

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

March 16, 2021

Laurent Mercier Chief Financial Officer COTY INC. 350 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10118

**Re: COTY INC.** 

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year-Ended June 30, 2020

Form 8-K Filed February 9, 2020

File No: 1-35964

Dear Mr. Mercier:

We have limited our review of your filing to the financial statements and related disclosures and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

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## Exhibit 99.1, page 3

1. We note that Total Coty reflects the "current full scope of Coty's revenues and costs". This presentation appears to result in the combination of your continued operations and Wella discontinued operations. Please address how you concluded that the resulting measures do not substitute individually tailored recognition and measurement methods for those of GAAP. Refer to Question 100.04 of the Non-GAAP C&DIs. In addition, tell us what \*\*\* footnote to your Supplemental Schedules Including Non-GAAP Financial Measures table on page 14 refers to.

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#### Cost of Sales, page 37

2. Please quantify the impact of each factor you identify as contributing to the changes in

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your cost of sales year to year. This will provide a better understanding of the extent to which these factors impacted your gross margin trends. Please refer to Item 303(a)(3) of Regulation S-K and SEC Release No. 34-48960 for further guidance.

# Managment's Discussion and Analysis Liquidity, page 57

3. We note within your financial statements, you elected to not separately disclose the cash flows related to your Wella Business. Please tell us what consideration you gave to describing the cash flows from operating and investing activities associated with this business separately from your continuing operations. In addition, specifically address whether your liquidity is likely to be materially affected by the absence of cash flows (or negative cash flows) associated with your Wella Business.

#### **Financial Statements**

### Note 5. Segment Reporting, page F-20

4. We note that in connection with its Turnaround Plan, the Company's CODM changed the reporting structure used to allocate resources from the previous category focused organizational structure to a structure based on regional commercial business units. We note however, that your senior management appears to have a products-based focus surrounding your Luxury and Consumer Products businesses. We also note that your earnings calls and associated slide presentations appear to be provide discussions surrounding products and sales channels in addition to your regional commercial business units. As such, please tell us what consideration you have given to the guidance in ASC 280-10-50-6 and 280-10-9 as to whether your management structure is a matrix form of organization. Please tell us if your operating decision maker regularly reviews your Luxury and Consumer Products businesses or other products-based results in addition to your regional results. If so, please provide the nature of the products-based results he reviews and address the need to present operating segments on a products basis.

In closing, we remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

You may contact Tracey McKoy, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3772 or, Jeanne Baker, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3691 or, Terence O'Brien, Accounting Branch Chief, at (202) 551-3355 with any questions.

Sincerely,

**Division of Corporation Finance** 

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