## UNIQLO 2012—Product Development & Marketing Strategy for Functional Innerwear

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## Position Sarafine and Silky Dry functional innerwear for spring and summer as strategic global product lines



## Fall/Winter 2011 HEATTECH Sales

# HEATTECH innerwear has transformed the way people dress for winter

## Fall/winter 2011 — 100 million units sold

(Includes all HEATTECH items: men's, women's and kid's innerwear, socks, body warmers, jeans, etc.)

**Product Development & Marketing Strategy** 

## Potential demand for Sarafine and Silky Dry lines could exceed HEATTECH



## **2012 Enhancements to Sarafine**

- (1) Improved comfort by making fabric fibers approximately 30% finer than last year
- (2) Added new loungewear line
- (3) Added new shorts line
- (4) Wider range of colors and patterns

#### **Sarafine Loungewear: Lines to Watch in 2012**

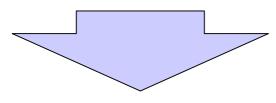
#### Loungewear range added to the Sarafine lineup in response to customer demand





## **Concept Behind Sarafine Loungewear**

The impact of higher electricity charges and energy conservation measures on air conditioning use in Japan may mean a very hot and humid rainy season and summer this year



UNIQLO expands Sarafine line beyond innerwear to bottoms and tops, so customers can stay feeling comfortable and looking great after they leave the house





## **Debuting Sarafine Shorts**

Sarafine Shorts that reduce uncomfortable buildups of moisture trapped inside outerwear added to product lineup



Sarafine Shorts (Hiphugger)

Sarafine Shorts (Hiphugger, striped)

Sarafine Shorts (High rise, dot)

Sarafine Shorts (High rise, flower)



## **Sarafine Loungewear Range**

Item Name	Colors	Sizes	Price incl. Tax
			(Japan)
WOMEN AIRism LOUNGE SET (HALF SLEEVE)			
	3	S、M、L、XL	¥2,990
WOMEN AIRism LOUNGE SET (STRIPE) (SHORT			
SLEEVE)	3	S、M、L、XL	¥2,990
WOMEN AIRism LOUNGE CARDIGAN (LONG			
SLEEVE)	3	S、M、L、XL	¥1,990
WOMEN AIRism Cropped Lounge Bottoms			
	3	S、M、L、XL	¥1,500
WOMEN AIRism LOUNGE BOTTOMS			
	3	S、M、L、XL	¥1,500
WOMEN AIRism LOUNGE LONG DRESS			
(SLEEVELESS)	3	S、M、L、XL	¥1,990
WOMEN AIRism LOUNGE DRESS (SLEEVELESS)			
	3	S、M、L、XL	¥1,990
WOMEN AIRism LOUNGE DRESS (HALF SLEEVE)			
	3	S、M、L、XL	¥1,990
WOMEN AIRism LOUNGE DRESS(STRIPE) (SHORT			
SLEEVE)	3	S、M、L、XL	¥1,990



## **Sarafine Innerwear Range**

Item Name	Colors	Sizes	Price incl. Tax (iJapan)
W's AIRism UV CUT Crew T(L)Dot	3	S, M, L, XL	¥1,500
W's AIRism UV CUT Crew Neck T(L)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥1,500
W's AIRism UV CUT Crew T(L)(Stripe)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥1,500
W's AIRism U-NECK T(S)	10	S, M, L, XL	¥990
W's AIRism U-NECK T(S)(Dot)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥990
W's AIRism U-NECK T(S) (Floral)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥990
W's AIRism U-NECK T(S) (Stripe)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥990
W's AIRism U-NECK T(S) Multi Stripe	3	S, M, L, XL	¥990
W's AIRism Padded U-NECK T(S)	4	S, M, L, XL	¥1,500
W's AlRism Padded Camisole	4	S, M, L, XL	¥1,500
W's AlRism Padded Bra Camisole	5	S, M, L, XL	¥1,990
W's AlRism Camisole	10	S, M, L, XL	¥990
W's AIRism Camisole (Dot)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥990
W's AIRism Camisole (Floral)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥990
W's AIRism Camisole (Stripe)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥990
W's AIRism Camisole (Multi Stripe)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥990
W's AIRism Tank Top+ *Large stores only	10	S, M, L, XL	¥990
W's AIRism Bra Camisole (Stripe)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥1,990
W's AlRism Bra Camisole (Multi Dot)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥1,990
W's AlRism Bra Camisole	10	S, M, L, XL	¥1,990
W's AlRism Bra Camisole (Dot)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥1,990
W's AlRism Bra Tank Top (Stripe)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥1,990
W's AlRism Bra Tank Top (Multi Dot)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥1,990
W's AlRism Bra Tank Top (Multi Stripe)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥1,990
W's AlRism Bra Tank Top	10	S, M, L, XL	¥1,990
W's AIRism Shorts (HH) NEW	6	ML	¥790
W's AIRism Shorts (HH) (Stripe) NEW	3	M,L	¥790
W's AlRism Shorts (JW'S) NEW	9	ML	¥790
W's AIRism Shorts (JW'S ) (Dot) NEW	3	ML	¥790
W's AIRism Shorts (JW'S ) (Floral) NEW	3	M、L	¥790



## **2012 Enhancements to Silky Dry**

- (1) The fibers are approximately 20% finer than last year delivering greater comfort, with 1.8 times increase in breathability and 1.2 times enhancement to the Dry function
- (2) Silky Dry Steteco, long underwear for men, added to product lineup



#### Silky Dry Steteco: Lines to Watch in 2012

Steteco long underwear is new to the Silky Dry product lineup for 2012–innerwear so light it feels like wearing air. Silky Dry Steteco ensure men stay comfortable this summer by preventing perspiration from sticking to pants and bottoms and clinging around the leg.





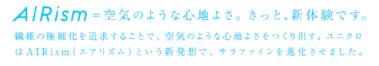
## Silky Dry Line

			Price incl. Tax
Item Name	Colors	Sizes	(Japan)
AlRism Steteco (long pants) A NEW	3	M, L, XL	¥1,500
AlRism Steteco (long pants) B NEW	2	M, L, XL	¥1,500
AlRism Steteco (long pants) C NEW	2	M, L, XL	¥1,500
AIRism V-Neck T(N)	3	S、M、L、XL	¥990
AIRism V-Neck T(S)	4	S, M, L, XL	¥990
AIRism V-Neck T(S) (Drop Needle)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥990
AIRism Crew Neck T(S)	3	S, M, L, XL	¥990
AIRism Tank Top	2	S、M、L、XL	¥990
AIRism Stripe Tank Top	2	S、M、L、XL	¥990
AlRism Boxer Briefs	6	M, L, XL	¥990
AlRism Boxer Briefs (LR)	5	M, L, XL	¥990
AlRism Boxer Briefs (LR)A	2	M, L, XL	¥990
AlRism Boxer Briefs (LR)B	2	M, L, XL	¥990
AlRism Boxer Briefs A	2	M, L, XL	¥990
AlRism Boxer Briefs B	2	M, L, XL	¥990
AlRism Boxer Briefs C	2	M, L, XL	¥990
AlRism Long Boxer Briefs + *Large			Vaaa
stores only	2	M, L, XL	¥990



#### Spring/Summer 2012 Advertising Campaign for Highly Functional Innerwear

## TV commercials: TV commercials for Sarafine and Silky Dry began airing April 2





AlRism = 空気のような心地よさ。きっと、新体験です。 繊維の極細化を追求することで、空気のような心地よさをつくり出す。ユニクロ はAIRism(エアリズム)という新発想で、シルキードライを進化させました。

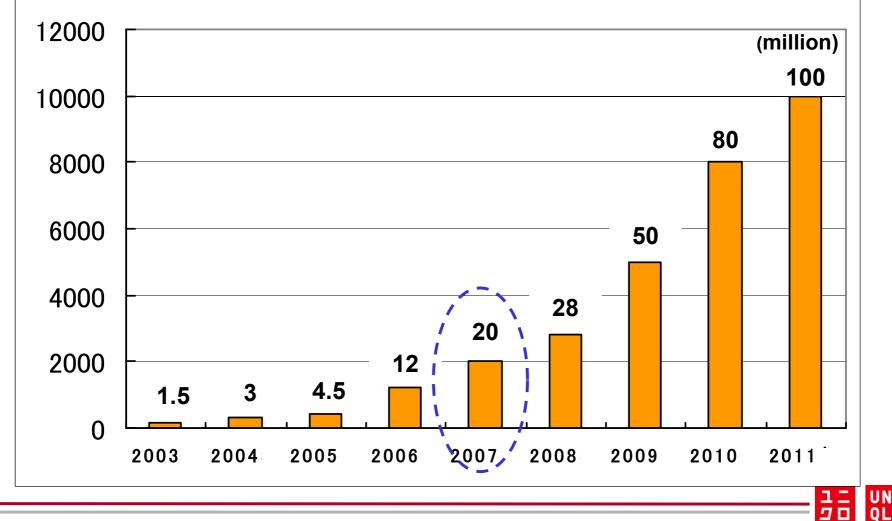




## **Global Sales of HEATTECH**

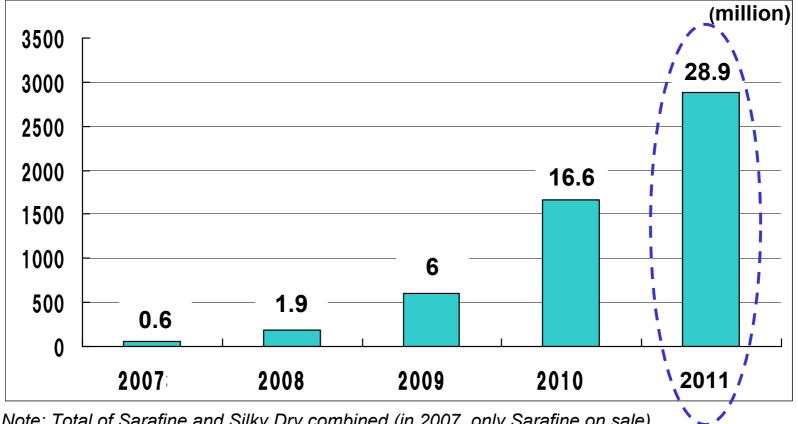
#### **Cumulative sales:**

#### Approach 300 million units (about 299 million)



#### **Global Unit Sales of UNIQLO Functional Innerwear** for Summer

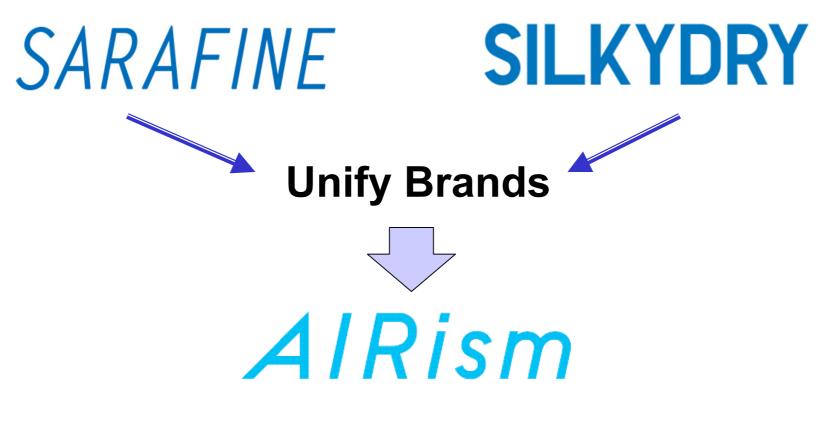
#### **Cumulative sales: About 54 million units**



Note: Total of Sarafine and Silky Dry combined (in 2007, only Sarafine on sale)

#### Sales trajectory starting to mirror HEATTECH

#### **Transform into Strategic Global Product Line**



Position as strategic global product line on par with HEATTECH

## **AIRism Brand Concept**

#### AIRism: Cool comfort, light as AIR A new concept from UNIQLO set to transform summers in Japan

Ultra-fine fabric delivers clothing with "light as air" comfort. UNIQLO has evolved Silky Dry and Sarafine for even greater comfort with a new concept called AIRism. They feel so light and soft to the skin that You will forget you have it on. Offering a coolness and fast-drying action unlike anything before. For the first time, you will feel summer breezes on your skin.

> AlRism: Cool comfort, light as AlR. A brand new experience.



## Product brand rollout in international markets based in individual market situations

## AIRism



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#### By promoting the AIRism concept of putting on rather than taking off innerwear as the key to relief from heat and humidity and enjoying the summer in comfort, UNIQLO aims to reach a wider range of customers

