

Financial highlights

Turnover (including share of joint ventures) £m		Total operating profit before exceptional items £m		Dividends p	
01	5,226	01	580	01	26.3
00	5,189	00	565	00	25.2
99	5,045	99	562	99	23.8
98	5,022	98	538	98	22.3
97	4,578	97	492	97	20.5

(1997 excludes 44.2p special dividend)

The Boots Company intends to become the leader in wellbeing products and services in the UK and overseas. This will be achieved through a major programme of change to a more integrated and focused company supported by the power and values of the Boots brand.

Our commitment to managing for value remains unchanged – to maximise the value of the company for shareholders and generate superior long term returns.

While vigorously pursuing our commercial interests we will always work to enhance our reputation as a well managed, ethical and socially responsible company.

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