

#### 12 March 2015

# ASOS plc ("the Company") Global Online Fashion Destination Trading Statement for the three months ended 28 February 2015

	Thre	ee months	to 28 Febru	uary Six months to 28 February				ry
				CCY^				CCY^
£'000	2015	2014	Increase	increase	2015	2014	Increase	increase
UK retail sales	126,566	97,670	30%	30%	231,370	182,040	27%	27%
US retail sales	30,553	24,725	24%	16%	<i>54,528</i>	46,749	17%	14%
EU retail sales	77,227	68,079	13%	21%	136,228	127,626	7%	14%
ROW retail sales	<i>55,754</i>	53,571	4%	10%	114,303	115,904	(1%)	5%
Total International retail sales	163,534	146,375	12%	16%	305,059	290,279	5%	10%
Total retail sales	290,100	244,045	19%	22%	536,429	472,319	14%	17%
Total group revenue <sup>1</sup>	298,274	248,989	20%	22%	550,474	481,726	14%	17%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes retail sales, delivery receipts and third party revenues

## Three months to 28 February 2015 highlights

- Retail sales up 19% (UK retail sales up 30%, International retail sales up 12%)
- International retail sales 56% of total (60% last year)
- Retail gross margin down c.320 bps on prior year

### Six months to 28 February 2015 highlights

- Retail sales up 14% (UK retail sales up 27%, International retail sales up 5%)
- International retail sales 57% of total (61% last year)
- Retail gross margin down c.270 bps on prior year
- 9.3 million active customers<sup>2</sup> at 28 February 2015, up 13% on prior year
- Strong balance sheet and cash position

#### **Nick Robertson, CEO, commented:**

"Retail sales for the three months to 28 February 2015 grew by +19% (+22% on a constant currency basis), with strong growth continuing in the UK at +30%. We have also seen encouraging momentum in our international markets during the quarter at +12% (+16% on a constant currency basis) following the successful roll out of our zonal pricing capability and our planned price investments.

Our investments in our warehouse and IT platforms are on track. We expect profit before tax for the full year to be in line with market expectations."

<sup>^</sup> On constant exchange rate basis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Defined as having shopped in the last 12 months

#### Analyst/Investor conference call:

ASOS will be hosting a conference call for analysts and investors at 8:00am (UK Time) today. Please call Guy Scarborough at Instinctif Partners for dial-in details on 020 7457 2047 or email <a href="mailto:guy.scarborough@instinctif.com">guy.scarborough@instinctif.com</a>.

A recording of this conference call will be available on the ASOS Plc investor centre website later today: <a href="http://www.asosplc.com/investors.aspx">http://www.asosplc.com/investors.aspx</a>

#### Photography:

Latest photography will be available at: <a href="http://www.asosplc.com/media/image-library.aspx">http://www.asosplc.com/media/image-library.aspx</a>

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#### **Background note**

ASOS is a global fashion destination for 20-somethings. We sell cutting-edge 'fast fashion' and offer a wide variety of fashion-related content, making ASOS.com the hub of a thriving fashion community. We sell over 75,000 branded and own-brand products through localised mobile and web experiences, delivering from our fulfilment centres in the UK, US, Europe and China to almost every country in the world.

We tailor the mix of own-label, global and local brands sold through each of our nine local language websites: UK, US, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Australia, Russia and China.

ASOS's websites attracted 88 million visits during February 2015 (February 2014: 71 million) and as at 28 February 2015 had 9.3 million active customers<sup>1</sup> (28 February 2014: 8.2 million), of which 3.7 million were located in the UK and 5.6 million were located in our international territories (28 February 2014: 3.2 million in the UK and 5.0 million internationally).

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# Appendix 1 – Retail sales growth by quarter<sup>1</sup> in sterling

# Year ending 31 August 2015

£'000	Q1	YOY%	Q2	YOY%	Q3 <i>Y0</i>	)Y%	Q4	YOY%	2014/15 YTD	YOY%
UK retail sales	104,804	24%	126,566	30%					231,370	27%
US retail sales	23,975	9%	30,553	24%					<i>54,528</i>	17%
EU retail sales	59,001	(1%)	77,227	13%		Ì			136,228	7%
ROW retail sales	58,549	(6%)	55,754	4%					114,303	(1%)
International retail sales	141,525	(2%)	163,534	12%					305,059	5%
Total retail sales	246,329	8%	290,100	19%					536,429	14%

## Year ending 31 August 2014

£'000	Q1	YOY%	Q2	YOY%	Q3	YOY%	Q4	YOY%	2013/14	YOY%
UK retail sales	84,370	36%	97,670	29%	91,880	43%	98,321	33%	372,241	35%
US retail sales	22,024	16%	24,725	50%	24,765	17%	20,797	0%	92,311	19%
EU retail sales	59,547	79%	68,079	54%	64,710	37%	64,049	21%	256,385	44%
ROW retail sales	62,333	21%	53,571	6%	61,600	1%	56,854	(5%)	234,358	5%
International retail sales	143,904	39%	146,375	32%	151,075	17%	141,700	6%	583,054	22%
Total retail sales	228,274	38%	244,045	31%	242,955	25%	240,021	15%	955,295	27%

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US retail sales	19,048	<i>57%</i>	16,503	50%	21,255	59%	20,872	59%	77,678	<i>57</i> %
EU retail sales	33,337	15%	44,120	58%	47,215	56%	53,036	73%	177,708	51%
ROW retail sales	51,357	42%	50,319	33%	60,796	38%	59,922	26%	222,394	35%
International retail sales	103,742	34%	110,942	45%	129,266	48%	133,830	47%	477,780	44%
Total retail sales	165,795	30%	186,468	37%	193,613	45%	207,931	47%	753,807	40%

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# Appendix 2 – Retail sales growth by quarter<sup>1</sup> at constant currency

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