

Group three-year summary

	52-week period to 1 March 2008 £m	52-week pro forma to 3 March 2007 £m	52-week pro forma to 4 March 2006 £m
Income statement			
Argos	4,320.9	4,164.0	3,858.8
Homebase	1,568.5	1,594.2	1,559.0
Financial Services	95.4	93.2	92.5
Sales	5,984.8	5,851.4	5,510.3
Argos	376.2	325.0	297.0
Homebase	45.1	53.4	51.4
Financial Services	5.5	5.0	6.1
Central Activities	(28.8)	(24.0)	(22.7)
Benchmark operating profit	398.0	359.4	331.8
Benchmark PBT	432.9	376.7	337.1
Statistics			
Argos			
Like-for-like change in sales	0.7%	2.4%	(1.4%)
New space contribution to sales change	3.1%	5.5%	7.5%
Total sales change	3.8%	7.9%	6.1%
Number of stores at period end	707	680	655
Of which Argos Extra stocked-in	278	238	189
Homebase			
Like-for-like change in sales	(4.1%)	(1.4%)	(3.1%)
New space contribution to sales change	2.5%	3.6%	3.1%
Total sales change	(1.6%)	2.2%	0.0%
Number of stores at period end	331	310	297
Of which contain a mezzanine floor	181	165	144
Financial Services			
Store card gross receivables £m	482	448	378

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	1 March 2008 £m	3 March 2007 £m	31 March 2006 £m
Balance sheet			
Invested capital	3,139.5	3,011.8	3,107.2
Retirement benefit assets	83.7	9.3	25.5
Net tax liabilities	(52.0)	(2.6)	(4.8)
Net cash/(pro forma net debt)	174.0	60.2	(200.0)
Pro forma net assets	3,345.2	3,078.7	2,927.9
Net GUS group balances	–	–	22.0
Reported net assets	3,345.2	3,078.7	2,949.9
Benchmark pre-tax return on invested capital			
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Benchmark operating profit	398.0	359.4	331.8
Share of post-tax results of joint ventures and associates	1.6	0.7	(4.2)
Benchmark pre-tax return	399.6	360.1	327.6
Benchmark pre-tax return on invested capital	12.7%	12.0%	10.5%
Earnings and dividends			
	52-week period to 1 March 2008	52-week pro forma to 3 March 2007	52-week pro forma to 4 March 2006
Basic benchmark EPS	33.9p	29.3p	25.6p
Dividends per share (Interim paid and final proposed)	14.7p	13.0p	n/a
Dividend cover	2.31x	2.25x	n/a

The change in both the year-end and the Group's capital structure on demerger in 2006 resulted in statutory reported results that are non-comparable. To assist with analysis and comparison, certain pro forma information has therefore been provided in respect of the comparative periods to eliminate the distortions of these two impacts on the performance of Home Retail Group.

Shareholder information

Who are the Group's shareholders?

The Group had 36,464 ordinary shareholders at 1 March 2008, comprising a mix of corporations and individuals. Their holdings can be analysed as follows:

	Number of shareholders	Percentage of total number of shareholders	Number of ordinary shares	Percentage of ordinary shares
Over 1,000,000	136	0.37	696,771,717	79.41
100,001 – 1,000,000	322	0.89	111,734,757	12.73
10,001 – 100,000	902	2.47	26,637,289	3.04
5,001 – 10,000	1,200	3.29	8,114,533	0.92
2,001 – 5,000	4,667	12.80	14,107,735	1.61
1 – 2,000	29,237	80.18	20,078,970	2.29
	36,464	100.00	877,445,001	100.00

	Number of shareholders	Percentage of total number of shareholders	Number of ordinary shares	Percentage of ordinary shares
Corporate	5,576	15.29	831,031,585	94.71
Individuals*	30,888	84.71	46,413,416	5.29
	36,464	100.00	877,445,001	100.00

* Employee shareholdings under the Group's share schemes are held in trust and are not therefore reflected in the number of individual shareholders.

I have an enquiry or want to update my details. Who should I contact?

For all enquiries and shareholder administration, please contact Capita Registrars:

Postal address: Capita Registrars, Northern House, Woodsome Park, Huddersfield HD8 0GA.

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Telephone: 0871 664 0437* (from abroad +44 208 639 3377).

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Fax number: 0871 664 0438 (from abroad +44 1484 600914).

*Calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras.

Can I choose to receive information by email?

Shareholders can register to receive reports and notifications by email, browse shareholder information and submit voting instructions at www.homeretailgroup-shares.com. This service is provided by Capita Registrars.

Does the Group have an investor relations website?

Investor relations information, such as webcasts of results presentations to analysts and investors and accompanying slides, is available at www.homeretailgroup.com.

Can I reinvest my dividends?

Shareholders can use their cash dividends to purchase further shares in the Group through the dividend reinvestment plan.

Completed mandate forms for this year's final dividend must be received by Capita Registrars by 2 July 2008. To find out more or obtain a mandate form, please contact Capita Registrars.

Shareholder information continued

Where can I find the Group's share price?

www.homeretailgroup.com

Does the Group provide a share dealing facility?

Investors can buy or sell Group shares through Capita Share Dealing Services. Go to www.capitadeal.com or call 0871 664 0454 (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras) between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm weekdays.

When are the next major events for shareholders?

Final dividend ex-dividend	21 May 2008
Final dividend record	23 May 2008
Interim management statement	12 June 2008
Annual General Meeting	2 July 2008
Payment of final dividend	23 July 2008

When and where is this year's AGM?

The 2008 AGM will be held from 11.30 am on Wednesday 2 July 2008 at the Jurys Inn Milton Keynes, Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 2HP.

Where is the registered office?

The registered office address is Home Retail Group plc, Avebury, 489-499 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 2NW.

The Company is registered in London No. 5863533.