

Highlights

	2004 £000	2003 £000
Turnover	2,430	2,458
Profit before tax and amortisation of goodwill	230	141
Profit before tax	201	141
Profit after tax	156	120
Earnings - pence per share	0.16p	0.13p

- Turnover 1.1% down on last year's record.
- Profit before tax and amortisation of goodwill up 64% to £230,000.
- Profit before tax up 43% to £201,000.
- Good client retention by all elements of business.
- Strong balance sheet with net assets of 4.3p per share, of which 3.7p is cash.
- Dividend (proposed) of 0.05 pence per share.

Julian Burney, Chief Executive Officer, said:

“This is another pleasing result as we begin to generate returns on our continuing investment in product innovation, staff and technology.

“We are relieved that a cloud has been lifted from our institutional advisory services by the FSA's recognition that the cost of research is a permitted cost that may be charged direct to investment funds alongside transaction costs. The uncertainty felt by a number of our institutional customers and potential customers over the last eighteen months has undoubtedly had a restraining effect on our institutional business.

“The recent expansion of our wider market subscription services from the US to the world's other major stock markets has given us truly global coverage, but at local levels. These services under our Investors Intelligence brand are highly-scalable and the recent extension of our micro-site based offerings to providers of on-line retail investment services will help us with the public exposure we need.”

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Chairman's Statement

Introduction

We continued to make very good progress during 2004 in establishing Stockcube as a leading provider of financial research and analysis on a truly global scale.

Financial review

Turnover for the year ended 31 December 2004 was £2,430,000 – a slight decrease of 1.1% from last year's record (2003: £2,458,000). We are pleased to report that profit before tax was £201,000, an increase of 43% over 2003 (£141,000) and profit after tax increased by 30% to £156,000 (2003 £120,000). Basic earnings were 0.16p per 1p ordinary share compared to 0.13p in 2003.

Our balance sheet continues to be strong with net assets of 4.3p per share, of which 3.7p is cash, at 31 December, 2004.

Operations

Turnover from **Stockcube Research**, our stock market and sector analysis consultancy for institutional investors, recorded a 3% drop after surging on a like-for-like basis by 20% in 2003. We have continued our policy to increase the spread and depth of our expertise by recruiting and training junior analysts and successfully building and nurturing research teams with regional and sector specialisms. We expect these moves to bear fruit in the future.

Despite the continuing weakness of the US\$ our US subsidiary, **Chartcraft**, contributed £83,000 to consolidated group profits, up 33% on 2003.

During the year we launched our **Investors Intelligence** wider market subscription services for the UK, European, Japanese and South East Asian equities, moving us further in our aim of covering local markets on a worldwide basis. Customers can now subscribe for stock research on a modular basis with common navigability across all modules. In pursuit of our strategy to seek distribution partners for our analysis work, we have built and power online research 'microsites' that host elements of our analysis for a number of leading stockbrokers providing shop windows for our complete subscription services.

We changed the **Fullermoney** format during the year from a monthly hardcopy to a full on-line service, thereby increasing considerably its immediacy and relevance to customers. While we anticipated fallout from the switch away from hardcopy, we are pleased to note that subscriptions have held up at last year's levels. We look forward to an enhanced contribution from Fullermoney to group profits following increases in subscription rates and removal of printing and distribution costs.

Our London based **Chart Seminars** continue to sell-out and our bespoke consultancy for in-house training is developing satisfactorily.

Staff

I should like to thank our staff for their continued contribution during the year.

Dividend

We are pleased to propose to shareholders that we pay a dividend of 0.05 pence per share in respect of the results for 2004.

Outlook

The current year has started well and we are confident of developing further our institutional and subscriber customer base. We will continue to expand our business interests organically, in conjunction with distribution partners, as well as considering selected investments.

Edward Forbes,
Chairman,
London
27 April 2005

Group profit and loss account
For the year ended 31 December 2004

	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>
	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
<i>Turnover</i>	2,430	2,458
Administrative expenses	(2,360)	(2,452)
<i>Group operating profit</i>		6
Share of operating loss in associate	(8)	-
Amortisation of goodwill arising on acquisition of associate	(29)	-
<i>Total operating profit: group and share of associate</i>	33	6
Interest receivable and similar income	168	135
<i>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</i>	201	141
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(45)	(21)
<i>Profit for the financial year</i>	156	120
Dividends	(48)	(48)
<i>Retained Profit for the year</i>	108	72
	<u>0.16p</u>	<u>0.13p</u>

Group Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>
	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
Profit for the financial year excluding share of losses of associate	164	120
Share of associate loss for the year	(8)	-
Profit for the financial year attributable to members of the parent company	156	120
Exchange differences on retranslation of net assets of subsidiary undertaking	55	34
Total recognised gains and losses during the year	<u>211</u>	<u>154</u>

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**Group Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2004**

	2004 £000	2003 £000
<i>Fixed assets</i>		
Intangible assets	19	-
Tangible assets	345	345
Investments in associate	400	-
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	764	345
<i>Current assets</i>		
Debtors	550	300
Short-term deposits	3,450	3,880
Cash at bank and in hand	111	265
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	4,111	4,445
<i>Creditors:</i> amounts falling due within one year	(665)	(743)
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<i>Net current assets</i>	3,446	3,702
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<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	4,210	4,047
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<i>Capital and reserves</i>		
Called up share capital	961	961
Share premium account	3,774	3,774
Merger reserve	568	568
Profit and loss account	(1,093)	(1,256)
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Equity shareholders' funds	4,210	4,047
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Approved by the Board on 27 April 2005

Julian Burney
Director

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Group Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 December 2004

	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>
	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
<i>Net cash(outflow)/ inflow from operating activities</i>	(193)	273
<i>Returns of investments and servicing of finance</i>		
Interest received	168	135
<i>Corporation tax paid</i>	(18)	(2)
<i>Capital expenditure</i>		
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(36)	(29)
Payments to acquire intangible fixed assets	(20)	–
<i>Total capital expenditure</i>	(56)	(29)
<i>Acquisitions and disposals</i>		
Payments to acquire investments in associates	(437)	–
<i>Equity dividends paid</i>	(48)	–
<i>Net cash (outflow)/ inflow before financing</i>	(584)	377
<i>Management of liquid resources</i>		
Decrease/(increase) in short-term deposits	430	(1,020)
<i>(Decrease) in cash</i>	(154)	(643)
<i>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds</i>		
	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>
	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
(Decrease) in cash	(154)	(643)
(Decrease)/ increase in short-term deposits	(430)	1,020
<i>Movement in net funds</i>	(584)	377
<i>Net funds at 1 January</i>	4,145	3,768
<i>Net funds at 31 December</i>	3,561	4,145

Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash outflow from operating activities

	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>
	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
Operating profit	70	6
Depreciation	36	30
Amortisation of goodwill	1	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(250)	94
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(50)	143
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Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(193)	273
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Analysis of changes in net funds

	<i>At 1 January</i>	<i>Cashflow</i>	<i>At 31 December</i>
	<i>2004</i>		<i>2004</i>
	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
Cash at bank and in hand	265	(154)	111
Short-term deposits	3,880	(430)	3,450
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	4,145	(584)	3,561
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Notes

1. Nature of financial information

These accounts do not constitute accounts under section 240 of the Companies Act 1985. The results for the year ended 31 December 2003 are extracts from the Group accounts which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. They carry an unqualified auditor's report and did not contain a statement under Section 237 (2) or (3) of the Company's Act 1985. The statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2004 will be finalised on the basis of the financial information in this preliminary announcement and will be filed with the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting.

2. *Basis of preparation*

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The accounting policies set out in the group accounts for the year ended 31 December 2003 have been applied for the purposes of this statement.

3. *Basis of consolidation*

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of Stockcube PLC and all of its subsidiary undertakings for the year to 31 December 2004. Entities other than subsidiary undertakings, in which the group has a participating interest and over whose operating and financial policies the group exercises a significant influence are treated as associates. In the group financial statements, associates are accounted for using the equity method

No profit and loss account is presented for Stockcube PLC as permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985

4. Earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per ordinary share is based on earnings as follows:

	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>
	<i>000</i>	<i>000</i>
Profit for the year	<u>£156</u>	<u>£120</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding	<u>96.106</u>	<u>96.106</u>
Basic earnings per share	0.16p	0.13p

There were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in 2004 (2003:nil)

5. Dividend record and payment date

The Directors have decided to pay a dividend. The dividend will be paid on 6 June 2005 at a price of 0.05p per share. Dividends will be paid to those shareholders on the Register at the close of business on 4 May 2005.