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**SIGNET JEWELERS LIMITED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Bermuda**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**Clarendon House  
2 Church Street  
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Bermuda**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**441 296 5872**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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## Item 2.02 2nd Quarter Results

### Signet Reports Second Quarter Results

**HAMILTON, Bermuda, August 26, 2010** – Signet Jewelers Limited (“Signet”) (NYSE and LSE: SIG), the world’s largest specialty retail jeweler, today announced its results for the 13 weeks (“second quarter”) and 26 weeks (“year to date”) ended July 31, 2010.

#### Second Quarter Highlights:

- Same store sales: up 4.5%
- Income before income taxes: \$57.3 million, up 48.8%
- Basic and diluted earnings per share: \$0.47, up 46.9%
- Free cash flow<sup>1</sup> target range increased by \$75 million, to between \$225 million and \$275 million for Fiscal 2011<sup>2</sup>

1 Net cash provided by operating activities less net cash flows used in investing activities.

2 Fiscal 2010 is the 52 weeks ended January 30, 2010 and Fiscal 2011 is the 52 weeks ending January 29, 2011.

Terry Burman, Chief Executive of Signet, commented: “We are pleased with our performance in the second quarter. We have made further progress in achieving our operating and financial goals for Fiscal 2011 and have increased our target range for free cash flow in Fiscal 2011 by \$75 million to between \$225 million and \$275 million.

The outlook for the rest of Fiscal 2011 is uncertain. However, we will continue to invest in the business, increase advertising during the Holiday Season and expand further the availability of differentiated merchandise, in an effort to continue to gain profitable market share.”

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*Signet is the world’s largest specialty retail jeweler and operated 1,893 stores at July 31, 2010; these included 1,345 stores in the US, where it trades as “Kay Jewelers,” “Jared The Galleria Of Jewelry” and under a number of regional names. At that date Signet also operated 548 stores in the UK division, where it trades as “H.Samuel,” “Ernest Jones” and “Leslie Davis.” Further information on Signet is available at [www.signetjewelers.com](http://www.signetjewelers.com). See also [www.kay.com](http://www.kay.com), [www.jared.com](http://www.jared.com), [www.hsamuel.co.uk](http://www.hsamuel.co.uk) and [www.ernestjones.co.uk](http://www.ernestjones.co.uk).*

#### Conference call

There will be a conference call today at 8.30 a.m. EDT (1.30 p.m. BST and 5.30 a.m. Pacific Time) and a simultaneous audio webcast and slide presentation available at [www.signetjewelers.com](http://www.signetjewelers.com). The slides are available to be

downloaded from the website ahead of the conference call. To help ensure the conference call begins in a timely manner, all participants should dial in 5 to 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. The call details are:

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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Sales and operating income

Same store sales were up 4.5% in the second quarter and for the year to date the increase was 5.2%. Total sales rose by 1.7% to \$722.8 million in the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$710.8 million), reflecting an underlying increase of 3.6% at constant exchange rates; non-GAAP measure, see Note 13. In the year to date, total sales rose by 4.0% to \$1,532.8 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$1,473.4 million). The increase at constant exchange rates was 4.4%; non-GAAP measure, see Note 13. The breakdown of the sales performance is set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1	Second Quarter			Year To Date		
	US	UK	Signet	US	UK	Signet
<b>Sales, million</b>	<b>\$580.8</b>	<b>\$142.0</b>	<b>\$722.8</b>	<b>\$1,247.9</b>	<b>\$284.9</b>	<b>\$1,532.8</b>
% of total	80.4%	19.6%	100.0%	81.4%	18.6%	100.0%
<b>Change in sales</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>Signet</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>Signet</b>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Same store sales	5.9	(0.5)	4.5	6.6	(0.4)	5.2
Change in store space	<u>(0.8)</u>	<u>(1.5)</u>	<u>(0.9)</u>	<u>(0.6)</u>	<u>(1.4)</u>	<u>(0.8)</u>
Total at constant exchange rates	5.1	(2.0)	3.6	6.0	(1.8)	4.4
Exchange translation <sup>1</sup>	=	<u>(8.3)</u>	<u>(1.9)</u>	=	<u>(2.0)</u>	<u>(0.4)</u>
<b>Change in total sales as reported</b>	<b><u>5.1</u></b>	<b><u>(10.3)</u></b>	<b><u>1.7</u></b>	<b><u>6.0</u></b>	<b><u>(3.8)</u></b>	<b><u>4.0</u></b>

1 See Note 13.

The consumer environment in both the US and the UK remained challenging in the year to date, however the business continued to utilize its competitive advantages to improve sales, enhance margins, and strengthen its balance sheet.

Gross margin was \$239.8 million for the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$221.5 million) and \$536.1 million for the year to date (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$477.0 million), up by 8.3% and by 12.4% respectively. Gross margin rate increased by 200 basis points in the second quarter and by 260 basis points in the year to date, see Table 2 below.

**Table 2**

	<b>Second Quarter</b>		<b>Year To Date</b>	
	<b>Fiscal 2011</b>	<b>Fiscal 2010</b>	<b>Fiscal 2011</b>	<b>Fiscal 2010</b>

	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Sales	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of sales	<u>(66.8)</u>	<u>(68.8)</u>	<u>(65.0)</u>	<u>(67.6)</u>
Gross margin	33.2	31.2	35.0	32.4
Selling, general and administrative expenses	<u>(28.2)</u>	<u>(28.7)</u>	<u>(28.8)</u>	<u>(29.7)</u>
Other operating income	<u>3.8</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>3.5</u>	<u>4.0</u>
Operating income, net	8.8	6.6	9.7	6.7
Net financing costs	<u>(0.9)</u>	<u>(1.2)</u>	<u>(1.0)</u>	<u>(1.3)</u>
Income before income taxes	7.9	5.4	8.7	5.4
Income taxes	<u>(2.3)</u>	<u>(1.5)</u>	<u>(2.7)</u>	<u>(1.7)</u>
Net income	<u>5.6</u>	<u>3.9</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>3.7</u>

The gross merchandise margin improved by 70 basis points in the second quarter and by 60 basis points in the year to date, driven by price increases and lower diamond costs, which more than offset the impact of higher gold costs and the weakness of pound sterling against the US dollar. The net bad debt to sales ratio continued the improvement begun in the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2010 in the year to date period, however the opportunity to improve further the ratio in the second half of Fiscal 2011 is more limited.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$203.7 million for the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$203.8 million) and \$442.2 million for the year to date (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$436.6 million), unchanged and up by 1.3% respectively. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of sales decreased by 50 basis points in the second quarter compared to the second quarter of Fiscal 2010 and by 90 basis points in the year to date compared to the comparable period in Fiscal 2010. Tight expense control combined with leverage of selling expenses more than made up for a non-recurring \$6.0 million benefit to expenses in the second quarter of Fiscal 2010 and \$10 million in the 26 weeks to August 1, 2010, due to the change in vacation entitlement policy. An increase in marketing expenditure over the prior year is planned for the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2011.

Other operating income was \$27.2 million in the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$28.9 million). For the year to date, other operating income was \$54.9 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$58.6 million). The reduction in both the second quarter and the year to date primarily reflected the adverse impact from the amendments to the Truth in Lending Act.

With all amendments to the Truth in Lending Act having been implemented, a net direct adverse impact on operating income of \$15 million to \$17 million is expected in Fiscal 2011, at the lower end of the previously indicated range.

Operating income increased by 35.8% to \$63.3 million in the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$46.6 million), up 34.7% at constant exchange rates; non-GAAP measure, see Note 13. In the second quarter, operating margin was 8.8% (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: 6.6%). For the year to date, operating income increased by 50.3% to \$148.8 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$99.0 million), up 50.0% at constant exchange rates; non-GAAP measure, see Note 13. Operating margin was 9.7% for the year to date (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: 6.7%).

### **Interest income and expense**

Interest income was \$0.2 million for the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$0.1 million) and \$0.3 million for the year to date (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$0.7 million). Very low interest rates meant that the increase in cash

had little impact on interest income. Interest expense declined by \$2.0 million to \$6.2 million for the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$8.2 million). Interest expense for the year to date was \$15.0 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$19.8 million). Interest expense largely related to private placement loan notes incurring a blended fixed rate of interest of 8%. Both the second quarter and the year to date benefitted from the repayment of \$50.9 million of loan notes on March 9, 2010, and lower fees.

### Income before income taxes

Income before income taxes was \$57.3 million for the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$38.5 million), an increase of 48.8%. Income before income taxes was \$134.1 million for the year to date (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$79.9 million), an increase of 67.8%.

### Provision for income taxes

The charge to income taxes in the second quarter was \$16.6 million (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$10.9 million), being an effective tax rate of 29.0%, which reflects the recognition of \$4.5 million previously unrecognized tax benefits in the second quarter of Fiscal 2011. The charge to income taxes for the year to date was \$41.4 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$26.0 million), being an effective tax rate of 30.9%. The anticipated effective tax rate for Fiscal 2011 is 32.5% (Fiscal 2010: 32.1%), which reflects the recognition of the above \$4.5 million unrecognized tax benefits.

### Net income

Net income was \$40.7 million for the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$27.6 million), an increase of 47.5%. Income before income taxes was \$92.7 million for the year to date (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$53.9 million), an increase of 72.0%.

### Earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share were both \$0.47 for the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: both \$0.32), an increase of 46.9%. Basic and diluted earnings per share were \$1.08 and \$1.07 for the year to date (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: both \$0.63), an increase of 71.4% and 69.8% from the comparable prior year period.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

**Table 3**

	<b>26 weeks to</b>	
	<b>July 31,</b>	<b>August 1,</b>
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>\$million</b>	<b>\$million</b>
Net income	92.7	53.9
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operations	<u>50.7</u>	<u>68.4</u>
Net income adjusted for non-cash items <sup>1</sup>	143.4	122.3
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	<u>111.2</u>	<u>172.7</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	254.6	295.0
Net cash flows used in investing activities	<u>(14.4)</u>	<u>(17.5)</u>
Free cash flow <sup>2</sup>	240.2	277.5
Facility fees paid	(1.0)	(9.3)
Net change in Common Shares <sup>3</sup>	<u>1.0</u>	=
	240.2	268.2

(Net debt) <sup>4</sup> at start of period	(7.9)	(470.7)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash & cash equivalents	(0.8)	2.6
Effect of exchange rate changes on debt	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>(0.6)</u>
<b>Net cash/(net debt)<sup>4</sup></b>	<b><u>231.4</u></b>	<b><u>(200.5)</u></b>

1 Net income adjusted to reconcile net income to cash provided by operations, non-GAAP measure, see Note 13.

2 Net cash provided by operating activities less net cash flows used in investing activities, non-GAAP measure, see Note 13.

3 Proceeds from issuance of Common Shares less purchase of treasury shares.

4 Net total of cash and cash equivalents, loans and overdrafts, and long-term debt, non-GAAP measure, see Note 13.

See Table 3 above for a summary of Signet's cash flow for the 26 weeks to July 31, 2010 and August 1, 2009. During the 26 weeks to July 31, 2010, net income and net income adjusted for non-cash items was \$92.7 million and \$143.4 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$53.9 million and \$122.3 million); non-GAAP measure, see Note 13. The \$38.8 million increase in net income reflected the improved operating performance of the business. Changes in operating assets and liabilities generated positive cash flows of \$111.2 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$172.7 million). Inventories decreased by \$40.3 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$116.6 million decrease) as a result of seasonality, a better than expected sales performance, store closures and timing differences that are expected to reverse in subsequent quarters. Accounts receivable decreased by \$59.7 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$59.6 million decline), primarily reflecting the seasonality of sales.

Year to date net cash flow used in investing activities was \$14.4 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$17.5 million), the US division used \$13.3 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$13.8 million) and the UK division used \$1.1 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$3.7 million). Changes in operating assets and liabilities, and investing activities, due to new US space were \$4.3 million and \$0.1 million respectively during the 26 weeks to July 31, 2010 (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$11.7 million and \$1.1 million respectively). Cash flow used in investing activities during Fiscal 2011 continues to be planned to be about \$80 million, an increase of about \$35 million above the level in Fiscal 2010.

Year to date positive free cash flow was \$240.2 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$277.5 million); non-GAAP measure, see Note 13. In the second half of Fiscal 2011, inventory and accounts receivable are expected to increase due to the seasonal nature of sales, with inventory at January 29, 2011 planned to be little changed from the prior year-end. Reflecting better than planned net income in the year to date and an expectation that in the balance of the year working capital will continue to be tightly managed, positive free cash flow for Fiscal 2011 is now anticipated to be between \$225 million and \$275 million, compared to the original estimate of \$150 million to \$200 million.

During the 26 weeks to July 31, 2010, \$1.0 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$nil) was received for the issuance of Common Shares pursuant to Signet's equity compensation programs.

Debt at July 31, 2010 was \$254.0 million (August 1, 2009: \$293.3 million), with cash and cash equivalents of \$485.4 million (August 1, 2009: \$92.8 million). Net cash at July 31, 2010 was \$231.4 million (August 1, 2009: net debt \$200.5 million); non-GAAP measure, see Note 13. On March 9, 2010, Signet made a prepayment at par of \$50.9 million of the private placement notes. In addition, a change was agreed with Signet's revolving credit facility banking group that the facility be reduced to \$300 million from \$370 million. The facility was undrawn at July 31, 2010 and at August 1, 2009. At July 31, 2010, Signet was in compliance with all debt covenants.

## OPERATING REVIEW



**US division (~80% of annual sales)**

In the second quarter, the US division's sales were up by 5.1% to \$580.8 million (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$552.5 million) and same store sales rose by 5.9%, as compared to a decline of 5.5% in the second quarter last year. In the year to date, the US division's sales were up by 6.0% to \$1,247.9 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$1,177.4 million) and same store sales rose by 6.6%, as compared to a decline of 4.0% in the prior year period. See Table 4 below for analysis.

**Table 4**  
**Second quarter Fiscal 2011**

	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Average unit selling price<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Change from previous year</u>		
			<u>Total sales</u>	<u>Average Same store sales</u>	<u>unit selling price<sup>1</sup></u>
Kay	\$325.4m	\$349	1.8%	2.6%	5.0%
Regional brands	\$64.7m	\$354	(7.7)%	1.1%	0.8%
Jared	<u>\$190.7m</u>	\$768	17.1%	14.0%	6.9%
<b>US division</b>	<b><u>\$580.8m</u></b>	<b>\$407</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b><u>Year to date Fiscal 2011</u></b>					
Kay	\$712.2m	\$335	3.0%	3.5%	6.1%
Regional brands	\$141.6m	\$345	(7.0)%	2.0%	(0.4)%
Jared	<u>\$394.1m</u>	\$755	18.2%	14.9%	4.9%
<b>US division</b>	<b><u>\$1,247.9m</u></b>	<b>\$393</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes the charm bracelet category, a recent product introduction with an average unit selling price considerably lower, and a multiple purchase and frequency of purchase much greater, than products historically sold by the division.

While the US economy continued to grow in the second quarter, the rate was more moderate than in the first quarter of Fiscal 2011. In the second quarter and the year to date, the US division benefitted from its sustainable competitive advantages, with many of its middle market competitors being operationally or financially constrained. Jared's sales increase reflected a recovery in spending among US households with above average incomes and a positive response to merchandising initiatives. Average unit selling price, excluding the charm bracelet category, increased by 4.7% in the second quarter and by 5.3% in the year to date.

In the second quarter, the US division's operating income increased by 25.6% to \$63.3 million (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$50.4 million, which included a \$6.0 million non-recurring, favorable impact from a change in vacation entitlement policy). In the year to date, US operating income increased by 44.6% to \$154.4 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$106.8 million, which included a \$10.0 million non-recurring, favorable impact from a change in vacation entitlement policy). The net direct adverse impact from the amendments to the Truth in Lending Act was \$3.5 million in the second quarter and \$6.8 million in the year to date. The operating margin was 10.9% (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: 9.1%) and 12.4% in the year to date (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: 9.1%).

In the second quarter and in the year to date, the US division's gross merchandise margin rate was up by 100 basis points. The gross merchandise margin rate benefitted from price increases implemented in the first quarter of Fiscal 2010, lower average diamond inventory costs and favorable changes in sales mix, offsetting a higher cost of gold.

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Further selective price increases have been implemented in August 2010 due to higher commodity costs that are expected to have an adverse impact on gross merchandise margin in the second half of Fiscal 2011. Price promotion activity in the balance of the year is anticipated to be similar to that of the comparable period in Fiscal 2010. It is expected that the US division's gross merchandise margin in Fiscal 2011 will be broadly similar to the level of Fiscal 2010.

Credit participation was 56.0% in the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: 56.2%) and 53.6% year to date (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: 53.6%). The net bad debt to total sales ratio was 5.2% in the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: 6.5%). In the year to date the ratio was 3.8% (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: 5.0%). The reduction reflected a more stable rate of employment and a continuation of the improved receivables performance that began in the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2010. The opportunity to lower the net bad debt to sales ratio in the fourth quarter of Fiscal 2011 is more limited than in the first three quarters of Fiscal 2011 as the improvement in trend started in the comparable period. The average monthly collection rate was 12.3% in the second quarter and 13.1% in the year to date (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: 12.3% and 26 weeks to August 1, 2009: 13.0%). US net accounts receivable at July 31, 2010 was \$791.4 million (August 1, 2009: \$759.2 million), reflecting higher sales in the US division.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were tightly controlled in both the quarter and the year to date.

Stores opened and closed in the 26 weeks to July 31, 2010, together with planned changes for the balance of Fiscal 2011 are set out in Table 5 below.

<b>Table 5</b>	<b>Kay mall</b>	<b>Kay Off-mall</b>	<b>Regionals</b>	<b>Jared<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Annual net space change</b>
January 30, 2010	794	129	260	178	1,361	(1)%
Opened	-	-	-	2	2	
Closed	(8)	(3)	(7)	=	(18)	
<b>July 31, 2010</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1,345</b>	
Openings, planned	3	2	-	-	5	
Closures, forecast	(5)	=	(28)	=	(33)	
January 29, 2011	<u>784</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>1,317</u>	(2)%

1 A Jared store is equivalent in size to just over four mall stores.

**UK Division (~20% of annual sales)**

In the second quarter, the UK division's sales were down by 10.3% to \$142.0 million (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$158.3 million), reflecting an underlying decrease of 2.0% at constant exchange rates; non-GAAP measure, see Note 13. Same store sales were down 0.5%, compared to a decline of 4.3% in the prior year period. In the year to date, sales were down by 3.8% to \$284.9 million (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$296.0 million). At constant exchange rates there was a decrease of 1.8%; non-GAAP measure, see Note 13. Same store sales were down 0.4%, compared to a decline of 4.2% in the prior year period. See Table 6 below for analysis. Operating income was \$4.7 million in the second quarter (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$1.0 million) and \$3.3 million in the year to date (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$0.3 million loss).

The UK environment remained challenging. H.Samuel same store sales were marginally better in the second quarter of Fiscal 2011 than in the first quarter, while those of Ernest Jones were marginally weaker. Overall, the same store sales performance in the second quarter was very similar to that in the first quarter. The charm bracelet category continued to perform well. In the second quarter, average unit selling price, excluding the charm bracelet category,

increased by 12.0%, and by 11.7% in the year to date, primarily reflecting the impact of price increases implemented to partly counter pressure on gross merchandise margin.

Table 6 Second quarter Fiscal 2011	Sales	Change from previous year				Average unit selling price <sup>2</sup>
		Average unit selling price <sup>1,2</sup>	Total sales	Sales at constant exchange rates <sup>3,4</sup>	Same store sales	
H.Samuel	\$73.5m	£58	(10.7)%	(2.4)%	(1.2)%	11.3%
Ernest Jones	<u>\$68.5m</u>	£261	(8.2)%	0.2%	0.2%	9.3%
<b>UK division</b>	<b><u>\$142.0m</u></b>	<b>£94</b>	<b>(10.3)%</b>	<b>(2.0)%</b>	<b>(0.5)%</b>	<b>12.0%</b>
<b>Year to date</b>						
<b>Fiscal 2011</b>						
H.Samuel	\$148.0m	£57	(4.7)%	(2.8)%	(1.6)%	10.8%
Ernest Jones	<u>\$136.9m</u>	£257	(1.2)%	0.8%	1.0%	10.4%
<b>UK division</b>	<b><u>\$284.9m</u></b>	<b>£92</b>	<b>(3.8)%</b>	<b>(1.8)%</b>	<b>(0.4)%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>

1 The average unit selling price<sup>2</sup> in the second quarter for H.Samuel was \$88, for Ernest Jones was \$394 and for the UK division was \$142. The average unit selling price<sup>2</sup> in the year to date for H.Samuel was \$86, for Ernest Jones was \$388 and for the UK division was \$139.

2 Excludes the charm bracelet category, a recent product introduction with an average unit selling price considerably lower, and a multiple purchase and frequency of purchase much greater, than product historically sold by the division.

3 Non-GAAP measure, see Note 13.

4 In the second quarter, the exchange translation impact on the total sales of H.Samuel was (8.3)% and for Ernest Jones was (8.4)%, and for the year to date was (1.9)% for H.Samuel and (2.0)% for Ernest Jones.

In the second quarter and in the year to date, the UK division's gross merchandise margin was down by 30 basis points and 70 basis points respectively. The impact of a weak pound sterling to US dollar exchange rate, an increase in the cost of gold and a higher value added tax rate were partly offset by a number of price increases in the past year. Continuing pressure on gross merchandise margin is expected in the second half and, for Fiscal 2011, the gross merchandise margin expectation for the UK division remains somewhat below the prior year's level. Selling, general and administrative expenses were tightly controlled in both the quarter and the year to date.

Stores closed in the 26 weeks to July 31, 2010, together with planned changes for the balance of Fiscal 2011 are set out in Table 7 below.

Table 7	H.Samuel	Ernest Jones <sup>1</sup>	Total	Annual net space change
January 30, 2010	347	205	552	(1)%
Opened	-	-	-	
Closed	(2)	(2)	(4)	
<b>July 31, 2010</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>548</b>	
Openings, planned	-	-	-	
Closures, forecast	(6)	(4)	(10)	
January 29, 2011	<u>339</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>538</u>	(2)%

1 Includes stores trading as Leslie Davis.

### **Unallocated costs**

In the second quarter, unallocated costs, principally central costs not allocated to the US or UK division in Signet's management accounts, were \$4.7 million (13 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$4.8 million) and were \$8.9 million in the year to date (26 weeks to August 1, 2009: \$7.5 million). In the first quarter of Fiscal 2010, there was a gain on foreign exchange that has not been repeated in Fiscal 2011.

### **Management Succession**

On June 25, 2010, Ron Ristau became Chief Financial Officer, succeeding Walker Boyd who retired on that date. The formal search for a Chief Executive Officer began in late February 2010 and is progressing.

### **IR Program details**

#### **William Blair Conference, New York on Tuesday, October 5, 2010**

Signet will be taking part in the William Blair Conference on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 in New York. In attendance will be Ron Ristau, CFO and Tim Jackson, Investor Relations Director. The presentation, which is scheduled for 8.00 a.m. EDT (1.00 p.m. BST), will be webcast on [www.signetjewelers.com](http://www.signetjewelers.com).

#### **Deutsche Bank Conference, London, on Thursday, October 21, 2010**

Signet will be taking part in the Deutsche Bank Conference on Thursday October 21, 2010 in London. Present will be Ron Ristau, CFO, and Tim Jackson, Investor Relations Director.

### **Third Quarter Results**

The third quarter results for 13 weeks to October 30, 2010, are expected to be announced at 7.30 a.m. (EST) and 12.30 p.m. (GMT) on Tuesday, November 23, 2010.

*This release contains statements which are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements, based upon management's beliefs and expectations as well as on assumptions made by and data currently available to management, appear in a number of places throughout this release and include statements regarding, among other things, our results of operation, financial condition, liquidity, prospects, growth, strategies and the industry in which Signet operates. The use of the words "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "estimates," "predicts," "believes," "should," "potential," "may," "forecast," "objective," "plan," or "target," and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to general economic conditions, the merchandising, pricing and inventory policies followed by Signet,*

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*the reputation of Signet and its brands, the level of competition in the jewelry sector, the cost and availability of diamonds, gold and other precious metals, regulations relating to consumer credit, seasonality of Signet's business, and financial market risks.*

*For a discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially, see the "Risk Factors" section of Signet's Fiscal 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 30, 2010. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. Signet undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances, except as required by law.*

Unaudited condensed consolidated income statements

	13 weeks ended		26 weeks ended		
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	Notes
	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million	
Sales	<b>722.8</b>	710.8	<b>1,532.8</b>	1,473.4	2
Cost of sales	<b>(483.0)</b>	(489.3)	<b>(996.7)</b>	(996.4)	
Gross margin	<b>239.8</b>	221.5	<b>536.1</b>	477.0	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	<b>(203.7)</b>	(203.8)	<b>(442.2)</b>	(436.6)	
Other operating income, net	<b>27.2</b>	28.9	<b>54.9</b>	58.6	
Operating income, net	<b>63.3</b>	46.6	<b>148.8</b>	99.0	2
Interest income	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	
Interest expense	<b>(6.2)</b>	(8.2)	<b>(15.0)</b>	(19.8)	
Income before income taxes	<b>57.3</b>	38.5	<b>134.1</b>	79.9	
Income taxes	<b>(16.6)</b>	(10.9)	<b>(41.4)</b>	(26.0)	
Net income	<b>40.7</b>	27.6	<b>92.7</b>	53.9	
Earnings per share – basic	<b>\$0.47</b>	\$0.32	<b>\$1.08</b>	\$0.63	5
– diluted	<b>\$0.47</b>	\$0.32	<b>\$1.07</b>	\$0.63	5

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets**

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	<b>July 31,</b>	January 30,	August 1,	
	<b>2010</b>	2010	2009	
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	
	<b>\$million</b>	\$million	\$million	Notes

**Assets**

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	<b>485.4</b>	316.2	92.8	
Accounts receivable, net	<b>797.2</b>	858.0	766.2	
Other receivables	<b>25.3</b>	27.9	24.4	
Other current assets	<b>49.4</b>	58.4	51.8	
Deferred tax assets	<b>1.8</b>	2.2	-	
Inventories	<b>1,126.2</b>	1,173.1	1,279.2	6
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>2,485.3</b>	2,435.8	2,214.4	

Non-current assets:

Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$595.7 million, \$566.0 million and \$594.2 million, respectively	<b>362.1</b>	396.9	431.2	
Other intangible assets, net	<b>24.6</b>	24.2	23.6	
Other assets	<b>9.8</b>	12.6	11.6	
Retirement benefit asset	<b>1.1</b>	-	-	
Deferred tax assets	<b>55.7</b>	54.7	54.1	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2,938.6</b>	2,924.2	2,734.9	2

**Liabilities and Shareholders' equity**

Current liabilities:

Loans and overdrafts	<b>24.9</b>	44.1	13.3	
Accounts payable	<b>114.7</b>	66.2	93.9	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	<b>241.9</b>	272.1	220.9	
Deferred revenue	<b>108.8</b>	120.1	103.4	7
Deferred tax liabilities	<b>78.5</b>	74.7	55.8	
Income taxes payable	<b>34.2</b>	44.1	43.6	
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>603.0</b>	621.3	530.9	

Non-current liabilities:

Long-term debt	<b>229.1</b>	280.0	280.0	
Other liabilities	<b>76.9</b>	79.6	76.9	
Deferred revenue	<b>140.5</b>	140.9	143.0	7

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Retirement benefit obligation	-	4.8	11.4
Total liabilities	<b>1,049.5</b>	1,126.6	1,042.2
Commitments and contingencies (see note 10)			
Shareholders' equity:			
Common shares of \$0.18 par value: authorized 500 million shares, 85.7 million shares issued and outstanding (January 30, 2010: 85.5 million shares issued and outstanding; August 1, 2009: 85.5 million shares issued and outstanding)	<b>15.4</b>	15.4	15.4
Additional paid-in capital	<b>174.8</b>	169.9	167.6
Other reserves	<b>235.2</b>	235.2	235.2
Treasury shares	-	(1.1)	(3.0)
Retained earnings	<b>1,648.6</b>	1,556.4	1,447.1
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<b>(184.9)</b>	(178.2)	(169.6)
Total shareholders' equity	<b>1,889.1</b>	1,797.6	1,692.7
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<b>2,938.6</b>	2,924.2	2,734.9

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows**

	13 weeks ended		26 weeks ended	
	<b>July 31,</b>	August 1,	<b>July 31,</b>	August 1,
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<b>\$million</b>	\$million	<b>\$million</b>	\$million
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
Net income	<b>40.7</b>	27.6	<b>92.7</b>	53.9
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flows provided by operations:				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	<b>21.1</b>	25.2	<b>43.5</b>	49.4
Amortization of other intangible assets	<b>2.0</b>	2.1	<b>4.0</b>	3.5
Pension	<b>(1.9)</b>	(1.4)	<b>(3.8)</b>	(1.4)
Share-based compensation	<b>2.2</b>	2.4	<b>4.5</b>	3.1
Deferred taxation	<b>(3.8)</b>	4.7	<b>2.5</b>	2.1

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Facility amendment fees included in net income	<b>0.3</b>	-	<b>2.6</b>	3.4
Other non-cash movements	<b>(1.0)</b>	(1.4)	<b>(1.7)</b>	7.9
(Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	<b>(0.9)</b>	-	<b>(0.9)</b>	0.4
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Decrease in accounts receivable	<b>4.6</b>	4.3	<b>59.7</b>	59.6
Decrease in other receivables	<b>0.5</b>	38.9	<b>4.2</b>	55.8
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	<b>(1.2)</b>	4.5	<b>8.8</b>	(13.9)
Decrease in inventories	<b>1.4</b>	73.4	<b>40.3</b>	116.6
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	<b>9.6</b>	(18.9)	<b>48.1</b>	47.0
Increase/(decrease) in accrued expenses and other liabilities	<b>1.9</b>	(42.4)	<b>(31.7)</b>	(63.0)
Decrease in deferred revenue	<b>(9.8)</b>	(10.3)	<b>(11.6)</b>	(17.3)
Increase/(decrease) in income taxes payable	<b>3.4</b>	(10.3)	<b>(7.7)</b>	(10.7)
Effect of exchange rate changes on currency swaps	<b>1.3</b>	(1.4)	<b>1.1</b>	(1.4)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<b>70.4</b>	97.0	<b>254.6</b>	295.0
<b>Investing activities</b>				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	<b>(6.9)</b>	(7.5)	<b>(11.6)</b>	(14.8)
Purchase of other intangible assets	<b>(2.9)</b>	(1.6)	<b>(4.5)</b>	(2.7)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	<b>1.7</b>	-	<b>1.7</b>	-
Net cash flows used in investing activities	<b>(8.1)</b>	(9.1)	<b>(14.4)</b>	(17.5)
<b>Financing activities</b>				
Proceeds from issue of common shares	<b>0.2</b>	-	<b>1.0</b>	-
Facility fees paid	-	(0.9)	<b>(1.0)</b>	(9.3)
Repayment of short-term borrowings	<b>(22.4)</b>	(65.6)	<b>(19.3)</b>	(174.8)
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-	<b>(50.9)</b>	(100.0)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	<b>(22.2)</b>	(66.5)	<b>(70.2)</b>	(284.1)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<b>447.1</b>	69.2	<b>316.2</b>	96.8
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<b>40.1</b>	21.4	<b>170.0</b>	(6.6)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	<b>(1.8)</b>	2.2	<b>(0.8)</b>	2.6
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<b>485.4</b>	92.8	<b>485.4</b>	92.8



The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

### Unaudited condensed consolidated statement of shareholders' equity

	Common shares at par value	Additional paid-in capital	Other reserves	Treasury shares	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Total shareholders' equity
	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million
Balance at January 30, 2010	15.4	169.9	235.2	(1.1)	1,556.4	(178.2)	1,797.6
Net income	-	-	-	-	92.7	-	92.7
Foreign currency translation	-	-	-	-	-	(5.9)	(5.9)
Changes in fair value of derivative instruments, net	-	-	-	-	-	(2.1)	(2.1)
Actuarial gain on pension plan, net	-	-	-	-	-	1.3	1.3
Share options exercised	-	0.4	-	1.1	(0.5)	-	1.0
Share-based compensation expense	-	4.5	-	-	-	-	4.5
<b>Balance at July 31, 2010</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>174.8</b>	<b>235.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,648.6</b>	<b>(184.9)</b>	<b>1,889.1</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

### Unaudited condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income

	13 weeks ended		26 weeks ended	
	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009	July 31, 2010	August 1, 2009
	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million
Net income	<b>40.7</b>	27.6	<b>92.7</b>	53.9
Foreign currency translation	<b>5.3</b>	28.2	<b>(5.9)</b>	32.2
Changes in fair value of derivative instruments	<b>(8.3)</b>	(8.2)	<b>(3.1)</b>	(10.5)
Pension plan	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	<b>1.8</b>	1.8
Deferred tax on items recognized in equity	<b>2.5</b>	2.1	<b>0.5</b>	2.4

Comprehensive income	<b>41.1</b>	50.6	<b>86.0</b>	79.8
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

## **Notes to the interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements**

### **1. Principal accounting policies and basis of preparation**

#### **Basis of preparation**

Signet Jewelers Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Signet”) is a leading retailer of jewelry, watches and associated services. Signet manages its business as two geographical segments, being the United States of America (the “US”) and the United Kingdom (the “UK”). The US segment operates retail stores under brands including Kay Jewelers, Jared The Galleria Of Jewelry and various regional brands, while the UK segment operates retail stores under brands including H.Samuel and Ernest Jones.

These interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in Signet’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 30, 2010, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on March 30, 2010.

These interim financial statements are unaudited. They have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“US GAAP”) for interim financial information. Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in audited consolidated financial statements have been condensed or omitted from these interim financial statements. However, these interim financial statements include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals and adjustments) that are, in the opinion of management, necessary to fairly state the results of the interim periods.

#### **Use of estimates in interim financial statements**

The preparation of interim financial statements, in conformity with US GAAP and SEC regulations for interim reporting, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated interim financial statements and reported amounts of sales and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are primarily made in relation to the valuation of receivables, inventory and deferred revenue, depreciation and asset impairment, the valuation of employee benefits, income taxes and contingencies.

#### **Seasonality**

Signet’s business is highly seasonal with a very significant proportion of its sales and operating profit generated during its fourth quarter, which includes the Christmas season. Management expects such a seasonal fluctuation in sales and profit to continue. Therefore, operating results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year.

#### **New accounting pronouncements to be adopted in future periods**

Revenue recognition – multi-deliverable arrangements

In October 2009, the FASB issued ASU 2009-13, which amends ASC 605-25 “Revenue Recognition – Multi-Deliverable Arrangements”. ASU 2009-13 requires arrangement consideration to be allocated to all deliverables at inception using a relative selling price method and establishes a selling price hierarchy for determining the selling price of a deliverable. The update also expands the disclosure requirements to include additional detail regarding the deliverables, method of calculation of selling price and the timing of revenue recognition. ASU 2009-13 is effective prospectively for revenue arrangements entered into or materially modified in fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010. The adoption of this amendment is not expected to have a material impact on Signet.

**2. Segment information**

The consolidated sales are derived from the retailing of jewelry, watches, other products and services. Signet is managed as two geographical operating segments, being the US and UK divisions. These segments represent channels of distribution that offer similar merchandise and service and have similar marketing and distribution strategies. Both divisions are managed by executive committees, which report through a divisional Chief Executive to Signet’s Chief Executive who in turn reports to the Board. Each divisional executive committee is responsible for operating decisions within parameters set by the Board. The performance of each segment is regularly evaluated based on sales and operating income. The operating segments do not include certain central costs, which is consistent with the treatment in Signet’s management accounts. There are no material transactions between the operating segments.

	13 weeks ended		26 weeks ended	
	<b>July 31,</b>	August 1,	<b>July 31,</b>	August 1,
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<b>\$million</b>	\$million	<b>\$million</b>	\$million
Sales:				
US	<b>580.8</b>	552.5	<b>1,247.9</b>	1,177.4
UK	<b>142.0</b>	158.3	<b>284.9</b>	296.0
Total sales	<b>722.8</b>	710.8	<b>1,532.8</b>	1,473.4
Operating income, net:				
US	<b>63.3</b>	50.4	<b>154.4</b>	106.8
UK	<b>4.7</b>	1.0	<b>3.3</b>	(0.3)
Unallocated <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>(4.7)</b>	(4.8)	<b>(8.9)</b>	(7.5)
Total operating income, net	<b>63.3</b>	46.6	<b>148.8</b>	99.0

**July 31,** January 30, August 1,  
**2010** 2009

	<b>\$million</b>	2010 \$million	\$million
Total assets:			
US	<b>2,214.1</b>	2,280.7	2,272.0
UK	<b>354.0</b>	383.6	405.1
Unallocated	<b>370.5</b>	259.9	57.8
Total assets	<b>2,938.6</b>	2,924.2	2,734.9

- (1) Unallocated principally relates to central costs that are not allocated to the US and UK divisions in Signet's management accounts.

### 3. Exchange rates

The exchange rates used in these interim financial statements for the translation of UK pound sterling transactions and balances into US dollars are as follows:

	<b>26 weeks ended July 31, 2010</b>	52 weeks ended January 30, 2010	26 weeks ended August 1, 2009
Income statement (average rate)	<b>1.51</b>	1.59	1.54
Balance sheet (closing rate)	<b>1.57</b>	1.60	1.67

The year-to-date average exchange rate is used to prepare the income statement for the 26 weeks ended July 31, 2010 and is calculated from the weekly average exchange rates weighted by sales of the UK division. The income statement for the 13 weeks ended July 31, 2010 is calculated as the difference between the income statement for the 26 weeks ended July 31, 2010 and the previously reported income statement for the 13 weeks ended May 1, 2010. Therefore, the second quarter's income statement includes the impact of the change in the year-to-date exchange rates between these quarter ends.

### 4. Taxation

Signet has business activity in all states within the US and files income tax returns for the US federal jurisdiction and all applicable states. Signet also files income tax returns in the UK and certain other foreign jurisdictions. Signet is subject to US federal and state examinations by tax authorities for tax years after October 28, 2006 and is subject to examination by the UK tax authority for tax years after January 31, 2007.

As of January 30, 2010, Signet had approximately \$14.9 million of unrecognized tax benefits in respect of uncertain

tax positions, all of which would favorably affect the effective income tax rate if resolved in Signet's favor. These unrecognized tax benefits relate to financing arrangements and intra-group charges which are subject to different and changing interpretations of tax law.

During the 26 weeks ended July 31, 2010, agreement was reached in respect of the treatment of certain financing arrangements in the UK and a cash settlement was paid of approximately \$1.7 million, excluding interest thereon. A benefit of approximately \$2.7 million has been recognized in income tax expense for the 26 weeks ended July 31, 2010.

During the 26 weeks ended July 31, 2010, the statute of limitations expired in the US in respect of the tax year ended October 28, 2006 with no adjustment to taxable income. A benefit of approximately \$1.8 million has been recognized in income tax expense for the 26 weeks ended July 31, 2010.

Apart from the above, there has been no material change in the amount of unrecognized tax benefits in respect of uncertain tax positions during the 26 weeks ended July 31, 2010.

Signet recognizes accrued interest and, where appropriate, penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits within income tax expense. As of January 30, 2010, Signet had accrued interest of \$2.2 million and there has been no material change in the amount of accrued interest as of July 31, 2010.

Over the next twelve months management believes that it is reasonably possible that there could be a reduction of substantially all of the unrecognized tax benefits as of January 30, 2010, due to settlement of the uncertain tax positions with the tax authorities.

## 5. Earnings per share

	13 weeks ended		26 weeks ended	
	<b>July 31,</b>	August 1,	<b>July 31,</b>	August 1,
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009
Net income (\$million)	<b>40.7</b>	27.6	<b>92.7</b>	53.9
Basic weighted average number of shares in issue (million)	<b>85.6</b>	85.2	<b>85.6</b>	85.2
Dilutive effect of share options (million)	<b>0.6</b>	0.3	<b>0.6</b>	0.3
Diluted weighted average number of shares in issue (million)	<b>86.2</b>	85.5	<b>86.2</b>	85.5
Earnings per share – basic	<b>\$0.47</b>	\$0.32	<b>\$1.08</b>	\$0.63
Earnings per share – diluted	<b>\$0.47</b>	\$0.32	<b>\$1.07</b>	\$0.63

The basic weighted average number of shares excludes shares held by the Employee Stock Ownership Trust or as Treasury Shares as such shares are not considered outstanding and do not qualify for dividends. The effect of this is to reduce the average number of shares in the 13 and 26 week periods ended July 31, 2010 by 4,373 and 11,861 shares respectively (13 and 26 week periods ended August 1, 2009: 81,893 and 81,922 shares respectively). The calculation of fully diluted earnings per share for the 13 and 26 week periods ended July 31, 2010 excludes options to purchase 909,717 and 947,767 shares respectively (13 and 26 week periods ended August 1, 2009: 2,798,075 shares) on the basis that their effect on earnings per share was anti-dilutive.

## 6. Inventories

	<b>July 31, 2010</b>	January 30, 2010	August 1, 2009
	<b>\$million</b>	\$million	\$million
Raw materials	<b>8.8</b>	9.5	7.0
Finished goods	<b>1,117.4</b>	1,163.6	1,272.2
Total inventory	<b>1,126.2</b>	1,173.1	1,279.2

## 7. Deferred revenue

	<b>July 31, 2010</b>	January 30, 2010	August 1, 2009
	<b>\$million</b>	\$million	\$million
Warranty deferred revenue	<b>243.5</b>	243.6	239.0
Other	<b>5.8</b>	17.4	7.4
Total deferred revenue	<b>249.3</b>	261.0	246.4
Disclosed as:			
Current liabilities	<b>108.8</b>	120.1	103.4
Non-current liabilities	<b>140.5</b>	140.9	143.0

Total deferred revenue	<b>249.3</b>	261.0	246.4
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	13 weeks ended		26 weeks ended	
	<b>July 31,</b>	August 1,	<b>July 31,</b>	August 1,
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<b>\$million</b>	\$million	<b>\$million</b>	\$million
Warranty deferred revenue, beginning of period	<b>247.4</b>	243.8	<b>243.6</b>	243.1
Warranties sold	<b>36.1</b>	33.9	<b>80.9</b>	74.1
Revenues recognized	<b>(40.0)</b>	(38.7)	<b>(81.0)</b>	(78.2)
Warranty deferred revenue, end of period	<b>243.5</b>	239.0	<b>243.5</b>	239.0

## 8. Derivative instruments and hedging activities

Signet is exposed to foreign currency exchange risk arising from various currency exposures. Signet enters into forward foreign currency exchange contracts and foreign currency option contracts, principally in US dollars, in order to limit the impact of movements in foreign exchange rates on its forecast foreign currency purchases. The total notional amount of these foreign currency contracts outstanding as of July 31, 2010 was \$49.7 million (January 30, 2010: \$37.2 million; August 1, 2009: \$55.5 million). These contracts have been designated as cash flow hedges and will be settled over the next 17 months (January 30, 2010: 17 months; August 1, 2009: 18 months).

Signet enters into forward purchase contracts and option purchase contracts for commodities in order to reduce its exposure to significant movements in the price of the underlying precious metal raw material. The total notional amount of commodity contracts outstanding as of July 31, 2010 was \$98.1 million (January 30, 2010: \$100.0 million; August 1, 2009: \$91.9 million). These contracts have been designated as cash flow hedges and will be settled over the next 12 months (January 30, 2010: 12 months; August 1, 2009: 18 months).

For derivatives that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative is reported as a component of other comprehensive income ("OCI") and reclassified into earnings in the same period in which the hedged item affects net income or loss. Gains and losses on derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting, together with any hedge ineffectiveness, are recognized immediately in other operating income, net. Signet does not hold derivative contracts for trading purposes.

Foreign currency contracts not designated as cash flow hedges are used to hedge currency flows through Signet's bank accounts to ensure Signet is not exposed to foreign currency exchange risk in its cash and borrowings.

The bank counterparties to the derivative contracts expose Signet to credit-related losses in the event of their nonperformance. However, to mitigate that risk, Signet only contracts with counterparties that meet certain minimum

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requirements under its counterparty risk assessment process. As of July 31, 2010, credit risk did not materially change the fair value of the foreign currency or commodity contracts.

The following table summarizes the fair value and presentation of derivative instruments in the condensed consolidated balance sheets:

	Balance sheet location	Derivative assets		
		July 31, 2010 \$million	Fair value January 30, 2010 \$million	August 1, 2009 \$million
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign currency contracts	Other current assets	0.8	0.6	3.4
Commodity contracts	Other current assets	2.8	2.4	5.6
		3.6	3.0	9.0
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign currency contracts	Other current assets	-	-	-
		-	-	-
Total derivative assets		3.6	3.0	9.0

	Balance sheet location	Derivative liabilities		
		July 31, 2010 \$million	Fair value January 30, 2010 \$million	August 1, 2009 \$million
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign currency contracts	Other current liabilities	(0.8)	(0.4)	(1.7)
Commodity contracts		(2.1)	(1.6)	(2.7)



Other current liabilities

		<b>(2.9)</b>	(2.0)	(4.4)
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign currency contracts	Other current liabilities	<b>(0.5)</b>	-	-
		<b>(0.5)</b>	-	-
Total derivative liabilities		<b>(3.4)</b>	(2.0)	(4.4)

The following tables summarize the effect of derivative instruments on the unaudited condensed consolidated income statements:

	Amount of gain/(loss) recognized in OCI on derivatives (Effective portion)		Location of gain/(loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into income (Effective portion)	Amount of gain/(loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into income (Effective portion)	
	13 weeks ended <b>July 31, 2010</b> \$million	August 1, 2009 \$million		13 weeks ended <b>July 31, 2010</b> \$million	August 1, 2009 \$million
Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships:					
Foreign currency contracts	<b>(1.3)</b>	(6.6)	Cost of sales	<b>1.5</b>	4.2
Commodity contracts	<b>(1.7)</b>	2.1	Cost of sales	<b>3.8</b>	(0.5)
Total	<b>(3.0)</b>	(4.5)		<b>5.3</b>	3.7

	Amount of gain/(loss) recognized in OCI on derivatives (Effective portion)		Location of gain/(loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into income (Effective portion)	Amount of gain/(loss) reclassified from accumulated OCI into income (Effective portion)	
	26 weeks ended <b>July 31, 2010</b> \$million	August 1, 2009 \$million		26 weeks ended <b>July 31, 2010</b> \$million	August 1, 2009 \$million
Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships:					
Foreign currency contracts	<b>0.5</b>	(6.0)	Cost of sales	<b>2.9</b>	4.3
Commodity contracts	<b>6.4</b>	(2.1)	Cost of sales	<b>7.1</b>	(1.9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.9</b>	(8.1)		<b>10.0</b>	2.4

The ineffective portion of hedging instruments taken into other operating income, net in the 13 and 26 weeks ended July 31, 2010 was a \$0.4 million profit (13 and 26 weeks ended August 1, 2009: \$nil).

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Location of gain/(loss) recognized in income on derivatives	Amount of gain/(loss) recognized in income on derivatives	
		13 weeks ended <b>July 31, 2010</b> \$million	August 1, 2009 \$million
Foreign currency contracts	Other operating income, net	<b>(0.5)</b>	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>(0.5)</b>	-

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Location of gain/(loss) recognized in income on derivatives	Amount of gain/(loss) recognized in income on derivatives 26 weeks ended	
		<b>July 31, 2010</b>	August 1, 2009
		<b>\$million</b>	\$million
Foreign currency contracts	Other operating income, net	<b>(0.5)</b>	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>(0.5)</b>	-

The estimated fair value of Signet's financial instruments held or issued to finance Signet's operations is summarized below. Certain estimates and judgments were required to develop the fair value amounts. The fair value amounts shown below are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that Signet would realize upon disposition nor do they indicate Signet's intent or ability to dispose of the financial instrument. Assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value are required to be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

Level 1 - quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities

Level 2 - observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data

Level 3 - unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data

Signet determines fair value based upon quoted prices when available or through the use of alternative approaches, such as discounting the expected cash flows using market interest rates commensurate with the credit quality and duration of the investment. The methods Signet uses to determine fair value on an instrument-specific basis are detailed below:

	<b>July 31, 2010</b>		January 30, 2010		August 1, 2009	
	<b>Carrying Value</b>	<b>Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)</b>	Carrying Value	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Carrying Value	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)
	<b>\$million</b>		\$million		\$million	
Assets:	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	0.6	0.6	3.4	3.4

Forward foreign currency contracts and swaps						
Forward commodity contracts	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	2.4	2.4	5.6	5.6
Liabilities:						
Borrowings	<b>(254.0)</b>	<b>(297.4)</b>	(324.1)	(371.3)	(293.3)	(301.6)
Forward foreign currency contracts and swaps	<b>(1.3)</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>	(0.4)	(0.4)	(1.7)	(1.7)
Forward commodity contracts	<b>(2.1)</b>	<b>(2.1)</b>	(1.6)	(1.6)	(2.7)	(2.7)

The fair value of derivative financial instruments has been determined based on market value equivalents at the balance sheet date, taking into account the current interest rate environment, current foreign currency forward rates or current commodity forward rates. These are held as assets and liabilities within other receivables and other payables, and all contracts have a maturity of less than eighteen months. Signet's long-term debt consists of \$229.1 million (January 30, 2010 and August 1, 2009: \$280.0 million) of fixed rate investor certificate notes ("Private Placement Notes") under a Note Purchase Agreement. The fair value of this debt is determined by discounting to present value the known future coupon and final Note redemption amounts at market yields as of the balance sheet date. The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate fair value because of the short-term maturity of these amounts.

## 9. Pensions

Signet operates a defined benefit pension scheme in the UK (the "Group Scheme"). The components of net periodic pension cost were as follows:

	13 weeks ended		26 weeks ended	
	<b>July 31,</b>	August 1,	<b>July 31,</b>	August 1,
	<b>2010</b>	2009	<b>2010</b>	2009
	<b>\$million</b>	\$million	<b>\$million</b>	\$million
Components of net periodic benefit cost:				
Service cost	<b>1.3</b>	1.1	<b>2.6</b>	2.1
Interest cost	<b>2.4</b>	2.8	<b>4.9</b>	5.2
Expected return on Group Scheme assets	<b>(3.0)</b>	(2.8)	<b>(6.0)</b>	(5.4)
Amortization of unrecognized prior service credit	<b>(0.2)</b>	(0.3)	<b>(0.5)</b>	(0.5)
Amortization of unrecognized actuarial loss	<b>1.1</b>	1.1	<b>2.3</b>	2.2
Net periodic benefit cost	<b>1.6</b>	1.9	<b>3.3</b>	3.6

In the 26 weeks to July 31, 2010, Signet contributed \$7.1 million to the Group Scheme and expects to contribute a minimum aggregate of \$14.3 million at current exchange rates to the Group Scheme in Fiscal 2011. These contributions are in accordance with a deficit recovery plan that was in response to the funding deficit indicated by the April 5, 2009 actuarial valuation.

## **10. Commitments and contingencies**

### ***Legal proceedings***

In March 2008, private plaintiffs filed a class action lawsuit for an unspecified amount against Sterling Jewelers Inc. (“Sterling”), a subsidiary of Signet, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York federal court alleging that US store-level employment practices are discriminatory as to compensation and promotional activities. On September 23, 2008, the US Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (“EEOC”) filed a lawsuit against Sterling in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York. The EEOC’s lawsuit alleges that Sterling engaged in a pattern or practice of gender discrimination with respect to pay and promotions of female retail store employees from January 1, 2003 to the present. The EEOC asserts claims for unspecified monetary relief and non-monetary relief against the Company on behalf of a class of female employees subjected to these alleged practices. Sterling denies the allegations from both parties and intends to defend them vigorously.

## **11. Share-based compensation expense**

Signet recorded net share-based compensation expense of \$2.2 million and \$4.5 million for the 13 and 26 weeks ended July 31, 2010 respectively (\$1.5 million and \$2.2 million for the 13 and 26 weeks ended August 1, 2009 respectively). This is after charging \$0.0 million and \$0.0 million for the 13 and 26 weeks ended July 31, 2010 respectively (\$0.0 million and \$0.1 million for the 13 and 26 weeks ended August 1, 2009 respectively), that relates to the change in fair value during the period of certain awards that have an inflation related performance condition and are accounted for as liability awards.

## **12. Long-term debt**

In accordance with its borrowing agreements, Signet made a prepayment to its Private Placement Note holders on March 9, 2010 of \$50.9 million. Following this prepayment there were \$229.1 million of Private Placement Notes outstanding. A change was agreed with Signet’s Revolving Credit Facility banking group that the facility would be reduced to \$300 million from \$370 million on March 19, 2010.

## **13. Non-GAAP measures**

A number of non-GAAP measures are used by management to analyze and manage the performance of the business, and the required disclosures for these non-GAAP measures are given below. Management does not, nor does it suggest investors should consider such non-GAAP measures in isolation from, or in substitution for, information prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

### **Same store sales growth**

Same store sales growth is determined by comparison of sales in stores that were open in both the current and the prior year. Sales from stores that have been open for less than 12 months are excluded from the comparison until their 12-month anniversary. Sales from the 12-month anniversary onwards are compared against the equivalent prior period sales within the comparable store sales comparison. Stores closed in the current financial period are included up to the date of closure and the comparative period is correspondingly adjusted. Stores that have been relocated or expanded, but remain within the same local geographic market, are included within the comparison with no adjustment to either the current or comparative period. Stores that have been refurbished are also included within the comparison except for the period when the refurbishment is taking place, when those stores are excluded from the comparison both for the current year and for the comparative period. Comparisons at divisional level are made in local currency and

consolidated comparisons are made at constant exchange rates and exclude the effect of exchange rate movements by recalculating the prior period results as if they had been generated at the weighted average exchange rate for the current period. E-commerce sales are included in the calculation of sales for the period and the comparative figures from the anniversary of the launch of the relevant website.

### Exchange translation impact

Signet has historically used constant exchange rates to compare period-to-period changes in certain financial data. Management considers this a useful measure for analyzing and explaining changes and trends in Signet's results. The impact of the re-calculation of sales; cost of sales; gross margin; selling, general and administrative expenses; operating income; income before taxes; net income and earnings per share at constant exchange rates, including a reconciliation to Signet's US GAAP results, is analyzed below.

	13 weeks ended <b>July 31,</b> <b>2010</b>	13 weeks ended August 1, 2009	Change as reported	Impact of exchange rate movement	At constant exchange rates (non-GAAP)	Change at constant exchange rates (non-GAAP)
	<b>\$million</b>	\$million	%	\$million	\$million	%
US	<b>580.8</b>	552.5	5.1%	-	552.5	5.1%
UK	<b>142.0</b>	158.3	-10.3%	(13.4)	144.9	-2.0%
<b>Sales</b>	<b>722.8</b>	710.8	1.7%	(13.4)	697.4	3.6%
Cost of sales	<b>(483.0)</b>	(489.3)	-1.3%	9.8	(479.5)	0.7%
<b>Gross margin</b>	<b>239.8</b>	221.5	8.3%	(3.6)	217.9	10.1%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	<b>(203.7)</b>	(203.8)	0.0%	4.0	(199.8)	2.0%
Other operating income, net	<b>27.2</b>	28.9	-5.9%	-	28.9	-5.9%
<b>Operating income, net</b>	<b>63.3</b>	46.6	35.8%	0.4	47.0	34.7%
Interest income	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	100.0%	-	0.1	100.0%
Interest expense	<b>(6.2)</b>	(8.2)	-24.4%	-	(8.2)	-24.4%
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>57.3</b>	38.5	48.8%	0.4	38.9	47.3%
Income taxes	<b>(16.6)</b>	(10.9)	52.3%	(0.1)	(11.0)	50.9%
<b>Net income</b>	<b>40.7</b>	27.6	47.5%	0.3	27.9	45.9%
Earnings per share – basic	<b>\$0.47</b>	\$0.32	46.9%	\$0.01	\$0.33	42.4%
Earnings per share – diluted	<b>\$0.47</b>	\$0.32	46.9%	\$0.01	\$0.33	42.4%

<b>Operating income, net</b>						
US	<b>63.3</b>	50.4	25.6%	-	50.4	25.6%
UK	<b>4.7</b>	1.0	370.0%	0.1	1.1	327.3%
Unallocated	<b>(4.7)</b>	(4.8)	-2.1%	0.3	(4.5)	4.4%

<b>Operating income, net</b>	<b>63.3</b>	46.6	35.8%	0.4	47.0	34.7%
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	26 weeks ended <b>July 31, 2010</b>	Change as August 1, 2009	reported rate	Impact of exchange rate movement	At constant exchange rates (non-GAAP)	Change at constant exchange rates (non-GAAP)
	<b>\$million</b>	\$million	%	\$million	\$million	%
US	<b>1,247.9</b>	1,177.4	6.0%	-	1,177.4	6.0%
UK	<b>284.9</b>	296.0	-3.8%	(5.8)	290.2	-1.8%
<b>Sales</b>	<b>1,532.8</b>	1,473.4	4.0%	(5.8)	1,467.6	4.4%
Cost of sales	<b>(996.7)</b>	(996.4)	0.0%	4.3	(992.1)	0.5%
<b>Gross margin</b>	<b>536.1</b>	477.0	12.4%	(1.5)	475.5	12.7%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	<b>(442.2)</b>	(436.6)	1.3%	1.7	(434.9)	1.7%
Other operating income, net	<b>54.9</b>	58.6	-6.3%	-	58.6	-6.3%
<b>Operating income, net</b>	<b>148.8</b>	99.0	50.3%	0.2	99.2	50.0%
Interest income	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	-57.1%	-	0.7	-57.1%
Interest expense	<b>(15.0)</b>	(19.8)	-24.2%	-	(19.8)	-24.2%
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>134.1</b>	79.9	67.8%	0.2	80.1	67.4%
Income taxes	<b>(41.4)</b>	(26.0)	59.2%	-	(26.0)	59.2%
<b>Net income</b>	<b>92.7</b>	53.9	72.0%	0.2	54.1	71.3%
Earnings per share – basic	<b>\$1.08</b>	\$0.63	71.4%	-	\$0.63	71.4%
Earnings per share – diluted	<b>\$1.07</b>	\$0.63	69.8%	-	\$0.63	69.8%

<b>Operating income, net</b>						
US	<b>154.4</b>	106.8	44.6%	-	106.8	44.6%
UK	<b>3.3</b>	(0.3)	n/a	-	(0.3)	n/a
Unallocated	<b>(8.9)</b>	(7.5)	18.7%	0.2	(7.3)	21.9%
<b>Operating income, net</b>	<b>148.8</b>	99.0	50.3%	0.2	99.2	50.0%

### Net income adjusted for non-cash items

Net income adjusted for non-cash items shows the amount of net cash flow generated from Signet's operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities. It is a useful measure to summarize the cash generated from activities reported in the income statement.

### Net cash or net debt

Net cash or net debt is the total of loans and overdrafts, long-term debt and cash and cash equivalents, and it is helpful in providing a measure of indebtedness of the business.

	<b>July 31, 2010 \$million</b>	January 30, 2010 \$million	August 1, 2009 \$million
Long-term debt	<b>(229.1)</b>	(280.0)	(280.0)
Loans and overdrafts	<b>(24.9)</b>	(44.1)	(13.3)
	<b>(254.0)</b>	(324.1)	(293.3)
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>485.4</b>	316.2	92.8
Net cash/(net debt)	<b>231.4</b>	(7.9)	(200.5)

### Free cash flow

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure defined as the net cash provided by operating activities less net cash flows used in investing activities. Management considers that it is helpful in understanding how the business is generating cash from its operating and investing activities that can be used to meet the financing needs of the business. Free cash flow does not represent the residual cash flow available for discretionary expenditure.

13 weeks ended

26 weeks ended



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	<b>July 31, 2010</b>	August 1, 2009	<b>July 31, 2010</b>	August 1, 2009
	<b>\$million</b>	\$million	<b>\$million</b>	\$million
Net cash provided by operating activities	<b>70.4</b>	97.0	<b>254.6</b>	295.0
Net cash flows used in investing activities	<b>(8.1)</b>	(9.1)	<b>(14.4)</b>	(17.5)
Free cash flow	<b>62.3</b>	87.9	<b>240.2</b>	277.5

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On August 26, 2010, Signet posted on its website, [www.signetjewelers.com](http://www.signetjewelers.com), the following financial information in its Q2 Results presentation,

[http://www.signetjewelers.com/sj/uploads/webcasts/slides/100826\\_SJ\\_Q2ResultsPresentation.pdf](http://www.signetjewelers.com/sj/uploads/webcasts/slides/100826_SJ_Q2ResultsPresentation.pdf):

**US Receivables – Average Monthly Collection Rate**

<b>Fiscal</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Annual</b>
<b>2002</b>	14.2%	13.7%	13.8%	13.8%	13.9%
<b>2003</b>	14.9%	14.4%	14.3%	14.3%	14.5%
<b>2004</b>	15.3%	14.7%	14.7%	14.6%	14.8%
<b>2005</b>	15.5%	14.6%	14.5%	14.5%	14.8%
<b>2006</b>	15.3%	14.5%	14.4%	14.4%	14.7%
<b>2007</b>	15.5%	14.5%	14.2%	14.0%	14.6%
<b>2008</b>	15.1%	13.8%	13.6%	13.2%	13.9%
<b>2009</b>	14.3%	13.1%	12.6%	12.2%	13.1%
<b>2010</b>	13.7%	12.3%	12.0%	12.0%	12.5%
<b>2011</b>	14.0%	12.3%			

**US Receivables – Net Bad Debt to US Sales**

<b>Fiscal</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Annual</b>
<b>2002</b>	2.0%	4.2%	4.8%	2.6%	3.1%
<b>2003</b>	1.7%	3.8%	4.4%	2.3%	2.8%
<b>2004</b>	1.8%	3.4%	3.9%	2.4%	2.7%
<b>2005</b>	1.7%	3.4%	4.1%	2.6%	2.8%
<b>2006</b>	1.8%	3.6%	4.4%	2.8%	3.0%
<b>2007</b>	1.5%	3.2%	4.3%	2.6%	2.8%
<b>2008</b>	1.8%	3.8%	4.8%	3.6%	3.4%
<b>2009</b>	2.5%	5.4%	7.2%	5.1%	4.9%
<b>2010</b>	3.8%	6.5%	8.3%	4.9%	5.6%
<b>2011</b>	2.6%	5.2%			

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SIGNET JEWELERS LIMITED

Date: August 26, 2010

By: /s/ Mark Jenkins

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Mark Jenkins  
Group Company Secretary