## PEARSON

## 2007 results

3 March 2008

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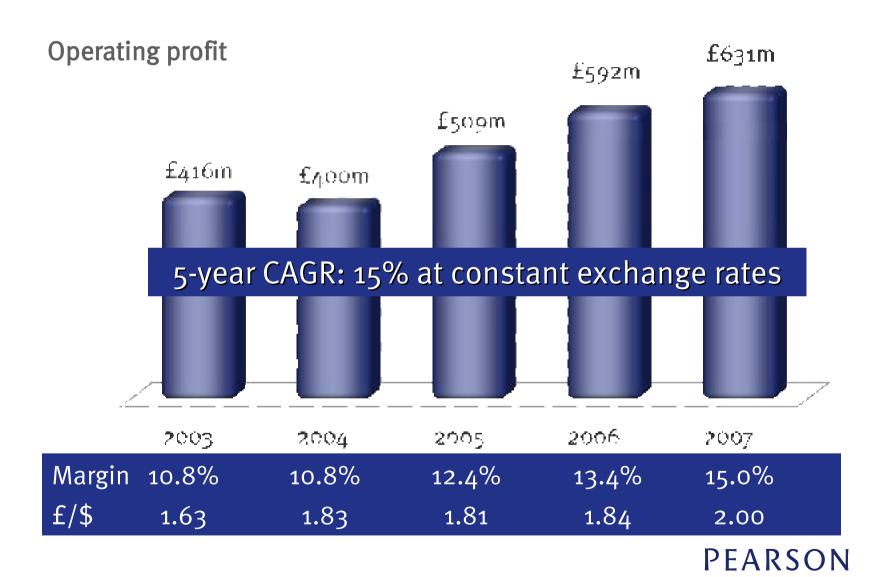


#### **Record results**

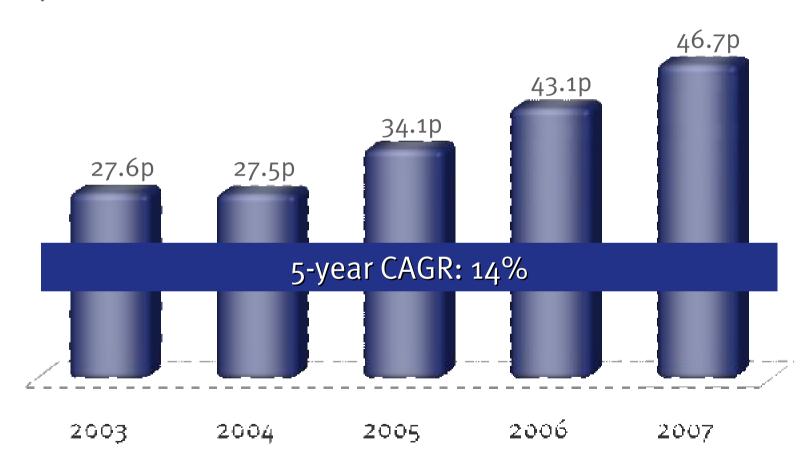
£m	2007	2006	Headline growth	Underlying growth
Sales*	4,218	4,051	4%	6%
Operating profit*	631	565	12%	14%
Margin*	15.0%	13.9%	1.1 ppts	
Adjusted eps	46.7p	43.1p	8%	15%**
Operating cash flow	684	575	19%	
ROIC	8.2%	8.0%	o.2 ppts	
Dividend	31.6p	29.3p	7.8%	

<sup>\*</sup>Includes Data Management (Scanners). Excludes Government Solutions and Les Echos \*\*At constant currency

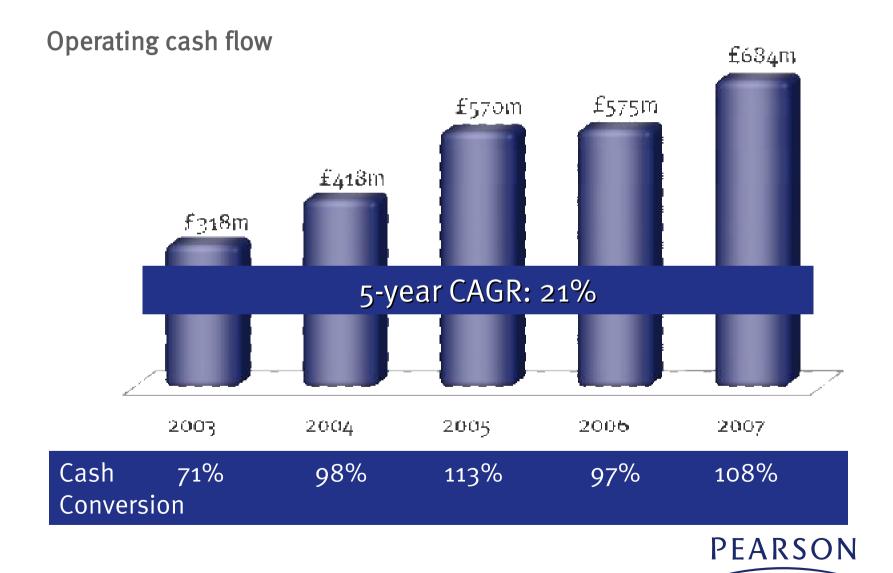




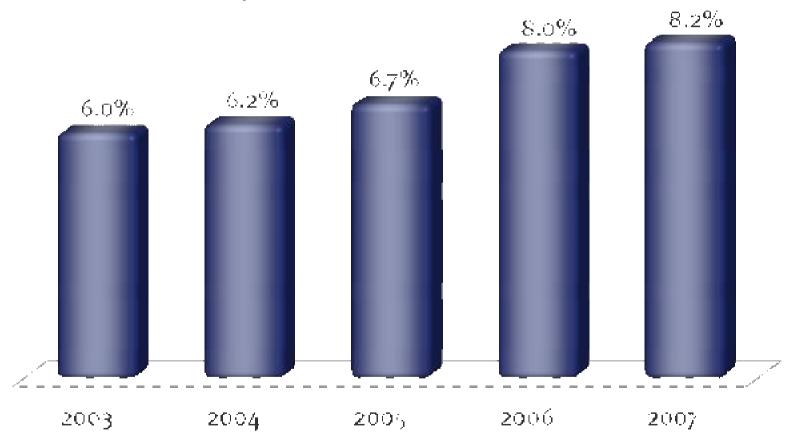
**Adjusted EPS** 







#### Return on invested capital





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Strong, sustainable growth



Financial performance

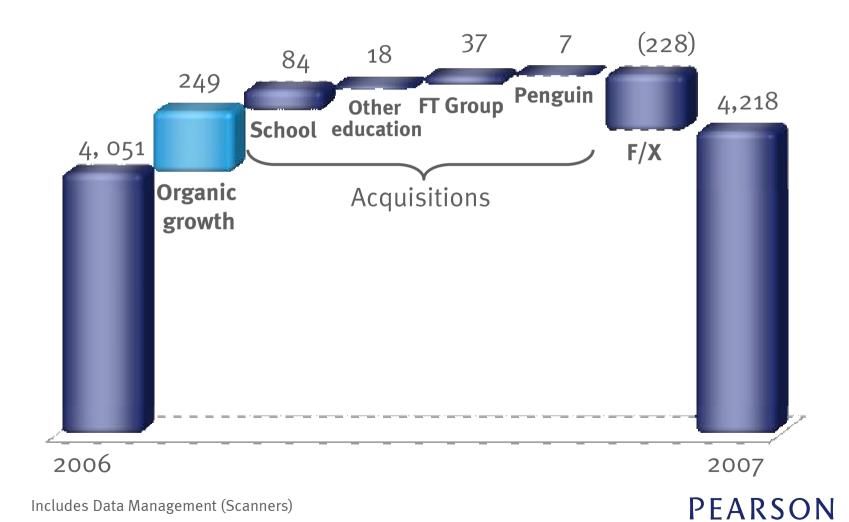
## Sales growth

£m	2007	2006	Underlying growth
School	1,537	1,455	6%
Higher Education	793	795	5%
Professional*	354	341	9%
Pearson Education	2,684	2,591	6%
FT Publishing	344	280	12%
Interactive Data	344	332	8%
FT Group	688	612	10%
Penguin	846	848	3%
Total	4,218	4,051	6%



<sup>\*</sup>Includes Data Management (Scanners)

#### Sales growth, £m



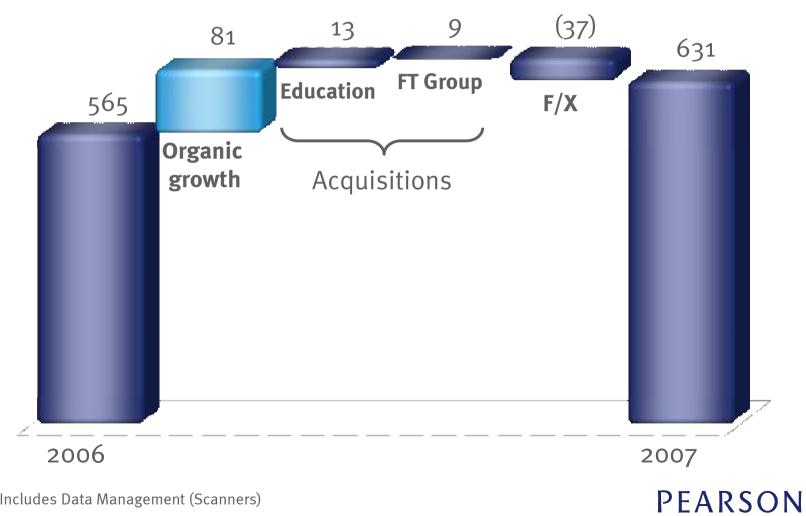
## **Profit growth**

£m	2007	2006	Underlying growth
School	203	184	11%
Higher Education	161	161	5%
Professional*	40	38	11%
Pearson Education	404	383	9%
FT Publishing	56	27	85%
Interactive Data	97	89	13%
FT Group	153	116	30%
Penguin	74	66	20%
Total	631	565	14%



<sup>\*</sup>Includes Data Management (Scanners)

## Profit growth, £m



Includes Data Management (Scanners)

## **Margin improvement**

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£m	2007	2006	2005	2004
School	13.2%	12.6%	11.4%	9.9%
Higher Education	20.3%	20.3%	20.0%	17.7%
Professional	11.3%	9.6%	7.6%	7.9%
FT Publishing	16.3%	8.7%	6.3%	1.3%
Interactive Data	28.2%	26.8%	26.9%	24.9%
Penguin	8.7%	7.8%	7.5%	6.6%
Pearson	15.0%	13.4%	12.4%	10.8%



## **Adjusted EPS**

£m	2007	2006	Headline growth
Operating profit	634	592	7%
Interest	(85)	(90)	6%
Taxation	(145)	(130)	(12)%
Tax rate	26.4%	25.9%*	
Profit after tax	404	372	9%
Minorities	(32)	(28)	(14)%
Adjusted earnings	372	344	8%
Shares in issue	796.8	798.4	
Adjusted EPS	46.7p	43 <b>.</b> 1p	8%



<sup>\*</sup>Restated for tax treatment of goodwill amortisation

## **Statutory P&L**

£m	2007	2006	Headline growth
Operating profit	574	522	10%
Interest	(85)	(90)	6%
Finance costs – IAS39 / IAS21	(21)	16	-
Profit before tax	468	448	4%
Taxation	(131)	(4)	-
Profit after tax	337	444	(24)%
Discontinued operations	(27)	25	-
Profit for the period	310	469	(34)%
Basic EPS (total)	35.6p	55 <b>.</b> 9p	(36)%
Basic EPS (continuing)	39.op	52 <b>.</b> 7p	(26)%

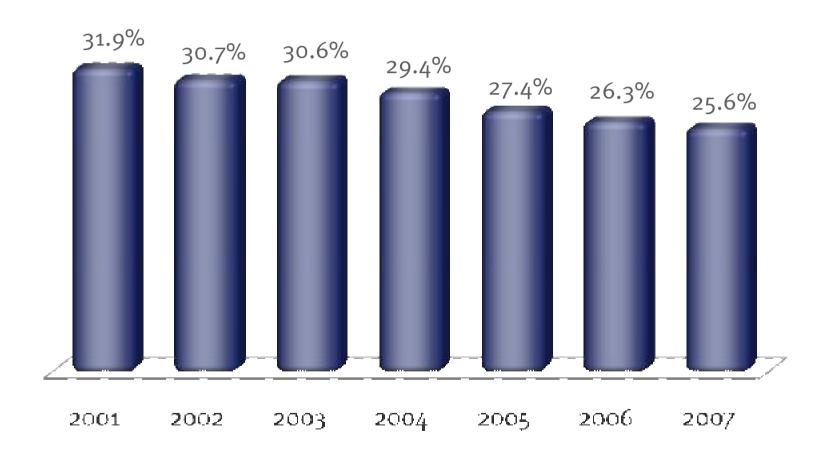


## **Operating cash flow**

£m	2007	2006	var
Operating profit	634	592	42
Working capital	36	(25)	61
Net capital expenditure	(100)	(92)	(8)
Depreciation	93	100	(7)
Dividends from associates	32	45	(13)
Exchange and other movements	(11)	(45)	34
Operating cash flow	684	575	109
Cash conversion %	108%	97%	



## Cash and working capital discipline Average working capital/sales





#### Free cash flow

£m	2007	2006	var
Operating cash flow	684	575	109
Operating tax paid	(61)	(59)	(2)
Cash tax %	9%	10%	
Operating finance charges	(90)	(82)	(8)
Operating free cash flow	533	434	99
Special pension contribution	(100)	-	(100)
Other non operating	(26)	(1)	(25)
Total free cash flow	407	433	(26)
Operating free cash flow per share	67p	54P	13p
Free cash flow / share	51p	54p	(3p)

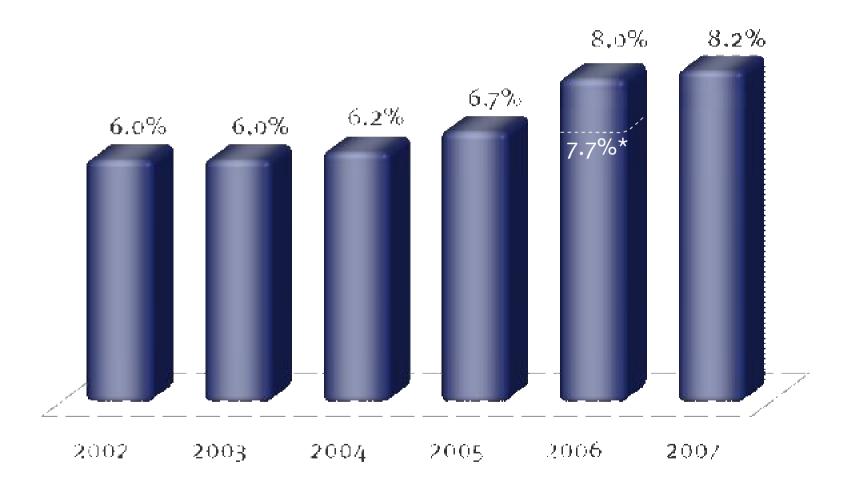


#### **Balance sheet – total business**

£m	2007	2006	var
Goodwill / intangible assets	3,910	3,809	101
Tangible fixed assets	362	357	5
Pre-publication	452	402	50
Working capital	239	323	(84)
Other net liabilities	(57)	(58)	1
Net trading assets	4,906	4,833	73
Shareholders' funds	3,694	3,476	218
Deferred tax asset	(41)	(172)	131
Provisions	101	302	(201)
Minorities	179	168	11
Net debt	973	1,059	(86)
Capital employed	4,906	4,833	73



#### **Return on invested capital**





#### 2008 outlook

Sustained growth; more uncertain economic environment

Significant integration activity; all costs expensed

Underlying profit growth in all businesses

Further progress on earnings, working capital and returns

**Strong cash conversion** 



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Strong, sustainable growth

#### **Changing Pearson**

Content +

**Technology and services** 

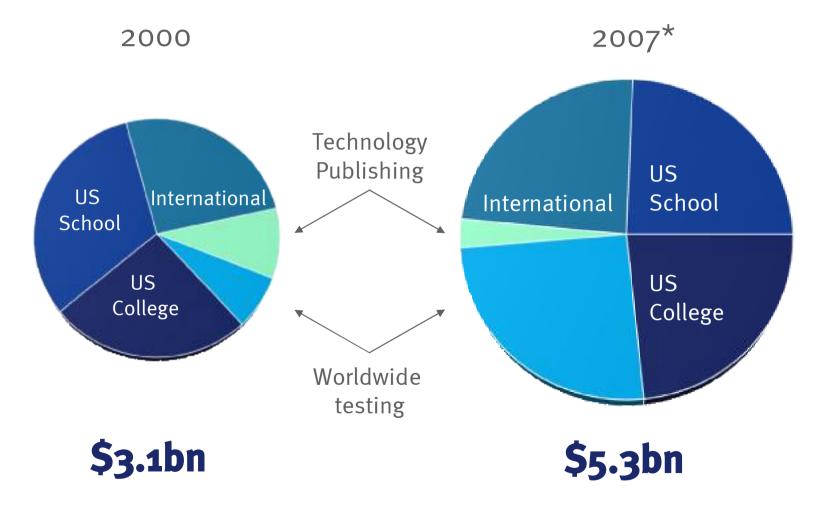
**International expansion** 

**Efficiency** 



#### **Change in Education**

#### Revenue mix

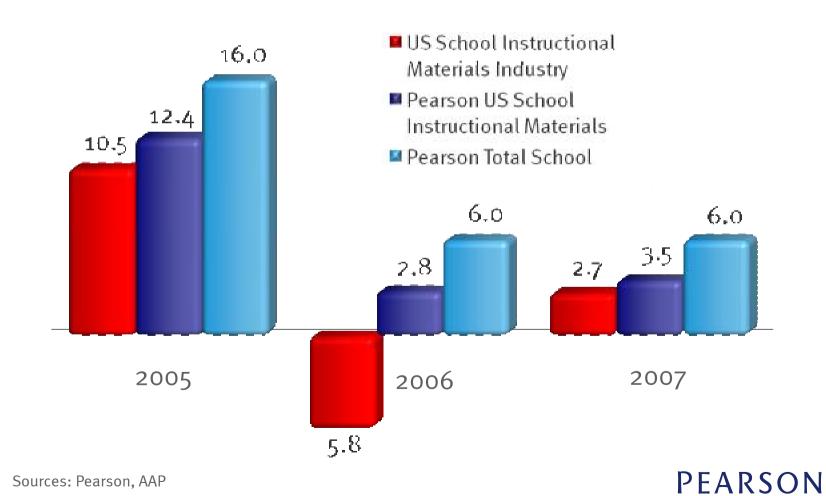




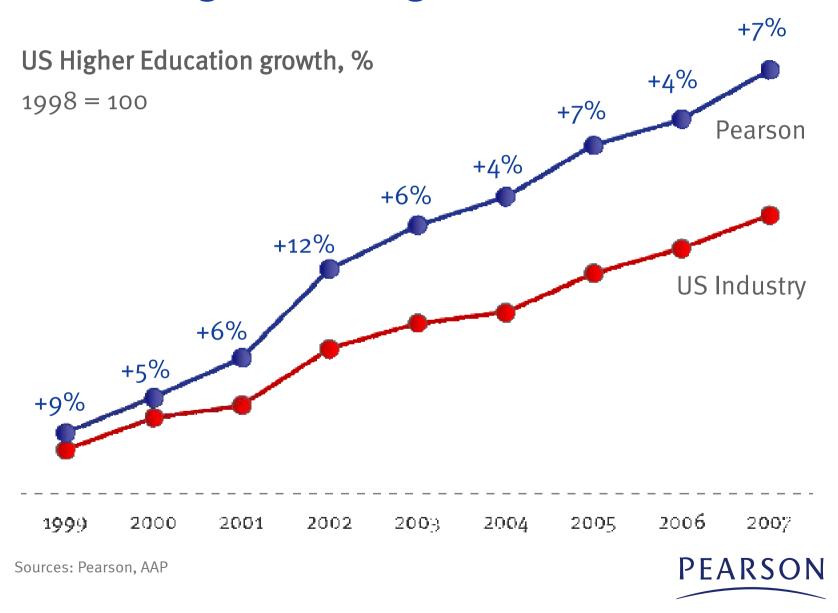


#### **Sustained growth in School**

Year-on-year growth, %



#### **Sustained growth in Higher Education**









































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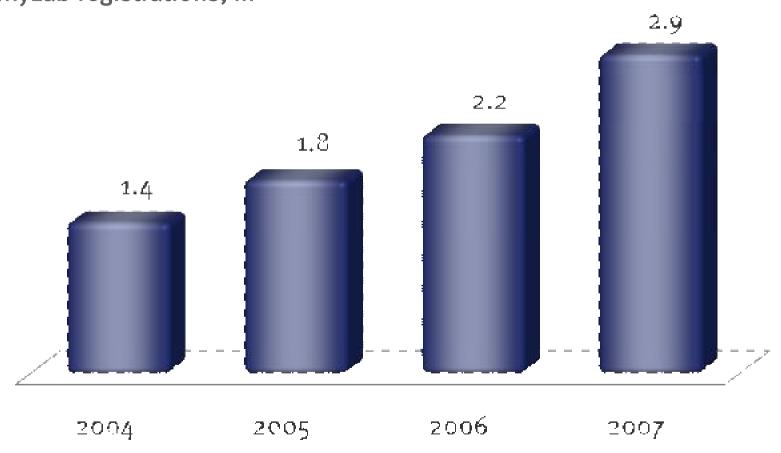






#### Change in education: more technology

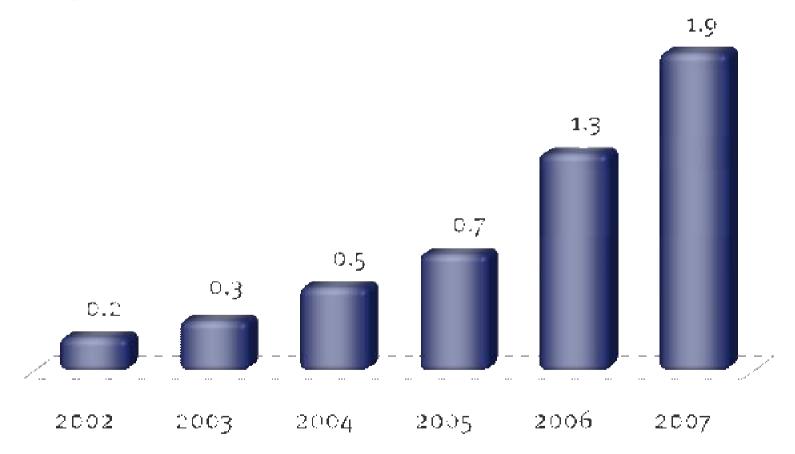
MyLab registrations, m





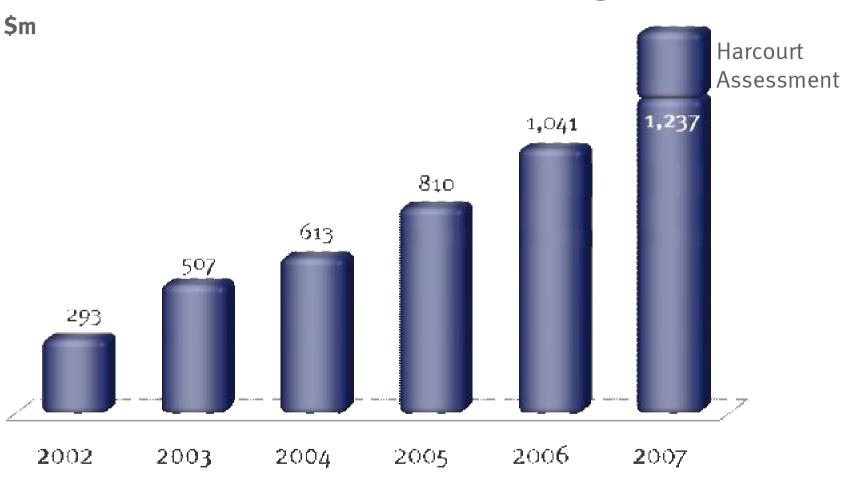
#### Change in education: online distance learning

eCollege enrolments, m





# **Change in education: more services**Worldwide School & Professional testing revenues

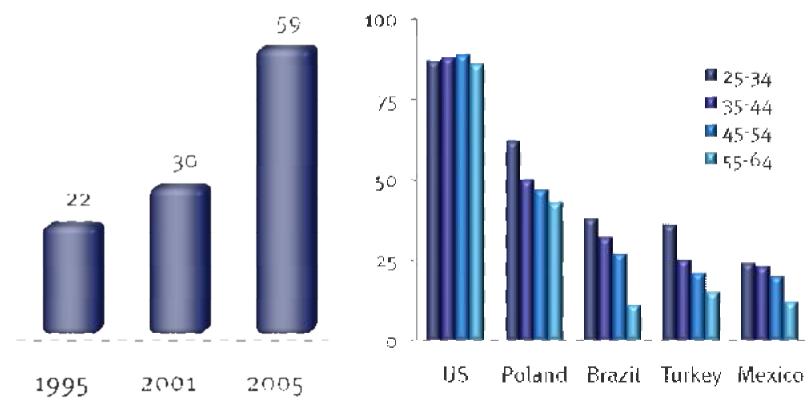




#### Change in education: professional opportunity

US adults taking work-related courses, %





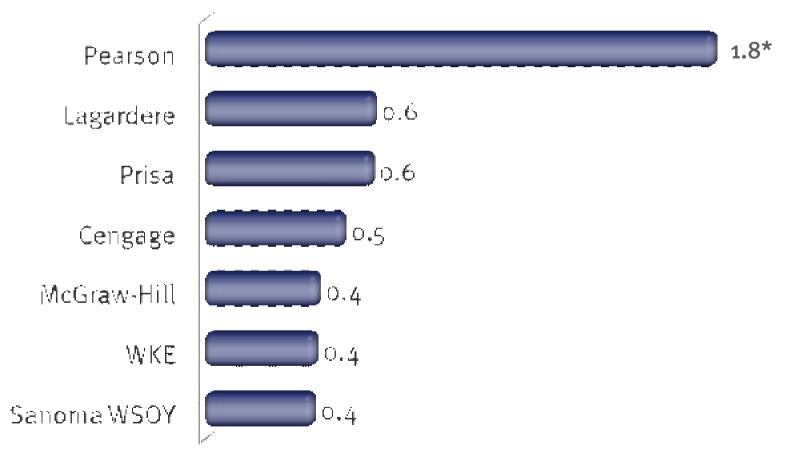
Source: NCES

Source: OECD, 2005



#### Change in education: more international

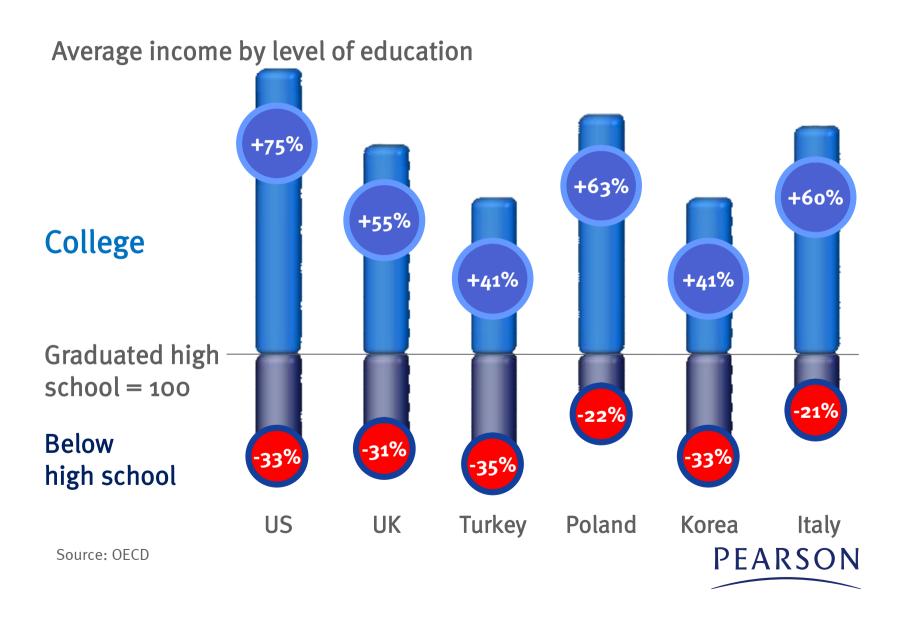
International education revenues, 2006 (\$bn)



Source: Pearson, Company Accounts, Analysts estimates \*Proforma to include Harcourt



#### **Education pays**

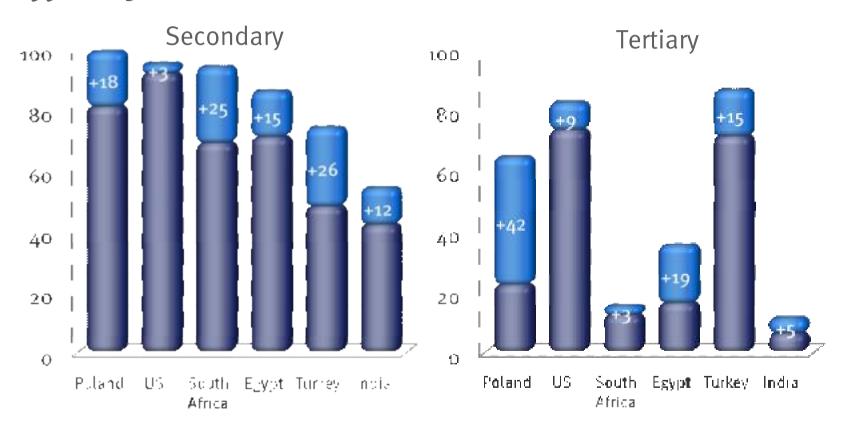


# Change in education: international opportunity

Change in participation rates 1991-2005

Increase 1991-2005

1991 enrolment rate



Source: OECD

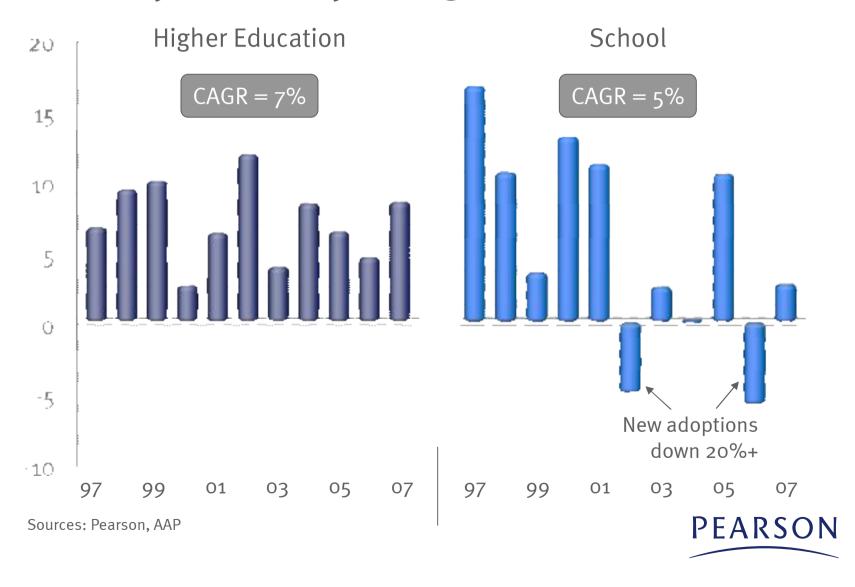


# **Sustained growth in education Pearson Education operating profit**





# Sustained growth in US education publishing Year-on-year industry sales growth



# **Education: change in 2008**

### **School**

Harcourt integration
Double digit sales growth at constant currency
Stable margins in '08, climbing to 15% in '09

### **Higher Education**

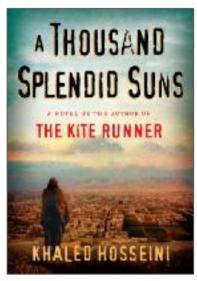
Rapid expansion of MyLabs, eCollege Mid single-digit underlying sales growth, stable margins

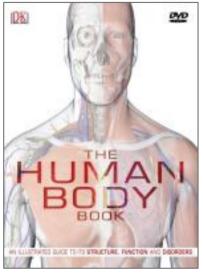
#### **Professional**

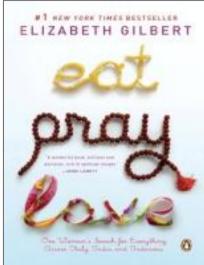
New professional / vocational markets Low single digit sales growth, margins improving

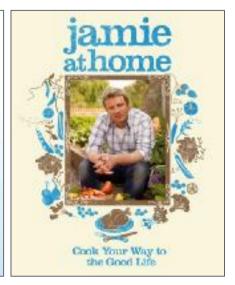
# Another good year in 2008

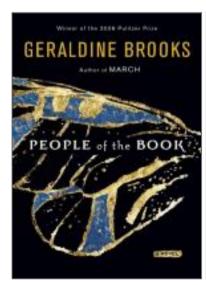




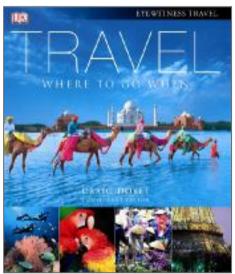


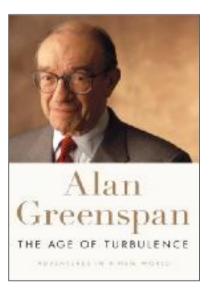




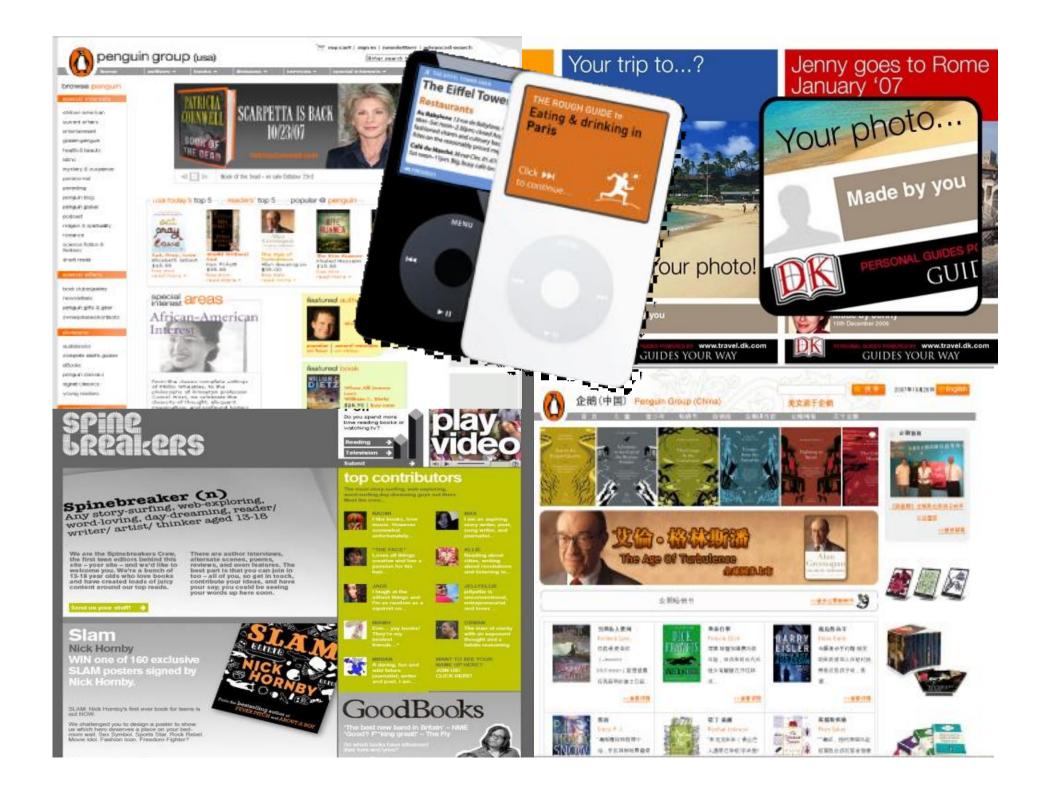




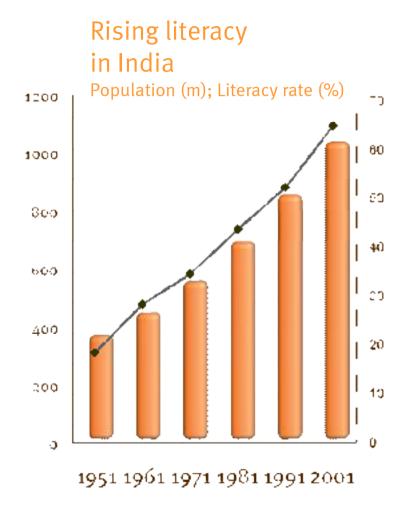






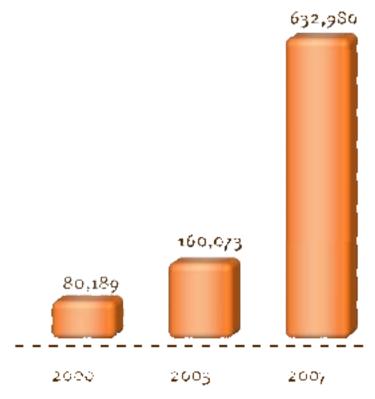


# Change in Penguin: international opportunity



Rising book retail space in India

Sq ft (top 3 book stores)



Sources: Ministry of Home Affairs, Office of the Registrar General Source: Pearson



# **Sustained growth at Penguin**

## **Penguin operating profit**





## Penguin: change in 2008

**Balanced publishing schedule** 

Further efficiencies & working capital improvement

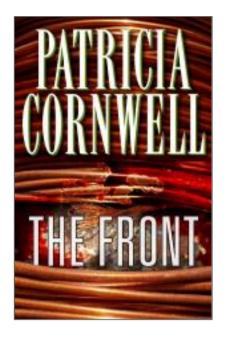
Digital marketing, emerging markets

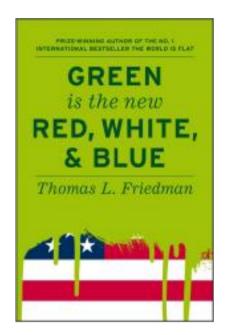
Strong start to the year

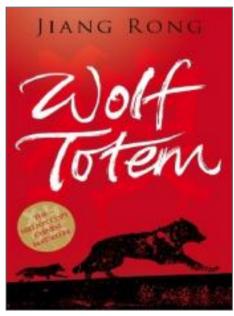
Double digit margins in 2008

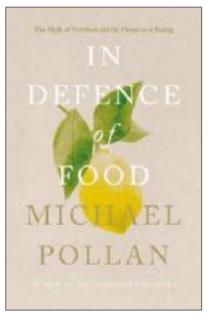


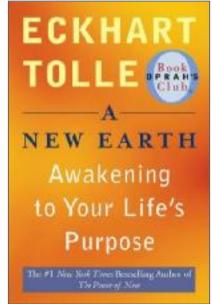














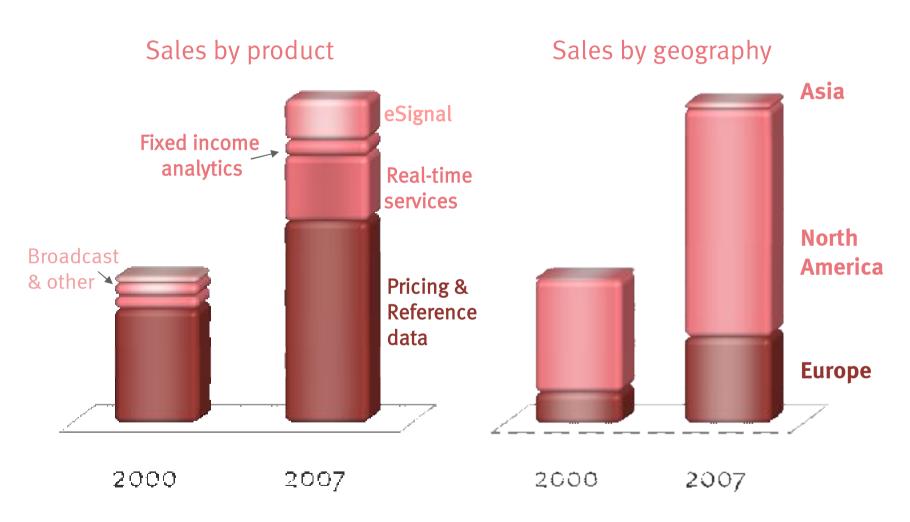
Hitachi will consider disposing its struggling US hard disk drive business if it underperforms next year, CFO says.







# **Change at Interactive Data**

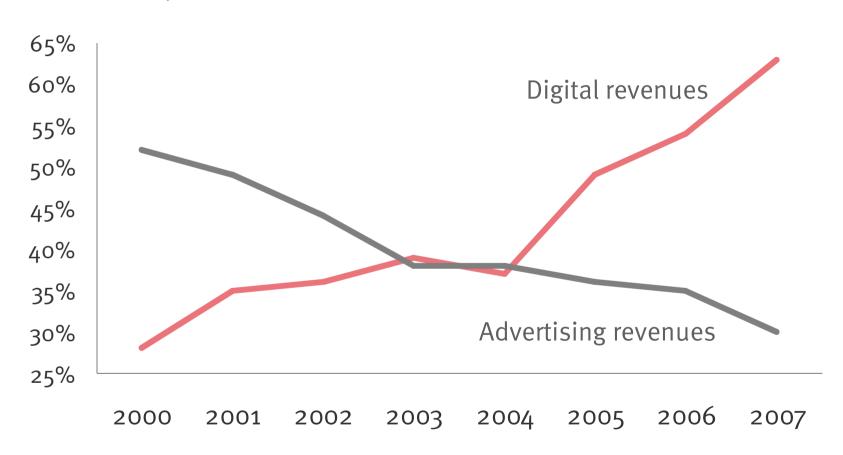


Source: Interactive Data



# **Change at the FT Group**

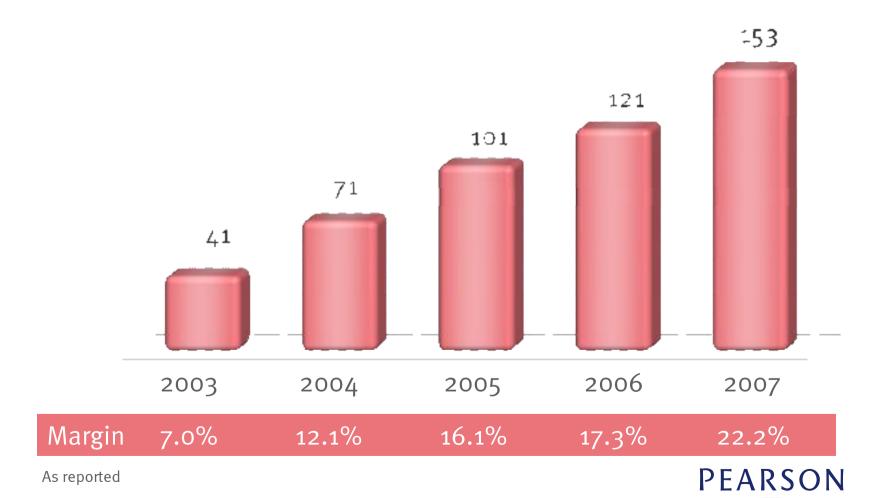
### Revenue mix, %





# Sustained growth at the FT Group

FT Group operating profit, £m



# The FT Group: change in 2008

**Healthy outlook at Interactive Data** 

Good growth at Mergermarket, Money-Media, Exec Appointments

Sustained investment in international, online expansion

Focus on content, subscription and brand revenues

Further profit improvement, even if no ad revenue growth



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