

SIGNET JEWELERS LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Special Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of
The Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

For the date of 6 November, 2008

SIGNET JEWELERS LIMITED
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Clarendon House,
2 Church Street,
Hamilton HM11,
Bermuda
(Address of principal executive office)

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Signet Jewelers Ltd (NYSE and LSE: SIG)

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**SIGNET
REPORTS
THIRD QUARTER
SALES**

Signet
Jewelers Ltd

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), the world's largest specialty retail jeweler, today announced its sales performance for the 13 and 39 weeks to

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 The breakdown of
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 was as follows:

| | <u>Sales</u> | | <u>Change on Previous Year</u> | | |
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| | \$ | % of Total | Reported | At Constant Exchange Rates | Same |
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| | | | | | Sales |
| US | 467. 2 | 74.2 % | (4.3 %) | (4.3 %) | (7.9)% |
| UK | 162. 2 | 25.8 % | (14.9) % | (4. 3) % | (2.4) % (a) |
| GROUP | 629. 4 | 100.0 % | (7.3) % | (4.3) % | (6.6) % |

- Same store sales

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H.Samuel
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The breakdown
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 was as follows:

| | <u>Sales</u> | | <u>Change on Previous Year</u> | | |
|----|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | |
| | \$ m | % of Total Reported | Reported | At Constant Exchange Rates | Same Store Sales |
| US | 1,673.9 | 75.4% | (1.8)% | (1.8)% | (6.0)% |
| UK | 54.6 | 24.6% | (5.0)% | (1.0)% | 0.8% |

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| | | |) | % | % |
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| | | | | |) |
| GROUP | 2,22 | 100.0 | (2.6) | (1.6) | (4.3 |
| | 0.6 | % | % | % |)% |

- Same store sales: H.Samuel up by 1.1% and Ernest Jones up by 0.5%.

Terry Burman, Group Chief Executive, commented "In the US

, same store sales for the first six weeks of the quarter were consistent with the first half. However the last seven weeks showed a marked deterioration reflecting heightened consumer uncertainty

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and same store sales were down by about 1.1%.

The UK division

continued to outperform the non-food retail sector

on a
same store sales
basis
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Until mid
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October,
the
performance was
broadly similar to
that reported by the business for
the
second quarter
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same store sales
declined by some 8%

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In
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difficult
trading
environment on both sides of the
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have a strong business which we
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maximizing gross margin dollars, a
tight control of cost
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Signet

*operated 1,
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*special
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stores in the US, where the Group trades as "Kay Jewelers", "Jared The Galleria Of Jewelry" and under a number of regional names. At that date Signet operated

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stores in the

UK

, where the Group trades as "H.Samuel", "Ernest Jones" and "Leslie Davis". Further information on Signet is available at

www.signetjewelers.com

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See also

www.kay.com

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www.jared.com

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www.hsamuel.co.uk

and
www.ernestjones.co.uk

**Investor R
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Third Quarter Results

The results for the
13 and 39 week
period

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are expected to
be announced at

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Tuesday November

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. On that day there will be a conference c
all chaired by Terry Burman at

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2.00 p.m.

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and
6.00 a.m.
Pacific Time) and a simultaneous
audio
cast available at
www.signetjewelers.com

. The details for the conference call on the results are:

US dial-in: +1 718 354 1388
US +1 718 354 1112 Access code: 5540805#
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Note

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Impact of constant exchange rates

The Group has historically used constant exchange rates to compare period-to-period changes in certain financial data. This is referred to as 'at constant exchange rates' throughout this release. The Group considers this to be a useful measure for

analyzing

and explaining changes and trends in the Group's results. The impact of the re-calculation of sales at constant exchange rates, including a reconciliation to the Group's GAAP sales, is shown below.

| 13 weeks to November 1, 2008 | 13 weeks to November 1, 2008 as reported | 13 weeks to Novem ber 3 , 200 7 as reported | Change at actual exchange rates | Impact of exchange rate movement | At constant exchange rates (non-GAAP) | Change at constant exchange rates (non-GAAP) |
|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| | | | % | | | % |
| | \$ m | \$ m | | | \$ m | \$ m |
| Sales by origin and destination | | | | | | |
| US | 467. | 488.2 | (| - | 488.2 | (|

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| | 2 | | 4.3 | | | 4.3 |
| | | |) | | |) |
| UK | 1 | 190.5 | (14.9 | (| 169.4 | (4.3 |
| , Channel Islands & | 62. | |) | 21.1 | |) |
| Republic of | 2 | | |) | | |
| Ireland | | | | | | |
| | 6 | 678.7 | (7. | (21.1 | 6 | (4.3 |
| | 29. | | 3 |) | 57.6 |) |
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| 39 weeks to November 1, 200 8 | 39 weeks to November 1, 200 8 as reported | 39 weeks to to Novem ber 3 , , 200 7 as reported | Change at actual exchange rates | Impact of exchange rate movement | At constant exchange rates (non-GAAP) | Change at constant exchange rates (non-GAAP) |
|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| | \$ m | \$ m | % | \$ m | \$ m | % |
| Sales by origin and destination | | | | | | |
| US | 1,673.9 | 1,705.1 | (1.8 | - | 1,705.1 | (1.8 |
| | | |) | | |) |
| UK | 54 | 575.4 | (| (| 5 | (|
| , Channel Islands & | 4 | | 5.0 | 23.0 | 52.4 | 1.0 |
| Republic of | 6.7 | |) |) | |) |
| Ireland | | | | | | |
| | 2,220.6 | 2,280.5 | (2.6 | (23.0 | 2,2 | (1.6 |
| | | |) |) | 57.5 |) |

This release includes 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 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 the Company operates. Our use of the words "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "estimates," "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 the Group, the reputation of the Group, the level of competition in the jewelry sector, the price and availability of diamonds, gold and other precious metals, seasonality of the Group's business and financial market risk.

For a discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially, see the "Risk and Other Factors" section of the Annual Report & Accounts of Signet Group plc furnished as an exhibit to its Report on Form 6-K

furnished with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on May

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and other filings made by the Company with the Commission. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied therein may not be realized

. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

SIGNET JEWELERS LIMITED

By: /s/ Walker Boyd

Name: Walker Boyd
Title: Group Finance Director

Date: 6 November 2008