



## LUXOTTICA: CREDIT FACILITIES OF US\$2.0 BILLION FOR OAKLEY

### Luxottica Mandates Group of Banks to Finance Proposed Acquisition

Milan, Italy, 3 August, 2007 - Luxottica Group S.p.A. (NYSE: LUX; MTA: LUX) today announced that it has mandated a group of banks to arrange, underwrite and provide credit facilities for an aggregate of US\$2.0 billion.

The facilities will consist of:

- An **Amortizing Term Loan** of US\$1.5 billion, with a five-year term, with options to extend the maturity on two occasions for one year each time. Consistent with the Group's main existing facilities, the term loan will have a spread of between 20 and 40 basis points over LIBOR, depending on the Group's ratio of debt to EBITDA. The Mandated Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners for the term loan are Citigroup (acting also as Documentation Agent), Intesa San Paolo, The Royal Bank of Scotland and UniCredit Markets and Investment Banking (acting also as Facility Agent).
- A **Short-Term Bridge Loan** of US\$500 million. The facility may be partially refinanced with a U.S. private placement assuming favorable market conditions. This facility will be underwritten by Bank of America and UniCredit Market and Investment Banking.

Funding under these facilities will be subject to the closing of Luxottica Group's proposed acquisition of Oakley, Inc.

Enrico Cavatorta, chief financial officer of Luxottica Group, commented: "The facilities are designed to provide financing for the closing of our previously announced proposed acquisition of Oakley. We are pleased to see such a strong show of confidence in our Group from this group of leading international banks. The terms of these facilities reflect the ability of our Group to secure favorable conditions for our financing needs."

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## **Luxottica Group S.p.A.**

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Luxottica Group is a global leader in high-end and luxury eyewear, with approximately 5,700 optical and sun retail stores in North America, Asia-Pacific, China and Europe and a strong brand portfolio. House brands include Ray-Ban, the most recognized sun brand in the world, Vogue, Persol, Arnette and REVO, while license brands include, among others, Bvlgari, Burberry, Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Donna Karan, Polo Ralph Lauren, Prada and Versace. In addition to a global wholesale network that touches 130 countries, the Group manages leading retail brands such as LensCrafters and Pearle Vision in North America, OPSM and Laubman & Pank in Asia-Pacific, and Sunglass Hut globally. The Group's products are designed and manufactured in six Italy-based manufacturing plants and in two China-based wholly-owned plants. For fiscal year 2006, Luxottica Group (NYSE: LUX; MTA: LUX) posted consolidated net sales of €4.7 billion. Additional information on the Group is available at [www.luxottica.com](http://www.luxottica.com).

## **Safe Harbor Statement**

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Certain statements in this press release may constitute "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those which are anticipated. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the risk that the merger with Oakley will not be completed, the ability to successfully introduce and market new products, the ability to maintain an efficient distribution network, the ability to predict future economic conditions and changes in consumer preferences, the ability to achieve and manage growth, the ability to negotiate and maintain favorable license arrangements, the availability of correction alternatives to prescription eyeglasses, fluctuations in exchange rates, the ability to effectively integrate recently acquired businesses, as well as other political, economic and technological factors and other risks and uncertainties described in our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof, and we do not assume any obligation to update them.

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