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# Credit Suisse Group reports net income of CHF 5.9 billion for 2005

Zurich, February 15, 2006 Credit Suisse Group today reported net income of CHF 5,850 million for the full year 2005, compared to net income of CHF 5,628 million for 2004. Net income for 2005 includes a non-cash charge in the Corporate Center in the fourth quarter of CHF 421 million after tax for certain share-based compensation awards as well as a CHF 624 million after-tax charge in Institutional Securities in the second quarter to increase the reserve for certain private litigation. Fourth-quarter 2005 net income totaled CHF 1,103 million, compared to net income of CHF 959 million in the fourth quarter of 2004 and CHF 1,918 million in the previous quarter. The Group recorded net new assets of CHF 58.4 billion for the full year 2005 and a return on equity of 15.4%. The Board of Directors will propose a dividend of CHF 2.00 per share to the Annual General Meeting on April 28, 2006.

## **Financial Highlights**

in CHF million	12 mths 2005	Change in % vs 12 mths 2004	4Q2005	Change in % vs 3Q2005	Change in % vs 4Q2004
Net revenues	60,632	10	14,218	(8)	10
Total operating expenses	27,954	14	7,703	10	26
Net income	5,850	4	1,103	(42)	15
Return on equity - Group	15.4%		11.2%		
Return on equity - Banking	16.2%		10.8%		

Return on equity - Winterthur	11.7%	11.4%	
Basic earnings per share (in CHF)	5.17	0.98	
BIS tier 1 ratio	11.3%		

Oswald J. Grübel, CEO of Credit Suisse Group, stated, "2005 was a decisive year for Credit Suisse Group, as we merged our banking entities while simultaneously growing our business and delivering improved profitability. In particular, our businesses capitalized on increased client activity to produce stronger revenues."

He added, "Our 2005 results show that we are making good progress in transforming the underlying profitability of our business. Our new integrated structure will help us to further enhance our growth and returns for our shareholders."

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# **Credit Suisse Group Banking Business Results**

in CHF million		12 mths 2005	Change in % vs 12 mths 2004	4Q2005	Change in % vs 3Q2005	Change in % vs 4Q2004
Private Banking		7,729 4,431	8 7	1,986 1,162	(2)	16 17
	Total op. expenses Net income	2,647	7	653	(10)	6
Corporate &	Net revenues	3,458	3	861	(2)	7
Retail Banking	Total op. expenses Net income	2,186 1,069	7 19	558 254	1 (4)	17 (1)
Institutional	Net revenues	15,102	15	3,622	(16)	25
Securities	Total op. expenses Net income	13,643 1,080	20 (18)	3,347 336	(2) (45)	27 25
Wealth & Asset	Net revenues	5,234	25	1,478	18	44
Management	Total op. expenses Net income	2,687 663	6 25	780 182	14 80	16 189

<u>Private Banking</u> reported net income of CHF 653 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, up 6% compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, mainly reflecting improved commissions and fees and trading revenues, partly offset by higher compensation and benefits. Compared to the third quarter of 2005, net income declined 10%, primarily reflecting higher other expenses. In addition, an increase in commissions and fees during the quarter was more than offset by lower trading revenues and lower net interest income. For the full year 2005, Private Banking posted record net income of CHF 2,647 million. This 7% increase versus 2004 was mainly attributable to strong revenues related to the increase in assets under management, higher trading revenues and an increase in brokerage volumes. The gross margin was 123.4 basis points for the fourth quarter of 2005, down 4.8 basis points from the fourth quarter of 2004 and down 7.5 basis points from the previous quarter. The gross margin for the full year 2005 was 129.2 basis points, in line with Private Banking's mid-term target of 130 basis points but down 4.5 basis points from 2004. The cost/income ratio was 58.5% for the fourth quarter of 2005, up 0.7 percentage points versus the fourth quarter of 2004, and was 57.3% for the full year 2005, down 0.5 percentage points versus 2004.

Corporate & Retail Banking recorded net income of CHF 254 million for the fourth quarter of 2005, slightly below the fourth quarter of 2004 and down 4% compared to the previous quarter. Net income for the full year 2005 totaled CHF 1,069 million - a record result. This represents a 19% improvement versus the full year 2004, driven primarily by net releases of provisions for credit losses of CHF 96 million in 2005 compared to net provisions of CHF 122 million in 2004, reflecting the ongoing favorable credit environment. The result also reflects higher net revenues, partially offset by an increase in total operating expenses. In the fourth quarter of 2005, net releases of provisions of CHF 23 million were recorded, compared to net releases of CHF 6 million in the fourth quarter of 2004 and CHF 10 million in the previous quarter. The return on average allocated capital was 19.2% for the fourth quarter of 2005, a decline of 1.6 percentage points from the fourth quarter of 2004. Corporate & Retail Banking achieved a strong return on average allocated capital of 20.7% for the full year 2005, a substantial improvement of 2.7 percentage points compared to 2004.

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Institutional Securities reported net income of CHF 336 million for the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of 25% compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. This result reflects a significant rise in investment banking net revenues, driven primarily by increased industry-wide activity. This improvement was offset by higher total operating expenses. Fourth-quarter 2005 net income was positively impacted by certain tax-related items that resulted in a tax benefit of CHF 132 million. Compared to the strong third quarter of 2005, Institutional Securities' net income decreased 45%, due primarily to lower trading revenues in a generally less favorable market environment. For the full year 2005, net income totaled CHF 1,080 million, a decrease of 18% compared to 2004. Excluding the CHF 624 million after-tax charge in the second quarter of 2005 to increase the reserve for certain private litigation matters, net income increased 30% versus the prior year to CHF 1,704 million in 2005. The pre-tax margin (excluding minority interest-related revenues and expenses) was 7.9% for the full year 2005. Excluding the impact of the CHF 960 million pre-tax litigation charge in the second quarter of 2005, the pre-tax margin (excluding minority interest-related revenues and expenses) improved to 14.4% in 2005 from 12.7% in 2004.

<u>Wealth & Asset Management</u> posted net income of CHF 182 million for the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of 189% compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, due primarily to higher revenues in all key business areas and lower severance costs, offset in part by higher other expenses. Compared to the third quarter of 2005, net income rose 80%, reflecting higher revenues in Alternative Capital and Credit Suisse Asset Management, offset in part by higher other expenses. Net income for the full year 2005 increased 25% to CHF 663 million compared to 2004, mainly reflecting a higher level of investment-related gains in Alternative Capital.

#### **Net New Assets**

# Net New Assets and Assets under Management (AuM) for the Full Year 2005

in CHF billion	Net New Assets 2005	Total AuM 31.12.05	Change in AuM % vs 31.12.04
Private Banking	42.7	659.3	22.3
Corporate & Retail Banking	2.0	57.8	7.2
Institutional Securities	(2.0)	14.5	(4.6)
Wealth & Asset Management 1)	12.5	599.4	26.7
Life & Pensions	3.2	126.0	9.1
Non-Life	n/ a	27.3	13.3
Credit Suisse Group	58.4	1,484.3	21.6

<sup>1)</sup> Excluding assets managed on behalf of other entities within Credit Suisse Group n/ a: not applicable

Private Banking generated record net new assets of CHF 42.7 billion for the full year 2005, reflecting a high level of inflows across all regions. The resulting growth rate of 7.9% significantly exceeded both its 2004 growth rate of 5.2% and its mid-term target of 5%. In the fourth quarter of 2005, Private Banking recorded net new asset inflows of CHF 8.6 billion. Wealth & Asset Management reported CHF 12.5 billion of net new assets for the full year 2005, reflecting inflows of CHF 6.8 billion in Private Client Services, CHF 4.9 billion in Alternative Capital and CHF 0.8

billion in Credit Suisse Asset Management. Overall, Credit Suisse Group recorded CHF 58.4 billion of net new assets for 2005. The Group⊡s total assets under management stood at CHF 1,484.3 billion as of December 31, 2005, up 21.6% from December 31, 2004.

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#### **Insurance Business**

Commenting on the insurance business, Oswald J. Grübel stated, "Winterthur achieved good progress in 2005 as it improved its overall financial results and strengthened its operating performance. This underscores the effectiveness of the measures implemented over the past three years to improve Winterthur's performance. I am convinced that Winterthur still has further potential to grow and to enhance its profitability."

# Credit Suisse Group Insurance Business Results

in CHF million		12 mths 2005	Change in % vs 12 mths 2004	4Q2005	Change in % vs 3Q2005	Change in % vs 4Q2004
Life & Pensions	Net revenues Total op. expenses Net income	18,197 1,883 490	10 6 (6)	3,627 412 152	(15) (33) 58	(8) 0 0
Non-Life	Net revenues Total op. expenses Net income	11,688 2,850 578	1 (9) 181	2,890 754 126	(2) 3 (34)	2 (23)

<u>Life & Pensions</u> recorded net income of CHF 490 million for the full year 2005 as it continued its focus on technical performance, reflected by an improved risk margin, while maintaining good growth dynamics. The 6% decline in net income compared to 2004 was primarily attributable to the adverse net impact after tax and policyholder participations of CHF 61 million related to changes in actuarial assumptions and models in the third quarter of 2005, which strengthened the reserves and reduced insurance-related intangible assets. Total operating expenses increased by 6%, also driven by this effect. Fourth-quarter 2005 net income was stable at CHF 152 million compared to the same period of 2004. For the full year 2005, total business volume grew 5%, or CHF 908 million, compared to the previous year, reflecting strong growth in the deposit business in the UK, Central and Eastern Europe and Japan, and solid growth in gross premiums written in Germany, Spain and the Swiss group life business. Net investment income increased 21% in 2005 compared to 2004, due primarily to significantly higher market appreciation on the underlying assets backing the unit-linked business, which were credited to policyholder account balances.

Non-Life reported net income of CHF 578 million for the full year 2005, compared to net income of CHF 206 million in 2004. This result primarily reflects improved underwriting results and the non-recurrence of the 2004 charge related to the sale of Winterthur International in 2001. In the fourth quarter of 2005, Non-Life posted net income of CHF 126 million, compared to a net loss of CHF 177 million in the fourth quarter of 2004. For the full year 2005, net premiums earned were unchanged compared to 2004, reflecting selective underwriting. The combined ratio fell by 3.5 percentage points due to an overall reduction in claims as well as improvements in cost and claims management. The expense ratio improved slightly to 24.6% for the full year 2005. The net investment return decreased from 4.4% to 4.2% in 2005, primarily reflecting lower realized gains in bonds.

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# **Change in Accounting Treatment of Share-Based Compensation Awards**

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# **Share Buyback Program**

In connection with its share buyback program, as of February 10, 2006, the Group had repurchased 26,152,200 shares in the amount of CHF 1.4 billion.

### **Dividend Proposal**

The Board of Directors of Credit Suisse Group will propose a dividend of CHF 2.00 per share for the financial year 2005 to the Annual General Meeting on April 28, 2006. This compares to a dividend of CHF 1.50 per share for the financial year 2004. If approved by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, the dividend will be paid on May 4, 2006.

#### **Outlook**

Credit Suisse Group's current outlook for global economic growth and the capital markets is positive. It believes that growth will continue to be robust and that inflation will remain under control, resulting in only moderate rises in interest rates. Provided there are no major adverse geopolitical developments or external events, the Group expects the equity markets to outperform the bond markets, with the US dollar remaining well supported. While oil prices may reach new highs in the early part of 2006, it anticipates that they may trend lower later in the year.

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For additional information on Credit Suisse Group so fourth-quarter and full-year 2005 results, please refer to the Group Quarterly Report Q4 2005, as well as the Group solide presentation for analysts and the press, which are available on the Internet at: www.credit-suisse.com/results

#### **Credit Suisse Group**

Credit Suisse Group is a leading global financial services company headquartered in Zurich. Credit Suisse, the banking business of Credit Suisse Group, provides its clients with investment banking, private banking and asset management services worldwide. Credit Suisse offers advisory services, comprehensive solutions and innovative products to companies, institutional clients and high-net-worth private clients globally, as well as retail clients in Switzerland. Credit Suisse Group also includes Winterthur, a Swiss general insurer with a focus on international business activities. Credit Suisse Group is active in over 50 countries and employs approximately 63,000 people. Credit Suisse Group registered shares (CSGN) are listed in Switzerland and, in the form of American Depositary Shares (CSR), in New York. Further information about Credit Suisse Group and Credit Suisse can be found at www.credit-suisse.com. Further information about Winterthur can be found at www.winterthur.com.

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#### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information**

This press release contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements. In addition, in the future we, and others on our behalf, may make statements that constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements may include, without limitation, statements relating to our plans, objectives or goals; our future economic performance or prospects; the potential effect on our future performance of certain contingencies; and assumptions underlying any such statements. Words statements but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. We do not intend to update these forward-looking statements except as may be required by applicable laws. By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and risks exist that predictions, forecasts, projections and other outcomes described or implied in forward-looking statements will not be achieved. We caution you that a number of important factors could cause results to differ materially from the plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. These factors include (i) market and interest rate fluctuations; (ii) the strength of the global economy in general and the strength of the economies of the countries in which we conduct our operations in particular; (iii) the ability of counterparties to meet their obligations to us; (iv) the effects of, and changes in, fiscal, monetary, trade and tax policies, and currency fluctuations; (v) political and social developments, including war, civil unrest or terrorist activity; (vi) the possibility of foreign exchange controls, expropriation, nationalization or confiscation of assets in countries in which we conduct our operations; (vii) the ability to maintain sufficient liquidity and access capital markets: (viii) operational factors such as systems failure, human error, or the failure to properly implement procedures; (ix) actions taken by regulators with respect to our business and practices in one or more of the countries in which we conduct our operations; (x) the effects of changes in laws, regulations or accounting policies or practices; (xi) competition in geographic and business areas in which we conduct our operations; (xii) the ability to retain and recruit qualified personnel; (xiii) the ability to maintain our reputation and promote our brands; (xiv) the ability to increase market share and control expenses; (xv) technological changes; (xvi) the timely development and acceptance of our new products and services and the perceived overall value of these products and services by users; (xvii) acquisitions, including the ability to integrate successfully acquired businesses; (xviii) the adverse resolution of litigation and other contingencies; and (xix) our success at managing the risks involved in the foregoing. We caution you that the foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive; when evaluating forward-looking statements, you should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and events, as well as the risks identified in our most recently filed Form 20-F and reports on Form 6-K furnished to the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

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# Presentation of the fourth-quarter and full-year 2005 results

# **Analyst and Media Conference** ☐ February 15, 2006, 10.00 a.m. CET / 9.00 a.m. GMT / 4.00 a.m. EST Credit Suisse Forum St. Peter, Zurich Simultaneous interpreting: German ☐ English, English ☐ German **□** Internet Live broadcast at: www.credit-suisse.com/results Video playback available approximately 3 hours after the event □ Telephone Live audio dial-in on +41 91 610 5600 (Europe), +44 207 107 0611 (UK) and +1 866 291 4166 (US); ask for □Credit Suisse Group quarterly results□. Please dial in 10-15 minutes before the start of the presentation Telephone replay available approximately 1 hour after the event on +41 91 612 4330 (Europe), +44 207 108 6233 (UK) and +1 866 416 2558 (US); conference ID English [082#, conference ID German [] 387# Speakers Oswald J. Grübel, Chief Executive Officer of Credit Suisse Group Renato Fassbind, Chief Financial Officer of Credit Suisse Group

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Credit Suisse Group Letter to Shareholders 2005/Q4

Oswald J. Grübel Walter B. Kielholz Chief Executive Officer Chairman of the Board of Directors

#### Dear shareholders

2005 was a decisive year for Credit Suisse Group. We merged our two banking entities, Credit Suisse and Credit Suisse First Boston, to create an integrated global bank combining our core businesses of investment banking, private banking and asset management under a single brand. Our new, more efficient structure will provide a solid foundation for our future growth.

While focusing on the implementation of our strategy in 2005, we also succeeded in growing our business. The Group's banking business benefited from high levels of client activity during the year.

Driven by stronger net revenues, Credit Suisse Group reported improved profitability in 2005. Net income for the full year totaled CHF 5,850 million, up 4% compared to 2004. This includes a non-cash charge in the Corporate Center in the fourth quarter of CHF 421 million after tax for certain share-based compensation awards as well as a CHF 624 million after-tax charge in Institutional Securities in the second quarter to increase the reserve for certain private litigation matters. The Group's return on equity was 15.4%, with a return on equity of 16.2% for the banking business and 11.7% for the insurance business. In the fourth quarter of 2005, the Group's net income totaled CHF 1,103 million, compared to net income of CHF 959 million in the fourth quarter of 2004.

Our 2005 results, which are reported here on the basis of the Group's organizational structure in 2005, show that we are making good progress in strengthening the underlying profitability of our business. We are convinced that the operational efficiency of our new integrated structure will help us to further enhance our profitability and returns for our shareholders in 2006.

Fourth-quarter and full-year 2005 segment results

In the following discussion, we briefly present our fourth-quarter and full-year 2005 results for our individual banking and insurance segments.

**Private Banking** provides wealth management products and services to high-net-worth individuals in Switzerland and many other markets around the world.

Private Banking reported record net income of CHF 2,647 million in 2005, up 7% from 2004, primarily reflecting strong revenues related to the increase in assets under management, higher trading revenues and an increase in brokerage volumes. While net revenues remained strong throughout 2005, an increase in operating expenses impacted profitability, particularly in the fourth quarter of 2005. Nonetheless, Private Banking reported net income of CHF 653 million in the fourth quarter, an increase of 6% over the same quarter of 2004. The rise in operating expenses was related mainly to ongoing strategic investments in growth opportunities as well as key business initiatives in growth markets in Asia and the Middle East in 2005. The opening of a new financial consultancy and advisory office in Mumbai in the fourth quarter of 2005 represented another milestone in the implementation of these initiatives.

Private Banking reported excellent net new asset inflows across all regions in 2005, with record net new assets of CHF 42.7 billion, representing a growth rate of 7.9%. In the fourth quarter of 2005, Private Banking generated net new asset inflows of CHF 8.6 billion.

**Corporate & Retail Banking,** which offers banking products and services to corporate and retail clients in Switzerland, reported net income of CHF 1,069 million in 2005 – a record result. This 19% increase in net income versus 2004 and the significantly improved return on average allocated capital of 20.7% were primarily attributable to net releases of provisions for credit losses of CHF 96 million in 2005 compared to net provisions of CHF 122 million in 2004. The result also reflects higher net revenues, partially offset by an increase in total operating expenses. In the

fourth quarter of 2005, Corporate & Retail Banking recorded net income of CHF 254 million, slightly below the fourth quarter of 2004.

The Corporate & Retail Banking segment represents a significant part of our Swiss operations. One of its growth areas in 2005 was the residential mortgages business, where we experienced an increase in volumes of approximately 9%. Even as we become a fully integrated global bank, our Swiss home market continues to make a major contribution to our results.

**Institutional Securities** provides securities and investment banking services to institutional, corporate and government clients worldwide.

During 2005, Institutional Securities focused on key client segments and its investment banking business benefited from increased levels of market activity. This resulted in higher revenues and further demonstrated its leadership position in key products such as IPOs, leveraged finance, emerging markets, prime brokerage and advanced execution services and reflected the increasing importance of our financial sponsor client base.

Net income for 2005 totaled CHF 1,080 million. Excluding the CHF 624 million after-tax charge in the second quarter of 2005 to increase the reserve for certain private litigation matters, net income for the full year increased 30% to CHF 1,704 million. In the fourth quarter of 2005, Institutional Securities reported net income of CHF 336 million, up 25% from the fourth quarter of 2004. Significant growth in investment banking revenues during the quarter was offset by higher total operating expenses. In addition, net income was positively impacted by certain tax-related items that resulted in a CHF 132 million tax benefit in the fourth quarter of 2005.

Looking at 2005, we can see clear improvements in the development of revenues. Equity underwriting revenues rose 25% versus 2004 – a strong result that was reflected in the league tables, with Credit Suisse ranking first in IPO market share globally and in the Americas, as well as in Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA).

Debt underwriting revenues were up 8% in 2005 versus 2004. The leveraged finance franchise remained strong as corporate issuance continued to shift from the high-yield securities market to the syndicated loans market.

In its advisory business, Credit Suisse increased its revenues by 23% over 2004, while improving its rankings to tenth in global announced mergers and acquisitions (up from eleventh in 2004) and to eighth in global completed mergers and acquisitions (up from ninth in 2004).

Total trading revenues grew by 14% year-on-year, reflecting improved results in both fixed income and equity trading. These results highlight improvements in key growth areas including commercial and residential mortgage-backed securities and emerging markets.

Wealth & Asset Management offers international asset management services – including a broad range of investment funds – to institutional and private investors. It also provides financial advisory services to wealthy individuals and corporate clients.

In the Wealth & Asset Management segment, we reported strong net income of CHF 663 million for 2005. This 25% increase over the prior year was mainly attributable to higher investment-related gains in Alternative Capital. Net new assets grew by CHF 10.2 billion versus 2004 to CHF 12.5 billion. In the fourth quarter of 2005, Wealth & Asset Management benefited from higher revenues in all key business areas, with net income of CHF 182 million compared to CHF 63 million in the fourth quarter of 2004.

Integration of the banking businesses

January 1, 2006, marked the official launch of Credit Suisse's integrated global structure. The integrated organization

now operates under a single brand, providing us with a solid foundation from which we can better serve our clients and respond effectively to the challenges that our industry will face in the future. We expect to generate significant revenue growth and cost synergies in the coming years as a result of the integration.

At our Investor Day presentation in December 2005, we stated that Credit Suisse Group aims to achieve total pre-tax benefits from revenue growth and cost synergies of CHF 1.3 billion in 2008, which would result in a positive net income benefit of around CHF 1.0 billion.

As an integrated bank, we are committed to delivering our combined experience and expertise to our clients by drawing on our tradition of innovation across our businesses and regions. With global divisions dedicated to investment banking, private banking and asset management, we can now provide more comprehensive solutions for our clients, create synergies for revenue growth, increase efficiencies and grow shareholder value. Our regional structure enables us to leverage our resources and to develop cross-divisional strategies that span the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) and Switzerland.

We will continue to develop strong bases in the home markets of our Investment Banking, Private Banking and Asset Management businesses. In the US – historically the home market of our Investment Banking business – we serve corporate and institutional clients and offer comprehensive advice and products for high-net-worth private clients. In Switzerland, Private Banking and our private client and business banking activities play a key role in the integrated Credit Suisse.

Expanding into new markets is nevertheless an important focus of our growth strategy for Credit Suisse. In Investment Banking, our growth markets are in selected countries in Latin America, Europe and Asia. We will continue to develop our business, particularly in those countries where we have established expertise in a wide range of products. In Private Banking, we are also targeting Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Latin America, where we expect to see significant wealth creation in the coming years. To strengthen our local market presence, we are establishing hubs in important regional centers and expanding our local footprint in key strategic locations. In Asset Management, we have a strong global presence and will further enhance our position by expanding our footprint in Asia in key markets where we see significant opportunities.

#### Winterthur

Our insurance business, Winterthur, achieved good progress in 2005 as it further strengthened its overall financial results and operating performance. Life & Pensions recorded net income of CHF 490 million for the full year 2005 as it continued its focus on technical performance, reflected by an improved risk margin, while maintaining good growth dynamics. The 6% decline in net income compared to 2004 was primarily attributable to the adverse impact of a change in actuarial models and assumptions. Fourth-quarter 2005 net income was stable at CHF 152 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. In Non-Life, net income increased from CHF 206 million in 2004 to CHF 578 million in 2005. This improvement was driven partly by the non-recurrence of the after-tax charge of CHF 242 million recorded in the fourth quarter of 2004 to increase provisions for contingencies related to the sale of Winterthur International in 2001. Other important drivers were improved underwriting results and our favorable claims experience, which contributed to an unusually low combined ratio. For the fourth quarter of 2005, Non-Life posted net income of CHF 126 million, compared to a net loss of CHF 177 million in the same period of last year. Adjusting for the above-mentioned charge of CHF 242 million, the improvement in profitability was still substantial. The main factors contributing to this improvement were a favorable claims experience and strict cost and claims management.

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### Dividend proposal

Our priority is clear: we want to generate long-term value for our shareholders by offering superior service to our clients and by securing a leading position in our industry. At the same time, we are committed to balancing our long-term targets with the short-term expectations of our shareholders. Accordingly, as of February 10, 2006, we had repurchased 26,152,200 shares with a value of CHF 1.4 billion in connection with our share buyback program. We maintained strong capital ratios in 2005 and reported a consolidated BIS tier 1 ratio of 11.3% at year-end 2005. Credit Suisse Group is also committed to maintaining a competitive dividend policy. The Board of Directors of Credit Suisse Group will propose a dividend of CHF 2.00 per share for the financial year 2005 to the Annual General Meeting on April 28, 2006. This compares to a dividend of CHF 1.50 per share for the financial year 2004. If approved by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, the dividend will be paid on May 4, 2006.

#### Outlook

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Yours sincerely

Walter B. Kielholz Oswald J. Grübel Chairman of the Board of Directors Chief Executive Officer

February 2006

Net income/(loss)

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in CHF m	4Q2005	3Q2005	4Q2004	2005	2004
Private Banking	653	728	616	2,647	2,473
Corporate & Retail Banking	254	264	257	1,069	901
Institutional Securities	336	612	269	1,080	1,313
Wealth & Asset Management	182	101	63	663	530
Life & Pensions	152	96	152	490	522
Non-Life	126	190	(177)	578	206
Corporate Center	(600)	(73)	(221)	(677)	(317)
Credit Suisse Group	1,103	1,918	959	5,850	5,628

Net	revenues
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12 months

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in CHF m	4Q2005	3Q2005	4Q2004	2005	2004
Private Banking	1,986	2,021	1,717	7,729	7,170
Corporate & Retail Banking	861	879	803	3,458	3,348
Institutional Securities 1)	3,622	4,303	2,906	15,102	13,120
Wealth & Asset Management 2)	1,478	1,250	1,028	5,234	4,202
Life & Pensions	3,627	4,246	3,939	18,197	16,618
Non-Life	2,890	2,937	2,835	11,688	11,533
Corporate Center	(246)	(218)	(333)	(776)	(852)
Credit Suisse Group	14,218	15,418	12,895	60,632	55,139

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> Including CHF 86 million, CHF 85 million, CHF -13 million, CHF 379 million and CHF 128 million in 4Q2005, 3Q2005, 4Q2004, 12 months 2005 and 12 months 2004, respectively, in minority interest revenues relating primarily to the FIN 46R consolidation.

Highlights of 2005

In 2005, Credit Suisse Group merged its two banking entities, Credit Suisse and Credit Suisse First Boston, to create an integrated global bank combining its core businesses of investment banking, private banking and asset management.

The integrated global structure was launched on January 1, 2006, and a new brand was implemented.

The Private Banking segment reported record net income of CHF 2,647 million in 2005. Net new assets totaled CHF 42.7 billion for the full year, reflecting excellent inflows across all regions.

Credit Suisse continued to build its global Private Banking presence throughout 2005 and invested in key international markets, especially in Asia and the Middle East.

The Swiss-based Corporate & Retail Banking business generated net income of CHF 1,069 million for 2005. This record result was primarily attributable to a favorable credit environment and good net revenues.

Institutional Securities focused on key client segments in 2005. Net income for the full year totaled CHF 1,080 million.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> Including CHF 468 million, CHF 438 million, CHF 256 million, CHF 1,695 million and CHF 960 million in 4Q2005, 3Q2005 and 4Q2004, 12 months 2005 and 12 months 2004, respectively, in minority interest revenues relating primarily to the FIN 46R consolidation.

The segment achieved higher revenues and gains in market share in key products such as IPOs, leveraged finance, emerging markets, prime brokerage and advanced execution services in 2005.

The Wealth & Asset Management segment posted strong net income of CHF 663 million for 2005, mainly reflecting higher investment-related gains in Alternative Capital.

The insurance business, Winterthur, achieved good progress in 2005 as it improved its overall financial results and strengthened its operating performance.

# Consolidated statements of income (unaudited)

						12 m	onths	
· CHE	102005	202005	402004	_	Change in %	2005	2004	Change in % from
in CHF m	4Q2005	3Q2005	4Q2004	from 3Q2005	from 4Q2004	2005	2004	2004
Interest and dividend income	11,562	10,439	7,710	11	50	40,928	30,953	32
Interest expense	(9,131)	(7,624)	(4,960)	20	84	(29,335)	(19,006)	54
Net interest income	2,431	2,815	2,750	(14)	(12)	11,593	11,947	(3)
Commissions and fees	4,098	3,797	3,289	8	25	14,617	13,577	8
Trading revenues	1,811	2,953	1,400	(39)	29	7,507	4,559	65
Realized gains/(losses) from	250	270	200	(20)	(12)	1 400	1 142	20
investment securities, net	259	370	298	(30)	(13)	1,489	1,143	30
Insurance net premiums earned	4,558	4,439	4,519	3	1	20,970	20,580	2
Other revenues	1,061	1,044	639	2	66	4,456	3,333	34
<b>Total noninterest revenues</b>	11,787	12,603	10,145	(6)	16	49,039	43,192	14
Net revenues	14,218	15,418	12,895	(8)	10	60,632	55,139	10
Policyholder benefits, claims								
and dividends	4,836	5,619	5,402	(14)	(10)	23,569	22,295	6
Provision for credit losses	(27)	(48)	(127)	(44)	(79)	(140)	78	_
Total benefits, claims and								
credit losses	4,809	5,571	5,275	(14)	(9)	23,429	22,373	5
Insurance underwriting,								
acquisition and	006	4.000	0.60	(22)		4.00=	4.400	_
administration expenses	986	1,269	962	(22)	2	4,307	4,103	5
Banking compensation and	2 002	2.505	2 (24	1.1	£ 1	12.071	11.051	17
benefits Other expenses	3,982 2,732	3,595 2,109	2,634 2,501	11 30	51	13,971 9,672	11,951 8,395	17 15
Other expenses Restructuring charges	2,732	2,109	2,301	30	- (63)	9,072	85	(95)
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Total operating expenses	7,703	6,973	6,105	10	26	27,954	24,534	14

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Income from continuing operations before taxes, minority interests and cumulative effect of								
accounting changes	1,706	2,874	1,515	(41)	13	9,249	8,232	12
Income tax expense	86	433	312	(80)	(72)	1,356	1,421	(5)
Minority interests, net of tax	511	510	255	0	100	2,030	1,127	80
Income from continuing operations before cumulative effect of accounting changes	1,109	1,931	948	(43)	17	5,863	5,684	3
Income/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of	(6)	(13)	11	(54)	-	(27)	(50)	(46)
tax	0	0	0	_	_	14	(6)	_
Net income	1,103	1,918	959	(42)	15	5,850	5,628	4

Return on equity - Group	11.2%	20.1%	10.6%	 15.4%	15.9%	_
Earnings per share in CHF						
Basic earnings per share	0.98	1.67	0.82	 5.17	4.80	_
Diluted earnings per share	0.95	1.63	0.80	 5.02	4.75	-

# Credit Suisse Group financial highlights

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Return on equity - Banking	10.8%	22.7%	14.1%	_		16.2%	17.8%	<u> </u>
Return on equity - Winterthur	11.4%	11.9%	(1.2%)	_	-	<b>41.7</b> %	9.2%	_
Earnings per share								
-	0.98	1.67	0.82	_	_	- 5.17	4.80	_

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Net new assets in CHF bn	7.8	19.0	3.5	_	- <b>58.4</b> 32.9	_
CHF	0.95	1.63	0.80	_	- <b>5.02</b> 4.75	_
Diluted earnings per share in						
CHF						
Basic earnings per share in						

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indicated	31.12.05	30.09.05	31.12.04	30.09.05	31.12.04
Assets under management in					
CHF bn	1,484.3	1,404.6	1,220.7	5.7	21.6
Consolidated balance sheet					
Total assets	1,339,052	1,326,755	1,089,485	1	23
Shareholders' equity	42,118	38,634	36,273	9	16
Consolidated BIS capital data					
Risk-weighted assets	232,891	239,604	199,249	(3)	17
Tier 1 ratio	11.3%	11.1%	12.3%	_	
Total capital ratio	13.7%	13.9%	16.6%	-	_
Number of employees					
Switzerland - banking segments	20,194	20,030	19,558	1	3
Switzerland - insurance					
segments	5,928	5,983	6,147	(1)	(4)
Outside Switzerland - banking					
segments	24,370	23,313	21,606	5	13
Outside Switzerland - insurance					
segments	13,031	13,460	13,221	(3)	(1)
Number of employees					
(full-time equivalents)	63,523	62,786	60,532	1	5
Stock market data					
Market price per registered					
share in CHF	67.00	57.30	47.80	17	40
Market price per American					
Depositary Share in USD	50.95	44.48	42.19	15	21
Market capitalization	75,399	62,181	53,097	21	42
Market capitalization in USD m	57,337	48,269	46,865	19	22
Book value per share in CHF	37.43	35.60	32.65	5	15
Shares outstanding	1,125,360,183	,085,178,424 1	1,110,819,481	4	1

# Additional information

For additional information on Credit Suisse Group's fourth-quarter and full-year 2005 results, please refer to the Group's Quarterly Report Q4 2005, as well as the Group's slide presentation for analysts and the press, which are available on the Internet at: www.credit-suisse.com/results.

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Oswald J. Grübel Chief Executive Officer Credit Suisse Group

Dear shareholders, clients and colleagues

2005 was a decisive year for Credit Suisse Group. We merged our two banking entities, Credit Suisse and Credit Suisse First Boston, to create an integrated global bank combining our core businesses of investment banking, private banking and asset management under a single brand. Our new structure is the foundation for our future growth.

While focusing on the implementation of our strategy in 2005, we also succeeded in growing our business. In particular, the Group's banking business benefited from high levels of client activity during the year. Driven by stronger net revenues, Credit Suisse Group reported improved profitability in 2005. Net income for the full year totaled CHF 5,850 million, up 4% compared to 2004. This includes a non-cash charge in the fourth quarter of 2005 of CHF 421 million after tax relating to a change in the Group's accounting for share-based awards as well as a CHF 624 million after-tax charge in Institutional Securities in the second quarter of 2005 to increase the reserve for certain private litigation matters. The Group's return on equity decreased to 15.4% from 15.9% in 2004, with a return on equity of 16.2% for the banking business and 11.7% for the insurance business. In the fourth quarter of 2005, the Group's net income totaled CHF 1,103 million, compared to net income of CHF 959 million in the fourth quarter of 2004.

Our 2005 results show that we are making good progress in strengthening the underlying profitability of our business. I am convinced that our new integrated structure will help us further enhance our profitability and returns for our shareholders.

#### Banking segments

Private Banking reported strong revenues - related to the increase in assets under management, higher trading revenues and an increase in brokerage volumes – as well as excellent inflows of net new assets across all regions in 2005. Its full-year net income was a record CHF 2,647 million, up 7% from 2004. In the fourth quarter of 2005, Private Banking reported net income of CHF 653 million, an increase of 6% compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. Net new assets for the year totaled CHF 42.7 billion, representing a strong growth rate of 7.9%. We continued to build our global Private Banking presence throughout 2005 and invested in key international markets, especially in Asia and the Middle East. During the fourth quarter of 2005, Private Banking's net revenues remained at the same high level as in the previous quarter, supported by sound asset-based revenues. Fourth-quarter 2005 operating expenses increased mainly due to ongoing investments in strategic growth markets.

Our Swiss-based Corporate & Retail Banking business achieved a record result for 2005, with net income of CHF 1,069 million – an increase of 19% compared to the previous year. Its return on average allocated capital was 20.7%, compared to 18.0% in 2004. The main factors contributing to this strong performance were a favorable credit environment and good net revenues, which benefited from an improved level of commissions and fees. Although net income improved for the full year, fourth-quarter 2005 net income was slightly below the fourth quarter of 2004.

During 2005, Institutional Securities focused on key client segments and benefited from increased levels of market

activity. This resulted in higher revenues and gains in market share in key products such as initial public offerings, leveraged finance, prime brokerage and advanced execution services. Net income for 2005 totaled CHF 1,080 million. Excluding the CHF 624 million after-tax charge in the second quarter of 2005 to increase the reserve for certain private litigation matters, net income for the full year increased 30% to CHF 1,704 million. In the fourth quarter of 2005, Institutional Securities reported net income of CHF 336 million, a 25% increase from the fourth quarter of 2004. Significant growth in investment banking revenues during the quarter was offset by higher operating expenses.

In Wealth & Asset Management, we reported strong net income of CHF 663 million for 2005. This 25% increase over the prior year was mainly attributable to higher investment-related gains in Alternative Capital. Net new assets for the year totaled CHF 11.5 billion, a CHF 8.9 billion increase compared to 2004. In the fourth quarter of 2005, Wealth & Asset Management benefited from higher revenues in all key business areas, with net income of CHF 182 million compared to CHF 63 million in the fourth quarter of 2004.

#### Winterthur

Winterthur, our insurance business, achieved good progress in 2005 as it further strengthened its overall financial results and operating performance. Life & Pensions continued its focus on technical performance, reflected by an improved risk margin, while maintaining good growth dynamics. For the full year 2005, Life & Pensions reported net income of CHF 490 million. This 6% decrease compared to 2004 was primarily attributable to specific effects related to taxes and changes in actuarial models and assumptions. Fourth-quarter 2005 net income was stable at CHF 152 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. In Non-Life, net income for 2005 increased from CHF 206 million to CHF 578 million. This improvement was partly driven by the after-tax charge of CHF 242 million booked in the fourth quarter of 2004 to increase provisions for contingencies related to the sale of Winterthur International in 2001. Other important drivers were improved underwriting results and lower claims, which contributed to a substantially lower combined ratio. For the fourth quarter of 2005, Non-Life posted net income of CHF 126 million compared to a net loss of CHF 177 million, including the above-mentioned charge, in the same period of last year. The main factors contributing to this substantial improvement were a favorable claims experience and continued strict cost and claims management.

#### Creating benefits as an integrated global bank

We launched the newly integrated global structure of Credit Suisse on January 1, 2006, and expect to generate significant revenue growth and cost synergies from the integration in the coming years. At our Investor Day in December 2005, we stated that Credit Suisse Group aims to achieve total pre-tax benefits from revenue growth and cost synergies of CHF 1.3 billion in 2008, which should result in a positive net income benefit of around CHF 1.0 billion. Our priority is clear: we want to generate value for our shareholders by offering superior service to our clients and by securing a leading position in our industry. At the same time, we are committed to balancing our long-term targets with the short-term expectations of our shareholders. Accordingly, as of February 10, 2006, we had repurchased 26,152,200 shares in the amount of CHF 1.4 billion under our share buyback program. We maintained strong capital ratios with a consolidated BIS tier 1 ratio of 11.3% at year-end 2005. Credit Suisse Group is also committed to a competitive dividend policy. The Board of Directors of Credit Suisse Group will therefore propose a dividend of CHF 2.00 per share for 2005 to the Annual General Meeting on April 28, 2006. This compares to a dividend of CHF 1.50 per share for the previous year.

### Outlook

Our current outlook for global economic growth and the capital markets is positive. We believe that growth will continue to be robust and that inflation will remain under control, resulting in only moderate increases in interest rates. Provided there are no major adverse geopolitical developments or external events, we expect the equity markets to outperform the bond markets, with the US dollar remaining well supported. While oil prices may reach new highs in the early part of 2006, we anticipate that they will trend lower later in the year.

Yours sincerely

Oswald J. Grübel February 2006

### Credit Suisse Group

Credit Suisse Group recorded net income of CHF 1,103 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of CHF 144 million, or 15%, from net income of CHF 959 million in the fourth quarter of 2004. Net income for the full year 2005 was CHF 5,850 million, an increase of CHF 222 million, or 4%, compared to the full year 2004. The Group's fourth-quarter results reflect increased net income in Private Banking, Institutional Securities, Wealth & Asset Management and Non-Life, while net income in Corporate & Retail Banking was slightly lower and Life & Pensions net income remained flat compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. Net income was adversely affected by a change in the Group's accounting for share-based awards. See "Further guidance on accounting for share-based awards."

# Factors affecting results of operations

The market environment in the fourth quarter of 2005 was generally favorable but certain sectors were more challenging than in the third quarter of 2005. The insurance segments continued to be challenged by the sustained low interest rate environment despite the recent interest rate increases.

The US economy remained resilient despite higher energy prices, an increase in corporate bankruptcies early in the quarter and higher-than-expected consumer and producer price indices. The main US equity markets recorded gains of 2% to 3% during the quarter. In Europe, the Swiss Market Index increased 16% during the quarter and the other main European equity markets showed solid gains, despite sluggish economic growth and the uncertainty generated during the election of the new German Chancellor. China continues to lead the economic growth in Asia and the revival of the Japanese economy continued through the end of the year.

The US Federal Reserve continued to increase short-term interest rates, raising short-term rates to 4.25% in December 2005. The yield curve continued to flatten and became inverted at the end of 2005, with long-term interest rates falling below short-term rates. Despite worries about Europe's fragile economic recovery, the European Central Bank raised its benchmark interest rate for the first time in five years, motivated by inflation fears. Both the Bank of England and Japan kept benchmark rates stable during the quarter. Credit spreads in the US widened slightly in response to the flatter Treasury curve, creating less favorable trading conditions in the quarter. Stronger-than-expected global economic and corporate earnings growth contributed to healthy underwriting activity in the quarter. The Swiss franc closed largely flat against the US dollar compared to the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2005, however, significant volatility was seen during the quarter.

The global credit environment remained favorable for lenders, with a corresponding positive impact on the Group's provision for credit losses.

Industry-wide volume of announced mergers and acquisitions in the fourth quarter of 2005 was higher than in the fourth quarter of 2004. The volume of announced mergers and acquisitions transactions during the quarter reached the highest level since the third quarter of 2000, driven by easy access to capital and strong activity by financial sponsors. Activity in global mergers and acquisitions during 2005 was at its highest level since 2000, with strong contributions

from the US, Europe and Asia.

Equity underwriting volumes in the fourth quarter of 2005 continued to strengthen with an increase in industry-wide equity capital markets activity compared to the fourth quarter of 2004 and to the prior quarter. Global equity capital markets volume in 2005 reached its highest level in five years driven by significant increases in IPO activity in both Europe and Asia.

Industry-wide volumes for debt issuance in the fourth quarter of 2005 increased compared to the fourth quarter of 2004 and to the previous quarter. However, high-yield debt saw volume declines versus both periods, while investment grade debt volumes increased only slightly. After a record-setting 2004, global high-yield corporate debt issuance declined considerably in 2005, posting three consecutive quarters of fewer than 100 issues per period, the longest stretch since early 2003. Although global investment grade debt issuance volume in 2005 marked a new annual high, quarterly volumes declined steadily throughout the year.

# Summary of segment results

**Private Banking** reported net income of CHF 653 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, compared to CHF 616 million in the fourth quarter of 2004. For the full year 2005, net income was CHF 2,647 million, an increase of CHF 174 million, or 7%, compared to the full year 2004. Both fourth-quarter and full-year net revenues were driven by higher commissions and fees and increased trading revenues, reflecting higher assets under management and higher client transaction volume, which were partially offset by higher compensation and benefits reflecting growth initiatives in key markets and higher performance-related compensation.

Corporate & Retail Banking reported net income of CHF 254 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, slightly lower compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. For the full year 2005, net income was CHF 1,069 million, an increase of CHF 168 million, or 19%, compared to the full year 2004. Fourth-quarter 2005 net revenues were driven by higher trading revenues and increased net interest income compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, while net revenues for the full year 2005 benefited from increased commissions and fees and higher trading revenues. Higher net income in both the fourth quarter of 2005 and full year 2005 reflected releases of credit provisions and higher compensation and benefits.

**Institutional Securities** reported net income of CHF 336 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of CHF 67 million, or 25%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, reflecting higher net revenues, including a significant increase in investment banking revenues, which was offset by an increase in total operating expenses, both compensation and benefits and other expenses. In addition, the fourth-quarter net income was positively impacted by certain tax-related items that resulted in a tax benefit of CHF 132 million. For the full year 2005, Institutional Securities reported net income of CHF 1,080 million, a decrease of CHF 233 million, or 18%, compared to the full year 2004. This result includes a second-quarter 2005 after-tax charge of CHF 624 million, to increase the reserve for certain private litigation matters.

**Wealth & Asset Management** reported net income of CHF 182 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of CHF 119 million, or 189%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, with increased revenues in all key business areas. For the full year 2005, net income was CHF 663 million, an increase of CHF 133 million, or 25%, driven primarily by higher investment-related gains.

Both Institutional Securities and Wealth & Asset Management maintained a disciplined approach to compensation expenses. The compensation to revenue ratio for the combined segments (excluding minority interest revenues) was 51.9% in the fourth quarter of 2005, compared to 52.9% in the fourth quarter of 2004 and 51.9% in the third quarter of 2005. For the full year 2005, the compensation to revenue ratio for the combined segments (excluding minority

interest revenues) was 51.9%, compared to 53.1% for the full year 2004.

**Life & Pensions** reported net income of CHF 152 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, unchanged compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. In 2005, Life & Pensions continued its focus on technical performance, reflected by an improved risk margin, while maintaining good growth dynamics, reporting net income of CHF 490 million. The decrease of CHF 32 million, or 6%, compared to 2004 was primarily attributable to the adverse impact of a change in actuarial assumptions and models of CHF 61 million after tax and policyholder participations. In addition, net income in 2005 included an increase in the valuation of deferred tax assets (by decreasing the related valuation allowance) in relation to tax loss carry-forwards created in prior years.

Non-Life reported net income of CHF 126 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, compared to a net loss of CHF 177 million in the fourth quarter of 2004, which included a charge of CHF 242 million after tax related to the sale of Winterthur International in 2001. The related dispute with XL Capital Ltd (XL) was decided in Winterthur's favor in the fourth quarter of 2005 and accordingly no further provisions were recorded in connection with this dispute. For the full year 2005, net income was CHF 578 million, an increase of CHF 372 million, or 181%, compared to the full year 2004, which reflected the impact of the Winterthur International provisions discussed above. The results in 2005 reflected improved underwriting results and a benefit from the increase in the valuation of deferred tax assets (by decreasing the related valuation allowance) primarily in relation to tax loss carry-forwards created in prior years.

The following table sets forth an overview of segment results:

		Corporate		Wealth &				Credit
	Private	& Retail	Institutional	Asset	Life &		Corporate	Suisse
4Q2005, in CHF m	Banking	Banking	Securities	Management	Pensions N	Non-Life	Center	Group
Net revenues	1,986	861	3,622	1,478	3,627	2,890	(246)	14,218
Policyholder benefits,								
claims and dividends	_	-		-	- 2,984	1,858	(6)	4,836
Provision for credit losses	2	(23)	(12)	0	6	1	(1)	(27)
Total benefits, claims and								
credit losses	2	(23)	(12)	0	2,990	1,859	(7)	4,809
Insurance underwriting, acquisition and					252	610		226
administration expenses	_	_		· <u>-</u>	- 373	612	1	986
Banking compensation and	502	270	2 010	240			7.61	2.002
benefits	592	270	2,019	340	20	1.40	- 761 (72)	3,982
Other expenses	570	288	1,328	440	38	140	(72)	2,732
Restructuring charges	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
Total operating expenses	1,162	558	3,347	780	412	754	690	7,703
Income from continuing operations before taxes and minority interests	822	326	287	698	225	277	(929)	1,706
Income tax								
expense/(benefit)	164	71	(132)	60	61	137	(275)	86
Minority interests, net of								
tax	5	1	83	456	12	7	(53)	511
Income from continuing								
operations	653	254	336	182	152	133	(601)	1,109
	0	0	0	0	0	(7)	1	(6)

Income/(loss) from								
discontinued operations, net								
of tax								
Net income	653	254	336	182	152	126	(600)	1,103

# Credit Suisse Group consolidated results

The Group reported net revenues of CHF 14,218 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of CHF 1,323 million, or 10%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. Net revenues were CHF 60,632 million for the full year 2005, an increase of CHF 5,493 million, or 10%, compared to the full year 2004.

Net interest income, which includes dividend income, was CHF 2,431 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, a decrease of CHF 319 million, or 12%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, and a decrease of CHF 384 million, or 14%, compared to the third quarter of 2005. This was due primarily to an increase in interest expense in Institutional Securities as a result of higher short-term borrowing costs and higher financing liabilities. For the full year 2005, net interest income was CHF 11,593 million, a decrease of CHF 354 million, or 3%, due mainly to the increase in interest expense in Institutional Securities. This was partially offset by increases in the insurance segments of CHF 256 million due to lower interest expense and increased dividend receipts as corporations declared generally higher dividends in line with economic improvements.

Commissions and fees rose by CHF 809 million, or 25%, to CHF 4,098 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, due mainly to significantly higher underwriting and advisory and other fees in Institutional Securities. In addition, the increase reflected higher asset-based commissions and fees due to increased assets under management and higher brokerage volumes and product sales in Private Banking, and higher asset management and administrative fees in Wealth & Asset Management. For the full year 2005, commissions and fees were CHF 14,617 million, an increase of CHF 1,040 million, or 8%, compared to the full year 2004. This improvement was generated largely by higher asset-based commissions and brokerage volumes in Private Banking, increased investment banking revenues in Institutional Securities, and higher placement fees and management fees in Wealth & Asset Management.

Trading revenues of CHF 1,811 million increased by CHF 411 million, or 29%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, due mainly to improved performance in the commercial mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations businesses in Institutional Securities. In addition, Private Banking recorded an increase due mainly to client foreign exchange trading. Further, Corporate & Retail Banking recorded increases due to the positive impact of changes in the fair value of interest rate derivatives. Trading revenues decreased by CHF 1,142 million, or 39%, compared to the third quarter of 2005, due mainly to a decrease in both fixed income and equity trading in Institutional Securities, which largely reflected a generally less favorable market environment. For the full year 2005, trading revenues increased by CHF 2,948 million, or 65%, to CHF 7,507 million, with all banking segments recording increases, the largest of which were in Institutional Securities and Private Banking. The increase in Institutional Securities was driven by client foreign exchange trading and trading execution. In addition, Life & Pensions recorded an increase of CHF 784 million compared to the full year 2004, primarily reflecting the market appreciation of the underlying assets backing unit-linked products which is credited to policyholder account balances.

Net realized gains/(losses) from investment securities decreased CHF 39 million, or 13%, to CHF 259 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, due mainly to a decrease in Institutional Securities compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. For the full year 2005, net realized gains/(losses) from investment securities increased CHF 346 million, or 30%, to CHF

1,489 million, primarily due to higher net realized gains on equity securities in Life & Pensions.

Insurance net premiums earned increased CHF 39 million, or 1%, to CHF 4,558 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. For the full year 2005, insurance net premiums earned increased CHF 390 million, or 2%, to CHF 20,970 million driven primarily by positive sales performance in Life & Pensions in Germany, Spain and the Swiss group life business. Other revenues were CHF 1,061 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to CHF 639 million in the fourth quarter of 2004, an increase of CHF 422 million, or 66%. For the full year 2005, the Group reported other revenues of CHF 4,456 million, an increase of CHF 1,123 million, or 34%, compared to the full year 2004. The increases were due to higher other revenues in Wealth & Asset Management and Institutional Securities, primarily as a result of higher revenues from consolidation of certain private equity funds, as discussed under Minority interests below. This was partially offset by a decrease in the insurance segments due mainly to lower realized gains on other invested assets, including real estate, and increased asset management expenses.

#### Total benefits, claims and credit losses

The Group reported a net release of provisions for credit losses of CHF 27 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, compared to a net release of CHF 127 million in the fourth quarter of 2004. For the full year 2005, the Group reported a net release of CHF 140 million compared to a net increase in provisions for credit losses of CHF 78 million for the full year 2004. These releases largely reflected an ongoing favorable credit environment for lenders.

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, policyholder benefits, claims and dividends decreased CHF 566 million, or 10%, to CHF 4,836 million. This was largely due to a decrease in Life & Pensions of investment income credited to policyholder account balances of CHF 351 million compared to CHF 743 million in the fourth quarter of 2004. In addition, Non-Life reported lower claims and annuities incurred of CHF 1,722 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to CHF 1,968 million in the fourth quarter of 2004 as a result of favorable claims experience. For the full year 2005, the Group recorded policyholder benefits, claims and dividends of CHF 23,569 million compared to CHF 22,295 million for the full year 2004, an increase of CHF 1,274 million, or 6%. This was due mainly to an increase in investment income credited to policyholder account balances in Life & Pensions.

# Total operating expenses

The Group reported total operating expenses of CHF 7,703 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of CHF 1,598 million, or 26%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. This increase was driven primarily by higher banking compensation and benefits in line with the improved results, an incremental expense of CHF 630 million relating to a change in the Group's accounting for share-based awards and, to a lesser extent, the impact of Private Banking's growth initiatives in key strategic markets. In addition, other expenses included an adverse foreign exchange translation impact due to the strengthening of the US dollar against the Swiss franc in Institutional Securities and Wealth & Asset Management and higher professional fees in Wealth & Asset Management. For the full year 2005, the Group reported total operating expenses of CHF 27,954 million compared to CHF 24,534 million for the full year 2004, an increase of CHF 3,420 million, or 14%. This included a charge of CHF 960 million (USD 750 million) before tax in Institutional Securities to increase the reserve for certain private litigation matters. Excluding the impact of the litigation charge, total operating expenses increased by CHF 2,460 million, or 10%, mainly reflecting an increase in banking compensation and benefits. Corporate Center total operating expenses included costs relating to the integration of the banking businesses of CHF 84 million in the fourth quarter and CHF 128 million for the full year 2005.

Insurance underwriting, acquisition and administration expenses of CHF 986 million increased CHF 24 million, or 2%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, primarily reflecting increased amortization of deferred acquisition costs and present value of future profits in Life & Pensions and increased marketing and project costs in Non-Life. For the full year 2005, the Group reported insurance underwriting, acquisition and administration expenses of CHF 4,307 million, an increase of CHF 204 million, or 5%, compared to the full year 2004, primarily reflecting the negative effect of changes in actuarial assumptions and models in Life & Pensions recorded in the third quarter of 2005.

Banking compensation and benefits increased CHF 1,348 million, or 51%, to CHF 3,982 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. For the full year 2005, banking compensation and benefits was CHF 13,971 million, an increase of CHF 2,020 million, or 17%. The increase in both the fourth quarter and the full year reflected higher performance-related compensation in the banking segments, in line with the improved results, as well as the impact of Private Banking's front office recruitment as part of its ongoing strategic investments in growth markets. Banking compensation and benefits in both periods was also impacted by a change in the Group's accounting for share-based compensation awards subject to a non-competition provision that have scheduled vesting beyond an employee's eligibility for early retirement. See "Further guidance on accounting for share-based awards."

Other expenses amounted to CHF 2,732 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of CHF 231 million, or 9%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2004, due in part to the adverse foreign exchange translation impact in Institutional Securities and Wealth & Asset Management and higher professional fees in Wealth & Asset management. This was partially offset by a decline in Non-Life as a result of a provision of CHF 310 million recorded in the fourth quarter of 2004 relating to the sale of Winterthur International to XL. For the full year 2005, the Group reported other expenses of CHF 9,672 million, an increase of CHF 1,277 million, or 15%, compared to the full year 2004, due mainly to the impact of the CHF 960 million litigation charge in Institutional Securities.

### Income tax expense

The Group recorded an income tax expense of CHF 86 million compared to CHF 312 million in the fourth quarter of 2004, a decrease of CHF 226 million, or 72%. Net income was positively impacted by certain tax-related items that resulted in a tax benefit of CHF 132 million in Institutional Securities in the fourth quarter of 2005. These include the release of tax contingency accruals due to the favorable settlement of certain tax audits and a decrease in the full-year effective tax rate below the rate used to accrue taxes during prior quarters in 2005 as a result of changes in the geographic mix of taxable income. In addition, Non-Life reported an income tax expense of CHF 137 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to an income tax benefit of CHF 50 million in the fourth quarter of 2004, due to improved profitability in most Non-Life operations, higher taxes in Switzerland related to the increased valuation of a subsidiary in 2005 and the fourth-quarter 2004 tax benefit of CHF 68 million relating to the sale of Winterthur International.

Income tax expense in the fourth quarter of 2005 was impacted by a change in the Group's accounting for share-based compensation awards subject to a non-competition provision that have scheduled vesting beyond an employee's eligibility for early retirement. See "Further guidance on accounting for share-based awards."

The Group tax expense is not impacted by investments that are required to be consolidated under the relevant accounting rules, primarily Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46 Revised (FIN 46R). The amount of income related to these investments varies from one period to the next and in the fourth quarter of 2005 amounted to CHF 539 million. Due mainly to this effect, the impact of certain tax-related items in Institutional Securities and the change in accounting for share-based compensation awards, the Group's effective tax rate in the fourth quarter of 2005 was 5% compared to the Swiss statutory rate of 22%.

# Minority interests

Credit Suisse Group's net revenues and operating expenses include the consolidation of certain entities and private equity funds primarily under FIN 46R. The consolidation of these entities does not impact net income as the amounts recorded in net revenues and expenses are offset by equivalent amounts recorded in minority interests.

Minority interests were CHF 511 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of CHF 256 million, or 100%, compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. For the full year 2005, minority interests amounted to CHF 2,030 million compared to CHF 1,127 million for the full year 2004. Both the quarterly and full-year increases were due to

increased investment-related gains.

# Equity capital

Credit Suisse Group's consolidated BIS tier 1 ratio was 11.3% as of December 31, 2005, up from 11.1% as of September 30, 2005. The Group continued the share buyback program approved by the Annual General Meeting in 2005, repurchasing CHF 1.4 billion of own shares since the initiation of the program through February 10, 2006. Risk-weighted assets decreased compared to the third quarter of 2005, primarily reflecting securitization activity in the fourth quarter of 2005. Tier 1 capital decreased CHF 171 million with the contribution of fourth quarter net income offset by the continuing share buyback program and accruals related to the proposed 2005 dividends. The Group's shareholders' equity as of December 31, 2005 increased to CHF 42.1 billion from CHF 38.6 billion as of September 30, 2005 and includes the CHF 1.2 billion impact of conversion of the mandatory convertible securities.

The following table sets forth details of BIS data (risk-weighted assets, capital and ratios):

	Cred	oup		
in CHF m, except where indicated	31.12.05	30.09.05	31.12.04	
Risk-weighted positions	218,899	225,946	187,775	
Market risk equivalents	13,992	13,658	11,474	
Risk-weighted assets	232,891	239,604	199,249	
Tier 1 capital	26,348	26,519	24,596	
of which non-cumulative perpetual				
preferred securities	2,170	2,175	2,118	
Tier 1 ratio	11.3%	11.1%	12.3%	
Total capital	31,918	33,213	33,121	
Total capital ratio	13.7%	13.9%	16.6%	

As of January 1, 2004, Credit Suisse Group bases its capital adequacy calculations on US GAAP, which is in accordance with the Swiss Federal Banking Commission (SFBC) newsletter 32 (dated December 18, 2003). The SFBC has advised Credit Suisse Group that it may continue to include as Tier 1 capital CHF 2.2 billion as at December 31, 2005 (September 30, 2005: CHF 2.2 billion and December 31, 2004: CHF 2.1 billion) of equity from special purpose entities, which are deconsolidated under FIN 46R.

Winterthur's capital position remained stable, with shareholders' equity of CHF 9.7 billion at December 31, 2005, unchanged compared to September 30, 2005.

### Net new assets

The Group reported net new assets of CHF 7.8 billion in the fourth quarter of 2005, a decrease of CHF 11.2 billion compared to the third quarter of 2005 and an increase of CHF 4.3 billion compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. For the full year 2005, the Group recorded net new assets of CHF 58.4 billion, an increase of CHF 25.5 billion compared to the full year 2004.

The following table sets forth details of assets under management and client assets:

		Change in % from	Change in % from
in CHF bn	31.12.05 30.09.05 31.12.04	30.09.05	31.12.04

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Private Banking					
Assets under management	659.3	637.2	539.1	3.5	22.3
Client assets	698.4	674.5	569.4	3.5	22.7
Corporate & Retail Banking					
Assets under management	57.8	56.3	53.9	2.7	7.2
Client assets	122.0	116.6	102.1	4.6	19.5
Institutional Securities					
Assets under management	14.5	14.4	15.2	0.7	(4.6)
Client assets	69.6	108.3	95.1	(35.7)	(26.8)
Wealth & Asset Management					
Assets under management 1)	599.4	543.8	472.9	10.2	26.7
Client assets	617.0	561.3	488.9	9.9	26.2
Life & Pensions					
Assets under management	126.0	125.1	115.5	0.7	9.1
Client assets	126.0	125.1	115.5	0.7	9.1
Non-Life					
Assets under management	27.3	27.8	24.1	(1.8)	13.3
Client assets	27.3	27.8	24.1	(1.8)	13.3
Credit Suisse Group					
Discretionary assets under					
management	742.5	684.9	595.8	8.4	24.6
Advisory assets under management	741.8	719.7	624.9	3.1	18.7
<b>Total assets under management</b>	1,484.3	1,404.6	1,220.7	5.7	21.6
Total client assets	1,660.3	1,613.6	1,395.1	2.9	19.0

The following table sets forth details of net new assets:

			_	12 mor	nths
in CHF bn	4Q2005	3Q2005	4Q2004	2005	2004
Private Banking	8.6	14.3	3.9	42.7	26.4
Corporate & Retail Banking	0.2	0.4	0.6	2.0	1.4
Institutional Securities	0.0	0.0	0.2	(2.0)	1.6
Wealth & Asset Management 1)	(0.8)	4.0	0.2	12.5	2.3
Life & Pensions	(0.2)	0.3	(1.4)	3.2	1.2
Credit Suisse Group	7.8	19.0	3.5	58.4	32.9