

# **RICHEMONT**

## **COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**6 AUGUST 2012**

### **Strong trading indicates likely increase in operating and net profit for first half year of between 20% and 40% against the comparative prior period**

SIX Swiss Exchange requires that issuers make an announcement without delay where the foreseeable profit or loss for a given period is expected to deviate significantly from the profit or loss achieved in the prior-year period. Both significant falls and increases in the anticipated profit or loss require the publication of an ad hoc notice to the market. In accordance with these requirements Richemont makes the following announcement:

Trading for the four months ended July 2012 showed sales rising 24 % on a reported basis and 13 % on a constant currency basis against the comparative period. On this basis, Richemont's operating profit for the six months ending 30 September 2012 is likely to show an increase of between 20 % and 40 % compared to the first six months of the last financial year. Net profit for the same period may increase by between 20 % and 40 %.

Many factors driving these results are uncertain and beyond the Group's control and may therefore lead to actual levels of profit growth for the six month period below or above the ranges indicated. Those uncertain factors include the level of trading during August and September 2012 and the impact of exchange rate movements on the Group's results. Specifically, exchange rate movements may significantly impact net financial income / expense and therefore net profit for the period.

#### **Corporate calendar**

The Group's sales for the five months ending 31 August 2012 will be announced on 5 September 2012, at the time of the Company's annual general meeting.

The Group's results for the six months ending 30 September 2012 will be announced on 9 November 2012.

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Richemont 'A' shares are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, Richemont's primary listing, and are included in the Swiss Market Index ('SMI') of leading stocks. Richemont South African Depository Receipts are listed in Johannesburg, Richemont's secondary listing.

#### **Cautionary statement regarding forward-looking statements**

This document contains forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as 'may', 'should', 'estimate', 'project', 'plan', 'believe', 'expect', 'anticipate', 'intend', 'potential', 'goal', 'strategy', 'target', 'will', 'seek' and similar expressions may identify forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Actual results may differ materially from the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are outside the Group's control.

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