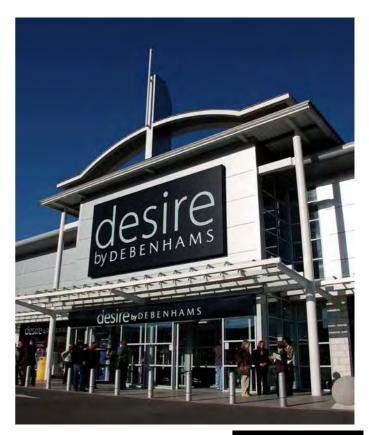


Strategic Growth Drivers - Desire

A unique concept with capacity for c.100 stores

- Sales densities and gross margin higher than department stores
- High own bought mix
- EBITDA margin in line with department stores
- Successful childrenswear introduction
- Trial menswear







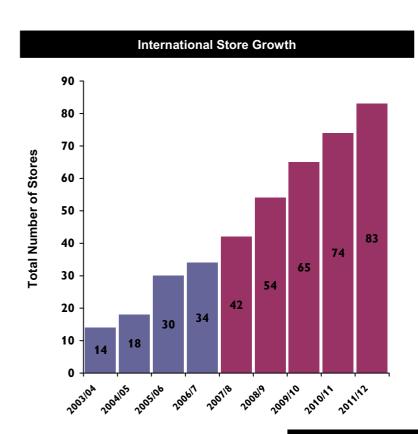
Strategic Growth Drivers – International

Now 36 stores in 16 countries trading over 1.5 million square foot

Significant growth opportunity with a strong opening programme

New markets entered in Russia, Romania, Jordan and India

Significant opportunity to roll out different format stores internationally





Strategic Growth Drivers – Internet

The online sector is expected to account for nearly 10% of retail spend in 2011

 Clothing predicted to be one of the fastest growing categories

New platform fully launched

- £30m sales 2006/07
- Second half sales up 51% and visits up 44% vs last year

Marketing potential

- Micro sites
- Advertising and product research

New product launches

- Premium cosmetic houses
- Electricals
- Wine & champagne





Summary

Product

- Focus on Product Design and Quality
- Price Realignment

Marketing

- New premium campaign
- Increased frequency of advertising

Department Stores

- Accelerated refurbishment programme
- · Roches fully ranged with Debenhams merchandise

New Stores

Strong pipeline of new space across all formats

Internet

• Improved performance following launch of new site



Current Trading

7 Weeks to 20th October 2007

- Total sales growth of +3.9%
- Like-for-like sales⁽¹⁾ +2.1%
- Gross margin up year on year

Market share improving

Note

(1) Excluding the 9 Roches stores for both years

