



Annual General Meeting

12 July 2006



Baroness Hogg Chairman





The Board of Directors



Dr Peter Mihatsch





Christine Morin-Postel





Michael Queen





Danny Rosenkranz





Tony Brierley





Philip Yea



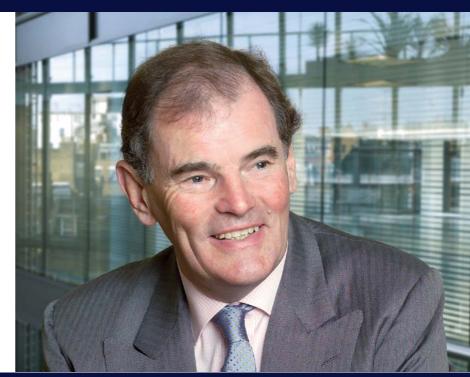


Simon Ball





Oliver Stocken





Fred Steingraber





Sir Robert Smith





Robert Swannell

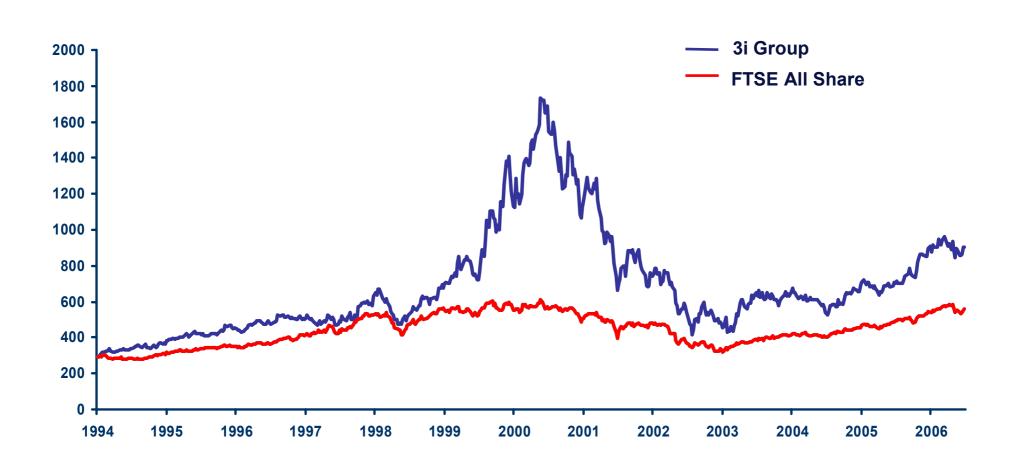




"A strong position in a buoyant market enabled the Group to deliver a return of £831 million for the year. In addition, good progress has been made towards achieving our vision."

Share price since flotation





Return of capital to shareholders



- Amount £700m
- Method bonus issue of listed B shares
- EGM to follow





Simon Ball Finance Director



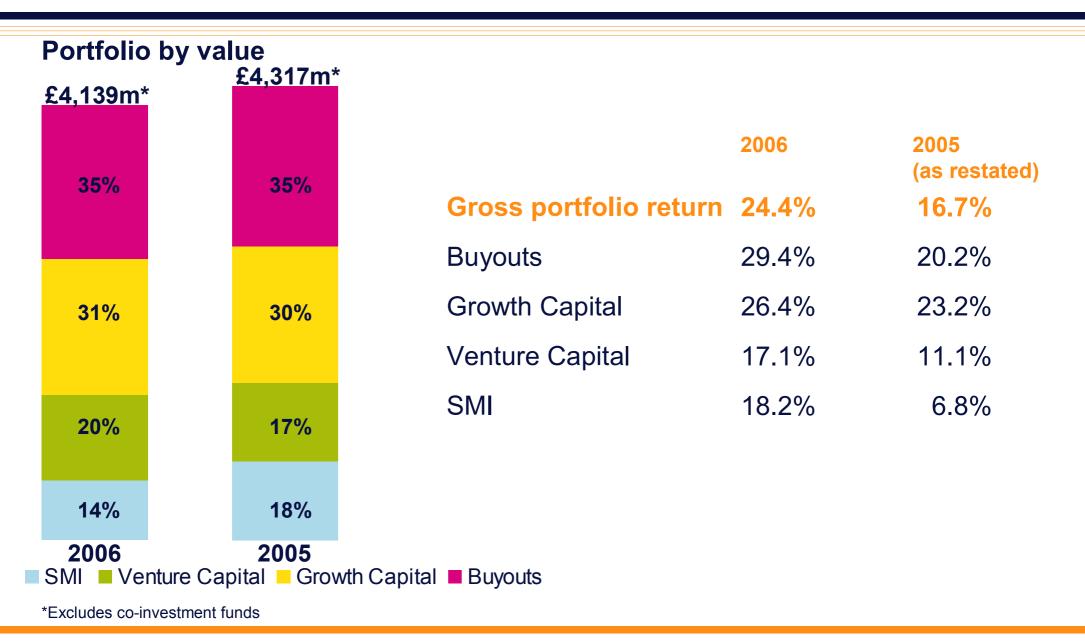
Financial performance headlines



		2006	2005 (as restated)
•	Total return	£831m	£501m
•	Return on opening shareholders' funds	22.5%	15.2%
•	Gross portfolio return	24.4%	16.7%
•	Realised profits	£576m	£250m
•	Realisation proceeds	£2,207m	£1,302m
•	New investment	£1,110m	£755m
•	Net asset value per share	739p	614p
•	Final dividend	9.7p	9.3p

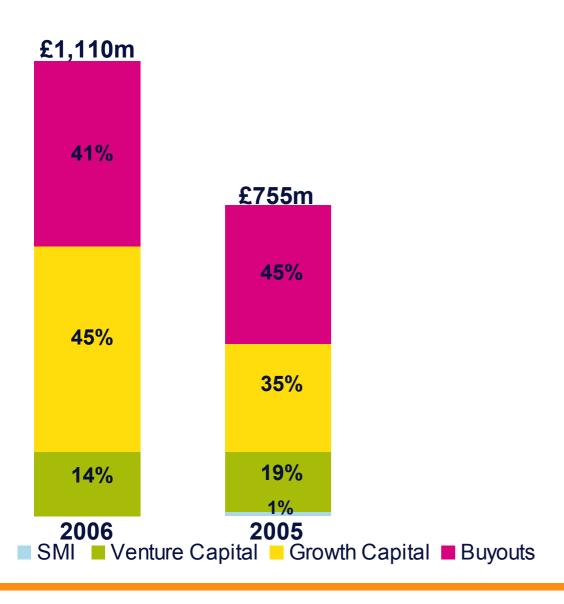
Portfolio value and gross returns by business line





Investment





- 58 new investments
- Largest ten account for 46%
- Average size €22m
 - Buyouts €55m*
 - Growth Capital €30m**
 - Venture Capital €5m**

^{*} Buyouts average new investment excluding co-investment funds is €38m

^{**} Excluding completions into externally managed funds

A selection of investments



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National Car Parks	UK	Transport management	£96m
Giochi Preziosi	Italy	Toy retailer and wholesaler	£61m
Carema	Nordic	Elderly care	£36m

Growth Capital

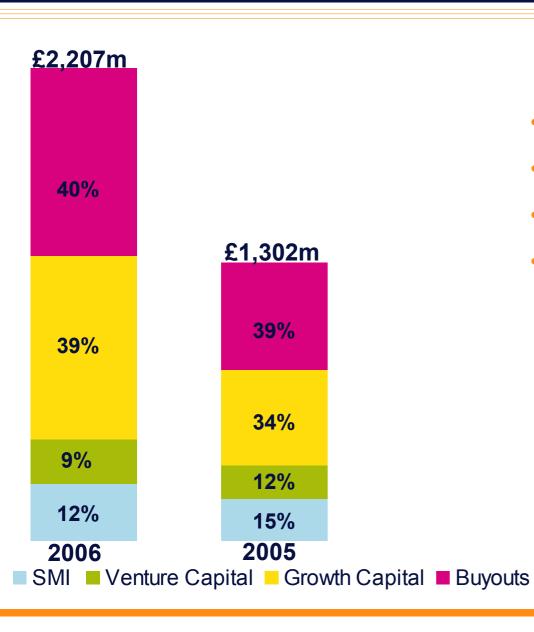
] 2	UK	Infrastructure investment fund	£79m
Boxer TV-Access	Nordic	Digital TV distributor	£60m
Hayley Conference Centres	UK	Conference centres	£41m
Nimbus Communications	India	Media and entertainment services	£22m

Venture Capital

Webpay International	Germany	Online service provider	£14m
TransMedics	US	Transplant technologies	£8m

Realisations





- 474 realisations (278 SMI)
- Uplift over value 35%
- Portfolio turn by value 38%
- IPOs on 9 different markets

Realisation highlights



Buyouts			3i proceeds	Money multiple	IRR %
Yellow Brick Road	Europe	Telephone directories publisher	£129m	4.2	110
Betapharm	Germany	Generic prescription drugs	£105m	2.1	48
Travelex	UK	Foreign currency services	£93m	9.2	59
Growth Capital					
Petrofac	UK	Oil and gas services	£116m	5.2	64
Williams Lea	UK	Outsourced business services	£110m	3.4	83
Mölnlycke Health Care	Nordic	Surgical wound care products	£40m	2.5	31
Venture Capital					
Cambridge Silicon Radio	UK	Radio based silicon chips	£26m	11.4	64
Ubinetics	UK	Technology for 3G devices	£25m	2.4	77
Interhyp	Germany	Online mortgage broker	£25m	10.3	54
SMI					
Cannon Avent	UK	Manufacturer of baby products	£64m	15.1	35

Net portfolio and total return



	2006 £m	(a	2005 s restated) £m	
Gross portfolio return	1,053	24.4%	727	16.7%
Fund management fees	24		30	
Net carried interest	15		(64)	
Operating expenses	(211)		(177)	
Net portfolio return	881	20.4%	516	11.8%
Net interest payable	(17)		(42)	
Exchange movements	47		13	
Movement in the fair value of derivatives	(78)		13	
Other	19		(2)	
Profit after tax	852	-	498	•
Reserve movements	(21)	_	3	
Total recognised income and expense	831	22.5%	501	15.2%

Net cash flow



	2006 £m	2005 £m
Cash invested	(1,068)	(719)
Net realisation proceeds	2,213	1,287
Net investment cash flow	1,145	568
Portfolio income, operating expenses and other	(42)	(50)
Net cash inflow before dividend	1,103	518
Ordinary dividend	(86)	(85)
Return of capital	(467)	-
Net cash inflow	550	433

Balance sheet



	2006 £m	2005 (as restated) £m
Investment assets	4,139	4,317
Other net liabilities	(77)	(73)
	4,062	4,244
Net borrowings	56	545
Shareholders' funds	4,006	3,699
	4,062	4,244
Gearing	1%	15%

Return of capital 2005/06



- £500m approved at July 2005 EGM
- Special dividend of £245m paid last summer
- £222m applied to buy-backs at average price of 734p per share
- Renewal of buyback authority to provide flexibility

Financial summary



- Total return of 22.5%
- Exceptional level of realisations
- Cash flow to support further return of £700m to shareholders
- Good growth in high quality investment





- Target gearing ratio of 30%-40% across the cycle
- March 2005, 15% gearing
 - up to £500m return of capital approved
- March 2006, 1% gearing
 - proposal to return a further £700m

Proposed return of capital – method



- Bonus issue of listed "B" shares
- One B share for each ordinary share
- Expected offers of 127p for each B share
- Consolidation of ordinary shares

 (11 new ordinary shares for 13 existing ordinary shares)

Proposed return of capital – key dates



- 14 July 2006
 - Forms of election to be received by registrars
 - Last day of dealing for existing ordinary shares
- 17 July 2006
 - Dealings commence in consolidated ordinary shares and B shares
- 27 July 2006
 - Cash proceeds distributed in respect of the Initial Purchase Offer
- 11 September 2006
 - Cash proceeds distributed in respect of the Company Offer





Philip Yea Chief Executive



Our vision



3i shall be the private equity firm of choice

- Operating on a world-wide scale
- Producing consistent market beating returns
- Acknowledged for our partnership style
- Winning through our unparalleled resources

Our strategy



- To invest in high-return assets
- To grow our assets and those we manage on behalf of third parties
- To extend our international reach, directly and through investing in funds
- To use our balance sheet and resources to develop existing and new business lines
- To continue to build our strong culture of operating as one company across business lines, geographies and sectors

Investing in high return assets



	Target cash to cash returns		
Buyouts	20%	29%	20%
Growth Capital	20%	26%	23%
Venture Capital	25%	17%	11%

To grow our assets – owned and managed



- Buyouts
 - Mid-market positioning
 - Eurofund V
- Growth Capital
 - Average deal size quadrupled in two years
 - Asian investment tripled
 - US Growth capital team up and running
- Infrastructure
- Venture Capital
 - Increase late stage focus

Extending our international reach — Asia - directly





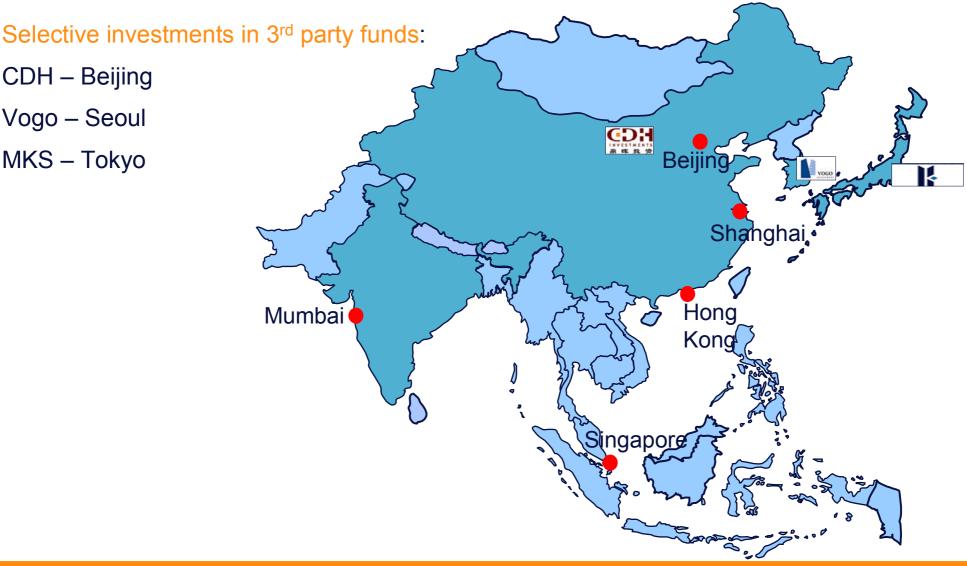
Extending our international reach — Asia - indirectly



CDH - Beijing

Vogo – Seoul

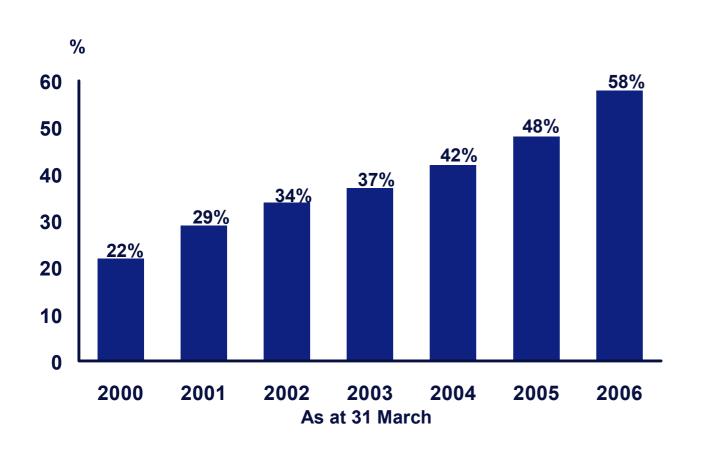
MKS – Tokyo



Extending our international reach



International portfolio value as percentage of total



To use our balance sheet and resources



Existing business lines

- Finance new offices
- Market entry strategies

New business lines

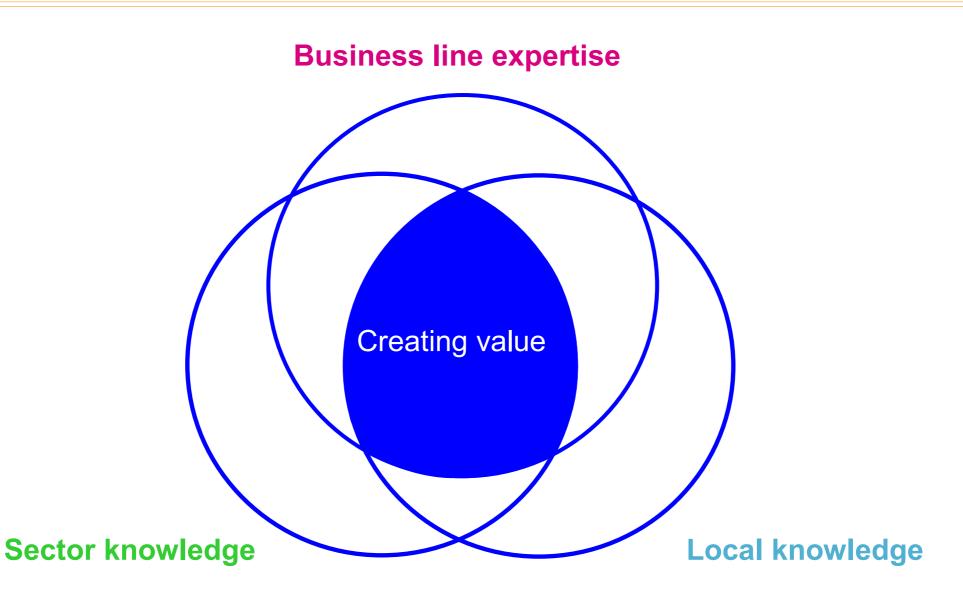
- Infrastructure
- Others as appropriate





Building on our one company culture







"Since the year end, we have continued to invest well and generate high levels of realisations."

Summary



- Good set of results
- Detailed strategy for the future
- Motivation high
- Good start to the year





Roger Perkin Ernst & Young



The Resolutions

Resolutions commentary



- AGM
 - 15 resolutions on regular annual business
 - Political donations
 - Co-investment schemes
 - On-market purchases of shares

- EGM
 - Return of capital



Questions

Two poll cards



Resolutions		For	Against	Abstain
1	Report and Accounts.			
2	Remuneration report.			
3	Declaration of dividend.			
4	Reappointment of Mme C J M Morin-Postel.			
5	Reappointment of Mr M J Queen.			
6	Reappointment of Mr F D Rosenkranz.			
7	Reappointment of Auditors.			
8	Remuneration of Auditors.			
9	Renewal of Company's authority to incur political expenditure.			
10	Renewal of 3i plc's authority to incur political expenditure.			
11	Directors' co-investment arrangements.			
12	The 3i Group Employee Trust.			
13	Renewal of authority to allot shares.			
14	Renewal of section 89 authority.			
15	Renewal of authority to purchase own shares.			
Sig	gnature			

Extraordinary General Meeting Poll Card Resolution For Against Abstain 1 B Share issue, share capital consolidation, authority for market purchases of B Shares and amendment to Articles of Association Signature



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 97.48% For, 0.12% Discretionary, 1.87% Abstain and 0.53% Against

"THAT the Company's Accounts for the year to 31 March 2006 and the Directors' report, the Auditors' report and the auditable part of the Directors' remuneration report be and they are hereby received and considered"



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 96.43% For, 0.13% Discretionary, 2.26% Abstain and 1.18% Against

"THAT the Directors' remuneration report for the year to 31 March 2006 be and it is hereby approved"



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 99.51% For, 0.12% Discretionary, 0.10% Abstain and 0.27% Against

"THAT a final dividend of 9.7 pence per share be and it is hereby declared, payable to those shareholders whose names appeared on the Register of Members at close of business on 23 June 2006"



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 98.87% For, 0.23% Discretionary, 0.08% Abstain and 0.82% Against

"THAT Mme C J M Morin-Postel be and she is hereby reappointed as a Director of the Company"



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 99.47% For, 0.14% Discretionary, 0.08% Abstain and 0.31% Against

"THAT Mr M J Queen be and he is hereby reappointed as a Director of the Company"



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 98.86% For, 0.23% Discretionary, 0.08% Abstain and 0.83% Against

"THAT Mr F D Rosenkranz be and he is hereby reappointed as a Director of the Company"



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 98.62% For, 0.13% Discretionary, 0.07% Abstain and 1.18% Against

"THAT Ernst & Young LLP be and they are hereby reappointed as Auditors of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next General Meeting at which Accounts are laid before the Members"



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 98.64% For, 0.13% Discretionary, 0.06% Abstain and 1.17% Against

"THAT the Board be and it is hereby authorised to fix the Auditors' remuneration"



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 97.46% For, 0.13% Discretionary, 0.16% Abstain and 2.25% Against

To renew the Company's authority to incur political expenditure



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 97.44% For, 0.13% Discretionary, 0.16% Abstain and 2.27% Against

To renew the authority of 3i plc to incur political expenditure



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 97.83% For, 0.13% Discretionary, 1.20% Abstain and 0.84% Against

"THAT executive Directors be and they are hereby authorised to participate in the co-investment arrangements described in the notes relating to this Resolution 11 set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting dated 10 May 2006"



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 96.22% For, 0.13% Discretionary, 3.23% Abstain and 0.42% Against

To authorise an increase in the limit on the number of shares which may be held by The 3i Group Employee Trust from 2.5% to 5% of the company's issued share capital



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 98.06% For, 0.13% Discretionary, 0.07% Abstain and 1.74% Against

To renew the Directors' authority to allot shares



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 99.39% For, 0.15% Discretionary, 0.04% Abstain and 0.42% Against

Special Resolution

To renew the Directors' authority to allot shares for cash



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 99.50% For, 0.13% Discretionary, 0.06% Abstain and 0.31% Against

Special Resolution

To renew the Company's authority to purchase its own shares





Commencement of Extraordinary General Meeting



Proxy votes lodged for this Resolution: 96.13% For, 0.28% Discretionary, 3.34% Abstain and 0.25% Against

Special Resolution

B share issue, share capital consolidation, authority for market purchases of B shares and amendment to Articles of Association.

