



The week ahead on just-style...

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Taking a look at the week ahead for the footwear and apparel industry, here is a snapshot of just-style's latest news and insights agenda.

After announcing its return to the French retail market last week, UK retailer Marks and Spencer (M&S) will be under the scrutiny of analysts when it announces its Q4 results in London this week.

However, analysts at Seymour Pierce expect a 6% sales decline to be reported, in spite of positive results from M&S' international operations. While the overall picture is relatively bright, Seymour Pierce also notes that higher unemployment from public spending cuts and raw material hikes are yet to take full effect.

Also briefing analysts this week will be trendy US chain Abercrombie & Fitch, which in February nearly doubled its fourth quarter profit thanks to rising domestic and international sales, saying it planned to accelerate its overseas expansion in the year ahead.

just-style will be reporting from the M&S results announcement on Wednesday (4 April), together with the Retail London Conference, where executives including Urban Outfitters CEO Glen Senk and former Tesco CEO Sir Terry Leahy will be giving their take on the current trading environment.

Also featuring this week will be further coverage of last week's Prime Source Forum in Hong Kong, so check back for insights on 2011's supply chain issues.

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