## 2020 INTERIM RESULTS



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# Results Highlights



## **2020H1 Financial Highlights**

#### Financial Highlights :

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- On a comparative basis, the net profit\* attributable to equity holders increased by 22% to RMB683 million, and the net profit margin raised from 9.0% to 11.1%;
  - Including the one-off profit and loss not related to operation for the corresponding period last year, reported net profit attributable to equity holders decreased by approximately 14% and the net profit margin dropped from 12.7% to 11.1%;
- Notwithstanding the impact of the COVID-19 leading to a very challenging retail environment:
  - Revenue decreased slightly by approximately 1% to RMB6,181 million
  - > Gross profit margin decreased by 0.2 percentage point
  - > Continued enhanced operating leverage driving operating margin to 14.5%, up over 300 basis points
  - > Achieve positive operating cash flow of RMB479 million
  - > Continued improvement in working capital:
    - Gross average working capital improved (reduced) by 7% while revenue decreased by approximately 1%
    - Cash conversion cycle further improved (shortened) by 2 days (2019H1: 32 days/2020H1: 30 days)

\*Exclude one-off profit and loss not related to operation of RMB234m in 2019H1.



## **2020H1 Operational Highlights**

#### **Operational Highlights:**

- Amid the COVID-19 impact, operation performance negatively influenced
- The retail sell-through for the overall platform recorded low-teens decrease, including online and offline channels
- Channel inventory recorded low-teens increase
- Offline channel new product sell-through down mid-teens driven by sales volume decline:
  - Average selling price (ASP) registered a low-single-digit increase notwithstanding a very promotional retail environment
  - Sell-out rate: 6-month declined over 6 percentage points

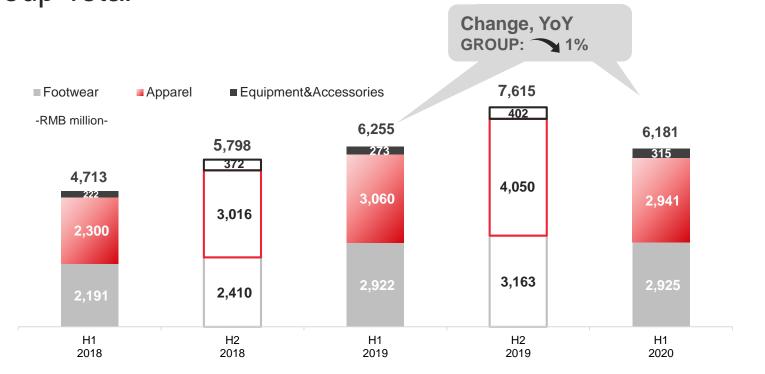
3-month declined approximately 5 percentage points



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## Financial Review

## Revenue Group Total



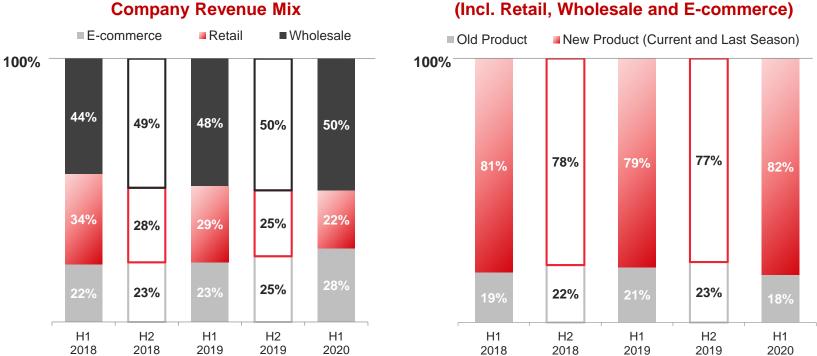
#### **COVID-19 impacted revenues growth momentum**



## **Revenue and Sell-through Mix**

LN Brand, excl. International Markets and LN YOUNG

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#### **Sell-Through Mix** (Incl. Retail, Wholesale and E-commerce)

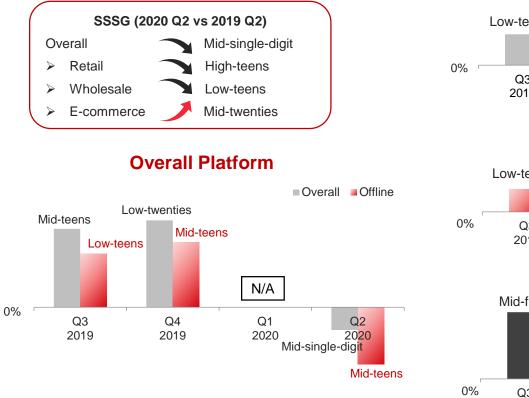
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Revenue and sell-through balance between DTC and wholesale helped mitigate financial risk

## Same Store Sales Growth (SSSG) Rate

#### LN Brand

Retail



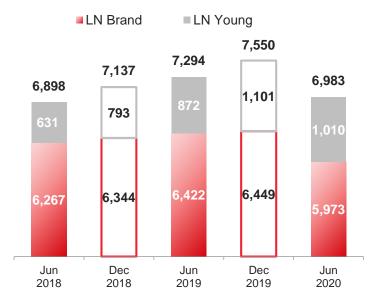


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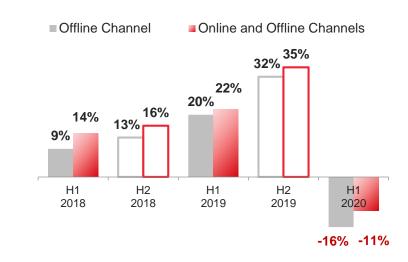
## **Online and Offline Expansion**

LN Brand, excl. International Market Sales

**POS number (Period end)** 



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

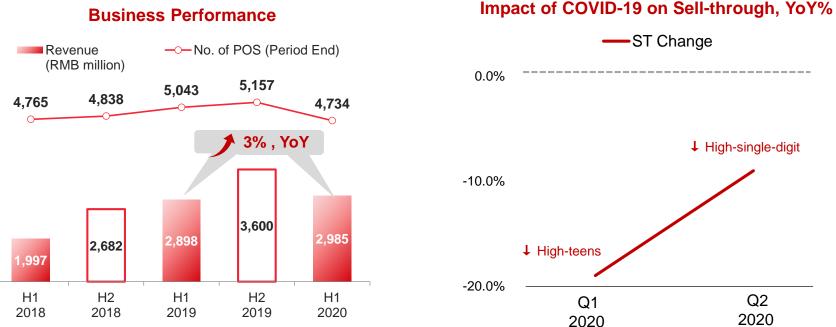


COVID-19 impacted store opening/closing rhythm and negatively impacted sell-through momentum



## Wholesale Business<sup>^</sup>

LN Brand, excl. International Market Sales and LN YOUNG



#### **Business Performance**

#### Sell-in preceded sell-through trend to capitalize on recovery

^ Including product sales of badminton and football categories from specialty-stores.

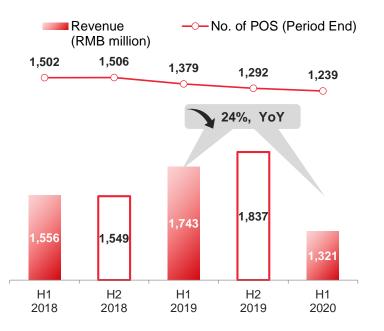
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## **Retail Business^**

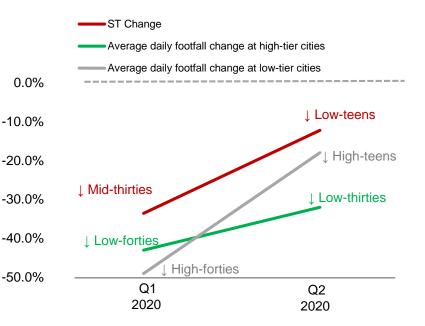
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#### **Business Performance**



#### Impact of COVID-19 on Sell-through and Average Daily Footfall<sup>#</sup>, YoY %



#### Direct retail more severely impacted due to much higher mix of store base in metro and high-tier cities

^ Refers to direct retail operation , excluded LN YOUNG stores
 # Daily footfall data is based on our store traffic tracker where available



## **GP Margin Analysis**

Net Change in Major Items



#### Increase in IMU (initial mark up) helped mitigate gross margin erosion

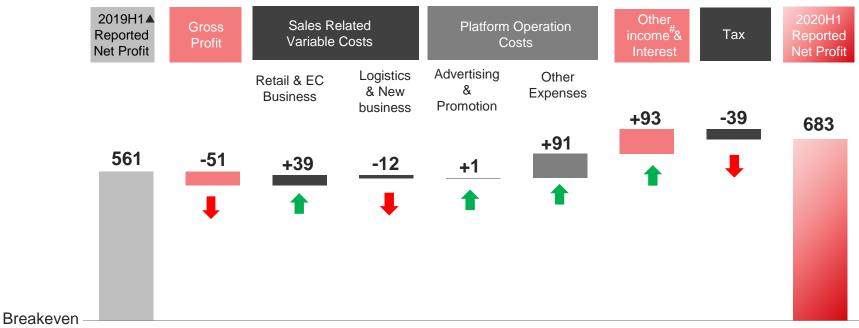


## **Profitability Analysis**

Net Change of Major P&L Items

(RMB Million)

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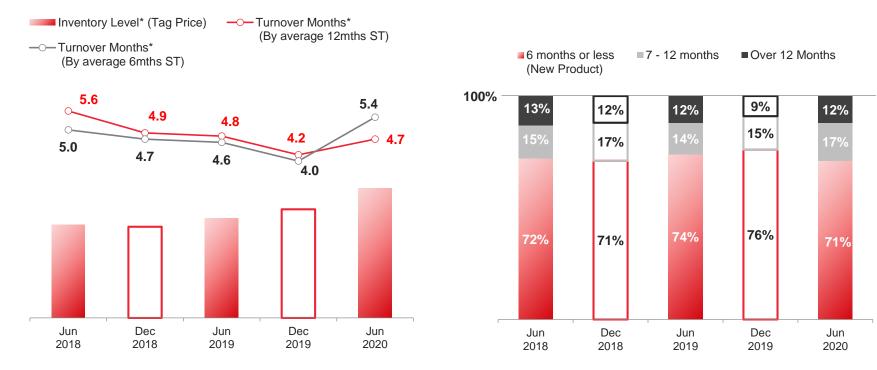
### Scalable cost structure enabled improve operating leverage notwithstanding revenues decline

# Other income includes (i) other income and other gains (net), (ii) share profit from associate
 A Exclude one-off profit and loss not related to operation of RMB234m in 2019H1



## **Channel Inventory**

#### Incl. Online and Offline



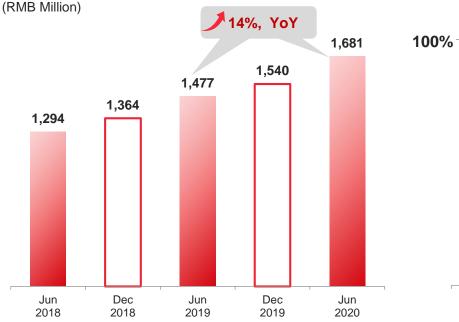
 COVID-19 negatively impacted channel inventory turnover

 \*Store + Warehouse Inventory
 efficiency and structure

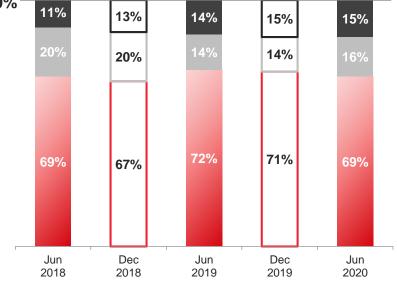


## **Company Inventory**

At cost, before provision





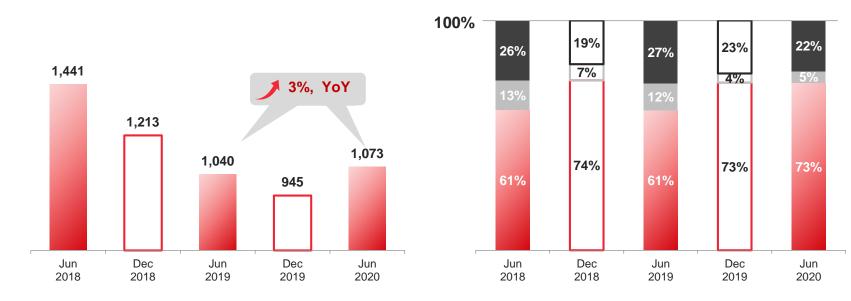


#### Short-term challenged in company inventory



Trade Receivables

At gross amount, before provision (RMB Million)



Below 90 days

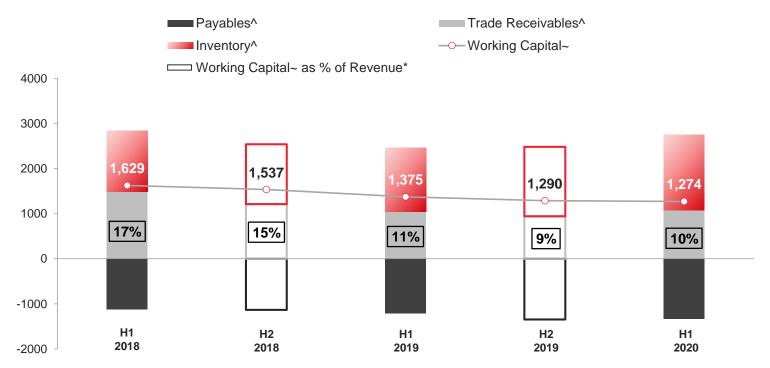
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■ over 180 days

#### Trade receivables in reasonable healthy state



## **Working Capital Efficiency**



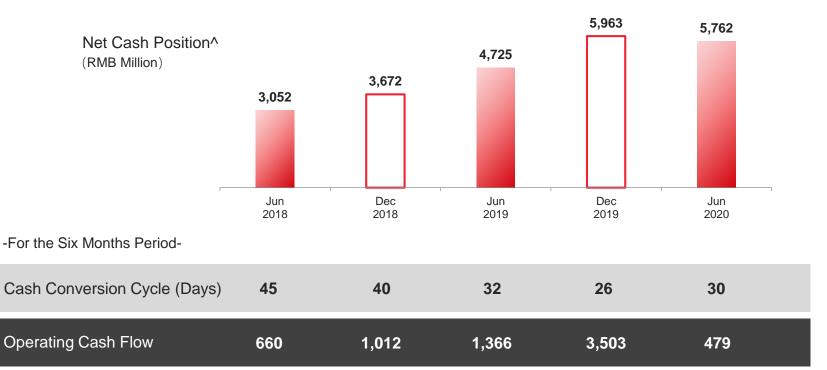
#### Healthy working capital efficiency well-geared to capitalize on full recovery

~Simple average between period opening and ending ^ Gross Amounts of inventory, trade receivables and payables, without netting off provisions \* Annualized revenue

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## **Balance Sheet Summary and Cash Position**



^Net Cash = Cash and Cash Equivalents (including restricted bank deposits & financial assets at fair value) - Borrowings



## Channel and Retail Capability: Strengthen the Retail Operation "Closed Loop"



 Cash conversion cycle: decreased (improved) by 2 days





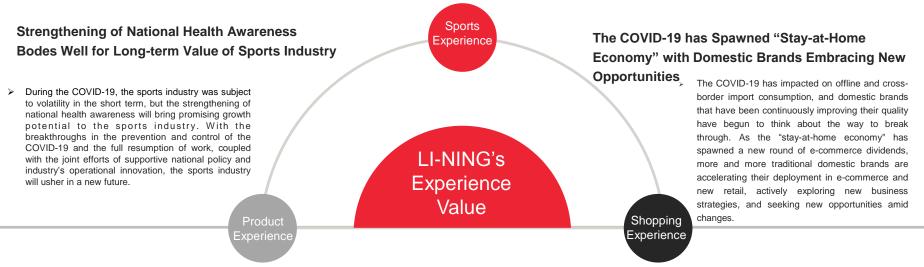


## Strategic Direction

## Seize Industry and Market Trends to Consolidate LI-NING's Experience Value

#### National Policies Promulgated to Promote the Continuous Recovery of Sports Industry

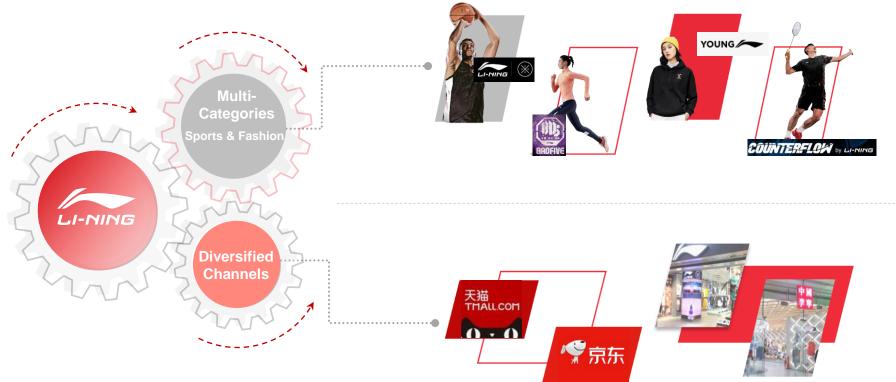
In order to cope with the impact of the COVID-19 on the sports industry and promote the rebound in sports consumption and unleash the potential, the General Administration of Sport of China issued "The Implementation Plan of the Pilot Work for Promoting Sports Consumption", by identifying a number of pilot cities to promote innovation in sports consumption mechanism, policy innovation, model innovation, product innovation, and promote the sustainable growth of sports consumption.



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#### Adhere to the Strategy of "Single Brand, Multicategories, Diversified Channels"





#### **Core Categories Enhance Brand Resilience**

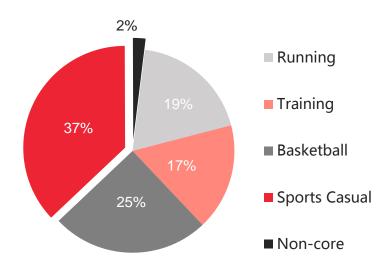
#### Retail Sell-through – YoY Change (2020H1)

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#### Sell-in – YoY Change (2020H1)



#### **Retail Sell-through – Mix**





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

#### **Basketball – Focus on Functional Technology,** Leading the Basketball Culture



**Enhance On-Court** Performance

**Diversified marketing / Shine** WADE serieson the Court Signed NBA player



Professional basketball-CBA fan version game uniform

BADFIVE -Limited edition under City series: Changsha City

Russell





#### **Discover Culture**/ Lead the Street Basketball

Combine trend elements with Chinese culture Innovative interpretation of street basketball



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#### Running – Strengthen Professional Running Shoes, Enhance Product Matrix



#### Upgrade product competitiveness with professional technology

Top technological R&D to enhance professional functionality and product experience





#### Solidify position in mass market Reach Young Consumers

Multi-product lines create diversified lifestyles



Classic Continuity — Super Light 17th

Rising Star —— Arashi

2020 Paris Fashion Week product —— KUA FU



#### Training – Technological Innovation-Driven, Refined Training Scenarios

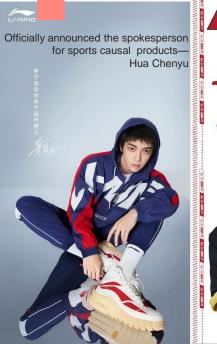




#### Sports Casual – Leverage on Sports DNA to Grasp Fashion Trends

Diversified Product Themes, Follow Major Events and Hot Topics

Entertainment Marketing, Collaboration with Artists, Further Build Up Fan Economy







Broaden International Perspective , Par<mark>ticip</mark>ate in Global Fashion Stage



Pay Attention to Market Segment, Develop Female Business



## Brand Marketing – Strengthen the Layout of Professional Resources





#### **Brand Marketing – Crossover**



DISNEY Add some "worldly-wise" flavor to the cute Mickey Mouse

Dunhuang Museum Explore the beauty of Dunhuang

**Traditional festival: Dragon Boat Festival** Launch "Wave BOOT-Duanwu" edition Incorporate traditions of the Dragon Boat Festival





QQ Dance Create "New Retro-Futurism"



#### Brand Marketing – Fashion Week: To Be Continued



#### Digital Paris Men's Fashion Week | Game Starts, Click to Join

On the 30th anniversary of the brand's founding, the short film "Game Starts", which spans the past and the future, was released at the 2021 Spring/Summer "Digital Paris Men's Fashion Week", bringing together important historical moments of the brand, at the same time offering a glimpse of China Li-Ning Spring/Summer 2021 series .



Gymnast Li Ning Barcelona Olympics / 1984



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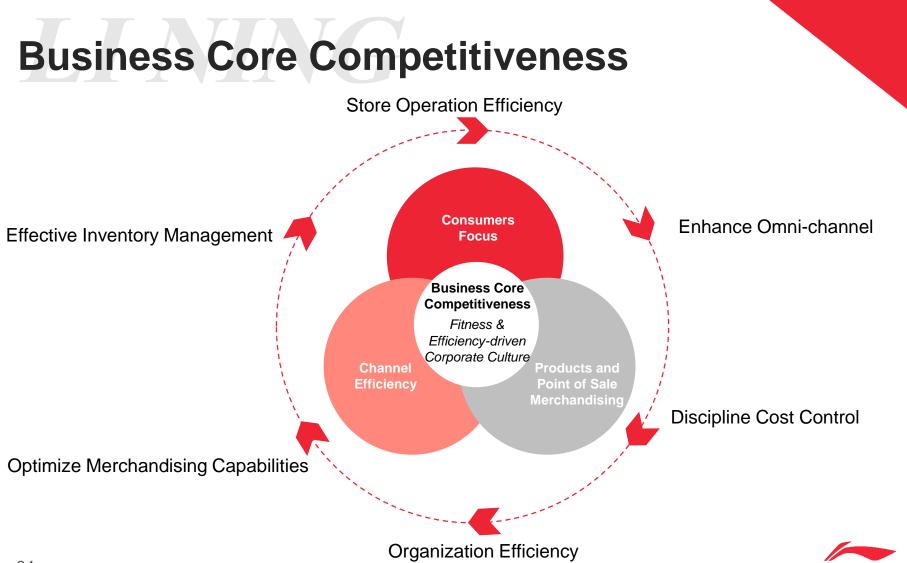




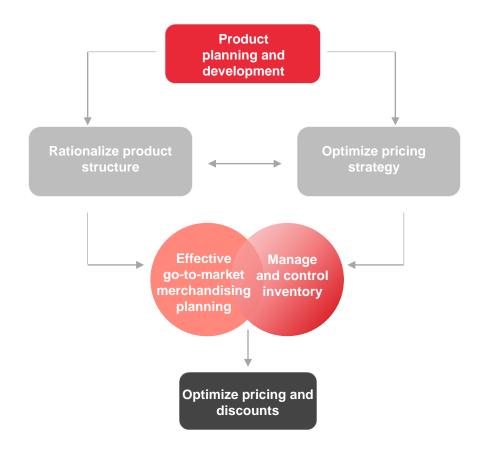
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## **Product Strategy Initiatives**

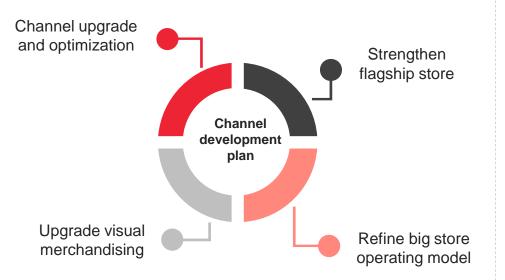


## To improve the efficiency of product operation as the goal:

- Integrate product functions
- Adjust product architecture
  - Integrate product architecture in terms of the "depth and width" of products
  - Plan and trim the number of fabric types, patterns and colors



## **Channel Expansion Strategy Initiatives**



#### Channel layout based on the profitability and efficiency of single store:

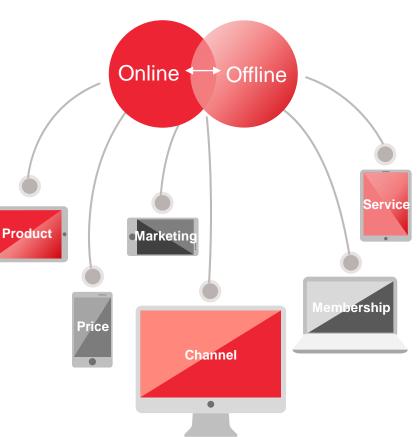
- Ensure the unity and continuity of channel management
- Wholesale and direct-retail business are planned separately for multi-tier markets
- Store image upgrade
- Persist in the establishment of big store with high efficiency



## **Omni-channel Strategy Initiatives**

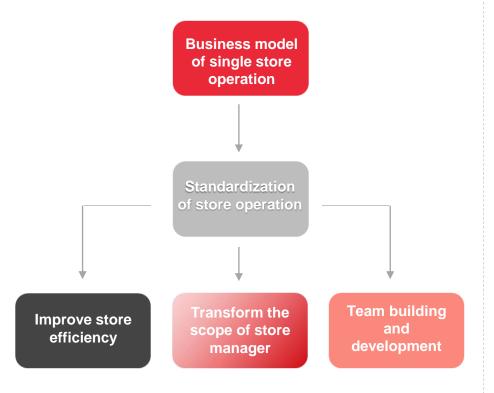
#### Continue to develop e-commerce channel to integrate online and offline:

- Unify e-commerce business system
- Improve resource sharing efficiency





## **Store Operation Strategy Initiatives**



Establish single store operating model with high efficiency and high productivity :

- Adjust operational architecture of sales system
  - Separation of wholesale and direct retail business
  - Establish a headquarter platform to link various functional departments
- Focus on store operation indicators



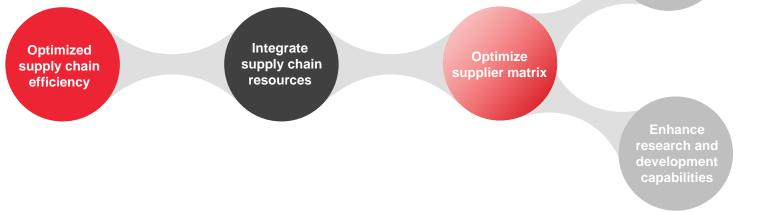
## Supply Chain Strategy Initiatives

#### Achieving the transition from passive to proactive

#### production:

- Integrate architecture of supply chain system
- Build a strong supplier matrix
- Newly established footwear and apparel R&D innovation center to focus

on product research and development





planning and



# Open Forum



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#### **Appendix 1** — Summary of Income Statement and Balance Sheet

| (RMB million)                            | 2020                    | 2019   | Better/ |  | (RMB million)             | 30 June | 31 Dec        | Better/ |
|--|-------------------------|--------|---------|--|---------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|  | Period ended<br>30 June |        | (Worse) |  | (, ,,,                    | 2020    | 2019          | (Worse) |
| Revenue                                  | 6,181                   | 6,255  | (1.2%)  |  | Cash and Cash Equivalents | 5,561   | 5,961         | (6.7%)  |
| Gross Profit                             | 3,057                   | 3,108  | (1.6%)  |  | Borrowings                | 0       | 0             | N/A     |
| Distribution costs                       | -1,949                  | -2,023 | 3.7%    |  |                           |         |               |         |
| Administrative expenses                  | -346                    | -451   | 23.2%   |  | Net Cash*                 | 5,762   | 5,96 <b>3</b> | (3.4%)  |
| Other income and other gains - net       | 161                     | 44     | 262.3%  |  | Current Liabilities       | 4,413   | 4,717         | 6.4%    |
| Operating Profit                         | 898                     | 678    | 32.4%   |  |                           |         |               |         |
| EBITDA                                   | 1,408                   | 1,353  | 4.1%    |  | Current Ratio (times)     | 1.9     | 1.8           | 0.1     |
| Profit Attributable to Equity<br>Holders | 683                     | 795    | (14.1%) |  | Total Liabilities to      | 40%     | 43%           | 3.0p.p. |
| Basic Earnings per share (RMB cents)     | 27.98                   | 32.88  | (14.9%) |  | Total Assets Ratio        |         |               |         |

-41- \*Net cash = Cash and Cash Equivalents (including restricted bank deposits & financial assets at fair value) – Borrowings



#### Appendix 2 — Profit Margins and Key Operating Indicators

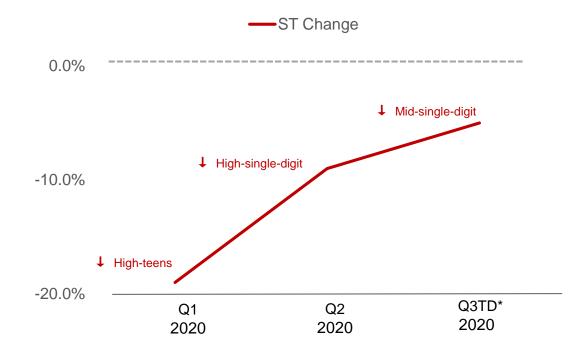
|  | 2020                    | 2019  | Better/   |                                   | 2020                    | 2019  | Better/ |
|--|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------|
|  | Period ended<br>30 June |       | (Worse)   |                                   | Period ended<br>30 June |       | (Worse) |
| Gross Profit Margin                                | 49.5%                   | 49.7% | (0.2p.p.) | Inventory Turnover (Days)         | 84                      | 74    | (10)    |
| Operating Profit Margin                            | 14.5%                   | 10.8% | 3.7p.p.   | Trade Receivables Turnover (Days) | 22                      | 24    | 2       |
| EBITDA Margin                                      | 22.8%                   | 21.6% | 1.2p.p.   | Trade Payables Turnover (Days)    | 76                      | 66    | 10      |
| Margin of Profit<br>Attributable to Equity Holders | 11.1%                   | 12.7% | (1.6p.p.) | Cash Conversion Cycle (Days)      | 30                      | 32    | 2       |
| R&D Expenses (as % of revenue)                     | 2.2%                    | 2.1%  | (0.1p.p.) | Return on Equity (ROE)            | 9.3%                    | 13.0% | (3.7%)  |
| A&P Expenses (as % of revenue)                     | 9.0%                    | 8.9%  | (0.1p.p.) | Return on Asset (ROA)             | 5.4%                    | 8.1%  | (2.7%)  |
| Staff Costs (as % of revenue)                      | 10.1%                   | 11.6% | 1.5p.p.   | CAPEX (RMB million)               | 222                     | 236   | 5.9%    |



## Appendix 3 — Wholesale Business^

LN Brand, excl. International market sales and LN YOUNG

#### Impact of COVID-19 on Sell-through, YoY%



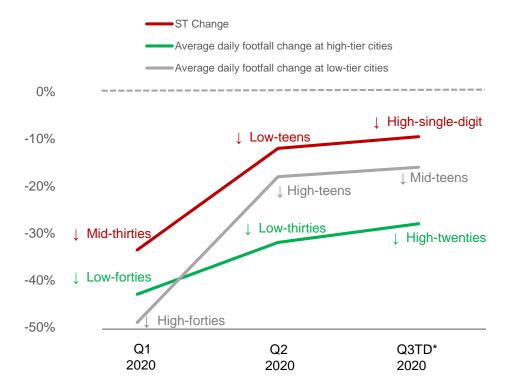
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# Appendix 4 — Retail Business<sup>^</sup>

Impact of COVID-19 on Sell-through and Average Daily Footfall, YoY %



^ Refers to direct retail operation , excluded LN YOUNG stores

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