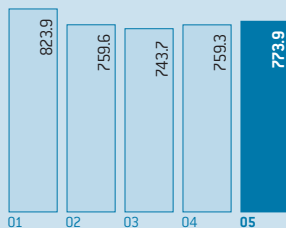


Group Financial Highlights

	2005	2004#	%
Turnover	£773.9m	£759.3m	+4.5
Operating profit*	£105.3m	£108.3m	-1.7
Profit before tax*	£104.4m	£107.1m	-1.2
Earnings per share*	17.0p	17.5p	-2.9
Free cash flow per share	14.0p	19.1p	-26.7
Dividends per share	18.4p	18.2p	+1.1

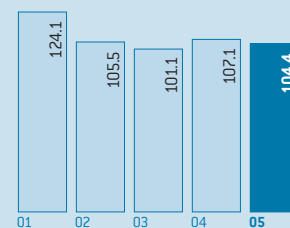
Turnover of continuing operations (£m)



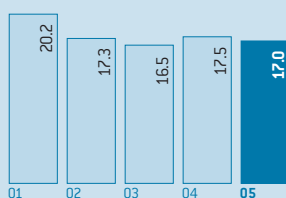
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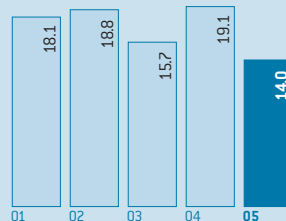
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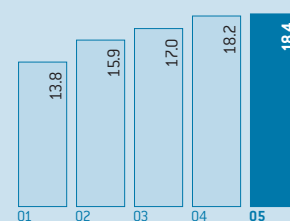
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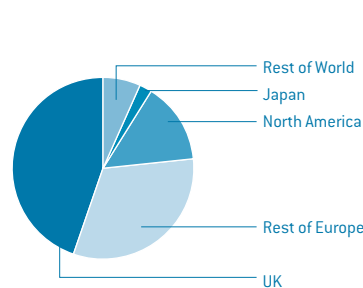
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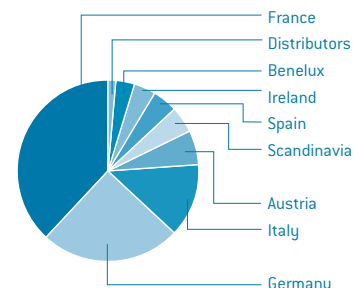
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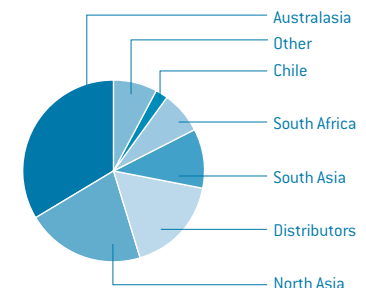
Group turnover by destination



RS Rest of Europe turnover



RS Rest of World turnover



* Before amortisation of goodwill. # As restated for the implementation of UITF 38: Accounting for ESOP Trusts. † 2001: Before exceptional loss on closure.

Definitions of terms:

In order to reflect underlying business performance, comparisons of sales and profits between periods have been adjusted as follows unless otherwise stated:

- changes in sales are adjusted for exchange rates and the number of trading days;
- changes in profits are adjusted for exchange rates and for the prior year restatement for the adoption of UITF 38 (Accounting for ESOP Trusts); and
- changes in cash flow, debt and share related measures, such as earnings per share, are at reported exchange rates.