

Preliminary results for the year to 31 December, 2003

	2003	2002
	£000	£000
Turnover	2,458	2,045
Profit (Loss) before tax & exceptional charge	141	(218)
Profit (Loss) before tax	141	(2,013)
Profit (Loss) after tax	120	(2,015)
Earnings (Loss)- pence per share	0.13p	(2.10)p

- Turnover up by 20.2%.
- Profit of £141,000 before tax
- Dividend (proposed) of 0.05 pence per share
- Strong client retention by all elements of business
- Chartercraft traded profitably throughout year and cash generative
- Strong balance sheet with available cash and short term deposits of £4.14m

Julian Burney, Chief Executive Officer, said:

“Overall this is a pleasing result and the foundations are in place to help us begin to generate an acceptable return for the investment that we have made over the last few years in our staff and technology. Whilst, no doubt, the return of market confidence during 2003 has helped to underpin our own results with record turnover we think our growing reputation and ability to analyse stock and market trends is establishing us as an essential adviser in all market conditions.”

“Stockcube remains in very good health and well-positioned to fulfill and benefit from investors’ increasing need for clear, independent, investment research and advice in what may turn out to be an extended flat or bearish period for stock markets overall”

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STOCKCUBE PLC – REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2003

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Introduction

We are satisfied with our results for 2003 and are confident that Stockcube is becoming widely recognised as a leading provider of financial research and analysis for investors.

Financial review

Turnover for the year ended 31 December 2003 was £2,458,000, a new record for the group and over 20% higher than last year (2002: £2,045,000). We are pleased to report profit before tax and exceptional charge of £141,000 (2002: loss of £218,000). There was no exceptional charge in 2003 (2002: £1,795,000) and post-tax profit for the year amounted to £120,000. Basic earnings were 0.13p per 1p ordinary share compared to a loss of 2.10p in 2002.

Our balance sheet continues to be strong with available cash reserves and short term deposits of £4,145,000 at 31 December, 2003 (2002: £3,768,000).

Operations

Our stock market and sector analysis consultancy for institutional investors showed another strong performance. We increased income by 20% over 2002, benefiting from our growing reputation as well as increased investor confidence during the rally in the world's equity markets since early Spring, 2003. We now have nine full-time consultant analysts and further investment in technology during the year has increased considerably the

speed and value of their market timing and stock selection work for customers.

We are pleased to report that our US subsidiary, **Chartcraft**, contributed £62,000 from operations to consolidated profits. Chartcraft was cash positive every month in 2003.

We have invested heavily in time and effort in bringing the services of Chartcraft and Investors Intelligence into a timely and meaningful format. This investment should continue to bear fruit, not just in our US services but elsewhere, as the data handling, analysis and web structures we have developed now form the framework for coverage of the world's other major stock markets, currently serviced by Fullermarkets. Development work continues and we expect to launch our wider market services for UK, European, Japanese and South East Asian equities during 2004. This will give our analysts truly global coverage and enable our customers to subscribe for stock, sector and market analysis on a modular basis with common navigability across all modules. We are actively seeking distribution partners for our work.

There has been a gradual re-awakening of subscriber interest in commodities, currencies and in classes of assets other than equities. We expect to see this awareness translate into increasing revenues for these areas of our work.

We have felt increasingly that the **Fullermoney** format of a monthly global strategy newsletter was out-moded and no longer serving subscribers' interests to the maximum. Responding to subscriber demand we have recently withdrawn the monthly hardcopy service to concentrate exclusively on the daily website and David Fuller's market audio broadcasts. It is early days but customer response has been encouraging and subscriptions have increased by 22% over the last six months during this transition. Our bi-annual Chart Seminars held in London were sell-outs.

After the year end we took a 34.4% stake in **Sportcal Global Communications Limited**, with the option to increase to 50.0% by 2007. Sportcal operates www.sportcal.com, the leading sport events calendar site for business-to-business users and provides related services for the sports industry. Sportcal also builds websites and provides technical development

and assistance to sports federations. In conjunction with our software development business, Ecube, we see considerable scope for sale to the sports industry of complete packages encompassing web-building, online publishing and data handling.

Capital reorganisation

On 3 July, 2003 the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Companies Court confirmed a reduction of the share premium account of Stockcube plc by £340,050 which was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 7 July, 2003. The reorganisation transferred £340,050 from the share premium account and eliminated the deficit on the profit and loss account of the holding company as at 31 December, 2002 which had arisen from the write off of goodwill in 2002.

Staff

I should like to thank our staff for their contributions during the year and I am pleased to report that we have an excellent group of analysts and support staff.

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 2003

Outlook

We have made a very promising start to 2004 and are confident that we are now well-positioned to develop and grow our wider market services customer base. We intend to expand the reach of our business interests organically, in conjunction with distribution partners, as well as through carefully selected investments.

Edward Forbes,
Chairman,
London

20 April, 2004

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Group Profit and Loss Account
For the year ended 31 December 2003

	<i>2003</i> <i>£000</i>	<i>2002</i> <i>£000</i>
<i>Turnover</i>	2,458	2,045
Administrative expenses		
Ongoing (excluding impairment)	(2,452)	(2,418)
Exceptional:		
Impairment of intangible assets	–	(1,795)
<i>Administrative expenses</i>	<u>(2,452)</u>	<u>(4,213)</u>
<i>Group operating profit/(loss)</i>	6	(2,168)
Interest receivable and similar income	135	155
<i>Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</i>	<u>141</u>	<u>(2,013)</u>
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	(21)	(2)
<i>Profit/(loss) for the financial year</i>	<u>120</u>	<u>(2,015)</u>
Proposed dividend	(48)	–
<i>Profit (loss) retained for the financial year</i>	<u>72</u>	<u>(2,015)</u>
<i>Basic earnings/(loss) per share</i>	<i>0.13p</i>	<i>(2.10)p</i>
<i>Diluted earnings/(loss) per share</i>	<i>0.11p</i>	<i>(2.10)p</i>

Group Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

	<i>2003</i> <i>£000</i>	<i>2002</i> <i>£000</i>
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	120	(2,015)
Exchange differences on retranslation of net assets of subsidiary undertaking	34	–
Total recognised gains and losses during the year	<u>154</u>	<u>(2,015)</u>

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Group Balance Sheet At 31 December 2003

<i>Fixed assets</i>	2003	2002
	£000	£000
Tangible assets	345	346
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<i>Current assets</i>		
Debtors	300	394
Short term deposits	3,880	2,860
Cash at bank and in hand	265	908
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	4,445	4,162
<i>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</i>	(743)	(567)
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<i>Net current assets</i>	3,702	3,595
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<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	4,047	3,941
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<i>Capital and reserves</i>		
Called up share capital	961	961
Share premium account	3,774	4,114
Merger reserve	568	568
Profit and loss account	(1,256)	(1,702)
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Equity shareholders' funds	4,047	3,941
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Approved by Order of the Board on 20 April 2004

Director

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Group Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 December 2003

	2003 £000	2002 £000
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</i>	273	(205)
<i>Returns of investments and servicing of finance</i>		
Interest received	135	155
<i>Corporation tax paid</i>	(2)	(59)
<i>Capital expenditure</i>		
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(29)	(25)
<i>Acquisitions and disposals</i>		
Payments to acquire investments	–	(218)
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing</i>	377	(352)
<i>Management of liquid resources</i>		
(Increase)/decrease in short-term deposits	(1,020)	320
<i>(Decrease) in cash</i>	(643)	(32)
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>
<i>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds</i>		
(Decrease) in cash	(643)	(32)
Increase/(decrease) in short-term deposits	1,020	(320)
<i>Movement in net funds</i>	377	(352)
<i>Net funds at 1 January</i>	3,768	4,120
<i>Net funds at 31 December</i>	<u>4,145</u>	<u>3,768</u>

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Group Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 31 December 2003

Reconciliation of operating profit (loss) to net cash outflow from operating activities

	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
	<i>£000</i>	<i>£000</i>
Operating profit/(loss)	6	(2,168)
Exchange differences	34	–
Impairment of intangible assets	–	1,795
Depreciation	30	38
Amortisation of goodwill	–	24
Amortisation of trademarks and licence fees	–	2
Loss on disposal	–	4
Decrease in debtors	94	74
Increase in creditors	109	26
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Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	273	(205)
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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 2002 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 2003 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 to be 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 accounts consolidate the accounts of Stockcube PLC and all of its subsidiary undertakings for the year to 31 December 2003. No profit and loss account is presented for Stockcube PLC as permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

4. *Earnings per share*

Basic earnings per ordinary share have been calculated on the following basis:

	2003	2002
	'000	'000
Profit/(loss) for the year	<u>£120</u>	<u>£(2,015)</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding	<u>96,106</u>	<u>96,106</u>
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (pence)	0.13p	(2.10)p
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (pence)	0.11p	(2.10)p

The calculation of diluted earnings per share is based on 108,677,725(2002: 108,706,750) ordinary shares which takes into account theoretical ordinary shares that would be issued at average market value if all outstanding options were exercised.
