

Financial Services Sector – 2005 Profits

The undernoted table shows the end of year results for finance sector institutions highlighting the pre-tax profits on ordinary activities for the 2005 financial year.

2005 proved to be an extremely profitable year for the majority of the companies in the UK finance sector. The sector continues to perform well and shows strong growth in profits across the board. The notable exception was Cooperative Bank whose profits fell during 2005 by 14%. The pre-tax profits for RSA were up significantly. This was in part due to changes in the pension scheme which took place in 2004.

Institution	2004 Profits £ million	2005 Profits £ million	% change
Abbey National	273	596	117%
Aviva	2,300	1,318#	
AXA	€2,700	€3,300*	22%
Barclays	4,600	5,280	14.7%
Cooperative Bank	114	98	-14%
Friends Provident	375	600	60%
HBOS	4,112	4,808	17%
HSBC	9,100	11,500	26.3%
Legal & General	789	1,092	38.4%
LTSB	3,400	3,820	12.3%
Northern Rock	431	504	17%
Prudential	1,784	2,244	25.7%
RBOS	6,543	7,936	21.2%
Royal and Sun Alliance	38	865	2176%

* Profits announced in Euro (exchange rate at 13/03/05 1euro = £0.69) equates to profits of approx £2.3 billion sterling

AVIVA have been included for comparative purposes however the figure quoted is for the 6 months ended 30 June 2005