# Unilever Trading Statement Q1 2012 Jean-Marc Huët - CFO James Allison – Head of Investor Relations & M&A 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012





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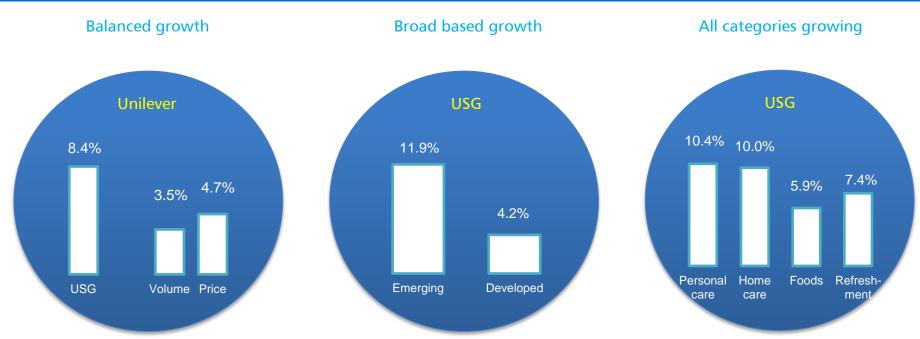


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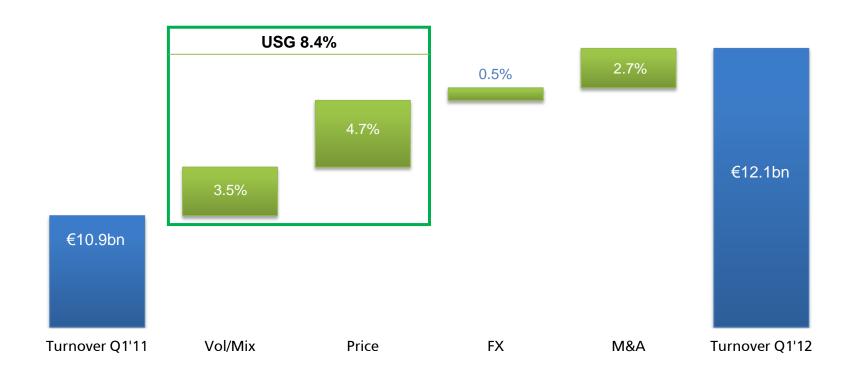
#### Q1 2012 - Good performance in a challenging environment





# Q1 2012 - Turnover growth 11.9% with strong contribution from M&A

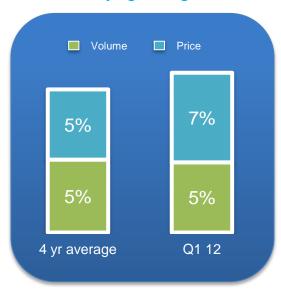




#### Q1 2012 - Strong momentum continues in emerging markets



#### underlying sales growth

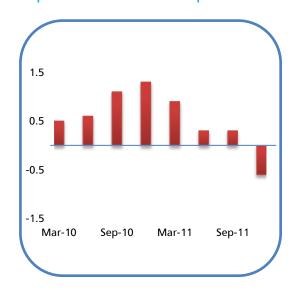


- → 56% of Turnover in Q1
- → Consistent performance over the last 20 years
- → Outperforming the market
- → All categories contributing to sales growth

### Developed market economies remain weak



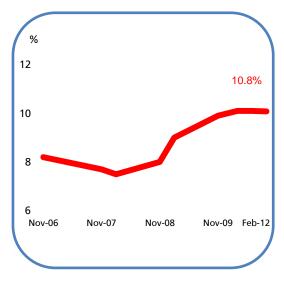
Europe household consumption declining



**US** citizens claiming Food stamps



#### Eurozone unemployment rate



#### Q1 2012 - Personal Care: momentum continues







- Innovation led growth
- Launch into white spaces
- Winning in most markets

#### Q1 2012 - Personal Care: growth driven by strong innovations



Dove Hair styling – United States

Lifebuoy Clini-Care 10 - India

Rexona Maximum Protection – Roll out











# Clear: Unilever's fastest growing brand - now launched in the US



#### For her For him







# Q1 2012 - Foods: growth driven by pricing and market development







- Jelly bouillon continues to be successful
- Dressings growth driven by market development
- Spreads volumes impacted by price increases but we continue to innovate

#### Savoury market development campaign



#### Philippines Arabia Mexico







50 billion rice dishes cooked every year

Increased penetration of dry dishes

Usage as a seasoning

#### Q1 2012 - Home care: balanced growth between volume and price





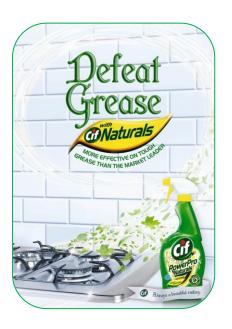


- Innovation led growth
- Launch into white spaces
- Product quality improved
- Improved communication

### Q1 2012 - Home care: investing in innovation and product quality



Cif power pro-naturals - Italy



DIG superior stain removal – LATAM



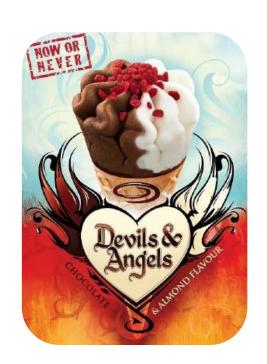
Surf roll out into white spaces



### Q1 2012 - Refreshment: Ice Cream driving growth in the category







- Ice Cream season early start
- Magnum strong performance
- Tea growth remains subdued

#### Ice Cream: Magnum growth through innovation and white spaces



#### Magnum Infinity – Europe



#### Magnum Mini – United States



# James Allison Head of Investor Relations and M&A





#### Q1 2012 - Asia/ AMET/ RUB: Unilever's growth engine





- → Strong performance across the region
- → Outstanding growth in Personal Care and Laundry
- → All clusters in the region delivering volume and price growth

# Q1 2012 - Americas: growth driven by market development in LATAM





- → Latin America momentum continues
  - Hair innovation and market development in deodorants
- North America volumes are down marginally, in line with difficult markets
  - Gaining share in Personal Care
  - Launch of Simple and Magnum Minis

# Q1 2012 - Europe: benefited from a weak prior year comparator





- → Markets remain subdued
- → Key innovations during the quarter:
  - Launch of Axe Hair
  - Roll-out of Liquid Margarine
  - Half year will be a more realistic time period to assess performance

#### M&A: Alberto Culver successfully integrated





- → Top talent retained
- → TRESemmé momentum continues
  - → Brazil launch off to an encouraging start
  - → Thailand national roll-out started
  - → Launch of Simple in the United States during Q1
- → Cost synergies expected 15%-20% of retained turnover
- → All countries fully integrated

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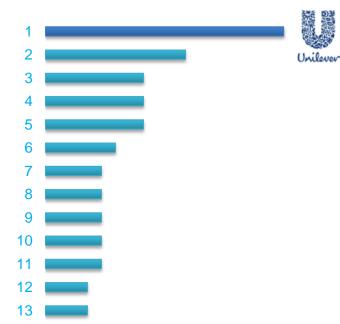
#### Unilever Sustainable Living Plan: 2011 highlights



24% of agricultural materials sustainably sourced



Unilever voted
"outright sustainability leader"
by Key Opinion Formers



35 million people have gained access to safe drinking water



Source: Globescan Sustainability Survey 2012

## Our priorities remain unchanged



- 1. Volume growth ahead of the market
- 2. Steady and sustainable core operating margin improvement
- 3. Strong cash flow



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