

Unilever Charts



1 Unilever Charts 2004

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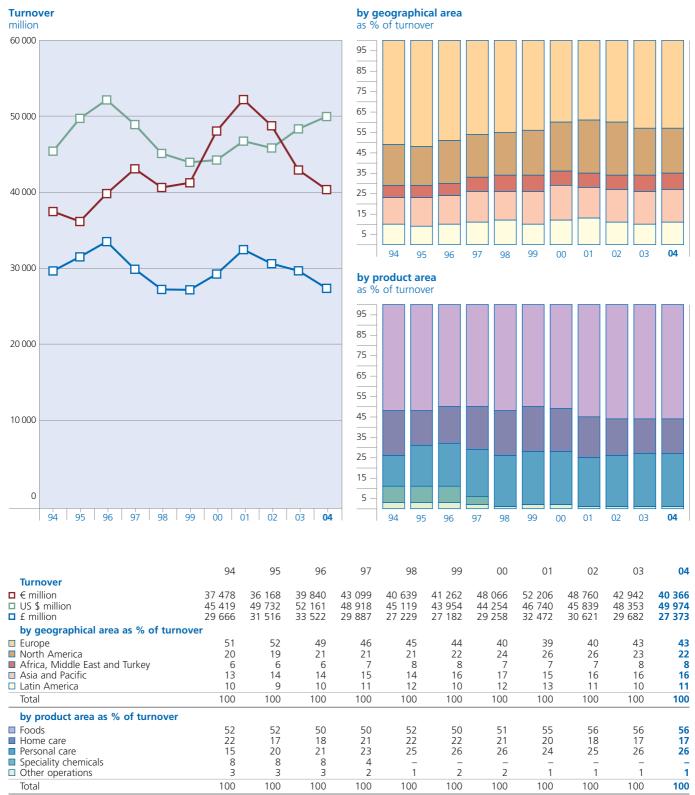
Graphs and tables are based on average current exchange rates applicable in each year. Balance sheet information is translated at closing rates for the relevant year. For years prior to 1997 information is stated on a Group basis where applicable. This means excluding our share of the turnover and operating profit of joint ventures, which are included in the figures for the years from 1997 to 2004 inclusive.

From 1 January 2000, Unilever adopted the euro as its principal reporting currency. The sterling information for 2000 to 2004 and the US dollar information for all years is given solely for the convenience of readers and does not form part of the full audited accounts of the Unilever Group. The euro values for earlier years have been derived by converting values previously reported in guilders using the official conversion rate of €1.00 = Fl. 2.20371.

In certain cases this has resulted in a restatement of numbers previously shown in sterling or derived from sterling accounts.

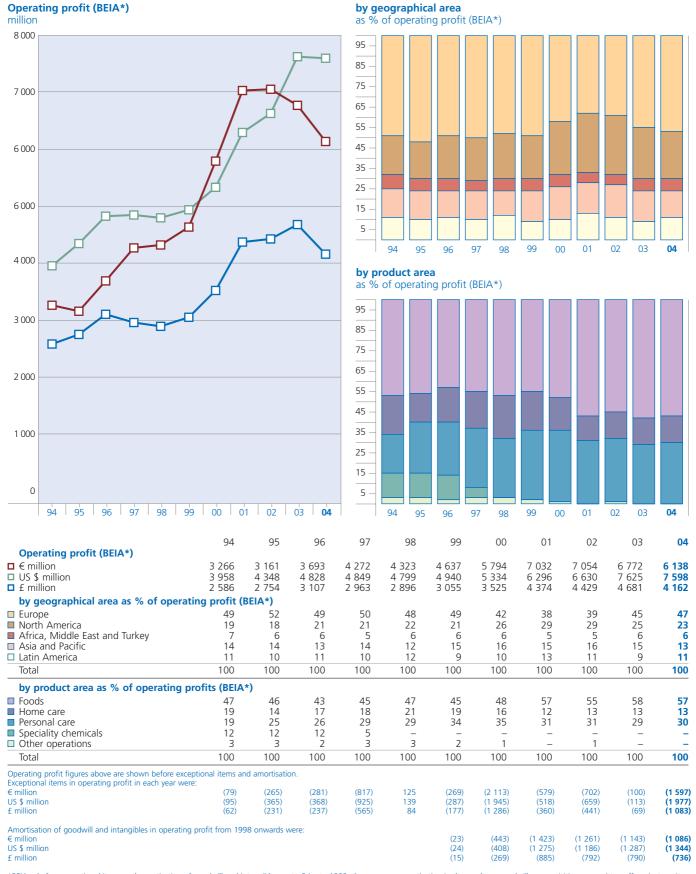
The accounts of the Unilever Group are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United Kingdom, which differ in some respects from those generally accepted in the United States.

2 Turnover



Home care segment includes professional cleaning from 1994 to 2002

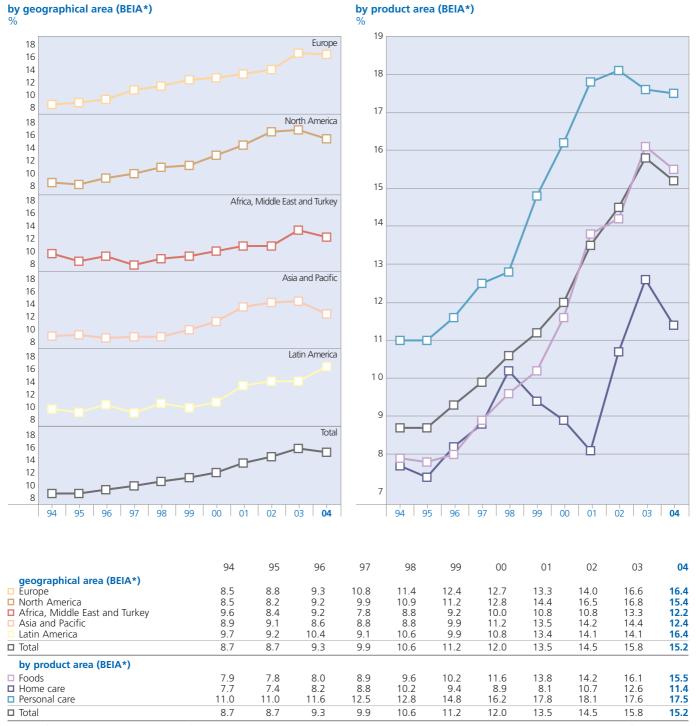
3 Operating profit



^{*}BEIA = before exceptional items and amortisation of goodwill and intangible assets. Prior to 1998, there was no amortisation in the result, as goodwill on acquisition was written off against equity.

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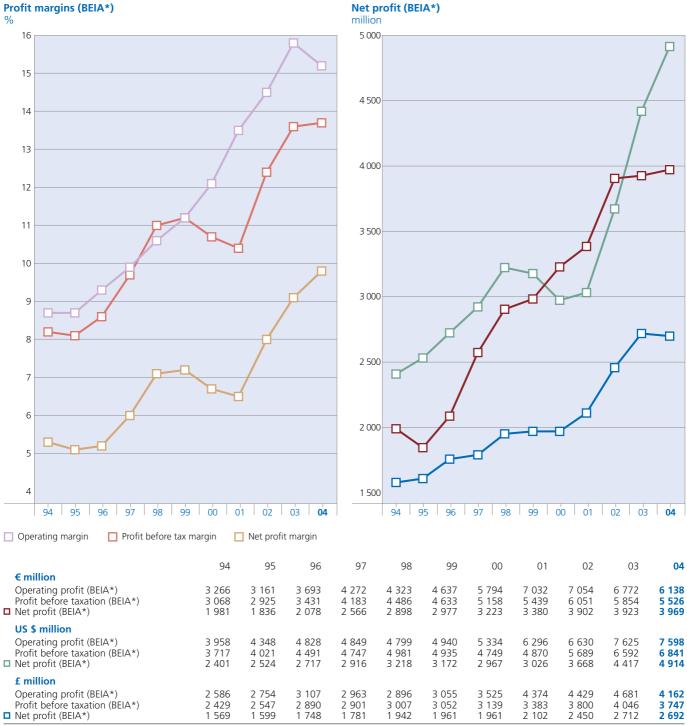
4 Operating margins



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5 Profit margins



 $[\]star$ All profit figures quoted are before exceptional items and amortisation of goodwill and intangible assets (BEIA)

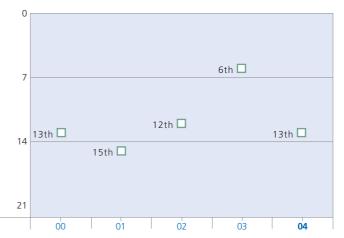
6 Research and development, advertising and promotions, total shareholder return

Research and development

as % of turnover



Total shareholder return



Advertising and promotions

as % of turnover



Total Shareholder Return (TSR) is a concept used to compare the performance of different companies' stocks and shares over time. It combines share price appreciation and dividends paid to show the total return to the shareholder. The absolute size of the TSR will vary with stock markets, but the relative position is a reflection of the market perception of overall performance.

The chart above shows Unilever's position relative to a reference group of 21 companies, including Unilever, over a three-year rolling period. In 2004 the following companies formed the peer group of comparative companies:

Altria Group Avon Beiersdorf Cadbury Schweppes Clorox Coca Cola Colgate Danone Gillette Kao Lion L'Oreal Nestle Orkla Pepsico Procter & Gamble Reckitt Benckiser Sara Lee Shiseido

€ million	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04
Research & development Advertising & promotion	686	671	714	787	830	935	1 187	1 178	1 166	1 065	1 040
	4 224	3 901	4 499	5 239	5 188	5 345	6 545	6 648	6 839	6 069	5 704
US \$ million											
Research & developmentAdvertising & promotion	831	923	934	894	921	996	1 093	1 055	1 096	1 200	1 288
	5 120	5 364	5 891	5 939	5 760	5 693	6 027	5 952	6 429	6 833	7 062
£ million											
Research & developmentAdvertising & promotion	543	585	600	546	556	616	723	733	732	736	705
	3 344	3 399	3 786	3 628	3 476	3 521	3 984	4 135	4 295	4 195	3 868

7 Financing ratios and net funds/(debt)



Net gearing is net debt (borrowings plus finance lease creditors less cash and current investments) expressed as a percentage of the sum of capital and reserves, minority interests and net debt.

As from 1996, in calculating capital and reserves, the book value of shares and certificates held in connection with share option plans is classified as fixed assets, rather than deducted from reserves as required by Dutch law.

Following the sale of the speciality chemicals businesses in 1997, net interest was at low levels relative to earnings in 1997 and 1999, and was positive in 1998. Net interest cover has not therefore been plotted for these three years.

Net interest cover is profit on ordinary activities (after exceptional items) before net interest on net borrowings and taxation, divided by net interest, on net borrowings excluding associates.

Adjusted net interest cover based on adjusted EBITDA is earnings on ordinary activities excluding associates and non-cash share option cost before net interest on net debt, taxation, depreciation amortisation and impairment divided by net interest on net debt excluding associates.

Closing net funds/(debt) is borrowings plus finance lease creditors less cash and current investments at 31 December in each year (at closing rates of exchange).

The movement in funds in 1997 includes proceeds from the sale of the speciality chemicals businesses.

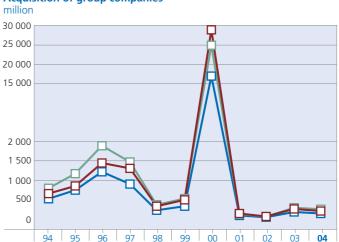
The sharp movement in the 2000 ratios is explained by the financing of the acquisition of Bestfoods.

8 Cash flow, acquisitions and disposals





Acquisition of group companies



Ungeared free cash flow





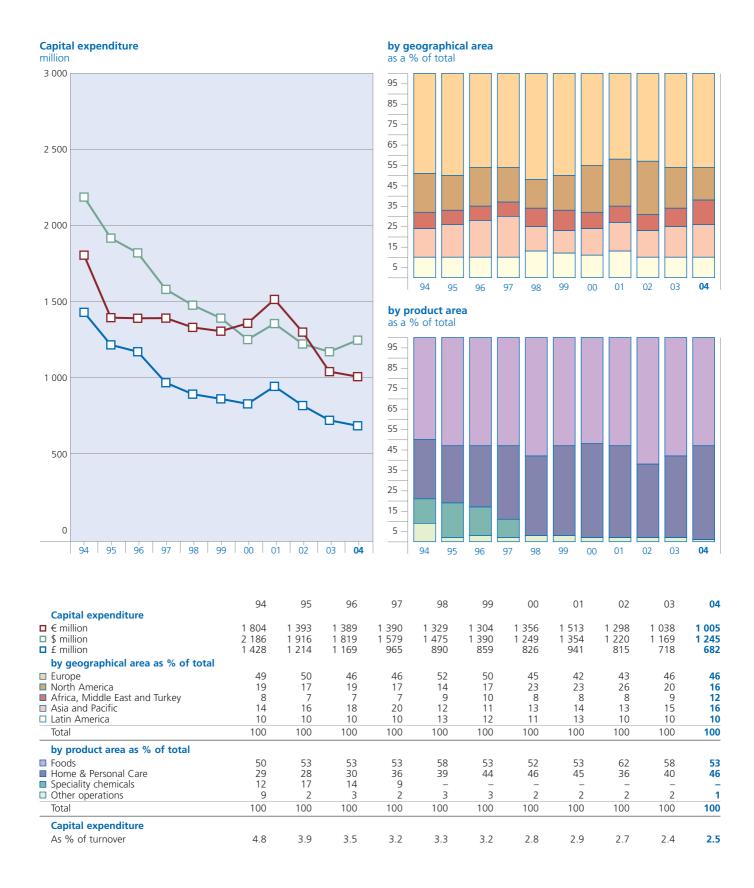
	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04
Number of acquisition/disposals	40	55	50	42	44	50	47	34	38	61	47
Cash flow from group operating activities											
□ € million □ US \$ million □ f million	4 129 5 003 3 269	3 713 5 106 3 235	4 530 5 932 3 812	5 558 6 309 3 854	4 514 5 012 3 026	5 654 6 023 3 724	6 738 6 203 4 100	7 497 6 713 4 662	7 883 7 411 4 951	6 780 7 637 4 689	6 853 8 484 4 646
Ungeared free cash flow ☐ € million ☐ US \$ million	1 337 1 619	1 374 1 890	1 998 2 616	2 366 2 685	1 652 1 834	2 779 2 961	4 180 3 736	4 075 3 648	4 210 3 958	3 939 4 438	4 856 6 012
f million	1 058	1 197	1 681	1 640	1 107	1 831	2 468	2 535	2 644	2 725	3 293
Acquisition of group companies ■ € million ■ US \$ million ■ £ million	651 789 516	849 1 168 740	1 445 1 892 1 216	1 305 1 472 898	323 361 218	488 522 323	28 010 24 728 16 867	134 120 83	57 53 36	252 284 174	198 245 134
Disposal of group companies											
□ € million □ US \$ million □ f million	136 165 108	132 181 115	413 541 348	7 544 8 419 4 993	661 736 444	126 134 83	637 586 388	3 611 3 233 2 245	1 812 1 703 1 138	874 984 603	514 635 348

Cash flow figures are presented in accordance with the revised Accounting Standard FRS 1, issued in October 1996.

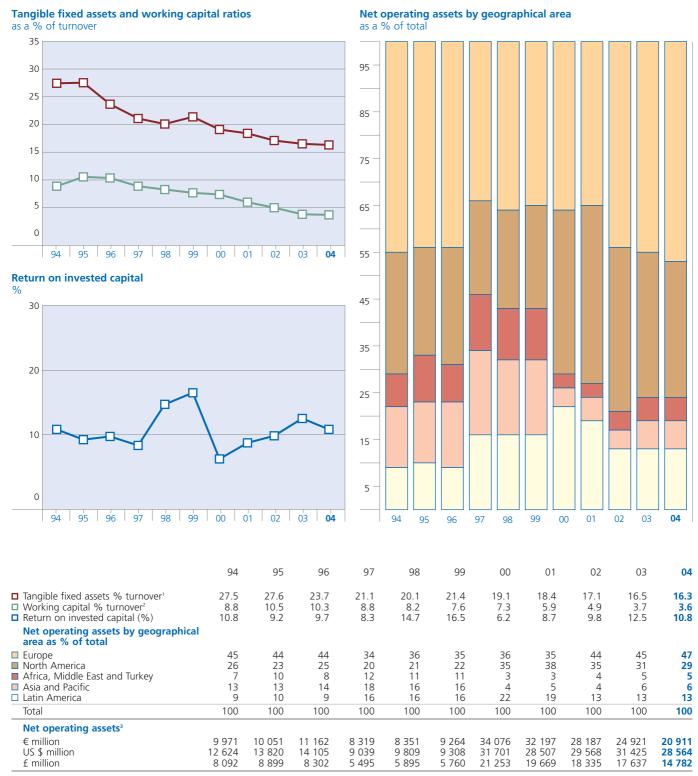
Net cash flow before financing & acquisitions/disposals excludes the payment of the special dividend in 1999.

Ungeared free cash flow is cash flow from group operating activities, less capital expenditure and financial investment and less a tax charge adjusted to reflect an ungeared position.

9 Capital expenditure



10 Capital ratios and net operating assets



Return on invested capital is profit after tax but excluding net interest on net debt (excluding joint ventures and associates interest) and amortisation or impairment of goodwill and intangible assets (excluding joint ventures and associates amortisation and write-downs of goodwill and intangible assets taken in connection with business disposals) both net of tax, divided by average invested capital for the year, all expressed at current exchange rates. Invested capital is the sum of tangible fixed assets and fixed investments, working capital (stocks, debtors and trade and other creditors due within one year), goodwill and intangible assets at gross book value and cumulative goodwill written off directly to reserves under an earlier accounting policy. The average of five quarter end positions is taken.

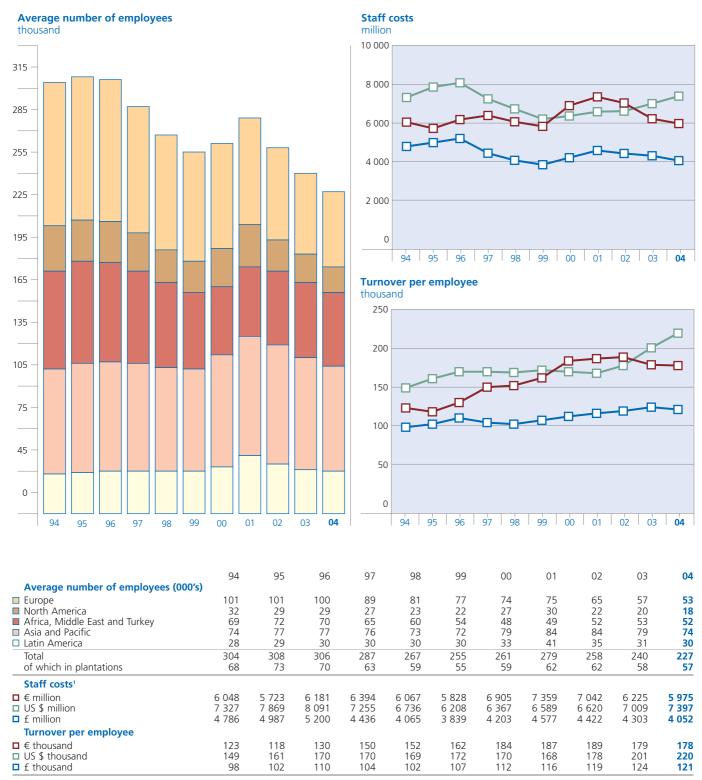
Net operating assets are goodwill, intangible assets, tangible fixed assets, stocks and debtors less trade and other creditors (excluding taxation and dividends) and less provisions for liabilities

and charges other than deferred purchase consideration.

From 2000 onwards this has been calculated as a 5 point average.

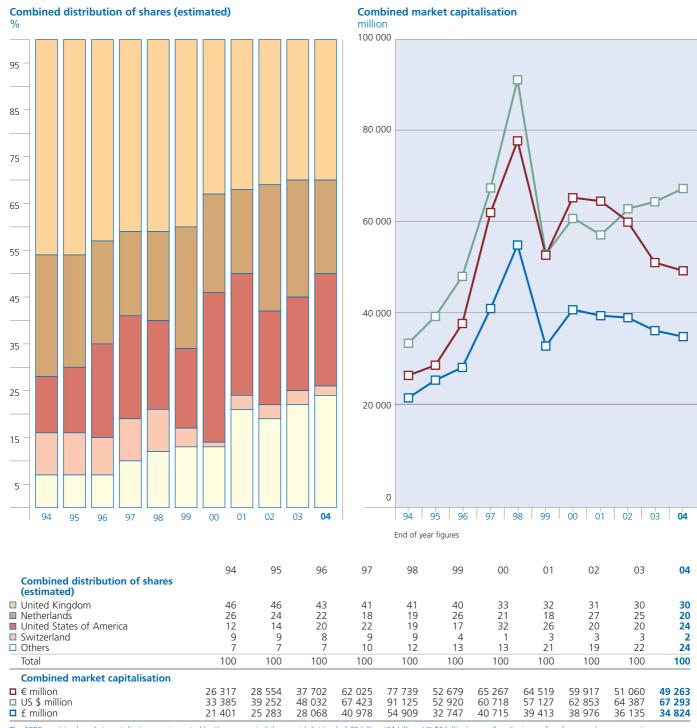
² From 1994 onwards this has been calculated as a 5 point average.

11 Personnel numbers and staff costs



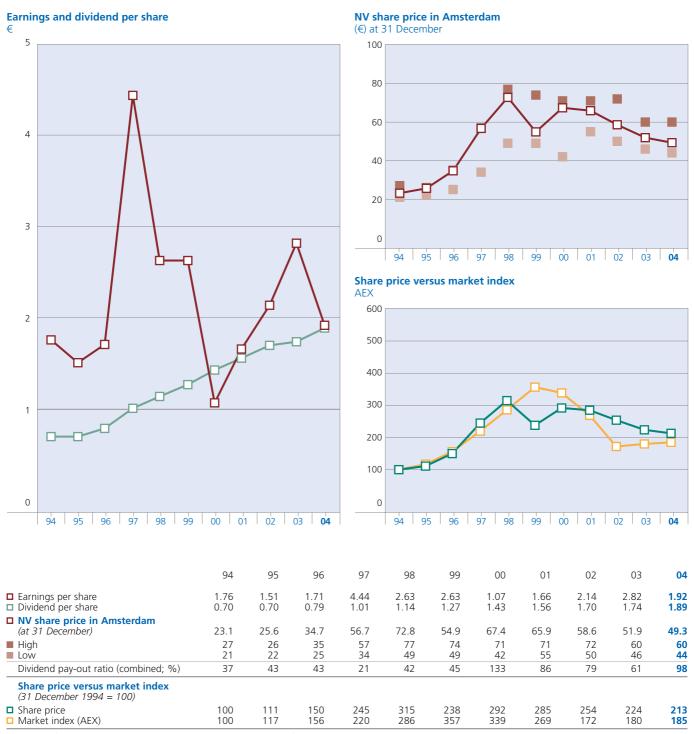
¹ Figures have been restated following the implementation of UK Financial Reporting Standard 17 'Retirement Benefits' (affecting 2001 and 2002) and a revised accounting policy for share-based payments (affecting 1999 to 2002).

12 Distribution of shares and market capitalisation



The 1999 combined market capitalisation was impacted by the payment of the special dividend of €6 billion (£4 billion; US \$6 billion), as well as the issue of preferences shares amounting to a value of €1.4 billion (£0.9 billion); US \$1.5 billion).

13 Share information NV - Euros



The 2004 NV final dividend is subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting of Unilever N.V. on 10 May 2005.

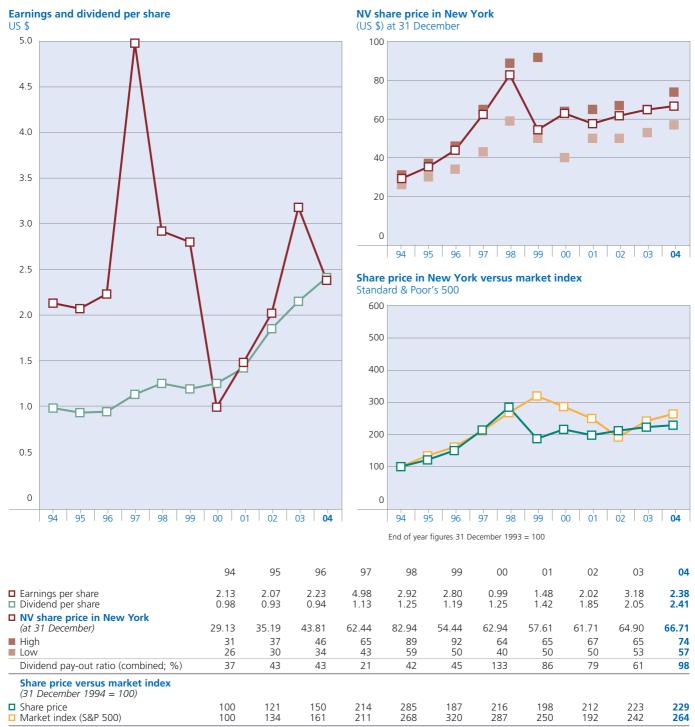
Figures for earnings per share and dividends have been restated in all years to reflect the four-in-one share split in October 1997.

In June 1999 the Fl. 1 ordinary shares of NV were consolidated, so that every 112 Fl. 1 ordinary shares were replaced by 100 Fl. 1.12 ordinary shares. This consolidation was associated with the payment of a special dividend of Fl. 14.50 per Fl.1 share, so that the economic impact was that of a share buy back at fair value and therefore, in accordance with UK Accounting Standard FRS 14, earnings per share for prior periods have not been restated. Dividends per share are also not restated.

Earnings per share: combined earnings per share after exceptional items, non-diluted.

Earnings and dividends per share from 1994 – 1999 have been restated to euros applying the €1 = Fl. 2.20371 exchange rate

14 Share information NV – US Dollars



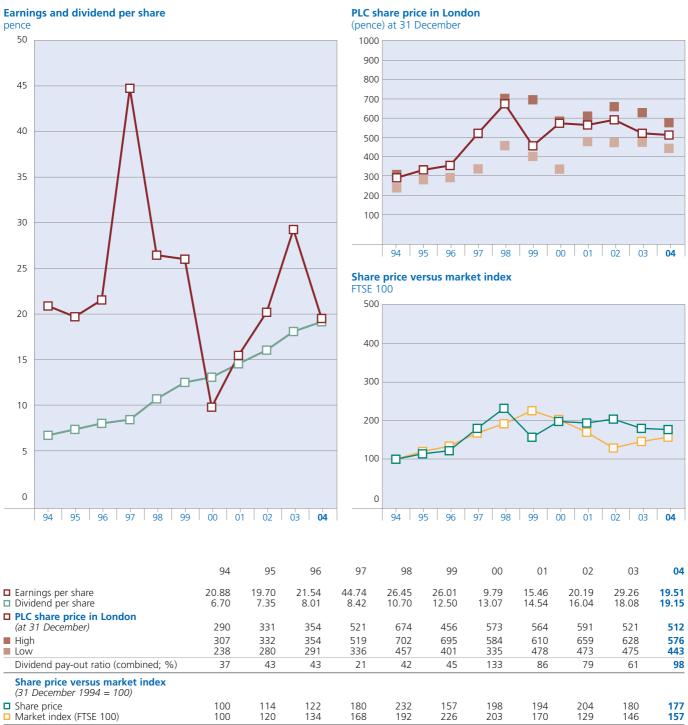
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Earnings per share: combined earnings per share after exceptional items, non-diluted.

15 Share information PLC - Pounds sterling



The 2004 PLC final dividend is subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting of Unilever PLC on 11 May 2005.

Figures for earnings per share and dividends have been restated in all years to reflect the four-in-one share split in October 1997.

In June 1999 the 1.25p ordinary shares of PLC were consolidated, so that every 112 1.25p ordinary shares were replaced by 100 1.4p ordinary shares. This consolidation was associated with the payment of a special dividend of 66.13p per 1.25p share, so that the economic impact was that of a share buy back at fair value and therefore, in accordance with UK Accounting Standard FRS 14, earnings per share for prior periods have not been restated. Dividends per share are also not restated.

Earnings per share: combined earnings per share after exceptional items, non-diluted.

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