

## Boots today

The Boots Group PLC is the UK's leading Health and Beauty retailer. We have approximately **1,500 stores** in the UK and Irish Republic where we serve around **8 million customers** every week. We develop and sell our own-brand health and beauty products, a number of which are leaders in their respective markets.

We also sell Boots brand products through our international business, which currently operates in **14 countries**.

In total, around **63,000 people** work for Boots.

### Our three businesses

The Boots group consists of three main businesses:



#### Boots The Chemists

our Health and Beauty business in the UK and Ireland, by far the biggest component of the group, contributing over 94% of our total continuing sales in 2005/06.



#### Boots Opticians

our optical and eye-care business operates from around 300 outlets in the UK, and sold 0.8 million pairs of glasses last year. The business is currently being integrated into Boots The Chemists, as part of our wider healthcare offering.



#### Boots Retail International

our international business has 96 Boots-branded stores in Thailand. BRI also has 'implants', Boots-branded retail spaces within larger third party stores. During the year under review, we had over 750 in 13 countries.