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# **Investor Presentation**

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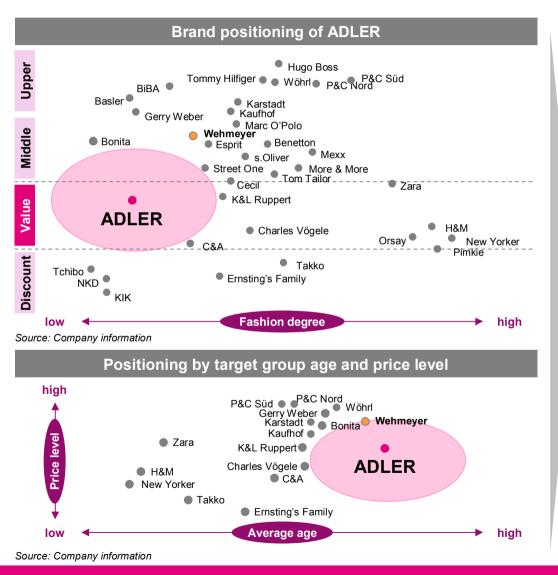
# ADLER: unique retail concept, harvesting demographic change



- Leading German fashion retailer for customers aged 45+ (represents ~50% of the German population by 2020)
- 76% brand awareness and high customer loyalty with 90% of gross revenues generated by ADLER card members
- Late fashion follower: practical, matching outfits with focus on comfort
- Sales focus on own brand products, representing 90% of sales; external brands targeting new customers 10%
- Lean and fully vertically integrated business model
- Clear brand positioning and outstanding value-for-money perception
- Multi-channel distribution concept: >165 own operated retail stores and e-business (tele-shopping/online-business)

# Unique value brand position with strong target group focus 45+





#### Unique brand position

- Clear focus only fashion retailer dedicated to target customers aged 45+; average age is approx. 60 years
- Outstanding value-for-money perception
- Late fashion follower with comfortable fits adapted to the needs of the target group
- Excellently positioned in the attractive fast growing value fashion segment and above the vulnerable discount segment

# Strong growth of our key customer group



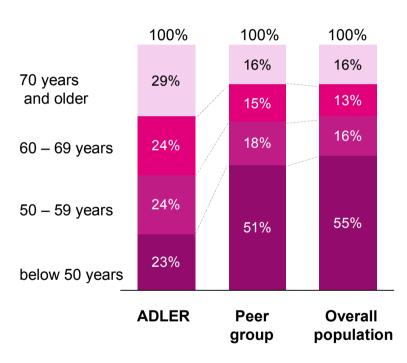
Unique target group positioning

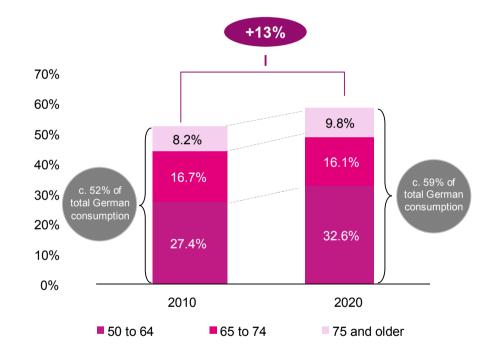


Dominant share in consumer spending (Consumption by age groups 2010 vs. 2020 1)



#### ADLER has older customers than the peer group





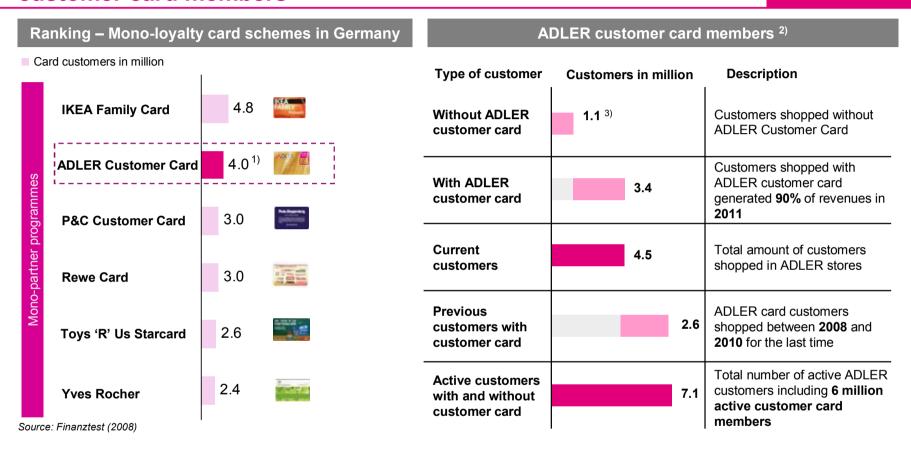
Source: Company information; Axel Springer AG; OC&C-Analysis

Source: Agentur für Generationen-Marketing (June 2010); Roland Berger 1) Consumer spending on clothing, footwear and jewellery

- Customers aged 50+ are the most important customer group for clothing, footwear and jewellery, already accounting for 52% of total consumption, growing to c.59% in 2020
- ADLER has already a market share of 10% in the growing target group 45+



# We know our customers: 90% of revenues generated by ADLER customer card members

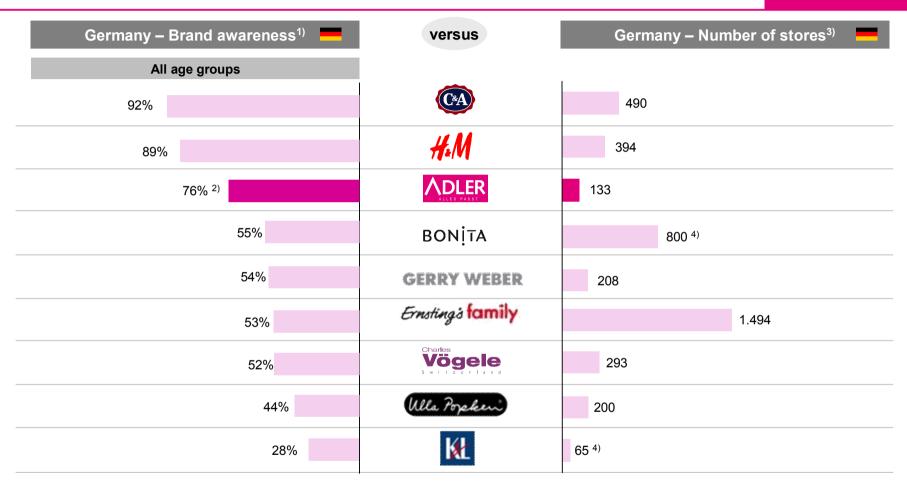


- Active ADLER customer card members 6.0 million
- Best in class and 2<sup>nd</sup> largest: ADLER customer card classified best out of 24 loyalty card schemes 4)
- Focused and efficient marketing opportunities: loyalty card scheme allows exact market segmentation and a targeted marketing approach
- High profitability of ADLER card customers: high acceptance of ADLER customer card enables steering of customer frequency and cash flows

1) est. ADLER customers at data generation 2) Customers shopped with ADLER customer card in respective period; 3) Based on company estimation 4) According to Finanztest (2008)



# Strong brand awareness: basis for store network expansion



- Strong brand awareness of 76% among all age groups in Germany
- High brand recognition in relation to existing store network offers strong future sales potential

Sources: 1) Textilwirtschaft (Top Shops 2011); 2) 2009: 70%; 3) Company information 4) Figures from 2010

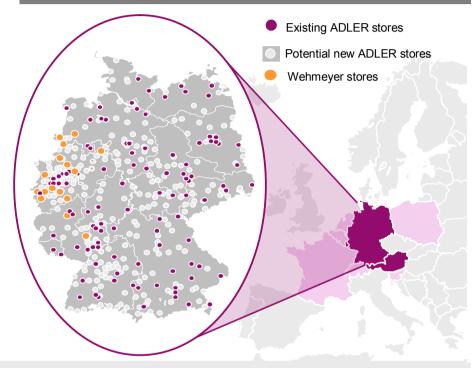


# Growth strategy: 29 new stores in 2011 - thereof 13 organic openings and 16 acquired stores

#### **Number of ADLER stores per country**

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		Number of stores				
Country	Market entry	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012e
Germany	1948	103	104	107	133	
Austria	1987	16	17	26	28	~ 20 (7 in Q1)
Luxembourg	1981	2	2	2	2	
Switzerland	2012e					1
Total Group		121	123	135	163	app. > 180
Organic openings		6	3	8	13	
Acquired stores			_	7	18	
Closings		9	1	3	3 <sup>1)</sup>	
Net change		-3	2	12	28	

#### ADLER's regional presence and expansion potential



- 2010: Acquisition of 7 Woolworth stores in Austria
- 2011: Acquisition of 18 Wehmeyer stores in Germany, 2 stores (Göttingen and Koblenz) resold due to strategic reasons
- ADLER is well positioned to expand its store network in both existing and new markets
  - Potential to more than double the current store network in Germany based on comprehensive location analyses
- Expansion strategy in Germany is particularly focussed on catchment areas of approx. 50,000 inhabitants or more
- Preferred destinations include commercial areas in the periphery of cities with good infrastructure as well as shopping and city centres

<sup>1)</sup> Thereof two sold Wehmeyer stores



# **Retail format of ADLER stores: focus on shopping centres**

#### **Retail formats**

		Selling Area	# of Stores <sup>1)</sup>	Characteristic
Retail park stores	ADLER .	1,600 to 2,800 sqm	53	<ul> <li>Located next to super and hypermarkets as well as specialist markets</li> <li>Optimal reach of "one-stop-shopping" customers</li> <li>Strong focus in future expansion strategy</li> </ul>
Shopping centre stores	ADLER	1,600 to 3,500 sqm	72	<ul> <li>Located within shopping centres</li> <li>Excellent opportunity to acquire new customers</li> </ul>
City stores	ADLER DIER	1,200 to 3,000 sqm	23	<ul> <li>Selling area of city stores with focus on medium-sized cities</li> <li>In the short run possibilities to take advantage of current high vacancy rates</li> </ul>
Stand alone stores		> 2.800 sqm	14	<ul> <li>Often located in suburban areas</li> <li>Highly accessible</li> <li>High advertising efforts necessary</li> </ul>

<sup>1)</sup> excl. Online shop; Company information, as of December 2011

# Lean and vertically fully integrated business model



#### Full information control across the entire value chain

#### **Product development**

#### Sourcing

#### Logistics

#### Distribution



- Integration of in-house design team within the purchasing department improving efficiency of product development process
- Focus on own brands
- Fashion late follower of market proven styles minimising fashion risk
- Very responsive to customer demand due to up to 10 collections per year

- Completely outsourced manufacturing and procurement process to a well diversified supplier base
- ~41%<sup>1)</sup> direct sourcinglong-standing and trustful sourcing partnership with Metro Group Buying (MGB)
- ~59%<sup>1)</sup> indirect sourcing via importers/intermediaries in Europe

- Centralised logistics operations with efficient pushand-pull warehousing system
- Organised by Motex and MGB, fully outsourced
- Full control of all sales areas through directly operated

stores

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- Multi-channel distribution concept – successful launch of e-shop in March 2010
- ADLER loyalty card offers high visibility and predictability of customer demand

"Real time" information flow based on ADLER customer card

- Efficient supply chain management full information control over the entire value chain and high process standardisation
- Focus on core value added processes product development and distribution
- Asset-light model with high scalability due to limited capex requirements

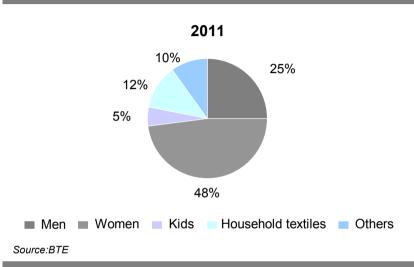
<sup>1)</sup> Share of purchase volume

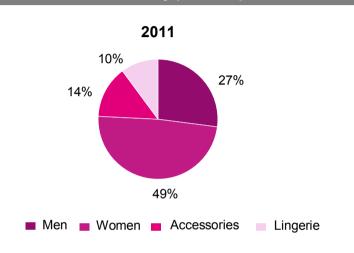




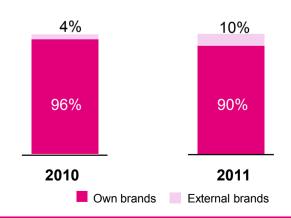


#### ADLER revenue share by product portfolio in %





#### Revenue share development by brands

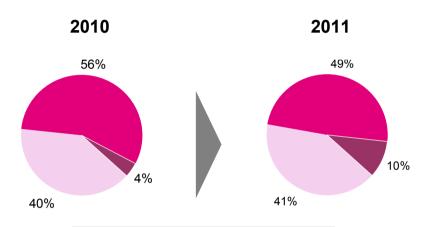


- Share of external brand increased in 2011 up to 10%
- Leveraging external brands to max. 20%
- Third party brands generate new customer traffic by attracting new customers who "grow" into target customer group
- Shop-in-Shop concept with upscale brands at the entrance to attract 45 year old customers



# Driving profitability: expansion of direct sourcing expanded from ~37% (in 2008) to >40% realising economies of scale, target 60%

#### Sourcing





#### **Indirect sourcing within Europe**

- Flexible and short notice logistic concept, small charges
- Expansion of consignment stock assortments
- Higher share of external brands

#### **Direct sourcing via Metro Group Buying (MGB)**

- App. 150 different manufacturers in Asia via MGB
- Large scale orders with long lead times (transportation by ship)
- No airfreight to save logistic expenses
- Realization of economies of scale through better buying terms
- Expansion of direct sourcing activities drives gross profit margin
- · Economies of scale drive the EBITDA margin

# Seasonality of ADLER's business

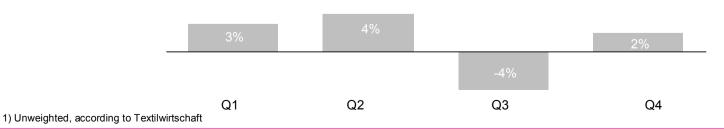


#### Apparel retailers act in a cyclical business environment

- Sales, profits and financing requirements of retailers in the apparel sector like ADLER are affected by seasonal fluctuations
- Goods receipt and financing requirements peak in Q1 and Q3.
- Seasonal effects regularly cause negative earnings, increased inventories and an increase in trade payables in particular in the first quarter of the year







# **Expansion and financial outlook 2012**



**Store expansion** 

- Store expansion with app. 20 openings
- 7 new stores in Q1

Revenue guidance

Revenue growth in the upper single-digit to lower double-digit percentage range

EBITDA guidance

EBTIDA improvement in accordance to the revenue growth



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#### Financial highlights 2011 compared to 2010



# **Financials**

- Net sales up +7.1% to € 476.6 million in 2011
- Prices increase by 11.3% penetrated
- Cost-efficient direct sourcing via MGB up to nearly 41%
- Winter business fell short of expectations due to warm temperatures and industry-wide discounts
- Gross profit declined from 52.7% to 51.5%
- EBITDA of € 30.7 million with 18.8% under the figure of 2010
- Net profit of € 8.4 million

#### Growth

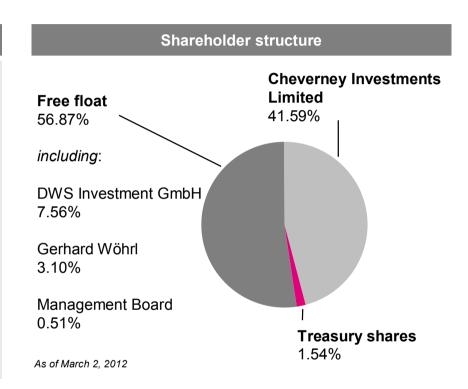
- Store expansion with 29 openings exceed expectations
- 13 organic store openings
- Acquisition of 18 Wehmeyer stores, two stores due to strategic reasons resold
- Net sales new stores € 38.3 million



# **Initial Public Offering**



Share data		
ISIN	DE000A1H8MU2	
Stock symbol	A1H8MU	
First time listing	June 22, 2011	
Issue price	€ 10.00	
Class of shares	No-par value bearer shares	
Transferred shares	10.812.533	
Number of Shares	18.510.000	
Subscribed capital	€ 18.510.000	
Designated sponsors	Crédit Agricole Cheuvreux,	
	DZ Bank AG, Viscardi AG	



- Net proceeds of € 23 million
- Proceeds finance the expansion strategy
- Investments in organic store openings and acquisitions of retail chains accelerate ADLER's growth



# **Acquisition of Wehmeyer stores confirms expansion strategy**



#### **Acquisition by ADLER**

- Acquisition of 18 stores at September 30, 2011
- Purchase price: € ~2.2 million (asset deal)
- Acquisition reduced expansion costs
- Wehmeyer stores are mainly located in premium city centre areas
- Due to strategic decisions 2 Wehmeyer stores were resold (Koblenz & Göttingen) in October 2011

#### Integration

- Integration of Wehmeyer stores into ADLER's IT, logistic, administration and flexible store concept
- A quick fit out with ADLER merchandise secured strong Q4 participation
- Revenue contribution in 2011: € 8.3 million
- Rebranding in Q1 2012



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MEHR MODE MEHR WARE MEHR AUSWAHL





# Focus on Mom & Pop Shop acquisitions



#### Braunschweig as ADLER store



#### Braunschweig as M&P shop



- Known revenue performance of the location
- Significant existing customer base
- Customers fit to ADLER's target group
- Utilization of established customer cards
- No cannibalization effects with existing ADLER stores
- Transfer of experienced employees with customer relationships



# Market entry in Switzerland prepared



Foundation of Adler Mode AG Schweiz

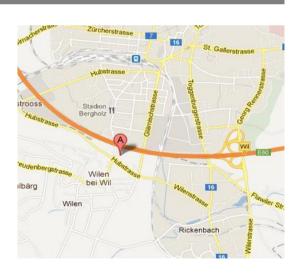
Headquartered in Zug

First ADLER store will be located in Wilen



#### **Key facts**

- Wilen is located between Zurich and St. Gallen
- Catchment area of approx. 62,000 inhabitants
- Retail format: retail park store
- Lidl and Müller-Drogerie in the neighbourhood
- Rental area of approx. 1.400 square meter
- Expected store opening in Q4 2012



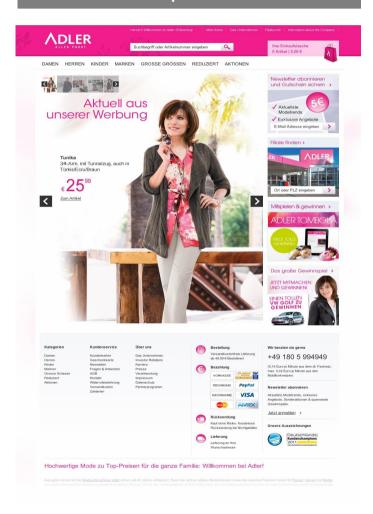
Source: Google Maps



# Relaunch of the ADLER online shop



#### **New E-Shop after relaunch**



#### **Facts and figures**

- More convenient order process for customers
- New, more transparent-structured and user-friendly design
- PayPal and Instant Transfer as additional payment options
- Further benefits:
  - Availability checks at the stores
  - Payment and return at the ADLER stores for loyalty card customers
  - New filter options for specific items by colour, style and price
  - ADLER brand search engine by entering individual sizes and circumstances of the waist and thigh prompts

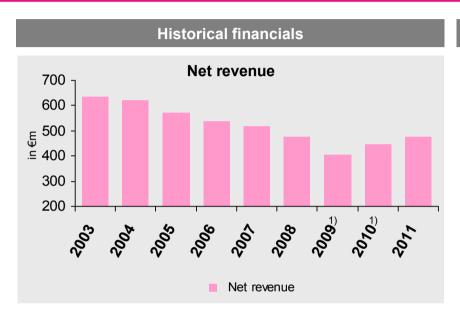


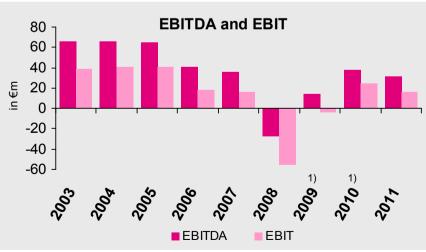
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#### **Historical development**

#### 2003 - 2004: Profitable company

- EBITDA margin-level of ~ 10%
- A shape collection with comfortable fits for customers 45+ years still successful despite sales decrease

#### 2005 - 2008: Unsuccessful rejuvenation

- Strategy was changed to lower prices to raise volume
- Change of product offering to V shape for young and fashionable customers age 30+ years
- As a result, sales dropped from over € 600 million to € 410 million in 2009

Until 2008 ADLER belonged to METRO Group

#### 2009 - 2011: Turnaround and growth

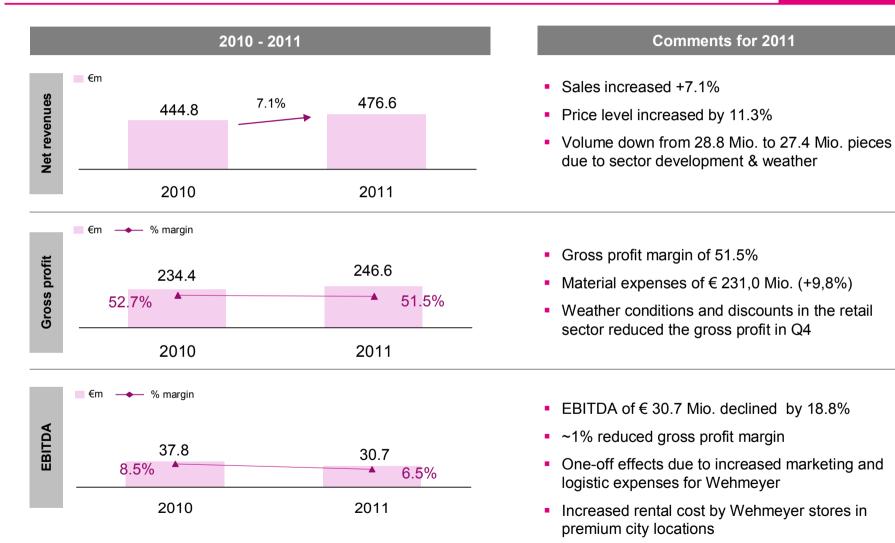
- New management changed the strategy back to
  - comfortable A shape fittings
  - regaining pricing power by raising price level
- Expansion of stores
- Ongoing operational improvement

1) 2009 and 2010 without MOTEX



# **Profit & Loss development**

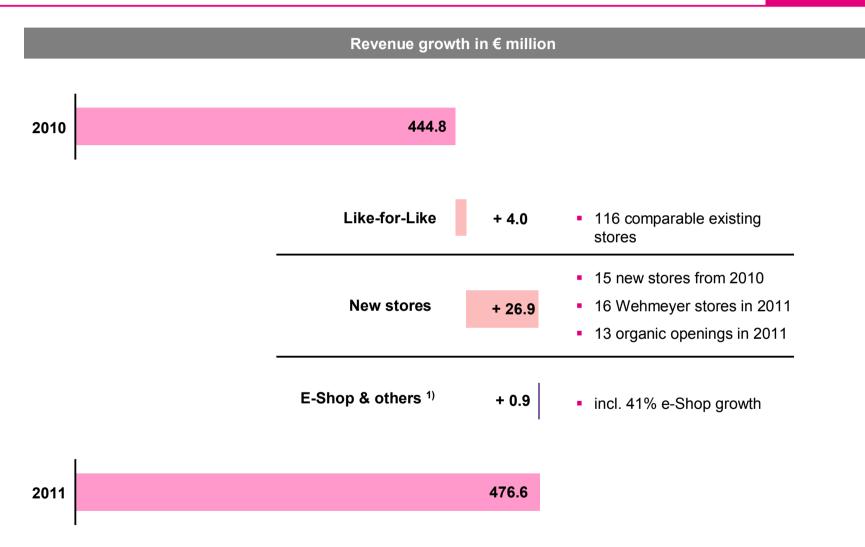








# Breakdown of the 7.1% revenue growth



<sup>1)</sup> Restaurants, tailoring service, outlet marktes, etc.

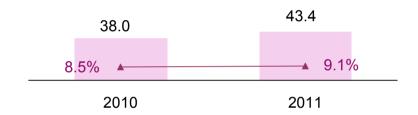






#### Marketing expenses

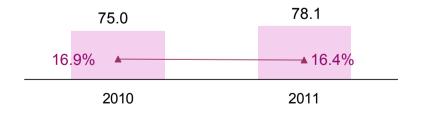
■ €m → % of net revenues



#### Personnel expenses

■ €m 

→ % of net revenues



#### **Comments for 2011**

- Increase of the marketing expense relation due to lower than expected revenues in Q3 & Q4
- Over penetration of customers with mailing and flyer activities
- Correction of over penetration in 2012

#### **Comments for 2011**

- Increase personnel expenses due to an higher number of personnel resulting from the store expansion strategy
- Increase of personnel expenses by 4.1% including social costs in Germany and Austria
- Efficient personnel management in stores



# **Rental expenses and depreciations**



#### Lease payments and building expenditure

€m



#### **Depreciation and amortization**

€m



#### **Comments for 2011**

- Finance lease expenses for 38 stores payments of € 12.9 million (previous year: € 13.1 million)
- Average maturity of finance lease obligations 3.8 years
- 124 stores under operating lease
- Store expansion and Wehmeyer stores increased payments in 2011

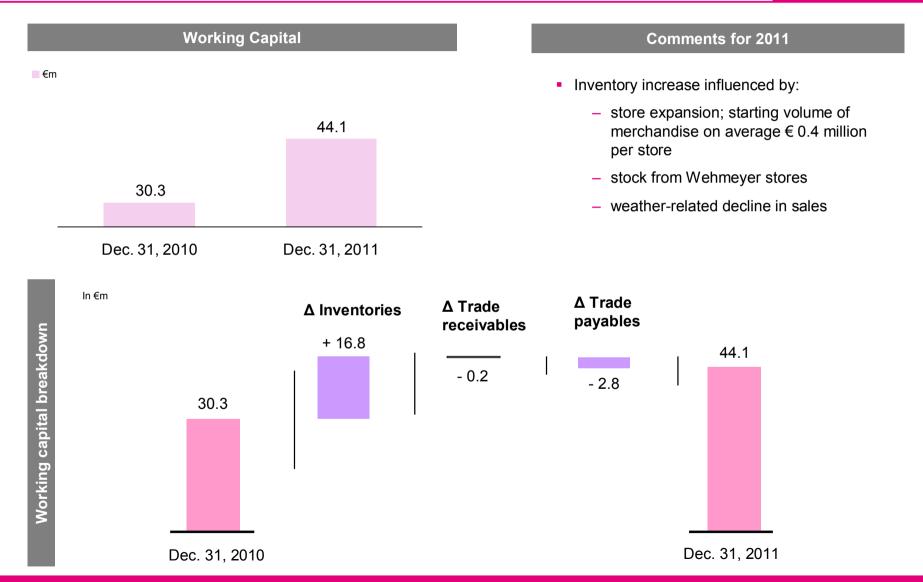
#### **Comments for 2011**

- Additional investments in PPE
- Unscheduled amortisation of the goodwill from the acquisition of F.W. Woolworth Co. Ges.m.b.H. in the amount of k€ 868

#### Financials

# **Working Capital**







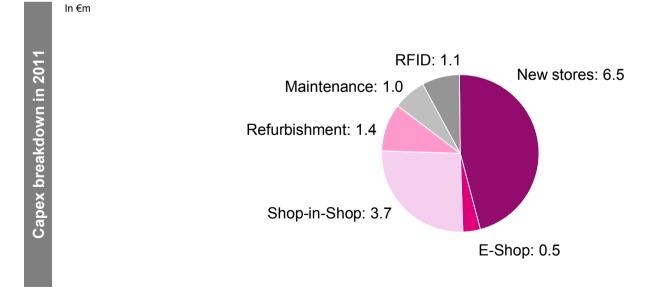
# Capex



# Capex development €m → % of net revenues 14.2 5.4 2010 2011

#### **Comments for 2011**

- Increased Capex due to store expansion and store modernisation
- New store investment includes Wehmeyer acquisition (purchase price: ~ € 1.2 million)
- Online shop relaunch in 2012







# **Cash flow statement**

#### **Clustered cash flow statement**

in k€	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010	Δ
Net Profit	12,693	22,935	-10,242
Increase of inventories	-17,483	-2,024	-15,459
Decrease of trade payables, other payables and other provisions	-10,478	-22,310	11,832
Other non-cash items	24,098	27,198	-3,101
Net cash flows from operating activities	8,830	25,799	-16,970
Net cash flows from investing activities	-13,211	-16,759	3,548
Free cash flow	-4,381	9,040	-13,421
Net cash flows from financing activities	11,449	-13,075	24,525
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	7,069	-4,035	11,104







#### Key financial positions and ratios

in k€	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010	Δ
Property, plant and equipment	50,654	52,216	-1,562
Inventories	73,528	56,750	16,778
Cash and cash equivalents	40,024	32,955	7,069
Total equity	74,595	41,167	33,428
Total liabilities	112,554	121,548	-8,994
Total assets	187,134	162,715	24,419
Ratios			
Equity ratio	39.90%	25.30%	
Debt equity ratio	1.51	2.95	







#### Overview current and non-current liabilities

in k€	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2010	Δ
Amounts owed to credit institutions	0	0	0
Provisions	7,812	8,443	-631
Financial liabilities	19,114	18,573	541
Finance lease obligations	37,100	46,039	-8,939
Trade payables	30,613	27,829	2,784
Other liabilities	17,604	19,751	-2,147
Deferred taxes and income tax liabilities	311	913	-602
Total liabilities	112,554	121,548	-8,994

- No bank liabilities
- Strong Equity Ratio of 39.9% ensures financial strength
- ADLER is financed by equity



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# **Key milestones in ADLER's history**



1948	Foundation of ADLER by Wolfgang Adler
1970	Opening of first store in Haibach
1974	Launch of ADLER customer card
1981	Market launch in Luxembourg
1982	Sale to ASKO Deutsche Kaufhaus AG
1987	Market launch in Austria
1996	Sale of ASKO Deutsche Kaufhaus AG to Metro
2005-07	Re-design and refurbishment of layout and collections targeting younger and more fashion oriented consumer group
2009	<ul> <li>bluO acquires ADLER from Metro (in first quarter of 2009)</li> <li>New management team</li> <li>Successful repositioning of ADLER</li> </ul>
2010	<ul> <li>15 store openings</li> <li>Launch of e-shop</li> <li>Acquisition and integration of Woolworth Austria</li> <li>Successful materialisation of strategic initiatives</li> </ul>
2011	<ul> <li>IPO at the stock exchange in Frankfurt on June 22, 2011</li> <li>Acquisition of 18 Wehmeyer stores as of September 30, 2011</li> <li>163 stores in Germany, Austria und Luxembourg (as of December 2011)</li> </ul>





# **ADLER** at a glance

Kidswear

Sportswear

Jewellery

Traditional costumes



#### External brands 1) **Key products** Own brands

#### T-shirts / Jumpers Bexleys Steilman Knitwear Malva Street One Blouses Thea 42+ Cecil My Own Skirts / Dresses s.Oliver Via Cortesa Tom Tailor Trousers / Jeanswear Jackets / Coats Viventv Mexx T-shirts / Jumpers Bexlevs Wrangler Knitwear Senator Tom Tailor Shirts Eagle No. 7 Cecil Men Big Fashion Trousers / Jeanswear • Mexx Gin Tonic Suits / Blazers Via Cortesa Jackets / Coats Pioneer Underwear Bexlevs Triumph Nightwear Malva Schiesser Lingerie Skiny Thea 42+ Corsetry Socks Senator Sloggi Huber Swimwear Big Fashion Sassa Accessories 2) Bexleys Dockers Shoes Alphorn Tamaris

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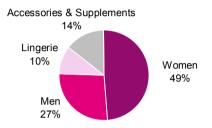
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Mercedes

Tom Tailor

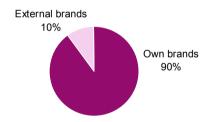
#### Balanced product portfolio

Revenue share of product portfolio 2011:



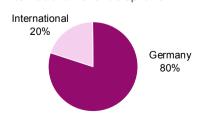
#### Focus on own brands

Revenue share of own and external brands 2011:



#### **Established international footprint**

International revenue split 2011:



fit & more

Eibsee

Rotation

ADLER Club

<sup>1)</sup> Selected external brands; 2) Includes bags, belts, scarves, hats, caps, umbrellas amongst others



# Propelling the original concept into the future



**Our strategy since 2009** 

Failed concept 2005-2008

Original concept until 2004







1 Strategic alignment

Reorientation on customers aged 45+ with comfortable fits



 Rejuvenation of customer group



Focus on customers aged 45+ with traditional cuts



Product offering

- Development of customer oriented product offering: comfortable fits, conservative fashion styles (late fashion follower)
- Up to 10 collections p.a.
- Extension of product portfolio with external brands



- More fashion oriented product offering to target younger customers
- Large proportion of modern fashion items with form-fitting cuts



- No visual merchandising
- Own brands only with 2 collections p.a.



3 Marketingstrategy

- Implementation of visual merchandising team
- Intensive utilisation of data mining
- Optimised and customer oriented advertising concept



Marketing activities to target younger, more lifestyle oriented customers



Traditional marketing concept



- 4 Expansion
- Strategic focus on store roll-out and like-for-like revenue growth
- Launch of e-shop to develop multichannel distribution concept



 Restructuring concept with particular emphasis on store closures

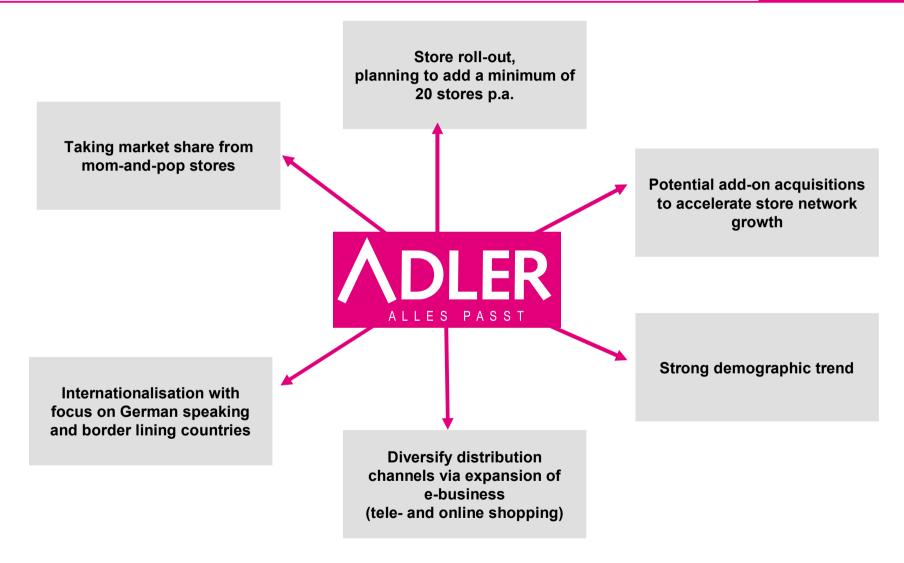


No expansion



# **Multiple growth drivers**





# Strong and committed management team





# Lothar Schäfer Chief Executive Officer

- Joined ADLER in March 2009
- More than 10 years experience as CEO

#### Responsibilities

Strategy, Purchasing, Logistics, Supply Chain Management, Quality Control and Public Relations



Karsten Odemann Chief Financial Officer

- Joined ADLER in December 2011
- More than 15 years experience as CFO

#### Responsibilities

 Accounting, Auditing and Controlling, HR, Internal Audit, IT, Legal and Investor Relations



Thomas Wanke
Chief Sales Officer

- Joined ADLER in July 2009
- More than 25 years relevant industry experience with various positions in retail at Takko, OBI, Charles Vögele, Ernsting's family

#### Responsibilities

 Sales, Marketing, Visual, Merchandising, Expansion



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