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ULTA SALON, COSMETICS \& FRAGRANCE, INC. 2007 ANNUAL REPORT



| (In thousands, except per share and per square foot data) | FISCAL YEAR ENDED |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | January 31, <br> 2004 |  | January 29, <br> 2005 |  | January 28, 2006 |  | February 3, 2007 |  | February 2, <br> 2008 |
| Net sales | \$ | 423,863 | \$ | 491,152 | \$ | 579,075 | \$ | 755,113 | \$ | 912,141 |
| Operating income |  | 10,896 |  | 18,496 |  | 29,424 |  | 40,088 |  | 46,721 |
| Net income |  | 5,084 |  | 9,460 |  | 15,969 |  | 22,543 |  | 25,335 |
| Diluted income per comon share |  | (2.36) |  | (0.70) |  | 0.33 |  | 0.45 |  | 0.48 |
| Comparable store sales increase |  | 6.2\% |  | 8.0\% |  | 8.3\% |  | 14.5\% |  | 6.4\% |
| Number of stores end of year |  | 126 |  | 142 |  | 167 |  | 196 |  | 249 |
| Total square footage end of year |  | 1,285,857 |  | 1,464,330 |  | 1,726,563 |  | 2,023,305 |  | 2,589,244 |
| Capital expenditures | \$ | 30,354 | \$ | 34,807 | \$ | 41,607 | \$ | 62,331 | \$ | 101,866 |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 15,411 |  | 18,304 |  | 22,285 |  | 29,736 |  | 39,503 |
| Total debt ${ }^{2}$ |  | 42,906 |  | 47,008 |  | 50,173 |  | 55,529 |  | 74,770 |
| Total stockholders' equity |  | 92,778 |  | 105,308 |  | 123,015 |  | 148,760 |  | 211,503 |
| Debt to equity ratio |  | 46\% |  | 45\% |  | 41\% |  | 37\% |  | 35\% |

Fiscal 2006 was a 53 -week operating year and the $53{ }^{\text {d }}$ week represented approximately $\$ 16.4$ million in net sales. ${ }^{2}$ Total debt includes approximately $\$ 4.8$ million related to the Series III preferred stock, which is presented between the liabilities section and the equity section of our consolidated balance sheet for all years prior to
February 2,2008 .

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She gets up every morning, washes her hair, puts on makeup and goes out to meet the day. She could be anywhere in age from late teens to early fifties, and she's busy - juggling family, maybe school or a career, and an unforgiving schedule. If she could find one place to meet all of her beauty needs, that was close to home, easy and fun to shop, and a place she never felt pressured, well, that would be her beauty destination from now on.

With her and millions of women just like her specifically in mind, we defined our mission at Ulta. We listened, learned and committed ourselves to the never-ending process of meeting their beauty needs, even if we needed to break the industry rules. Ulta has changed the beauty product distribution paradigm to bring prestige, mass, professional haircare and a full service salon under one roof. We also have transformed the customer experience by providing affordable indulgence in a comfortable, no pressure environment. As a result, we provide our customers a full complement of products and services in sleek, modern stores in convenient off-mall locations with a friendly, knowledgeable sales approach. Our relationship with our customers is at the heart of who we are, and helping them
feel beautiful while providing an escape from their busy everyday world is what we're all about.

Millions of customer relationships, created and nurtured, enabled us to deliver fiscal 2007 financial results consistent with our promise to investors. We recorded our $32^{\text {nd }}$ consecutive quarter of comparable store sales growth and achieved a comparable store sales increase of 6.4 percent for the year. We increased net sales 20.8 percent to $\$ 912$ million. We opened 53 new stores, representing 28 percent square footage growth, ending the year with 249 stores, and introduced several new brands, including dermalogica skincare and Stila cosmetics. And we continued to drive growth in our salon business by investing
in recruiting and training and improving the overall experience.

We began fiscal 2008 by completing our 33rd consecutive quarter of comparable store sales growth. Given the current economic climate, we are fortunate to be in a more resilient category that generates repeat purchases. While this does not guarantee success, we believe the combination of our marketing strategies, value proposition and indulgent store experience will allow us to achieve our financial and growth targets for the remainder of 2008. During the first quarter, we opened 17 new stores keeping us on track to open 63 new stores for the full year, and we successfully opened our second distribution facility in Phoenix, Arizona.

In addition to managing store growth, we will also continue to expand our e-commerce business by leveraging our new Ulta.com platform throughout the remainder of 2008. Looking toward 2009 and beyond, we believe that our strategy will help us deliver our long-term new store growth target of 1,000 stores balanced between both new and existing markets, allowing us to appropriately manage both our top and bottom line financial performance. And we have the financial resources to support our long term growth plans.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to personally thank each of our employees, especially our wonderful store teams. Their passion in delivering an enjoyable experience to each of our
customers is what makes all of our growth possible.
I would also like to thank our Board members for their contributions and, finally, our shareholders for their continued trust in us.

We have a proven strategy with a track record of delivering profitable growth, and significant expansion opportunities in front of us. Add the simple fact that Ulta is the only pure play publicly traded retailer in the beauty category, and Ulta becomes a truly unique investment opportunity.

With the beauty we bring to the world, and the business results we generate, this is, indeed, a beautiful business.

Providing great value and 21,000 products all under one roof is our business - but our passion
is to provide an approachable experience that makes women feel confident and beautiful.

That's Ulta - a beautiful business.



value
We offer compelling value through our loyalty
club program, prestige cosmetics sets,
ragrance gift sets and gift with purchase offers, the deep value of our private label brand and COMPETITIVE MASS HAIR, SKIN, AND COSMETICS PRICING






We are national, in markets large AND SMALL, SERVING A RANGE OF DEMOGRAPHICS WITH A PROVEN STORE MODEL. AND WE'RE LESS than 25 PERCENT PENETRATED.

(IN MILLIONS)
net income growth
(IN MILLIONS)

SAFE HARBOR LANGUAGE
Portions of this report may contain "forward looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which reflect our current views with respect to, among other things future events and financial performance. Any forward-looking statements contained in this report are based upon our historical performance and on current plans, estimates and expectations. are based upon our historical performance and on current plans, estimates and expectations. Such forward-ooking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including risk
factors contained in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 2, 2008 which is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and available at www.sec.gov and at www.ulta. com. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

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|  | January 31, 2004 | January 29, 2005 | January 28, 2006 | February 3, 2007 | February 2, $2008$ |
| Net sales ${ }^{2}$ | \$ 423,863 | \$ 491,152 | \$ 579,075 | \$ 755,113 | \$ 912,141 |
| Cost of sales | 312,203 | 346,585 | 404,794 | 519,929 | 628,495 |
| Gross Profit | 111,660 | 144,567 | 174,281 | 235,184 | 283,646 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 98,446 | 121,999 | 140,145 | 188,000 | 225,167 |
| Pre-opening expenses | 2,318 | 4,072 | 4,712 | 7,096 | 11,758 |
| Operating income | 10,896 | 18,496 | 29,424 | 40,088 | 46,721 |
| Interest expense | 2,789 | 2,835 | 2,951 | 3,314 | 4,542 |
| Income before income taxes | 8,107 | 15,661 | 26,473 | 36,774 | 42,179 |
| Income tax expense | 3,023 | 6,201 | 10,504 | 14,231 | 16,844 |
| Net income | \$ 5,084 | \$ 9,460 | \$ 15,969 | \$ 22,543 | \$ 25,335 |
| Net income per share: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ (2.36) | \$ (0.70) | \$ 0.74 | \$ 1.38 | \$ 0.69 |
| Diluted | \$ (2.36) | \$ (0.70) | \$ 0.33 | \$ 0.45 | \$ 0.48 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | 2,331 | 3,181 | 4,094 | 5,771 | 20,383 |
| Diluted | 2,331 | 3,181 | 48,196 | 49,921 | 53,293 |

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| Number of stores end of year | 126 | 142 | 167 | 196 | 249 |
| Total square footage end of year | 1,285,857 | 1,464,330 | 1,726,563 | 2,023,305 | 2,589,244 |
| Total square footage per store ${ }^{4}$ | 10,205 | 10,312 | 10,339 | 10,323 | 10,399 |
| Average total square footage ${ }^{5}$ | 1,216,777 | 1,374,005 | 1,582,935 | 1,857,885 | 2,283,935 |
| Net sales per average total square foot ${ }^{6}$ | \$ 348 | \$ 357 | \$ 366 | \$ 398 | \$ 399 |
| Capital expenditures | 30,354 | 34,807 | 41,607 | 62,331 | 101,866 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 15,411 | 18,304 | 22,285 | 29,736 | 39,503 |
| Debt to equity ratio | 46\% | 45\% | 41\% | 37\% | 35\% |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 3,178 | \$ 3,004 | \$ 2,839 | \$ 3,645 | \$ 3,789 |
| Working capital | 60,751 | 69,955 | 76,473 | 88,105 | 117,039 |
| Property and equipment, net | 99,577 | 114,912 | 133,003 | 162,080 | 236,389 |
| Total assets | 206,420 | 253,425 | 282,615 | 338,597 | 469,413 |
| Total debt ${ }^{7}$ | 42,906 | 47,008 | 50,173 | 55,529 | 74,770 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 92,778 | 105,308 | 123,015 | 148,760 | 211,503 |

Comparable store sales increase reflects sales for stores beginning on the first day of the $14^{\text {th }}$ month of operation. Remodeled stores are included in comparable store sales unless the store was closed for a portion of the current comparable prior year
Total square footage per store is calculated by dividing total square footage at end of year by number of store at end of year.
Average total square footage represents weighted average which reflects the effect of opening stores in different months throughout the year
Net sales per average total square foot was calculated by dividing net sales for the year by the average square footage for those stores open during each year. Fiscal 2006 net sales per average total square foot were adjusted to Total debt includes approximately $\$ 4.8$ million related to the Series III preferred stock, which is presented between the liabilities section and the equity section of our consolidated balance sheet for all years prior to February 2,2008

| Annual Square Footage Growth | $20 \%-25 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Annual Comparable Store Sales Growth | $3 \%-5 \%$ |
| Annual Net Income Growth | $25 \%-30 \%$ |

As we look forward, the continued execution of our proven growth strategy, strong balance sheet, and cash flows from our existing store base of over 265 stores, leaves us well positioned to deliver very exciting and profitable sales growth consistent with our track record.
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-ynelle P. Kirby
President and Chief Executive Officer
Gregg R. Bodnar
Chief Financial Officer
board of directors
Lynelle P. Kirby
President and Chief Executive Officer
Dennis K. Eck ${ }^{2 \dagger}$
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Hervé J.F. Defforey ${ }^{1+}$
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Member of Board of Directors
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Member of Board of Directors
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Member of Board of Directors
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Member of Board of Directors
Yves Sisteron
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## annual meeting

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at:

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## ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, audited financial statements, and Managements discussion and analysis of financial condtion and results of operations, audited financial statements, and
certifications by our Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer required under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 certifications by our Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer required under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-OXley Act of 20022
are included in our Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ for the fiscal year ended February 2,2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commissior and available at www.sec.gov and at www.ulta.com

## CREDITS

All hair and makeup by Ulta associates
Hairr: Victoria Meyer, Sara Branney, Sarah Burrell Makeup: Kathy Slusarczyk, Diane Santrock Design: SamataMason
Portrait/Lifestyle Photography: Chris Kirzeder Product/Publication Photooraphy: Michael Maes Printing: Lake County Press

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## Ulta carries thousands of products,

the employees are helpful, and I can get
everything I need in one stop.
CPISTY 23 YEARS OLD CUSTOMER

Ulta is great for me because I need
a one stop shop. I am a mother of 4
and don't have much time
KRISTA, 35 YEARS OLD CUSTOMER

I feel proud of my team
a group of passionate individuals
dedicated to creating a wonderful
experience for our guests

IRENA, 31 YEARS OLD, ULTA ASSOCIATE




[^0]:    Our fiscal year-end is the Saturday closest to January 31 based on a $52 / 53$-week year. Each fiscal
    four 13 -week quarters, with an extra week added onto the fourth quarter every five or six years.
    ${ }^{2}$ Fiscal 2006 was a 53 -week operating year and the $53^{3 d}$ week represented approximately $\$ 16.4$ million in net sales.

