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(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 001-05647

MATTEL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

333 Continental Blvd.

El Segundo, CA 90245-5012

(Address of principal executive offices)

(310) 252-2000

(Registrant's telephone number)

95-1567322
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

NONE

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment of this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant calculated using the market price as of the close of business June 30, 2007 was \$10,038,118,661.

Number of shares outstanding of registrant's common stock, \$1.00 par value, as of February 22, 2008:

361,358,598 shares

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Mattel, Inc. 2008 Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) within 120 days after the close of the registrant's fiscal year (incorporated into Part III).

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PART I

Item 1. Business.

Mattel, Inc. (*Mattel*) designs, manufactures, and markets a broad variety of toy products worldwide through sales to its customers and directly to consumers. *Mattel*'s vision is to provide the world's premier toy brands today and tomorrow. Management has set six key company strategies: (i) improve execution of the existing toy business; (ii) globalize the brands; (iii) extend the brands into new areas; (iv) catch new trends, create new brands, and enter new categories; (v) develop people; and (vi) improve productivity, simplify processes, and maintain customer service levels.

Mattel believes its products are among the most widely recognized toy products in the world. *Mattel*'s portfolio of brands and products are grouped in the following categories:

Mattel Girls & Boys Brands including *Barbie*® fashion dolls and accessories (*Barbie*®), *Polly Pocket*®, *Little Mommy*®, *Disney Classics*, *Pixel Chix*®, and *High School Musical* (collectively *Other Girls Brands*), *Hot Wheels*®, *Matchbox*®, and *Tyco*® R/C vehicles and playsets (collectively *Wheels*), and *CAR*® *Radica*® products, and games and puzzles (collectively *Entertainment*).

Fisher-Price Brands including *Fisher-Price*®, *Little People*®, *BabyGear*, and *View-Master*® (collectively *Core Fisher-Price*®), *Sesame Street*®, *Dora the Explorer*, *Winnie the Pooh*, *Go-Diego-Go!*, and *See 'N Say*® (collectively *Fisher-Price Friends*), and *Power Wheels*®.

American Girl Brands including *Just Like You*®, the historical collection and *Bitty Baby*®. *American Girl Brands* products are sold directly to consumers, and its children's publications are also sold to certain retailers.

Mattel was incorporated in California in 1948 and reincorporated in Delaware in 1968. Its executive offices are located at 333 Continental Blvd., El Segundo, California 90245-5012, telephone number (310) 252-2000.

Business Segments

Mattel refers to *Mattel, Inc.* and its subsidiaries as a whole, unless the context requires otherwise. This narrative discussion applies to all segments except where otherwise stated. *Mattel*'s reportable segments are separately managed business units and are divided on a geographic basis between domestic and international. The Domestic segment is further divided into *Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US*, *Fisher-Price Brands US*, and *American Girl Brands*.

On October 10, 2005, *Mattel* announced the consolidation of its domestic *Mattel Girls & Boys Brands* and *Fisher-Price Brands* divisions into one division. The creation of the *Mattel Brands* division, which resulted in the consolidation of some management and support functions, preserves the natural marketing and design groups that are empowered to create and market toys based on gender and age groups and is expected to more effectively and efficiently leverage *Mattel*'s scale. These changes are consistent with *Mattel*'s ongoing goals to enhance innovation and

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improve execution. In connection with this consolidation, Mattel executed an initiative in 2006 to streamline its workforce, primarily in El Segundo, California. The consolidation of these divisions did not change Mattel's operating segments.

For additional information on Mattel's operating segment reporting, including revenues, segment income, and assets, see Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Results of Operations Operating Segment Results and Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Segment Information. For additional information regarding geographic areas, see Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Segment Information. For a discussion of the risks inherent in the

foreign operations of Mattel, which affect each segment, see Item 1A Risk Factors Factors That May Affect Future Results.

Domestic Segment

The Domestic segment develops toys that it markets and sells through the Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US, Fisher-Price Brands US, and American Girl Brands segments.

In the Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US segment, Barbie® includes brands such as Barbie® fashion dolls and accessories and Barbie® Collector, and Polly Pocket®, Pixel Chix®, Little Mommy®, High School Musical, and Disney Classics are included within Other Girls Brands. Wheels is comprised of Hot Wheels®, Matchbox®, and Tyco® R/C vehicles and playsets. Entertainment includes CARS and Radica® products, as well as games and puzzles.

In 2008, Mattel expects to introduce new products, including continuing to leverage content within its core brands. For Mattel Girls Brands, new product introductions include full-length animated launches of *Barbie®: Mariposa* in spring 2008, and *Barbie and the Diamond Castle* and *Barbie® in a Christmas Carol* in fall 2008. Polly Pocket® will be expanding its products in 2008 with Polly Pop N Swap products. New Wheels products will include innovative Trick Tracks sets for Hot Wheels®, and Power Scouts powered toys for Matchbox®. Mattel will introduce new products for Entertainment properties such as Warner Bros. Pictures' upcoming *Batman The Dark Knight* and *Speed Racer* movies, and DreamWorks Animation's movie, *Kung Fu Panda*. Mattel will also expand on the success of its Disney Pixar CARS products. New games and puzzles products will include Scene It? Seinfeld, Apples to Apples® game properties, and the expansion of Radica®'s 20Q Girl Tech®, and U.B.FUNKEYS products.

The Fisher-Price Brands US segment includes Fisher-Price®, Little People®, BabyGear, View-Master®, Sesame Street®, Dora the Explorer, Go-Diego-Go!, Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, Winnie the Pooh, My Friends Tigger & Pooh, Handy Manny, See N Say®, and Power Wheels®. New product introductions for 2008 are expected to include Smart Bounce & Spin Pony, Little People® Learn About Town, GeoAir High Flyin' Airport, Kid-Tough® DVD Player, Power Wheels® A.T. Rex, Elmo Live, Dora Designer Dollhouse, Dora Prance & Fly Pegasus, Handy Manny 2-in-1 Transforming Tool Truck, Go-Diego-Go! Dinosaur Rescue Mountain, and the Mickey Motors Raceway.

The American Girl Brands segment is a direct marketer, children's publisher, and retailer best known for its flagship line of historical dolls, books, and accessories, as well as the Just Like You® and Bitty Baby® brands. American Girl Brands also publishes best-selling Advice & Activity books and the award-winning *American Girl®* magazine. In January 2008, American Girl® introduced Mia, the newest Girl of the Year® doll. In addition, American Girl®, along with HBO Films and Picturehouse, is releasing its first feature film, *Kit Kittredge®: An American Girl®* based on one of the most popular historical characters. New product introductions for 2008 are expected to include six new Bitty Twins® dolls. American Girl Brands products are sold only in the US and Canada.

International Segment

Products marketed by the International segment are generally the same as those developed and marketed by the Domestic segment, with the exception of American Girl Brands, although some are developed or adapted for particular international markets. Mattel's products are sold directly to retailers and wholesalers in most European, Latin American, and Asian countries, and in Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, and through agents and distributors in those countries where Mattel has no direct presence.

Mattel's International segment revenue represented 49% of worldwide consolidated gross sales in 2007. Within the International segment, Mattel operates in four regions that generated the following gross sales during 2007:

	Amount	Percentage of International Gross Sales
	(In millions, except percentage information)	
Europe	\$ 1,797.3	56%
Latin America	912.1	28
Asia Pacific	275.1	9
Other	220.8	7
	\$ 3,205.3	100%

No individual country within the International segment exceeded 7% of worldwide consolidated gross sales during 2007.

The strength of the US dollar relative to other currencies can significantly affect the revenues and profitability of Mattel's international operations. Mattel enters into foreign currency forward exchange contracts, primarily to hedge its purchase and sale of inventory, and other intercompany transactions denominated in foreign currencies, to limit the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on its results of operations and cash flows. See Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk and Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Financial Instruments. For financial information by geographic area, see Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Segment Information.

Manufacturing and Materials

Mattel manufactures toy products for all segments in both company-owned facilities and through third-party manufacturers. Products are also purchased from unrelated entities that design, develop, and manufacture those products. To provide greater flexibility in the manufacture and delivery of its products, and as part of a continuing effort to reduce manufacturing costs, Mattel has concentrated production of most of its core products in company-owned facilities and generally uses third-party manufacturers for the production of non-core products.

Mattel's principal manufacturing facilities are located in China, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Mexico. Mattel also utilizes third-party manufacturers to manufacture its products in the US, Mexico, Brazil, Asia (including China and India), New Zealand, and Australia. To help avoid disruption of its product supply due to political instability, civil unrest, economic instability, changes in government policies, and other risks, Mattel produces many of its key products in more than one facility. Mattel believes that the existing production capacity at its own and its third-party manufacturers' facilities is sufficient to handle expected volume in the foreseeable future. See Item 1A Risk Factors Factors That May Affect Future Results.

Mattel bases its production schedules for toy products on customer orders and forecasts, taking into account historical trends, results of market research, and current market information. Actual shipments of products ordered and order cancellation rates are affected by consumer acceptance of product lines, strength of competing products, marketing strategies of retailers, changes in buying patterns of both retailers and consumers, and overall economic conditions. Unexpected changes in these factors could result in a lack of product availability or excess inventory in a particular product line.

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The foreign countries in which most of Mattel's products are manufactured (principally China, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Mexico) all enjoy permanent normal trade relations (NTR) status under US tariff laws, which provides a favorable category of US import duties. China's NTR status became permanent in 2002,

following enactment of a bill authorizing such status upon the country's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), which occurred in 2001. Membership in the WTO substantially reduces the possibility of China losing its NTR status, which would result in increased costs for Mattel and others in the toy industry.

All US duties on toys were completely eliminated upon implementation of the Uruguay Round WTO agreement in 1995. The European Union, Japan, and Canada eliminated their tariffs on most toy categories through staged reductions that were completed by January 1, 2004. The primary toy tariffs still maintained by these countries are European Union and Japanese tariffs on dolls of 4.7% and 3.9%, respectively, and a Canadian tariff of 8.0% on children's wheeled vehicles.

The majority of Mattel's raw materials is available from numerous suppliers but may be subject to fluctuations in price.

Competition and Industry Background

Competition in the manufacture, marketing, and sale of toys is based primarily on quality, play value, and price. Mattel offers a diverse range of products for children of all ages and families that includes, among others, toys for infants and preschoolers, girls' toys, boys' toys, youth electronics, hand-held and other games, puzzles, educational toys, media-driven products, and fashion-related toys. The Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US and Fisher-Price Brands US segments compete with several large toy companies, including Bandai, Hasbro, Jakks Pacific, Leap Frog, Lego, MGA Entertainment, and VTech, many smaller toy companies, and several manufacturers of video games and consumer electronics. American Girl Brands competes with companies that manufacture girls' toys and with children's book publishers and retailers. Mattel's International segment competes with global toy companies including Bandai, Hasbro, Lego, Tomy, and MGA Entertainment, and other national and regional toy companies and manufacturers of video games and consumer electronics. Foreign regions may include competitors that are strong in a particular toy line or geographical area, but do not compete with Mattel and other international toy companies worldwide.

Competition among the above companies is intensifying due to recent trends towards shorter life cycles for individual toy products, the phenomenon of children outgrowing toys at younger ages, and an increasing use of high technology in toys. In addition, a small number of retailers account for an increasingly larger portion of all toy sales, control the shelf space from which toys are viewed, and have direct contact with parents and children through in-store purchases, coupons, and print advertisements. Such retailers can and do promote their own private-label toys, facilitate the sale of competitors' toys, and allocate shelf space to one type of toys over another.

Seasonality

Mattel's business is highly seasonal, with consumers making a large percentage of all toy purchases during the traditional holiday season. A significant portion of Mattel's customers' purchasing occurs in the third and fourth quarters of Mattel's fiscal year in anticipation of such holiday buying. These seasonal purchasing patterns and requisite production lead times cause risk to Mattel's business associated with the underproduction of popular toys and the overproduction of toys that do not match consumer demand. Retailers are also attempting to manage their inventories more tightly in recent years, requiring Mattel to ship products closer to the time the retailers expect to sell the products to consumers. These factors increase the risk that Mattel may not be able to meet demand for certain products at peak demand times, or that Mattel's own inventory levels may be adversely impacted by the need to pre-build products before orders are placed. Additionally, as retailers manage their inventories, Mattel experiences cyclical ordering patterns for products and product lines that may cause its sales to vary significantly from period to period.

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In anticipation of retail sales in the traditional holiday season, Mattel significantly increases its production in advance of the peak selling period, resulting in a corresponding build-up of inventory levels in the first three

quarters of its fiscal year. Seasonal shipping patterns result in significant peaks in the third and fourth quarters in the respective levels of inventories and accounts receivable, which result in seasonal working capital financing requirements. See Seasonal Financing.

Product Design and Development

Through its product design and development group, Mattel regularly refreshes, redesigns, and extends existing toy product lines and develops innovative new toy product lines for all segments. Mattel believes its success is dependent on its ability to continue this activity effectively. See Item 1A Risk Factors Factors That May Affect Future Results. Product design and development activities are principally conducted by a group of professional designers and engineers employed by Mattel. During 2007, 2006, and 2005, Mattel spent \$189.4 million, \$173.5 million, and \$182.0 million, respectively, in connection with the design and development of products, exclusive of royalty payments. See Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Supplemental Financial Information.

Additionally, independent toy designers and developers bring concepts and products to Mattel and are generally paid a royalty on the net selling price of products licensed to Mattel. These independent toy designers may also create different products for other toy companies.

Advertising and Marketing

Mattel supports its product lines with extensive advertising and consumer promotions. Advertising takes place at varying levels throughout the year and peaks during the traditional holiday season. Advertising includes television and radio commercials, and magazine and newspaper advertisements. Promotions include in-store displays, sweepstakes, merchandising materials, and major events focusing on products and tie-ins with various consumer products companies.

During 2007, 2006, and 2005, Mattel incurred expenses of \$708.8 million (11.9% of net sales), \$651.0 million (11.5% of net sales), and \$629.1 million (12.1% of net sales), respectively, for advertising and promotion.

Sales

Mattel's products are sold throughout the world. Products within the Domestic segment are sold directly to retailers, including discount and free-standing toy stores, chain stores, department stores, other retail outlets and, to a limited extent, wholesalers by Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US and Fisher-Price Brands US. Mattel also operates several small retail outlets, generally near or at its corporate headquarters and distribution centers as a service to its employees and as an outlet for its products. American Girl Brands products are sold directly to consumers and its children's publications are also sold to certain retailers. Mattel has five retail stores, American Girl Place[®] in Chicago, Illinois, New York, New York, and Los Angeles, California, and American Girl Boutique and Bistro in Atlanta, Georgia, and Dallas, Texas, each of which features children's products from the American Girl Brands segment. The American Girl Boutique and Bistr opened in Atlanta, Georgia in August 2007 and Dallas, Texas in November 2007. American Girl Brands also has a retail outlet in Oshkosh, Wisconsin that serves as an outlet for excess product. Products within the International segment are sold directly to retailers and wholesalers in most European, Latin American, and Asian countries, and in Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, and through agents and distributors in those countries where Mattel has no direct presence. Mattel also has retail outlets in Latin America and Europe as an outlet for its products. Additionally, Mattel sells certain of its products online through its website.

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During 2007, Mattel's three largest customers (Wal-Mart at \$1.1 billion, Toys R Us at \$0.7 billion, and Target at \$0.6 billion) accounted for approximately 41% of worldwide consolidated net sales in the aggregate.

Within countries in the International segment, there is also a concentration of sales to certain large customers that do not operate in the US. The customers and the degree of concentration vary depending upon the region or nation. See Item 1A Risk Factors Factors That May Affect Future Results and Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Segment Information.

Licenses and Distribution Agreements

Mattel has license agreements with third parties that permit Mattel to utilize the trademark, characters, or inventions of the licensor in products that Mattel sells. A number of these licenses relate to product lines that are significant to Mattel's business and operations.

Mattel has entered into agreements to license entertainment properties from, among others, Disney Enterprises, Inc. (including Disney characters such as Disney Princesses, CARS from Pixar, High School Musical, Winnie the Pooh, and all Disney films and television properties for use in Mattel's DVD board games, such as Scene It? sold in North America), Viacom International, Inc. relating to its Nickelodeon properties (including Dora the Explorer, Go-Diego-Go!, and SpongeBob SquarePants), Warner Bros. Consumer Products (including Batman, Superman, Justice League, and Speed Racer), and Sesame Workshop (relating to its Sesame Street® properties including Elmo).

Royalty expense during 2007, 2006, and 2005 was \$243.3 million, \$261.2 million, and \$225.6 million, respectively. See Product Design and Development and Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Commitments and Contingencies.

Mattel also licenses a number of its trademarks, characters, and other property rights to others for use in connection with the sale of non-toy products that do not compete with Mattel's products. Mattel distributes some third-party finished products that are independently designed and manufactured.

Trademarks, Copyrights and Patents

Most of Mattel's products are sold under trademarks, trade names, and copyrights, and a number of those products incorporate patented devices or designs. Trade names and trademarks are significant assets of Mattel in that they provide product recognition and acceptance worldwide.

Mattel customarily seeks patent, trademark, or copyright protection covering its products, and it owns or has applications pending for US and foreign patents covering many of its products. A number of these trademarks and copyrights relate to product lines that are significant to Mattel's business and operations. Mattel believes its rights to these properties are adequately protected, but there can be no assurance that its rights can be successfully asserted in the future or will not be invalidated, circumvented, or challenged.

Commitments

In the normal course of business, Mattel enters into contractual arrangements for future purchases of goods and services to ensure availability and timely delivery, and to obtain and protect Mattel's right to create and market certain products. Certain of these commitments routinely

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contain provisions for guaranteed or minimum expenditures during the term of the contracts. Current and future commitments for guaranteed payments reflect Mattel's focus on expanding its product lines through alliances with businesses in other industries.

As of December 31, 2007, Mattel had outstanding commitments for purchases of inventory, other assets and services totaling \$321.8 million in fiscal year 2008. Licensing and similar agreements with terms extending through 2011 contain provisions for future guaranteed minimum payments aggregating approximately \$123.0 million. See Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of

Operations Commitments and Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Commitments and Contingencies.

Backlog

Mattel ships products in accordance with delivery schedules specified by its customers, which usually request delivery within three months. In the toy industry, orders are subject to cancellation or change at any time prior to shipment. In recent years, a trend toward just-in-time inventory practices in the toy industry has resulted in fewer advance orders and therefore less backlog of orders. Mattel believes that the amount of backlog orders at any given time may not accurately indicate future sales.

Financial Instruments

Currency exchange rate fluctuations may impact Mattel's results of operations and cash flows. Mattel seeks to mitigate its exposure to market risk by monitoring its foreign currency transaction exposure for the year and partially hedging such exposure using foreign currency forward exchange contracts primarily to hedge its purchase and sale of inventory, and other intercompany transactions denominated in foreign currencies. These contracts generally have maturity dates of up to 18 months. In addition, Mattel manages its exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations through the selection of currencies used for international borrowings. Mattel does not trade in financial instruments for speculative purposes.

For additional information regarding foreign currency contracts, see International Segment above, Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk and Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Financial Instruments.

Seasonal Financing

Mattel maintains and periodically amends or replaces a \$1.3 billion domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility with a commercial bank group that is used as the primary source of financing for the seasonal working capital requirements of its domestic subsidiaries. The agreement in effect expires on March 23, 2010 and interest is charged at various rates selected by Mattel, ranging from market commercial paper rates to the bank reference rate. The credit facility contains a variety of covenants, including financial covenants that require Mattel to maintain certain consolidated debt-to-capital and interest coverage ratios. Specifically, Mattel is required to meet these financial covenant ratios at the end of each fiscal quarter and fiscal year, using the formulae specified in the credit agreement to calculate the ratios. Mattel was in compliance with such covenants at the end of each fiscal quarter and fiscal year in 2007. As of December 31, 2007, Mattel's consolidated debt-to-capital ratio, as calculated per the terms of the credit agreement, was 0.35 to 1 (compared to a maximum allowed of 0.50 to 1) and Mattel's interest coverage ratio was 13.33 to 1 (compared to a minimum allowed of 3.50 to 1).

The domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility is a material agreement and failure to comply with the financial covenant ratios may result in an event of default under the terms of the facility. If Mattel defaulted under the terms of the domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility, its ability to meet its seasonal financing requirements could be adversely affected.

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In December 2005, Mattel, Mattel Asia Pacific Sourcing Limited (MAPS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mattel, Bank of America, N.A., as a lender and administrative agent, and other financial institutions executed a credit agreement (the MAPS facility) which provided for (i) a term loan facility of \$225.0 million consisting of a term loan advanced to MAPS in the original principal amount of \$225.0 million, with \$50.0 million of such amount to be repaid on each of December 15, 2006 and December 15, 2007, and the remaining aggregate principal amount of \$125.0 million to be repaid on December 9, 2008, and (ii) a revolving loan facility consisting of revolving loans advanced to MAPS in the maximum aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding of

\$100.0 million, with a maturity date of December 9, 2008. Interest was charged at various rates selected by Mattel based on Eurodollar rates or bank reference rates. On December 15, 2006, in addition to the required payment of \$50.0 million, MAPS prepaid an incremental \$125.0 million of the MAPS term loan facility. The remaining \$50.0 million principal amount, consisting of \$14.3 million due on December 15, 2007 and \$35.7 million due on December 9, 2008, was prepaid on January 16, 2007. As a result of such pre-payments, the MAPS term loan facility terminated in accordance with its terms, but the MAPS revolving loan facility remained in effect. On March 26, 2007, Mattel terminated the MAPS revolving loan facility. Mattel did not incur any early termination penalties in connection with the termination of the MAPS revolving loan facility.

To finance seasonal working capital requirements of certain foreign subsidiaries, Mattel obtains individual short-term credit lines with a number of banks. As of December 31, 2007, foreign credit lines totaled approximately \$200 million, a portion of which are used to support letters of credit. Mattel expects to extend the majority of these credit lines throughout 2008.

In June 2006, Mattel issued \$100.0 million of unsecured floating rate senior notes (Floating Rate Senior Notes) due June 15, 2009 and \$200.0 million of unsecured 6.125% senior notes (6.125% Senior Notes) due June 15, 2011 (collectively Senior Notes). Interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes is based on the three-month US dollar London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 40 basis points with interest payable quarterly beginning September 15, 2006. Interest on the 6.125% Senior Notes is payable semi-annually beginning December 15, 2006. The 6.125% Senior Notes may be redeemed at any time at the option of Mattel at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date, or (ii) a make whole amount based on the yield of a comparable US Treasury security plus 20 basis points.

In June 2006, Mattel entered into two interest rate swap agreements on the \$100.0 million Floating Rate Senior Notes, each with a notional amount of \$50.0 million, for the purpose of hedging the variability of cash flows in the interest payments due to fluctuations of the LIBOR benchmark interest rate. These cash flow hedges are accounted for under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, whereby the hedges are reported in Mattel's consolidated balance sheets at fair value, with changes in the fair value of the hedges reflected in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Under the terms of the agreements, Mattel receives quarterly interest payments from the swap counterparties based on the three-month LIBOR plus 40 basis points and makes semi-annual interest payments to the swap counterparties based on a fixed rate of 5.87125%. The three-month LIBOR used to determine interest payments under the interest rate swap agreements resets every three months, matching the variable interest on the Floating Rate Senior Notes. The agreements expire in June 2009, which corresponds with the maturity of the Floating Rate Senior Notes.

In September 2007, a major credit rating agency reaffirmed Mattel's long-term credit rating at BBB-, but changed the outlook from positive to stable. In August 2007, another major credit rating agency maintained its long-term credit rating at BBB, but changed its outlook to positive. In May 2007, an additional credit rating agency maintained its long-term rating for Mattel at Baa2, but changed its long-term outlook from negative to stable. Management does not expect these actions to have a significant impact on Mattel's ability to obtain financing or to have a significant negative impact on Mattel's liquidity or results of operations.

Mattel believes its cash on hand at the beginning of 2008 and amounts available under its domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility and its foreign credit lines will be adequate to meet its seasonal financing requirements in 2008. As of December 31, 2007, Mattel had available incremental borrowing resources totaling approximately \$850 million under its domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility and foreign credit lines.

Mattel has a \$300.0 million domestic receivables sales facility that is a sub-facility of Mattel's domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility. The outstanding amount of receivables sold under the domestic

receivables facility may not exceed \$300.0 million at any given time, and the amount available to be borrowed under the credit facility is reduced to the extent of any such outstanding receivables sold. Under the domestic receivables facility, certain trade receivables are sold to a group of banks, which currently include, among others, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, Citicorp USA, Inc. and Barclays Bank PLC, as co-syndication agents, and Societe Generale and BNP Paribas, as co-documentation agents. Pursuant to the domestic receivables facility, Mattel Sales Corp. and Fisher-Price, Inc. (which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Mattel) can sell eligible trade receivables from Wal-Mart and Target to Mattel Factoring, Inc. (Mattel Factoring), a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned, consolidated subsidiary of Mattel. Mattel Factoring is a special purpose entity whose activities are limited to purchasing and selling receivables under this facility. Pursuant to the terms of the domestic receivables facility and simultaneous with each receivables purchase, Mattel Factoring sells those receivables to the bank group. Mattel records the transaction, reflecting cash proceeds and sale of accounts receivable in its consolidated balance sheet, at the time of the sale of the receivables to the bank group.

Sales of receivables pursuant to the domestic receivables sales facility occur periodically, generally quarterly. The receivables are sold by Mattel Sales Corp. and Fisher-Price, Inc. to Mattel Factoring for a purchase price equal to the nominal amount of the receivables sold. Mattel Factoring then sells such receivables to the bank group at a slight discount, and Mattel acts as a servicer for such receivables. Mattel has designated Mattel Sales Corp. and Fisher-Price, Inc. as sub-servicers, as permitted by the facility. Mattel's appointment as a servicer is subject to termination events that are customary for such transactions. The domestic receivables sales facility is also subject to conditions to funding, representations and warranties, undertakings and early termination events that are customary for transactions of this nature. Mattel retains a servicing interest in the receivables sold under this facility.

Until the Master Agreement was terminated on February 9, 2007, Mattel International Holdings B.V., a company incorporated in the Netherlands (the Depositor), Mattel France, a company incorporated in France (Mattel France), and Mattel GmbH, a company incorporated in Germany (Mattel Germany), each of which is a subsidiary of Mattel, and Societe Generale Bank Nederland N.V. (SGBN), were parties to a Master Agreement for the Transfer of Receivables that established a Euro 150 million European trade receivables facility (the European trade receivables facility), pursuant to which Mattel France and Mattel Germany sold trade receivables to SGBN. The European trade receivables facility was subject to conditions to funding, representations and warranties, undertakings and early termination events that were customary for transactions of this nature.

Sales of receivables pursuant to the European trade receivables facility occurred monthly, with the last such sale occurring on January 10, 2007. The receivables were sold by Mattel France and Mattel Germany directly to SGBN for a purchase price equal to the nominal amount of the receivables sold. As a result, no Mattel subsidiary was used as a special purpose entity in connection with these transactions. A portion of the purchase price was funded by SGBN and a portion by a deposit provided by the Depositor. The amount of the deposit was reset on each date on which new receivables were sold. Through the termination date, the deposit in 2007 was, on average, equal to approximately 54% of the aggregate notional amount of sold receivables outstanding during such period.

As with the domestic receivables facility, each sale of accounts receivable was recorded in Mattel's consolidated balance sheet at the time of such sale. Under the European trade receivables facility, the outstanding amount of receivables sold could not exceed Euro 60 million from February 1 through July 31 of each year and could not exceed Euro 150 million at all other times.

Each of Mattel France and Mattel Germany was appointed to service the receivables sold by it to SGBN. No servicing fees were paid by SGBN for such services. The appointment of each of Mattel France and Mattel Germany to act as servicer was subject to termination events that were customary for transactions of this nature.

Mattel France and Mattel Germany were obligated to pay certain fees to the Depositor in consideration of the Depositor providing the deposit to SGBN. Through the termination date, fees paid in 2007 by Mattel France and Mattel Germany to the Depositor were, on average, approximately 0.1% of the aggregate notional amount of sold receivables outstanding during such period.

In November 2006, the commitment termination date for the European trade receivables facility was extended until February 28, 2007. However, effective on February 9, 2007, the Depositor, Mattel France and Mattel Germany terminated the European trade receivable facility with SGBN because the Company determined the facility was no longer necessary based on projected international cash flows and seasonal financing needs.

Government Regulations and Environmental Quality

Mattel's toy products sold in the US are subject to the provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act and the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, and may also be subject to the requirements of the Flammable Fabrics Act or the Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act, and the regulations promulgated pursuant to such statutes. The Consumer Product Safety Act and the Federal Hazardous Substances Act enable the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to exclude from the market consumer products that fail to comply with applicable product safety regulations or otherwise create a substantial risk of injury, as well as articles that contain excessive amounts of a banned hazardous substance. The CPSC may also require the recall, repurchase, replacement, or repair of articles that are banned. Similar laws exist in some states and cities, and in many international markets.

Mattel maintains a quality control program to ensure compliance with various US federal, state and applicable foreign product safety requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there can be no assurance that all of Mattel's products are or will be free from defects or are hazard-free. A product recall could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's results of operations and financial condition, depending on the product affected by the recall and the extent of the recall efforts required. A product recall could also negatively affect Mattel's reputation and the sales of other Mattel products. See Item 1A Risk Factors Factors That May Affect Future Results and Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Product Recalls.

Mattel's advertising is subject to the Federal Trade Commission Act, The Children's Television Act of 1990, the rules and regulations promulgated by the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission, as well as laws of certain countries that regulate advertising and advertising to children. In addition, Mattel's websites that are directed towards children are subject to The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998. Mattel is subject to various other federal, state and local laws and regulations applicable to its business. Mattel believes that it is in substantial compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mattel's operations are from time to time the subject of investigations, conferences, discussions, and negotiations with various federal, state and local environmental agencies with respect to the discharge or cleanup of hazardous waste and compliance by those operations with environmental laws and regulations. See Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Environmental and Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Commitments and Contingencies.

Employees

The total number of persons employed by Mattel and its subsidiaries at any one time varies because of the seasonal nature of its manufacturing operations. At December 31, 2007, Mattel's total number of employees was approximately 31,000.

Executive Officers of the Registrant

The current executive officers of Mattel, all of whom are appointed annually by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, are as follows:

Name	Age	Position	Executive Officer Since
Robert A. Eckert	53	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	2000
Ellen L. Brothers	52	Executive Vice President of Mattel and President, American Girl	2003
Thomas A. Debrowski	57	Executive Vice President, Worldwide Operations	2000
Kevin M. Farr	50	Chief Financial Officer	1996
Neil B. Friedman	60	President, Mattel Brands	1999
Alan Kaye	54	Senior Vice President, Human Resources	2000
Geoff Massingberd	50	Senior Vice President, Corporate Responsibility	2007
Robert Normile	48	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	1999
Michael A. Salop	43	Senior Vice President, Investor Relations and Treasurer	2005
Bryan Stockton	54	President, International	2000
H. Scott Topham	47	Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller	2004

Mr. Eckert has been Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer since May 2000. He was formerly President and Chief Executive Officer of Kraft Foods, Inc., the largest packaged food company in North America, from October 1997 until May 2000. From 1995 to 1997, Mr. Eckert was Group Vice President of Kraft Foods, Inc. From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Eckert was President of the Oscar Mayer foods division of Kraft Foods, Inc. Mr. Eckert worked for Kraft Foods, Inc. for 23 years prior to joining Mattel.

Ms. Brothers has been Executive Vice President of Mattel and President, American Girl since July 2000. From November 1998 to July 2000, she was Senior Vice President of Operations, Pleasant Company (which merged with and into Mattel on December 31, 2003, followed immediately on January 1, 2004, by an asset transfer to Mattel's subsidiary American Girl). From January 1997 to November 1998, she was Vice President of the Catalogue Division, Pleasant Company. She joined Pleasant Company in 1995, prior to its acquisition by Mattel in July 1998, as Vice President of Catalogue Marketing.

Mr. Debrowski has been Executive Vice President, Worldwide Operations, since November 2000. From February 1992 until November 2000, he was Senior Vice President-Operations and a director of The Pillsbury Company. From September 1991 until February 1992, he was Vice President of Operations for the Baked Goods Division of The Pillsbury Company. Prior to that, he served as Vice President and Director of Grocery Operations for Kraft U.S.A.

Mr. Farr has been Chief Financial Officer since February 2000. From September 1996 to February 2000, he was Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller. From June 1993 to September 1996, he served as Vice President, Tax. Prior to that, he served as Senior Director, Tax from August 1992 to June 1993.

Mr. Friedman has been President, Mattel Brands (which includes Mattel Girls & Boys Brands US and Fisher-Price Brands US) since October 2005. From March 1999 to October 2005, he was President, Fisher-Price Brands. From August 1995 to March 1999, he was President, Tyco Preschool. For more than five years prior to

at that time, he was President of MCA/Universal Merchandising, Senior Vice President-Sales, Marketing and Design of Just Toys, Vice President and General Manager of Baby Care for Gerber Products, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Lionel Leisure, Inc., and President of Aviva/Hasbro.

Mr. Kaye has been Senior Vice President, Human Resources since July 1997. From June 1996 to June 1997 he was President, Texas Division of Kaufman and Broad Homes, a home building company. From June 1991 to June 1996, he served as Senior Vice President, Human Resources for Kaufman and Broad Homes. Prior to that, he worked for two years with the Hay Group, a compensation consulting firm and for 12 years with IBM in various human resources positions.

Mr. Massingberd has been Senior Vice President, Corporate Responsibility since September 2007. From February 1998 to August 2007, he served as Senior Vice President and General Manager of Mattel's International divisions in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, and Latin America and from August 1997 to February 1998, he was Vice President, Sales for Mattel Canada. Prior to joining Mattel, Mr. Massingberd spent 18 years with Nestle S.A. and served in various roles, including Vice President, Sales and head of Nestle Canada's Confectionery division.

Mr. Normile has been Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary since March 1999. He served as Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Secretary from August 1994 to March 1999. From June 1992 to August 1994, he served as Assistant General Counsel. Prior to that, he was associated with the law firms of Latham & Watkins LLP and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.

Mr. Salop has been Senior Vice President, Investor Relations and Treasurer since September 2005. He served as Senior Vice President, Strategic Opportunities from May 2004 through September 2005 and Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategic Planning from February 2003 through May 2004. From July 2000 to February 2003 he was Senior Vice President, Finance Europe and from August 1998 through July 2000 he was Vice President, Finance American Girl. Prior to that, he served in various financial roles after joining Mattel in 1990.

Mr. Stockton has been President, International since November 2007. He served as Executive Vice President, International from February 2003 to November 2007. He served as Executive Vice President, Business Planning and Development from November 2000 until February 2003. From April 1998 until November 2000, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of Basic Vegetable Products, the largest manufacturer of vegetable ingredients in the world. For more than 20 years prior to that, he was employed by Kraft Foods, Inc., the largest packaged food company in North America, and was President of Kraft North American Food Service from August 1996 to March 1998.

Mr. Topham has been Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller since September 2005. He served as Senior Vice President and Treasurer from March 2005 to August 2005 and as Vice President and Treasurer from March 2004 to March 2005. Prior to that, he served as Vice President and Assistant Controller from May 2001 to March 2004. From August 2000 to May 2001, he served as Vice President and Treasurer of Premier Practice Management, Inc. From June 1999 to August 2000, he served as Division Vice President of Dataworks, Inc., a specialized publishing company. Prior to that, he spent eight years with Total Petroleum (North America) Ltd., most recently as Vice President of Human Resources.

Available Information

Mattel files its Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, Proxy Statements and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") with the SEC. The public may read and copy any materials that Mattel files with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by

calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Mattel's Internet website address is <http://www.mattel.com>. Mattel makes available on its Internet website, free of charge, its Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, Proxy Statements and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after such materials are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Factors That May Affect Future Results

(Cautionary Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995)

Certain written and oral statements made or incorporated by reference from time to time by Mattel or its representatives in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, other filings or reports filed with the SEC, press releases, conferences, or otherwise, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and may include, but are not limited to, statements about: sales and inventory levels; brand and customer management programs; increased competition; initiatives to promote revenue growth; globalization initiatives; restructuring and financial realignment plans; special charges and other non-recurring charges; initiatives aimed at anticipated cost savings; new entertainment properties; initiatives to invigorate the Barbie® brand, enhance innovation, improve the execution of the core business, leverage scale, extend brands, catch new trends, create new brands, and enter new categories, develop people, improve productivity, simplify processes and maintain customer service levels; quality control and safety testing; impact of product recalls; reserves for product recalls and other incremental recall-related costs; supply chain operations; import and export licenses; integration of acquired companies and assets; operating efficiencies; capital and investment framework (including statements about free cash flow, seasonal working capital, debt-to-total capital ratios, capital expenditures, strategic acquisitions, dividends and share repurchases); tax provisions; cost pressures and increases; advertising and promotion spending; profitability; price increases, retail store openings and the impact of recent organizational changes. Mattel is including this Cautionary Statement to make applicable and take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for any such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate, or imply future results, performance, or achievements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of terminology such as believe, anticipate, expect, estimate, may, will, should, project, continue, plans, aims, intends, likely, or other similar words or phrases. Except for the matters discussed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and other statements or filings made by Mattel from time-to-time may be forward-looking statements. Management cautions you that forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. In addition to the important factors detailed herein and from time-to-time in other reports filed by Mattel with the SEC, including Forms 8-K, 10-Q and 10-K, the following important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from past results or those suggested by any forward-looking statements.

If Mattel does not successfully satisfy consumer preferences, enhance existing products, develop and introduce new products and achieve consumer acceptance of those products, Mattel's results of operations may be adversely affected.

Mattel's business and operating results depend largely upon the appeal of its toy products. Consumer preferences, particularly among end users of Mattel's products children are continuously changing. Significant, sudden shifts in demand are caused by hit toys and trends, which are often unpredictable. Mattel offers a diverse range of products for children of all ages and families that includes, among others, toys for infants and preschoolers, girls toys, boys toys, youth electronics, hand-held and other games, puzzles, educational toys, media-driven products and fashion-related toys. Mattel competes domestically and internationally with a wide

range of large and small manufacturers, marketers and sellers of toys, video games, consumer electronics and other play products, as well as retailers, which means that Mattel's market position is always at risk. Mattel's ability to maintain its current product sales, and increase its product sales or establish product sales with new, innovative toys, will depend on Mattel's ability to satisfy play preferences, enhance existing products, develop and introduce new products, and achieve market acceptance of these products. Competition is intensifying due to recent trends towards shorter life cycles for individual toy products, the phenomenon of children outgrowing toys at younger ages and an increasing use of more sophisticated technology in toys. If Mattel does not successfully meet the challenges outlined above in a timely and cost-effective manner, demand for its products could decrease and Mattel's revenues, profitability and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Mattel's business is susceptible to changes in popular culture, media, fashion, and technology. Misperceptions of trends in popular culture, media and movies, fashion, or technology can negatively affect Mattel's sales.

Successful movies and characters in children's literature affect play preferences, and many toys depend on media-based intellectual property licenses. Media-based licenses can cause a line of toys to gain immediate success among children, parents, or families. Trends in media, movies, and children's characters change swiftly and contribute to the transience and uncertainty of play preferences. In addition, certain developments in the entertainment industry, including labor strikes, could cause delay or interruption in the release of new movies and television programs and could adversely affect the sales of Mattel's toys based on such movies and television programs. Mattel responds to such trends and developments by modifying, refreshing, extending, and expanding its product offerings on an annual basis. If Mattel does not accurately anticipate trends in popular culture, movies, media, fashion, or technology, its products may not be accepted by children, parents, or families and Mattel's revenues, profitability and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Mattel's business is seasonal and therefore its operating results will depend, in large part, on sales during the relatively brief traditional holiday season. Improved inventory management by retailers resulting in shorter lead times for production and possible shipping disruptions during peak demand times may affect Mattel's ability to deliver its products in time to meet retailer demands.

Mattel's business is subject to risks associated with the underproduction of popular toys and the overproduction of toys that do not match consumer demand. Sales of toy products at retail are seasonal, with a majority of retail sales occurring during the period from September through December. As a result, Mattel's operating results will depend, in large part, on sales during the relatively brief traditional holiday season. Retailers are attempting to manage their inventories more tightly, requiring Mattel to ship products closer to the time the retailers expect to sell the products to consumers. This in turn results in shorter lead times for production. Management believes that the increase in last minute shopping during the holiday season and the popularity of gift cards (which often result in purchases after the holiday season) may negatively impact customer re-orders during the holiday season. Shipping disruptions limiting the availability of ships or containers in Asia during peak demand times may affect Mattel's ability to deliver its products in time to meet retailer demand. These factors may decrease sales or increase the risk that Mattel may not be able to meet demand for certain products at peak demand times, or that Mattel's own inventory levels may be adversely impacted by the need to pre-build products before orders are placed.

Uncertainty and adverse changes in the general economic conditions of markets in which Mattel participates may negatively affect Mattel's business.

Current and future conditions in the economy have an inherent degree of uncertainty. As a result, it is difficult to estimate the level of growth or contraction for the economy as a whole. It is even more difficult to estimate growth or contraction in various parts, sectors and regions of the economy, including the many different markets in which Mattel participates. Because all components of Mattel's budgeting and forecasting are dependent upon estimates of growth or contraction in the markets it serves and demand for its products, the

prevailing economic uncertainties render estimates of future income and expenditures very difficult to make. Adverse changes may occur as a result of soft global or regional economic conditions, rising oil prices, wavering consumer confidence, unemployment, declines in stock markets or other factors affecting economic conditions generally. These changes may negatively affect the sales of Mattel's products, increase exposure to losses from bad debts, increase the cost and decrease the availability of financing, increase the risk of loss on investments, or increase costs associated with manufacturing and distributing products.

The concentration of Mattel's business with a small retail customer base that makes no binding long-term commitments means that economic difficulties or changes in the purchasing policies of its major customers could have a significant impact on Mattel's business and operating results.

A small number of customers account for a large share of Mattel's net sales. In 2007, Mattel's three largest customers, Wal-Mart, Toys 'R Us and Target, in the aggregate, accounted for approximately 41% of net sales, and its ten largest customers, in the aggregate, accounted for approximately 50% of net sales. The concentration of Mattel's business with a relatively small number of customers may expose Mattel to a material adverse effect if one or more of Mattel's large customers were to significantly reduce purchases for any reason, favor competitors or new entrants, or increase their direct competition with Mattel by expanding their private-label business. Customers make no binding long-term commitments to Mattel regarding purchase volumes and make all purchases by delivering one-time purchase orders. Any customer could reduce its overall purchases of Mattel's products, reduce the number and variety of Mattel's products that it carries and the shelf space allotted for Mattel's products, or otherwise seek to materially change the terms of the business relationship at any time. Any such change could significantly harm Mattel's business and operating results.

The production and sale of private-label toys by Mattel's retail customers may result in lower purchases of Mattel-branded products by those retail customers.

In recent years, consumer goods companies generally, including those in the toy business, have experienced the phenomenon of retail customers developing their own private-label products that directly compete with the products of traditional manufacturers. Some retail chains that are customers of Mattel sell private-label toys designed, manufactured and branded by the retailers themselves. These toys may be sold at prices lower than comparable toys sold by Mattel, and may result in lower purchases of Mattel-branded products by these retailers. In some cases, retailers who sell these private-label toys are larger than Mattel and may have substantially more resources than Mattel.

Liquidity problems or bankruptcy of Mattel's key customers could increase Mattel's exposure to losses from bad debts and could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Many of Mattel's key customers are mass-market retailers. The mass-market retail channel in the US has experienced significant shifts in market share among competitors in recent years, causing some large retailers to experience liquidity problems. From 2001 through early 2004, four large customers of Mattel filed for bankruptcy. In addition, Mattel's sales to customers are typically made on credit without collateral. There is a risk that customers will not pay, or that payment may be delayed, because of bankruptcy or other factors beyond the control of Mattel, which could increase Mattel's exposure to losses from bad debts. In addition, if these or other customers were to cease doing business as a result of bankruptcy, or significantly reduce the number of stores operated, it could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

A reduction or interruption in the delivery of raw materials, parts and components from its suppliers or a significant increase in the price of supplies could negatively impact the gross profit margins realized by Mattel on the sale of its products or result in lower sales.

Mattel's ability to meet customer demand depends, in part, on its ability to obtain timely and adequate delivery of materials, parts and components from its suppliers and internal manufacturing capacity. Mattel has experienced shortages in the past, including raw materials and components. Although Mattel works closely with suppliers to avoid these types of shortages, there can be no assurance that Mattel will not encounter these problems in the future. A reduction or interruption in supplies or a significant increase in the price of one or more supplies, such as fuel and resin (which is an oil-based product) expenses, could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business. Cost increases, whether resulting from shortages of materials or otherwise, including but not limited to rising costs of materials, transportation, services and labor (including but not limited to wages, expenses related to employee health plans and insurance), could impact the profit margins realized by Mattel on the sale of its products. Because of market conditions, timing of pricing decisions and other factors, there can be no assurance that Mattel will be able to offset any of these increased costs by adjusting the prices of its products. Increases in prices of Mattel's products could result in lower sales.

Unfavorable resolution of pending and future litigation matters, and disputes, including those arising from recalls, withdrawal, or replacement of Mattel products, could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's financial condition.

Mattel is involved in a number of litigation matters, including those arising from recalls, withdrawals, or replacements of Mattel products. An unfavorable resolution of pending litigation could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's financial condition and its operations. Regardless of its outcome, litigation may result in substantial costs and expenses and significantly divert the attention of management. There can be no assurance that Mattel will be able to prevail in, or achieve a favorable settlement of, pending litigation. In addition to the pending litigation, future litigation, government proceedings, labor disputes, or environmental matters could lead to increased costs or interruption of Mattel's normal business operations.

Product recalls, post-manufacture repairs of Mattel products, product liability claims, absence or cost of insurance, and associated costs could harm Mattel's reputation, divert resources, reduce sales and increase costs and could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's financial condition.

Mattel is subject to regulation by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and regulatory authorities in the states of the United States and in other countries. Its products could be subject to recalls and other actions by these authorities. Mattel has experienced, and may in the future experience, issues in products that result in recalls, withdrawals, or post-manufacture repairs or replacements of products. Enhanced testing implemented by Mattel, as well as increased scrutiny by retailers and other parties, may reveal issues in Mattel products that may lead to regulatory actions by these authorities. Individuals have asserted claims, and may in the future assert claims, that they have sustained injuries from Mattel's products, and Mattel is and may be subject to lawsuits relating to these claims. There is a risk that these claims or liabilities may exceed, or fall outside of the scope of, Mattel's insurance coverage. Moreover, Mattel may be unable to obtain adequate liability insurance in the future. Any of the issues mentioned above could result in damage to Mattel's reputation, diversion of development and management resources, reduced sales and increased costs, any of which could harm Mattel's business.

Recalls of Mattel products could materially and adversely affect Mattel by increasing costs in excess of current estimates.

Mattel has recorded, and in the future may record, charges and incremental costs relating to recalls, withdrawals, or replacements of Mattel products, based on its most recent estimates of retailer inventory returns, consumer product replacement costs, associated legal and professional fees, and costs associated with advertising and administration of product recalls. Because these current and expected future charges are based on estimates,

they may increase as a result of numerous factors, many of which are beyond Mattel's control, including the amount of products that may be returned by consumers and retailers, the number and type of legal, regulatory, or legislative proceedings relating to product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements or product safety in the United States and elsewhere that may involve Mattel; and regulatory or judicial orders or decrees in the United States and elsewhere that may require Mattel to take certain actions in connection with product recalls.

Recalls of Mattel products could result in adverse governmental actions, including new legislation and regulations, that may materially and adversely affect Mattel.

As a result of product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements Mattel has been the subject of governmental actions, inquiries, and proceedings in several countries. Mattel has incurred expenses to respond and has had adverse effects on its business, including temporary suspension of its ability to import products into various countries and to export certain products from China. Product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements have resulted in increased governmental scrutiny of Mattel products. There can be no assurance that Mattel will not be subjected to future governmental actions and scrutiny that may lead to increased costs or to interruptions or disruptions of its normal business operations. In addition, regulatory agencies and legislatures in various countries, including the United States, have undertaken reviews of product safety, and various proposals for additional, more stringent laws and regulations are under consideration. Current or future laws or regulations may become effective in various jurisdictions in which Mattel currently operates and may increase Mattel's costs and disrupt its business operations.

Mattel's revised safety procedures may materially and adversely affect its relationship with vendors and make it more difficult for Mattel to purchase and deliver products on a timely basis to meet market demands. Future conditions may require Mattel to adopt further changes that may increase its costs and further affect its relationship with vendors.

Mattel's revised operating procedures and requirements for vendors, including enhanced testing requirements and standards, impose additional costs on both Mattel and the vendors from which it purchases products. These changes also delay delivery of products. Mattel's relationship with its existing vendors may be adversely affected as a result of these changes, making Mattel more dependent on a smaller number of vendors. Some vendors may choose not to continue to do business with Mattel or not to accommodate Mattel's needs to the extent that they have done in the past. Because of the seasonal nature of Mattel's business and the demands of its customers for deliveries with short lead times, Mattel depends upon the cooperation of its vendors to meet market demand for its products in a timely manner. There can be no assurance that existing and future events will not require Mattel to impose additional requirements on its vendors that may adversely affect its relationship with those vendors and Mattel's ability to meet market demand in a timely manner.

Product recalls may harm Mattel's reputation and acceptance of Mattel's products by consumers, licensors and Mattel's retailer customers, which may materially and adversely affect sales and profits. Recalls may also increase competitive pressures from other toy manufacturers.

Product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements have resulted in coverage critical of Mattel in the press and media. While Mattel believes that it has acted responsibly and in the interests of safety, product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements may harm Mattel's reputation and the acceptance of its products by consumers, licensors and retailers. Mattel's ability to enter into licensing agreements for products on competitive terms may be adversely affected, if licensors believe that products sold by Mattel will be less favorably received in the market. Mattel's retailer customers may be less willing to purchase Mattel products or to provide marketing support for those products, such as shelf space, promotions, and advertising. Reduced acceptance of Mattel's products would adversely affect its sales and profits. Product recalls, withdrawals, or replacements may also increase the amount of competition that Mattel confronts from other manufacturers. Some competitors may attempt to differentiate themselves from Mattel by claiming that their products are produced in a manner or geographic area that is insulated from the issues that preceded recalls, withdrawals, or replacements of Mattel.

products. To the extent that competitive manufacturers choose not to implement enhanced safety and testing protocols comparable to those that Mattel has adopted, those competitors could enjoy a cost advantage that will enable them to offer products at lower prices than those charged by Mattel.

Failure by Mattel to protect its proprietary intellectual property and information could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

The value of Mattel's business depends to a large degree on its ability to protect its intellectual property and information, including its trademarks, trade names, copyrights, patents and trade secrets in the US and around the world, as well as its customer, employee and consumer data. Any failure by Mattel to protect its proprietary intellectual property and information, including any successful challenge to Mattel's ownership of its intellectual property or material infringements of its intellectual property, could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Political developments, including trade relations, and the threat or occurrence of war or terrorist activities could materially impact Mattel, its personnel and facilities, its customers and suppliers, retail and financial markets, and general economic conditions.

Mattel's business is worldwide in scope, including operations in 43 countries and territories. The deterioration of the political situation in a country in which Mattel has significant sales or operations, or the breakdown of trade relations between the US and a foreign country in which Mattel has significant manufacturing facilities or other operations, could adversely affect Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations. For example, a change in trade status for China could result in a substantial increase in the import duty of toys manufactured in China and imported into the US. In addition, the occurrence of war or hostilities between countries or threat of terrorist activities, and the responses to and results of these activities, could materially impact Mattel, its personnel and facilities, its customers and suppliers, retail and financial markets, and general economic conditions.

Disruptions in Mattel's manufacturing operations due to political instability, civil unrest, SARS, avian flu or other diseases could negatively impact Mattel's business, financial position and results of operations.

Mattel owns, operates and manages manufacturing facilities and utilizes third-party manufacturers throughout Asia, primarily in China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. The risk of political instability and civil unrest exists in certain of these countries, which could temporarily or permanently damage Mattel's manufacturing operations located there. In the past, outbreaks of SARS have been significantly concentrated in Asia, particularly in Hong Kong, and in the Guangdong province of China, where many of Mattel's manufacturing facilities and third-party manufacturers are located. The design, development and manufacture of Mattel's products could suffer if a significant number of Mattel's employees or the employees of its third-party manufacturers or their suppliers contract SARS, avian flu or other communicable diseases, or otherwise are unable to fulfill their responsibilities. Mattel has developed contingency plans designed to help mitigate the impact of disruptions in its manufacturing operations. Mattel's business, financial position and results of operations could be negatively impacted by a significant disruption to its manufacturing operations or suppliers.

Earthquakes or other catastrophic events out of our control may damage Mattel's facilities or those of its contractors and harm Mattel's results of operations.

Mattel has significant operations, including its corporate headquarters, near major earthquake faults in Southern California. Southern California has experienced earthquakes, wildfires and other natural disasters in recent years. A catastrophic event where Mattel has important operations,

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such as an earthquake, tsunami, flood, typhoon, fire or other natural or manmade disaster, could disrupt Mattel's operations or those of its contractors and impair production or distribution of its products, damage inventory, interrupt critical functions or otherwise affect its business negatively, harming Mattel's results of operations.

Significant changes in currency exchange rates could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business and results of operations.

Mattel's net investment in its foreign subsidiaries and its results of operations and cash flows are subject to changes in currency exchange rates and regulations. Mattel seeks to mitigate the exposure of its results of operations to fluctuations in currency exchange rates by partially hedging this exposure using foreign currency forward exchange contracts. These contracts are primarily used to hedge Mattel's purchase and sale of inventory, and other intercompany transactions denominated in foreign currencies. Government action may restrict Mattel's ability to transfer capital across borders and may also impact the fluctuation of currencies in the countries where Mattel conducts business or has invested capital. Significant changes in currency exchange rates, reductions in Mattel's ability to transfer its capital across borders, and changes in government-fixed currency exchange rates, including the Chinese yuan and Venezuela bolivar, could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business and results of operations.

Increases in interest rates, reduction of Mattel's credit ratings or the inability of Mattel to meet the debt covenant coverage requirements in its credit facilities could negatively impact Mattel's ability to conduct its operations.

Increases in interest rates, both domestically and internationally, could negatively affect Mattel's cost of financing both its operations and investments. Any reduction in Mattel's credit ratings could increase the cost of obtaining financing. Additionally, Mattel's ability to issue long-term debt and obtain seasonal financing could be adversely affected by factors such as an inability to meet its debt covenant requirements, which include maintaining consolidated debt-to-capital and interest coverage ratios. Mattel's ability to conduct its operations could be negatively impacted should these or other adverse conditions affect its primary sources of liquidity.

Mattel's failure to successfully market or advertise its products could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Mattel's products are marketed worldwide through a diverse spectrum of advertising and promotional programs. Mattel's ability to sell products is dependent in part upon the success of these programs. If Mattel does not successfully market its products or if media or other advertising or promotional costs increase, these factors could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Failure to successfully implement new initiatives could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Mattel has announced, and in the future may announce, initiatives to improve the execution of its core business, globalize and extend Mattel's brands, catch new trends, create new brands, and offer new innovative products, enhance product safety, develop people, improve productivity, simplify processes, maintain customer service levels, as well as new initiatives designed to drive sales growth, manage costs, capitalize on Mattel's scale advantage and improve its supply chain. These initiatives involve investment of capital and complex decision-making as well as extensive and intensive execution, and the success of these initiatives is not assured. Failure to successfully implement any of these initiatives could have a material adverse effect on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Mattel depends on key personnel and may not be able to hire, retain and integrate sufficient qualified personnel to maintain and expand its business.

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Mattel's future success depends partly on the continued contribution of key executives, designers, technical, sales, marketing, manufacturing and administrative personnel. The loss of services of any of Mattel's key personnel could harm Mattel's business. Recruiting and retaining skilled personnel is costly and highly competitive. If Mattel fails to retain, hire, train and integrate qualified employees and contractors, Mattel may not be able to maintain and expand its business.

Mattel is subject to various laws and government regulations, violation of which could subject it to sanctions. In addition, changes in such laws or regulations may lead to increased costs, changes in Mattel's effective tax rate, or the interruption of normal business operations that would negatively impact Mattel's financial condition and results of operations.

Mattel operates in a highly regulated environment in the US and international markets. US federal, state and local governmental entities and foreign governments regulate many aspects of Mattel's business, including its products and the importation and exportation of its products. These regulations may include accounting standards, taxation requirements (including changes in applicable income tax rates, new tax laws and revised tax law interpretations), trade restrictions, regulations regarding financial matters, environmental regulations, advertising directed toward children, safety and other administrative and regulatory restrictions. While Mattel takes all the steps it believes are necessary to comply with these laws and regulations, there can be no assurance that Mattel will be in compliance in the future. Failure to comply could result in monetary liabilities and other sanctions which could have a negative impact on Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, changes in laws or regulations may lead to increased costs, changes in Mattel's effective tax rate, or the interruption of normal business operations that would negatively impact its financial condition and results of operations.

Mattel may engage in acquisitions, mergers or dispositions, which may affect the profit, revenues, profit margins, debt-to-capital ratio, capital expenditures or other aspects of Mattel's business. In addition, Mattel has certain anti-takeover provisions in its by-laws that may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire Mattel without its consent, which may adversely affect Mattel's stock price.

Mattel may engage in acquisitions, mergers or dispositions, which may affect the profit, revenues, profit margins, debt-to-capital ratio, capital expenditures, or other aspects of Mattel's business. There can be no assurance that Mattel will be able to identify suitable acquisition targets or merger partners or that, if identified, it will be able to acquire these targets on acceptable terms or agree to terms with merger partners. There can also be no assurance that Mattel will be successful in integrating any acquired company into its overall operations, or that any such acquired company will operate profitably or will not otherwise adversely impact Mattel's results of operations. Further, Mattel cannot be certain that key talented individuals at these acquired companies will continue to work for Mattel after the acquisition or that they will continue to develop popular and profitable products or services. In addition, Mattel has certain anti-takeover provisions in its bylaws that may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire Mattel without its consent, which may adversely affect Mattel's stock price.

If any of the risks and uncertainties described in the cautionary factors listed above actually occurs, Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. The factors listed above are not exhaustive. Other sections of this Annual Report on Form 10-K include additional factors that could materially and adversely impact Mattel's business, financial condition and results of operations. Moreover, Mattel operates in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict the impact of all of these factors on Mattel's business, financial condition or results of operations or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not rely on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. Any or all of the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and any other public statement made by Mattel or its representatives may turn out to be wrong. Mattel expressly disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new developments or otherwise.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 2. Properties.

Mattel owns its corporate headquarters in El Segundo, California, consisting of approximately 335,000 square feet, and an adjacent office building consisting of approximately 55,000 square feet. Mattel also leases buildings in El Segundo consisting of approximately 327,000 square feet. All segments use these facilities. Mattel's Fisher-Price® subsidiary owns its headquarters facilities in East Aurora, New York, consisting of approximately 535,000 square feet, which is used by the Fisher-Price Brands US segment and for corporate support functions. American Girl Brands owns its headquarters facilities in Middleton, Wisconsin, consisting of approximately 180,000 square feet, a warehouse in Middleton, consisting of approximately 215,000 square feet, and distribution facilities in Middleton, DeForest and Wilmot, Wisconsin, consisting of a total of approximately 948,000 square feet, all of which are used by the American Girl Brands segment.

Mattel maintains leased sales offices in California, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, and Arkansas, and leased warehouse and distribution facilities in California, New Jersey, and Texas, all of which are used by the Domestic segment. Mattel has leased retail and related office space in Chicago, Illinois, New York, New York, and Los Angeles, California for its American Girl Place® stores, Dallas, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia for its American Girl Boutique and Bistro and leased retail space in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, which are used by the American Girl Brands segment, and Pomona, California, which is used by Mattel Brands. Mattel also has leased office space in Florida, which is used by the International segment, and Massachusetts and Texas, which are used by Radica Games Limited (Radica). Mattel leases a computer facility in Phoenix, Arizona used by all segments. Internationally, Mattel has offices and/or warehouse space in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and Venezuela which are leased (with the exception of office space in Chile, certain warehouse space in France, and office and warehouse space in Hong Kong, that is owned by Mattel) and used by the International segment. Mattel's principal manufacturing facilities are located in China, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Mexico. See Item 1 Business Manufacturing and Materials.

For leases that are scheduled to expire during the next twelve months, Mattel may negotiate new lease agreements, renew existing lease agreements or utilize alternate facilities. See Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Commitments and Contingencies. Mattel believes that its owned and leased facilities, in general, are suitable and adequate for its present and currently foreseeable needs.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

See Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Litigation and Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Commitments and Contingencies.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year covered by this report.

PART II

Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Market Information

For information regarding the markets in which Mattel's common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, is traded, see the cover page hereof. For information regarding the high and low closing prices of Mattel's common stock for the last two calendar years, see Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements Quarterly Financial Information.

Holder of Record

As of February 22, 2008, Mattel had approximately 38,000 holders of record of its common stock.

Dividends

In 2007, 2006, and 2005, Mattel paid a dividend per share of \$0.75, \$0.65, and \$0.50, respectively, to holders of its common stock. The Board of Directors declared the dividend in November, and Mattel paid the dividend in December of each year. The payment of dividends on common stock is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and is subject to customary limitations.

Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The information regarding Mattel's equity compensation plans is incorporated herein by reference to Item 12.

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

During the fourth quarter of 2007, Mattel did not sell any unregistered securities.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

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During 2007, 2006, and 2005, the Board of Directors authorized Mattel to increase its share repurchase program by \$750.0 million, \$250.0 million, and \$500.0 million, respectively. During 2007, Mattel repurchased 35.9 million shares at a cost of \$806.3 million. During 2006, Mattel repurchased 11.8 million shares at a cost of \$192.7 million. During 2005, Mattel repurchased 28.9 million shares at a cost of \$500.4 million. At December 31, 2007, share repurchase authorizations of \$0.9 million had not been executed. In January 2008, the Board of Directors authorized Mattel to increase its previously announced share repurchase program by an additional \$500.0 million. Repurchases will take place from time to time, depending on market conditions. Mattel's share repurchase program has no expiration date.

This table provides certain information with respect to Mattel's purchases of its common stock during the fourth quarter of 2007:

Period	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
October 1 - 31				
Repurchase program (1)	2,090,200	\$ 23.75	2,090,200	\$ 112,169,826
Employee transactions (2)	90	\$ 23.31	N/A	N/A
November 1 - 30				
Repurchase program (1)	5,105,919	\$ 20.12	5,105,919	\$ 9,438,660
Employee transactions (2)			N/A	N/A
December 1 - 31				
Repurchase program (1)	431,000	\$ 19.82	431,000	\$ 895,076
Employee transactions (2)			N/A	N/A
Total				
Repurchase program (1)	7,627,119	\$ 21.10	7,627,119	\$ 895,076
Employee transactions (2)	90	\$ 23.31	N/A	N/A

(1) In May and August 2007, the Board of Directors authorized Mattel to increase its share repurchase program by \$250.0 million and \$500.0 million, respectively. Repurchases will take place from time to time, depending on market conditions. Mattel's share repurchase program has no expiration date.

(2) Includes the sale of restricted shares for employee tax withholding obligations that occur upon vesting.

N/A Not applicable.

Performance Graph

The following graph compares the performance of Mattel common stock with that of the S&P 500 Index and the S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index. The Cumulative Total Return listed below assumes an initial investment of \$100 on December 31, 2002 and reinvestment of dividends.

Comparison of Five Year Cumulative Total Return

Mattel, Inc., S&P 500, and S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index

2002 to 2007

Cumulative Total Return	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Mattel, Inc.	\$ 100.00	\$ 102.72	\$ 106.29	\$ 89.00	\$ 131.14	\$ 114.53
S&P 500	\$ 100.00	\$ 128.36	\$ 142.14	\$ 149.01	\$ 172.27	\$ 181.72
S&P 500 Consumer Staples	\$ 100.00	\$ 111.35	\$ 120.36	\$ 124.63	\$ 142.56	\$ 162.76

Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

	For the Year Ended December 31,				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
	(In thousands, except per share and percentage information)				
Operating Results:					
Net sales (a)	\$ 5,970,090	\$ 5,650,156	\$ 5,179,016	\$ 5,102,786	\$ 4,960,100
Gross profit	2,777,300	2,611,793	2,372,868	2,410,725	2,429,483
% of net sales	46.5%	46.2%	45.8%	47.2%	49.0%
Operating income	730,078	728,818	664,529	730,817	785,710
% of net sales	12.2%	12.9%	12.8%	14.3%	15.8%
Income before income taxes	703,398	683,756	652,049	696,254	740,854
Provision for income taxes (b)	103,405	90,829	235,030	123,531	203,222
Net income	\$ 599,993	\$ 592,927	\$ 417,019	\$ 572,723	\$ 537,632
Net income per common share basic	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.23
Net income per common share diluted	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.53	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.22
Dividends Declared Per Common Share	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.40

	December 31,				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
	(In thousands)				
Financial Position:					
Total assets	\$ 4,805,455	\$ 4,955,884	\$ 4,372,313	\$ 4,756,492	\$ 4,510,950
Noncurrent liabilities	928,284	940,390	807,395	643,509	826,983
Stockholders equity	2,306,742	2,432,974	2,101,733	2,385,812	2,216,221

(a) Effective October 1, 2003, close out sales previously classified as a reduction of cost of sales are now classified as net sales in Mattel's consolidated statements of operations. Close out sales during 2003 totaled \$57.3 million. Close out sales for the fourth quarter of 2003, totaling \$19.2 million, were included in reported net sales. This change in classification had no impact on gross profit, operating income, net income, net income per common share, balance sheets or cash flows.

(b) The provision for income taxes in 2007 was positively impacted by net tax benefits related to prior years of \$42.0 million related to reassessments of tax exposures based on the status of current audits in various jurisdictions around the world, including settlements, partially offset by enacted tax law changes. The provision for income taxes in 2006 was positively impacted by the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act (the Tax Act) passed in May 2006, and tax benefits of \$63.0 million related to tax settlements and refunds of ongoing audits with foreign and state tax authorities. The provision for income taxes in 2005 was negatively impacted by incremental tax expense of \$107.0 million, resulting from Mattel's decision to repatriate \$2.4 billion in previously unremitted foreign earnings under the American Jobs Creation Act (the Jobs Act), partially offset by \$38.6 million of tax benefits primarily relating to tax settlements reached with various tax authorities and reassessments of tax exposures based on the status of current audits in various jurisdictions around the world. The provision for income taxes in 2004 was positively impacted by \$65.1 million of tax benefits related to an audit settlement with the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the related notes. See Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Overview

Mattel designs, manufactures, and markets a broad variety of toy products worldwide through sales to its customers and directly to consumers. Mattel's business is dependent in great part on its ability each year to redesign, restyle, and extend existing core products and product lines, to design and develop innovative new products and product lines, and to successfully market those products and product lines. Mattel plans to continue to focus on its portfolio of traditional brands that have historically had worldwide appeal, to create new brands utilizing its knowledge of children's play patterns, and to target customer and consumer preferences around the world.

Mattel's portfolio of brands and products are grouped in the following categories:

Mattel Girls & Boys Brands including Barbie® fashion dolls and accessories (Barbie®), Polly Pocket®, Little Mommy®, Disney Classics, Pixel Chix®, and High School Musical (collectively Other Girls Brands), Hot Wheels® Matchbox®, and Tyco® R/C vehicles and playsets (collectively Wheels), and Carrera® products, and games and puzzles (collectively Entertainment).

Fisher-Price Brands including Fisher-Price®, Little People®, BabyGear, and View-Master® (collectively Core Fisher-Price®), Sesame Street®, Dora the Explorer, Winnie the Pooh, Go-Diego-Go!, and See 'N Say® (collectively Fisher-Price® Friends), and Power Wheels®.

American Girl Brands including Just Like You®, the historical collection and Bitty Baby®. American Girl Brands products are sold directly to consumers, and its children's publications are also sold to certain retailers.

On October 10, 2005, Mattel announced the consolidation of its domestic Mattel Girls & Boys Brands and Fisher-Price Brands divisions into one division. The creation of the Mattel Brands division, which resulted in the consolidation of some management and support functions, preserves the natural marketing and design groups that are empowered to create and market toys based on gender and age groups and is expected to more effectively and efficiently leverage Mattel's scale. These changes are consistent with Mattel's ongoing goals to enhance innovation and improve execution. In connection with this consolidation, Mattel executed an initiative in 2006 to streamline its workforce, primarily in El Segundo, California. The consolidation of these divisions did not change Mattel's operating segments.

Management believes that the business environment for Mattel in 2008 will be similar to that of 2007. Mattel expects to continue facing challenges both domestically and internationally as retailers continue to tightly manage inventory. Additionally, Mattel has experienced continued cost pressures, including higher product costs for commodities, labor, and foreign currency. Management believes that Mattel will continue to encounter a challenging retail environment, along with cost pressures. Additionally, in 2008, Mattel will incur higher product testing costs and, until all recall-related legal matters are resolved, additional legal expenses.

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Mattel's objective is to continue to create long-term shareholder value by generating strong cash flow and deploying it in a disciplined and opportunistic manner as outlined in Mattel's capital and investment framework. To achieve this objective, management has established three overarching goals.

The first goal is to enhance innovation in order to reinvigorate the Barbie® brand, while maintaining growth in other core brands by continuing to develop popular toys. Additionally, Mattel plans to pursue additional licensing arrangements and strategic partnerships to extend its portfolio of brands into areas outside of traditional toys.

The second goal is to improve execution in areas including manufacturing, distribution, and selling. Mattel continues to focus on improving the efficiency of its supply chain using Lean supply chain initiatives. The objective of the Lean program is to improve the flow of processes, do more with less, and focus on the value chain from beginning to end.

The third goal is to further capitalize on Mattel's scale advantage. For example, as the world's largest toy company, Mattel believes it can realize cost savings when making purchasing decisions based on a One Mattel philosophy.

Product Recalls and Withdrawals

During the third quarter of 2007, Mattel recalled products with high-powered magnets that may become dislodged and other products, some of which were produced using non-approved paint containing lead in excess of applicable regulatory and Mattel standards (collectively, the Third Quarter of 2007 Recalls). Additional products were recalled, withdrawn from retail stores, or replaced at the request of consumers in the fourth quarter of 2007 as a result of small parts separating from a product, some instances of paint containing lead in excess of applicable regulatory standards in another product, and the presence of lead in the substrate in excess of an Illinois regulatory standard in other products (collectively, along with the Third Quarter of 2007 Recalls, the 2007 Product Recalls).

As a result of the Third Quarter of 2007 Recalls, Mattel intentionally slowed down its shipments out of Asia while it conducted extensive product testing in the third quarter of 2007. Also, export licenses at several manufacturing facilities in China were temporarily suspended in September 2007 while safety procedures were reviewed, but all licenses were in place at December 31, 2007. Mattel's ability to import products into certain countries was also temporarily impacted by product recalls as certain countries and regulatory authorities reviewed Mattel's safety procedures; however, these import and export issues were largely resolved early in the fourth quarter of 2007 and did not have a significant financial impact on Mattel's 2007 results.

The third quarter of 2007 recall of products with high-powered magnets was a recall of older toys that do not meet Mattel's current magnet retention system requirements. Since November 2006, when Mattel conducted its first voluntary recall for magnetic toys, Mattel has implemented enhanced magnet retention systems across all of its brands. At the beginning of 2007, all magnets must be locked into the plastic toy with sturdy material holding in the edges around the exposed face of the magnet or completely covering or encapsulating the magnet. Mattel also conducted an extensive review of technical data and consumer information on all magnetic toys and is confident in the new requirements, based on its continued testing and consumer experience.

In July 2007, Mattel determined that certain products, manufactured by a third-party contract manufacturer in China, were produced using non-approved paint containing lead in excess of applicable regulatory standards. As a result, and also in July 2007, Mattel launched a thorough investigation and expanded its testing programs to ensure that painted finished goods, at third-party contract manufacturers as well as facilities operated by Mattel, are systematically tested prior to being shipped to customers. The expanded testing programs include a check system to enforce compliance with all regulations and standards applicable to lead paint. Mattel has also created a new Corporate Responsibility organization, which has an even greater level of accountability internally and externally for adherence to the company's safety and compliance protocols.

Although management is not aware of any additional significant issues associated with lead in paints used on, or lead in substrate used in, its products, there can be no assurance that additional issues will not be identified in the future. Mattel believes that it has some of the most rigorous quality and safety testing procedures in the toy industry. Management also believes that Mattel's history of acting responsibly and quickly will maintain the trust of its customers and consumers. However, the 2007 Product Recalls may have a negative impact on both customer and consumer demand for Mattel's products in the future.

Results of Operations

2007 Compared to 2006

Consolidated Results

Net sales for 2007 were \$5.97 billion, a 6% increase as compared to \$5.65 billion in 2006, including a 3 percentage point benefit from changes in currency exchange rates. Net income for 2007 was \$600.0 million, or \$1.54 per diluted share, as compared to net income of \$592.9 million, or \$1.53 per diluted share, for 2006.

Gross profit, as a percentage of net sales, increased to 46.5% in 2007 from 46.2% in 2006. The increase in gross profit was driven by price increases and favorable changes in currency exchange rates, which were partially offset by external cost pressures and the impact of the 2007 Product Recalls, which reduced gross profit by approximately \$71 million.

Income before income taxes as a percentage of net sales declined to 11.8% in 2007 from 12.1% in 2006. Contributing to this decline were higher selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales and higher advertising expenses as a percentage of net sales, partially offset by higher gross margins, lower interest expense, and higher other non-operating income. The increase in other selling and administrative expenses in 2007 is primarily attributable to the impact of the 2007 Product Recalls, which increased other selling and administrative expenses by approximately \$35 million. Higher investments in the business, including design and development costs and expansion in international markets, the impact of foreign exchange rates, increases in employee-related costs, and the inclusion of Radica costs also contributed to the increase. These costs increases were partially offset by lower 2007 incentive and equity compensation expenses. Other selling and administrative expenses in 2006 included \$19.3 million for prior period unintentional stock option accounting errors. Other non-operating income, net increased from \$4.3 million in 2006 to \$11.0 million in 2007, primarily due to foreign currency exchange gains.

Net income in 2007 was positively impacted by net tax benefits related to prior years of \$42.0 million due to reassessments of tax exposures based on the status of current audits in various jurisdictions around the world, including settlements, partially offset by enacted tax law changes. Net income in 2006 was positively impacted by the Tax Act passed in May 2006 and tax benefits of \$63.0 million related to settlements and refunds of multiple ongoing audits by foreign and state tax authorities.

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's consolidated results for 2007 and 2006 (in millions, except percentage and basis point information):

Amount	For the Year		2006 Amount	Year/Year Change Basis Points of Net Sales
	2007 % of Net Sales	2006 % of Net Sales		
5,970.1	100.0%	\$ 5,650.2	100.0%	6%
2,777.3	46.5%	\$ 2,611.8	46.2%	6%

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Wholesale and International Banking provides banking and related services for major UK and multinational financial institutions, and small and medium-sized UK businesses. It also provides asset finance and share registration services for personal and corporate customers, manages Lloyds TSB Group's activities in financial markets through its treasury and derivatives business. Wholesale and International Banking provides banking and financial services to

2004 has seen a further increase in corporate activity with the tighter integration of the businesses within the Wholesale and International Banking

Corporate Markets combining the respective strengths of Corporate Banking, Structured Finance and Financial Markets. Corporate Banking plays an integral role in leveraging and expanding the customer franchise and building deep, long-lasting relationships. Corporate Banking manages the core franchise, providing a relationship-based financial and advisory service to the corporate customer base through dedicated regional teams throughout the UK and key strategic locations abroad, including New York. Corporate Banking provides access to the Lloyds TSB Group's capital and expertise in a broad range of financial solutions. The relationship management team acts as a conduit to partners in the Wholesale Bank and other parts of the Group. Structured Finance comprises the private and public leveraged debt businesses and other transactional lending businesses of the Wholesale Bank. Structured Finance provides a range of transactions within the existing corporate franchise as well as building an avenue for new to bank relationships. Financial Markets is a leading participant in the sterling money market. It is also active in currency money markets, foreign exchange and derivatives markets and in certain derivatives markets, primarily to meet the needs of customers. It also plays a central role in the cash and liquidity management of Lloyds TSB Group.

Asset Finance. Lloyds TSB Group's asset finance businesses provide individuals and companies with finance solutions including hire purchase and contract hire packages. Hire purchase, or instalment credit, is a form of consumer financing where the customer takes possession of goods on payment of an initial deposit but the legal title to the goods does not pass to the customer until a agreed number of instalments have been paid and the option to purchase has been exercised. Through its invoice discounting and factoring subsidiary, Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance, Lloyds TSB Group provides working capital finance solutions. Specialist personal lending, store credit and the Dutton-Forshaw motor dealership group complete this group's asset finance business.

Business Banking. Relationships with some 574,000 small businesses are managed by around 1,700 dedicated business advisers based in over 500 locations throughout the UK supported by nearly 2,000 business customer advisers in branches. Lloyds TSB Group is one of the leading banks for new business start-ups with nearly a quarter of new businesses opening a new business with Lloyds TSB. The main activity of The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation is to provide long-term finance to the agricultural sector.

International

The Lloyds TSB Group has continued to reshape its international network in 2004 as the sales of its businesses in Colombia, Guatemala, Panama and Honduras were completed.

Europe. Lloyds TSB Group has private banking operations for wealthy individuals outside their country of origin. This business is conducted through branches of Lloyds TSB Bank located in Switzerland, Luxembourg, Monaco and Cyprus. Lloyds TSB Group also has personal and corporate banking operations in Belgium, The Netherlands and France.

Offshore banking. Lloyds TSB Group's offshore banking operations comprise offices in the UK, the Channel Islands, Jersey, Guernsey, Man and overseas representative offices in the Middle East, Asia and the Americas. The business provides a wide range of banking, wealth management and expatriate services to local island residents, UK expatriates, foreign nationals and other customers requiring offshore financial services.

The Americas. Lloyds TSB Group continues to have offices in Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay which provide mortgage and personal banking services. In addition, Lloyds TSB Group has private banking and investment operations in Brazil.

Middle East and Asia. There are banking operations in Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Recent

Lloyds TSB Group issued a trading statement on 20 June 2005, which made the following

On a comparable basis under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), excluding the impact of accounting changes relating to the implementation of IFRS, Lloyds TSB expects to deliver a satisfactory trading performance in the first half of 2005 and continues to deliver good earnings growth, demonstrating further progress in its key strategic areas.

The Retail Bank has continued to make progress in quality customer recruitment and profitable franchise development. It is expected to achieve satisfactory levels of customer lending and deposit balance growth during the half-year, again despite the impact of slowing consumer spending. The rate of consumer lending growth in the first half of 2005 is however expected to be lower than the double digit growth rates experienced in 2004.

Scottish Widows has continued to benefit from its focus on product and capital efficiency. The launch, in the first half of 2004, of a new range of products more tailored to the branch network distribution channel has delivered

unit trust/OEIC sales during the first quarter of 2005. In addition, strong progress continues to be made in the distribution of pensions and long-term savings products through the Independent Financial Adviser distribution network.

In Wholesale and International Banking, strong progress continues in developing and deepening our franchise relationships. In Retail Banking and Corporate Markets, in particular, we are registering meaningful gains which reflect both our emphasis on relationship cross-sell, and new customer acquisition. All main businesses within the division continue to perform well and we are achieving good levels of profitability.

The Group's strong cost performance in recent years has continued into the first half of 2005 and we have seen significant improvements in processing quality. The Group continues to expect to deliver revenue growth in excess of cost of sales on an IFRS comparable basis, in the first half of 2005.

Our focus on lending to existing customers, in a slowing consumer environment, has resulted in overall asset quality remaining satisfactory. On an IFRS comparable basis, the Group's impairment charge for loan losses from its continuing operations as a percentage of average lending, is expected to be broadly consistent with the provisions charge in the first half of 2004. A higher charge in Retail Banking, reflecting an increase in the number of customers experiencing repayment difficulties, is expected to be offset by a lower charge in the Group's corporate lending.

Current indications remain that the overall impact of the full implementation of IFRS, excluding the volatility in the fair value requirements of IFRS and FRS 27, will be to reduce the Group's full year reported earnings per share, compared to what would have been reported under UK GAAP, by approximately 6 per cent. Profit before tax (before volatility) is expected to be approximately 8 per cent lower. This likely reduction in earnings in 2005 is almost entirely due to changes in the timing of income and expense recognition in the Group's financial statements, in particular with regard to the application of IFRS 9 on interest rates, the reclassification of certain securities from equity to debt, and the impact of discounting on level 3 impairment. The Group will endeavour to ensure that comparable underlying business performance and trends, and the impact of prospective accounting changes relating to the implementation of IFRS, are clearly identified on an annual basis.

Eric Daniels, Group Chief Executive, said "We are continuing to make progress against our objective to deliver sustainable growth, despite signs of a slowing consumer environment in the UK, and the Group is on track to deliver a satisfactory performance for the first half of 2005."

As at 31 December 2004, Lloyds TSB Group occupied 3,394 properties in the UK. Of these, 699 were held as freehold or long-term leaseholds and 2,617 as short-term leaseholds. The majority of these properties are retail branches, widely distributed throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Other buildings include the Lloyds TSB Group's head office in the City of London, customer service and support properties located to suit business needs, but clustered largely in London, Birmingham (England), Edinburgh (in Scotland) and Cardiff and Newport (Wales).

In addition, Lloyds TSB Group owns, leases or uses under licence properties for business operations elsewhere, principally in Spain, Switzerland, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Lloyds TSB Group is periodically subject to threatened or filed legal actions in the ordinary course of business. The Group does not expect the final outcome of any legal proceedings currently known to it to have a material adverse effect on its consolidated results of operations or financial position.

Competitive Environment

Lloyds TSB Group operates in a financial services world that is experiencing consolidation at national and, to a lesser extent, international levels. The last few years have seen the beginnings of pan-European consolidation and considerable

Globalisation and developments in technology continue to expand Lloyds TSB Group's range of competitors. The intensity of competition is expected to put Lloyds TSB Group's margins under further pressure with many products becoming commoditised. Wholesale markets are integrating more rapidly across the European Union than their retail counterparts. There is also a move to a deeper, more liquid, and more competitive corporate securities market, and the gradual disintermediation of the

Lloyds TSB Group expects competition within the industry to continue to be based on service and relationships and particularly for core banking services. Lloyds TSB Group has significant strengths, in its portfolio of strong brands, customer franchises in both retail and corporate, commercial and business banking, its multi-channel distribution network and its knowledge and understanding of its markets.

Lloyds TSB Group's key markets are in the UK, in both the retail and corporate, commercial and business banking markets. The markets for basic financial and banking services are relatively mature. Retail banking markets have shown growth in recent years, notably in consumer borrowing and mortgages, but the resultant high rates of consumer interest are expected to restrain future growth. The markets for life and pensions and general insurance products are expected to show rates of growth in a number of key areas, although stock market weakness has depressed demand for some equity-linked products in the recent past, and a considerable amount of uncertainty exists about the impact of regulatory changes.

Lloyds TSB Group's competitors include all the major financial services and fund management companies operating in the UK. De-mutualised building societies which have become banks and life assurers which have entered the banking market have become direct competitors in the provision of banking services.

In the mortgage market, competitors include the traditional banks and building societies and new entrants to the market becoming increasingly competitive as both new entrants and incumbents endeavour to gain market share. Lloyds TSB Group's competitors in the credit card market again include both the traditional banks and new entrants, including fintech companies. In the last few years a significant share of new business has been acquired by US and new UK entrants.

In the distribution of life, pensions and investments products Lloyds TSB Group has seen increased competition from market entrants, such as traditional retailers, primarily in specialist areas. The fragmented nature of the life and investments market in the UK has resulted in some consolidation within the sector; government regulations on product design and competitive pressures are likely to drive further consolidation as providers seek to achieve the benefits of scale. Changes to the regulation of life, pensions and investment products are expected to favour distributors, in particular independent financial advisers, rather than providers.

In the general insurance sector, the market has seen significant consolidation amongst underwriters but continued growth in distribution and an increasing number of new market entrants including both overseas insurers and domestic providers.

In commercial and corporate markets, margins are typically finer than in retail, but probably under less downward pressure. Nevertheless, traditional forms of bank finance face increasing competition from market-based product providers who increasingly access those markets.

In addition to the challenging competitive environment, the UK financial services industry is characterised by recent government intervention and regulation. This partly emanates from Europe as part of the Financial Services Action Plan or in the form of social legislation. Many of the reviews instigated by the UK government into the financial services sector have taken place against a backdrop of increased consumerism, driven by support for open competition and a fair deal for consumers.

Lloyds TSB Group has always supported the principle of competition and agrees with the importance of building consumer confidence in financial services. Lloyds TSB Group has concerns about the introduction of price controls, which act as a barrier to entry and believes that voluntary codes, rather than statutory regulation, are in the best interests of consumers.

The results discussed below are not necessarily indicative of Lloyds TSB Group's results in future periods. This information contains certain forward-looking statements. For a discussion of certain cautionary statements regarding forward-looking statements, see Forward-Looking

The following discussion is based on and should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this annual report. For a discussion of the accounting policies used in the Consolidated Financial Statements, see Accounting policies in note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with UK GAAP, which varies in certain significant respects from US GAAP. A discussion of such differences and a reconciliation of certain UK GAAP amounts to US GAAP is set out in note 50 to the Consolidated Financial

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Lloyds TSB Group has operations in both the UK and overseas; however, its earnings are heavily dependent upon its UK operations. In 2004, 94 per cent of Lloyds TSB Group's profit before tax was derived from its UK operations. The UK economy, therefore, has significant implications for the way in which Lloyds TSB Group runs its business and its financial performance.

During 2004 the UK economy benefited from global economic growth approaching 5 per cent. This stimulated a recovery in the manufacturing sector and strengthened the corporate sector, as demand has boosted profit growth and more stable economic conditions have encouraged business investment. The consumer sector has remained strong as house prices continued to increase during the first half of the year, although some levelling off in house prices was experienced towards the end of the year.

Growth is expected to slow during 2005 as a result of the impact of interest rate increases in 2004. The high level of household debt has made consumers very responsive to interest rate changes, with the burden of debt repayments now above the average. Although the growth in house prices is expected to slow in 2005, consumer confidence should not be significantly affected; a gradual economic slowdown usually implies little change in unemployment, which is a major driver of economic activity.

Against this economic backdrop, there has been continued growth in each of Lloyds TSB Group's three divisions. Retail Banking, as a result of strong growth in personal loans and credit card balances; Insurance and Investment Services, as a result of increased weighted sales, particularly from Independent Financial Advisers; and Wholesale and International Banking, as a result of seen increased volumes in Asset Finance and Corporate products, where the creation of an integrated regional sales structure has already started to generate positive synergies.

Lloyds TSB Group's net interest margin declined during 2004, reflecting the impact of changes in business mix and net interest margins in the Group's credit card, personal lending and mortgage portfolios as a result of competitive pressure. The net interest charge for 2004 was lower than in 2003; this resulted from a lower charge in Wholesale and International Banking, a lower charge within Corporate as a result of improving economic conditions, and a higher charge in UK Retail Banking, reflecting the impact of related growth in personal loans and credit card balances.

Critical accounting policies

The results of Lloyds TSB Group are sensitive to the accounting policies, assumptions and estimates that underlie the preparation of its financial statements. The accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements are set out in the notes to the financial statements. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently and make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent. Where UK GAAP allows a choice of accounting policy, Financial Reporting Standard 18 'Accounting Policies' requires Lloyds TSB Group to adopt those policies which are most appropriate to its particular circumstances for the purpose of giving a true and fair view.

The accounting policies that are deemed critical to the Lloyds TSB Group's results and financial position, based on the nature, timing and significance of the judgements and estimates, are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Provisions for bad and doubtful debts

In circumstances where there is significant doubt over the recoverability of specific loans and advances, provisions are made to reduce the carrying value of those advances to their expected ultimate net realisable value; at 31 December 2004, the carrying value of such provisions was £1,383 million.

Lloyds TSB Group held specific provisions totalling £1,383 million. The methodology used to calculate the required provisions is based according to the type of lending portfolio. For portfolios of smaller balance homogenous loans, such as residential mortgages, personal loans and credit card balances, specific provisions are calculated using formulae which take into account the length of time that the customer's account has been delinquent, historic loss rates and the value of any collateral. The variables used in the formulae are kept under regular review to ensure that as far as possible they reflect the current economic circumstances, although actual experience may differ from the assumptions used in the formulae.

For the Lloyds TSB Group's other lending portfolios, provisions are calculated on a case-by-case basis having regard to the expected future cash flows including those arising from the realisation of collateral. The determination of these provisions involves the exercise of considerable judgement by management involving matters such as future economic conditions and the trading performance of the customer and the value of collateral, for which there may not be a readily accessible market. As a result these provisions can be subject to significant variation as time progresses and the circumstances of the customer change.

The Lloyds TSB Group also maintains a general provision to cover latent bad and doubtful debts which are in the portfolio of advances but which have not been specifically identified; at 31 December 2004, the general provision was £280 million. The calculation of the general provision requires a significant amount of judgement to assess the risk inherent in the portfolio and is based upon factors such as the level of watchlist or potential problem debt, the probability of debt to become impaired and historic loss rates. The general provision is allocated to business units which are reviewing the balance on a regular basis to ensure that it remains appropriate in prevailing economic conditions and to reflect the perceived level of credit risk within their lending portfolio.

The Lloyds TSB Group establishes provisions for the estimated cost of making redress payments to customers in connection with product sales, in those cases where the original sales processes are found to have been deficient. The ultimate cost is uncertain and in determining the level of provisions required it is necessary for management to exercise significant judgement.

The principal assumptions underlying the provisions relate to the number of cases requiring redress and the estimated cost of redress per case; these will be affected by external factors beyond the control of management, such as regulatory changes and the performance of the financial markets. Therefore over time it is possible that adjustments will be necessary.

Goodwill

Lloyds TSB Group reviews the goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings when events or economic circumstances indicate that impairment may have taken place and at the end of the first full year after an acquisition, since the goodwill arising on the acquisition of Scottish Widows is considered to have an indefinite useful life. In view of the strength of the brand and the position of the business as one of the leading providers of life, pensions, unit-linked and management products, and is therefore not amortised, the Lloyds TSB Group is required under UK GAAP to perform an impairment review to determine whether an impairment exists.

The impairment review is performed by projecting future cash flows, excluding finance and tax, based upon business performance and making appropriate assumptions about rates of growth and discounting these using a rate approximating the weighted average cost of capital of the business. If the present value of the projected cash flows were to be materially less than the carrying value of the underlying net assets and related goodwill an impairment would have occurred and a charge would be made to the profit and loss account. This calculation requires the exercise of significant judgement by management. If estimates made prove to be incorrect or changes in Scottish Widows' performance affect the amount and timing of cash flows, the goodwill may become impaired in the future.

Embedded value

Lloyds TSB Group accounts for the value of the shareholder's interest in the long-term assurance business using the embedded value basis of accounting. The embedded value is comprised of the net tangible assets of the life assurance subsidiary, the present value of the projected future surplus arising on the in-force business, which is calculated by projecting future cash flows and other net cash flows attributable to the shareholder arising from business written by the balance sheet date and the result at a rate which reflects the shareholder's opportunity cost.

Future surpluses will depend on experience in a number of areas such as investment returns, lapse rates, mortality and policyholder expenses. Surpluses are projected by making assumptions about future experience, having regard to both actual and forecast long-term economic trends. Changes to these assumptions may cause the present value of future surpluses to differ from those assumed at the balance sheet date and could significantly affect the value attributed to the in-force business. The effect of the financial statements the effect of illustrative changes in the principal economic assumptions upon the embedded value is included in the balance sheet and new business income statement.

The value of the in-force business could also be affected by unpredicted changes in investment market levels and policyholder experience. Investment market levels principally affect annual management expenses and other fees levied on policyholders, which are reflected in the profit and loss account using unsmoothed fund values. To the extent that actual experience is different from that assumed, for example with respect to mortality or persistence of policies, the effect will be recognised in the profit and loss account for the period. The effect of changes in the underlying assumptions on the results of the current and prior periods are disclosed in the financial statements.

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Results of operations 2004 compared with 2003 and 2003 compared with 2002

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	4,920	5,255	5,171
Other finance income	39	34	165
Other income	4,608	4,619	3,551
Total income	9,567	9,908	8,887
Operating expenses	(4,917)	(5,173)	(4,913)
Trading surplus	4,650	4,735	3,974
General insurance claims	(224)	(236)	(229)
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	(866)	(950)	(1,029)
Amounts written off fixed asset investments	(52)	(44)	(87)
Operating profit	3,508	3,505	2,629
Share of results of joint ventures		(22)	(11)
(Loss) profit on sale of businesses	(15)	865	
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	3,493	4,348	2,618
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(1,004)	(1,025)	(766)
Profit on ordinary activities after tax	2,489	3,323	1,852
Minority interests:			
Equity	(26)	(22)	(19)
Non-equity	(42)	(47)	(43)
Profit attributable to shareholders	2,421	3,254	1,790
Economic profit ¹	1,525	2,493	830

¹ Lloyds TSB Group defines economic profit as the earnings on the equity invested in the business less a notional charge for the cost of capital on the equity invested in that business. See Operating and financial review and prospects for more information.

2004 compared with 2003

In 2004 the Group's profit before tax was £3,493 million, a decrease of £855 million compared to £4,348 million in 2003. This decrease was attributable to the impact in 2003 of the profit on the sale and trading results of a number of overvalued businesses which contributed £1,183 million. For the same reason, profit attributable to shareholders decreased by £833 million, or 26 per cent, to £2,421 million and earnings per share decreased by 26 per cent to 43.3p. Excluding these discontinued operations, the comparative figures, the profit before tax of £3,493 million in 2004 was up by £328 million, or 10 per cent, from £3,165 million in 2003.

Net interest income of £4,920 million was down £335 million, or 6 per cent, from £5,255 million in 2003. Excluding discontinued operations from the comparative figures for 2003, net interest income was £176 million, or 4 per cent, higher than in 2003. Average interest-earning assets grew by £6,085 million, or 4 per cent, to £178,981 million in 2004 compared to £172,896 million in 2003. However, comparisons of average interest-earning assets are distorted by the effect of the businesses sold in 2003 and by substantial growth, during 2004, in balances of funds held in capital efficient, reverse repurchase agreements held for liquidity purposes. Excluding discontinued operations and balances held under reverse repurchase agreements, average interest-earning assets grew by £12,058 million, or 8 per cent, to £158,167 million in 2004 compared to £158,167 million in 2003, adding £351 million to net interest income. This growth reflected higher volumes in mortgages, personal lending and card balances, asset finance and corporate lending. The net interest margin, again excluding discontinued operations and balances held under reverse repurchase agreements, fell by 11 basis points to 2.89 per cent in 2004 compared to 3.00 per cent in 2003, reducing net interest income by £173 million, largely as a result of competitive pressures leading to keener pricing in a number of areas. Exchange rate movements, excluding discontinued operations, accounted for the remaining reduction of £2 million in net interest income.

Other finance income of £39 million was £5 million higher than in 2003. A £68 million increase in the expense on defined benefit pension scheme assets, as a result of an improvement in market levels at the end of 2003, was largely offset by a £63 million increase in the interest cost of scheme liabilities, reflecting an increase in liability levels.

Other income of £4,608 million was £11 million lower than in 2003. However, excluding discontinued operations, comparative figures for 2003, other income was £131 million, or 3 per cent, higher. Fees and commissions received from discontinued operations, were £137 million higher, reflecting growth in UK current account fees and card services, reflecting the acquisition of the Goldfish business at the end of September 2003, and in fee income from commercial mortgage, unit trust and corporate banking activities. Fees and commissions payable, excluding discontinued operations, were £56 million higher, as a result of growth in the asset finance and card services businesses. Dealing profits from discontinued operations, were £254 million lower, as a result of the non-repetition of the gains made in 2003 on the sale of Lloyds TSB Group's remaining portfolio of emerging markets debt securities and the closure of certain financial positions. Income from long-term assurance business, excluding discontinued operations, was £279 million higher, as a result of a reduction in the charge in respect of provisions for customer redress and a significant improvement in profitability in the Scottish Widows business.

Operating expenses of £4,917 million were £256 million, or 5 per cent, lower than £5,173 million in 2003.

discontinued operations from the comparative figures, expenses in 2004 were £16 million higher than in 2003. Improvements have been made in processing and operational efficiency and the Group has continued to expand its operations, including offshoring a number of its processing and back office operations to India. There was an increase of £116 million in 2004 reflecting the annual pay rise, improved profit related and other incentive payments, especially within the group's banking business, and the impact of the acquisition of the Goldfish business at the end of September 2003. Equipment costs were £5 million higher and communications, advertising and professional fees and other costs were £10 million higher. These increases were, however, largely offset by a £44 million reduction in the depreciation charge, due to a change in mix in the operating lease portfolio and an accelerated charge made in 2003, and a reduction of £100 million in 2004 in respect of provisions for customer redress in the Lloyds TSB Group's banking business.

General Insurance claims were £12 million lower as a result of relatively low weather-related claims.

The charge in respect of provisions for bad and doubtful debts was £84 million, or 9 per cent, lower at £866 million in 2004 compared to £950 million in 2003. Excluding discontinued operations, the charge was £21 million, or 2 per cent, lower at £887 million in 2004 compared to £887 million in 2003. There was an increase of £79 million within UK Retail Banking, as a result of the impact of the Goldfish business and organic growth in personal lending and credit cards, only partly offset by a higher charge in respect of the mortgage portfolio. Within Wholesale and International Banking, however, there was a reduction of £10 million. Excluding discontinued operations, as the impact of volume growth in the asset finance operations was more than offset by a reduced charge in respect of corporate banking and the release of £30 million from the general provision that was made in 2003, the charge of the Lloyds TSB Group's banking business was £10 million lower.

Amounts written off fixed asset investments of £52 million were £8 million higher than in 2003, as a result of £44 million within the Lloyds TSB Group's venture capital investments.

There was an improvement of £22 million in the Lloyds TSB Group's share of the results of joint venture operations. The former Goldfish joint venture is now being wound up.

A loss of £15 million was incurred in 2004 on the sale of the Lloyds TSB Group's operations in Argentina, Colombia and Honduras.

At the end of 2004, the total capital ratio was 10.0 per cent. Risk-weighted assets increased by 12 per cent to £115,000 million, reflecting strong growth in consumer lending and mortgages, higher lending in Corporate Markets and the acquisition of a corporate loan portfolio towards the end of the year from Danske Bank which added risk-weighted assets of £2,000 million. Balance sheet assets grew by £27,831 million, or 11 per cent to £279,843 million from £252,012 million. The Group's strategy to increase retail lending, particularly in mortgages, credit cards and personal loans was reflected in an increase in loans and advances to customers to £154,240 million. Customer deposits increased by £5,566 million to £122,062 million largely as a result of strong growth in current account credit balances which was supported by progress in the take-up of added value current accounts.

2003 comparison

In 2003, Lloyds TSB Group's profit before tax increased by £1,730 million, or 66 per cent, to £4,348 million from £2,518 million in 2002; this increase in profitability largely reflects net gains of £865 million recognised in 2003 following the disposal of a number of businesses and a £934 million improvement in the return from the assets supporting the long-term asset portfolio. Profit attributable to shareholders was 82 per cent higher at £3,254 million and earnings per share increased by 58.3p. Shareholders' equity increased by £1,681 million to £9,624 million. The post-tax return on average shareholders' equity was 38.5 per cent, compared to 16.8 per cent in 2002. Economic profit increased by £1,663 million to £2,400 million. Operating and financial review and prospects Economic profit. The post-tax return on average assets was 1.8 per cent, compared to 1.2 per cent in 2002. The post-tax return on average risk-weighted assets was 1.8 per cent, compared to 1.2 per cent in 2002.

Total income was £1,021 million higher at £9,908 million, compared to £8,887 million in 2002. Lloyds TSB Group's net interest income increased by £84 million, or 2 per cent, to £5,255 million. Average interest-earning assets increased by £10,000 million, or 7 per cent, to £172,896 million, adding £284 million to net interest income. In the UK, average personal lending balances increased by £10,140 million driven by the strong residential housing market and the continuing demand for credit. Wholesale balances were £1,558 million higher as a result of increased asset finance lending and the full year of structured finance transactions entered into during 2002. Average balances overseas decreased by £720 million as a result of reclassification at the end of 2002 to trading assets of the Lloyds TSB Group's portfolio of emerging markets debt. The effect of volume growth was partly offset by a 16 basis point fall in the net interest margin, reducing net interest income by £259 million; the implementation of the Competition Commission's SME report remedies caused the margin to fall by 10 basis points. Favourable exchange movements increased net interest income by £100 million.

Other finance income, at £34 million, was down £131 million from £165 million in 2002. The expected return on scheme assets was £121 million lower, reflecting the significant reduction in market value of scheme assets at the end of 2002 as a result of stock market conditions. The interest charge in respect of the unwinding of the discount on scheme liabilities was £10 million higher, as the effect of the increased level of scheme liabilities at the start of 2003 has been partly offset by the effect of the increased level of scheme assets.

Other income was £1,068 million, or 30 per cent, higher at £4,619 million compared to £3,551 million in 2002. The long-term assurance business was £747 million higher, mainly as a result of improved returns from the investment in the life funds. Dealing profits were £372 million higher, as a result of increases of £55 million in foreign exchange and £317 million in gains from securities trading reflecting earnings from the sale of the Lloyds TSB Group's portfolio of markets debt investments. General insurance premiums were £49 million higher as a result of strong growth in high-value products. However, net fees and commissions receivable fell by £31 million as a result of a reduction in income from insurance products. Higher fees payable within the asset finance and mortgage businesses more than offset growth in income from credit and debit cards. Other operating income decreased by £69 million, following the recognition of a provision against an emerging markets debt portfolio in 2003 in dealing profits following its reclassification to trading assets at the end of 2002. A reduction of £28 million in profits on the sale and leaseback of premises. This more than offset the effect of the increase in year's income from the Dutton-Forshaw Group which was acquired in December 2002, and higher disposal of whole

Operating expenses were £260 million, or 5 per cent, higher at £5,173 million compared to £4,913 million in 2002. A £200 million provision for customer redress and the inclusion for a full year of the costs of businesses acquired in 2002 increased operating expenses by £110 million in 2003. Administrative expenses were £264 million higher than in 2002. Costs increased by £71 million as the impact of acquisitions and the annual pay review more than offset the benefits of economies in staff numbers and lower levels of restructuring costs. Premises and equipment costs were £1 million higher and increased by £192 million reflecting the inclusion of the customer redress provision. The cost: income ratio improved 1 per cent from

General insurance claims increased by £7 million to £236 million, as the effect of the increase in the size of the portfolio was offset by the beneficial effect of generally mild weather.

The charge for bad and doubtful debts was 8 per cent lower at £950 million compared with £1,029 million in 2002. Banking the provisions charge increased by £98 million, or 20 per cent, to £594 million, mainly as a result of a 10 per cent growth in the personal loan and credit card portfolios, however there was some deterioration in the arrears ratio. An increase in fraud related losses in the personal loan portfolio. In Wholesale and International Banking the provision decreased by £171 million to £369 million. In Wholesale, provisions against the corporate lending portfolio were £86 million as a small number of large provisions made in 2002 were not repeated. Within International Banking the charge by £93 million mainly as a result of lower provisions being required against the Lloyds TSB Group's exposures.

Amounts written off fixed asset investments decreased by £43 million to £44 million in 2003. The charge in respect of £30 million in respect of Argentine emerging market bonds which were disposed of in 2003, and there was a net charge within the wholesales.

In 2003, a profit of £865 million arose on the sale of The National Bank of New Zealand, substantially all of Lloyds' banking businesses in Brazil and its French fund management and private banking.

At the end of 2003, the total capital ratio increased to 11.3 per cent principally as a result of profit retentions and a £4,679 million, or 4 per cent, reduction in risk-weighted assets to £117,732 million, from £122,411 million at the end of 2002. The effect of growth in personal lending, partly as a result of the acquisition of the personal loan and credit card portfolio Goldfish Bank, and mortgage lending was more than offset by a reduction of £10,110 million as a result of disposal of sheet assets decreased by £549 million to £252,012 million; the effect of the disposals during 2003 reduced the total capital ratio by £14,602 million and there was therefore an underlying increase of £14,053 million. This underlying increase is attributable to growth in loans and advances to customers with higher period end UK mortgage and personal lending.

The yields, spreads and margins in the table below are those relating to the banking

	2004	2003
Net interest income £m	4,920	5,255
Average interest-earning assets £m	178,981	172,896
Average rates:		
Gross yield on interest-earning assets % ¹	5.81	5.87
Interest spread % ²	2.61	2.91
Net interest margin % ³	2.75	3.04
Margin excluding discontinued operations and average balances held under reverse repurchase agreements ⁴		
Net interest income £m	4,920	4,744
Average interest-earning assets £m	170,225	158,167
Net interest margin %	2.89	3.00

1 Gross yield is the rate of interest earned on average interest-earning assets.

2 Interest spread is the difference between the rate of interest earned on average interest-earning assets and the rate of interest on average interest-bearing liabilities.

3 The net interest margin represents the interest spread together with the contribution of interest-free liabilities. It is calculated by expressing net interest income as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.

4 Comparisons of net interest income and margins between 2004, 2003 and 2002 are distorted by the trading results, in 2003 of the businesses sold during 2003 and by the substantial growth, during 2004, in holdings of fine margin reverse repurchase agreements. To improve comparability, figures are also shown which exclude the net interest income (2003: £511m; 2002: £488m) and average interest-earning assets (2003: £13,490m; 2002: £12,918m) of the discontinued operations from the comparative periods and the average balances held under reverse repurchase agreements (2004: £8,756m; 2003: £1,239m; 2002: £2,746m).

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Net interest income decreased by £335 million, or 6 per cent, to £4,920 million compared to £5,255 million in 2003. Comparisons of net interest income are distorted by the inclusion, in the comparative figures, of the income from discontinued operations and businesses disposed of in 2003; excluding these discontinued operations, net interest income rose by £176 million to £4,920 million in 2004 compared to £4,744 million in 2003.

Average interest-earning assets grew by £6,085 million, or 4 per cent, to £178,981 million in 2004 compared to £172,896 million in 2003. However, comparisons of average interest-earning assets are distorted by the discontinued operations and the substantial growth, during 2004, in fine margin but capital efficient reverse repurchase agreements held for liquidity. Excluding discontinued operations from the comparative figures and the balances held under reverse repurchase agreements for both years, average interest-earning assets grew by £12,058 million, or 8 per cent, to £170,225 million in 2004 compared to £158,167 million in 2003; this growth added £351 million to net interest income. Average balances within UK Retail Banking were £10,875 million higher, reflecting strong growth in mortgages (up 13 per cent), personal loans and overdrafts (up 12 per cent) and credit card balances. Average credit card balances were 25 per cent higher overall, reflecting the growth of the Goldfish portfolios acquired at the end of September 2003 together with underlying growth of 12 per cent. Wholesale and International Banking average interest-earning assets, excluding discontinued operations and reverse repurchase agreements, were £578 million higher. Increased business activity led to an increase of £1,536 million in consumer finance balances and £1,314 million within the asset finance businesses, where there has been a change in mix towards lending rather than operating leases. Treasury balances, excluding reverse repurchase agreements, were lower, and within the International businesses, excluding discontinued operations, fell as growth in offshore lending was more than offset by further contractions in Latin America and by reductions in corporate lending balances in major markets.

The Lloyds TSB Group's net interest margin fell by 29 basis points to 2.75 per cent in 2004, compared to 3.04 per cent in 2003. However, excluding discontinued operations from the comparative figures and balances held under reverse repurchase agreements from both years, the net interest margin fell by 11 basis points to 2.89 per cent in 2004 compared to 3.00 per cent in 2003; this fall in margin reduced net interest income by £173 million. Within UK Retail Banking, competitive pressures led to reductions in the margins on mortgages, overdrafts and personal loans. Within Wholesale and International Banking, excluding discontinued operations and balances held under reverse repurchase agreements, there was margin growth in consumer finance and on asset finance balances (due to a change in mix towards higher margin consumer balances) but business balances were tightened, again as a result of competitive pressures leading to the offering of specially priced term lending products.

International businesses, excluding discontinued operations, there were margin reductions on of

Exchange rate movements in the Lloyds TSB Group s overseas operations, excluding discontinued operations, le
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Lloyds TSB Group net interest income increased by £84 million, or 2 per cent, to £5,255 million, representing total income compared to 58 per cent in 2002; businesses disposed of during 2003 contributed £511 million compared to £488 million in 2002. Excluding the net interest income of these discontinued operations from the years, net interest income of £4,744 million in 2003 was £61 million, or 1 per cent, higher than £4,683 million in 2002.

Average interest-earning assets increased by £11,078 million, or 7 per cent, to £172,896 million. However, movements in average interest-earning assets are complicated by the assets held in the businesses sold in 2003 and of very fine margin, but capital efficient, reverse repurchase agreements held for liquidity and funding purposes. Excluding discontinued operations and the holdings of reverse repurchase agreements, average interest-earning assets increased by £12,013 million or 8 per cent, to £158,167 million in 2003 compared to £146,154 million in 2002; this increase was due to increases of £362 million to net interest income. Within UK Retail Banking continued strong growth led to increases of £2,424 million in average personal lending and credit card balances and £7,424 million in average mortgage balances. Within International Banking, excluding discontinued operations and average balances held under reverse repurchase agreements, average interest-earning assets increased by £2,945 million, reflecting growth in asset finance balances and the full inclusion of structured finance transactions entered into during 2002 which more than offset a reduction in balances within the Group's treasury operations, excluding balances held under reverse repurchase agreements, due to fewer market transactions in 2003. Overseas, excluding discontinued operations, reductions following the contraction of the Lloyds TSB Group's American operations were more than offset by growth in corporate lending in mainland Europe. There was also a reduction of £1,207 million following the reclassification as trading assets and subsequent disposal of the Lloyds TSB Group's emerging markets investments.

The net interest margin fell by 16 basis points to 3.04 per cent from 3.20 per cent in 2002, reducing net interest income by £259 million. The implementation of the Competition Commission's SME report remedies caused a reduction in net interest margin of 10 basis points costing £169 million. Excluding discontinued operations, and the average balances held under reverse repurchase agreements, the net interest margin fell by 20 basis points from 3.20 per cent in 2002 to 3.00 per cent in 2003, reducing net interest income by £299 million, of which £169 million was due to the impact of the Competition Commission's SME report remedies. There was some margin erosion within the mortgages business and on credit card balances and overdrafts although there was some improvement in the margin on personal loans. The margin was further reduced by a continuing change in the composition of the lending portfolio towards finer margin products and the disposal of the Lloyds TSB Group's emerging markets investments. Adverse exchange rate movements, excluding discontinued operations, decreased net interest income by £169 million.

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Fees and commissions receivable:			
UK current account fees	637	623	579
Other UK fees and commissions	1,243	1,173	1,163
Insurance broking	586	604	647
Card services	520	439	394
International fees and commissions	138	148	159
	3,124	2,987	2,942
Fees and commissions payable	(744)	(688)	(614)
Dealing profits (before expenses):			
Foreign exchange trading income	178	223	143
Securities and other gains	93	302	21
	271	525	164
Income from long-term assurance business	715	436	(305)
General insurance premium income	554	535	486
Other operating income	688	682	759
Total other income continuing operations	4,608	4,477	3,432
Discontinued operations		142	119
Total other income	4,608	4,619	3,551

Other income decreased by £11 million to £4,608 million compared to £4,619 million in 2003. However, the were sold in 2003 contributed £142 million of other income in that year and, excluding these discontinued oper comparative figures, other income rose by £131 million, or 3 per cent, to £4,608 million in 2004 from £4,477 m

Fees and commissions receivable, excluding discontinued operations, increased by £137 million, or 5 per cent, to £2,987 million in 2003. UK current account fees were £14 million higher than in 2003 as a result of the continued growth in added value account products and a review of charging policies, although within this figure there has been a net increase of £3 million in unauthorised borrowing fees. Other UK fees and commissions were £70 million higher at £1,243 million in 2003 compared to £1,173 million in 2003. Company registration fees were £15 million higher as a result of a significant increase in the number of Lloyds TSB Registrars, both in terms of sharedealing volumes and corporate actions. Mortgage fees were £16 million higher in 2003 reflecting both continued growth in the mortgage book and some increase in fee levels during 2004. Unitary fees were £18 million higher reflecting both growth in asset values, and therefore annual management fees, at Scottish Widows reflecting increased volumes within the offshore business. There was also good growth in corporate banking fees, reflecting large deals completed in 2004, and in acceptance fees. Insurance broking commissions were £18 million lower, or 1 per cent, in 2004 compared to £604 million in 2003, as a result of lower levels of retrospective and motor insurance broking commissions, only partly offset by an increase in income from creditor protection products. Fee income from card services, excluding discontinued operations, was £81 million higher; this reflects a full year's income from the Goldfish business, which was acquired by the Lloyds TSB Group at the end of September 2003, and a review of pricing and charging policies. International insurance commissions, excluding discontinued operations, were £10 million lower at £138 million compared to £148 million in 2003.

Fees and commissions payable, excluding discontinued operations, were £56 million or 8 per cent, higher than £52 million in 2003 compared to £688 million in 2003. Commissions payable to motor dealers in the asset finance business were £33 million higher in 2003 as a result of the continued growth in business volumes. Fees payable within the card services business were £34 million higher in 2003 reflecting the acquisition of the Goldfish business at the end of September 2003; this increase was partly offset by a reduction in the level of other fees payable within UK IFA.

Dealing profits, excluding discontinued operations, were £254 million, or 48 per cent, lower than £271 million in 2003 compared to £525 million in 2003. Foreign exchange income was £45 million lower at £178 million as good growth in income from the Lloyds TSB Group's treasury and corporate banking operations was more than offset by the non-repetition of income from the Group centre from the closure of certain foreign exchange positions in 2003. Securities trading gains were £12 million lower; again, good growth within the Lloyds TSB Group's treasury operations was more than offset by the fact that the Group realised substantial profits on the sale of the remaining assets within the Lloyds TSB Group's portfolio of emerging market investments.

Income from long-term assurance business, excluding discontinued operations, was £279 million higher than £279 million in 2003 compared to £436 million in 2003. The new business contribution, excluding discontinued operations, was £92 million higher in 2003 reflecting growth in business volumes and an improved margin on new products, and the expected return on existing investments was £25 million higher. There was an £88 million reduction in charges for customer remediation provisions (£12 million in 2003 compared to £100 million in 2003) and improved market conditions led to a £41 million increase in the value of the Group's investments held to support the long-term business.

Premium income from general insurance underwriting was £19 million, or 4 per cent, higher than £554 million in 2003 compared to £535 million in 2003. This reflected improved income on home contents and creditor insurance, including policies written by the Lloyds TSB Group's asset finance business, only partly offset by a reduction in health insurance income.

Other operating income, excluding discontinued operations, was £6 million higher as an increase in gains on sale of investments, mainly within the Lloyds TSB Group's venture capital business, was partly offset by a reduction in operating income from receivable and in income from the Lloyds TSB Group's motor dealerships, which were rationalised towards the end of 2003.

2003 compared to 2002

Other income increased by £1,068 million, or 30 per cent, to £4,619 million; of this total businesses disposed of contributed £1,068 million accounted for £142 million compared to £119 million in 2002; excluding discontinued operations, other income was £1,045 million, or 30 per cent, to £3,419 million.

Fees and commissions receivable, excluding discontinued operations, increased by £45 million mainly as a result of continued growth in UK current account fees and improved income from credit and debit card transactions, which more than offset a reduction in insurance broking commissions. UK current account fee income rose by £44 million, reflecting increased fee income from value current accounts due to both a growth in the number of accounts and higher monthly charges; returned credit card fees also increased as the number of returned cards increased.

Other UK fees and commissions increased by £10 million. Fees earned by the mortgages business rose by £20 million in 2003 reflecting the growth in new mortgage lending during 2003 and an increase in the arrangement fee charged to customers. Other UK fees and commissions were £14 million higher in 2003 reflecting a £14 million increase in the fees charged in connection with the early settlement of personal loans following their

the second half of 2002 and fees from large corporate and factoring activity increased by £16 million. There was a
increase in fees receivable within the asset finance business; acceptance fees were £7 million higher and collection
fees were £8 million as a result of volume growth. This growth was largely offset by a reduction of £27 million in unit
management fees reflecting lower average fund values and the continued weakness of the long-term savings market
from stockbroking activities reduced reflecting lower transaction volumes in weak market conditions and in
company registration business also fell as levels of corporate activity remained low.

Income from credit and debit card services increased by £45 million mainly as a result of a growth in interchange reflecting the acquisition of the Goldfish credit card portfolio during 2003, higher overseas use commissions

Insurance broking commission income decreased by £43 million as a result of a £75 million fall in income from insurance, reflecting a reduction in the level of sales achieved through the branch network and an increase of £33 million allowance in respect of the clawback of commissions relating to personal loans which are being settled early, which offset a £55 million increase in retrospective commissions. International fees and commissions reduced by £11 million due to lower fund management fees in a number of

Fees and commissions payable, excluding discontinued operations, were £74 million higher compared to 2002. A £36 million increase in commissions paid to motor dealers by the asset finance operation, reflecting growth in the mortgage business, and higher costs relating to legal expenses and valuation fee incentives supporting the strong mortgage business payable in respect of the credit and debit card business also increased, mainly reflecting volume growth and the cost of incentives, and there was also an increase in fees payable in connection with the Lloyds TSB Group's added volume

Dealing profits, excluding discontinued operations, increased substantially by £361 million compared with 2002. An increase of £80 million in foreign exchange income and an increase of £281 million in gains from securities trading, reflecting profits from the disposal of the Lloyds TSB Group's portfolio of emerging markets debt investments which, as of 2002, was reclassified as a trading asset. In 2002, earnings from emerging markets debt investments were primarily within other operations

Income from long-term assurance business, excluding discontinued operations, increased by £741 million. An improved performance of stock markets during 2003 as the return on the investments held to support the long-term funds grew by £934 million. Although there was only limited growth in overall product sales, new business increased by £8 million largely reflecting an improved new business margin caused by a shift to more profitable reinsurance products. Profits from existing business fell by £111 million mainly as a result of a £168 million reduction in experience variances and actuarial assumption changes, and the expected return reduced by £48 million; however, customer redress were £105 million lower. The benefits from economic assumption changes also reduced

Premium income from general insurance underwriting increased by £49 million, or 10 per cent, to £535 million from £486 million in 2002. There was growth of £60 million in premiums from home insurance products, reflecting cross-selling to the Lloyds TSB Group's mortgage customers and the continued strength of the UK housing market, by a £7 million increase in reinsurance premiums due to increased rates in the reinsurance market and higher

Other operating income, excluding discontinued operations, decreased by £77 million to £682 million mainly due to the treatment of earnings from the emerging markets debt investments portfolio following the reclassification of the trading asset at the end of 2002. There was also a further £28 million reduction in profits from the sale of office premises, which in 2003 totalled £4 million. These factors more than offset the effect of the inclusion of income from cars by the Dutton-Forshaw Group following its acquisition in December 2002, which increased by £51 million. A £26 million increase in the gains on realisation of venture capital investments by Lloyds TSB Development Capital also gains of £34 million following the sale of a number of leases by Lloyds TSB Leasing where the tax attributes were by

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Administrative expenses:			
Staff:			
Salaries	1,793	1,675	1,646
National insurance	140	137	128
Pensions	338	342	303
Other staff costs	276	277	294
	2,547	2,431	2,371
Premises and equipment:			
Rent and rates	274	271	268
Hire of equipment	17	17	18
Repairs and maintenance	129	123	127
Other	110	114	109
	530	525	522
Other expenses:			
Communications and external data processing	439	411	411
Advertising and promotion	163	160	135
Professional fees	141	118	107
Provisions for customer redress	100	200	
Other	364	384	427
	1,207	1,273	1,080
Administrative expenses	4,284	4,229	3,973
Depreciation	589	633	630
Amortisation of goodwill	44	39	33
Total operating expenses continuing operations	4,917	4,901	4,636
Discontinued operations		272	277
Total operating expenses	4,917	5,173	4,913
Cost: income ratio (%)	51.4	52.2	55.3
Cost: income ratio excluding discontinued operations (%)	51.4	53.0	56.0

2004 compa

Operating expenses were £256 million, or 5 per cent, lower at £4,917 million compared to £5,173 million in 2003. Operating expenses in 2003 included £272 million incurred in the businesses sold in that year and, excluding these operations from the comparative figures, operating expenses in 2004 were £16 million higher at £4,917 million compared to £4,901 million in 2003.

Administrative expenses, excluding discontinued operations, were £55 million, or 1 per cent, higher at £4,284 million compared to £4,229 million in 2003. Staff costs were £116 million, or 5 per cent, higher. This increase reflected the annual increase in salaries and an increased charge in respect of profit related and other staff incentive schemes, which in particular reflected growth in the Lloyds TSB Group's corporate banking business; the pensions charge was little changed as a regular cost arising in respect of the Lloyds TSB Group's defined benefit schemes was offset by a reduced charge reflecting a lower level of rationalisation activity than in 2003. Other staff costs were also largely unchanged as restructuring costs was offset by an increase in charges related to outsourcing.

Premises and equipment costs, excluding discontinued operations, were £5 million, or 1 per cent, higher at £530 million compared to £525 million in 2003. Small increases in rent and rates payable, in part reflecting sale and leaseback arrangements, and higher repair and maintenance costs were partly offset by a decrease in other premises and equipment costs of gains on disposals.

Other expenses, excluding discontinued operations, were £66 million, or 5 per cent, lower at £1,207 million. However, this includes the charge in respect of provisions for customer redress within the Lloyds TSB Group's banking operations of £100 million compared to £200 million in 2003. Excluding this item, other expenses were £34 million, or 3 per cent, lower at £1,107 million compared to £1,073 million in 2003. Communications and external data processing costs were £28

reflecting the impact of the Goldfish business, acquired at the end of September 2003, and increased telephony costs and promotion costs were £3 million higher and professional fees rose by £23 million reflecting the cost of a number of large projects, including Basel and the implementation, in the United Kingdom, of International Financial Standards from 1 January 2005. Other costs were £20 million lower, reflecting lower operational losses and related to the Lloyds TSB Group's clearing

Depreciation, excluding discontinued operations, was £44 million lower due to a reduced charge in respect of assets reflecting a change in the mix of this business towards longer-term deals, such as aircraft, and the non-accelerated charge su

Goodwill amortisation, excluding discontinued operations, was £5 million higher at £44 million, compared to 2003, as a result of the acquisition of the Gol

The cost:income ratio improved to 51.4 per cent compared to 52.2 per cent in 2003, or 53.0 per cent excluding discontinued operations from the comp

2003 compa

Total operating expenses increased by £260 million, or 5 per cent, to £5,173 million; of this total, businesses discontinued operations accounted for £272 million compared to £277 million in 2002; excluding discontinued operations, total operating expenses increased by £265 million, or 6 per cent, to £4,901 million. The impact of acquisitions made in 2002 increased operating expenses during 2003 by £110 million, and there was a £200 million provision for customer redress

Administrative expenses, excluding discontinued operations, increased by £256 million to £4,229 million, largely due to a £200 million provision for customer redress. Staff costs were £60 million higher at £2,431 million. Salaries were 2 per cent higher as the impact of the annual pay review and the acquisitions made during 2002 more than offset an underlying reduction in staff numbers of 1,209 (full time equivalent); the cost of bonuses and other performance payments remained broadly unchanged. National Insurance costs grew by £9 million reflecting the higher overall costs due to the increase in employers' contribution rates which took effect in April 2003. Pension costs increased by £39 million, or 2 per cent, reflecting a growth in the current service cost as interest rates have fallen and an increase in the level of cash contributions being made into defined contribution schemes in the UK. Other staff costs fell by £17 million because the impact of the use of agency and other contract staff to support a number of major IT development projects and a significant increase in severance costs, particularly for staff working in the branch network, was more than offset by a reduction in severance costs following the completion of a number of major restructuring projects

Premises and equipment costs were £3 million higher; there was little change in costs during 2003 as the effect of branch closures offset the impact of acquisitions made during 2002

Other expenses increased by £193 million, largely as a result of the £200 million provision for customer redress and £11 million in respect of past sales of mortgage endowment and long-term savings products, including the Extra Income & Savings Plan. Advertising expenditure increased by £25 million mainly reflecting promotional expenditure incurred in connection with the credit card and mortgage businesses and also wider use of television advertising during 2003; professional fees increased by £11 million due to greater use of external consultants on a number of major projects. This has been offset by a reduction in other expenses. There has been a reduction in the processing charges paid to iPSL, Lloyds TSB Group plc joint venture, and reduced credit and debit card processing charges

Depreciation, excluding discontinued operations, rose by £3 million. Operating lease depreciation increased by £1 million as an accelerated charge was recorded following the reassessment of the carrying value of a small number of big ticket assets; the effect of the acquisition of First National Vehicle Holdings during 2002 was largely offset by the reduction in depreciation of the existing portfolios. This was offset by a £16 million reduction in the charge on other fixed assets, mainly due to the accelerated write-off of certain software development costs in 2002. Goodwill amortisation, excluding discontinued operations, was £6 million higher reflecting the acquisitions made during 2002

The cost:income ratio was 52.2 per cent, compared to 55.3 per cent in 2002. Excluding discontinued operations, the cost:income ratio was 53.0 per cent compared to 56.0 per cent in 2002

	Charge for bad and doubtful debts		
	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
UK Retail Banking	673	594	496
Wholesale and International Banking	193	306	489
Central group items		(13)	(7)
Total charge, excluding discontinued operations	866	887	978
Discontinued operations		63	51
Total charge	866	950	1,029
Specific provisions	953	946	965
General provisions	(87)	4	64
Total charge	866	950	1,029
Charge as % of average lending:	%	%	%
Total charge	0.59	0.66	0.77
Total charge, excluding discontinued operations	0.59	0.66	0.80
			2004 compared to 2003

The total charge for bad and doubtful debts decreased by £84 million, or 9 per cent, to £866 million compared to £950 million in 2003. However, the charge in 2003 included £63 million in the businesses sold in that year and, excluding these operations from the comparative figures, the charge for bad and doubtful debts in 2004 was £21 million, or 2 per cent, compared to £887 million in 2003, a decrease of £866 million compared to £887 million.

The charge within UK Retail Banking was £79 million higher at £673 million compared to £594 million in 2003. The charge in respect of personal loans and overdrafts was £43 million higher, principally reflecting volume growth. The charge in respect of credit cards was £60 million higher; £37 million of the increase reflected the acquisition of the Goldfish business. The remainder is attributable to the growth in the size of the lending portfolios. There was a net provisions release of £11 million in respect of the mortgage business, £24 million higher than in 2003, reflecting the continuing low level of losses in the UK, rising house prices and historically low levels of arrears.

The charge in respect of Wholesale and International Banking, excluding discontinued operations, was £113 million higher at £193 million compared to £306 million in 2003. There was a reduction in the charge in respect of corporate lending of £100 million, both lower new charges and some large releases, and a release of £30 million from the general provision that was attributable to the Lloyds TSB Group's exposures in Argentina. These factors more than offset an increased charge in respect of the Lloyds TSB Group's business, as a result of volume growth.

The credit in respect of Central group items of £13 million in 2003 was not repeated as the remainder of the Lloyds TSB Group's portfolio of medium-term emerging markets debt was sold or repaid.

Overall, the Lloyds TSB Group's charge for bad and doubtful debts as a percentage of average lending fell to 0.59 per cent compared to 0.66 per cent in 2003.

2003 compared to 2002

The total charge for bad and doubtful debts decreased by £79 million, or 8 per cent, to £950 million; business sold during 2003 accounted for £63 million of this charge compared to £51 million in 2002; excluding discontinued operations, the total charge for bad and doubtful debts decreased by £91 million, or 9 per cent, to £887 million.

In UK Retail Banking the provisions charge increased to £594 million from £496 million in 2002. There was a net charge of £18 million in the provisions held against the mortgages portfolio of £18 million compared to a net release of £1 million in 2002. This reflected an improved arrears position and an increase in the value of the property held as security. The charge in respect of credit cards increased by £115 million mainly due to an increase in the provisions required against the personal loan portfolios. This is largely attributable to the growth in the size of these portfolios although there was also some increase in arrears levels and an increase in fraud related losses within the personal lending portfolio.

In Wholesale and International Banking, excluding discontinued operations, the provisions charge fell by £306 million. The charge within Wholesale fell by £78 million as the level of new provisions required against customers reduced. In 2002 provisions totalling some £100 million were made against large US exposures which were repeated to the same extent during 2003. In the asset finance businesses the provisions charge was largely unchanged as strong lending growth during 2003 as the high level of voluntary terminations experienced in 2002 were not repeated. Within International Banking, excluding discontinued operations, the charge fell by £105 million mainly due to a reduction of £79 million in the new provisions required against the Lloyds TSB Group's exposures in Argentina as economic conditions in that country started to stabilise. There was also a reduction in the charge in other Latin America due to specific cases requiring provisions in 2002 which were not repeated in 2003.

Within Central group items there was a net release of provisions of £13 million from the provisions held against debt in the emerging markets portfolio. This portfolio has now either been disposed of or the lending has been reduced.

The Lloyds TSB Group's charge for bad and doubtful debts as a percentage of average lending decreased to 0.66 per cent compared to 0.77 per cent in 2002; excluding discontinued operations, the charge for bad and doubtful debts as a percentage of average lending decreased to 0.66 per cent compared to 0.80 per cent in 2002.

The rate of tax is influenced by the geographic and business mix of profits. In the absence of special factors, Lloyds TSB Group does not expect the tax rate to vary significantly from the average UK corporation tax rate.

	2004 £m	2003 £m	2002 £m
UK corporation tax:			
Current tax on profits for the year	841	1,079	786
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(38)	(72)	12
	803	1,007	798
Double taxation relief	(58)	(223)	(129)
	745	784	669
Foreign tax:			
Current tax on profits for the year	119	144	216
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(5)	(15)	(15)
	114	129	201
Current tax charge	859	913	870
Deferred tax	146	119	(106)
Associated undertakings and joint ventures	(1)	(7)	2
Total charge	1,004	1,025	766

The effective rate of tax in 2004 was 28.7 per cent, compared to an effective rate of tax in 2003 of 23.6 per cent and the UK corporation tax rate in 2004 of 30 per cent. The higher effective rate of tax in 2004 is primarily because the effective rate benefited from the fact that the gain on disposal of The National Bank of New Zealand was exempt from taxation, which was partly offset by the benefit, in 2004, of lower effective rates of tax in the Lloyds TSB Group's life and pensions businesses and an improved performance in the investment portfolios. See note 9 to the financial statements for further details.

The effective rate of tax in 2003 was 23.6 per cent, compared to an effective rate of tax of 29.3 per cent and the UK corporation tax rate in 2003 of 30 per cent. The lower effective rate of tax in 2003 was primarily due to the gain on disposal of The National Bank of New Zealand, which was exempt from taxation, and a reduction in the non-allowable elements of the taxes paid creditable against the UK corporation tax charge. This was partly offset by the withdrawal of tax relief for the Lloyds TSB Group qualifying share ownership trust (QUEST) to satisfy Save Ascertained Shares requirements.

In pursuit of the Group's aim to maximise shareholder value over time, management has for a number of years used economic value based management as a framework to identify and measure value creation. Management uses economic profit, a non-GAAP measure, as a measure of performance, and believes that it provides important information for investors. Economic profit captures both growth in investment and return; profit before tax is the comparable GAAP measure used by management. Lloyds TSB Group defines economic profit as the earnings on the equity invested in the business less a notional charge for the cost of the equity invested in the business.

Lloyds TSB Group believes that economic profit instils financial discipline in determining investment decisions and that it enables Lloyds TSB Group to evaluate alternative strategies objectively and to gain a better understanding of the value created by each strategy, and then to select the strategy which creates the greatest value. The senior executives under Lloyds TSB Group's annual bonus arrangements are partly determined by the achievement of economic profit targets.

Management changes its estimates of the cost of equity only to reflect significant changes in long-term interest rates and other external market factors which are considered sustainable. The principal factor in estimating the cost of equity is long-term interest rates. If long-term interest rates increase, management will consider raising its estimate of the cost of equity. If long-term interest rates fall, management will consider reducing its estimate of the cost of equity. The principal market factors considered are equity risk premium and Lloyds TSB Group's share price volatility relative to the market as a whole. Any change to the estimated cost of equity will be disclosed. For the last three years, management has used a cost of equity of 9 per cent to reflect the shareholders' minimum required rate of return on

The table below summarises Lloyds TSB Group's calculation of economic profit for the

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Average shareholders' equity	9,956	8,460	10,672
Profit attributable to shareholders	2,421	3,254	1,790
Less: notional charge	(896)	(761)	(960)
Economic profit	1,525	2,493	830

The notional charge has been calculated by multiplying average shareholders' equity by the

2004 compared to 2003

Economic profit decreased to £1,525 million in 2004 compared to £2,493 million in 2003. Profit attributable to shareholders decreased by £833 million, or 26 per cent, to £2,421 million principally due to the significant profits on disposal of assets in 2003 of £865 million, on which no tax charge arose; the notional charge on average equity was £135 million higher in 2004 than in 2003, as a result of an 18 per cent increase in average equity to £9,956 million compared to £8,460 million in 2003.

2003 compared to 2002

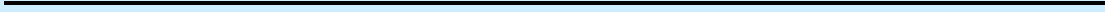
Economic profit increased by £1,663 million from £830 million in 2002 to £2,493 million in 2003. Profit attributable to shareholders increased by £1,464 million, or 82 per cent, to £3,254 million; the notional charge on average equity was £199 million lower, as a result of a 21 per cent reduction in average equity to £8,460 million from £10,672 million in 2002.

Line of business

In order to provide a clearer representation of the underlying performance, the results of the Insurance and Investment businesses are presented on a normalised basis. The results of the Insurance and Investment businesses include investment earnings calculated using longer-term rates of return and annual management charges based on the actual investment fund values. Management separately analyses the difference between these normalised earnings and the actual earnings (investment variance) together with the impact of changes in the economic assumptions used in the embedded value calculations. The results of the businesses are presented in the table below.

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
UK Retail Banking	1,651	1,471	1,471
Insurance and Investments	773	565	630
Wholesale and International Banking – continuing operations	1,272	1,038	1,038
Central group items	(333)	(12)	360
	3,363	3,062	3,500
Changes in economic assumptions	(2)	(22)	55
Investment variance	147	125	(9)
Loss on sale of businesses in 2004	(15)		
Discontinued operations in 2003 and 2002		1,183	27
Profit before tax	3,493	4,348	2,784

Comparative figures for 2003 and 2002 have been restated to reflect changes in the Lloyds TSB Group's segmental reporting following the introduction, in 2004, of the management of the Lloyds TSB Group's distribution channels as part of other changes in internal transfer pricing arrangements. The loss on sale of businesses in 2004 and discontinued operations in 2003 and 2002 relate to the Wholesale and International Banking segment. The discontinued operations in 2003 and 2002 relate to the Lloyds TSB Group's operations in New Zealand, Brazil and France.



	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Net interest income	3,198	3,137
Other income	1,639	1,533
Total income	4,837	4,670
Operating expenses	(2,513)	(2,583)
Trading surplus	2,324	2,087
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	(673)	(594)
Share of results of joint ventures		(22)
Profit before tax	1,651	1,471
Profit before tax, before provisions for customer redress	1,751	1,671
Cost:income ratio	52.0%	55.3%
Total assets (year-end)	£101,615m	£90,541m
Total risk-weighted assets (year-end)	£60,502m	£54,119m

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Profit before tax from UK Retail Banking increased by £180 million, or 12 per cent, to £1,651 million in 2004, compared to £1,471 million in 2003. However, comparisons of performance are distorted by the level of the charge made for provisions for customer redress, which was £100 million in 2004 compared to £200 million in 2003; excluding the effect of provisions for customer redress, profit before tax in UK Retail Banking increased by £80 million, or 5 per cent to £1,751 million in 2004, compared to £1,671 million in 2003.

Total income rose by £167 million, or 4 per cent, to £4,837 million compared to £4,670 million in 2003. Net interest income was £61 million higher, or 2 per cent, higher at £3,198 million, compared to £3,137 million in 2003. Average interest-earned assets were £10,875 million higher than in 2003. There was strong growth in mortgage lending during the year; gross new mortgage lending was £26,251 million, compared to £24,151 million in 2003, representing a market share of 9.0 per cent. Net interest income from mortgage lending of £9,315 million was 12 per cent higher than the £8,283 million achieved in 2003 and represented a market share of 9.2 per cent. Mortgage balances outstanding increased by 13 per cent to £80,065 million. There was also good growth in other lending, including loans and overdrafts, where average balances were £1,141 million higher and in card services, where average balances were £1,424 million higher, in part reflecting the acquisition of the Goldfish business at the end of September 2003. The growth generated an additional £387 million of net interest income.

The net interest margin, however, fell by 41 basis points, reducing net interest income by £326 million, reflecting continuing competitive pressures in mortgages and in other retail lending products such as overdrafts and credit cards.

Other income was £106 million, or 7 per cent, higher at £1,639 million compared to £1,533 million in 2003. This reflects the acquisition of the Goldfish business in 2003, as a result of which the 2004 figures include a full year of income compared to only three months in 2003. This led to a significant increase in card fee income, up £81 million over 2003, which was partially offset by a related increase in card fees payable. Card fee income also grew as a result of organic growth in the Group's existing business and a review of charging structures. Current account fees within UK Retail Banking were £10 million higher as a result of continued growth in added value account fees and an increased level of returned cheque fees. Management fees also increased management fees with the UK Wealth Management business, as a result of higher fees on new business.

Operating expenses were £70 million, or 3 per cent, lower at £2,513 million compared to £2,583 million in 2003. Excluding the effect of the provisions for customer redress, operating expenses were £30 million, or 1 per cent, lower at £2,413 million compared to £2,383 million in 2003. The full year impact of the Goldfish acquisition and the effect of the cost of awards was partly offset by a lower level of bonuses in some areas and staff reductions, particularly in the distribution network. Staff numbers at 31 December 2004 were 43,732, down 563 from 44,295 at the end of 2003. The cost:income ratio improved from 55.3 per cent in 2003. Excluding the charges in respect of provisions for customer redress of £100 million in 2004 and £200 million in 2003, the cost:income ratio improved to 49.9 per cent in 2004 compared to 51.0 per cent in 2003.

Provisions for bad and doubtful debts were £79 million, or 13 per cent, higher at £673 million compared to £594 million in 2003. Of this increase, £37 million is attributable to the full year impact of the Goldfish business and the remainder is due to growth in the lending portfolios during 2004. Personal loan balances increased by £1,126 million, or 12 per cent, to £10,745 million over 2004 and credit card balances increased by £792 million, or 12 per cent, to £7,519 million. The charge as a percentage of average lending for personal loans and overdrafts fell to 4.20 per cent, from 4.25 per cent in 2003, while the charge in the credit card portfolio increased to 3.42 per cent, from 3.19 per cent in 2003. In the mortgage portfolio there was a net provision release of £42 million, reflecting the continuing low level of losses in a climate of rising house prices and historically low interest rates. The provisions charge as a percentage of average lending was 0.71 per cent in 2004, 0.72 per cent in 2003, and the overall arrears position remained stable.

Profit before tax from UK Retail Banking decreased by £77 million, or 5 per cent, to £1,471 million, compared to £1,548 million in 2002. However, the results in 2003 were adversely affected by a £200 million provision for remediation of mortgage portfolios of customers in respect of past sales of mortgage endowment and long-term savings products, principally the Easysave and Growth Plan; adjusting for this provision there was a £123 million or 8 per cent decrease.

Total income increased by £213 million, or 5 per cent, to £4,670 million. Net interest income increased by £247 million, or 5 per cent, to £3,137 million as continued growth in lending and deposit balances added £379 million to net interest income, offset by a reduction of £132 million caused by a 19 basis point reduction in the net interest margin. There was a 9 per cent growth in the personal loan and credit card businesses with outstanding balances increasing by 9 per cent and 10 per cent respectively over the year; after taking account of the impact of the acquisition of the Goldfish Bank portfolio, personal loan balances had increased by 10 per cent and credit card balances by 36 per cent by the end of December 2003. The twelve months to 31 December 2003, mortgage balances outstanding increased by 13 per cent to £70,750 million and lending increased to £8,283 million from £5,889 million; this represented an improved market share of 8.2 per cent compared to 7.8 per cent in 2002, although it remained below the Lloyds TSB Group's market share of outstanding loans.

The net interest margin was 19 basis points lower. There was margin contraction in the mortgages business as a result of pressures caused by a move to discounted and finer margin products; the margin on retail savings products also fell as a result of interest rate falls which were not passed on to customers and the benefit of low interest and interest-free current accounts was reduced. This was partly offset by an improved margin on personal loans, which benefited from lower cost of funds.

Other income decreased by £34 million to £1,533 million. Fees earned from current account activity grew by 10 per cent reflecting increased volumes of added value accounts and higher monthly charges; returned cheque fees also increased as the number of returned items rose. There was also improved income from credit and debit card transactions, which grew by £46 million, mainly as a result of a growth in interchange income, higher overseas use commissions and other income. Increases, however, were more than offset by a reduction in distribution commissions received for the sale of insurance through the branch network and higher fees payable in respect of the credit card business, mainly reflecting volume growth, the cost of customer incentives, and increased package costs incurred on the added value account range as volume grew. Growth in fee income in the mortgages business, as lending volumes have grown and charges increased, has been offset by a higher cost of customer acquisition.

Operating expenses were £181 million, or 8 per cent higher, at £2,583 million compared to £2,402 million in 2002, including the £200 million provision for customer redress; if this is excluded operating expenses fell by £19 million. There was a 10 per cent increase in salary and pension costs, largely reflecting the effects of the annual pay review and falling interest rates on provisions for providing post-retirement benefits, and the increased cost of agency staff and other contractors which have been reduced in extent by lower severance and related costs following the completion of a number of major restructuring initiatives. Expenditure also increased particularly in the credit card and mortgage businesses and there was wider use of technology, however there was a reduction in the level of operational losses and lower clearings costs. The cost:income ratio was 55.3 per cent compared to 53.9 per cent in 2002; however, if the £200 million provision for customer redress is excluded, the cost:income ratio in 2003 was 53.3 per cent compared to 53.9 per cent in 2002; however, if the £200 million provision for customer redress is included in costs in 2003, the cost:income ratio improved to 55.3 per cent.

Bad debt provisions increased by £98 million to £594 million in 2003 compared to £496 million in 2002 as a result of an increase in the provisions required against the personal lending and credit card portfolios mainly reflecting volume growth in these businesses but also some deterioration in the arrears levels within the personal loan portfolio and an increase in fraud related provisions. There was a net release of £18 million from the provisions held against the mortgage portfolio in 2003 compared to £1 million in 2002, as the arrears position has improved and the value of the underlying security increased. The charge as a percentage of average lending for personal loans and overdrafts increased to 4.25 per cent in 2003 from 3.52 per cent in 2002, while the charge in the credit card portfolio decreased to 3.19 per cent in 2003 from 3.52 per cent in 2002.

The Lloyds TSB Group's share of the results of its joint venture operations in 2003 was a loss of £22 million compared to £11 million in 2002. Following the purchase by the Lloyds TSB Group of the personal loan and credit card portfolio of the Goldfish Bank, the venture began to wind down its remaining business resulting in increased losses from asset write-downs.

Lloyds TSB Group's insurance and investments activities comprise the life, pensions and unit trust businesses of Lloyds TSB Group plc and Abbey Life, general insurance underwriting and broking, and Scottish Widows Investments.

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	99	81	74
Other income	1,170	981	1,084
Total income	1,269	1,062	1,158
Operating expenses	(272)	(261)	(291)
Trading surplus	997	801	867
General insurance claims	(224)	(236)	(229)
Operating profit	773	565	638
Changes in economic assumptions	(2)	(22)	55
Investment variance	147	125	(943)
Profit (loss) before tax	918	668	(250)

Restated, as explained

2004 compared to 2003

The operating profit from Insurance and Investments, calculated as explained under Operating and financial review, increased by £208 million, or 37 per cent, to £773 million in 2004 from £565 million in 2003.

Total income was £207 million, or 19 per cent, higher at £1,269 million compared to £1,062 million in 2003. Net interest income of £99 million was £18 million, or 22 per cent, higher than in 2003 reflecting increased cash balances held with reinsurers.

Other income was £189 million, or 19 per cent, higher at £1,170 million in 2004 compared to £981 million in 2003. Income from long-term assurance business, excluding the effects of changes in economic assumptions and the investment variance, was £165 million higher as a result of improved profitability from new and existing business and a reduced charge for provisions for customer redress (£12 million in 2004 compared to £100 million in 2003). General insurance premiums were £19 million higher as reduced premiums on the health insurance book, which is being run down, was offset by increased income from home contents and asset finance creditor insurance. Reduced levels of retrospective insurance broking commissions lead to a decrease of £18 million in general insurance broking commissions. Changes in market conditions lead to increases in asset management income.

Operating expenses were £11 million, or 4 per cent, higher at £272 million in 2004 compared to £261 million in 2003. This reflected higher staff costs, largely as a result of annual pay reviews, and some increase in strategic costs.

General insurance claims of £224 million in 2004 were down £12 million, or 5 per cent, from £236 million in 2003. This was due to favourable weather conditions.

2003 compared to 2002

The operating profit from Insurance and Investments, calculated as explained under Operating and financial review, fell by £73 million, or 11 per cent, to £565 million from £638 million in 2002.

Total income was £96 million, or 8 per cent lower, at £1,062 million as a £103 million fall in other income more than offset a modest improvement in net interest income of £7 million. Other income was £981 million compared to £1,084 million in 2002. Income from long-term assurance business, excluding the effects of changes in economic assumptions and the investment variance, was £86 million lower. Income from existing business was lower as the benefit from experience variance assumption changes reduced by £168 million, reflecting updated assumptions in respect of staff costs to support experience and benefits recognised in 2002 from changes in the assumed shareholder tax rate and from the valuation of unmonetised reserves which have not been repeated; the expected return increased by £10 million. There was also a reduction of £105 million in normalised investment earnings reflecting lower market rates of return. This has been partly offset by a £105 million increase in asset management income.

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Insurance broking income fell by £43 million reflecting lower levels of creditor insurance and an increased allowance for clawback of commissions by the insurance underwriters due to the early settlement of loans. There was also a decrease in income from unit trust and asset management activities as a result of lower average fund values and the continued weakness in the long-term savings market. This has been partly offset by a £49 million increase in general insurance premium income from the sale of home contents insurance has improved, helped by the buoyant home

Operating expenses decreased by £30 million, or 10 per cent, to £261 million. There was a £42 million reduction related to the restructuring of the Scottish Widows business and this has more than offset the effect of inflation.

General insurance claims increased by £7 million to £236 million, as the effect of the increase in the size of the business was largely offset by a reduction in claims caused by the generally mild weather.

The operating profit of the life, pensions and unit trust businesses is analysed in the following table. The basis of

The life and pensions results are split into:

New business income: this represents the value recognised at the end of each financial year from the new business during that year after taking into account the cost of establishing technical provisions and reserves. This is shown net of the significant costs of acquiring that new business, which are shown separately as 'Distribution costs'.

Distribution costs: the costs of acquiring the new business generated in the year. These comprise the cost of products through Lloyds TSB Bank's branch network; the commissions paid to independent financial advisers; and the related costs of sales through this channel; and the costs of other direct sales channels.

Existing business: this comprises the following elements:

the expected return arising from the unwinding of the discount applied to the expected cash flows at the beginning of the year;

experience variances caused by differences between the actual experience during the year and the expected experience; the effects of changes in assumptions, other than economic assumptions, and other items; and provisions for customer redress.

Development costs: these costs represent the investment made during the year in Sandler products and development, and the development of e-commerce relationships with IFAs.

Investment earnings: this represents the expected investment return on both the net tangible assets and the value of the shareholder's interest in the long-term business account, based upon the economic assumptions made at the beginning of the year.

Unit trust income is shown before the acquisition costs of new business which are separately disclosed.

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Life and pensions new business income	419	396	313
Life and pensions distribution costs	(231)	(241)	(199)
New business contribution	188	155	114
Existing business:			
Expected return	300	283	273
Experience variances	(41)	(16)	(1)
Assumption changes and other items	(39)	(75)	78
	220	192	350
Provisions for customer redress	(12)	(100)	(205)
Development costs	(11)	(13)	
Investment earnings	167	153	214
Operating profit (life and pensions)	552	387	473
Unit trusts	75	62	92
Unit trust distribution costs	(22)	(38)	(44)

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Profit before tax (unit trusts)	53	24	48
Operating profit (life, pensions and unit trusts)	605	411	521
General insurance	160	153	117
Scottish Widows Investment Partnership	8	1	
Operating profit	773	565	638
Changes in economic assumptions	(2)	(22)	55
Investment variance	147	125	(943)
Profit (loss) before tax	918	668	(250)
New business margin (life and pensions)	28.6%	25.8%	19.2%

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The table below shows the level of new business premium income for the life and pensions business and Management monitor these figures because they provide an indication of both the performance and the pro

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
New business premium income and unit trust sales			
Regular premiums	342.6	337.9	286.3
Single premiums	3,141.0	2,638.3	3,089.0
Unit trusts:			
Regular premiums	32.6	41.0	71.5
Single premiums	538.4	907.3	1,009.5
Total unit trusts	571.0	948.3	1,081.0

Weighted sales is a UK insurance industry standard which measures the new business volumes; the weighting is regular premium policies to reflect the long-term nature of these contracts. There are four main distribution channels of Lloyds TSB Group's life, pension and unit trust products and the table below shows the relative imp

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Weighted sales (regular + 1/10 single):			
Life and pensions	656.7	601.7	595.2
Unit trusts	86.4	131.7	172.4
Life, pensions and unit trusts	743.1	733.4	767.6
Weighted sales by distribution channel:			
Branch network	238.9	278.8	350.6
Independent financial advisers	431.6	391.6	335.4
Direct	72.2	61.6	67.9
Other, including International	0.4	1.4	13.7
Life, pensions and unit trusts	743.1	733.4	767.6

Operating profit from life, pensions and unit trusts, calculated as explained under Operating and financial review Line of business information Summary increased by £194 million, or 47 per cent, to £605 million in 2004, compared to £411 million in 2003; much of this improvement reflected the lower charge in respect of provisions for customer redress of £12 million in 2004, compared to £100 million in 2003. Excluding the charge in respect of provisions for customer redress, operating profit from life, pensions and unit trusts increased by £106 million or 21 per cent to £617 million in 2004, compared to £511 million in 2003.

Within the life and pensions businesses, new business contribution increased by £33 million or 21 per cent to £185 million in 2004, compared to £152 million in 2003. New business income was £23 million or 6 per cent higher reflecting a 9 per cent growth in the weighted sales of life and pensions products, driven in particular by higher sales of investment products such as the Flexible Option Bond and the Income Drawdown Bond. Distribution costs at £231 million were £10 million lower than in 2003, largely as a result of a change in the mix of products together with the non-repetition of short-term, fine margin, asset finance related business in the last quarter of 2003. New business margin, defined as new business contribution divided by weighted sales, was 28.6 per cent compared to 27.7 per cent in 2003.

Regular premium sales of £342.6 million were 1 per cent higher than in 2003 and represented 52 per cent of total sales from life and pensions business, compared to 56 per cent in 2003. Sales of regular premium pensions were £25.3 million higher, with growth in sales through independent financial advisers and direct channels, as a result of increased investment in this business and the promotion of specially targeted products more than offsetting a fall in sales through the branch network. Regular life product sales, however, were £18.9 million lower, largely as a result of competitor activity and the impact of some slow down in activity in the market.

Sales of single premium life and pensions products were £502.7 million, or 19 per cent, higher at £3,141.0 million in 2004, compared to £2,638.3 million in 2003. There was substantial growth in single premium life sales, reflecting the success of the Income Drawdown Bond and the Flexible Option Bond, which have been relaunched and made the subject of increased marketing activity. Sales of annuity products were down due to the decision to withdraw from the with-profits annuity market in 2004, only partially offset by increased sales of the Income Drawdown product. Single premium pension sales were 6 per cent higher, as a result of increased sales of group pension products through the independent financial advisers.

The expected return from existing business was £17 million, or 6 per cent, higher at £300 million compared to £283 million in 2003; the increase reflects the benefit of new business sales by Scottish Widows in 2003 and the effect of the reduction in the embedded value discount rate. The impact of experience variances and actuarial assumption changes was £11 million better than the charge of £91 million in 2003; adverse lapse and expense assumption changes were £80 million, £11 million better than the charge of £91 million in 2003; adverse lapse and expense assumption changes were £80 million more than offset by the non-repetition of the impact in 2003 of the capitalisation of pension contributions. The charge for customer redress of provisions for customer redress was significantly lower at £12 million in 2004, compared to £100 million in 2003.

Development costs were £11 million in 2004, compared to £13 million in 2003, and investment earnings were £156 million, or 9 per cent, higher at £167 million in 2004 compared to £153 million in 2003. The increase in investment earnings was due to the increased value of the investment portfolio at the start of 2004 and the increase in the normalised investment earnings.

Operating profit from unit trusts increased significantly from £24 million in 2003 to £53 million in 2004 as a result of an increase in profit before distribution costs and a reduction in distribution costs.

Unit trust profit before distribution costs was £13 million higher at £75 million. Overall weighted sales of unit trusts were £86.4 million, were £45.3 million, or 34 per cent, lower than the £131.7 million achieved in 2003. Regular premium sales were down 20 per cent at £32.6 million and single premium sales were 41 per cent lower at £538.4 million. The largest fall in unit trust sales was within the branch network reflecting a change in mix of sales and the reduced number of authorised advisers following a revision of the Lloyds TSB Group's suitability rules. Unit trust sales via independent financial advisers and sales by direct channels increased due to success in retaining customers with maturing products and successful marketing of Corporate OEICs. The fall in sales volumes lead to a reduction in new business income but this was more than offset by an increase in income from existing business, as the improved stock market performance over 2004 has led to higher sales of investment products with lower incentive payments and other cost savings. Unit trust distribution costs were £16 million, or 42 per cent, lower at £22 million compared to £38 million in 2003; this decrease reflects, in particular, lower commission payments to advisers in the branch network following the sharp fall in sales volumes.

The operating profit of the life, pensions and unit trust businesses in 2003 fell by £110 million, or 21 per cent, from £521 million.

New business income increased by £83 million, or 27 per cent, to £396 million. Weighted sales of life and pensions increased by 1 per cent as sales volumes were affected by weak demand as consumer confidence in long-term savings remained low. However there was a further change in the product mix towards higher margin regular premium policies with the emphasis upon sales of lower margin single premium life products.

The new business margin, defined as new business contribution divided by weighted sales, improved to 25.8 per cent in 2003 from 19.2 per cent in 2002. The increase in distribution costs was also higher than sales volumes; these costs were 21 per cent, to £241 million partly reflecting the increase in the proportion of sales made through the commissioning of an expensive independent financial adviser channel and also the higher levels of commission payable on sales of the new business.

Regular premium sales amounted to £337.9 million, or 56 per cent of total life and pensions weighted sales in 2003, compared to £286.3 million, or 48 per cent of the total in 2002, an increase of £51.6 million. Weighted sales of regular premium products increased by £24.0 million as improved sales through the IFA channel, reflecting both Scottish Widows' initiatives and investment in this channel, more than offset a reduction in sales through the branch network which was affected by weak demand. Sales of regular premium life products increased by £27.6 million mainly as a result of sales of term assurance and savings products; sales of mortgage-related products providing life cover on repayment mortgages also improved, reflecting the buoyant housing market and the resulting strong growth in mortgage-related products.

Sales of single premium products fell by £450.7 million, or 15 per cent, from £3,089.0 million in 2002 to £2,638.3 million in 2003. Single premium life product sales decreased by £685.1 million as a result of further reductions in sales of investment bonds due to low stock market values and adverse media comment and the closure of an investment trust in the financial services sector due to a lack of suitable quality investment opportunities. This was partly offset by strong growth in single premium annuity business; sales rose by £218.9 million or 21 per cent as a result of the improved performance of stakeholder pension products. Sales of single premium annuity business increased by £15.5 million, or 3 per cent, following pricing changes in 2003.

Unit trust sales were £132.7 million, or 12 per cent, lower at £948.3 million compared to £1,081.0 million in 2002. Sales of unit trusts continued to view investments in equity-based products as a key area of focus.

Weighted sales of life, pensions and unit trust products were £733.4 million compared to £767.6 million in 2002. Sales through the IFA channel, sales through the branch network fell by £71.8 million, or 20 per cent, to £278.8 million mainly reflecting reductions during 2003 in sales of single premium life and pensions products and unit trusts. Sales of regular premium products were broadly unchanged as initiatives within the branch network resulted in an increase in term assurance sales, which was offset by a fall in sales of pension products. Branch network sales during 2003 were affected by significant restructuring of the personal sector regulated sales force, to reflect lower levels of new business and improved cost efficiency, which resulted in a reduction in its size of almost one third. Direct sales decreased by £6.3 million as a result of lower single premium sales in difficult market conditions. However, sales through the IFA channel improved by £56.2 million, or 21 per cent, to £391.6 million with particularly strong growth in regular premium products reflecting the benefits of the investment through this channel in 2002 and earlier. In the 2003 IFA Service Awards, Scottish Widows achieved a five-star rating in the life and pensions category.

Existing business profits fell by £158 million, or 45 per cent, to £192 million from £350 million in 2002. With a return reduction of £39 million reflecting a reduction in the value of in-force business and a lower discount rate, there were lower restructuring costs in 2003. There was a reduction of £168 million in the benefits from changes in actuarial assumptions and experience variances. It is common practice for life assurance companies to regularly review the detailed assumptions used to support the embedded value calculations having regard to recent experience. In 2003 there was a charge of £75 million as a result of actuarial assumption changes compared to a credit of £78 million in 2002, reflecting the capitalisation of policyholder contributions, following their recommencement in 2003, within the Lloyds TSB Group's embedded value calculations. There were also benefits in 2002 from revisions to the assumed shareholder tax rate and the valuation of unmodelled products which have not been repeated. Experience variances were £15 million worse as a result of a deterioration in lapse and policyholder behaviour.

The decrease in existing business profits was partly offset by a £105 million reduction in the level of additional provisions required for redress payment in 2003.

Normalised investment earnings fell by £61 million, or 29 per cent, to £153 million from £214 million in 2002. This was due to a reduction in the expected rates of return in the low interest rate environment.

Unit trust profits were £24 million compared to £48 million in 2002. Income in the unit trust business is derived from management charges at the point of sale and annual management fees which are calculated as a percentage of the unit trust fund value. Unit trust profit before distribution costs fell by 33 per cent following the reduction in weighted average sales, which was 10 per cent lower, and a fall in income reflecting lower annual management charges as the depressed stock markets caused a reduction in income to reduce. Unit trust distribution costs fell by 14 per cent as a result of the fall in unit trust sales.

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Premium income from underwriting:		
Creditor	114	104
Home	442	410
Health	27	43
Reinsurance premiums	(29)	(22)
	554	535
Commissions from insurance broking:		
Creditor	377	351
Home	30	30
Health	19	16
Other	160	207
	586	604
Operating profit	160	153
Investment variance	8	13
Profit before tax	168	166

Restated, as explained

2004 compared to 2003

The operating profit, calculated as explained under Operating and financial review and prospects Line of business Summary from general insurance was £160 million, an increase of £7 million or 5 per cent from £153 million in 2003.

Premium income for underwriting was £19 million, or 4 per cent, higher at £554 million compared to £535 million in 2003. Creditor insurance premiums were 10 per cent higher, as a result of increased sales of the asset finance loan protection policies in part underwritten by the general insurance operations, and home premiums were 8 per cent higher following an increase in average loan and credit card balances insured; business loan protection income was lower following adjustments on terminated policies. Health commissions were £3 million higher in 2004 following an increase in premium rates and improved retention. Premium income from health insurance decreased from £43 million in 2003 to £27 million in 2004 as a result of the continuing run down of the book. Reinsurance premiums increased by £7 million to £29 million, in part due to growth in the underwritten protection policies.

Broking commissions decreased by £18 million, or 3 per cent, to £586 million in 2004 compared to £604 million in 2003. Creditor insurance commissions were £26 million higher following renegotiation of rates with external underwriters; business loan protection income was lower following adjustments on terminated policies. Home commissions were flat and Health commissions were £3 million higher in 2004. Other commissions decreased by £47 million to £160 million in 2004 from £207 million in 2003 following a reduction in share income from the unusually high claims in 2003.

Investment income was £8 million higher, following increased interest rates as the majority of the investment portfolio was in fixed income securities.

Distribution commissions payable to the branch network were largely unchanged; the proportion of sales sourced from the branch network was lower than in 2003, but this has been largely offset by the passing on of the benefit of improved profitability to the branch network agreed with third parties.

General insurance claims, at £224 million, were £12 million, or 5 per cent, lower than £236 million in 2003. Claims on motor policies were lower due to the favourable weather conditions in 2004 and health claims have declined as this book of business has been reduced.

The underwriting claims ratio improved from 42.4 per cent in 2003 to 38.4 per cent in 2004.

2003 compared to 2002

The operating profit from general insurance in 2003 was £153 million, an increase of £36 million, or 31 per cent

Premium income from underwriting increased by £49 million, or 10 per cent, to £535 million as a result of growth in income from the sale of home insurance products which rose by £60 million. An increase in average sales more than offset a decline in sales volumes, particularly through the IFA channel, as commission rates became sales volumes started to improve in the final quarter of 2003 as commissions payable were increased. Credit premiums were £3 million lower and reinsurance premiums increased by £7 million due to increased rates in the market and higher underwriting

Commission income from general insurance broking fell by £43 million reflecting a £75 million reduction in creditor insurance products as personal loan sales volumes within the branch network started to slow and a £35 million was made against the clawback of commissions by the insurance underwriters as loans are settled early. sales of home insurance products fell by £14 million due to more competitive offers from other market participants. factors have been partly offset by a £47 million improvement in other commissions reflecting a significant increase of retrospective commissions receivable from underwriters as the favourable economic conditions have improved the profitability of the products

Investment income was £9 million higher at £54 million, compared to £45 million in 2002.

General insurance claims were £7 million higher at £236 million compared to £229 million in 2002. The claims ratio was 45.7 per cent to 42.4 per cent reflecting the beneficial effect of generally mild weather conditions although there was an increase in subsidence related claims in the second half of 2003.

Operating expenses and commissions payable to the branch network were £37 million lower overall. The profit on underwriting and broking sales sourced through the network was lower in 2003 than in 2004, there were also lower advertising and severance costs and these factors more than offset the impact of annual fluctuations.

Changes in economic assumptions

Lloyds TSB Group accounts for the value of the shareholder's interest in the long-term assurance business using the value basis of accounting. The embedded value comprises the net tangible assets of the life assurance subsidiaries plus the value of the in-force business. The present value of the in-force business is calculated by projecting future surplus cash flows attributable to the shareholder and discounting the result at a rate which reflects the shareholder's required rate of return.

When projecting future surpluses and other net cash flows Lloyds TSB Group makes a series of assumptions about economic conditions. In order to maintain comparability with other listed insurers in the UK, the Lloyds TSB Group uses the same assumptions as each of these insurers at each reporting date.

The economic assumptions have been revised at 31 December 2004.

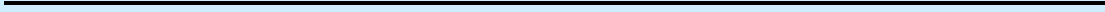
	2004	2003	2002
	%	%	%
Risk-adjusted discount rate (net of tax)	7.40	7.60	7.35
Return on equities (gross of tax)	7.17	7.45	7.10
Return on fixed interest securities (gross of tax)	4.57	4.85	4.50
Expenses inflation	3.76	3.80	3.30

The revised assumptions have resulted in a net charge to the profit and loss account in 2004 of £2 million (2003: £1 million, 2002: £1 million).

Investment

In accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in the UK, it is Lloyds TSB Group's accounting policy to value investments comprising the reserves held by its life companies at market value. The reserves held to support the business of Scottish Widows are substantial and changes in market values cause significant volatility in the Group's value earnings, which are beyond the control of management. Consequently, in order to provide a clearer representation of underlying performance, the results of the life and pensions business are separately analysed to show an analysis including investment earnings calculated using longer-term investment rates of return, and annual management charges on unsmoothed fund values. The investment variance represents the difference between the actual investment return on investments backing shareholder funds and the expected return based upon the economic assumptions made at the start of the year, and the effect of these fluctuations on the value of in-force business. The effects of other changes in circumstances beyond the control of management are also reflected in the investment variance. A similar approach is adopted for Lloyds TSB Group's general insurance business.

In 2004, there was a positive investment variance of £147 million (2003: positive £125 million, 2002: negative £125 million) reflecting increases in stock market values during 2004; the FTSE All-Share index increased by 9 per cent in 2004 with a 17 per cent increase in 2003. The benefit of improving stock markets was limited by the lower equities returns on long-term assurance funds and a reduction in the rates of return on fixed interest investments.



Wholesale and International Banking

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	1,966	1,875	1,970
Other income	1,641	1,561	1,520
Total income	3,607	3,436	3,490
Operating expenses	(2,090)	(2,048)	(1,939)
Trading surplus	1,517	1,388	1,551
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	(193)	(306)	(489)
Amounts written off fixed asset investments	(52)	(44)	(57)
	1,272	1,038	1,005
(Loss) profit on sale of businesses	(15)	865	
Trading results of businesses sold in 2003		318	279
Profit before tax	1,257	2,221	1,284
Cost:income ratio*	57.9%	59.6%	55.6%
Total assets (year-end)	£112,968m	£101,286m	£117,060m
Total risk-weighted assets (year-end)	£71,143m	£62,792m	£73,000m

Restated, as explained in note 2 to the financial statements

* Excluding trading results of discontinued operations; see note 2 to the financial statements

2004 compared with 2003

Profit before tax from Wholesale and International Banking in 2004 was £964 million, or 43 per cent, lower at £1,257 million compared to £2,221 million in 2003. However, comparisons are distorted by the substantial profit on disposal of businesses of £865 million in 2003, compared to a loss of £15 million in 2004 and, in 2003, the trading results of the businesses sold in 2003. Adjusting to exclude profits and losses on sale of businesses and the results of discontinued operations, profit before tax in 2004 was £234 million, or 23 per cent, higher at £1,272 million compared to £1,038 million in 2003.

Excluding discontinued operations, net interest income was £91 million, or 5 per cent, higher at £1,966 million compared to £1,875 million in 2003. Average interest-earning assets were £8,095 million higher than in 2003; however much of this increase relates to the growth in fine margin reverse repurchase agreements held for liquidity purposes. Excluding these balances, average interest-earning assets, excluding discontinued operations, were £578 million higher, reflecting growth in Wholesale and International Banking by some reductions in the International businesses. Average balances in the asset finance business were £1,314 million higher as a result of strong lending growth, and corporate lending balances grew by £1,536 million; however, balances in the Treasury function fell. The net interest margin was 12 basis points lower, again largely reflecting the growth in volume of reverse repurchase agreements. Excluding the average reverse repurchase agreement balances from the calculation, the net interest margin was 10 basis points higher reflecting margin widening in corporate banking and asset finance. The growth has been in the higher margin consumer portfolios, only partly offset by reductions in business banking. Competitive pressures have led to a tightening of lending conditions.

Other income, excluding discontinued operations, was £80 million, or 5 per cent, higher at £1,641 million compared to £1,561 million in 2003. There was a £50 million increase in gains on the sale of assets, largely the realisation of gains on disposals, and improved dealing profits, particularly in respect of currency transactions entered into on behalf of corporate customers. Increased activity led to higher levels of corporate banking lending and other fees and to higher registration income. Overall operating lease rental income was lower, due to a change in mix towards traditional asset finance business, and a reduction in income also arose following the rationalisation of the Lloyds TSB deal book.

Operating expenses, excluding discontinued operations, were £42 million, or 2 per cent, higher at £2,090 million compared to £2,048 million in 2003. Staff costs were higher as a result of business growth, particularly in corporate banking awards and higher levels of performance related bonuses. Operating lease depreciation was £45 million lower, as a result of a change in mix of business in asset finance, and there were cost reductions following the rationalisation of the Group's operations.

Provisions for bad and doubtful debts, excluding discontinued operations, were £113 million, or 37 per cent, lower at £193 million compared to £306 million in 2003. The charge within the asset finance operations increased in line with volumes but this was more than offset by a reduction in corporate banking, where the improved business environment led to several large releases, and in International following the release of £30 million from the general provision to cover

relation to the Lloyds TSB Group's exposure

Amounts written off fixed asset investments were £8 million, or 18 per cent, higher at £52 million compared to 2003 as a result of growth in the venture ca

The profit before tax of Wholesale and International Banking increased by £937 million to £2,221 million in 2003 compared with £1,284 million in 2002. This increase was primarily due to a £865 million profit on the disposal of businesses in New Zealand, Brazil and France of £865 million. If this gain and the trading profits of discontinued operations were excluded from the 2003 profit there would have been a £33 million increase in profit from continuing operations.

Total income from continuing operations decreased by £54 million to £3,436 million. Net interest income fell by £116 million to £1,875 million. Within the Wholesale businesses net interest income fell by £74 million reflecting the implementation of the Competition Commission's SME report remedies: the provision of interest-bearing current accounts to small businesses has caused the margin to fall by 24 basis points, reducing net interest income by £169 million. There was also lower income from treasury activities as the interest rate cut in the early part of 2003 and flattening of the yield curve reduced market returns. This more than offset the effects of strong growth within the asset finance operations which resulted in an increase in net interest income of £99 million; average asset finance balances increased by £991 million, mainly due to the continuation of strong growth in consumer credit in the UK, and the margin widened by 48 basis points. There was also an increase in income from international finance transactions following the growth in balances during 2002. In International Banking there was a decrease in net interest income from continuing operations of £21 million; net interest income fell as balances were reduced, particularly in Latin America, as the Lloyds TSB Group sought to reduce its exposure to the US market.

Other income from continuing operations increased by £41 million, or 3 per cent, to £1,561 million as a result of an increase within Wholesale. This principally reflected the inclusion of income from the sale of cars by the Dutton-Forshaw Group following its acquisition in December 2002, increasing income by £51 million, and gains of £34 million on the sale of leases by Lloyds TSB Leasing where the tax attributes could be used by the purchasers. There were also increased gains realised on the sale of venture capital investments and fees from corporate, asset finance and factoring activities. This was partly offset by a £36 million increase in commissions paid to motor dealers by the asset finance operations. In International Banking the growth in levels of new business, and lower income from company registration activities. In International Banking income from continuing operations fell by £64 million mainly as a result of a £28 million reduction in profits from the sale of premises leaseback of premises. There was also a reduction in fund management fees and lower income from Argentina.

Operating expenses from continuing operations increased by £109 million or 6 per cent. In Wholesale there was an increase of £110 million; the inclusion of the Dutton-Forshaw Group accounted for £44 million of this increase. Within Corporate Banking there was a £39 million increase in costs. Operating lease depreciation increased by £19 million as an acceleration of lease terminations recorded following the reassessment of the carrying value of a small number of operating lease assets and there was an increase in and risk management costs, although this was partly offset by lower reorganisation costs. There were smaller increases in other areas of Wholesale principally relating to staff and consultancy costs to support a number of major projects. In International Banking operating expenses from continuing operations reduced by £1 million.

The provisions charge from continuing operations fell by £183 million to £306 million. The charge within Wholesale fell by £78 million as the level of new provisions required against corporate customers reduced. In 2002 provisions of £100 million were made against large US exposures which were not repeated to the same extent during 2003. In International Banking the provisions charge was largely unchanged despite strong lending growth during 2003, as the high level of lease terminations experienced in 2002 were not repeated during 2003. Within International Banking the charge from continuing operations fell by £105 million mainly as a result of a reduction of £79 million in the new provisions required against Corporate Banking TSB Group's exposures in Argentina as the economic conditions in that country started to stabilise. There was also a reduction in the charge in other Latin American operations as specific cases requiring provisions in 2002 were resolved.

Amounts written off fixed asset investments fell by £13 million to £44 million reflecting lower charges against Corporate Banking and venture capital investments.

In 2003, a profit of £865 million arose on the sale of The National Bank of New Zealand, substantially all of Lloyds TSB's businesses in Brazil and its French fund management and private banking businesses. The trading profits of those discontinued operations, in 2003 were £39 million or 14 per cent higher at £318 million, compared to £279 million in 2002. This was the result of a £46 million increase in income (particularly reflecting volume growth and favourable exchange rate movements) coupled with a £5 million reduction in operating expenses. In New Zealand, more than offsetting some margin erosion) coupled with a £5 million reduction in operating expenses and favourable movements more than offset a £12 million increase in bad debt provisions.

Central group items	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Accrual for payment to Lloyds TSB Foundations	(31)	(31)
Other finance income	39	34
Funding cost of acquisitions less earnings on capital	(342)	(345)
Profit on sale of emerging markets debt portfolio and certain closed foreign exchange positions		295
Central costs and other unallocated items	1	35
	(333)	(12)

Restated, as exp

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The four independent Lloyds TSB Foundations support registered charities throughout the UK that enable people who are disabled and disadvantaged, to play a fuller role in society. The Foundations receive 1 per cent of the Lloyds TSB Group's pre-tax profit after adjusting for gains and losses on the disposal of businesses and pre-tax minority interests, averaged over a three year period, instead of the dividend on their shareholdings. In 2004, the Lloyds TSB Group accrued £31 million (2003: £31 million) for payment to the Lloyds TSB Foundations. See note 40 to the financial statements.

Other finance income represents income from the expected return on the Lloyds TSB Group's pension fund assets. The increase of £5 million, from £34 million in 2003 to £39 million in 2004, represents a £68 million increase in the expected return on assets, as a result of improved market conditions at the end of 2003, largely offset by a £63 million increase in the interest cost, reflecting the increase in liabilities.

Lloyds TSB Group's remaining portfolio of emerging markets debt securities was sold in 2003 and so the profits on sales, and certain closed foreign exchange positions, of £295 million in 2003 were not reported in 2004.

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In 2003, the Lloyds TSB Group accrued £31 million for payment to the Lloyds TSB Foundations, a reduction compared to 2002. Although there was a recovery in profitability during 2003 after making adjustment for disposal of businesses, this was a fall in the three year rolling average reducing the amount available for payment to the Foundations.

The significant reduction in other finance income in 2003 compared to 2002 reflected the combined impact of a reduction in the expected return on lower pension scheme assets as a result of a continuing weakness in global equity markets and an increase in pension fund liabilities at the beginning of 2003.

During the first half of 2003 improved secondary bond market conditions allowed the Lloyds TSB Group to sell £295 million of emerging markets debt securities. Profits on bond sales, and certain closed foreign exchange positions, of £295 million compared to £212 million in 2002. This benefit was partly offset by lower earnings on the investment in emerging markets debt securities. Lloyds TSB Group's capital reflecting the reduction in average UK interest rates over 2003 compared to 2002.

Future accounting

International Financial Reporting Stan

Up to 31 December 2004, the Lloyds TSB Group prepared its financial statements in accordance with UK General Accounting Principles (UK GAAP). On 1 January 2005, the Lloyds TSB Group, in common with other listed companies in the European Union (EU), implemented IFRS. In addition, in accordance with an undertaking given to the UK Accounting Standards Board during 2004, the Lloyds TSB Group has adopted the requirements of FRS 27 which has the effect of changing the accounting for certain insurance contracts in the Lloyds TSB Group's life assurance business. The impact of these changes is outlined below and is based on the transition information released by the Lloyds TSB Group on 27 May 2005 which provides further detail, the key impacts of the anticipated financial changes on particular line items in the financial statements.

In accordance with the requirements of IFRS, revised results for 2004 include only those adjustments for standards which have been implemented with effect from 1 January 2004 (i.e. they exclude adjustments for standards which have been implemented with effect from 1 January 2005 which are outlined in a separate document).

The following table sets out the impact of the changes:

Area of impact	IFRS treatment
Consolidation	IFRS requires line-by-line consolidation for all subsidiaries. Consequently, the Lloyds TSB Group is no longer permitted to report the results and balances of the life assurance business on one line; instead these amounts must be broken down into their constituent parts and reported on the appropriate line items. IFRS also requires consolidation of several entities that were previously not consolidated. The Lloyds TSB Group was not required to consolidate under UK GAAP. These relate to the entities supporting the Lloyds TSB Group's securitisation conduits, which facilitate customer finance, and to Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs) where the Lloyds TSB Group, through the Scottish Widows life funds, has an interest. This will have the effect of grossing-up the balances reported in the income statement and on the balance sheet. These changes have reduced the Lloyds TSB Group's profit before tax for the year ended 31 December 2004 by £4 million and increased shareholders' equity at 31 December 2004 by £4 million.
Leasing	IFRS requires income from finance leases to be credited to the income statement so as to give a constant pre-tax rate of return on the net cash invested; UK GAAP requires a constant rate of return. In addition, IFRS requires depreciation on operating lease assets to be charged on the same basis as for tangible fixed assets which for the Lloyds TSB Group is a straight-line basis. Under UK GAAP depreciation is charged so as to give a constant rate of return on the leased asset. The effect of these changes is to reduce profit before tax for the year ended 31 December 2004 by £32 million and reduce shareholders' equity at 31 December 2004 by £268 million.
Employee benefits	IFRS 2 requires that a cost be recognised in the financial statements for all options granted under executive and employee Save-As-You-Earn share option schemes. The total cost recognised represents the fair value of the options (as determined using an option valuation model) at the grant date, as adjusted for the expected number of forfeitures and, for executive schemes, the probability that the performance target will not be met. This total cost is spread over the period of the vesting. This will result in an increase in the costs recognised in the Lloyds TSB Group's profit and loss statement as under UK GAAP only the intrinsic value of executive share options is recognised in the profit and loss account. The Lloyds TSB Group has applied the requirements of IFRS 2 in its <i>Retirement Benefits</i> , in its UK GAAP financial statements since 2002. The requirements of IFRS 2 are broadly similar to those of IAS 19, <i>Employee Benefits</i> ; the application of IFRS 2 therefore had no significant impact on the Lloyds TSB Group's profit before tax for the year ended 31 December 2004. The Lloyds TSB Group has elected to apply the corridor method to determine the treatment of actuarial gains and losses arising during the year as permitted by IAS 19. This means that to the extent that the cumulative gains or losses remain within the corridor, defined as the greater of 10 per cent of the scheme assets or liabilities, they are not reflected in the accounts. If the cumulative gains or losses exceed the corridor, the

charged or credited to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the average service lives of those employees who are members of the schemes. The effect of the derecognition of the actuarial losses charged to reserves in 2004 under UK GAAP in the figures. The overall effect of the changes in accounting for employee benefits is to increase the profit before tax for the year ended 31 December 2004 by £25 million, principally representing the additional cost of the Lloyds TSB Group's SAYE share option schemes. Shareholders' equity at 31 December 2004 increased by £95 million largely as a result of the reversal of the actuarial losses charged against reserves in 2004 under UK GAAP.

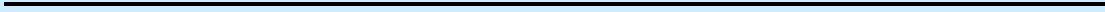
Area of impact	IFRS treatment
Capitalisation of software	Currently only software costs relating to separable new systems are capitalised. Under IFRS, costs relating to enhancements that lead to additional system functionality will also be capitalised. The impact on the Lloyds TSB Group's income statement will depend on the amount of IT expenditure and whether it meets the criteria for capitalisation. The effect of this change is to reduce profit before tax for the year ended 31 December 2004 by £12 million (the effect of additional software capitalised during the year under IFRS is more than offset by an increase in an amortisation charge reflecting the impact of additional software capitalised as at 31 December 2004). Shareholders' equity at 31 December 2004 is increased by £19 million equivalent to the value of the additional software capitalised at that date.
Investment management fees	Under IFRS the Lloyds TSB Group will move from immediate recognition of up-front fees received for investment management services to recognising them on a straight-line basis over the estimated lives of the investment contracts. The effect of this change has been to increase the Lloyds TSB Group's profit before tax for the year ended 31 December 2004 by £37 million. Shareholders' equity at 31 December 2004 is reduced by £37 million.
Goodwill	The current Lloyds TSB Group policy of amortising goodwill arising on acquisitions from 1 January 1998, with the exception of the goodwill which arose on the acquisition of Lloyds TSB Widows, will cease. Instead, all goodwill will be subject to impairment testing annually. The effect is to increase profit before tax for the year ended 31 December 2004 by £44 million. Shareholders' equity at 31 December 2004 is increased by £41 million.
Dividends	Under IFRS equity dividends declared after the balance sheet date may not be included in liability at the balance sheet date. The effect of this change is to increase shareholdings' equity at 31 December 2004 by £1,315 million, the amount of the 2004 final dividend.
Depreciation	In addition to the impact for depreciation of operating lease assets outlined above, the Lloyds TSB Group property, plant and equipment to be depreciated since the date of acquisition. Under UK GAAP, long leasehold and freehold properties have been depreciated only since 1 January 2000. Therefore it is necessary to adjust their carrying values to reflect the depreciation that has been charged from the date of acquisition to 1 January 2000. The effect of this change is to reduce shareholders' equity at 31 December 2004 by £47 million; the impact on the Lloyds TSB Group's profit before tax for the year ended 31 December 2004 is not significant.
Claims equalisation provision	The claims equalisation provision in respect of the Lloyds TSB Group's general insurance business, established under law to minimise volatility in incurred claims, is not permitted under IFRS. The effect of this change has been to increase the Lloyds TSB Group's profit before tax for the year ended 31 December 2004 by £10 million. Shareholders' equity at 31 December 2004 is increased by £43 million.

The most significant changes for 2004 arising from the transition to those IFRS standards which apply from 1 January 2005 are the different accounting treatment of goodwill, leasing, employee share option schemes and certain aspects relating to the Lloyds TSB Group's insurance businesses. These changes have had the effect of increasing profit before tax for the year ended 31 December 2004 by £2 million to £3,495 million and shareholders' equity at 31 December 2004 by £10 million to £1,415 million.

1 January 2005 opening balance

The following table sets out the impact of those standards that are applied from 1 January 2005 onwards.

Area of impact	IFRS treatment
Fees integral to effective yield	Fees and commissions that are an integral part of the effective yield on a financial instrument, and direct incremental costs associated with its origination, are included in the calculation of the effective interest rate and recognised over the expected life of the instrument, or a shorter period if appropriate. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the expected future cash receipts or payments over the expected life of the financial instrument to the net present value of the instrument. As a result, up-front fees and costs that were recognised as income or incurred, under UK GAAP, for example those related to loan origination, are now recognised as an expense and fee income typically charged at the end of an agreement, for example early redemption charges on mortgages, is now brought forward. The effect of this change has been to increase shareholders' equity at 1 January 2005 by £22 million.



Area of impact	IFRS treatment
Loan impairment	IFRS adopts an incurred loss model for impairment losses on loans and provides a measurement of impairment. A provision is raised for losses in respect of exposures known to be impaired. The required provision is calculated by comparing the book value of loans with the net present value of the expected future cash flows from the loans discounted at their effective interest rates or, as a practical expedient for variable rate loans, using current market prices. Exposures found not to be impaired are placed into pools of similar risk characteristics to be collectively assessed for losses that have been incurred but not yet identified. For such exposures, the required provision is estimated on the basis of historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to those in the collective pool, adjusted based on current observable data. As the discounting effect of provisions unwinds, the resulting income is reflected within net interest income. A number of these principles are similar to those followed by the Lloyds TSB Group under UK GAAP. The requirement to discount the expected cash flows at the original effective interest rate for determining the provisioning requirement has resulted in an increase in provisions of £314 million at 1 January 2005, which, after tax, has resulted in a reduction in shareholder equity of £221 million. This is not a reflection of any change in credit quality as there has been no change in the level of expected cash recoveries.
Netting	IFRS prohibits financial assets and financial liabilities from being offset unless the right of set-off and the asset and liability are in practice normally settled on a net basis. In a banking business, this will result in the grossing-up on the balance sheet of certain financial assets and liabilities subject to set-off arrangements that were presented net under UK GAAP. As a result of this change, at 1 January 2005 balance sheet footings have been increased by £10,200 million, principally reflecting the grossing up of corporate loans and deposits and inter-bank balances, which although subject to set-off arrangements, will not be settled on a net basis. The Lloyds TSB Group enters into derivative contracts for both trading purposes and for risk exposures arising from within the banking book. Under UK GAAP trading derivatives are carried at fair value but hedging derivatives were accounted for on the same basis as the underlying hedged item, mainly on an accruals basis. IAS 39 requires that all derivatives are carried at fair value on the Lloyds TSB Group's balance sheet and movements in their fair value are reflected in the income statement; this results in a mismatch between the accounting and the underlying economics where the Lloyds TSB Group has hedged its economic exposures resulting from the different treatment of the derivative and the underlying hedged item. The Lloyds TSB Group has not changed the way it hedges its economic exposures as a result of the implementation of IFRS, but the Lloyds TSB Group seeks to mitigate the resulting volatility by the application of hedge accounting. The Lloyds TSB Group uses only the permitted kinds of hedge accounting: fair value and cash flow hedge accounting. The Lloyds TSB Group makes greater use of fair value hedge accounting which seeks to match movements in the income statement, changes in the fair value of the hedged risk with the changes in the fair value of the related derivatives. Cash flow hedge accounting is being used to a lesser extent. Under UK GAAP adjustments reflecting the movements in the fair values of the derivatives concerned are recorded in a separate reserve in equity and recycled to the income statement when the hedged item's movements affect income. IFRS contains detailed requirements for designation and documentation of hedge relationships and testing of their effectiveness. To the extent that a hedge is ineffective, the ineffective impact is immediately reflected in the income statement. Although the Lloyds TSB Group intends to mitigate the volatility arising from the requirement to fair value all derivatives, where possible, this will be a source of increased volatility in the income statement in 2005. An adjustment has been made at 1 January 2005 to measure all derivatives at their fair value to reflect the establishment as at that date of compliant hedging relationships. The effect of this has been to reduce shareholders' equity by £192 million. Under UK GAAP debt securities held for continuing use in the business were classified as investment securities and carried at cost on the balance sheet at cost less any provisions for permanent diminution in value. IAS 39 requires strict requirements to be met before debt securities can be carried at amortised cost. The Lloyds TSB Group has determined that it does not meet these. Accordingly debt securities previously classified as investment securities have been reclassified as available-for-sale securities valued at their fair values at 1 January 2005. Equity shares may not be carried at cost under IAS 39 and these have also been reclassified as available-for-sale. The effect of this reclassification has been to increase shareholders' equity at 1 January 2005 by £28 million. In the future, forward, movements in the fair values of these available-for-sale securities will be reflected in equity and the cumulative gain or loss recycled through the income statement upon
Derivatives, hedging and investment securities	

impairment.

<p>Area of impact</p> <p>Insurance</p>	<p>IFRS treatment</p> <p>IFRS 4, which introduces a revised definition of an insurance contract, applies to insurance contracts as well as investment contracts with discretionary participation features. Insurance contracts entitle the holder to receive additional discretionary benefits (including dividends) depending on performance and are referred to as participating investment contracts. Investment contracts that are not within the scope of IFRS 4 are accounted for as financial instruments under IAS 39. The principal effects of this change on the accounting for non-participating investment contracts is the removal of that portion of the embedded value which represents the in-force business relating to those contracts, the recognition of an asset for deferred acquisition costs, and the deferral of up-front fees received for investment management services. Acquisition costs and deferred up-front fees are amortised over the period of the provision of investment management services. For those contracts within the scope of IFRS 4, accounting practices are largely unchanged except for the modifications introduced by FRS 27, which are set out with separately below. The effect of this change is to reduce shareholders' equity at 31 December 2005 by £836 million.</p>
<p>Life assurance (FRS 27)</p>	<p>Following the implementation of FRS 27, the Lloyds TSB Group excludes from the in-force business recognised in the balance sheet any amounts that reflect future in-force business margins and measures the liabilities of the Scottish Widows With-Profits Fund in accordance with the realistic capital regime of the Financial Services Authority. This basis includes a realistic valuation of guarantees and options embedded within products written by the Scottish Widows With-Profits Fund. The principal effect of these new requirements is on the measurement of the in-force business, as the valuation of the With-Profits Fund on a realistic basis reduces the expected income to the shareholder from that fund. Changes in the valuation are reflected in the income statement and because this is market related it is inherently volatile. The effect of these changes has been to reduce shareholders' equity at 1 January 2005 by £230 million.</p>
<p>Equity to debt reclassification</p>	<p>The classification of the majority of the Lloyds TSB Group's capital and subordinate securities as equity instruments will continue to follow their UK GAAP treatment; however, the limited preference ordinary shares will be reclassified as debt. This is because under the terms of the articles of association with the four Lloyds TSB Foundations, which are the holders of the limited voting shares, the Lloyds TSB Group is committed to making an annual payment, equivalent to 10 per cent of the consolidated pre-tax profit, averaged over three years. In addition, the Lloyds TSB Group's preferred securities, which were treated as non-equity minority interests under UK GAAP, will be reclassified as debt because the coupon payment is not discretionary. Distributions on these securities will be shown as interest expense rather than as minority interest. The effect of these reclassifications is to reduce shareholders' equity by £550 million at 1 January 2005; long-term borrowings increased by £570 million.</p>
<p>Derecognition of financial liabilities</p>	<p>Under IFRS a financial liability may only be removed from the balance sheet after it has been settled, it has expired or alternatively the debtor has been legally released from the liability, either by process of law or by the creditor. Upon adoption of IFRS, certain financial liabilities in respect of which amounts had been released to the profit and loss account under UK GAAP on the basis that the likelihood of their settlement was remote have been remeasured at 1 January 2005 to reflect the entire legal obligation. At 1 January 2005 the effect of the remeasurement was to increase liabilities by £184 million which, after tax, has resulted in a reduction in shareholders' equity of £131 million.</p>

The most significant changes arising from the transition to IFRS and FRS 27 are in relation to life assurance and investment contracts; the grossing up of certain lending, deposit and derivative balances. In overall terms, the impact of the transition to IFRS and FRS27 (including the impact of changes for 2004 outlined above) on the Lloyds TSB Group's shareholders' equity at 31 December 2004 was to reduce the UK GAAP balance of £9,977 million by £405 million to £9,572 million.

The effect of the full implementation of IFRS and FRS27 on the Lloyds TSB Group's 2005 earnings will depend on a number of factors such as business mix, rate of growth and market conditions. The increased use in IFRS of fair values is likely to result in greater volatility, particularly in the results of the Lloyds TSB Group's life assurance businesses. Excluding the impact of the application of effective interest rates, the reclassification of certain securities from equity to debt and the impact of the transition on levels of loan loss impairment are likely to result in some reduction in earnings.

Current indications are that the overall impact, excluding the volatility introduced by the requirements of IFRS and the expected impact of the new accounting standards, is likely to be to reduce the Lloyds TSB Group's reported earnings per share, compared with those that would have been reported under UK GAAP, by approximately 6 per cent. Excluding goodwill amortisation, earnings per share (before volatility) is expected to reduce by approximately 7 per cent. Profit before tax (before volatility) is expected to be approximately 8 per cent lower than that reported under UK GAAP, additionally reflecting the inclusion of coupon payments on preferred securities now being treated as an interest expense rather than minority interests. This likely reduction in earnings in 2005 is almost entirely due to changes in the timing of the recognition of interest expense in the Lloyds TSB Group's financial statements.

Further standards and interpretations may be issued that could be applicable for financial years ending in accounting periods but with the option for earlier adoption. IFRS is also being applied in the EU and other countries. The time and practice on which to draw in applying the standards is still developing. Consequently, the overall impact of IFRS on Lloyds TSB Group's results and financial position is still uncertain.

UK GAAP compared with US GAAP

Under US GAAP, Lloyds TSB Group's net income for the year ended 31 December 2004 was £1,500 million (£3,231 million) compared to £2,421 million (2003: £3,254 million) under UK GAAP. Reconciliations between UK and US GAAP figures, together with detailed explanations of the accounting differences, are included in note 50 to the 2004 financial statements.

As was the case under UK GAAP, the decline in the Lloyds TSB Group's US GAAP net income in 2004 compared to 2003 primarily reflects the non-recurrence of the gains on the disposal of a number of overseas businesses, principally the Bank of New Zealand. The 2004 US GAAP results have also been adversely affected by the implementation of the new requirements of AICPA Statement of Position 03-1, which has changed the way in which certain aspects of the Group's insurance contracts are accounted for, and resulted in a charge to reflect the cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle. The implementation of the requirements of FIN 46(R) in 2004, has resulted in certain additional entities being consolidated into the 2004 US GAAP results; this has had the effect of reducing net income.

Other areas where differences in accounting have had a significant effect upon the Lloyds TSB Group's US GAAP results are:

Insurance accounting. Under UK GAAP applicable to banking groups, life assurance activities are accounted for on an embedded value basis of accounting which requires the recognition of the discounted value of the projected future benefits attributable to the shareholder at the point of sale. UK GAAP therefore results in a substantial proportion of income accruing on a portfolio of life assurance policies being recognised at their inception. Under US GAAP income is recognised in the profit and loss account in the period in which it is earned and expenses in the period in which they are incurred. This results in a more even recognition of profit over the life of the policy.

Goodwill and intangible assets. Under US GAAP, goodwill is not amortised through the profit and loss account but is amortised under UK GAAP, however the charge in the Lloyds TSB Group's profit and loss account is relatively small. The directors have decided that it is not appropriate to amortise the goodwill that arose on the acquisition of Scotiabank in 2000. This is therefore not a cause of a significant difference in net income. However, under US GAAP, the Lloyds TSB Group is required to recognise an intangible asset reflecting the value of the customer relationships associated with acquisitions in prior periods. This intangible asset is amortised through the profit and loss account reducing US GAAP net income.

Derivatives. Under UK GAAP, derivatives held for risk management purposes are accounted for on an accrual basis with the underlying instruments being hedged. Under US GAAP, because Lloyds TSB Group has elected not to apply the more onerous hedging criteria of SFAS No. 133 Accounting for Derivative Instruments and for Hedging Activities to its derivative contracts, these instruments are treated as being held for trading purposes, with the unrealised mark-to-market gains and losses taken to income as they arise and the resulting assets or liabilities recorded on the balance sheet. The Lloyds TSB Group continues to hold a significant number of derivatives which are hedge accounted under UK GAAP this results in a difference between income and shareholders' equity under US GAAP are subject to gains and losses.

Pensions. Under UK GAAP actuarial gains and losses arising from the Group's pension schemes are adjusted against net income in the year in which they arise. Under US GAAP actuarial gains and losses are not recognised unless the cumulative actuarial liability exceeds 10 per cent of the greater of the projected benefit obligation or the value of the plan assets; in these circumstances the actuarial liability is amortised through the profit and loss account over the average remaining service lives of active members.

At the beginning of the year the cumulative unrecognised actuarial losses related to the Lloyds TSB Group's pension schemes exceeded the prescribed limits and consequently the 2004 US GAAP results include an amortisation charge of £1,000 million recognised under US GAAP.

Average balance sheet and net income

The following average balance sheet excludes the long-term assurance business assets and liabilities of policyholders. The interest yields and costs for foreign office assets and liabilities have been affected by Lloyds TSB Group's operations in Latin America, particularly in 2003 and earlier years. The countries in which Lloyds TSB Group has been periodically subject to comparatively high rates of interest, which in certain instances in the tables below has had the effect of producing unusually high yields.

	2004 Average balance £m	2004 Interest income £m	2004 Yield %	2003 Average balance £m	2003 Interest income £m	2003 Yield %	2002 Average balance £m	2002 Interest income £m	2002 Yield %
Assets									
Treasury bills and other eligible bills:									
Domestic offices	41	2	4.88	2,237	68	3.04	2,608	8	8
Foreign offices	161	4	2.48	541	5	0.92	906	2	2
Loans and advances to banks:									
Domestic offices	19,289	578	3.00	11,831	412	3.48	11,839	4	4
Foreign offices	2,071	62	2.99	2,487	117	4.70	2,275	1	1
Loans and advances to customers:									
Domestic offices	126,573	8,243	6.51	111,340	6,877	6.18	100,087	6	6
Foreign offices	5,514	219	3.97	18,491	1,434	7.76	17,695	1	1
Debt securities:									
Domestic offices	9,842	305	3.10	9,863	350	3.55	8,661	3	3
Foreign offices	4,372	118	2.70	4,664	102	2.19	6,022	2	2
Lease and hire purchase receivables:									
Domestic offices	11,118	864	7.77	11,429	783	6.85	11,707	8	8
Foreign offices				13	1	7.69	18	2	2
Total interest-earning assets of banking book	178,981	10,395	5.81	172,896	10,149	5.87	161,818	1	1
Total interest-earning assets of trading book	14,992	589	3.93	17,622	666	3.78	15,518	6	6
Total interest-earning assets	193,973	10,984	5.66	190,518	10,815	5.68	177,336	1	1
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	(1,729)			(1,846)			(1,623)		
Non-interest earning assets:									
Domestic offices	19,967			18,973			19,941		
Foreign offices	902			3,353			2,822		
Total average assets and interest income	213,113	10,984	5.15	210,998	10,815	5.13	198,476	1	1
Percentage of assets applicable to foreign activities (%)	6.0			13.8			14.8		

	2004 Average interest earning assets £m	2004 Net interest income £m	2004 Net interest margin %	2003 Average interest earning assets £m	2003 Net interest income £m	2003 Net interest margin %	2002 Average interest earning assets £m	2002 Net interest income £m	2002 Net interest margin %

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Average interest-earning assets and
net interest income:

Banking business	178,981	4,920	2.75	172,896	5,255	3.04	161,818	5,1
Trading business	14,992			17,622			15,518	
Net yield on interest-earning assets	193,973	4,920	2.54	190,518	5,255	2.76	177,336	5,1

	2004 Average balance £m	2004 Interest expense £m	2004 Cost %	2003 Average balance £m	2003 Interest expense £m	2003 Cost %	2002 Average balance £m	2002 Interest expense £m	2002 Cost %
Liabilities and shareholders funds									
Deposits by banks:									
Domestic offices	20,199	456	2.26	13,610	259	1.90	12,587	32	2.54
Foreign offices	4,227	102	2.41	5,333	113	2.12	4,234	13	3.07
Liabilities to banks under sale and repurchase agreements:									
Domestic offices	4,200	192	4.57	1,449	29	2.00	2,799	80	2.86
Foreign offices	4		2.41	253	37	14.62	457	77	16.63
Customer accounts:									
Domestic offices	105,926	3,044	2.87	97,864	2,282	2.33	83,529	2,282	2.73
Foreign offices	2,303	40	1.74	8,637	450	5.21	11,265	99	8.79
Liabilities to customers under sale and repurchase agreements:									
Domestic offices	2,787	125	4.49	2,990	148	4.95	2,898	13	4.52
Foreign offices	121	2	1.65	156	3	1.92	140	4	2.86
Debt securities in issue:									
Domestic offices	18,389	865	4.70	16,793	606	3.61	14,750	49	3.33
Foreign offices	2,685	48	1.79	7,959	345	4.33	7,953	35	4.40
Subordinated liabilities:									
Domestic offices	10,175	601	5.91	10,371	610	5.88	9,401	52	5.53
Foreign offices				198	12	6.06	190	11	5.79
Total interest-bearing liabilities of banking book									
	171,016	5,475	3.20	165,613	4,894	2.96	150,203	5,000	3.33
Total interest-bearing liabilities of trading book									
	14,992	589	3.93	17,622	666	3.78	15,518	60	3.87
Total interest-bearing liabilities									
	186,008	6,064	3.26	183,235	5,560	3.03	165,721	5,060	3.05
Interest-free liabilities									
Minority interests and shareholders funds:									
Domestic offices	8,208			6,133			8,522		
Foreign offices	2,388			3,064			2,801		
Non-interest bearing customer accounts:									
Domestic offices	3,134			2,745			5,985		
Foreign offices	373			845			789		
Other interest-free liabilities:									
Domestic offices	12,252			12,282			13,118		
Foreign offices	750			2,694			1,540		
Total average liabilities and interest expense									
	213,113	6,064	2.85	210,998	5,560	2.64	198,476	5,060	2.55
Percentage of liabilities applicable to foreign activities (%)									
		5.2			12.9			14.2	

Net interest margin for the

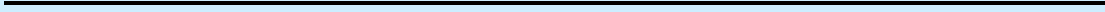
	2004 %	2003 %	2002 %
Domestic offices	2.82	3.11	3.28
Foreign offices	1.74	2.67	2.77
Group margin	2.75	3.04	3.20

Loans and advances to banks and customers include non-performing loans. Interest receivable on such loans is included to the extent to which cash payments have been received, in accordance with Lloyds TSB Group's policy.

Approximately 85 per cent of the value of the balances are calculated on a daily basis with balances held by Lloyds leasing and asset finance businesses averaged on a monthly basis. Management believes that the interest is substantially the same as they would be if all balances were averaged on a daily basis.

The following table allocates changes in net interest income between volume and rate for 2004 compared with 2003 and 2003 compared with 2002. Where variances have arisen from both changes in volume and rate these are allocated to volume and rate.

	2004 compared with 2003			2003 compared with 2002	
	Increase/(decrease)			Increase/(decrease)	
	Total	Volume	Rate	Total	Volume
	change	change	change	change	change
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest receivable and similar income					
Treasury bills and other eligible bills:					
Domestic offices	(66)	(107)	41	(17)	(11)
Foreign offices	(1)	(9)	8	(206)	(3)
Loans and advances to banks:					
Domestic offices	166	223	(57)	(58)	
Foreign offices	(55)	(12)	(43)	(12)	10
Loans and advances to customers:					
Domestic offices	1,366	992	374	383	695
Foreign offices	(1,215)	(515)	(700)	(327)	62
Debt securities:					
Domestic offices	(45)	(1)	(44)	3	43
Foreign offices	16	(8)	24	(118)	(30)
Lease and hire purchase receivables:					
Domestic offices	81	(24)	105	(47)	(19)
Foreign offices	(1)		(1)	(1)	
Total banking book interest receivable and similar income	246	539	(293)	(400)	747
Total trading book interest receivable and similar income	(77)	(103)	26	64	80
Total interest receivable and similar income	169	436	(267)	(336)	827
Interest payable					
Deposits by banks:					
Domestic offices	197	149	48	(63)	19
Foreign offices	(11)	(27)	16	(24)	23
Liabilities to banks under sale and repurchase agreements:					
Domestic offices	163	126	37	(51)	(27)
Foreign offices	(37)	(6)	(31)	(40)	(30)
Customer accounts:					
Domestic offices	762	232	530	42	334
Foreign offices	(410)	(110)	(300)	(543)	(137)
Liabilities to customers under sale and repurchase agreements:					
Domestic offices	(23)	(9)	(14)	13	5
Foreign offices	(1)	(1)		(1)	
Debt securities in issue:					
Domestic offices	259	75	184	108	74
Foreign offices	(297)	(94)	(203)	(10)	
Subordinated liabilities:					
Domestic offices	(9)	(12)	3	84	57
Foreign offices	(12)		(12)	1	
Total banking book interest payable	581	323	258	(484)	318
Total trading book interest payable	(77)	(103)	26	64	80
Total interest payable	504	220	284	(420)	398



Risk as a strategic

Risk awareness has improved significantly. The ground work of embedding the risk governance framework has been located closer to business units, and the challenge and support provided by specialist risk functions has been located closer to business units, which has improved their independence. This is reflected in dual reporting lines to both the chief risk director and business managers. Risk reporting has been strengthened and a new reporting system has been developed and implemented which better identifies opportunities and threats as risks, improves the ability to take an aggregate view of the overall risk portfolio and assigns clear responsibilities and timetables at Group and divisional level for risk mitigation strategies. Risk continues to be a key component of our strategic management information reporting and is embedded in the balanced scorecards, which are cascaded to every manager. The objective is to go beyond risk mitigation and control to developing risk capabilities as a key strategic driver.

Capabilities

Regulatory requirements

Risk control

Defining and promoting effective use of the Group's risk capacity

Differentiating excellence in risk management

Effectiveness

Having worked to reduce risk and earnings volatility during 2003 by tactically selling part of our portfolio of businesses, our 2004 year's focus has been more on improving the understanding of risk. Our credit disciplines are strong, which will help us be well positioned, should there be any adverse change in the economic climate during 2005 and as we selectively seek to acquire leading portfolios. Allied to this there has been a much closer alignment between risk and the strategic planning process in terms of identifying risks to the delivery of the plans and change in risk appetite arising from the business environment.

Risk management

Lloyds TSB Group uses an enterprise-wide framework for the identification, assessment, measurement and management of risk, designed to meet its customers' needs and maximise value for shareholders over time by aligning risk management with corporate strategy; assessing the impact of emerging risks from new technologies or markets; and developing risk mitigation strategies. The framework strengthens the Group's ability to identify and assess risks; aggregate risks to the corporate risk appetite; develop solutions for reducing or transferring risk, where appropriate; and exploit risk to create a competitive advantage, thereby seeking to increase shareholder value.

Risks which the business assumes are broken down into eleven common risk drivers (shown on page 48). Divisional risk functions use this format when reporting risks centrally, to enable risk aggregation, and when assessing the impact of new products, change initiatives or business plans. Business executive committees, with divisional oversight, assess risk levels against their risk appetite, seeking to ensure effective mitigating action is being taken where appropriate and the risk appetite allocated to them is profitably and prudently deployed. Divisional risk profile reports are reviewed and approved by the Group's Risk Committee.

business risk committee to seek to ensure that group executive directors and the chief risk director are aware of and are comfortable these are being effectively managed. During the year a new group consolidated risk report and implemented to further support the identification and

The Group is developing an improved approach towards its risk appetite (defined as the extent and categories of board regards as appropriate and acceptable for the Group to bear). Adoption of the principles and metrics under has the objective of deriving Lloyds TSB's risk appetite and processes explicitly from its strategic commitments it makes to all its stakeholders (customers, shareholders, staff, debt holders and regulators). This w

Lloyds TSB Group has a risk language in which all risks are classified within one or more of the eleven risk

Governance, people and organisation

Strategy

Credit

Market

Insurance

Operations

Product and service

Financial

Customer treatment

Legal and regulatory

Change management

Sub-risks have been developed for these high level risks to further refine the identification and classification of risk events to be accurately categorised to facilitate analysis

Governance, people and organisation risk, operations risk, customer treatment risk, legal and regulatory risk and change management risk are collectively managed as operational risks. A more detailed language has been identified for each of these risk categories.

The Group's high level policies and reporting to the group business risk committee, risk oversight committee, and board are aligned to the risk language.

Ri

The changing regulatory environment faced by the Group's businesses, and developments in best practice, prompted the Group during 2003 to extensively review its risk governance structures and deliver more effective risk management. The embedding of these changes has progressed during 2004 and is now substantially complete. In addition, further enhancements have been made during the year with a solid reporting line established between the divisional risk officers and the chief risk officer.

Board and committees

Risk management oversight

Business risk management

Board and board committees

Management committees

Personnel

Functions

Direct reporting line

Functional reporting line to support committees

Director of group audit

Divisional risk officers

Group Risk

Group executive directors

Chief risk director

Group chief executive

Business risk functions

Audit committee

Lloyds TSB board

Risk oversight committee

Group executive committee

Group asset and liability
committee

Group business risk
committee

The risk oversight responsibilities of the board, audit committee and risk oversight committee are shown in the risk governance section on pages 89 to 92, whilst further key risk oversight roles are described in the risk governance section on pages 93 to 94.

The group executive committee, assisted by its sub-committees the group business risk committee and the group asset and liability committee, supports the group chief executive in ensuring the development, implementation and effectiveness of the Group's risk management framework and the clear articulation of the Group's risk policies, and reviews the Group's exposures and concentrations of risk. The group executive committee's duties are described more fully in the risk governance section on pages 93 to 94.



Directors of the Group's businesses have primary responsibility for measuring, monitoring and controlling risks with a clear line of accountability and are empowered to establish control frameworks for their businesses that are consistent with the Group's high level policies and within the parameters set by the board, group executive committee, Group Risk and the divisional risk officers. The policies and parameters are overseen by the risk oversight committee, the group business risk committee, the asset and liability committee, Group Risk and the divisional risk officers.

The chief risk director, a member of the group executive committee, oversees and promotes the development and implementation of a consistent group wide risk management framework and provides objective challenge to the group executive committee. Group Risk supports the chief risk director in performing these duties.

Divisional risk officers provide oversight of risk management activity within each of the Group's operating divisions. They report directly to the group executive directors responsible for the divisions, their day-to-day contact with business operations and risk initiatives, provides an effective risk oversight mechanism. They meet regularly with the chief risk director to enable best practice to be shared and to provide a wide ranging and current perspective on material risks.

The director of group audit provides the required independent assurance to the board and audit committee that the risks of the Group are recognised, monitored and managed within acceptable parameters. Group Audit is fully independent of the Group's risk management activities ensuring objective challenge to the effectiveness of the risk governance framework.

Accountability of line management has also been reinforced in relation to the management of risks arising from its operations. In developing the risk awareness and risk management capability of its staff. A key objective is to ensure that businesses strike an appropriate balance between risk and reward, consistent with the Group's risk appetite. As shown on page 10, the risk management forms part of a tiered risk management model, with the divisional risk officers providing oversight and challenge as described above, and the chief risk director and Group committees establishing the group wide risk management framework.

The model seeks to provide the Group with an effective mechanism for developing and promulgating risk management strategies which are aligned with the risks faced by its businesses. It also facilitates more effective communication on these matters across the Group. These arrangements will enable the Group to better anticipate and pre-empt risks and manage more effectively those risks which are identified.

Reflecting the importance the Group places on risk management, risk is one of the five principal criteria that inform the Group's balanced scorecard on which individual staff performance is judged. Business executives have specified risk management objectives, and incentive schemes take account of performance against these objectives.

There is an annual control self-assessment exercise under which key businesses and head office functions are required to review specific controls and certify the accuracy of the information provided.

This is the risk of loss arising from counterparty default subsequent to the provision of credit facilities (both on-balance and off-balance sheet). Lloyds TSB Group has dedicated standards, policies and procedures for the measurement, control and monitoring of credit risk.

Group rating system. All business units operate an authorised rating system complying with the Group's standards. The Group uses a Master Scale rating structure with ratings corresponding to a range of probabilities.

Portfolio analysis. With Group Risk, businesses identify and define portfolios of credit and related risk exposures. They set benchmarks, behaviours and characteristics by which those portfolios are managed in terms of credit risk exposure. This includes the production and analysis of regular portfolio monitoring reports for review by the Group Risk committee.

To enhance further the ability to measure and predict future risk, the Group continues to develop new products and services to manage risk.

Counterparty limits. Exposure to individual counterparties, groups of counterparties or customer risk segments through a tiered hierarchy of delegated sanctioning authorities. Approval requirements for each decision are based on transaction amount, the customer's aggregate facilities, credit risk ratings and the nature and term of the risk. Risk limits for significant credit exposures are provided to the group executive committee.

Cross-border and cross-currency exposures. Country limits are authorised and managed by a dedicated unit taking into account economic and political conditions.

Concentration risk. The formulation of concentration limits on certain industries and sectors. Group Risk sets limits that reflect risk appetite, and monitors exposures to prevent excessive concentrations.

Credit derivatives. These are a method of transferring credit risk from one counterparty to another and of managing exposures to selected counterparties. Credit derivatives include credit swaps, credit spread options and credit linked notes. Limits are set to limit exposure to such instruments.

Credit risk arising from the use of derivatives. Note 47 to the financial statements shows the total notional principal of interest rate, exchange rate and equity and other contracts outstanding at 31 December 2004. The notional principal amounts do not, however, represent the Group's real exposure to credit risk, which is limited to the current cost of replacing the contracts with a positive value to the Group, should the counterparty default. This replacement cost is also shown in note 47 to the financial statements. To reduce credit risk the Group uses a variety of credit enhancement techniques such as netting and collateral, where security is provided against the contracts.

A number of tools, including group level credit policy where appropriate, are used to control the Group's credit risk at the divisional level.

High-level credit policies designed to ensure a balanced and managed approach to the identification and mitigation of credit risk.

Lending guidelines defining the responsibilities of lending officers seek to provide a disciplined and focused basis for credit decisions.

Independent review of credit exposures at divisional and group level.

Sector caps, encompassing both industry sectors and specific product types are established by Group Risk to control the Group's risk appetite for specific types of business, primarily in the non-retail markets.

Establishment and maintenance of the Group's large exposure and provisioning policies, in accordance with regulatory reporting requirements.

Monitoring of scorecards. The Group uses statistically-based decisioning techniques (primarily credit scoring and performance scoring) for its principal consumer lending portfolios. Group Risk reviews and monitors new and existing changes to scorecards.

Maintenance of a facilities database. Group Risk operates a centralised database of large corporate, sovereign and structured facilities designed to monitor aggregate exposure throughout the Group.

Monitoring and controlling residual value risk exposure. The Group's appetite for such exposure is communicated to the business by a series of time referenced sector caps, seeking to ensure an acceptable distribution of risk.

Communication and provision of general guidance on all credit-related risk issues, including regulatory changes and environmental risk policy, to promote consistent and best practice throughout the Group.

Day-to-day credit management and asset quality within each business is primarily the responsibility of the business director. Businesses have established credit policies and processes reflecting Group policy. Businesses' lending authority is delegated by officers holding divisional lending authority. All material authorities are advised of the Group's credit policy.

Credit quality is supported by specialist units established within the Group businesses to provide, for example, credit management and control; security perfection, maintenance and retention; expertise in documentation for lending facilities; products; sector-specific expertise; and legal services applicable to the particular market place and product range.

Credit risk exposures in the insurance businesses arise primarily from holding investments and from exposures to structured products. Control is exercised over those exposures through a suitable combination of formal limits, credit policy parameters and divisional level communication.

Analysis of loans and advances to banks

The following table analyses loans to banks and customers by geographical area and type of loan at 31 December for

	2004	2003	2002	2001
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Domestic				
Loans and advances to banks	20,769	13,671	15,291	12,737
Loans and advances to customers:				
Mortgages	80,065	70,750	62,467	56,578
Other personal lending	22,833	20,139	16,579	13,765
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,076	2,025	2,076	2,074
Manufacturing	3,292	3,211	3,373	3,321
Construction	1,877	1,497	1,482	1,309
Transport, distribution and hotels	6,753	4,741	4,696	4,440
Financial, business and other services	12,103	9,652	8,352	8,736
Property companies	5,775	4,577	4,008	2,907
Lease financing	6,387	6,470	7,285	7,552
Hire purchase	4,828	4,701	4,342	4,364
Other	5,321	3,351	3,397	2,992
Total domestic loans	172,079	144,785	133,348	120,775
Foreign				
Loans and advances to banks	2,797	1,894	2,239	2,489
Loans and advances to customers:				
Mortgages	277	331	4,763	3,467
Other personal lending	256	263	1,098	1,672
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	31	40	2,220	1,708
Manufacturing	511	926	1,608	2,004
Construction	87	124	328	304
Transport, distribution and hotels	1,041	1,423	2,459	2,570
Financial, business and other services	1,763	1,866	3,196	2,631
Property companies	64	74	1,117	896
Lease financing			15	33
Other	583	795	1,436	1,148
Total foreign loans	7,410	7,736	20,479	18,922
Total loans	179,489	152,521	153,827	139,697
Provisions for loan losses	(1,663)	(1,695)	(1,767)	(1,468)
Interest held in suspense	(21)	(28)	(57)	(70)
Total loans and advances net of provisions and interest held in suspense	177,805	150,798	152,003	138,159

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Analysis of foreign loans by region					
Loans and advances to customers:					
New Zealand			10,447	8,435	7,368
Latin America	125	557	1,591	2,347	2,222
USA	2,385	2,681	3,412	3,059	2,502
Europe	1,587	1,981	2,142	2,118	1,734
Rest of the world	516	623	648	474	551
	4,613	5,842	18,240	16,433	14,377
Loans and advances to banks:					
New Zealand			622	534	357
Latin America	72	143	52	209	105
USA	69	95	227	158	121
Europe	1,853	1,408	1,164	1,379	1,353
Rest of the world	803	248	174	209	195
	2,797	1,894	2,239	2,489	2,131
Total foreign loans	7,410	7,736	20,479	18,922	16,508

The classification of lending as domestic or foreign is based on the location of the office recording the transaction. Certain lending of the international business banks is classified as domestic.

The following table analyses the movements in the allowance for loan losses for each of the five years ended 31 December 2004

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Balance at beginning of year					
Domestic	1,468	1,344	1,162	1,129	1,134
Foreign	227	423	306	297	280
Total balance at beginning of year	1,695	1,767	1,468	1,426	1,414
Exchange and other adjustments	(11)	(1)	(58)	(14)	2
Acquisition and disposal of businesses	(33)	(54)	3		49
Advances written off:					
Domestic					
Loans and advances to customers:					
Mortgages	(2)	(1)	(21)	(23)	(35)
Other personal lending	(760)	(691)	(554)	(456)	(401)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	(4)	(11)	(2)	(9)	(12)
Manufacturing	(39)	(30)	(25)	(18)	(13)
Construction	(3)	(11)	(17)	(8)	(9)
Transport, distribution and hotels	(33)	(40)	(27)	(34)	(27)
Financial, business and other services	(17)	(11)	(53)	(44)	(28)
Property companies	(15)	(36)	(19)	(21)	(17)
Lease financing	(3)	(4)	(17)	(11)	(12)
Hire purchase	(49)	(44)	(50)	(68)	(67)
Other	(36)	(47)	(2)	(9)	
Loans and advances to banks	(15)				
Total domestic	(976)	(926)	(787)	(701)	(621)
Foreign	(52)	(219)	(91)	(184)	(124)
Total advances written off	(1,028)	(1,145)	(878)	(885)	(745)
Recoveries of advances written off:					
Domestic					
Loans and advances to customers:					
Mortgages	2	2	5	17	12
Other personal lending	119	103	83	81	63
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1	2	3	4	2
Manufacturing	7	6	17	5	6
Construction	7	2	3	2	2
Transport, distribution and hotels	14	7	12	10	11
Financial, business and other services	14	7	13	11	10
Property companies		6	10	6	5
Lease financing		1	3	4	5
Hire purchase	6	6	15	22	24
Other	1		1	3	
Total domestic	171	142	165	165	140
Foreign	3	36	38	29	25
Total recoveries of advances written off	174	178	203	194	165
Net advances written off:					
Domestic	(805)	(784)	(622)	(536)	(481)
Foreign	(49)	(183)	(53)	(155)	(99)

Total net advances written off	(854)	(967)	(675)	(691)	(580)
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	2004 £m	2003 £m	2002 £m	2001 £m
Provision for loan losses charged against income for the year:				
Domestic				
Loans and advances to customers:				
Mortgages	4	(19)	(5)	2
Other personal lending	807	679	514	42
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	(3)	8		3
Manufacturing	(1)		31	40
Construction	4	11	14	(2)
Transport, distribution and hotels	43	26	28	28
Financial, business and other services	(13)	49	107	39
Property companies	15	22	(1)	4
Lease financing	7	2	3	5
Hire purchase	57	40	57	47
Other specific provisions	35	32	38	23
General provisions	(57)	9	14	(4)
Loans and advances to banks		16		
Total domestic	898	875	800	57
Foreign	(32)	75	229	17
Total provision for loan losses charged against income for the year	866	950	1,029	74
Balance at end of year				
Domestic	1,562	1,468	1,344	1,311
Foreign	101	227	423	301
Total balance at end of year	1,663	1,695	1,767	1,612
Ratio of net write-offs during the year to average loans outstanding during the year	0.6%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%

The following table analyses the coverage of the allowance for loan losses by cat

	2004	2004	2003	2003	2002	2002	2001	2001	2000
	Allowance	Percentage	Allowance	Percentage	Allowance	Percentage	Allowance	Percentage	Allowan
	£m	of loans	£m	of loans	£m	of loans	£m	of loans	£m
		in each		in each		in each		in each	
		category to		category to		category to		category to	
		total loans		total loans		total loans		total loans	
		%		%		%		%	
Balance at year end applicable to:									
Domestic:									
Loans and advances to banks	1	11.6	16	9.0		9.9		9.1	
Loans and advances to customers:									
Mortgages	11	44.6	7	46.4	25	40.7	44	40.5	48
Other personal lending	788	12.7	622	13.2	495	10.8	452	9.9	404
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3	1.2	9	1.3	10	1.3	9	1.5	11
Manufacturing	64	1.8	97	2.1	121	2.2	98	2.4	71
Construction	17	1.0	9	1.0	7	1.0	7	0.9	15
Transport, distribution and hotels	84	3.8	60	3.1	67	3.1	54	3.2	50
Financial, business and other services	158	6.7	179	6.3	136	5.4	65	6.3	59
Property companies		3.2		3.0	8	2.6	18	2.1	29
Lease financing	10	3.6	6	4.2	7	4.7	18	5.4	20
Hire purchase	91	2.7	77	3.1	75	2.8	53	3.1	52
Other	55	3.0	50	2.2	65	2.2	30	2.1	15
Total domestic	1,282	95.9	1,132	94.9	1,016	86.7	848	86.5	774
Foreign	101	4.1	181	5.1	318	13.3	251	13.5	295
General provision	280		382		433		369		357
Total balance at year end	1,663	100.0	1,695	100.0	1,767	100.0	1,468	100.0	1,426
									Risk elements in the

The following discussion consists of an analysis of credit risk elements by categories which reflect US lending practices. These differ from those employed in the UK

Suspended interest and non-perfo

In accordance with the UK British Bankers' Association Statement of Recommended Practice on Advances, L... continues to accrue interest, where appropriate, on doubtful debts when there is a realistic prospect of recovery. charged to the customer's account but it is not credited to income; it is placed on a suspense account and only ta there ceases to be significant doubt about its being paid. Loans are transferred to non-accrual status where the c

customer's account has ceased. This lending is managed by specialist recovery departments and is written down to its realisable value. Interest is not added to the lending or placed on a suspense account as its recovery is considered doubtful. Interest only taken to income is

In the US, it is the normal practice to stop accruing interest when payments are 90 days or more past due or when both principal and interest is doubtful. When the loans are transferred to non-accrual status, accrued interest is not recognised as income and no further interest is recognised until it becomes probable that the principal and interest will be repaid. Interest on which interest has been accrued but suspended would be included in risk elements as loans accounted for on

In addition, in the US non-performing loans and advances are typically written off more quickly than in the UK. A UK bank may appear to have a higher level of non-performing loans and advances than a comparable US bank. However, reported income is likely to be similar in both the U

Troubled debt

In the US, loans whose terms have been modified due to problems with the borrower are required to be separate from the new terms were in line with market conditions at the time of the restructuring and the restructured loan remains on the repayment of principal and interest then the disclosure can be discontinued at the end of the reporting period.

There are no similar disclosure requirements in the UK.

Potential

Potential problem loans are loans where known information about possible credit problems causes management to doubt the borrowers' ability to comply with the present loan repayment terms. Interest continues to be accrued on the loan until, in the opinion of management, its ultimate recoverability becomes doubtful. The loan is then classified as a loss account until, in the opinion of management, its ultimate recoverability becomes doubtful.

There are no similar disclosure requirements in the UK.

Assets acquired in exchange

In most circumstances in the US, title to property securing residential real estate transfers to the lender upon foreclosure. The loan is written off and the property acquired in this way is reported in a separate balance sheet category with a provision recorded as an offset to the provision for loan losses recorded in the year. Upon sale of the acquired property, gain or loss is recorded in the income statement as a gain or loss on acquisition.

In the UK, although a bank is entitled to enforce a first charge on a property held as security, it typically does not enforce its power of sale. In accordance with UK GAAP and industry practice, Lloyds TSB Group takes possession of property held as collateral on a loan at repossession but title does not transfer to it. Loans subject to repossession are reported as loans in the balance sheet although the accrual of interest is suspended. Any gains or losses on sale of the property are recorded within the provision for loan losses during the reporting period.

The difference in practices has no effect on net income reported in the UK compared to that reported in the US but does result in a difference in classification of losses and recoveries in the income statement. It also has the effect of causing the UK to report an increased level of non-performing loans compared to the US.

The following table analyses risk elements in the loan portfolio as at 31 December for the years ended 31 December 2004, 2003, 2002 and 2001.

	2004	2003	2002	2001
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Loans accounted for on a non-accrual basis				
Domestic offices	617	480	421	271
Foreign offices	56	105	241	106
Total non-accrual loans	673	585	662	377
Accruing loans on which interest is being placed in suspense				
Domestic offices	527	545	553	631
Foreign offices	40	88	199	207
Total suspended interest loans	567	633	752	838
Accruing loans on which interest is still being accrued and taken to profit, and against which specific provisions have been made				
Domestic offices	1,362	1,199	1,217	1,191
Foreign offices	2	23	66	73
Total accruing loans against which specific provisions have been made	1,364	1,222	1,283	1,264
Accruing loans on which interest is still being accrued and taken to profit, the lending is contractually past due 90 days or more as to principal or interest, but against which no provisions have been made				
Domestic offices	1,040	875	776	691
Foreign offices			34	31
Total accruing loans against which no provisions have been made	1,040	875	810	722

Troubled debt restructurings				
Domestic offices	1	1	1	1
Foreign offices			2	9
Total troubled debt restructurings	1	1	3	10
Total non-performing lending				
Domestic offices	3,547	3,100	2,968	2,968
Foreign offices	98	216	542	4,436
Total non-performing lending	3,645	3,316	3,510	7,404

The table below summarises the interest foregone on loans accounted for on a non-accrual basis and troubled debt

	2004
	£m
Domestic lending	
Interest income that would have been recognised under original contract terms	73
Interest income included in profit	(14)
Interest foregone	59
Foreign lending	
Interest income that would have been recognised under original contract terms	2
Interest income included in profit	
Interest foregone	2

Potential

In addition to the non-performing lending disclosed above, lendings which were current as to payment of interest but where concerns existed about the ability of the borrowers to comply with loan repayment terms in the near

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Potential problem lending	1,450	1,696	1,734	1,423	1,142

The figures shown for potential problem lending are not indicative of the losses that might arise should the credit lending deteriorate since they do not take into account

Cross borde

The business of Lloyds TSB Group involves significant exposures in non-local currencies. These cross border comprise loans (including accrued interest), acceptances, interest-bearing deposits with other banks, other investments and any other monetary assets which are denominated in non-local currency. The following tables a of borrower, foreign outstandings which individually represent in excess of 1 per cent of Lloyds TSB Group

	% of assets	Total £m	Governments and official institutions £m	Banks and other financial institutions £m	Commercial, industrial and other £m
As at 31 December 2004:					
Belgium	3.1	7,030	793	6,161	76
Germany	2.6	5,778	238	5,117	423
Netherlands	1.5	3,455	395	2,170	890
Japan	1.4	3,139	512	1,037	1,590
United States of America	1.1	2,434	36	523	1,875
As at 31 December 2003:					
Germany	2.3	4,553	284	3,851	418
Italy	1.7	3,510	2,411	759	340
Belgium	1.4	2,746	1,460	1,236	50
United States of America	1.2	2,371	45	1,109	1,217
Netherlands	1.2	2,343	431	950	962
As at 31 December 2002:					

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Germany	3.1	6,511	57	5,624	830
United States of America	1.8	3,655	207	1,274	2,174
Italy	1.5	3,013	1,912	909	192
France	1.0	2,075	99	1,187	789

As at 31 December 2004, Belgium had commitments of £61 million, Germany had commitments of £589 million, Italy had commitments of £715 million, Japan had commitments of £228 million and United States of America had commitments of £1,274 million.

As at 31 December 2004, the countries with cross border outstandings of between 0.75 per cent and 1 per cent of total assets, were France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands, amounting to £3,820 million in total, were France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands.

As at 31 December 2003, the country with cross border outstandings of between 0.75 per cent and 1 per cent of total assets, was France, amounting to £1,828 million in total.

As at 31 December 2002, the countries with cross border outstandings of between 0.75 per cent and 1 per cent of total assets, were Japan, the Netherlands and the United States, amounting to £5,080 million in total, were Japan, the Netherlands and the United States.

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from unexpected changes in financial prices, including interest rates, exchange rates, commodity and equity prices. It arises in all areas of Lloyds TSB Group's activities and is managed by a variety of techniques. The Group's banking activities expose it to the risk of adverse movements in interest rates or exchange rates. The Group's insurance activities also expose it to market risk. Pension schemes are exposed to significant risks from the constituent parts of their assets, primarily equity and interest rates, and from the present value of liabilities.

Limits to control market risk in respect of trading positions are recommended by the group asset and liability committee and reviewed by Group Risk, to the group executive committee and authorised in total by the board. A combination of position and sensitivity limits is used, depending on the nature of the business activity. The group asset and liability committee, Group Treasury for trading centres, ensures appropriate delegation of authority.

Trading is restricted to a number of specialist centres, authorised by Group Treasury, the most important centre being Financial Markets in London. The level of exposure is strictly controlled and monitored within approved limits by Group Treasury. The level of the Group's trading activity is undertaken to meet the requirements of customers for foreign exchange and interest rate products. However, some interest rate and exchange rate positions are taken out using derivatives (including forward exchange contracts, interest rate swaps and forward rate agreements) and on-balance sheet instruments (mainly currency swaps) with the objective of earning a profit from favourable movements in market rates. Accordingly, these transactions are recorded in the accounts at their fair value and gains and losses are shown in the profit and loss account as dealing profits.

Market risk in the wholesale banking books is managed in the UK by Financial Markets in London, and internationally by authorised local treasury operation in each overseas centre. The levels of exposure within these books are strictly controlled and monitored within approved limits, both locally and also centrally by Group Treasury. Active management of the books is necessary to meet customer requirements and changing market conditions.

Market risk in the Group's retail portfolios and in the Group's capital funds arises from the different repricing characteristics of the Group's banking assets and liabilities and is managed by Group Balance Sheet Management.

Limits to control interest rate risk within the Group's UK retail portfolios are set out in the policy for Group Balance Sheet Management, which is established by the group asset and liability committee and ratified by the Group board. The Group's policy is to optimise the stability of future net interest income, and this is achieved by entering into hedging transactions using interest rate swaps and other financial instruments. Both short and long-term interest rate parameters are applied to manage the balance sheet. Some centres have, in addition, adopted benchmark profiles for investment of interest rate insensitive assets, approved by Group Treasury.

Derivatives are used to meet customers' financial needs; as part of the Group's trading activities; and to reduce the Group's exposure to fluctuations in interest and exchange rates. The principal derivatives used by the Group are interest rate derivatives (including interest rate swaps, forward rate agreements and options) and exchange rate contracts (including forward exchange contracts, currency swaps and options). Particular attention is paid to the liquidity of the markets and products. The Group trades to seek to ensure that there are no undue concentrations of activity.

Market risk exposures from the insurance businesses are controlled via approved investment policies consistent with the Group's overall risk appetite and regularly reviewed by the group asset and liability committee.

The group asset and liability committee liaises with the pension scheme trustees with regard to strategies for the pension

Trading risk exposures from bank

The primary measure within the Group is the Value at Risk (VaR) methodology, which incorporates the volatility of market prices and the correlation of their movements. Based on the commonly used 95 per cent confidence limit, if trading positions are held overnight and using observation periods of the preceding three years, the VaR for trading positions as at 31 December 2004 and 2003 based on the Group's global trading positions was as detailed in the table below. The VaR aggregates potential loss measures from options, interest rate and foreign exchange risk.

	31 December 2004				31 December 2003		
	Closing £m	Average £m	Maximum £m	Minimum £m	Closing £m	Average £m	Maximum £m
Interest rate risk	0.7	0.9	1.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.8
Foreign exchange risk	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.0
Equity risk	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Total VaR (no diversification)	0.9	1.3	2.0	0.8	1.0	1.5	2.6

Measurement techniques. A variety of techniques are used to quantify the market risk arising from the Group's trading activities. These reflect the nature of the business activity, and include simple interest rate gapping, sensitivity analysis and value at risk. Stress testing and scenario analysis are also used in certain positions. At the Group level, to simulate extreme conditions to supplement these measures, the Group uses Monte Carlo simulation.

The risk of loss measured by the VaR model is the potential loss in earnings. The total and average trading VaR do not necessarily occur on the same day as the maximum and minimum VaR reported for each risk type. The maximum and minimum VaR reported for each risk type do not necessarily occur on the same day as the maximum and minimum VaR reported for the total VaR.

There are some limitations to the VaR model:

The model assumes that changes in the underlying asset returns can be modelled by a normal distribution. This is an approximation of reality that may not reflect all circumstances.

The use of a confidence limit does not convey any information about potential losses on occasions when the confidence limit is exceeded. In times of extreme market movements actual losses may be significantly greater than the VaR number. Stress testing is used to supplement VaR to estimate the impact of extreme events.

Any model that forecasts the future based on historic data is implicitly assuming that the conditions that generated the historic data will remain true in the future. Stress testing and using more than one VaR methodology for some local markets are used to supplement the wider market risk framework.

Periods of severe market illiquidity, both in terms of the extent of the illiquidity and the time that it lasts, could occur. It might not be possible to hedge, or close, all positions in the timescales assumed in the VaR model.

VaR is calculated at the close of business each day, which excludes the profit and loss impact of intra-day trading.

VaR is not well suited to options positions. As a result these positions are controlled by additional sensitivity limits.

In summary, although VaR is an important component of the Group's approach to managing trading risk, it is supplemented by position and sensitivity limits and stress testing.

Structural interest risk exposures from bank

The Group's non-trading exposure is summarised in the form of an interest rate repricing table, as set out in the notes to the financial statements. Items are allocated to time bands by reference to the earlier of the next contractual interest rate reset date and the maturity date. However, the table does not take into account the effect of interest rate options used by the Group to hedge its non-trading exposure.

The simulation models used by the Group include assumptions about the relationships between customer behavior and interest rates; the anticipated level of future business is also taken into account. The accuracy of these assumptions is regularly updated and the projected exposure is actively managed in accordance with group asset and liability composition.

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It is estimated that a hypothetical immediate and sustained 100 basis point increase in interest rates on 1 January 2005 would decrease net interest income by £80.7 million for the 12 months to 31 December 2005, while a hypothetical sustained 100 basis point decrease in interest rates would increase net interest income by £76.3 million. An analysis of the impact of these hypothetical changes is set out in the table below.

	UK £m	North America £m	Asia & Australasia £m	Europe & Middle East £m	Total 2005 £m
Change in net interest income from a +100 basis point shift in yield curves	(48.7)	3.5	(1.0)	(34.5)	(80.7)
Change in net interest income from a -100 basis point shift in yield curves	44.3	(3.5)	1.0	34.5	76.3

The analysis above is subject to certain simplifying assumptions including, but not limited to, all rates of interest moving worldwide move simultaneously by the same amount; all positions in the wholesale books run to maturity; and management action in response to movements in interest rates, in particular no changes to positions.

In practice, positions in both the retail and wholesale books are actively managed and actual impact on net interest income may be different to that shown above.

In the Group's retail portfolios, including mortgages, and in the Group's capital funds, exposure arises from the characteristics of the Group's banking assets and liabilities and is managed by Group Balance Sheet Management in the direction of the group asset and liability committee.

Liabilities arising in the course of business from the Group's retail banking business fall into two broad categories:

- those which are insensitive to interest rate movements, non-interest bearing liabilities such as shareholders' funds, interest-free or very low interest current account deposits; and
- those which are sensitive to interest rate movements, primarily savings deposits bearing interest rates which are set at the Group's discretion (managed rate liabilities) but which for competitive reasons generally reflect changes in the Bank of England's base rate.

There is a relatively small volume of naturally arising banking liabilities whose interest rate is contractually fixed for periods of up to five years.

Most banking assets, with the exception of such non-interest earning items as premises, are sensitive to interest rate movements.

There is a large volume of managed rate assets such as variable rate mortgage loans and these may be considered as being offset to managed rate liabilities. However many assets, such as personal loans and fixed rate mortgages, bear interest rates which are contractually fixed for periods of up to five years.

Interest rate risk arises from the mismatch between interest rate insensitive liabilities and interest rate sensitive assets. Group Balance Sheet Management manages this risk centrally by offsetting against each other any matching interest rate sensitive assets and liabilities; acquiring new financial assets and liabilities as matching hedges against net balances of mismatched interest rate sensitive banking liabilities and assets, respectively; and acquiring new financial assets with interest rates contractually fixed for a range of periods up to five years as hedges for net balances of interest rate insensitive assets.

The financial assets and liabilities referred to above are acquired by way of internal transactions between Group Balance Sheet Management and Financial Markets in London, typically in the form of interest rate swaps and loans.

Structural interest rate risk can also arise from the wholesale banking books in the UK, where it is managed by Financial Markets in London, and internationally, where it is managed by an authorised local treasury operation in each overseas centre. The level of exposure within these books are controlled and monitored within approved limits locally and centrally. Limits are set for international businesses on interest rate gaps or, where more appropriate, on interest rate mismatches.

Foreign exchange exposures from banking

Foreign exchange exposures comprise those originating in treasury trading activities and structural foreign exchange exposures which arise from investment in the Group's overseas operations.

The corporate and retail businesses incur foreign exchange risk in the course of providing services to their customers who reside in the authorised trading centres who are allocated exposure limits. The limits are monitored daily by the local treasury and reported to Group Treasury. Group Treasury calculates the associated VaR as shown in the table on the following page.

Risk arises from the Group's investments in its overseas operations. The Group's structural foreign currency exposure is represented by the net asset value of the holding company's foreign currency exchange equity and subordinated debt held in its subsidiaries and branches. Gains or losses on structural foreign currency exposures are taken to retained earnings.

The structural position is managed by Lloyds TSB Group Capital Funds having regard to the currency composition of the Group's risk-weighted assets and reported to the group asset and liability committee on a monthly basis. The objective is to minimise the effect of exchange rate movements on the published financial statements.

The Group's structural position at 31 December 2004 is set out in note 47d to the financial statements. The position at 31 December 2004 a hypothetical increase of 10 per cent in the value of sterling against all other currencies would result in a £82 million reduction in reserves, and vice versa. On this basis, there would have been no material impact on the Group's

Market risk exposures in the insurance

Market risk exposure depends upon the nature of the funds

With-profits funds are managed in accordance with the relevant fund's Principles and Practices of Financial Management. This leads to assets and liabilities that are mismatched with the aim of generating a higher rate of return to meet policyholders' expectations.

Unit-linked liabilities are matched with the same assets that are used to define the liability but future fee income is dependent upon the performance of these assets.

For other insurance liabilities the investment strategy is determined by the term and nature of the underlying liability. Asset/liability matching positions are actively monitored. The aim is to invest in assets such that the cash flows from the investments will match those on the projected future liabilities. Actuarial tools are used to project and match the cash flows. It is not possible to eliminate risk completely as the timing of insured events is uncertain and bonds are not available for all the required maturities. As a result the cash flows cannot be precisely matched and so sensitivity tests are used to measure the extent of the mismatch.

Investment strategy for surplus assets held in excess of liabilities takes account of the regulatory and internal business requirements for capital to be held to support the business now and in the future. Surplus assets are held primarily in three portfolios: the surplus in the non-participating fund within the Long-Term Fund of Scottish Widows plc, assets held in shareholder funds of life assurance companies and an investment portfolio within the General Insurance business.

Market risks are monitored using stochastic modelling.

The surplus in the Non-Participating Fund of Scottish Widows plc exists to provide the Long-Term Fund with working capital. The surplus also forms a capital reserve to support the investments managed on behalf of the With-Profits Fund of Scottish Widows plc. With-profits business involves guaranteed benefits; in adverse market conditions the surplus is called upon to support with-profits benefits. As a consequence this fund is currently invested in a mix of equities, real estate properties, fixed interest investments and cash that takes into account the mix in the With-Profits Fund. This investment strategy helps maintain the value of the reserve as a proportion of the underlying With-Profits Fund. The existence and investment of the surplus in the Non-Participating Fund can therefore be considered as structural rather than as a traded portfolio. Under GAAP the portfolio is shown at market value and gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account.

Assets held in shareholder funds are invested in money market funds, gilts and investment grade bonds so as to reduce the risk of statutory insolvency in the event of a claim.

The General Insurance portfolio is invested in a mixture of assets: cash, bonds and equities.

The investment policy together with appropriate limits including the limit to be applied to the equity component are approved by the group asset and liability committee supported by the actuarial department.

Investment holdings are diversified across markets and, within markets, across sectors. Holdings of individual assets are diversified to minimise specific risk and large individual exposures are monitored closely. For assets held outside the UK, investments are only permitted in countries and markets which are sufficiently regulated.

In common with other organisations in the life assurance industry, prior to its demutualisation Scottish Widows plc had policies which contained potentially valuable options and guarantees, including guaranteed annuity option policies. A guaranteed annuity option policy is a pension policy that provides a cash benefit at retirement age, which can be converted into a guaranteed annuity at a specified minimum rate. Under the terms of the transfer of the Scottish Widows business, a separate memorandum of understanding was created within the with-profits fund called the Additional Account which is available, inter alia, to meet any additional liabilities arising from providing guaranteed benefits on transferred policies. The Additional Account had a value at 31 December 2004 of £1.4 billion (2003: £1.4 billion); to the extent that it is insufficient to provide these benefits any shortfall would be met by the group.

Since demutualisation in 2000, Scottish Widows continued to write policies containing similar features, although the number of new products written has since reduced and is now not significant. The Additional Account is not available to meet the cost of providing the benefits on these policies.

The eventual cost of providing benefits on the life assurance policies written both pre and post demutualisation is dependent upon a large number of variables, including future interest rates and equity values, demographic factors, policyholder persistency and mortality, and the proportion of policyholders who seek to exercise their options. The ultimate impact upon the Lloyds TSB Group, will not be known for many years. However, Scottish Widows has developed a model to continue to develop, an actuarial model to assist in the management of the With Profits Fund and to monitor the requirements. The model allows management to estimate the effects of different economic scenarios upon the financial performance of the fund and consider the implications of different management actions. Output from this model indicates that the cost of providing benefits on policies containing features such as options and guarantees varies widely and, depending on the economic scenario encountered, could result in the Lloyds TSB Group incurring a liability. Based on the information available at present, having considered the range of possible outcomes, and after making allowance for the effect of policyholder behaviour, management actions, the Lloyds TSB Group currently considers that no provision is required for the cost of providing benefits on these policies.

Equity derivatives are used by the Group to match equivalent liabilities arising from some of its retail products. Derivatives are also used for efficient portfolio management purposes in client funds where such activity is in accordance with the investment policy and the customer's requirements.

Options and guarantees are incorporated in new insurance products only after careful consideration of the risks and issues that they present. This occurs as part of the new product approval process (see "Product and service development" in Item 7).

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The composition, and value, of both the Scottish Widows plc Non-Participating Fund and the General Insurance reported to Group Risk on a monthly basis and a VaR is calculated which is presented to the group asset and liability. The risk of loss measured by the VaR model is the potential loss in earnings over a given time horizon. The VaR used is the same in all respects as that used for the traded risk in banking activities, except that in the case of the insurance model maps the portfolio composition onto a series of appropriate indices by region and sector. In addition, the VaR is calculated based on a 99 per cent confidence level and a ten day holding period. The figures quoted below are the VaR for the portfolios with no allowance for diversification between portfolios or asset classes and represents the potential loss.

The following table shows closing, average, maximum and minimum VaR for the years ended 31 December 2004 and 31 December 2003 at a 99 per cent confidence level.

	31 December 2004				31 December 2003		
	Closing £m	Average £m	Maximum £m	Minimum £m	Closing £m	Average £m	Maximum £m
Interest rate risk	15.5	16.1	17.9	11.2	15.1	16.3	24.3
Foreign exchange risk	2.4	2.7	3.4	2.2	3.6	4.0	4.6
Equity risk	55.2	54.2	56.4	51.6	52.1	63.0	80.0
Total VaR	73.1	73.0	75.9	67.1	70.8	83.3	107.5

The risk of loss arising from the sensitivity of profits to movements in insurance claims, expenses and persistency expectations. It also covers the risk of inadequate underwriting and/or reinsurance of insured risks and movements in the value of assets providing benefits from the Group's pension schemes that result from social and demographic changes.

Control is exercised primarily through a suitable combination of high level committees/boards. For the life assurance business the key control body is the Scottish Widows plc board with the more significant risks also being subject to approval by the Lloyds TSB group executive committee and/or the Lloyds TSB Group board. For the general insurance business the key control body is Lloyds TSB Insurance executive committee with the more significant risks again being subject to approval by the group executive committee and/or Lloyds TSB Group board approval. All Group pension scheme issues are subject to approval by the group asset and liability committee.

Insurance risks are measured through deterministic studies of the impact of different insurance market scenarios on the value of free assets of the business together with relevant stochastic factors.

Limits are used as a control mechanism for insurance risk.

Insurance

Some insurance risks are retained while others are reinsured with external underwriters. The retained risk levels are controlled and monitored, with close attention being paid to the analysis of underwriting experience, claim ratios, product design, policy wordings, adequacy of reserves, solvency management and regulatory requirements.

General Insurance exposure to accumulations of risk and possible catastrophes is mitigated by reinsurance arrangements which are broadly spread over different reinsurers. Detailed modelling, including that of the probable maximum loss from catastrophe scenarios, supports the choice of reinsurance arrangements. Appropriate reinsurance arrangements also exist for the life and pensions businesses with significant mortality risk and morbidity risk being transferred to our reinsurers.

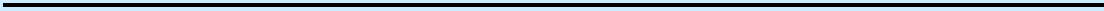
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Expenses are monitored by an analysis of the Group's experience relative to budget. Reasons for any significant variances from expectation are investigated and remedied.

Persistency rates are regularly assessed by reference to appropri

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The risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes and systems, or from people related or external events, may have or result in a material impact on the company's financial performance, internal purposes, reputational impact is



Businesses have primary responsibility for identifying and managing their operations risks. They employ a range of techniques to reduce their likelihood or impact to tolerable levels within the Group's risk appetite. Where appropriate, risks are mitigated by way of

The Group has defined high-level operations risk policies to seek to ensure a wide-ranging and consistent approach to the identification and management of operations risk and a standard methodology to ensure consistency in the assessment and management of operations risk.

Group Risk provides general guidance on operations risk related issues, including regulatory changes and developments. It provides measurement and management of operations risk, to promote best practice throughout the Group. It keeps under review and improvement all aspects of operations risk management to reflect developments in industry best practice and regulatory requirements.

The Group applies appropriate new product review processes to provide assurance that risks inherent in new products are identified and managed.

Legal and regulatory

The risk of financial loss or reputational damage arising from failing to comply with the laws, regulations or codes of practice in the financial services industry. The Group's business is regulated overall by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) and additionally by local regulators in offshore and overseas jurisdictions.

Each business has a nominated individual with compliance oversight responsibility under FSA rules. The role of the compliance officer is to ensure that management has in place within the business a control structure which creates awareness of and adherence to regulations to which the Group is subject, and to monitor and report on adherence to these rules and standards.

All compliance personnel also have a reporting line to the group compliance director, who sets compliance standards for the Group and provides independent reporting and assessment to the board and business units.

Group Compliance includes a dedicated unit, led by the group financial crime director, which is responsible for ensuring the Group has effective processes in place to identify and report on suspicious transactions and customers, in order to support the worldwide fight against financial crime.

The group compliance director has access to the chairman, group chief executive and members of senior management.

Customer treatment

The risk of financial loss or reputational damage arising from inappropriate or poor customer treatment or service.

Lloyds TSB Group is committed to the fair treatment of its customers. A range of management information measures are used across the Group to support the tracking of key customer treatment indicators. Group Risk and Group Audit are required to report regularly on customer treatment risk, management information trends and on compliance with the Group's customer treatment standards.

Service improvements are monitored by customer satisfaction surveys. The results of the research are fed into the Customer Satisfaction Index, which measures ongoing performance against five principal objectives: customer understanding; service quality; responsibility; expertise; and overall service quality.

A framework is in place to guide the consideration and documentation of customer treatment risk when developing procedures. The Group has defined benchmark standards in all the key areas. The divisions are required to meet

Trends across all the CARE Index categories are monitored and fed into a programme of continuous customer improvement. The Group also provides its staff with clear FSA compliant guidelines and processes for dealing

Customer remedia

A current industry issue concerns the sale of life assurance products related to the repayment of residential mortgages (endowments). At sale, the premium is set at a level such that the projected benefits, including an estimate of gross investment returns of the policy and allowing for an estimate of the expenses to be charged, will equal or exceed the mortgage investment returns. This has led to increased concern that the value of some of these policies will be less than the amount required to repay the mortgage. Certain customers have complained that this risk was not properly explained to them at the time

During 2002, a review was carried out in conjunction with the FSA into sales of mortgage endowment and savings products made by the Abbey Life sales force between 1988 and its disposal by the Lloyds TSB Group in 1998. Following this review the Group established a provision to meet the cost of compensation payments to customers where past sales practices were found to have been deficient; a provision is also held against the estimated payments to customers in respect of products sold by the Abbey Life sales force prior to 1988. During 2004 management reviewed the adequacy of the provisions held in the light of experience and changing market conditions and an additional provision of £12 million (2003: £56 million) has been made.

Mortgage endowments were also sold to customers through the branch networks of Lloyds TSB Bank, Lloyds TSB Cheltenham & Gloucester; these policies were either underwritten by life assurance companies within the Lloyds TSB Group or by third parties. Provisions are held against the estimated cost of making redress payments to customers in respect of other past product sales where necessary. During 2004 management have again reviewed the adequacy of the provisions having regard to current complaint volumes and the level of payments being made and as a result provisions have been increased by £100 million (2003: £200 million). The ultimate cost remains highly uncertain and will be influenced by factors beyond the control of management, such as regulatory actions, media interest and the performance of the financial markets. Consequently there is a risk that further provisions may be required in the future, although management is satisfied that the current provisioning level is adequate.

This comprises the risks arising from the adoption of the Group's agreed strategy and its implementation at corporate and business level. At corporate and business level these risks are managed through a number of processes:

An annual strategic planning process is conducted at Lloyds TSB Group and business level and includes a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the risks in the business.

The Group's strategy and those of its constituent businesses are reviewed and approved by the board. Reports are provided to the group executive committee and the board on the progress of the Group's key strategies and plans. The Group Risk function conducts oversight to ensure the business plans remain consistent with the Group's strategy.

Revenue and capital investment decisions require additional formal assessment and approval. Formal risk assessments are conducted as part of the financial approval process.

Significant company mergers and acquisitions require specific approval by the board. In addition to the standard risk assessment conducted during a merger or acquisition, Group Risk conducts, where appropriate, an independent risk assessment of the target company and its proposed integration into the Lloyds TSB Group.

A common approach is applied across the Group to assess the creation of shareholder value. This is measured by economic profit (the profit attributable to shareholders, less a notional charge for the equity invested in the business). The focus on economic profit allows the Group to compare the returns being made on capital employed in each business. The use of risk-based capital and regulatory capital is closely monitored at business and Group level. The Group's economic capital is measured against credit, market, insurance, business and operational risks.

Product and Service

The risk of loss arising from the inherent characteristics, management or distribution of products or services, or failure to meet or exceed customer expectations and competitor offerings. For the Group to achieve its objective to maximize shareholder value over time, product life cycles must be effectively managed and new products developed to meet customer needs.

The Group is committed to the fair treatment of its customers. This is embedded into the processes indicated below. All businesses have developed customer centric strategies for product and business development, marketing, selling and

Businesses maintain a range of products to meet customers' needs and the business strategy and are responsible for controlling product risks and compliance with applicable

Product planning and development. Businesses have formal processes for reviewing the range of their products, subject all product development to rigorous assessment. The assessment includes seeking to ensure that the products meet defined customer

Product promotion, distribution and sales. Businesses have a defined channel distribution strategy for products, the Group's distribution strategy. Businesses launching new products are responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable regulations and that the proposed sales activity is appropriate for the type of customer and their

All advertising and marketing material is required to comply with the Group's governing policy on business communications. Businesses are required to have procedures in place to ensure that the material is fair, clear and not misleading bearing in mind the knowledge and sophistication of the customer. Any statement of fact should be substantiated through documentary evidence and comparison should be made in a fair and balanced way; and any reference to past performance should clearly state the context.

Businesses are required, prior to publication of any sales material, to seek confirmation that it complies with the legal requirements of the jurisdiction in which the product is offered and marketed. Procedures require that terms and conditions (to include mandates, agreements and other documentation) are approved by legal advisers and reviewed by the relevant business.

New product approval. The Group defines a new product as a new or amended product that introduces a significant change to the risk profile at Group or business level. In line with defined policy, businesses provide divisional risk management approval for new products at an early stage of product or service development to ensure compliance with the Group's strategy. Businesses are required to demonstrate that new products meet clearly defined customer needs and that they have a plan to mitigate the risks of unsuitable sales. Where appropriate, technical advice/approval is sought from specialist functions. All new products carrying the approval of divisional risk management and the businesses involved in their manufacture are subject to a post-launch review.

Product performance. Businesses establish and monitor performance standards for all marketed products against key performance indicators, for example sales volumes, customer service and risk profile. Significant deviations from these standards are investigated and appropriate action is taken.

Change management

The risk of financial loss or reputational damage arising from programmes or projects failing to deliver to requirements, or timescale; or failing to implement change effectively.

To deliver the Group's strategic aims, change must be managed in an effective, risk-aware and appropriately controlled manner throughout the organisation. The Group's Change Management Standards ensure appropriate control across the organisation and the approach is regularly benchmarked against other organisations across the industry.

Changes that significantly impact customers or staff are managed as part of an overall change plan managed by a change management committee. The committee ensures that the aggregate impact of the implementation of change on customers, staff and systems is understood, managed and communicated.

Governance, people and organisation

This is the risk of loss from poor corporate governance at Group and business level. It includes sub-optimal decision making, structuring, or failure to recruit, manage and retain appropriately skilled staff to achieve business objectives. Good corporate governance, managing governance, people and organisation risk is defined in the Group Policy Manual. It defines the way the Group is organised, the need for tight financial and operating controls, maintenance of a strong risk management and control environment, need to benchmark against industry best practice and for businesses to conduct themselves with integrity, due to the nature of the business.

Management of risks. The Group sets high standards for the conduct of its business and values its reputation. Risk management and establishing an effective organisational structure is vested in Group and business management. Sound internal risk management practices are promoted through business directors who are ultimately responsible for identifying, measuring, managing and controlling the risks within their specific areas of responsibility.

The Group seeks to identify and classify risks in a timely manner. The likelihood of risks crystallising and the significant impact on the business, the Group and its customers are evaluated. The Group's business control environment is designed to mitigate the risks to an acceptable level.

ensure effective and efficient operational management; reliability, integrity and consistency of financial and other compliance with governing laws and regulations. Business directors seek to ensure that material risks are reported divisional risk officer, group executive director and

Information and communication. It is the Group's policy for the board and senior management at both Group and to receive relevant, reliable and timely management information in line with business objectives to seek to ensure are appropriately controlled, key risks are identified and monitored, decisions are implemented and regulatory

Audit responsibilities and rights. Group Audit has unrestricted access to all functions, property, records and independently reviews adherence to the policies and processes that make up the control environment, disseminates practices throughout the Group in the course of its monitoring and corrective action activities. The director of group to and meets regularly with the group chief executive and periodically with the au

People. The Group's approach to people management is to employ skilled, committed staff, working as a team to serve our customers and shareholders, who are given the opportunity to fulfil their potential; employ the highest ethical standards of behaviour and best practice management principles; and recruit on the basis of ability and potential.

Standards of behaviour. The Group has a code of business conduct, which applies to the group chief executive, finance director, and all other employees. It seeks to ensure that employees act with integrity and endeavour to provide the highest levels of customer service. It promotes a working environment free from discrimination, harassment, bullying or any other form of abuse of any kind. Employees are encouraged and expected to alert management to suspected misconduct, fraud or other malpractice. The code as amended from time to time is available to the public on the Group's website at www.mattel.com.

Performance and reward management. The Group seeks to ensure that all employees understand their role, their responsibilities, their role and where it fits into the wider team and organisational context. It manages and measures employees' performance against their contribution to collective goals and recognises the contribution of individuals in the context of the pay and performance of the business in which they work and rewards accordingly.

Training and development. The Group believes that long-term success depends on the quality and skills of its workforce. The Group has a joint responsibility with employees for their personal and career development to improve current performance and enhance future potential.

Financial

The risk of financial failure arising from lack of liquidity or capital, poor management or poor quality/value of assets.

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk of a loss arising from the Group's inability to meet its financial obligations. These obligations include the repayment of deposits on demand or at their contractual maturity; the repayment of loans and other borrowings as they mature; the payment of insurance policy benefits, claims and surrenders; the payment of other obligations as they become due; the payment of operating expenses and taxation; the payment of dividends to shareholders; and the ability to fund new and existing loan commitments; and the ability to take advantage of new business opportunities.

The international standard for measuring capital adequacy is the risk asset ratio, which relates to on- and off-balance sheet exposures weighted according to broad categories of risk. The Group's capital ratios, calculated in line with the requirements of the FSA, are set out in detail in the Financial Statements.

A policy is in place which requires a common methodology to measuring liquidity across the Group. The methodology for calculating the liquidity ratio is calculated by taking the sum of liquid assets, five-day wholesale inflows and back-up lines, and the sum of five-day wholesale outflows and a percentage of retail maturities and contingent claims drawable within five days. The Group complies with the FSA's liquidity requirements and with similar liquidity policies in place at other Group centres worldwide. Compliance is monitored by regular liquidity returns to Group Treasury. Work is ongoing to ensure the Group's compliance with the new liquidity framework being proposed by the FSA. The liquidity policy requires local treasury operations to maintain a liquidity ratio of over 100 per cent, in addition to ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements. It is the responsibility of local line management to ensure that the liquidity policy is met at all times and maturities of assets and liabilities are continually managed and appropriately diversified to avoid any undue concentration in any one market conditions evolve. Compliance is monitored by regular liquidity returns to Group Treasury.

For non-linked funds investments are arranged to minimise the possibility of being a distressed seller whilst also ensuring the ability to invest to meet policyholder obligations. For unit-linked business, deferral provisions are designed to give policyholders the ability to access linked assets without being forced to sell.

Lloyds TSB Group and its regulated subsidiary banks have been allocated an Individual Capital Ratio by the FSA. The Group has agreed a formal buffer to be maintained in addition to the Individual Capital Ratio. Actual or prospective breaches of the formal buffer must be notified to the FSA, together with proposed remedial action; no such notifications have been received since 2004. Informally, a further buffer is maintained. In addition, the board has agreed a maximum limit of the proportion of the capital base to be invested in high-risk instruments in the capital base. Risk-weighted assets are monitored by businesses, while capital is controlled by the Group.

Capital ratios are a key factor in the Group's budgeting and planning processes and updates of expected ratios are reviewed regularly during the year. Capital raised takes account of expected growth and currency of risk assets and also considers the sensitivity of the Group's capital to movements in interest rates.

The Group seeks to use appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. Each reporting entity within the Group has a finance function which is responsible for the production of financial, management and regulatory information. It is the responsibility of Group Finance to produce consolidated financial information for use internally and to meet external regulatory and statutory reporting requirements. Group Finance ensures that all businesses and reporting entities to follow common processes and reporting requirements.

Businesses or reporting entities have formal month-end and quarter-end procedures in place for preparation of management financial accounts respectively, review and approval of management accounts at a determined level of consistency with financial accounts, and preparation of forecasts and detailed annual budgets that are subject to review and approval. They are further required to implement measures to monitor performance at local level to identify and address fluctuations or variations.

Liquidity and capital resources

Liquidity

The principal sources of liquidity for Lloyds TSB Group plc are dividends received from its directly owned subsidiaries, Lloyds TSB Bank, and loans from this and other Lloyds TSB Group companies. The ability of Lloyds TSB Group plc to pay dividends, or for Lloyds TSB Bank or other Lloyds TSB Group companies to make loans to Lloyds TSB Group plc, is dependent on a number of factors, including their own regulatory capital requirements, distributable reserves and financial resources.

Lloyds TSB Group plc is also able to raise funds by issuing loan capital or equity, although in practice Lloyds TSB Group plc has never issued equity for this purpose and the majority of Lloyds TSB Group plc's loan capital has been issued by Lloyds TSB Bank. As at 31 December 2004, Lloyds TSB Group plc had £1,358 million of subordinated debt in issuance and £10,252 million for the consolidated Lloyds TSB Group. The cost and availability of subordinated debt finance are dependent on credit ratings. A reduction in these ratings could increase the cost and could reduce market access. At 31 December 2004, the credit ratings of Lloyds TSB Bank were:

	Senior debt
Moody's	Aaa
Standard & Poor's	AA
Fitch	AA+

The ratings outlook from Moody's and Fitch for Lloyds TSB Bank is stable. The Standard & Poor's rating outlook is stable. These credit ratings are not a recommendation to buy, hold or sell any security; and each rating should be considered independently of every other rating.

A significant part of the liquidity of the Group's banking businesses arises from their ability to generate customer deposits. A substantial proportion of the customer deposit base is made up of current and savings accounts which, although subject to withdrawal demand, have traditionally provided a stable source of funding. During 2004, amounts deposited by customers increased by £5,566 million from £11,496 million at 31 December 2003 to £122,062 million at 31 December 2004. These customer deposits are supplemented by the issue of subordinated loan capital and wholesale funding sources in the capital markets, through direct customer contracts. Wholesale funding sources include deposits taken on the inter-bank market, certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements, a Euro Medium Term Note programme, of which £5,097 million had been utilised for the first time at 31 December 2004, and a commercial paper programme, under which £3,281 million had been utilised at 31 December 2004.

The ability to sell assets quickly is also an important source of liquidity for the Group's banking businesses. The Group holds sizeable balances of marketable debt securities which could be disposed of to provide additional funding should the need arise.

The following table sets out the amounts and maturities of Lloyds TSB Group's contractual cash obligations:

	Within one year £m	One to three years £m	Three to five years £m	Over five years £m	Total £m
Long-term debt (dated)		549	470	3,381	4,400
Euro Medium Term Note programme	167	347	584	3,999	5,097
Commercial paper programme	3,281				3,281
Securitisation vehicles	3,028				3,028

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Finance leases	2	3	1		6
Operating leases	208	397	376	342	1,323
Capital commitments	87	63			150
Other purchase obligations	360	600	390	210	1,560
	7,133	1,959	1,821	7,932	18,844

Other purchase obligations include amounts expected to be payable in respect of material contracts entered into by the TSB Group for the provision of outsourced and other services. The cost of these services will be charged to the TSB Group account as it is incurred. The Lloyds TSB Group also has a constructive obligation to ensure that its defined pension and benefit schemes remain adequately funded. The amount and timing of the Lloyds TSB Group's cash contributions to these schemes is uncertain and will be affected by factors such as future investment returns and demographic changes.

The Lloyds TSB Group expects to make cash contributions of approximately £425 million to these schemes in 2005. The table above excludes details of future cash flows related to certain insurance liabilities due to uncertainty as to their amount.

At 31 December 2004, Lloyds TSB Group also had £5,852 million of undated long-term debt.

The following table sets out the amounts and maturities of Lloyds TSB Group's other commercial commitments at 31 December 2004. These commitments are not included in Lloyds TSB Group's consolidated balance sheet.

	Within one year £m	One to three years £m	Three to five years £m	Over five years £m
Acceptances	67	3	1	
Guarantees	5,927	332	423	104
Other contingent liabilities	1,381	145	51	92
Total contingent liabilities	7,375	480	475	196
Lending commitments	64,491	9,060	7,564	2,090
Other commitments	2,000	21	61	3
Total commitments	66,491	9,081	7,625	2,093
Total contingents and commitments	73,866	9,561	8,100	2,289

Lending commitments are agreements to lend to customers in accordance with contractual provisions; these commitments may be for a specified period or, as in the case of credit cards and overdrafts, represent a revolving credit facility which can be used at any time, provided that the agreement has not been terminated. The total amounts of unused commitments do not represent future cash requirements, in that commitments often expire without being drawn down.

Lloyds TSB Group's banking businesses are also exposed to liquidity risk through the provision of securitisation facilities to certain corporate customers. Lloyds TSB Group currently offers securitisation facilities to its corporate and financial client base through two conduit securitisation vehicles, Cancara Asset Securitisation Limited (Cancara) and Obelisk (No.2) Limited (Obelisk). These are funded in the global asset-backed commercial paper market. Cancara is the issuer of commercial paper sponsored by Lloyds TSB Bank plc, was established in 2002 and commenced funding in 2003. Cancara is divided into three subgroups:

- the issuer companies, Cancara and Cancara Asset Securitisation LLC (Cancara LLC), which issue the commercial paper in the US and Euro asset-backed commercial paper markets to third party investors and are bankruptcy remote special purpose vehicle liability companies. Cancara is wholly owned by an independent charitable trust; Cancara LLC is a subsidiary of Lloyds TSB Bank plc;
- the purchasing companies, Gresham Receivables Nos. 1, 2 (UK), 3, 4 and 5 Limited, which purchase customer receivables and fund these via a secured loan or discounted note from Cancara, are bankruptcy remote special purpose vehicles wholly owned by one or more independent charitable trusts;
- the investment purchasing companies, Dragon Securities Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Limited, which purchase receivables securities (backed by third party assets) from the market and initially also from Lloyds TSB Group. As Lloyds TSB Group's investment adviser to the investment purchasing companies and receives a performance related fee, the investment purchasing companies are consolidated by Lloyds TSB Group under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 5 as quoted in note 12 to the consolidated financial statements.

Other than certain third party asset-backed securities mentioned above, Lloyds TSB Group does not sell its own receivables to other purchasing companies or issuer companies nor does it, or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, have an affiliation, ownership control or otherwise to these companies. However, Lloyds TSB Group does provide liquidity facilities to the purchasing and investment purchasing companies to fund short-term cash deficits that may arise through timing differences between cash receipts from the receivables and cash payments to the holders of the commercial paper. As at 31 December 2004, Lloyds TSB Bank plc provided asset-backed commercial paper liquidity support facilities to the purchasing and investment purchasing companies and Cancara totalling approximately £4.4 billion. As of the same date total assets of the purchasing companies, investment purchasing companies and Cancara totalled approximately £4.4 billion, of which £4.4 billion has been consolidated into the Lloyds TSB Group's consolidated balance sheet.

At 31 December 2004 Lloyds TSB Group also acted as sponsor to an additional conduit securitisation purchasing company. This is wholly owned by an independent trust and administered by a third party. This entity purchases securities from customers funded by secured lending from a third party, which in turn issues asset-backed commercial paper. Lloyds TSB Group does not sell its own receivables to this entity, but the assets and obligations of Obelisk (No.2) Limited are included in Lloyds TSB Group's consolidated balance sheet. Lloyds TSB Group provides short-term asset-backed commercial paper liquidity support facilities to this entity.

support facilities on commercial terms to the issuers of the commercial paper, for use in the event of a market disturbance when they be unable to roll over maturing commercial paper or obtain alternative sources of financing.

As at 31 December 2004 Obelisk held assets of approximately £0.2 billion, primarily loans and investments. Lloyds Bank plc provided asset-backed commercial paper liquidity support facilities of approximately £0.2 billion.

Within Lloyds TSB Group's insurance and investments businesses, the principal sources of liquidity are premium income, policyholders' charges levied upon policyholders, investment income and the proceeds from the sale and maturity of securities.

The investment policies followed by Lloyds TSB Group's life assurance companies take account of anticipated future requirements including by matching the cash inflows with projected liabilities where appropriate. Cash deposits and government securities are available to provide liquidity to cover any higher than expected requirements.

Based upon the levels of resources within the banking and insurance and investments businesses and the ability of the Group to access the wholesale money markets or issue debt securities should the need arise, Lloyds TSB Group's overall liquidity is sufficient to meet current obligations to customers, policyholders and debt holders, support existing operations and future changes in asset and liability levels and carry on normal business.

The total capital resources of Lloyds TSB Group are:

	31 December 2004	31 December 2003	31 December 2002
	£m	£m	£m
Minority interests (equity and non-equity)	596	727	731
Called-up share capital	1,419	1,418	1,416
Share premium account	1,145	1,136	1,093
Merger reserve	343	343	343
Profit and loss account	7,070	6,727	5,091
Shareholders' funds (equity and non-equity)	9,977	9,624	7,943
	10,573	10,351	8,674
Undated loan capital	5,852	5,959	5,496
Dated loan capital	4,400	4,495	4,672
	20,825	20,805	18,842

Lloyds TSB Group's total capital resources increased by £20 million during 2004. Minority interests were £1 million following the repayment of third party investments in certain structured finance transactions which were wound up.

Shareholders' funds increased by £353 million mainly due to retained profits, partly offset by actuarial losses on investments and provisions for liabilities under post-retirement benefit schemes. Loan capital decreased by £202 million due to negative movements and the fact that loan capital repayments have exceeded new issues.

The Group's regulatory capital is divided into tiers defined by the European Community Banking Consolidation Directive, implemented in the UK by the FSA's Interim Prudential Sourcebook for Banks. Tier 1 comprises mainly share capital, Tier 2 comprises Tier 1 capital instruments and minority interests, after deducting goodwill and other intangible assets. Tier 2 comprises debt provisions, and qualifying subordinated loan capital, with restrictions on the amount of general provisions and intangible assets which may be included. Total capital is reduced by deducting investments in subsidiaries and associate companies, investments consolidated for regulatory purposes and investments in the capital of other credit/financial institutions. In the banking business of Lloyds TSB Group, this means that the net assets of its life assurance and general insurance businesses are deducted from the regulatory capital.

Risk-weighted assets are determined according to a broad categorisation of the nature of each asset or exposure and the risk associated with it, and, for the trading book, by taking into account market risk.

	31 December 2004 £m	31 December 2003 £m	31 December 2002 £m
Capital:			
Tier 1	11,725	11,223	9,442
Tier 2	8,800	8,935	8,846
	20,525	20,158	18,288
Supervisory deductions	(7,252)	(6,898)	(6,573)
Total regulatory capital	13,273	13,260	11,715
Total risk-weighted assets	132,173	117,732	122,411
Risk asset ratios:			
Total capital	10.0%	11.3%	9.6%
Tier 1	8.9%	9.5%	7.7%
Post-tax return on average risk-weighted assets	2.01%	2.63%	1.62%

At 31 December 2004, the risk asset ratios were 10.0 per cent for total capital and 8.9 per cent for tier 1 capital. The tier 1 capital ratio appears higher than would perhaps be expected and reflects the higher level of supervision resulting from the Lloyds TSB Group's significant investment in its life assurance business.

The Lloyds TSB Group's capital management policy is focused on optimising value for shareholders. There is no intention of returning capital to shareholders. The delivery of organic growth and expected capital retentions are sufficient to support planned levels of growth. Management also wishes to maintain the flexibility to make value enhancing in market acquisitions and therefore there are no plans to return capital to shareholders other than by way of dividend payments. Management will continue to invest in the business for the utilisation of capital.

There are strict limits imposed by the regulatory authorities as to the proportion of the Lloyds TSB Group's resources that can be made up of subordinated debt and preferred securities. The Lloyds TSB Group's capacity to raise capital for regulatory purposes increases as profits are retained; at 31 December 2004, the Lloyds TSB Group raised approximately £2,900 million of tier 2 debt capital, compared to approximately £2,300 million at 31 December 2003. This increase reflects the effects of retained profits and favourable exchange rate movements. The unpredictable nature of the value of the investments supporting the long-term assurance funds could cause the amount of qualifying tier 2 capital to be restricted because of falling tier 1 resources. The Lloyds TSB Group seeks to ensure that even in the event of such a restriction, the total capital ratio will remain above the minimum required.

During 2004, total capital for regulatory purposes increased by £13 million to £13,273 million. Tier 1 capital increased by £502 million, mainly as a result of profit retentions. However, tier 2 capital decreased by £135 million largely as a result of a reduction in the Lloyds TSB Group's general bad debt provision. There was an increase in supervisory capital of £354 million, mainly as a result of an increase of £300 million in the long-term assurance business attributable to the Lloyds TSB Group, to £6,781 million, from £6,481 million in December 2003.

Life assurance

The principal subsidiaries involved in the Group's life assurance operations during the year were Scottish Widows Limited (Scottish Widows), the Group's principal provider of life assurance, pensions and investment products, which holds a with-profits fund managed by the Lloyds TSB Group), Scottish Widows Annuities Limited (a subsidiary of Scottish Widows Limited which accepts the reinsurance of annuity business from its parent), Abbey Life Assurance Company Limited (Abbey Life), and Lloyds TSB Life Assurance Company Limited (Lloyds TSB Life). Since March 2000 both Abbey Life and Lloyds TSB Life continued to administer existing policies and have undertaken only limited new business. No change in this activity occurred in respect of Abbey Life. On 31 December 2004, Lloyds TSB Life ceased trading and transferred most of its assets and liabilities to Scottish Widows Limited, with the business to continue to be operated by Scottish Widows Limited.

Available capital

Available capital resources represent the excess of assets over liabilities calculated in accordance with detailed rules issued by the FSA. Different rules apply depending on the nature of the fund, as set out below.

Statutory basis. Assets are generally valued on a basis consistent with that used for accounting purposes (with the exception that in certain cases, the value attributed to assets is limited) and which follows a market value approach where possible. With the express permission of the FSA, an intangible asset can be recognised which represents the present value of future expected prudent margins on business written. The liabilities are calculated using a projection of future cash flows after making prudent assumptions about matters such as investment return, expenses and mortality. Discount rates used to value the liabilities are based with reference to the risk adjusted yields on the underlying assets in accordance with the FSA rules. Other assumptions are based on recent actual experience, supplemented by industry information where appropriate. The assessment of liabilities includes future bonuses for with-profits policies that are at the discretion of the Company, but does not include the value of policyholder options likely to be exercised.

Realistic basis. The FSA requires each life assurance company which contains a with-profits fund in excess of £100 million, including Scottish Widows, to carry out a realistic valuation of that fund. The word realistic in this context is the terminology used for reporting to the FSA and is an assessment of the financial position of a with-profits fund calculated using the prescribed methodology. The methodology has the effect of limiting the assumed average future investment return to a risk-free rate and represents a best estimate of a theoretical market value of the assets.

The valuation of with-profits assets in the With-Profits Fund on a realistic basis differs from the valuation on a statutory basis. In respect of non-profits business written in the With-Profits Fund, it includes the present value of the anticipated future expected prudent margins for adverse deviation. The realistic valuation uses the market value of assets without the effect of the prudent margins for adverse deviation.

The realistic valuation of liabilities is carried out using a stochastic simulation model which values liabilities consistent with tradable market option contracts (a market-consistent basis). The model takes account of policies on a best-estimate basis and includes an adjustment to reflect future uncertainties where the exercise of options by might increase liabilities. Further details regarding the stochastic simulation model are given below in the Options

Each life assurance company must retain sufficient capital to meet the regulatory capital requirements mandated by the FSA. The basis of calculating the regulatory capital requirement is given below. For the companies described above, with the exception of Scottish Widows, the regulatory capital requirement is a combination of amounts held in respect of actuarial reserves and risk (the Long-Term Insurance Capital Requirement) and amounts required to cover various stress tests. The regulatory capital requirement is deducted from the available capital resources to give the statutory capital requirement.

For Scottish Widows, a further test is required in respect of the With-Profits Fund which compares the level of statutory capital to the statutory excess capital of the With-Profits Fund and, in circumstances where the realistic excess capital is less, the Company is required to hold additional capital to cover the shortfall. The realistic excess capital is the difference between realistic assets and realistic liabilities of the With-Profits Fund with a further deduction to cover the results of stress tests. Any additional capital requirement under this test is referred to as the With-Profits Insurance Capital Requirement.

The determination of realistic liabilities of the With-Profits Fund in respect of Scottish Widows includes the value of transfers expected to be made from the With-Profits Fund to the Non-Participating Fund of Scottish Widows. These transfers include charges on policies where the associated costs are borne by the Non-Participating Fund. The value of these transfers exceeds the value of the costs which, in the case of Scottish Widows, results in the somewhat artificial With-Profits Insurance Capital Component of over £1 billion.

Constraints over available capital

Scottish Widows was created following the demutualisation of Scottish Widows Fund and Life Assurance Society. The terms of the demutualisation are governed by a Court-approved Scheme of Transfer (the Scheme) which, in addition to the With-Profits Fund and a Non-Participating Fund and established protected capital support for the with-profits policies, also provided for the existence at the date of demutualisation. Much of that capital support is held in the Non-Participating Fund and the capital held in that fund is subject to the constraints of the Scheme.

Requirement to maintain a Support Account. The Scheme requires the maintenance of a Support Account in the Non-Participating Fund. The quantum of the Support Account is calculated with reference to the value of assets held in the with-profits policies which also existed at the date of demutualisation and must be maintained until the value of the Support Account reaches a minimum level. Assets can only be transferred from the Non-Participating Fund if the value of the remaining assets in the fund exceeds the value of the Support Account. Scottish Widows has obtained from the FSA permission to include the value of the Support Account in assessing the realistic value of assets available to the With-Profits Fund. At 31 December 2004, the value of surplus admissible assets in the Non-Participating Fund was £2,222 million and the value of the Support Account was £1,111 million.

Further Support Account. The Further Support Account is an extra tier of capital support for the with-profits policies in the Non-Participating Fund at the date of demutualisation. The Scheme requires that assets can only be transferred from the Non-Participating Fund if the economic value of the remaining assets in the fund exceeds the aggregate of the Support Account and Further Support Account. Unlike the Support Account test, the economic value used for this test includes both admissible assets and the present value of future profits of business written in the Non-Participating Fund or by any subsidiaries of that fund. The balance of the Further Support Account is expected to reduce to nil by the year 2030. At 31 December 2004, the net economic value of the Further Support Account in the Non-Participating Fund and its subsidiaries for the purposes of this test was £4,185 million and the combined value of the Support Account and Further Support Account was £5,296 million.

Other restrictions in the Non-Participating Fund. The Scheme states that no amounts can be transferred from the Non-Participating Fund of Scottish Widows unless there are sufficient assets within the Long-Term Insurance Capital Requirement to meet the reasonable expectations in light of liabilities in force at a year end and the new business expected to be written over the period of the Long-Term Insurance Capital Requirement.

Financial information calculated on a realistic basis

The estimated financial position of the With-Profits Fund of Scottish Widows at 31 December 2004, calculated on a realistic basis, is given in the following table, in the form that the information will be reported to the FSA. As a result of the support arrangements, it is considered appropriate to also disclose the realistic financial position of the Long-Term Insurance Capital Requirement of Scottish Widows as a whole, which consists of both the With-Profits Fund and the Non-Participating Fund.

	With-Profits Fund £m	Long-Term Fund £m
Realistic value of assets of fund	17,814	22,012
Support arrangement assets (value of Support Account)	1,265	
Realistic value of assets available to the fund	19,079	22,012
Realistic value of liabilities of fund	(18,108) (17,827
Working capital for fund	971	4,185
Working capital ratio for fund	5.1	% 19.0

Scottish Widows continues to be well capitalised with the working capital ratios for the With-Profits Fund and Long-Term Fund being an estimated 5.1 per cent and 19.0 per cent respectively.

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The realistic liabilities of the With-Profits Fund disclosed above include amounts payable from the With-Profits Non-Participating Fund of Scottish Widows in respect of the shareholders' share of future bonuses and other result of the Scheme. The value of the liabilities excluding the shareholders' share of future bonuses is £17,988 million of the liabilities excluding the value placed on all interfund transfers is £17,353 million, and the value of excess assets of the With-Profits Fund after eliminating those amounts (excluding the value of the Support Account) is £4,581 million.

The following table reconciles the value of the Long-Term Fund of Scottish Widows quoted above to the total shareholders' funds attributable to the life assurance business of the Group, calculated on a modified statutory solvency basis:

	Liabilities
Total shareholders' funds on a modified statutory solvency basis* (see note 29 to the financial statements)	4,581
Adjustments to restate amounts onto an FSA statutory basis	(50)
Available capital resources on an FSA statutory basis excluding the With-Profits Fund	4,031
Fund for future appropriations**	1,379
Total available capital resources on an FSA statutory basis	5,410
Capital resources held outside the Long-Term Fund of Scottish Widows	(1,000)
Net effect of adjustments to restate amounts onto a realistic basis	12
Excess assets in the Long-Term Fund of Scottish Widows on a realistic basis	4,412

* A reconciliation of the total shareholders' funds on a modified statutory solvency basis (£4,581 million) to the amount included in the balance sheet on an embedded value basis (£6,781 million) is included in note 29(h) to the financial statements.

** The fund for future appropriations included in the table relates to the With-Profits Fund of Scottish Widows only; the figure of £1,379 million included in note 29(h) to the financial statements (£1,379 million) includes £25 million in respect of the other life funds of the Group.

Shareholders' funds outside the long-term business fund are mainly invested in assets that are less sensitive to market movements.

The with-profits realistic liabilities and the available capital for the With-Profits Fund are sensitive to both market movements and changes to a number of non-economic assumptions that affect the valuation of the liabilities of the fund. The available capital resources (and capital requirements) are most sensitive to the level of the stock market, with the position worsened by low stock market levels as a result of the guarantees to policyholders increasing in value. An increase in the level of equity put options implied by the market cost of equity put options also increases the market consistent value of the options given to policyholders and worsens the capital position.

The most critical non-economic assumptions are the level of take-up of options inherent in the contracts (higher take-up is more onerous), mortality rates (lower mortality rates are more onerous) and lapses prior to dates at which a guarantee is to apply (lower lapse rates are generally more onerous where guarantees are in the money). The sensitivity of the capital requirements and capital requirements of the With-Profits Fund is partly mitigated by the actions that can be taken by the Group.

Outside the With-Profits Fund, assets backing actuarial reserves in respect of policyholder liabilities are invested in a diversified portfolio of assets and values of the assets and liabilities are broadly matched. The most critical non-economic assumptions are mortality rates of annuity business written (lower mortality rates are more onerous). The Group has reduced its exposure to mortality rates in respect of life assurance contracts through its reinsurance arrangements. In addition, poor cost of capital may gradually depreciate the available capital and lead to an increase in the valuation of the liabilities (through the effect of the allowance for the cost of capital).

Formal intra-group capital

Scottish Widows has a formal arrangement with one of its subsidiary undertakings, Scottish Widows Unit, whereby the subsidiary company can draw down capital from Scottish Widows to finance new business which is the parent to its subsidiary. Scottish Widows has also provided subordinated loans to its fellow group undertakings, Scottish Widows Annuities Limited and Scottish Widows

Options a

The Group has sold insurance products that contain options and guarantees, both within the With-Profits Fund and

The most significant options and guarantees provided from within the With-Profits Fund are in respect of guaranteed cash benefits on death, maturity, retirement or certain policy anniversaries, and guaranteed annuity options on certain pension policies. As noted above, under the realistic capital regime of the FSA, the liabilities of the With-Profits Fund are valued using a market-consistent stochastic simulation model. This model is used in order to place a value on the options and guarantees which captures both their intrinsic value and their time value.

The most significant economic assumptions included in the model are:

Risk-free yield curve. This is derived from the yield on UK gilts, with an additional 0.1 per cent yield assumption to allow for a risk-free;

Investment volatility. This is derived from derivatives where possible, or historical observed volatility where not possible to observe meaningful prices. As at 31 December 2004, the assumptions were set at 18 per cent for equities, 15 per cent for properties and 13 per cent for interest rates.

The model includes a matrix of the correlations between each of the underlying modelled asset types. The correlations are consistent with long-term historical returns. The most significant non-economic assumptions included in the model are management actions (in respect of investment policy and bonus rates), guaranteed annuity option take up rates and assumptions regarding persistency (both of which are based on recent actual experience), and assumptions regarding mortality rates based on recent actual experience and industry data.

Options and guarantees outside the With-Profits Fund of Scottish Widows

Abbey Life currently has a number of policies in-force which have a guaranteed annuity option. In total it has reserves of £288 million to cover this liability at 31 December 2004. These reserves have been determined using assumptions for interest rate, mortality rate and rate of annuity option take-up assumptions and exceed the value that would be required using a market-consistent stochastic model. It is estimated that a 0.5 per cent reduction in future interest rates would increase the liability by some 10 per cent.

Under some of Abbey Life's older contracts, the maturity value or the surrender value at the end of the term is guaranteed to be not less than total premiums paid or sums assured. The total provision for these options was £100 million at 31 December 2004 and was established using stochastic techniques after making prudent assumptions.

In both Abbey Life and Scottish Widows, certain personal pension policyholders, for whom reinstatement to the original pension scheme was not an option, have been given a guarantee that their pension and other benefits will correspond to the benefits of the relevant occupational pension scheme. The key assumptions affecting the ultimate value of these guarantees are future salary growth, gilt yields at retirement, annuitant mortality at retirement, marital status at retirement and future investment returns. There is currently a provision, calculated on a deterministic basis, of £89 million in respect of those guarantees. If future salary growth were 0.5 per cent per annum greater than assumed, the liability would increase by some £6 million. If future salary growth were 0.5 per cent lower than assumed, the liability would increase by some £6 million.

Corporate Responsibility

Lloyds TSB Group has long recognised the importance of corporate responsibility (sometimes described as social responsibility). It is one of the UK's largest corporate givers; it has award winning policies in equality and diversity, employee relations and training and development; and it has leading edge systems for the assessment of environmental risk.

This track record is reflected in sector leading performance in a variety of corporate responsibility indices, leading to a number of awards in the area.

The Group recognises that social, ethical and environmental (SEE) issues bring both risks and opportunities. The Group's response to such issues is detailed in its separate corporate responsibility report.

The Group has a corporate responsibility steering committee chaired by the deputy group chief executive and comprising senior executives of those businesses most directly affected by SEE issues. The committee meets quarterly to set strategy and direction. The board reviews overall corporate responsibility performance annually and individual issues are brought to board discussion throughout the year. During 2003, the Group introduced a human rights policy and in 2004 has conducted a self-assessment audit that confirms compliance with the policy in all countries.

The board believes that the systems in place to manage significant SEE risks are effective and provide adequate identify and assess the short and long-term risks arising from SEE matters. One of the most significant risks is climate change, which affects the whole business of insurance claims, regulation, investment returns and operations and flood damage claims in the UK have doubled to £6 billion since 1998. Lloyds TSB Insurance recognises working with the Association of British Insurers and the government to prevent further building on flood plain offers advice to homeowners on how to protect their properties against extreme weather conditions. These ensured that Lloyds TSB Insurance is currently able to continue offering cover to renewing customers in areas co to flooding, while managing its exposure through pricing and underw

The board is satisfied that relevant corporate responsibility risks have been assessed during 2004 and that the material threat to

During 2004 the Group further embedded its balanced scorecard as a tool to support the business strategy and provide a means to balance the needs of customers, staff and shareholders. The balanced scorecard seeks to ensure performance is measured on customer service, building customer relationships, people management and assets as well as sales and financial measures. Where appropriate, management remuneration and incentives are linked directly to areas of corporate responsibility performance: for example

Robust internal audit systems are in place to review adherence to policies and procedures and environmental performance subject to external independent verification. Overall, the board is satisfied that the Company complies with all responsibility related policies and

Investment portfolio, maturities, deposits, short-term

Investment securities and o

The following table sets out the book value and valuation of Lloyds TSB Group's investment securities and o 31 December for each of the three y

	2004 Book value £m	2004 Valuation £m	2003 Book value £m	2003 Valuation £m	2002 Book value £m
Investment securities¹					
Bank and building society certificates of deposit	1,901	1,902	2,515	2,515	3,147
Corporate debt securities	2,581	2,587	1,895	1,890	1,495
Mortgage backed securities	2,774	2,781	2,211	2,212	893
Other asset backed securities	3,761	3,756	3,942	3,951	2,817
Other debt securities	1,140	1,141	1,283	1,284	1,369
Securities of the US treasury and US government agencies	1,665	1,666	1,624	1,626	1,740
Other government securities	546	547	271	276	400
Other public sector securities					1
Equity shares	39	63	35	131	38
	14,407	14,443	13,776	13,885	11,900
Other securities					
Securities of the US treasury and US government agencies	32	32	38	38	40
Other government securities	4,492	4,492	7,215	7,215	5,995
Other public sector securities	51	51	106	106	112
Bank and building society certificates of deposit					340
Corporate debt securities	5,733	5,733	6,785	6,785	7,842
Mortgage backed securities	504	504	664	664	1,838
Other asset backed securities	14	14	120	120	1,191
Other debt securities					94
Equity shares	176	176	423	423	168
	11,002	11,002	15,351	15,351	17,620

¹ Investment securities are those intended for use on a continuing basis in the activities of Lloyds TSB Group and not for dealing. Investment securities held by Lloyds TSB Group's insurance businesses are not included.

Maturities and weighted average yields of

The weighted average yield for each range of maturities is calculated by dividing the annualised interest income on securities held at 31 December 2004 by the book value of securities held at 31 December 2004.

	Maturing within one year		Maturing after one but within five years		Maturing after five but within ten years		Maturing after ten years
	Amount £m	Yield %	Amount £m	Yield %	Amount £m	Yield %	Amount £m
Investment securities							
Bank and building society certificates of deposit	1,851	4.5	50	3.6			
Corporate debt securities	358	5.9	1,799	3.8	393	2.7	31
Mortgage backed securities	7	2.4	1,670	3.8	1,060	4.2	37
Other asset backed securities	82	2.8	2,813	3.1	727	3.9	139
Other debt securities	262	2.1	385	4.9	486	3.5	7
Securities of the US treasury and US government agencies	44	1.6	482	1.7	1,076	1.7	63
Other government securities	523	1.2	21	2.5	2	12.4	
Total book value	3,127		7,220		3,744		277
Other securities							
Securities of the US treasury and US government agencies					32	4.2	
Other government securities	42	0.6	903	2.6	3,547	3.3	
Other public sector securities	5	4.9	46	3.1			
Corporate debt securities	916	2.5	4,422	3.1	395	3.5	
Mortgage backed securities			238	2.9	236	3.6	30
Other asset backed securities					14	4.7	
Total book value	963		5,609		4,224		30

Maturity analysis and interest rate sensitivity of loans and advances to customers and banks as at 31 December 2004

The following table analyses the maturity profile and interest rate sensitivity of loans by type on a contractual repayment basis as at 31 December 2004.

All amounts are before deduction of provisions and interest in suspense. Demand loans are included in the maturity analysis as 'Demand'.

	Maturing in one year or less £m	Maturing after one but within five years £m	Maturing after five years £m
Domestic			
Loans and advances to banks	19,066	1,387	316
Loans and advances to customers:			
Mortgages	2,200	10,747	67,118
Other personal lending	13,782	8,868	183
Financial, business and other services	7,531	2,867	1,705
Lease financing	529	1,516	4,342
Hire purchase	1,677	3,006	145

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Other	11,162	7,029	6,903
Total domestic loans	55,947	35,420	80,712
Total foreign loans	4,162	1,303	1,945
Total loans	60,109	36,723	82,657
Of which:			
Fixed interest rate	39,345	18,797	32,475
Variable interest rate	20,764	17,926	50,182

The following table shows the details of Lloyds TSB Group's average customer deposits in each of the

	2004 Average balance £m	2004 Average rate %	2003 Average balance £m	2003 Average rate %	2002 Average balance £m
Deposits in domestic offices					
Non-interest bearing demand deposits	3,134		2,745		5,985
Interest-bearing demand deposits	29,726	0.47	26,036	0.35	19,150
Savings deposits	49,516	3.63	47,041	2.82	43,585
Time deposits	26,684	4.15	24,787	3.47	20,794
Total domestic office deposits	109,060	2.79	100,609	2.27	89,514
Deposits in foreign offices					
Non-interest bearing demand deposits	372		845		789
Interest-bearing demand deposits	673	0.89	1,608	2.99	1,410
Savings deposits	285	1.05	2,183	4.35	2,049
Time deposits	1,345	2.30	4,846	6.34	7,806
Total foreign office deposits	2,675	1.50	9,482	4.75	12,054
Total average deposits	111,735	2.76	110,091	2.48	101,568

Certificates of deposit and other

The following table gives details of Lloyds TSB Group's certificates of deposit issued and other time deposits as at 31 December 2004 individually in excess of US \$100,000 (or equivalent in another currency) by time remaining

	3 months or less £m	Over 3 months but within 6 months £m	Over 6 months but within 12 months £m	Over 12 months £m
Domestic				
Certificates of deposit	10,585	1,299	729	10
Time deposits	37,687	2,783	916	3,332
	48,272	4,082	1,645	3,342
Foreign				
Certificates of deposit and other time deposits	8,088	375	322	299
Total	56,360	4,457	1,967	3,641

Short-term

Short-term borrowings are included within the balance sheet captions 'Deposits by banks', 'Customer accounts in issue' and are not identified separately on the balance sheet. The short-term borrowings of Lloyds TSB Group include overdrafts from banks, securities sold under agreements to repurchase, certificates of deposit issued, commercial promissory notes issued and other marketable paper. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase and certificates of deposit issued are the only significant short-term borrowings of Lloyds TSB Group.

The following table gives details of these significant short-term borrowings of Lloyds TSB Group for each of the

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Liabilities in respect of securities sold under repurchase agreements		
Balance at the year end	10,571	4,640
Average balance for the year	7,112	4,848
Maximum balance during the year	13,096	7,395
Average interest rate during the year	4.5%	4.5%
Interest rate at the year end	4.6%	4.0%
Certificates of deposit issued		
Balance at the year end	15,226	16,415
Average balance for the year	17,470	20,663
Maximum balance during the year	19,287	22,500
Average interest rate during the year	3.6%	3.1%
Interest rate at the year end	4.1%	3.2%

Directors and senior

The Group is led by a board comprising executive and non-executive directors with wide experience. The directors is considered by the board and, following the provisions in the articles of association, they must stand for re-election by the shareholders at the first annual general meeting following their appointment and must retire, and may stand for re-election by the shareholders, at least every three years. Executive directors normally retire at age 60, as required by their service contracts. Independent non-executive directors are appointed for three-year renewable terms, which may be terminated without notice by the board. The payment of

The board meets at least nine times a year. It has a programme designed to enable the directors regularly to review the strategy and the operations and results of the businesses and discharge their duties within a framework of prudent financial controls relating to the assessing and man

The roles of the chairman, the group chief executive and the board and its governance arrangements, including the matters specifically reserved to the board for decision, are reviewed annually. The matters reserved to the board include the approval of the annual report and accounts and any other financial statements; the payment of dividends; the long-term objectives of the Group; the strategies necessary to achieve these objectives; the Group's budgets and policies on capital expenditure items; significant investments and disposals; the basis of allocation of capital within the Group; the organisation structure of the Group; the arrangements for ensuring that the Group manages risks effectively; changes in accounting policies or practices; the appointment of the Company's main professional advisers; and the appointment of senior executives within the organisation and the related for

The board has delegated to management the power to make decisions on operational matters, including those relating to liquidity and market risk, within an agree

All directors have access to the services of the company secretary, and independent professional advice is available to directors at the Group's expense, where they judge it necessary to discharge their du

The board evaluates its performance and that of its committees and individual directors. The process adopted, using an external questionnaire, affords directors the opportunity, through their membership of boards of other companies, both in the UK and overseas, to draw on their experience to endeavour to ensure that the Group follows best practice. It also enables directors to suggest how the board's procedures may be improved; to assess strengths and weaknesses; and to address its own performance, knowledge and experience. The committees, themselves, assess their respective roles, performance and terms of reference and report accordingly

The chairman's performance is evaluated by the non-executive directors, led by the senior independent director, taking into account the views of execu

The remuneration committee reviews the performance of the chairman, the deputy chairman, the group chief executive and other group executive directors, when considering their remuneration arrangements. The nomination committee reviews the performance of all the directors. Like all board committees, the nomination committee and remuneration committee report to the board on their deliberations, including the results of these performan

The chairman has a private discussion at least once a year with every director on a wide range of issues affecting the Group, including any matters which the directors, individually

There is an induction programme for all new directors, which is tailored to their specific requirements and includes meetings with senior management on individual businesses and meetings with senior management. Additional training and updates on particular issues

In order to develop an understanding of the views of major shareholders, the board receives regular reports from the finance director and the director of inv

The chairman, the group chief executive and the group finance director also have meetings with representatives of major shareholders and the senior independent director and the chairman of the audit committee attend some of these meetings. In addition, all directors are invited to attend investment analysts' and stockbrokers' briefings on the

All shareholders are encouraged to attend and participate in the Group's annual

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Biographical details of the board of directors are

Maarten A van

Joined the Group in 2000 as deputy chairman and was appointed chairman in 2001. Joined the Royal Dutch/Shell Group in 1968 and after a number of senior and general management appointments in that group, became general manager of Royal Dutch/Shell in 1992. Appointed president of Royal Dutch Petroleum Company and vice chairman of the committee of independent directors of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group in 1998 and continued in these roles until 2000. A non-executive director of Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, BT Group and British Airways, and a member of the supervisory board of Akzo N

Wolfgang

Joined the board in 2003. Joined Procter and Gamble in 1967 and held a number of senior and general management appointments in Europe, South America and North America, before retiring in 2001. A non-executive director of Cadbury Schweppes AG. Board member of the Institute for the Future of Europe.

Ewan Brown CBE

Chairman of Lloyds

A director since 1999. A non-executive director of Lloyds TSB Scotland since 1997. Joined Noble Grossart in 1995 as executive director of that company until December 2003. Chairman of Transport Initiatives Edinburgh. A non-executive director of John Wood Group, Noble Grossart and Stagecoach Holdings.

Gavin J N Gearty

Chairman of S

Joined the board in 2002. A non-executive director of Scottish Widows, having been appointed to the board of that company before it became a member of the Lloyds TSB Group. Retired as senior partner of Baillie Gifford in 2001, after 25 years at that firm. A non-executive director of Archangel Informal Investment. Chairman of the Court of Heriot-Watt University.

Sir Julian King

Joined the board on 1 January 2005. Joined Vodafone in 1984 and held a number of senior and general management appointments before being appointed to the board of that company in 1996 and deputy chief executive officer in 1997. Previously held positions in Rediffusion from 1972 to 1982 and Mars GB from 1982 to 1984. A non-executive director of GSK.

DeAnne S. Matthews

Joined the board in 2001. Held a number of senior appointments in the UK and USA with the World Bank, Royal Bank of Scotland Group and British Airways, before membership of the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee from 1997 to 2000. HM Treasury's banking services consumer codes review group in 2000/1. Chairman of the Royal Institute of International Affairs. A non-executive director of BP, Serco Group and Roche Holding.

Angelika

Joined the board in 2003. Deputy chairman of Scottish Widows, having been appointed to the board of that company before it became a member of the Lloyds TSB Group. A member of parliament from 1992 to 1997 and Economic Secretary to the Treasury from 1995 to 1997. Chief Executive of the Association of Private Client Investment Managers and Secretaries. A non-executive director of Logica CMG and the Port of London Authority.

Group C

Joined the board in 2001 as group executive director, UK Retail Banking before his appointment as group chief executive officer in 2003. Served with Citibank from 1975 and held a number of senior and general management appointments in the USA and Europe before becoming chief operating officer of Citibank Consumer Bank in 1998. Following the Citibank/Travelers merger in 1998, he was chairman and chief executive officer of Travelers Life and Annuity Company. Chairman and chief executive officer of Zona Financiera from 2000 to 2003.

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Deputy Group C

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Joined TSB Group in 1991 and held a number of senior and general management appointments before being a board in 1997 and deputy group chief executive in 1998. Joined Barclays Bank in 1967 and held a number of senior management appointments, including managing director of Barclays Direct Lending Services from 1990 to 1995. The British Quality Foundation

Group Executive Director, UK

Joined the board in June 2005. Served with Wells Fargo in the USA from 1973 to 2001 where she held a number of general management appointments before becoming president and chief executive officer of Wells Fargo Bank. non-executive director of the LookSmart Corporation and Onyx Software

Group Executive Director, Insurance and Investments

Joined TSB Commercial Holdings in 1986 and held a number of senior and general management appointments in the Group before being appointed to the board in 2000, as group executive director, IT and Operations. Appointed group director, Insurance and Investments in October 2003. After some 10 years in the accountancy profession, Telephone & Electronics Corporation in 1980, serving as finance director in the UK from 1983 to 1990

Group Executive Director, Wholesale and International

Joined the Group in 2003 as managing director, Corporate Banking before being appointed to the board in 2005. Previously worked for Citigroup from 1972 to 1999, where he held a number of senior and general management appointments in the Americas, Asia and Europe. He was president and chief executive officer of eCharge Corporation from 1999 to 2001, co-founder and vice chairman of the board of Chase Cost Management Inc from 1996 to 2001.

Group Finance Director

Joined the board in 2004. Group finance director of Kingfisher from 2000 to 2004. Previously finance director of Unilever from 1997, having joined that company in 1995, and held a senior position at McKinsey & Co from 1990 to 1995. Before 1983, worked for Unilever in 1983. A member of the Accounting Standards Board and a non-executive director of The City of London Corporation.

- * Member of the audit committee
- ** Chairman of the audit committee
- ζ Member of the nomination committee
- ζζ Chairman of the nomination committee
- ζζζ Member of the remuneration committee
- ζζζζ Chairman of the remuneration committee
- + Member of the risk oversight committee
- ++ Chairman of the risk oversight committee
- l Independent director
- p Senior independent director

Directors remuneration

Lloyds TSB Group's remuneration policy is to ensure that individual rewards are aligned with Lloyds TSB Group's strategy and the interests of its shareholders, and that packages are provided which attract and retain executive directors of the highest calibre and motivate them to perform to the highest standards. The main objectives of the policy are:

Basic salary reflects the market median of companies in the FTSE 30 and total compensation should be at the market median quartile providing performance is at that level.

The majority of total compensation is linked to the achievement of stretching performance targets.

The long-term rewards are aligned to shareholders' interests and executive directors are expected to build a sustainable value for the Group over a period of four years equivalent to the value of one times the director's annual basic salary.

The overall package reflects market practice and takes account of the terms and conditions applying to other executive directors in the Group.

There is no intention to change these principles.

Executive directors' remuneration is made up of basic salary, annual bonus, long-term incentives, pensions and other benefits. In 2005, approximately 75 per cent (82 per cent for the group chief executive) of an executive director's remuneration (salary, annual bonus and long-term incentives) will be performance related (see illustrative chart). The value of long-term incentives is the expected value calculated by using a binomial model, which is based on the methodology for valuing options.

Annual

Long-term

Group chi

Other executi

The chairman and deputy chairman receive remuneration which comprises basic salary and benefits which are broad-based and similar to those of the executive directors, but they do not participate in the annual bonus and long-term incentive arrangements. The chairman has pension benefits which accrued during his service as an executive director and pension benefits are also provided to the chairman as described in the notes to the financial statements.

The fees of the independent non-executive directors are agreed by the board within a total amount determined by the board for the benefit of the shareholders. They may also receive fees, agreed by the board, for membership of board committees. The fees are set to recognise the responsibilities of the role and to attract individuals with relevant skills, knowledge and experience. The fees are neither performance related nor pensionable and are comparable with those paid by other companies. The annual fees are as follows:

	Annual fees from 1 April 2005	Annual fees pre-April 2005
Board	£50,000	£45,000
Audit committee chairmanship	£40,000	£15,000
Audit committee membership	£15,000	£10,000
Nomination committee membership	£5,000	
Remuneration committee chairmanship	£20,000	£12,500
Remuneration committee membership	£15,000	£10,000
Risk oversight committee membership	£15,000	

Independent non-executive directors who serve on boards of subsidiary companies may also receive fees from those companies.

Basic salaries are reviewed annually, usually in December, taking into account individual performance and market conditions (which is provided by Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby Inc) and then adjusted from 1 January of the following year. Salary increases for other employees across the Group will be in the range of 0-10 per cent, and the salary increases for executive directors are consistent with this policy. Details of salaries payable to executive directors in 2005 are as follows:

Annual incentive and performance

The annual incentive scheme for executive directors is designed to reflect specific goals linked to the performance of the Group.

For executive directors, except Mr Daniels, individual bonus awards for 2005 will be made from a bonus pool based on performance with pre-determined targets relating to profit before tax and economic profit. As in 2004, the maximum bonus pool applicable to these executive directors will remain at 100 per cent of the aggregate of their basic salaries. For 2005, the bonus pool will be equal to 75 per cent of these executive directors' basic salaries will form the bonus pool on the achievement of a stretch budget for 2005; failure to achieve at least 90 per cent of this budget will result in no bonus pool. These executive directors will be considered for awards based on individual targets which will include profitability, franchise growth, risk, security and other specific goals that are relevant to improving overall business performance. The maximum level of any bonus award payable from the pool to any individual has been set at 150 per cent (100 per cent for 2004) of salary for exceptional performance. The actual level of bonus award made will reflect the competitive market position for total earnings opportunity.

The maximum annual bonus opportunity for 2005 for Mr Daniels has also been set at 150 per cent (125 per cent for 2004) of basic salary for exceptional performance, to increase the proportion of pay which is performance linked and to reflect the competitive market position for total earnings opportunity. An amount equal to 112.5 per cent of basic salary will be payable on the achievement of stretching budget targets relating to profit before tax and economic profit; failure to achieve at least 90 per cent of these performance targets would result in no bonus payment. The actual level of bonus award made will reflect the competitive market position for total earnings opportunity and individual performance.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP check the calculation of the annual incentive payments for executive directors against the achievement of performance against targets set. In respect of performance in 2004, bonuses ranging from 40 per cent to 150 per cent have been paid to the directors with an average payment of 89 per cent.

Under the performance share plan agreed at the annual general meeting in May 2004, executive directors are required to vest 50 per cent of any bonus payable into shares in the Company, known as bonus shares. The bonus shares will be held by the executive for a period of three years before release. The amounts deferred into bonus shares in respect of total bonus payable before the deduction of income tax will be as follows:

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Name	J E Daniels	M E Fairey	A G Kane	G T Tate	H A We
Amount	£468,750	£259,000	£180,000	£93,750	£135,000

Under the new plan, executives will be eligible for an award of free shares, to be known as performance share bonus shares. The maximum match will be two performance shares for each bonus share, awarded at the end of retention period. The number of performance shares actually awarded will depend on the Company's total share price (TSR), calculated by reference to both dividends and growth in share price) performance measured over the period ending 31 December 2007, compared with the TSR of the other companies in the comparator group listed below. If the Company's TSR performance is placed first or second in the comparator group, two performance shares for each bonus share will be awarded only if the Company's TSR performance is placed first or second in the comparator group; one performance share will be awarded for each bonus share if the Company is placed third, fourth or fifth in the comparator group; performance share for every two bonus shares if the Company is placed eighth (median). Between first and fifth and fifth and eighth positions a sliding scale will apply. If the TSR performance is below median no performance shares will be awarded. There will be no performance shares awarded. There will be no performance shares awarded.

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In December 2004, the Inland Revenue issued new guidance which will require income tax to be deducted before it is paid into bonus shares. This is a change that effectively would alter the balance under the long-term arrangements, which would reduce any performance related match. Therefore, to avoid this imbalance, where a match with performance is justified it will be made on a notional deferral as if income tax had not been deducted at the outset. This maintains the value of the original design.

The other companies in the comparator group are:

Alliance & Leicester	Aviva	Banco Santander	Barclays
Bradford & Bingley	Friends Provident	HBOS	HSBC Holdings
Legal & General	Northern Rock	Prudential	Royal Bank of Scotland
Royal & Sun Alliance	Standard Chartered		

The remuneration committee believes that the out-performance of Lloyds TSB Group's TSR compared with that of the other companies in the comparator group will demonstrate the success of the Group's strategy.

Long-term Incentive Plan

Executive share options

In 2004, options were granted to executive directors and senior executives within the scheme limits. These limits include the maximum number of shares under option and the price payable on exercise. The maximum limit for the grant of options to any executive director in any one year was one and a half times annual basic salary multiplied by a performance multiplier of 3. In exceptional circumstances, for example on the recruitment of a new executive, that could be increased to four times annual basic salary multiplied by 3.5). The table on pages 87 and 88 gives the number of options granted.

A performance condition was set when the grant of options was made and the options will not normally be exercisable unless the condition is met. The performance condition requires the Company's ranking, based on TSR over the relevant (three year) period, to be at least ninth within the comparator group.

The full grant of options for executive directors will only become exercisable if the Company is ranked within the top nine companies in the comparator group.

The other constituents of the comparator group are:

Abbey National	ABN Amro	Alliance & Leicester	Aviva
Barclays	Citigroup	Fortis	HBOS
HSBC Holdings	ING	Legal & General	National Australia Bank
Prudential	Royal Bank of Scotland	Royal & Sun Alliance	Standard Chartered

In 2005, options will be granted to executive directors and senior executives within the scheme limits. These limits include the maximum number of shares under option and the price payable on exercise. The maximum limit for the grant of options to any executive director in any one year is equal to three times annual basic salary, although in exceptional circumstances, for example on the recruitment of a new executive director, that could be increased to four times annual basic salary.

A performance condition is set when the grant of options is made and the options cannot normally be exercised unless the condition is met.

The performance condition for options granted from 2005 will be based on TSR over the relevant (three year) period against the group of 14 financial services companies listed above for the performance share plan. The options will be exercisable in full if the Company is placed fourth or above in the comparator group (at or above the upper quartile). The options will be exercisable to 30 per cent if the Company is placed eighth (i.e. median). The options will lapse if the Company is placed below eighth. A sliding scale will apply between fourth and eighth positions. There will be no options exercisable if the Company is placed below eighth.

The following table illustrates the percentage of the grant which would be exercisable depending on the Company's ranking within the comparator group.

Ranking position within comparator group	Per cent of option which may be exercised
1	100
2	100
3	100
4	100
5	82.5
6	65
7	47.5
8	30
9 or below	Nil options not exercisable

The remuneration committee believes that the out-performance of Lloyds TSB Group's TSR compared to companies in the comparator group will demonstrate the success of the Group's strategy. The Company uses Alithos Limited to assess the Company's performance against the comparator group for the purposes of the executive share plan, and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP check the results of the testing of the performance share plan, and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP check the results of the testing of the

Other

The executive directors, the chairman and the deputy chairman are also eligible to participate in the Lloyds TSB Group shareplan scheme and the Lloyds TSB Group shareplan. These are all-employee share schemes and, therefore, performance-related.

The following charts illustrate the available dilution capacity for the Company



Executive directors are entitled to participate either in the Group's defined benefit pension schemes (based on salary in service, with a maximum pension of two thirds of final salary), or the Group's defined contribution scheme (under which final entitlement will depend on their contributions and the final value of their fund). The defined benefit schemes are subject to the normal rules of such schemes, including the fact that new entrants are not eligible to participate.

Service

Lloyds TSB Group's policy is for executive directors to have service agreements with notice periods of no more than 12 months. All current executive directors are entitled to receive 12 months' notice from the Company, but would be required to give 12 months' notice if they wished to leave. As the chairman is regarded as an employee, he is entitled to receive 12 months' notice if he wished to leave.

	Notice to be given by the	Salary from 1 January	Date of service agreement
J E Daniels	Company 12 months	2005 £825,000	19 October 2001

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M E Fairey	12 months	£545,000	28 August 1991
A G Kane	12 months	£475,000	9 February 2000
G T Tate	12 months	£475,000	29 July 2004
H A Weir	12 months	£475,000	4 March 2004
M A van den Bergh	8 weeks	£475,000	28 July 2000

It is now the Group's policy (subject to existing contractual arrangements) that where compensation on early termination should be restricted to basic salary and bonus to the extent earned. Payments will be on a phased basis and mitigation that alternative employment is secured. Bonus payments should relate to the period of actual service, rather than the period, and will be determined on the basis of

Independent non-executive directors do not have service agreements and, in accordance with the articles of association, appointment may be terminated at any time without notice.

External

Lloyds TSB Group recognises that executive directors may be invited to become non-executive directors of other companies and that these appointments may broaden their knowledge and experience, to the benefit of the Lloyds TSB Group. Fees are normally retained by the individual directors as the post entails personal responsibility. Executive directors are allowed to accept one non-executive directorship.

During 2004, one of the current executive directors received a fee of £11,300, which was retained, for serving as a non-executive director of another company.

The graph illustrates the performance of Lloyds TSB Group plc measured by TSR against a broad equity market index over the past five years. As Lloyds TSB Group plc has been a constituent of the FTSE 100 index throughout this five-year period, the FTSE 100 index is considered to be the most appropriate benchmark.

Comparative TSR

31 Dec
1999

31 Dec
2000

31 Dec
2001

31 Dec
2002

31 Dec
2003

31 Dec
2004

120

100

80

60

40

20

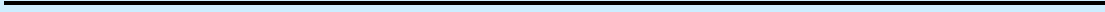
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Lloyds TSB Group plc

FTSE 100 Index

Rebased to 100 on 31 December 1999

Source : Datastream



	Salaries/ fees £000	Other benefits Cash £000	Non cash £000	Performance -related payments £000	Compensation for loss of office £000	2004 Total £000
Current directors who served during 2004						
Executive directors						
J E Daniels	750	181	12	960		1,903
M E Fairey	518	413	13	534		1,464
A G Kane	450	16	19	373		858
G T Tate	187	20	3	193		403
H A Weir	309	50	16	279		654
Non-executive directors						
M A van den Bergh	442	12				454
W C G Berndt	55					55
Ewan Brown	84					84
G J N Gemmell	110					110
D S Julius	55					55
A A Knight	93					93
Former directors who served during 2004						
P G Ayliffe	400	27	1	160		588
C S Gibson-Smith	55					55
P R Hampton	15	2			342	359
Sir Tom McKillop	57					57
D P Pritchard	243	9	20	7		279
Lord Selborne	22					22
S C Targett	160	121	2			283
Former directors who served during 2003						
M D Ross				332	356	688
Others						
	4,005	851	86	2,838	698	8,378

The cash column under 'other benefits' includes flexible benefits payments (4 per cent of basic salary), the housing allowance, the tax planning allowance for Mr Daniels, pension contributions for those in the defined contribution scheme (including Mr Tate) and an additional payment in respect of the contribution to the separate fund relating to Mr Fairey.

The separate fund, which was mentioned in previous annual reports, was established to cover pension obligations of those directors of the Group after 1 June 1989 and who are subject to the Inland Revenue cap relating to pensions, introduced by the Finance Act 1989. The amount shown for Mr Targett relates primarily to his relocation expenses. The non cash column includes the value of matching shares relating to the use of a company car, private medical insurance and life insurance cover. It also includes the value of matching shares which are received under the terms of shareplan, through which employees have the opportunity to purchase shares up to a maximum of £125 per month and receive matching shares on a one for one basis up to a maximum of £30 per month, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Performance-related payments relate to cash bonuses based on Group performance and the attainment of pre-determined targets relating to profit before tax and economic profit. For 2004, bonuses ranging from 40 per cent to 125 per cent are payable to directors with an average payment of 89 per cent of salary. These payments also include the value of any awards under the shareplan, the first £3,000 of which is made in the form of shares in Lloyds TSB.

Mr Ayliffe's employment was terminated from 31 March 2005 and the payments to which he was entitled were made in accordance with his contractual entitlement. Full details will be reported in the 2005 Annual Report.

Mr Hampton's employment was terminated on 12 January 2004. He has received payments in accordance with

The amount shown for Mr Ross reflects payments he received in accordance with his contract

The executive directors are members of one of the pension schemes provided by the Lloyds TSB Group with benefits provided on either a defined benefit or defined contribution basis. Those directors who joined the Lloyds TSB Group after 1 January 2003 and are members of a defined benefit scheme, have pensions provided on salary in excess of the earnings cap either through the provision of a funded unapproved retirement benefits scheme (FURBS) or by an unfunded pension scheme.

Retirement pensions accrue at rates of between 1/60 and 1/30 of salary.

Directors have a normal retirement age of 60. In the event of death in service, a lump sum of four times salary is payable for members of a defined benefit scheme, a spouse's pension of two-thirds of the member's prospective pension is payable on retirement, a spouse's pension of two-thirds of the member's pension is payable. The defined benefit schemes are non-contributory. Members of defined contribution schemes are required to make contributions.

Defined contribution schemes

Mr Targett was a member of a defined contribution scheme. During the period 1 January 2004 to 30 April 2004, he made contributions totalling £24,000. As he left before completing two years service no benefits will be vested under the defined contribution scheme in respect of his service.

Mr Tate is a member of a defined contribution scheme. He joined the Lloyds TSB Group on 4 August 2003. During the period 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2004, the employer has made contributions to the defined contribution scheme in respect of him totalling £24,843 of which £24,843 related to the period since his appointment.

Mrs Weir is a member of a defined contribution scheme. She joined the Lloyds TSB Group on 26 April 2004. During the period 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2004, the employer has made contributions to the defined contribution scheme in respect of her totalling £24,843.

<i>Defined benefit scheme members</i>	Accrued pension at 31 December 2004	Accrued pension at 31 December 2003	Change in accrued pension	Transfer value at 31 December 2004	Transfer value at 31 December 2003	Change in transfer value	Additional pension earned to 31 December 2004
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
	(a)	(b)	(a)-(b)	(c)	(d)	(c)-(d)	(e)
P G Ayliffe	132	98	34	1,780	1,245	535	30
J E Daniels	77	51	26	1,139	711	428	24
M E Fairey	226	186	40	3,996	3,052	944	34
P R Hampton	28	17	11	365	208	157	10
A G Kane	216	170	46	3,029	2,233	796	41
In addition, the following unfunded benefits have accrued for Mr van den Bergh instead of a salary increase in 2004:							
M A van den Bergh	10	7	3	136	85	51	3

Mr Hampton's pension entitlement at 31 December 2004 includes an additional 12 months service in respect of his service from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2004 in accordance with the terms of the scheme.

The disclosures in columns (a) to (d) are as required by the UK Companies Act 1985.

Columns (a) and (b) represent the deferred pension to which the directors would have been entitled had they left the Lloyds TSB Group on 31 December 2004 and 2003, respectively (ignoring the two-year requirement to qualify for a deferred pension).

Column (c) is the transfer value of the deferred pension in column (a) calculated as at 31 December 2004 based on the assumptions supplied by the actuary of the relevant Lloyds TSB Group pension scheme in accordance with actuarial guidance. The underlying bases used to arrive at the factors have not changed over the period.

Column (d) is the equivalent transfer value, but calculated as at 31 December 2003 on the assumption that the transfer value is based on the value of the pension scheme's assets at that date, less the value of the pension scheme's liabilities at that date, and less the value of the pension scheme's assets and liabilities at the beginning of the year.

Column (e) is the increase in pension built up during the year, recognising (i) the accrual rate for the additional pensionable salary in force at the year end, and (ii) where appropriate the effect of pay changes in real terms on the pension already earned at the start of the year.

Column (f) is the capital value of the pension scheme's liabilities at the end of the year.

The disclosures in columns (e) and (f) are as required by the UK Listing Authority listing rules. The requirements under the listing rules differ from those of the Companies Act. The listing rules require the additional pension earned over the financial year to be calculated as the difference between the pension accrued at the end of the financial year and the pension accrued at the beginning of the financial year less the increase in the pension earned over the year solely due to inflation. The transfer value required by the Companies Act can differ significantly from the change in transfer value as required by the Companies Act because the additional pension accrued over the year calculated in accordance with the listing rules makes allowance for inflation and the change in transfer value required by the Companies Act will be significantly influenced by changes in the assumptions underlying the calculation at the beginning and end of the year.

Members of the Lloyds TSB Group's pension schemes have the option to pay additional voluntary contributions. Such contributions nor the resulting benefits are included in the disclosures above.

As at 31 December 2004, Lloyds TSB Group employed 69,985 people (full-time equivalent), compared with 68,037 at 31 December 2003. At 31 December 2004 68,037 employees were located in the UK, 981 in continental Europe, 1,742 in the Americas, and 305 in the rest of the world. At the same date, 43,732 people were employed in UK Retail Banking, 18,973 in Insurance and Investments, 18,973 in Wholesale and International Banking, and 1,742 in other areas.

Lloyds TSB Group is committed to employment policies which follow best practice, based on equal opportunities for all employees irrespective of sex, race, national origin, religion, colour, disability, sexual orientation, age or marital status.

In the UK, Lloyds TSB Group supports Opportunity Now and Race for Opportunity; campaigns to improve opportunities for women and ethnic minorities in the work place. Lloyds TSB Group is a member of the Employers' Forum for Diversity and supports employment of people with disabilities. This recognises the need for ensuring fair employment practices in recruitment and selection, and the retention, training and career development of employees.

Employees are kept closely involved in major changes affecting them through a variety of means. In the UK, Lloyds TSB Group has long standing arrangements with finance sector unions covering both collective and individual representation of employees. Lloyds TSB Group has gone through substantial changes in recent years; adjusting for the effect of acquisitions and disposals, staff numbers have reduced by 16,000 since 1995. However, during this time no material strikes or work stoppages occurred. Additionally staff are kept closely involved in major changes affecting them through such measures as briefings, internal communications and opinion surveys as a way of ensuring the views of employees are taken into account.

Schemes offering share options or the acquisition of shares are available for most staff, to encourage their financial participation in Lloyds TSB Group. Further details are given in the notes to the accounts.

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Direct

The interests, all beneficial, of those who were directors at 31 December 2004 in shares in Lloyds TSB Group are as follows:

	At 1 January 2004 (or later date of appointment)	At 31 Dec 2004
Shares		
Executive directors		
J E Daniels	37,007	38,136
M E Fairey	76,605	77,858
A G Kane	97,769	98,979
G T Tate	701	701
H A Weir		1,699
Non-executive directors		
M A van den Bergh	5,079	5,079
W C G Berndt	40,000	46,000
Ewan Brown	3,787	4,027
G J N Gemmell	70,000	70,000
D S Julius	2,000	2,000
A A Knight	3,540	4,940
Former executive director		
P G Ayliffe	91,216	92,453
Former non-executive directors		
D P Pritchard	5,178	10,566
C S Gibson-Smith	3,151	3,151

Sir Julian Horn-Smith joined the board on 1 January 2005 and had a beneficial interest in 5,000 shares in Lloyds TSB

Non-beneficial

Directors had non-beneficial interests in the following shares:

Mr Ayliffe, Mr Daniels, Mr Fairey, Mr Kane, Mr Pritchard, Mr Tate, Mr van den Bergh and Mrs Weir, together with 77,000 other employees, were potential beneficiaries in the 1,364 and 1,467,422 shares held at the end of the year by the Lloyds TSB qualifying employee share ownership trust and the Lloyds TSB Group employee share ownership trust. 162,692 and 1,609,602 shares, respectively, were held by these trusts at the beginning of the year. In addition, 471,989 shares were held at the end of the year by the Lloyds TSB Group employee shareplan and were, therefore, treated as interested in the 471,989 shares held at the end of the year by the Lloyds TSB Group employee shareplan. 2,163,267 shares were held by the trustee at the beginning of the year.

Interests in

	At 1 January 2004 (or later date of appointment)	Granted during the year	Exercised/ lapsed during the year	At 31 December 2004	Exercise price	Exercise periods	
						From	To
Current directors who served during 2004	907,780			907,780	694p	01/11/2004	31/10/04
J E Daniels	330,419			330,419	715p	06/03/2005	05/03/06
	3,327			3,327	284p	01/06/2006	30/11/06
	599,239			599,239	394.25p	21/02/2006	20/02/07
	305,232			305,232	430p	14/08/2006	13/08/07
		939,177		939,177	419.25p	18/03/2007	17/03/08
M E Fairey	797			797	474p	01/11/2005	30/04/06
	54,000			54,000	510p	26/03/2000	25/03/01
	48,000			48,000	859.5p	15/05/2001	14/05/02
	57,000			57,000	817p	02/08/2002	01/08/03
	85,896			85,896	549.5p	06/03/2003	05/03/04
	10,931			10,931	615.5p	08/08/2003	07/08/04
	42,884			42,884	655p	06/03/2004	05/03/05
	148,618			148,618	733p	21/08/2004	20/08/05
	345,104			345,104	715p	06/03/2005	05/03/06
	1,330			1,330	284p	01/06/2006	30/11/06
	531			531	348p	01/11/2006	30/04/07
	663,157			663,157	394.25p	21/02/2006	20/02/07
		555,992		555,992	419.25p	18/03/2007	17/03/08
A G Kane	25,000			25,000	321p	28/03/1999	27/03/00
	40,000			40,000	510p	26/03/2000	25/03/01
	50,000			50,000	880p	04/03/2001	03/03/02
	27,000			27,000	887.5p	04/03/2002	03/03/03
	64,786			64,786	549.5p	06/03/2003	05/03/04
	11,841			11,841	615.5p	08/08/2003	07/08/04
	34,759			34,759	655p	06/03/2004	05/03/05
	118,178			118,178	733p	21/08/2004	20/08/05
	275,349			275,349	715p	06/03/2005	05/03/06
	5,783			5,783	284p	01/06/2006	30/11/06
	529,105			529,105	394.25p	21/02/2006	20/02/07
		523,255		523,255	419.25p	18/03/2007	17/03/08
G T Tate	348,837			348,837	430p	14/08/2006	13/08/07
	268,336			268,336	419.25p	18/03/2007	17/03/08
		195,409		195,409	403p	12/08/2007	11/08/08
H A Weir		556,208		556,208	424.75p	29/04/2007	28/04/08
		5,093		5,093	321p	01/11/2009	30/04/10

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Share retention plan

J E Daniels

216,763

216,763

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Former directors who served during 2004	At 1 January 2004	Granted during the year	Exercised/lapsed during the year	At 31 December 2004 (or earlier date of leaving the board)	Exercise price	Exercise periods From	To
P G							
Ayliffe	3,327			3,327	284p	01/06/2006	30/11/2006
	13,000			13,000	321p	28/03/1999	27/03/2000
	12,000			12,000	510p	26/03/2000	25/03/2001
	20,000			20,000	880p	04/03/2001	03/03/2002
	3,000			3,000	887.5p	04/03/2002	03/03/2003
	23,657			23,657	549.5p	06/03/2003	05/03/2004
	10,560			10,560	615.5p	08/08/2003	07/08/2004
	16,717			16,717	655p	06/03/2004	05/03/2005
	44,562			44,562	733p	21/08/2004	20/08/2005
	104,895			104,895	715p	06/03/2005	05/03/2006
	218,769			218,769	394.25p	21/02/2006	20/02/2007
	177,034			177,034	430p	14/08/2006	13/08/2007
		429,338		429,338	419.25p	18/03/2007	17/03/2008
P R							
Hampton	326,351		326,351§		740p		
	3,327		3,327§		284p		
	642,739		642,739§		394.25p		
D P							
Pritchard	4,687		4,687		416p		
	50,000			50,000	859.5p	15/05/2001	14/05/2002
	40,000			40,000	817p	02/08/2002	01/08/2003
	71,519			71,519	549.5p	06/03/2003	05/03/2004
	10,385			10,385	615.5p	08/08/2003	07/08/2004
	36,374			36,374	655p	06/03/2004	05/03/2005
	127,131			127,131	733p	21/08/2004	20/08/2005
	286,363			286,363	715p	06/03/2005	05/03/2006
S C							
Targett	759,036		759,036§		311.25p		
	2,658		2,658§		348p		
		558,139	558,139§		419.25p		
Share plan 2003							
S C							
Targett	331,125		331,125§		(see page 89)		

a) Sharesave.

b) Executive option granted prior to March 1996.

c) Executive option granted between March 1996 and August 1999.

d) Executive option granted between March 2000 and March 2001.

e) Executive option granted after March 2001.

f) Exercisable.

g) Not exercisable as the performance conditions had not been met.

h) Not exercisable as the option has not been held for the period required by the relevant scheme.

i) Market price of shares is below the share option exercise price.

j) Market price on day of exercise was 426.5p. In that regard Mr Pritchard made a gain of £492. This is the difference between the market price of the shares on the day on which the share option was exercised and the price paid for the shares.

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These share options lapsed when Mr Hampton and Mr Targett left the board on 12 January 2004 and 30 April 2004 respectively.

The market price for a share in the Company at 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2004 was 448p and 473p, respectively. The range of prices between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2004 was 391.75p to 476.25p.

None of the other directors at 31 December 2004 had options to acquire shares in Lloyds TSB Group plc or its

The following table contains information on the performance conditions for executive options granted since the remuneration committee chose the relevant performance condition because it was felt to be challenging, aligned with the interests and appropriate

Options granted	Performance conditions
Prior to March 1996	None
March 1996	Growth in earnings per share which is equal to the aggregate percentage change in the index plus two percentage points for each complete year of the relevant period.
March 1997 – August 1999	As for March 1996 plus a further condition that the Company's ranking based on TSR over the relevant period should be in the top fifty companies of the FTSE 100.
March 2000 – March 2001	As for March 1997 – August 1999 except that there must have been growth in the earnings per share equal to the change in the retail price index plus three percentage points for each complete year of the relevant period.
August 2001 – August 2004	That the Company's ranking based on TSR over the relevant period against a composite index of UK and international financial services companies including Lloyds TSB) must be at least 14th when 14 per cent of the option will be exercisable. If the Company is ranked first in the index 100 per cent of the option will be exercisable and if ranked tenth or below the performance condition is not met. At the end of 2004 Lloyds TSB Group was ranked: 10th after four years of the performance period for options granted in 2001; 14th after three years of the performance period for options granted in 2002; 15th after two years of the performance period for options granted in 2003; and 6th after one year of the performance period for options granted in 2004

Other

Share

Mr Daniels is the only participant in this plan and holds an option, granted to him on 2 November 2001, to acquire 100,000 ordinary shares in Lloyds TSB Group plc for a total price of £1. The option was granted as part of the remuneration package considered necessary to attract him from the USA and was designed to encourage him to remain with Lloyds TSB Group. The option was not subject to any performance condition and vested on 31 December 2004, with a six month period of time finishing on 30 June 2005. Full details of the plan were set out in the 2002 annual report on Form 20-F. Mr Daniel's option on

Lloyds TSB Group plc shares

The option granted to Mr Targett to acquire 331,125 ordinary shares when he joined the Group lapsed following

None of those who were directors at the end of the year had any other interest in the capital of Lloyds TSB Group

The register of directors' interests, which is open to inspection, contains full particulars of directors' shareholdings and any shares acquired or to be acquired by directors or persons connected with them in Lloyds TSB Group

Corporate

Statement on US corporate governance

As a non-US company listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Lloyds TSB Group plc is required to disclose in significant ways in which its corporate governance practices differ from those followed by domestic US companies listed on the NYSE. As Lloyds TSB Group's main listing is on the London Stock Exchange, it follows the principles of the UK Corporate Governance Code combined code on corporate governance annexed to the UK Listing Authority listing rules. Lloyds TSB Group complies with the provisions of the code, and has done so throughout the year regarding the code provisions whose requirements are of a continuing nature. Key differences are

The board, rather than a separate corporate governance committee, sets the corporate governance principles and oversees the Company and conducts an annual evaluation of the performance of the board, its committees and its individuals

The nomination committee comprises the chairman and two independent non-executive directors, rather than be
entirely of independent directors, as suggested by the rule

The board and

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The audit committee comprises Mr Brown (chairman), Mr Gemmell and Mrs Knight. The committee's terms
available from the company secretary and are displayed on the Company's website [www](#)

The board has determined that, although no member of the audit committee satisfies the strict definition of an
financial expert under the regulations issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United S
following the passing of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, it is satisfied that at least one

committee has recent and relevant financial experience. The directors are confident in the expertise and experience of each member of the committee and of the committee as a whole. The board believes that the collective experience of the committee enables them, as a group, to act as an effective audit committee and that the audit committee has the ability to continue to function effectively without a member who qualifies as an audit committee member.

The audit committee met five times in 2004, during which it received reports from, and held discussions with, the auditors. In discharging its duties, the committee has reviewed the auditors' remuneration and, in discussion with the auditors, assessed their independence and objectivity (more information about which is given in note 4 to the financial statements in relation to the procedure for approving fees for audit and non-audit work) and recommended their re-appointment at the next general meeting. The committee also reviewed the financial statements published in the name of the board and the acceptability of the related accounting policies, practices and financial reporting disclosures; the scope of the work of the internal audit department, reports from that department and the adequacy of its resources; the effectiveness of the internal control, risk management and compliance with financial services legislation and regulations (more information about which is given in the note about internal control on page 91); procedures by which staff may raise concerns in confidence; the results of the external audit and its cost effectiveness; reports from the external auditors on audit planning and the effectiveness of accounting and internal control systems; and the committee's own role and performance. The committee also had discussions with the auditors, without executives present, and a meeting with the head of internal control.

Chairman's committee

The chairman's committee, comprising the chairman, the deputy chairman, the group chief executive and the deputy group chief executive, generally meets twice a month, to assist the chairman in preparing for board meetings.

The committee may have specific powers delegated to it by the board from time to time and following the exercise of those powers, it reports to the board.

Group executive committee

The group executive committee, comprising the group chief executive, the deputy group chief executive, the group directors, the chief risk director, the group human resources director and the director of group IT and operations, assists the group chief executive in performing his duties. Specifically, the committee considers the development and implementation of the Group's strategy, operational plans, policies and budgets; the monitoring of operating and financial performance; the monitoring of control of risk; the prioritisation and allocation of resources; and the monitoring of competitive forces in each area of the Group. The committee, assisted by its sub-committees, the group business risk and group asset and liability committees, assists the group chief executive in endeavouring to ensure the development, implementation and effectiveness of the Group's management framework and the clear articulation of the Group's risk policies, and in reviewing the Group's risk exposures and concerns.

The committee may have specific powers delegated to it by the board from time to time and following the exercise of those powers, it reports to the board. To comply with the Group's articles of association, only committee members who are directors of the Company participate in the exercising of any powers delegated to the committee.

Nomination committee

The nomination committee, comprising Mr van den Bergh (chairman), Mr Brown and Dr Julius, reviews the recommendations of the board, taking into account the skills, knowledge and experience of directors and considers and makes recommendations to the board on potential candidates for appointment as directors. The committee also makes recommendations to the board on the re-appointment of any independent non-executive director by the board at the conclusion of his or her special term of office; the re-election of any director by the shareholders under the retirement provisions of the articles of association; any recommendation to the continuation in office of a director; and the appointment of any director to executive or other office. The committee also considers the appointment of any director to the positions of chairman and group chief executive, the recommendation for which would be considered at a general meeting, and non-executive directors regarding the position of group chief executive, and all the directors regarding the position of group chief executive.

During the year, the committee met three times and recommended the appointment of two executive directors and one non-executive director. In that regard, detailed role specifications were drawn up, external search consultants were engaged and candidates were interviewed by committee members and the board.

The committee's terms of reference are available from the company secretary and are displayed on the Company's website at www.mattelexec.com.

The remuneration committee, which comprises Dr Berndt (chairman), Sir Julian Horn-Smith and Dr Julian
remuneration policy for the top management group, to ensure that members of the executive management are
appropriate incentives to encourage them to enhance the performance of the Group and that they are rewarded for
contribution to the success of the organisation. It is made aware of, and advises on, major changes to employee b
and it also agrees the policy for authorising claims for expenses from the group chief executive and the c
delegated powers for setting remuneration for the chairman, the deputy chairman, the group executive director
secretary and any Group employee whose salary exceeds a spe

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All the independent non-executive directors are invited to attend meetings if they wish, and they receive the minutes and have the opportunity to comment and have their views taken into account before the committee's decisions are made.

The remuneration committee met five times in 2004 and further information about its work is given on page 10. The committee's terms of reference are available from the company secretary and are displayed on the Company's website at www.lloyds.com.

Risk oversight

The risk oversight committee comprises Mr van den Bergh (chairman), Mr Brown and Sir Julian Horn-Smith. All directors are invited to attend meetings if they wish. The risk oversight committee's duties include overseeing the implementation and maintenance of the Group's overall risk governance framework, risk appetite, risk strategy and ensuring they are in line with emerging regulatory, corporate governance and industry best practice. The committee also identifies the Group's risk exposures; facilitates the involvement of non-executive directors in risk issues and aids their decision-making on these issues; oversees adherence to Group risk policies and standards and considers any material amendments to these policies and standards; and reviews the work of the Group's risk management functions.

Attendance

The attendance of directors at board meetings and at meetings of the audit, nomination, remuneration and risk oversight committees during 2004 is set out below.

	Board	Audit committee	Nomination committee	Remuneration committee	Risk oversight committee
Number of meetings during the year	9	5	3	5	4
Current directors who served during 2004					
W C G Berndt	8			5	4
Ewan Brown ¹	9	5			4
J E Daniels	9				
M E Fairey	9				
G J N Gemmell	9	5			
D S Julius	8		3	4	
A G Kane	9				
A A Knight	8	5			
G T Tate ²	3				
M A van den Bergh	9		3		
H A Weir ³	6				
Former directors who served during 2004					
P G Ayliffe ⁴	9				
C S Gibson-Smith ^{5, 6}	9		2	5	
Sir Tom McKillop ⁷	7			4	
D P Pritchard ⁶	9				
Lord Selborne ⁸	4	2	1		
S C Targett ⁹	3				
¹ Appointed to the nomination committee from 3 March 2005					
² Appointed to the board from 1 August 2004					
³ Appointed to the board from 26 April 2004					
⁴ Left the board on 31 January 2005					
⁵ Appointed to the nomination committee from 21 May 2004					
⁶ Left the board on 5 May 2005					
⁷ Left the board on 31 December 2004					
⁸ Left the board on 21 May 2004					
⁹ Left the board on 30 April 2004					

The board of directors is responsible for the establishment and review of the Lloyds TSB Group's system of internal control, which is designed to ensure effective and efficient operations, quality of internal and external reporting, internal control, and compliance with laws and regulations. It should be noted, however, that such a system is designed to manage risk, not eliminate it.

eliminate, the risk of failure to achieve business objectives. In establishing and reviewing the system of internal control, the directors have regard to the nature and extent of relevant risks, the likelihood of a loss being incurred and the cost of the controls. It follows, therefore, that the system of internal control can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against

The directors and senior management are committed to maintaining a control-conscious culture across all areas of the business. This is communicated to all employees by way of published policies and procedures and regular management communication. Business risks are identified, and these are controlled by means of procedures such as physical controls, credit, trade receivable, authorisation limits and segregation of duties. In addition, there is an annual control self-assessment exercise undertaken by key businesses and head office functions review specific controls and

accuracy of their assessments. The material controls covered by this assessment include risk management, organisational, legal and regulatory, finance and information technology. As in previous years, this exercise was completed for the year ended 31 December 2004. All returns have been satisfactorily completed and appropriately certified. There are no significant deficiencies in budgeting and forecasting procedures in place and reports are presented regularly to the board detailing the results of the principal business, variances against budget and prior year, and other performance data. Internal controls cover all areas of the business which assist the board in identifying new and emerging risks.

The effectiveness of the internal control system is reviewed regularly by the board and the audit committee, which receives reports of reviews undertaken around the Lloyds TSB Group by its risk management function, including Group Chief Executive's Group Audit. The audit committee receives reports from the Company's auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (including details of significant internal control matters that they have identified) and has a discussion with the auditors at least once a year, without executives present, to ensure that there are no unresolved issues.

Discl

As of 31 December 2004, the Lloyds TSB Group, under the supervision and with the participation of the Lloyds TSB Group management, including the group chief executive and the group finance director, performed an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Lloyds TSB Group's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, the group chief executive and the group finance director concluded that the Lloyds TSB Group's disclosure controls and procedures are effective for gathering, evaluating and disclosing the information the Lloyds TSB Group is required to disclose in the reports it files under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. The Lloyds TSB Group's management has also applied its judgement in assessing the costs and benefits of such controls and procedures, which by their nature cannot provide a reasonable assurance regarding management's compliance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The Lloyds TSB Group's management has also applied its judgement in assessing the costs and benefits of such controls and procedures, which by their nature cannot provide a reasonable assurance regarding management's compliance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

There has been no change in the Lloyds TSB Group's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Lloyds TSB Group's internal control over financial reporting.

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Major

The Capital Group Companies, Inc had an interest of 5.003% of the nominal value of the issued share capital of Lloyds TSB Group plc at 31 December 2004. Lloyds TSB Group plc does not know of any other shareholder owning beneficially, directly, five per cent or more of the shares of Lloyds TSB Group plc, or of any shareholder having more than a 5% interest in the shares of Lloyds TSB Group plc.

At 31 December 2004, those who were directors of Lloyds TSB Group plc on that day beneficially owned the following shares, not including shares held in trust:

Title of class	Identity of person or group	Amount owned	Percentage of total shares
Ordinary shares, nominal value 25 pence each	Directors (14 persons)	436,033	0.01%

In addition, those directors held, as at 31 December 2004, options to acquire 10,093,747 shares, all of which were exercisable pursuant to the executive share option schemes, sharesave share option schemes and share incentive plans.

All shareholders within a class of the Company's shares have the same voting rights. Lloyds TSB Group plc is not controlled directly or indirectly by another corporation or by any government and Lloyds TSB Group plc is not a party to any arrangements which might result in a change of control.

Related party transactions

Lloyds TSB Group, as at 31 December 2004, had related party transactions with 4 directors and 22 officers. See Note 14 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The transactions in question were made in the ordinary course of business, on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons, and did not involve more than the normal risk of collectibility or present other unfavorable features.

The cornerstone of the regulatory regime in the UK is the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA) which came into force on 1 December 2001 (a date known as N2) and replaced much of the previous legislation under which banks, building societies, companies and investment businesses had been authorised and supervised. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, on 30 November 2002, the Financial Services Authority (FSA) completed the process of assuming responsibility for the regulation and oversight of a wide range of financial services activities in the UK. Most recently these responsibilities have been transferred to the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). The PRA and FCA include the regulation of mortgage lending, sales and administration (31 October 2004) and general insurance (15 January 2005). The FSA's Integrated Prudential Sourcebook (currently due to be implemented between 2004 and 2007) will bring together their main prudential requirements organised by risk (for example credit risk, market risk, insurance risk etc) replacing the Interim Prudential Sourcebooks, which are organised by types of business. The Integrated Prudential Sourcebook is based on European Union (EU) directives and other international standards which are currently

Any individual who carries out what is known as a controlled function in a financial services firm needs to be authorised by the FSA. Controlled functions include those of directors, the finance officer, risk management, compliance, anti-money laundering and internal audit. The FSA has established a Code of Practice for Approved Persons; shortfalls in their conduct can result in sanctions against the individual.

The regulatory environments in which the different businesses within the Lloyds TSB Group operate are discussed below.

The FSA carries out its supervision of the UK banking sector through the collection of information from a series of returns covering sterling and non-sterling operations, meetings with the senior management of the banks and building societies from skilled persons. The regular reports include operating statements and returns covering (amongst other things) capital adequacy, liquidity, large single exposures and large exposures to related borrowers, lendings by industry, geographical area, maturity analyses and foreign exchange activities. A risk-based approach for the supervision of banks was introduced in 1998; under this approach, the starting point for the FSA's supervision of a bank is based on a system of assessing that bank's risk profile. Having determined the level of inherent risk in the bank a minimum capital adequacy ratio is established, which a bank is required to maintain.

Capital adequacy returns are submitted on a periodic basis for all the authorised institutions within the Lloyds TSB Group. There are six UK authorised banks within the Lloyds TSB Group: Lloyds TSB Bank, Lloyds TSB Scotland, Cheltenham & Gloucester, Lloyds TSB Private Banking, Scottish Widows Bank and AMC Bank. Returns are also submitted on a consolidated basis for the Lloyds TSB Group.

Depositors (who are eligible claimants) in the UK are provided with protection for their deposits with authorised institutions. Depositors with an institution which has been declared insolvent are entitled to receive 100 per cent of the first £2,000, 100 per cent of the next £33,000 of their protected deposits from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, subject to a maximum amount of £31,700, including both principal and accrued interest. All authorised institutions are required to be members of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and are subject to a levy in proportion to their deposit base, which includes sterling, other European Economic Area currencies and euro, to finance the Compensation Scheme.

The Banking Code (the Code) is a voluntary code agreed by UK banks and building societies which became effective in 1994 with subsequent revisions in 1994, 1997, 1999, 2001 and 2003, and which has been adopted by Lloyds TSB Group. The Code defines the responsibilities of the banks and building societies to their personal customers in connection with their UK accounts and sets out minimum standards of service that these customers can expect from institutions which are members of the Code. Compliance with the Code is monitored by the Banking Code Standards Board.

The Business Banking Code is a voluntary code agreed by UK banks which became effective at the end of March 2003 with subsequent revision in 2003 and which has been adopted by Lloyds TSB Group. The Business Banking Code defines the responsibilities of the banks to their smaller business customers in connection with the operation of their accounts and sets out minimum standards of service that such customers can expect from institutions which subscribe to the Business Banking Code. Compliance with the Business Banking Code is monitored by the Banking Code Standards Board.

The FSA is responsible for the authorisation and supervision of those firms which are engaged in investment business in the FSMA. As part of the authorisation process, the FSA reviews applicants to ensure that they satisfy the requirements including honesty, competence and financial soundness, to engage in regulated activity. Lloyds TSB Group plc and its subsidiaries became authorised by the FSA through being grandfathered as having been authorised under previous legislation to carry on investment business.

The FSA's regulatory approach aims to focus and reinforce the responsibility of the management of each ap ensure that it takes reasonable care to organise and control its affairs responsibly and effectively and that maintains adequate risk management systems. The FSA Handbook of Rules and Guidance (the Handbook) sets for Businesses and the rules to which investment businesses are requ

Under the FSMA a compulsory single, industry wide, investor's compensation scheme, the Financial Service Scheme has been set up. The Scheme is financed by a levy system and the FSMA allows for the establishment of for different kinds of business and for different maximum amounts of claim. The maximum award for co investments is £48,000 (100 per cent of the first £30,000 and 90 per cent of the

FSA's Inter-Professionals Code (IPC) covers the Lloyds TSB Group's dealings in investment and non-investment trading in the wholesale markets in Non-Investment Products (sterling, foreign exchange and bullion wholesale d and the spot and forward foreign exchange and bullion markets), is covered by the NIPs Code, which is a draft co a wide cross-section of market practitioners, using as its base the former London Code of Conduct, whilst wor with FSA's v

Given that some firms will operate both in non-investment products and investment product markets, the NIPs drafted with a view to making its provisions consistent, where appropriate, with the relevant parallel provisi Handbook. The provisions of the NIPs Code are intended only as guidance on what is currently believed to o practice in the NIPs wholesale markets. The code has no statutory underpinning except where it refers to requirements, although the FSA may take into account a firm's compliance or otherwise with this and other cod decisions on

The insurance companies within the Lloyds TSB Group also became authorised by the FSA through being having been authorised under previous legislation. While the authorisation and supervision of insurance compani the same FSA regulatory approach as other investment companies

Restrict the carrying out of insurance business in the UK to persons authorised by the FSA.

Require the separate identification of the long-term business assets of an insurance company, and require th are then applied only for the purpose of that business.

Prevent an insurer, and its parent, from declaring a dividend when long-term business assets do not exceed liabilities. Furthermore, surplus assets in the long-term fund can only be transferred to the extent that there surplus.

Require, and define the role of, an actuarial function holder for each insurance company carrying out lon business in the UK. The actuarial function holder is responsible for advising the firm's management on the the firm runs, in particular in respect of its ability to meet liabilities to policyholders and the capital require support the business, and to monitor those risks.

Require, and define the role of, a with-profits actuary for each major with-profits insurance fund. The w is responsible for advising the firm's management on key aspects of discretion in the management of with- business.

Require the directors to prepare an annual report on the solvency position of the insurer. The valuation basi defined and there are limits on the extent to which certain categories of assets are allowable in determining position. For with-profits business the minimum capital requirements may be increased if a market-consiste of with-profits fund assets and liabilities reveals a lower surplus than that on a regulatory basis. A marke realistic) valuation in theory provides a price (value) at which a willing participant would take on the lia

Require, for the purpose of this annual solvency report, that the actuarial function holder must advise the di regarding appropriate methods and assumptions, which must be permitted by the Handbook. (For with-prof the with-profits actuary must also advise the directors as to whether the assumptions are consistent with the application of its published Principles and Practices of Financial Management). The actuarial function hold calculate the value of long-term liabilities using the methods and assumptions determined by the directors. results are contained in the directors' solvency report.

Require the maintenance of a prescribed solvency margin at all times. The amount of the solvency margin o the amount and type of business an insurance company writes. Failure to maintain the required solvency ma regulator grounds for intervention.

Require an insurer to apply appropriate systems and controls to all aspects of its business.

Require an insurer to carry out an Individual Capital Assessment of the capital requirements of the busin the results with the FSA. The FSA may give Individual Capital Guidance to vary the results depending, FSA assessment of an insurer's systems and controls.

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme also applies to general and long-term insurance business written or carried out in the United Kingdom by a firm authorised by the FSA or by the UK branch of a European Economic Area firm carrying out business in the United Kingdom.

regulated activity . The limit of compensation in respect of long-term insurance contracts is 100 per cent of the value of the contract with 90 per cent of the remainder of the value of the contract with

Other relevant legislation

The Consumer Credit Act 1974 regulates both brokerage and lending activities in the provision of personal credit, including unsecured lending. The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates, among other things, the retention and use of personal data of individual customers. The Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1994 came into force in June 1994. The Regulations together with the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 apply to certain contracts for goods and services entered into with individual customers. The main effect of the Regulations is that a contractual term covered by the Regulations which is not enforceable against a consumer. These Regulations apply, among other things, to mortgages and related products.

From 31 October 2004, lenders and mortgage intermediaries dealing with customers in the UK who want a loan secured on their home became subject to statutory regulation by the FSA. This replaced the previous system of voluntary regulation by the Mortgage Code Compliance Board (MCCB). All lenders and intermediaries within the Group involved in the provision and administration of residential mortgages have had to obtain authorisation from the FSA.

Lenders and Mortgage intermediaries are required to comply with the FSA Handbook.

The high-level standards which apply to each firm and its Approved Persons.

The Mortgage Conduct of Business (MCOB) rules which set out the requirements for aspects such as advising, selling, product disclosure, financial promotions (including compliance with the clear, fair and not misleading rules), responsible lending, arrears and repossessions.

The Training & Competence (T&C) Commitments - the detailed T&C rules and guidance also apply to firms providing advice to retail customers.

The financial safeguards, e.g. the requirement to maintain minimum capital resources and rules relating to the conduct of business. The complaint handling requirements.

Requirements for regulatory reporting - this includes, where necessary, the completion of the RMAR (Retail Mortgage Activities Return), MLAR (Mortgage Lending & Administration Return) and PSD (Product Sales Data) return, a requirement to check standing data annually, and to submit complaints data every 6 months.

From 14 January 2005, the sale and administration of general insurance (for example, motor, property and credit life) and pure protection insurance (for example, term assurance, critical illness and income protection), known as non-investment insurance, became subject to statutory regulation by the FSA, replacing the previous system of regulation under the General Insurance Standards Council and Association of British Insurers. The move to statutory regulation under the FSA also implemented the EU Insurance Mediation Directive (IMD) in the UK. The requirements of other EU directives, particularly the Distance Marketing Directive (DMD), have directly led to many of the new requirements.

All intermediaries within the Group involved in the selling and administration of non-investment insurance have had to obtain authorisation from the FSA, or obtain exemption by becoming an Appointed Representative of a firm which has obtained the necessary FSA authorisation.

Insurance intermediaries are required to comply with the FSA Handbook.

The high-level standards which apply to each firm and its Approved Persons.

The Insurance Conduct of Business (ICOB) rules which set out the requirements for aspects such as advising, status disclosure, product disclosure, financial promotions (including compliance with the clear, fair and not misleading rules), cancellation rights and claims handling.

The Training & Competence (T&C) Commitments - the detailed T&C rules and guidance also apply to firms providing advice to retail customers.

The financial safeguards, e.g. the requirement to maintain minimum capital resources and rules relating to the conduct of business. The complaint handling requirements.

Requirements for regulatory reporting - this includes, where necessary, the completion of the RMAR (Retail Mortgage Activities Return) and PSD (Product Sales Data) return, a requirement to check standing data annually, and to submit complaints data every 6 months.

The Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) was established at N2 pursuant to the FSMA to provide customers with an independent service designed to resolve disputes where the customer is not satisfied with the response received from a regulated firm. The FOS resolves disputes that cover most financial products and services provided in (or from) the United Kingdom, from insurance and pension plans to bank accounts and investments, for eligible complainants, private individuals.

small businesses, charities or trusts. The decisions made by the FOS are binding on

section 229 of the FSMA, if a complaint is determined in favour of the complainant, the determination may include an award against the firm of such amount as the Ombudsman considers fair compensation for financial loss and a maximum limit of £100,000, or a direction that the firm take such steps in relation to the complainant as the Ombudsman considers just and appropriate.

As part of the two-year review of the FSMA led by HM Treasury, the FSA and FOS have been asked to review certain aspects of the FOS although there is no intention to change the structure established by the FOS.

EU directives, which are required to be implemented in member states through national legislation, have a strong influence on the framework for supervision and regulation of financial services in the UK. The directives aim to harmonise financial services regulation and supervision throughout member states by setting out minimum standards in key areas such as capital requirements and deposit and investor compensation schemes. The directives also require member states to give effect to mutual recognition and other standards.

Financial institutions, such as those in the Lloyds TSB Group, are primarily regulated in their home state by a local regulatory regime. The EU directives prescribe minimum criteria for the authorisation of such institutions and the prudential supervision to them. Under the Second Banking Co-ordination Directive the concept of mutual recognition has been extended to a passport concept; this gives a bank which has been authorised in its home state the freedom to establish branches and provide cross-border services into, other member states without the need for additional local authorisation.

Similarly, under the Investment Services Directive or the UCITS Management Directive, investment firms are able to obtain an equivalent passport. Despite the application of the passports a member state can impose certain requirements on banking and investment activities in its boundaries, including conduct of business rules.

Credit institutions and investment firms are required to make adequate capital provisions for risks entered into: they must set out the deemed quality and acceptable relative proportions of various types of capital. The directives also regulate counterparty exposures, provide for the supervision of consolidated financial groups, capital adequacy requirements, and limit permissible exposures to individual or linked entities.

During 2004 the European Commission issued the Draft Capital Requirements Directive for banks and investment firms based on the revised Basel Capital Accord, which is being developed by the Basel Committee on banking supervision. This is likely to result in comprehensive changes to the capital adequacy regulations applicable to Lloyds TSB Group. The new framework covers the following areas:

- Minimum capital requirements and methodologies for allocation of regulatory capital for credit and other risks, including operational risk.

- A supervisory review process, including the setting of capital ratios by bank supervisors.

- Improvement of transparency in the financial system by reliable and timely disclosure of risk information.

The Capital Requirements Directive will come into force for all European banks at the start of 2007, although the transitional provisions applied in the UK are only likely to be published in 2006. These will be subject to further consultation, and the Lloyds TSB Group has been playing a full part with the regulatory authorities in attempting to shape them. The Lloyds TSB Group has implemented an Internal Ratings Based approach to credit risk and an Advanced Measurement Approach to operational risk. A considerable investment is being made in order to meet the standards required for these more advanced approaches. In meeting the compliance imperative, benefits to the Group will accrue through further enhancement of our risk management and capital allocation.

The UK financial services industry will also be affected by a number of other initiatives currently being developed. Work continues on the Financial Services Action Plan, which is intended to create a single market for financial services in the UK and there are proposals for other directives, such as a new Consumer Credit Directive and the Third EU Money Laundering Directive both of which will be of particular relevance to the Lloyds TSB Group. The Lloyds TSB Group will continue to monitor the progress of these initiatives, provide specialist input on their drafting and assess the likely impact.

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Lloyds TSB Group operates in many countries around the world and its overseas branches and subsidiaries are subject to reporting and reserve requirements and controls imposed by the relevant central banks and regulatory authorities.



The information in this section has been extracted from publicly available documents from various sources, including prepared materials from the London Stock Exchange, and has not been prepared or independently verified by the Company.

The ordinary shares of Lloyds TSB Group plc are listed and traded on the London Stock Exchange under the symbol LLDTY. The prices for shares as quoted in the official list of the London Stock Exchange are in pounds sterling. This information shows the reported high and low closing prices for the ordinary shares on the London Stock Exchange. This information is extracted from publicly available documents from various sources, including officially prepared materials from the London Stock Exchange, and has not been prepared or independently verified by the Company.

	Price per share (in pence)	Price per share (in pence)
	High	Low
Annual prices:		
2004	476.25	391.75
2003	483.00	295.75
2002	817.00	427.50
2001	772.00	590.00
2000	774.50	517.00
1999	1,060.00	725.00
1998	1,070.50	575.50
Quarterly prices:		
2005		
First quarter	509.00	463.50
2004		
Fourth quarter	473.25	415.00
Third quarter	436.00	391.75
Second quarter	441.50	411.00
First quarter	476.25	405.00
2003		
Fourth quarter	448.00	396.00
Third quarter	483.00	413.75
Second quarter	476.75	326.00
First quarter	459.00	295.75
Monthly prices:		
May 2005	469.50	453.00
April 2005	482.50	446.50
March 2005	508.00	472.50
February 2005	509.00	489.75
January 2005	496.25	463.50
December 2004	473.25	426.50

On 21 June 2005, the closing price of shares on the London Stock Exchange was 476.25 pence, equivalent to \$2.04 translated at the Noon Buying Rate of \$1.842 per £1.00 on 21 June 2005.

Lloyds TSB Group plc's American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) have been traded on the over-the-counter market under the symbol LLDTY since March 2000. Since 27 November 2001 Lloyds TSB Group plc ADSs have been listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LYG. The prices for Lloyds TSB Group plc's ADRs, as quoted below, are in US dollars. Each ADS represents four ordinary shares. The following table shows the reported high and low closing prices for Lloyds TSB Group plc's ADRs on the over-the-counter market.

	Price per ADR (in US dollars)	Price per ADR (in US dollars)
	High	Low
Annual prices:		
2001 (to 26 November 2001)	46.00	34.75

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2000	45.27	33.50
Quarterly prices:		
2001		
Fourth quarter (to 26 November 2001)	43.88	38.25
Third quarter	44.00	35.50
Second quarter	43.94	38.94
First quarter	46.00	34.75

The following table shows the reported high and low closing prices for ADSs on the New York Stock Exchange:

	Price per ADS (in US dollars)	Price per ADS (in US dollars)
	High	Low
Annual prices:		
2004	36.88	29.47
2003	32.55	19.65
2002	48.55	27.85
2001 (from 27 November 2001)	44.99	41.30
Quarterly prices:		
2005		
First quarter	39.06	35.12
2004		
Fourth quarter	36.88	31.35
Third quarter	31.61	29.47
Second quarter	32.90	29.59
First quarter	36.36	30.15
2003		
Fourth quarter	32.55	27.07
Third quarter	31.16	26.43
Second quarter	32.35	20.98
First quarter	29.79	19.65
Monthly prices:		
May 2005	35.76	33.32
April 2005	36.50	34.19
March 2005	39.06	35.69
February 2005	38.91	37.37
January 2005	37.77	35.12
December 2004	36.88	33.06

On 21 June 2005, the closing price of ADSs on the New York Stock Exchange was \$33.06.

Lloyds TSB Group plc has paid an interim and final dividend each year since the merger of TSB Group plc and Lloyds Banking Company Limited in 1995. Dividends are typically paid in May and October and the record date for the purpose of determining the shareholders who will be entitled to a dividend is established a number of weeks before the dividend payment date. TSB Group plc, which was re-named Lloyds TSB Group plc after the merger, has paid an interim and final dividend every year since its listing on the London Stock Exchange in September 1986, with the exception of 1986 when no final dividend was paid. Lloyds Banking Company Limited has paid a dividend every year since its incorporation as Lloyds Banking Company Limited in 1995.

Lloyds TSB Group plc's ability to pay dividends is restricted under UK company law. Dividends may only be paid if sufficient distributable profits are available for that purpose. In the case of a public limited company, a dividend may only be paid if the company's net assets is not less than the aggregate of the called-up share capital and undistributable reserves and if the payment of the dividend will not reduce the amount of the net assets to less than that aggregate. In addition, a company cannot pay a dividend if it is insolvent.

UK insurance subsidiaries is insolvent on a regulatory valuation basis or in the case of regulated entities, if the payment of a dividend results in regulatory capital requirements not being met. Similar restrictions exist over the ability of Lloyds TSB Group plc's subsidiary companies to pay dividends to their immediate parent companies. Furthermore, in the case of Lloyds TSB Group plc, dividends may only be paid if sufficient distributable profits are available for distributions due in the first instance to certain preferred securities. The board has the discretion to decide whether to pay a dividend and the amount of a dividend. In making this decision, the board is mindful of the level of dividend cover and, consequently, profit growth may be affected. The result in increases in the dividend. The board recognises the importance attached by shareholders to the Lloyds TSB Group plc dividend. In the case of American Depositary Shares (ADSs), dividends are paid through The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, which is paying and

The table below sets out the interim and final dividends which were declared in respect of the ordinary shares of Lloyds TSB Group plc from 2000 through 2004. The sterling amounts have been converted into US dollars at the Noon Buying Rate in force at the time of payment.

	Interim dividend per share	Interim dividend per share	Final dividend per share	Final dividend per share
	£	\$	£	\$
2000	0.093	0.136	0.213	0.306
2001	0.102	0.149	0.235	0.344
2002	0.107	0.167	0.235	0.374
2003	0.107	0.178	0.235	0.419
2004	0.107	0.190	0.235	0.447

There are no UK governmental laws, decrees or regulations that affect the remittance of dividends or other shareholder payments to non-residents of the UK who hold shares of Lloyds TSB Group plc.

MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF LLOYDS TSB GROUP PLC

A summary of the material provisions of Lloyds TSB Group plc's memorandum and articles of association was included in Lloyds TSB Group plc's registration statement filed with the SEC on 25 September 2001 and is therefore incorporated by reference to Lloyds TSB Group plc's annual report by reference to the registration statement.

EXCHANGE

There are no UK laws, decrees or regulations that restrict Lloyds TSB Group plc's export or import of capital or the availability of cash and cash equivalents for use by Lloyds TSB Group, or that affect the remittance of dividends or other shareholders payments to non-UK holders of Lloyds TSB Group plc shares, except as otherwise set out in the memorandum and articles of association.

The following discussion is intended only as a general guide to current UK tax legislation, what is understood to be the current HM Revenue & Customs practice and the terms of the current UK/US income tax treaty (the "Treaty"), all of which are subject to change at any time, possibly with retrospective effect.

The Treaty for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income entered into force following the exchange of instruments of ratification by the UK Parliament and the US Senate on 30 October 2001.

The UK HM Revenue & Customs is the UK government department responsible for assessing and collecting UK taxes. The discussion is intended as a general guide and only applies to persons who are the beneficial owners of their ordinary shares or ADSs. References below to a US holder are to that term as defined, and subject to the exclusions described in the discussion below under "US federal income tax considerations". It may not apply to certain shareholders or ADS holders, including those who are not US holders.

Tax can be complicated and individual circumstances may need to be considered in more detail. Any person who is uncertain as to his tax position should consult his own professional adviser.

Taxation of chargeable gains

A disposal (or deemed disposal) of ordinary shares or ADSs by a shareholder or holder of ADSs resident or (in the case of an individual) ordinarily resident for tax purposes in the UK may, depending on the shareholder's or ADS holder's circumstances, and subject to any available exemption or relief, give rise to a chargeable gain or an allowable loss for the purposes of UK taxation on chargeable gains.

Individuals, other than US holders, temporarily non-resident

A shareholder or ADS holder who is an individual and who has, on or after 17 March 1998, ceased to be resident or ordinarily resident for tax purposes in the UK for a period of less than five years of assessment and who disposes of ordinary shares or ADSs during that period may be liable, on return to the UK, to UK taxation on chargeable gains arising during the period of absence, subject to any available exemption, relief and/or for other purposes.

Subject to the provisions set out in the next paragraph in relation to temporary non-residents, US holders generally will not be liable for UK tax on chargeable gains unless they carry on a trade, profession or vocation in the UK through a branch or agency and the ordinary shares or ADSs are or have been used or held by or for the purposes of the branch or agency, in which case the US holder might, depending on individual circumstances, be liable to UK tax on chargeable gains on any disposal of ordinary shares or ADSs. An individual US holder who is only temporarily not resident in the UK may, under anti-avoidance legislation, still be liable for UK tax on chargeable gains realised, subject to any available exemption, relief and/or for other purposes.

A US holder who is an individual and who has, on or after 17 March 1998, ceased to be resident or ordinarily resident for tax purposes in the UK for a period of less than five years of assessment and who disposes of ordinary shares or ADSs during that period may be liable, on return to the UK, to UK taxation on chargeable gains arising during the period of absence, subject to any available exemption, relief and/or for other purposes.

Other non-UK residents

Subject to the provisions set out above under "Individuals, other than US holders, temporarily non-resident", ordinary shares or ADS holders who are neither resident nor ordinarily resident in the UK generally will not be liable for UK tax on chargeable gains unless they carry on a trade, profession or vocation in the UK through a branch or agency and the ordinary shares or ADSs are or have been used or held by or for the purposes of the branch or agency, in which case such a holder might, depending on individual circumstances, be liable to UK tax on chargeable gains on any disposal of ordinary shares or ADSs. An individual holder of ordinary shares or ADSs who is only temporarily not resident in the UK may, under anti-avoidance legislation, still be liable for UK tax on chargeable gains realised, subject to any available exemption, relief and/or for other purposes.

Lloyds TSB Group will not be required to withhold tax at source when paying a dividend on the ordinary s

An individual shareholder or ADS holder who is resident in the UK for tax purposes will be entitled to a tax credit on any dividend received from the Lloyds TSB Group and will be taxable on the gross dividend, which is the amount of the dividend received and related tax credit. The value of the tax credit will be equal to one-ninth of the dividend (therefore, 10 per cent of the gross dividend). The gross dividend will be treated as an individual's marginal taxable income and the tax credit will, however, be treated as discharging the individual's liability to income tax in respect of the gross dividend and except to the extent that the gross dividend

threshold for the higher rate of income tax. A UK resident individual shareholder or ADS holder who is liable to the higher rate (currently 40 per cent) will be subject to tax at the rate applicable to dividends for such shareholders (currently 32.5 per cent) on the gross dividend. The tax credit will be set against but will not fully offset the tax liability on the gross dividend and they will have to pay additional tax equal to the difference between the gross dividend, being 25 per cent of the dividend received, to the extent that such sum, when treated as marginally taxable, is above the threshold for the higher rate.

There will be no payment of the tax credit or any part of it to an individual whose liability to income tax on the dividend exceeds the related tax credit is less than the liability.

UK resident shareholders or ADS holders who are not liable to UK tax on dividends, including pension funds and trusts, will not be entitled to the payment of any tax credits in respect of dividends.

Subject to certain exceptions, such as for dealers in securities and for some insurance companies with overseas branches, UK resident corporate shareholders or ADS holders will generally not be subject to corporation tax in respect of dividends received from Lloyds TSB Group, but will not be entitled to the payment of any tax credit with respect to dividends.

Lloyds TSB Group will not be required to withhold tax at source when paying a dividend on the ordinary shares or ADSs.

Other non-UK residents

Lloyds TSB Group will not be required to withhold tax at source when paying a dividend on the ordinary shares or ADSs to a non-UK resident holder, other than a US holder, who is not resident for tax purposes in the UK.

Holders of ordinary shares or ADSs, other than US holders, who are not resident for tax purposes in the UK and who receive a dividend from the Lloyds TSB Group will not have any further UK tax to pay in respect of the dividend, but will not be able to claim any additional payment in respect of the dividend from the UK HM Revenue & Customs under the Double Taxation Agreement.

Stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax

UK residents, US holders and other non-UK residents

Any conveyance or transfer on sale of ordinary shares (whether effected using the CREST settlement system or otherwise) is subject to UK stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax (SDRT). The transfer on sale of ordinary shares will be liable to UK stamp duty or SDRT, generally at the rate of 0.5 per cent of the consideration paid (rounded up to the next multiple of £5 in the case of stamp duty). Stamp duty is usually the liability of the purchaser or transferee of the ordinary shares. An agreement to transfer such ordinary shares will be liable to SDRT, generally at the rate of 0.5 per cent of the consideration, but such liability will be cancelled, or, if already paid, refunded, if the agreement is completed by a duly stamped instrument within six years of the agreement having become unconditional. SDRT is normally the liability of the purchaser or transferee.

Where Lloyds TSB Group issues ordinary shares or a holder of ordinary shares transfers such shares to the custodian or for the depositary to facilitate the issue of ADSs to him representing the ordinary shares or to a person providing clearing services (or their nominee or agent), a liability to UK stamp duty or SDRT at the rate of 1.5 per cent (rounded up to the next multiple of £5 in the case of the stamp duty) of either the issue price or, in the case of transfer, the listed price of the shares, calculated in sterling, will arise. Where a holder of ordinary shares transfers such shares to the custodian or the depositary or clearance service this charge will generally be payable by the person receiving the ADSs or the ordinary shares into the clearing system.

A liability to stamp duty at the fixed rate of £5 will arise as a result of the cancellation of any ADSs with the ordinary shares they represent being transferred to the clearing system.

No liability to UK stamp duty or SDRT will arise on a transfer of ADSs provided that any document that effects the transfer is not executed in the UK and that it remains at all subsequent times outside the UK. An agreement to transfer ADSs will give rise to a liability to UK stamp duty or SDRT.

The following summary describes material US federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of ADSs or ordinary shares to US holders (defined below), but it does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all US federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to acquire such securities. The summary applies only to holders who hold ADSs or ordinary shares as capital assets and does not address special classes of holders:

- certain financial institutions;
 - insurance companies;
 - dealers in securities or foreign currencies;
 - holders holding ADSs or shares as part of a hedge, straddle, conversion or other integrated investment strategy.
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holders whose functional currency for US federal income tax purposes is not the US dollar;
holders liable for alternative minimum tax;
holders who acquired ADSs or shares pursuant to the exercise of any employee stock option or otherwise as part of a compensation plan;
partnerships or other entities classified as partnerships for US federal income tax purposes; or
a holder that owns 10 per cent or more of the voting shares of Lloyds TSB Group plc.

In addition, the summary is based in part on representations of the Depository and assumes that each obligation provided for in the Deposit Agreement or otherwise contemplated by the Deposit Agreement or any other related document will be performed in accordance with the terms of such document. The US Treasury has expressed concerns that parties to whom ADSs are pre-released may be taking actions that are inconsistent with the claiming of foreign tax credits for US holders of ADSs. Such actions would also be inconsistent with the tax applicable to dividends received by certain non-corporate US holders. Accordingly, the analysis of the redemptive value of ADSs applicable to dividends received by certain non-corporate US holders described below could be affected by actions taken by parties to whom ADSs are pre-released. The summary is based upon tax laws of the US including the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date hereof (the "Code"), administrative pronouncements, judicial decisions and proposed Treasury Regulations, as well as the Treaty, changes to any of which may affect the tax consequences described herein, possibly with retroactive effect. Prospective purchasers of the ADSs or ordinary shares should consult their tax advisers as to the US, UK or other tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of such securities in their particular circumstances, including the effect of any US state or local laws.

As used herein, a "US holder" is a beneficial owner of ADSs or shares, that is, for US federal income tax purposes,

a citizen or resident of the US;
a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation, created or organised in or under the laws of the US or any political subdivision thereof; or
an estate or trust the income of which is subject to US federal income taxation regardless of its source.

For US federal income tax purposes, US holders of ADSs generally will be treated as the owners of the underlying shares.

Taxation of Dividends

To the extent paid out of current or accumulated earnings and profits of Lloyds TSB Group plc (as determined in accordance with US federal income tax principles), distributions made with respect to ADSs or ordinary shares (other than distributions of shares of Lloyds TSB Group plc or rights to subscribe for shares of Lloyds TSB Group plc) will be treated as the income of a US holder as ordinary dividend income from non-US sources. Such dividends will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction generally allowed to corporations under US federal income tax law.

Subject to applicable limitations that may vary depending upon a holder's individual circumstances and the changes regarding concerns expressed by the US Treasury, dividends paid to certain non-corporate US holders in taxable years beginning before 1 January 2009 will be taxable at a maximum tax rate of 15 per cent. Non-corporate US holders should consult their tax advisers to determine whether they are subject to any special rules that limit their ability to be taxed at this rate.

The amount of the dividend will equal the US dollar value of the pounds sterling received, calculated by reference to the exchange rate in effect on the date such distribution is received by the Depository (in the case of ADSs) or by the holder (in the case of shares) regardless of whether the payment is converted into US dollars on the date of receipt. If the pounds sterling received as a dividend are not converted into US dollars on the date of receipt, then the US holder's tax basis in the ADSs or shares will equal such dollar amount and the US holder may realise an exchange gain or loss on the conversion into US dollars. Any gains or losses resulting from the conversion of pounds sterling into US dollars will be treated as US source ordinary income or loss.

Taxation of Gain or Loss

Gain or loss realised by a US holder on a sale or exchange of ADSs or shares will be subject to US federal income tax in an amount equal to the difference between the US holder's tax basis in the ADSs or shares and the proceeds received on the disposition. Gains or losses, if any, will generally be US source and will be long-term if the ADSs or shares were held for more than one year.

Deposits and withdrawals of ordinary shares in exchange for ADSs will not result in taxable gain or loss for US holders.

Dividends paid on, and the sale proceeds from, ADSs or shares that are made within the US or through certain financial intermediaries generally are subject to information reporting requirements. Such dividends may also be subject to backup withholding unless

is a corporation or comes within certain other exempt categories and, when required, demonstrates

provides a taxpayer identification number on a properly completed Form W-9 or a substitute form and certifies that no loss of exemption from backup withholding has occurred and that such holder is a US person. Any amount withheld under these rules will be creditable against the US holder's federal income tax liability. A holder who does not provide a correct taxpayer identification number may be subject to certain

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

The documents concerning us which are referred to herein may be inspected at the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may read and copy any document filed or furnished by us at the SEC's public reference rooms in Washington, D.C., New York and Chicago, Illinois. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the reference rooms. The SEC maintains a website at www.sec.gov which contains, in electronic form, each of the reports and other information filed electronically.

ENFORCEABILITY OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

Lloyds TSB Group plc is a public limited company incorporated under the laws of Scotland. Most of Lloyds TSB Group plc's directors and executive officers and certain of the experts named herein are residents of the United Kingdom. A substantial portion of the assets of Lloyds TSB Group plc, and a substantial portion of the assets of such persons, are located outside the United States. As a result, it may not be possible for investors to effect service of process within the United States against such persons or to enforce against them judgements of US courts, including judgements predicated upon the civil liabilities of such persons or to enforce against them judgements of US courts, including judgements predicated upon the civil liabilities of such persons or to enforce against them judgements of US courts, including judgements predicated upon the civil liabilities of such persons of the federal securities laws of the United States. Furthermore, Lloyds TSB Group plc has been advised by its legal counsel that there is doubt as to the enforceability in the United Kingdom, in original action or in actions for enforcement of US courts, of civil liabilities, including those predicated solely upon the federal securities laws of the United States.

Set out below are certain risk factors which could affect the Lloyds TSB Group's future results and cause them to be different from expected results. The factors discussed in this report should not be regarded as a complete and exclusive statement of all potential risks and factors.

Lloyds TSB Group's businesses are subject to inherent risks concerning borrower credit quality as well as general economic and international economic conditions. Development of adverse conditions in the UK or in other major economies could reduce Lloyds TSB Group's profitability.

Lloyds TSB Group's businesses are subject to inherent risks regarding borrower credit quality as well as general economic and international economic conditions. Each of these can change the level of demand for, and supply of, Lloyds TSB Group's products and services. A deterioration in the credit quality of Lloyds TSB Group's UK and/or international borrowers and counterparties could reduce the value of Lloyds TSB Group's assets, and increase provisions for bad and doubtful debts. In addition, changes in economic conditions could result in a deterioration in the value of security held against lending exposures and increase the risk of loss in the event of borrower default. Any significant increase in the UK unemployment rate would reduce profits from the insurance and financial services businesses. Furthermore, a general deterioration in the UK economy would also reduce Lloyds TSB Group's profit from both insurance and financial services businesses. A general deterioration in any other major world economy could also adversely affect Lloyds TSB Group's profitability. See "Operating and financial review and prospects" Risk management

Lloyds TSB Group's businesses are inherently subject to the risk of market fluctuations, which could reduce Lloyds TSB Group's profitability.

Lloyds TSB Group's businesses are inherently subject to the risk of market fluctuations. The most significant market risks that Lloyds TSB Group faces are those that impact the Group's pension schemes principally equity risk and interest rate risk. Significant movements would have an effect upon the financial condition of the pension schemes which would be reflected in Lloyds TSB Group's financial statements. Interest rate risk and foreign exchange risk arises from banking activities which are present in the insurance businesses. See "Operating and financial review and prospects" Risk management discussion

Lloyds TSB Group's insurance businesses are subject to inherent risks relating to changing demographic developments and adverse weather and similar contingencies outside its control. Development of adverse conditions could reduce Lloyds TSB Group's profitability.

Lloyds TSB Group's insurance businesses are subject to inherent risk relating to changing demographic developments and adverse weather and similar contingencies outside its control, both in the UK and overseas. Such contingencies can have a negative impact on the profile and profitability of such products.

Adverse experience in the operational risks inherent in Lloyds TSB Group's businesses could have a negative impact on Lloyds TSB Group's results.

Operational risks are present in Lloyds TSB Group's businesses, including the risk of loss resulting from inefficiencies in internal and external processes, documentation, people and systems or from external events. Lloyds TSB Group's businesses are dependent on their ability to process accurately and efficiently a high volume of complex transactions across a range of diverse products and services, in different currencies and subject to a number of different legal and regulatory requirements. Lloyds TSB Group's systems and processes are designed to ensure that the operational risks associated with these activities are appropriately controlled, but Lloyds TSB Group realises that any weakness in these systems could have a negative impact on the results of operations during the affected period. See "Operating and financial review and prospects" Risk management discussion, "Operational risk" and "Operating and financial review and prospects" Risk management Legal and regulatory

Terrorist acts and other acts of war could have a negative impact on the business and results of operations.

Terrorist acts, and other acts of war or hostility and responses to those acts, may create economic and political uncertainty which could have a negative impact on UK and international economic conditions generally, and more specifically on the business and results of operations of Lloyds TSB Group in ways that cannot be predicted.

Lloyds TSB Group's businesses are subject to substantial regulation, regulatory and governmental oversight. Adverse regulatory developments or changes in government policy could have a negative impact on Lloyds TSB Group's results.

Lloyds TSB Group conducts its businesses subject to ongoing regulation and associated regulatory risks, including changes in the laws, regulations, policies, voluntary codes of practice and interpretations in the UK and the other countries in which it operates. Future changes in regulation, fiscal or other policies are unpredictable and beyond the control of Lloyds TSB Group.

For additional information, see the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Lloyds TSB Group is exposed to various forms of legal risk including the risk of mis-selling financial products, breach of legal or regulatory principles or requirements and giving negligent advice, any of which could have a material impact on its results or its relations with its customers.

Some of these issues involve the possibility of alleged mis-selling of pension and other life assurance policies, savings products. There is a risk that further provisions may be required as a result of these issues. See Operating and Financial Review and prospects Risk management Customer treatment risk Customer retention

Certain aspects of the Lloyds TSB Group's business may be determined by the authorities or the courts as not being in accordance with relevant laws. Obligations under contracts may not be enforced as anticipated or may be enforced in a manner detrimental to the Lloyds TSB Group or the Lloyds TSB Group could be liable in damages to others for the way in which it has conducted its business.

Lloyds TSB Group's businesses are conducted in highly competitive environments. Creation of an appropriate return for shareholders depends upon management's ability to respond effectively to competitive challenges.

The market for UK financial services and the other markets within which Lloyds TSB Group operates are highly competitive and management expects such competition to intensify in response to consumer demand, technological changes, industry consolidation, regulatory actions and other factors, which could result in a reduction in profit margins. Lloyds TSB Group's ability to generate an appropriate return for its shareholders depends significantly upon the competitive environment and management's response to it. See Business Review Competition

Lloyds TSB Group is devoting considerable time and resources to securing new customers and developing more relationships with existing customers. If Lloyds TSB Group is unsuccessful, its organic growth prospects may be limited.

Lloyds TSB Group seeks to achieve further organic growth by securing new customers and developing more relationships with existing customers. Lloyds TSB Group is currently expending significant resources and effort to bring about this growth, particularly with respect to its UK retail financial services business. If these expenditures and efforts do not meet their objectives, its operating results would grow more slowly than expected.

Lloyds TSB Group's businesses are conducted in a marketplace that is consolidating and significant cross-border mergers and acquisitions may happen in the coming years. Lloyds TSB Group's ability to generate an appropriate return for shareholders over the long term may depend upon whether management is able or permitted by either regulatory authorities or shareholders to achieve value-creating mergers and/or acquisitions at the appropriate times.

In addition to its important strategy of organic growth, one of Lloyds TSB Group's aims is to remain alert for opportunities to participate in the further consolidation of the financial services industry, both in the UK and overseas. Management expects that under current conditions Lloyds TSB Group may find it difficult to make a significant acquisition in the UK in an area where it already has a significant market share. Lloyds TSB Group's ability to generate an appropriate return for its shareholders over the long term may depend upon whether management is able to achieve value-creating mergers and/or acquisitions at appropriate times and prices. Lloyds TSB Group cannot be sure that it will ultimately be able to make any such acquisitions.

This annual report includes certain forward-looking statements with respect to the business, strategy and plans of the Lloyds TSB Group and its current goals and expectations relating to its future financial condition and performance. Statements include historical facts, including statements about Lloyds TSB Group's or management's beliefs and expectations, and forward-looking statements. Words such as "believes", "anticipates", "estimates", "expects", "intends", "aims", "potential", "may", "could", "estimate" and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. There are no exclusive means of identifying such statements. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty, and they relate to events and depend upon circumstances that will occur in the future.

Examples of such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- projections or expectations of profit attributable to shareholders, provisions, economic profit, dividends, capital returns or any other financial items or ratios;
- statements of plans, objectives or goals of Lloyds TSB Group or its management;
- statements about the future trends in interest rates, stock market levels and demographic trends and any impact on Lloyds TSB Group;
- statements concerning any future UK or other economic environment or performance, including in particular the statements included in this annual report in "Operating and Financial Review and Prospects";
- statements about strategic goals, competition, regulation, dispositions and consolidation or technological developments in the financial services industry; and
- statements of assumptions underlying such statements.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and assumptions expressed in such forward-looking statements made by Lloyds TSB Group or on Lloyds TSB Group's behalf include:

- general economic conditions in the UK and internationally;
- inflation, interest rate, exchange rate, market and monetary fluctuations;
- changing demographic developments, adverse weather and similar contingencies outside the Lloyds TSB Group;
- inadequate or failed internal or external processes, people and systems;
- terrorist acts and other acts of war or hostility and responses to those acts;
- changes in laws, regulations or taxation;
- changes in competition and pricing environments;
- the ability to secure new customers and develop more business from existing customers;
- the ability to achieve value-creating mergers and/or acquisitions at the appropriate time and prices; and
- the success of the Lloyds TSB Group in managing the risks of the foregoing.

Lloyds TSB Group plc may also make or disclose written and/or oral forward-looking statements in reports and documents furnished to the US Securities and Exchange Commission, Lloyds TSB Group plc's annual report and accounts, proxy statements, offering circulars, prospectuses, press releases and other written materials and in oral statements made by directors, officers or employees of Lloyds TSB Group plc to third parties, including financial analysts. The forward-looking statements contained in this annual report are made as of the date hereof, and Lloyds TSB Group undertakes no obligation to update any of its forward-looking statements.

The following is a list of the principal subsidiaries of Lloyds TSB Group plc at 31 December 2004. The audited accounts of Lloyds TSB Group plc for the year ended 31 December 2004 include the audited accounts of

Name of subsidiary undertakings	Country of registration/ Incorporation	Percentage of capital and voting rights held	Nature of business	Registered office
Lloyds TSB Bank plc	England	100%	Banking and financial services	25 Gresham Street London EC2V
Cheltenham & Gloucester plc	England	100%*	Mortgage lending and retail investments	Barnett Way Gloucester GL1
Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance Limited	England	100%*	Credit factoring	Beaumont House Beaumont Road Oxfordshire OX2
Lloyds TSB Leasing Limited	England	100%*	Financial leasing	25 Gresham Street London EC2V
Lloyds TSB Private Banking Limited	England	100%*	Private banking	25 Gresham Street London EC2V
The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation PLC	England	100%*	Long-term agricultural finance	Charlton Place Charlton Road Andover Hampshire SP11
Lloyds TSB Bank Offshore Limited	Jersey	100%*	Banking and financial services	25 New Street St Helier Jersey JE4 8RC
Lloyds TSB Scotland plc	Scotland	100%*	Banking and financial services	Henry Duncan 120 George Street Edinburgh EH2
Lloyds TSB General Insurance Limited	England	100%*	General insurance	25 Gresham Street London EC2V
Scottish Widows Investment Partnership Group Limited	England	100%*	Investment management	10 Fleet Place London EC4M
Lloyds TSB Insurance Services Limited	England	100%*	Insurance broking	25 Gresham Street London EC2V
Lloyds TSB Asset Finance Division Limited	England	100%*	Consumer credit, leasing and related services	25 Gresham Street London EC2V
Black Horse Limited	England	100%*	Consumer credit, leasing and related services	25 Gresham Street London EC2V
Scottish Widows plc	Scotland	100%*	Life assurance	69 Morrison Street Edinburgh EH3
Scottish Widows Annuities	Scotland	100%*	Life assurance	69 Morrison Street

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Report of the independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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To the Shareholders of Lloyds TSB Group plc

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Lloyds TSB Group plc and its subsidiaries as at 31 December 2004 and 31 December 2003, and the related consolidated profit and loss account, consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of gains and losses, reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds and consolidated cash flow statement for the three years in the period ended 31 December 2004 which, as described in Note 1, have been prepared on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United Kingdom. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Lloyds TSB Group plc. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on the audit.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lloyds TSB Group plc and its subsidiary undertakings at 31 December 2004 and 31 December 2003, and the results of their operations and their cash flows, for each of the three years in the period ended 31 December 2004 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United Kingdom.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United Kingdom vary in certain significant respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The application of the latter would have affected the determination of consolidated net income for each of the three years in the period ended 31 December 2004 and the determination of consolidated net equity at 31 December 2004 and 2003 to the extent summarised in Note 50 to the consolidated financial statements.

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Southampton

3 March 2005, except for Note 50, as to which the date is 31 December 2004

Consolidated profit and loss

for the year ended 31 December

		2004	Continuing operations 2003	Discontinued operations 2003*	Total 2003
	Note	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million
Interest receivable:					
Interest receivable and similar income arising from debt securities		423	389	63	452
Other interest receivable and similar income		9,972	8,484	1,213	9,697
Interest payable		5,475	4,129	765	4,894
Net interest income		4,920	4,744	511	5,255
Other finance income	45	39	34		34
Other income					
Fees and commissions receivable		3,124	2,987	112	3,099
Fees and commissions payable		(744)	(688)	(34)	(722)
Dealing profits (before expenses)	3	271	525	35	560
Income from long-term assurance business	29	715	436	17	453
General insurance premium income		554	535		535
Other operating income		688	682	12	694
		4,608	4,477	142	4,619
Total income		9,567	9,255	653	9,908
Operating expenses					
Administrative expenses	4	4,284	4,229	247	4,476
Depreciation and amortisation	23,24	633	672	25	697
Total operating expenses		4,917	4,901	272	5,173
Trading surplus		4,650	4,354	381	4,735
General insurance claims		224	236		236
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts					
Specific		953	883	63	946
General		(87)	4		4
		866	887	63	950
Amounts written off fixed asset investments	5	52	44		44
Operating profit		3,508	3,187	318	3,505
Share of results of joint ventures	20		(22)		(22)
(Loss) profit on sale of businesses	6	(15)		865	865
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	8	3,493	3,165	1,183	4,348
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	1,004			1,025
Profit on ordinary activities after tax		2,489			3,323
Minority interests:					
Equity		26			22
Non-equity	39	42			47
		2,421			3,254

Profit for the year attributable to shareholders

Dividends	10	1,914	1,911
Profit (loss) for the year	41	507	1,343
Earnings per share	11	43.3p	58.3p
Diluted earnings per share	11	43.0p	58.1p

An analysis of the results for the year ended 31 December 2002 between continuing and discontinued operations

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

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at 31 D

	Note	2004 £ million	2003 £ million
Assets			
Cash and balances at central banks		1,078	1,195
Items in course of collection from banks		1,462	1,447
Treasury bills and other eligible bills	12	92	539
Loans and advances to banks	13	23,565	15,547
Loans and advances to customers	14	154,240	135,251
Debt securities	17	25,194	28,669
Equity shares	18	215	458
Interests in joint ventures:	20		
Share of gross assets		84	85
Share of gross liabilities		(31)	(31)
		53	54
Intangible fixed assets	23	2,425	2,513
Tangible fixed assets	24	4,181	3,918
Other assets	27	3,220	3,944
Prepayments and accrued income	28	2,573	1,918
Long-term assurance business attributable to the shareholder	29	6,781	6,481
		225,079	201,934
Long-term assurance assets attributable to policyholders	29	54,764	50,078
Total assets		279,843	252,012

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial

	Note	2004 £ million	2003 £ million
Liabilities			
Deposits by banks	31	39,738	23,955
Customer accounts	32	122,062	116,496
Items in course of transmission to banks		631	626
Debt securities in issue	33	27,217	25,922
Other liabilities	34	6,619	7,007
Accruals and deferred income	35	3,866	3,206
Post-retirement benefit liability	45	2,231	2,139
Provisions for liabilities and charges:			
Deferred tax	36	1,473	1,376
Other provisions for liabilities and charges	37	417	402
Subordinated liabilities:			
Undated loan capital	38	5,852	5,959
Dated loan capital	38	4,400	4,495
		10,252	10,454
Minority interests:			
Equity		46	44
Non-equity	39	550	683
		596	727
Called-up share capital	40	1,419	1,418
Share premium account	41	1,145	1,136
Merger reserve	41	343	343
Profit and loss account	41	7,070	6,727
Shareholders' funds (equity and non-equity)	42	9,977	9,624
		225,079	201,934
Long-term assurance liabilities to policyholders	29	54,764	50,078
Total liabilities		279,843	252,012
Memorandum items			
Contingent liabilities:			
Acceptances and endorsements		71	299
Guarantees and assets pledged as collateral security		6,786	6,122
Other contingent liabilities		1,669	2,604
		8,526	9,025
Commitments		85,290	79,335

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

for the year ended 31 December

	Note	2004 £ million	2003 £ million
Profit attributable to shareholders		2,421	3,254
Currency translation differences on foreign currency net investments		(11)	118
Actuarial losses recognised in post-retirement benefit schemes		(237)	(6)
Deferred tax thereon		71	2
	45	(166)	(4)
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year		2,244	3,368
Prior year adjustments in respect of changes in accounting policy in earlier years			(29)
Total gains and losses recognised during the year		2,244	3,339

Historical cost profits and losses

for the year ended 31 December

There was no material difference between the results as reported and the results that would have been reported on a historical cost basis. Accordingly, no note of historical cost profits and losses has been included.

Reconciliation of movements in consolidated shareholders' funds

for the year ended 31 December

	Note	2004 £ million	2003 £ million	2002 £ million
Profit attributable to shareholders		2,421	3,254	1,790
Dividends		(1,914)	(1,911)	(1,900)
Profit for the year		507	1,343	(118)
Currency translation differences on foreign currency net investments		(11)	118	(3)
Actuarial losses recognised in post-retirement benefit schemes	45	(166)	(4)	(2,333)
Issue of shares	40,41	10	45	139
Movements in relation to own shares	43	10	(2)	(70)
Goodwill written back on sale of businesses	6	3	181	
Net increase in shareholders' funds		353	1,681	(2,382)
Shareholders' funds at beginning of year		9,624	7,943	10,326
Shareholders' funds at end of year		9,977	9,624	7,943

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Consolidated cash flow

for the year ended 31 D

		2004	2003
	Note	£ million	£ million
Net cash inflow from operating activities	49a	3,469	772
Dividends received from joint ventures and associated undertakings		2	5
Returns on investments and servicing of finance:			
Dividends paid to equity minority interests	49d	(24)	(14)
Payments made to non-equity minority interests	49d	(44)	(81)
Interest paid on subordinated liabilities (loan capital)		(606)	(600)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		(674)	(695)
Taxation:			
UK corporation tax		(656)	(598)
Overseas tax		(107)	(186)
Total taxation		(763)	(784)
Capital expenditure and financial investment:			
Additions to fixed asset investments		(10,088)	(35,420)
Disposals and maturities of fixed asset investments		9,732	36,281
Additions to tangible fixed assets		(1,183)	(778)
Disposals of tangible fixed assets		243	287
Capital injections to long-term assurance business			
Net cash (outflow) inflow from capital expenditure and financial investment		(1,296)	370
Acquisitions and disposals:			
Additions to interests in joint ventures			(12)
Acquisition of group undertakings and businesses	49e	(16)	(1,106)
Disposal of group undertakings and businesses	49g	(25)	2,382
Net cash (outflow) inflow from acquisitions and disposals		(41)	1,264
Equity dividends paid		(1,913)	(1,908)
Net cash outflow before financing		(1,216)	(976)
Financing:			
Issue of subordinated liabilities (loan capital)	49d	699	533
Cash proceeds from issue of ordinary share capital and transactions in own shares held in respect of employee share schemes		11	32
Repayments of subordinated liabilities (loan capital)	49d	(764)	(75)
Minority investment in subsidiaries	49d		
Repayment of minority investment in subsidiaries	49d	(132)	
Capital element of finance lease rental payments	49d	(1)	(1)
Net cash (outflow) inflow from financing		(187)	489
(Decrease) increase in cash	49c	(1,403)	(487)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Accounting policies are unchanged.

In December 2004, the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) issued Financial Reporting Standard 27 Life Assurance, which will implement the requirements of this standard in its 2005 accounts; however, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by leading members of the life assurance and bancassurance sectors and the Association of British Insurers with the ASB, certain additional disclosures have been given in Operating and financial review and prospectus.

a Accounting

The consolidated accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of debt and equity shares held for dealing purposes (see g) and assets held in the long-term assurance business (see o); in compliance with Section 255A, Schedule 9 and other requirements of the Companies Act 1985 except as described below (see c) and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, pronouncements of the Urgent Issues Task Force and with the guidance of the Recommended Practice issued by the British Bankers' Association and the Finance & Leasing Association. The methodology for calculating embedded value follows the guidance published by the Association of British Insurers. The preparation of figures using the achieved profits method of accounting except that tangible assets attributable to the long-term assurance business are valued at market value. The guidance would require those assets backing capital requirements to be discounted at the cost of encumbered capital, but such a treatment would be inconsistent with the treatment of capital support provided by bank.

The Group continues to take advantage of the dispensation in the Urgent Issues Task Force's Abstract 17 that allows the Group's Schemes not to apply that Abstract to the Group's Inland Revenue approved schemes.

b Basis of

Assets, liabilities and results of group undertakings and joint ventures are included in the consolidated accounts. The consolidated accounts made up to 31 December. Entities that do not meet the legal definition of a subsidiary but which give the Group control that are in substance no different to those that would arise from subsidiaries are also included in the consolidated accounts in order to reflect the different nature of the shareholder's and policyholders' interests in the long-term assurance business. The results of long-term assurance business attributable to the shareholder and the assets and liabilities attributable to policyholders are classified under separate headings in the consolidated balance sheet. Details of transactions entered into by the Group with related parties are not eliminated on consolidation are given in the notes.

Goodwill arising on acquisitions of or by group undertakings is capitalised. For acquisitions prior to 1 January 2000, goodwill was taken direct to reserves in the year of acquisition. As permitted by the transitional arrangements of Financial Reporting Standard 10, Goodwill and Intangible Assets, this goodwill was not reinstated when the Group adopted the new standard.

The useful economic life of the goodwill arising on each acquisition is determined at the time of the acquisition. The Group considers that it is appropriate to assign an indefinite life to the goodwill which arose on the acquisition of Scottish Widows during 2000 in view of the strength of the Scottish Widows brand, developed through over 185 years of trading, and the reputation of the business as one of the leading providers of life, pensions, unit trust and fund management products. The intangible attributes are deemed to have indefinite durability, which has been determined based on the following factors: the nature of the business; the typical life spans of the products; the extent to which the acquisition overcomes market entry barriers; and the expected future impact of competition on the business.

As a result, the Scottish Widows goodwill is not being amortised through the profit and loss account; however, it is subject to annual impairment reviews in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 11, Impairment of Fixed Assets. Impairment of the goodwill is evaluated by comparing the present value of the expected future cash flows, excluding depreciation and tax, (the value-in-use) to the carrying value of the underlying net assets and goodwill. If the net assets and goodwill do not exceed the value-in-use, an impairment would be deemed to have occurred and the resulting write-down in the carrying amount would be charged to the profit and loss account.

Paragraph 28 of Schedule 9 to the Companies Act 1985 requires that all goodwill carried on the balance sheet is amortised. In the case of the goodwill arising on the acquisition of Scottish Widows, the directors consider that it is not appropriate to depart from this requirement in order to comply with the over-riding requirement for the accounts to show a true and fair view.

If this goodwill was amortised over a period of 20 years, profit before tax for the year ended 31 December 2003 would be £92 million lower (2003: £93 million lower; 2002: £93 million lower), with a corresponding reduction in the carrying amount of goodwill of £450 million (2003: £358 million); intangible assets on the balance sheet would also be £450 million lower (2003: £358 million).

Goodwill arising on all other acquisitions after 1 January 1998 is amortised on a straight line basis over its estimated economic life, which does not exceed 20 years.

1 Accounting policies

At the date of the disposal of group or associated undertakings, any unamortised goodwill, or goodwill taken directly prior to 1 January 1998, is included in the Group's share of the net assets of the undertaking in the calculation of

Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the profit and loss account as it accrues, with the exception of interest on non-accruing lending which is taken to income either when it is received or when there ceases to be any significant doubt about

Fees and commissions receivable from customers to reimburse the Group for costs incurred are taken to income. Fees and commissions relating to the ongoing provision of a service or risk borne for a customer are taken to income in proportion to the service provided or risk borne in each accounting period. Fees and commissions charged in lieu of interest are taken to income on a level yield basis over the period of the loan. Other fees and commissions receivable are accounted for as follows:

Provisions for bad and doubtful debts and non-performing loans**Provisions for bad and doubtful debts**

It is the Group's policy to make provisions for bad and doubtful debts, by way of a charge to the profit and loss account, to cover the losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date. There are two types of provision, specific and general, which are discussed below:

Specific provisions

Specific provisions relate to identified risk advances and are raised when the Group considers that recovery of the full outstanding balance is in serious doubt. The amount of the provision is equivalent to the amount necessary to reduce the carrying value of the advance to its expected ultimate net realisable value.

For the Group's portfolios of smaller balance homogeneous loans, such as the residential mortgage, personal loan and credit card portfolios, specific provisions are calculated using a formulae driven approach. These formulae take into account factors such as the length of time that payments from the customer are overdue, the value of any collateral held and the level of expected losses, in order to derive an appropriate provision.

For the Group's other lending portfolios, specific provisions are calculated on a case-by-case basis. In establishing a specific provision, factors such as the financial condition of the customer, the nature and value of any collateral held and the costs associated with obtaining repayment and realisation of the collateral are taken into account.

General provisions

General provisions are raised to cover latent bad and doubtful debts which are present in any portfolio of advances but have not been specifically identified. The Group has general provisions, held against each of its principal lending portfolios, which are calculated after having regard to a number of factors; in particular, the level of watchlist or potential problem debt, the propensity for such debt to deteriorate and become impaired and prior period loss rates. The level of general provisions is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that it remains appropriate in the context of the perceived risk inherent in the portfolio and the prevailing economic conditions.

Non-performing loans

An advance becomes classified as non-performing when interest ceases to be credited to the profit and loss account. There are two types of non-performing lending which are discussed below:

Accruing loans on which interest is being placed

Where the customer continues to operate the account, but there is doubt about the payment of interest, interest is charged to the customer's account, but it is not applied to income. Interest is placed on a suspense account and income is not recognized until the doubt is removed. Interest is only taken to income if there ceases to be doubt about the customer's ability to pay.

Loans accounted for on a non-accrual basis

In those cases where the operation of the customer's account has ceased and it has been transferred to a special department, the advance is written down to its expected net realisable value and interest is no longer charged to the customer's account as the likelihood of its recovery is considered remote. Interest is only taken to income if the customer's ability to pay is restored.

f Mortgage

Payments made under cash gift and discount mortgage schemes, which are recoverable from the customer in the event of early redemption, are amortised as an adjustment to net interest income over the early redemption charge period. Payments made under these schemes are deferred and are charged to the profit and loss account in the event that the related loan is redeemed or becomes non-accrual.

1 Accounting policies

g Debt securities and

Debt securities, apart from those held for dealing purposes and in the long-term assurance business (see n), are stated at cost less amortisation, which is adjusted for the amortisation of any premiums and discounts arising on acquisition, which are amortised from the date of acquisition to maturity in equal annual instalments, less amounts written off for any permanent diminution in their value. Equity securities, apart from those held for dealing purposes and in the long-term assurance business (see n), are stated at cost less amortisation for any permanent diminution in value.

Debt securities and equity shares held for dealing purposes are included at market value. In circumstances where securities are transferred between the dealing and investment portfolios, the transfer is effected at an amount based on the market value at the date of transfer. Any resulting profit or loss is reflected in the profit and loss account.

h Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included at cost less depreciation.

Land is not depreciated. Leasehold premises with unexpired lease terms of 50 years or less are depreciated by equal annual instalments over the remaining period of the lease. Freehold and long leasehold buildings are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Costs of adapting premises for the use of the Group are separately identified and depreciated over 10 years, or over the lease if less; such costs are included within premises in the balance sheet total of tangible fixed assets.

Equipment is depreciated by equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which are 10-20 years for furniture and furnishings, 10-20 years for computer hardware, operating software and application software and the related costs relating to separable new systems, motor vehicles and other equipment.

Premises and equipment held for letting to customers under operating leases are depreciated over the life of the lease at a constant rate of return on the net cash investment, taking into account tax and anticipated residual values. Anticipated residual values are reviewed regularly and any impairments identified are charged to the profit and loss account.

i Vacant leasehold property

When a leasehold property ceases to be used in the business or a commitment is entered into which would cause the property to be vacant, provision is made to the extent that the recoverable amount of the interest in the property is expected to be insufficient to cover the future obligations relating to the property.

j Leasing and instalment credit

Assets leased to customers are classified as finance leases if the lease agreements transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee; all other leases are classified as operating leases.

Income from finance leases is credited to the profit and loss account in proportion to the net cash invested so as to provide a constant rate of return over each period after taking account of tax. Income from instalment credit transactions is credited to the profit and loss account using the sum of the digits method. Rental income from operating leases is credited to the profit and loss account.

In those cases where the Group is the lessee, operating lease costs are charged to the profit and loss account in proportion to the instalments over the lease term.

Full provision is made for deferred tax liabilities arising from timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and their recognition in a tax computation. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the timing differences can be deducted, or where they can be offset against deferred tax liabilities. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

The Group operates both defined benefit and defined contribution post-retirement be

Full actuarial valuations of the Group's principal defined benefit schemes are carried out every three years with in
the intervening years; these valuations are updated to 31 December each year by qualified independent actuaries, c
the Scottish Widows Retirement Benefits Scheme, by a qualified actuary employed by Scottish Widows. For
these annual updates, scheme assets are included at market value and scheme liabilities are measured on an actua
the projected unit method; these liabilities are discounted at the current rate of return on an AA corporate bon
currency and term. The post-retirement benefit surplus or deficit is included on the Group's balance sheet, r
amount of deferred tax. Surpluses are included only to the extent that they are recoverable through reduced cont
future or through refunds from

1 Accounting policies

The current service cost and any past service costs are included in the profit and loss account within operating expenses. Expected return on the schemes' assets, after deducting the impact of the unwinding of the discount on scheme assets, is included within other finance income. Actuarial gains and losses, including differences between the expected and actual return on scheme assets, are recognised, net of the related deferred tax, in the statement of total recognised gains and losses.

The costs of the Group's defined contribution pension schemes are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which the services are provided.

m Foreign currencies

Assets, liabilities and results in foreign currencies are expressed in sterling at the rates of exchange ruling on the balance sheet date. Exchange adjustments on the translation of opening net assets held overseas are included in other reserves. All foreign exchange gains and losses, which arise from normal trading activities, are included in the profit and loss account.

n Long-term assurance

The Group accounts for its interest in long-term assurance business using the embedded value basis of accounting. The shareholder's interest in the long-term assurance business (the embedded value) included in the Group's balance sheet is an actuarially determined estimate of the economic value of the Group's life assurance subsidiaries, excluding any value attributable to future new business. The embedded value is comprised of the net tangible assets of the subsidiaries, including any surplus retained within the long-term business funds, which could be transferred to the shareholder, and the present value of the in-force business. The present value of the in-force business is calculated by projecting future cash flows attributable to the shareholder arising from business written by the balance sheet date, using appropriate economic and actuarial assumptions, and discounting the result at a rate which reflects the shareholder's required rate of return on premium attributable to the in-force business.

Surpluses arise following annual actuarial valuations of the long-term business funds, which are carried out in accordance with the statutory requirements designed to ensure and demonstrate the solvency of the funds. Future surpluses will be determined by experience in a number of areas such as investment returns, lapse rates, mortality and administrative expenses. Surpluses are projected by making realistic assumptions about future experience, having regard to both actual experience and long-term economic trends. Other net cash flows principally comprise annual management charges and other fees payable to the policyholders by the life assurance subsidiaries.

Changes in the embedded value, which are determined on a post-tax basis, are included in the profit and loss account. For the purpose of presentation, the change in this value is grossed up at the underlying rate of cost of funds.

The assets held within the long-term business funds of the Group's life assurance operations are legally owned by the subsidiaries, however the shareholder will only benefit from ownership of these assets to the extent that surpluses are declared and cash flows attributable to the shareholder. Reflecting the different nature of these assets, they are classified separately in the Group's balance sheet as Long-term assurance assets attributable to policyholders, with a corresponding liability to policyholders also shown. Investments held within the long-term business funds are included on the following: equity shares, debt securities and unit trusts held for unit-linked funds are valued in accordance with policy conditions at the balance sheet date; other equity shares and debt securities are valued at middle market price and other unit trusts at bid price; investments in real estate are included at valuation by independent valuers at existing use value at the balance sheet date, and mortgages are valued at cost less amount of impairment.

o General insurance

The Group both underwrites and acts as intermediary in the sale of general insurance products. Underwriting expenses are included, net of refunds, in the period in which insurance cover is provided to the customer; premiums received are recognised in the periods are deferred and only credited to the profit and loss account when earned. Where the Group acts as an intermediary, commission income is included in the profit and loss account at the time that the underwriter accepts the risk. Where the Group provides insurance cover to the customer. Where appropriate, provision is made for the effect of future policy termination.

The underwriting business makes provision for the estimated cost of claims notified but not settled and claims reported at the balance sheet date. The provision for the cost of claims notified but not settled is based upon a best estimate of settling the outstanding claims after taking into account all known facts. In those cases where there is insufficient information to determine the required provision, statistical techniques are used which take into account the cost of claims that have recently been settled and make assumptions about the future development of the outstanding cases. Similar statistical techniques are used to determine the provision for claims incurred but not reported at the balance sheet date. Claim provisions are calculated in accordance with the relevant legislative

Repurchase of securities

Securities which have been sold with an agreement to repurchase continue to be shown on the balance sheet at the original cost less any proceeds recorded within deposits by banks or customer accounts as appropriate. Securities acquired in repurchase transactions are not recognised on the balance sheet and the purchase price is recorded within loans receivable. The difference between the sale price and repurchase price is accrued evenly over the life of the transaction and is credited to the profit and loss account as interest payable.

Derivatives are used in the Group's trading activities to meet the financial needs of customers, for proprietary trading and to manage risk in the Group's trading portfolios. Such instruments include exchange rate forwards and futures, currency options together with interest rate swaps, forward rate agreements, interest rate options and futures. These derivatives are measured at fair value and all changes in fair value are reported within dealing profits in the profit and loss account. Fair values are normally determined by reference to quoted market prices; internal models are used to determine fair value in instances where a market price is available. The unrealised gains and losses on trading derivatives are included within other assets and other liabilities respectively. These items are reported gross except in instances where the Group has entered into netting agreements, where the Group has a right to insist on net settlement that would survive the insolvency of the counterparty. In these cases the positive and negative fair values of trading derivatives with the relevant counterparties are offset in the balance sheet.

Derivatives used in the Group's non-trading activities are taken out to reduce exposures to fluctuations in interest rates and include exchange rate forwards and futures, currency swaps together with interest rate swaps, forward rate agreements and options. These derivatives are accounted for in the same way as the underlying items which they are hedging. Receipts and payments on hedging interest derivatives are included in the profit and loss account so as to match the underlying asset, liability or position payable or receivable on the balance sheet.

A derivative will only be classified as a hedge in circumstances where there was reasonable evidence of the intention to hold the derivative from the outset of the transaction and the derivative substantially matches or eliminates a proportion of the risk associated with the underlying exposure.

Where a hedge transaction is superseded, ceases to be effective or is terminated early the derivative is measured at fair value. Any profit or loss arising is then amortised to the profit and loss account over the remaining life of the item being hedged. When the underlying asset, liability or position that was being hedged is terminated, the hedging instrument is measured at fair value and any profit or loss arising is recognised in the profit and loss account.

The Group's activities are organised into three businesses: UK Retail Banking, Insurance and Investments and International Banking. Services provided by UK Retail Banking encompass the provision of banking and other financial products, private banking and mortgages to personal customers. Insurance and Investments offers life assurance, pension products, general insurance and fund management services. Wholesale and International Banking provides banking services for major UK and multinational companies, banks and financial institutions, and small and medium-sized businesses. It also provides asset finance to personal and corporate customers, manages the Group's activities in financial markets through its Treasury function and provides banking and financial services to other businesses.

	UK Retail Banking	General insurance	Life, pensions, unit trusts and asset management	Insurance and Investments	Wholesale and International Banking	Central group items	Continuing operations	Discon operat
Year ended 31 December 2004	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	3,198	44	55	99	1,966	(343)	4,920	
Other finance income						39	39	
Other operating income	1,639	497	818	1,315	1,641	13	4,608	
Total income	4,837	541	873	1,414	3,607	(291)	9,567	
Operating expenses	(2,513)	(149)	(123)	(272)	(2,090)	(42)	(4,917)	
Trading surplus (deficit)	2,324	392	750	1,142	1,517	(333)	4,650	
General insurance claims		(224)		(224)			(224)	
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	(673)				(193)		(866)	
Amounts written off fixed asset investments					(52)		(52)	
Loss on sale of businesses					(15)		(15)	
Profit (loss) before tax	1,651	168	750	918	1,257	(333)	3,493	
Year ended 31 December 2003*								
Net interest income	3,137	38	43	81	1,875	(349)	4,744	511
Other finance income						34	34	
Other operating income	1,533	505	579	1,084	1,561	299	4,477	142
Total income	4,670	543	622	1,165	3,436	(16)	9,255	653
Operating expenses	(2,583)	(141)	(120)	(261)	(2,048)	(9)	(4,901)	(272)
Trading surplus (deficit)	2,087	402	502	904	1,388	(25)	4,354	381
General insurance claims		(236)		(236)			(236)	
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	(594)				(306)	13	(887)	(63)
Amounts written off fixed asset investments					(44)		(44)	
Share of results of joint ventures	(22)						(22)	
Profit on sale of businesses								865
Profit (loss) before tax	1,471	166	502	668	1,038	(12)	3,165	1,183
Year ended 31 December 2002*								
Net interest income	2,890	38	36	74	1,970	(251)	4,683	488
Other finance income						165	165	
Other operating income	1,567	353	(157)	196	1,520	149	3,432	119
Total income	4,457	391	(121)	270	3,490	63	8,280	607
Operating expenses	(2,402)	(105)	(186)	(291)	(1,939)	(4)	(4,636)	(277)
Trading surplus	2,055	286	(307)	(21)	1,551	59	3,644	330
General insurance claims		(229)		(229)			(229)	

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Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	(496)				(489)	7	(978)	(51)
Amounts written off fixed asset investments					(57)	(30)	(87)	
Share of results of joint ventures	(11)						(11)	
Profit (loss) before tax	1,548	57	(307)	(250)	1,005	36	2,339	279

2 Segmental analysis

	Domestic	International	Total	Domestic	International	Continuing operations	Discontinued operations
	2004	2004	2004	2003	2003	2003	2003
Geographical area:**	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest receivable	9,992	403	10,395	8,490	383	8,873	1,276
Other finance income	39		39	34		34	
Fees and commissions receivable	2,980	144	3,124	2,831	156	2,987	112
Dealing profits (before expenses)	249	22	271	276	249	525	35
Income from long-term assurance business	715		715	436		436	17
General insurance premium income	554		554	535		535	
Other operating income	682	6	688	677	5	682	12
Total gross income	15,211	575	15,786	13,279	793	14,072	1,452
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	3,295	198	3,493	2,810	355	3,165	1,183

	Domestic	International	Continuing operations	Discontinued operations
	2002	2002	2002	2002
Geographical area:**	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest receivable	8,226	582	8,808	1,741
Other finance income	165		165	
Fees and commissions receivable	2,773	169	2,942	111
Dealing profits (before expenses)	125	39	164	24
Income from long-term assurance business	(305)		(305)	11
General insurance premium income	486		486	
Other operating income	552	207	759	4
Total gross income	12,022	997	13,019	1,891
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	2,122	217	2,339	279

	Net Assets 2004	Net Assets 2003	Assets 2004
	£m	£m	£m
Class of business			
UK Retail Banking	2,991	2,555	101,615
Insurance and Investments:			
General insurance	427	470	1,084
Life, pensions, unit trusts and asset management	6,908	6,531	9,141
	7,335	7,001	10,225
Wholesale and International Banking	4,469	4,390	112,968
Central group items	(4,772)	(4,278)	271
	10,023	9,668	225,079
Geographical area**			
Domestic	9,369	9,069	212,197
International	654	599	12,882

	10,023	9,668	225,079
*	<p>From the beginning of 2004 the Group changed its UK branch and other distribution networks from cost centres to profit centres and consequently, amended the internal commission arrangements between these networks and the insurance product manufacturing businesses within the Group. The effect of this change has been to redistribute income from the insurance segments to Wholesale and, to a lesser extent, to Wholesale. In addition, certain costs previously included in Central group items were reallocated to operating segments. The 2002 and 2003 segmental analyses have been restated to reflect these changes on a consistent basis.</p>		
**	<p>The geographical distribution of gross income sources, profit on ordinary activities before tax and assets by domestic and international operations is based on the location of the office recording the transaction, except for lending by the international business units in London.</p> <p>Net assets represent shareholders' funds plus equity minority interests. Disclosure of information on net assets is an accounting requirement (SSAP 25); it is not appropriate to relate it directly to the segmental profits above because the business is not an allocation of net assets to business units.</p> <p>Assets exclude long-term assurance assets attributable to policyholders.</p>		
§	<p>Discontinued operations related entirely to the international operations of the Wholesale and International Banking segments.</p> <p>As the business of the Group is mainly that of banking and insurance, no segmental analysis of discontinued operations is presented.</p>		

3 Dealing profits (be

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Foreign exchange trading income	178	228	173
Securities and other gains	93	332	15
	271	560	188

Dealing profits include the profits and losses arising both on the purchase and sale of trading instruments and from the revaluation to market value, together with the interest income earned from these instruments and the related

4 Administr

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Salaries	2,069	2,092	2,065
Social security costs	140	143	134
Other pension costs (note 45)	338	353	318
Staff costs	2,547	2,588	2,517
Other administrative expenses	1,737	1,888	1,695
	4,284	4,476	4,212

The average number of persons on a headcount basis employed by the Group during the year was as follows:

UK	74,924	73,814	71,134
Overseas	3,372	10,288	11,491
	78,296	84,102	82,625

The above staff numbers exclude 4,657 (2003: 5,202; 2002: 5,870) staff employed in the long-term assurance business. The costs of these staff are £190 million (2003: £194 million; 2002: £209 million) in relation to those staff are reflected in the valuation of the assurance business.

Details of directors' emoluments, pensions and interests are given on

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Statutory audit	5.2	5.5	4.8
Other audit related fees:			
Audit related regulatory reporting	0.9	0.9	0.9
Further assurance services	6.4	3.3	1.7
Total other audit related fees	7.3	4.2	2.6
Audit and audit related fees	12.5	9.7	7.4
Tax advisory	0.8	1.6	0.7
Other non-audit fees:			
Due diligence services	0.9	0.7	0.8
Management consultancy			0.1
Other	0.3	0.2	0.7
Total other non-audit fees	1.2	0.9	1.6
Total fees	14.5	12.2	9.7

During the year the auditors also earned fees of £0.6 million (2003: £0.6 million; 2002: £0.8 million) in respect of unit trusts and pension schemes managed

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Included in Other audit related fees are the costs of the advice provided in relation to the Group's implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act to costs of the audit of the Group's F

It is the Group's policy to use the auditors on assignments in cases where their knowledge of the Group means efficient nor cost effective to employ another firm of accountants. Such assignments typically relate to the provision of tax issues, assistance in transactions involving the acquisition and disposal of businesses and accounting advice. The auditors are not permitted to provide management consultancy services.

4 Administrative expenses

The Group has procedures to ensure that fees for audit and non-audit services are approved in advance. The audit fees are established de minimis fee limits for particular detailed types of service and has approved in advance all non-audit services where the fee falls below the relevant limit. All statutory audit work as well as non-audit assignments where the fee is expected to exceed the relevant limit are subject to individual pre-approval by the audit committee. On a quarterly basis the audit committee receives a report detailing all pre-approved services and amounts paid to the auditors for such pre-approved services.

5 Amounts written off fixed assets

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Debt securities	43	42	84
Equity shares	9	2	3
	52	44	87

6 (Loss) profit before tax on sale of businesses

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Profit on sale of businesses in Argentina (tax: £6 million)	6	
Loss on sale of businesses in Colombia (after charging £3 million of goodwill previously written off to reserves) (tax: nil)	(20)	()
Loss on sale of businesses in Panama, Guatemala and Honduras (tax: £1 million)	(1)	()
Loss on sale of French fund management and private banking businesses (tax: nil)		(15)
Loss on sale of Brazilian businesses (after charging £161 million of goodwill previously written off to reserves) (tax: nil)		(41)
Profit on sale of New Zealand operations (after charging £20 million of goodwill previously written off to reserves) (tax: nil)		921
	(15)	() 865

During 2004 the Group completed the sale, announced on 19 July 2004 and completed on 19 November 2004, of the branch of Lloyds TSB Bank plc in Argentina; the sale, announced on 19 July 2004 and completed on 30 November 2004, of the Group's principal businesses in Colombia comprising its interests in Lloyds TSB Bank S.A. and in Lloyds TSB Bank S.A. and certain offshore assets; and the sales, announced on 1 December 2003, of substantially all of the businesses of Lloyds TSB Bank plc in Panama, Guatemala and Honduras which were completed on 30 April 2004, 4 June 2004 and 10 June 2004.

During 2003 the Group completed the sales of its French fund management and private banking businesses and subsidiaries Lloyds Bank SA, Chaillot Assurances SA and Capucines Investissements SA; its Brazilian subsidiaries Lloyds TSB S.A. and Losango Promotora de Vendas Ltda, together with substantially all of the business of the Bank of Lloyds TSB Bank plc and certain offshore Brazilian assets; and its subsidiary, NBNZ Holdings Limited, together with the Group's New Zealand banking and insurance businesses.

The trading results of the businesses sold in 2004 were not material to the Group. Discontinued operations in 2004 comprise the businesses in New Zealand, Brazil and France.

7 Analysis of comparative profit and loss account for the year ended 31 D

The analysis of the profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2002 between continuing and discontinued operations is set out below. Discontinued operations comprise the operations in France, New Zealand and Brazil sold in 2002.

	Continuing Operations 2002 £m	Discontinued Operations 2002 £m	Total 2002 £m
Interest receivable:			
Interest receivable and similar income arising from debt securities	523	44	567
Other interest receivable and similar income	8,285	1,697	9,982
Interest payable	4,125	1,253	5,378
Net interest income	4,683	488	5,171
Other finance income	165		165
Other income:			
Fees and commissions receivable	2,942	111	3,053
Fees and commissions payable	(614)	(31)	(645)
Dealing profits (before expenses)	164	24	188
Income from long-term assurance business	(305)	11	(294)
General insurance premium income	486		486
Other operating income	759	4	763
	3,432	119	3,551
Total income	8,280	607	8,887
Operating expenses:			
Administrative expenses	3,973	239	4,212
Depreciation and amortisation	663	38	701
Total operating expenses	4,636	277	4,913
Trading surplus	3,644	330	3,974
General insurance claims	229		229
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts:			
Specific	914	51	965
General	64		64
	978	51	1,029
Amounts written off fixed asset investments	87		87
Operating profit	2,350	279	2,629
Share of results of joint ventures	(11)		(11)
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	2,339	279	2,618

8 Profit on ordinary activities

	2004 £m	2003 £m
Profit on ordinary activities before tax is stated after taking account of:		
Income from:		
Aggregate amounts receivable, including capital repayments, in respect of assets leased to customers and banks under:		
Finance leases and hire purchase contracts	3,742	3,495
Operating leases	422	446

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Profits less losses on disposal of investment securities	126	47
<i>Charges:</i>		
Rental of premises	212	220
Hire of equipment	17	18
Interest on subordinated liabilities (loan capital)	601	622

9 Tax on profit on ordinary activities**a Analysis of charge**

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
UK corporation tax:		
Current tax on profits for the year	841	1,079
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(38)	(72)
	803	1,007
Double taxation relief	(58)	(223)
	745	784
Foreign tax:		
Current tax on profits for the year	119	144
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(5)	(15)
	114	129
Current tax charge	859	913
Deferred tax	146	119
Associated undertakings and joint ventures	(1)	(7)
	1,004	1,025

The charge for tax on the profit for the year is based on a UK corporation tax rate of 30 per cent (2003: 30 per cent)

In addition to the tax charge in the profit and loss account detailed above, £71 million (2003: £2 million; 2002: £1 million) of deferred tax has been credited to the statement of total recognised gains and losses in respect of actuarial losses on post-retirement benefit schemes.

b Factors affecting the tax charge

A reconciliation of the charge that would result from applying the standard UK corporation tax rate to profit before tax to the current tax charge and total tax charge for the year is as follows:

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	3,493	4,348
Tax charge thereon at UK corporation tax rate of 30%	1,048	1,304
Factors affecting charge:		
Goodwill amortisation	9	9
Overseas tax rate differences	(14)	(9)
Specifically allowable, unallowable and non-taxable items	(5)	(10)
Net tax effect of disposals	(12)	(276)
Tax deductible coupons on non-equity minority interests	(12)	(12)
Payments to employee trust		
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(86)	(105)
Other timing differences	(60)	(14)
Life companies rate differences	(16)	16
Other items	7	10

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Current tax charge	859	913
Deferred tax:		
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	86	105
Other timing differences	60	14
Associated undertakings and joint ventures	(1)	(7)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	1,004	1,025
Effective rate	28.7%	23.6%

9 Tax on profit on ordinary activities**c Factors that may affect the future tax charge**

The current tax charge includes a charge of £199 million (2003: charge of £157 million; 2002: credit of £44 million) in respect of a notional tax on the shareholder's interest in the movement in value of the long-term assurance business (note 40). This charge derives from the use of a combination of tax rates it can give rise to a higher or lower charge compared to an effective rate.

Future transfers from Scottish Widows plc's long-term business fund to its shareholder's fund will be subject to a tax charge. Under FRS 19, no provision is required to be made since the timing of such transfers is under Scottish Widows plc's control. The potential deferred tax liability (undiscounted) not recognised on the balance sheet is approximately £1,914 million (2003: £1,311 million).

10 Ordinary dividends

	2004	2003	2002	2004	2003	2002
	pence per	pence per	pence per	£m	£m	£m
	share	share	share			
Interim: paid	10.7	10.7	10.7	599	597	597
Final: proposed	23.5	23.5	23.5	1,315	1,314	1,311
	34.2	34.2	34.2	1,914	1,911	1,908

No dividends were paid in 2004 on the £100 of 6 per cent non-cumulative redeemable preference shares issued in 2002 (note 40). Dividends are being accrued at the rate of 6 per cent per annum and the first payment was made in 2004.

11 Earnings per share

	2004	2003
Profit attributable to shareholders	£ 2,421m	£ 3,254m
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year	5,590m	5,581m
Dilutive effect of options outstanding	35m	18m
Diluted weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year	5,625m	5,599m
Earnings per share	43.3p	58.3p
Diluted earnings per share	43.0p	58.1p

No adjustment was made to profit attributable to shareholders in calculating diluted earnings per share.

The weighted average number of shares for the year has been calculated after deducting 6 million (2003: 8 million; 2002: 5 million) shares representing the Group's holdings of own shares (note 43).

12 Treasury bills and other eligible bills

	2004 Balance sheet £m	2004 Valuation £m	2003 Balance sheet £m
Investment securities:			
Treasury bills and similar securities	75	77	308
Other eligible bills	13	13	222
	88	90	530
Other securities:			
Treasury bills and similar securities	4	4	9
	92	94	539
Geographical analysis by issuer:			
United Kingdom			336
Latin America	18		70
Other	74		133
	92		539
Included above:			
Unamortised discounts net of premiums on investment securities			2
		Cost £m	Premiums and discount £m
Movements in investment securities:			
At 1 January 2004		528	2
Exchange and other adjustments		(3)	
Additions		430	
Bills sold or matured		(830)	(5)
Adjustments on disposal of businesses		(37)	
Amortisation of premiums and discounts			3
At 31 December 2004		88	

Investment securities are those intended for use on a continuing basis in the activities of the Group and not for disposal.

It is expected that tax of £1 million would be payable (2003: £2 million recoverable) if the investment securities were sold in their year.

The difference between the cost of other securities and market value, where the market value is higher than cost, is disclosed as its determination is not practicable.

13 Loans and advances to banks

	2004 £m
Lending to banks	2,483
Deposits placed with banks	21,083
Total loans and advances to banks	23,566
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	(1)
	23,565
Repayable on demand	2,477

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Other loans and advances by residual maturity repayable:	
3 months or less	16,763
1 year or less but over 3 months	2,243
5 years or less but over 1 year	1,422
Over 5 years	661
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	(1)
	23,565

14 Loans and advances to customers

	2004
	£m
Lending to customers	144,708
Hire purchase debtors	4,828
Equipment leased to customers	6,387
Total loans and advances to customers	155,923
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	(1,662)
Interest held in suspense	(21)
	154,240
Loans and advances by residual maturity repayable:	
3 months or less	28,748
1 year or less but over 3 months	9,878
5 years or less but over 1 year	35,301
Over 5 years	81,996
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	(1,662)
Interest held in suspense	(21)
	154,240
Of which repayable on demand or at short notice	15,805
The cost of assets acquired during the year for letting to customers under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	£5,472 million (2003: £5,472 million)

Equipment leased to customers, which is stated after deducting £4,551 million (2003: £4,907 million) of unearned interest receivable and interest payable

	2004
	£m
3 months or less	247
1 year or less but over 3 months	282
5 years or less but over 1 year	1,516
Over 5 years	4,342
	6,387

15 Provisions for bad and doubtful debts and non-perfo

	2004	2004	2003	2003	2002
	Specific	General	Specific	General	Specific
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
At 1 January	1,313	382	1,334	433	1,099
Exchange and other adjustments	(11)		(1)		(55)
Adjustments on acquisitions and disposals	(21)	(12)	(49)	(5)	
Transfer from general to specific provisions	3	(3)	50	(50)	
Advances written off	(1,028)		(1,145)		(878)
Recoveries of advances written off in previous years	174		178		203
Charge (release) to profit and loss account:					
New and additional provisions	1,571	12	1,552	9	1,544
Releases and recoveries	(618)	(99)	(606)	(5)	(579)
	953	(87)	946	4	965
At 31 December	1,383	280	1,313	382	1,334
		1,663		1,695	1,760
In respect of:					
Loans and advances to banks		1		18	1
Loans and advances to customers		1,662		1,677	1,760
		1,663		1,695	1,760
			2004		2004
			£m		£m
Non-performing lending comprises:					
Accruing loans on which interest is being placed in suspense			567		633
Loans accounted for on a non-accrual basis			673		585
			1,240		1,218
Provisions			(914)		(910)
Interest held in suspense			(21)		(28)
			305		274

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Loans and advances to customers		
<i>Domestic</i>		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,076	2,025
Manufacturing	3,292	3,211
Construction	1,877	1,497
Transport, distribution and hotels	6,753	4,741
Property companies	5,775	4,577
Financial, business and other services	12,103	9,652
Personal:		
Mortgages	80,065	70,750
Other	22,833	20,139
Lease financing	6,387	6,470
Hire purchase	4,828	4,701
Other	5,321	3,351
Total domestic	151,310	131,114
<i>International</i>		
Latin America	125	557
USA	2,385	2,681
Europe	1,587	1,981
Rest of the world	516	623
Total international	4,613	5,842
	155,923	136,956
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts*	(1,662)	(1,677)
Interest held in suspense*	(21)	(28)
	154,240	135,251

* Figures exclude provisions and interest held in suspense relating to loans and advances to banks.

The classification of lending as domestic or international is based on the location of the office recording the transaction. For certain lending of the international business book

	2004 Balance sheet £m	2004 Valuation £m	2003 Balance sheet £m	2002 Balance sheet £m
Investment securities				
Government securities	2,211	2,213	1,895	1,895
Bank and building society certificates of deposit	1,901	1,902	2,515	2,515
Corporate debt securities	2,581	2,587	1,895	1,895
Mortgage backed securities	2,774	2,781	2,211	2,211
Other asset backed securities	3,761	3,756	3,942	3,942
Other debt securities	1,140	1,141	1,283	1,283
	14,368	14,380	13,741	13,741
Other securities				
Government securities	4,524	4,524	7,253	7,253
Other public sector securities	51	51	106	106
Corporate debt securities	5,733	5,733	6,785	6,785
Mortgage backed securities	504	504	664	664
Other asset backed securities	14	14	120	120
	25,194	25,206	28,669	28,669
Due within 1 year	4,090		5,045	5,045
Due 1 year and over	21,104		23,624	23,624
	25,194		28,669	28,669
Geographical analysis by issuer				
United Kingdom	5,048		5,232	5,232
Other European	11,825		15,949	15,949
North America and Caribbean	5,080		5,130	5,130
Latin America	76		98	98
Asia Pacific	2,763		1,994	1,994
Other	402		266	266
	25,194		28,669	28,669
Unamortised discounts net of premiums on investment securities	56		341	341
Investment securities				
Listed	8,925	8,931	8,162	8,162
Unlisted	5,443	5,449	5,579	5,579
	14,368	14,380	13,741	13,741
Other securities				
Listed	10,378	10,378	14,374	14,374
Unlisted	448	448	554	554
	10,826	10,826	14,928	14,928

	Cost £m	Premiums and discounts £m	Provisions £m	Total £m
Movements in investment securities:				
At 1 January 2004	13,731	109	99	13,741
Exchange and other adjustments	(484)		(2)	(482)
Additions	9,637			9,637
Transfers from other securities	281			281
Securities sold or matured	(8,787)	(2)	(25)	(8,764)
Adjustments on disposal of businesses	(23)		(7)	(16)
Charge for the year			43	(43)
Amortisation of premiums and discounts		14		14
At 31 December 2004	14,355	121	108	14,368

Investment securities are those intended for use on a continuing basis in the activities of the Group and not for disposal. It is expected that tax of £4 million (2003: £3 million) would be payable if the investment securities were sold at market value.

The difference between the cost of other securities and market value, where the market value is higher than cost, is disclosed as its determination is not practicable.

	2004 Balance sheet £m	2004 Valuation £m	2003 Balance sheet £m	2003 Valuation £m
Investment securities				
Listed	5	7	5	5
Unlisted	34	56	30	126
	39	63	35	131
Other securities				
Listed	176	176	423	423
	215	239	458	554
		Cost £m	Provisions £m	Total £m
Movements in investment securities:				
At 1 January 2004		41	6	35
Exchange and other adjustments		(1)	(1)	
Additions		21		21
Disposals		(12)	(5)	(7)
Adjustments on disposal of businesses		(1)		(1)
Charge for the year			9	(9)
At 31 December 2004		48	9	39

Investment securities are those intended for use on a continuing basis in the activities of the Group and not for de
If the investment securities were sold at their year end valuation no tax is expected to be payable as any such
exempt or covered by available

The difference between the cost of other securities and market value, where the market value is higher than
disclosed as its determination is

19 Assets transferred under sale and repurchase

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Assets subject to sale and repurchase agreements:		
Treasury bills and other eligible bills	117	136
Debt securities	10,454	4,503
	10,571	4,639

These investments have been sold to third parties but the Group is committed to reacquire them at a future predetermined price. At 31 December 2004 the Group held £12,783 million (2003: £2,643 million) of securities under reverse repurchase agreements. The above disclosure includes assets held through these agreements and resold as collateral for the Group's

20 Interests in

	£m
At 1 January 2004	54
Share of losses	(1)
At 31 December 2004	53

The Group's largest investments are in two

	Group interest	Nature
iPSL	19.5% of issued ordinary share capital	Cheque
GF Two Limited (formerly Goldfish Holdings Limited)	25.0% of issued ordinary share capital	No long

In the year ended 31 December 2004 £16 million (2003: £25 million; 2002: £31 million) of fees payable to iPSL included in the Group's administrative expenses and £3 million (2003: £3 million; 2002: £6 million) of charges to GF Two Limited included in the Group's income. The Group has also prepaid £17 million (2003: £13 million) of fees in respect of iPSL. This amount is included in prepayments and

GF One Limited (formerly Goldfish Bank Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of GF Two Limited) has lent £44 million (2003: £44 million) to the Group and this amount is included in customer accounts. Interest payable to GF One Limited of £1 million (2003: £1 million) has been charged to the Group's profit and loss account and capitalised.

In the year ended 31 December 2003 £7 million (2002: £25 million) of interest receivable from GF One Limited (2002: £12 million) of charges to GF One Limited in respect of administrative costs were included in the Group's

Included in the gross assets disclosed on the balance sheet is an investment of £3 million (2003: £3 million)

21 Interests in group

The principal group undertakings, all of which have prepared accounts to 31 December and whose results are consolidated accounts of Lloyds TSB

	Country of registration/ incorporation	Percentage of equity share capital and voting rights held	Nature of business
Lloyds TSB Bank plc	England	100%	Banking and financial services
Cheltenham & Gloucester plc	England	100%	Mortgage lending and retail investment
Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance Limited	England	100%	Credit factoring
Lloyds TSB Leasing Limited	England	100%	Financial leasing
Lloyds TSB Private Banking Limited	England	100%	Private banking
The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation PLC	England	100%	Long-term agricultural finance
Lloyds TSB Offshore Limited	Jersey	100%	Banking and financial services
Lloyds TSB Scotland plc	Scotland	100%	Banking and financial services
Lloyds TSB General Insurance Limited	England	100%	General insurance
Scottish Widows Investment Partnership Group Limited	England	100%	Investment management
Abbey Life Assurance Company Limited	England	100%	Life assurance
Lloyds TSB Insurance Services Limited	England	100%	Insurance broking
Lloyds TSB Asset Finance Division Limited	England	100%	Consumer credit, leasing and retail finance
Black Horse Limited	England	100%	Consumer credit, leasing and retail finance
Scottish Widows plc	Scotland	100%	Life assurance
Scottish Widows Annuities Limited	Scotland	100%	Life assurance

The country of registration/incorporation is also the principal area of operation for each of the above group undertakings.

Lloyds TSB Bank plc operates principally in the UK but also through branches in Belgium, Dubai, Ecuador, Hong Kong, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Monaco, Netherlands, Paraguay, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Uruguay, and the USA, and representative offices in other countries.

The Group has interests in a number of entities which, although they do not meet the legal definition of a subsidiary, the benefits that are in substance no different from those that would arise if those entities were subsidiaries. As a consequence, these entities are consolidated in the same way as if they were subsidiaries.

The primary financial statements of these entities can be summarised as follows:

	Equipment leasing vehicles			Structured finance vehicles	
	2004	2003	2002	2004	2003
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Profit and loss account					
Interest receivable				132	82
Interest payable	(74)	(59)	(55)	(83)	(52)
Other operating income	116	93	80	(8)	(2)
Total income	42	34	25	41	28
Operating expenses	(57)	(36)	(24)		
(Loss) profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(15)	(2)	1	41	28
Tax on (loss) profit on ordinary activities	5	6	5	(5)	(2)
(Loss) profit on ordinary activities after taxation	(10)	4	6	36	26
Dividends paid				(24)	–
(Loss) profit for the year	(10)	4	6	12	26
Balance sheet					
Assets:					
Loans and advances to customers				410	345
Debt securities				3,770	3,718
Tangible fixed assets	1,742	1,408			
Other assets and prepayments	49	23		36	34
Total assets	1,791	1,431		4,216	4,097
Liabilities:					
Deposits by banks	1,527	1,309			672
Debt securities in issue				3,272	3,123
Other liabilities and accruals	260	108		31	18
Shareholders' funds	4	14		913	284
Total liabilities	1,791	1,431		4,216	4,097
Cash flow statement					
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	388	132	422	52	1,173
					23 Intangibles
	Cost	Amortisation	Net book		
	£m	£m	value		
	£m	£m	£m		
Goodwill					
At 1 January 2004	2,626	113		2,513	
Acquisition adjustment	(34)			(34)	

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Adjustments on disposal of businesses	(14)	(4)	(10)
Charge for the year		44	(44)
At 31 December 2004	2,578	153	2,425

24 Tangible fixed assets

	Premises £m	Equipment £m
Cost:		
At 1 January 2004	1,192	2,186
Exchange and other adjustments		(1)
Adjustments on disposal of businesses	(10)	(13)
Additions	73	262
Disposals	(18)	(109)
At 31 December 2004	1,237	2,325
Depreciation:		
At 1 January 2004	416	1,296
Exchange and other adjustments		(1)
Adjustments on disposal of businesses	(4)	(8)
Charge for the year (£589 million in total; 2003: £646 million; 2002: £642 million)	66	257
Disposals	(5)	(81)
At 31 December 2004	473	1,463
Balance sheet amount at 31 December 2004	764	862
		4,181
Balance sheet amount at 31 December 2003	776	890
		3,918

	2004 £m	2003 £m
Balance sheet amount of premises comprises:		
Freeholds	349	369
Leaseholds 50 years and over unexpired	140	133
Leaseholds less than 50 years unexpired	275	274
	764	776
Land and buildings occupied for own activities	695	705

The Group's residual value exposure in respect of operating lease assets, all of which are expected to be disposed of within the lease terms, is as follows:

	2004 £m	2003 £m
Residual value expected to be recovered in:		
1 year or less	378	181
2 years or less but over 1 year	128	330
5 years or less but over 2 years	647	505
Over 5 years	588	445
Total exposure	1,741	1,461

25 Lease

At 31 December 2004, the Group was committed to various non-cancellable operating leases, which require a rental payment

	Premises £m
Payable within one year	208
1 to 2 years	201
2 to 3 years	196
3 to 4 years	191
4 to 5 years	185
Over 5 years	342
	1,323

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating lease ag

	2004 Premises £m	2004 Equipment £m	2003 Premises £m	2003 Equipment £m
Leases on which the commitment is due to expire in:				
1 year or less	6		7	
5 years or less but over 1 year	26		29	
Over 5 years	176		190	
	208		226	
				Obligations under finan

	2004 Premises £m	2004 Equipment £m	2003 Premises £m	2003 Equipment £m
Amounts payable in:				
1 year or less	1	1		
5 years or less but over 1 year	3	1		
	4	2		

26 Capital

Capital expenditure contracted but not provided for at 31 December 2004 amounted to £150 million (2003: £77 million). £146 million (2003: £71 million) relates to assets to be leased to customers under op

	2004 £m
Balances arising from derivatives used for trading purposes (note 47a)	2,015
Balances arising from derivatives used for hedging purposes	254

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Settlement balances	40
Other assets	911
	3,220

28 Prepayments and a

	2004
	£m
Interest receivable	1,075
Deferred expenditure incurred under cash gift and discount mortgage schemes	78
Other debtors and prepayments	1,420
	2,573

29 Long-term assurance

a Analysis of embedded value

	2004 £m
The embedded value included in the consolidated balance sheet comprises:	
Net tangible assets of life companies including surplus	3,842
Value of other shareholder's interests in the long-term assurance business	2,939
	6,781

	2004 £m	2003 £m
Movements in the embedded value balance:		
At 1 January	6,481	6,213
Exchange and other adjustments	(16)	12
Profit after tax	516	296
Adjustments on disposal of businesses		(38)
Dividends	(200)	(2)
At 31 December	6,781	6,481

b Analysis of income from long-term assurance

Income from long-term assurance business included in the profit and loss account can be divided into those items which are directly attributable to the operating profit of the business and other items. Included within operating profit are the following items:

New business contribution. This represents the value recognised at the end of the year from new business written during the year, after taking into account the cost of establishing technical provisions and reserves, less the costs of acquiring new business, including commissions paid to independent financial advisers and other direct costs.

Contribution from existing business. This comprises the following items:

- The expected return arising from the unwinding of the discount applied to the expected cash flows at the beginning of the year;
- Experience variances caused by the differences between the actual experience during the year and the expected experience;
- The effects of changes in assumptions, other than economic assumptions, and other items; and
- Customer remediation provisions (see c).

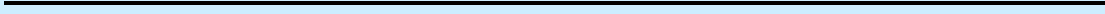
Development costs. This represents the costs associated with new product development and implementation of the new product.

Investment earnings. This represents the expected investment return on both the net tangible assets and the shareholder's interest in the long-term business account, based upon the economic assumptions made at the beginning of the year.

Operating profit is adjusted by the following items to arrive at income from long-term assurance business:

Investment variance: this represents (a) the difference between the actual investment return in the year on investment in shareholder funds and the expected return based upon the economic assumptions made at the beginning of the year; (b) the effect of these fluctuations on the value of in-force business; and (c) other effects of changes in extraneous economic assumptions beyond the control of the business.

Changes in economic assumptions: this represents the effect of changes in the economic assumptions made at the beginning of the year.



29 Long-term assurance business (continued)	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Income from long-term assurance business:			
New business contribution	225	150	136
Existing business:			
Expected return	289	264	312
Experience variances	(41)	(16)	(1)
Assumption changes and other items	(39)	(75)	78
Customer remediation provisions (see c)	(12)	(100)	(205)
	197	73	184
Development costs	(11)	(13)	
Investment earnings	167	153	214
Operating profit	578	363	534
Investment variance	139	112	(883)
Changes in economic assumptions (see e)	(2)	(22)	55
Income from long-term assurance business before tax	715	453	(294)
Attributed tax	(199)	(157)	44
Income from long-term assurance business after tax	516	296	(250)

This analysis details the components of embedded value income for 2004 and the comparative periods. These are comparable in all respects to the analysis of life and pensions profitability given on page 30, in the operating review, since that analysis includes certain items which are accounted for outside of the embedded value. In addition, comparatives in the operating and financial review have been restated to reflect the impact of the introduction of the management of the Group's distribution channels.

c Customer remediation

Redress to past purchasers of personal pension products

Following an industry wide investigation in the 1990s it was concluded that a large number of customers who purchased personal pension products had been poorly advised by insurance companies and intermediaries; an action plan was implemented requiring the UK pensions industry to review all cases of possible mis-selling and, where appropriate, pay compensation. As the review of pension cases in the Group has progressed, provisions have been established for the estimated cost of

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Movements in the provision over the last three years:			
At 1 January	25	37	203
Accrual of interest on the provision		2	17
Charge for the year		44	40
Compensation paid	(12)	(58)	(223)
At 31 December	13	25	37

The review is now nearing completion and management do not expect any further material changes in the

Mortgage endowments and other savings

During 2002, a review was carried out in conjunction with the FSA into sales of mortgage endowment and other savings products made by the Abbey Life sales force between 1988 and its disposal by Lloyds TSB Group in February 2002. As a result of this review, the Group is required to pay compensation to customers in those cases where sales practices have been deficient. A provision has been established to meet the cost of the payments to those customers; a provision is held against the estimated cost of redress payments to customers in respect of products sold by the Abbey Life sales force to 1988. During 2004 management has reviewed the adequacy of the provisions held in the light of experience and current market conditions and an additional charge of £12 million (2003: £56 million; 2002: £165 million) has been made.

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Movements in the provision over the last three years:			
At 1 January	149	165	
Accrual of interest on the provision	3	5	
Charge for the year	12	56	165
Compensation paid	(140)	(77)	
At 31 December	24	149	165

Details of the provisions held in respect of the estimated cost of making redress payments to customers in respect of mortgage endowment sales by the Group's banking operations are set out in the table above.

d With-profits options and guarantees

In common with other organisations in the life assurance industry, prior to its demutualisation Scottish Widows had policies which contained potentially valuable options and guarantees, including guaranteed annuity option policies. Under the terms of the transfer of the Scottish Widows business, a separate memorandum account was created within the With-Profits Fund, the Additional Account which is available, inter alia, to meet any additional costs of providing guaranteed annuity option policies; the Additional Account had a value at 31 December 2004 of £1.4 billion (2003: £1.4 billion). To the extent that the Additional Account is insufficient to provide these benefits any shortfall would be met by Lloyds TSB Group.

Since demutualisation in 2000, Scottish Widows continued to write policies containing similar features, although the number of such products written has since reduced and is now not significant. The Additional Account is not available to meet the cost of providing the benefits on these policies.

The eventual cost of providing benefits on the policies written both pre and post demutualisation is dependent on a number of variables, including:

- future interest rate and equity market trends;
- demographic factors, such as future persistency and mortality; and
- the proportion of policyholders who seek to exercise their options.

The ultimate cost, and any impact upon Lloyds TSB Group, will not be known for many years. However, Scottish Widows has developed, and will continue to develop, an actuarial model to assist in the management of the With-Profits Fund in order to meet regulatory requirements. The model allows management to estimate the effects of different economic scenarios on the financial position of the fund and consider the implications of different management actions. Output from this model indicates that the possible cost of providing benefits on policies containing features such as options and guarantees varies significantly depending on the economic scenario encountered, could result in Lloyds TSB Group incurring a liability of up to £1.4 billion. In the information available at present, having considered the range of possible outcomes, and after making allowance for the effects of proposed future management actions, Lloyds TSB Group currently considers that no provision is necessary. However, this position is subject to ongoing development and the position will be kept under review.

In accordance with the Association of British Insurers' detailed guidance for the preparation of figures using the embedded value method of accounting, the Group has reviewed the economic assumptions used in the embedded value calculations.

requires that the assumptions should be reviewed at each

The principal economic assumptions have been revised at 31 December 2

	2004	2003
	<i>%</i>	<i>%</i>
Risk-adjusted discount rate (net of tax)	7.40	7.60
Return on equities (gross of tax)	7.17	7.45
Return on fixed interest securities (gross of tax)	4.57	4.85
Expenses inflation	3.76	3.80

The revised assumptions have resulted in a net charge to the profit and loss account

Other assumptions used to derive the embedded value

Assumed rates of mortality and morbidity are taken from published tables adjusted for demographic differences. Assumptions in respect of lapse rates take into account both the effects of recent actual experience and future expectations of the companies concerned.

Current tax legislation and rates have been assumed to continue unaltered, except where future changes have been announced. The UK corporation tax rate used for grossing up was 30 per cent (2003: 30 per cent). The normal investment earnings have been grossed up at a composite longer term tax rate of 18 per cent (2003: 17 per cent). The value of the in-force business does not allow for future premiums under recurring single premium business non-contractual increments, which are included in new business when the premium is received. Department of Security rebates have been treated as recurring single premiums.

Future bonus rates on with-profits business are set at levels which would fully utilise the assets supporting the with-profits business. The proportion of profits derived from with-profits business allocated to the shareholder has been assumed to continue at the current rate of one-ninth of the cost of the eligible bonus, in accordance with the terms of the transfer of the Scottish Widows business.

The table below shows the effect on both the embedded value at 31 December 2004 and the new business contribution for the year then ended of theoretical changes in the main economic

	Embedded value £m	New business contribution £m
As published	6,781	225
Effect of a 1% increase in the discount rate	(189)	(26)
Effect of a 1% reduction in the discount rate	213	30
Effect of a 1% reduction in the return on equities	(84)	(12)

The long-term assurance assets attributable to policyholders

	2004 £m	2003 £m
Investments	56,960	52,082
Premises and equipment	35	40
Other assets	1,741	1,680
Net tangible assets of life companies including surplus	58,736	53,802
	(3,842)	(3,602)
	54,894	50,200
Investments shown above comprise:		
Fixed interest securities	15,985	15,947
Stocks, shares and unit trusts	31,896	27,590
Investment properties	3,150	3,540
Other properties	120	121
Mortgages and loans	76	65
Deposits	5,733	4,819
	56,960	52,082
The liabilities to policyholders comprise:		
Technical provisions:		
Long-term business provision (net of reinsurance)	23,705	23,730

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Claims outstanding (net of reinsurance)	246	238
Technical provisions for linked liabilities	28,256	25,023
Fund for future appropriations	1,379	346
Other liabilities	1,308	863
	54,894	50,200

For the purposes of consolidating the long-term assurance policyholder assets and liabilities into the Group, a deduction has been made of £130 million (2003: £122 million) for own shares held within the wi

29 Long-term assurance business

h Disclosures on a modified statutory

The individual statutory accounts of the Group's life assurance subsidiaries are prepared under the modified statutory basis, in the same way as the statutory accounts of listed insurance groups in the UK. The principal difference between the modified statutory solvency basis and the embedded value basis used for the preparation of the Group's accounts prepared under the modified statutory solvency basis do not reflect the value of in-

Under the modified statutory solvency basis, the results of the Group's long-term life and pensions businesses

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Premiums	5,575	5,139	
Investment income	1,981	2,073	
Unrealised gains on investments	2,815	4,833	
Other income		6	
	10,371	12,051	
Claims	(5,222)	(4,433)	
Change in technical provisions	(3,208)	(4,540)	
Expenses	(535)	(689)	
Realised gains (losses) on investments	244	(1,679)	
Unrealised losses on investments		(22)	
Other charges		(4)	
Tax attributable to long-term business	(110)	(41)	
Transfer to the fund for future appropriations	(1,084)	(414)	
Balance on the technical account – long-term business	456	229	
Tax attributable to balance on the technical account – long-term business	155	112	
Income in shareholder fund	55	34	
Expenses in shareholder fund			
Profit (loss) on ordinary activities before tax	666	375	
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(170)	(125)	
Profit (loss) on ordinary activities after tax	496	250	
Dividends proposed	(200)		
Profit (loss) for the financial year	296	250	
Income from long-term assurance business after tax reconciles to the profit (loss) calculated on a modified statutory basis			
	2004	2003	
	£m	£m	
Income from long-term assurance business attributable to the shareholder after tax	516	296	
Increase in value-in-force taken to profit	(60)	(2)	
	456	294	
Other differences:			
Movement in deferred acquisition costs	89	66	
Tax adjustment	7	(60)	
Other	(56)	(50)	
Profit (loss) on ordinary activities after tax on a modified statutory solvency basis	496	250	

29 Long-term assurance business

A summarised balance sheet on a modified statutory solvency basis

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Assets		
Investments	29,069	27,468
Assets held to cover linked liabilities	28,256	25,023
Other assets	1,992	2,018
Total assets	59,317	54,509
Liabilities		
Shareholder's funds	4,581	4,234
Fund for future appropriations	1,379	346
Long-term business provision	23,705	23,730
Technical provision for linked liabilities	28,256	25,023
Other creditors	1,396	1,176
Total liabilities	59,317	54,509

Net of reinsurers' share of

The value of long-term business attributable to the shareholder on an embedded value basis reconciles to the net long-term business attributable to the shareholder on a modified statutory solvency basis of the Group's life and pensions subsidiaries calculated on a modified statutory solvency basis.

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Long-term assurance business attributable to the shareholder – embedded value basis	6,781	6,481
Value of in-force business	(2,939)	(2,879)
	3,842	3,602
Other differences:		
Deferred acquisition costs	585	496
Tax adjustment	152	145
Other adjustments	2	(9)
Net tangible assets of life operations on a modified statutory solvency basis	4,581	4,234

30 Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Assets		
Denominated in sterling	171,704	153,775
Denominated in other currencies	53,375	48,159
	225,079	201,934
Liabilities		
Denominated in sterling	171,587	153,769
Denominated in other currencies	53,492	48,165
	225,079	201,934

Assets and liabilities exclude long-term assurance assets attributable to policyholders and liabilities to policyholders

31 Dep

	2004
	£m
Repayable on demand	5,183
Other deposits by banks with agreed maturity dates or periods of notice by residual maturity repayable:	
3 months or less	31,833
1 year or less but over 3 months	2,500
5 years or less but over 1 year	21
Over 5 years	201
	39,738

The breakdown of deposits by banks between the domestic and international offices of the Group is

	2004
	£m
Domestic:	
Non-interest bearing	180
Interest bearing	33,029
	33,209
International:	
Non-interest bearing	32
Interest bearing	6,497
	6,529
	39,738

32 Cust

	2004
	£m
Repayable on demand	93,846
Other customer accounts with agreed maturity dates or periods of notice by residual maturity repayable:	
3 months or less	18,938
1 year or less but over 3 months	2,442
5 years or less but over 1 year	5,632
Over 5 years	1,204
	122,062

The breakdown of customer accounts between the domestic and international offices of the Group is

	2004
	£m
Domestic:	
Non-interest bearing	3,529
Interest bearing	115,699
	119,228
International:	
Non-interest bearing	296
Interest bearing	2,538
	2,834
	122,062

33 Debt securities in issue

	2004
	£m
Bonds and medium-term notes by residual maturity repayable:	
1 year or less	167
2 years or less but over 1 year	144
5 years or less but over 2 years	1,053
Over 5 years	3,999
	5,363
Other debt securities by residual maturity repayable:	
3 months or less	18,489
1 year or less but over 3 months	2,941
5 years or less but over 1 year	424
Over 5 years	
	21,854
	27,217

Debt securities in issue include certificates of deposit of £15,226 million (2003: £16,415 million) and commercial bills of £6,473 million (2003: £3,625 million). An amount of £5,097 million (2003: £5,184 million) relating to debt securities under the Group's Euro Medium Term Note programme is included

34 Other liabilities

	2004
	£m
Balances arising from derivatives used for trading purposes (note 47a)	3,135
Balances arising from derivatives used for hedging purposes	667
Current tax	399
Dividends	1,315
Settlement balances	38
Other liabilities	1,065
	6,619

35 Accruals and de

	2004
	£m
Interest payable	1,581
Other creditors and accruals	2,285
	3,866

	2004
	£m
Short-term timing differences	(196)
Accelerated depreciation allowances	1,669
	1,473
	£m
At 1 January 2004	1,376
Exchange and other adjustments	(26)
Adjustments on disposal of assets	(23)
Charge for the year	146
At 31 December 2004	1,473

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of the retained earnings of overseas subsidiaries and associates only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, dividends have been accrued as receivable or a binding agreement to distribute past earnings in respect of those entities has been entered into. Deferred tax balances have not been

The deferred tax balance at 31 December 2004 does not include any amounts in respect of the Group's post-1997 tax liability which is shown on the balance sheet after deduction of a deferred tax asset of £956 million (2003: £1,000 million).

37 Other provisions for liabilities and charges

	Customer remediation provisions £m	Insurance provisions £m	Vacant leasehold property and other £m	Total £m
At 1 January 2004	97	219	86	402
Exchange and other adjustments		(6)		(6)
Adjustments on disposal of businesses			(1)	(1)
Provisions applied	(105)	(203)	(13)	(321)
Charge for the year	100	224	19	343
At 31 December 2004	92	234	91	417

Customer remediation

The Group establishes provisions for the estimated cost of making redress payments to customers in respect of past sales where the original sales processes are found to have been deficient. During 2004 management have again reviewed the provisions held having regard to current complaint volumes and the level of payments being made and an additional charge of £100 million (2003: £200 million) has been made.

At 31 December 2004 the provisions held mainly related to past sales of mortgage endowment policies. Mortgage policies were sold to customers through the branch network of Lloyds TSB Bank, Lloyds TSB Scotland and Cheltenham & Gloucester and underwritten by life assurance companies within the Group and also by third parties. The principal assumptions made in the calculation of the provision relate to the number of cases that are likely to require redress and the average cost per case. The ultimate cost and timing of the payments remains highly uncertain and will be influenced by factors beyond the control of management, such as regulatory actions, media interest and the performance of the financial markets. However, it is expected that the majority of the expenditure will be incurred over the next five years.

Insurance

The Group's general insurance subsidiary maintains provisions for outstanding claims which represent the estimated cost of settling all claims arising from events which have occurred up to the balance sheet date and these include provisions for claims notified but not settled and for claims incurred but not yet reported. In addition, in line with the requirements of the Insurance Companies (Reserves) Act 1995, a claims equalisation provision is maintained in relation to property claims. The majority of provisions in respect of claims will be settled in the following year, although new provisions will be made in respect of claims arising from that year. The level of the claims equalisation provision will be adjusted annually to take account of the guidelines contained in the legislation, and such provisions will be held for as long as the Group continues to incur the relevant types of general insurance claims.

The Group also carries provisions in respect of its obligations relating to UIC Insurance Company Limited (UIC), which is owned by the Group. The Group has indemnified a third party against losses in the event that UIC does not honour its obligations under a re-insurance contract, which is subject to asbestosis and pollution claims in the US. The ultimate exposure of the Group in respect of the insurance business of UIC is uncertain. Accordingly, the provision has been based upon an actuarial estimate of prospective claims, taking account of re-insurance arrangements protecting UIC and UIC's available assets. Given the nature of many of the claims to which UIC is exposed, it is expected to be many years before the Group's ultimate exposure is fully assessed.

Vacant leasehold property provisions are made by reference to a prudent estimate of expected sub-let income and of disposing of the Group's interest in the lease, taking into account conditions in the property market. These provisions are reassessed on an annual basis and will run off during the remaining life of the leases concerned; the run off period averages 5 years. Where a property is disposed of earlier than anticipated, any remaining balance in the provision is charged to the property.

38 Subordinated liabilities

	Notes	2004 £m	
Undated loan capital		5,852	5
Dated loan capital		4,400	4
Total subordinated liabilities		10,252	1
Undated loan capital*			
Primary Capital Undated Floating Rate Notes:	a		
Series 1 (US\$750 million)		389	4
Series 2 (US\$500 million)		259	2
Series 3 (US\$600 million)		311	3
113/4% Perpetual Subordinated Bonds		100	1
6.625% Perpetual Capital Securities (750 million)	b	526	5
6.90% Perpetual Capital Securities callable 2007 (US\$1,000 million)	c	512	5
55/8% Undated Subordinated Step-up Notes callable 2009 (1,250 million)	f	877	8
Undated Step-up Floating Rate Notes callable 2009 (150 million)	a	105	1
65/8% Undated Subordinated Step-up Notes callable 2010	e	407	4
6.35% Step-up Perpetual Capital Securities callable 2013 (500 million)	d, f	350	3
5.57% Undated Subordinated Step-up Coupon Notes callable 2015 (¥20,000 million)	g	101	1
5.125% Undated Subordinated Step-up Notes callable 2016		497	4
61/2% Undated Subordinated Step-up Notes callable 2019	e	267	2
8% Undated Subordinated Step-up Notes callable 2023	e	199	1
61/2% Undated Subordinated Step-up Notes callable 2029	e	455	4
6% Undated Subordinated Step-up Guaranteed Bonds callable 2032	e	497	4
		5,852	5
Dated loan capital			
Subordinated Floating Rate Notes 2004			5
73/8% Subordinated Bonds 2004			4
Subordinated Floating Rate Notes 2004			1
81/2% Subordinated Bonds 2006		250	2
73/4% Subordinated Bonds 2007		299	2
51/4% Subordinated Notes 2008 (DM 750 million)		270	2
105/8% Guaranteed Subordinated Loan Stock 2008		100	1
91/2% Subordinated Bonds 2009		100	1
Subordinated Step-up Floating Rate Notes 2009 callable 2004 (US\$500 million)			2
61/4% Subordinated Notes 2010 (400 million)		281	2
Subordinated Floating Rate Notes 2010 (US\$400 million)	a	207	2
12% Guaranteed Subordinated Bonds 2011		100	1
91/8% Subordinated Bonds 2011		149	1
43/4% Subordinated Notes 2011 (850 million)		582	5

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57/8% Subordinated Guaranteed Bonds 2014 (750 million)		462	4
57/8% Subordinated Notes 2014		148	1
67/8% Subordinated Notes 2015		345	3
Subordinated Step-up Floating Rate Notes 2016 callable 2011 (500 million)	a, h	353	
Subordinated Floating Rate Notes 2020 (100 million)	a	70	7
95/8% Subordinated Bonds 2023		338	3
5.75% Subordinated Step up Notes 2025 callable 2020	h	346	
		4,400	4

38 Subordinated liabilities

These liabilities will, in the event of the winding-up of the issuer, be subordinated to the claims of depositors and creditors.

- * In certain circumstances, these notes and bonds would acquire the characteristics of preference share capital. Any repayments of undated loan capital would require the prior consent of the Financial Services Authority.
- a) These notes bear interest at rates fixed periodically in advance based on London Interbank rates.
- b) In certain circumstances the interest payments on these securities can be deferred although in this case neither Bank plc nor Lloyds TSB Group plc can declare or pay a dividend until any deferred payments have been made of a winding up of Lloyds TSB Bank plc, these securities will acquire the characteristics of preference shares. They can be redeemed at par at the option of Lloyds TSB Bank plc on or after 25 October 2006.
- c) In certain circumstances the interest payments on these securities can be deferred although in this case neither Bank plc nor Lloyds TSB Group plc can declare or pay a dividend until payments are resumed. Any deferred payments can be made good on redemption of the securities. In the event of a winding up of Lloyds TSB Bank plc, these securities will acquire the characteristics of preference shares. The securities can be redeemed at par at the option of Lloyds TSB Bank plc on or after 22 November 2007.
- d) In certain circumstances the interest payments on these securities can be deferred although in this case neither Bank plc nor Lloyds TSB Group plc can declare or pay a dividend until any deferred payments have been made of a winding up of Lloyds TSB Bank plc, these securities will acquire the characteristics of preference shares. They can be redeemed at par at the option of Lloyds TSB Bank plc on or after 25 February 2013.
- e) At the callable date the coupon on these Notes will be reset by reference to the applicable five year benchmark rate.
- f) In the event that these Notes are not redeemed at the callable date, the coupon will be reset to a floating rate.
- g) In the event that these Notes are not redeemed at the callable date, the coupon will be reset to a fixed margin over the applicable five year Yen swap rate.
- h) Issued during 2004 primarily to finance the general business of the Group.

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Dated subordinated liabilities are repayable as follows:		
1 year or less		505
2 years or less but over 1 year	250	
5 years or less but over 2 years	769	917
Over 5 years	3,381	3,000
	4,400	4,422

39 Non-equity minority interests

Non-equity minority interests

	2004
	£m
Euro Step-up Non-Voting Non-Cumulative Preferred Securities callable 2012 (430 million)*	302
Sterling Step-up Non-Voting Non-Cumulative Preferred Securities callable 2015**	248
Capital instruments	550
European Financial Institution Investments Partnership	
LM ABS Investment Partnership	
	550

* These securities constitute limited partnership interests in Lloyds TSB Capital 1 L.P., a Jersey limited partnership in which Lloyds TSB Capital 1 (General Partner) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, is the general partner. Non-cumulative income distributions accrue at a rate of 7.375 per cent per annum up to 7 February 2012; thereafter they will accrue at a rate of 233 basis points above EURIBOR, to be paid annually.

** These securities constitute limited partnership interests in Lloyds TSB Capital 2 L.P., a Jersey limited partnership in which Lloyds TSB Capital 2 (General Partner) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, is the general partner. Non-cumulative income distributions accrue at a rate of 7.834 per cent per annum up to 7 February 2015; thereafter they will accrue at a rate of 350 basis points above a rate based on the 5 year London Interbank Offered Rate.

specified UK government stock.

Both of the above issues were made under the limited subordinated guarantee of Lloyds TSB Bank plc. In certain circumstances securities will be mandatorily exchanged for preference shares in Lloyds TSB Group plc. Lloyds TSB Group plc has entered into an agreement whereby dividends may only be paid on its ordinary shares if sufficient distributable profits are available for distributions during the year on these pre

39 Non-equity minority interest

These securities constituted interests in European Financial Institution Investments Partnership, an English law general partnership in which the principal partner is Langbourn Holdings Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group. During 2004 the partnership was dissolved and the capital returned to the partners.

These securities constituted interests in LM ABS Investment Partnership, an English law general partnership in which the principal partner was Lime Street (Funding) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group. During 2004 the partnership was dissolved and the capital returned to the partners.

40 Called-up share capital

	2004	2003	2002
Authorised:			
Sterling	£m	£m	£m
6,911 million Ordinary shares of 25p each	1,728	1,728	1,728
79 million Limited voting ordinary shares of 25p each	20	20	20
175 million Preference shares of 25p each	44	44	44
	1,792	1,792	1,792
US dollars	US\$m	US\$m	US\$m
160 million Preference shares of US25 cents each	40	40	40
Euro	m	m	m
160 million Preference shares of 25 cents each	40	40	40
Japanese yen	¥m	¥m	¥m
50 million Preference shares of ¥25 each	1,250	1,250	1,250
	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Issued and fully paid:			
Ordinary shares of 25p each			
At 1 January	1,398	1,396	1,396
Issued to the QUEST (note 43) (2004: nil; 2003: 6 million shares; 2002: 18 million shares)		1	5
Issued under employee share schemes (2004: 3 million shares; 2003: 5 million shares; 2002: 1 million shares)	1	1	
At 31 December	1,399	1,398	1,396
Limited voting ordinary shares of 25p each			
At 1 January and 31 December	20	20	20
	1,419	1,418	1,396

In addition, during the year the directors approved the allotment at par of 400 6 per cent non-cumulative redeemable preference shares of 25p each. The shares, which are redeemable at the option of the Company at any time, carry the rights of a non-cumulative preferential dividend at a rate of 6 per cent per annum; no dividend shall be payable in the event that the directors determine that prudent capital ratios would not be maintained if the dividend were paid. Upon winding up the shares rank equally with any other preference shares issued by the Company.

	2004	2003	2002
Number of shares in issue:			
Ordinary shares of 25p each	5,596,397,111	5,593,737,422	5,588,111,111
Limited voting ordinary shares of 25p each	78,947,368	78,947,368	78,947,368
6% Non-Cumulative Redeemable Preference shares of 25p each	400		

The limited voting ordinary shares are held by the Lloyds TSB Foundations. These shares carry no rights to dividend but rank pari passu with the ordinary shares in respect of other distributions and in the event of winding up. These shares carry the right to vote at general meetings other than on resolutions concerning acquisitions or disposals of such importance that they require shareholder consent, or for the winding up of the Company, or for a variation in the class rights of the shares.

Lloyds TSB Group plc has entered into deeds of covenant with the Lloyds TSB Foundations, under the terms of which the Company makes annual donations to the foundations equal, in total, to 1 per cent of the Group's pre-tax profit.

adjustments) averaged over three years. The deeds of covenant can be cancelled by the Company at ni

40 Called-up share capital (continued)

At 31 December 2004, options to acquire 162 million Lloyds TSB Group ordinary shares of 25p each were outstanding under executive share option schemes, the share retention plan and the staff sharesave share option schemes exercised. These include the option, described on page 89, to acquire 216,763 shares under the share retention plan: other options are exercisable at prices ranging from 243p to 250p.

41 Reserves

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Share premium account:			
At 1 January	1,136	1,093	953
Premium arising on issue of shares	9	43	13
At 31 December	1,145	1,136	1,066
Merger reserve:			
At 1 January and 31 December	343	343	343
Profit and loss account:			
At 1 January	6,727	5,091	7,000
Exchange and other adjustments	(11)	118	(3)
Actuarial losses recognised in post-retirement benefit schemes (note 45)	(166)	(4)	(2)
Movements in relation to own shares (note 43)	10	(2)	(7)
Goodwill written back on sale of businesses	3	181	1
Profit (loss) for the year	507	1,343	(1)
At 31 December	7,070	6,727	5,998

The profit and loss account reserves at 31 December 2004 include approximately £1 billion (2003: £1 billion; 2002: £1 billion) not presently available for distribution representing the Group's share of the value of long-term assurance business retained within the surplus retained within the long-term assurance funds. The profit and loss account reserves at 31 December 2004 include a deficit of £2,231 million relating to the Group's post-retirement defined benefit schemes (2003: £2,077 million) and after deducting £31 million (2003: £39 million; 2002: £43 million) in respect of other provisions.

The cumulative amount of premiums on acquisitions written off against reserves during previous years was £2,087 million (2003: £2,090 million; 2002: £2,271 million) of which £1,682 million (2003: £1,662 million; 2002: £1,823 million) was within the long-term assurance funds.

The accumulated foreign exchange adjustment at 31 December 2004 reduced reserves by £155 million (2003: £155 million; 2002: £155 million).

42 Shareholders' funds

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Equity	9,977	9,624	7,943
Non-equity	9,977	9,624	7,943

Non-equity shareholders' funds comprise 400 non-cumulative redeemable preference shares of 25p each with a nominal value of £100 million (2003: £100 million; 2002: £100 million).

43 Own shares

The amounts deducted from profit and loss account reserves in respect of own shares, which are held at cost, are as follows:

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Own shares held in relation to employee shares schemes*	14	22	26
Lloyds TSB Group interest in shares held by the long-term assurance funds	17	17	17
Own shares	31	39	43

* Lloyds TSB Group plc sponsors the Lloyds TSB Group Employee Share Ownership Trust, a discretionary trust for the benefit of employees and former employees of Lloyds TSB Group. The Company has lent £20.6 million to the trustees, to enable them to purchase Lloyds TSB Group plc ordinary shares, which are used to satisfy options granted by the Company or to meet commitments arising under other employee share schemes. Under the terms of the trust, the trustees hold the shares but a nominal dividend on the shares they hold. At 31 December 2004, 1.5 million shares were held by the trustees with a cost of £11.5 million (2003: 1.6 million shares with a cost of £12.6 million; 2002: 2 million shares with a cost of £13.5 million).

Lloyds TSB Group has also established the Lloyds TSB Qualifying Employee Share Ownership Trust (the "QUEST") for the purpose of providing shares on the exercise of options under certain of the Group's Save As You Earn (SAYE) schemes. During 2004 Lloyds TSB Group plc made no contributions to the QUEST (2003: nil; 2002: £66 million). Employees did not subscribe for any shares in the Company in 2004 (2003: 6 million shares for a consideration of £26 million; 2002: 18 million shares for a consideration of £136 million). At 31 December 2004, 1,364 shares were held by the trustees with a cost of £0.2 million (2003: 0.2 million shares with a cost of £0.7 million; 2002: 1.7 million shares with a cost of £13 million). Under the terms of the QUEST's trust deed, the trustees have waived all but a nominal dividend on the shares held.

The Lloyds TSB Group Shareplan (the "Shareplan") has been established for the purpose of providing an enhanced share ownership package for employees. The shares are used to provide shares awarded to employees for no consideration, as a bonus in lieu of salaries by reference to the profits of Lloyds TSB Group, together with partnership shares which are acquired by employees through monthly contributions; and matching shares, which are additional shares awarded for no consideration to employees in lieu of partnership shares. At 31 December 2004, 0.5 million shares (2003: 2.2 million shares) were held but not allocated to employees by the Shareplan trustees with a cost to the Group of £2.3 million (2003: £9.2 million). The trustees have waived all but a nominal dividend on the shares held.

In addition, a further 0.2 million ordinary shares were held by Lloyds TSB Group Holdings (Jersey) Limited at 31 December 2004 (2003: 0.4 million shares; 2002: 0.4 million shares). These shares, on which the dividend entitlement has been waived, were gifted to Lloyds TSB Group some years ago at nil cost and are used to satisfy outstanding options or to meet commitments arising under other employee share schemes.

The long-term assurance funds of Scottish Widows hold 30.5 million shares (2003: 30.5 million shares; 2002: 30.5 million shares) in Lloyds TSB Group plc which were bought prior to the acquisition of Scottish Widows by Lloyds TSB Group. In the structure of these funds, Lloyds TSB Group is effectively exposed to the risks and rewards of ownership of one tenth of these shares; the risks and rewards of ownership of the remaining nine tenths are borne by the policyholders.

Movements in the amount deducted from reserves in respect of own shares have been as follows:

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
At 1 January	39	43	50
Purchases of, and subscriptions for, shares	57	74	18
Use of shares on exercise of employee options and for other employee share plans	(67)	(78)	(11)
Shares forfeited in the year	2	-	-
At 31 December	31	39	43

The credit of £10 million to profit and loss account reserves represents the net reduction in the cost of own shares and an increase in the accrual in respect of the free shares to be awarded in respect of Shareplan of £2 million.

£2 million in 2003 represented the loss on transactions in own shares of £10 million less the net reduction in the cost of own shares of £4 million and an increase in the accrual in respect of the free shares to be awarded in respect of Shareplan of £4 million. The charge of £70 million in 2002 represented the loss on transactions in own shares of £65 million and an increase in the accrual in respect of the free shares to be awarded in respect of Shareplan of £12 million less the net reduction in the cost of own shares of £7 million.

44 Related party transactions

a Transactions, arrangements and agreements involving directors and connected persons

At 31 December 2004, transactions, arrangements and agreements entered into by the Group's banking subsidiaries and connected persons and with off

	2004	2004	2003	2003
	Number of	Total	Number of	Total
	persons	£000	persons	£000
Loans and credit card transactions:				
Directors and connected persons	4	3,217	6	3,199
Officers	22	6,747	30	5,355

During 2003 one officer purchased a car from the Group for a total consideration of £1,000.

b Group

Details of the principal group undertakings are given in note 21. In accordance with FRS 8, transactions or balances with entities that have been eliminated on consolidation are not disclosed.

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Details of the Group's joint ventures are provided in note 20. Information relating to transactions entered into with joint undertakings and the joint ventures and details of outstanding balances at 31 December 2004 are also shown in note 20.

d Long-term assurance

The Group enters into transactions with its long-term assurance businesses, which cannot be eliminated in the consolidated accounts because of the basis of accounting used for the Group's long-term assurance businesses. After taking account of legally enforceable netting agreements, at 31 December 2004 Group entities owed £2,254 million (2003: £1,995 million) to customers. Customers were owed £97 million (2003: £136 million); these amounts are included in customer accounts and loans and advances to customers respectively. Furthermore Scottish Widows plc has provided £50 million (2003: £30 million) of subordinated capital to Scottish Widows Bank plc, which is included in other liabilities. In addition, fees of £201 million (2003: £195 million; 2002: £76 million) were received, and fees of £49 million (2003: £71 million; 2002: £35 million) were paid for distribution, asset management and other services.

Certain administrative properties used by Scottish Widows are owned by the long-term assurance funds. During 2004 Scottish Widows paid rent to the long-term assurance funds amounting to £5 million (2003: £5 million; 2002: £5 million). At 31 December 2004, the long-term assurance funds owned 30.5 million ordinary shares in the Company (2003: 30.5 million).

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Group entities provide a number of banking and other services to the Group's pension funds, which are consolidated in the financial statements. At 31 December 2004, the Group's pension funds had call deposits with Lloyds TSB amounting to £14 million (2003: £14 million).

45 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

The pension costs included in administrative expenses are comprised of the following:

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Defined contribution schemes	32	33	25
Defined benefit schemes	306	320	293
	338	353	318

The majority of the Group's employees are members of the defined benefit sections of Lloyds TSB Group Pension Schemes No. 1 and 2. During the year ended 31 December 2002, the Group made no contributions to either of these schemes. During 2004, no contributions have been made to the Lloyds TSB Group Pension Scheme No. 2. However, with effect from 1 January 2004, the Group recommenced contributions to the Lloyds TSB Group Pension Scheme No. 1 at a rate of 31.7 per cent of pensionable salary; this was increased to 56.5 per cent of pensionable salary with effect from 1 January 2004. Since the sections of these schemes are now closed to new members and the age profile of the active members is increasing, under the projected unit method, the current service cost will increase as the members of the schemes approach retirement.

The latest full valuations of these schemes were carried out as at 30 June 2002; these have been updated to 31 December 2002 by qualified independent actuaries. The last full valuations of other group schemes were carried out on a number of dates between 31 December 2001 and 31 December 2002; these have been updated to 31 December 2004 by qualified independent actuaries or, in the case of the Scheme for the Retirement Benefits Scheme, by a qualified actuary employed by the Group.

45 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

The principal assumptions used in the scheme valuations were:

	31 December 2004	31 December 2003	31 December 2002
	%	%	%
Rate of inflation	2.60	2.50	2.30
Rate of salary increases	4.14	4.04	3.83
Rate of increase for pensions in payment and deferred pensions	2.60	2.50	2.30
Discount rate	5.30	5.40	5.60

In addition, the Group operates a number of schemes which provide post-retirement healthcare benefits to certain retired employees and their dependent relatives. The principal scheme relates to former Lloyds Bank staff and under this scheme the Group has undertaken to meet the cost of post-retirement healthcare for all eligible former employees (and their dependents) who retired prior to 1 January 1996. For retirements subsequent to this date, the Group also met a reducing proportion of the cost until 31 December 2004, since which date the only obligation is in respect of the pre 1 January 1996 retirements.

Included within other finance income is an interest cost of £4 million (2003: £5 million; 2002: £4 million) in respect of the defined benefit post-retirement healthcare scheme.

For the principal post-retirement healthcare scheme, the latest actuarial valuation of the liability was carried out in 2000; this valuation has been updated to 31 December 2004 by qualified independent actuaries. The principal assumptions were as set out above, except that the rate of increase in healthcare premiums has been assumed to be 4.04%.

The assets of the Group's defined benefit schemes and the expected rates of return are summarised below:

	Fair value at 31 December 2004	Expected long-term rate of return at 31 December 2004	Fair value at 31 December 2003	Expected long-term rate of return at 31 December 2003	Fair value at 31 December 2002
	£m	%	£m	%	£m
Market values of scheme assets:					
Equities	8,042	8.2	7,454	8.1	7,175
UK fixed interest gilts	550	4.6	551	4.8	557
UK index linked gilts	561	4.3	545	4.4	
Sterling non-government bonds	941	5.3	1,033	5.4	491
Property	959	6.9	713	7.1	791
Cash	611	3.6	307	3.5	69
Total fair value of scheme assets	11,664		10,603		9,083
					Other finance income
		2004	2003	2002	
		£m	£m	£m	
Expected return on scheme assets		764	696	817	

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Interest cost of scheme liabilities	(725)	(662)	(652)
	39	34	165

The pension and other post-retirement benefit cost in respect of defined benefit schemes

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Current service cost	289	269	244
Past service costs	17	51	49
Defined benefit costs	306	320	293

45 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

The amounts recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Actual return less expected return on scheme assets	369	802	(2,582)
Experience gains and losses arising on scheme liabilities	(114)	94	(240)
Effect of changes in demographic and financial assumptions	(492)	(902)	(477)
Actuarial losses recognised	(237)	(6)	(3,299)
Deferred tax thereon	71	2	968
Amount recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses	(166)	(4)	(2,331)

The experience gains and losses recognised can also be analysed as follows:

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
<i>Actual return less expected return on scheme assets:</i>			
Amount	369	802	(2,582)
Percentage of scheme assets at balance sheet date	3.2%	7.6%	28.4%
<i>Experience gains and losses arising on scheme liabilities:</i>			
Amount	(114)	94	(240)
Percentage of scheme liabilities at balance sheet date	0.8%	0.7%	2.0%
<i>Total amount recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses:</i>			
Amount	(237)	(6)	(3,299)
Percentage of scheme liabilities at balance sheet date	1.6%	0.0%	27.5%

The amounts reported on the Group's balance sheet are compared as follows:

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Market value of assets	11,664	10,603
Present value of scheme liabilities	(14,851)	(13,658)
Deficit in the schemes	(3,187)	(3,055)
Related deferred tax asset	956	916
Net post-retirement benefit liability	(2,231)	(2,139)

The movements in the deficit in the schemes over the last two years have been as follows:

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Deficit at beginning of year	(3,055)	(2,931)
Exchange and other adjustments	(2)	(4)
Other finance income	39	34
Current service costs	(289)	(269)
Contributions	374	138
Past service costs	(17)	(51)
Actuarial loss	(237)	(6)
Adjustments on disposal of businesses	34	34
Deficit at end of year	(3,187)	(3,055)

46 Contingent liabilities and

Acceptances and endorsements arise where the Lloyds TSB Group agrees to guarantee payment on a negotiable instrument drawn up

Guarantees include those given on behalf of a customer to stand behind the current obligations of the customer and those obligations should the customer

Other items serving as direct credit substitutes include standby letters of credit, or other irrevocable obligations and financial guarantees where the Lloyds TSB Group has an irrevocable obligation to pay a third party beneficiary if the customer fails to repay an outstanding commitment; they also include acceptances drawn under letters of credit or similar instruments where the acceptor does not have specific title to an identifiable underlying ship

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Performance bonds and other transaction related contingencies (which include bid or tender bonds, advance payment bonds, VAT Customs & Excise bonds and standby letters of credit relating to a particular contract or non-financial transactions) and other undertakings where the requirement to make payment under the guarantee depends on the outcome of the transaction.

Where guarantees are issued on behalf of customers, Lloyds TSB Group usually holds collateral against the exposure. The right of recourse to the collateral is retained by Lloyds TSB Group.

Lloyds TSB Group's maximum exposure to loss is represented by the contractual nominal amount detailed in the table below. Consideration has not been taken of any possible recoveries from customers for payments made in respect of such exposures under recourse provisions or from collateral held.

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Contingent liabilities		
Acceptances and endorsements	71	2
Guarantees	6,786	6
Other:		
Other items serving as direct credit substitutes	345	1
Performance bonds and other transaction-related contingencies	1,324	1
Other contingent liabilities		
	1,669	2
	8,526	9
Commitments		
Documentary credits and other short-term trade-related transactions	431	3
Forward asset purchases and forward deposits placed	1,654	5
Undrawn formal standby facilities, credit lines and other commitments to lend:		
Less than 1 year maturity	63,196	6
1 year or over maturity	20,009	1
	85,290	7

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Information about the Group's use of financial instruments and management of the associated risks is given on pages 100 to 103.

Derivatives are used to meet the financial needs of customers, as part of the Group's trading activities and to manage the Group's own exposure to fluctuations in interest and exchange rates. The principal derivatives used by the Group are interest rate swaps, forward rate agreements and options; exchange rate contracts; particular attention is paid to the liquidity of the markets and products in which the Group trades to ensure that there are no undue concentrations of activity.

Interest rate related contracts include interest rate swaps, forward rate agreements and options. An interest rate swap is an agreement between two parties to exchange fixed and floating interest payments, based upon interest rates on a notional principal amount, without the exchange of the underlying principal amounts. Forward rate agreements are contracts for the difference between a specified rate of interest and a reference rate, applied to a notional principal amount at a specified future date. An interest rate option gives the buyer, on payment of a premium, the right, but not the obligation, to enter into an interest rate swap or to receive interest on a future loan or deposit, for a specified period and commencing on a specified date.

Exchange rate related contracts include forward foreign exchange contracts, currency swaps and options. A forward foreign exchange contract is an agreement to buy or sell a specified amount of foreign currency on a specified future date at a specified exchange rate. Currency swaps generally involve the exchange of interest payment obligations denominated in different currencies.

exchange of principal can be notional or actual. A currency option gives the buyer, on payment of a premium, the right, but not the obligation, to buy a specified amount of currency at an agreed rate of exchange on or before a specified date. A currency put option gives the buyer, on payment of a premium, the obligation, to sell a specified amount of currency at an agreed rate of exchange on or before a specified date.

Equity derivatives are also used by the Group as part of its equity based retail product activity to eliminate the Group's exposure to fluctuations in various international stock exchange indices. Index-linked equity options are purchased which give the Group the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a specified amount of equities, or basket of equities in the form of a fund, on or before a specified date in various international stock exchange indices on or before a specified date.

Derivative contracts expose the Group to both market risk and credit risk. Only a few highly specialist trading centers are permitted to enter into derivative contracts and the level of exposure to interest rate and exchange rate risk and other market variables is strictly controlled and monitored within a

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Unlike on-balance sheet instruments the principal amount of the contract does not represent the Group's real exposure to the underlying risk which is limited to the current cost of replacing contracts with a positive value to the Group, should the counterparty default.

To reduce credit risk the Group uses a variety of credit enhancement techniques such as netting and collateral. Where collateral security is provided against the Group's obligations, the Group's credit risk is reduced.

The notional principal amounts and fair values (which, after netting, are the carrying values) of trading instruments held with third parties were:

	Notional principal amount £m	Fair value assets £m	Fair value liabilities £m
31 December 2004			
Exchange rate contracts:			
Spot, forwards and futures	113,601	1,995	2,632
Currency swaps	11,386	426	581
Options purchased	2,059	44	
Options written	1,922		41
	128,968	2,465	3,254
Interest rate contracts:			
Interest rate swaps	275,547	3,118	3,631
Forward rate agreements	62,797	28	24
Options purchased	9,679	78	
Options written	7,430		163
Futures	48,278		
	403,731	3,224	3,818
Equity and other contracts	4,239	282	19
Effect of netting		(3,956)	(3,956)
Balances arising from off-balance sheet financial instruments		2,015	3,135
31 December 2003			
Exchange rate contracts:			
Spot, forwards and futures	76,368	1,669	2,127
Currency swaps	10,329	328	511
Options purchased	1,678	55	14
Options written	1,542		39
	89,917	2,052	2,691
Interest rate contracts:			
Interest rate swaps	236,956	3,346	4,006
Forward rate agreements	54,213	29	29
Options purchased	10,475	145	
Options written	5,265		162
Futures	38,626		
	345,535	3,520	4,197

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Equity and other contracts	5,407	693	387
Effect of netting		(3,776)	(3,776)
Balances arising from off-balance sheet financial instruments		2,489	3,499

Through intra company and intra group transactions, Group companies establish non-trading derivatives positions. Group's independent trading operations, which then enter into similar positions with third parties. The notional principal and fair values of non-trading instruments entered into with third parties were:

	Notional principal amount £m	Fair value assets £m	Fair value liabilities £m
31 December 2004			
Exchange rate contracts:			
Spot, forwards and futures	155	3	3
Currency swaps	60	2	
Options purchased	1		
	216	5	3
Interest rate contracts:			
Interest rate swaps	34,196	143	350
Forward rate agreements	2,921	6	
Options written	111		
	37,228	149	350
Effect of netting		(123)	(123)
		31	230

	Notional principal amount £m	Fair value assets £m	Fair value liabilities £m
31 December 2003			
Exchange rate contracts:			
Spot, forwards and futures	171	13	5
Currency swaps	459	28	10
	630	41	15
Interest rate contracts:			
Interest rate swaps	30,816	256	260
Forward rate agreements	7,188	1	1
Options written	40		
	38,044	257	261
Effect of netting		(165)	(165)
		133	111

The aggregate carrying value of non-trading derivatives with a positive fair value was an asset of £96 million (2003: £132 million) and with a negative fair value was a liability of £35 million (2003: a liability of £35 million).

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The maturity of the notional principal amounts and replacement cost of both trading and non-trading instruments entered into with the counterparty is as follows:

	Under 1 year £m	1 to 5 years £m	Over 5 years £m	Total £m
31 December 2004				
Exchange rate contracts				
Notional principal amount	117,027	8,143	4,014	129,184
Replacement cost	2,015	179	276	2,470
Interest rate contracts				
Notional principal amount	224,427	165,274	51,258	440,959
Replacement cost	521	1,426	1,426	3,373
Equity and other contracts				
Notional principal amount	583	3,358	298	4,239
Replacement cost	6	258	18	282
Total				
Notional principal amount	342,037	176,775	55,570	574,382
Replacement cost	2,542	1,863	1,720	6,125
31 December 2003				
Exchange rate contracts				
Notional principal amount	79,677	7,005	3,865	90,547
Replacement cost	1,753	141	199	2,093
Interest rate contracts				
Notional principal amount	175,306	161,584	46,689	383,579
Replacement cost	578	1,660	1,539	3,777
Equity and other contracts				
Notional principal amount	2,886	1,965	556	5,407
Replacement cost	523	115	55	693
Total				
Notional principal amount	257,869	170,554	51,110	479,533
Replacement cost	2,854	1,916	1,793	6,563

The notional principal amount does not represent the Group's real exposure to credit risk, which is limited to the replacement cost of the derivative contracts. The replacement cost of the derivative contracts at current market rates should the counterparty default is as follows:

Net replacement cost represents the total positive fair value of all derivative contracts at the balance sheet date, after the offset of all negative fair values where the Group has a legal right of set-off with the counterparty.

An analysis of the net replacement cost of both trading and non-trading instruments entered into with the counterparty type is set out below; the Group's exposure is further reduced by qualifying collateral held:

	2004 £m	2003 £m
OECD banks	855	1,272
Other	1,191	1,350
Net replacement cost	2,046	2,622
Qualifying collateral held	(592)	(416)
Potential credit risk exposure	1,454	2,206

b Interest rate sensitivity gap analysis for the non-trading

The table below summarises the repricing mismatches of the Group's non-trading assets and liabilities. Items are revalued at the end of each reporting period by reference to the earlier of the next contractual interest rate repricing date and the maturity date. The table does not take into account the effect of interest rate options used by the Group to hedge its exposure; details of options are given in note 12.

	3 months or less	6 months or less but over 3 months	1 year or less but over 6 months	5 years or less but over 1 year	Over 5 years	Non- interest bearing	Trading book
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
31 December 2004							
Assets							
Treasury bills and other eligible bills	43	40		5			4
Loans and advances to banks	19,663	1,351	154	470	82	602	1,243
Loans and advances to customers	99,216	6,443	6,937	36,783	6,203	(1,655)	313
Debt securities and equity shares	8,193	1,009	770	1,976	2,527	(68)	11,002
Other assets	121			5	1	17,375	4,271
Total assets	127,236	8,843	7,861	39,239	8,813	16,254	16,833
Liabilities							
Deposits by banks	36,802	2,009	289	122	81	212	223
Customer accounts	109,563	1,083	823	5,639	538	3,825	591
Debt securities in issue	18,764	1,848	1,171	1,435	3,999		
Other liabilities	292					9,008	5,937
Subordinated liabilities							
loan capital	1,698	458		1,884	6,212		
Minority interests and shareholders' funds						10,550	23
Internal funding of trading business	(6,577)	635	129	(3,330)	(916)		10,059
Total liabilities	160,542	6,033	2,412	5,750	9,914	23,595	16,833
Off-balance sheet items	13,254	(3,902)	(2,424)	(9,468)	2,540		
Interest rate repricing gap	(20,052)	(1,092)	3,025	24,021	1,439	(7,341)	
Cumulative interest rate repricing gap	(20,052)	(21,144)	(18,119)	5,902	7,341		
31 December 2003							
Assets							
Treasury bills and other eligible bills	408	48	65	6	3		9
Loans and advances to banks	10,686	1,311	463	746	86	366	1,889
Loans and advances to customers	88,298	4,680	5,549	30,777	6,171	(1,648)	1,424

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Debt securities and equity shares	8,718	606	279	1,856	2,372	(55)	15,351
Other assets	101		16	8		16,058	5,287
Total assets	108,211	6,645	6,372	33,393	8,632	14,721	23,960
Liabilities							
Deposits by banks	22,254	635	262	286	99	205	214
Customer accounts	104,236	705	876	5,227	1,173	3,686	593
Debt securities in issue	18,375	1,507	1,040	1,210	3,790		
Other liabilities	300					8,108	6,348
Subordinated liabilities loan capital	2,088	1,086		910	6,370		
Minority interests and shareholders funds						10,333	18
Internal funding of trading business	(11,528)	(810)	(412)	(3,217)	(820)		16,787
Total liabilities	135,725	3,123	1,766	4,416	10,612	22,332	23,960
Off-balance sheet items	6,930	(1,365)	(4,049)	(2,596)	1,080		
Interest rate repricing gap	(20,584)	2,157	557	26,381	(900)	(7,611)	
Cumulative interest rate repricing gap	(20,584)	(18,427)	(17,870)	8,511	7,611		

47 Derivatives and other financial instruments**c Fair**

Financial instruments include financial assets, financial liabilities and derivatives. The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a liquidation.

Wherever possible, fair values have been estimated using market prices for instruments held by the Group. Where market prices are not available, fair values have been estimated using quoted values for instruments with characteristics either similar to those of the instruments held by the Group. In certain cases, where no ready markets currently exist, valuation techniques (such as discounted cash flows, or observations of similar recent market transactions) have been developed to estimate the approximate fair value of such instruments might be. These estimation techniques are necessarily subjective and may involve several assumptions.

The fair values presented in the following table are at a specific date and may be significantly different from the amounts that will actually be paid or received on the maturity or settlement of the instrument.

Because a variety of estimation techniques are employed and significant estimates made, comparisons of fair values of financial instruments may not be meaningful. Readers of these accounts are thus advised to use caution when using the fair value information to evaluate the Group's financial position.

Fair value information is not provided for items that do not meet the definitions of a financial instrument. These items include intangible assets, such as the value of the Group's branch network, the long-term relationships with depositors and other financial institutions, premises and equipment and shareholders' equity. These items are material and accordingly the Group's financial position. The fair value information presented does not represent the underlying value of these items.

The valuation technique for each major category of financial instrument is disclosed in the following table.

Treasury bills and other

Fair value is estimated using market prices, where available.

Loans and advances to banks and

The Group provides loans and advances to commercial, corporate and personal customers at both fixed and variable rates. The carrying value of the variable rate loans and those relating to lease financing is assumed to be their fair value. For other lending, several different techniques are used to estimate fair value, as considered appropriate. For commercial loans to customers, fair value is principally estimated by discounting anticipated cash flows (including interest at contract rate) at market rates for similar loans offered by the Group and other financial institutions. The fair value for corporate loans is estimated by discounting anticipated cash flows at a rate which reflects the effects of interest rate changes, adjustments for credit risk. Certain loans secured on residential properties are made at a fixed rate for a limited period, typically 1 to 5 years, after which the loans revert to the relevant variable rate. The fair value of such loans has been estimated by discounting the cash flows at the market rates for similar loans of maturity equal to the remaining fixed interest period.

Debt securities and equity shares held for investment

Listed investment securities are valued at quoted mid-market prices. Unlisted securities and equity shares are valued at their carrying value, discounted cash flows, market prices of similar securities and other appropriate valuation techniques.

Deposits by banks and customer

The fair value of deposits repayable on demand is considered to be equal to their carrying value. The fair value of other deposits and customer accounts was estimated using discounted cash flows applying either market rates, where available, or current rates for deposits of similar remaining terms.

Debt securities in issue and subordinated

The fair value of short-term debt securities in issue is approximately equal to their carrying value. Fair value of securities and for subordinated liabilities is estimated using quoted

Financial commitments and conting

The Group considers that, given the lack of an established market, the diversity of fee structures and the difficulty of determining the value of the instruments from the value of the overall transaction, it is not meaningful to provide an estimate of financial commitments and contingent liabilities. These are therefore excluded from the

The table below shows a comparison by category of book values and fair values of the Group's on-balance sheet

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	Trading book Book value £m	Trading book Fair value £m	Non-trading book Book value £m	Non-trading book Fair value £m
31 December 2004				
Assets				
Treasury bills and other eligible bills	4	4	88	90
Loans and advances to banks and customers	1,556	1,556	176,249	176,711
Debt securities and equity shares	11,002	11,002	14,407	14,443
Liabilities				
Deposits by banks and customers	814	814	160,986	160,991
Debt securities in issue			27,217	26,924
Subordinated liabilities			10,252	11,544
31 December 2003				
Assets				
Treasury bills and other eligible bills	9	9	530	523
Loans and advances to banks and customers	3,313	3,313	147,485	148,871
Debt securities and equity shares	15,351	15,351	13,776	13,885
Liabilities				
Deposits by banks and customers	807	807	139,644	139,691
Debt securities in issue			25,922	26,254
Subordinated liabilities			10,454	11,684

The disclosures in this note cover all on-balance sheet financial instruments; fair values of all derivative instruments are disclosed in the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Fair values are determined by reference to quoted market prices or, where no market price is available, using the present value of expected future cash flows which discount expected future cash flows at prevailing market rates.

Fair values have not been calculated for sundry debtors and creditors in the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

d Currency**Structural currency**

The Group's main overseas operations are in the Americas and Europe. Details of the Group's structural currency exposures are set out in the table below.

	2004	2003
Functional currency of Group operations	£m	£m
Euro	289	287
US dollar	271	255
Swiss franc	58	104
Other non-sterling	202	200
	820	846

Non-structural currency

All foreign exchange exposures in the non-trading book are transferred to the trading area where they are

Information about the management of market risk in the Group's trading activities is given on

e Unrecognised gains and losses on hedging

The Group uses a variety of financial instruments to hedge exposures in its banking book; these hedges are accounted on an accruals basis, in line with the underlying instruments being hedged. Any gains or losses that would occur if the instruments were carried at market value are therefore

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At 31 December 2004, the unrecognised gains on financial instruments used for hedging were £272 million (2003: £272 million) and unrecognised losses were £424 million (2003: £424 million).

The net gains arising in 2003 and earlier years and recognised in 2004 amounted to £3 million. Net losses of £22 million were recognised in 2004 but were not recognised in 2003.

Of the net losses of £152 million at 31 December 2004, £49 million of net losses are expected to be recognised in the year ending 31 December 2005 and £103 million of net losses are expected to be recognised in the year ending 31 December 2006.

f Value at risk in trading activities

Details of value at risk in the Group's global trading activities are given in Note 47.

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During the year ended 31 December 2003, the Group completed the acquisition of the credit card and personal loan business of Goldfish Bank Limited, together with the Goldfish brand and loyalty programme, for a consideration of £1,096 million in cash. The premium arising of £96 million from the effective payment to the majority shareholder was capitalised and is being written off to the profit and loss account over its estimated useful life of 10 years. No significant fair value adjustments were made in respect of the acquisition.

During the year ended 31 December 2002, the Group's asset finance operations completed the acquisitions of Vehicle Holdings and Abbey National Vehicle Finance, both previously wholly owned subsidiaries of Abbey National, operating in the UK contract hire and fleet management market, and the business of the Dutton-Forshaw Group, a number of fair value adjustments were made in respect of these acquisitions. In addition the Group's retail operations completed the acquisition of the business of Accucard, a credit card technology development and marketing company. Premiums on acquisitions of £103 million were capitalised and are being written off to the profit and loss account over their estimated useful lives. Payments totalling £103 million were made in 2002; during 2003 a refund of £5 million was received in respect of the acquisition of Vehicle Holdings and Abbey National Vehicle Finance, following agreement of the completion accounts; and further adjustments of £1 million were made in respect of the Accucard business in each of 2003 and 2004.

49 Consolidated cash flow

The cash flow statement reflects cash flows attributable to the banking, life and general insurance businesses. Cash flows from the long-term assurance business attributable to the shareholder include the surplus emerging from the life and pension business. Income from long-term assurance business reflects the movement in the value of long-term assurance business attributable to the shareholder (see note 29) as adjusted for dividends. Cash flows relating to the long-term assurance business attributable to policyholders are not reflected within the cash flow statement.

a Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Operating profit	3,508	3,505	2,629
(Increase) decrease in prepayments and accrued income	(721)	147	(21)
Increase (decrease) in accruals and deferred income	732	(226)	113
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	866	950	1,029
Net advances written off	(854)	(967)	(675)
Insurance claims	224	236	233
Insurance claims paid	(203)	(231)	(210)
Customer remediation provision	100	200	
Customer remediation paid	(105)	(119)	
Amounts written off fixed asset investments	52	44	87
Income from long-term assurance business	(715)	(453)	294
Net charge in respect of defined benefit schemes	267	286	128
Contributions to defined benefit schemes	(374)	(138)	(37)
Interest on subordinated liabilities (loan capital)	601	622	537
Profit on disposal of investment securities	(126)	(47)	(160)
Depreciation and amortisation	633	697	701
Other non-cash movements	(3)	(131)	(120)
Net cash inflow from trading activities	3,882	4,375	4,528
Net increase in loans and advances	(28,921)	(11,710)	(11,970)
Net decrease (increase) in investments other than investment securities	3,981	248	(2,494)
Net decrease (increase) in other assets	956	816	(685)
Net increase (decrease) in deposits by banks	15,864	(1,000)	1,018
Net increase in customer accounts	6,121	7,658	6,900
Net increase in debt securities in issue	1,859	685	5,904
Net (decrease) increase in other liabilities	(115)	(645)	1,511
Net (increase) decrease in items in course of collection/transmission	(13)	169	147
Other non-cash movements	(145)	176	535
Net cash inflow from operating activities	3,469	772	5,394

b Analysis of cash as shown in the cash flow statement

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Cash and balances with central banks	1,078	1,195	1,140
Loans and advances to banks repayable on demand	2,477	3,768	4,313
	3,555	4,963	5,453

The Group is required to maintain balances with the Bank of England which, at 31 December 2004, amounted to £1,078 million; (2003: £177 million; 2002: £1,140 million).

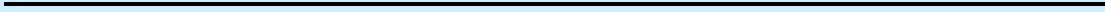
c Analysis of changes in cash and cash equivalents

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
At 1 January	4,963	5,453
Net cash (outflow) inflow before adjustments for the effect of foreign exchange movements	(1,403)	(487)
Effect of foreign exchange movements	(5)	(3)
At 31 December	3,555	4,963

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
d Analysis of changes in financing during the year			
Share capital (including premium and merger reserve):			
At 1 January	2,897	2,852	2,713
Issue of share capital	10	45	139
At 31 December	2,907	2,897	2,852
The amounts shown as cash inflows from financing include proceeds in respect of the above issues of share capital and a net cash inflow of £1 million (2003: outflow of £13 million; 2002: outflow of £62 million) relating to transactions in respect of shares held in respect of employee			

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Equity minority interests:			
At 1 January	44	37	37
Exchange and other adjustments		(1)	(1)
Minority share of profit after tax	26	22	19
Dividends paid to minority shareholders	(24)	(14)	(18)
At 31 December	46	44	37
	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Non-equity minority interests:			
At 1 January	683	694	509
Exchange and other adjustments	1	23	18
Capital invested by minority shareholders			167
Repayment of capital to minority shareholders	(132)		
Minority share of profit after tax	42	47	43
Payments to minority shareholders	(44)	(81)	(43)
At 31 December	550	683	694
	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Subordinated liabilities and finance leases:			
At 1 January	10,454	10,169	8,111
Exchange and other adjustments	(137)	34	(5)
Issue of subordinated liabilities	699	533	2,120
Repayments of subordinated liabilities	(764)	(75)	(55)
Lease financing	7		
Finance lease capital repayments	(1)	(1)	(4)
Adjustments on acquisition			2
Adjustments on disposal		(206)	
At 31 December	10,258	10,454	10,169

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
e Acquisition of group undertakings and businesses		
Cash consideration paid (see f)		1,096
Payments to former members of Scottish Widows Fund and Life Assurance Society acquired during 2000	15	14
Cash consideration refunded in respect of acquisition in 2002		(5)
Deferred consideration in respect of acquisition in 2002	1	1
Net cash outflow	16	1,106



	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
f Acquisition of group undertakings			
Net assets acquired:			
Loans and advances		993	66
Other assets		18	137
Tangible fixed assets		2	384
Deposits by banks, customer accounts and other liabilities		(13)	(590)
		1,000	(3)
Goodwill arising on consolidation		96	103
		1,096	100

The consideration of £1,096 million for the 2003 acquisitions was settled in cash in 2003; £103 million was paid in respect of the 2002 acquisitions, a refund of £5 million was received in 2003 and deferred payments of £1 million were made in each of 2003 and 2004.

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
g Disposal of group undertakings and businesses			
Cash	46	52	
Loans and advances to banks	132	1,035	
Loans and advances to customers	257	13,770	
Debt securities and treasury bills	59	852	
Intangible assets	10	189	
Deposits by banks	(42)	(519)	
Customer accounts	(327)	(8,372)	
Debt securities in issue	(111)	(5,108)	
Subordinated liabilities		(206)	
Other net assets (liabilities)	9	(305)	
Goodwill written back on sale of businesses	3	181	
	36	1,569	
(Loss) profit on sale	(15)	865	
Cash consideration received	21	2,434	
Cash disposed of	(46)	(52)	
Net cash (outflow) inflow from disposals	(25)	2,382	

50 Differences between UK GAAP and US GAAP

The accounts presented in this report have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United Kingdom (UK GAAP). These differ in significant respects to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (US GAAP). The following is a summary of significant differences applicable to the accounts presented in this report.

UK GAAP**Business combinations**

UK GAAP permits merger accounting for business combinations where all of the following criteria are met: (1) no party is either portrayed as acquirer or acquired; (2) all parties participate in establishing the management structure; (3) one party does not dominate by virtue of its relative size; (4) consideration received by the equity shareholders of each party, in relation to their equity shareholding, comprises primarily equity shares in the combined entity; and (5) no equity shareholder retains any material interest in only part of the combined entity. Business combinations that do not satisfy all these criteria must be accounted for using acquisition accounting.

Goodwill/customer related intangibles

Following the implementation of Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 10 Goodwill and intangible assets in 1998, goodwill arising on acquisitions of or by group and associated undertakings is capitalised and amortised over its estimated life. There is a presumption that the estimated life is limited to 20 years or less, although this may be rebutted and a longer or indefinite useful life considered. The directors consider that it is appropriate to assign an indefinite life to the goodwill which arose on the acquisition of Scottish Widows during 2000 in view of the strength of the Scottish Widows brand, developed through over 185 years of trading, and the position of the business as one of the leading providers of life, pensions, unit trust and fund management products; consequently it is not being amortised, however it is subject to annual impairment testing. For acquisitions prior to 1 January 1998 goodwill was charged directly against reserves as permitted by Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 22. This goodwill was not reinstated following the implementation of FRS 10, but in the event of a subsequent disposal it will be written back and included in the calculation of the profit or loss on disposal.

UK GAAP does not require a value to be placed upon the customer relationships in acquisitions.

US GAAP

Following the implementation of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 141 Business Combinations, which supersedes Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 16 Business Combinations, the purchase method must be used for all business combinations entered into after 30 June 2001. For business combinations entered into on or after 1 July 2001, APB Opinion No. 16 required that a business combination be accounted for as a pooling-of-interests if the previously independent entities combined as a result of the entity issuing common stock in exchange for substantially all of the common stock of the second entity. However, the exchange offer may include provisions to distribute cash for the shares or shares held by dissenting shareholders, and the offer may include a pro-rata distribution of cash or other consideration. In addition, no changes in the equity interests of the second entity's stock may be made prior to the pooling in connection with the transaction and neither may the ratio of the interests of any individual common stockholder to those of other common stockholders in a combining company change as a result of the exchange of stock.

Following the implementation in full of SFAS No. 142 Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets on 1 January 2002, goodwill arising on all acquisitions by group and associated undertakings is capitalised but no longer amortised and is subject to regular review for impairment. Prior to the implementation of SFAS No. 142, the Group accounted for goodwill in accordance with provisions of APB No. 17 Intangible Assets which required that all goodwill be capitalised and amortised over its estimated useful life, which should not exceed 40 years. The Group amortised goodwill over periods of up to 40 years. Goodwill amortised prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 142 is not permitted to be reinstated.

For acquisitions occurring on or after 1 July 2002, SFAS No. 141 requires that, when assessing the value of an acquired entity, certain identifiable intangible assets must be recognised. Such identifiable intangible assets include customer relationships representing the value of customer relationships, which are capitalised separately and amortised through the income statement over the estimated average life of the customer relationships. Prior to 1 July 2001, the Group applied the provisions contained within SFAS No. 72 Accounting for Certain Transactions of Bank and Thrift Institutions when assessing the value of assets of an acquired financial institution.

50 Differences between UK GAAP and US GAAP**UK GAAP****Pension costs**

For defined benefit schemes, pension costs in the profit and loss account reflect the cost of accruing benefits for active employees, benefit improvements and the cost of severances borne by the schemes; the expected return on scheme assets, net of a charge in respect of the unwinding of the discount applied to scheme liabilities, is included in the profit and loss account as other finance income. Actuarial gains and losses, including differences between the expected and actual return on scheme assets, are recognised as they arise, net of deferred tax, in the statement of total recognised gains and losses. Scheme assets are assessed at fair value and scheme liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method and are discounted at the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent currency and term. The overall surplus or deficit is included on the balance sheet, net of the related deferred tax.

Costs in relation to defined contribution schemes are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they fall due.

Leasing

Finance lease income is recognised in proportion to the funds invested in the lease using a method that results in a constant rate of return on the net cash investment, which takes into account tax payments and receipts.

Operating lease assets are depreciated such that rentals less depreciation are recognised at a constant periodic rate of return on the net cash invested in that asset.

Profits or losses arising on sale and leasebacks are taken to profit as they arise.

Property

Depreciation is charged on the cost of freehold and long leasehold properties over their estimated useful economic lives. Following the adoption of FRS 15, the Group reassessed the useful economic lives and residual values of its freehold and long leasehold premises and, with effect from 1 January 2000, the cost of these properties, after deducting the value of the land, is being depreciated over 50 years. Previously it was considered that the residual values were such that depreciation was not significant.

Share compensation schemes

No cost is recognised for the Group's Save-As-You-Earn schemes as these are exempt under UITF17. For other share schemes, the difference between the market price and exercise

US GAAP

SFAS No. 87 Employers Accounting for Pensions uses a similar method but allows that a certain portion of gains and losses be deferred and allocated in equal amounts over the average remaining service lives of the covered employees. In addition, if the fair value of plan assets is below the accumulated benefit obligation (which includes the value of accrued benefits without allowance for expected increases) an additional minimum liability must be recognized. An equal amount should be recognised as an intangible asset up to the amount of any unrecognised prior service cost. An amount not recognised as an intangible asset is recognised in other comprehensive income, net of deferred tax.

US GAAP also requires a transition adjustment for defined pension schemes in place before the introduction of SFAS No. 87. The difference between the funded status of the scheme at the transition total amount of accrued or prepaid pension cost, net of deferred tax, is amortised over the average remaining service lives of employees at that date.

The application of SFAS No. 13 Accounting for Investment in Real Estate requires a rise to a level rate of return on the investment in real estate without taking into account tax payments and receipts. This results in income being recognised in different periods than under UK GAAP.

Operating lease assets are depreciated such that the depreciation charge is at least equal to that which would be recognised on a straight line basis.

Under SFAS No. 28 Accounting for Sales with Leasebacks, profits or losses arising on a sale and leaseback are recognised and amortised. For leasebacks resulting in a financial lease, amounts are amortised in proportion to the amount of the leased asset; for leasebacks resulting in an operating lease, amounts are amortised in proportion to the gross profit over the expense over the lease term.

Freehold and long leasehold properties are included in the balance sheet at historical cost and depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives from the date of acquisition.

The Group accounts for share compensation schemes by measuring their estimated fair values at the date of the grant. This is consistent with SFAS No. 123 Accounting for Stock Based Compensation.

price at the date of grant is charged to the profit and loss account on a systematic basis over the period that the employees are expected to benefit.

Compensation .

UK GAAP**Computer software developed or obtained for internal use**

All computer software costs are expensed as incurred except for operating software and application software relating to separable new systems, which are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. All enhancements are expensed as incurred.

Derivatives

Derivatives used in the Group's trading activities are carried at fair value and all changes in fair value are reported within dealing profits in the profit and loss account. Derivatives used in the Group's non-trading activities are accounted for on an accruals basis, in line with the treatment of the underlying items which they are hedging. A derivative will only be classified as a hedge in circumstances where there was adequate evidence of the intention to hedge at the outset of the transaction and the derivative substantially matches or eliminates the exposure being hedged. Derivatives embedded within financial instruments are not required to be separately analysed.

Foreign currency translation

The assets, liabilities and results of the Group's overseas operations are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date, as permitted under UK GAAP.

Investment securities

Debt securities and equity shares intended for use on a continuing basis by the Group are treated as investment securities and included in the balance sheet at cost as adjusted for the amortisation of any premiums and discounts arising upon acquisition, less provision for any permanent diminution in value.

Dividends payable

Dividends declared after the period end are recorded in the period to which they relate.

Acceptances

Acceptances are not recorded on the balance sheet.

US GAAP

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement of Position 98-1 Accounting for Computer Software requires certain costs incurred from 1 January 1999 of software developed for internal use to be capitalised and subsequently amortised. This includes enhancements to existing systems which add additional functional

SFAS No. 133 Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities requires that all derivatives be carried on-balance sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are not hedges are reported in the profit and loss statement. For derivatives which are hedges, depending on the nature of the hedge, changes in the fair value of the derivative will either be offset against the change in fair value of the hedged assets, liabilities, or firm commitments that affect earnings or recognised in other comprehensive income. The portion of a hedge's change in fair value is immediately recognised in earnings. A derivative will only be classified as a hedge providing an entity meets stringent qualification requirements in respect of documentation and hedge effectiveness.

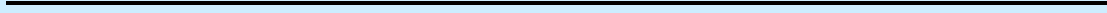
SFAS No. 133 further requires a derivative that is embedded within a financial instrument to be separated from the host contract and fair valued if it is not deemed to be closely related to the host. If the derivative cannot be separated, SFAS No. 133 requires the entire instrument to be fair valued.

Under SFAS No. 52 Foreign Currency Translation, currency assets and liabilities are translated at the current rate; however, results are translated at the average rate for the year.

SFAS No. 115 Accounting for Certain Investments in Equity Securities requires that debt securities classified as available-for-sale (where there is the absence of intent or the ability to hold them to maturity) and equity securities with a readily determinable market value should be carried at fair value with unrealised gains and losses reflected in shareholders' equity. All debt securities held as available-for-sale are subject to assessment for other-than-temporary impairment in accordance with SFAS No. 115 for asset backed securities, in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Issues Task Force (EITF) Abstract No. 99-20 Financial Accounting Standards Board's Interest Income and Impairment on Purchased and Held-to-Maturity Beneficial Interests in Securitised Financial Assets.

Dividends are recorded in the period in which they are declared.

Acceptances and the related customer liabilities are not recorded on the balance sheet.



UK GAAP**Own shares**

Own shares held are deducted from equity. Own shares that are held by the Group's long-term assurance funds are recognised to the extent of the shareholder's interest, which is 10 per cent.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided for all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and their recognition in a tax computation. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted. Deferred tax is provided based on the rates that have been enacted or have been substantially enacted.

Provision for credit losses

A specific provision is made to cover the estimated loss as soon as the recovery of an outstanding loan is considered doubtful. Provisions are calculated as the difference between the carrying value of loans and the expected recoverable amount; no allowance is made for the time value of money. General provisions are raised to cover losses incurred but not yet identified as of the balance sheet date.

Consolidation of special purpose vehicles

Entities that fall within the definition of quasi-subidiaries as set out in FRS5 have been consolidated. A quasi-subidiary is defined as an entity which, although it does not fulfil the definition of a subsidiary, is directly or indirectly controlled by Lloyds TSB Group.

Insurance activities

The shareholder's interest in the long-term assurance fund is valued at the net present value of the profits inherent in such policies.

US GAAP

All own shares held are reclassified as Treasury stock and deducted from shareholders' equity in accordance with AICPA Accounting Research Bulletin (ARB) No. 17, *Consolidated Financial Statements*.

Under SFAS No. 109 *Accounting for Income Taxes*, tax assets and liabilities are recorded for all temporary differences. A valuation allowance is recorded against a deferred tax asset where it is more likely than not that a portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. Deferred tax is provided on enacted tax rates. SFAS No. 109 provides provisions to be raised on the portion of unremitted earnings that are not considered to be permanent in the foreign subsidiary.

SFAS No. 114 *Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan* requires the overall credit risk provision to be based upon the present value of expected future cash flows, discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or, if expedient, on the loan's observable market value less the value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. Smaller balance homogeneous consumer loans that are collectively valued for impairment are outside the scope of SFAS No. 114, as are debt securities and leases. Provisions are made against such loans when losses are incurred but not yet identified as of the balance sheet date.

FIN 46-R requires the consolidation of variable interest entities (VIEs) for which Lloyds TSB Group is deemed to be the primary beneficiary. A more detailed discussion of VIEs can be found on pages F-84 to F-85.

The net present value of the profits inherent in the long-term assurance fund is not recognised. A provision is made for the amortisation of acquisition costs.

Additional information on the differences between UK and US accounting for insurance activities is provided in the Insurance section of this note on pages F-86 to F-87.

Current and future accounting

AICPA Statement of Position (SOP) 03-1 Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Long-Duration Contracts and for Separate Accounts

SOP 03-1 was issued in July 2003 and provides guidance on accounting and reporting by insurance enterprises for certain non-traditional long-duration contracts and for separate accounts. The SOP became effective for Lloyds TSB Group on 1 January 2004 and has been adopted on a prospective basis.

EITF 03-1 The meaning of Other-Than-temporary Impairment and its Application to Certain Investments

The EITF Issue 03-1 (EITF 03-1) provides guidance on recognising other-than-temporary impairments on securities either available-for-sale or held-to-maturity under SFAS 115 and for investments accounted for under the amortised cost method.

In September 2004, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) EITF 03-1-1 which delayed the effective date of EITF 03-1 until the FASB staff addresses additional measurement issues affecting

50 Differences between UK GAAP and US GAAP*AICPA SOP 03-3 Accounting for Certain Loans or Debt Securities Acquired*

SOP 03-3 was issued in December 2003 and provides guidance on the accounting for differences between expected cash flows from a purchaser's initial investment in loans or debt securities acquired in a transfer if those differences are attributable to credit quality. The SOP is effective for loans acquired in fiscal years beginning after 15 December 2003. The adoption of this SOP is not expected to have a material impact on Lloyds TSB Group's US GAAP financial statements.

SAB 105 Application of Accounting Principles to Loan Commitments

In March 2004, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 105 (SAB 105). The SAB addresses the initial recognition and measurement of loan commitments that meet the definition of a derivative. The SAB is effective for all loan commitments entered into, or substantially modified, on or after 1 April 2004. The adoption of SAB 105 did not have a material impact on Lloyds TSB Group's US GAAP financial statements.

SFAS 123 (Revised 2004) Share-Based Compensation

On 16 December 2004, the FASB issued Statement 123(R), effective as of the first interim or annual reporting period beginning after 15 June 2005; this effective date has been amended for SEC registrants to the beginning of the fiscal year beginning after 15 June 2005. Statement 123(R) replaces SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and covers a wide range of share-based compensation arrangements including share options, restricted share plans, performance-based awards, share appreciation rights, and employee share purchase plans. As Lloyds TSB Group has already elected to follow the fair value method encouraged by SFAS 123 in its US GAAP financial statements, adoption of this Statement is not expected to have a material impact on Lloyds TSB Group's US GAAP financial statements.

SFAS 153 Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets, an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29, Accounting for Nonmonetary Exchanges

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 153 which is effective for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in reporting periods beginning after 15 June 2005. This Statement provides for a general exception from fair value measurement for non-monetary exchanges of non-monetary assets that do not have commercial substance. Adoption of this Statement is not expected to have a material impact on Lloyds TSB Group's US GAAP financial statements.

FSP FIN46(R)-5 Implicit Variable Interests under FASB Interpretation No. 46(R) Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities

FSP FIN46(R)-5 was issued in March 2005 and addresses whether a reporting entity has an implicit variable interest in an entity or potential variable interest entity when specific conditions exist. Implicit variable interests are interests in an entity that change with changes in the fair value of the entity's net assets exclusive of variable interests. The Statement is effective for the first reporting period beginning after 3 March 2005. Adoption is not expected to have a material impact on Lloyds TSB Group's US GAAP financial statements.

SFAS 154 Accounting Changes and Error Correction a replacement of APB Opinion No.20 and FASB Statement No. 16

SFAS 154 was issued in May 2005 and is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in reporting periods beginning after 15 December 2005. SFAS 154 provides guidance on the accounting for and reporting of accounting changes (voluntary and those required by the issuance of an accounting pronouncement) and error corrections. APB Opinion No. 20 previously required that most voluntary changes in accounting principle be recognised by including in net income the cumulative effect of the changes, the cumulative effect of changing to the new accounting principle. SFAS 154 establishes, unless otherwise specified, retrospective application of the direct effects of the change as the required method for reporting a change in accounting principle in the absence of explicit transition requirements specific to the newly adopted accounting principle. The correction of errors in previously issued financial statements is not an accounting change although the reporting of an error correction is similar to adjustments to previously issued financial statements similar to those for reporting an accounting change. Adoption of SFAS 154 in Lloyds TSB Group's US GAAP financial statements is not expected to have a material impact on Lloyds TSB Group's US GAAP financial statements.

The following tables summarise the adjustments to net income and shareholders' equity which would arise from the

Reconciliation of net income

	Note	2004 £m	2003 £m	2002 £m
Profit for the year attributable to shareholders under UK GAAP		2,421	3,254	1,811
Insurance activities, excluding tax effects	p	(42)	(160)	(30)
Banking and Group activities:				
Goodwill amortisation	a	44	51	7
Adjustment to result on sale of businesses	b	(5)	(12)	(1)
Amortisation of customer related intangibles	a	(157)	(150)	(1)
Pension costs	c	(137)	143	1
Leasing		(74)	(37)	(1)
Property depreciation		2		4
Share compensation schemes	d	(23)	(113)	(4)
Internal software costs		(4)	(17)	6
Derivatives	f	(60)	172	3
Variable interest entities	l	14		
Foreign currency translation differences		5	(4)	1
Total banking and Group activities, excluding tax effects		(395)	33	1
Taxation:				
Deferred taxation	i	4	21	2
Deferred taxation on GAAP differences	i	74	83	1
Total taxation		78	104	1
Total adjustments before accounting changes		(359)	(23)	(3)
Net income before accounting changes		2,062	3,231	1,811
Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles (net)	p, l	(554)		
Net income under US GAAP		1,508	3,231	1,811

Reconciliation of shareholders' equity

	Note	2004 £m	2003 £m	2002 £m
Shareholders' funds under UK GAAP		9,977	9,624	9,111
Insurance activities, excluding tax effects	p	(456)	(66)	(10)
Banking and Group activities:				
Goodwill	a	1,262	1,218	1,150
Customer related intangibles	a	378	535	300
Pension costs	c	1,003	971	971
Leasing		(494)	(420)	(420)
Property depreciation		(43)	(45)	(45)
Internal software		28	41	41
Derivatives	f	19	76	76
Net unrealised gain on available-for-sale securities	g	36	109	109
Variable interest entities	l	(316)		
Dividend payable		1,315	1,314	1,314
Own shares related items	h	(185)	(195)	(195)
Total banking and Group activities, excluding tax effects		3,003	3,604	3,604
Taxation:				
Deferred taxation	i	(35)	(39)	(39)

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Deferred taxation on GAAP differences	i	(1,031)	(1,231)
Total taxation		(1,066)	(1,270)
Total adjustments, after tax		1,481	2,268
Shareholders' equity under US GAAP		11,458	11,892

Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' equity under

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Net income in period	1,508	3,231	1,753
Dividends	(1,913)	(1,908)	(1,903)
	(405)	1,323	(150)
New share capital subscribed	10	45	139
Movement in own shares	8	(31)	35
Share compensation schemes	35	113	44
Minimum pension liability	(48)	53	(3,272)
Change in the fair value of available-for-sale securities - insurance activities	31	8	15
Change in the fair value of available-for-sale securities - banking activities	(51)	54	(147)
Exchange and other adjustments	(14)	163	
	(434)	1,728	(3,344)
Shareholders' equity at beginning of period	11,892	10,164	13,500
Shareholders' equity at end of period	11,458	11,892	10,160
Accumulated other comprehensive income			
	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Exchange translation differences	(172)	(158)	(321)
Additional minimum pension liability	(3,272)	(3,224)	(3,272)
Available-for-sale securities:			
Net unrealised gains - insurance activities	314	182	245
Related amortisation of deferred acquisition costs	(211)	(125)	(197)
Net unrealised gains - banking activities	36	109	32
Taxation	(42)	(49)	(25)
	97	117	55
Accumulated other comprehensive income under US GAAP	(3,347)	(3,265)	(3,544)

The following table provides a condensed profit and loss account for the Group, incorporating the US GAAP

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Loan interest, including fees	10,380	8,341	7,937
Other interest and dividends	2,453	1,771	2,035
Insurance premiums	1,871	2,042	2,015
Commissions and fees	2,049	2,328	2,171
Realised gains from sales of investments	142	89	163
Foreign exchange trading income	178	193	149
Securities and other trading gains (losses)	2,678	1,021	(2,370)
Other income	2,511	1,755	1,881
Total revenues	22,262	17,540	13,981
Interest expense	5,594	4,106	4,123
Total revenues, net of interest expense	16,668	13,434	9,858
Policyholder benefits and claims expense	4,473	3,036	1,565
Movement in undistributed earnings to policyholders	777	(100)	(1,518)
Provisions for bad and doubtful debts	866	887	978
Amounts written off fixed asset investments	52	44	87
Total benefits, claims and provisions	6,168	3,867	1,112
Non-insurance compensation and benefits	2,547	2,306	2,418
Insurance underwriting, operating and acquisition expenses	583	578	766
Other operating expenses	3,108	2,619	1,828
Depreciation	628	713	749
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets:			
Customer related intangibles	157	150	193
Value of long-term assurance business acquired	243	188	725
	400	338	918
	7,266	6,554	6,679
Income before tax from continuing operations	3,234	3,013	2,067
Provision for income taxes (continuing operations)*	928	832	495
Minority interests, net of income taxes	226	26	62
Discontinued operations:			
Income from discontinued operations		354	311
(Loss) profit on sale of businesses	(20)	853	
Provision for income taxes	2	(89)	(81)
	(18)	1,118	230
Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles (net)	(554)	(42)	13
Net income under US GAAP	1,508	3,231	1,753
Exchange translation and other differences	(14)	163	
Minimum pension liability	(48)	53	(3,277)
Available-for-sale securities:			
Net unrealised gains (losses) – insurance activities	132	(63)	196
Related amortisation of deferred acquisition costs	(86)	72	(174)
Net unrealised (losses) gains – banking activities	(73)	77	(210)
Taxation	7	(24)	56
	(20)	62	(132)
Comprehensive income under US GAAP	1,426	3,509	(1,656)
Earnings per share (pence)	27.0p	57.9p	31.5p
Diluted earnings per share (pence)	26.8p	57.7p	31.3p

* Significant items affecting the Group's effective tax rate under US GAAP include the fact that tax is levied on UK life assurance businesses under specialised rules not based on the profit and loss account. In addition, under US GAAP a tax provision is recognised

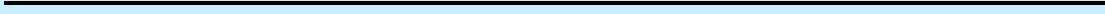
unrealised gains that are attributable to the policyholders. The amount provided will vary depending upon the fluctuations of t
and this movement can result in significant changes in the effective rate of tax.

The following table provides a condensed balance sheet for the Group, incorporating the US GAAP adjustments.

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	10,287	9,364
Deposits at interest with banks	13,410	10,219
Securities purchased under resale agreements	12,780	2,642
Treasury bills and other eligible bills	88	530
Trading and other investments	55,751	36,627
Investment securities	19,944	19,045
Loans, net of provisions	152,428	134,043
Tangible fixed assets	4,306	3,842
Intangible fixed assets:		
Goodwill	3,862	3,731
Customer related intangibles	378	535
Value of long-term assurance business acquired	1,587	2,094
Pension liability related intangible	233	231
Deferred acquisition costs	1,310	1,048
Separate account assets		22,494
Other assets	5,234	4,713
Total assets	281,598	251,158
Liabilities		
Deposits	159,546	140,451
Trading account liabilities	3,135	3,500
Debt securities in issue	28,562	25,922
Policyholder liabilities	51,962	25,080
Undistributed policyholder allocations	1,505	1,772
Commitments and contingencies	211	216
Deferred tax	1,370	1,444
Long-term debt	10,802	11,003
Separate account liabilities		22,494
Other liabilities	10,306	7,330
Minority interests	2,741	54
Total liabilities	270,140	239,266
Shareholders equity:		
Common stock	1,419	1,418
Additional paid-in capital	5,048	5,003
Retained earnings	8,523	8,929
Treasury stock	(185)	(193)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(3,347)	(3,265)
Total shareholders equity	11,458	11,892
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	281,598	251,158

Condensed Consolidated statement of cash flows in accordance with

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income before minority interests and effect of accounting changes	2,287	3,299
Adjustments required to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	400	338
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	628	726
Provision for bad and doubtful debts, net of write-offs	12	(17)
Change in trading and other investments	3,283	4,309
Change in trading account liabilities	(365)	(2,083)
Change in deferred acquisition costs	(290)	(202)
Change in other assets	17	1,760
Change in policyholder liabilities	3,208	1,365
Change in undistributed policyholder allocations	789	(118)
Change in other liabilities	2,830	(2,779)
Net gain on sale of investment securities	(142)	(89)
Loss (profit) on disposal of businesses	20	(853)
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(11)	(43)
Other, net	(10)	884
Total adjustments	10,369	3,198
Net cash provided by operating activities	12,656	6,497
Cash flows from investing activities		
Change in deposits at interest with banks	(1,171)	1,587
Change in securities purchased under resale agreements	(10,138)	(946)
Change in loans and advances to customers	(18,214)	(12,342)
Purchases of investment securities	(12,992)	(40,763)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investment securities	11,791	39,312
Purchases of tangible fixed assets	(1,212)	(799)
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets	243	330
Additions to interests in joint ventures		(12)
Acquisition of subsidiary undertakings and businesses	(16)	(1,106)
Disposal of subsidiary undertakings and businesses	(25)	2,382
Net cash used in investing activities	(31,734)	(12,357)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid equity	(1,913)	(1,908)
Dividends paid to minorities equity	(24)	(14)
Dividends paid to minorities non-equity	(201)	(38)
Cash proceeds from issue of ordinary share capital and transactions in treasury stock	11	32
Issue of long-term debt	699	533
Redemption of long-term debt	(764)	(75)
Minority investment in subsidiaries		
Repayment of third party capital investment	(132)	
Change in deposits	19,731	6,388
Change in short-term borrowings	2,418	1,807
Policyholders deposits	4,202	1,039
Policyholders withdrawals	(4,026)	(1,087)
Net cash provided by financing activities	20,001	6,677
Change in cash and cash equivalents	923	817
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	9,364	8,547
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	10,287	9,364
Cash paid during the year for income taxes	763	784
Cash paid during the year for interest	5,107	5,066



Balance sheet

Certain classification differences exist in financial reporting under UK GAAP and US GAAP. For the Group, such differences primarily arise in the balance sheet and the following comparison lists the line items in which such differences

UK GAAP	US GAAP
Cash and balances at central banks	Cash and due from banks
Items in course of collection from banks	Cash and due from banks
Treasury bills and other eligible bills	Classified as Trading and other investments where appropriate
Loans and advances to banks	Loans to banks due on demand classified as Cash and due from banks
	Reverse repos classified as Securities purchased under resale agreement
Loans and advances to customers	Reverse repos classified as Securities purchased under resale agreement
Debt securities	Classified as Trading and other investments and Investment securities where appropriate
Equity shares	Classified as Trading and other investments and Investment securities where appropriate
Other assets	Classified as Trading and other investments where appropriate
Prepayments and accrued income	Other assets
Items in course of transmission to banks	Cash and due from banks
Debt securities in issue	Classified as Trading account liabilities where appropriate
Other liabilities	Classified as Trading account liabilities where appropriate
Accruals and deferred income	Other liabilities
Other provisions for liabilities and charges	Commitments and contingencies
Subordinated liabilities	Long-term debt
Merger reserve	Classified as Additional paid-in capital
Long-term assurance business	Classifications are discussed on pages F-86 to F-89

Consolidated statement of cash flows

The Group's UK GAAP cash flow statement on page F-7 is prepared under the provisions of FRS 1 (Revised). There are many respects to SFAS No. 95 Statement of Cash Flows, as amended by SFAS No. 104 Statement of Cash Flows and Classification of Cash Receipts and Cash Payments and Classification of Cash Flows from Hedging Transactions in which differences arise between the standards with regard to the definition of cash and the classification of items within the cash flow statement.

FRS 1 (Revised) defines cash as cash in hand and repayable on demand. Under SFAS No. 95, cash and cash equivalents are defined as short-term, highly liquid investments that are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash; and their maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of changes in interest rates.

For the purposes of SFAS No. 95, the Group's cash and cash equivalents of £10,287 million (2003: £9,364 million) comprise items reported under the following UK balance sheet categories: cash and balances at central banks; items in the course of collection from banks; loans and advances to banks repayable on demand and items in the course of collection from banks. Under UK GAAP the results, assets and liabilities of the long-term assurance business are presented on a consolidated basis and accordingly movements in cash flows are aggregated into one line within the reconciliation of operating profit. Under US GAAP, the insurance activities have been disaggregated and accordingly the cash flows have been allocated to separate line items within the cash flow statement. Cash attributable to the long-term assurance business is included within cash and cash equivalents.

Differences between UK and US GAAP with regard to classification of items within the cash flow statement are as follows:

Cash flow	Classification under FRS 1 (Revised)	Classification under SFAS No. 95

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Net change in loans and advances, including lease financing	Operating activities	Investing ac
Net change in deposits and debt securities in issue	Operating activities	Financing activities
Dividends paid to equity and non-equity minority interests	Returns on investments and servicing of finance	Financing activities
Tax paid	Taxation	Operating activities
Capital expenditure and financial investment	Capital expenditure and financial investment	Investing ac
Purchases/proceeds from disposal of subsidiary and associated undertakings	Acquisitions and disposals	Investing ac
Dividends paid equity	Equity dividends paid	Financing activities

Under FRS 1 (Revised), transactions designated as hedges are reported under the same heading as the related asset or liability.
The restrictions in respect of cash and balances at central banks are disclosed

a Goodwill and customer related intangibles

Under UK GAAP on 1 January 1998, the Group adopted FRS 10, Goodwill and Intangible Assets. In respect of goodwill since 1 January 1998, goodwill is included in the consolidated balance sheet under intangible fixed assets and amortised over its estimated useful economic life on a straight-line basis. Prior to 1 January 1998, the Group charged goodwill to reserves. In the case of the acquisition of Scottish Widows in 2000, in view of the strength of the Scottish Widows position of the business as one of the leading providers of life, pensions, unit trust and fund management products, the Group considers it appropriate to assign an indefinite life to the goodwill. This goodwill is not being amortised through the profit and loss account; however it is subjected to annual impairment reviews in accordance with FRS 11 Impairment of Intangible Assets and Goodwill. Should any impairment be identified, it would be charged to the profit and loss account.

Under US GAAP, from 1 January 2002 the Group adopted the remaining provisions of SFAS No. 142 and goodwill arising in respect of acquisitions is capitalised but no longer amortised and is subject to regular review for impairment. In periods prior to 1 January 2002, goodwill arising in respect of acquisitions was amortised over periods of up to 20 years. Goodwill amortised prior to the full adoption of SFAS No. 142 is not permitted to be reversed.

The Group has performed the required impairment tests under UK and US GAAP and no impairments were recognised in respect of goodwill during 2002.

The treatment of the Group's major acquisitions is as follows:

In 1988, Lloyds Bank Plc transferred a minority interest in five businesses to Abbey Life Group plc, a life insurance company, in return for a majority interest in the enlarged Abbey Life Group. Under UK GAAP, this transaction was accounted for as a merger. Under US GAAP, the same transaction would be accounted for as an acquisition. Accordingly the net assets of Abbey Life Group plc (later renamed Lloyds Abbey Life plc) have been fair valued in accordance with US GAAP and a minority interest in Lloyds Abbey Life plc has been recognised. In 1996, Lloyds TSB Group plc acquired a minority interest in Lloyds Abbey Life plc. Under UK and US GAAP the transaction is treated as an acquisition. Certain differences arise under US GAAP regarding the determination of fair value of life insurance companies and an adjustment has been made for the difference.

Cheltenham

Under UK and US GAAP, the purchase of the business of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society by Lloyds TSB Group plc in August 1995 is treated as an acquisition. Certain differences arise under US GAAP regarding the fair value of the net assets acquired. In addition, the net assets acquired include £521 million relating to customer related intangibles, which has been amortised over 20 years.

The business combination of Lloyds Bank Plc and TSB Group plc in December 1995 was accounted for as a merger under UK GAAP at that time, although legally TSB Group plc was deemed to have acquired Lloyds Bank Plc. Under US GAAP, the same transaction would have been accounted for as an acquisition of TSB Group plc by Lloyds Bank Plc. Accordingly, under US GAAP, the net assets of TSB Group plc have been fair valued as at the date of the business combination and a minority interest in TSB Group plc has been recognised. The net assets include £1,596 million relating to customer related intangibles, which is being amortised over 20 years.

In March 2000, the Group acquired the business of Scottish Widows Fund and Life Assurance Society, a life insurance and pensions provider. Under UK and US GAAP, the purchase is treated as an acquisition. However certain differences arise under US GAAP regarding the determination of fair value of the life insurance business, and certain other differences between UK and US GAAP such as the treatment of pensions and own shares, for which adjustments have been made.

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The movement in US GAAP goodwill is summarised below:

	2004		2003		2002	
	UK GAAP £m	US GAAP adjustment £m	US GAAP £m	UK GAAP £m	US GAAP adjustment £m	US GAAP £m
<i>Cost</i>						
Balance at 1 January	2,626	2,156	4,782	2,771	2,325	5,096
Acquisition adjustment	(34)		(34)			
Exchange and other adjustments				32	11	43
Acquisitions				96	(96)	
Disposals	(14)		(14)	(273)	(84)	(357)
Adoption of FIN 46-R (see note 1)		175	175			
Balance at 31 December	2,578	2,331	4,909	2,626	2,156	4,782
<i>Amortisation</i>						
Balance at 1 January	(113)	(938)	(1,051)	(137)	(978)	(1,115)
Exchange and other adjustments				(9)	(3)	(12)
Charge for the year	(44)	44		(51)	51	
Disposals	4		4	84	(8)	76
Balance at 31 December	(153)	(894)	(1,047)	(113)	(938)	(1,051)
<i>Net book value</i>	2,425	1,437	3,862	2,513	1,218	3,731

Within the reconciliation of shareholders' equity on page F-64, the £175m US GAAP adjustment in respect of FIN 46-R is included within the variable interest entity.

The movement in goodwill by segment over 2004 is as follows:

	Balance at 1 January £m	Exchange movements £m	Disposals £m	Other adjustments £m	Balance at 31 December £m
UK Retail Banking and Mortgages	660				660
Insurance and Investments	2,194			(34)	2,160
Wholesale and International Banking	877		(10)	175	1,042
	3,731		(10)	141	3,862

Under US GAAP, the intangible asset representing the value of customer relationships associated with a business is capitalised separately and amortised in the consolidated income statement over the estimated average life of those relationships. At 31 December 2004, the weighted average remaining life of those relationships is estimated to be 5 years.

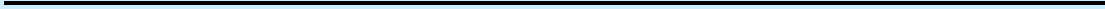
The movement in customer related intangible assets is summarised below:

	2004 £m	2003 £m
<i>Cost</i>		
Balance at 1 January	2,223	2,127
Additions		96
Balance at 31 December	2,223	2,223
<i>Amortisation</i>		
Balance at 1 January	1,688	1,538
Charge for the year	157	150
Balance at 31 December	1,845	1,688
<i>Net book value</i>	378	535

Over the next 5 years, estimated amortisation is as follows:

2005

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200
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b Disposals

During 2004, the Lloyds TSB Group disposed of substantially all of its interests in Argentina, Colombia, Guatemala and Panama; during 2003 the Lloyds TSB Group disposed of its interest in the National Bank of New Zealand, in France and certain of its interests.

Under UK GAAP, upon disposal of a business or undertaking, goodwill written off directly against reserves. In the implementation of FRS 10 'Goodwill and Intangible Assets', is included in the Group's share of the net assets of the undertaking in the calculation of the profit or loss.

Under US GAAP, all goodwill is capitalised and, up to 31 December 2001, amortised over its estimated useful life. From January 2002, goodwill is no longer amortised but instead subject to impairment testing. Upon disposal of an undertaking, the goodwill is included in the calculation of the profit or loss on disposal. Compared to the treatment under UK GAAP, the effect of this is to increase the profits, or reduce the losses, arising on the sale of those businesses acquired.

The difference between the profit on disposal under UK GAAP and that recorded under US GAAP was analysed as follows:

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Differences in the net book value of goodwill	3	89
Other UK/US GAAP accounting differences	(8)	6
Exchange adjustments		(107)
Adjustment to result on sale of businesses	(5)	(12)

These adjustments increased the loss on disposal reported under UK GAAP in 2004 of £15 million to £20 million under US GAAP; the adjustments for 2003 reduced the profit on disposal of £865 million under UK GAAP to £853 million under US GAAP.

The trading results of those businesses sold in 2004 were not significant and they have not been classified as discontinued operations. The trading results classified as discontinued operations in the comparative periods relate to the Lloyds TSB Group's businesses in New Zealand, Brazil and France which were sold in 2003. For those businesses, summarised financial statements have been prepared in accordance with US GAAP, and are set out below:

	2003	2002
	£m	£m
Total revenues, net of interest expense	705	640
Income from discontinued operations	354	311
Profit on sale of businesses	853	
Provision for income tax	(89)	(81)
	1,118	230

c Pension and other post-retirement benefits

The measurement of the US GAAP pension cost is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of SFAS No. 106. The disclosures reflect the amendments arising from SFAS No. 132 'Employers' Disclosures about Postretirement Benefits'.

For the reconciliations below, the Group has applied SFAS No. 87 to the Lloyds TSB Group Pension Schemes No. 1 and No. 2 with effect from 31 December 1997 as it was not feasible to apply it as of January 1989, the date specified in the SFAS No. 87. The Scottish Widows pension scheme has been included from 3 March 2000, the date of acquisition.



Other post-retirement costs include a liability of £99 million (2003: £87 million) in respect of post-retirement

The components of the defined benefit pension expense which arise under US GAAP are

	2004	2003	2002	
	£m	£m	£m	
Service cost	286	267	256	
Interest cost	730	670	655	
Expected return on plan assets	(824)	(797)	(817)	
Net amortisation and deferral	212	3	(79)	
Net pension charge	404	143	15	
Net charge recognised under UK GAAP	267	286	128	
US GAAP adjustment	137	(143)	(113)	
				<i>Obligations and</i>
			2004	20
			£m	£m
<i>Change in plan assets</i>				
Plan assets at fair value as at 1 January			10,608	9,0
Exchange and other movements			3	(6)
Actual return on plan assets			1,098	1,8
Employer contributions			374	13
Benefits paid			(425)	(3)
Plan assets at fair value at 31 December			11,658	10
<i>Change in projected benefit obligation</i>				
Projected benefit obligation as at 1 January			13,774	12
Exchange and other movements				(9)
Service cost			286	26
Interest cost			730	67
Amendments			28	37
Net actuarial loss			580	1,1
Benefits paid			(425)	(3)
Projected benefit obligation at 31 December			14,973	13
Funded status			(3,315)	(3,
Unrecognised net actuarial loss			5,573	5,4
Unrecognised prior service cost			233	23
Accrued/prepaid			2,491	2,5
Accrued benefit cost			(2,417)	(2,
Intangible asset recognised			233	23
Accumulated other comprehensive income			4,675	4,6
Net amount recognised			2,491	2,5
Accrued benefit cost, net of intangible asset recognised under US GAAP			(2,184)	(2,
Accrued liability recognised under UK GAAP			3,187	3,0
US GAAP adjustment			1,003	97
				<i>Accumulated ben</i>

The accumulated benefit obligations for all defined benefit pension schemes were £14,075 million at 31 December 2004 and £13,774 million at 31 December 2003.

Information for pension plans with an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets is presented in aggregate in the following table.

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Projected benefit obligation	14,344	13,168
Accumulated benefit obligation	13,588	12,468
Fair value of plan assets	11,248	10,227

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The additional minimum pension liability arising on these plans of £4,908 million (2003: £4,836 million) has been accumulated other comprehensive income, net of the related intangible asset of £233 million (2003: £231 million) and taxes of £1,403 million (2003: £1,371 million).

The financial assumptions used to calculate the projected benefit obligation at 31 December 2004 and 2003 are as follows:

	2004	2003
	%	%
Discount rate	5.30	5.40
Expected rate of salary increases	4.14	4.04
Rate of pension increases	2.60	2.50

The financial assumptions used to determine net cost for the years ended 31 December 2004, 2003 and 2002 are as follows:

	2004	2003	2002
	%	%	%
Discount rate	5.40	5.60	6.00
Expected return on assets	6.60	6.60	6.60
Expected rate of salary increases	4.04	3.83	4.04
Rate of pension increases	2.50	2.30	2.50

The overall expected return on assets assumption has been determined with the aim of reflecting the average return expected on the funds invested. In deriving this return the aim is to use a stable, realistic long-term rate of return. It is considered whether the rate of return is reasonable having regard to the weighted average of the expected return on the main asset classes adjusted to allow for any difference between the levels of the fair value and market related values.

The expected return for each asset class reflects a combination of historical performance analysis, the forward looking view of the financial markets (as suggested by the yields available) and the views of investment organisations. Consideration is also given to the rate of return expected to be available for the period of the pension scheme.

The assets of the pension schemes are invested primarily in equities and fixed interest securities. In accordance with Section 87, the excess of the plan assets over the projected benefit obligation at the transition date (1 January 1998) is being reduced to pension expense on a prospective basis over approximately 15 years, which was the average remaining period of employees expected to receive benefits under the pension schemes.

The pension schemes' asset allocation at 31 December 2004 and 2003 and the target allocation for 2005 are as follows:

	Fair value of plan assets at 31 December 2004	Fair value of plan assets at 31 December 2003	Target allocation 2005
	%	%	%
Equities	69.3	70.3	70.0
Debt securities	17.1	20.1	20.0
Property	8.3	6.7	8.0
Other	5.3	2.9	2.0

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The principal investment objective is to hold suitable assets of appropriate liquidity which will generate income and capital growth to meet, together with new contributions from members and the employer, the cost of current and future benefits payable under the scheme.

Following an asset-liability modelling study conducted in 2002, the trustees of Lloyds TSB Group Pension Schemes considered the target asset allocation in the table above to be appropriate for the purposes of meeting this long-term liability. In determining this allocation, the trustees had regard to the benefits of diversification, the historical rates of return on the assets, the expected future returns and the expected short-term volatility of the assets.

The trustees have taken advice from the Scheme Actuary and investment consultant to ensure that this target allocation is appropriate for the schemes given their liability profiles. A number of investment managers have been employed to manage the assets and each has been given a specific benchmark and performance objectives.

The approach taken by the trustees of Lloyds TSB Group Pension Schemes Nos. 1 and 2 is similar to that taken by the trustees of the other Lloyds TSB Group Pension Schemes.

Employers

Employers contributions were £374 million during 2004 (2003: £138 million). Employers contributions were approximately £425 million during 2004 (2003: £398 million).

Employers be

Employers benefit payments were £425 million during 2004 (2003: £398 million). Estimated future benefit payments are as follows:

2005	£434 million
2006	£461 million
2007	£489 million
2008	£518 million
2009	£549 million
2010-2014	£3,250 million

d Share compens

In accordance with SFAS No. 123 the Group accounts for share compensation schemes based on their estimated fair value at the date of grant. The following disclosures only reflect options granted from 1 January 1995 onwards. In the initial period the amounts will not be representative of the effect on reported net income for future years. The SFAS No. 123 charge is the value of share compensation grants since 1 January 1995.

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Balance at 1 January	(321)	(208)	(164)
Charge for grants in the year	(4)	(17)	(9)
Charge for grants in prior years	(19)	(96)	(35)
Total charge for the year	(23)	(113)	(44)
Balance at 31 December	(344)	(321)	(208)

During the period from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 2004 the Group operated the following stock compensation schemes:

Executive share o

The Executive share option schemes are long-term incentive schemes and are available to certain senior executive directors with grants usually made annually. Options are granted within limits set by the rules of the schemes. These limits include the number of shares under option and the price payable on the exercise of options. From 18 April 2001, the aggregate value of awards based upon the market price at the date of grant must not exceed four times the executive's annual remuneration. Normally, the limit for the grant of options to an executive in any one year would be equal to 1.5 times annual remuneration multiplied by a maximum performance multiplier of 3.5. Prior to 18 April 2001, the normal limit was equal to one year's remuneration multiplied by a maximum performance multiplier of 3.5.

Options are normally exercisable between three and ten years from the date of grant. However, the exercise of options is subject to the satisfaction of the following performance conditions:

For options granted after

The performance condition is linked to the performance of Lloyds TSB Group plc's total shareholder return (measured as a reference to both dividends and growth in share price) against a comparator group of 17 companies including Lloyds TSB Group plc.

The performance condition is measured over a three year period commencing at the end of the financial year preceding the grant of the option and continuing until the end of the third subsequent year. If the performance condition is not then met, the option will not become exercisable. If the condition has not then been met, the option will not become exercisable.

To meet the performance conditions, the Group's ranking against the comparator group must be at least ninth. Options will only become exercisable if the Group is ranked first. A performance multiplier will be applied below to calculate the number of shares in respect of which options granted to executive directors will become exercisable. The multiplier is calculated on a sliding scale. If Lloyds TSB Group plc is ranked below median the options will not become exercisable.

Options granted to senior executives other than executive directors are not so highly leveraged and as a result performance multipliers are applied to their options. For the majority of executives, options are granted with the condition that they will only become exercisable if the performance condition is met. For the remainder, options are granted with the condition but no performance condition.

For options granted up

Options granted	Performance conditions
Prior to March 1996	None.
March 1996	Growth in earnings per share which is equal to the aggregate percentage change in the Retail Price Index plus two percentage points for each complete year of the relevant period.
March 1997 – August 1999	That Lloyds TSB Group plc's ranking based on total shareholder return (calculated as the sum of both dividends and growth in share price) over the relevant period should be in the top 100 companies of the FTSE 100 and that there must have been growth in earnings per share equal to the aggregate percentage change in the Retail Price Index plus two percentage points for each complete year of the relevant period.
March 2000 – March 2001	As for March 1997 – August 1999 except that there must have been growth in the earnings per share equal to the change in the Retail Price Index plus three percentage points for each complete year of the relevant period.

In respect of options granted between March 1996 and March 2001, the relevant period for the performance conditions will be the period from the end of the financial year of the date of grant and will continue until the end of the third financial year following the commencement or, if not met, the end of such later year in which the conditions are met. Once the conditions have been met, the options will remain exercisable without further conditions. If they are not satisfied by the tenth anniversary of the date of grant, the options will lapse.

The effect of the performance conditions on the value of the executive share options has been determined by assuming that the earnings per share condition will be satisfied at all times and by using a stochastic projection model to determine the fair value of the options on a market-based condition. The compensation cost accrued in the US GAAP financial statements has therefore been based on the estimate of the number of options that are likely to vest. To the extent that actual forfeitures are different from the estimate, the calculation of the compensation cost will be revised.

As at 31 December 2004, no options granted under the Executive share scheme have lapsed as a result of a failure to meet the performance conditions.

	2004	2004	2003	2003	2002	2002
	Number of	Weighted	Number of	Weighted	Number of	Weighted
	options	average	options	average	options	average
		(pence)		(pence)		(pence)
Executive scheme						
Outstanding at 1 January	33,000,905	560.18	20,990,641	670.58	15,153,496	651.18
Granted	12,998,345	418.67	13,405,502	393.63	6,940,024	711.18
Exercised	(372,348)	278.74	(57,092)	254.00	(369,721)	420.18
Forfeited	(6,337,472)	560.66	(1,338,146)	636.51	(733,158)	781.18
Outstanding at 31 December	39,289,430	515.95	33,000,905	560.18	20,990,641	670.58

The weighted average fair value of options granted in the year was £0.47 (2003: £0.62; 2002: £1.41). Of the options granted in the year, 1,949,426 were exercisable (2003: 6,930,536; 2002: 4,409,916) and had a weighted average fair value of £6.50 (2003: £6.24).

Lloyds TSB Group Executive Share

The plan was adopted in December 2003 and under the plan share options may be granted to senior employees and directors of Lloyds TSB Group. An option was granted to one employee on 9 March 2004 and two options were granted to a second employee on 14 December 2004; in each case these were granted specifically to facilitate recruitment. The option granted on 9 March 2004 has a total exercise price of £1 and is exercisable in the six month period beginning on 2 January 2005. The options granted on 14 December 2004 are nil cost options with no exercise price. The option over 56,433 shares is exercisable in the six month period beginning 16 October 2006 and the option over 104,966 shares is exercisable in the six month period beginning 2 December 2007. Options granted under this plan are not subject to any performance conditions.

	2004	2004
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price
Lloyds TSB Group Executive Share Plan 2003		
Outstanding at 1 January		
Granted during the year	206,647	Nil
Outstanding at 31 December	206,647	Nil

The weighted average fair value of options granted in the year was £3.69. No options outstanding at 31 December 2004.

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Share

In 2001, the Group adopted the Lloyds TSB Group plc Share Retention Plan. Options granted under this scheme were subject to any performance conditions. The option granted in 2001 was made specifically to facilitate the recruitment of Mr Targett, with a total exercise price of £1, and is exercisable in the six month period beginning 31 December 2001.

	2004
	Number of
Share retention plan	shares
Outstanding at 1 January and 31 December	216,763
The weighted average remaining vesting period as at 31 December 2004 was nil; Mr Daniels exercised his option during the year and subsequent to the year end.	

Lloyds TSB Group plc Share Retention Plan

In 2003, the Group adopted the Lloyds TSB Group plc Share Plan 2003. Options granted under this scheme were subject to any performance conditions. An option was granted in 2003 specifically to facilitate the recruitment of Mr Targett, with a total exercise price of £1, and would have been exercisable in the six month period beginning 31 December 2003. This option lapsed during 2004 following Mr Targett's departure from the Group.

	2004
	Number of
Lloyds TSB Group plc Share Plan 2003	shares
Outstanding at 1 January	331,125
Lapsed during the year	(331,125)
Outstanding at 31 December	-

Save-As-You-Earn

Eligible employees may enter into contracts through the Save-As-You-Earn (SAYE) scheme to save up to £250 per month at the expiry of a fixed term of three or five years, have the option to use these savings within six months of the expiry of the fixed term to acquire shares in the Group at a discount, which is currently 20 per cent of the market price at the date the options were granted. Grants in periods up to 31 December 2001 also had options exercisable at the end of the period.

	2004	2004	2003	2003	2002	2002
	Number of	Weighted		Weighted		Weighted
	options	average	Number of	average	Number of	average
		exercise price	options	exercise price	options	exercise price
		(pence)		(pence)		(pence)
SAYE scheme						
Outstanding at 1 January	124,683,429	335.85	104,548,147	489.55	106,806,493	489.55
Granted	16,225,108	322.90	100,863,926	289.23	35,113,451	500.00
Exercised	(1,280,773)	354.59	(4,267,120)	355.14	(18,847,753)	489.55
Forfeited/cancelled	(17,511,857)	421.09	(76,461,524)	483.43	(18,524,044)	500.00
Outstanding at 31 December	122,115,907	321.71	124,683,429	335.85	104,548,147	489.55

The weighted average fair value of options granted in the year was £0.92 (2003: £0.85; 2002: £1.75). Of the options outstanding at 31 December 2004 1,308,580 were exercisable (2003: 3,422,122; 2002: 3,923,030) and had a weighted average exercise price of £6.20 (2003: £5.60; 2002: £5.87). In 2004 cancellations of approximately 8 million shares (2003: approximately 7 million; 2002: approximately 14 million) are included in the a

The Lloyds TSB Group Shareplan

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The Shareplan was established for the purpose of providing an enhanced remuneration package for employees. Group shares are provided to employees.

Free shares: these are awarded to employees for no consideration, as a percentage of salaries by reference to the Lloyds TSB Group. If an employee leaves the Group within three years from the date of award other than for a prescribed reason (such as redundancy, death or retirement after age 50 or due to ill health), a portion of the shares awarded will be forfeited: 25% within one year of the award, 50% within 2 years and 25% within 3 years.

Partnership shares: these are acquired by employees via monthly deductions from their salaries.

Matching shares: these are additional shares awarded for no consideration to employees acquiring partnership shares. If an employee leaves the Group within three years from the date of award for a reason other than for a prescribed reason (such as redundancy, death or retirement after age 50 or due to ill health) or sells the accompanying partnership shares within the three year period, the matching shares awarded will be forfeited.

The weighted average fair value of shares awarded in the year in respect of free shares was £4.27 (2003: £4.09, 2002: £3.85). The weighted average fair value of shares awarded in the year in respect of matching shares was £4.28 (2003: £4.09, 2002: £3.85).

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The ranges of exercise prices, weighted average fair values and weighted average contractual life for the options under the Lloyds TSB Group Executive Share Plan 2003 (Executive Share Plan), Executive and SAYE option schemes for the years ended 31 December 2004, 2003 and 2002 are shown in the table below.

	2004	2004	2004	2003	2003	2002
	Executive Share Plan	Executive	SAYE	Executive	SAYE	Executive
Exercise price (pence)	Nil	242.50-887.50	284.00-768.00	242.50-887.50	253.00-768.00	242.50-887.50
Fair value (pence)	369	40-209	86-295	62-209	85-295	63-209
Weighted average remaining life (years)	2.5	7.66	2.87	7.8	3.5	7.7

The ranges of exercise prices, weighted average exercise prices, weighted average remaining contractual life and weighted average remaining life for the options outstanding at 31 December 2004 for the Executive and SAYE schemes are shown in the table below.

Exercise price range	Executive Share Plan			Executive schemes		SAYE schemes		
	Weighted average exercise price (pence)	Weighted average remaining life (years)	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price (pence)	Weighted average remaining life (years)	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price (pence)	Weighted average remaining life (years)
£0 to £2	Nil	2.5	206,647					
£2 to £3				245.01	0.2	127,058	284.00	3.0
£3 to £4				392.82	8.0	10,386,979	330.51	3.7
£4 to £5				419.89	9.2	13,813,324	452.21	1.4
£5 to £6				541.65	4.6	2,767,256	554.84	1.6
£6 to £7				665.06	6.3	3,063,872	632.00	1.2
£7 to £8				717.64	7.1	7,392,741	723.79	0.5
£8 to £9				873.34	3.7	1,738,200		

Of the above outstanding options, the following were exercisable as at 31 December 2004:

Exercise price range	Executive Share Plan	Executive schemes	SAYE schemes
	Exercisable	Exercisable	Exercisable
£0 to £2			
£2 to £3		127,058	245.01
£3 to £4		202,368	321.00
£4 to £5			8,810
£5 to £6		678,500	510.00
£6 to £7			3,433
£7 to £8			335,045

£8 to £9	941,500	876.52	
	1,949,426		1,308,580

The weighted average fair value calculations for options granted during 2004 are based on the following

	Executive Share Plan	Executive schemes	SAYE schemes
Risk-free interest rate	4.41%	4.57%	4.79%
Expected life	2.6 years	5 years	3.9 years
Expected volatility	30%	30%	30%
Expected dividend yield	7.11%	7.5%	7.5%

Details of options outstanding in respect of stock compensation plans operated prior to 1 January 1995

	Number of options at 31 December	Weighted average option price at 31 December (pence)	Number of shares as to which options were exercisable at 31 December	Number of options lapsed during year	Number of options exercised during year
2004					
Lloyds TSB Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme				38,937	48,952
Lloyds Bank plc Senior Executives UK Share Option Scheme 1987					52,728
				38,937	101,680

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	Number of options at 31 December	Weighted average option price at 31 December (pence)	Number of shares as to which options were exercisable at 31 December	Number of options lapsed during year	Number of options exercised during year
2003					
Lloyds TSB Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme (1989)					48,680
Lloyds TSB Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme	87,889	282.50	87,889		23,008
Lloyds Bank Plc Senior Executives UK Share Option Scheme 1987	52,728	200.70	52,728		35,152
	140,617		140,617		106,840

e Earn

Basic earnings per share under US GAAP differ from UK GAAP (see note 11) only to the extent that income ca
US GAAP differs from

Diluted earnings per share measures the effect that existing share options would have on the basic earnings per share to be exercised, by increasing the number of ordinary shares, although any options that are anti-dilutive are excluded from the calculation. An option is considered anti-dilutive when the value of the exercise price exceeds the market price. Under certain incentive plan shares, for which the trustees have waived all dividend and voting rights, have also been included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

	2004	2003	2002
Basic			
Net income (US GAAP)	£ 1,508m	£ 3,231m	£ 1,753m
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	5,590m	5,581m	5,570m
Earnings per share	27.0p	57.9p	31.5p
Diluted			
Net income (US GAAP)	£ 1,508m	£ 3,231m	£ 1,753m
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	5,625m	5,600m	5,600m
Earnings per share	26.8p	57.7p	31.3p
The weighted average number of anti-dilutive shares excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share at 31 December 2004 (2003: 71 million; 2002: 71 million)			

Under UK GAAP, the Group uses a variety of financial instruments to hedge exposures in its banking book; the hedge accounting is accounted for on an accruals basis, in line with the underlying instruments being hedged. Any gains or losses that arise from these instruments were carried at market value are therefore

For the purposes of US GAAP, the Group believes that derivatives that are hedges under UK GAAP do not qualify for hedge accounting under the provisions of SFAS No. 133; prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 133, such exposures did not qualify for hedge accounting under US GAAP either and therefore there was no transition adjustment in respect of these exposures. Accordingly these exposures have been marked to market, with the resulting gains and losses taken directly to the profit and loss account.

addition, an adjustment to measure embedded derivatives that are not deemed to be clearly and closely related to host contract at their fair value has been included within unrecognised gains and losses during the year. The movement in the GAAP adjustment arising is summarised below:

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Balance at 1 January	76	(98)	(417)
Exchange and other adjustments	3	(10)	14
Net (losses) gains recognised in the year	(3)	150	396
Unrecognised (losses) gains arising during the year	(57)	22	(91)
	(60)	172	305
Adjustments on disposal of businesses		12	
Balance at 31 December	19	76	(98)

These activities are discussed more fully on pages 58 to 60 and in note 47.

The application of EITF 02-3 Issues Involved in Accounting for Derivative Contracts Held for Trading Purposes and Issues Involved in Energy Trading and Risk Management Activities, which does not allow the recognition of an unrealised gain or loss at the inception of a derivative contract unless the models used to value these contracts use market observable inputs, has had an impact on Lloyds TSB Group's US GAAP financial statements. The fair value of these contracts is calculated using market prices in an active market or prices where the fair value is determined using a valuation technique that incorporates market observable inputs.

Under UK GAAP investment securities are held at amortised cost except within the long-term insurance business where securities are held at market value, with unrealised gains and losses taken to the income statement in the period.

Under SFAS No. 115 all debt securities and equity shares are classified and disclosed as either held-to-maturity, available-for-sale or trading. Those classified as held-to-maturity are measured at amortised cost. Available-for-sale securities are measured at fair value with unrealised gains and losses excluded from the income statement and reported in other comprehensive income. Trading securities are measured at fair value with unrealised gains and losses included in the income statement. Debt securities and equity shares categorised as available-for-sale under US GAAP give rise to an adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income as detailed in note 18.

The disclosures for investment securities in the tables below include those held within the banking business as detailed in notes 17 and 18, those held within the insurance business and those included as a result of consolidation under the provisions of IAS 46-R (see note 1). Securities held by the general insurance business are included within notes 17 and 18 under UK GAAP purposes of US GAAP they are classified within insurance activities. At 31 December 2004, the book and market value of investment securities were £386 million (2003: £396 million). The Group had no held-to-maturity securities at 31 December 2004.

	2004 £m
Proceeds from sales and maturities of available-for-sale investment debt securities and equity shares	10,873
Gross realised gains	(155)
Gross realised losses	13
Net amount sold	10,731

Realised gains and losses are computed using the weighted average cost method. No gross gains (2003: £11 million) were recorded on securities transferred from available-for-sale to held-to-maturity.

	Amortised cost £m	Gross unrealised gains £m	Gross unrealised losses £m
2004			
Available-for-sale investment securities:			
UK government	775	82	
Securities of the US treasury and US government agencies	1,665	4	(3)
European governments	15	1	
Other government securities	994	22	(1)
Other public sector securities	106	3	(1)
Bank and building society certificates of deposit	1,901	2	(1)
Corporate debt securities	6,506	211	(9)
Mortgage backed securities	2,890	11	
Other asset backed securities	3,826	16	(14)
Other debt securities	887	2	
Debt securities	19,565	354	(29)
Equity shares	29	25	
	19,594	379	(29)
Of which:			
Banking	13,731	55	(19)

Insurance	5,863	324	(10)
	19,594	379	(29)

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	Amortised cost £m	Gross unrealised gains £m	Gross unrealised losses £m
2003			
Available-for-sale investment securities:			
UK government	734	46	(3)
Securities of the US treasury and US government agencies	1,624	13	(11)
European governments	15	1	
Other government securities	807	22	(3)
Other public sector securities	75	1	(2)
Bank and building society certificates of deposit	2,515		
Corporate debt securities	5,483	152	(33)
Mortgage backed securities	2,211	2	(1)
Other asset backed securities	3,942	12	(3)
Other debt securities	1,313	3	(1)
Debt securities	18,719	252	(57)
Equity shares	35	97	(1)
	18,754	349	(58)
Of which:			
Banking	13,380	133	(24)
Insurance	5,374	216	(34)
	18,754	349	(58)

For those investments on which there is a gross unrealised loss at 31 December 2004, the fair values and analysis of the reasons for the unrealised losses, which there has been a loss position

	Period investment has been in an unrealised loss position				Total Unrealised losses £m
	Less than one year Unrealised losses £m		Greater than one year Unrealised losses £m		
2004	Fair value £m	Fair value £m	Fair value £m	Fair value £m	
Securities of the US treasury and US government agencies	3	323			3
Other government securities		3	1	21	1
Other public sector securities			1	17	1
Bank and building society certificates of deposit	1	1,382			1
Corporate debt securities	1	63	8	329	9
Other asset backed securities		7	14	395	14

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At 31 December 2003, the aggregate amount of unrealised losses outstanding for less than 12 months was £ related to investment securities with a fair value of £651 million; the aggregate amount of unrealised losses outstanding for more than 12 months was £18 million, and related to investment securities with a fair value of £18 million.

The changes in fair value in 2004 and 2003 are primarily caused by movements in interest rates rather than movements in credit ratings. Accordingly, Lloyds TSB Group considers that these unrealised losses are temporary in nature and no impairment charge has been made for other-than-temporary impairment. The amortised cost includes provisions of £117 million (2003: £117 million) that have been raised under UK GAAP; these provisions are considered as permanent under US GAAP. Provisions are deemed to be permanent under UK GAAP.

	Due within 1 year £m	Due between 1 and 5 years £m	Due between 5 and 10 years £m	Due over 10 years £m	No fixed maturity £m	Total £m
Maturity of investment debt securities:						
2004						
<i>Available-for-sale</i>						
Amortised cost	3,228	7,642	4,222	4,091	382	19,565
Fair value	3,230	7,620	4,313	4,316	411	19,890
2003						
<i>Available-for-sale</i>						
Amortised cost	3,011	7,121	4,361	4,078	148	18,719
Fair value	3,010	7,100	4,433	4,216	155	18,914

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h Own shares

Additional own shares held of £154 million at 31 December 2004 (2003: £154 million) have been netted off against Paid-in Capital within Shareholders' equity in accordance with ARB No. 51. This relates to the amount of Lloyd's shares held within the long-term assurance funds that have not been deducted from equity under US GAAP.

The adjustment to shareholders' funds on page F-64 of £185 million (2003: £195 million) also includes removal of accrued dividends in respect of free shares. Under UK GAAP such accruals are included within shareholders' funds.

i Deferred tax

In accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 109, the US GAAP deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at fair value.

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
<i>Deferred tax liabilities</i>		
Assets used in the business	38	10
Assets leased to customers	1,625	1,593
Transfers from long-term business fund (see note 9)	230	110
Value of business acquired	374	496
Deferred acquisition costs	343	267
Unrealised gains on investment securities	20	
Pension profit recognition	42	50
Other	229	263
Total liabilities	2,901	2,789
<i>Deferred tax assets</i>		
Goodwill	(315)	(315)
Loan loss allowance	(84)	(122)
Tax losses:		
Pensions business	(1,457)	(1,353)
Other	(459)	(394)
Specific loan loss allowance	(10)	(22)
Pension schemes	(564)	(508)
Unrealised losses on trading securities		(15)
Other	(508)	(317)
Total assets	(3,397)	(3,046)
Valuation allowance	1,866	1,701
US GAAP deferred tax liability	1,370	1,444

Valuation

Scottish Widows has a significant with-profits pensions business. This business is subject to UK corporation tax on a notional return determined by the UK taxation authorities. To the extent that the actual return from the business exceeds the notional return, tax losses accumulate which may be carried forward and offset against excess returns in future years. The amount of these losses at 31 December 2004 was £1,238 million (2003: £1,140 million). Excess returns do not occur regularly and are only likely to be triggered in the future if interest rates increase significantly or there is significant volatility in the

actuarial valuation basis alters significantly. Given the current low interest rate environment and in view of the actuarial valuation basis is currently considered unlikely to alter significantly, in the opinion of management it is more likely than not that these losses will not be realised and therefore a full valuation allowance has been established against

A further valuation allowance of £313 million (2003: £246 million) has been established against other tax losses expected to be utilised in the foreseeable future. Under UK tax legislation, certain capital losses may only be offset against taxable gains of a particular type and consequently the associated deferred tax assets are less certain

Assessments have been made as to the likelihood of gains arising that can be offset against these losses and, to the extent that it is more likely than not that these losses will not be realised, appropriate valuation allowances have been established against other tax losses, the pattern of utilisation of losses over previous years has been reviewed together with gains expected to be realised in the foreseeable future and an appropriate valuation allowance established to the extent that it is more likely than not that these losses will not be realised

A deferred tax asset of £315 million (2003: £315 million) has been recognised as a result of the different accounting treatments for goodwill arising upon acquisition of companies and businesses. There is currently no expectation that these businesses will be disposed of and therefore in the opinion of management it is more likely than not that these losses will not be realised. Accordingly, a full valuation allowance has been established against

The Group has the following tax losses available to be carried forward and offset against the future taxable profits of its subsidiaries. The majority of the losses may be carried forward.

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Trading losses	1,775	1,741
Capital losses	1,408	1,082
Pensions business	4,127	3,800
	7,310	6,623

US GAAP

The following tables reconcile the UK GAAP tax charge and deferred tax liability to the US GAAP tax charge and deferred tax liability as disclosed on pages 50 and 51.

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
UK GAAP Profit and loss tax charge	1,004	1,025
Deferred tax - US GAAP	(4)	(21)
Deferred tax - US GAAP reconciling items, excluding tax relating to changes in accounting principles*	(72)	(83)
Disposed businesses		(89)
US GAAP Profit and loss tax charge for continuing operations	928	832

*The £74 million UK / US GAAP adjustment shown on page F-64 comprises the above £72 million reduction in the tax charge for continuing operations together with a tax credit of £2 million in respect of the US GAAP adjustments to the loss on disposal of businesses.

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
UK GAAP Deferred tax liability	1,473	1,376
Deferred tax - UK pension asset	(956)	(916)
Deferred tax - US GAAP	35	39
Deferred tax - US GAAP reconciling items	1,031	1,231
Other items*	(213)	(286)
US GAAP Deferred tax liability	1,370	1,444

* Under UK GAAP applicable to banking groups, the Group accounts for its life assurance operations using the embedded value method of accounting and the shareholder's and policyholders' interests are accounted for as one-line items. Under US GAAP the consolidated shareholder's and policyholders' interests are separately disclosed and as a result of this reclassification the total deferred tax liability has decreased. There is no impact on the underlying shareholder's equity.

j Significant Group concentrations

SFAS No. 107 Disclosure about Fair Value of Financial Instruments states that concentrations of credit risk exist where counterparties are engaged in similar activities and have similar economic characteristics that would cause their contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic or other conditions. The Group's exposure to credit risk is concentrated in the United Kingdom where the majority of the Group's activities are conducted and is detailed further in the notes to the financial statements.

k Repos, reverse repos and stocklending

The Group enters into reverse repo transactions which are accounted for as collateralised loans. It is the Group collateral which is at least equal to the amount loaned. At 31 December 2004, the fair value of collateral accepted in repo transactions that the Group is permitted by contract or custom to sell or repledge was £12,364 million (2003: £2,077 million). Of this, £3,910 million (2003: £255 million) was sold or repledged as at 31 December 2004. The remaining £8,454 million (2003: £1,822 million) has been held for continuing use within the business. The Group also enters into repos which are accounted for as borrowings. As at 31 December 2004, the carrying value of assets that have been pledged as collateral under reverse repos where the secured party is permitted by contract or custom to sell or repledge was £117 million (2003: £1,711 million). The carrying value of assets that are subject to stocklending arrangements is £373 million all of which the secured party is permitted by contract or custom to sell or repledge.

1 Variable Interest Entities

In January 2003, the FASB released FIN 46 Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities and subsequent version, FIN 46-R, in December 2003. FIN 46-R changes the method of determining whether certain entities should be consolidated in the Group's consolidated financial statements. An entity is called a variable interest entity (VIE) and consolidated if it meets the requirements of FIN 46-R:

equity that is insufficient to permit the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated support; or
 equity investors that cannot make significant decisions about the entity's operations, or that do not have the obligation to absorb the expected losses or the right to receive the expected residual returns of the entity; or
 some equity investors whose obligations to absorb the expected losses or rights to receive the expected residual returns are disproportionate to those voting rights and substantially all of the entity's activities are conducted on behalf of other investors.

A VIE is consolidated by its primary beneficiary, which is the party involved with the VIE that has a majority of the expected losses or a majority of the expected residual returns.

The provisions of FIN 46-R have been applied immediately by Lloyds TSB Group to VIEs created on or after 1 January 2004. For VIEs created before that date, FIN 46-R became effective in 2004. The implementation of FIN 46-R in full has resulted in the consolidation of additional VIEs, which has increased total assets by £4,476 million, reduced shareholder equity by £316 million and increased profit before tax and accounting changes by £330 million.

The transition rules contained within FIN 46-R require that if initial application of the requirements of FIN 46-R results in the consolidation of an entity created before 31 December 2003 the difference between the net amount added to the consolidated financial statements and the amount of any previously recognised interest in the newly consolidated entity shall be recognised as a change in accounting principle. This has reduced profit before tax by £330 million and profit after tax by £250 million.

The nature of the activities of VIEs in which Lloyds TSB Group has a significant variable interest is as follows:

Financing

These entities have predominantly pre-determined activities, the nature of which are primarily lending and investment activities undertaken in order to improve the efficiency of Lloyds TSB Group's normal lending and deposit taking activities. Whether to enter into these structures, careful consideration has been given to ensure the structures meet Lloyds TSB Group's management and control requirements.

Leasing

These relate to limited partnerships which have been created with a third party investor to acquire significant capital assets which are then leased out to third parties, typically on an operating lease basis.

Securitisation conduits

These vehicles are investment-purchasing companies which purchase asset-backed securities (which are backed by real estate, infrastructure or other assets) from the market and initially from Lloyds TSB Group. These vehicles form part of Lloyds TSB Group's securitisation conduit and are consolidated under UK GAAP as these are considered to be directly controlled by the Group.

Venture capital

These relate to medium-sized entities which typically have minimal equity investment, with the bulk of the financing provided by the Group in the form of subordinated lending. Without this lending, the entities would not have sufficient capital to operate.

Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs)

These types of vehicle operate in a similar way except that an OEIC is legally constituted as a limited company. A
invests cash pooled from many investors in a wide range of equity shares, corporate bonds or government s
investor has units in the fund proportionate to their cash investment. These units are of equal value and can b
Their value rises and falls depending on the performance of the underlying investments. The funds are managed b

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The following table represents the carrying amounts and classification of consolidated assets that are collateral operations that are (1) already consolidated under UK and US GAAP which would continue to be consolidated under US GAAP and (2) those VIEs which fall to be consolidated under US GAAP.

	Currently consolidated VIEs £m	VIEs consolidated under FIN 46-R £m	Total £m
31 December 2004			
Cash		30	30
Tangible fixed assets	1,742	160	1,902
Trading and other investments		389	389
Investment securities	3,302	(290)	3,012
Loans	4,936	3,391	8,327
Goodwill		175	175
Other assets	130	621	751
Total assets of consolidated VIEs	10,110	4,476	14,586

The total assets of consolidated VIEs is attributable to the following types of assets:

	Currently consolidated VIEs £m	VIEs consolidated under FIN 46-R £m	Total £m
31 December 2004			
Financing vehicles	5,107		5,107
Leasing partnerships	1,791		1,791
Securitisation conduit vehicles	3,212	1,360	4,572
Venture capital enterprises		546	546
OEICs and unit trusts		2,570	2,570
	10,110	4,476	14,586

The following table shows the total assets and maximum exposure to loss, as at 31 December 2004, for those VIEs which are consolidated under US GAAP. Lloyds TSB Group has a significant variable interest in a VIE but is not determined to be the primary beneficiary.

	Total assets £m	Maximum exposure to loss £m
Venture capital enterprises	694	694

Under the transition rules of FIN 46-R, as at 31 December 2003 Lloyds TSB Group was not required to consolidate VIEs that were fully consolidated under UK GAAP before 1 February 2003. At 31 December 2003, the additional total assets consolidated under FIN 46-R for those VIEs that were fully consolidated under UK GAAP after 1 February 2003 amounted to £86 million, relating to venture capital enterprises. VIEs that were fully consolidated under UK GAAP which would continue to be consolidated under US GAAP had total assets at 31 December 2003 of £694 million.

The FASB continues to provide additional guidance on implementing FIN 46-R through FASB Staff Positions. As additional guidance is issued, the Group will continue to review the status of VIEs it is involved with and as a result of any changes in the classification of VIEs, additional VIEs may ultimately be required to be consolidated under US GAAP.

Lloyds TSB Group utilises a number of different types of lending-related financial instruments, such as commercial guarantees, to meet the financing needs of its customers. These are discussed more fully in note 46. Most of these commitments expire without being drawn. Under the provisions of FIN 45, which establishes accounting requirements for guarantors, a liability is required to be recognised for the fair value of guarantees issued from 1 January 2004. The fair value of the obligation is, in the substantial majority of cases, the amount of premium received under the terms of the guarantee. The adoption of FIN 45 did not have a material impact on Lloyds TSB Group's US GAAP financial statements.

n Trust-preferred

The trust-preferred securities that are classified as minority interests under UK GAAP are reclassified as debt in the Group's US GAAP financial statements. At 31 December 2004, these amounted to £550 million (2003: £549 million). Details of these securities can be found in note 39. In the income statement, the amount included in minority interest expense under UK GAAP of £42 million (2003: £42 million) has been reclassified as interest expense under US GAAP.

o Loans

At 31 December 2004, the Group estimated that there was no difference between the carrying value of its loan portfolio on a US GAAP basis of SFAS No. 114 and its value in the UK GAAP financial statements. During the year ended 31 December 2004, the average carrying value of loans, including those excluded from SFAS No. 114, averaged £1,223 million (2003: £1,223 million).

50 Differences between UK GAAP and US GAAP

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The following tables summarise the adjustments to the profit and loss account and balance sheet which would be required for the application of US GAAP to the Group's financial statements.

	Note	2004 Life £m	2004 General £m	2004 Total £m	2003 Life £m	2003 General £m	2003 Total £m	2002 Life £m	2002 General £m
Profit and loss account									
Income from long-term assurance business	i)	(715)		(715)	(453)		(453)	294	
Other interest and dividends	i)	2,063		2,063	1,331		1,331	1,187	
Insurance premiums	i)	1,317		1,317	1,551		1,551	1,525	
Securities trading and other income	i)	3,033		3,033	1,020		1,020	(2,101)	
Policyholder benefits and claims expense	i)	(4,230)		(4,230)	(2,814)		(2,814)	(1,394)	
Movement in undistributed policyholder allocations		(789)		(789)	118		118	1,588	
Insurance underwriting, operating and acquisition expenses	i)	(462)		(462)	(676)	2	(674)	(760)	2
Depreciation	i)	(13)		(13)	(15)		(15)	(16)	
Amortisation of value of long-term assurance business acquired	ii)	(243)		(243)	(188)		(188)	(725)	
Revenue and expense recognition			(13)	(13)	(13)	(33)	(46)		(3)
Equalisation provision			10	10		10	10		10
Total adjustment before accounting changes		(39)	(3)	(42)	(139)	(21)	(160)	(402)	9
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principles (gross)		(449)		(449)					
Total adjustments before tax		(488)	(3)	(491)	(139)	(21)	(160)	(402)	9

	Note	2004 Life £m	2004 General £m	2004 Total £m	2003 Life £m	2003 General £m
Balance sheet						
Long-term assurance business attributable to the shareholder	iii)	(6,781)		(6,781)	(6,481)	
Long-term assurance assets attributable to policyholders	iii)	(54,764)		(54,764)	(50,078)	
Cash and due from banks		5,877		5,877	3,587	
Trading and other investments	iv)	42,686		42,686	19,052	
Investment securities		5,791		5,791	5,160	
Tangible fixed assets		141		141	148	
Deferred acquisition costs	v)	1,152	(25)	1,127	902	(11)
Value of long-term assurance business acquired	ii)	1,587		1,587	2,094	
Separate account assets	viii)				22,494	

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Other assets		646	646	763	
Indebtedness of related parties		2,494	2,494	2,200	
Long-term assurance liabilities to policyholders	iii)	54,764	54,764	50,078	
Debt securities in issue		(132)	(132)	(256)	
Policyholder liabilities	vi)	(51,790)	(51,790)	(24,946)	
Undistributed policyholder allocations	vii)	(1,505)	(1,505)	(1,772)	
Equalisation provision			61	61	51
Other liabilities		(346)	(346)	(235)	
Separate account liabilities	viii)			(22,494)	
Indebtedness to related parties		(312)	(312)	(322)	
Total adjustments before tax		(492)	36	(456)	40

Adoptive

In 2004, Lloyds TSB Group adopted SOP 03-1 Accounting and Reporting by Insurance Enterprises for Certain Long-Duration Contracts and for Separate Accounts. Prior to the issue of SOP 03-1, the unit-linked investment of the Group was classified as separate account and was held at fair value. SOP 03-1 sets stringent criteria for separate account classification which UK unit-linked funds are unable to meet. As a consequence, the assets and liabilities classified as separate account are now accounted for in the same way as other general account assets (as prescribed in paragraph 60) and general account

Transition rules relating to the implementation of SOP 03-1 require that no prior year adjustments are made and the balance sheet impact is reflected in the current year profit and loss account as a cumulative effect of change in accounting principle. This has reduced profit before tax at 31 December 2004 by £449 million and profit after tax by £300 million. The reduction primarily relates to the effect of carrying the unit-linked investment properties at depreciated cost rather than value and the write-down by £264 million of the value of business acquired as a result of the new Guaranteed Annuity Reserve reserving

i) Revenue

Under UK GAAP applicable to banking groups, the Group accounts for its life assurance operations using the embedded value basis of accounting. An embedded value is an actuarially determined estimate of the economic value of the business of the company, excluding any value which may be attributed to future new business. The embedded value is the sum of the value of the life assurance company and the present value of the in-force business. The value of the in-force business is determined by projecting future net cash flows using appropriate economic and actuarial assumptions and the result discounted to present value. It reflects the shareholders' overall risk premium. The change in the embedded value during any reporting period is the difference between dividends declared or capital injected, and grossed up at the underlying rate of corporation tax, is reflected in the profit and loss account as income from long-term assurance

US GAAP requires that results of the life assurance business should be reported on a gross basis and reflected in the profit and loss captions in the income statement. Premiums from conventional with-profits policies and other protection-type policies are recognised as revenue when due from the policyholder. Premiums from unitised with-profits life insurance and investment contracts, which have minimal mortality risk, are reported as increases in policyholder account balances. Revenues received. Revenues derived from these policies consist of mortality charges, policy administration charges, management fees and surrender charges that are deducted from policyholders' accounts and are disclosed with

Under US GAAP, premiums and policy charges received that relate to future periods are deferred until the period they relate. For limited payment annuities, the excess of the gross premium over the US GAAP net benefit premium is deferred and amortised in relation to the expected future benefit payments. For investment contracts, policy charges that benefit the policyholder are deferred and amortised in relation to expected

ii) Value of long-term assurance business

Under US GAAP the value of the long-term assurance business acquired (VOBA) is calculated at acquisition as the present value of future earnings to a present value. In subsequent years the VOBA is amortised over the premium recognised from with-profits life insurance and other protection-type insurance policies using assumptions consistent with those used in computing policyholder benefit provisions. VOBA for investment-type policies and unitised insurance policies is amortised in relation to expected gross profits. Expected gross profits are evaluated regularly against actual experience and revised to allow for the effect of

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Balance at 1 January	2,094	2,282
Effect of adoption of SOP 03-1	(264)	
Interest accrued on unamortised balance	158	255
Amortisation	(401)	(443)
Balance at 31 December	1,587	2,094

Over the next 5 years the amount of VOBA expected to be amortised prior to interest

2003

2004

2005

2006

Under UK GAAP applicable to banking groups, in order to reflect the different nature of the shareholder's and policyholders' interests in the long-term assurance business these are shown separately as one-line items in the Group's balance sheet. The value of the long-term assurance business attributable to the shareholder comprises the net assets of the life assurance business of the in-force business. The assets attributable to policyholders mainly comprise the investments held in life assurance funds either on behalf of policyholders, or which have not yet been allocated to either the policyholders or the shareholder. Liabilities to policyholders mainly comprise policyholder benefits.

Under US GAAP the constituent parts of the shareholder's and policyholders' interests in the long-term assurance business are separately disclosed. Significant differences also arise regarding the valuation of the constituent assets and liabilities, which are discussed further in the notes to the financial statements.

Under UK GAAP applicable to banking groups, debt securities and equity shares held within the long-term assurance fund are included in the Group's balance sheet at market value; investment properties are included at cost less depreciation.

Under US GAAP, debt securities are classified as trading, available-for-sale or held-to-maturity; equity shares are classified as trading or available-for-sale. Securities classified as trading are carried at current market value and gains and losses are recognised in the income statement. Securities classified as available-for-sale are carried at current market value, and gains and losses arising are held as a separate component of shareholders' equity. Securities classified as held-to-maturity are carried at amortised cost. In addition, US GAAP requires that all freehold and long leasehold properties should be carried at cost less depreciation.

For those securities classified as available-for-sale, the disclosures required under SFAS No. 115 are presented in Note 12 to the banking business on page 100.

v) *Deferred acquisition costs*

Under UK GAAP applicable to banking groups, the cost of acquiring new and renewal life assurance business is capitalised and the embedded value calculation is used to determine the cost of the business.

Under US GAAP the costs incurred by the Group in the acquisition of new and renewal life insurance business are expensed. These consist of the acquisition costs, principally commissions, marketing and advertising and the administrative costs associated with the processing and policy issuance, typically underwriting. Together these are capitalised and amortised in relation to the profit margin of the policy.

Deferred acquisition costs for conventional with-profits life insurance and other protection type insurance policies are amortised in relation to premium income using assumptions consistent with those used in computing policyholder benefits. Investment, universal life, and separate account contracts are amortised in proportion to the estimated gross profit.

vi) *Policyholder benefits*

Under UK GAAP applicable to banking groups, future policyholder benefit provisions included in the Group's balance sheet are calculated using either net or gross premium methods for conventional with-profits life insurance and other protection type policies and are mainly based on fund value amongst other methods for unitised with-profits insurance and investment-type policies. Net premiums are calculated using assumptions for interest, mortality, morbidity and expenses. Assumptions are determined as prudent best estimates at the date of issue.

Under US GAAP, for unitised with-profits insurance and other investment-type policies, the liability is reported as the policyholder's account balance before any applicable surrender charges. Policyholder benefit liabilities for conventional with-profits life insurance and other protection-type insurance policies are developed using the net level premium method. Assumptions for interest, mortality, morbidity, withdrawals and expenses were prepared using best estimates at the date of issue (or date of company acquisition by the Group, if later) plus a provision for adverse deviation based on Gross Premiums at Risk. Interest assumptions range from 4 per cent to 6 per cent.

vii) *Undistributed policyholder benefits*

With-profits policies entitle the policyholder to participate in the surplus within the with-profits life fund of the company which issued the policy. Regular bonuses are determined annually by the issuing company's Appointed Actuary and board of directors. The bonuses that may be declared are highly correlated to the overall performance of the fund and liabilities of the fund in which the contracts participate and are the subject of normal variability and volatility. Bonuses are paid on maturity of the contract and are designed to provide policyholders with a share of the total surplus of the issuing company during the period of the contract.

The contract for conventional with-profits business written into the with-profits fund provides that approximately 80% of the surplus arising from the net assets of the fund is allocated to policyholders in the form of annual bonuses. For investment-type with-profits business written into the with-profits fund all of the surplus is allocated to policyholders.

Under UK GAAP all amounts in the with-profits fund not yet allocated to policyholders or shareholders are liabilities attributable to policyholders on the Group

Under US GAAP a liability is established for undistributed policyholder allocations. The excess of assets over the with-profits fund is allocated to the policyholders and shareholders in accordance with the proportions prescribed in the contracts. The remaining liability comprises the obligation of the insurance company to the

viii) Separate account assets.

Under UK GAAP, segregated accounts are established for policyholder business for which policyholder benefits are partly determined by reference to specific investments or to an investment-related index. This is referred to as linked

business. Linked business can either be unit-linked, property-linked or index-linked. In the case of the unit-linked and property-linked business the policyholders bear the investment risk. The Group bears the investment risk relating to the index-linked

In 2004, Lloyds TSB Group adopted SOP 03-1. Prior to the issue of SOP 03-1, the unit-linked investment contracts of the Group were classified as separate accounts and were held at fair value. SOP 03-1 sets stringent criteria for the separate account classification which UK unit-linked funds are unable to meet. As a consequence, the assets and liabilities of the unit-linked investment contracts classified as separate accounts are now accounted for in the same way as other general account assets (as prescribed in paragraph 60) and general account liabilities.

	2004	2003	2002
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	20	24	15
Dividends received from group undertakings	1,913	1,911	1,908
Total income	1,933	1,935	1,923
Operating expenses	(46)	(43)	(39)
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	1,887	1,892	1,884
Taxation credit (charge)	34	(12)	28
Profit on ordinary activities after tax	1,921	1,880	1,912
Dividends	(1,914)	(1,911)	(1,908)
Profit (loss) for the year	7	(31)	4

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Fixed assets		
Investments		
Shares in group undertakings	11,080	10,753
Loans to group undertakings	1,723	1,723
	12,803	12,476
Current assets		
Debtors falling due within one year		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	1,390	1,387
Other debtors	97	88
Cash balances with group undertakings	208	362
	1,695	1,837
Current liabilities		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,741	1,913
Other creditors	107	106
Dividend payable	1,315	1,314
	3,163	3,333
Net current liabilities	(1,468)	(1,496)
Total assets less current liabilities	11,335	10,980
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
Loan capital	1,358	1,356
Net assets	9,977	9,624
Capital and reserves		
Called-up share capital	1,419	1,418
Share premium account	1,145	1,136
Revaluation reserve	5,014	4,687
Profit and loss account	2,399	2,383
Shareholders' funds (equity and non-equity*)	9,977	9,624

* Shareholders' funds at 31 December 2004 include £100 of non-equity preference share capital

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c Company cash flow

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Net cash inflow from operating activities	50	71
<i>Returns on investments and servicing of finance:</i>		
Dividends received from group undertakings	1,913	1,908
Interest paid on subordinated liabilities (loan capital)	(94)	(96)
Net cash inflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	1,819	1,812
<i>Taxation:</i>		
UK corporation tax (paid) received	(122)	119
<i>Capital expenditure and financial investment:</i>		
Capital lending to subsidiaries		
Disposal of subsidiary undertakings	1	
Net cash inflow (outflow) from capital expenditure and financial investment	1	
Equity dividends paid	(1,913)	(1,908)
Net cash (outflow) inflow before financing	(165)	94
<i>Financing:</i>		
Cash proceeds from issue of ordinary share capital and sale of own shares held in respect of employee share schemes	11	32
Issue of subordinated liabilities (loan capital)		
Repayments of subordinated liabilities (loan capital)		(14)
Net cash inflow from financing	11	18
(Decrease) increase in cash	(154)	112

d Reconciliation to US GAAP

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Shareholders' funds (UK GAAP)	9,977	9,624
Dividends receivable	(1,314)	(1,314)
Dividends payable	1,315	1,314
Revaluation of shares in group undertakings	1,480	2,268
Shareholders' equity (US GAAP)	11,458	11,892

e Reconciliation of the movements in shareholders' equity under US GAAP

	2004	2003
	£m	£m
Profit after tax (UK GAAP)	1,921	1,880
Dividends receivable		(3)
Share compensation schemes	(35)	(113)
Net income (US GAAP)	1,886	1,764
Dividends paid	(1,913)	(1,908)
	(27)	(144)
Issue of shares	10	45
Movements in relation to own shares	8	(6)
Share compensation schemes	35	113
Revaluation of shares in group undertakings	(460)	1,694

		(434)	1,702
Shareholders	equity at 1 January	11,892	10,190
Shareholders	equity at 31 December	11,458	11,892

Term used	US equivalent or brief description
Accounts	Financial statements.
Associates	Long-term equity investments accounted for by the equity method.
ATM	Automatic Teller Machine.
Attributable profit	Net income.
Broking	Brokerage.
Building society	A building society is a mutual institution set up to lend money to its members for the purchase of property. See also Demutualisation .
Called-up share capital	Ordinary shares, issued and fully paid.
Contract hire	Leasing.
Cashpoint	Automatic Teller Machine.
Creditors	Payables.
Dealing	Trading.
Debtors	Receivables.
Demutualisation	Process by which a mutual institution is converted into a public limited company.
Economic profit	See definition under Operating and financial review and prospects Economic profit .
Embedded value	See definition under Operating and financial review and prospects Embedded value policies .
Endowment mortgage	An interest-only mortgage to be repaid by the proceeds of an endowment policy which is assigned to the lender providing the mortgage. The sum insured is payable on maturity or upon the death of the policyholder, is used to repay the mortgage.
Fees and commissions payable	Fees and commissions expense.
Fees and commissions receivable	Fees and commissions income.
Finance lease	Capital lease.
Freehold	Ownership with absolute rights in perpetuity.
Guaranteed annuity option	See Operating and financial review and prospects Risk management exposures in the insurance businesses .
Hire purchase	See Description of business Wholesale and retail Banking Asset finance .
Interchange	System allowing customers of different Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) to use any ATM that is part of the system.
Interest payable	Interest expense.
Interest receivable	Interest income.
ISA	Individual Savings Account.
Leasehold	Land or property which is rented from the owner for a specified term and on the expiry of the term the land or property reverts back to the owner.
Lien	Under UK law, a right to retain possession pending payment.
Life assurance	Life insurance.
Loan capital	Long-term debt.
Members	Shareholders.
Memorandum and articles of association	Articles and bylaws.
National Insurance	A form of taxation payable in the UK by employees, employers and the self-employed used to fund benefits at the national level including state pensions, medical services through the National Health Service (NHS), unemployment and maternity benefits, the UK's national social security system and ultimately controlled by HM Revenue and Customs.
Nominal value	Par value.
One-off	Non-recurring.
Ordinary shares	Common stock.
Overdraft	A line of credit, contractually repayable on demand unless a fixed-term has been agreed, established through a customer's current account.
Premises	Real estate.
Profit and loss account	Income statement.
Profit and loss account reserve	Retained earnings.
Provisions	Reserves.
Regular premium	Premiums which are payable throughout the duration of a policy or for some other fixed period.

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Reinsurance

The insuring again by an insurer of the whole or part of a risk that it has assumed with another insurer called a reinsurer.

Share capital

Capital stock.

Term used	US equivalent or brief description
Shareholders funds	Stockholders equity.
Share premium account	Additional paid-in capital.
Shares in issue	Shares outstanding.
Single premium	A premium in relation to an insurance policy payable once at the commencing date of the policy.
Tangible fixed assets	Property and equipment.
Undistributable reserves	Restricted surplus.
Unit trust	Mutual fund.
VaR	Value at Risk, see definition under Operating and financial review and financial management Market risk Trading exposures from banking activities
Weighted sales	The sum of regular premiums plus one-tenth of single premiums paid by policyholders in life insurance, pensions and unit trusts.
With-profits sub-fund	See Business Insurance Business and activities of Lloyds TSB Group Insurance Life assurance, pensions and investments .

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	B.Advisors	Not applicable.
	C.Auditors	Not applicable.
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	A.Offer statistics	Not applicable.
	B.Method and expected timetable	Not applicable.
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Item 10.	Additional Information A. Share capital B. Memorandum and Articles of Association C. Material contracts D. Exchange controls E. Taxation F. Dividends and paying agents G. Statements by experts H. Documents on display I. Subsidiary information	Not required for annual report. Memorandum and Articles of Association Not applicable. Exchange Controls Taxation Not applicable. Not applicable. Where You Can Find More Information Lloyds TSB Group Structure
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Item 12.	Description of Securities Other than Equity Securities A. Debt securities B. Warrants and rights C. Other securities D. American Depositary Shares	management Not applicable. Not applicable. Not applicable. Not applicable.
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Part III		
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Item 18.	Financial statements	Consolidated Financial Statements
Item 19.	Exhibits	List of Exhibits , Exhibits Index and the p following

1. Memorandum and articles of association of Lloyds TSB Group plc.*
 2. (i) Limited Partnership Agreements dated 4 February 2000, relating to the preference securities.*
(ii) Trust Deed dated 25 April 2001, relating to the perpetual capital securities.*
 4. (a)(i) Share Sale Agreement dated 24 October 2003 between Lloyds TSB Bank plc, Lloyds Bank Subsidiaries Limited, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Limited. p
(b) (i) Service agreement dated 6 September 1991 between Lloyds TSB Bank plc and Michael E. Fairey
(ii) Service agreement dated 9 February 2000 between Lloyds TSB Bank plc and Archie G. Kane.
(iii) Service agreement dated 7 March 2000 between Lloyds TSB Bank plc and Michael D. Ross.
(iv) Service agreement dated 19 October 2001 between Lloyds TSB Bank plc and J. Eric Daniels.
(v) Service agreement dated 30 May 2002 between Lloyds TSB Bank plc and Philip R. Hampton.
(vi) Service agreement dated 5 February 2003 between Lloyds TSB Bank plc and Stephen C. Targett.
(vii) Service agreement dated 28 July 2000 between Lloyds TSB Group plc and Maarten A. Van den Broucke.
(viii) Service agreement dated 7 April 2003 between Lloyds TSB Group plc and David P. Pritchard.
(ix) Service agreement dated 30 May 2003 between Lloyds TSB Bank plc and Peter G.E. Ayliffe.
(x) Service agreement dated 4 March 2004 between Lloyds TSB Bank plc and Helen A. Weir.p
(xi) Service agreement dated 29 July 2004 between Lloyds TSB Bank plc and G. Truett Tate
(xii) Service agreement dated 23 May 2005 between Lloyds TSB Bank plc and Teresa A. Dial
 - 8.1 List of subsidiaries, their jurisdiction of incorporation and the names under which they conduct business.
 - 12.1 Certification of J. Eric Daniels filed pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a) and 15 U.S.C. 7241
 - 12.2 Certification of Helen A. Weir filed pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a) and 15 U.S.C. 7241
 - 13.1 Certification of J. Eric Daniels and Helen A. Weir furnished pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. 783d
- * Previously filed with the SEC, together with Lloyds TSB Group's registration statement, on 25 September 2003.
p Previously filed with the SEC on Lloyds TSB Group's Form 20-F filed 23 June 2003.
p Previously filed with the SEC on Lloyds TSB Group's Form 20-F filed 5 April 2004.

The exhibits shown above are listed according to the number assigned to them by

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has d
authorised the undersigned to sign this

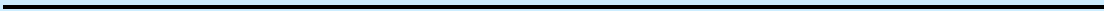
LLOYDS TSB GROUP plc

By: /s/ H A Weir

Name: Helen A Weir

Title: Group Finance Director

Dated: 29 June 2005



I, Eric Daniels

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of Lloyds TSB Group plc;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omission, or any statement that is misleading, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant for the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
 - b) [paragraph omitted pursuant to SEC Release Nos. 33-8238 and 34-47986]
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting.
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions), all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
 - a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have indicated in this annual report whether or not there were any changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

/s/ J E Daniels
J. E. Daniels, Group Chief Executive
Date: 29 June 2005

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of Lloyds TSB Group plc;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omission, or any statement that is materially false, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant for the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
 - b) [paragraph omitted pursuant to SEC Release Nos. 33-8238 and 34-47986]
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting.
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions),
 - a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have indicated in this annual report whether or not there were any changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

/s/ H A Weir
Helen Weir, Group Finance Director
Date: 29 June 2005