

- Ordinary dividends per share 130 cents 38%
- Headline earnings per ordinary share 328 cents 39%
- Return on total average assets 5,4% 17%
- Return on ordinary shareholders' average equity 33,7% 10%
- Total assets R1,8 billion 28%
- Operating expenses to total income 61% 11%

AUDITED GROUP RESULTS for the year ended 30 June 2005 and cautionary announcement

consolidated balance sheet

		30 June 2005 Audited R'000	30 June 2004 Audited R'000
	% change		
ASSETS			
Short-term interbank funds	57	296 553	188 535
Short-term negotiable securities		19 377	14 320
Accounts receivable	65	262 703	159 507
Advances	14	1 089 708	958 453
Investments		53 157	19 497
Investments in associated and joint venture companies		4 301	1 292
Deferred taxation		2 966	520
Property, plant and equipment		41 681	40 547
Total assets	28	1 770 446	1 382 671
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Interbank funding		35 801	36 014
Deposits	50	402 020	268 568
Accounts payable		213 015	135 806
Provisions		10 372	7 277
Notes		668 223	666 679
Deferred taxation		45 465	31 065
Total liabilities		1 374 896	1 145 409
Minority interest		16 639	12 378
Equity			
Ordinary share capital and premium		19 814	16 976
Distributable reserves		255 051	206 908
Regulatory general credit-risk reserve		4 400	1 000
Ordinary shareholders' equity	24	279 265	224 884
Preference share capital and premium		99 646	–
Total equity	68	378 911	224 884
Total liabilities and equity		1 770 446	1 382 671
Commitments and contingencies			
		55 429	35 716
Number of ordinary shares in issue at end of the year ('000)			
		26 035	25 759
Net asset value per ordinary share (cents)			
	23	1 072,7	873,0
KEY RATIOS			
Operating expenses to total income (%)	(11)	61,0	68,2
Return on ordinary shareholders' average equity (%)	10	33,7	30,6
Return on total average assets (%)	17	5,4	4,6

consolidated income statement

		30 June 2005 Audited R'000	30 June 2004 Audited R'000
	% change		
Interest income		196 115	192 103
Interest expense		84 960	96 318
Net interest income	16	111 155	95 785
Other income	21	211 602	174 708
Total income		322 757	270 493
Impairment of advances		7 154	760
Operating income	17	315 603	269 733
Operating expenses	7	196 875	184 383
Net income from operations		118 728	85 350
Share of associated and joint venture companies' income		1 321	–
Net income before taxation	41	120 049	85 350
Taxation		28 665	23 261
Net income after taxation		91 384	62 089
Minority interest		4 874	1 852
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders	44	86 510	60 237
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Net profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(488)	–
Preference share dividend		(1 017)	–
Headline earnings	41	85 005	60 237
Weighted average number of shares in issue ('000)		25 923	25 472
Headline earnings per ordinary share (cents)	39	327,9	236,5
Earnings per ordinary share (cents)	41	333,7	236,5
Diluted headline earnings per ordinary share (cents)		322,5	232,5
Diluted earnings per ordinary share (cents)		328,2	232,5
Dividends per ordinary share relating to income for the year (cents)	38	130,0	94,0
Of which interim		41,0	–
Of which final		89,0	94,0
Dividends per preference share relating to income for the year (cents)		503,23	–
Of which dividend number 1		101,72	–
Of which dividend number 2		401,51	–

consolidated statement of changes in equity

	30 June 2005 Audited R'000	30 June 2004 Audited R'000
Ordinary share capital and premium		
Opening balance	16 976	16 732
Issue of shares	2 838	1 926
Consolidation of the Sasfin Share Incentive Trust	–	(1 682)
Distributable reserves	255 051	206 908
Opening balance	206 908	148 862
Earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders	86 510	60 237
Preference share dividend	(1 017)	–
Available-for-sale portfolio fair value adjustment	1 121	(1 404)
Consolidation of the Sasfin Share Incentive Trust	–	696
Transfer (to) / from regulatory general credit-risk reserve	(3 400)	1 815
Ordinary share dividends	(35 071)	(3 298)
Regulatory general credit-risk reserve	4 400	1 000
Opening balance	1 000	2 815
Transfer from / (to) distributable reserves	3 400	(1 815)
Ordinary shareholders' equity	279 265	224 884
Preference share capital and premium		
Opening balance	–	–
Issue of shares	100 000	–
Set off of costs relating to issue of shares	(354)	–
Total equity	378 911	224 884

consolidated cash flow information

	30 June 2005 Audited R'000	30 June 2004 Audited R'000
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from:		
Operating activities	53 271	(4 729)
Investing activities	(43 398)	(11 706)
Financing activities	103 415	60 998
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	113 288	44 563
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	166 841	122 278
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	280 129	166 841

headline earnings segmental analysis

	30 June 2005 Audited R'000	30 June 2004 Audited R'000
Banking	61 665	52 270
Corporate finance and private equity	(2 640)	3 438
Investment and asset management	20 261	2 831
Freight	5 719	2 778
Other	–	(1 080)
Total	85 005	60 237

commentary

NATURE OF BUSINESS

Sasfin is a bank-controlling company listed under the "Financials: Speciality and other Finance" sector of the JSE Limited, whose subsidiaries provide a wide range of complementary banking, financial and related services to its target market of entrepreneurial corporate, commercial and private clients.

BUSINESS REVIEW

With interest rates having stabilised in line with inflation and the relatively strong Rand, a buoyant stock market, consumer led growth and increases in foreign direct investment and foreign trade, the South African macro economic climate has been favourable for the Group. It is pleasing to report that headline earnings for the year under review have increased by 41,1% to R85,0 million, representing returns on ordinary shareholders' average equity of 33,7% (2004: 30,6%) and on total average assets of 5,4% (2004: 4,6%) respectively.

In November 2004, Sasfin issued R100 million of non-redeemable, non-cumulative, non-participating, variable rate preference share capital, at 75% of the prevailing prime overdraft rate. It is intended to use the proceeds of this issue to fund black economic empowerment investments in the Bank, as well as to fund the Group's growing investment in private equity.

The statutory risk-weighted capital adequacy of Sasfin Bank Limited ("the Bank") is 25,7% (2004: 25,8%).

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

In July 2005, Sasfin increased its investor participation in NIB-MDM Private Equity Fund 1 from 13,6% to 49,1%, and its shareholding in NIB-MDM Private Equity Fund Managers (Pty) Limited from 9,9% to 54,5%, for an incremental investment consideration of R34,8 million. This investment forms the foundation on which the new private equity division will be established, subject to South African Reserve Bank approval. The Group plans to launch Sasfin Private Equity Fund 2 in the near future, in which Sasfin will co-invest with its clients and other investors.

The international trade finance activity of SasCred Financial Services Limited ("SasCred") was launched on 1 July 2005. SasCred, incorporated in Jersey and administered in Switzerland, is a 50% joint venture with Credo Group, an international financial services group. SasCred provides international trade finance and wealth management services and is actively investigating foreign markets.

Faranani Asset Managers (Pty) Limited, a black-empowered asset management company, was established jointly during the year with Worldwide Capital Limited. It will commence operations as soon as the requisite approval of the Financial Services Board is obtained, which is anticipated within the first half of the 2006 financial year.

THE FINANCIAL SECTOR CHARTER AND CAUTIONARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Group subscribes to the Charter and has made good progress towards meeting Charter targets. In addition, the Group has now signed Letters of Intent regarding a BEE transaction with two BEE groups in respect of a 10% interest in the capital of the Bank. As such, shareholders are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the Company's securities until a further announcement is made in this regard.

PROSPECTS

The buoyant economy, Sasfin's competitive position in the banking industry, its infrastructure in terms of human resources, systems, products and client base, and its strong capital adequacy are the ingredients for continued growth in assets and profits. Sasfin would not, however, escape the effects of a downturn in the economic cycle, which is a possibility in the next year or two.

BASIS OF PREPARATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Group's annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with South African Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and accounting policies which are consistent with those applied in the previous year.

AUDIT OPINION

The Group's annual financial statements have been audited by PKF (Jhb) Inc and KPMG Inc. Their unqualified audit report is available for inspection at the Company's registered office.

PREFERENCE SHARE DIVIDEND

Notice is hereby given that preference share dividend number 2, for the period 1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005, amounting to 401,51 cents per preference share ("preference dividend"), has been declared on one million preference shares ("preference shares") issued at R100 each. The preference dividend is payable to preference share holders recorded in the register of the Company at the close of business on Friday, 30 September 2005.

The salient dates relating to the preference dividend are as follows:

Last day to trade <i>cum</i> the preference dividend	Friday, 23 September 2005
Preference shares commence trading <i>ex</i> the preference dividend	Monday, 26 September 2005
Preference dividend record date	Friday, 30 September 2005
Payment of preference dividend	Monday, 3 October 2005

Preference shares may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Monday, 26 September 2005 and Friday, 30 September 2005, both days inclusive.

FINAL ORDINARY SHARE DIVIDEND

Notice is hereby given that a final ordinary share dividend for the financial year ended 30 June 2005, amounting to 89 cents per share ("ordinary dividend"), has been declared. The ordinary dividend is payable to shareholders recorded in the register of the Company at the close of business on Friday, 7 October 2005.

Together with the interim ordinary dividend of 41 cents declared on 2 March 2005, the total ordinary dividends for the financial year amount to 130 cents per share (2004: 94 cents per share).

The salient dates relating to the ordinary dividend are as follows:

Last day to trade <i>cum</i> the ordinary dividend	Friday, 30 September 2005
Ordinary shares commence trading <i>ex</i> the ordinary dividend	Monday, 3 October 2005
Ordinary dividend record date	Friday, 7 October 2005
Payment of ordinary dividend	Monday, 10 October 2005

Ordinary shares may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Monday, 3 October 2005 and Friday, 7 October 2005, both days inclusive.

BOARD CHANGES

Malcolm Segal has been appointed as an executive director of the Company and of Sasfin Bank Limited with effect from 6 September 2005.

For and on behalf of the Board.

MB GLATT

Chairman

7 September 2005

RDEB SASSOON

Chief Executive Officer

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Joint Sponsor:	Sasfin Corporate Finance, a division of Sasfin Bank Limited	

