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# **Luxury Goods Worldwide Market Study: Spring 2010 Update**

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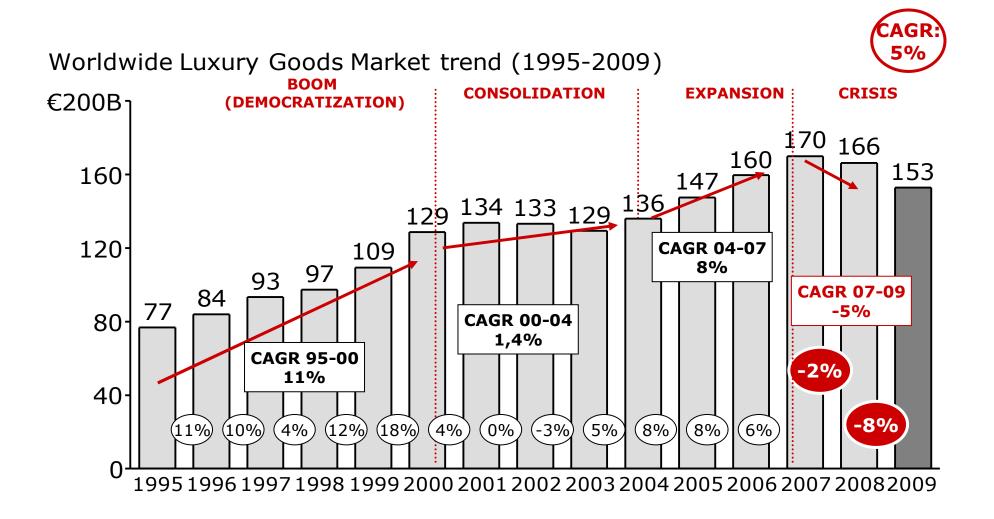
## Bain Luxury Market Update (April 16, 2010)

- 2009 was the worst year ever for the luxury market with a -8% decrease
- Results began to improve only at the end of the year, after 3 negative quarters
  - Holiday season better than expected
  - Inventory reduction: end of de-stocking
- Bain forecasts +4% for 2010 (current exchange rates)
  - Growth spread across all geographies except Japan
  - Asia and especially China driving growth
  - All categories recovering after a terrible 2009
  - **Retail** becoming more and **more important** over wholesale
  - Online channel speeding up its growth
- The crisis is **structurally changing the market** 
  - Market is concentrating: larger brands gaining market share
  - New wave of M&A and IPO operations
  - No compromise on quality and top-of-mind brands



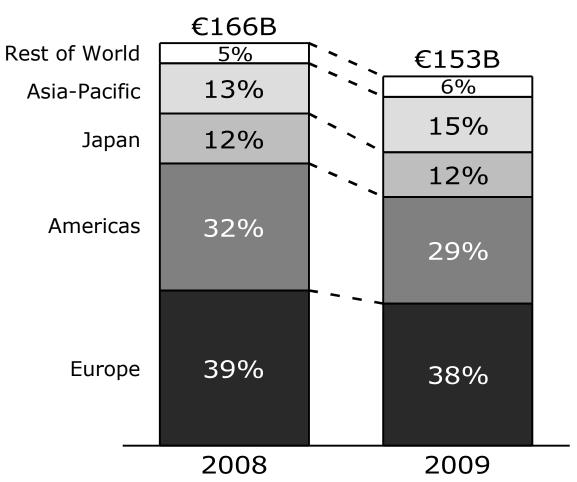
"Tell me the fairytale about the economy"

## 2009: Luxury market saw severe shrinking



# America and Europe hit hardest, Japan continues its unrelenting decrease

Worldwide Luxury Goods Market by Area



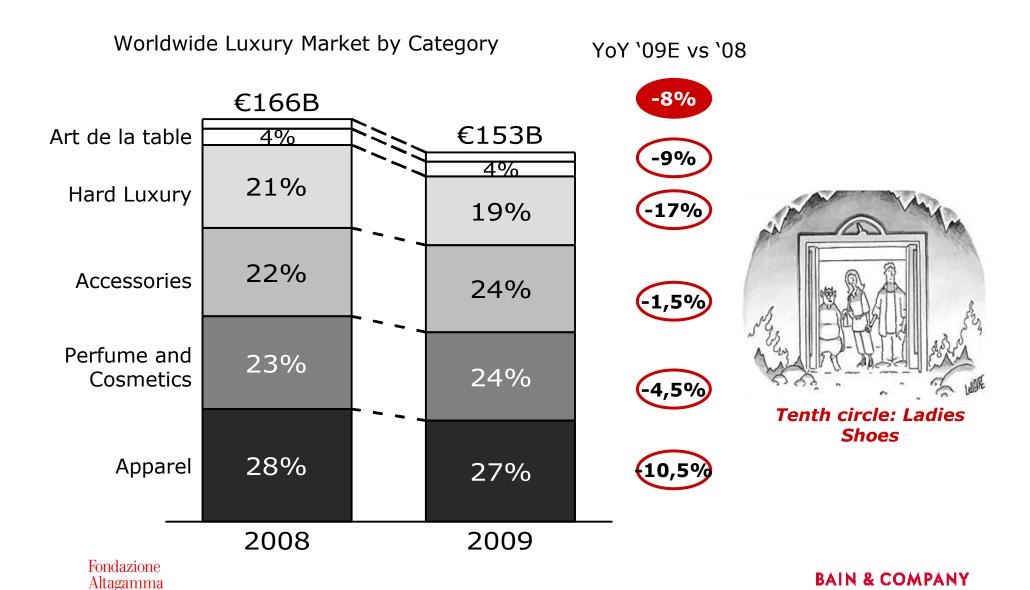
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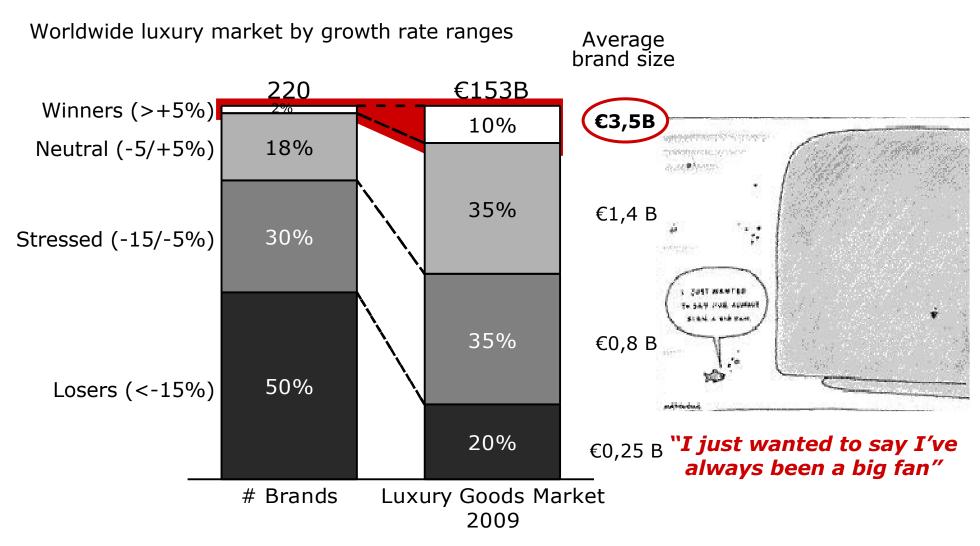




# Hard luxury deeply impacted by consumer spending reduction and channel de-stocking



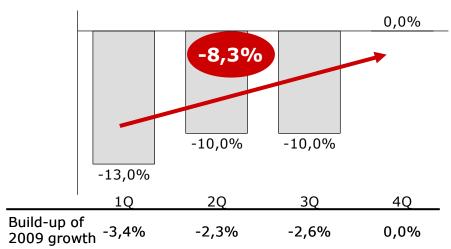
## Crisis is confirming that big is better!



## Holiday season showed first signals of recovery

### **Consumption performance**

Luxury Goods Market growth by quarter (2009, QoQ growth)





### **Main Trends (Industry Quotes)**

"On Christmas Eve we went home with big smiles on our faces."

"New York's Fifth Avenue, like much of the Northeast, was a wet, sloppy sea of shoppers dodging umbrellas and skipping over puddles to get into gift destinations."

"November and December were so strong that I see them as a harbinger for 2010."

"It was **so busy** on our shoe floor that we actually had to close it for awhile to reorganize the assortment. It was a good day, a strong day."

"Was anyone working? Cyber Monday seen bigger than 2008."

## 2010: results to date are very positive

### **Sell-out 1Q 2010**

- **Strong results** in first months of 2010 **for listed players** (LVMH, Dior Couture, Tiffany)
- Luxury retail stores show impressive like-for-like growth (+15-20%)
- US department stores
   positive sell-out trends: +8%
   in January, +6% in February,
   +13% in March
- Inventory de-stocking is over

#### Sell-in FW 2010

"We are **optimistic for FW, and have increased budgets accordingly**. Our business is most buoyant in the top-end luxury."

"FW10 sell-in is around no **more than +1% +2%** compared to previous year."

"We are **predicting business will come back strong in the fall**. We are seeing the return of our classic customer."



"She is out stimulating the economy – can I take a message?"
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## 2010 will be the inflection point for the restart of growth

#### **ESTIMATES**

### Bain Forecast at 04/16/10

## €200B · 158 153 150 100-+4% 50 0. 2009 2010F

Source: Bain analysis

**Fondazione** Altagamma

### **Main Assumptions**

By semester

- First semester average market trend shows strong recovery: 5% - 10% across all regions
- Slower growth in **second** half of the year





- **Retail L4L sees strong** improvement, especially thanks to traffic increase (10% - 15%)
- **New openings will** remain cautious, mainly driven by expansion in Asia and Latin America
- Wholesale regaining momentum after 2009; more controlled markdown campaigns

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# The recovery will be spread across (almost) all geographies and categories

Geographic areas	

## **Product categories**

Japan

Asia Pacific ex-China

China

RoW

**Total** 

+4%

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Source: Bain analysis Fondazione Altagamma

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## Drivers for 2010 recovery have a twofold root

#### **Hard roots**

- Macroeconomic indicators recovering worldwide, even if at different speeds
  - **GDP** projections for 2010: +4,3%
  - Growth driven by China +10%
- Strong urbanization and infrastructure investments in Asia, especially in China
- International passenger traffic increasing by 4.5% in 2010, after a -4.2% in 2009
- Political stability in US enhancing consumer confidence
- Slight decrease of unemployment rate

#### Soft roots

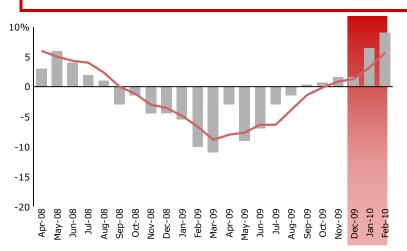
- Consumer attitude improving:
   Confidence Index expected to increase in 2010
- Recovery in footfall and conversion rates
- Boom of e-commerce sales
- Chinese consumers continue to spend heavily in luxury



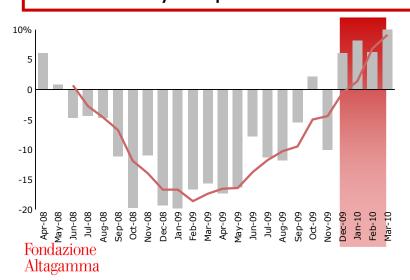
"I see <u>your</u> consumer confidence remains undeterred" BAIN & COMPANY

# All luxury indicators are showing signs of recovery

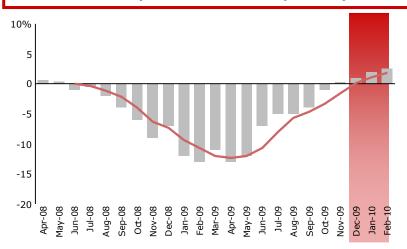
### International air traffic



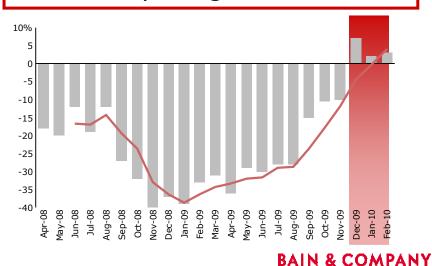
## **US Luxury Department Stores**



## Luxury hotel occupancy



### Luxury car global sales



# The good news: consumers are shopping again!

 End of luxury shame for local consumers in mature markets: luxury brands are gaining appeal again



"Most successful suit sale we ever had, I should say"

 Recovery in footfall and conversion rates thanks to marketing and promotional activities



Asia
 "optimism"
 boosted Europe
 and US market
 as well:
 consumers are
 spending heavily
 abroad



 New channels are bringing vitality to luxury environment: online sales booming!



"She'll have to get back to you- she's off shopping now"

# "Post-war" we are assisting to some structural changes in the market

#### Geography

- Asia becoming the key market
- Chinese consumers driving global market growth
- Japan structurally deflating

#### Competition

- Polarization and concentration...
  - -Mega-brands taking share
  - -Failures and bankruptcies (but brands do not disappear)
  - -Restart of M&A activity and IPOs
  - -Acceleration in generational shifts and managerialization
- ...but consumers always want and need newness

#### Channels

- Retail overperforming wholesale but not still at full potential
- Concentration of wholesale distribution
- Strategic rethinking of Department Stores formats
- New opportunities from web and digitalization of experience

# **Consumer** behaviour

- Increasing attention for value for money but new and diverse value drivers:
  - -Cheap & chic not still at full potential
  - -Customization widely spread across categories and products
  - -Customer experience and service
  - -Innovation
  - -Need to "justify" the premium price... brand is not enough
- Huge consumer diversity along all segmentation axes

# Strategic pay-offs going forward!

### Year of the



Because they are worth it!



#### Winners take it all



Store sweet



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