Joyce Boutique Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

(於百慕達註冊成立的有限公司)

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INTERIM REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the half-year period ended 30 September 2010

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GROUP RESULTS

The unaudited Group profit attributable to Shareholders for the six months ended 30 September 2010 amounted to HK\$40.4 million, an increase of 901.6% as compared with the profit of HK\$4.0 million for the corresponding period last year. Earnings per share were 2.5 cents (2009: 0.2 cents).

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to declare any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2010 (2009: Nil).

Management Discussion and Analysis

BUSINESS REVIEW

Benefiting from the gradual recovery of the global economy, the Group recorded a strong growth in net profit for the first six months of the financial year, with net profits amounting to HK\$40.4 million as compared to HK\$4.0 million same period last year. The key factors leading to the strong profitability were due to gross margin improvement through the shortening of the on-sale period and tighter control of overheads expenses through initiatives to improve operating efficiency.

The Group continued to focus its resources on the development of key businesses. During this period, the core business of JOYCE multi-label operation was further enhanced through a complete renovation of the JOYCE store at Canton Road to include a new store front, a new On Pedder footwear and accessories concession, and a new-look JOYCE BEAUTY concept corner. In August, the Group worked on a full renovation of the Dries Van Noten shop in the Landmark with a new brand design concept. In May, a new JOYCE BEAUTY shop opened at Lee Gardens Two in Causeway Bay, making a total of seven JOYCE BEAUTY outlets in Hong Kong. In China, with a more consolidated portfolio of stores, the profit generated from the China division further improved.

The Marni joint venture business also performed well during the period as a result of the significant improvement in gross margin.

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Business Development

In October, the Group rolled out one of its key brands, Rick Owens, for its growth potential by opening the first Rick Owens mono brand shop in Hong Kong.

Planning ahead, the Group will further expand retail network of its key brands by opening its first Dsquared shop in Beijing by March 2011 and two Etro shops in Hong Kong and Nanjing respectively in Spring/Summer 2011.

With the gradual recovery of the global economy, the Group is exploring the feasibility of opening a JOYCE store in Beijing.

Outlook

Looking forward, the emerging sovereign debt problems in Europe could cast uncertainties to the reviving economy and escalating rental costs will continue to be an operating challenge to the retail sectors in Hong Kong and in China. Despite these negative factors, the Group remains cautiously optimistic about the performance in the coming quarters and will continue to seek business opportunity in Hong Kong and China to expand its retail portfolio.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

(I) Results Review

Group profit attributable to Shareholders for the six months ended 30 September 2010 amounted to HK\$40.4 million, compared to a profit of HK\$4.0 million for the same period last year. Earnings per share were 2.5 cents (2009: 0.2 cents).

The Group's turnover for the six months ended 30 September 2010 was HK\$523.8 million representing an increase of 6.5% over the same period last year. The Hong Kong division remained to be the core business of the Group, accounting for 87.2% (2009: 83.3%) of the total Group's turnover. The turnover for the Hong Kong division increased by 11.6% against the same period last year, which was mainly due to the general improvement in the local consumer sentiment and partly due to the full six months' contributions from the new shops opened last year including those from the Balenciaga shop at Landmark and the JOYCE BEAUTY corners at Lane Crawford stores. As for the China division, due to the closure of some under-performing shops in previous year, the turnover decreased by 18.7%.

Gross margin improved by 8.6 percentage points over the same period last year as a result of the shortening of the on-sale period for Spring/Summer 2010.

With the improvement in the overall operating efficiency through the closure of non-performing shops in previous year, the China division achieved an improved operating profit of HK\$9.7 million for the period, compared to HK\$0.2 million for the same period last year.

For the period under review, the profit contribution from the Marni joint venture business increased from HK\$1.0 million of last period to HK\$2.7 million due to the significant improvement in gross margin.

(II) Liquidity and Financial Resources

At 30 September 2010, the Group's financial position remained strong with total cash deposits and cash on hand amounted to HK\$377.2 million (31/3/2010: HK\$315.3 million).

At 30 September 2010, the Group had banking facilities in a total amount of HK\$279.8 million (31/3/2010: HK\$233.0 million).

With its strong financial position and available banking facilities, the Group believes that it will have sufficient fund to pursue new potential investment opportunities.

(III) Foreign Exchange Risk Management

Most of the Group's imported purchases are denominated in foreign currencies, primarily being Euro. To minimise exposure on foreign exchange fluctuations, the Group will from time to time review its foreign exchange position and, when it considers appropriate and necessary, will hedge its foreign exchange exposure by way of forward foreign exchange contracts.

(IV) Human Resources

The Group had 505 staff as at 30 September 2010 (31/3/2010: 507). Staff are remunerated according to nature of the job and market trend, with a built-in merit component incorporated in the annual increment to reward and motivate individual performance. The Group provides various job-related training programmes to staff when necessary. Total staff costs for the period ended 30 September 2010 amounted to HK\$68.7 million.

Condensed Consolidated Interim Income Statement for the six months ended 30 September 2010

	Note	Unaudited 30/09/2010 HK\$'000	Unaudited 30/09/2009 HK\$'000
Turnover	2	523,843	491,765
Other income		6,920	2,780
		530,763	494,545
Direct costs and operating expenses	4	(413,132)	(445,938)
Selling and marketing expenses	4	(27,128)	(15,534)
Administrative expenses	4	(40,900)	(29,513)
Operating profit		49,603	3,560
Finance costs	3	(12)	(6)
Share of profit of an associate		2,665	1,031
Profit before income tax		52,256	4,585
Income tax expense	5	(11,900)	(556)
Profit attributable to equity holders			
of the Company		40,356	4,029
Earnings per share	6		
– Basic		2.5 cents	0.2 cents
– Diluted		N/A	0.2 cents
Dividends	7		

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Financial Position at 30 September 2010

	Note	Unaudited 30/09/2010 HK\$'000	Audited 31/03/2010 HK\$'000
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets		41 552	27.250
Property, plant and equipment Deposits, prepayments and other assets		41,553 37,297	27,258 34,037
Interest in an associate		13,978	11,315
Deferred income tax assets		3,425	5,327
		96,253	77,937
Current Assets			
Inventories	0	185,474	192,440
Trade and other receivables Deposits, prepayments and other assets	8	50,160 15,420	49,944 21,629
Amount due from an associate			12,710
Cash and cash equivalents		377,188	315,307
		628,242	592,030
Total Assets		724,495	669,967
EQUITY Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holders Share capital Reserves	10	162,400 368,979	162,400 342,690
Total Equity		531,379	505,090
LIABILITIES Non-Current Liabilities Financial liability at fair value through profit or loss		3,966	3,966
		3,966	3,966
Current Liabilities Trade and bills payables Other payables and accruals Amount due to an associate Current income tax liabilities Financial derivative liabilities	9	47,891 116,039 2,571 22,005 644 189,150	41,440 102,835 — 11,256 5,380 — 160,911
Total Liabilities		193,116	164,877
Total Equity And Liabilities		724,495	669,967
Net Current Assets		439,092	431,119
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		535,345	509,056
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Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Changes in Equity for the six months ended 30 September 2010

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company								
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Capital surplus HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve HK\$'000	Employee compensation reserve HK\$'000	Hedging reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Balance at 1 April 2010 Comprehensive income Profit attributable to	162,400	3,728	76	139,196	(1,862)	-	(2,515)	204,067	505,090
equity holders Other comprehensive income/(expense) Net translation differences on foreign operations:	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	40,356	40,356
- Subsidiaries	_	_	_	_	12	_	_	_	12
AssociateCash flow hedges:Fair value gains for	_	_	_	_	(2)	_	_	_	(2)
the period Deferred income	-	-	_	-	_	-	2,914	_	2,914
tax recognised	_	_	_	_	_	_	(751)	_	(751)
Total other comprehensive income		_	_	_	10	_	2,163	_	2,173
Total comprehensive income	_	_	_	_	10	_	2,163	40,356	42,529
Transactions with owners Final dividend paid for the year ended 31 March 2010	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(16,240)	(16,240)
Balance at 30 September 2010	162,400	3,728	76	139,196	(1,852)	_	(352)	228,183	531,379

The comparative figures for the six months ended 30 September 2009 are set out as follows:

	Attributable to equity holders of the Company								
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Capital surplus HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Exchange fluctuation reserve HK\$'000	Employee compensation reserve HK\$'000	Hedging reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Balance at 1 April 2009	162,400	3,728	76	139,196	(1,964)	2,645	(7,378)	166,183	464,886
Comprehensive income Profit attributable to equity holders Other comprehensive income/(expense) Net translation differences	-	-	_	_	-	_	-	4,029	4,029
on foreign operations: - Subsidiaries					(214)				(214)
- Associate	_	_	_	_	(224)	_	_	_	(224)
Cash flow hedges: - Fair value gains for the period - Deferred income	-	_	-	-	-	-	9,496	_	9,496
tax recognised							(2,099)		(2,099)
Total other comprehensive (expense)/income	_	_	_	_	(438)	_	7,397	_	6,959
Total comprehensive (expense)/income	_	_	_	_	(438)	_	7,397	4,029	10,988
Translations with owners Employee share option scheme: - transfer of reserve upon lapse of share options	-	_	_	-	-	(2,645)	-	2,645	
Balance at 30 September 2009	162,400	3,728	76	139,196	(2,402)	_	19	172,857	475,874

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the six months ended 30 September 2010

	Unaudited 30/09/2010 HK\$'000	Unaudited 30/09/2009 HK\$'000
Profit for the period	40,356	4,029
Other comprehensive income Net translation differences on foreign operations	10	(438)
Fair value gains on cash flow hedge, net of tax	2,163	7,397
Total other comprehensive income	2,173	6,959
Total comprehensive income for the period	42,529	10,988

Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Cash Flows for the six months ended 30 September 2010

	Unaudited 30/09/2010 HK\$'000	Unaudited 30/09/2009 HK\$'000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities Net cash outflow from financing activities	101,414 (23,304) (16,240)	(5,082) 8,518 (3,876)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	61,870 11 315,307	(440) (261) 213,275
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents Bank balances and cash	377,188	212,574

Notes to Interim Financial Statements

(1) Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

These unaudited consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010, which have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs").

Except as described below, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010, as described in those annual financial statements.

The following new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 April 2010.

HKFRS 1 (Revised) First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards

HKAS 27 (Revised) Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

HKAS 39 (Amendment) Eligible Hedged Items

The adoption of the above new and revised standards, amendments and interpretations has had no material impact on the Group's results and financial position.

The following new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 April 2010 but are not relevant to the Group's operations.

HKFRS 3 (Revised) Business Combinations

HKAS 17 (Amendment) Leases

HKAS 32 (Amendment) Classification of Right Issues

HK(IFRIC) – Int 17 Distribution of Non-cash Assets to Owners HK(IFRIC) – Int 18 Transfers of Assets from Customers

The following new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations have been issued, but are not effective for the financial year beginning 1 April 2010 and have not been early adopted:

HKAS 24 (Revised) Related Party Disclosures HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments

HK(IFRIC) – Int 14 Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement

(Amendment)

HK(IFRIC) – Int 19 Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments

(2) Segment information

The Group is principally engaged in sales of designer fashion garments, cosmetics and accessories.

The Group determines its operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the top management who makes strategic decisions.

The top management assesses the business by geographic location, the reportable operating segments identified are Hong Kong, Mainland China and other markets.

Segment profit represents the profit earned by each segment before finance cost, tax and share of profit of an associate. This is the measurement basis reported to the top management for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

An analysis of the Group's reportable segment turnover and operating profit/(loss) by geographical location is as follows:

	Segmen	t turnover	Segme	nt results	
	30/09/2010	30/09/2009	30/09/2010	30/09/2009	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Geographical segment	s:				
Hong Kong	456,922	409,546	40,810	4,692	
China	66,747	82,137	9,708	154	
Others	174	82	(915)	(1,286)	
Total	523,843	491,765			
Operating profit			49,603	3,560	
Finance costs			(12)	(6)	
Share of profit of an ass	ociate		2,665	1,031	
Profit before income tax	<u> </u>		52,256	4,585	
Income tax expense			(11,900)	(556)	
Profit attributable to equ	ity holders		40,356	4,029	

(3) Finance costs

	30/09/2010 HK\$'000	30/09/2009 HK\$'000
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	12	6

(4) Expenses by nature

	30/09/2010 HK\$'000	30/09/2009 HK\$'000
Cost of inventories (including provision		
for inventories)	253,591	280,106
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	8,959	14,900
Operating lease rentals in respect of land		
and buildings	98,988	97,670
Staff costs	68,727	60,909
Other expenses	50,895	37,400
	481,160	490,985

(5) Income tax expense

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% on the estimated assessable profit for the period ended 30 September 2010.

No provision for overseas profits tax has been made as the Group has unutilised tax losses brought forward to offset its estimated assessable profit (2009: Nil).

The amount of taxation charged to the consolidated income statement represents:

HK\$'000	HK\$'000
10,749	1,125
1,151	(569)
11,900	556
	10,749 1,151

(6) Earnings per share

(a) Basic earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the consolidated profit attributable to equity holders for the period of HK\$40,356,000 (2009: HK\$4,029,000) and the weighted average number of ordinary shares of 1,624,000,000 (2009: 1,624,000,000) shares in issue during the period.

(b) Diluted earnings per share

As there were no outstanding share options for the period ended 30 September 2010, no diluted earnings per share was presented.

For the period ended 30 September 2009, as the exercise price of the Company's outstanding share options were higher than the average market price of the Company's ordinary shares, the outstanding share options had no dilutive effect on the earnings per share.

(7) Dividends

(a) Dividends attributable to the period

The Board has resolved not to declare any interim dividend for the period ended 30 September 2010 (2009: Nil).

(b) Dividends attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the period.

	30/09/2010 HK\$'000	30/09/2009 HK\$'000
Final dividend in respect of the previous financial year, approved and paid during the period, of 1.0 cent		
(2009: Nil) per share	16,240	

(8) Trade and other receivables

Included in trade and other receivables are trade receivables with an ageing analysis at 30 September 2010 as follows:

	30/09/2010 HK\$'000	31/03/2010 HK\$'000
Within 30 days	26,876	26,495
Between 31 to 60 days	4,884	10,128
Between 61 to 90 days	7,184	8,357
Over 90 days	_	771
	38,944	45,751

The Group has established credit policies for each of its core businesses. The general credit terms allowed range from 0 to 60 days.

(9) Trade and bills payables

The ageing analysis of trade and bills payables at 30 September 2010 is as follows:

	30/09/2010 HK\$'000	31/03/2010 HK\$'000
Due within 30 days	42,755	38,493
Due between 31 to 60 days	4,958	2,199
Due between 61 to 90 days	146	729
Due after 90 days	32	19
	47,891	41,440

(10) Share capital

	Number of shares '000	HK\$'000	Number of shares '000	09 HK\$'000
Authorised: Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each Beginning and end of the period	3,000,000	300,000	3,000,000	300,000
Issued and fully paid: Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each Beginning and end of the period	1,624,000	162,400	1,624,000	162,400

(11) Commitments

(a) Operating lease commitments – as lessee

At 30 September 2010, the Group had future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	30/09/2010 HK\$'000	31/03/2010 HK\$'000
Land and buildings:		
Not later than one year	146,728	156,643
Later than one year and not later than five years	201,163	243,448
Later than five years	11,719	25,783
	359,610	425,874

Payment obligations in respect of operating leases with rentals varied with gross revenues are not included as future minimum lease payment.

(b) Operating lease commitments – as lessor

At 30 September 2010, the Group had future aggregate minimum lease receipts under an non-cancellable operating lease as follows:

	30/09/2010 HK\$'000	31/03/2010 HK\$'000
Land and buildings:		
Not later than one year	2,700	2,700
Later than one year and not later than five years	1,350	2,700
	4,050	5,400

(c) Capital commitments

Capital expenditure at the balance sheet date but not yet incurred is as follows:

	30/09/2010 HK\$'000	31/03/2010 HK\$'000
Property, plant and equipment contracted but not provided for	4,844	4,080

(12) Related party transactions

Significant related party transactions, which were carried out in the normal course of the Group's business during the period, are as follows:

(a) Transactions with fellow subsidiaries

	30/09/2010 HK\$'000	30/09/2009 HK\$'000
Rental expenses paid to a fellow subsidiary	4,699	4,222
Rental income received from a fellow subsidiary	3,865	

(b) Transactions with an associate

	30/09/2010 HK\$'000	30/09/2009 HK\$'000
Management fee received from an associate	974	1,143

(13) Review of unaudited interim financial statements

The unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2010 have been reviewed with no disagreement by the Audit Committee of the Company.

CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

During the financial period under review, the Company has complied with all the code provisions set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices contained in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

MODEL CODE FOR DIRECTORS' DEALING IN SECURITIES

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. The Company has made specific enquiry of all Directors and all the Directors have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code and its code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions.

Changes of Information of Directors

Given below is the latest information regarding the directorships held at present and/or former directorship(s) (if any) held within the past three years in other listed (formerly listed) public company(ies) in respect of any and all Director(s) of the Company for whom there has/have been change(s) in the relevant information since the publication of the last annual report of the Company:

Director	Present directorship(s) in other listed (formerly listed) public company(ies)
Paul Y. C. Tsui	Wheelock and Company Limited; The Wharf (Holdings) Limited; Harbour Centre Development Limited; i-CABLE Communications Limited; Wheelock Properties (Singapore) Limited; (Wheelock Properties Limited (See note below))

Note: Wheelock Properties Limited, which formerly was a listed public company and of which Mr. Paul Y. C. Tsui has been a director since January 2005, ceased to be publicly-listed in July 2010.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES

As recorded in the register kept by the Company under section 352 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") in respect of information required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange by the Directors and/or Chief Executive of the Company pursuant to the SFO or to the Model Code, there were no interests, both long and short positions, held as at 30 September 2010 by any Directors or Chief Executive of the Company in shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), nor had there been any rights to subscribe for any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company held by any of them at any time during the financial period.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS

Given below are the names of all parties, who/which were, directly or indirectly, interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital of the Company as at 30 September 2010, the respective relevant numbers of shares in which they were, and/or were deemed to be, interested as at that date as recorded in the register kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO (the "Register") and the percentages which the shares represented to the issued share capital of the Company:

Names	No. of Ordinary Shares (percentage of issued capital)
(i) Allied Wisdom International Limited	1,183,838,723 (72.90%)
(ii) Wisdom Gateway Limited	1,183,838,723 (72.90%)
(iii) HSBC Trustee (Guernsey) Limited	1,183,838,723 (72.90%)
(iv) Mr. Peter K. C. Woo	1,183,838,723 (72.90%)

Note: Duplication occurs in respect of all of the shareholdings stated above in that they all represent the same block of shares.

All the interests stated above represented long positions and as at 30 September 2010, there were no short position interests recorded in the Register.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any listed securities of the Company during the financial period under review.

By Order of the Board Wilson W. S. Chan Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 26 November 2010

As at the date of this interim report, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Mr. Stephen T. H. Ng, Ms. Doreen Y. F. Lee and Mr. Paul Y. C. Tsui, together with three Independent Non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Antonio Chan, Mr. Eric F. C. Li and Mr. Eric K. K. Lo.

