



Investor Day

U.S. Business Strategy and Acquisitions

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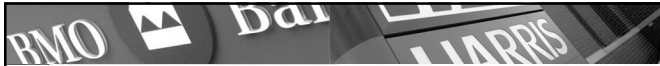
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BMO's 2005 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Achieve Financial Targets with a particular focus on productivity
2. Drive revenue growth by providing a superior client experience, earning a larger share of customers' business
3. Continue to improve U.S. performance
4. Accelerate growth in the U.S. both organically and through acquisitions
5. Grow Net Income in Canada through operational efficiency and improved market share, accelerating our growth in commercial banking and wealth management
6. Build a high-performance organization by developing our people, living our values and being an employer of choice
7. Maintain our world-class foundation of leading governance, sound risk management, productive systems and excellent after sales service



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A GROWING U.S. PRESENCE

U.S. Dollar Equivalent (\$Millions)

Year	Acquisition	Value (\$Millions)
1984	Harris Bank	\$547
1985	First National Bank of Barrington	\$32
1987	Commercial State Bank (Phoenix)	\$2
1988	State Bank of St. Charles & First National Bank of Batavia	\$26
1990	Libertyville Federal Savings & Loan	\$6
1994	Frankfort Bancshares	\$17
1996	Suburban	\$222
1999	Household International	\$277
2000	Burke, Christensen & Lewis	\$40
2001	First National Bank of Joliet	\$221
2001	CSFBdirect	\$535
2001	Northwestern Trust	\$12
2001	Morgan Stanley self-directed accounts	\$97
2001	my CFO	\$39
2001	Gerard Klauer Mattison	\$28
2001	Sullivan, Bruyette, Speros & Blaney	\$14
2002	Village Banc of Naples	\$13
2002	Freeman Welwood	\$94
2002	Century Bank	\$16
2003	Lakeland Community Bank	\$37
2003	New Lenox State Bank	\$235
2003	Mercantile Bancorp	\$161

Total Invested
1984-2004: US\$2.7 Billion*
2000-2004: US\$1.5 Billion
**includes Harris purchase*

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SUCCESSFULLY COMPETING IN THE U.S.



- Brand image and reputation
- Well-positioned branch distribution and access
- Strong customer orientation and culture

P&C



PCG



- Distribution capabilities within Harris Bank Branches
- High relative client retention resulting from superior customer service
- Full product offering - trust and investment, financial planning, banking, estate planning



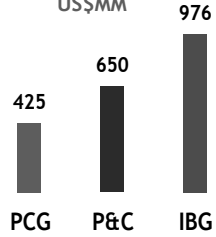
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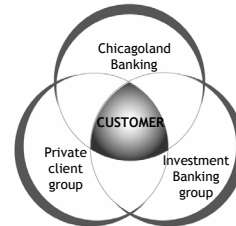
- Attractive client base, strong long-term relationships
- Customized coverage model
- Focused, disciplined strategy execution


F2004 U.S. Operating Group Revenue
US\$MM



INTEGRATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

- All three lines of business work closely together
- Maximize the use of existing infrastructure
- Revenue growth combined with cost reduction initiatives continue to improve productivity





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NEXT STEPS: EXECUTING OUR STRATEGY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB AHEAD OF US

- ✓ **We have** set a course for significant expansion in the U.S. and our business model is scalable
- ✓ **We have** a local, seasoned and disciplined management team
- ✓ **We have** both the experience with acquisitions and the deep knowledge of how to run a Community Bank
- ✓ **We have** established ourselves in the Mid-West - one of the strongest and most attractive markets in the U.S.
- ✓ **We have** the strength of the Harris Brand - one of the most respected names in the U.S. Midwest.

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SUMMARY

Our U.S. businesses represent a growth engine for BMO and support our objective of being the top performing Canada-U.S. financial services company

- We are committed to:
 - Continue to improve the financial performance of our U.S. business
 - Capitalize on unique cross-business opportunities
 - Accelerate the size and pace of our U.S. acquisitions
- BMO is positioned for success in the evolving U.S. financial services landscape
 - The U.S. growth strategy is not just about retail banking
 - We are in a position to make significant strides in executing our U.S. strategy
 - Effective execution of this strategy will have a significant financial impact for BMO
- We are confident in the strength of the Harris brand - one of the most respected names in the U.S. Midwest

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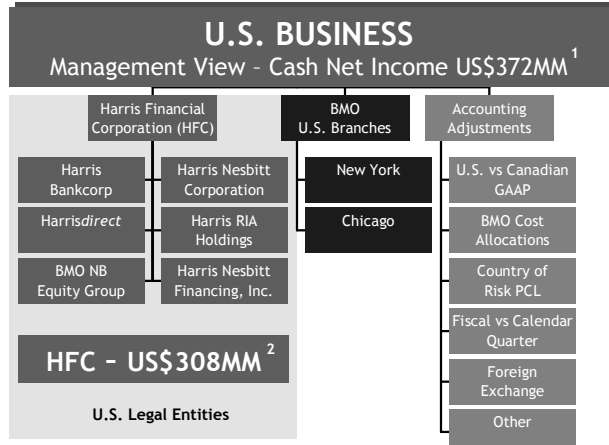
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BMO U.S. FINANCIAL RESULTS RECONCILIATION

Manage by operating group - not legal entity

- Manage U.S. business by operating group (P&C, IBG, PCG), not legal entity basis
- There is excess capital in legal entities

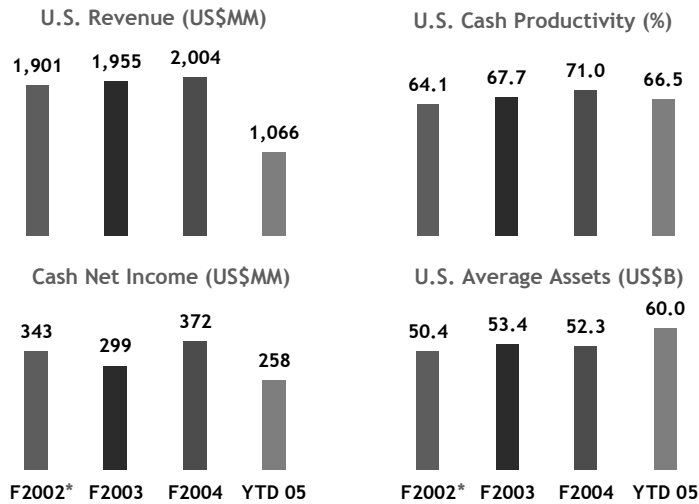


¹ Fiscal 2004 Cash Net Income - Per Supplementary Package

² Calendar 2004 Cash Net Income US\$265MM (Publicly available FRY9C report) plus US\$43MM after-tax add-back for goodwill and intangible amortization

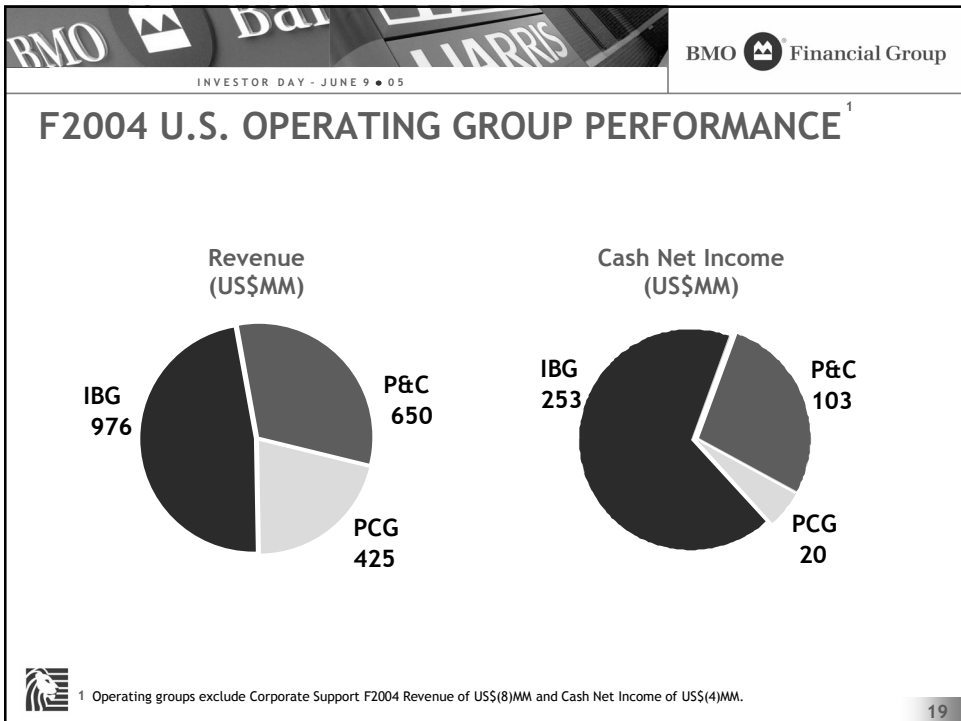
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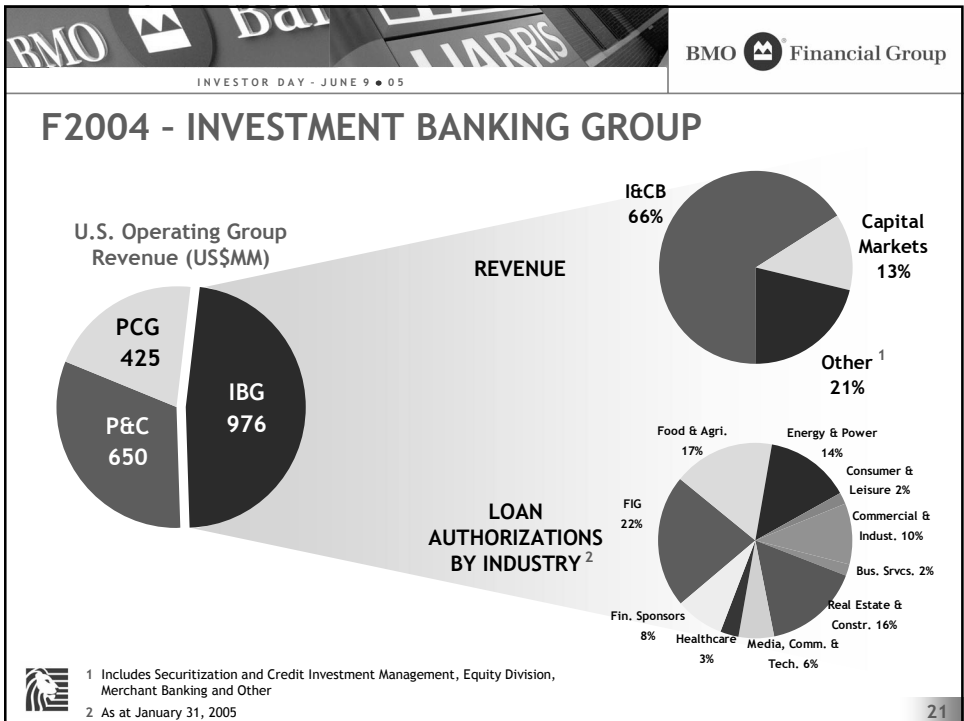
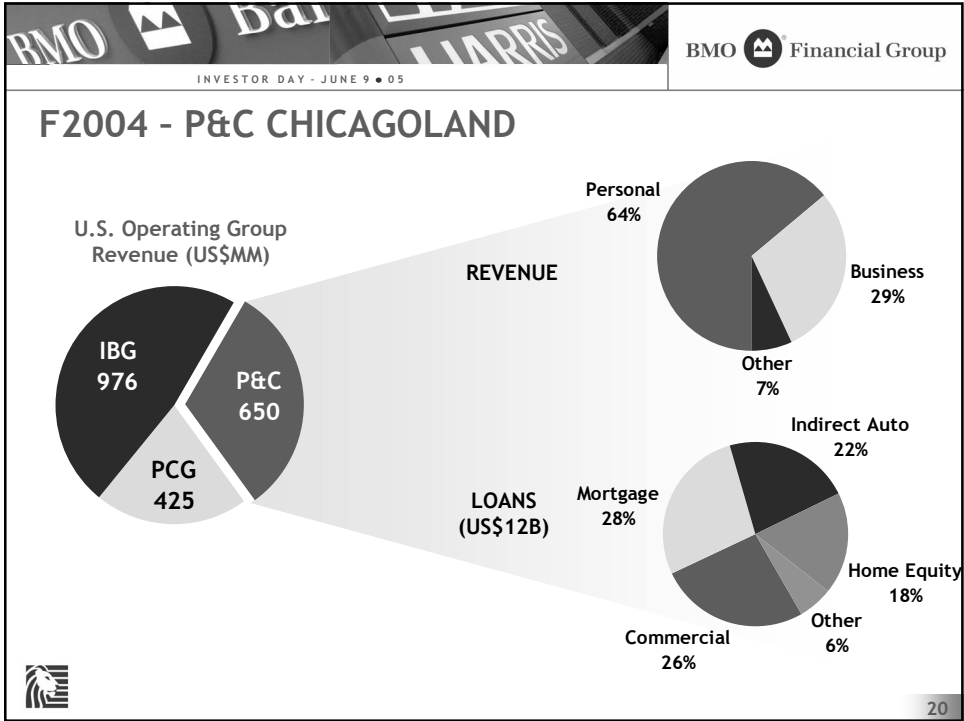
U.S. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

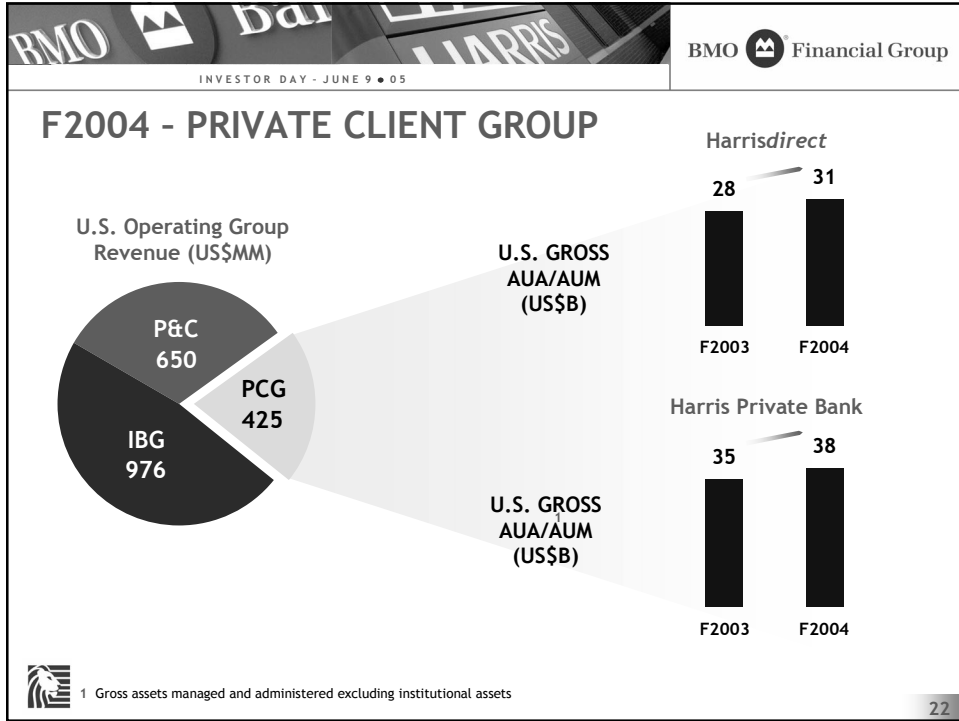


*F2002 not restated - See Q2 2005 Supplementary Package page 1 for explanation of restatements

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PRO-FORMA: CHICAGOLAND + IBG MID-MARKET

YTD Q2 2005 (US\$MM)	Chicagoland	IBG Mid-Market	Combined
Revenue	364	186	550
Net Income	50	61	111
Cash Productivity (%)	70.0	37.6	59.0

- Comparisons to U.S. regional banks best made by adding IBG mid-market to Chicagoland
- The results of certain U.S. peers contain treasury activities and securities gains which improve profitability, the combined results above do not

1 Gross assets managed and administered excluding institutional assets

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U.S. - SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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ACCELERATE SIZE AND PACE OF U.S. ACQUISITIONS

Approach to U.S. Bank Acquisitions

- Potential acquisitions fall into 3 categories:
 - Small (under US\$500 million)
 - Medium (US\$500 million to US\$2 billion)
 - Large (over US\$2 billion)
- Target acquisitions in the greater Chicago area, and other urban markets in the Midwest
- Our advantages include: deep market knowledge, Harris Brand and reputation as community-focused acquirer of choice, integration experience, and scalable platform

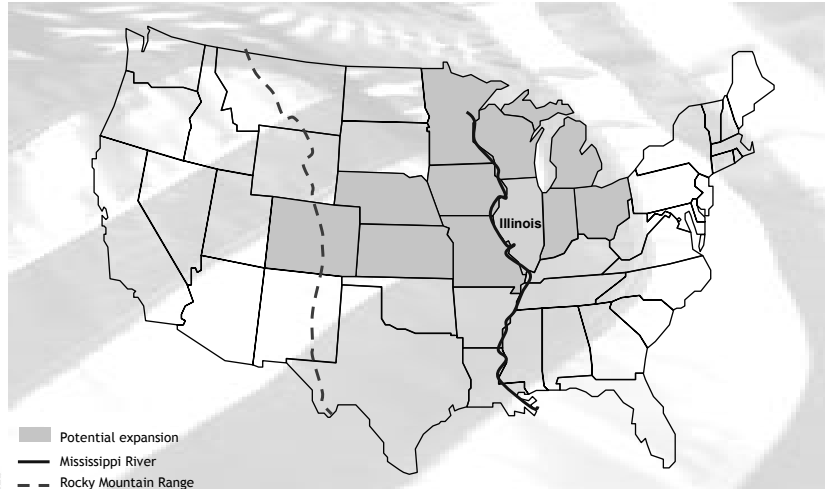
Acquisition checklist:

Three key questions:

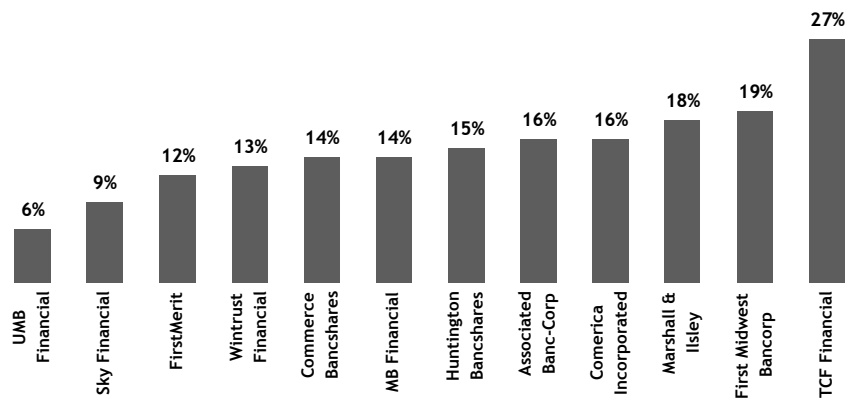
- ✓ Is it a good strategic fit?
- ✓ Is it a good cultural fit?
- ✓ Is it a good financial fit?
 - Significant level of ownership required, preferably 100%
 - Accretive to cash EPS within at least 3 years



EXPANDING OUR GEOGRAPHIC FOOTPRINT Outside of Illinois



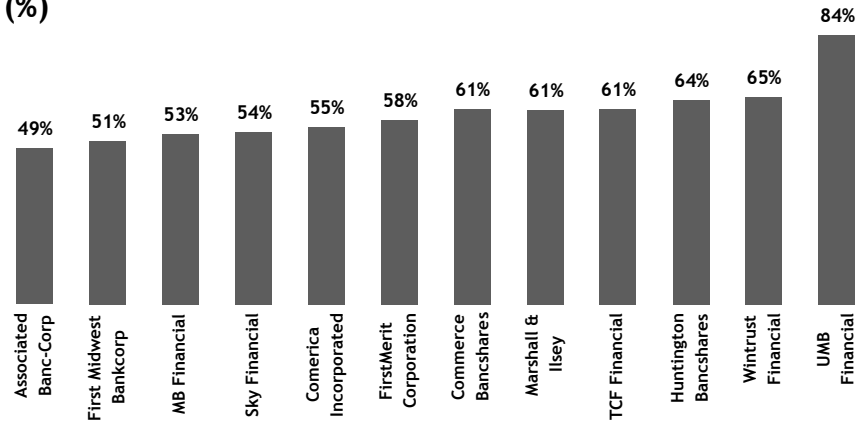
YTD 2005 CASH RETURN ON EQUITY: U.S. PEER COMPARISON¹



¹ NOTE: U.S. Peer data is for three months ended March 31, 2005. Peer data is calculated as annualized cash net income available to common shareholders, divided by average common equity and assumes a 35% tax rate for add-back of intangible amortization. (Data Source: SNL)

YTD 2005 CASH PRODUCTIVITY RATIO: U.S. PEER COMPARISON¹

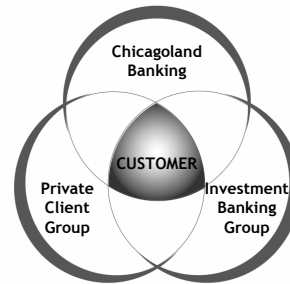
(%)



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ATTRACTIVE AND LEVERAGABLE PLATFORM

- Attractive platform in place across three operating groups
- Sources of leverage include:
 - Productivity improvements
 - One Harris - working in partnership across operating groups
 - Scalable infrastructure with Project Enterprise completed
 - IBG build-out from strong Harris business client relationships
 - Strong and respected Harris brand
 - Ability to leverage integration experience, infrastructure and overall platform through acquisitions



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SUMMARY

- Attractive and leveragable platform
- Continue to focus on growing U.S. revenue and net income and improving cash productivity
- Fully integrated North/South management teams for IBG and PCG
- Manage U.S. business by operating group not on legal entity basis
- Comparisons to U.S. regional banks best made by adding IBG mid-market to Chicagoland
- Continue to look at potential acquisitions



APPENDIX



SYSTEMIC DIFFERENCES Between Canadian and U.S. Banks

Canada

- Mature oligopoly: 6 chartered banks
- Single regulator
- Governed by the Bank Act
- Ownership rules in place
- Integrated business model: customers purchase multiple products from one institution
- Residential mortgages are lower risk due to shorter terms, prepayment penalties
- Lack of mortgage interest deductibility from income taxes

U.S.

- Fragmented market
- Multiple regulators
- Choice of State vs. National Charter allows flexibility in choosing regulatory environment and structuring operations
- Bank Holding Companies provide flexibility in structuring business activities
- Branch restrictions in U.S. and various limits on interstate expansion

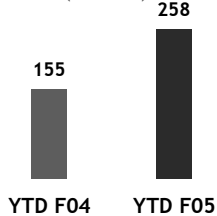


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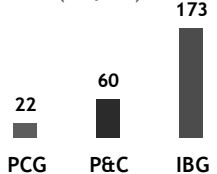
- Improvement in year-over-year cash net income driven by:

Net Income Impact (US\$MM)	Y/Y
Lower PCL	43
Business Growth and Other	41
VIE Restructuring	24
Deferred Income Tax	14
Merchant Banking Accounting Change	12
Litigation Provision	(13)
Securities Gains	(18)
Total	103

U.S. Cash Net Income
YTD 2005
(US\$MM)



U.S. Operating Group
YTD 2005 Cash Net Income
(US\$MM)



CASH NET INCOME RECONCILIATION

F2004 U.S. Segment (US\$MM)	P&C	PCG	IBG	Corporate	Total
Net Income	85	(11)	252	(5)	321
Amortization of Intangibles	18	31	1	1	51
Cash Net Income	103	20	253	(4)	372

YTD 2005 U.S. Segment US\$MM	P&C	PCG	IBG	Corporate	Total
Net Income	50	6	173	2	231
Amortization of Intangibles	10	16	-	1	27
Cash Net Income	60	22	173	3	258



LEGAL ENTITY DESCRIPTIONS

Harris Financial Corp. (HFC)

- Wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Montreal
- Provides banking, trust and other services domestically and internationally through bank and non-bank subsidiaries
- Provides variety of financial services to commercial and industrial companies, financial institutions, governmental units, not-for-profit organizations and individuals throughout the U.S., primarily the Midwest, and abroad

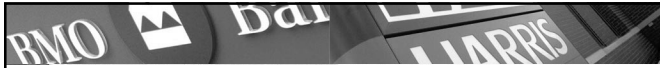
Harris Bankcorp

- Wholly owned subsidiary of Harris Financial Corp.
- Provides banking, trust and other financial services through 5 bank and other nonbank subsidiaries
- Bankcorp lead subsidiary is Harris N.A.

Harris N.A. (formerly HTSB and affiliate banks)

- Wholly owned subsidiary of Harris Bankcorp
- Provides a broad range of banking and financial services to individuals and corporations domestically and abroad, including corporate banking, personal financial services, personal trust services and investment services





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