

## 2005 interim highlights

**+3.1%**

Growth over first half of 2004

**£4,619.3m**

Revenue

**+3.1%**

Growth over first half of 2004

**£121.9m**

Operating profit\*

**+11.8%**

Growth over first half of 2004

**£152.5m**

Operating profit including  
share of associates'  
operating profit

**+17.4%**

Growth over first half of 2004

**£88.4m**

Adjusted profit for  
the period\*\*

**+14.0%**

Growth over first half of 2004

**24.4p**

Adjusted diluted  
earnings per share\*\*

**+35.5%**

Growth over first half of 2004

**29.0p**

Diluted earnings  
per share

**+10.4%**

Increase over 2004 interim dividend

**6.90p**

Interim dividend  
per share

\* Operating profit comprises profit from operations before share of associates' post tax earnings and items classified by us as exceptional in nature (profit on disposal of businesses and profit on disposal of/(amounts written off) investments).

\*\* Excludes items classified by us as exceptional in nature (profit on disposal of businesses and profit on disposal of/(amounts written off) investments), and IAS 39 timing differences from hedging interest rate and currency exposures.