# TESCO (OVERSEAS) LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 52 WEEKS ENDED 23 FEBRUARY 2008

Registered Number: 1611684



#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### Directors' Report for the 52 weeks ended 23 February 2008

The directors present their report and audited financial statements of Tesco (Overseas) Limited (the "company") for the 52 weeks ended 23 February 2008

#### Business review and principal activities

The principal activity of the company is to act as a holding company

The results for the 52 weeks show a pre-tax profit of £11 7m (2007 £4 8m) During the period a dividend was paid of £16 4m (2007 nil)

The company has net assets of £9m (2007 £13 8m)

#### Future outlook

The company is expected to remain profitable for the foreseeable future On 22 April 2008, the company increased its holding in China property Holdings (HK) by acquiring a further 155,900,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1 for £10 1m. This should ensure future dividends for the company

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

From the perspective of the company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of Tesco PLC and are not managed separately. These risks are discussed on page 15 of the Tesco PLC group annual report for the 52 weeks ended 23 February 2008 which does not form part of this report.

#### **Key performance indicators**

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the directors are of the opinion that analysis using key performance indicators is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business

#### Research and development

The company does not undertake any research and development activities

#### **Employees**

The company had no employees during the period (2007 none)

#### **Directors**

The following directors served during the period and up to the date of signing the financial statements

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### Directors' Report for the period ended 23 February 2008 (continued)

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual Report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business, in which case there will be supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions

#### Statement on disclosure of information to auditors

Each director who is a director at the date of approval of this Annual Report confirms that

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- each director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director to make himself/herself
  aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that
  information

#### Independent auditors

Pursuant to Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985 the company has elected to dispense with the obligations to appoint auditors annually in both the next financial period and all subsequent periods

By order of the Board

29th July 2008

J Lloyd Director

Company Tesco (Overseas) Limited Registered Number 1611684



# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TESCO (OVERSEAS) LIMITED

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We have audited the financial statements of Tesco (Overseas) Limited for the 52 weeks ended 23 February 2008 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 23 February 2008 and of its result for the 52 weeks then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE 52 WEEKS ENDED 23 FEBRUARY 2008

		2008	2007
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Income from shares in group undertakings		11,652	4,783
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		11,652	4,783
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	-	-
Profit after tax		11,652	4,783
Dividends paid	4	(16,435)	-
(Loss) / profit for the financial period	8	(4,783)	4,783

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown in the Profit and Loss account above

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial period stated above and their historical cost equivalents

All operations are continuing for the financial period

## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 23 FEBRUARY 2008**

		2008	2007
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	9,000	9,000
Current assets			
Debtors - due within one year	6	-	4,783
Net assets		9,000	13,783
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	7	8,948	8,948
Profit and loss reserve	. 8	52	4,835
Total equity shareholder's funds	9	9,000	13,783

The financial statements on pages 5 to 10 were approved by the board of directors on 29th July 2008 and were signed on its behalf by

J Lloyd

Director

Company Tesco (Overseas) Limited Registered Number 1611684

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 52 WEEKS ENDED 23 FEBRUARY 2008

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies which have been applied consistently during the period are set out below.

In accordance with FRS 2 "Accounting for Subsidiary Undertakings" and Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985, group financial statements have not been prepared because the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tesco PLC, incorporated in England and Wales

#### Cash flow statement

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tesco PLC and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Tesco PLC, which are publicly available Consequently, the company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of FRS 1

#### Fixed asset investments

Investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures are stated at cost plus incidental expenses less, where appropriate, provisions for impairment

#### Impairment of fixed assets and goodwill

Fixed assets are subject to review for impairment in accordance with FRS 11, "Impairment of Fixed Assets and Goodwill" Any impairment is recognised in the Profit and Loss account in the period in which it occurs

#### **Taxation**

The amount included in the Profit and Loss account is based on the profit or loss on ordinary activities before taxation and is calculated at current local tax rates, taking into account timing differences and the likelihood of realisation of deferred tax assets and liabilities

#### Group relief on taxation

The company will receive group relief from group companies without payment and consequently there is no tax charge in the Profit and Loss account

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 52 WEEKS ENDED 23 FEBRUARY 2008 (continued)

#### 2. OPERATING PROFIT

The directors received no emoluments for their services to the company (2007 £nil)

The company had no employees during the period (2007 none)

The auditors' remuneration for the current and prior period was borne by another group company

#### 3. TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2008	2007
	£'000	£,000
Current tax:		· -
UK Corporation tax on profit for the financial period	-	-
Adjustments in respect of previous financial periods		<u>-</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-

The tax assessed for the period is higher (2007 higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (30%) The differences are explained below

	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	11,652	4,783
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate in the UK	···	
30% (2007 30%)	3,496	1,435
Effects of	·	
Group relief received without payment	(3,496)	(1,435)
Current tax charge for the financial period	-	-

### Factors that may affect future tax charges:

The standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK changes to 28% with effect from the 1 April 2008

#### 4. DIVIDENDS

	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Equity ordinary dividends paid of £1 8368 (2007 ml) per share	16,435	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 52 WEEKS ENDED 23 FEBRUARY 2008 (continued)

#### 5. INVESTMENTS

	Group companies
Cont.	£'000
Cost	
At 24 February 2007	9,252
At 23 February 2008	9,252
Provision for impairment	
At 24 February 2007	252
At 23 February 2008	252
Net book value	
At 23 February 2008	9,000
At 24 February 2007	9,000

The directors believe that the carrying value of the investments is supported by their underlying net assets

Details of the principal subsidiary undertakings at the period end are as follows

Subsidiary undertakings	Country of incorporation	% Shares held	Nature of business
Tesco Insurance Limited	Guernsey	100%	Insurance Company
China Property Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited	Hong Kong	100%	Property Company

#### 6. **DEBTORS – DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	•	4,783

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand

#### 7. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Authorised	<del>-</del>	
8,947,762 (2007 8,947,762) ordinary shares of £1 each	8,948	8,948
Allotted, called up and fully paid	•	
8,947,762 (2007 8,947,762) ordinary shares of £1 each	8,948	8,948

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 52 WEEKS ENDED 23 FEBRUARY 2008 (continued)

#### 8. RESERVES

	Profit
	and loss
	account
	£'000
As at 24 February 2007	4,835
Loss for the financial period	(4,783)
As at 23 February 2008	52

#### 9. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS

	2008 £'000	2007
		£,000
Profit for the financial period	11,652	4,783
Dividends	(16,435)	-
Net (reduction) / additions to shareholders' funds	(4,783)	4,783
Opening shareholder's funds	13,783	9,000
Closing shareholder's funds	9,000	13,783

#### 10. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The company's immediate and ultimate parent company, and controlling party, is Tesco PLC, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales, and which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the Tesco PLC financial statements can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Tesco PLC, Tesco House, PO Box 18, Delamare Road, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, EN8 9SL

#### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with other companies within the group are not disclosed as the company has taken advantage of the exemption under paragraph 3(c) of Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related Party Disclosures", as the consolidated financial statements of Tesco PLC, in which the company is included, are available at the address noted above

#### 12. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

A number of changes to the UK Corporation Tax system were announced as part of the March 2007 budget statement Certain of these changes were substantively enacted in the 2007 Finance Act on 26 June 2007 The impact of these changes has been recognised in these financial statements

Certain other changes are expected to be enacted in the 2008 Finance Act. The impact of these changes will be recognised in the period in which the 2008 Finance Act becomes substantively enacted, which is expected to be in the next financial year.

On 22 April 2008, the company acquired a further 155,900,000 ordinary shares of HK\$1 in China property Holdings (HK) Limited for £10 1m