Leading the way across all our regions

We are increasingly diversified geographically with multiple drivers of organic income growth across our markets of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. This diversity means that our business is well balanced, helping to ensure the resilience of our financial performance



"We are seizing opportunities for growth as economies expand, wealth is reinvested and markets are increasingly interlinked through new trade and investment flows."

Gareth Bullock Director responsible for governance across Africa, Americas and the UK, Middle East and Other South Asia



Our deep local knowledge and relationships help us drive performance in fast-growing Asian economies as they expand and become increasingly global."

Kai Nargolwala Group Executive Director responsible for governance across Asia

Africa

Africa

Africa had good income growth across the region. To leverage on the emerging trade flows between Africa and China, Standard Chartered set up the China-Africa Trade Corridor desk to offer financial solutions to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) venturing abroad. 2006 was a bumper year for Africa in terms of awards. Standard Chartered won a total of 16 regional and country awards, including Bank of the Year in Africa from The Banker.

Employees

2005: 4,893

Operating income **\$640m** 2005: \$553m

Operating income



Americas and the United Kingdom

Americas and the United Kingdom Standard Chartered's position in these sophisticated markets provides a platform for us to engage and enhance business opportunities across our network. In London, the Group's head office provides governance and regulatory standards and plays a key role in serving corporate clients doing business in our markets. In the United States, we maintained our position as one of the leading dollar clearing houses.





Consumer Banking

Wholesale Banking

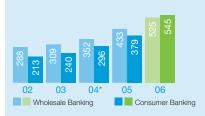
Middle East and Other South Asia (MESA)

MESA

MESA continues to perform strongly for Standard Chartered. In Pakistan, Standard Chartered is the leading international bank with the most extensive branch network following its acquisition and successful integration of Union Bank. In 2006 Standard Chartered was the first bank to own its premises in the Dubai International Financial Centre. Among other developments, we launched a commodities derivatives desk in Dubai.



Operating income



Income for 2004 has been restated under IFRS, excluding IAS32 and IAS39.
 ** Amounts exclude corporate items which are not allocated to Consumer Banking or Wholesale Banking.

Asia

Hong Kong

Standard Chartered Bank Hong Kong delivered a strong all-round performance. Consumer Banking led the way in product innovation and introduced sixday banking to meet the needs of customers. For Wholesale Banking, new global markets product sales led by providing specialised services to clients while client acquisition and deepening relationships supported the strong performance of the business.



Operating income



Malaysia

Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia registered a record trading profit in 2006 for Wholesale Banking on the back of broadbased product growth and superior portfolio quality. Consumer Banking continues to register strong income growth from wealth management products and personal loans with effective cost management and material investment in infrastructure. Our Islamic banking business initiated the world's first Islamic cross-currency derivative and Islamic forward rate agreement.

 Operating income
 Employees

 \$371m
 4,024

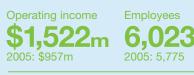
 2005: \$335m
 2005: 2,942

Operating income



Korea

SC First Bank achieved strong income growth and increased operating profit, led by growth in SMEs and Wealth Management that drove Consumer Banking business successes. The Wholesale Banking business completed Asia's largest cross-border securitisation with a \$1.26 billion floating rate seventranche residential mortgage-backed securitisation for Korea First Mortgage No. 6 Ltd.



Operating income



Other Asia Pacific

We continue to be well positioned in a range of fast-expanding markets in the Asia Pacific region. In China we expanded our network and produced strong organic income growth. The acquisition of Hsinchu International Bank made Standard Chartered the largest international bank in Taiwan. In Indonesia we increased our stake in PT Bank Permata, reinforcing our position as the country's largest international bank.



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Wholesale Banking



Singapore

Our leading position in this market was maintained by strong performances from both Wholesale and Consumer Banking. Wholesale Banking focused on landmark deals and structured products while continuing to drive transaction banking and lending. Product innovation was an important feature of Consumer Banking's impressive performance.





Operating income



India

Standard Chartered Bank in India made substantial investments to increase its distribution network in 2006. Already the largest international bank in India by branch network, the Bank opened 30 new consumer finance centres, 18 new automated teller machines and an additional branch in Mumbai. Our 24-hour Service Assurance initiative was an industry first in guaranteeing service turnaround times to Consumer Banking customers' enquiries.

Operating income **\$817**m 2005: \$593m

Employees **15,092** 2005: 10,097

Operating income



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Consumer Banking

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