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Financial and operational review FY 2012

21 March 2013



Results Summary	Q4 2012	Q4 2011 (restated)**	change	FY2012	FY2011 (restated)**	change	
	HK\$m	HK\$m		HK\$m	HK\$m		
Turnover	28,068	26,139	+7%	126,236	110,164	+15%	
EBITDA	1,504	1,166	+29%	9,920	8,243	+20%	
Earnings	572	478	+20%	3,945	3,013	+31%	
Underlying net profit*	(272)	-	-100%	1,527	1,889	-19%	
EPS (HK¢) – Basic				164	125	+31%	
DPS (HK¢) – Basic				30	47	-36%	
– final				15	32	-53%	***
– interim				15	15	-	
Dividend payout ratio (%)***				47	60	-22%	***
ROE (%)				9.7	8.0	+21%	
Net (borrowings)/cash				(1,330)	2,980	-145%	
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^{*} Earnings from core businesses excluding the after-tax effect of asset revaluation and major disposal of non-core assets/investments and after accounted for net corporate interest & expenses

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^{**} Upon adoption of HKAS12 (Amendments), the Group applied the change of accounting policy on deferred taxation related to investment properties retrospectively and certain 2011 comparatives are restated accordingly. Earnings for Q4 2011 and FY2011 have been increased by approximately HK\$78m and HK\$181m, respectively.

^{***} Dividend payout ratio is calculated based on total dividend divided by underlying net profit. Lower dividend per share and dividend payout ratio in 2012 were mainly due to reserve for expansion.



Turnover Breakdown - by Divisions

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	Q4	Prop	Q4	Prop	change	FY 2012	Prop	FY 2011	Prop	change
	2012		2011							
	HK\$m		HK\$m			HK\$m		HK\$m		
Core businesses										
Retail	20,439	73%	18,052	69%	+13%	83,506	66%	70,088	63%	+19%
Beer	4,278	15%	4,585	17%	-7%	28,064	22%	26,689	24%	+5%
Food	2,629	9%	2,968	11%	-11%	10,379	8%	10,706	10%	-3%
Beverage	858	3%	650	3%	+32%	4,766	4%	3,112	3%	+53%
	28,204	100%	26,255	100%	+7%	126,715	100%	110,595	100%	+15%
Less: inter-co transactions	(136)		(116)			(479)		(431)		
Turnover – total	28,068		26,139		+7%	126,236		110,164		+15%











Underlying Net Profit Breakdown - by Divisions

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	2012		2011 (restated)	·	0	1 1 2012	·	(restated)	·	
	HK\$m		HK\$m			HK\$m		HK\$m		
Core businesses										
Retail	(202)	95%	77	265%	-362%	525	31%	808	41%	-35%
Beer	(55)	26%	(78)	(269%)	+29%	823	49%	785	40%	+5%
Food	47	(22%)	24	83%	+96%	259	15%	263	13%	-2%
Beverage	(2)	1%	6	21%	-133%	86	5%	126	6%	-32%
	(212)	100%	29	100%	-831%	1,693	100%	1,982	100%	-15%
Net corporate int. & expenses	(60)		(29)		'	(166)		(93)		
Underlying Net Profit	(272)		-		-100%	1,527		1,889		-19%
Adjustment Net gain on disposal of non-core investments and valuation surplus on investment properties	844		478		+77%	2,418		1,124		+155%
Earnings	572		478		+20%	3,945		3,013		+31%





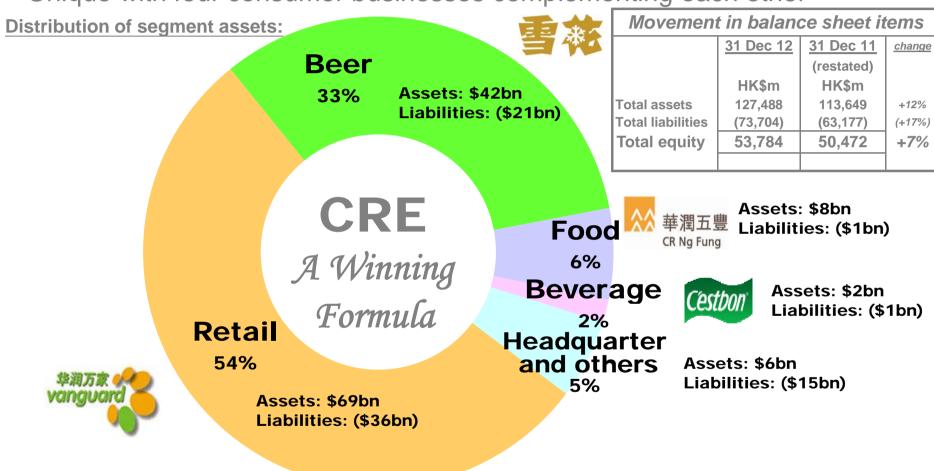






Segment assets

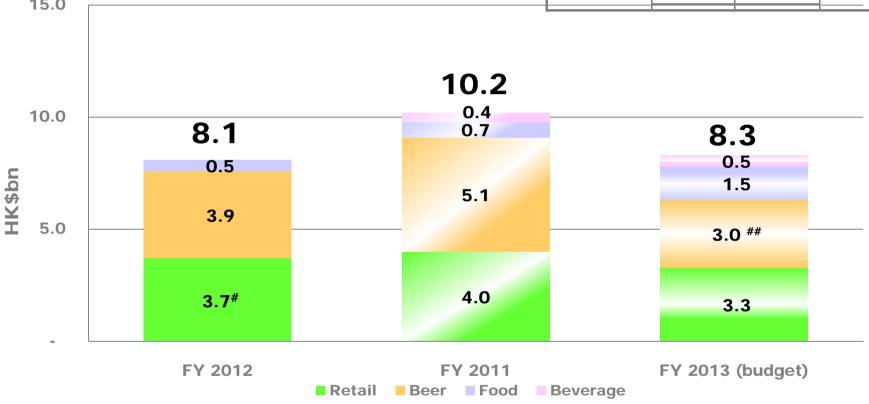
Unique with four consumer businesses complementing each other





Change in operating cashflow						
	FY 2012	FY 2011	% change			
	HK\$m	HK\$m				
Cash inflow	+8,939	+7,799	+15%			

Grasping opportunities through expansion



- # The CAPEX did not include Hongkelong acquisition of approximately \$4.6bn announced in 2011.
- ## The budget CAPEX of beer in FY2013 does not include CAPEX on acquisition of Kingway (approximately \$6.8bn).

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Growth through: Solidifying market leader position and upgrade of product mix

	Q4 2012 HK\$m	Q4 2011 HK\$m	change	FY 2012 HK\$m	FY 2011 HK\$m	change
Sales volume (million KL)	1.58	1.63	-3%	10.64	10.24	+4%
Turnover	4,278	4,585	-7%	28,064	26,689	+5%
EBITDA	223	70	+219%	3,824	3,497	+9%
Earnings (#)	(108)	(151)	+28%	1,614	1,542	+5%
EBITDA margin (%)	5.2	1.5	+247%	13.6	13.1	+4%
Net margin (%) (#)	(2.5)	(3.3)	+24%	5.8	5.8	-

The performance was mainly affected by cold weather in certain of our strong regions and surge of raw material costs.



Mainstream



Mid-end



Premium RMB8 to 9

Approximate retail selling price:

RMB3

RMB5

(#) Profit attributable to CRE was 51% share of the above earnings.

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Growth through: Solidifying market leader position and upgrade of product mix Geographical distribution of the breweries 5(1.1mkl) [-] Heilongjiang Having presence in 22 out of 34 regions/cities (incl., autonomous regions, 3(0.6mkl) [-] Jilin municipalities and SAR) in China Number of breweries plants: 85 13(2.5mkl) [-] Liaoning 1(0.2mkl) [-] Beijing 4(0.4mkl) [1] Inner Mongolia 1(0.3mkl) [-] **Tianjin** 1(0.2mkl) [-] Gansu 2(0.5mkl) [-] Hebei 3(0.6mkl) [1] Shanxi 3(0.7mkl) [-] Shandong Tibet 1(-) [-] 5(1.3mkl) [-] Jiangsu 12(2.2mkl) [-] Sichuan 2(0.4mkl) [-] Shanghai 2(0.3mkl) [-1 Guizhou Anhui 9(1.8mkl) [-] Henan Hunan 4(0.4mkl) [1] 1(0.2mkl) [-] 6(2.4mkl) [1] Zhejiang Guangdong 1(0.4mkl) [-] 5(0.9mkl) [1] Hubei No. of breweries (production capacity)[no. of breweries addition in past 12 months] Region Notation: Fujian 1(0.2mkl) [-] "Braving challenges"

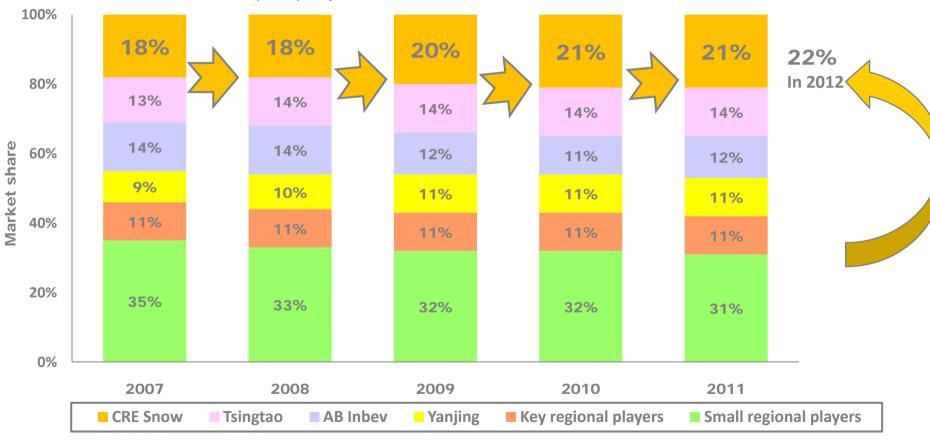




Growth through: Solidifying market leader position and upgrade of product mix

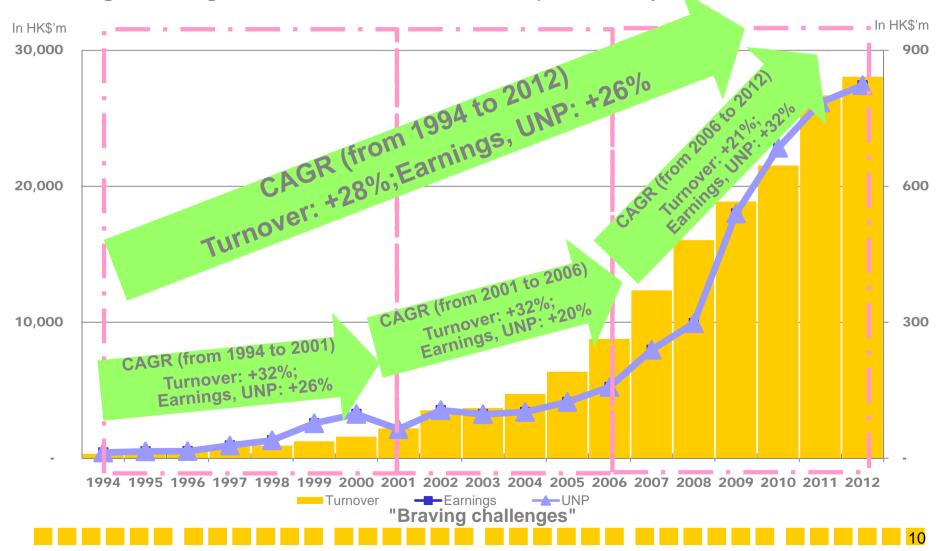
Distribution of China beer market share:

Total market share of top 4 players was 58% in 2011, of which Snow has 21%.





Strong robust growth in both turnover and profitability





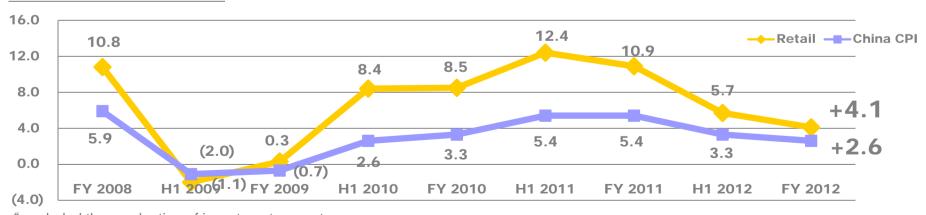


Growth through: Multi-format with regional leadership

	Q4 2012 HK\$m	Q4 2011 HK\$m (restated)	Change	FY 2012 HK\$m	FY 2011 HK\$m (restated)	change
Turnover	20,439	18,052	+13%	83,506	70,088	+19%
Underlying EBITDA #	341	529	-36%	2,869	2,831	+1%
Underlying net profit #	(202)	77	-362%	525	808	-35%
Underlying EBITDA margin (%) #	1.7	2.9	-41%	3.4	4.0	-15%
Underlying net profit margin (%) #	(1.0)	0.4	-350%	0.6	1.2	-50%

The profitability was mainly affected by the slowdown of China CPI growth and initial organic expansion in new regions/business.

SSSG of retail business:



[#] excluded the revaluation of investment property

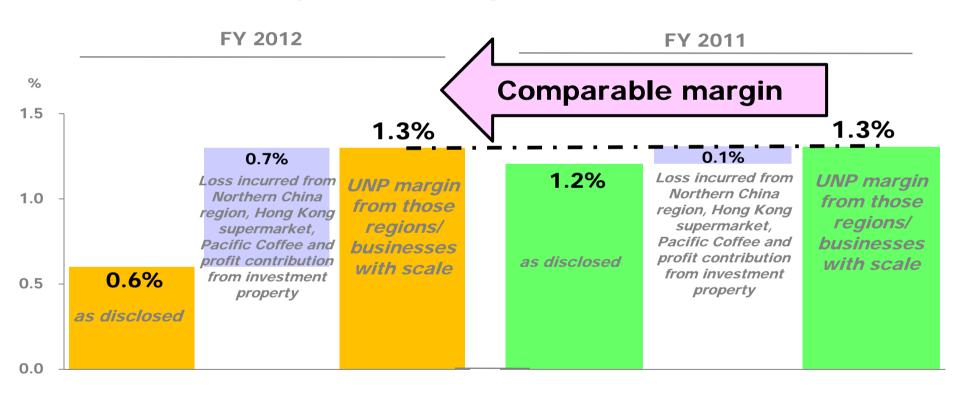


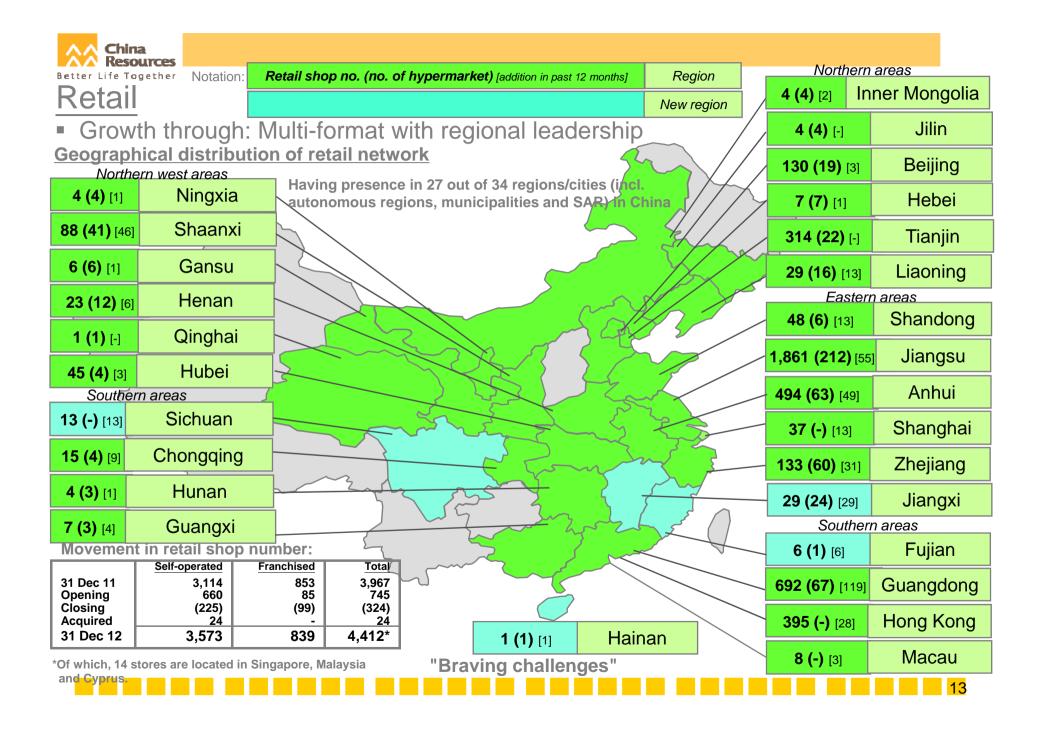


Growth through: Multi-format with regional leadership

Reconciliation of underlying net profit margin

Comparable UNP margin for those regions/business with scale







Retail

Growth through: Multi-format with regional leadership

Business model

Winning market share by

- Multiple-format store approach
- Multiple distribution centres (more than 12 D.C.)
- Trade-up strategy
- Innovative in format
- Regional focus



















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Retail





In a shopping mall

6 formats in Guangzhou Taikoo Hui (Swire properties):













In a city

5 formats in Nanjing:























Growth through: Quality premium products

	Q4 2012 HK\$m	Q4 2011 HK\$m (restated)	change	FY 2012 HK\$m	FY 2011 HK\$m (restated)	change
Turnover	2,629	2,968	-11%	10,379	10,706	-3%
Underlying EBITDA	138	91	+52%	662	639	+4%
Underlying net profit	47	24	+96%	259	263	-2%
Underlying EBITDA margin (%)	5.2	3.1	+68%	6.4	6.0	+7%
Underlying net profit margin (%)	1.8	8.0	+125%	2.5	2.5	-

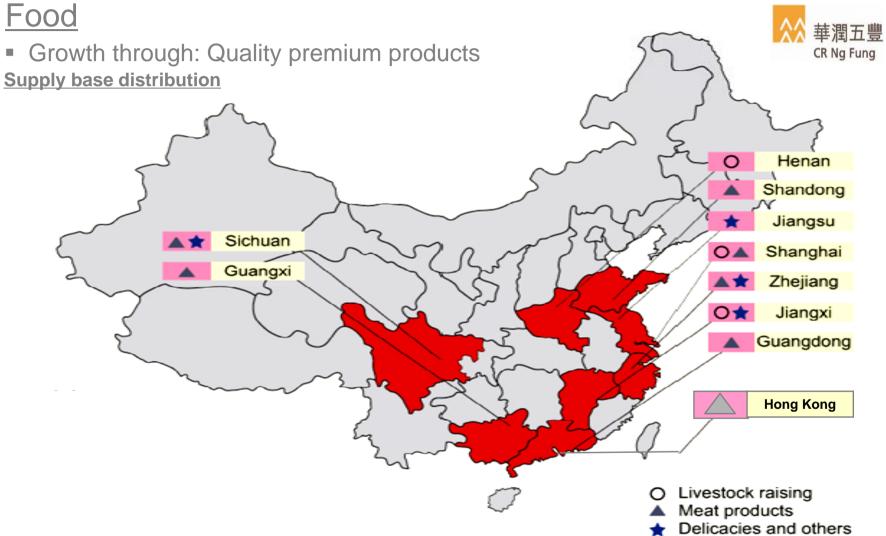
The profitability in Q4 2012 was mainly improved by lower input costs during the period.

Business Model

- One of the leading integrated food suppliers in China
- Increasing focus on China
- High food safety standard
- Product differentiation
- A variety of food products offered to customers









Beverage

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Growth through: strong partnership with Kirin

	Q4 2012 HK\$m	Q4 2011 HK\$m	change	FY 2012 HK\$m	FY 2011 HK\$m	change
Sales volume (million KL)	0.65	0.54	+20%	3.51	2.64	+33%
Turnover	858	650	+32%	4,766	3,112	+53%
EBITDA	10	27	-63%	263	243	+8%
Earnings (#)	(2)	4	-150%	144	138	+4%
EBITDA margin (%)	1.2	4.2	-71%	5.5	7.8	-29%
Net margin (%) (#)	(0.2)	8.0	-125%	3.0	4.4	-32%

Improvement in turnover was mainly supported by the increase in sales volume. Profitability was mainly affected by the promotion expenses on Kirin products.



- wide distribution network

- rich experience in China retails
- successful co-operation with foreign players
- competitive advantage with other CR group companies

KIRIN

- strong R&D capability
- rich experience in beverage **business**
- a variety of products
- high technology on manufacture of beverage products





(#) Profit attributable to CRE was 60% share of the above earnings since August 2011. "Braving challenges"



Growth through: strong partnership with Kirin **Geographical distribution** Having presence in 8 out of 34 regions/cities (incl. autonomous regions, municipalities and SAR) in China Number of beverage plant: 27 (8 own factories; 19 OEM factories*) 2 * Hebei 1, 3* Sichuan 5 * Jiangsu Shanghai 3 3 * Hunan Guangxi 4,4 * Guangdong 1 * Hainan



Appendix I – Details of Retail formats

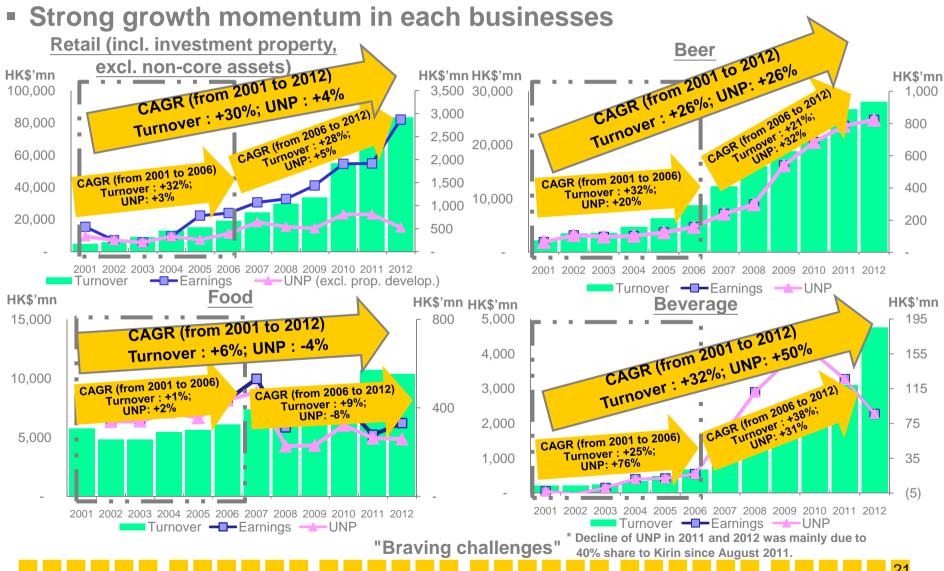


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<u>Format</u>	<u>Major</u> brands	Average areas (sq.m)	% of turnover	App. Average GP margin	Self- operated	Franchised	Self- operated	Franchised	Self- operated	Franchised
I. Hypermarket	SG苏果	over 5,000	арр.78%	19%	571	13	554	16	493	16
II. Standard supermarket	學表示就 vanguard	500 - 800	арр.11%	21%	1,301	748	1,278	747	1,177	782
III. Convenience stores	V>nG0	30 - 120	арр.4%	22%	1,073	52	1,040	47	925	39
IV. Ole', blt	blt*	4,000	арр.2%	more than 25%	31	-	30	-	27	-
V. Pacific Coffee	Pacific Cities	. 120	арр.1%	more than 50%	264	26	231	25	158	16
VI. CAC and CR Care	TS 8 CRAFTS 華 海 堂 CRCRE	various	арр.2%	more than 30%	147	-	149	-	129	-
VII. Health and beauty stores	el Vivo#5	200	арр.1%	more than 30%	169	-	170	-	176	-
VIII. Wine cellar and others	Voi.la!	200	арр. 1%	Various	17	-	15	-	29	-
Total					3,573	839	3,467	835	3,114	853
					4,4	12	4,3	02	3,9	67

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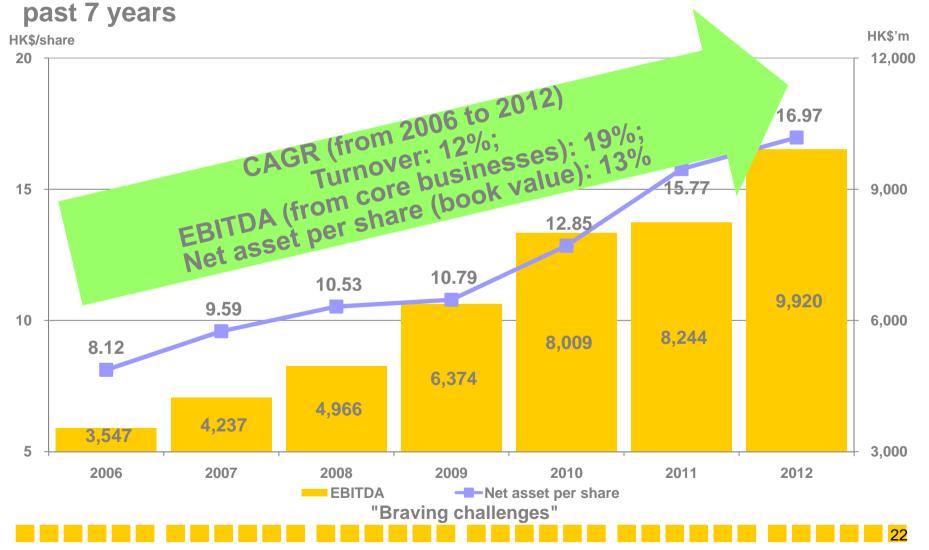
Appendix II - Historical track record of CRE





<u>Appendix III – Historical operating summary</u>

Increasing market share and net asset without share dilution in

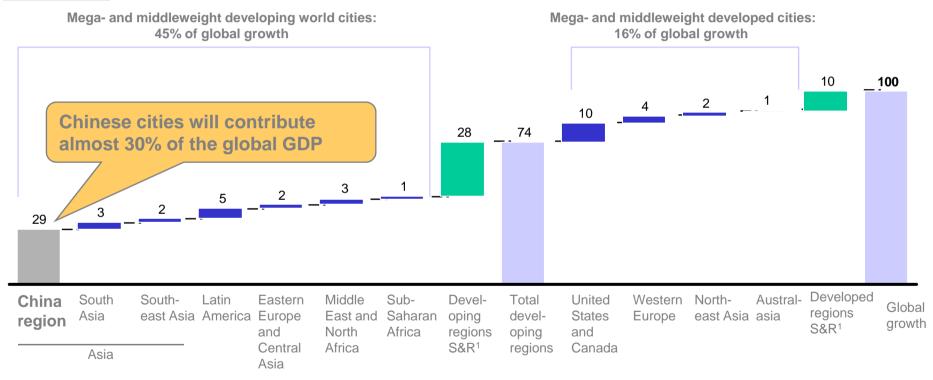




Appendix IV - Strong growth in China

Strong growth in China

According to McKinsey, top 225 cities of China will contribute app. 30% of global GDP growth in the next 10-15 years.



1 S&R = small cities and rural areas.

Source: McKinsey



Appendix V — Better position for CRE Expected cluster size:

CRE's presence

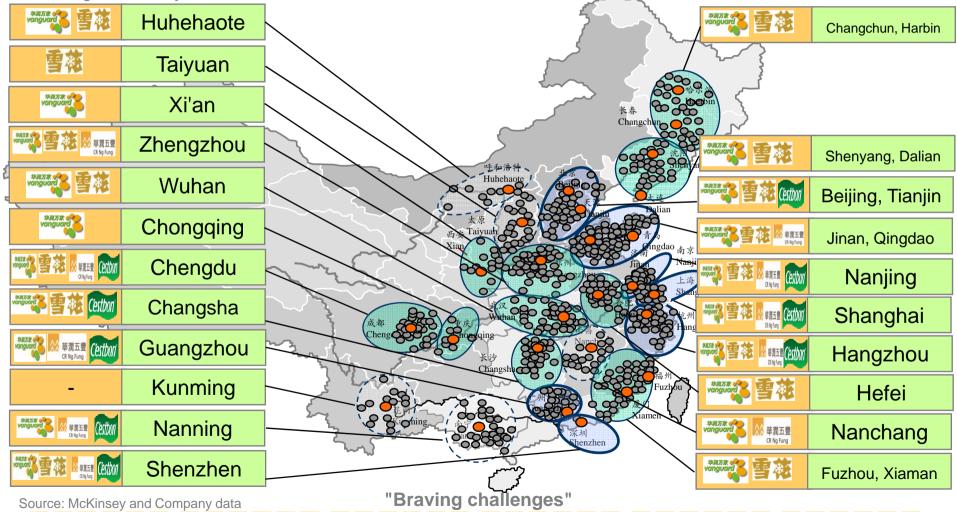
Small

Cluster's hub city

Mega

Better positioning to capture strong growth in China

According to McKinsey, more than 90% of China's urban GDP in 2015 will come from 22 clusters.





Appendix VI – Synergy with acquisition of Kingway



- More complement geographical footprint in both existing and new regions
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- Stronger bargaining power on procurement of raw materials
- Extending overall utilization rate

Competency with CR Snow Competency with CR Retail 88 retail stores in Shaanxi 2 plants in Tianjin (1 from CR Snow, - new market for CR SNOW 1 from Kingway) (1 from Kingway) 13 plants in Sichuan (12 from CR Snow, 1 from Kingway) 6 plants in Guangdong Notation: (1 from CR Snow, 5 from Kingway) Snow's presence Kingway brewery plant (total production capacity: 1.45m tonnes) "Braving challenges"

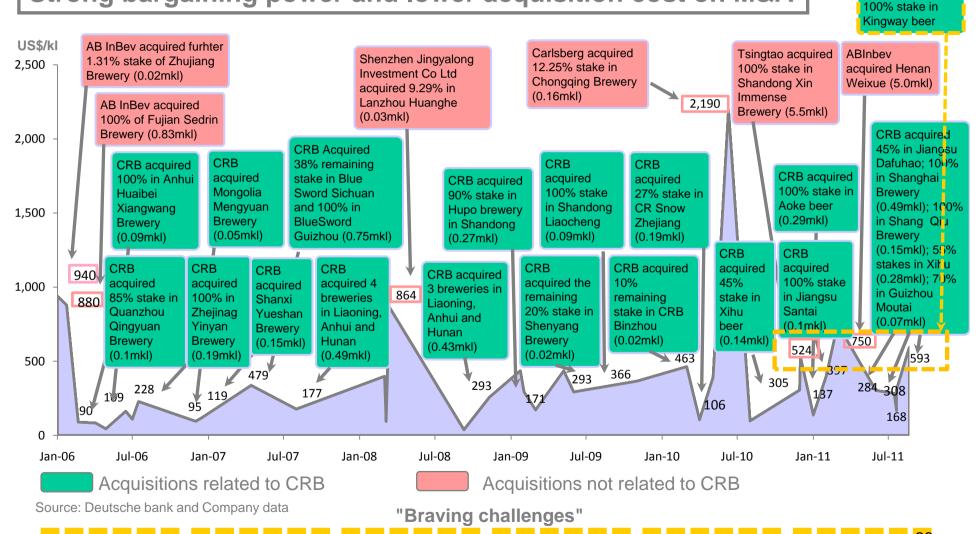


<u>Appendix VII – Historical major M&As in beer business</u>



CRB acquired

Strong bargaining power and lower acquisition cost on M&A

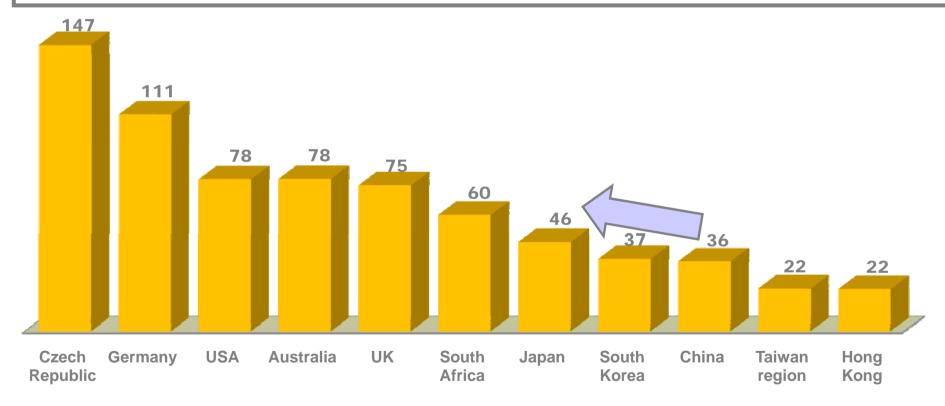






Appendix VIII - Global beer consumption summary

Beer consumption per capita in China increased double in past 10 years (from 18 litres in 2001 to 36 litres in 2011 (provisional)).



Source: Plato logic

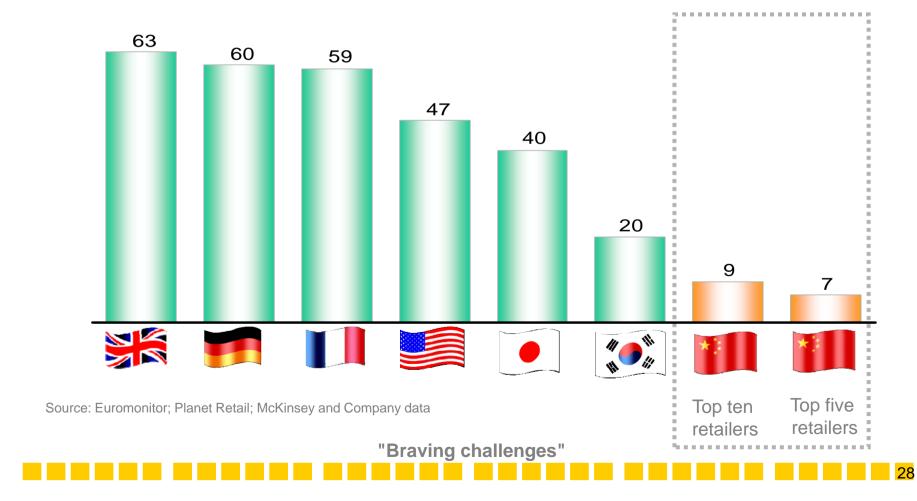


Appendix IX - Market share of Retail business



Lower market concentration in China than other developed countries:

Percentage of top 5 retailers to total grocery retail market share in the state:





Appendix X – CRE awards

Highlights of accolades received



Since 2002	Produced quarterly financial and operational review on a voluntary basis. First conglomerate company among the constituent stocks in the Hang Seng Index to initiate such a move
2005-2012	Named one of the outstanding enterprises among blue-chip companies in Hong Kong by Economic Digest
2006-2011	Selected as one of the recipients of the "Recognition Awards - Asia's Best Companies for Corporate Governance" by Corporate Governance Asia
2009-2012	Ranked one of the top three retail organization for China in Retail Asia-Pacific Top 500 Awards by Retail Asia Publishing
2010	Received the Caring Company Logo 2009/2010 from Caring Company Scheme organized by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
2009/ 2010/2012	Selected as one of the companies receiving "The Platinum (2009/2010)/Gold (2012) Award for All-Round Excellence in Financial Performance, Management, Corporate Governance, Social Responsibility, Environmental Responsibility and Investor Relations" by <i>The Asset</i>
2010- 2012	Mr. Chen Lang was selected as one of winners in China of Asian Corporate Director Recognition Awards by Corporate Governance Asia
2010- 2012	Received "CAPITAL Outstanding China Enterprise Award-Consumer Goods" in The CAPITAL Outstanding China Enterprise Awards from CAPITAL

Please refer to our company website, www.cre.com.hk, for further details of awards received prior to 2009.



Appendix X – CRE awards (Cont'd)

Highlights of accolades received

2010- 2012	Received awards for cover photo/design in the categories of food distributors, processors & wholesalers, manufacturing & Distributing, Food & Consumer Packaged Goods and Multi-Industry – Products & Services in International Annual Report Competition Awards from <i>MerComm, Inc.</i>
2006/2010	Honored as one of the Awardees in the Board Category for "Listed Companies (SEHK-Hang Seng Index Constituents)" in the "Directors Of The Year Awards 2010" by <i>Hong Kong Institute of Directors</i>
2010	Awarded as Asia's best CEO (Investor Relations) – Mr. Chen Lang, Asia's best CFO (Investor Relations) – Mr. Frank Lai, Best Investor relations professional – Mr. Vincent Tse, Best investor relations and best environmental responsibility by <i>Corporate Governance Asia</i>
2011	Received the Best Management Team Award in Golden Bauhinia Award by Ta Kung Pao
2010/2012	Received Overall Best companies in Asia for Corporate Governance, best awards in Asia region (ex-Japan) for disclosure and transparency, responsibilities of management and the board of directors, shareholders' rights and equitable treatment, Best for Investor Relations (2012) and best awards in Hong Kong region for overall corporate governance, disclosure and transparency, responsibilities of management and the board of directors, shareholders' rights and equitable treatment, investor relations and investor relations officer (2010 by <i>Asiamoney</i>
2011/2012	Ranked number 981/861 in Global 2000 from Forbes
2011	Received "The Largest Captialization Company Award" in Mainland Enterprises Listed in Hong Kong Ranking 2010 by <i>Yazhou Zhoukan</i> "Braving challenges"



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2010–2012	Selected as one of the companies receiving "Global Chinese Business 1000 – Outstanding Performance Award" by Yazhou Zhoukan
2011/2012	Awarded as one of the companies receiving the commendation in Corporate Social Responsibility Award by CAPITAL and Capital Weekly
2011/2012	Ranked number 39 /46 in Fortune China 500
2011	Received 2 best awards for investor relations and investor relations officer and 4 awards of ranked second in Best for overall for corporate governance, disclosure and transparency, responsibilities of management and the board of directors and shareholders' rights and equitable treatment in Hong Kong region by <i>Asiamoney</i>
2012/2013	Received Outstanding Corporate Social Responsibility Award by The Mirror Monthly Magazine
2012	Awarded as Class of 2012 - The Best of Asia (China) in Corporate Governance Asia Recognition Awards 2012 by <i>Corporate Governance Asia</i>
2012	Received Best IR Companies (Sell Side – Consumer), Best CFO – Frank Lai (Sell Side – Consumer), Best Investor Relations Professional – Mr. Vincent Tse (Both Buy and Sell Side – Consumer) and ranked second for Best CEO – Chen Lang (Sell Side – Consumer) in The All-Asia Executive Team Survey 2012 by <i>Institutional Investor</i>
2012	Awarded as Best in Sector – Consumer Goods & Services, Investor Relations by a Hong Kong Company and Investor Relations Officer (Hong Kong) by <i>IR Magazine</i>
2012	Ranked number 428 in Green Rankings – Global 500 List by <i>Newsweek</i> " Braving challenges "



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