

FY 2011 Financial Results

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Financial Highlights

Highlights



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Revenues

2,032	2011
2,053	2010

- ✓ Performance reported: -1.0%.
- ✓ Performance currency neutral: -0.3%.

 Negative impact from currency: -14€ mio.
- ✓ Emerging markets: double digit growth.

% Ordinary Ebit on Sales

7.3%	2011
8.6%	2010

- ✓ Costs pressure: large negative impact.
- ✓ Operating expenses actions: remarkable SG&A reduction.
- ✓ Negative one-time costs and positive impact from currency.

Net Income

73	2011	
102	2010	

✓ Negative impact from currency hedging (-10€ mio), compared with positive impact last year (+12€ mio) Lower tax rate (35.4%) vs. last year (38.7%).

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Net Debt

548	2011
486	2010

- ✓ Net Debt increase.
- ✓ Q4 II: NWC improvement.
- Commercial investments dedicated to the network.



Revenues & Business Analysis

Revenues



€M

2010	2011	Ch. %	Ch.%

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Developing and Fast Growth Countries: double digit growth.



Geographical Revenues

UNITED COLORS OF BENETTON.

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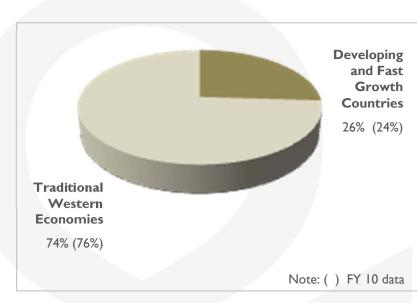
	2010	2011
Total Revenues	2,053	2,032

	Reported	C.N.
Overall Performance	-1.0%	-0.3%
Developing and Fast Growth Countries	+7%	+10%
Traditional Western Economies	-4%	-4%



Bruxelles, Rue Neuve









Santiago, Av. Goyenechea

Slovenia, Ljubljana

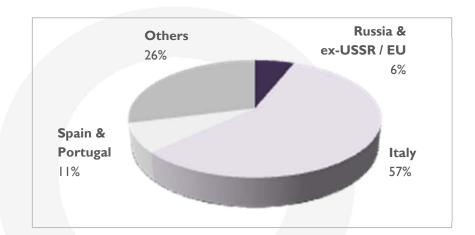
Revenues - Europe



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	Revenues	% on total Revenues
Europe	1,606	79%

	Reported	C.N.
Performance	-2%	-2%



The Mediterranean

Italy: narrow decrease, in line with European performance. Trend improvement in the last quarter.

Iberian Peninsula: sales decrease (-4%), driven by limited decline in Spain (-3%) and notable shrink in Portugal (-9%). Greece: significant fall in revenues (-16%); less negative trend in the last few months.

Continental Europe

Sales up in Germany (+6%) and Austria, highlightening increasing trend performance. Positive results in UK.

Russia & ex-USSR / EU

Amazing growth in Russia (+25%) and ex-USSR / EU countries (+19%).

Extensive presence, supported from initial development in Tier II Cities. Total store network accounting more than 170 stores.

Commercial proposals development, targeting high potential segments: initiatives dedicated to kids and man.

Door-to-door Project: delivery improvement, thanks to new merchandise shipments organization.

Revenues - Asia



€М

	Revenues	% on total Revenues
Asia	333	16%

	Reported	C.N.
Performance	+2%	+6%

Outstanding double digit revenues' increase in India (+11%), South Korea (+11%), ex-USSR Asian Countries (+24%) and Middle East.

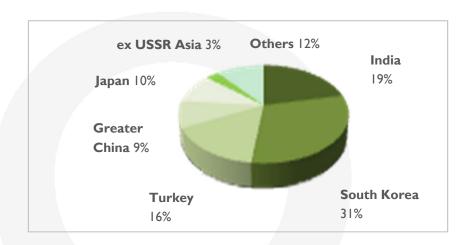
LFL growth in Greater China, driven by double digit increase in China and positive results in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Negative performance in Japan and on-going decreasing results in South East Asia.

Turkey

LFL increase, showing double digit growth in the 2^{nd} half 2011.

Dedicated collection approach introduced in A/W II and local sourcing raise, to offset increasing duties.



India

Network: extensive presence with ~480 stores in over 100 towns across the nation, both in Tier I, II and IIII cities. More than 90 openings in 2011, mainly in secondary cities and South-East Area.

Largely completed DOS transfer to third parties' management: ~150 stores from Q1 10.

Store traffic and average ticket increase, driven by total look offer and dedicated collections.

Market opportunity and potential of Kids and Sisley:

~ 50 dedicated stores already opened.

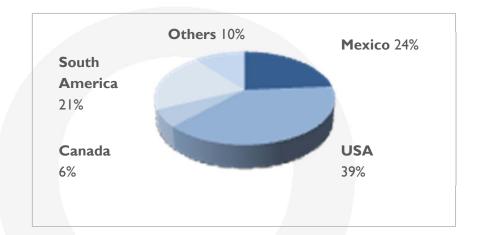
Revenues - Americas



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	Revenues	% on total Revenues
Americas	80	4%

	Reported	C.N.
Performance	+2%	+6%



USA & Canada

Revenues decrease: negative impact from refocusing activities and stores closing.

Comparable sales improvement in the last part of 2011.

South America

Performance up +42%, driven by stores network development and new openings in malls and department stores.

Mexico

Network: more than 25 DOS and ~230 corners in Department Stores, including more than 30 openings in 2011.

Healthy growth, showing a performance up over 20%.

Comparable sales: double digit increase.

Local partnership renewed and extended in March 2011.

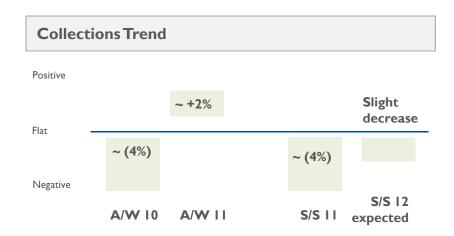
Revenues by channel



	2010	2011	Ch.% Ch.%
Total Revenues	2,053	2,032	-1.0% -0.3%
Apparel	1,948	1,913	-1.8% -1.1%
Wholesale	1,475	1,459	-1.1% -0.6%
Directly Operated Sales	473	454	-4.0% -2.7%
Textile	105	119	+14.1% +14.1%

Apparel Revenues







A/W II: positive collections performance (+2%).

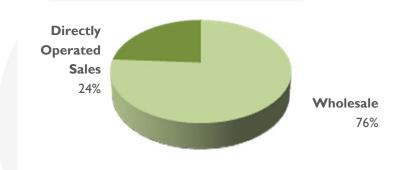
S/S 12: slight decrease expected.

New in-season product initiatives: positive impact on 2011 collections, supporting trend expected in next proposals.

Drivers

Slight price/mix improvement and resilient volumes performance: S/S 12 drivers are confirming previous trends.

Apparel Revenues by channel



Wholesale

Revenues in line with previous year, on the back of collections trend and deliveries in line with commercial requests.

Directly Operated Sales

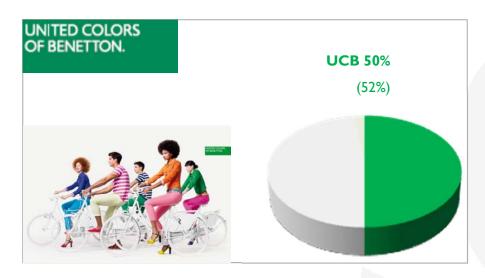
<u>LFL:</u> flat performance in Q4 11, showing an improvement trend compared with 9M 11 results.

FY 11 comparable results: slight decrease (-2%), supported by positive performance in emerging markets.

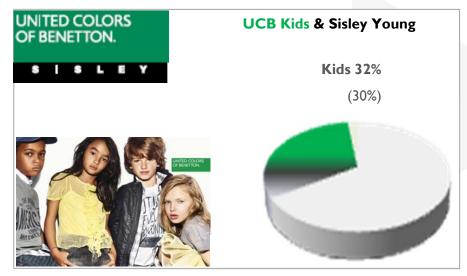
<u>FY 11 channel results</u>: excluding currency impact and DOS transfer in India to third parties management, the 2011 performance is slightly positive.

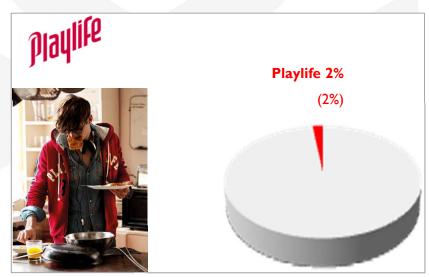
Brands & Collections











Note: () FY 10 data

Brands: initiatives



Brand & Values



United Colors of Benetton

<u>UNHATE</u>: New worldwide institutional communication campaign in Fall 11.

<u>Lana Sutra</u>: Communication of Benetton Values through the dialogue with the world of art from September 2011.

Sisley

Definition of the new Independent lifestyle philosophy, supported by a new communication campaign.

Brand & Product





United Colors of Benetton

Special Collections proposals.

Dedicated collection development.

Product innovation and research.

UCB Kids

Updated collection structure.

Product line and offer increase.

Sisley

Fashion content & affordable pieces increase in collection proposals.

Brand & Store



United Colors of Benetton

New openings and refurbishment of existing stores with the new concept "Lissoni".

Sisley & Playlife

Introduction of new store concept at the end of 2011.

Brands & Values



United Colors of Benetton







UNHATE - The new worldwide communication campaign, with the aim of contrasting the culture of hatred and promote brand values, as tolerance and peace, through ironic and provocative images.

In the first days of the UNHATE campaign, global participation placed it among the top five topic trends worldwide on both Twitter and Google, with Facebook fan numbers increasing by 60%; over 3000 articles published and more than 600 television reports in 60 countries around the world.

<u>UNHATE Foundation</u>: new Benetton Group foundation, strengthening the group's social responsibility strategy, through on-going initiatives.

Lana Sutra - Dialogue with the world of art, proposing targeted communication initiatives.

Is art pieces installation in selected flagship, conceived as a homage to love, covered by coloured wool threads, emphasizing two key elements of the brand DNA.

Brands & Product



UCB



Management strengthening, adding new roles and people in creative and merchandising structure.

Offering Structure: Special Collections adopted starting from S/S 11.

On-going roll-out and new total look deliveries in S/S 12 collections.

Product innovation and research: new exclusive knitwear proposals, representative of Group heritage.

Sisley





Collections offer renewal adopted from S/S 12, segmenting product offer by function and style.

Launch of targeted product initiatives, supporting brand values and improving brand identity.

Identification of the key product categories, highlighted in new store concept.

UCB Kids



Reviewed offering structure, starting from S/S 12.

Cosmopolitan mood for collection proposals.

Remarkable growth driven by product offer and initiatives adopted in international markets.

Brands & Store

UNITED COLORS OF BENETTON.

United Colors of Benetton



On-going roll-out of "Lissoni" concept, spread in over 30 Countries.

New display approach proposed.



Sisley



Introduction of the new concept store: first opening in September. New format adopted for openings and refurbishments.



Playlife



"Welcome Home": development of the new innovative store concept and shopping experience, based on a multi-brand store approach.



Innovation & Experimentation



Live Windows

Creation of innovative sales spaces, supported by continuous experimentation with new technologies: "Benetton Live Windows project."

Use of the latest technologies, introduced in the main flagship stores, creating an innovative consumer experience.



The "Studios"

New area in the headquarter, dedicated to development activities related to the Store:

New concept development.

Visual merchandising activities.

Innovative selling space project.

Catwalk & Products Presentation.

Brands & Multiple Digital Initiatives









Product websites

Complete restyling of the product websites for all Group brands - United Colors of Benetton, Sisley and Playlife.

Creation of two international blogs: United Blogs of Benetton & IndependentPeople for Sisley.

benettongroup.com

Launch of the new-look benettongroup.com, a portal for all institutional areas and innovative Investor Relations section, entirely revised and enhanced with new sections & functions.

Applications

Launch of product and corporate applications for iPhone, iPad, BlackBerry and Android.

Facebook: more than 1.000.000 fans at year end, compared with 250.000 at the beginning of 2011.



P&L Analysis

Profit & Loss

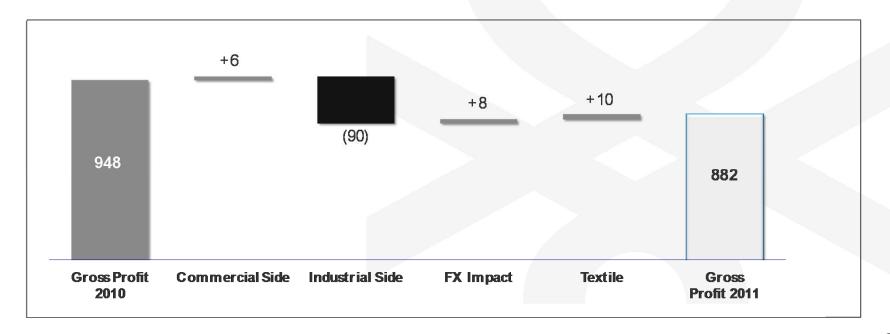


	2010	2011	Ch % 2011 vs 2010
Revenues	2,053	2,032	-1.0%
Gross Profit	948	882	-6.9%
%	46.2%	43.4%	
Contribution Margin	789	724	-8.2%
%	38.4%	35.6%	
SGA	-581	-570	-1.8%
Ordinary EBIT	208	154	-26.2%
%	10.1%	7.6%	
Non recurring items	-32	-5	
EBIT	176	149	-15.4%
%	8.6%	7.3%	
Profit Before Taxation	168	119	-28.8%
Net income	102	73	-28.3%
%	5.0%	3.6%	
Ordinary EBITDA	311	256	-17.6%
%	15.2%	12.6%	

Gross Profit Analysis



	2010	2011	Ch %	Ch %CN
Gross Profit	948	882	-6.9%	-7.7%
% on Revenues	46.2%	43.4%	-280bp	-340 bp



Ebit Analysis



	One-off	Ordinary Ebit	Reported EBIT	% on revenues
2010	(32)	208	176	8.6%
2011	(5)	154	149	7.3%

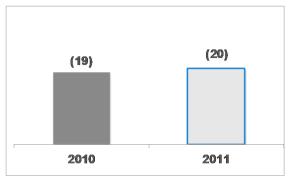


Financial Cost & Net Income Analysis

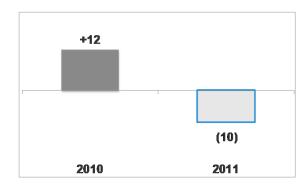


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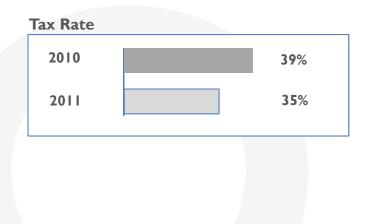
Financial expenses



Currency hedging



	2010	2011	Ch %
P.B.T.	168	119	-28.8%
% on Revenues	8.2%	5.9%	



Minority Interests



	2010	2011	Ch %
Net Income	102	73	-28.3%
% on Revenues	5.0%	3.6%	



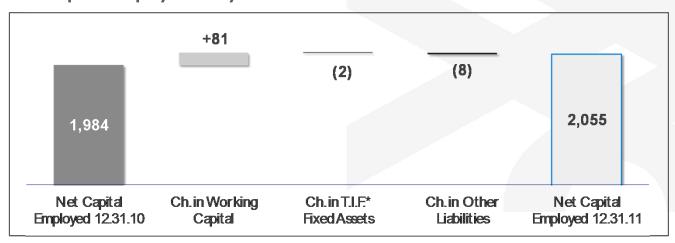
Balance Sheet& Cash Flow Analysis

Net Capital Employed



	12.31.2010	12.31.2011	Ch
W orking Capital	622	703	81
Asset to be sold	10	5	-5
Tang. and Intang. fixed assets	1,314	1,317	3
Financial fixed assets	25	20	-5
Other assets/(liabilities)	13	10	-3
Net Capital Employed	1,984	2,055	71
financed by			
Net Indebtedness	486	548	62
Total Shareholders' Equity	1,498	1,507	9

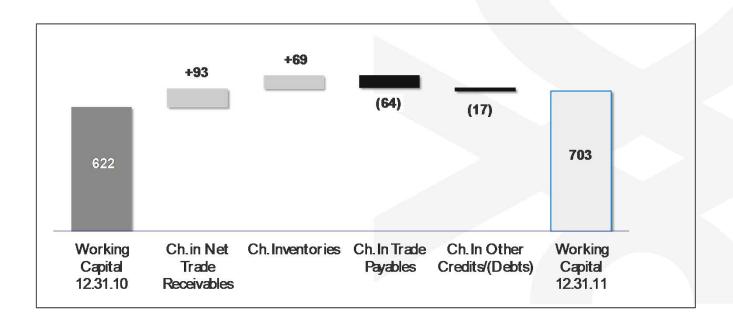
Net Capital Employed Analysis



Working Capital



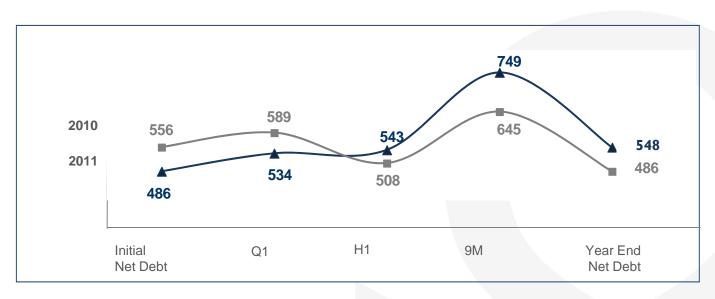
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Net trade receivables	804	897	93
Inventories	293	362	69
(Trade payables)	-442	-506	-64
Other credits/(debts)	-33	-50	-17



Net Debt



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Net Debt Increase.

- On-going investments.
- NWC increase.
- Shares buy-back programme.



Net debt and Cash Flow Generation: 4th quarter analysis.

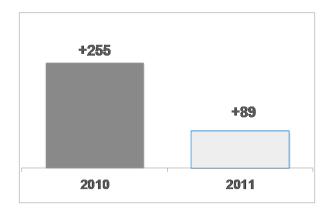
Cash flow improvement in the last part of 2011 vs. 2010, including NWC control and reduction

Cash Flow

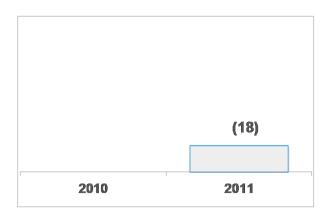


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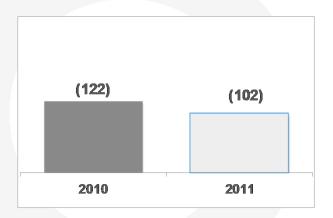
Net cash flow from operating activities



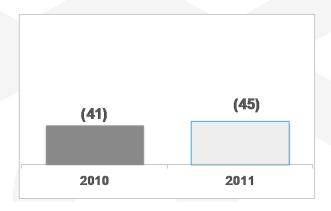
Treasury Shares



Net cash flow from Investment activities



Dividends



Net Investments





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Looking forward

Looking forward



Macroeconomic assumption



Risky environment and challenging scenario; weaking outlook for the euro area and slower trend for the Mediterranean Countries.

Downside household consumption in consolidated countries and tight credit access.



Emerging market outperforming again other markets in 2012.

New Initiatives

Development and introduction of new initiatives, supporting on-going growth stimulation.

Focus on increasing brands' visibility in most important and trendiest cities worldwide.

Set-up of markets priority and leverage on new channel opportunities.

Strategic Focus

Strengthening growth stimulation activities, focusing on three cornerstones:

- ✓ Focus on brand building.
- ✓ Enhancing and improving product.
- ✓ Continuous renewal of store network.

Raise the appeal of the point of sales, creating an innovative consumer experience and focusing on sell-out performance and store's profitability.

Profitability



Cost inflation: raw material pressure, mostly in the first part of 2012, as cotton and wool level at product order placement.

Labour cost pressure in selected Group Sourcing Regions.



Sourcing flexibility, facing cost pressure, and increasing efficiency through product category allocation.

On-going initiatives related to cost control.



Annex

Consolidated Balance Sheet & Working Capital



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Net Book Value of Land & Building



Land and Building	12.31.2010	12.31.2011	Ch
Commercial	657	648	-9
Industrial	104	112	8
Other	19	19	0
Total	780	779	-1

Commercial	12.31.2010	12.31.2011	Ch
Italy	166	164	-2
Russia-Ex USSR	149	146	-3
France	106	104	-2
Spain	66	67	1
Japan	42	45	3
Portugal	28	28	0
Belgium	18	17	-1
Turkey	18	15	-3
Austria	15	15	0
Iran	16	14	-2
USA	15	16	1
India	10	9	-1
Kosovo	4	4	0
Switzerland	2	2	0
Mongolia	2	2	0
Total	657	648	-9

Statement of Consolidated Cash Flow



	2010	2011
Cash from operating act. before changes in Working Cap	331	270
Change in Working Capital	-3	-117
Interests paid/received - Foreign currency gains/(losses)	-9	-30
Payment of taxes	-64	-34
Net Cash Flow from operating activities	255	89
Net Operating Assets	-115	-103
Financial Fixed Assets	-7	1
Net Cash Flow from investment activities	-122	-102
Free Cash Flow	133	-13
Payment of dividends	-41	-45
Purchase of treasury shares	0	-18
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Surplus/(Deficit)	92	-76

Credit Facilities available as of December 31th, 2011



Term loans

400€ m (2007-2012)

3 Term loans

Current Position

Fully drawn

Cost: Euribor 1/2/3/6 months +20/50 bp*

150€ m Unicredit

100€ m BNL

150€ m Intesa Sanpaolo

250€ m (2010-2015)

Club Deal

Current Position

Fully drawn

<u>Cost</u>: Euribor 1/2/3/6 months + 150/250 bp*

50€ m BNL

50€ m Credit Agricole

50€ m Cassa di Risparmio del Veneto

50€ m Mediobanca

50€ m Unicredit

Covenant**

2011

EBITDA / Net Fin. Exp.

min 4

13.3 x

N.D / **EBITDA**

max 3.5

2.1 x

5.000Jpy m (2011–2014)

Term Ioan

Cost: Libor |py 6 months + 65 bp

Current Position

Fully drawn

5.000 py m Development Bank of Japan

^{*} Depending on the ratio N.D./EBITDA

Credit Facilities available as of December 31th, 2011





Uncommitted Credit Facilities

440€ m

Current Position

Uncommitted credit facilities

Drawn for 35€ m

<u>Cost</u>: Interbank (or prime) rate + spread

^{*} Depending on the ratio N.D./EBITDA

^{**} Covenants calculated every six months



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