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	2007	2006	2005
Turnover (€ million)	40 187	39 642	38 401
Underlying sales growth (%)	5.5	3.8	3.4
Operating profit (€ million)	5 245	5 408	5 074
Operating margin (%)	13.1	13.6	13.2
Earnings per share (euros)	1.32	1.19	1.07
Dividend per NV ordinary share (euros):			
Interim	0.25	0.23	0.22
Proposed final	0.50	0.47	0.44
Dividend per PLC ordinary share (pence):			
Interim	17.00	15.62	15.04
Proposed final	34.11	32.04	30.09

Notes

Turnover, underlying sales growth, operating profit, operating margin and earnings per share are based on continuing operations. Underlying sales growth is not a GAAP measure. In our Financial Review on page 32 we reconcile underlying sales growth with changes in turnover. Dividend figures for each year comprise dividends declared or proposed for that year. Under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) dividends are only recorded against the years in which they become payable. In addition to the dividends shown above, one-off dividends of €0.26 per NV share and 17.66p per PLC share were paid in December 2006. For further information and commentary on these measures please refer to the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements within this Annual Report and Accounts.

Our mission and corporate purpose

Unilever's mission is to add Vitality to life. We meet everyday needs for nutrition, hygiene and personal care with brands that help people feel good, look good and get more out of life.

Our deep roots in local cultures and markets around the world give us our strong relationship with consumers and are the foundation for our future growth. We will bring our wealth of knowledge and international expertise to the service of local consumers – a truly multi-local multinational. Our long-term success requires a total commitment to exceptional standards of performance and productivity, to working together effectively, and to a willingness to embrace new ideas and learn continuously. To succeed also requires, we believe, the highest standards of corporate behaviour towards everyone we work with, the communities we touch, and the environment on which we have an impact. This is our road to sustainable, profitable growth, creating long-term value for our shareholders, our people, and our business partners.