

## Five year summary

<b>Earnings and dividends</b>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Basic earnings per share	43.3p	32.1p	27.4p	20.3p	<b>25.7p</b>
Basic earnings per share before amortisation of goodwill and exceptional items	38.9p	38.8p	34.5p	37.2p	<b>41.7p</b>
Dividend per share	20.0p	20.6p	20.6p	21.0p	<b>21.7p</b>
Dividend cover	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	<b>1.9</b>
Interest cover	n/a	11.6	8.0	7.6	<b>9.3</b>
<b>Profit by division</b>	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Experian	141.9	193.7	200.6	216.6	<b>229.1</b>
Argos Retail Group					
Argos	–	117.0	137.4	160.8	<b>204.0</b>
Home Shopping – UK & Ireland	126.4	106.3	11.8	25.1	<b>33.1</b>
Financial Services	–	–	14.4	4.5	<b>(4.8)</b>
Home Shopping – Continental Europe	29.3	29.5	25.1	21.7	<b>22.4</b>
	155.7	252.8	188.7	212.1	<b>254.7</b>
Reality	–	–	2.8	5.1	<b>0.5</b>
Burberry	24.9	10.7	21.7	69.5	<b>90.3</b>
Other	128.6	105.0	98.1	57.8	<b>44.0</b>
	451.1	562.2	511.9	561.1	<b>618.6</b>
Interest income/(expense)*	104.0	(48.6)	(64.0)	(74.3)	<b>(66.5)</b>
Profit before amortisation of goodwill, exceptional items and taxation	555.1	513.6	447.9	486.8	<b>552.1</b>
Amortisation of goodwill	–	(72.6)	(79.4)	(92.3)	<b>(99.4)</b>
Exceptional items	68.6	9.4	11.1	(84.7)	<b>(72.6)</b>
Profit before taxation	623.7	450.4	379.6	309.8	<b>380.1</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(181.6)	(118.2)	(104.5)	(106.1)	<b>(122.1)</b>
Profit after taxation	442.1	332.2	275.1	203.7	<b>258.0</b>

\*The basis on which interest is reported is consistent with the revised basis adopted in 2002.

<b>Balance sheet</b>	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Goodwill	–	1,503.5	1,437.6	1,516.2	<b>1,421.5</b>
Other fixed assets	987.4	1,212.4	1,238.1	1,213.2	<b>1,349.5</b>
Trading assets	1,303.0	1,947.1	1,993.6	1,626.4	<b>1,393.8</b>
Net cash/(borrowings) (including non-recourse borrowings)	284.9	(2,069.8)	(1,931.4)	(1,711.9)	<b>(1,485.4)</b>
Dividends and taxation	(276.9)	(196.2)	(271.6)	(221.0)	<b>(256.8)</b>
Net assets	2,298.4	2,397.0	2,466.3	2,422.9	<b>2,422.6</b>