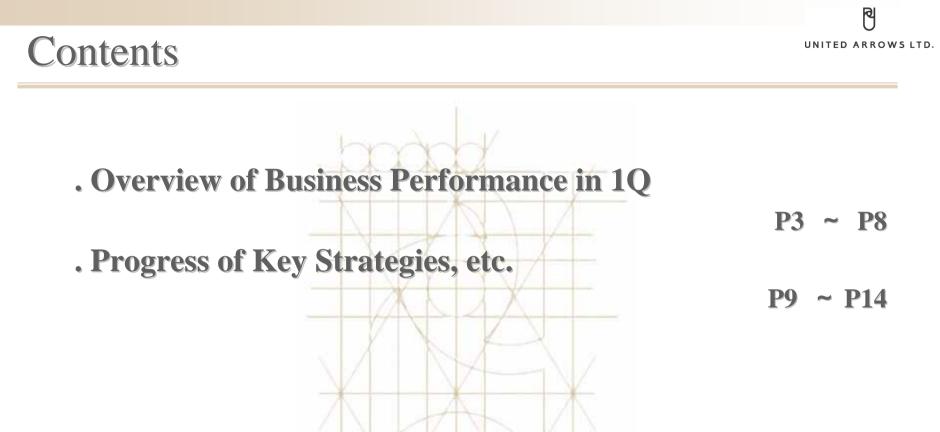


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# FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 2007 FIRST QUARTER Earnings Announcement

# **UNITED ARROWS LTD.**

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[Indication of business units in this material]

Abbreviation of each business unit, structure of business are as below;

UA = UNITED ARROWS, GLR = UNITED ARROWS GREEN LABEL RELAXING, CH = CROME HEARTS, S.B.U. = Small Business Unit (Another Edition, Changes UNITED ARROWS, Oditte é Odile UNITED ARROWS, DRAWER, DARJEELING DAYS)

U A Labs = TOKISHIRAZU

# **.**Overview of Business Performance in First Quarter

# 1. P/L Overview (Consolidated/Non-consolidated, 3 months aggregate)

'Consolidated total sales ¥13,281 million, ordinary income ¥1,924 million, net income ¥1,075 million.

Non-consolidated total sales ¥12,683 million (106.3% YoY), ordinary income ¥1,869 million 97.3% YoY), net income ¥1,097 million (98.4% YoY)

					(unit: million yen)					
	Con	solidated	actual		cf:	UA alone		<cf></cf>		
	(F`	YE Mar/(	07 1Q)		(F	YE Mar/	07 1Q)		alone FYE3	3/06 1Q
	actual		+/- YoY		actual		+/- YoY		actual	
	actual	vs Sales	%	change	actual	vs Sales		% change		vs Sales
Sales	13,281	100.0%	-	-	12,683	100.0%	754	106.3%	11,928	100.0%
Gross Profit	7,688	57.9%	-	-	7,354	58.0%	545	108.0%	6,808	57.1%
Operating Exp	5,760	43.4%	-	-	5,488	43.3%	577	111.8%	4,910	41.2%
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Operating Profit	1,927	14.5%	-	-	1,865	14.7%	31	98.3%	1,897	15.9%
Non Op. Exp.	3	0.0%	-	-	3	0.0%	19	16.0%	23	0.2%
Ordinary Profit	1,924	14.5%	-	-	1,869	14.7%	51	97.3%	1,921	16.1%
Extraordinary Profit / Loss	28	-0.2%	-	-	0	0.0%	28	-	27	-0.2%
Net Income	1,075	8.1%	-	-	1.097	8.6%	18	98.4%	1,115	9.4%

Figo Co., Ltd was consolidated from October 2005, thus there are no figures for first quarter fiscal year March ended 2006.

### 2. Overview of sales (consolidated/non-consolidated, 3 months aggregate)

- Consolidated total sales of 1Q ¥13,281 million
- Total sales of UA alone was ¥12,683 million, 106 . 3% YoY, 98 . 1% of initial plan
- Existing store sales 98.3% YoY

	FYE Ma	ar/07 1Q	(unit: million yen) <cf></cf>				
	actual	+/- YoY	% change	+/- plan	planned	FYE Mar/06 1Q	planned
Consolidated Total Sales	13,281	-	-	-	-	-	-
UA Alone Total Sales	12,683	754	106.3%	251	98.1%	11,928	12,934
Business Unit Total	11,583	703	106.5%	383	96.8%	10,879	11,966
UA unit	6,862	62	99.1%	192	97.3%	6,925	7,054
GLR unit	2,525	296	113.3%	224	91.8%	2,228	2,750
CH unit	710	29	96.0%	0	100.1%	739	709
S.B.U. and UA Lab	1,485	499	150.7%	32	102.3%	985	1,452
Outlet	1,100	51	104.9%	132	113.7%	1,048	967
Existing Stores		_	98.3%			108.5%	
space unchanged		_	97.9%			107.4%	
space changed		_	100.7%			118.8%	
U A existing		_	96.6%			108.2%	
GLR existing		_	97.8%			103.1%	
CH existing		_	96.0%			125.6%	
S.B.U. and UA Lab exis	ting		114.9%			113.5%	

# 3. BS overview of First quarter (consolidated/non-consolidated)

'Consolidated: total assets was ¥34,416 million, non-consolidated total assets was ¥33,894 million (125% YoY)

•Non-consolidated : main increase in assets was cash, inventory assets and stocks of affiliated companies, and main increase in liabilities was long and short term borrowings for share repurchase

				(unit: million yen)
	Consolidated actual	cf: UA a	< cf >	
	(FYE Mar/07 1Q)	FYE M	/lar/07 1Q	alone FYE3/06 1Q
	composition ratio	composition ratio	+/- YoY	composition ratio
	actual	actual	vs FYE Mar/06 1	<sup>Q</sup> actual
	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%
Total Assets	34,416	33,894	<b>6,785</b> 125.0%	27,109
	65.3%	62.8%		64.1%
Current Assets	22,461	21,294	<b>3,923</b> 122.6%	17,371
	34.7%	37.2%		35.9%
Fixed Assets	11,954	12,600	<b>2,862</b> 129.4%	9,738
	15.6%	15.8%		19.4%
Tangible Assets	5,377	5,348	77 101.5%	5,270
	5.6%	1.7%	••	1.8%
Intangible Assets	1,937	579	90 118.4%	489
	13.5%	19.7%		14.7%
Investments, etc	4,640	6,672	2,694 167.7%	3,978
	36.4%	35.5%		25.3%
Current Liabilities	12,519	12,032	<b>5,172</b> 175.4%	6,859
	19.1%	19.4%		2.3%
Fixed Liabilities	6,573	6,559	<u>5,945</u> 1067.4%	614
	44.5%	45.1%		72.4%
Total Net Assets (Shareholders' Equity)	15,323	15,302	4,332 77.9%	<u>19,635</u>

# cf. Trend of Inventory Assets (UA Alone)

• Inventory assets of UA alone in 1Q was 111 . 6% YoY, ¥11,195 million

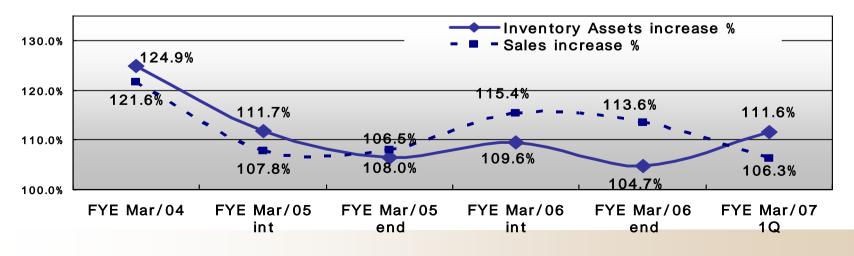
slight increase due to unachieved Sales in 1Q

try to keep increase within growth of sales (11.5%) until the end of the term

Change in Inventory Assets (product inventory + stored goods) (unit: million yen)

	FYE Mar/04	FYE Mar/05 int	FYE Mar/05 end	FYE Mar/06 int	FYE Mar/06 end	FYE Mar/07 1Q
Total Inventory Assets term end	9,594	10,842	10,216	11,879	10,694	11,195
+/- YoY	124.9%	111.7%	106.5%	109.6%	104.7%	111.6%
cf Sales +/ - YoY	121.6%	107.8%	108.0%	115.4%	113.6%	106.3%

#### cf: Change of increase in Inventory Assets and Sales (YoY)



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# 4. Plans of Store Opening (and Closing)/Removal/Extension (UA Alone)

Store opening (store brand change) 32, store closing due to brand change 4

<sup>•</sup>Number of stores to be 107 by the end of the term

'Additional store opening after earnings announcement in May 2006: Jewel Changes, 2 stores

			number of	new st	tores pla	anned	Transform	FYE Mar/07	store space	removal/ren	ewal/expansio	n planned
			stores	full year	1Q+2Q	3Q+4Q	Close	estimate	at opening (m <sup>2</sup> )	full year	1Q+2Q	3Q+4Q
		Total	79	32	18	14	4	107	)	3	2	1
		Existing UA	23				4	19	-	2	0	2
core	UA	UA label image store	2	1	1			3				
		New UA	0	5	3	2		5	198 ~ 462			
biz.		B&Y	0	4	2	2		4	165 ~ 330			
		GLR	24	4	1	3		28	264 ~ 330			
	GLR	GLR new form	3	3	1	2		6	83 ~ 99			
	СН	СН	3					3	-			
		Another Edition	7	3	3			10	83 ~ 116	1	1	
		Changes	3	2	2			5	-			
SBU		Oditte é Odile	6	8	4	4		14	50 ~ 66			
		DRAWER	2	1		1		3	approx. 165			
		DARJEELING DAYS	4					4	-			
laha		TOKISHIRAZU	2					2	-			
labs		New Lab	0	1	1			1	approx. 50			

UA business chain image store = label image store

Schedule of store opening may vary depending on negotiation.

# Cf.: Details of store opening/closing/removal/extension (definite projects only) UNITED ARROWS LTD.

biz	business unit	outline	timing	store name	name of facility	space (m²)	opening day	referrence
		transfer	Sep	Kobe Motomachi	roadside store	total space 490	1 - Sep	
	new UA	removal	Sep	Fukuoka	VIORO (new facility)	total space 574	15-Sep	
		transfer	Sep	Yurakucho	Yurakucho SEIBU	total space 423	9-Sep	
UA	B&YUA	new	Sep	Fukuoka	roadside store	total space 445	15-Sep	
	BATOA	new	Sep	Yurakucho	Yurakucho SEIBU	total space 212	9-Sep	
	UA label image store	new	Sep	Cath Kidston Daikanyama	roadside store	total space 109	16-Sep	
GLR	GLR general store	new	Sep	Kawasaki	LAZONA Kawasaki Plaza	total space 412	28 - Sep	
	GLR new biz chain store	new		FACADE Fukuoka SOLARIA PLAZA	SOLARIA PLAZA	total space 86	9-Sep	
	Another Edition	new	Apr	Shibuya	Shibuya PARCO	floor space 79	14-Apr	completed
		new	Apr	Sapporo	STELLA PLACE	floor space 112	29 - Apr	completed
		new	Sep	Machida	near Machida Station	total space 106	end of Sep	
		new	Sep	Fukuoka SOLARIA PLAZA	SOLARIA PLAZA	total space 100	9 - Sep	
S.B.U.	Jewel Changes	new	Sep	Roppongi Hills	ROPPONGI HILLS	total space 126	15-Sep	
	Odette é Odile	new	Apr	lkebukuro	lkebukuro PARCO	floor space 69	27 - Apr	completed
		new	Sep	Fukuoka	VIORO (new facility)	total space 88	15-Sep	
		new	Sep	Namba MARUI	Namba MARUI	total space 80	22 - Sep	
		new	Sep	Yurakucho Hankyu	Yurakucho HANKYU	total space 51	6 - Sep	
UA labs	Liquor, Woman and Tears	new	Sep	Liquor, Woman and Tears	Minami-Aoyama (roadside)	total space 66	1 - Sep	

#### 1Q and 2Q removal/expansion details

	AZA total space 119 9-Sep
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#### 3Q and 4Q store opening (definate projects only)

biz	business unit	outline	timing	store name	name of facility	space (m²)	opening day	referrence
UA	new UA	new	Oct	Kobe Sannomiya	M-INT KOBE	total space 241	early Oct	
	B&YUA	new	Oct	Kobe Sannomiya	M-INT KOBE	total space 354	early Oct	
	GLR general store	new	Nov	Kanazawa	Kanazawa FORUS	total space 333	early Nov	
	GLR new biz chain store	new		FACADE Shinjyuku MYLORD	Shinjyuku MYLORD	total space 53	13-Oct	
S.B.U.	DRAWER	new	Oct	Shinsaibashi	roadside store	total space 167	19-Oct	

Total space is indicated for undecided floor spaces. Floor spaces are approximately 80% to 85% of total space.



# • Progress of Key Strategies etc.

1. Progress of Key Strategies

2. Organizational Changes, Dated July 1 and August 1, 2006



# **High Priority Issues for Fiscal Year Ended March 07**

**Strengthening Products** 

. Promoting of 52-Weeks Merchandising

. Strengthening Development of Self-Planned Products

**Strengthening Sales** 

. Using House-Cards to Strengthen CRM

. Maximizing Sales by Improving Efficiency of Store Front Services



### . Promotion of 52-Weeks Merchandising

UA business (Review and prepare Men's and Women's by end of year, full-scale operation from Jan 2007)

• Check face display of all shops (April to July) optimization of inventory in stores

· Change reporting format of weekly product trends sent from stores from July 2006

Understand trend of hot-selling products by item number and share information among stores/offices about best styling examples

GLR business (Overall accuracy improved after second year)

• Share 52 week MD data among product department and sales department (only product department utilized the data in the previous fiscal year) planning of a weekly sales strategy guided by products

• Reduce item number of fall and winter goods Further reduction of stocks at stores

# . Strengthening of self-planned products

• Strengthening staff - To promote 20 designers and patterners as exclusive partners (former consignment contract workers)

• Implement an extensive evaluation of sample products item by item (quality, price etc) by fashion director, manager in charge of products and MD.

· Plan complete weekly schedule based on 52-Weeks Merchandising

• (UA business: assess and evaluate which product material will run short as a result of splitting store brands)

High Priority Issues: Further recruitment of capable senior staff

# . Strengthening CRM (using house-cards as a start point)

'Total numbers of House Card users reached 19 million customers (of which UA business holds 11 million)

(as of July 2006)

•UA Business - started Pinpoint Marketing according to customers' historical shopping data, showing effect •House Card utilization ratio reached about 20% in all stores of UA business since February 2006 (in some Small Business Units, the utilization ratio exceeds 50%)

·GLR business is now under preparation aiming to adopt this system in all the stores within this year

High Priority Issues: Integrate mechanism and operation in different business units develop special division this term

# . Maximizing sales by improving efficiency of store front services

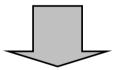
Introduction of employment of short time workers only during busiest time of the day (10 stores each both in UA & GLR) was implemented on a trial basis and proved that sales efficiency successfully improved during busiest time.
Labour control system was implemented on a trial basis (4 stores in GLR), omission or mistakes decreased in incidental operation accuracy improved As a result, time to serve customers increased and overtime work declined.

High Priority Issues: In recruiting short time workers, basic education is necessary for unskilled temporary staff Review work standard of temporary personnel in close collaboration with employment agency.

# **<u>2</u>**. Organizational Changes, dated July 1 and August 1, 2006

\_Purpose of Organizational Changes

- **1. Strengthening of Board of Directors**
- 2. Strengthening of Line Department
- **3.** Strengthening of Staff Department



- In addition to internal directors, invite external directors that have fresh viewpoint
- Job rotation of executive-level employees aiming at strengthening both Line & Staff

#### **Departments**

• Establish a future growth foundation (new establishment of Brand Business Head Office and EC Business Department)

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### . New Organization Chart (as of August 1, 2006, simplified version)

