

# Fiscal 2018 Fiscal Year Ending March 2018 First Quarter Earnings Announcement

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Note: In this earnings announcement, fractional sums of less than one million <u>are rounded down</u> and percentages are calculated from <u>raw data</u>.

#### Cautionary Statement

Earnings forecasts and other objective views contained in this document are based on decisions made by UNITED ARROWS LTD. in light of information obtainable as of the date of this report and, therefore, include risks and uncertainties. Actual earnings may differ materially from forecasts due to global economic trends, market conditions, and other factors. Investors are asked to refrain from making investment decisions based solely on the information contained in this document.

■ Abbreviations used throughout this report: The following abbreviations have been used for each Group business, store brand, and consolidated subsidiary.

UA / UNITED ARROWS; BY / BEAUTY&YOUTH UNITED ARROWS; monkey time / monkey time BEAUTY&YOUTH UNITED ARROWS; District / District UNITED ARROWS; GLR / UNITED ARROWS green label relaxing; CH / CHROME HEARTS; THE AIRPORT STORE / THE AIRPORT STORE UNITED ARROWS LTD.; THE STATION STORE / THE STATION STORE UNITED ARROWS LTD.; SBU / Small Business Unit; CHJP / CHROME HEARTS JP, GK

■ Sales by business: Sales of the following store brands have been included in UA and SBU sales.

UA: UA, District, THE SOVEREIGN HOUSE, ASTRAET, BY, monkey time, STEVEN ALAN, ROKU BEAUTY&YOUTH, H BEAUTY&YOUTH

SBU: Another Edition, Jewel Changes, Odette e Odile, Boisson Chocolat, DRAWER, EN ROUTE, THE AIRPORT STORE, THE STATION STORE



# I. Overview of 1Q Business Results

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#### ■FY18 1Q Performance Summary



#### **Consolidated 1Q P/L** (For details see pages 5, 8 and 9)

- Consolidated sales: YoY increase of 6.9%; Ordinary income: YoY increase of 17.4% resulting in increases in both revenue and earnings
- Gross margin: YoY decrease of 0.3 of a percentage point to 54.3%; Attributable to such factors as the increase in subsidiary company clearance sales of previous fall and winter products and the impact on subsidiary companies of movements in foreign currency exchange rates
- SGA expenses to sales ratio: YoY decrease of 0.8 of a percentage point to 47.3%; Attributable to such factors as the decrease in each of the personnel expenses and other SGA expenses to sales ratios
- Operating income: YoY increase of 15.9%; Ordinary income: YoY increase of 17.4%; Net income: YoY increase of 6.0%

#### Non-Consolidated Sales (For details see pages 6 and 7)

- YoY increase of 2.9% in existing store sales (retail: down 1.2%; online store: up 22.3%)
- $\bullet$  By sales channel, online sales remained strong; online store sales comprised 17.5% of total sales
- YoY increase of 0.6% in the number of customers of existing retail and online stores; YoY increase of 2.2% in average spending per customer at existing retail and online stores (reference data)

#### **Inventory** (For details see page 10)

• YoY increase of 0.5% in the balance of inventory, which was below the rate of sales growth (up 6.9% YoY)

#### **Opening and Closing of Stores** (For details see pages 12 to 14)

- FY18 1Q Group total: Number of new stores opened: 9; Number of stores closed: 2; Number of stores as of FY18 1Q-end: 367
- FY18 forecast Group total: Number of new stores opened: 22; Number of stores closed: 32; Number of stores as of FY18-end: 350

#### Group Companies (For details see page 15; Status of major consolidated subsidiaries is presented as follows)

• FIGO CO., LTD.: Decreases in both revenue and earnings; COEN CO., LTD.: Increases in both revenue and earnings; CHROME HEARTS JP, GK: YoY increase in business unit sales

#### ■Consolidated P/L Overview



#### FY18 1Q: Increases in both revenue and earnings

- Sales: YoY increase of 6.9%; Ordinary income: YoY increase of 17.4% resulting in increases in both revenue and earnings
- Gross margin: YoY decrease of 0.3 of a percentage point to 54.3%; Attributable to such factors as the increase in subsidiary company clearance sales of previous fall and winter products and the impact on subsidiary companies of movements in foreign currency exchange rates
- SGA expenses to sales ratio: YoY decrease of 0.8 of a percentage point to 47.3%; Attributable to such factors as the decrease in each of the personnel expenses and other SGA expenses to sales ratios
- Operating income: YoY increase of 15.9%; Ordinary income: YoY increase of 17.4%; Net income: YoY increase of 6.0%

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	Results	vs. Sales	YoY Increase (Decrease)	%	FY17 1Q Results	vs. Sales
Sales	35,228	100.0%	2,281	106.9%	32,947	100.0%
Gross Profit	19,116	54.3%	1,152	106.4%	17,964	54.5%
SGA Exp.	16,679	47.3%	818	105.2%	15,860	48.1%
Operating Inc.	2,436	6.9%	333	115.9%	2,103	6.4%
Non Op. P/L	44	0.1%	34	460.5%	9	0.0%
Ordinary Inc.	2,481	7.0%	368	117.4%	2,112	6.4%
Extraordinary P/L	(282)	-0.8%	(164)	_	(117)	-0.4%
Net Income Attributable to Owners of Parent	1,383	3.9%	78	106.0%	1,305	4.0%

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#### ■Non-Consolidated Sales Results by Sales Channel



## Non-consolidated sales (excluding the CH business from the previous period) up 5.9% (\*); Existing store sales up 2.9% YoY

- YoY increase in both retail and online store business unit sales
- Sales composition: Online store sales 17.5%; Outlet store sales 15.2%
- YoY increase of 0.6% in the number of customers of existing retail and online stores (reference data)
  - (\*) Non-consolidated sales including the CH business from the previous period decreased 3.1% YoY.

(Millions of yen)

	(Comparisor	(Comparison Excl. CH Results from the 1Q of FY17)					
	Results	Share	YoY Increase (Decrease)	%	FY17 1Q Results	Share	
Non-Consolidated Sales	29,494	100.0%	1,652	105.9%	27,842	100.0%	
Total Business Unit Sales	25,010	84.8%	1,274	105.4%	23,736	85.3%	
Retail	19,684	66.7%	336	101.7%	19,347	69.5%	
Online	5,155	17.5%	953	122.7%	4,202	15.1%	
Other (Wholesale, Other)	170	0.6%	(16)	91.3%	187	0.7%	
Outlet, Other	4,483	15.2%	377	109.2%	4,105	14.7%	

Non-Consolidated Results FY18 10

	Existing Stor	es YoY (Note: F	Reference Data)
	Sales	Number of Customers	Ave. Spending per Customer
Retail + Online	102.9%	100.6% *	102.2% ×
Retail	98.8%	95.7%	103.2%
Online	122.3%	118.8% *	107.3% *

Note: Number of customers and average spending per customer for existing retail and online as well as online stores are calculated using data available to the Company through its own online and ZOZOTOWN stores. (Approximately 80% of online sales are generated through the two malls.)

This information is provided for reference purposes only. YoY sales data is inclusive of other online malls and accordingly the YoY number of customers x YoY average spending per customer does not reconcile with YoY sales.

#### ■Non-Consolidated Sales Results by Business



#### YoY increase in 1Q business unit sales for all businesses as well as existing store sales

Steady trends across all of the following:

- UA: Men's casual items and women's items in general
- GLR: Women's items in general
- SBU: Odette e Odile, DRAWER and THE STATION STORE businesses
  - \* Business unit total for the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year is presented after excluding CH business sales.

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	Results	YoY Increase (Decrease)	%	FY17 1Q Results
Total Business Unit Sales	25,010	1,274	105.4%	23,736
UA	13,763	778	106.0%	12,984
GLR	7,697	295	104.0%	7,402
SBU	3,550	200	106.0%	3,350

#### **Existing Store Sales YoY**

	Retail + Online	Retail	Online
UA	101.5%	96.4%	130.6%
GLR	103.6%	101.2%	115.4%
SBU	106.5%	103.4%	114.4%

Note: Details of abbreviations for each business are listed on page 2 of this presentation.

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#### ■Consolidated Gross Margin Results



Consolidated gross margin came in at 54.3%, down 0.3 of a percentage point YoY Factors that impacted the consolidated gross margin and the levels of overall impact are presented as follows

Consolidated gross margin for the 1Q of FY18	54.3%	
Consolidated gross margin for the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year	54.5%	
Difference	(0.3)pt	
■Factors that impacted the consolidated gross margin and the overall impact	e levels of	Remarks
Impact of movements in the gross margin of UNITED ARROWS LTD. total business units	0.0pt	The gross margins of UNITED ARROWS LTD. total business units came in at the same level as the previous fiscal year
Impact of movements in the gross margin of UNITED ARROWS LTD. OUTLET and other stores	0.2pt	YoY increase of 1.5 percentage points in the gross margins of UNITED ARROWS LTD. OUTLET and other stores (improvement in the gross margins of both regular business and exclusive products)
Impact of movements in UNITED ARROWS LTD. other costs	0.1pt	Positive impact attributable to such factors as decreases in loss on devaluation of products and royalties
Other factors (subsidiary company trends, consolidated adjustments, sales composition, other)	(0.6)pt	YoY decrease attributable to the increase in subsidiary clearance sales in the 1H of the 1Q and such factors as subsidiaries negatively impacted by movements in foreign currency exchange rates
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<sup>·</sup> Any impact attributable to the CHROME HEARTS business has been excluded from UNITED ARROWS LTD. total business units for both the period under review and previous period and included in other factors.

Note: Details pertaining to factors that impacted the consolidated gross margins for the 1H, 2H, and full fiscal year of the past three fiscal years are presented toward the end of this presentation.

#### ■Consolidated SGA Expenses



SGA expenses increased 5.2% YoY; YoY decrease in the SGA expenses to sales ratio of 0.8 of a percentage point to 47.3%

Comments regarding individual expense items that exhibited a significant increase or decrease as a ratio to sales:

- Ratio of personnel expenses to sales: Reduction relative to and in line with the increase in revenue; decrease attributable to certain vacancies
- Ratio of rent expense to sales: Increase in commissions in line with the growth in online store sales
- Ratio of other SGA expenses to sales: Decreases in temporary expenses in connection with the opening of stores as well as outsourcing and other expenses

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Consolidated Results						
	FY:	18 1Q				
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35,228	100.0%	2,281	106.9%	0.0%	32,947	100.0%
16,679	47.3%	818	105.2%	-0.8%	15,860	48.1%
786	2.2%	85	112.3%	0.1%	700	2.1%
6,042	17.2%	260	104.5%	-0.4%	5,781	17.5%
5,081	14.4%	387	108.3%	0.2%	4,693	14.2%
453	1.3%	8	101.9%	-0.1%	445	1.4%
4,316	12.3%	76	101.8%	-0.6%	4,239	12.9%
	Results  35,228  16,679  786  6,042  5,081  453	Results vs. Sales  35,228 100.0%  16,679 47.3%  786 2.2%  6,042 17.2%  5,081 14.4%  453 1.3%	FY18 1Q           Results         Vs. Sales         YoY Increase (Decrease)           35,228         100.0%         2,281           16,679         47.3%         818           786         2.2%         85           6,042         17.2%         260           5,081         14.4%         387           453         1.3%         8	FY18 1Q         Results       vs. Sales vs. Sales       YoY Increase (Decrease)       %         35,228       100.0%       2,281       106.9%         16,679       47.3%       818       105.2%         786       2.2%       85       112.3%         6,042       17.2%       260       104.5%         5,081       14.4%       387       108.3%         453       1.3%       8       101.9%	FY18 1Q         Results       vs. Sales       YoY Increase (Decrease)       %       Movement vs. Sales         35,228       100.0%       2,281       106.9%       0.0%         16,679       47.3%       818       105.2%       -0.8%         786       2.2%       85       112.3%       0.1%         6,042       17.2%       260       104.5%       -0.4%         5,081       14.4%       387       108.3%       0.2%         453       1.3%       8       101.9%       -0.1%	FY18 1Q           Results         YoY Increase (Decrease)         % Sales         Movement vs. Sales         FY17 1Q Results           35,228         100.0%         2,281         106.9%         0.0%         32,947           16,679         47.3%         818         105.2%         -0.8%         15,860           786         2.2%         85         112.3%         0.1%         700           6,042         17.2%         260         104.5%         -0.4%         5,781           5,081         14.4%         387         108.3%         0.2%         4,693           453         1.3%         8         101.9%         -0.1%         445

Note: Details pertaining to the ratio of consolidated SGA expenses to sales by major expenditure item for the 1H, 2H, and the full fiscal years of the past three fiscal years are provided toward the end of this presentation.

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#### ■Consolidated B/S Overview



The balance of total assets stood at ¥69,180 million as of the end of the 1Q of FY18 on a consolidated basis. This was 5.3% higher than the balance as of the end of the corresponding period of FY17 and 2.0% higher than the balance as of the end of FY17.

YoY comparative analysis of consolidated balances as of the end of the 1Q of FY18 and the end of the 1Q of FY17:

• Current assets: Increases in the balances of cash and deposits and accounts receivable—other

• Noncurrent assets: Increases in the balances of tangible noncurrent assets and guarantee deposits in line with the opening of new stores

• Current liabilities: Increases in the balances of loans payable and accounts payable—other; decrease in the balance of accounts payable—trade

• Noncurrent liabilities: Increase in the balance of long-term loans payable

Notes: 1. The balance of short- and long-term loans payable: Up 61.8% YoY to ¥15.4 billion

2. The balance of inventory: Up 0.5% YoY (Net sales growth: 6.9%)

(Millions of yen)

	Consolidated Results FY18 1Q-End							
	Results	Share	YoY	vs. FY 17-End	FY17 1Q- End Results	Share	FY17-End Results	Share
Total Assets	69,180	100.0%	105.3%	102.0%	65,710	100.0%	67,799	100.0%
Current Assets	46,351	67.0%	106.5%	102.7%	43,525	66.2%	45,152	66.6%
(Inventory)	27,608	39.9%	100.5%	105.3%	27,484	41.8%	26,210	38.7%
Noncurrent Assets	22,828	33.0%	102.9%	100.8%	22,184	33.8%	22,646	33.4%
Current Liabilities	31,773	45.9%	115.3%	106.6%	27,565	41.9%	29,805	44.0%
Noncurrent Liabilities	6,621	9.6%	137.4%	94.4%	4,819	7.3%	7,012	10.3%
Total Net Assets	30,785	44.5%	92.4%	99.4%	33,325	50.7%	30,980	45.7%
Reference: Balance of Short and Long-Term Loans Payable	15,441	22.3%	161.8%	112.0%	9,545	14.5%	13,792	20.3%



#### Cash and cash equivalents as of the end of the 1Q of FY18 came to ¥5,921 million

• Cash flows from operating activities (Major cash inflows) : Income before income taxes of ¥2,198 million and increase in purchase liabilities of ¥978 million

> (Major cash outflows): Increase in inventories of ¥1,397 million and income taxes paid of ¥1,042 million

- · Cash flows from investing activities (Major cash outflows): Purchase of property, plant and equipment of ¥946 million
- Cash flows from financing activities (Major cash inflows) : Net increase in short-term loans payable of ¥2,650 million

(Major cash outflows): Cash dividends paid of ¥1,513 million and repayment of long-term loans payable of ¥1,001 million

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		(Millions of year)
	Consolidated	
	FY18 1Q	FY17 1Q
	Results	Results
Cash flows from operating activities (sub-total)	2,631	416
Cash flows from operating activities	1,578	(1,715)
Cash flows from investing activities	(1,411)	(1,807)
Cash flows from financing activities	135	1,799
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the term	5,921	4,080

# ■Results of FY18 1Q Group Total Opening and Closing of Stores and FY18 Forecasts



- FY18 1Q Group total: Number of new stores opened: 9; Closed: 2; Number of stores as of FY18 1Q-end: 367
- Full FY18 forecast Group total: Number of new stores opened: 22; Closed: 32; Number of stores as of FY18-end: 350

		FY18 1	Q Result	s		FY18 Forecasts						
	No. of stores			No. of stores		Opened		Closed	No. of stores	Increase (decrease) frome		
	as of FY17- end	.7- Opened Closed as of	as of 1Q-end	1H	2H	2H Full Fiscal Year		as of the end of the period	the previous forecasts			
Group Total	360	9	2	367	13	9	22	32	350	(16		
UNITED ARROWS LTD.	242	9	1	250	12	7	19	29	232	(16		
FIGO CO., LTD.	17			17	1		1		18			
COEN CO., LTD.	87		1	86		1	1	3	85			
UNITED ARROWS TAIWAN LTD.	3			3		1	1		4			
Designs & Co.	1			1					1			
CHROME HEARTS JP, GK	10			10					10			
Reference: Breakdown for UN	ITED ARROWS	LTD.										
UNITED ARROWS	88	3		91	5	2	7	4	91			
green label relaxing	69	2		71	3	3	6		75			
SBU	61	2	1	62	2	1	3	25	39	(16		
Outlet	24	2		26	2	1	3		27			

# ■Reference: UNITED ARROWS LTD. Results of the Opening and Closing of Stores by Store Brand



		FY18 1Q	Results	
	No. of stores as of FY17-end	Opened	Closed	No. of stores as of 1Q-end
INITED ARROWS LTD. Total	242	9	1	250
UNITED ARROWS Total	88	3		91
UNITED ARROWS (General Merchandise Store)	9			9
UNITED ARROWS	26	1		27
THE SOVEREIGN HOUSE				1
District				1
ASTRAET				2
BEAUTY&YOUTH	41	1		42
monkey time	2	1		3
STEVEN ALAN*	3			3
ROKU BEAUTY&YOUTH	2			2
H BEAUTY&YOUTH				1
green label relaxing	69	2		71
SBU Total	61	2	1	62
Another Edition	13		1	12
Jewel Changes	9	1		10
Odette e Odile	<u> 17</u>	1		18
Boisson Chocolat	6			6
DRAWER	7	, ,		7
EN ROUTE	1			1
Traffic THE AIRPORT STORE	2			2
channels THE STATION STORE	6			6
Outlet	24	2		26

<sup>\*</sup> STEVEN ALAN TOKYO, STEVEN ALAN OSAKA, and STEVEN ALAN KOBE are recorded as annex-type stores and are not included in the number of stores listed above.

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# ■Reference: Details of the Opening and Closing of Stores by Group Company



#### UNITED ARROWS LTD.

Month	Stores Opened and Closed	Store name	Commercial Facility Address
May	Closed	Another Edition Shinjuku Flags	Flags (Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo)
Apr.	Newly opened	UNITED ARROWS NAGOYAEKI	Takashimaya Gate Tower Mall (Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi)
	Newly opened	BEAUTY&YOUTH UNITED ARROWS NAGOYAEKI	Takashimaya Gate Tower Mall (Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi)
	Newly opened	monkey time BEAUTY&YOUTH UNITED ARROWS OSAKA	LUCUA (Kita-ku, Osaka-shi)
	Newly opened	green label relaxing nagoya takashimaya gatetower mall	Takashimaya Gate Tower Mall (Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi)
	Newly opened	green label relaxing morioka fesan	FESAN (Morioka-shi, Iwate)
	Newly opened	Odette e Odile nagoya takashimaya gatetower mall	Takashimaya Gate Tower Mall (Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi)
	Newly opened	Jewel Changes Nagoya Takashimaya Gatetower Mall	Takashimaya Gate Tower Mall (Nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi)
	Newly opened	UNITED ARROWS LTD. OUTLET TOSU	Tosu Premium Outlets (Tosu-shi, Saga)
	Newly opened	UNITED ARROWS LTD. OUTLET SENDAI PORT	MITSUI OUTLETPARK SENDAI PORT (Miyagino-ku, Sendai-shi)

#### COEN CO., LTD.

	Stores Opened and Closed	Store name	Commercial Facility Address
Mar.	Closed	coen MARUI CITY Yokohama Store	MARUI CITY Yokohama (Nishi-ku, Yokohama-shi)

<sup>\*</sup> There were no newly opened or closed stores during the 1Q of FY18 by FIGO CO., LTD., UNITED ARROWS TAIWAN LTD., Designs & Co. and CHROME HEARTS JP, GK.



#### FIGO CO., LTD.

#### Decrease in both revenue and earnings for 1Q of FY18

- Sales: ¥500 million, down 3.0% YoY
- Trends in line with the initial forecast of a decline in both revenue and earnings in the 1Q of FY18; Targeting an increase in revenue and earnings for the full fiscal year

#### COEN CO., LTD.

#### Increases in both revenue and earnings for 1Q of FY18

- Sales: ¥2.3 billion, up 20.0% YoY
- Despite the increase in 2016 fall and winter product clearance sales in the 1H of the 1Q (February), increase in earnings
  on the back of robust trends in spring and summer items in the 2H of the 1Q

#### CHROME HEARTS JP, GK

#### April–June\*1: Business unit sales increased on a YoY basis

- Sales: ¥3.0 billion; business unit sales up 6.3% YoY\*2
- · YoY increase in both domestic and tax-free sales

- \*1 While the company settles its accounts in December, results up to the following March are included in the scope of consolidation after taking into consideration the impact on business performance.
- \*2 Data after the split-off is not provided due to the incidence of wholesale and other sales to UNITED ARROWS LTD. and difficulties in comparing companywide sales with the previous period.

#### UNITED ARROWS TAIWAN LTD.

FY18 1Q performance: Trends essentially in line with plans

Designs & Co.

FY18 1Q performance: Despite some difficulties, minimal impact on consolidated results

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# II. Progress in Addressing Priority Issues



	1Q Results	Outlook for the 2Q and Beyond
Improvement in the Gross Margin	YoY Difference (0.3pt)	Forecast improvement owing mainly to successful efforts to control clearance sale discount rates
Improvement in inventory efficiency	Period-End YoY 100.5%	Target continuous improvement in inventory efficiency
Improvement in the SGA Expenses to Sales Ratio	YoY Difference (0.8pt)	Target positive adjustments to the SGA expenses to sales ratio by promoting projects over the medium and long term
Improvement in Profitability through Online Sales Expansion	UNITED ARROWS LTD. Online Sales YoY 122.7%	Forecast continued positive impact of various measures aimed at increasing online sales

1Q: Improvement of 0.6 of a percentage point  $(6.4\% \rightarrow 7.0\%)$  in the ordinary income margin

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# ■ Progress in Realizing the UNITED ARROWS Group's Medium-Term Vision



## Strategy 1: Establish a robust management platform—Evaluate and identify underperforming businesses, stores, and activities; carry out appropriate countermeasures—

 Decision to withdraw from Another Edition and Boisson Chocolat included in the Company's SBU business

Another Edition

Business activities: Planning, purchase, and sale of women's clothing and personal items

Store opening commencement date: February 2001

Number of stores: 12 (as of June 30, 2017)

Sales: ¥2,890 million (fiscal year ended March 31, 2017)

Boisson Chocolat

Business activities: Planning, purchase, and sale of women's shoes and personal items

Store opening commencement date: March 2014

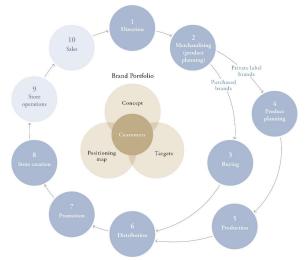
Number of stores: 6 (as of June 30, 2017)

Sales: Y936 million (fiscal year ended March 31, 2017)

- Withdrawal from the end of the 2017 fall and winter seasons; minimal impact on full fiscal year results (Impairment losses on the majority of the 18 stores earmarked for closure in the future brought to account in the previous fiscal year)
- · Continue to evaluate and identify underperforming businesses, stores, and activities going forward

<sup>\*</sup> An overview of the UNITED ARROWS Group's Medium-Term Vision is provided toward the end of this presentation.

Placing customers at the heart of the Company's operations, expand the value chain centered on a brand portfolio that is based on three clearly defined features—namely, a brand concept, target group and positioning map.



	Existing	Future
Brand positioning	Brand positioning and the identification of targets left to each business	Brand portfolio managed by the Company as a whole; positioning and targets for each brand clearly defined
Product platform	Management limited to product platform merchandising to production (2–5) as well as key performance indicators	Management expanded to cover from brand portfolio through advertising and promotion to product display (1–8) as well as key performance indicators

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■Supplementary Explanation of the UNITED ARROWS Group's Medium-Term Vision Developments in the value chain and product platform

#### 1. Positioning map operations

#### (1) Positioning map objectives

- Reposition brands in terms of taste and price parameters based on each brand concept
- Manage the role of each of the Company's brands in the Japan fashion market on a Group-wide basis
- Clarify customers' preferred tastes and price range for each brand

#### (2) Expected results

- Address internal competition issues between brands
- Ensure efficient investment in line with trends and customers' consumption patterns
- · Develop optimal store opening plans based on positioning
- Visualize gaps in the market; apply this to the development of new businesses

#### 2. Addition of product codes by attribute

#### (1) What is a product attribute code?

- Market code
  - 11 codes for each of the men's and women's categories by fashion taste including mode, street, feminine and conservative preferences
- Price code
  - Five levels from low to luxury priced items
- · Clearly define the market and price codes covered by each brand; eliminate any gaps between product planning and customers' needs

#### (2) Aims of adding product codes by attribute

- Clarify product development intentions by product Clarify the target customer, the volume required, store, and timing of sales
- Confirm consistency between each brand target and product planning
- Allocate products in line with the attributes of each store
- · Analyze sales composition ratios by attribute and each major indicator at the end of the season
- Reflect the results of analysis in such areas as product planning, store allocation and direction for the following season

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### III. Reference Materials

# ■Trends in Movements in the Consolidated Gross Margin (Degree of Impact)



	FY15			FY16			FY17		
	1H	2H	Full Fiscal Year	1H	2H	Full Fiscal Year	1H	2H	Full Fiscal Year
Gross margin	52.7%	51.3%	51.9%	51.0%	50.6%	50.8%	50.8%	51.1%	51.0%
Gross margin for the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year	53.2%	53.4%	53.3%	52.7%	51.3%	51.9%	51.0%	50.6%	50.8%
Difference	(0.5)pt	(2.1)pt	(1.4)pt	(1.8)pt	(0.6)pt	(1.1)pt	(0.2)pt	0.5pt	0.2pt
■Factors that impacted the consolidated gross ma	argin and t	the levels	of overall i	mpact					
Impact on the gross margin of UNITED ARROWS LTD. total business units	(0.4)pt	(1.5)pt	(1.0)pt	(1.2)pt	(0.8)pt	(1.0)pt	(0.5)pt	0.7pt	_
Impact on the gross margin of UNITED ARROWS LTD. outlet and other stores	(0.4)pt	(0.2)pt	(0.3)pt	(0.3)pt	0.0pt	(0.2)pt	0.1pt	0.0pt	_
Impact on UNITED ARROWS LTD. other costs	(0.1)pt	(0.2)pt	(0.1)pt	0.0pt	0.4pt	0.2pt	0.1pt	(0.2)pt	
Other factors (subsidiary company trends, consolidated adjustments, sales composition, other)	0.4pt	(0.2)pt	0.1pt	(0.4)pt	(0.2)pt	(0.2)pt	0.1pt	(0.1)pt	_

Note: Breakdown details for the full fiscal year ended March 31, 2017 have not been provided. This reflects the difficulties involved in analyzing data attributable to the spin-off of CHROME HEARTS (October 2016) over the full fiscal year cumulative period.

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### ■Trends in the Consolidated SGA Expenses to Sales Ratio



	FY15			FY16			FY17			
	1H	2H	Full Fiscal Year	1H	2H	Full Fiscal Year	1H	2H	Full Fiscal Year	
Total of SGA Expenses to Sales	46.8%	40.4%	43.3%	45.3%	40.9%	42.9%	48.1%	41.9%	44.7%	
Advertising Expenses	2.1%	1.7%	1.9%	1.7%	2.0%	1.9%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	
Personnel Expenses	17.2%	14.1%	15.5%	16.6%	14.0%	15.2%	17.4%	14.2%	15.6%	
Rent	13.8%	13.0%	13.4%	13.6%	13.2%	13.4%	14.4%	13.7%	14.0%	
Depreciation	1.5%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	
Other	12.3%	10.2%	11.2%	12.0%	10.6%	11.2%	12.7%	10.6%	11.6%	



(Millions of yen)

		olidated Re (full fiscal			
	Forecasts	va Calaa	VoV	FY17	vs. Calos
Sales	153,859	vs. Sales 100.0%	<b>YoY</b> 105.7%	<u>Results</u> 145,535	vs. Sales 100.0%
Gross Profit	78,786	51.2%	106.2%	74,155	51.0%
SGA Exp.	68,833	44.7%	105.9%	64,990	44.7%
Operating Inc.	9,953	6.5%	108.6%	9,165	6.3%
Non Op. P/L	146	0.1%	57.6%	255	0.2%
Ordinary Inc.	10,100	6.6%	107.2%	9,420	6.5%
Extraordinary P/L	(1,500)	-1.0%	_	(1,366)	-0.9%
Net Income Attributable to Owners of Parent	5,496	3.6%	105.9%	5,191	3.6%

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### ■FY18 1H and 2H Consolidated P/L Forecasts

UNITED ARROWS LTD.

■ Consolidated (Millions of yen)

	Consolidated					C	onsolidated			
	FY18 1H						FY18 2H			
	Forecasts	vs. Sales	YoY	FY17 1H Results	vs. Sales	Forecasts	vs. Sales	YoY	FY17 2H Results	vs. Sales
Sales	68,686	100.0%	105.5%	65,083	100.0%	85,172	100.0%	105.9%	80,452	100.0%
Gross Profit	35,033	51.0%	106.1%	33,031	50.8%	43,753	51.4%	106.4%	41,124	51.1%
SGA Exp.	33,282	48.5%	106.3%	31,316	48.1%	35,551	41.7%	105.6%	33,674	41.9%
Operating Inc.	1,750	2.5%	102.1%	1,714	2.6%	8,202	9.6%	110.1%	7,450	9.3%
Non Op. P/L	26	0.0%	29.9%	88	0.1%	120	0.1%	72.3%	166	0.2%
Ordinary Inc.	1,777	2.6%	98.5%	1,803	2.8%	8,322	9.8%	109.3%	7,617	9.5%
Extraordinary P/L	(681)	-1.0%	-	(336)	-0.5%	(818)	-1.0%	-	(1,029)	-1.3%
Net Income Attributable to Owners of Parent	570	0.8%	65.5%	870	1.3%	4,926	5.8%	114.0%	4,321	5.4%



(Millions of yen)

	Non-Consolidated Results FY18 (full fiscal year)				Non-Conso	olidated   /18 1H	Results	Non-Consolidated Results FY18 2H			
	Forecasts	Share	YoY Increase (Decrease)	%	Forecasts	YoY Increase (Decrease)	%	Forecasts	YoY Increase (Decrease)	%	
Sales	127,539	100.0%	6,771	105.6%	56,359	2,838	105.3%	71,179	3,932	105.8%	
Total Business Unit Sales	108,964	85.4%	5,254	105.1%	48,187	2,324	105.1%	60,777	2,929	105.1%	
Retail	84,702	66.4%	2,093	102.5%	38,054	1,165	103.2%	46,648	927	102.0%	
Online	22,925	18.0%	2,713	113.4%	9,745	1,205	114.1%	13,180	1,507	112.9%	
Other (Wholesale, Other)	1,336	1.0%	447	150.4%	388	(46)	89.4%	948	493	208.6%	
Outlet	18,574	14.6%	1,516	108.9%	8,171	513	106.7%	10,402	1,003	110.7%	
Existing Stores YoY											
Retail + Online	103.1%				102.4%			103.6%			
Retail	100.7%				100.0%			101.3%			
Online	112.8%				113.3%			112.5%			

Note: YoY sales comparisons are after excluding CH business sales from the results for the previous period.

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### ■Overview of the UNITED ARROWS Group's Medium-Term Vision 🖞 UNITED ARROWS LTD.

- Promote the following four strategies while harnessing the strength of the Group's relationships of trust with customers
  - 1. Establish a robust management platform

Reform human resources

· Identify underperforming

Ensure a sound earnings

systems

businesses

structure

- 2. Expand online activities by harnessing the strengths of physical stores
- Pursue customer satisfaction
- Medium-term: Upgrade and expand inventory; strengthen advertising and promotions; review evaluation systems
- Long-term: Create new customer experiences

from both channels

- 3. Respond to changes in the market
- Trend-conscious market -Pursue quality over quantity
- Basic trend-conscious and new basic trend-conscious  $\mathsf{markets} \to \mathsf{Expand} \ \mathsf{domains}$ with high competitive advantage
- 4. Expand points of contact with customers
- Expand domains (Miscellaneous Lifestyle Goods, Beauty/Health, Other)
- · Increase the amount of time spent with customers (Reuse, Repair businesses)
- Expand overseas activities (Taiwan ongoing, Cross-border online

- Medium-term quantitative targets
  - Ordinary income: Target average annual growth of 8% over the medium-term period
  - · Ordinary income margin: At least 7% in the final fiscal year of the medium-term period; work to secure double-digit ordinary income margin over the long term
  - Target ROE of at least 16%, a dividend payout ratio of at least 35%, and DOE of at least 5.5% on a continuous basis over the medium-term period
- Long-term objectives
  - Online sales composition: Target 25–30%
  - Inventory turnover: Target a record high
  - Ratio of regular price sales: Target an improvement of at least 5 percentage points