

Financial Highlights

2005

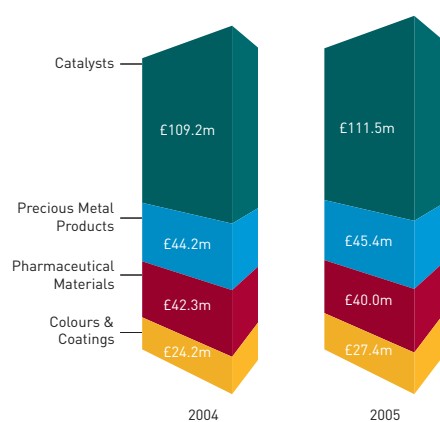
Summary Results

Year to 31st March
2005 2004 %
change

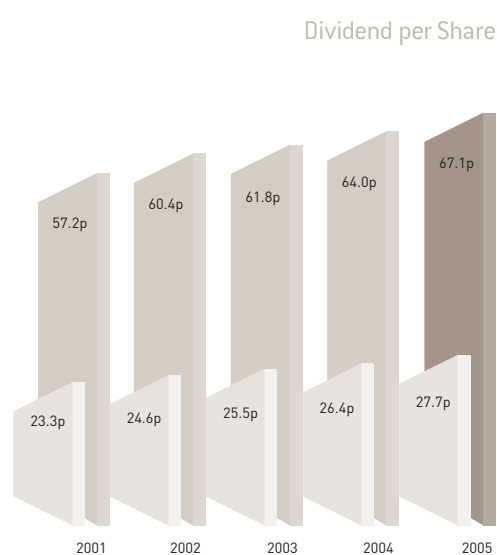
| | 2005 | 2004 | % change |
|--|---------|---------|----------|
| Statutory Basis: | | | |
| Turnover | £4,639m | £4,493m | +3 |
| Profit before tax | £131.0m | £178.0m | -26 |
| Earnings per share | 40.6p | 56.0p | -28 |
| Before Exceptional Items and Goodwill Amortisation: | | | |
| Profit before tax | £204.0m | £195.7m | +4 |
| Earnings per share | 67.1p | 64.0p | +5 |
| Dividend per share | 27.7p | 26.4p | +5 |



Divisional Operating Profit¹



Earnings per Share Before Exceptional Items and Goodwill Amortisation



Dividend per Share

¹ Excluding discontinued operations, exceptional items and goodwill amortisation