

# 2008 Half Year Results Presentation

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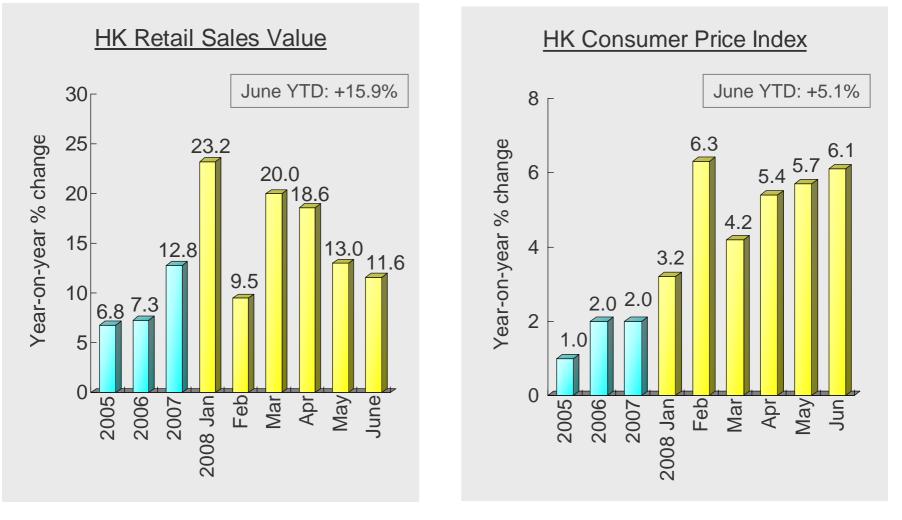


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- Rising inflation and upward pressure on operating expenses
- Pace of food cost increase slowed down but little sign of the cost dropping
- Growth in consumer spending started to slow down after March 2008 and is forecast to drop further
- Facing increasing competition, retailers will most likely face a squeeze in net profit margin in the second half





Source: Census and Statistics Department, HKSAR



- Consumer spending still strong but Sichuan earthquake in May and unusually wet June did dampen consumer spending
- Food cost and energy cost increases still the biggest challenges
- Minimum wages increase:
  - Guangzhou raised by 10% in April 2008
  - Dongguan raised by 12% in April 2008
  - Shenzhen raised by 18% in July 2008
- Impact of Olympic Games in Beijing would likely be unfavourable to overall retailing





Source: Bureau of Statistics, Guangzhou



# 2008Q2 Key Highlight



# Retail Asia 2008Q2 Key Highlight

- Inflation is worsening
- Consumers starting to become cautious on spending
- Maintain satisfactory business growth despite tough operating environment
- Decline in gross margin for Saint Honore and Circle K Southern China's Hot & In food category
- Net profit margin under pressure



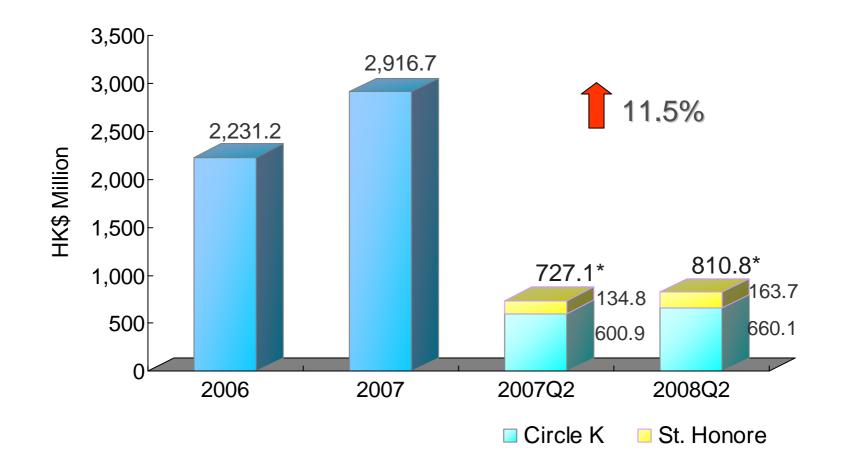
# 2008Q2 Financial Results Highlights



	End of 2007	Opened	Closed / Changed to Franchise	June 2008
Circle K Hong Kong	270	9	(1)	278
Circle K Southern China	77	17	(14)	80
- Guangzhou (owned)	63	14	(8)	69
- Guangzhou (franchised)	1	2	-	3
- Dongguan	9	-	(4)	5
- Shenzhen	4	1	(2)	3
Circle K Macau (J.V.)	16	-	1	15
Circle K Zhuhai (J.V.)	10	2	-	12
Saint Honore Group	97	15	(10)	102
CRA Group Total	470	43	(26)	487



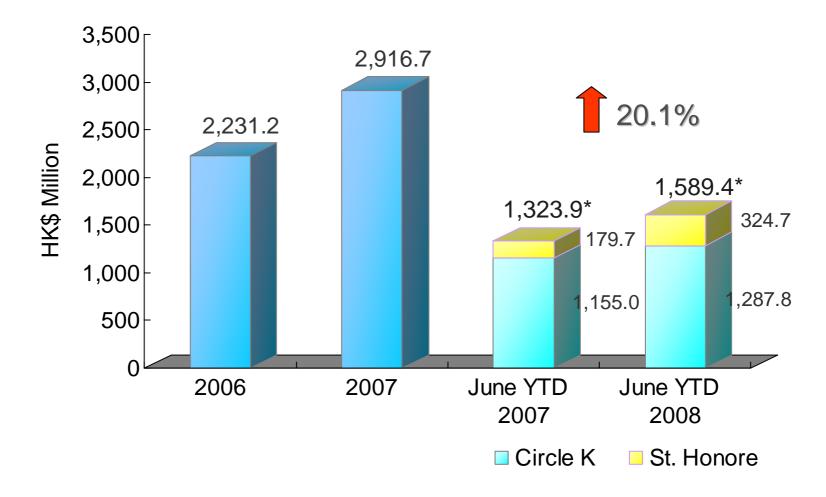
#### 2008 Financial Results Highlights Group Turnover – 2nd Quarter



\* Less inter-group sales: HK\$8.6M in 2007Q2 and HK\$13.0M in 2008Q2



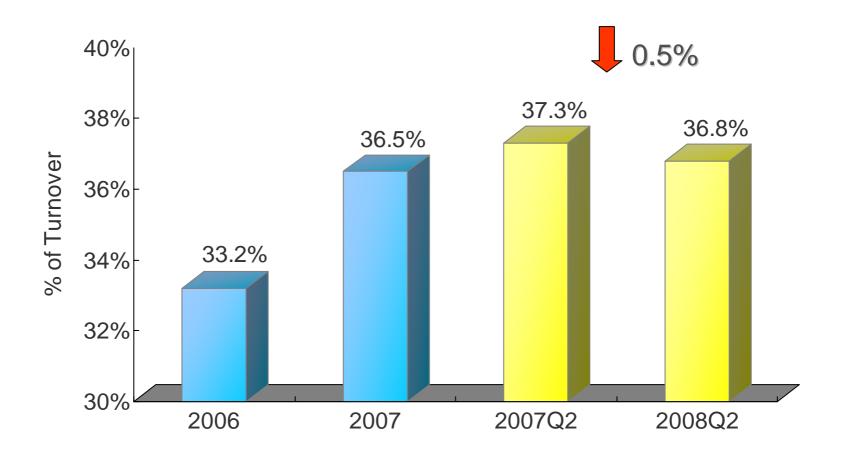
#### 2008 Financial Results Highlights Group Turnover – June YTD



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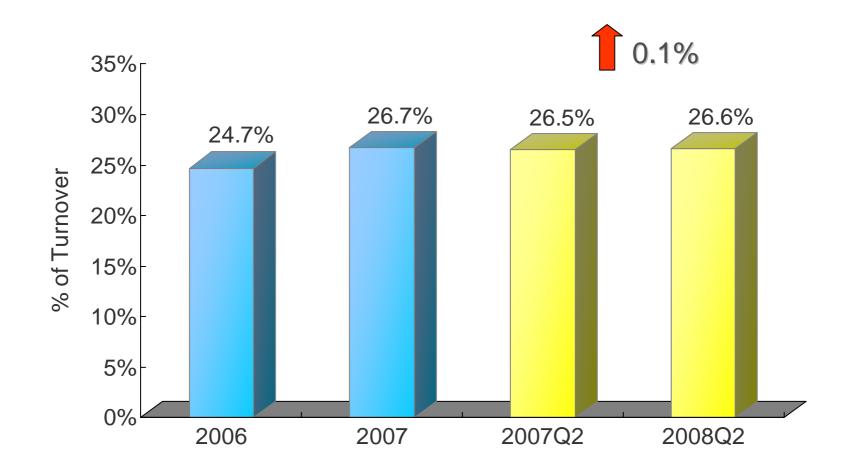
### 2008 Financial Results Highlights Gross Margin / Other Income



\* Excluding interest income



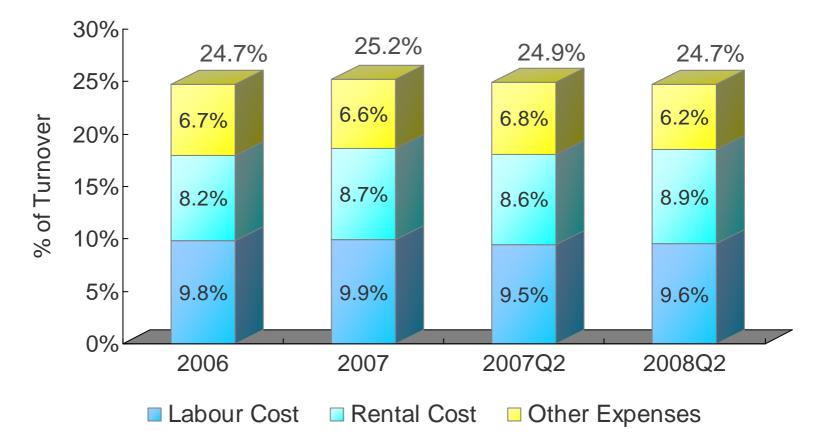
### 2008 Financial Results Highlights Store Operating Expenses





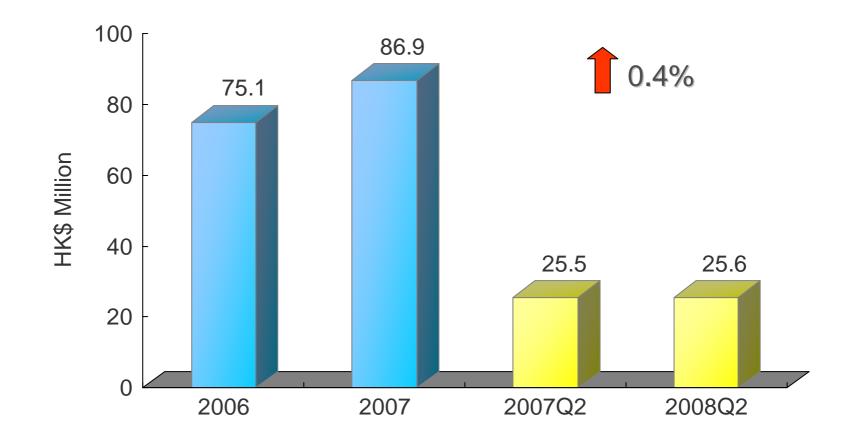
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#### Circle K Group Store Operating Expenses



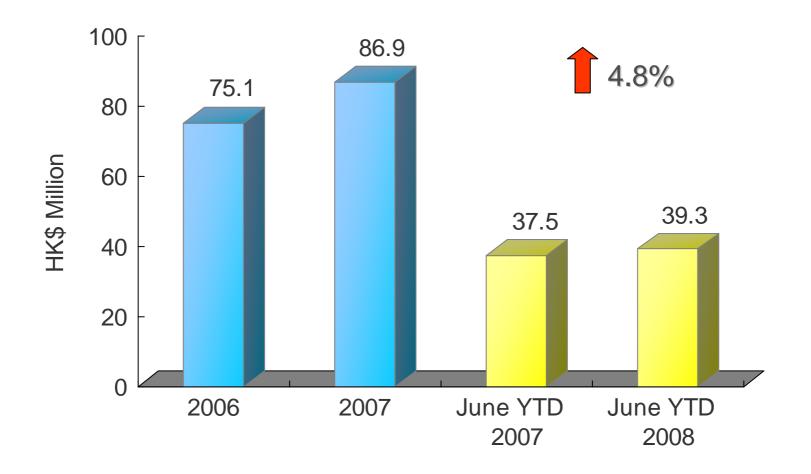


#### 2008 Financial Results Highlights Group Net Profit – 2nd Quarter





#### 2008 Financial Results Highlights Group Net Profit – June YTD



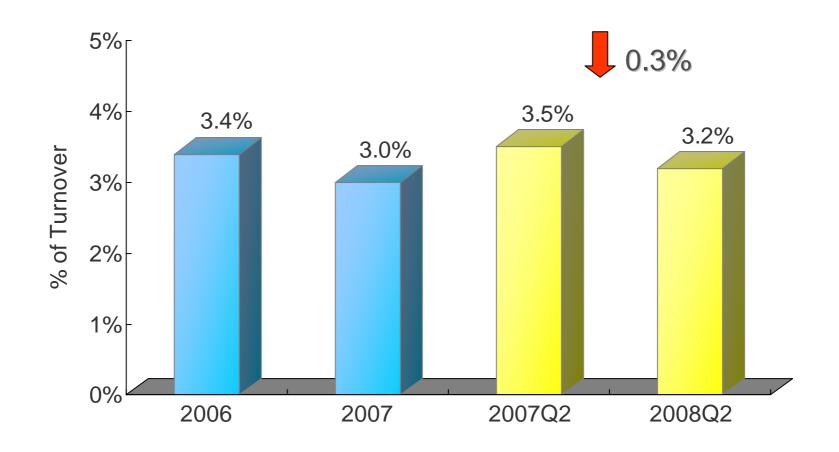


#### 2008 Financial Results Highlights Net Profit By Market

(HK\$ Million)	2007Q2	2008Q2	
Hong Kong and Macau Markets	30.8	38.4	
China Market	(5.3)	(12.8)	
Total	25.5	25.6	

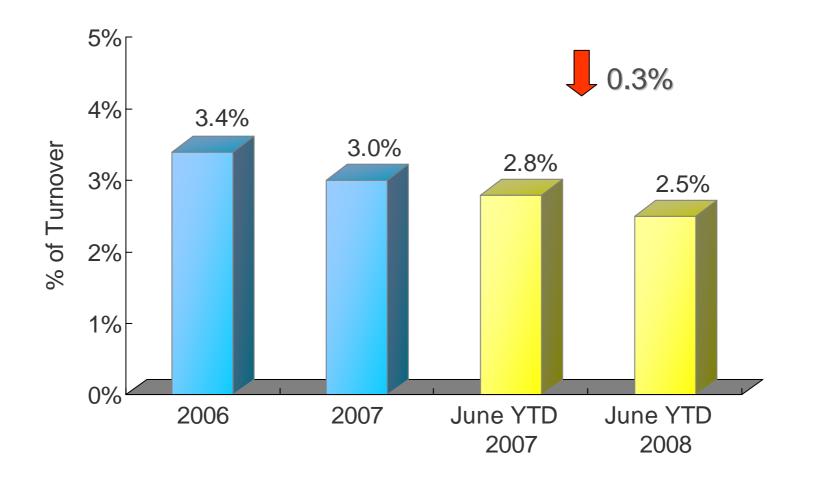


#### 2008 Financial Results Highlights Net Profit as % of Turnover – 2nd Qtr



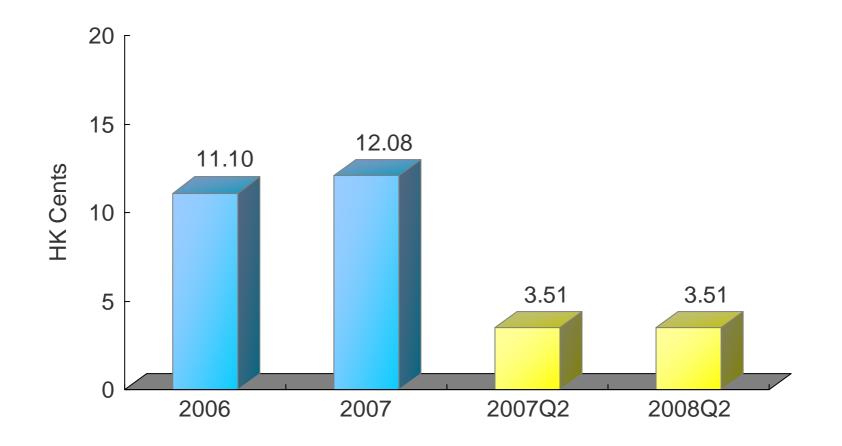


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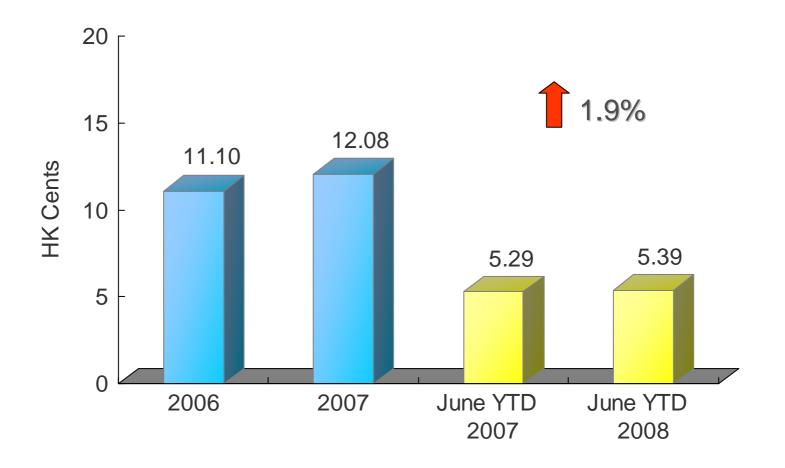


#### 2008 Financial Results Highlights Basic Earnings Per Share – 2nd Qtr





#### 2008 Financial Results Highlights Basic Earnings Per Share – June YTD





#### 2008 Financial Results Highlights 2nd Quarter

	2007Q2	2008Q2	Change
Number of Stores	441	487	+ 10.4%
Group Turnover (HK\$M)	727.1	810.8	+ 11.5%
Group Net Profit (HK\$M)	25.5	25.6	+ 0.4%
Net Profit as % of Turnover	3.5%	3.2%	- 0.3%
Basic Earnings Per Share	3.51 cents	3.51 cents	-



### **2008 Financial Results Highlights** June YTD

	June YTD 2007	June YTD 2008	Change
Number of Stores	441	487	+ 10.4%
Group Turnover (HK\$M)	1,323.9	1,589.4	+ 20.1%
Group Net Profit (HK\$M)	37.5	39.3	+ 4.8%
Net Profit as % of Turnover	2.8	2.5	- 0.3%
Basic Earnings Per Share	5.29 cents	5.39 cents	+ 1.9%
Interim Dividend	1.7 cents	1.7 Cents	-



# **2008 Update and Outlook**



# **Retail** Asia 2008 Update & Outlook

- Escalating inflation, food cost and operating expenses 1.
- Gross margin and net profit margin would be squeezed 2.
- Urgent initiatives taken to minimize impact: 3.
  - Pricing
  - Cost/expenses control  $\succ$
  - Moving up the value chain  $\geq$
- Pilot-testing franchising of Circle K stores in Southern 4. China



## 2008 Update & Outlook Circle K Hong Kong







## 2008 Update & Outlook Saint Honore - New Store Image

















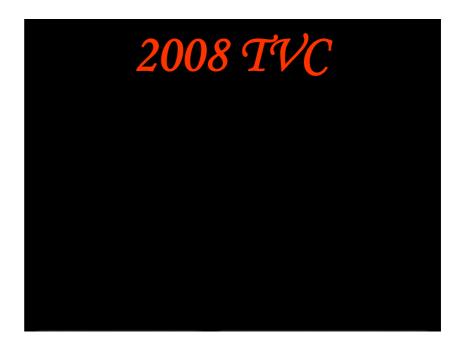
## 2008 Update & Outlook Saint Honore - New Products





# **Retail** Asia 2008 Mid Autumn Festival







# 2008 Update & Outlook To Summarize

- Major surge in food and operating expenses
- Squeeze on gross margin and net profit margin
- Maintained satisfactory growth in January to June 2008
- Urgent initiatives taken to tackle issues
- Pilot-testing franchising of Circle K stores in Southern China
- Expect to get tougher before improving



# **Thank You!**