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3Q FY2015 FINANCIAL RESULTS
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## Financial Highlights

| $\underline{\text { ssoon }}$ | $3 Q 15$ | $3 Q 14$ | Variance | $\%$ |
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| Turnover | 69,711 | 90,326 | $(20,615)$ | -23 |
| Gross margin | $43 \%$ | $39 \%$ | 4 | - |
| Operating expenses | 35,204 | 43,550 | $(8,346)$ | -19 |
| Operating loss | $(3,674)$ | $(4,720)$ | 1,046 | -22 |
| Foreign exchange (loss)/gain | $(670)$ | 326 | $(996)$ | nm |
| Loss on disposal of subsidiary | $(1,127)$ | - | $(1,127)$ | nm |
| Net loss after tax | $(5,523)$ | $(4,971)$ | $(552)$ | 11 |

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## Higblights



1. Turnover down $23 \%$ to $\$ 69.7$ million
2. Net loss from core operations narrows to $\$ 4.4$ million
3. Gross margin improves to $43 \%$

FJ BENJAMIN Turnover

## Turnover \& Gross Margin


$\rightarrow$ Gross Margins

## Turnover

S\$ '000


## 1. Group turnover down $23 \%$ to $\$ 69.7$ million

- Decline in Group turnover comprises $\$ 12.4$ million of sales in 3Q14 from brands which have since been discontinued, \$2.1 million drop in sales from existing brands and a $\$ 6.1$ million fall in exports to its Indonesia associate
- Sales in Southeast Asia for ongoing business down \$1.7 million or 3\%
- Southeast Asia were marginally lower by 3\% to $\$ 52.5$ million.
- Sales in Malaysia were flat while Indonesian slips 1\% due to further depreciation of the rupiah but operating margins remain steady compared to last year


## 2. Gross Margin

- Overall gross margin improves four percentage points to 43\% with fewer markdowns and better inventory management.


By Business Segment


## By Geography



1. Net Loss narrows to $\$ 4.4$ million

- Net loss at $\$ 5.5$ million against loss of $\$ 4.9$ million previously, includes $\$ 1.1$ million loss from sale of a subsidiary
- Excluding subsidiary sale, net loss narrows to $\$ 4.4$ million after a series of restructuring and cost-cutting moves


## 2. Balance Sheet

- Inventories decreases by $14 \%$ to $\$ 77.6$ million due to reduced purchases
- Group net gearing stands at 70\% as at 31 March 2015 compared to $78 \%$ as at 30 June 2014.

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TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE
Sq Ft "000


## Retail Footprint

NUMBER OF STORES



## Outlook.

Consumer sentiment to remain challenging


- Consumer sentiment remains weak and the economic slowdown in China continues to affect tourism in South East Asia
- Cost pressures to ease with efforts to close down unprofitable stores in Singapore and Malaysia, tighten inventory controls and improve productivity, completed downsizing of Hong Kong and Taiwan operations
- Group expects to record a loss for the financial year ending 30 June 2015.
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