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FULL YEAR RESULTS

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1. FY11 Summary
2. Business Overview
3. Financial Analysis
4. Strategy Update
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7. Q&A



# FY11 Full Year Summary

- Very tough trading conditions throughout the year and product input cost inflation
- Revenue \$570.3m, EBITDA \$41.1m (continuing operations), NPAT \$14.2m
- 2.4% increase in revenue, -0.9% CSG sales for the year (continuing operations)
- Basic EPS 7.4 cents
- Well managed net debt position of \$16.4m. \$84m unused debt facility available
- Investment in store portfolio: net 76 new stores, 97 refurbishments, 891 stores in total
- Membership community (6.2 million), email customers grown to 1.5 million
- Product sourcing transformation capabilities driving benefits, and more expected
- Interim dividend of 4 cents paid. No final dividend declared
- Ongoing macro economic challenges: carbon tax, QLD flood levy and ongoing interest rate uncertainty. Expect extraordinary conditions to continue
- La Senza performing to expectations, 20 new stores planned for FY12



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## Business Overview

Gary Perlstein, CEO

# The year in review

## Economic climate

### **Extremely cautious consumers**

- Perfect storm of uncertainties due to global and national politics and economics
- Threat of RBA rate rise continues to loom
- Perceived and/or real decline in personal wealth

### **Aussie dollar**

- Commodities continue to support Aussie dollar
- Ongoing strength through H2, peaked at \$US1.097

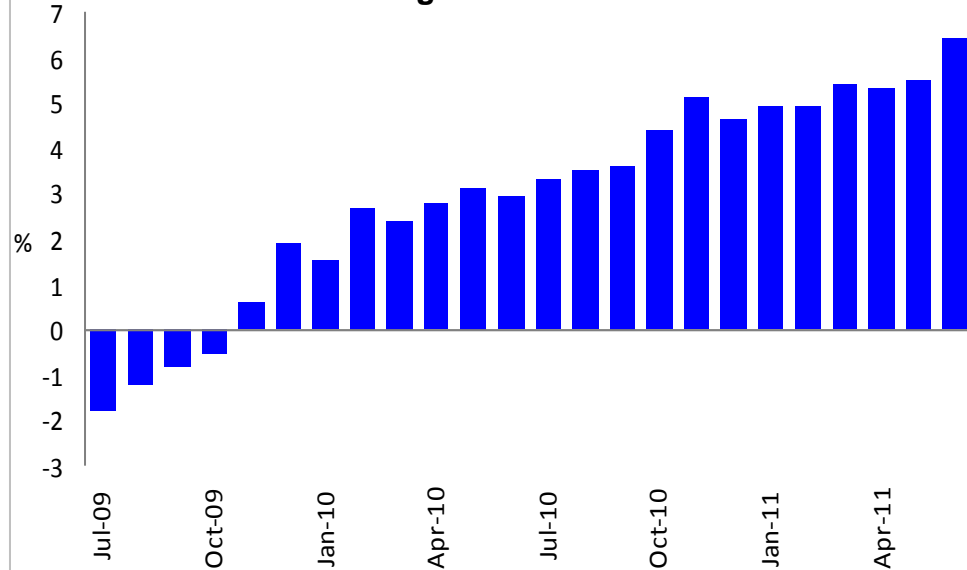
### **Unprecedented inflationary pressures in China**

- Labour shortages
- Cotton shortages
- Drove product inflation in H2, continues into Q1FY12

# The year in review

## Input inflationary pressures

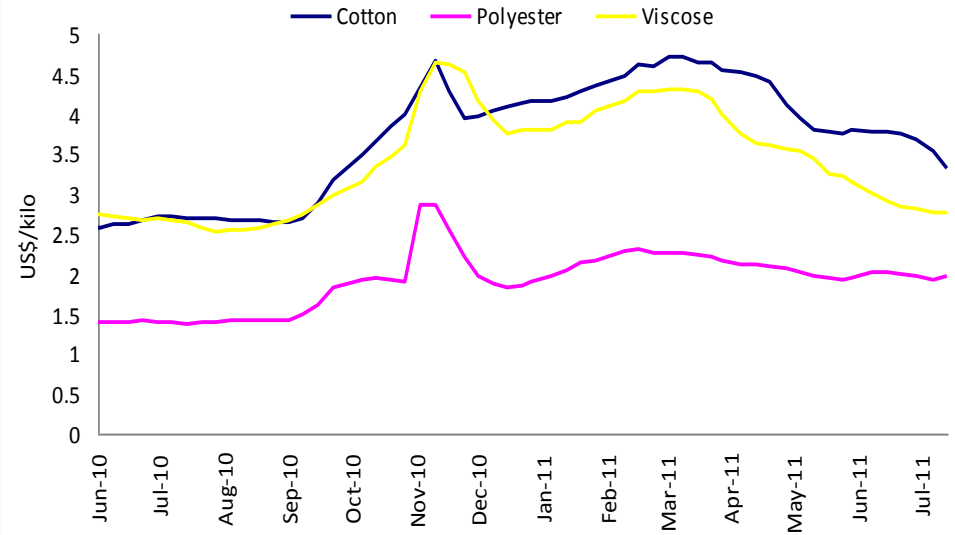
**China Inflation Rate**  
Annual Change on Consumer Price Index



Source: EmergingTextiles.com

- Escalating inflation throughout FY11
- Capacity issues in parts of China due to shortages of labour, recently eased in apparel with decreases in capacity demand

**12 months**  
Cotton v. Polyester v. Viscose in China



Source: EmergingTextiles.com

- Yarn price volatility throughout the year
- Prices have eased since Easter peak, but remain historically high (vs June 2010 - cotton: 25% higher; Polyester: 39% higher; Viscose 4% higher)

# The year in review

Tough trading, but continued focus of investing in our business

**Unprecedented downturn in consumer spend drove negative CSG for the year (-0.9%), although improved in second half (H211: Flat, H210: -8.1%)**

## **Gross profit margin % improved**

- Favourable USD rate at average hedge rate of 88 cents (FY10: 78 cents)
- Controlled promotional activity supported margins in second half of year

## **Focus on investment in store portfolio**

- Opened/acquired net 76 new stores
- 97 refurbishments completed
- 23 new stores planned for H1FY12 (5 La Senza)
- 10 refurbishments planned for H1FY12

## **Focus on differentiating our offering to our customers**

- Innovation through our product design and sourcing transformation
- Enhancement of our customer relationship management capabilities



# The year in review

## **Growth opportunities pursued**

- La Senza rollout: 14 stores and online store operating June 2011
- E-Commerce expansion: 6 online stores trading and resources increased



Millers

# Financial Analysis

Alison Henriksen, CFO

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# Group Trading

Half year ended 30 June 2011

	H211 \$'000	H210 \$'000	Change %
<b>Continuing Business:</b>			
Revenue(1)	261,498	247,471	5.7%
Gross Profit	151,440 57.9%	141,767 57.3%	6.8%
EBITDA	6,450 2.5%	14,248 5.8%	(54.7%)
EBIT	(2,587)	6,153	(142.0%)
(Loss)/Profit before income tax	(3,258)	5,517	(159.1%)
Net (Loss)/Profit after tax	(2,632)	4,240	(162.1%)
Queenspark	-	(463)	-
(Loss)/Profit for the period	(2,632)	3,777	(169.7%)
Basic earnings per share (cents)	(1.4)	2.0	(170.0%)

- Flat CSG sales; growth driven from new stores
- H2 USD purchases made at average rate 87 cents (H2FY10: 82 cents). FX gains and controlled promotional activity offset underlying product input cost inflation
- Increases in CODB associated with larger portfolio and inflation
- \$1m increase in depreciation reflecting investments in portfolio and IT

(1) Revenue of continuing business. Total revenue for H210 of \$254.5m includes Queenspark (H210: \$7.0m)

# Group Trading

Full year ended 30 June 2011

	FY11 \$'000	FY10 \$'000	Change %
<b>Continuing Business:</b>			
Revenue(1)	570,304	556,707	2.4%
Gross Profit	328,361 57.6%	317,985 57.1%	3.3%
EBITDA	41,071 7.2%	59,665 10.7%	(31.2%)
EBIT	22,745	44,461	(48.8%)
Profit before income tax	21,306	43,227	(50.7%)
Net Profit after tax	14,519	30,717	(52.7%)
Queenspark(2)	(348)	(306)	
Profit for the period	14,171	30,411	(53.4%)
Basic earnings per share (cents)	7.4	16.0	(53.4%)

- -0.9% CSG sales, increase in revenue from new stores
- FY11 USD purchases made at average rate 88 cents (FY10: 78 cents)
- Loss of \$1.4m from La Senza operations (in start up phase)
- 11% increase in CODB associated with larger portfolio, inflation and investment in new people
- 21% increase in depreciation, reflects investment in portfolio and IT

(1) Revenue of continuing business. Total revenue of \$574.2m for the year includes Queenspark (FY10: \$572.2m)

(2) FY11 loss from Queenspark includes trading loss after tax of \$859K and gain on sale of the business of \$511K

# Group Cash Flow

Full year ended 30 June 2011

	H111 \$'000	H211 \$'000	FY11 \$'000	FY10 \$'000
EBITDA	34,124	6,947	41,071	60,136
Net working capital	18,164	(14,890)	3,274	(427)
LTIP vesting expense	(707)	135	(572)	1,929
Net interest	(768)	(671)	(1,439)	(1,234)
Taxes	(4,867)	(3,658)	(8,525)	(10,841)
Operating cash flow	45,946	(12,137)	33,809	49,563
Capex	(20,057)	(13,805)	(33,862)	(21,877)
Sale of business (Queenspark)	3,953	-	3,953	-
Free cash flow	29,842	(25,942)	3,900	27,686
Shares	-	309	309	499
Borrowings	(8,000)	22,000	14,000	(25,800)
Dividends	(7,625)	(7,697)	(15,322)	(7,724)
Net cash flow	14,217	(11,330)	2,887	(5,339)

- Inventory turns 5.3 times (FY10 5.4 times)
- Tight inventory controls freed up working capital
- 92 new stores and 97 refurbishments (including Queenspark).
- \$4.4m IT capex spend supporting business improvements, including direct sourcing and CRM
- \$4m cash from sale of Queenspark
- \$15.3m in dividends paid

# Financial Health

Positioned for investment in growth

**Strong balance sheet with net debt of \$16.4m**

**\$100m debt facility available overall**

- \$40m working capital facility - \$36m unused at 30 June 11
- \$60m investment facility - \$42m unused at 30 June 11
- Current average interest rate exposure - 7.1%
- Mature in May 2013

**Fixed charge cover 1.37 times (FY10 1.40 times)**

- Within bank covenants

# Dividend & capital management

## **Board remains confident that the strategies adopted by the Group are the right ones**

- In light of tough trading in H2FY11 and the expectation such conditions will continue, the Board considers it prudent not to declare a final dividend
- Fully franked interim dividend of 4 cents per share was paid in March 2011

crossroads

# Strategy Update

Gary Perlstein, CEO



# Our Mission

Making women everywhere look good and feel great



# The Market Landscape

Our threats and opportunities

GLOBAL RETAIL	
THREATS	OPPORTUNITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New entrants to Australia, stores &amp; online</li><li>Product differentiation more difficult</li><li>Global brands have greater attraction for landlords and consumers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Leverage local market expertise to partner with global brand owners</li><li>Leverage online retail to go global</li><li>Develop unique product design</li><li>Use scale and brand association to negotiate new stores and rentals</li></ul>
ONLINE RETAIL	
THREATS	OPPORTUNITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Decline of B and C shopping centres</li><li>New online only competitors</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Leverage store presence and customer database to grow online stores</li><li>Re-align store portfolio and reduce CODB</li><li>Decline in rental costs</li></ul>
CHINA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
THREATS	OPPORTUNITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Product cost price inflation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop direct sourcing capability</li><li>Geographical diversification of supply</li></ul>
LABOUR STRUCTURE	
THREATS	OPPORTUNITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wage Inflation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reduction in wage hours as online grows and store portfolio re-aligns</li></ul>

# The Year Ahead

Focus on our key differentiators and pursue growth

JULY 11

DECEMBER 11

JUNE 12

Global Economic  
Climate

Very low  
consumer  
confidence

US &  
European  
debt crisis

Interest rate  
uncertainty

## EXPAND CORE BRANDS – MILLERS, KATIES, CROSSROADS, AUTOGRAPH, CITY CHIC

Optimise product & sourcing mix

Increase product differentiation

Selective store portfolio expansion

## EXPAND E-COMMERCE

Growing City Chic US

Expand E-Commerce team

Invest in online platform

## LEVERAGE & OPTIMISE SUPPORT SERVICES

Refine direct sourcing process

Drive CRM enhancements,  
leverage CRM Community

Cost management, whilst growing

## BROADEN CORE AND EXPAND INTO NEW MARKETS - LA SENZA

Rollout new La Senza stores

Leverage Limited Brands  
partnership

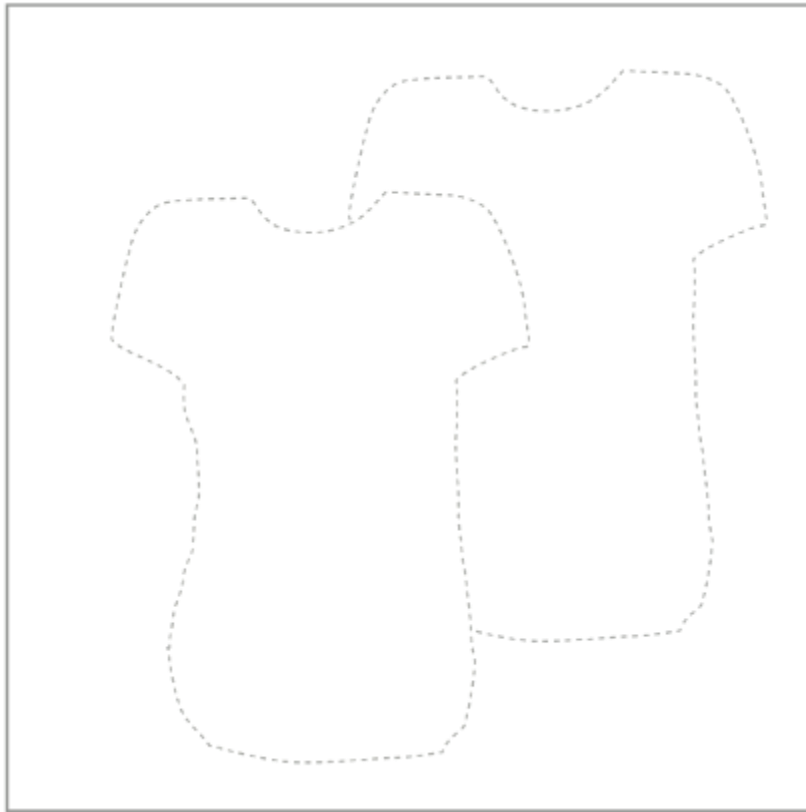
Explore new market  
opportunities

SHIRT

Service | Humility | Integrity | Respect | Trust

# Key Differentiators

Design & Production



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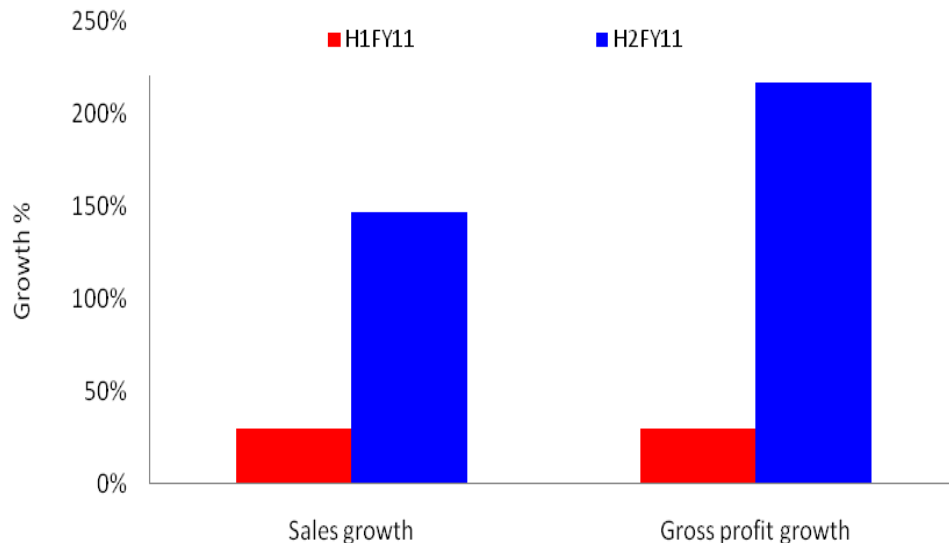
# Katies Ultimate Pant

The success of Product Innovation - Denim

What is the Ultimate Pant™?

- In H111, Katies launched the Ultimate Pant range. A pant that is cut on a double bias so it lifts and smooths. At an affordable price - \$49.95
- An instant success, since launching denim sales have grown 150% and gross profit 220%

Denim sales and gross profit growth



**ULTIMATE FIT DENIM**

**THE ULTIMATE!**

**FEATURES & BENEFITS**  
The engineered stretch in these jeans is our secret ingredient. The wide waistband moulds to your waist while the faux fly and pockets create a smooth silhouette under tops and tunics.

**AVAILABLE IN:** Bootcut Reg/Short, Straight Reg/Short, Slim Reg, Crop, Capri

**COLOURS:** Black, White, Blue Ink, Chocolate

**SHAPE TIP:** Perfect for all body shapes

**BESTSELLING FIGURE FIXING PANT - KATIES**  
**ALL STYLES \$49.95**

# Key Differentiators

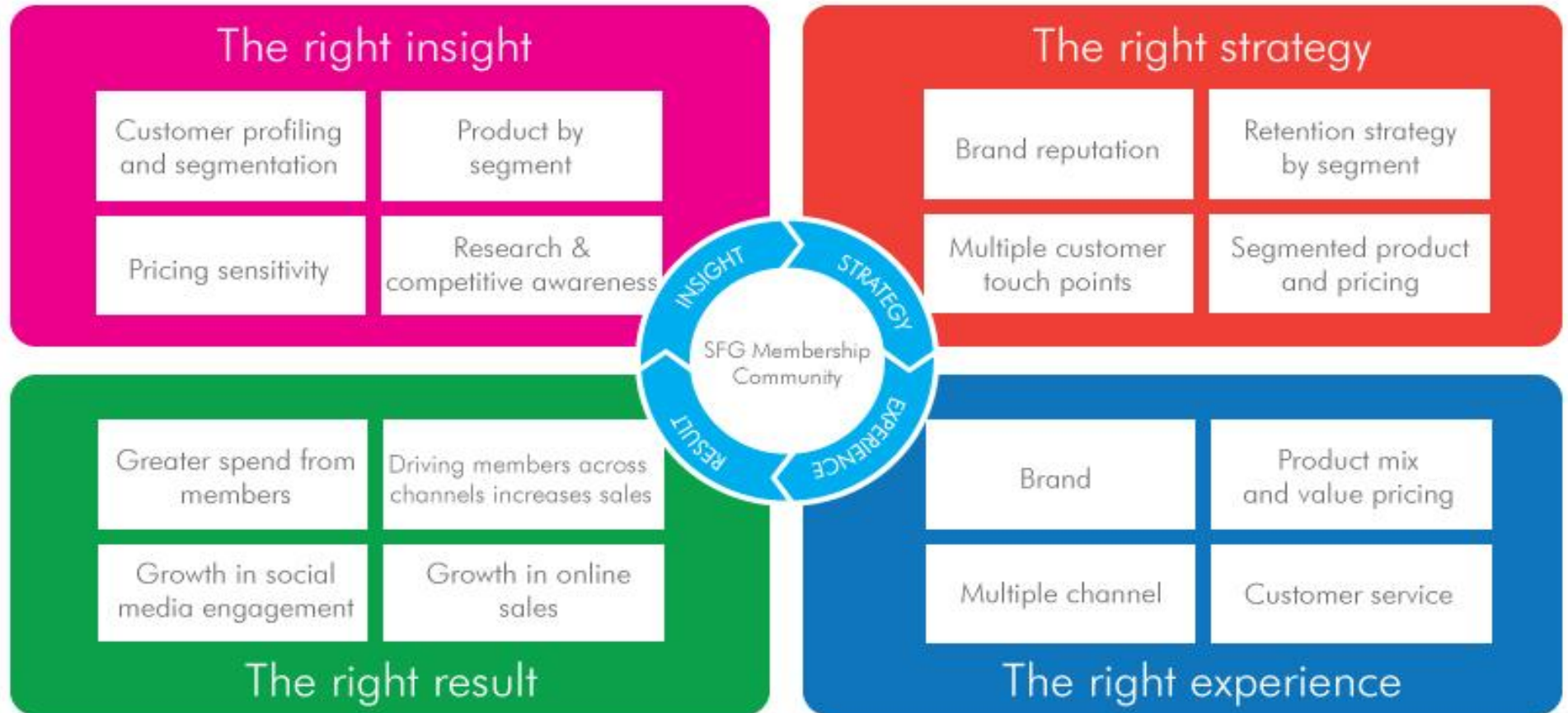
Customer Relationship Marketing



CRM

# SFG Membership Community

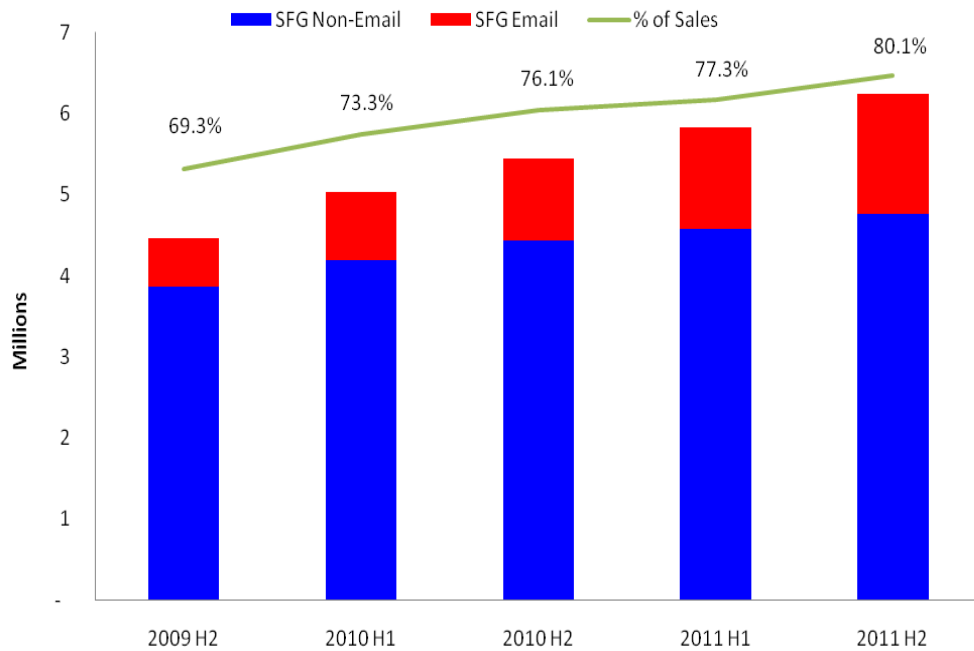
Our strategy is driving results



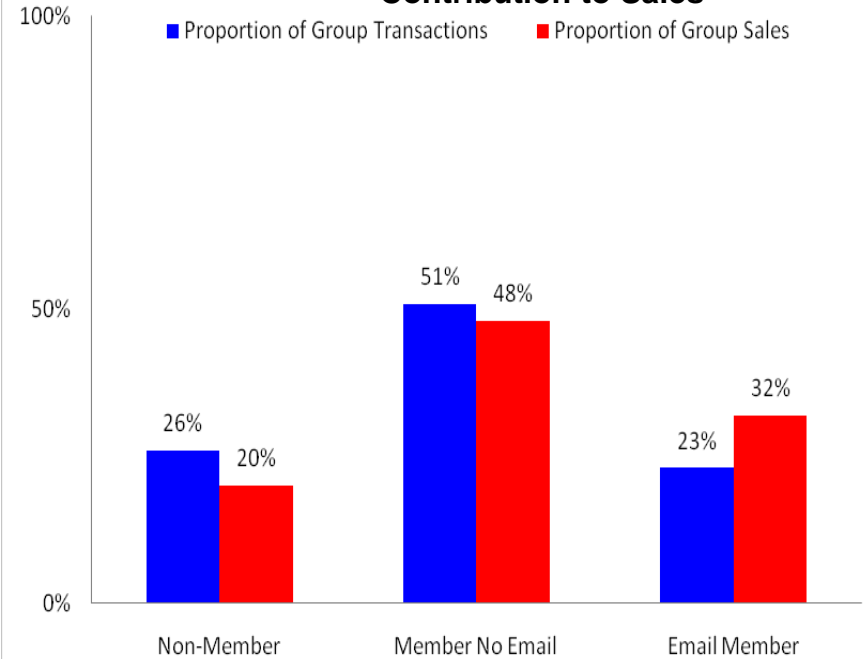
# SFG Membership Community

Brand loyalty is a key driver of sales growth

**SFG Membership Community Growth & Contribution to Sales**



**SFG Customers Share of Transactions & Contribution to Sales**



- SFG Community continues to grow with cross channel acquisition drives
- 46% growth in email members in FY11 to 1.5m
- Increase in % of sales to community in FY11 illustrates the strength of engagement with our membership community

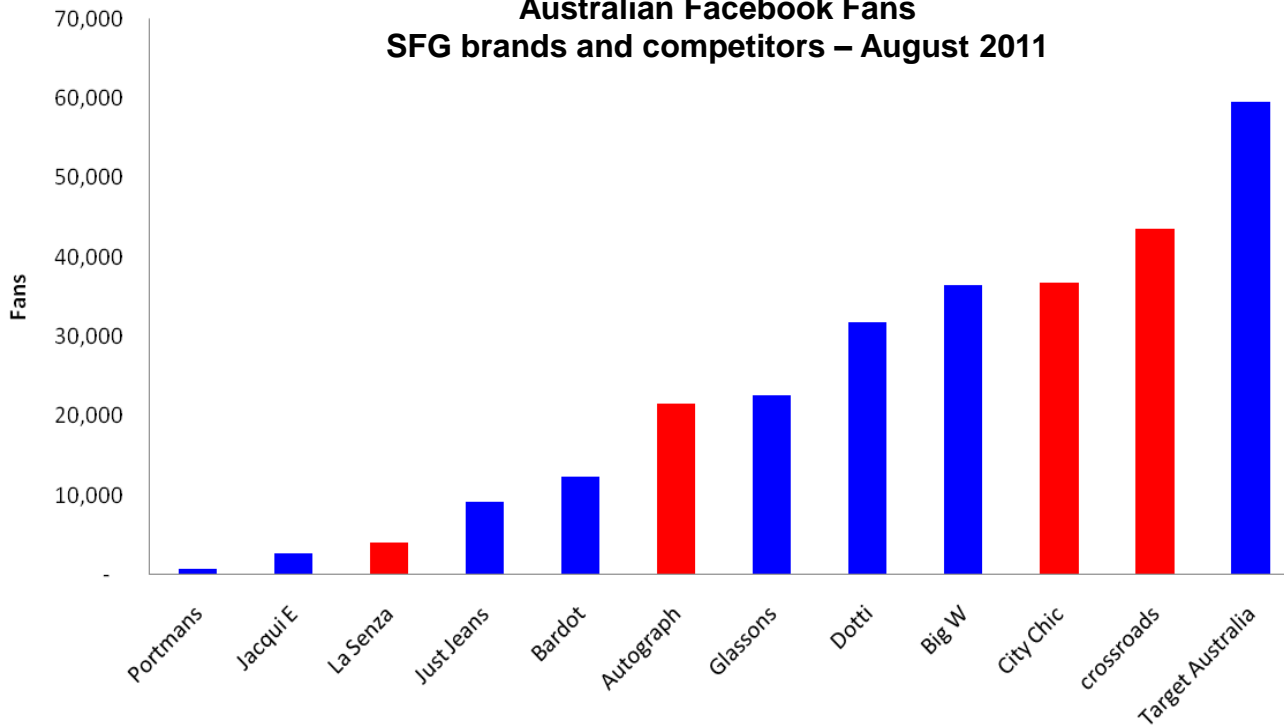
- Highly targeted behavioural emails to our community drive growth in email contribution to sales
- Email members are our most valuable customers, contributing 32% of sales from 23% of transactions



# SFG Membership Community

Growth in social media engagement

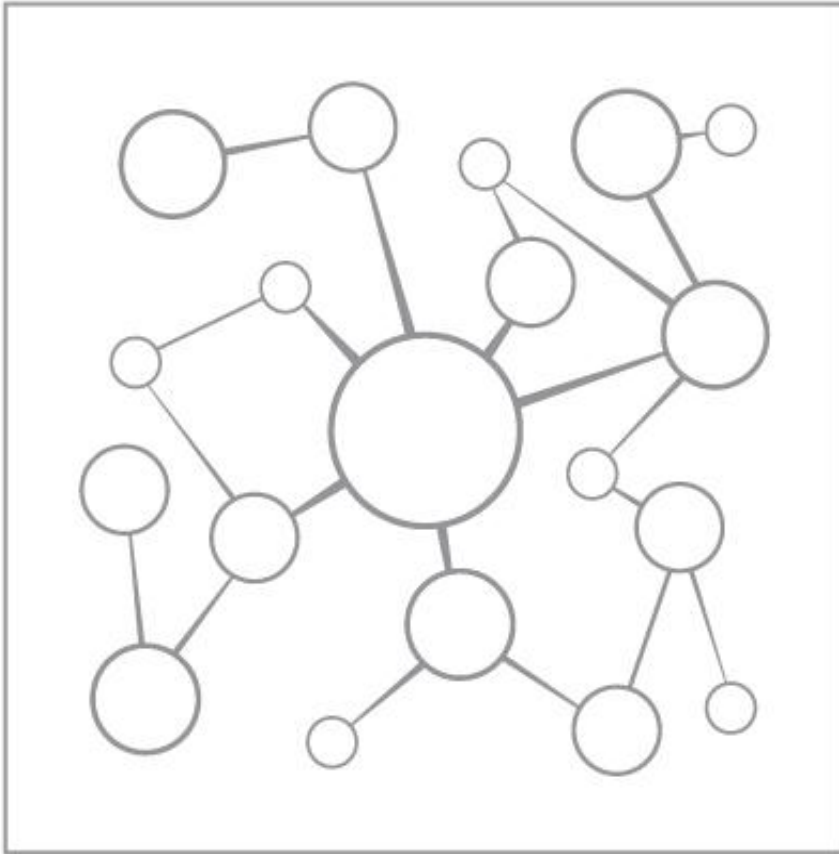
**Australian Facebook Fans  
SFG brands and competitors – August 2011**



- Rapid growth in Autograph, City Chic, and Crossroads fans
- Instant and active communication with customers
- Provides voice to our customers and real time feedback
- Channel for marketing and promotions

# Growth opportunities

Multi-Channel Retailing

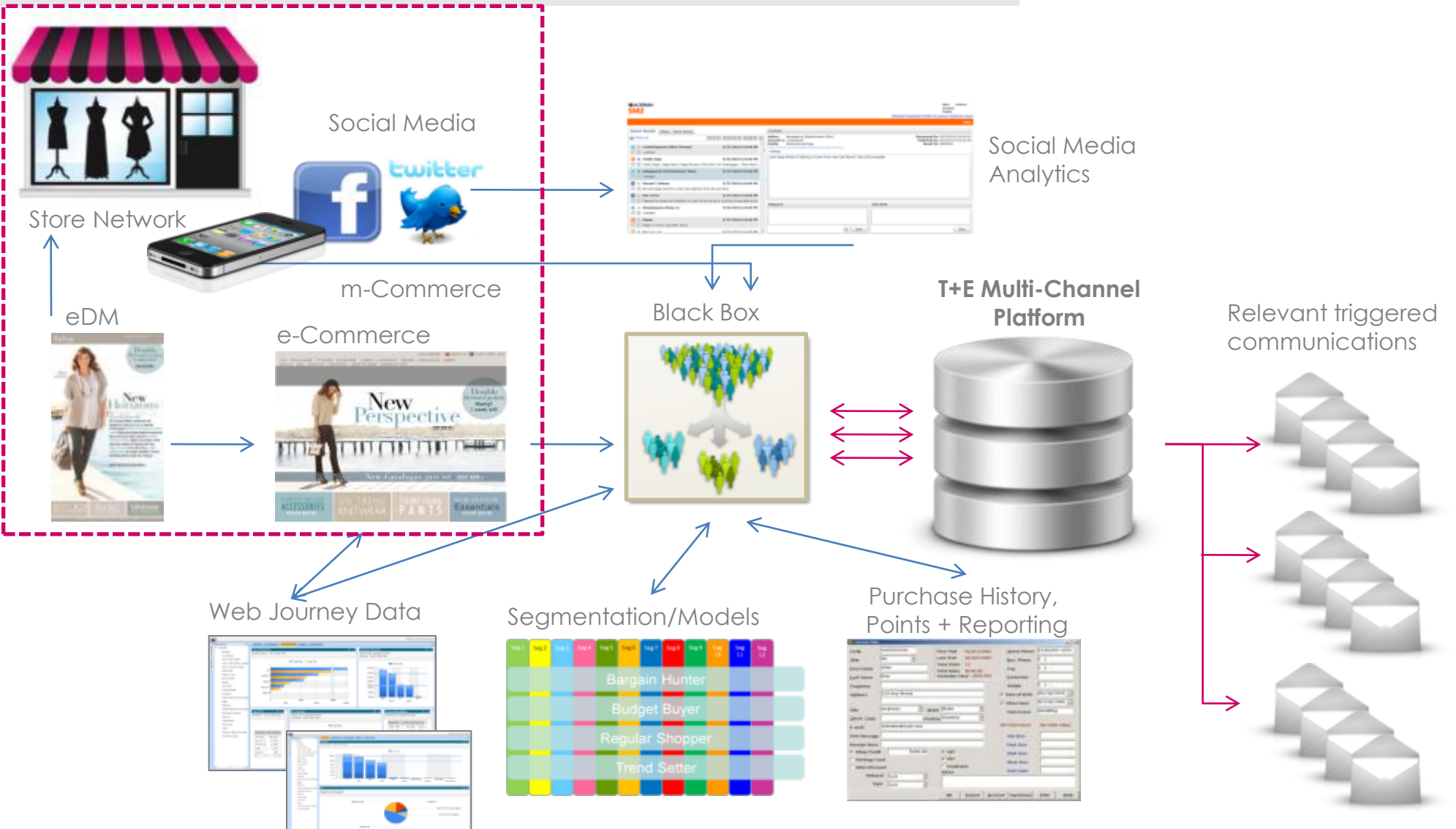


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Multi-Channel Retailing

# Multi-Channel Retailing

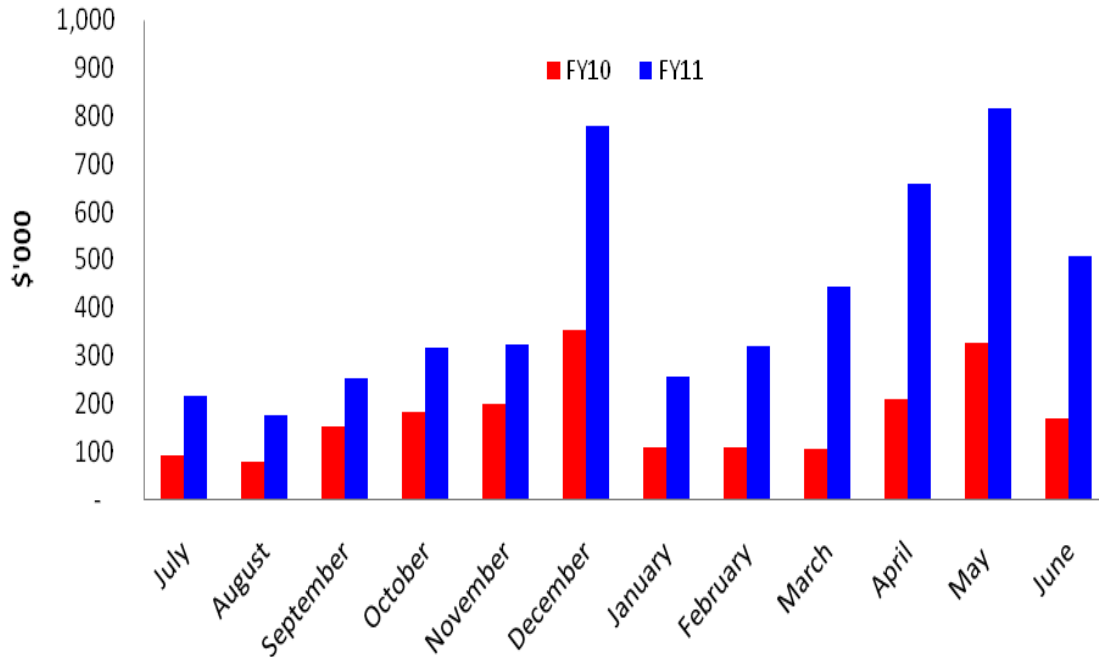
Combining CRM and sales channels to optimise touch points



# Multi-Channel Retailing

E-Commerce is a priority

Growth in online sales



- Online sales currently 1% of total sales: opportunity for significant growth

- Like for like growth FY11 121% (total growth 158%)

- Online stores opened in FY11 for Katies, City Chic US and La Senza

- Millers last brand to open online store before Christmas

- Investment in dedicated E-Commerce team: 8 hired, further 3 to be hired in FY12

- New multi-brand platform rollout planned for H2FY12

# Growth opportunities

Global Retailing



Global Retailing

La Senza

City Chic USA

# Global Retailing

La Senza



- One of the most highly recognised global brands in intimate apparel
- 14 stores nationally across Australia as well as an online store
- Launch of Sydney City store in Westfield Pitt St Mall in July, joining several other international brands to successfully launch in Australia
- 20 new stores planned for FY12
- 3 year plan to expand to 100 stores

# Global Retailing

City Chic USA

The screenshot shows the City Chic USA website homepage. At the top left, it displays 'Customer Service: 1-866-299-8146' and the 'city chic' logo with the tagline 'BE STYLED IN SIZES 14+'. A red banner highlights 'FREE SHIPPING + FREE RETURNS'. Navigation links include 'Hello', 'Login', 'Create Account', 'My Wishlist', and 'Help'. A search bar is present with a 'Search' button and a 'My Shopping Bag' icon showing '0 Items'. A horizontal menu lists categories: 'NEW ARRIVALS', 'TOPS', 'DRESSES', 'DENIM', 'BOTTOMS', 'SWEATERS', 'OUTERWEAR', 'ACCESSORIES', and 'INSIDE CC'. The main content area features three promotional banners: 1) 'LADY VAMP' with five models in various outfits, including a black leather jacket and a red dress. 2) 'ROCK THE FROCK' featuring a woman in a grey strapless dress with a 'SHOP NOW >' button. 3) 'VOGUE PLUS SIZE FASHION EDITORIAL' with a woman's portrait and a 'READ OUR BLOG >' button. A footer bar contains the text: 'WHO IS CITY CHIC – THE CC STORY • JUST IN – HOT NEW ARRIVALS • BEHIND THE S'.

- Launched November 2010
- Developing brand equity with plus size community through use of social media
- Learning the challenges of an online brand without bricks and mortar presence

# H1FY12 Outlook

- Partnership with La Senza working well, new store openings on track
- Expansion of multi-channel retailing a key focus
- Consolidation of direct sourcing benefits ongoing
- Closely managing operating costs
- Expect H1 to be tough trading environment, product cost inflation may improve in H2





# Appendices



# EBITDA Reconciliation

Continuing business

	FY11 \$'000	FY10 \$'000
Profit before tax	21,306	43,227
Interest expense	1,713	1,527
Interest revenue	(274)	(293)
EBIT	22,745	44,461
Depreciation	18,326	15,204
EBITDA	41,071	59,665

# Year on year movements

## Rental and employee benefits expense

	Rental expense \$'000	Employee Benefits expense \$'000
FY10	93,153	128,159
Net increase in stores	4,627	3,745
Inflation	3,819	3,524
Investment in new people	-	3,918
Stepped leases <sup>(1)</sup>	3,017	-
Redundancy costs <sup>(2)</sup>	-	235
Other year on year changes <sup>(3)</sup>	1,606	(859)
FY11	106,222	138,722

(1) Movement in stepped lease provision as required under accounting standard AASB117

(2) One-off costs in relation to the redundancy of 21 Head Office staff

(3) Other year on year changes includes one time rental reductions received in FY10, and movements in employee bonuses and LTIP expenses

# Store movements

Full year ended 30 June 2011

	Stores 1 July 10	New/ Acquired	Closures/ Sale	Stores 30 Jun 11	Stores Aus	Stores NZ
Millers	367	16	(6)	377	350	27
Katies	143	6	(2)	147	147	-
Crossroads	138	22	(1)	159	159	-
Autograph	118	1	(2)	117	117	-
City Chic	49	29	(1)	77	60	17
La Senza	-	14	-	14	14	-
<b>Total – Continuing Group</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>44</b>
Queenspark	22	4	(26)	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>(38)</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>44</b>

# Store and other capex

Full year ended 30 June 2011

	New Stores FY11	Refurbs FY11	Total FY11
Millers	16	54	70
Katies	6	11	17
Crossroads	22	19	41
Autograph	1	6	7
City Chic	29	7	36
La Senza <sup>(1)</sup>	14	-	14
<b>Total – Continuing Group</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>185</b>
Queenspark	4	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>190</b>

	H111 \$'000	H211 \$'000	Total \$'000
New stores	8,524	4,293	12,817
Refurbishments	8,665	7,095	15,760
IT Capex	2,402	1,949	4,351
Other capex	466	468	934
<b>Total Capex</b>	<b>20,057</b>	<b>13,805</b>	<b>33,862</b>

(1) 4 La Senza stores were assumed from previous licensee. 2 DFO stores opened in H1FY11, 8