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中國服飾控股有限公司

CHINA OUTFITTERS HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1146)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of China Outfitters Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the unaudited interim condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Group**”) for the six months ended 30 June 2018, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2017, as follows:

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
	Six months ended 30 June		
	2018	2017	
	RMB million	RMB million	Changes
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
REVENUE	445.7	442.4	0.7%
Gross profit	333.1	312.6	6.6%
<i>Gross profit margin</i>	74.7%	70.7%	+4.0 p.p.t.
Operating profit	76.1	63.5	19.8%
<i>Operating profit margin</i>	17.1%	14.4%	+2.7 p.p.t.
Profit attributable to equity holders			
of the parent	57.2	49.3	16.0%
Basic earnings per share — <i>RMB cent</i>	1.67	1.44	16.0%

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2018

		Six months ended 30 June 2018 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	2017 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)
	Notes		
Revenue	5	445,716	442,376
Cost of sales		(112,582)	(129,816)
Gross profit		333,134	312,560
Other income and gains	5	35,279	8,357
Selling and distribution expenses		(253,560)	(217,878)
Administrative expenses		(27,401)	(27,047)
Other expenses		(11,359)	(12,506)
Operating profit		76,093	63,486
Finance income	6	13,196	17,388
Finance costs		—	(3,743)
Share of profits and losses of:			
Joint ventures		1,537	(2,000)
An associate		(512)	(584)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	7	90,314	74,547
Income tax expense	8	(32,076)	(26,105)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		58,238	48,442
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
<i>Other comprehensive income to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods (net of tax):</i>			
Available-for-sale investments:			
Changes in fair value		—	(4,023)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		5,434	5,760
Net other comprehensive income to be classified to profit or loss in subsequent periods, net of tax		5,434	1,737
<i>Other comprehensive loss not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods (net of tax):</i>			
Net loss on equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		(12,946)	—
Net other comprehensive loss not to be classified to profit or loss in subsequent periods, net of tax		(12,946)	—
Other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax		(7,512)	1,737
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME, NET OF TAX		50,726	50,179

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2018	2017
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Profit attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent	<i>10</i>	57,176	49,305
Non-controlling interests		1,062	(863)
		<u>58,238</u>	<u>48,442</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		49,682	51,084
Non-controlling interests		1,044	(905)
		<u>50,726</u>	<u>50,179</u>
EARNINGS PER SHARE			
ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY			
EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT			
Basic and diluted	<i>10</i>	<u>RMB1.67 cents</u>	<u>RMB1.44 cents</u>

Details of the dividend proposed and paid for the period are disclosed in note 9.

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2018

		30 June 2018 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2017 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
	<i>Notes</i>		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment		279,334	241,718
Prepaid land lease payments		40,893	41,417
Investment properties		31,079	28,865
Investments in joint ventures		145,251	141,923
Investment in an associate		14,218	14,606
Available-for-sale investments		—	60,961
Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		42,955	—
Goodwill		70,697	70,697
Other intangible assets		78,922	81,300
Deferred tax assets		175,402	178,692
Total non-current assets		878,751	860,179
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	11	143,051	170,828
Properties under development	12	94,314	69,153
Trade and bills receivables	13	92,910	117,156
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		133,681	154,935
Dividend receivable		4,942	10,095
Structured bank deposits	14	294,933	494,735
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		201,702	—
Cash and cash equivalents		224,820	199,695
Total current assets		1,190,353	1,216,597
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade payables	15	23,777	25,045
Other payables and accruals		99,691	130,486
Tax payable		142,929	158,509
Total current liabilities		266,397	314,040
NET CURRENT ASSETS		923,956	902,557
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,802,707	1,762,736

		30 June 2018	31 December 2017
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred tax liabilities		<u>18,188</u>	<u>26,929</u>
Net assets		<u>1,784,519</u>	<u>1,735,807</u>
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the parent			
Share capital	16	280,661	280,661
Shares held for share award scheme		(9,781)	(9,781)
Reserves		<u>1,513,458</u>	<u>1,464,222</u>
Non-controlling interests		<u>1,784,338</u>	<u>1,735,102</u>
		<u>181</u>	<u>705</u>
Total equity		<u>1,784,519</u>	<u>1,735,807</u>

NOTES

1. CORPORATE AND GROUP INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 7 March 2011 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The registered office of the Company is located at 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-9005, Cayman Islands. The address of its principal place of business is Room 1303, 13/F, New East Ocean Centre, 9 Science Museum Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong. The shares of the Company were listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) on 9 December 2011 (the “**Listing Date**”).

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The Group is principally engaged in the business of design, manufacturing, marketing and sale of apparel and accessories in the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”, or “**China**” which excludes, for the purpose of this announcement, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC or Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC or Macau, and Taiwan), with a focus on menswear. There has been no significant change in the Group’s principal activities during the six months ended 30 June 2018 (the “**Relevant Period**”).

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the Relevant Period have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”) and International Accounting Standard (“**IAS**”) 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“**RMB**”) and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated. These interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all information and disclosures required in the annual consolidated financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

3. NEW STANDARDS, INTERPRETATIONS AND AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY THE GROUP

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group’s annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017, except for the adoption of new standards and interpretations effective as of 1 January 2018. The Group has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

The Group applies, for the first time, IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* and IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* that require restatement of previous financial statements. As required by IAS 34, the nature and effect of these changes are disclosed below.

Several other amendments and interpretations apply for the first time in 2018, but do not have an impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group.

IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

IFRS 15 supersedes IAS 11 *Construction Contracts*, IAS 18 *Revenue* and related Interpretations and it applies to all revenue arising from contracts with customers, unless those contracts are in the scope of other standards. The new standard establishes a five-step model to account for revenue arising from contracts with customers. Under IFRS 15, revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer.

The standard requires entities to exercise judgement, taking into consideration all of the relevant facts and circumstances when applying each step of the model to contracts with their customers. The standard also specifies the accounting for the incremental costs of obtaining a contract and the costs directly related to fulfilling a contract.

The Group adopted IFRS 15 using the modified retrospective method of adoption.

(a) *Sale of goods*

The Group's contracts with customers for the sale of goods generally include one performance obligation. The Group has concluded that revenue from sale of goods should be recognised at the point in time when control of the asset is transferred to the customer, generally on delivery of the goods. Therefore, the adoption of IFRS 15 did not have an impact on the timing of revenue recognition.

(b) *Presentation and disclosure requirements*

The application of IFRS 15 in the current interim period has had no material impact on the amounts and/or disclosures reported in these condensed consolidated financial statements. Refer to Note 5 for the disclosure on revenue.

IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*

IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* replaces IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, bringing together all three aspects of the accounting for financial instruments: classification and measurement; impairment and hedge accounting.

The Group has applied IFRS 9 retrospectively and recognized cumulative effect of the initial application of IFRS 9 as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 January 2018. Comparative information is not restated.

The effect of adopting IFRS 9 in the consolidated statement of financial position is as follows:

	At 31 December 2017 <i>RMB'000</i>	Impact on initial application of IFRS 9 <i>RMB'000</i>	At 1 January 2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
Assets			
Available-for-sale investments	60,961	(60,961)	—
Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	—	60,087	60,087
Deferred tax assets	178,692	494	179,186
<i>Total non-current assets</i>	860,179	(380)	859,799
Trade and bills receivables	117,156	(1,978)	115,178
Structured bank deposits	494,735	(389,100)	105,635
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	—	389,558	389,558
<i>Total current assets</i>	1,216,597	(1,520)	1,215,077
<i>Total assets</i>	2,076,776	(1,900)	2,074,876
Equity			
Reserves	1,464,222	(2,014)	1,462,208
<i>Total equity</i>	1,735,807	(2,014)	1,733,793
Liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	26,929	114	27,043
<i>Total non-current liabilities</i>	26,929	114	27,043
<i>Total liabilities</i>	340,969	114	341,083

The following table summarises the impact of transition to IFRS 9 on retained earnings, other comprehensive income and the related tax impact at 1 January 2018:

	<i>RMB'000</i>
Retained earnings	
Transfer to retained earnings relating to financial assets now measured at FVPL	458
Recognition of additional expected credit losses on:	
— financial assets measured at amortised cost	(1,978)
Related deferred tax impact	<u>380</u>
Net decrease in retained earnings at 1 January 2018	<u><u>(1,140)</u></u>
Other comprehensive income	
Fair value reserve of financial assets at FVOCI	<u>(874)</u>
Net decrease in other comprehensive income at 1 January 2018	<u><u>(874)</u></u>

(a) Classification and measurement

Under IFRS 9, debt financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss (“**FVPL**”), amortised cost, or fair value through other comprehensive income (“**FVOCI**”). The classification is based on two criteria: the Group’s business model for managing the assets; and whether the instruments’ contractual cash flows represent “solely payments of principal and interest” on the principal amount outstanding (the “**SPPI criterion**”).

The new classification and measurement of the Group’s financial assets are as follows:

- Debt instruments at amortised cost that are held within a business model with the objective to hold the financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows that meet the SPPI criterion. This category includes the Group’s trade and bills receivables, other receivables and certain structured bank deposits with fixed interest rate.

Other financial assets are classified and subsequently measured, as follows:

- Equity instruments at FVOCI, with no recycling of gains or losses to profit or loss on derecognition. This category only includes equity instruments, which the Group intends to hold for the foreseeable future and which the Group has irrevocably elected to so classify upon initial recognition or transition. The Group classified both of its quoted and unquoted equity instruments as equity instruments at FVOCI. Equity instruments at FVOCI are not subject to an impairment assessment under IFRS 9.

Under IAS 39, the Group’s above equity instruments were classified as available-for-sale investments. Under IAS 39, the Group’s unquoted equity investments with a carrying amount of RMB15,882,000 were measured at cost as at 31 December 2017, and the Group’s quoted equity investments with a carrying amount of RMB45,709,000 were measured at fair value as at 31 December 2017. These equity investments are classified as equity instruments at FVOCI under IFRS 9 by the Group as at 1 January 2018, resulting in an increase in *Equity instruments at FVOCI* amounting to RMB60,087,000 and a decrease in *Other Comprehensive Income* amounting to RMB874,000.

- Financial assets at FVPL include debt instruments whose cash flow characteristics fail the SPPI criterion or are not held within a business model whose objective is either to collect contractual cash flows, or to both collect contractual cash flows and sell. This category includes the Group's structured bank deposits with floating interest rate.

Under IAS 39, structured bank deposits with floating interest rate were measured at amortised cost. These structured bank deposits are classified as financial assets at FVPL under IFRS 9 as at 1 January 2018, resulting in increases in *Financial assets at FVPL*, *Deferred tax liabilities and Retained profits* amounting to RMB389,558,000, RMB114,000 and RMB344,000 respectively.

The assessment of the Group's business model was made as of initial application, 1 January 2018, and then applied retrospectively to those financial assets that were not derecognised before 1 January 2018. The assessment of whether contractual cash flows on debt instruments are solely comprised of principal and interest was made based on the facts and circumstances as at the initial recognition of the assets.

The accounting for the Group's financial liabilities remains largely the same as it was under IAS 39. Similar to the requirements of IAS 39, IFRS 9 requires contingent consideration liabilities to be treated as financial instruments measured at fair value, with the changes in fair value recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

(b) Impairment

The adoption of IFRS 9 has fundamentally changed the Group's accounting for impairment losses for financial assets by replacing IAS 39's incurred loss approach with a forward-looking expected credit loss (ECL) approach.

IFRS 9 requires the Group to record an allowance for ECLs for all loans and other debt financial assets not held at FVPL.

ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive. The shortfall is then discounted at an approximation to the asset's original effective interest rate.

For trade and bills receivables, the Group has applied the standard's simplified approach and has calculated ECLs based on lifetime expected credit losses. The Group has established a provision matrix that is based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

The Group considers a financial asset in default when contractual payment are one year past due. However, in certain cases, the Group may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group.

The adoption of the ECL requirements of IFRS 9 resulted in increases in impairment allowances of the Group's debt financial assets. The increase in allowance resulted in adjustment to *Retained profits*.

The statement of financial position as at 1 January 2018 was restated, resulting in decreases in *Trade and bills receivables and Retained profits* amounting to RMB1,978,000 and RMB1,484,000, and an increase in *Deferred tax assets* amounting to RMB494,000.

IFRIC Interpretation 22 *Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Considerations*

The Interpretation clarifies that, in determining the spot exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or income (or part of it) on the derecognition of a non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability relating to advance consideration, the date of the transaction is the date on which an entity initially recognises the non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the advance consideration. If there are multiple payments or receipts in advance, then the entity must determine a date of the transactions for each payment or receipt of advance consideration. This Interpretation does not have any impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 40 *Transfers of Investment Property*

The amendments clarify when an entity should transfer property, including property under construction or development into, or out of investment property. The amendments state that a change in use occurs when the property meets, or ceases to meet, the definition of investment property and there is evidence of the change in use. A mere change in management's intentions for the use of a property does not provide evidence of a change in use. These amendments do not have any impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to IFRS 2 *Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions*

The IASB issued amendments to IFRS 2 *Share-based Payment* that address three main areas: the effects of vesting conditions on the measurement of a cash-settled share-based payment transaction; the classification of a share-based payment transaction with net settlement features for withholding tax obligations; and accounting where a modification to the terms and conditions of a share-based payment transaction changes its classification from cash settled to equity settled. On adoption, entities are required to apply the amendments without restating prior periods, but retrospective application is permitted if elected for all three amendments and other criteria are met. The Group's accounting policy for cash-settled share based payments is consistent with the approach clarified in the amendments. In addition, the Group has no share-based payment transaction with net settlement features for withholding tax obligations and had not made any modifications to the terms and conditions of its share-based payment transaction. Therefore, these amendments do not have any impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to IFRS 4 *Applying IFRS 9 Financial Instruments with IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts*

The amendments address concerns arising from implementing the new financial instruments standard, IFRS 9, before implementing IFRS 17 *Insurance Contracts*, which replaces IFRS 4. The amendments introduce two options for entities issuing insurance contracts: a temporary exemption from applying IFRS 9 and an overlay approach. These amendments are not relevant to the Group.

Amendments to IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures — Clarification that measuring investees at fair value through profit or loss is an investment-by-investment choice

The amendments clarify that an entity that is a venture capital organisation, or other qualifying entity, may elect, at initial recognition on an investment-by-investment basis, to measure its investments in associates and joint ventures at fair value through profit or loss. If an entity, that is not itself an investment entity, has an interest in an associate or joint venture that is an investment entity, the entity may, when applying the equity method, elect to retain the fair value measurement applied by that investment entity associate or joint venture to the investment entity associate's or joint venture's interests in subsidiaries. This election is made separately for each investment entity associate or joint venture, at the later of the date on which: (a) the investment entity associate or joint venture is initially recognised; (b) the associate or joint venture becomes an investment entity; and (c) the investment entity associate or joint venture first becomes a parent. These amendments do not have any impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

4. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is principally engaged in the business of design, manufacturing, marketing and sale of apparel and accessories in the PRC, with a focus on menswear.

IFRS 8 *Operating Segments* requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision makers in order to allocate resources to segments and to assess their performance. The information reported to the directors of the Company (the “**Directors**”), who are the chief operating decision makers for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of performance, does not contain profit or loss information of each product line and the Directors reviewed the financial results of the Group as a whole reported under IFRSs. Therefore, the operation of the Group constitutes one single reportable segment. Accordingly, no operating segment is presented.

All of the external revenues of the Group during the Relevant Period presented are attributable to customers established in the PRC, the place of domicile of the Group's operating entities. Since the principal non-current assets held by the Group are all located in the PRC, no geographical information is presented in accordance with IFRS 8.

No revenue from a single external customer amounted to 10% or more of the Group's revenue during the Relevant Period presented.

5. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

An analysis of revenue, other income and gains is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Type of goods:		
Sale of apparel and accessories	<u>445,716</u>	<u>442,376</u>
Timing of revenue recognition:		
Goods transferred at a point in time	<u>445,716</u>	<u>442,376</u>
Other income		
Government subsidies*	30,152	6,589
Arrangement fees [#]	41	75
Rental income, net	1,536	693
Sale of software	924	—
External order processing income	857	939
Sale of consumables, net	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>33,528</u>	<u>8,310</u>
Other gains		
Fair value gains, net:		
Financial assets at FVPL — structured bank deposits	1,244	—
Others	<u>507</u>	<u>47</u>
	<u>1,751</u>	<u>47</u>
	<u>35,279</u>	<u>8,357</u>

* These represent incentive subsidies provided by local governments as a measure to attract investments in these localities. The amounts of these subsidies are generally determined by reference to value-added tax, corporate income tax, city maintenance and construction tax and other taxes paid by the Group's operating entities in these localities, but are subject to the government's further discretion.

[#] These represent the one-off fees paid by third-party retailers when they entered into the initial retail agreements with the Group.

6. FINANCE INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interest income on bank deposits	1,535	707
Interest income on structured bank deposits	11,247	16,681
Others	414	—
	<u>13,196</u>	<u>17,388</u>

7. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Cost of inventories sold	113,086	99,804
Depreciation:		
Property, plant and equipment	6,877	7,978
Investment properties	880	143
	<u>7,757</u>	<u>8,121</u>
Employee benefit expenses (including directors' remuneration):		
Wages and salaries	63,003	51,040
Pension scheme contributions	7,362	6,598
	<u>70,365</u>	<u>57,638</u>
Amortisation of prepaid land lease payments*	524	1,059
Amortisation of other intangible assets*	786	786
Impairment of other intangible assets^	2,206	1,272
Impairment of trade receivables^	—	720
Reversal of impairment of trade receivables	(1,025)	—
Impairment of other receivables^	2,500	—
Fair value loss/(gain), net:		
Derivative instruments — transactions not qualifying as hedges	—	8,070
Financial assets at FVPL — structured bank deposits	(1,244)	—
Write-down of inventories to net realisable value#	74,523	69,542
Reversal of impairment of inventories#	(82,718)	(46,390)
Foreign exchange differences, net	<u>7,620</u>	<u>2,425</u>

- * The amortisation of prepaid land lease payments and the amortisation of other intangible assets for the period are included in “Administrative expenses” in the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.
- ^ The impairment of other intangible assets, trade receivables and other receivables, and the reversal of impairment of trade receivables are included in “Other expenses” in the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.
- # The write-down of inventories to net realisable value and the reversal of impairment of inventories are included in “Cost of sales” in the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

8. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

The Group is subject to income tax on an entity basis on profits arising in or derived from the jurisdictions in which members of the Group are domiciled and operate.

The Company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and its subsidiary incorporated in the BVI are exempted from taxation.

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been made, as the Group had no assessable profits derived from or earned in Hong Kong during the Relevant Period.

In accordance with the relevant PRC income tax rules and regulations, the Group’s subsidiaries registered in the PRC are subject to Corporate Income Tax (“CIT”) at a statutory rate of 25% on their respective taxable income for the Relevant Period and the six-month period ended 30 June 2017.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	<i>RMB’000</i>	<i>RMB’000</i>
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Current — PRC		
Charge for the period	22,530	30,456
Deferred	9,546	(4,351)
Total tax charge for the period	32,076	26,105

9. DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend to declare any final or interim dividends for the year ended 31 December 2017 and for the Relevant Period.

10. EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the Relevant Period attributable to equity holders of the parent of RMB57,176,000 (six months ended 30 June 2017: RMB49,305,000) and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 3,425,688,000 (six months ended 30 June 2017: 3,434,850,344) in issue during the Relevant Period.

No adjustment has been made to the basic earnings per share amounts presented for the Relevant Period in respect of a dilution as the share options under Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme outstanding had an anti-dilutive effect on the basic earnings per share amounts presented.

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Earnings		
Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent, used in the basic earnings per share calculation	<u>57,176</u>	<u>49,305</u>
	Number of shares	
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
Shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	3,445,450,000	3,445,450,000
Weighted average number of shares purchased for the Share Award Scheme	<u>(19,762,000)</u>	<u>(10,599,656)</u>
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue used in the basic earnings per share calculation	<u>3,425,688,000</u>	<u>3,434,850,344</u>

11. INVENTORIES

	30 June	31 December
	2018	2017
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Raw materials	13,076	13,358
Work in progress	6,974	8,526
Finished goods	<u>123,001</u>	<u>148,944</u>
	<u>143,051</u>	<u>170,828</u>

12. PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

	30 June 2018 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2017 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Properties under development expected to be recovered:		
Within one year	<u>94,314</u>	<u>69,153</u>

The Group's properties under development are located in the PRC and situated on leasehold land with long term leases.

13. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

	30 June 2018 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2017 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Trade receivables	95,821	118,564
Impairment of trade receivables	<u>(2,911)</u>	<u>(1,958)</u>
	92,910	116,606
Bills receivable	<u>—</u>	<u>550</u>
	<u>92,910</u>	<u>117,156</u>

The Group's trading terms with its customers are mainly on credit, except for third party retailers, where payment in advance is normally required. The credit period normally ranges from 30 to 90 days. The Group grants a longer credit period to those long-standing customers with good payment history.

Each customer has a maximum credit limit. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management.

14. STRUCTURED BANK DEPOSITS

	30 June 2018 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2017 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Structured bank deposits, in licensed banks in Mainland China:		
With fixed rate, at amortised cost	294,933	105,635
With floating rate, at amortised cost	<u>—</u>	<u>389,100</u>
	<u>294,933</u>	<u>494,735</u>

The structured bank deposits have terms of less than one year.

15. TRADE PAYABLES

An aging analysis of the trade payables as at 30 June 2018 and 31 December 2017, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	30 June 2018 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2017 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Trade payables		
Within 30 days	18,288	20,305
31 to 90 days	3,591	2,350
91 to 180 days	594	1,043
181 to 360 days	1,304	1,347
	<u>23,777</u>	<u>25,045</u>

The trade payables are non-interest-bearing and are normally settled on terms of 30 to 45 days.

16. SHARE CAPITAL

Shares	30 June 2018 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 December 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Issued and fully paid:		
3,445,450,000 (31 December 2017: 3,445,450,000) ordinary shares	<u>344,545</u>	<u>344,545</u>
Equivalent to RMB'000	<u>280,661</u>	<u>280,661</u>

There was no movement of issued share capital during the Relevant Period.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

MARKET OVERVIEW

The Chinese economy recorded a steady growth in Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”) and achieved a growth rate of 6.8% in Relevant Period. However the growth rate of total retail sales of consumer products has decreased by 1.0 percentage point from 10.4% in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to 9.4% for the Relevant Period. The Growth rate of retail sales achieved by the top 100 key and large-scale retailers also decreased by 1.4 percentage points from 3.1% in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to 1.7% for the Relevant Period.

Confronted with the ever-changing market place, the Group is searching for ways to better adapt to the competitive landscape. The Group reported an increase in revenue by 0.7% from RMB442.4 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB445.7 million in the Relevant Period and an increase in profit attributable to equity holders of the parent by 16.0% from RMB49.3 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB57.2 million in the Relevant Period.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

We derive our revenue primarily from retail sales of our products to our end-consumers through self-operated retail points in department stores and shopping malls in major cities in the PRC, sales of products to third-party retailers who directly manage concession counters and retail stores in other cities in the PRC where we do not operate retail points and sales of products through online channels. Our revenue is stated at the net invoiced value of goods sold after trade discounts.

The total revenue of the Group was RMB445.7 million in the Relevant Period, representing an increase by RMB3.3 million, or approximately 0.7% as compared to RMB442.4 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017. The increase in revenue was mainly attributable to the increase in revenue from retail sales through self-operated retail points and revenue from online channels.

By sales channels

Revenue from sales of products through self-operated retail points increased by RMB9.2 million, or 2.7%, from RMB335.4 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB344.6 million in the Relevant Period and accounted for approximately 77.3% (six months ended 30 June 2017: 75.8%) of the total revenue. The increase in revenue was primarily due to the increase in revenue from outlet stores by RMB1.8 million, or 1.6%, from RMB109.8 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB111.6 million in the Relevant Period. However, the Group reported a decrease in same store sales by 3.0% in the Relevant Period.

Revenue from sales of products to third-party retailers decreased by RMB11.5 million, or 14.5%, from RMB79.4 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB67.9 million in the Relevant Period and accounted for approximately 15.2% (six months ended 30 June 2017: 18.0%) of the total revenue. The decrease in revenue was primarily attributable to the decrease in number of retail points operated by third-party retailers.

Revenue from sales of products through online channels increased by RMB5.6 million, or 20.3%, from RMB27.6 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB33.2 million in the Relevant Period and accounted for approximately 7.5% (six months ended 30 June 2017: 6.2%) of the total revenue. The increase in revenue was primarily attributable to (i) an increase in sales from online discount platform such as VIP.com by RMB2.7 million, or approximately 30.7%, from RMB8.8 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB11.5 million in the Relevant Period; (ii) an increase in sales of products to online third-party retailers by RMB1.4 million, or approximately 11.5%, from RMB12.2 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB13.6 million in the Relevant Period; and (iii) an increase in sales of product through our e-shops on Tmall.com and JD.com by RMB1.5 million, or approximately 22.7%, from RMB6.6 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB8.1 million in the Relevant Period.

The table below sets forth the breakdown of our revenue contributed by sales made through our self-operated retail points, sales to third-party retailers and sales through online channels:

	Six months ended 30 June			
	2018		2017	
	<i>Revenue</i> <i>RMB million</i>	<i>% of total</i> <i>revenue</i>	<i>Revenue</i> <i>RMB million</i>	<i>% of total</i> <i>revenue</i>
Retail sales from				
self-operated retailers	344.6	77.3%	335.4	75.8%
Sales to third-party retailers	67.9	15.2%	79.4	18.0%
Sales from e-commerce				
business	33.2	7.5%	27.6	6.2%
Total	445.7	100.0%	442.4	100.0%

By Brand

Revenue contributed from self-owned brands increased by RMB1.0 million, or approximately 2.1%, from RMB46.8 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB47.8 million in the Relevant Period. Percentage of revenue from self-owned brands over total revenue slightly increased from 10.6% in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to 10.7% in the Relevant Period.

The table below sets forth our revenue contributed by licensed brands and self-owned brands:

	Six months ended 30 June			
	2018		2017	
	<i>Revenue</i> <i>RMB million</i>	<i>% of total</i> <i>revenue</i>	<i>Revenue</i> <i>RMB million</i>	<i>% of total</i> <i>revenue</i>
Licensed brands	397.9	89.3%	395.6	89.4%
Self-owned brands	47.8	10.7%	46.8	10.6%
Total	445.7	100%	442.4	100.0%

Cost of sales

Our cost of sales decreased by RMB17.2 million, or approximately 13.3%, from RMB129.8 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB112.6 million in the Relevant Period. The decrease in cost of sales was primarily due to a mixed effect of a decrease in inventory provisions by RMB31.3 million as a result of our initiatives to reduce the level of aged inventories; and partially offset by an increase in cost of inventories sold by RMB13.3 million from RMB99.8 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB113.1 million in the Relevant Period due to the increase in revenue during the period.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

Our gross profit increased by RMB20.5 million, or approximately 6.6%, from RMB312.6 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB333.1 million in the Relevant Period as a result of the increase in revenue and decrease in cost of sales. Our overall gross profit margin also increased by 4.0 percentage points from 70.7% in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to 74.7% in the Relevant Period, which was primarily due to the decrease in inventory provisions. Save for the inventory provisions, our overall gross profit margin would have been 72.9% in the Relevant Period, as compared with the gross profit margin at 75.9% in the six months ended 30 June 2017. The decrease in gross profit margin excluding inventory provisions was mainly attributable to the increase in sales through outlet stores, bargain sales and online channels which have lower gross profit margins.

Other income and gains

Our other income and gains increased by RMB26.9 million, or approximately 3.2 times, from RMB8.4 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB35.3 million in the Relevant Period, which was primarily due to an increase in government subsidies by RMB23.6 million from RMB6.6 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB30.2 million in the Relevant Period.

Selling and distribution expenses

Our selling and distribution expenses increased by RMB35.7 million, or approximately 16.4%, from RMB217.9 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB253.6 million in the Relevant Period.

Rents and concession fees for occupying concession counters within department stores and department store charges increased by RMB0.8 million, or approximately 0.7%, from RMB117.0 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB117.8 million in the Relevant Period, which was largely due to the increase in revenue from self-operated retail points.

The labour costs related to sales and marketing staff increased from RMB45.4 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB53.2 million in the Relevant Period. Such increase was primarily attributable to the increase in basic salary of the sales and marketing staff.

We incurred advertising and promotion expenses of RMB15.7 million (six months ended 30 June 2017: RMB8.6 million) during the Relevant Period for organizing promotion activities and spending on social media marketing to share our brand stories and product knowledge with our customers through WeChat, Weibo and mainstream websites such as Sina.com, Sohu.com etc.

Decoration fees for self-operated retail points increased from RMB7.3 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB9.8 million in the Relevant Period which was primarily attributable to the upgrading of store image for our Jeep and Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club (“SBPRC”) stores as well as the opening of multi-brand lifestyle stores which required higher store renovation expenses.

The other selling and distribution expenses, including royalty fees, freight and vehicle expenses, sample expenses, travelling expenses, office expenses and other operating expenses remained consistent during the both periods indicated.

Administrative expenses

We incurred administrative expenses of RMB27.4 million in the Relevant Period which was largely consistent with the administrative expenses of RMB27.0 million incurred in the six months ended 30 June 2017.

Other expenses

Other expenses mainly included (i) an impairment on trademark — London Fog of RMB2.2 million (six months ended 30 June 2017: an impairment on trademark — Artful Dodger of RMB1.3 million); (ii) an exchange loss of RMB7.6 million (six months ended 30 June 2017: RMB2.4 million); (iii) an impairment of other receivables of RMB2.5 million (six months ended 30 June 2017: nil); and partially offset by a reversal of impairment of trade receivables of RMB1.0 million (six months ended 30 June 2017: an impairment loss of RMB0.7 million).

Finance income

Our finance income decreased to RMB13.2 million in the Relevant Period as compared to that of RMB17.4 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017, representing a decrease by 24.1%, primarily due to the decrease in the balance of pledged bank deposits during the Relevant Period.

Share of profits and losses of joint ventures

Share of profits and losses of joint ventures represented share of profits of a joint venture — MCS of RMB1.9 million (six months ended 30 June 2017: share of losses of RMB0.7 million) which was partially offset by share of losses of joint ventures — Henry Cotton's and Marina Yachting of RMB0.2 million and RMB0.2 million, respectively (six months ended 30 June 2017: share of losses of Henry Cotton's and Marina Yachting was RMB1.1 and RMB0.2 million, respectively).

Profit before tax

As a result of the foregoing factors, our profit before tax increased by RMB15.8 million, or approximately 21.2%, from RMB74.5 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB90.3 million in the Relevant Period.

Income tax expense

Income tax expense increased by RMB6.0 million, or approximately 23.0%, from RMB26.1 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB32.1 million in the Relevant Period, which was primarily due to a mix effect of (i) an increase in deferred tax expense by RMB13.9 million arising from the decrease in deferred tax assets in respect of inventory provisions; and partially offset by (ii) a decrease in current income tax by RMB8.0 million. The decrease in current income tax mainly resulted from the receipt of income tax refund of RMB6.4 million by a subsidiary of the Group in PRC in the Relevant Period.

Profit for the period

Profit for the period increased by RMB9.8 million, or approximately 20.2%, from RMB48.4 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB58.2 million in the Relevant Period. The net profit margin was 13.1% in the Relevant Period as compared with the net profit margin of 10.9% in the six months ended 30 June 2017. The increase in net profit margin was largely due to the increase in gross profit margin by 4.0 percentage points.

Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent

As a result of the foregoing, profit attributable to equity holders of the parent increased by RMB7.9 million, or approximately 16.0%, from RMB49.3 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB57.2 million in the Relevant Period.

Working Capital Management

	30 June 2018	31 December 2017
Inventory turnover days	251	269
Trade receivables turnover days	42	44
Trade payables turnover days	39	36

The decrease in inventory turnover by 18 days was mainly due to the decrease in inventory turnover days for inventories aged over one year by 46 days resulting from our stock clearance strategy to sell past season inventories through outlet stores as well as online channels. In addition, the inventory balance also decreased by RMB27.7 million, or approximately 16.2%, from RMB170.8 million as at 31 December 2017 to RMB143.1 million as at 30 June 2018.

The turnover days of trade receivables and payables remained consistent for the both periods indicated.

Liquidity, financial position and cash flows

As at 30 June 2018, we had net current assets of approximately RMB924.0 million, as compared to RMB902.6 million as at 31 December 2017. The current ratio of our Group was 4.5 times as at 30 June 2018, as compared to that of 3.9 times as at 31 December 2017.

There was no undrawn banking facility as at 30 June 2018.

As at 30 June 2018, we had an aggregate cash and cash equivalents, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, and structured bank deposits of approximately RMB721.5 million. The table below sets forth selected cash flow data from our interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	<i>RMB million</i>	<i>RMB million</i>
Net cash flows from operating activities	28.4	63.7
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(6.0)	(76.4)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	—	(0.3)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	22.4	(13.0)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net	3.3	2.8
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	127.4	157.8
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	153.1	147.6

Operating activities

Net cash flows from operating activities decreased by RMB35.3 million, or approximately 55.4%, from RMB63.7 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB28.4 million in the Relevant Period which was primarily attributable to (i) a decrease in the operating cash inflows before changes in working capital by RMB27.4 million from RMB106.7 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB79.3 million in the Relevant Period; and (ii) an increase in cash outflows from changes in working capital from RMB43.0 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB50.9 million in the Relevant Period.

Investing activities

Net cash flows used in investing activities of RMB6.0 million mainly represented an increase in investment in purchases for properties of RMB47.6 million which was partially offset by the recovery of a loan to a third party of RMB30.0 million and interest received from bank deposits and structured bank deposits of RMB9.8 million.

Financing activities

There was no material cash flows generated from or used in financing activities during the Relevant Period.

Pledge of group assets

As at 30 June 2018, no asset of our Group was pledged as a security for bank borrowings or any other financing facilities.

Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

As at 30 June 2018, the Group had capital commitments of approximately RMB69.7 million (31 December 2017: RMB69.9 million) and there were no significant contingent liabilities (31 December 2017: Nil).

Foreign exchange management

We conduct business primarily in Hong Kong and the PRC with most of our transactions denominated and settled in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”) and RMB. To minimise foreign-exchange risks, the Group has a hedging policy in place.

Use of proceeds from the IPO

The shares of the Company were listed on 9 December 2011 on the Stock Exchange. The total net proceeds from the IPO amounted to approximately HK\$803.9 million (equivalent to approximately RMB654.8 million), including the net proceeds from the partial exercise of the over-allotment option on 30 December 2011.

There was no material IPO proceeds used during the Relevant Period.

The table below sets forth the utilisation of the net proceeds from the IPO and the unused amount as at 30 June 2018. All the unused proceeds were deposited into licensed banks in the PRC and Hong Kong:

Use of fund raised

	Percentage to total amount	Net proceeds (HK\$ million)	Utilised amount as at 30 June 2018 (HK\$ million)	Unutilised amount as at 30 June 2018 (HK\$ million)
Licensing or acquisition of additional recognised international brands	47%	380.7	234.5	146.2
Expansion and enhancement of existing logistical system	24%	193.1	193.1	—
Settlement of shareholder’s loan	19%	152.8	147.1	5.7
General working capital	10%	77.3	—	77.3
	<u>100%</u>	<u>803.9</u>	<u>574.7</u>	<u>229.2</u>

OPERATION REVIEW

Retail and distribution network

As at 30 June 2018, our sales network comprised a total of 564 self-operated retail points, consisting of concession counters, consignment stores and standalone stores, and 340 retail points operated by our third-party retailers.

The following table sets forth the number of our self-operated retail points and retail points operated by our third-party retailers in the PRC by brand as at 30 June 2018 and 31 December 2017:

Brand	As at 30 June 2018			As at 31 December 2017		
	Self-operated retail points	Retail points operated by third-party retailers	Total retail points	Self-operated retail points (reclassified)	Retail points operated by third-party retailers (reclassified)	Total retail points (reclassified)
Jeep	239	326	565	217	332	549
SBPRC	165	13	178	153	15	168
London Fog	47	—	47	48	—	48
MCS	35	—	35	36	—	36
Zoo York	27	1	28	23	1	24
Barbour	16	—	16	14	—	14
LINCS	13	—	13	14	—	14
Marina Yachting	11	—	11	10	—	10
Others	11	—	11	54	—	54
Total	<u>564</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>904</u>	<u>569</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>917</u>

Self-operated retail points

As at 30 June 2018, we had a network of 545 self-operated concession counters (31 December 2017: 550 self-operated concession counters). A majority of the concession counters are located within mainstream department stores in the first and second tier cities in China, including Parkson (百盛), Golden Eagle (金鷹), MOI (茂業), Intime (銀泰), Wangfujing (王府井) etc., among which a total of 163 were outlet stores as at 30 June 2018 (31 December 2017: 159 outlet stores).

As at 30 June 2018, we had a network of 19 standalone stores (31 December 2017: 19 stores) which were located in shopping malls within major cities in the PRC to ensure a steady flow of consumers as well as to enhance our sales and brand awareness.

Faced with the challenging market conditions and evolving consumer behavior, the following adjustments were made to our strategy for self-operated retail points:

- a net increase by 4 retail points in outlet stores in response to changes in consumer behavior and rapid sales growth in outlet store channel; and
- a net increase by 14 multi-brand lifestyle stores (31 December 2017: 9 stores) during the Relevant Period. The multi-brand lifestyle stores combine sophisticated store decorations and enriched product offerings that better demonstrate the culture and lifestyle of our brands.

Retail points operated by third-party retailers

Under the current uncertain and ever-changing market conditions, our third-party retailers have become more conservative in placing orders and opening new stores. As at 30 June 2018, we had a total of 340 retail points that were operated by third-party retailers, representing a decrease by 2.3% as compared to that of 348 as at 31 December 2017.

Online Channels

We primarily sell past season products through online channels which consisted of (i) online discount platforms such as VIP.com; (ii) online third-party retailers; and (iii) our self-operated e-shops on mainstream online platforms such as Tmall.com and JD.com.

During the Relevant Period, we continued to participate in the just-in-time delivery program (the “**JIT Program**”) of VIP.com, which allows us to receive orders placed by customers on VIP.com and make direct distribution of the products to customers from our warehouse. The JIT Program has significantly improved the efficiency of our order-fulfillment process and enhanced customer’s shopping experience. We also actively developed new online third-party retailers for online retailing of our products and increased sales from our self-operated e-shops on online platforms such as Tmall.com and JD.com during the period.

Branding

The continuing implementation of a multi-brand strategy is critical to our sustainable expansion and growth. We believe that our multi-brand strategy will allow us capture more market segments, take advantage of a wider range of market opportunities and ultimately increase our overall market share in China’s menswear market. Our initiatives in brand portfolio diversification and building brand equity during the period included the following:

Barbour

We, in collaboration with the Dandy King, a renowned buyer shop in China, organized a salon in Hangzhou in March 2018 to introduce the British lifestyle as well as the classic Barbour waxed cotton jackets. Almost 100 local celebrities attended the event.

In May 2018, Barbour also sponsored apparel for the 2018 China GT Championship in Beijing (2018年北京賽車節).

Zoo York

During the Relevant Period, Zoo York sponsored the team uniform for the Taichi Team (太極電子競技戰隊), a renowned electronic sports team player in China who won the third prize in the Samsung Cup (三星玄龍杯) for the game of “Player Unknown’s Battle Grounds” (絕地求生).

LINCS

During the Relevant Period, LINCS continued to sponsor apparel for the China Entrepreneur Golf Team and the award for the “Longest Drive Prize” in the golf event “BMW Daonong Cup” Challenge, the leading amateur golf event in China.

Marina Yachting

Marina Yachting continued to sponsor apparel for the Children’s Choir of Shanghai Poly Grand Theater (上海保利大劇院童聲合唱團) during the Relevant Period.

Business Digitalization

We developed an O2O system that is tailored to our retail network and allows our customers to make purchases on demand even if the desired item is out of stock at a particular location, which in turn both enhances customers’ shopping experience and drives our sales. Sales contributed by the self-developed O2O system increased by RMB8.4 million, or approximately 25.7%, from RMB32.7 million in the six months ended 30 June 2017 to RMB41.1 million in the Relevant Period.

As our Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system has been online, we are also working on a customer loyalty program with an aim to further promote customer loyalty, encourage repeat purchases and cross-selling.

Design and product development

The local design team continues to keep abreast of the latest trends and developments in new designs, through our collaborations with the international design teams from Barbour in London, LINCS in New York, Greg Norman in Sydney and Zoo York in Hong Kong.

Production and supply chain

Microchips with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology have been implanted on product tags of our products. RFID reading devices have also be equipped in our new logistic center in Shanghai during the Relevant Period to read and identify product information. The use of this new technology will significantly improve our operational

efficiency, from product receiving, positioning, stocktaking to order fulfillment process, and accelerate the transforming of our warehousing system into a B2C logistics center for direct distribution of product to customers.

Employee information

As at 30 June 2018, the Group had approximately 2,578 full-time employees. Staff costs, including Directors' remuneration, totalled RMB70.4 million in the Relevant Period (six months ended 30 June 2017: RMB57.6 million).

The Company also operated a share option scheme (the “**Share Option Scheme**”) and a pre-IPO share option scheme (the “**Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme**”) for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants for their contribution to, and continuing efforts to promote the interests of our Group. A total of 36,924,000 options under the Pre-IPO Share Option Scheme that was granted to 16 participants (including 6 directors) remain outstanding as at 30 June 2018.

Corporate Social Responsibility

Being a responsible corporate citizen is a core fundamental of our culture. during the period, we continued to participate in the sponsorship of an animal protection program organized by the Beijing Loving Animals Foundation (北京愛它動物保護公益基金) and the sponsorship of “I fly” (愛飛翔) training program for village school teachers organised by the Chinese Red Cross Foundation and Cui Yong Yuan Commonwealth Foundation (崔永元公益基金) for the purpose of supporting education in rural areas of China. A total donation of approximately RMB0.2 million was made by the Group to the above programs in the Relevant Period.

We are also looking for opportunities to reduce the consumption of paper, electricity and other resources in order to reduce the impact to the environment and set reduction targets as appropriate.

Prospects

Our key objectives for 2018 is “digitalization driven, retail terminal empowerment (數字驅動，賦能終端)” and the management will continue to focus on the following initiatives in the second half of 2018:

- to combine the online and offline business seamlessly through information technology and business digitalization remain our first priority for 2018. We will continue to encourage sales staff and third-party retailers to use our self-developed O2O system;
- to provide training programs to our sales attendants to use the online product picture system and cross-brand product sales function in order to increase the conversion rate at retail points and accelerate the response to ultimate consumers' demands for our products;

- to launch our customer loyalty program in the second half 2018 with an aim to increase interactions with customers and encourage repeat purchases;
- to increase sales of aged inventories through factory outlets, bargain sales as well as online channels; and
- to expand the retail network of multi-brand lifestyle stores.

INTERIM DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend to declare any interim dividends for the Relevant Period (six months ended 30 June 2017: Nil).

DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has devised its own code of conduct regarding directors' dealings in the Company's securities and securities transactions by employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished price-sensitive information of the Company (the "**Code of Conduct**") on terms no less exacting than the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. All Directors have confirmed, following specific enquiry by the Company, that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code and the Code of Conduct for the Relevant Period.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board believes that high corporate governance standards are essential in providing a framework for the Company to safeguard the interests of shareholders and to enhance corporate value and accountability. The Board is of the view that throughout the Relevant Period, the Company has complied with all the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, with the exception of code provision A.2.1.

According to code provision A.2.1, the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The Company deviates from this code provision because both the chairman and chief executive officer ("**CEO**") positions of the Company are held by Mr. Zhang Yongli. The Board believes that vesting the roles of Chairman and CEO in the same person provides the Group with strong and consistent leadership and allows for efficient business planning and decisions under the current situation.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF SHARES OF THE COMPANY

During the Relevant Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee has discussed with the management regarding the risk management and internal control systems and financial reporting matters related to the preparation of the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the Relevant Period. It has also reviewed the said unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements in conjunction with the Company's external auditors.

REVIEW OF THE INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT BY AUDITORS

The unaudited interim results of the Group for the Relevant Period have been reviewed by the Group's auditors, Ernst & Young, in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERIM REPORT

This interim results announcement is published on the website of the Company at www.cohl.hk and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited at www.hkexnews.hk. The Interim Report for the Relevant Period containing all the information required by Appendix 16 to the Listing Rules will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company and available on the same websites on or about 7 September 2018.

APPRECIATION

Dedicated and loyal employees are our most valuable asset. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our colleagues on behalf of the Board for their contribution and support, and our management and staff members of the Group for their hard work and loyal service throughout the period. I would also like to express our sincere appreciation to our shareholders, customers and suppliers as well as our business partners for their continuing support.

By Order of the Board
China Outfitters Holdings Limited
Zhang Yongli
Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 August 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Mr. Zhang Yongli, Mr. Sun David Lee and Ms. Huang Xiaoyun; the non-executive director is Mr. Wang Wei; and the independent non-executive directors are Mr. Kwong Wilson Wai Sun, Mr. Cui Yi and Mr. Yeung Chi Wai.