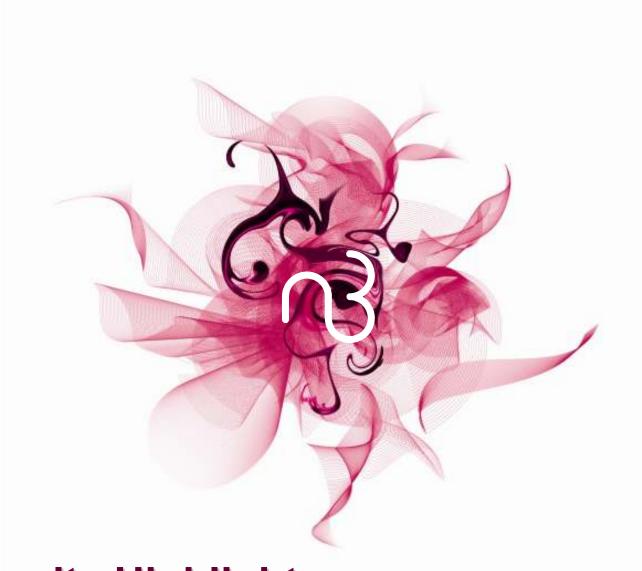


### **2007 Interim Results**

September 2007



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# **Results Highlights**

# **Highlights of the Period**



- Net profit surged 50.4% to HK\$ 74.3 million
- Dividend payout ratio reached 135% to HK\$100 million
- Net profit margin increased by 8.2 percentage points to 38.4%
- Fonperi 1,100 retail channels contributed to Taiwan market's top line turn around

# **Financial Summary**



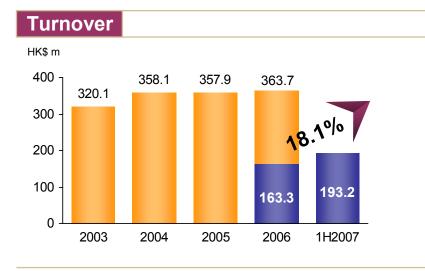
#### Six months ended June 30 Change %

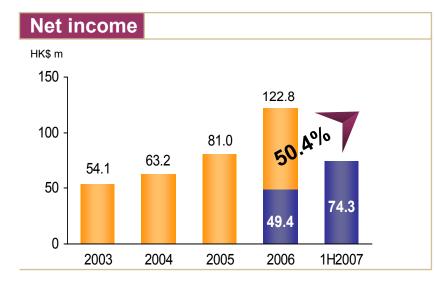
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(HK\$ million)	2006	2007	
Turnover	163.6	193.2	+18.1
Gross profit	128.8	161.9	+25.7
Profit before tax	72.8	95.5	+31.1
Net profit	49.4	74.3	+50.4
Interim dividend per share (HK cents)	2.00	5.00	+150
- Basic	1.40	3.00	+114.3
- Special	0.60	2.00	+233.3
Dividend payout* (%)	80.7	134.6	+53.9% pts

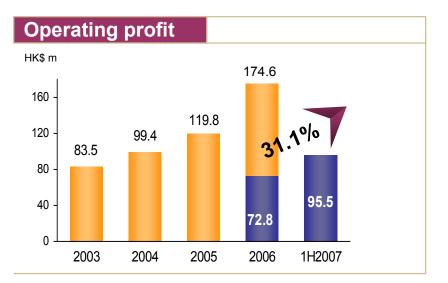
\*Dividend payout will remain  $\geq$ 100% due to disposal of investment property

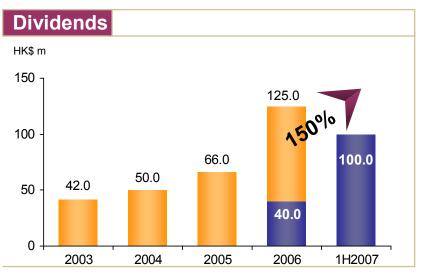


# **Strong Financial Performance**







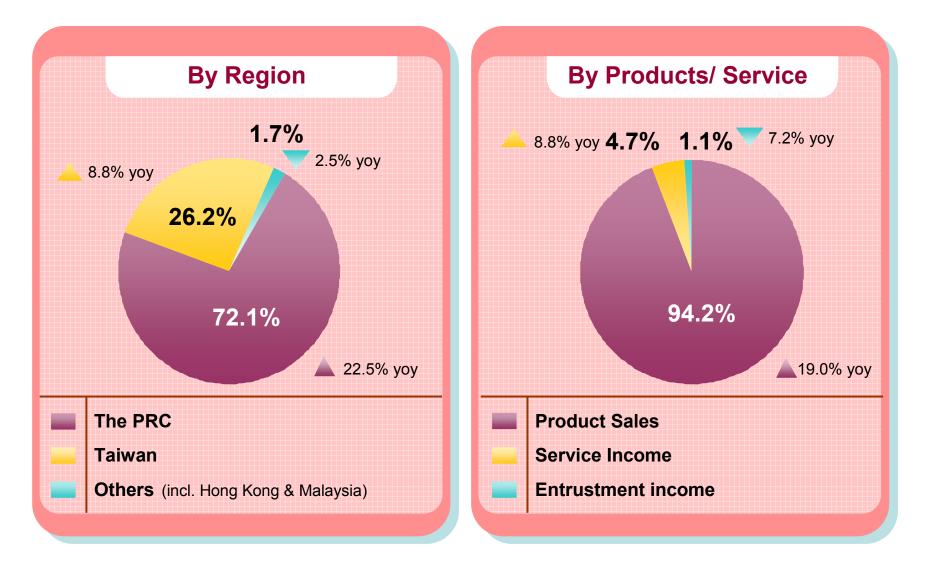




# **Enhancing Shareholder's Value**

	Six month	s ended June 3	30 Change %
(HK\$ million)	2006	2007	
Basic EPS (HK cents)	2.48	3.72	+50.0
ROE (%)	12.2	16.9	+4.7% pts
ROA (%)	10.8	14.3	+3.5% pts
Cash (HK\$ million)	260.0	501.4	+92.8
Gearing ratio	Net cash	Net cash	-

# **Turnover Analysis for 1H07**





# **Average Sales Per Store**

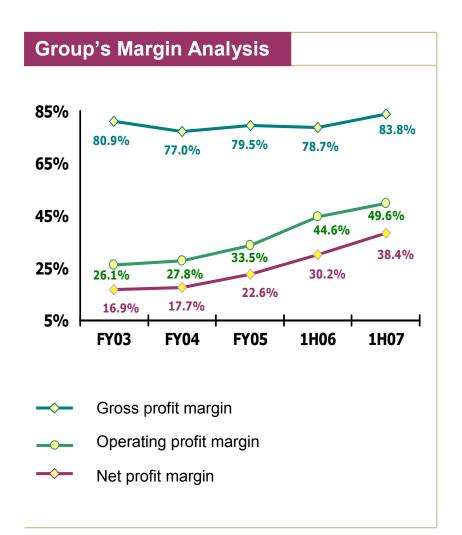
- The Group's average sales per store increased by 10.5% yoy to HK\$84,000 in 1H2007 due to:
  - Success of the brand revamp program, boosting the average store sales in PRC by 13.9%
  - Average store sales in Taiwan registered a 5.7% year-on-year growth from existing spa channel despite a weak economy

(HK\$)	1H2006	1H2007	(%)
PRC	72,000	82,000	+13.9
Taiwan	87,000	92,000	+5.7
Group Average	76,000	84,000	+10.5

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# **Sustainable Profitability**

- Gross profit margin surged to 83.8%, representing a yoy growth of 5.1 percentage point
- Net profit margin further increased by 8.2 percentage point due to the improvement in operating & marketing efficiency
- Gross margin of products increased by 4.3% to 88.7% for the review period





# **Business Overview**

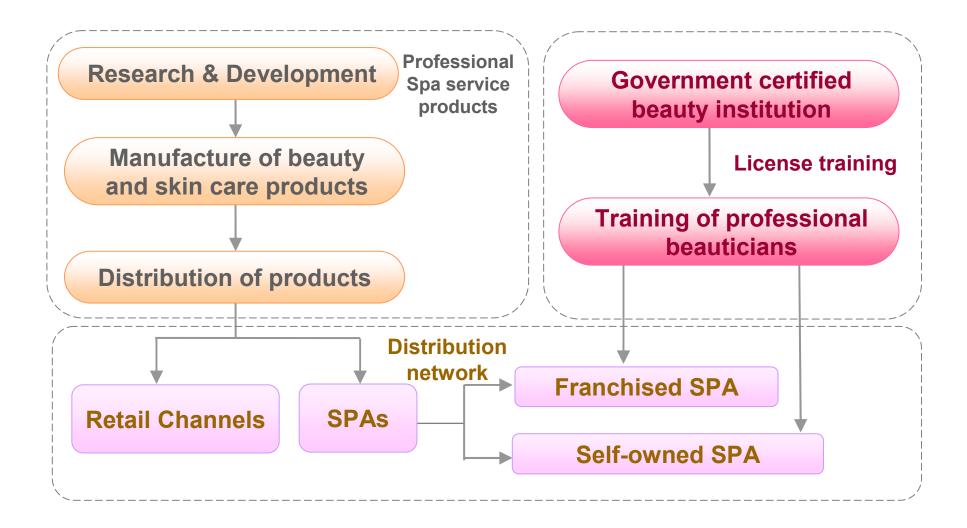
# **Corporate Positioning**



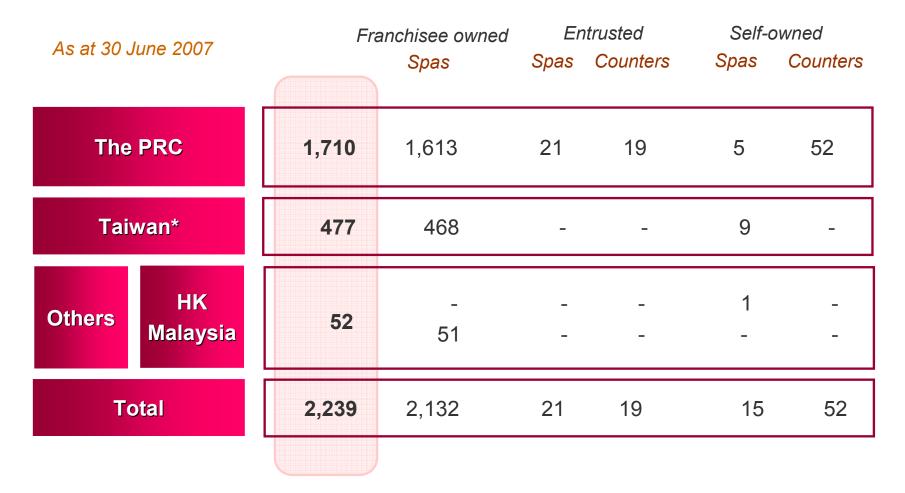
# Leading **Beauty** & **Spa** Professional Service Product & Training Provider in Asia



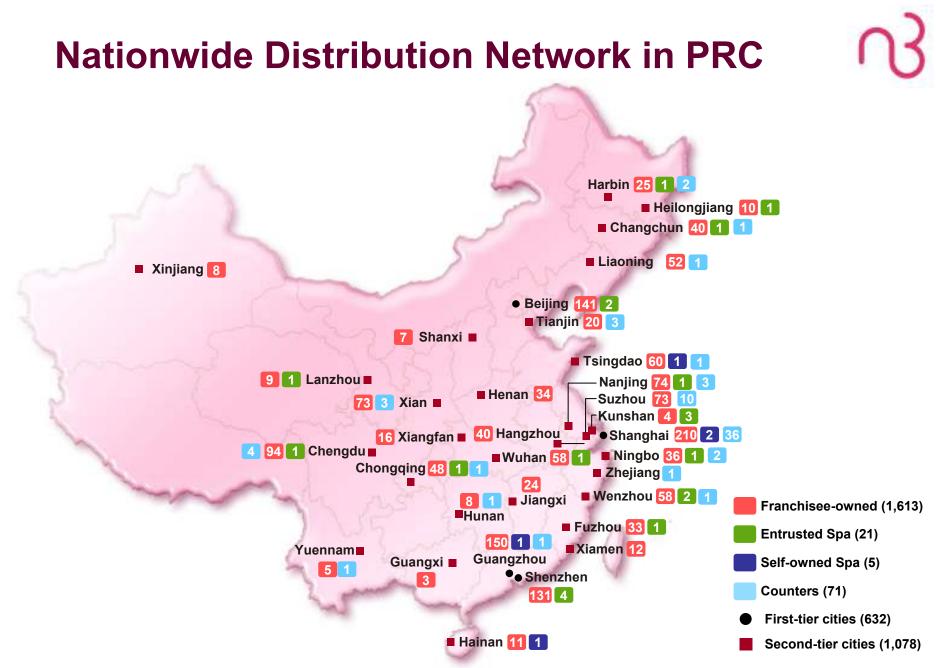
## **Core Business**



### **Extensive Distribution Network** in Greater China



\*Excluding 1,100 retail distribution outlets





### **Renowned Brand**

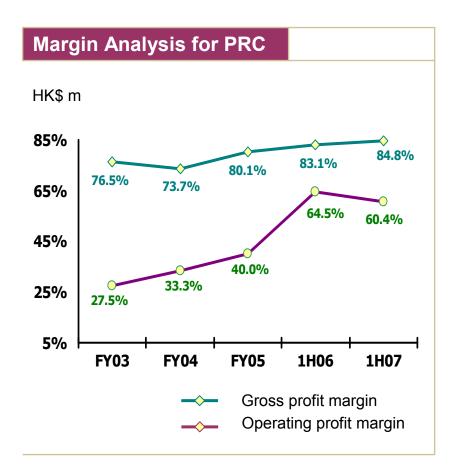
2007 Honor and 2006 Silver Winner of the World's Best Annual Report by International ARC Awards, New York 2007 Best Asia Brand Innovation award 2007 Best Asia Brand Innovative Figure award 2006 and 2005 Outstanding Enterprise in Hong Kong 2006 Bronz Winner of Asia Marketing and Promotion Award 2006 Bronz Winner of Best Asia B2B Events Award 2006 Best Asia Interactive Media Application Award 2005 Top 10 most influential beauty brands in China 2005 Top 10 most influential beauty franchised salons in China 2005 Golin Awards in Corporate Branding / Reputation Management 2005 Best Franchisee Network in China (with the highest consumer) recognition rate of 49.7% by 2005 China Beauty Economy Annual Report) 2005 London International Advertising Award 2005 New York Global Longshi Advertising Award 2005 6 Honors for Corporate Identity Design by Hong Kong Designer Award 2005 8 Honors by Asia Times Advertising Creative Award 2005 Asia Pacific Interior Design Award for Central SPA



# **Strong Profitability in the PRC**

#### Product sales increased by 22.5% to H\$133.0 million

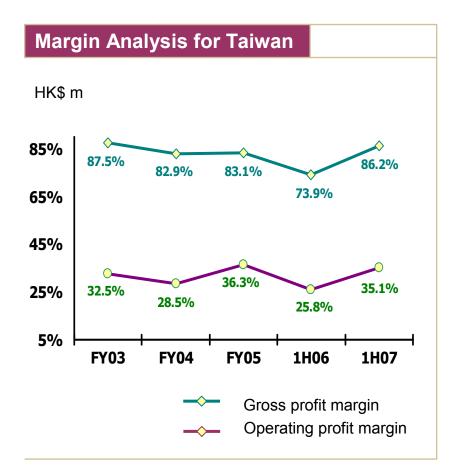
- Gross margin of product sales grew from 87.0% to 88.2%
- Benefited from the robust China economic growth
- Brand revamping program began to bear fruitful returns
- PRC's net profit surged 32.3% to reach HK\$70.6 million
  - Operating profit before tax increased by 14.6% to HK\$84.1 million
  - Entrustment strategy enhanced costefficiency
  - Received tax refund of HK\$19.7 million





# **Improved Profitability in Taiwan**

- Product sales increased by 10.8% despite economic recession, which was mainly attributable to:
  - HK\$5.4 million product sales from the newly launched retail brand "Fonperi"
- Net profit in Taiwan market registered a 64.3% y-o-y growth :
  - Operating profit before tax surged 48.3% to reach HK\$17.7 million
  - Commenced revamp exercise
    contributed positively to performance





### New Retail Brand "Fonperi" to Capture New Market

- Retail brand "Fonperi" was newly launched last April in Taiwan market
- Captured the growing segment of the medium price retail skin-care market
- Sold via retail channel like hypermarkets, drugstores as well as wholesalers
- Over 1,100 outlets merchandised the "Fonperi" products, more than 116,000 units sold with a turnover of HK\$5.4 million since launch
- May be introduced to PRC market in the future



# **Growth Drivers Summary**

### Improve Same Store Sales

- Revamp brand, website and shop image (1,646 stores)
- Continued to repackage products to reduce costs and improve profit margin (314 products repackaged)

### New Products

- Launched synergetic products such as Fonperi brand (1H 2007: 44 new products)
- Over 62,000 sets/ bottles of NB-1 family products were sold, with a turnover of HK\$48.4 million

#### Expand Distribution Channels

- Opened 74 stores in 1H2007
- Expanded local distributions, e.g. hypermarket, cosmetic drugstores and wholesalers in Taiwan

#### Professional Management Team

- Recruited new COO, head of sales and head of marketing for PRC and Taiwan

