



Introduction

# Compagnie Financière Tradition



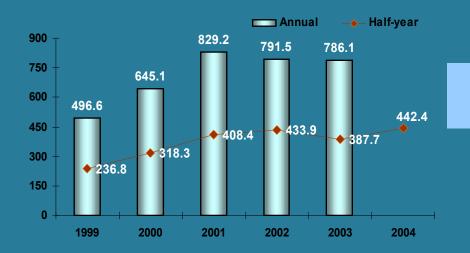
- World's No. 3 interdealer broker,
- 1,800 employees, including 1,350 brokers,
- A presence in sixteen countries; over 70% of revenues generated through the three major financial centres – London, New York and Tokyo,
- Corporate ethos built on development and innovation, with highly specialised expertise in an extensive range of market segments.

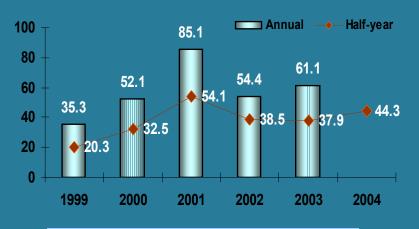
### Key figures (CHF million)



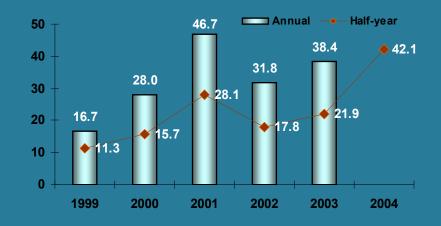
Turnover:

CHF 442.4 million





Operating profit: **CHF 44.3 million** 



Net profit - Group share **CHF 42.1 million** 

### Key figures



With solid fundamentals - a sharp rise in turnover, improved operating margin and Group share of net profit ahead - Compagnie Financière Tradition consolidated its position as

the world's No. 3 broker.



Our business

## Compagnie Financière Tradition

providing liquidity in financial markets





Euronext (666)\*
Deutsche Börse (954)\*
LSE (237)\*
OM Gruppen (122)\*

Information providers
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## Financial Markets

Banks & Financial Institutions

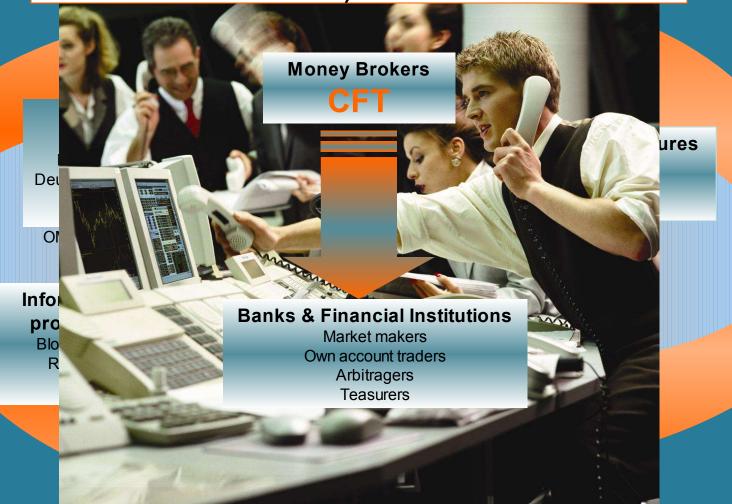
Market makers
Own account traders
Arbitragers
Teasure

Financial futures markets

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**ATS** 

Instinet (603)\* E-Speed (87)\* In its role as a marketplace, Compagnie Financière Tradition offers a neutral and independent service by organising liquidity (financial instruments and transactions) for its clients.



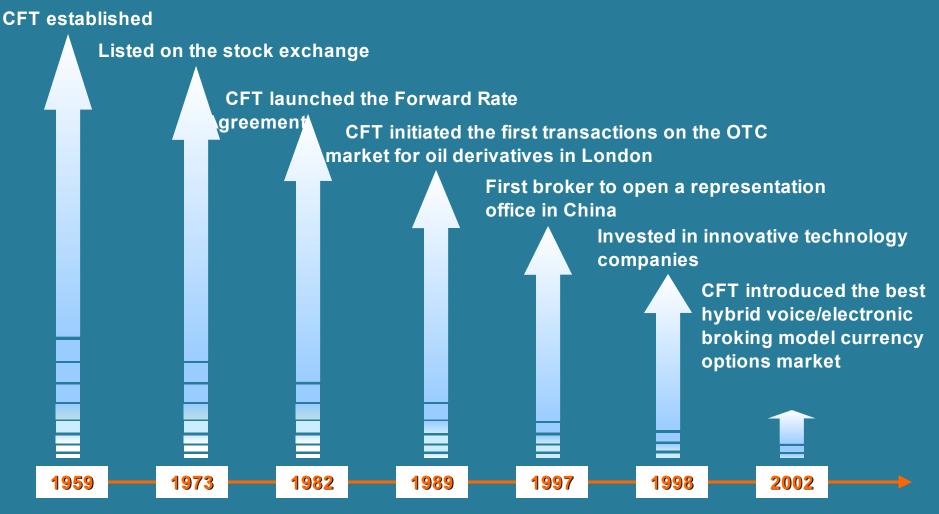


Experience, a broad client network, and an expert understanding of their objectives are key factors underlying Compagnie Financière Tradition's success.

#### Compagnie Financière Tradition

a tradition of development and innovation





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#### Platform for financial products







<u>Tradindex.com</u>

#### Economic environment H1 2004



#### Volatility trends since January 2003



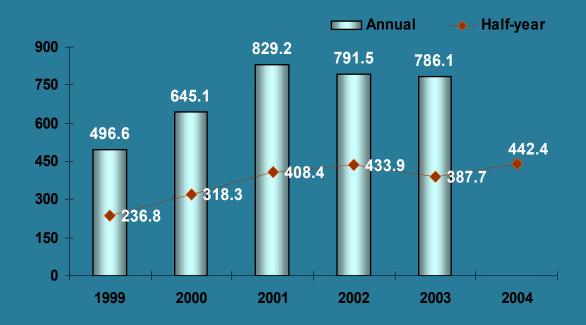
Volatility indexes in the equity and interest rate markets in % . 2003-2004



First-half turnover 2004

#### Turnover of CHF 442.4 million





A rise of 14.1% at current exchange rates

# Turnover A diversified portfolio of products





- Money market
- Interest rate derivatives
- Currency options

#### **Securities and futures**

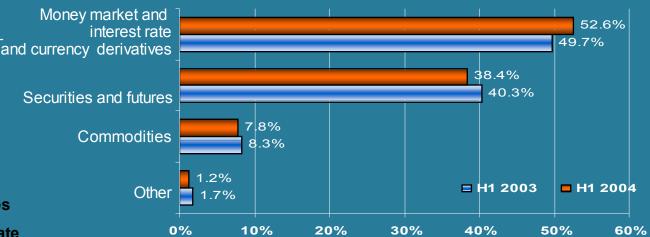
- Equity and equity derivatives
- Exchange-traded, interest rate and equity derivatives
- Government and corporate bonds
- Repos
- Credit derivatives

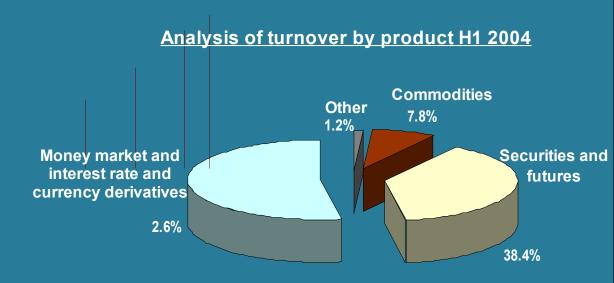
#### **Commodities**

- Precious metal
- Energy (natural gas, electricity, oil, coal, weather derivatives)

#### Other

- Non-core businesses
- Internet activities for retail clients





## Turnover Product trends



Money market and interest rate and currency derivatives 52.6%

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Securities and futures 38.4%

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- Strong growth stimulus in interest rate derivatives business (+21.8% at constant exchange rates), thanks to recruitment of new teams in Asia Pacific region and steady growth generated from New York and London.
- ■Robust currency options business at TFS-ICAP+Volbroker joint venture. Growth in London and New York activities.

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- Futures and bond activities remained stable.
- Equities and equity derivatives business on the rise.

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- <u>Energy products</u> grew 9.8%: increase of electricity and natural gas turnover and decrease of oil turnover.
- ■Stable turnover on <u>precious metals.</u>
- ■Growth of activities involving new technologies.

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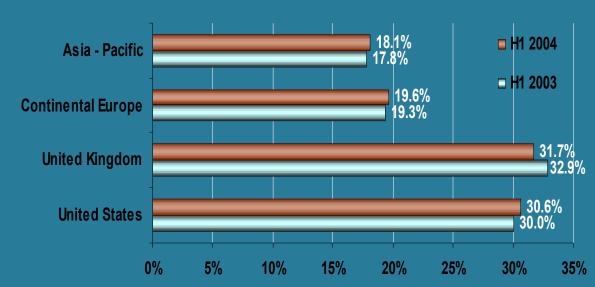
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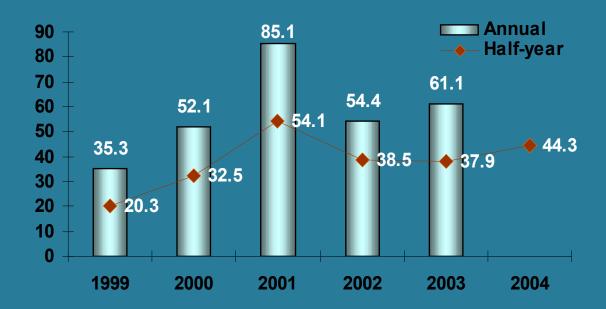
The sharp rise in first-half turnover reflects the Group's balanced growth in both products and geographic spread.





First-half operating results 2004





Operating profit up 16.9% at CHF 44.3 million



CHF million	H1 2004	H1 2003	% change
Net turnover	442.4	387.7	14.1
Other operating income	-	0.1	- 100
Operating income	442.4	387.8	14.1
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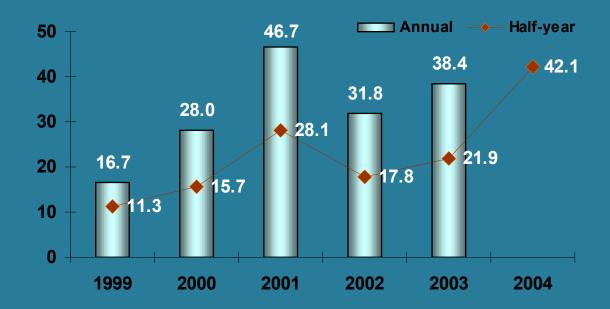
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Operating margin reached 10% of consolidated turnover.



First-half net profit 2004





Net profit - Group share up by CHF 42.1 million



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Financial income	- 2.1	5.2	-
Profit before tax	42.2	43.1	- 2.1
Exceptional items	21.0	-	-
Тах	- 16.5	- 15.9	-
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CHF thousand Income from investments	-	-	-
Net capital gains on investments and marketable securities	665	1,627	-
Interest and exchange gains and losses	- 2,337	3,587	
Provision on investments	- 450	-	
TOTAL	- 2,122	5,214	72.3
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Gross profit of CHF 27.5 million on the sale of its 2 Lausanne buildings to Financière Vermeer BV, in June 2004, for a price of CHF 35.0 million, against a net book value of CHF 7.5 million.

After taking account of a tax charge of CHF 6.5 million,

CFT earned a net profit on the sale of CHF 21.0 million.



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Tax	23.0*	15.9	26.1
Effective tax rate (excl. buildings)	39.0%	36.9%	36.9%
Average standard tax rate	36.8%	33.6%	

<u>The first-half consolidated tax charge</u> was CHF 22,960,000, including a tax charge of CHF 6,463,000 on profit on the disposal of Lausanne buildings offset against exceptional profit.

The effective tax rate, including tax on this profit, was 33% (average standard tax rate: 31,6%).



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Balance sheet at 30.06.2004



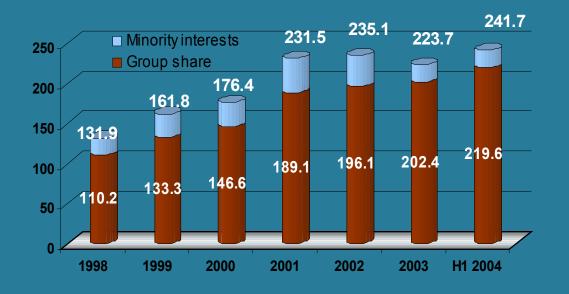
#### Consolidated balance sheet

ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
CHF million	30.06.04	2003	CHF million	30.06.04	2003
Cash and mark. securities	199.0	232.1	Financial debts	56.3	67.0
Trade debtors	123.7	93.3	Other short term debts and accrual	267.9	208.7
Other receivables and accruals	179.8	108.6	Cont. & loss provisions	12.9	12.6
Current assets	502.5	434.0	Total creditors	337.1	288.3
Financial fixed assets	20.7	18.9	Shareholders ' equity - Gs	219.6	202.5
Tangible fixed assets	29.5	33.2		00.4	04.0
Intangible fixed assets	26.1	25.9	Minority interests	22.1	21.2
Fixed assets	76.3	78.0	Shareholders' equity	241.7	223.7
TOTAL ASSETS	578.8	512.0	TOTAL LIABILITIES	578.8	512.0

# Consolidated shareholders' equity



Consolidated shareholders' equity of CHF 241.7 million



Shareholders' equity/ total assets: 41.8%

Net cash position at 30.06.2004: CHF 142.7 million



Share performance



#### Share performance



#### Compagnie Financière Tradition share

■ Stock N° : 1,248,815

■ Listing : SWX Zurich

**■ Number of shares** : 5,401,369

■ Nominal value : CHF 2.50

■ Share capital : CHF 13.6 million

■ Outstanding : 27.49%

■ P/E 2003 : 15.2x

2003 Dividend : CHF 5.0

■ Yield 2003 : 4.7%\*

<sup>\*</sup> At 7 September 2004

#### Share performance



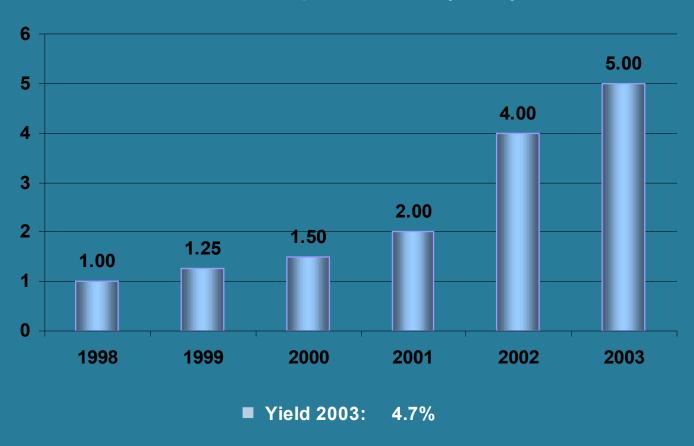
A annualised growth of stock price of 42.8%\* since 31.12.96



### High dividend policy



#### **Dividend per share\* (CHF)**



\* Based on a share of CHF 2.50 nominal value



Outlook



#### Outlook



- Maintain organic growth of 5% over the medium-term,
- Improve operating margin with target of 15% in the mediumterm:
  - Increase flexibility of broker remuneration structure ,
  - General reduction in brokers' pay-out ratios in an industry marked by medium-term consolidation,
  - Continue to cut costs of data and telecoms.
- But at the same time pursue a highly aggressive policy for team recruitment in light of current merger operations,
- Enhance development of Compagnie Financière Tradition's new innovative technology businesses, particularly on the Internet.

