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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 AND 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For 15 February 2011

InterContinental Hotels Group PLC (Registrant's name)

Broadwater Park, Denham, Buckinghamshire, UB9 5HJ, United Kingdom (Address of principal executive offices)

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InterContinental Hotels Group PLC Preliminary Results for the year to 31 December 2010

Brand delivery and scale advantage driving strong financial performance in an improving market

Financial summary ^o	2010	2009% Change YoY		
		-	Actual	CER ²
Revenue	\$1,628m	\$1,538m	6%	6%
Operating profit	\$444m	\$363m	22%	22%
Total adjusted EPS	98.6¢	102.8¢	(4)%	
Total basic EPS ¹	101.7¢	74.7¢	36%	
Total dividend per share	48.0¢	41.4¢	16%	
Net debt	\$743m	\$1,092m ³		

Andrew Cosslett, Chief Executive of InterContinental Hotels Group PLC, said:

"2010 was an excellent year for IHG. After a slow start to the year, the industry staged the sharpest recovery in its history, exceeding all expectations. By focusing on our brands and using our scale, we delivered 6% growth in revenue per available room (RevPAR). We signed more rooms into our pipeline than in 2009 and despite the planned exceptional number of removals to drive up quality, we grew the number of rooms in our system, led by a 12% increase in China.

"The \$1bn Holiday Inn relaunch is almost complete, delivering RevPAR outperformance and improved guest satisfaction. We are now working with our hotel owners to refresh Crowne Plaza, already the fourth largest upscale hotel brand in the world, and one with great future potential.

"Our focus on efficiency has increased fee-based margins 1.1 percentage points. In line with our asset light strategy we have started the initial marketing for sale of the InterContinental New York Barclay today.

"The 21% growth in the final dividend reflects our confidence in IHG's prospects. Our priority is to increase market share and improve margins in an industry set for strong growth over the next few years."

Driving Market Share

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•	Total gross revenue* from hotels in IHG's system of \$18.7bn, up 11%.								
•	2010 global RevPAR growth of 6.2%, with 8.0% in the fourth quarter.								
•	Total system size of 647,161 rooms (4,437 hotels), up 0.1% year on year.								
	- 35,744 rooms (259 hotels) added, with 35,262 rooms (260								
		hotels) removed.							
	-	Signings of 55,598 rooms (319 hotels), up on 2009 levels in all							
		regions. Total pipeline of 204,859 rooms (1,275 hotels); half							
		outside the Americas; 75,000 rooms currently under							
		construction.							
	-	2011 net system growth is expected to be modest as remaining							
		Holiday Inn relaunch exits are completed.							
	-	Post 2011, robust pipeline should drive medium term net system							
		growth of 3% - 5% per annum.							

Holiday Inn relaunch is sub -	 stantially complete with refreshed hotels performing strongly. 3,002 hotels now operating under the new standards (91% of the estate). RevPAR growth for hotels relaunched for more than one year was c.6% points higher than non-relaunched hotels in the US and c.5% points higher globally.
Strong system delivery.	
-	Record enrolments in Priority Club Rewards (PCR) took total membership to 56m (2009: 48m). 68% of rooms revenue delivered through IHG's Channels or by PCR members direct to hotel (2009: 68%).

Growing Margins

•	Continued focus on costs.
	- Regional and central costs broadly in line with 2009 excluding
	the impact of performance based incentives.
•	Sustainable efficiencies drive fee-based margins* up 1.1%pts to 35.7%.
	- At constant currency, and reflecting the current trading outlook,
	total 2011 regional and central costs expected to be in the region
	of \$250m to \$260m compared to \$258m in 2010.

Current trading update

- January global RevPAR up 8.4%. Americas 8.2%; EMEA 7.0%; and Asia Pacific 10.9%.
- \$10m liquidated damages receipt in Americas managed revenue and operating profit in first quarter 2011.

• Initial estimate of impact on 2011 from unrest in Egypt of \$3m.

° All figures are before exceptional items unless otherwise noted. See appendices 3 and 4 for analysis of financial headlines

¹ After exceptional items	2 CER = constant	³ Restated for a change	ge * See appendix 6 for	
	exchange rates	in presentation	definition	

Regional Highlights

Americas - strong brands drive new deals

RevPAR increased 4.9%; 7.7% in the fourth quarter when rate was up 1.4%. US RevPAR was up 4.3% in 2010, with 7.5% growth in the fourth quarter. 2010 RevPAR grew 8.1% at InterContinental New York Barclay.

Revenue increased 5% (4% at CER) to \$807m and operating profit increased 28% (27% at CER) to \$369m. After adjusting for the owned hotel disposals and the charge for priority guarantee shortfalls in 2009, revenue was up 7% and operating profit up 10%. Franchise royalties drove much of this growth, up 11%. This was offset by a 1% reduction in total system size due to exits associated with the Holiday Inn relaunch and a \$10m increase in regional costs, including \$4m in relation to our self-insured healthcare benefit plan.

During 2010 the InterContinental Times Square and the first Staybridge Suites opened in New York, taking IHG's room count in the city to 6,570. We re-entered the important Hawaii market with the Holiday Inn Beachcomber Resort in Waikiki Beach and formed an InterContinental Alliance with Las Vegas Sands Corp to bring the 6,874 all suite Venetian and Palazzo resorts into the system. The wider benefits of the Holiday Inn relaunch were clear, with full service Holiday Inn signings up on 2009.

We have formed a strategic relationship with Summit Hotel Properties, Inc. (Summit), a US hotel real estate investment trust focused on premium-branded select service hotels in the upscale and midscale without food and beverage sectors. In connection with Summit's initial public offering, which closed on 14 February 2011, IHG purchased 1,274,000 shares of Summit common stock, representing approximately 4.7%, for a purchase price of \$11.6m. Of Summit's 65 properties seven already carry

IHG's brands, and under a sourcing agreement we have also entered into with them, Summit will provide IHG an exclusive right for a period of five years, of first offer to franchise or manage any unbranded hotel bought by them which they want to brand.

EMEA - increase in signings

RevPAR increased 6.1%, with 6.5% growth in the fourth quarter. Germany was the strongest of our major markets with RevPAR growth of 18.4% in 2010. Mixed trading conditions in the Middle East resulted in RevPAR down 1.0% for the year. 2010 RevPAR grew 15.0% at InterContinental London Park Lane and 11.5% at InterContinental Paris Le Grand.

Revenue increased 4% (8% at CER) to \$414m and operating profit decreased 2% (2% growth at CER) to \$125m. Excluding the impact of a \$3m liquidated damages receipt in 2009, revenue was up 5% (8% at CER) and operating profit up 1% (5% at CER). Much of this was driven by the owned and leased hotels, where positive RevPAR combined with strong cost control drove good profit growth. Managed profits were down by \$3m to \$62m, due to a combination of the unfavourable trading environment across much of the Middle East and a \$3m provision for total estimated net future cash outflows expected under a guarantee in relation to one hotel. Franchised profits declined \$1m to \$59m, but excluding the \$3m liquidated damages receipt in 2009 and at constant currency, profits increased 7% driven by RevPAR growth of 7.6%.

We signed 58 new deals in the year, up 11 on 2009. These included eight Hotel Indigo contracts in key locations such as Lisbon, Madrid and Berlin. We also signed six Crowne Plaza hotels including the strategic markets of Istanbul, St. Petersburg and Amsterdam. Signings across Europe as a whole were very strong, particularly in Germany and France where we signed nine and six hotels respectively. Key openings included the Hotel Indigo Tower Hill, London, Staybridge Suites St. Petersburg and Holiday Inn Berlin International Airport.

Asia Pacific - strong profit growth

RevPAR increased 12.4%, with 11.5% growth in the fourth quarter. Greater China was our strongest market with RevPAR up 25.8% for the year, including 55.9% in Shanghai which was boosted by the World Expo which took place between May and October. Asia Australasia RevPAR grew 5.6% and at InterContinental Hong Kong RevPAR was up 15.3%.

Revenue increased 24% (20% at CER) to \$303m and operating profit increased 71% (67% at CER) to \$89m. This was predominantly driven by RevPAR growth; the contribution from new managed rooms (2010: 9% growth; 2009: 10% growth) and a \$4m benefit to managed operating profit due to the collection of bad debts which had previously been provided for.

We continue to build on our leading position in Greater China with 48,527 rooms (145 hotels) open (a 12% increase year on year) and 50,236 rooms (147 hotels) in the pipeline. We opened 24 hotels in 17 cities across China, including Asia Pacific's first Hotel Indigo on the Bund and the InterContinental at the Expo site, both in Shanghai. In Asia Australasia, we signed six hotels in India, taking our pipeline there to 10,073 rooms. In Thailand we signed two new Holiday Inn resorts in the prime beachfront locations of Cam Ranh Bay and Phu Quoc, and we signed the Crowne Plaza Lumpini Park in Bangkok which opened in December.

Interest, tax and cash flow

The interest charge for the period increased \$8m to \$62m as the impact of lower levels of average net debt was offset by a higher average cost of debt following the issuance of a seven year £250m bond in 2009.

The effective tax rate for 2010 is 26% (2009: 5%). The 2011 tax rate is expected to be in the high 20s.

Free cash flow of \$432m (2009: \$377m) due to excellent profit conversion and tight control over maintenance capital expenditure.

Appendix 1: RevPAR Movement Summary

		2011	January		Full Y	ear 2010		Q4'10)
	RevPAR	Rate	Occ. I	RevPAR	Rate	Occ. I	RevPAR	Rate	Occ.
Group	8.4%	2.0%	3.1%pts	6.2%	(0.2)%	3.8%pts	8.0%	2.4%	3.1%pts
Americas	8.2%	1.2%	3.3%pts	4.9%	(1.0)%	3.4%pts	7.7%	1.4%	3.3%pts
EMEA	7.0%	1.7%	2.7%pts	6.1%	0.5%	3.6%pts	6.5%	2.5%	2.5%pts
Asia	10.9%	6.5%	2.4%pts	12.4%	2.5%	6.0%pts	11.5%	7.0%	2.9%pts
Pacific									

Appendix 2: Full Year System & Pipeline Summary (rooms)

	System					Pipelin	e
	Openings 1	Removals	Net	Total	YoY%	Signings	Total
Group	35,744	(35,262)	482	647,161	-	55,598	204,859
Americas	20,980	(26,959)	(5,979)	439,375	(1)%	30,223	102,509
EMEA	5,767	(5,211)	556	120,852	-	9,303	31,435
Asia	8,997	(3,092)	5,905	86,934	7%	16,072	70,915
Pacific							

Appendix 3: Fourth quarter financial headlines

Operating Profit Tatal			Amer	icas	EMI	ΞA	Asia Pa	acific	Cent	ral
\$m Total	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
Franchised	108	98	91	83	14	14	3	1	-	-
Managed	46	7	6	(19)	17	17	23	9	-	-
Owned & leased	32	29	5	4	12	11	15	14	-	-
Regional overheads	(35)	(26)	(17)	(11)	(11)	(9)	(7)	(6)	-	-
Operating profit pre central overheads	151	108	85	57	32	33	34	18	-	-
Central overheads	(41)	(48)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(41)	(48)
Group Operating profit	110	60	85	57	32	33	34	18	(41)	(48)

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Appendix 4: Full year financial headlines

Operating Profit	Total		Amer	icas	EME	ΕA	Asia Pa	acific	Cent	ral
\$m	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
Franchised	458	429	392	364	59	60	7	5	-	-
Managed	156	69	21	(40)	62	65	73	44	-	-
Owned & leased	88	74	13	11	40	33	35	30	-	-

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Appendix 5: Constant exchange rate (CER) operating profit movement before exceptional items

	l otal***					E	MEA	Asia Pa	cific
				Ameri	cas				
		Actual currency*	CER** c	Actual urrency*	CER**	Actual currency*	CER**	Actual currency*	CER**
Growt	h/	22%	22%	28%	27%	(2)%	2%	71%	67%
(declir	ne)								
Excha	nge rates:								
	GBP:USD	EUR:USD	* US dolla	ar actual c	urrency				
2010	0.65	0.76	** Transla	** Translated at constant 2009 exchange rates					
2009	0.64	0.72	*** After	central ov	erheads	-			

Appendix 6: Definitions

Total gross revenue: total room revenue from franchised hotels and total hotel revenue from managed, owned and leased hotels. It is not revenue attributable to IHG, as it is derived mainly from hotels owned by third parties. The metric is highlighted as an indicator of the scale and reach of IHG's brands. Fee based margins: adjusted for owned and leased hotels, managed leases, individually significant liquidated damages payments, HPT guarantee payments and excludes the benefit in 2009 of non-sustainable incentive compensation cost savings.

Appendix 7: Investo	or Information for 20	10 final dividend		
Ex-dividend date:	23 March 2011	Record date:	25 March 2011	
			Ordinary shares =	= 22.0 pence per
Payment date:	3 June 2011	Dividend payment:	share	
			ADRs = 35.2 cen	ts per ADR
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High resolution images to accompany this announcement are available for the media to download free of charge from www.vismedia.co.uk. This includes profile shots of the key executives. Presentation for Analysts and Shareholders:

A presentation with Andrew Cosslett (Chief Executive) and Richard Solomons (Chief Financial Officer and Head of Commercial Development) will commence at 9.30am (London time) on 15 February at Bank of America Merrill Lynch Financial Centre, 2 King Edward Street, London, EC1A 1HQ. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. The presentation will conclude at approximately 10.30am

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(London time).

There will be a live audio webcast of the results presentation on the web address www.ihg.com/prelims11. The archived webcast of the presentation is expected to be on this website later on the day of the results and will remain on it for the foreseeable future. There will also be a live dial-in facility:

International dial-in:	+44 (0)20 7138 081
Passcode:	8564080

US conference call and Q&A:

There will also be a conference call, primarily for US investors and analysts, at 9.00am (Eastern Standard Time) on 15 February with Andrew Cosslett (Chief Executive) and Richard Solomons (Chief Financial Officer and Head of Commercial Development). There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

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International dial-in:	+44 (0)20 7108 6370
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Conference ID:	HOTEL

A recording of the conference call will also be available for 7 days. To access this please dial the relevant number below and use the access number 2524#.

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The full release and supplementary data will be available on our website from 7.00 am (London time) on 15 February. The web address is www.ihg.com/prelims11. To watch a video of Richard Solomons reviewing our results visit our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/ihgplc.

Notes to Editors:

InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) [LON:IHG, NYSE:IHG (ADRs)] is the world's largest hotel group by number of rooms. IHG franchises, leases, manages or owns, through various subsidiaries, over 4,400 hotels and more than 640,000 guest rooms in 100 countries and territories around the world. The Group owns a portfolio of well recognised and respected hotel brands including InterContinental® Hotels & Resorts, Hotel Indigo®, Crowne Plaza® Hotels & Resorts, Holiday Inn® Hotels and Resorts, Holiday Inn Express®, Staybridge Suites® and Candlewood Suites® and also manages the world's largest hotel loyalty programme, Priority Club® Rewards with 56 million members worldwide.

IHG has almost 1,300 hotels in its development pipeline, which is expected to create 160,000 jobs worldwide over the next few years.

InterContinental Hotels Group PLC is the Group's holding company and is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

IHG offers information and online reservations for all its hotel brands at www.ihg.com and information for the Priority Club Rewards programme at www.priorityclub.com. For our latest news visit www.ihg.com/media, Twitter www.twitter.com/ihgplc or YouTube www.youtube.com/ihgplc. Cautionary note regarding forward-looking statements:

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements as defined under US law (Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements often use words such as 'anticipate', 'target', 'expect', 'estimate', 'intend', 'plan', 'goal', 'believe' or other words of similar meaning. By their nature, forward-looking statements are inherently predictive, speculative and involve risk and uncertainty. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by, such forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect the business and the financial results are described in 'Risk Factors' in the InterContinental Hotels Group PLC Annual report on Form 20-F filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

This business review (BR) provides a commentary on the performance of InterContinental Hotels Group PLC (the Group or IHG) for the financial year ended 31 December 2010.

GROUP PERFORMANCE

		12 months ended 31			
		December			
		2010	2009	%	
Group results		\$m	\$m	change	
Revenue					
	Americas	807	772	4.5	
	EMEA	414	397	4.3	
	Asia Pacific	303	245	23.7	
	Central	104	124	(16.1)	
		1,628	1,538	5.9	
Operating profit					
operating prom	Americas	369	288	28.1	
	EMEA	125	127	(1.6)	
	Asia Pacific	89	52	71.2	
	Central	(139)	(104)	(33.7)	
Operating profit be	efore exceptional items	444	363	22.3	
Exceptional operat	ing items	15	(373)	n/m	
		459	(10)	n/m	
Net financial expension	nses	(62)	(54)	(14.8)	
Profit/(loss) before	etax	397	(64)	n/m	
Earnings per ordin	ary share				
	Basic	101.7¢	74.7¢	36.1	
	Adjusted	98.6¢	102.8¢	(4.1)	

n/m - non meaningful

Group results

Revenue increased by 5.9% to \$1,628m and operating profit before exceptional items increased by 22.3% to \$444m during the 12 months ended 31 December 2010.

The 2010 results reflect a return to RevPAR growth in a recovering market, with an overall RevPAR increase of 6.2% led by occupancy. Fourth quarter comparable RevPAR increased 8.0% against 2009, including a 2.4% increase in average daily rate. Over the full year average daily rate grew for the InterContinental and Holiday Inn brands by 1.3%

and 0.5% respectively.

The \$1bn roll-out of the Holiday Inn brand family relaunch is substantially complete, enabling the consistent delivery of best in class service and physical quality in all Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express hotels. By 31 December 2010, 2,956 hotels were converted globally under the relaunch programme, representing 89% of the total estate. The required improvement in quality standards contributed to the removal of a total of 35,262 rooms from the system during 2010. In spite of this necessary reduction, the closing global system size was 647,161 rooms, in line with 2009 levels.

The ongoing focus on efficiency across the Group largely sustained underlying cost reductions achieved in 2009. Regional and central overheads increased by \$49m, from \$209m in 2009 to \$258m in 2010, driven by incremental performance based incentive costs of \$47m and charges of \$4m relating to a self-insured healthcare benefit plan.

Primarily as a result of these actions taken across the Group to improve efficiencies, operating profit margin was 35.7%, up 1.1 percentage points on 2009, after adjusting for owned and leased hotels, Americas managed leases, significant liquidated damages received in 2009, an onerous contract provision established in 2009 and non-payment of performance based incentive costs in 2009.

In 2010 the InterContinental Buckhead, Atlanta and the Holiday Inn Lexington were sold, with proceeds used to reduce net debt. These disposals result in a reduction in owned and leased revenue and operating profit of \$19m and \$4m respectively compared to 2009.

The average US dollar exchange rate to sterling strengthened during 2010 (2010 \$1=£0.65, 2009 \$1=£0.64). Translated at constant currency, applying 2009 exchange rates, revenue increased by 6.0% and operating profit increased by 22.3%.

Profit before tax increased by \$461m from a loss of \$64m in 2009 to a profit of \$397m. Adjusted earnings per ordinary share decreased by 4.1% to 98.6ϕ as a result of the particularly low tax rate of 5% in 2009, compared to 26% in 2010.

	12 months ended 31			
	December			
	2010	2009	%	
Total gross revenue	\$bn	\$bn	change	
InterContinental	4.2	3.8	10.5	
Crowne Plaza	3.5	3.0	16.7	
Holiday Inn	5.8	5.4	7.4	
Holiday Inn Express	4.0	3.6	11.1	
Staybridge Suites	0.5	0.4	25.0	
Candlewood Suites	0.4	0.3	33.3	
Other brands	0.3	0.3	-	
Total	18.7	16.8	11.3	

Total gross revenue

One measure of overall IHG hotel system performance is the growth in total gross revenue, defined as total room revenue from franchised hotels and total hotel revenue from managed, owned and leased hotels. Total gross revenue is not revenue attributable to IHG, as it is derived mainly from hotels owned by third parties.

Total gross revenue increased by 11.3% from \$16.8bn in 2009 to \$18.7bn in 2010. All brands grew total gross revenue, with most brands growing by more than 10% compared to 2009.

		Hot	tels	Roo	oms
Global hotel a	and room count		Change		Change
at 31 Decemb	er	2010	over 2009	2010	over 2009
Analysed by l	orand				
	InterContinental	171	5	58,429	2,308
	Crowne Plaza	388	22	106,155	5,161
	Holiday Inn	1,241	(78)	227,225	(13,343)
	Holiday Inn Express	2,075	6	191,228	3,221
	Staybridge Suites	188	6	20,762	877
	Candlewood Suites	288	34	28,253	2,970
	Hotel Indigo	38	5	4,548	518
	Holiday Inn Club	6	-	2,892	-
	Vacations				
	Other	42	(1)	7,669	(1,230)
Total		4,437	(1)	647,161	482
Analysed by o	ownership type				
1 1111 9 50 4 6 9 4	Franchised	3,783	(16)	479,320	(4,221)
	Managed	639	17	162,711	5,424
	Owned and leased	15	(2)	5,130	(721)
Total		4,437	(1)	647,161	482

Global hotel and room count

During 2010, the IHG global system (the number of hotels and rooms which are franchised, managed, owned or leased by the Group) remained in line with 2009 at 4,437 hotels (647,161 rooms). Openings of 259 hotels (35,744 rooms) were driven, in particular, by continued expansion in the US and China and offset the removal of 260 hotels (35,262 rooms).

In Asia Pacific, demand for upscale brands (InterContinental, Crowne Plaza and Hotel Indigo) contributed 65% of total room openings in the region.

The Holiday Inn brand family relaunch is substantially complete with 2,956 hotels (89% of the total Holiday Inn brand family) open under the updated signage and brand standards as at 31 December 2010. During 2010, the removal of non brand conforming hotels contributed to the total removal of 247 Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express hotels (30,892 rooms).

	Hote	ls	Rooi	ns
Global pipeline		Change		Change
at 31 December	2010	over 2009	2010	over 2009
Analysed by brand				
InterContinental	60	(3)	19,374	(799)

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	Crowne Plaza		123	(6)	38,994	439	
	Holiday Inn		313	(25)	57,505	(1,503)	
	Holiday Inn Express		494	(69)	53,219	(4,537)	
	Staybridge Suites		101	(22)	10,760	(2,600)	
	Candlewood Suites		120	(49)	10,506	(4,345)	
	Hotel Indigo		62	9	7,627	967	
	Other		2	2	6,874	6,874	
Total			1,275	(163)	204,859	(5,504)	
Analysed by o	wnership type						
5 5	Franchised		970	(188)	113,940	(12,446)	
	Managed		305	25	90,919	6,942	
Total			1,275	(163)	204,859	(5,504)	
		Hot	els	Rooms	5		
Global pipelin	e signings		Change		Change		
at 31 December	er	2010	over 2009	2010 or	ver 2009		
Total		319	(26)	55,598	2,707		

Global pipeline

At the end of 2010, the pipeline totalled 1,275 hotels (204,859 rooms). The IHG pipeline represents hotels and rooms where a contract has been signed and the appropriate fees paid.

Signings of 319 hotels (55,598 rooms) represent an increase in rooms signed from 2009 levels. Demonstrating the continued demand for IHG brands globally, 50% of the rooms pipeline is now outside the Americas region. There were 25 hotel signings (3,025 rooms) for Hotel Indigo as it gains real momentum in Europe and Asia Pacific where, together, 12 hotels (1,456 rooms) were signed. IHG also entered into an InterContinental Alliance relationship with the Las Vegas Sands Corp to bring the 6,874 all-suite Venetian and Palazzo Resorts into the system in 2011.

During 2010, the opening of 35,744 rooms contributed to a net pipeline decline of 5,504 rooms. Terminations from the pipeline in 2010 totalled 25,358 rooms, down 21% from 2009. Terminations occur for a number of reasons such as the withdrawal of financing and changes in local market conditions.

THE AMERICAS

	12 months ended 31 December		
	2010	2009	%
Americas Results	\$m	\$m	change
Revenue Franchised Managed	465 119	437 110	6.4 8.2

Owned and leased	223	225	(0.9)
Total	807	772	4.5
Operating profit before exceptional items			
Franchised	392	364	7.7
Managed	21	(40)	152.5
Owned and leased	13	11	18.2
	426	335	27.2
Regional overheads	(57)	(47)	(21.3)
Total	369	288	28.1

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Americas Comparable F	RevPAR movement on previous year	12 months ended 31 December 2010
Franchised		
	Crowne Plaza	4.5%
	Holiday Inn	4.1%
	Holiday Inn Express	4.4%
	All brands	4.5%
Managed		
	InterContinental	10.2%
	Crowne Plaza	6.2%
	Holiday Inn	7.1%
	Staybridge Suites	6.3%
	Candlewood Suites	3.7%
	All brands	7.5%
Owned and leased		
	InterContinental	8.7%

Americas results

Revenue and operating profit before exceptional items increased by 35m to 807m (4.5%) and 81m to 369m (28.1%) respectively.

Franchised revenue increased by \$28m to \$465m (6.4%) and operating profit by \$28m to \$392m (7.7%). Royalties growth was driven by RevPAR gains across all brands and by 4.5% in total. While year end system size was lower than opening system size, the weighting of removals towards the end of the year meant that daily rooms available actually grew in 2010 from 2009 levels, further boosting royalty growth. Non royalty revenues and profits remained flat on 2009, as real estate financing for new activity remained constrained.

Managed revenue increased by \$9m to \$119m (8.2%) in line with the RevPAR growth of 7.5%. Operating profit increased by \$61m to \$21m from a \$40m loss in 2009. The prior year loss included a charge for priority guarantee shortfalls relating to a portfolio of hotels. A provision for onerous contracts was established on 31 December 2009 and further payments made during 2010 were charged against this provision. Excluding the effect of the provision, managed operating profit increased by \$3m, driven by RevPAR growth of 23.3% in Latin America.

Results from managed operations included revenues of \$71m (2009 \$71m) and operating profit of \$1m (2009 nil) from properties that are structured, for legal reasons, as operating leases but with the same characteristics as management contracts.

Owned and leased revenue declined by \$2m to \$223m (0.9%) and operating profit increased by \$2m to \$13m (18.2%). Improving trading conditions led to RevPAR growth of 6.4%, including 8.1% at the InterContinental New York. The disposal of the InterContinental Buckhead, Atlanta in July 2010 and its subsequent conversion to a management contract resulted in reductions of \$15m in revenue and \$4m in operating profit when compared to 2009. The Holiday Inn Lexington was also sold in March 2010, which has led to a \$4m reduction in revenue and no reduction in operating profit compared to last year. Excluding the impact of these two disposals, owned and leased revenue grew by \$17m (9.0%) and operating profit by \$6m (150.0%).

Regional overheads increased by \$10m (21.3%) during the year, from \$47m to \$57m. The increase comes primarily from performance based incentives and \$4m from increased claims in a self-insured healthcare benefit plan.

		Hot	tels	Roo	oms
Americas hote	el and room count		Change		Change
at 31 Decemb	er	2010	over 2009	2010	over 2009
Analysed by b	brand				
	InterContinental	56	1	19,120	621
	Crowne Plaza	209	7	57,073	1,383
	Holiday Inn	812	(72)	144,683	(13,518)
	Holiday Inn Express	1,847	1	159,867	1,583
	Staybridge Suites	183	5	20,014	694
	Candlewood Suites	288	34	28,253	2,970
	Hotel Indigo	35	3	4,254	288
	Holiday Inn Club	6	-	2,892	-
	Vacations				
	Other brands	22	-	3,219	-
Total		3,458	(21)	439,375	(5,979)
Analysed by c	ownership type	2 2 2 2	(1.5)	202 526	(5.4(0))
	Franchised	3,230	(15)	392,536	(5,468)
	Managed	219	(4)	43,848	210
	Owned and leased	9	(2)	2,991	(721)
Total		3,458	(21)	439,375	(5,979)

Americas hotel and room count

The Americas hotel and room count in the year decreased by 21 hotels (5,979 rooms) to 3,458 hotels (439,375 rooms). Openings of 194 hotels (20,980 rooms) included key openings of the InterContinental Times Square and the first Staybridge Suites in New York, taking IHG's room count in the city to 6,570. The Holiday Inn brand family generated openings of 137 hotels (13,446 rooms) and IHG's extended-stay brands, Staybridge Suites and Candlewood Suites, achieved openings of 41 hotels (3,862 rooms). Removals of 215 hotels (26,959 rooms) were mainly from Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express hotels.

		Hot	els	Roo	ms
Americas pip	eline		Change		Change
at 31 Decemb	ber	2010	over 2009	2010	over 2009
Analysed by	brand				
ja sa si s	InterContinental	5	(1)	1,340	(700)
	Crowne Plaza	27	(6)	5,669	(1,293)
	Holiday Inn	187	(29)	25,260	(2,682)
	Holiday Inn Express	407	(79)	37,011	(6,427)
	Staybridge Suites	96	(20)	10,116	(2,392)
	Candlewood Suites	120	(49)	10,506	(4,345)
	Hotel Indigo	46	(1)	5,733	(254)
	Other	2	2	6,874	6,874
Total		890	(183)	102,509	(11,219)
Analysed by	ownership type				
Tillary see by	Franchised	878	(185)	100,072	(11,036)
	Managed	12	2	2,437	(183)
Total		890	(183)	102,509	(11,219)

Americas pipeline

The Americas pipeline totalled 890 hotels (102,509 rooms) as at 31 December 2010. Overall signings of 30,223 rooms were flat on 2009 as slow real estate and construction activity continued into 2010. Notable signings included the InterContinental Alliance established with the Las Vegas Sands Corp, and the re-entry to the Hawaii market with the Holiday Inn Beachcomber Resort in Waikiki Beach.

EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA (EMEA)

	12 months ended 31 December			
	2010	2009	%	
EMEA results	\$m	\$m	change	
Revenue				
Franchised	81	83	(2.4)	
Managed	130	119	9.2	
Owned and leased	203	195	4.1	
Total	414	397	4.3	

Operating profit before exceptional items

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Franchised	59	60	(1.7)
Managed	62	65	(4.6)
Owned and leased	40	33	21.2
	161	158	1.9
Regional overheads	(36)	(31)	(16.1)
Total	125	127	(1.6)

		12 months ended 31 December
EMEA comparable RevP	AR movement on previous year	2010
Franchised		
	All brands	7.6%
Managed		
	All brands	3.3%
Owned and leased		
	InterContinental	11.4%
All ownership types		2.07
	UK	3.8%
	Continental Europe	10.1%
	Middle East	(1.0)%

EMEA results

Revenue increased by \$17m to \$414m (4.3%) and operating profit before exceptional items decreased by \$2m to \$125m (1.6%). At constant currency, revenue increased by \$30m (7.6%) and operating profit before exceptional items increased by \$3m (2.4%). Excluding \$3m of liquidated damages received in 2009, revenue at constant currency increased by 8.4% and operating profit by 4.8%.

Franchised revenue and operating profit decreased by \$2m to \$81m (2.4%) and \$1m to \$59m (1.7%) respectively. At constant currency, revenue increased by 1.2% and operating profit increased by 1.7% respectively. Excluding the impact of \$3m in liquidated damages received in 2009, revenue and operating profit at constant currency increased by 5.0% and 7.0% respectively. The underlying increase was driven by RevPAR growth of 7.6% across the franchised estate. Revenues associated with new signings, relicensing and terminations decreased compared to 2009 as real estate activity remained slow.

EMEA managed revenue increased by \$11m to \$130m (9.2%) and operating profit decreased by \$3m to \$62m (4.6%). At constant currency, revenue increased by 10.9% while operating profit declined by 3.1%. Positive RevPAR growth in key European cities and markets, including growth of 14.8% in IHG's managed properties in Germany, was offset by unfavourable trading across much of the Middle East where RevPAR declined overall by 0.7%. At the year end, a provision of \$3m was made for future estimated cash outflows relating to guarantee obligations for one hotel.

In the owned and leased estate, revenue increased by \$8m to \$203m (4.1%) and operating profit increased by \$7m to \$40m (21.2%), or at constant currency by 8.2% and 27.3% respectively. RevPAR growth of 11.9% benefited from average daily rate growth of 6.5% across the year. The InterContinental London Park Lane and InterContinental Paris Le Grand delivered strong year-on-year RevPAR growth of 15.0% and 11.5% respectively. Margins improved in both

these hotels as the focus remained on cost control.

Regional overheads increased by \$5m to \$36m (16.1%), mainly attributable to performance based incentive costs.

		Hot	tels	Roo	oms
EMEA hotel	and room count		Change		Change
at 31 Decemb	ber	2010	over 2009	2010	over 2009
Analysed by	brand				
	InterContinental	64	(1)	20,111	(475)
	Crowne Plaza	98	5	22,941	784
	Holiday Inn	325	(8)	52,945	(427)
	Holiday Inn Express	198	1	23,706	447
	Staybridge Suites	5	1	748	183
	Hotel Indigo	2	1	110	46
	Other	2	-	291	(2)
Total		694	(1)	120,852	556
Analysed by	ownership type	500	2	70.050	1 70 4
	Franchised	523	3	79,950	1,734
	Managed	167	(4)	39,456	(1,178)
	Owned and leased	4	-	1,446	
Total		694	(1)	120,852	556

EMEA hotel and room count

During 2010, EMEA system size decreased by one hotel (a net increase of 556 rooms) to 694 hotels (120,852 rooms). Activity included openings of 33 hotels (5,767 rooms) and removals of 34 hotels (5,211 rooms). The net decrease of seven Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express hotels comprised 25 openings and 32 removals.

j	I III	Hot	els	Roo	oms
EMEA pipeline			Change		Change
at 31 December		2010	over 2009	2010	over 2009
Analysed by brand					
• •	erContinental	24	1	6,469	369
Cro	wne Plaza	25	1	7,599	958
Hol	iday Inn	41	(4)	9,128	(1,301)
	iday Inn Express	47	(2)	6,523	(565)
	ybridge Suites	5	(2)	644	(208)
Hot	el Indigo	11	7	1,072	721
Total		153	1	31,435	(26)
Analysed by owner	rship type				
• •	nchised	90	(3)	13,542	(1,410)
Ma	naged	63	4	17,893	1,384
Total		153	1	31,435	(26)

EMEA pipeline

The pipeline in EMEA increased by one hotel (a net decrease of 26 rooms) to 153 hotels (31,435 rooms). There were 9,303 room signings in 2010, with continued demand for IHG brands in the UK and Germany. Demand was particularly strong in the midscale segment which represented 61% of room signings. There were eight signings for IHG's lifestyle brand, Hotel Indigo, including four in the UK and entry into new markets in Lisbon, Madrid and Berlin. There were also six Crowne Plaza signings including the strategic markets of Istanbul, St Petersburg and Amsterdam.

ASIA PACIFIC

	12 months ended 31		
	December 2010	2009	%
Asia Pacific results	\$m	\$m	change
Revenue			
Franchised	12	11	9.1
Managed	155	105	47.6
Owned and leased	136	129	5.4
Total	303	245	23.7
Operating profit before exceptional items			
Franchised	7	5	40.0
Managed	73	44	65.9
Owned and leased	35	30	16.7
	115	79	45.6
Regional overheads	(26)	(27)	3.7
Total	89	52	71.2

Managed - all brands13.4%Asia Pacific13.4%Greater China26.7%Owned and leased15.3%All ownership typesGreater ChinaGreater China25.8%	Asia Pacific comparable RevPAR movement on previous year		12 months ended 31 December 2010
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Owned and leased InterContinental 15.3% All ownership types	-	Asia Pacific	13.4%
InterContinental 15.3% All ownership types		Greater China	26.7%
All ownership types	Owned and leased		
		InterContinental	15.3%
Greater China 25.8%	All ownership types		
		Greater China	25.8%

Asia Pacific results

Asia Pacific revenue and operating profit before exceptional items increased by \$58m to \$303m (23.7%) and by \$37m to \$89m (71.2%) respectively.

Continued strong economic growth in the region was given a further boost by the World Expo held in Shanghai from May to October 2010. Resulting RevPAR growth in key Chinese cities was exceptional, with Shanghai and Beijing growing 55.9% and 29.9% respectively.

Franchised revenue increased by \$1m to \$12m (9.1%) and operating profit grew by \$2m to \$7m (40.0%).

Managed revenue increased by \$50m to \$155m (47.6%) and operating profit increased by \$29m to \$73m (65.9%). In addition to strong comparable RevPAR performance, there was a positive contribution from recently opened hotels, with a 9% room increase in the size of the Asia Pacific managed estate during the year following a 10% increase in 2009, and a \$4m operating profit benefit due to the collection of old or previously provided for debts.

In the owned and leased estate, revenue increased by 7m to 136m (5.4%) and operating profit by 5m to 35m (16.7%). These results were driven by the InterContinental Hong Kong, where RevPAR increased 15.3% during the year.

Regional overheads decreased by \$1m to \$26m (3.7%), with an increase in performance based incentive costs offset by the effect of the 2009 restructuring.

Asia Dasifia h	otel and room count	Hot		Room	
at 31 Decemb		2010	Change over 2009	2010	Change over 2009
at 51 Decemb	el	2010	0001 2009	2010	Over 2009
Analysed by b	brand				
	InterContinental	51	5	19,198	2,162
	Crowne Plaza	81	10	26,141	2,994
	Holiday Inn	104	2	29,597	602
	Holiday Inn Express	30	4	7,655	1,191
	Hotel Indigo	1	1	184	184
	Other	18	(1)	4,159	(1,228)
Total		285	21	86,934	5,905
Analysed by o	ownership type				
	Franchised	30	(4)	6,834	(487)
	Managed	253	25	79,407	6,392
	Owned and leased	2	-	693	-
Total		285	21	86,934	5,905

Asia Pacific hotel and room count

Asia Pacific hotel and room count increased by 21 hotels (5,905 rooms) to 285 hotels (86,934 rooms). Openings of 32 hotels (8,997 rooms) were partially offset by the removal of 11 hotels (3,092 rooms). The growth was driven by 24 hotel openings in 17 cities across Greater China (7,253 rooms), seven hotels (1,477 rooms) more than in 2009. This

included key hotel openings in Shanghai of the InterContinental at the Expo site and the Hotel Indigo on the Bund, the first opening for this brand in Asia Pacific. Across the region 65% of rooms opened were in upscale brands (InterContinental, Crowne Plaza and Hotel Indigo).

		Ho	tels	Roo	oms
Asia Pacific p	ipeline		Change		Change
at 31 Decemb	er	2010	over 2009	2010	over 2009
Analysed by t	brand				
i inalysea ey e	InterContinental	31	(3)	11,565	(468)
	Crowne Plaza	71	(1)	25,726	774
	Holiday Inn	85	8	23,120	2,480
	Holiday Inn Express	40	12	9,685	2,455
	Hotel Indigo	5	3	822	500
	C				
Total		232	19	70,915	5,741
Analysed by o	ownership type				
	Franchised	2	-	326	-
	Managed	230	19	70,589	5,741
Total		232	19	70,915	5,741

Asia Pacific pipeline

The pipeline in Asia Pacific increased by 19 hotels (5,741 rooms) to 232 hotels (70,915 rooms). Pipeline growth was evenly balanced between the Greater China market (nine hotels, 3,128 rooms) and Asia Australasia (10 hotels, 2,613 rooms) including six hotel signings in India taking its total pipeline to 10,073 rooms.

Across the region there were 18 Holiday Inn Express signings, more than double the number for this brand in 2009 indicating the potential for midscale growth in the region. In Thailand two new Holiday Inn resorts were signed in the prime beachfront locations of Cam Ranh Bay and Phu Quoc. There were also 12 Crowne Plaza signings, including the Crowne Plaza Lumpini Park in Bangkok.

CENTRAL					
	12 months ended 31 December				
	2010	2009	%		
Central results	\$m	\$m	change		
Revenue	104	124	(16.1)		
Gross central costs	(243)	(228)	(6.6)		
Net central costs	(139)	(104)	(33.7)		

Central Results

During 2010, net central costs increased by \$35m from \$104m to \$139m (33.7%). The movement was primarily driven by an increase in performance based incentive costs where no payments were made on some plans in 2009. At constant currency, net central costs increased by \$36m (34.6%).

SYSTEM FUND

	12 months ended 31 December 2010 2009			
System Fund results	\$m	\$m	% change	
Assessment fees and contributions received from hotels	944	875	7.9	
Proceeds from sale of Priority Club Rewards points	106	133	(20.3)	
	1,050	1,008	4.2	

In the year to 31 December 2010, System Fund income increased by 8.0% to \$1.1bn primarily as a result of growth in hotel room revenues and marketing programmes. Sale of Priority Club Rewards points declined due to the impact of a special promotional programme in 2009.

In addition to management or franchise fees, hotels within the IHG system pay cash assessments and contributions which are collected by IHG for specific use within the System Fund (the Fund). The Fund also receives proceeds from the sale of Priority Club Rewards points. The Fund is managed for the benefit of hotels in the system with the objective of driving revenues for the hotels. The Fund is used to pay for marketing, the Priority Club Rewards loyalty programme and the global reservation system. The operation of the Fund does not result in a profit or loss for the Group and consequently the revenues and expenses of the Fund are not included in the Group Income Statement.

OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Exceptional operating items

Exceptional operating items of \$15m consisted of gains of \$35m from the disposal of assets, including \$27m profit on the sale of the InterContinental Buckhead, Atlanta offset by an impairment charge of \$7m, severance costs of \$4m and costs of \$9m to complete the Holiday Inn brand family relaunch.

Compared with the previous year, exceptional operating items were significantly lower as 2009 was impacted by difficult trading which resulted in exceptional costs of \$373m, largely down to the recognition of impairment charges, an onerous contract provision and the cost of office closures.

Exceptional operating items are treated as exceptional by reason of their size or nature and are excluded from the calculation of adjusted earnings per ordinary share in order to provide a more meaningful comparison of performance.

Net financial expenses

Net financial expenses increased from \$54m in 2009 to \$62m in 2010, as the effect of the £250m 6% bond offset lower net debt levels and low interest rates. Average net debt levels in 2010 were lower than 2009 primarily as a result of improved trading, the disposal of the InterContinental Buckhead, Atlanta and a continuing focus on cash.

Financing costs included \$2m (2009 \$2m) of interest costs associated with Priority Club Rewards where interest is charged on the accumulated balance of cash received in advance of the redemption points awarded. Financing costs in 2010 also included \$18m (2009 \$18m) in respect of the InterContinental Boston finance lease.

Taxation

The effective rate of tax on the combined profit from continuing and discontinued operations, excluding the impact of exceptional items, was 26% (2009 5%). The rate was particularly low in 2009 due to the impact of prior year items relative to a lower level of profit than in 2010. By excluding the impact of prior year items, which are included wholly within continuing operations, the equivalent tax rate would be 35% (2009 42%). This rate is higher than the UK statutory rate of 28% due mainly to certain overseas profits (particularly in the US) being subject to statutory rates higher than the UK statutory rate, unrelieved foreign taxes and disallowable expenses.

Taxation within exceptional items totalled a charge of \$8m (2009 credit of \$287m) in respect of continuing operations. This represented the release of exceptional provisions relating to tax matters which were settled during the year, or in respect of which the statutory limitation period had expired, together with tax relief on exceptional costs, tax arising on disposals and also tax relating to an internal reorganisation in 2010.

Net tax paid in 2010 totalled \$68m (2009 \$2m) including \$4m paid (2009 \$1m) in respect of disposals. Tax paid is lower than the current period income tax charge, primarily due to the receipt of refunds in respect of prior years, together with provisions for tax for which no payment of tax has currently been made.

Earnings per ordinary share

Basic earnings per ordinary share in 2010 was 101.7ϕ , compared with 74.7ϕ in 2009. Adjusted earnings per ordinary share was 98.6ϕ , against 102.8ϕ in 2009.

Dividends

The Board has proposed a final dividend per ordinary share of 35.2ϕ (22.0p). With the interim dividend per ordinary share of 12.8ϕ (8.0p), the full-year dividend per ordinary share for 2010 will total 48.0ϕ (30.0p).

Share price and market capitalisation

The IHG share price closed at £12.43 on 31 December 2010, up from £8.93 on 31 December 2009. The market capitalisation of the Group at the year end was £3.6bn.

Capital structure and liquidity management

In 2010 the Group continued its focus on cash management. During the year, \$462m of cash was generated from operating activities, with the other key elements of the cash flow being:

- proceeds from the disposal of hotels and investments of \$135m, including \$105m from the sale of the InterContinental Buckhead, Atlanta on 1 July 2010; and
- capital expenditure of \$95m including \$23m for the purchase of the InterContinental San Francisco Mark Hopkins ground lease and \$16m in relation to Global Technology projects.

The Group is mainly funded by a \$1.6bn syndicated bank facility which matures in May 2013.

In December 2009, the Group issued a seven-year £250m public bond, at a coupon of 6%, which was initially priced at 99.465% of face value. The £250m was immediately swapped into US dollar debt using currency swaps and the proceeds were used to reduce the existing term loan from \$500m to \$85m. The term loan was completely paid down in September 2010. Additional funding is provided by a finance lease on the InterContinental Boston.

Net debt at 31 December 2010 decreased by \$349m to \$743m and included \$206m in respect of the finance lease commitment for the InterContinental Boston and \$27m in respect of currency swaps related to the sterling bond.

Net debt* at 31 December		2010 \$m	2009 \$m
Borrowings:			
US Dollar		715	863
Euro		100	216
Other		6	53
Cash		(78)	(40)
Net debt		743	1,092
Average debt levels		923	1,231
* Including the impact of currency deriva	tives.		
8 I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	2010	2009	
Facilities at 31 December	\$m	\$m	
Committed	1,605	1,693	
Uncommitted	53	25	
Total	1,658	1,718	
	2010	2009	
Interest risk profile of gross debt for major currencies at 31 December	%	%	
At fixed rates	100	90	
At variable rates	-	10	

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS GROUP PLC GROUP INCOME STATEMENT For the year ended 31 December 2010

	Year ended 31 December 2010 Before Exceptional		2010 Ye	Year ended 31 December 2009 BeforeExceptional			
	exceptional	exceptional items		exceptional			
	items	(note 4)	Total	items	(note 4)	Total	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Continuing operations							
Revenue (note 3)	1,628	-	1,628	1,538	-	1,538	

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Cost of sales Administrative expenses Other operating income and expenses	(753) (331) 8	(13) 35	(753) (344) 43	(769) (303) 6	(91) (83) (2)	(860) (386) 4
	552	22	574	472	(176)	296
Depreciation and amortisation	(108)	-	(108)	(109)	-	(109)
Impairment	-	(7)	(7)	-	(197)	(197)
Operating profit/(loss) (note 3)	444	15	459	363	(373)	(10)
Financial income	2	-	2	3	-	3
Financial expenses	(64)	-	(64)	(57)	-	(57)
Profit/(loss) before tax (note 3)	382	15	397	309	(373)	