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- Registration statement pursuant to section 12(b) or (g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
- Annual Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004
- Transition Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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ICICI BANK LIMITED  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Not Applicable  
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Vadodara, Gujarat, India  
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

ICICI Bank Towers  
Bandra-Kurla Complex  
Mumbai 400051, India  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
None	Not Applicable

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

American Depositary Share  
each represented by 2 Equity Shares, par value Rs. 10 per share.  
(Title of Class)

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.  
Not Applicable  
(Title of Class)

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report - 616,391,905 Equity Shares

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 month (or for such shorter period that the

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registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

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### CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

ICICI Limited, ICICI Personal Financial Services Limited and ICICI Capital Services Limited amalgamated with and into ICICI Bank Limited, effective April 1, 2002 for accounting purposes under US GAAP. In this annual report, all references to "we", "our" and "us" are, as the context requires, to ICICI Bank

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Limited and its consolidated subsidiaries and other consolidated entities subsequent to the amalgamation. References to specific data applicable to particular subsidiaries or other consolidated entities are made by reference to the name of that particular company. References to "ICICI Bank" are, as the context requires, to ICICI Bank Limited on an unconsolidated basis subsequent to the amalgamation, to ICICI Bank Limited on an unconsolidated basis prior to the amalgamation, or to both. References to "ICICI" are to ICICI Limited and its consolidated subsidiaries and other consolidated entities prior to the amalgamation. References to "ICICI Personal Financial Services" are to ICICI Personal Financial Services Limited. References to "ICICI Capital Services" are to ICICI Capital Services Limited. References to the "amalgamation" are to the amalgamation of ICICI, ICICI Personal Financial Services and ICICI Capital Services with and into ICICI Bank. References to "the Scheme of Amalgamation" are to the Scheme of Amalgamation of ICICI, ICICI Personal Financial Services and ICICI Capital Services with ICICI Bank sanctioned by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad on March 7, 2002 and by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay on April 11, 2002 and approved by the Reserve Bank of India on April 26, 2002.

Statement on Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 on "Business Combinations", issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, requires that business combinations be accounted for in the period in which the combination is consummated. The effective date of the amalgamation for accounting purposes under US GAAP was April 1, 2002. Accordingly, under US GAAP, the amalgamation has been reflected in the financial statements contained in this annual report for fiscal 2003 and fiscal 2004, as it was consummated in April 2002. Under US GAAP, the amalgamation was accounted for as a reverse acquisition. This means that ICICI was recognized as the accounting acquirer in the amalgamation, although ICICI Bank was the legal acquirer. Accordingly, the financial statements and other financial information contained in this annual report for fiscal 2002 and prior years, except where specifically stated otherwise, present the assets, liabilities and results of operations of ICICI.

In the financial statements contained in this annual report and the notes thereto, all references to "the Company" are to ICICI Bank Limited and its consolidated subsidiaries and other consolidated entities subsequent to the amalgamation, all references to the "acquiree" are to ICICI Bank Limited prior to the amalgamation and all references to the "acquirer" are to ICICI Limited and its consolidated subsidiaries and other consolidated entities prior to the amalgamation.

Under Indian GAAP, the amalgamation was accounted for on March 30, 2002, the Appointed Date specified in the Scheme of Amalgamation, with ICICI Bank recognized as the accounting acquirer.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have included statements in this annual report which contain words or phrases such as "will", "would", "aim", "aimed", "will likely result", "is likely", "are likely", "believe", "expect", "expected to", "will continue", "will achieve", "anticipate", "estimate", "estimating", "intend", "plan", "contemplate", "seek to", "seeking to", "trying to", "target", "propose to", "future", "objective", "goal", "project", "should", "can", "could", "may", "will pursue", "our judgment" and similar expressions or variations of such expressions, that are "forward-looking statements". Actual results may differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements due to certain risks or uncertainties associated with our expectations with respect to, but not

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limited to, the actual growth in demand for banking and other financial products and services, our ability to successfully implement our strategy, our ability to integrate recent or future mergers or acquisitions into our operations, future levels of impaired loans, our growth and expansion, the adequacy of our allowance for credit and investment losses, technological changes, investment income, our ability to market new products, cash flow projections, the outcome of any legal or regulatory proceedings we are or become a party to, the future impact of new accounting standards, our ability to implement our dividend policy, the impact of Indian banking regulations on us, which includes the assets and liabilities of ICICI, a former financial institution not subject to Indian banking regulations, our ability to roll over our short-term funding sources, our exposure to market risks and the market acceptance of and demand for Internet banking services. By their nature, certain of the market risk disclosures are only estimates and could be materially different from what actually occurs in the future. As a result, actual future gains, losses or impact on net interest income and net income could materially differ from those that have been estimated.

In addition, other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those estimated by the forward-looking statements contained in this annual report include, but are not limited to general economic and political conditions in India, southeast Asia, and the other countries which have an impact on our business activities or investments, political or financial instability in India or any other country caused by any factor including any terrorist attacks in India, the United States or elsewhere, any anti-terrorist or other attacks by the United States, a United States-led coalition or any other country or any other acts of terrorism world-wide, the monetary and interest rate policies of India, political or financial instability in India or any other country caused by political uncertainty, tensions between India and Pakistan related to the Kashmir region or military armament or social unrest in any part of India, inflation, deflation, unanticipated turbulence in interest rates, changes in the value of the rupee, foreign exchange rates, equity prices or other rates or prices, the performance of the financial markets and level of Internet penetration in India and globally, changes in domestic and foreign laws, regulations and taxes, changes in competition and the pricing environment in India and regional or general changes in asset valuations. For a further discussion on the factors that could cause actual results to differ, see the discussion under "Risk Factors" contained in this annual report.

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### EXCHANGE RATES

Fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Indian rupee and the US dollar will affect the US dollar equivalent of the Indian rupee price of the equity shares on the Indian stock exchanges and, as a result, will affect the market price of our ADSs in the United States. These fluctuations will also affect the conversion into US dollars by the depositary of any cash dividends paid in Indian rupees on our equity shares represented by ADSs.

On an average annual basis, the Indian rupee has consistently declined against the dollar since 1980. In early July 1991, the government adjusted the Indian rupee downward by an aggregate of approximately 20.0% against the dollar. The adjustment was effected as part of an economic package designed to overcome economic and foreign exchange problems. Since the Indian rupee was made convertible on the current account in March 1993, it has steadily depreciated on an average annual basis at a rate of approximately 5-6%. During fiscal 2003 and fiscal 2004, however, the rupee appreciated against the US dollar, from Rs. 49.06 per US\$ 1.00 at May 31, 2002 to Rs. 43.40 per US\$ 1.00 at March 31, 2004.

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The rupee has again depreciated against the dollar during fiscal 2005 (through August 31, 2004) by 6.8%. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain information concerning the exchange rates between Indian rupees and US dollars based on the noon buying rate.

Fiscal Year	Period End(1)	Average(1) (2)
1999.....	42.50	42.27
2000.....	43.65	43.46
2001 .....	46.85	45.88
2002.....	48.83	47.80
2003 .....	47.53	48.43
2004 .....	43.40	45.78
2005 (through September 24, 2004).....	46.35	45.39

  

Month	High	Low
March 2004.....	45.32	43.40
April 2004.....	44.52	43.40
May 2004.....	45.57	44.55
June 2004 .....	46.21	44.94
July 2004.....	46.45	45.66
August 2004 .....	46.40	46.21
September 2004 (through September 24, 2004).....	46.35	45.81

- (1) The noon buying rate at each period end and the average rate for each period differed from the exchange rates used in the preparation of our financial statements.
- (2) Represents the average of the noon buying rate on the last day of each month during the period.

Although certain rupee amounts in this annual report have been translated into dollars for convenience, this does not mean that the rupee amounts referred to could have been, or could be, converted into dollars at any particular rate, the rates stated below, or at all. Except in the section on "Market Price Information", all translations from rupees to dollars are based on the noon buying rate in the City of New York for cable transfers in rupees at March 31, 2004. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York certifies this rate for customs purposes on each date the rate is given. The noon buying rate at March 31, 2004 was Rs. 43.40 per US\$ 1.00 and at August 31, 2004 was Rs. 46.35 per US\$ 1.00.

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### RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the following risk factors as well as the other information contained in this annual report in evaluating us and our business.

#### Risks Relating to India

A slowdown in economic growth in India could cause our business to suffer.

The Indian economy has shown sustained growth over the last few years with real GDP growing at 8.2% in fiscal 2004, 4.0% in fiscal 2003 and 5.8% in fiscal 2002. The Index of Industrial Production grew at 6.9% in fiscal 2004 compared to 5.8% in fiscal 2003 and 2.7% in fiscal 2002. Any slowdown in the Indian economy

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or volatility of global commodity prices, in particular oil and steel prices, could adversely affect our borrowers and contractual counterparties. With the increasing importance of retail loans to our business, any slowdown in the growth of sectors like housing and automobiles could adversely impact our performance. Further, with the increasing importance of the agricultural sector in our business, any slowdown in the growth of the agricultural sector could also adversely impact our performance. Growth in the agricultural sector in India has been variable and dependent on climatic conditions, primarily the level and timing of rainfall. The agricultural sector grew by 9.1% in fiscal 2004 compared to a decline of 5.2% during fiscal 2003. Any slowdown could adversely affect our business, including our ability to grow our asset portfolio, the quality of our assets, our financial performance, our stockholders' equity, our ability to implement our strategy and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

A significant increase in the price of crude oil could adversely affect the Indian economy, which could adversely affect our business.

India imports approximately 70.0% of its requirements of crude oil, which were approximately 26.7% of total imports in fiscal 2004. The sharp increase in global crude oil prices during fiscal 2001 adversely affected the Indian economy in terms of volatile interest and exchange rates. This adversely affected the overall state of liquidity in the banking system leading to intervention by the Reserve Bank of India. Crude oil prices declined in fiscal 2002 due to weaker demand. During fiscal 2003, crude oil prices initially rose as a result of Middle-East tensions and in particular the US-led military action in Iraq before declining on account of the relatively short duration of the war. Conditions remain volatile in the Middle-East where most of the world's oil production facilities are located. There has been a sharp increase in global crude oil prices over the past few months (due to increased international oil demand and tensions in the Middle East), which has contributed to a rise in inflation, higher market interest rates in the Indian economy and a higher trade deficit. Any significant increase or volatility in oil prices, due to continuing or further tensions or hostilities or otherwise, could affect the Indian economy and the Indian banking and financial system, in particular through its impact on inflation, interest rates and the trade deficit. This could adversely affect our business including our ability to grow, the quality of our assets, our financial performance, our stockholders' equity, our ability to implement our strategy and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

A significant change in the Indian government's economic liberalization and deregulation policies could disrupt our business and cause the price of our equity shares and our ADSs to go down.

Our assets and customers are predominantly located in India. The Indian government has traditionally exercised and continues to exercise a dominant influence over many aspects of the economy. Its economic policies have had and could continue to have a significant effect on private sector entities, including us, and on market conditions and prices of Indian securities, including our equity shares and our ADSs.

The most recent parliamentary elections were completed in May 2004. A coalition government led by the Indian National Congress party has been formed with Dr. Manmohan Singh as the Prime Minister of India. A significant change in the government's policies could adversely affect business and economic conditions in India and could also adversely affect our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity

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shares and our ADSs.

Financial instability in other countries, particularly emerging market countries, could disrupt our business and cause the price of our equity shares and our ADSs to go down.

The Indian market and the Indian economy are influenced by economic and market conditions in other countries, particularly emerging market countries in Asia. Financial turmoil in Asia, Latin America, Russia and elsewhere in the world in the past years has affected the Indian economy even though India was relatively unaffected by the financial and liquidity crises experienced elsewhere. Although economic conditions are different in each country, investors' reactions to developments in one country can have adverse effects on the securities of companies in other countries, including India. A loss of investor confidence in the financial systems of other emerging markets may cause increased volatility in Indian financial markets and indirectly, in the Indian economy in general. Any worldwide financial instability could also have a negative impact on the Indian economy. This in turn could negatively impact the Indian economy, including the movement of exchange rates and interest rates in India, which could adversely affect the Indian financial sector, including us. Any financial disruption could have an adverse effect on our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

If regional hostilities, terrorist attacks or social unrest in some parts of the country increase, our business could suffer and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs could go down.

India has from time to time experienced social and civil unrest and hostilities both internally and with neighboring countries. In recent years, there have been military confrontations between India and Pakistan in the Kashmir region and present relations between India and Pakistan continue to be tense on the issues of terrorism, armament and Kashmir. India has also experienced terrorist attacks in some parts of the country. These hostilities and tensions could lead to political or economic instability in India and a possible adverse effect on our business, our future financial performance and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs. For example, the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001 and subsequent military action in Afghanistan and Iraq affected markets all over the world. The United States' continuing battle against terrorism could lengthen these regional hostilities and tensions. Further, India has also experienced social unrest in some parts of the country. If such tensions occur in other parts of the country leading to overall political and economic instability, it could have an adverse effect on our business, our future financial performance and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

Trade deficits could cause our business to suffer and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs to go down.

India's trade relationships with other countries can also influence Indian economic conditions. In fiscal 2004, India experienced a trade deficit of Rs. 628.7 billion (US\$ 14.5 billion), an increase of Rs. 268.7 billion (US\$ 6.2 billion) from fiscal 2003. In fiscal 2005 (through July 2004), the trade deficit increased significantly to Rs. 385.7 billion (US\$ 8.9 billion) as compared to Rs. 251.0 billion (US\$ 5.8 billion) in the corresponding period of the previous year, mainly due to the rise in global crude oil prices. International crude oil prices have increased from US\$ 35.75 per barrel at March 31, 2004 to US\$ 43.72 per barrel at July 31, 2004. If trade deficits increase or are no longer manageable, the Indian economy, and therefore our business, our financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs, could be adversely affected.

Natural calamities could have a negative impact on the Indian economy and could cause our business to suffer and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs to go down.

India has experienced natural calamities like earthquakes, floods and drought in the past few years. The extent and severity of these natural disasters determine their impact on the Indian economy. In fiscal 2003, many parts of India received significantly less than normal rainfall. As a result of the drought conditions in the economy during fiscal 2003, the agricultural sector recorded a negative growth of 5.2%. According to the India Meteorological Department, rainfall for the period June 1, 2004 to August 25, 2004 has been 6.0% below normal. The erratic progress of the monsoon in 2004 has adversely affected sowing operations for certain crops. Further prolonged spells of below normal rainfall in the country or other natural calamities could have a negative impact on the Indian economy, affecting our business and causing the price of our equity shares and our ADSs to go down.

Financial difficulty and other problems in certain financial institutions in India could cause our business to suffer and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs to go down.

As an Indian bank, we are exposed to the risks of the Indian financial system which in turn may be affected by financial difficulties and other problems faced by certain Indian financial institutions. See "Overview of the Indian Financial Sector". As an emerging market system, the Indian financial system faces risks of a nature and extent not typically faced in developing countries, including the risk of deposit runs notwithstanding the existence of a national deposit insurance scheme. For example, in April 2003, unsubstantiated rumours, believed to have originated in Gujarat, a state in India, alleged that we were facing liquidity problems, although our liquidity position was sound. We witnessed higher than normal deposit withdrawals during April 11 to 13, 2003 on account of these unsubstantiated rumours. We successfully controlled the situation, but if such situations were to arise in future, any failure to control such situations could result in large deposit withdrawals which would adversely impact our liquidity position.

In addition, certain Indian financial institutions have experienced difficulties in recent years. In July 2004, on an application by the Reserve Bank of India, the Indian government issued an order of moratorium on Global Trust Bank, a new private sector bank, and restricted withdrawals by depositors. The Reserve Bank of India subsequently announced a merger of Global Trust Bank with Oriental Bank of Commerce, a public sector bank. Some co-operative banks have also faced serious financial and liquidity crises. The problems faced by individual Indian financial institutions and any instability in or difficulties faced by the Indian financial system generally could create adverse market perception about Indian financial institutions and banks. This in turn could adversely affect our business, our future financial performance, our shareholders' funds and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

A decline in India's foreign exchange reserves may affect liquidity and interest rates in the Indian economy which could adversely impact us.

India's foreign exchange reserves increased 47.5% during fiscal 2004 and 7.2% during fiscal 2005 (through September 10, 2004) to US\$ 118.3 billion. A decline in these reserves could result in reduced liquidity and higher interest rates in the Indian economy. Reduced liquidity or an increase in interest rates in the economy following a decline in foreign exchange reserves could adversely

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affect our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs. See also "- Risks Relating to Our Business".

Any down-grading of India's debt rating by an international rating agency could cause our business to suffer and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs to go down.

Any adverse revisions to India's credit ratings for domestic and international debt by international rating agencies may adversely affect our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

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### Risks Relating to Our Business

Our business is particularly vulnerable to interest rate risk and volatility in interest rates could cause our net interest margin, the value of our fixed income portfolio and our income from treasury operations to decline and adversely affect our financial performance.

As an Indian bank, we are, as a result of the Indian reserve requirements more structurally exposed to interest rate risk than banks in many other countries. Under the regulations of the Reserve Bank of India, our liabilities are subject to the statutory liquidity ratio requirement which requires that a minimum specified percentage, currently 25.0%, of a bank's demand and time liabilities be invested in government of India securities and other approved securities. Pursuant to the amalgamation, the statutory liquidity ratio requirement was imposed on the liabilities acquired from ICICI. We earn interest on such government of India securities at rates which are less favourable than those which we typically receive in respect of our retail and corporate loan portfolio. The statutory liquidity ratio generally has a negative impact on net interest income and net interest margin since it requires us to invest in lower interest-earning securities. If our cost of funds does not decline at the same time and to the same extent as the yield on our interest-bearing assets, or if the yield on our interest-bearing assets does not increase at the same time and to the same extent as our cost of funds, our net interest margins would be adversely impacted. Our subsidiary ICICI Securities is a primary dealer in government of India securities and its net income in fiscal 2004 had a high proportion of fixed income securities trading gains. During fiscal 2005, the secondary market yields on government of India securities have been volatile due to expectations of tightening of monetary policy and increase in interest rates as a result of global trends, particularly in the United States, and rising oil prices and their impact on inflation in India. The yield on 10-year government of India securities increased from 5.1% at March 31, 2004 to a high of 6.7% at August 11, 2004 before declining again to 6.1% at August 31, 2004. The Reserve Bank of India has increased the cash reserve ratio (the percentage of a bank's demand and time liabilities that it must maintain in the form of cash balances with the Reserve Bank of India) from 4.5% to 4.75% effective September 18, 2004 and 5.0% effective October 2, 2004. In a rising interest rate environment, especially if the rise were sudden or sharp, we would be materially adversely affected by the decline in market value of our government securities portfolio and other fixed income securities. Our income from treasury operations is particularly vulnerable to interest rate volatility and an increasing interest rate environment is likely to adversely affect the income from our treasury operations. Declines in the value of our trading portfolio in such an environment will adversely affect our income.

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A large proportion of ICICI's loans comprised project finance assistance, a substantial portion of which was particularly vulnerable to completion risk.

Long-term project finance assistance was a significant proportion of ICICI's asset portfolio. Although retail loans have significantly increased in our balance sheet, long-term project finance continues to be a significant proportion of our loan portfolio. The viability of these projects depends upon a number of factors, including completion risk, market demand, government policies and the overall economic environment in India and international markets. We cannot be sure that these projects will perform as anticipated. Over the last several years, we and ICICI experienced a high level of impaired loans in our project finance loan portfolio to industrial companies as a result of the downturn in certain global commodity markets and increased competition in India. In addition, a significant portion of infrastructure and other projects financed by us are still under implementation and present risks, including delays in the commencement of operations and breach of contractual obligations by counterparties that could impact the project's ability to generate revenues. We cannot assure you that future credit losses on account of such loans would not have a materially adverse effect on our profitability. If a substantial portion of these loans were to become impaired, the quality of our loan portfolio could be adversely affected.

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We have high concentrations of loans to certain customers and to certain sectors and if a substantial portion of these loans were to become impaired, the quality of our loan portfolio could be adversely affected.

At year-end fiscal 2004, our 20 largest borrowers, based on gross outstanding balances, totaled approximately Rs. 149.6 billion (US\$ 3.5 billion), which represented approximately 18.6% of our total gross loans outstanding (gross of unearned income and security deposits). Our largest single borrower by outstanding at that date was approximately Rs. 17.5 billion (US\$ 402 million), which represented approximately 2.2% of our total gross loans outstanding. The largest borrower group of companies under the same management control accounted for approximately 4.5% of our total gross loans outstanding. Credit losses on these large single borrower and group exposures could adversely affect our business, our financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the prices of our equity shares and our ADSs.

At year-end fiscal 2004, we had extended loans to several industrial sectors in India. At that date, approximately 40.5% of our gross restructured loan portfolio was concentrated in three sectors: iron and steel (19.6%), crude petroleum and refining (10.8%) and textiles (10.1%). At that date, approximately 42.2% of our gross other impaired loan portfolio was concentrated in three sectors: power (23.7%), iron and steel (11.2%) and petrochemicals (7.3%). Our total loan portfolio also had a significant concentration of loans in these sectors. These sectors have been adversely affected by economic conditions over the last few years in varying degrees. Although our loan portfolio contains loans to a wide variety of businesses, financial difficulties in these sectors could increase our level of impaired loans and adversely affect our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

If we are not able to control or reduce the level of impaired loans in our portfolio, our business will suffer.

Our gross restructured loans represented 20.4% of our gross loan portfolio

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at year-end fiscal 2004 and 21.5% of our gross loan portfolio at year-end fiscal 2003. Our gross other impaired loans represented 6.3% of our gross loan portfolio at year-end fiscal 2004 and 12.2% of our gross loan portfolio at year-end fiscal 2003. Our net restructured loans represented 16.7% of our net loans at year-end fiscal 2004 and 19.5% of our net loans at year-end fiscal 2003. Our net other impaired loans represented 4.0% of our net loans at year-end fiscal 2004 and 8.8% of our net loans at year-end fiscal 2003.

In absolute terms, our total gross restructured and other impaired loans declined by 7.8% in fiscal 2004 over fiscal 2003. In fiscal 2003, our total gross restructured and other impaired loans increased by 58.1% over the total combined gross impaired loans of ICICI and ICICI Bank at year-end fiscal 2002.

The growth of our and ICICI's gross restructured and other impaired loans over the past few years can be attributed to several factors, including increased competition arising from economic liberalization in India, variable industrial growth, the high level of debt in the financing of projects and capital structures of companies in India and the high interest rates in the Indian economy during the period in which a large number of projects contracted their borrowings, which reduced the profitability for certain borrowers, and the resultant restructuring of certain Indian companies. The decline in our total gross restructured and other impaired loans is primarily due to recoveries and reclassification of loans as unimpaired based on satisfactory performance of the borrower accounts as per the contractual terms of payment. This was offset, in part, by the continuing process of restructuring of loans to corporations in several sectors as well as classification of additional loans as impaired based on default in payment. It is expected that the restructuring process will continue in fiscal 2005.

Further, we have experienced rapid growth in our retail loan portfolio. Our gross consumer loans and credit card receivables increased from Rs. 188.3 billion (US\$ 4.3 billion), constituting 27.5% of

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our gross loans at year-end fiscal 2003 to Rs. 311.9 billion (US\$ 7.2 billion), constituting 39.2% of our gross loans at year-end fiscal 2004. We cannot assure you that there will be no additional impaired loans on account of these retail loans and that such impaired loans will not have a materially adverse impact on the quality of our loan portfolio. The factors that could cause impaired loans in our retail loan portfolio to increase are substantially similar to those factors relevant in developed countries which include rise in unemployment, prolonged recessionary conditions and a sharp and sustained rise in interest rates.

The directed lending norms of the Reserve Bank of India require that every bank should extend 40.0% of its net bank credit to certain eligible sectors, which are categorized as "priority sectors". Priority sectors are specific sectors such as agriculture and small-scale industries, and also include housing finance loans up to certain limits. Considering that the advances of ICICI were not subject to the requirement applicable to banks in respect of priority sector lending, the Reserve Bank of India directed us to maintain an additional 10.0% over and above the requirement of 40.0%, i.e., a total of 50.0% of our net bank credit on the residual portion of our advances (i.e. the portion of our total advances excluding advances of ICICI at year-end fiscal 2002) in the form of priority sector loans. This additional 10.0% priority sector lending requirement will apply until such time as our aggregate priority sector advances reach a level of 40.0% of our total net bank credit. We may experience a significant increase in impaired loans in our directed lending portfolio, particularly loans

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to the agriculture sector and small-scale industries, since economic difficulties are likely to affect those borrowers more severely and we would be less able to control the quality of this portfolio.

A number of factors will affect our ability to control and reduce impaired loans. Some of these, including developments in the Indian economy, movements in global commodity markets, global competition, interest rates and exchange rates, are not within our control. There can be no assurance that troubled debt restructuring approved by us will be successful and the borrowers will meet their obligations under the restructured terms. Although we are increasing our efforts to improve collections and to foreclose on existing impaired loans, we cannot assure you that we will be successful in our efforts or that the overall quality of our loan portfolio will not deteriorate in the future. If we are not able to control and reduce our impaired loans, or if there is a significant increase in our impaired loans, our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs could be adversely affected.

If there is a further deterioration in our impaired loan portfolio and we are not able to improve our allowance for loan losses as a percentage of impaired loans, the price of our equity shares and our ADSs could go down.

Although we believe that our allowance for loan losses is adequate to cover all known losses in our portfolio of assets, the level of our impaired loans is significantly higher than the average percentage of impaired loans in the portfolios of banks in more developed countries.

At year-end fiscal 2004, our allowance for loan losses on restructured loans represented 25.2% of gross restructured loans and our allowance for loan losses on other impaired loans represented 42.7% of gross other impaired loans. At year-end fiscal 2003, our allowance for loan losses on restructured loans represented 16.8% of gross restructured loans and our allowance for loan losses on other impaired loans represented 33.5% of gross other impaired loans.

Although we believe that our allowances for loan losses will be adequate to cover all known losses in our asset portfolio, we cannot assure you that there will be no deterioration in the allowance for loan losses as a percentage of gross impaired loans or otherwise or that the percentage of impaired loans that we will be able to recover will be similar to our and ICICI's past experience of recoveries of impaired loans. In the event of any further deterioration in our impaired loan portfolio, there could be an adverse impact on our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

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We may experience delays in enforcing our collateral when borrowers default on their obligations to us which may result in failure to recover the expected value of collateral security exposing us to a potential loss.

A substantial portion of our loans to corporate customers, primarily comprising loans made by ICICI, is secured by real assets, including property, plant and equipment. Our loans to corporate customers also include working capital credit facilities that are typically secured by a first lien on inventory, receivables and other current assets. In some cases, we may have taken further security of a first or second lien on fixed assets, a pledge of financial assets like marketable securities, corporate guarantees and personal guarantees. A substantial portion of our loans to retail customers is also secured by the assets financed, predominantly property and vehicles. Although in general our loans are over-collateralized, an economic downturn could result in

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a fall in relevant collateral values.

In India, foreclosure on collateral generally requires a written petition to an Indian court or tribunal. An application, when made, may be subject to delays and administrative requirements that may result, or be accompanied by, a decrease in the value of the collateral. In the event a corporate borrower makes a reference to a specialized quasi-judicial authority called the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, foreclosure and enforceability of collateral is stayed. The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, has strengthened the ability of lenders to resolve non-performing assets by granting them greater rights as to enforcement of security and recovery of dues from corporate borrowers. There can be no assurance that the legislation will have a favorable impact on our efforts to resolve non-performing assets. See also "Overview of the Indian Financial Sector - Recent Structural Reforms - Legislative Framework for Recovery of Debts Due to Banks." We cannot guarantee that we will be able to realize the full value on our collateral, as a result of, among other factors, delays in bankruptcy and foreclosure proceedings, defects in the perfection of collateral and fraudulent transfers by borrowers. A failure to recover the expected value of collateral security could expose us to a potential loss. Any unexpected losses could adversely affect our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

We face greater credit risks than banks in developed countries.

Our principal business is to provide financing to our clients, a predominant number of whom are based in India. At year-end fiscal 2004, loans outside India constituted only 1.4% of our gross loans. In the past, ICICI focused its activities on financing large-scale projects. Increasingly, we are focusing on lending to individuals, as well as large corporate customers, many of who have strong credit ratings, as well as select small and middle market companies. Our loans to small and middle market companies can be expected to be more severely affected by adverse developments in the Indian economy than loans to large corporations. In all of these cases, we are subject to the credit risk that our borrowers may not pay in a timely fashion or may not pay at all. The credit risk of all our borrowers is higher than that in more developed countries due to the higher uncertainty in the Indian regulatory, political, economic and industrial environment and difficulties that many of our borrowers face in adapting to instability in world markets and technological advances taking place across the world. Unlike several developed countries, India does not have an operational nationwide credit bureau which may affect the quality of information available to us about the credit history of our borrowers, especially individuals and small businesses. In addition, increased competition arising from economic liberalization in India, variable industrial growth, a sharp decline in commodity prices, the high level of debt in the financing of projects and capital structures of companies in India and the high interest rates in the Indian economy during the period in which a large number of projects contracted their borrowings has reduced the profitability of certain of our borrowers which in turn could adversely affect our loan portfolio and accordingly our business.

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Our funding is primarily short-term and if depositors do not roll over deposited funds upon maturity our business could be adversely affected.

Most of our incremental funding requirements, including replacement of maturing liabilities of ICICI which generally had longer maturities, are met through short-term funding sources, primarily in the form of deposits including inter-bank deposits. However, a large portion of our assets, primarily the

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assets of ICICI and our home loan portfolio, have medium or long-term maturities, creating a potential for funding mismatches. Our customer deposits are generally of less than one year maturity. If a substantial number of our depositors do not roll over deposited funds upon maturity, our liquidity position could be adversely affected. The failure to obtain rollover of customer deposits upon maturity or to replace them with fresh deposits could have a material adverse effect on our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

In April 2003, unsubstantiated rumours believed to have originated in Gujarat, a state in India, alleged that we were facing liquidity problems, although our liquidity position was sound. We witnessed higher than normal deposit withdrawals during the period April 11 to 13, 2003, on account of these unsubstantiated rumours. We successfully controlled the situation, but if such situations were to arise in future, any failure to control such situations could result in large deposit withdrawals, which would adversely impact our liquidity position.

Material changes in the regulations which govern us could cause our business to suffer and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs to go down.

Banks in India operate in a highly regulated environment. The Reserve Bank of India extensively supervises and regulates banks. In addition, banks are subject generally to changes in Indian law, as well as to changes in regulation and government policies, income tax laws and accounting principles. See "Supervision and Regulation". For example, on September 11, 2004, the Reserve Bank of India increased the cash reserve ratio from 4.5% to 4.75% effective September 18, 2004 and 5.0% effective October 2, 2004 and reduced the rate of interest that it pays on the eligible cash reserve ratio balances from the bank rate (currently 6.0%) to 3.5%. This will have a negative impact on our net interest income in fiscal 2005. The laws and regulations governing the banking sector could change in the future and any such changes could adversely affect our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

A determination against us in respect of disputed tax assessments may adversely impact our financial performance.

At year-end fiscal 2004, we had been assessed an aggregate of Rs. 25.2 billion (US\$ 579 million) in excess of the provision made in our accounts, in income tax, interest tax, wealth tax and sales tax demands by the government of India's tax authorities. We have appealed each of these tax demands. While we expect that no additional liability will arise out of these disputed demands, there can be no assurance that these matters will be settled in our favor, and that no further liability will arise out of these demands. Any additional tax liability may adversely impact our financial performance and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

We are involved in various litigations and any final judgement awarding material damages against us could have a material adverse impact on our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

We are often involved in litigations for a variety of reasons, which generally arise because we seek to recover our dues from borrowers or because customers seek claims against us. We believe, based on the facts of the cases and consultation with counsel, that these cases generally do not involve the risk of a material adverse impact on our financial performance or stockholders' equity. The vast majority of these cases arise in the normal course and do not involve the risk of a material adverse impact on our financial performance or stockholders' equity. Where we assess that there is a material

risk of loss, it is our policy to make provisions for the loss; however, we do not make provisions where our assessment is that the risk is insignificant. We have not made any provisions for a suit filed by Mardia Chemicals against ICICI Bank, Mr. K. V. Kamath, Managing Director and CEO and Ms. Lalita D. Gupte, Joint Managing Director, for an amount of Rs. 56.3 billion (US\$ 1.3 billion) on the grounds that Mardia Chemicals had allegedly suffered financial losses on account of ICICI's failure to provide adequate financial facilities, ICICI's recall of the advanced amount and ICICI's filing of a recovery action against it. We cannot guarantee that the judgment in this suit would be favourable to us and should our assessment of the risk change, our view on provisions will also change. We have also not made any provisions for an arbitration proceeding in London, brought against us and other Indian lenders by certain foreign lenders in relation to a dispute under an inter-creditor agreement in connection with a power project, the principal sponsor of which has filed for bankruptcy in the United States, claiming damages against us and other Indian lenders in an aggregate amount of US\$ 534 million. Any final judgement awarding material damages against us in this arbitration proceeding could, however, have a material adverse impact on our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs. We cannot guarantee that the arbitration will be concluded in a manner favourable to us and should our assessment of the risk change, our view on provisions will also change.

We have experienced recent and rapid growth in our retail loan portfolio and our business strategy supports continued growth in this area. Our inability to grow further or succeed in retail products and services may adversely affect our business.

We are a relatively new entrant into the retail loan business and have achieved significant growth in this sector since the amalgamation. At year-end fiscal 2004, consumer loans and credit card receivables represented 39.2% of our gross loans outstanding as compared to 27.5% of our gross loans outstanding at year-end fiscal 2003. Our present business strategy reflects continued focus on further growth in this sector. While we anticipate continued significant demand in this area, we cannot assure you that our retail portfolio will continue to grow as expected. Our inability to grow further or succeed in retail products and services may adversely affect our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

Retail products and services could expose us to the risk of financial irregularities by various intermediaries and customers. We cannot assure you that our skills and management information systems will be adequate to successfully manage these retail products and services. Our retail loans are relatively new and there is no assurance that there will be no additional impaired loans on account of these loans and that such impaired loans will not have a materially adverse impact on the quality of our loan portfolio.

If we are not able to succeed in our new business areas, we may not be able to meet our projected earnings and growth targets.

ICICI entered the life insurance business in fiscal 2001 and the non-life insurance business in fiscal 2002 through its majority-owned joint ventures, which are now majority-owned joint ventures of ICICI Bank. We are also seeking to expand internationally by leveraging on our home country links and technology competencies in financial services. We are a new entrant in the international business and the skills required for this business could be different from those for our domestic businesses. The life insurance business and the international

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business are expected to require substantial capital. We cannot be certain that these new businesses will perform as anticipated. Our inability to grow or succeed in new business areas may adversely affect our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

We are exposed to fluctuation in foreign exchange rates.

As a financial intermediary we are exposed to exchange rate risk. We comply with regulatory limits on our unhedged foreign currency exposure by making foreign currency loans on terms that are

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generally similar to our foreign currency borrowings and thereby transferring the foreign exchange risk to the borrower or through active use of cross-currency swaps and forwards to generally match the currencies of our assets and liabilities. However, we are exposed to fluctuation in foreign currency rates for our unhedged exposure. Adverse movements in foreign exchange rates may also impact our borrowers negatively which may in turn impact the quality of our exposure to these borrowers. Volatility in foreign exchange rates could adversely affect our business, our future financial performance, our shareholders' funds and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

Our business is very competitive and our growth strategy depends on our ability to compete effectively.

We face intense competition from Indian and foreign commercial banks in all our products and services. Additionally, the Indian financial sector may experience further consolidation, resulting in fewer banks and financial institutions, some of which may have greater resources than us. The government of India has also announced measures that would permit foreign banks to establish wholly-owned subsidiaries in India or acquire up to 74.0% of any Indian private sector bank. Due to competitive pressures, we may be unable to successfully execute our growth strategy and offer products and services at reasonable returns and this may adversely impact our business, our future financial performance, our stockholders' equity and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

Significant security breaches in our computer system and network infrastructure and frauds could adversely impact our business.

We seek to protect our computer systems and network infrastructure from physical break-ins as well as security breaches and other disruptive problems caused by our increased use of the Internet. Computer break-ins and power disruptions could affect the security of information stored in and transmitted through these computer systems and network infrastructure. We employ security systems, including firewalls and password encryption, designed to minimize the risk of security breaches. Although we intend to continue to implement security technology and establish operational procedures to prevent break-ins, damage and failures, there can be no assurance that these security measures will be successful. A significant failure in security measures could have a material adverse effect on our business, our future financial performance and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs. Our business operations are based on a high volume of transactions. Although we take adequate measures to safeguard against system related and other frauds, there can be no assurance that we would be able to prevent frauds. Our reputation could be adversely affected by significant frauds committed by employees, customers or outsiders.

System failures could adversely impact our business.

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Given the increasing share of retail products and services and transaction banking services in our total business, the importance of systems technology to our business has increased significantly. Our principal delivery channels include ATMs, call centers and the Internet. Any failure in our systems, particularly for retail products and services and transaction banking, could significantly affect our operations and the quality of customer service and could result in business and financial losses and adversely affect the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

Any inability to attract and retain talented professionals may impact our business.

Attracting and retaining talented professionals is a key element of our strategy and we believe it to be a significant source of competitive advantage. An inability to attract and retain talented professionals or the resignation or loss of key management personnel may have an adverse impact on our business, our future financial performance and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

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### Risks Relating to the ADSs and Equity Shares

You will not be able to vote your ADSs.

ADS holders have no voting rights unlike holders of the equity shares who have voting rights. The depository will exercise its right to vote on the equity shares represented by the ADSs as directed by our board of directors. However, under the Banking Regulation Act, no person holding shares in a banking company can exercise more than 10.0% of the total voting power. This means that the depository, which owned approximately 21.8% of our equity shares as of August 27, 2004, could vote only 10.0% of our equity shares. If you wish, you may withdraw the equity shares underlying the ADSs and seek to vote the equity shares you obtain from the withdrawal. However, for foreign investors, this withdrawal process may be subject to delays. For a discussion of the legal restrictions triggered by a withdrawal of the equity shares from the depository facility upon surrender of ADSs, see "Restriction on Foreign Ownership of Indian Securities".

US investors will be subject to special tax rules, including the possible imposition of interest charges, if ICICI Bank is considered to be a passive foreign investment company.

Based upon certain proposed Treasury Regulations which are proposed to be effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1994 and upon certain management estimates, ICICI Bank does not expect to be a Passive Foreign Investment Company (PFIC). ICICI Bank has based the expectation that it is currently not a PFIC on, among other things, provisions in the proposed Treasury Regulations that provide that certain restricted reserves (including cash and securities) of banks are assets used in connection with banking activities and are not passive assets, as well as the composition of ICICI Bank's income and ICICI Bank's assets from time to time. Since there can be no assurance that such proposed Treasury Regulations will be finalized in their current form or not at all, and since the composition of income and assets of ICICI Bank will vary over time, there can be no assurance that ICICI Bank will not be considered a PFIC for any taxable year. If ICICI Bank is a PFIC for any taxable year during which a US investor (see "Taxation - United States Taxation") holds equity shares or ADSs of ICICI Bank, the US investor would be subject to special tax rules, including the possible imposition of interest charges (see "Taxation - United

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States Tax - Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules").

Your ability to withdraw equity shares from the depositary facility is uncertain and may be subject to delays.

India's restrictions on foreign ownership of Indian companies limit the number of shares that may be owned by foreign investors and generally require government approval for foreign ownership. Investors who withdraw equity shares from the depositary facility will be subject to Indian regulatory restrictions on foreign ownership upon withdrawal. It is possible that this withdrawal process may be subject to delays. For a discussion of the legal restrictions triggered by a withdrawal of equity shares from the depositary facility upon surrender of ADSs, see "Restriction on Foreign Ownership of Indian Securities".

Your ability to sell in India any equity shares withdrawn from the depositary facility may be subject to delays if specific approval of the Reserve Bank of India is required.

ADS holders seeking to sell in India any equity shares withdrawn upon surrender of an ADS will require the Reserve Bank of India's approval for each such transaction unless the sale of such equity shares is made on a stock exchange or in connection with an offer made under the regulations regarding takeovers. We cannot guarantee that any approval will be obtained in a timely manner or at all. Because of possible delays in obtaining requisite approvals, investors in equity shares may be prevented from realizing gains during periods of price increases or limiting losses during periods of price declines.

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Restrictions on withdrawal of ADSs from the depositary facility and redeposit of equity shares in the depositary facility could adversely affect the price of our ADSs.

An ADS holder who surrenders an ADS and withdraws equity shares may be able to redeposit those equity shares in the depositary facility in exchange for ADSs. In addition, an investor who has purchased equity shares in the Indian market may be able to deposit them in the ADS program. However, in either case, the deposit or redeposit of equity shares may be limited by securities law restrictions and will be restricted so that the cumulative aggregate number of equity shares that can be deposited or redeposited as of any time cannot exceed the cumulative aggregate number represented by ADSs converted into underlying equity shares as of such time. An investor who has purchased equity shares in the Indian market could, therefore, face restrictions in depositing them in the ADS program. This increases the risk that the market price of the ADSs will be below that of the equity shares. For a discussion of the legal restrictions triggered by withdrawal of ADSs from the depositary facility and redeposit of equity shares in the depositary facility, see "Restriction on Foreign Ownership of Indian Securities".

Certain shareholders own a large percentage of our equity shares. Their actions could adversely affect the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

Life Insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation of India and government-owned general insurance companies, each of which is directly or indirectly controlled by the Indian government, are among our principal shareholders. At August 27, 2004, government-controlled entities owned approximately 17.1% of our outstanding equity shares. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas holds the equity shares represented by 80.01 million ADSs outstanding and equivalent to 21.8% of our outstanding equity shares, as depositary on behalf of the holders of the ADSs. The ADSs are listed on the New

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York Stock Exchange. Our other large equity shareholders include Allamanda Investments Pte. Limited, a subsidiary of Temasek Holdings Limited, the government of Singapore, HWIC Asia Fund, an affiliate of Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited and Bajaj Auto Limited, an Indian company. Any substantial sale of our equity shares by these or other large shareholders could adversely affect the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

Conditions in the Indian securities market may affect the price or liquidity of our equity shares and our ADSs.

The Indian securities markets are smaller and more volatile than securities markets in developed economies. The Indian stock exchanges have in the past experienced substantial fluctuations in the prices of listed securities.

Indian stock exchanges have also experienced problems that have affected the market price and liquidity of the securities of Indian companies. These problems have included temporary exchange closures, broker defaults, settlement delays and strikes by brokers. The Stock Exchange, Mumbai, or the BSE, was closed for three days in March 1995 following a default by a broker. In March 2001, the BSE dropped 667 points or 15.6% and there were also rumors of insider trading in the BSE leading to the resignation of the BSE president and several other members of the governing board. In the same month, the Kolkata Stock Exchange, formerly known as the Calcutta Stock Exchange, suffered a payment crisis when several brokers defaulted and the exchange invoked guarantees provided by various Indian banks. In April 2003, the decline in the price of the equity shares of a leading Indian software company created volatility in the Indian stock markets and created temporary concerns regarding our exposure to the equity markets. On May 17, 2004, the BSE Sensex fell by 565 points from 5,070 to 4,505, creating temporary concerns regarding our exposure to the equity markets. Both the Stock Exchange, Mumbai and the National Stock Exchange halted trading on the exchanges on May 17, 2004 in view of the sharp fall in prices of securities. In addition, the governing bodies of the Indian stock exchanges have from time to time imposed restrictions on trading in certain securities, limitations on price movements and margin requirements. Further, from time to time, disputes have occurred between listed companies and stock exchanges and other regulatory bodies, which in some

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cases may have had a negative effect on market sentiment. In recent years, there have been changes in laws and regulations for the taxation of dividend income, which have impacted the Indian equity capital markets. See "Dividends". Similar problems or changes could occur in the future and, if they did, they could affect the market price and liquidity of our equity shares and our ADSs.

Settlement of trades of equity shares on Indian stock exchanges may be subject to delays.

The equity shares represented by the ADSs are currently listed on the Stock Exchange, Mumbai and the National Stock Exchange of India. Settlement on those stock exchanges may be subject to delays and an investor in equity shares withdrawn from the depositary facility upon surrender of ADSs may not be able to settle trades on such stock exchanges in a timely manner.

The imposition of securities transaction tax could adversely impact the Indian securities market and the price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

The government of India's budget for fiscal 2004 has introduced the securities transaction tax. Effective October 1, 2004, the purchase and sale of equity shares on a recognized stock exchange in India settled by

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actual delivery or transfer will be subject to securities transaction tax at the rate of 0.075%, on the value of the transaction, recoverable from the purchaser and the seller. See "Taxation - Taxation on sale of Equity Shares or ADSs". The introduction of the transaction tax could have a negative impact on market sentiment and trading volumes and may adversely impact the price of our equity shares and ADSs.

As a result of Indian government regulation of foreign ownership, the price of our ADSs could go down.

Foreign ownership of Indian securities is heavily regulated and is generally restricted. ADSs issued by companies in certain emerging markets, including India, may trade at a discount or premium to the underlying equity shares, in part because of the restrictions on foreign ownership of the underlying equity shares.

Your holdings may be diluted by additional issuances of equity and any dilution may adversely affect the market price of our equity shares and ADSs.

Subsequent to year-end fiscal 2004, we issued 115,920,758 new equity shares, representing 18.8% of our outstanding equity shares at year-end fiscal 2004. In addition, up to 5.0% of our issued equity shares may be issued in accordance with our employee stock option scheme to eligible employees. At August 31, 2004, ICICI Bank had granted a total of 28,941,975 stock options, of which 5,642,108 had been exercised, 5,809,619 had vested but had not been exercised and 2,373,639 had lapsed or been forfeited at that date. The total stock options granted, less options lapsed or forfeited, were 3.7 % of our issued equity shares. There is a risk that growth in our business, including in our international operations and our insurance business, could require us to fund this growth through additional equity offerings. Any future issuance of equity shares would dilute the positions of investors in the ADSs and equity shares, and could adversely affect the market price of our equity shares and our ADSs.

You may be unable to exercise preemptive rights available to other shareholders.

A company incorporated in India must offer its holders of equity shares preemptive rights to subscribe and pay for a proportionate number of shares to maintain their existing ownership percentages prior to the issuance of any new equity shares, unless these rights have been waived by at least 75.0% of the company's shareholders present and voting at a shareholders' general meeting. US investors in ADSs may be unable to exercise preemptive rights for equity shares underlying ADSs unless a registration statement under the Securities Act is effective with respect to such rights or an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available. Our decision to file a

registration statement will depend on the costs and potential liabilities associated with any such registration statement as well as the perceived benefits of enabling US investors in ADSs to exercise their preemptive rights and any other factors we consider appropriate at the time. We do not commit that we would file a registration statement under these circumstances. If ICICI Bank issues any such securities in the future, such securities may be issued to the depositary, which may sell such securities in the securities markets in India for the benefit of the investors in the ADSs. There can be no assurance as to the value, if any, the depositary would receive upon the sale of these

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securities. To the extent that investors in ADSs are unable to exercise preemptive rights, their proportional interests in ICICI Bank would be reduced.

Because the equity shares underlying the ADSs are quoted in rupees in India, you may be subject to potential losses arising out of exchange rate risk on the Indian rupee and risks associated with the conversion of rupee proceeds into foreign currency.

Investors that purchase ADSs are required to pay for the ADSs in US dollars. Investors are subject to currency fluctuation risk and convertibility risks since the equity shares are quoted in rupees on the Indian stock exchanges on which they are listed. Dividends on the equity shares will also be paid in rupees, and then converted into US dollars for distribution to ADS investors. Investors that seek to convert the rupee proceeds of a sale of equity shares withdrawn upon surrender of ADSs into foreign currency and export the foreign currency will need to obtain the approval of the Reserve Bank of India for each such transaction. In addition, investors that seek to sell equity shares withdrawn from the depositary facility will have to obtain approval from the Reserve Bank of India, unless the sale is made on a stock exchange or in connection with an offer made under the regulations regarding takeovers. Holders of rupees in India may also generally not purchase foreign currency without general or special approval from the Reserve Bank of India. However, dividends received by the depositary in rupees and, subject to approval by the Reserve Bank of India, rupee proceeds arising from the sale on an Indian stock exchange of equity shares, which have been withdrawn from the depositary facility, may be converted into US dollars at the market rate.

On an average annual basis, the rupee has declined against the US dollar since 1980. As measured by the Reserve Bank of India's reference rate, the rupee lost approximately 12.8% of its value against the US dollar from September 1999 to May 2002, depreciating from Rs. 43.47 per US\$ 1.00 on September 1, 1999 to Rs. 49.03 per US\$ 1.00 on May 31, 2002 before appreciating to Rs. 45.39 per US\$ 1.00 on May 28, 2004. The rupee has depreciated again by 4.2% since May 28, 2004 to reach Rs. 47.31 per US\$ 1.00 on August 27, 2004. In addition, in the past, the Indian economy has experienced severe foreign exchange shortages.

You may be subject to Indian taxes arising out of capital gains.

Generally, capital gains, whether short-term or long-term, arising on the sale of the underlying equity shares in India are subject to Indian capital gains tax. For the purpose of computing the amount of capital gains subject to tax, Indian law specifies that the cost of acquisition of the equity shares will be deemed to be the share price prevailing on the BSE or the National Stock Exchange on the date the depositary advises the custodian to redeem receipts in exchange for underlying equity shares. The period of holding of such equity shares, for determining whether the gain is long-term or short-term, commences on the date of the giving of such notice by the depositary to the custodian. Investors are advised to consult their own tax advisers and to consider carefully the potential tax consequences of an investment in the ADSs.

There may be less company information available in Indian securities markets than securities markets in developed countries.

There is a difference between the level of regulation and monitoring of the Indian securities markets and the activities of investors, brokers and other participants and that of markets in the United States and other developed countries. The Securities and Exchange Board of India is responsible for

improving disclosure and other regulatory standards for the Indian securities markets. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has issued regulations and guidelines on disclosure requirements, insider trading and other matters. There may, however, be less publicly available information about Indian companies than is regularly made available by public companies in developed countries.

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## BUSINESS

### Overview

We offer a wide range of banking products and services to corporate and retail customers through a variety of delivery channels. In fiscal 2004, we made a net profit of Rs. 5.2 billion (US\$ 120 million) compared to a net loss of Rs. 8.0 billion (US\$ 184 million) in fiscal 2003. At year-end fiscal 2004, we had assets of Rs. 1,409.1 billion (US\$ 32.5 billion) and stockholders' equity of Rs. 94.5 billion (US\$ 2.2 billion).

ICICI Bank was organized under the laws of India in 1994 as a private sector commercial bank. ICICI Bank was an affiliate company of ICICI. ICICI was organized under the laws of India in 1955 and together with its subsidiaries and affiliates was a diversified financial services group. In April 2002, ICICI and two of its subsidiaries, ICICI Personal Financial Services and ICICI Capital Services merged with and into ICICI Bank in an all-stock amalgamation.

Statement on Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 on "Business Combinations", issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, requires that business combinations be accounted for in the period in which the combination is consummated. The effective date of the amalgamation for accounting purposes under US GAAP was April 1, 2002. Accordingly, under US GAAP, the amalgamation has been reflected in the financial statements for fiscal 2003 and fiscal 2004 contained in this annual report, as it was consummated in April 2002. Under US GAAP, the amalgamation was accounted for as a reverse acquisition. This means that ICICI was recognized as the accounting acquirer in the amalgamation, although ICICI Bank was the legal acquirer. Accordingly, the financial statements and other financial information contained in this annual report for fiscal 2002 and prior years, except where specifically stated otherwise, present the assets, liabilities and results of operations of ICICI.

Under Indian GAAP, the amalgamation was accounted for on March 30, 2002, the Appointed Date specified in the Scheme of Amalgamation, with ICICI Bank recognized as the accounting acquirer.

During fiscal 2004, we offered products and services in the areas of commercial banking to corporate and retail customers, both domestic and international, investment banking and other products including insurance.

Our commercial banking products and services for retail customers include both retail loans and retail liability products and services. We offer a wide range of retail credit products including home loans, automobile loans, commercial vehicle loans, two wheeler loans, dealer financing, personal loans, credit cards, loans against time deposits and loans against shares. We also offer loans and fee-based services to small enterprises, which include suppliers and dealers of large corporations, and clusters of small enterprises that have a homogeneous profile. We take rupee and foreign currency deposits from customers in India as well as non-resident Indians. Our deposit products include checking accounts and time deposits, with specific products for customers in various

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segments, like student accounts, payroll accounts, accounts for small businesses and non-resident Indian accounts. We also offer retail bond products. Our other retail products and services include private banking, debit cards, fund transfer facilities and utility bill payment services. We also distribute third party investment products, including government of India Relief Bonds, mutual funds and insurance policies issued by our joint ventures, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company and ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company.

Our commercial banking operations for corporate customers include a range of products and services for India's leading corporations and growth-oriented middle market businesses. Our products and services for corporate customers include loan products and fee and commission-based products and services. Our loan products consist of project finance, corporate finance and working capital loans, including cash credit facilities and bill discounting. Fee and commission-based products and

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services include documentary credits, standby letters of credit, project finance guarantees, cash management services, escrow and trust and retention accounts, cross-border trade services, payment services, custodial services and loan syndication. We also take rupee or foreign currency deposits with fixed or floating interest bases from our corporate customers. Our deposit taking products include certificates of deposit, checking accounts and time deposits. We also offer agricultural financing products.

Our investment banking business includes ICICI Bank's treasury operations. ICICI Bank's treasury operations include maintenance and management of regulatory reserves, proprietary trading in equity, fixed income and foreign exchange, a range of products and services for corporate customers, such as forward contracts and interest rate and currency swaps, and foreign exchange products and services. Through its treasury operations, ICICI Bank manages its balance sheet including the maintenance of required regulatory reserves and seeks to optimize profits from its trading portfolio by taking advantage of market opportunities. There is no restriction on active management of ICICI Bank's regulatory portfolio through sales and purchases of securities. Our investment banking business also includes corporate advisory services, including advice on financing and strategic transactions, underwriting and placement of equity offerings and brokering, and fixed income operations, including primary dealership in government securities and proprietary operations in various money market instruments, all of which are undertaken by ICICI Securities Limited, our investment banking subsidiary. Funds managed by our subsidiary ICICI Venture Funds Management Company Limited provide venture capital funding to start-up companies, as well as private equity to a range of companies.

Our other businesses include life insurance and non-life insurance. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company, our joint venture with Prudential plc, offers a range of life insurance products to individuals in India. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company, our joint venture with Lombard Canada Limited, offers property and other non-life insurance products to companies and individuals in India.

We believe that the international markets present a major growth opportunity and have, therefore, expanded the range of our commercial banking products to international customers. Our strategy for growth in international markets is based on leveraging home country links and technology for international expansion by capturing market share in select international markets. We have identified North America, the United Kingdom, the Middle-East and South-East Asia as the key regions for establishing our international

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presence. We currently have subsidiaries in the United Kingdom and Canada, branches in Singapore and Bahrain and representative offices in the United States, China, United Arab Emirates and Bangladesh. We have also received regulatory approval to set up a representative office in South Africa and propose to establish a subsidiary in Russia.

We offer our customers a choice of delivery channels including physical branches, ATMs, telephone banking call centers and the Internet. In recent years, we have expanded our physical delivery channels, including bank branches and ATMs, to cover a total of approximately 1,790 locations in 311 centers throughout India at year-end fiscal 2004.

We have consistently used technology to differentiate our products and services from those of our competitors. For example, we were among the first banks in India to offer Internet banking. Our technology-driven products also include cash management services, mobile phone banking services and electronic commerce-based business-to-business and business-to-consumer banking solutions. To support our technology initiatives, we have set up online real time transaction processing systems. We remain focused on changes in customer needs and technological advances and seek to remain at the forefront of electronic banking in India.

Our legal name is ICICI Bank Limited but we are known commercially as ICICI Bank. We were incorporated on January 5, 1994 under the laws of India as a limited liability corporation. The duration of ICICI Bank is unlimited. Our principal corporate office is located at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Mumbai 400 051, India, our telephone number is +91 22 2653 1414 and our

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web site address is [www.icicibank.com](http://www.icicibank.com). Our agent for service of process in the United States is CT Corporation System and their address is 111 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York, 10011.

### History

ICICI was formed in 1955 at the initiative of the World Bank, the government of India and representatives of Indian industry. The principal objective was to create a development financial institution for providing medium-term and long-term project financing to Indian businesses. Until the late 1980s, ICICI primarily focused its activities on project finance, providing long-term funds to a variety of industrial projects. With the liberalization of the financial sector in India in the 1990s, ICICI transformed its business from a development financial institution offering only project finance to a diversified financial services provider that, along with its subsidiaries and other group companies, offered a wide variety of products and services. As India's economy became more market-oriented and integrated with the world economy, ICICI capitalized on the new opportunities to provide a wider range of financial products and services to a broader spectrum of clients.

ICICI Bank was incorporated in 1994 as a part of the ICICI group. ICICI Bank's initial equity capital was contributed 75.0% by ICICI and 25.0% by SCICI Limited, a diversified finance and shipping finance lender of which ICICI owned 19.9% at December 1996. Pursuant to the merger of SCICI into ICICI, ICICI Bank became a wholly-owned subsidiary of ICICI. Effective March 10, 2001, ICICI Bank acquired Bank of Madura, an old private sector bank, in an all-stock merger.

The issue of universal banking, which in the Indian context means conversion of long-term lending institutions such as ICICI into commercial

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banks, has been discussed at length over the past few years. Conversion into a bank offered ICICI the ability to accept low-cost demand deposits and offer a wider range of products and services, and greater opportunities for earning non-fund based income in the form of banking fees and commissions. ICICI Bank also considered various strategic alternatives in the context of the emerging competitive scenario in the Indian banking industry. ICICI Bank identified a large capital base and size and scale of operations as key success factors in the Indian banking industry. In view of the benefits of transformation into a bank and the Reserve Bank of India's pronouncements on universal banking, ICICI and ICICI Bank decided to merge.

At the time of the merger, both ICICI Bank and ICICI were publicly listed in India and on the New York Stock Exchange. The amalgamation was approved by each of the boards of directors of ICICI, ICICI Personal Financial Services, ICICI Capital Services and ICICI Bank at the respective board meetings held on October 25, 2001. The amalgamation was approved by ICICI Bank's and ICICI's shareholders at their extraordinary general meetings held on January 25, 2002 and January 30, 2002, respectively. The amalgamation was sanctioned by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad on March 7, 2002 and by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay on April 11, 2002. The amalgamation was approved by the Reserve Bank of India on April 26, 2002. The amalgamation became effective on May 3, 2002 and the date of the amalgamation for accounting purposes under US GAAP was April 1, 2002. Pursuant to the amalgamation, the shareholders of ICICI were issued ICICI Bank equity shares in the ratio of one fully paid-up equity share, par value Rs. 10 per share, of ICICI Bank for every two fully paid-up equity shares, par value Rs. 10 per share, of ICICI Bank. As there were five ICICI equity shares underlying each ICICI ADS and two ICICI Bank equity shares underlying each ICICI Bank ADS, holders of ICICI ADSs were issued five ICICI Bank ADSs for every four ICICI ADSs.

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### Shareholding Structure and Relationship with the Government of India

The following table sets forth, at August 27, 2004, certain information regarding the ownership of our equity shares.

	Percentage of total equity shares outstanding	Nu
Government-controlled shareholders:		
Life Insurance Corporation of India.....	10.11	
General Insurance Corporation of India and government-owned general insurance companies.....	6.30	
Other government-controlled institutions, corporations and banks.....	0.67	
Total government-controlled shareholders.....	17.08	
Other Indian investors:		
Individual domestic investors (1) (2).....	7.92	
Bajaj Auto Limited .....	3.40	
Indian corporates and others (excluding Bajaj Auto Limited).....	0.97	

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Mutual funds and banks (other than government-controlled banks).....	0.53
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Total other Indian investors.....	12.82
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Total Indian investors.....	29.90
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Foreign investors:	
Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as depository.....	21.79
Allamanda Investments Pte. Limited.....	9.02
HWIC Asia Fund.....	4.63
Government of Singapore.....	4.22
Foreign institutional investors, foreign banks, overseas corporate bodies and non-resident Indians (excluding Allamanda Investments Pte. Limited, HWIC Asia Fund and Government of Singapore) (1).....	30.44
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Total foreign investors.....	70.10
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Total .....	100.00
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(1) Executive officers and directors as a group held less than 0.5% of the equity shares as of this date.

(2) No single shareholder in this group owned 5.0% or more of ICICI Bank's equity shares as of this date.

In April 2004, we issued 115,920,758 equity shares to foreign and domestic institutional investors and domestic retail investors at a price of Rs. 280 (US\$ 6) per share, totaling Rs. 32.5 billion (US\$ 748 million).

The holding of government-controlled shareholders was 17.1% as at August 27, 2004 against 17.8% at August 29, 2003. The holding of Life Insurance Corporation of India was 10.1% at August 27, 2004 compared to 8.0% at August 29, 2003 primarily due to the issuance of shares to Life Insurance Corporation of India in April 2004.

We operate as an autonomous and commercial enterprise, making decisions and pursuing strategies that are designed to maximize shareholder value, and the Indian government has never directly held any of our shares. There is no shareholders' agreement or voting trust relating to the ownership of the shares held by the government-controlled shareholders. We do not have any agreement with our government-controlled shareholders regarding management control, voting rights, anti-dilution or any other matter. The government of India has guaranteed certain of our domestic and multilateral borrowings. Under the terms of these loan and guarantee facilities provided by the government of India to us, the government of India is entitled to appoint and has appointed one representative to our board. We invite a representative of each of the government-controlled insurance

companies that are among our principal institutional shareholders, Life Insurance Corporation of India and General Insurance Corporation of India, generally their respective chairman, on our board. Mr. P.C. Ghosh, the current chairman of the General Insurance Corporation of India was appointed as a

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director effective January 31, 2003. Mr. S.B. Mathur, chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India was appointed as a director effective January 29, 2004. See "Management--Directors and Executive Officers" for a discussion of the composition of our board of directors.

The holding of other Indian investors was 12.8% as at August 27, 2004, against 15.6% as at August 29, 2003. The total holding of Indian investors was 29.9% as at August 27, 2004 compared to 33.4% as at August 29, 2003. The holding of foreign investors increased to 70.1% as at August 27, 2004 from 66.7% at August 29, 2003. See "Supervision and Regulation - Reserve Bank of India Regulations - Ownership Restrictions" and "Restriction on Foreign Ownership of Indian Securities".

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas holds the equity shares represented by 80.01 million ADSs outstanding as depository on behalf of the holders of the ADSs. The ADSs are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The depository has the right to vote on the equity shares represented by the ADSs as directed by our board of directors. Under the Indian Banking Regulation Act, no person holding shares in a banking company can exercise more than 10.0% of the total voting power. This means that Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (as depository), which owned approximately 21.8% of our equity shares as of August 27, 2004, could only vote 10.0% of our equity shares, in accordance with the directions of our board of directors. See "Overview of the Indian Financial Sector - Recent Structural Reforms - Proposed Amendments to the Banking Regulation Act". Except as stated above, no shareholder has differential voting rights.

### Strategy

Our objective is to enhance our position as a premier provider of banking and other financial services in India and to leverage our competencies in financial services and technology to develop our international business.

The key elements of our business strategy are to:

- o fully leverage on the synergies of the amalgamation and our enhanced capital base following our recent share issuance;
- o focus on profitable, quality growth opportunities by:
  - maintaining and enhancing our strong retail franchise;
  - maintaining and enhancing our strong corporate franchise;
  - building an international presence; and
  - enhancing our strengths in the insurance business.
- o emphasize conservative risk management practices and enhance asset quality;
- o use technology for competitive advantage; and
- o attract and retain talented professionals.

### Fully Leverage on the Synergies of the Amalgamation and Our Enhanced Capital Base following Our Recent Share Issuance

As a result of the acquisition of Bank of Madura, we became and continue to be the largest private sector bank in India and as a result of the amalgamation, we became and continue to be the second largest among all banks in India, in terms of total assets. The amalgamation increased our capital base, lowered the cost of our funding compared to ICICI and expanded the scope of our business operations. Subsequent to year-end fiscal 2004, we completed a share issuance of Rs. 32.5 billion (US\$ 748 million) to support growth in various areas of our business operations. We aim to continue to leverage on our larger size and enhanced capital base, comprehensive suite of products and

services, extensive corporate and retail customer relationships, technology-enabled distribution architecture, strong brand franchise and vast talent pool to develop and increase our market share in profitable business lines.

Focus on Profitable, Quality Growth Opportunities by:

Maintaining and Enhancing our Strong Retail Franchise

We believe that the Indian retail financial services market is likely to continue to experience sustained growth. With upward migration of household income levels, increasing affordability of retail finance and acceptance of use of credit to finance purchases, retail credit has emerged as a rapidly growing opportunity for banks that have the necessary skills and infrastructure to succeed in this business. We have capitalized on the growing retail opportunity in India and believe that we have emerged, on an incremental basis, as a market leader in retail credit. The key dimensions of our retail strategy are innovative products, parity pricing, customer convenience, wide distribution, strong processes, prudent risk management and customer focus. We are also focusing on growth in our retail deposit base to diversify our funding towards more stable and lower cost funding sources. We earn fee income from our commercial banking services to retail customers, including retail loan processing fees, credit card and debit card fees, and retail transaction fees. Our ATM acquiring business also generates fee income when customers of other banks execute transactions at our ATMs. We have also entered the credit card acquiring business, in which we earn income on transactions executed at merchant point of sale terminals owned by us. We also offer our customers depository share accounts and direct sales of third party mutual funds and government of India Relief Bonds, for which we earn fee income. Cross selling of the entire range of credit and investment products and banking services to our customers is a critical aspect of our retail strategy. We will also continue to securitize a portion of the retail assets originated by us.

We have integrated our strategy with regard to small enterprises with our strategy for retail products and services. We are focusing on offering working capital loans and other banking products and services to suppliers or dealers of large corporations, and clusters of small enterprises that have a homogeneous profile.

Maintaining and Enhancing our Strong Corporate Franchise

Our commercial banking services to corporate customers will continue to focus on leveraging our strong corporate relationships and increased capital base to increase our market share in non-fund based working capital products and fee-based services. Our corporate lending activities will continue to focus on structured finance, corporate finance and working capital lending to highly rated corporations. We will also focus on achieving directed lending obligations to the agricultural sector through carefully structured credit products. The government policy focus on infrastructure development, including resolution of certain issues through legislation, and the repositioning and emerging global competitiveness of the Indian industry offer growth opportunities in the area of project financing. In project finance, we will continue to focus on structuring and syndication of financing for large projects by leveraging our expertise in project financing, and on actively managing our project finance portfolio to reduce portfolio concentration and to manage portfolio risk. We view ourselves not only as a provider of project finance but also as an arranger and facilitator, creating appropriate financing structures that may serve as

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financing and investment vehicles for a wider range of market participants.

Our goal is to provide a comprehensive and integrated service to corporate treasurers through our client bankers. We aim to increase the cross selling of our products and services and maximize the value of our corporate relationships through the effective use of technology, speedy response times, quality service and the provision of products and services designed to meet specific customer needs. We will continue to actively manage our asset portfolio through securitization of assets as well as

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through acquisition of credit portfolios from other institutions and banks, to diversify the portfolio, reduce long-term balance sheet exposures and maximize risk-adjusted returns.

### Building an International Presence

We believe that the international markets present a major growth opportunity and have therefore expanded the range of our commercial banking products in international markets. Our initial strategy for growth in international markets is based on leveraging home country links for international expansion by capturing market share in select international markets. The initial focus areas are supporting Indian companies in raising corporate and project finance for their investments abroad, trade finance, personal financial services for non-resident Indians and international alliances to support domestic businesses. We have over the last few years built a large network of correspondent relationships across all major countries. Most of these countries have significant trade and other relationships with India.

We have identified North America, the United Kingdom, the Middle-East and South-East Asia as the key regions for establishing our international presence. We currently have subsidiaries in the United Kingdom and Canada, branches in Singapore and Bahrain and representative offices in the United States, China, United Arab Emirates and Bangladesh. We have also received regulatory approval to set up a representative office in South Africa and propose to establish a subsidiary in Russia.

With the establishment of a presence in key overseas locations, we aim to expand our offering to include local banking to non-resident Indians as well as to the broader local market. We propose to increase our scale of operations in each of these locations by launching appropriate products that leverage our technological capabilities and relative cost efficiencies.

### Enhancing Our Strengths in the Insurance Business

Following the deregulation of the insurance sector in India, private sector companies were allowed to enter the insurance business. We have a joint venture partnership with Prudential plc of UK for the life insurance business. We have a 74.0% interest in this joint venture. This joint venture company, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited, obtained the license to conduct life insurance business in November 2000 and commenced business operations in December 2000. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company is the largest private sector life insurance company in India, with about 31% market share in the private sector based on incremental premium income (i.e., new business) in fiscal 2004. ICICI Bank distributes life insurance policies issued by ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company through ICICI Bank's branch network, based on a customer referral arrangement.

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In the non-life insurance sector, we have a joint venture partnership with Lombard Canada Limited. We have a 74.0% interest in this joint venture. The joint venture company, ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited, obtained the license to conduct general insurance business in August 2001 and subsequently commenced operations. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company is the largest private sector general insurance company in India, with about 22% market share in the private sector in fiscal 2004. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company offers general insurance products to corporate and retail customers and seeks to capitalize on our customer relationships.

The key dimensions of our strategy for growth in the insurance business are innovative products, a wide distribution network, a prudent portfolio mix and sound risk management practices. In addition, we are focussed on leveraging our corporate and retail customer base for cross selling insurance products.

### Emphasize Conservative Risk Management Practices and Enhance Asset Quality

We believe that conservative risk management policies, processes and controls are critical for long-term sustainable competitive advantages in our business. ICICI Bank's Risk Management Group

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is an independent, centralized group responsible for establishing and implementing company-wide risk management policies, with an increasing focus on enhancing asset quality. An independent, centralized Compliance and Audit Group and a Middle Office Group monitor adherence to regulations, policies and procedures. We continue to build on our credit risk management procedures, credit evaluation and rating methodology, credit risk pricing models, proprietary analytics and monitoring and control mechanisms. We expect to enter new product markets only after conducting detailed risk analysis and pilot testing programs.

To reduce risk, we have diversified our loan portfolio towards retail lending and shorter-term working capital, while continuing to focus on corporate lending to highly-rated corporate customers and structured finance. In addition, we seek to lower the credit risk profile of the project and corporate loan portfolio through the increased use of financing structures based on a security interest in the cash flows generated from the business of the borrower and increased collateral, including additional security in the form of liquid assets, such as investment securities and readily marketable real property. We are also trying to mitigate project risk through the allocation of risk to various project counterparties, such as construction contractors, operations and maintenance contractors and raw material and fuel suppliers, by entering into rigorous project contracts with those counterparties. We seek to control credit risk in the retail loan portfolio, the small enterprises loan portfolio and the agricultural financing portfolio through carefully designed approval criteria and credit controls and efficient collection and recovery systems. We have placed emphasis on recruiting experienced retail credit professionals to staff our retail credit approval function. We have also established standards and investigative verification procedures for selection of our marketing and processing agents. While our lending to the agricultural sector and small scale industries to comply with the priority sector lending norms of the Reserve Bank of India may result in higher credit risk, we are seeking to develop appropriate credit approval criteria and credit delivery structures to mitigate this risk.

Management has placed great emphasis on asset quality and this focus has been institutionalized across the organization. We believe we are the market driver in India in achieving early settlements with troubled borrowers, thus

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maximizing our cash flows from these loans. Our Special Asset Management Group has the responsibility for managing large impaired loans and accounts under watch.

### Use Technology for Competitive Advantage

We seek to be at the forefront of technology usage in the financial services sector. Information technology is a strategic tool for our business operations to gain a competitive advantage and to improve overall productivity and efficiency of the organization. All of our technology initiatives are aimed at enhancing value, offering customer convenience and improving service levels while optimizing costs.

We expect to continue with our policy of making investments in technology to achieve a significant competitive advantage. The key objectives behind our information technology strategy continue to be:

- o building a cost-efficient distribution network to accelerate the development of our retail franchise;
- o enhancing cross selling and client segmenting capability by using analytical tools and efficient data storage and retrieval systems;
- o improving credit risk and market risk management; and
- o improving product and client profitability analysis.

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### Attract and Retain Talented Professionals

We believe a key to our success will be our ability to continue to maintain and grow a pool of strong and experienced professionals. We have been successful in building a team of talented professionals with relevant experience, including experts in credit evaluation, risk management, retail consumer products, treasury, technology and marketing. Recruitment is a key management activity and we continue to attract graduates from the premier Indian business schools as well as employees with other professional qualifications. Recruitment and assimilation of talented professionals from other organizations is a key element of our strategy.

Our management team is committed to enhancing shareholder value and our performance targets seek to meet this primary objective. We believe we have created the right balance of performance bonuses, stock options and other economic incentives for our employees so that they will be challenged to develop business, achieve profitability targets and control risk. We intend to continuously re-engineer our management and organizational structure to allow us to respond effectively to changes in the business environment and enhance our overall profitability.

### Overview of ICICI Bank's Products and Services

We offer products and services in the areas of commercial banking to retail and corporate customers, both domestic and international, investment banking and other products like insurance.

#### Commercial Banking

#### Commercial Banking Products and Services for Retail Customers

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### General

We believe that the Indian retail financial services market is likely to continue to experience sustained growth in the future. With upward migration of household income levels, increasing affordability of retail finance and acceptance of use of credit to finance purchases, retail credit has emerged as a rapidly growing opportunity for banks that have the necessary skills and infrastructure to succeed in this business. We have capitalized on the growing retail opportunity in India and believe that we have emerged as a market leader in retail credit on an incremental basis. The key dimensions of our retail strategy are innovative products, parity pricing, customer convenience, wide distribution, strong processes, prudent risk management and customer focus. Cross selling of the entire range of credit and investment products and banking services to our customers is a critical aspect of our retail strategy.

We offer a wide variety of consumer credit products such as home loans, automobile loans, commercial vehicle loans, two wheeler loans, dealer financing, personal loans, credit cards, loans against time deposits and loans against shares. Our total retail loans at year-end fiscal 2004 included consumer loans and credit card receivables of Rs. 311.9 billion (US\$ 7.2 billion), which were 39.2% of our total gross loans at year-end fiscal 2004.

Our commercial banking operations for retail customers also consist of raising deposits from retail customers. In addition, we offer retail liability products in the form of a variety of unsecured redeemable bonds. Issuance of these bonds to the public was undertaken by ICICI and continued by us following the amalgamation pursuant to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India.

ICICI Bank's affiliate Prudential ICICI Asset Management Company, a joint venture between Prudential Corporation plc of the United Kingdom and ICICI Bank, offers a variety of mutual fund products. All of ICICI Bank's retail products are marketed under the "ICICI Bank" brand. To enhance our brand equity, we undertake comprehensive brand building and advertising campaigns with advertisements in print and television. Studies undertaken periodically by independent market research agencies commissioned by us have shown that our brand is among the top two financial services brands in India.

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### Retail Lending Activities

We offer a range of retail asset products, including home loans, automobile loans, commercial vehicle loans, two wheeler loans, personal loans and credit cards. We also fund dealers who sell automobiles, two wheelers and commercial vehicles. We also provide loans against time deposits and loans against shares, including for subscriptions to initial public offerings of Indian companies.

### Home Finance

Our home finance business involves giving long-term secured housing loans to individuals and corporations. We also provide construction finance to builders. We provide housing loans directly and also through our wholly-owned subsidiary called ICICI Home Finance Company, which serves as the focal point for marketing, distribution and servicing of our home loan products. Currently, these loans are being given to resident and non-resident Indians for the purchase, construction and extension of residential premises and to self-employed professionals for office premises. At year-end fiscal 2004, our total home finance loans were approximately 53.0% of our consumer loans and

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credit card receivables.

### Automobile Finance

Automobile finance generally involves the provision of retail consumer credit for an average maturity of three to five years to acquire specified new and used automobiles. Automobile loans are secured by a lien on the purchased automobile. We have "preferred financier" status with 12 car manufacturers in India. We have a strong external distribution network and a strong in-house team to manage the distribution network which has been instrumental in achieving this leadership position. At year-end fiscal 2004, our total automobile finance loans were approximately 22.0% of our consumer loans and credit card receivables. We also give loans for the purchase of two wheelers. At year-end fiscal 2004, our total two wheeler finance loans were approximately 3.0% of our consumer loans and credit card receivables.

### Commercial Business

We fund commercial vehicles, utility vehicles and construction and farm equipment sold through manufacturer-authorized dealers. The finance is generally for a maximum term of five to seven years through loans, hire purchase agreements or a lease. At year-end fiscal 2004, our total commercial business loans were approximately 13.0% of our consumer loans and credit card receivables.

### Personal Loans

Personal loans are unsecured loans provided to customers for various purposes such as higher education, medical expenses, social events and holidays. At year-end fiscal 2004, our total personal loans were approximately 2.7% of our consumer loans and credit card receivables.

### Credit Cards

In January 2000, ICICI Bank launched its credit card operations. As the Indian economy develops, we expect that the retail market will seek short-term credit for personal uses, and our offering of credit cards will facilitate further extension of our retail credit business. We also expect that as credit usage increases, we will be able to leverage our customer relationships to cross sell additional retail and consumer-oriented products and services. At year-end fiscal 2004, we had approximately 2.3 million credit cards and our credit card receivables were approximately 3.4% of our consumer loans and credit card receivables.

### Dealer Funding

We fund dealers who sell automobiles, two wheelers, consumer durables and commercial vehicles. These loans are generally given for a short term. In May 2003, we acquired Transamerica

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Apple Distribution Finance Private Limited, which has now been renamed ICICI Distribution Finance Private Limited. ICICI Distribution Finance was primarily engaged in providing distribution financing in the two-wheeler segment. The acquisition supplemented our retail franchise, especially in the two-wheeler segment.

### Lending to Small Enterprises

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We are seeking to extend our reach to the growing small enterprises sector without the accompanying high credit risks which are normally associated with advances to small enterprises, through our Small Enterprises Group. This group focuses on supply chain financing, including the financing of selected suppliers of our existing corporate clients. Typically, the financing is in the form of short-term revolving facilities with overdraft or bill discounting limits and is extended only to carefully pre-selected suppliers and dealers to be used only for genuine transactions with our corporate clients. The group is also involved in financing based on a cluster or community based approach, that is, financing of small enterprises that have a homogeneous profile such as apparel manufacturers and manufacturers of pharmaceuticals.

### Retail Deposits

Our retail deposit products include the following:

- o time deposits including:
  - recurring deposits, which are periodic deposits of a fixed amount over a fixed term that accrue interest at a fixed rate and may be withdrawn before maturity by paying penalties; and
  - certificates of deposit;
- o savings accounts, which are demand deposits that accrue interest at a fixed rate set by the Reserve Bank of India (currently 3.5% per annum) and upon which checks can be drawn; and
- o current accounts, which are non-interest-bearing demand deposits.

In addition to deposits from Indian residents, we accept time and savings deposits from non-resident Indians, foreign nationals of Indian origin and foreign nationals working in India. These deposits are accepted on a repatriable and a non-repatriable basis and are maintained in rupees and select foreign currencies. See also "-- Products and Services for International Customers".

For a description of the Reserve Bank of India's regulations applicable to deposits in India and required deposit insurance, see "Supervision and Regulation -- Regulations Relating to Deposits" and "Supervision and Regulation -- Deposit Insurance".

In addition to our conventional deposit products, we offer a variety of special value-added products and services which seek to maximize returns as well as convenience for our customers. Following a strategy focused on customer profiles and product segmentation, we offer differentiated liability products to various categories of customers depending on their age group, such as Young Star Accounts for children below the age of 18 years, Student Banking Services for students, Salary Accounts for salaried employees and Senior Citizens Account for individuals above the age of 60 years. We have also micro-segmented various categories of customers to offer targeted products, like private banking for high net worth individuals, defense banking services for defense personnel, Special Savings Accounts for trusts and Roaming Current Accounts for businessmen.

### Salary Accounts

In September 1996, ICICI Bank introduced "Power Pay", a direct deposit product for its corporate customers, to help them streamline their salary payment systems for their employees. This product allows the employees' salaries to be directly credited to a special individual savings account

established for this purpose. Renamed as "Salary Account" in 2002, this product provides us with a competitive advantage as these new payroll account holders often open other accounts with us, including time deposits. We also seek to market our retail credit products to our salary account holders. We aim to deliver value to corporates and their employees by offering end-to-end financial solutions from salary processing through strategic alliances, offering payment services through checks, debit and credit cards as well as online bill payment and in-house as well as third party investment vehicles. By year-end fiscal 2004, over 25,000 corporate clients were using Salary Accounts.

#### Auto Invest Account

Our auto invest account is a savings account product that offers the customer liquidity as well as higher returns than an ordinary savings account. This product provides weekly automatic transfer of idle balances, above a certain minimum amount, from savings accounts to time deposits, resulting in higher yields. Whenever there is a shortfall in the customer's savings account, deposits are automatically transferred back from the time deposit account, in units of Rs. 10,000 (US\$ 230) to meet the shortfall. A similar product is available for current accounts. Our time deposits at year-end fiscal 2004 included current and savings account linked deposits of approximately Rs. 100.4 billion (US\$ 2.3 billion).

#### Roaming Current Account

We launched a current account product called "Business Multiplier" in July 2000 to meet the needs of the small enterprises segment. This product was re-launched in September 2002 as "Roaming Current Account" and offers flexibility to customers to choose from five product options with varying minimum average quarterly balance requirements. In addition to conventional banking facilities, this product offers a multi-city current account facility, anywhere banking facility, cash deposit and withdrawal facility across branches and doorstep banking. Customers can access their account through the corporate Internet banking platform and a 24-hour telephone banking facility and can receive account balance information on mobile telephones and electronic mail.

#### Service charges for deposit accounts

Service charges on deposit accounts mainly comprise of levies to savings account customers for non-maintenance of the minimum quarterly average balance. Savings account customers, other than salary account customers, are generally required to maintain Rs 5,000 (US\$ 115) as the minimum average balance. Non-maintenance of the minimum balance attracts charges of Rs. 750 (US\$ 17) for the quarter.

For more information on the type, cost and maturity profile of our deposits, see "-- Funding".

#### Private Banking

Our private banking services seek to meet the entire banking and financial advisory needs of customers with a high net worth. At present, we offer this preferred banking product to clients with a banking relationship size in excess of Rs. 500,000 (US\$ 11,521). Private banking services offer competitive pricing on certain asset products and preferential rates for select services, along with personalized service. In addition, our private banking services offer financial planning and investment advisory services to assist our customers in their

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investment and savings plans. The services offered include assistance in risk profiling and regular monitoring and performance review of the client's investment and savings portfolio.

### Debit Cards

We offer an international debit card, branded as ICICINCash, in association with VISA International on its popular VISA Electron signature-based platform. This provides a greater choice of payment solutions to customers. It provides customers a safer and more convenient alternative to

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carrying cash both locally and internationally. The ICICINCash debit card enables direct deductions of the purchase amount from the customer's account from any VISA-enabled merchant establishment and ATM around the world. We earn an annual fee of Rs. 99 (US\$ 2) for every card and an interchange fee of 1.1% of the amount spent through the debit card. We had a debit card base of over 5.8 million cards at year-end fiscal 2004.

### Bond Issues

During fiscal 2004, we raised Rs. 13.5 billion (US\$ 311 million) through bond issuances. We had about 5.1 million bondholder accounts at year-end fiscal 2004. We may continue to offer similar bonds to the public subject to regulations, though deposits are and will be our primary source of funding.

### Internet banking services

We offer Internet banking services to retail customers through our website [www.icicibank.com](http://www.icicibank.com). We believe that the increasing number of Internet users, the demographic characteristics of those users and the relative flexibility and convenience of internet banking provides us an opportunity to capitalize on our experience and to increase market share in retail banking. Services offered to our Internet banking customers include online access to account information, placement of time deposits, secure mail box facility for communication with ICICI Bank, bill and credit card payments through ICICI Bank and transfer of funds to third party within ICICI Bank or to any account outside ICICI Bank in select cities. We had approximately 6.1 million Internet banking accounts at fiscal year-end 2004.

### Online Bill Payment

We have tie-ups with several telecommunication companies, utility providers, insurance companies and internet shopping portals for online payment of bills by our internet banking customers. We currently offer this service free to our customers with the intention of building a base of users. This service is based on cost sharing arrangements with most of these companies, where we either charge the company a fixed fee per bill or the company maintains a balance with us before the funds are used by the company, resulting in short-term low cost deposits with us.

### Other Fee-Based Products and Services

#### Mutual Fund Sales

We have entered into arrangements with select mutual funds to distribute their products through our distribution network, for which we earn up-front and trailing commissions. We believe we are one of the largest market players in

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this segment.

### Depository Share Accounts

The Securities and Exchange Board of India has made it mandatory for the 10 largest stock exchanges of the country to settle securities transactions in a dematerialized mode. We are a depository participant of the National Securities Depository Limited and Central Depository Services (India) Limited and offer depository share accounts.

### Government of India Relief Bond Sales

We have been permitted by the Reserve Bank of India to sell government of India Relief Bonds. This includes the receipt of applications for Relief Bonds, the issue of Relief Bonds in the form of bond ledger accounts and the servicing of bondholders. Relief Bonds are sold across all of our branches. We seek to capitalize on this opportunity by effectively distributing Relief Bonds through our distribution network and earning fee income in the process. We believe that we are one of the largest market players in this segment.

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### Web Brokering

ICICI Web Trade Limited provides web brokering services. This service involves the online integration of a customer's depository share accounts and bank accounts with us and securities brokerage accounts with ICICI Web Trade. This service has assisted us in our efforts to acquire new customers and low-cost savings deposits, as each e-brokering customer is required to open a bank account. ICICI Comm Trade Limited, a subsidiary of ICICI Web Trade, proposes to provide web and telephone based brokering services in the commodities and commodity derivatives market.

### Portfolio Investment Scheme

We are one of the banks designated by the Reserve Bank of India for issuing approvals to non-resident Indians and overseas corporate bodies to trade in shares and convertible debentures on the Indian stock exchanges. Pursuant to this scheme of the Reserve Bank of India, these investors can trade on the Indian stock exchanges within a prescribed limit by obtaining an approval from a designated bank and by routing all the transactions through that bank. As a designated bank, we report all such transactions to the Reserve Bank of India. We also help these investors with regulatory compliance, such as ensuring delivery based trading and limit monitoring and providing tax calculations.

### Life Insurance Policy Referral and Lead Generation

We have a Memorandum of Understanding with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company for generating leads from our banking customers for the products of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company and referring these leads to ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company. The insurance policy is issued by ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company. We collect fees for generating leads and providing referrals that are converted into policies.

### General Insurance Policy Referral and Lead Generation

We have a Memorandum of Understanding with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company for generating leads from our banking customers for the products of ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company and referring these leads to ICICI

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Lombard General Insurance Company. The insurance policy is issued by ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company. We collect fees for generating leads and providing referrals that are converted into policies.

### Distribution of equity offerings

We distribute public offerings of equity shares by companies through our distribution network.

### Commercial Banking Products and Services for Corporate Customers

#### General

We provide a range of commercial banking products and services to India's leading corporations and growth-oriented middle market companies. Our key commercial banking products and services to corporate customers can be classified into loan products and fee and commission-based products and services. Our loan products include project and corporate finance, working capital finance including cash credit facilities (a revolving floating rate asset-backed overdraft facility) and bill discounting (a type of receivables financing). We also provide agricultural financing. Our fee and commission-based products and services include documentary credits, standby letter of credit facilities, cash management services, escrow and trust and retention accounts, cross border trade services, payment services, securities processing services and loan syndication. We also take rupee or foreign currency deposits with fixed or floating interest bases from our corporate customers. Our deposit taking products include certificates of deposit, checking accounts and time deposits. We deliver our commercial banking products and services to our corporate customers through a combination of physical branches, correspondent banking networks, telephone banking and the Internet.

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### Corporate Loan Portfolio

Our corporate loan portfolio primarily consists of term loans for project and corporate finance, and working capital credit facilities. For details on our loan portfolio, see "- Loan Portfolio".

#### Project and Corporate Finance

We offer project finance to the manufacturing sector and structured finance to the infrastructure sector respectively. Our project finance business consists principally of extending medium-term and long-term rupee loans to our clients although we do provide financing in foreign currencies. We also provide guarantees to foreign lenders and export credit agencies, on behalf of our clients, typically for large projects in the infrastructure sector. Our manufacturing sector financing includes project-based lending to companies in traditional manufacturing sectors, including iron, steel and metal products, textiles, machinery and capital goods, cement and paper. We also offer corporate finance to our customers based on their existing operations and balance sheets. We have focused on using securitization techniques to credit enhance our lending products.

Project and corporate finance is provided generally through term loans that amortize over a period of typically between one and ten years. Our term credits include rupee loans, foreign currency loans, lease financing and subscription to preferred stock. These products also include marketable instruments such as fixed rate and floating rate debentures. In the case of rupee and foreign

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currency loans, and debentures, we generally have a security interest and first lien on the fixed assets of the borrower. The security interest typically includes property, plant and equipment and other tangible assets of the borrower.

At year-end fiscal 2004, our gross wholesale banking loans outstanding were Rs. 319.6 billion (US\$ 7.4 billion), constituting 40.2% of our gross loan portfolio.

We extend fund based loans as well as standby letters of credit facilities to corporates outside India which are joint ventures and/or wholly-owned subsidiaries of Indian corporates. At year-end fiscal 2004, our balance outstanding in respect of loans to corporates outside India was not a material proportion of our total gross loan portfolio.

### Working Capital Finance

Under working capital finance, we offer our customers cash credit facilities and bill discounting. At year-end fiscal 2004, our gross working capital loans, including working capital term loans, outstanding were Rs. 80.5 billion (US\$ 1.9 billion), constituting approximately 10.1% of our gross loan portfolio.

**Cash Credit Facilities:** Cash credit facilities are the most common form of working capital financing in India. A cash credit facility is generally backed by current assets like inventories and receivables. Interest is earned on this facility on a monthly basis, based on the daily outstanding amounts. The facility is generally given for a period of up to 12 months, with a review after that period. In most cases, we have a first lien on the borrower's current assets, which normally are inventory and receivables. Additionally, in some cases, we may take further security of a first or second lien on fixed assets including real estate, a pledge of financial assets like marketable securities, corporate guarantees and personal guarantees.

Cash credit facilities are extended to borrowers by a single bank, multiple banks or a consortium of banks with a lead bank. The nature of the arrangement is usually agreed between the bank(s) and the borrower and depends upon the amount of working capital financing required by the borrower, the risk profile of the borrower and the amount of loan exposure a single bank can take on the borrower. Regardless of the arrangement, we undertake our own due diligence and follow our credit risk policy to determine whether we should lend money to the borrower and, if so, the amount to be lent to the borrower and the rate of interest to be charged. For more details on our credit risk procedures, see "-- Risk Management -- Credit Risk".

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**Bill Discounting:** Bill discounting involves the financing of short-term trade receivables through negotiable instruments. These negotiable instruments can then be discounted with other banks if required, providing us with liquidity. In addition to traditional bill discounting, we also provide customized solutions to our corporate customers having large dealer networks. Loans are approved to dealers in the form of working capital lines of credit, based on analysis of dealer credit risk profiles.

### Agricultural Financing

The Reserve Bank of India's directed lending norms, as applicable to us, require us to lend 18.0% of our net bank credit on the residual portion of our

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advances (i.e., our total advances excluding the advances of ICICI at year-end fiscal 2002) to the agricultural sector. Our agricultural lending portfolio includes loans to farmers and to co-operatives and companies in eligible sectors such as dairying and seeds as well as micro-finance loans to borrowers in rural areas. Our strategy is based on a holistic approach to the agricultural value chain, focus on diversification and partnerships with companies, micro finance and other rural financial institutions and non-government organizations that have close linkages with agriculture. For details of our directed lending portfolio, refer "-Loan Portfolio - Directed Lending".

### Fee and Commission-Based Activities

Our fee and commission-based products and services include documentary credits, standby letters of credit, cash management services, trust and retention accounts, payment services, securities processing services and loan syndication.

### Documentary Credits

We provide documentary credit facilities to our working capital loan customers both for meeting their working capital needs as well as for capital equipment purchases. Lines of credit for documentary credits and standby letters of credit are approved as part of a working capital loan package provided to a borrower. These facilities, like cash credit facilities, are generally given for a period up to 12 months, with review after that period. Typically, the line is drawn down on a revolving basis over the term of the facility, resulting in a fee payable to us at the time of each drawdown, based on the amount and term of the drawdown. Borrowers pay a fee to us based on the amount drawn down from the facility and the term of the facility. This facility is generally secured by the same collateral available for cash credit facilities. We may also take collateral in the form of cash deposits, in the range of 5.0% to 20.0% of the drawdown amount, from our borrowers before each drawdown of the facility.

At year-end fiscal 2004, we had a portfolio of documentary credits of Rs. 65.1 billion (US\$ 1.5 billion).

### Guarantees

We provide standby letter of credit facilities, called guarantees in India, which can be drawn down any number of times up to the committed amount of the facility. We issue guarantees on behalf of our borrowers in favor of corporations and government authorities. Guarantees are generally issued for the purpose of bid bonds, guaranteeing the performance of our borrowers under a contract as security for advance payments made to our borrowers by project authorities and for deferral of and exemption from the payment of import duties granted to our borrowers by the government against fulfillment of certain export obligations by our borrowers. The term of these guarantees is generally up to 36 months though in specific cases, the term could be higher. This facility is generally secured by collateral similar to that of documentary credits. In addition, as a part of our project financing activity, we issue guarantees to foreign lenders, export credit agencies and domestic lenders on behalf of our clients.

At year-end fiscal 2004, our total guarantees outstanding were Rs. 122.3 billion (US\$ 2.8 billion).

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### Cash Management Services

Under cash management services, we offer our corporate clients custom-made collection, payment and remittance services allowing them to reduce the time period between collections and remittances, thereby streamlining their cash flows. Our cash management products include physical check-based clearing in locations where settlement systems are not uniform, electronic clearing services, central pooling of country-wide collections, dividend and interest remittance services and Internet-based payment products. Our customers pay a fee to us for these services based on the volume of the transaction, the location of the check collection center and speed of delivery. This also results in low-cost funds being maintained for short durations in checking accounts of customers which we invest profitably.

The total amount handled by us under cash management services was Rs. 3,854.0 billion (US\$ 88.8 billion) for fiscal 2004. At year-end fiscal 2004, we had 1,270 cash management service customers.

### Escrow and Trust and Retention Accounts

We offer escrow account and trust and retention account facilities to customers who require us to administer or monitor cashflows routed through these accounts under contractual arrangements entered into by them. These are typically offered to project finance lenders who typically require the setting up of escrow accounts and trust and retention accounts as part of the project financing structure. We also offer escrow account facilities for securitization and merger and acquisition transactions. Our customers pay a negotiated fee to us for this product based on the complexity of the structure and the level of monitoring involved in the transaction.

The cash flows managed by us under this product during fiscal 2004 were about Rs. 96.3 billion (US\$ 2.2 billion).

### Payment Services

We offer online electronic payment facilities through our commercial Internet banking platform to our corporate customers and their suppliers and dealers as a closed user group, where the entire group is required to maintain bank accounts with us. This service offers a high level of convenience since no physical instruments are required, all transactions are done online and the information may be viewed on the Internet. This product can be customized to meet the specific requirements of individual customers.

### Securities Processing Services

We provide custodial services for offshore and domestic institutional clients and act as a custodian of overseas depository banks for depository receipt issues of Indian companies in the international markets. The total assets held in custody on behalf of our clients, mainly foreign institutional investors, offshore funds, overseas corporate bodies and depository banks for GDR investors, increased to Rs. 619.1 billion (US\$ 14.3 billion) at year-end fiscal 2004 from Rs. 300.1 billion (US\$ 6.9 billion) at year-end fiscal 2003. In addition, we are registered as a depository participant of National Securities Depository Limited and Central Depository Services (India) Limited, the two securities depositories operating in India, and provide electronic depository facilities to investors including retail investors. To facilitate settlement services, we are a clearing member of clearing agencies of the leading stock exchanges.

### Loan Syndication

We have developed significant syndication capabilities while structuring

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and arranging large project finance transactions. We seek to leverage these syndication capabilities to arrange project and corporate finance for our corporate clients and earn fee income, as well as to securitize loans

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originated by us. We have been granted a merchant banking license by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

### Tax collections

In fiscal 2004, the Reserve Bank of India authorized us to accept payments of direct and indirect taxes on behalf of the government of India and the governments of Indian states. Our ability to accept payments of various categories of taxes in various centers in India is subject to further specific approvals from the tax authorities and state governments. We earn a fee for the tax payments routed through us.

### Corporate Deposits

We take deposits from our corporate clients with terms ranging from 15 days (seven days in respect of deposits over Rs. 1.5 million (US\$ 34,562) with effect from April 19, 2001) to seven years but predominantly from 15 days to one year. The Reserve Bank of India regulates the term of deposits in India but not the interest rates, with some minor exceptions. Banks are not permitted to pay interest for periods less than seven days. Also, pursuant to the current regulations, we are permitted to vary the interest rates on our corporate deposits based upon the size range of the deposit so long as the rates offered are the same for every customer for a deposit of a certain size range on a given day. Corporate deposits include funds taken by us from large public sector corporations, government organizations, other banks and private sector companies.

We offer a variety of deposit products to our corporate customers. We take rupee or foreign currency denominated deposits with fixed or floating interest rates. Our deposit products for corporations include:

- o current accounts -- non-interest-bearing demand deposits;
- o time deposits -- fixed term deposits that accrue interest at a fixed rate and may be withdrawn before maturity by paying penalties; and
- o certificates of deposit -- a type of time deposit.

We market corporate deposits from branches and directly from our corporate office.

We act as banker to the market offerings of select companies on account of raising of equity or debt, buy back of equity and equity takeovers. These companies are required to maintain the subscription funds with the bankers to the offering until the allotment of shares/buy back of shares and the refund of excess subscription is completed. This process generally takes about 15 to 30 days, resulting in short-term deposits with us. We act as banker to corporates for their dividend payout to their shareholders and interest payout to bondholders, which results in mobilizing interest-free, float balances to us. We believe that our relationships with corporate deposit customers significantly reduce the volatility in our corporate deposit base. We also offer inter-bank call rate-linked floating rate deposits.

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We also provide liquidity management services to our corporate customers to enable them to invest their short-term cash surpluses in a variety of short-term treasury and deposit-based instruments, including treasury bills, commercial paper and certificates of deposit. We also facilitate the holding of foreign currency accounts. In addition to large public and private sector companies, our other target customers for these products are provident funds and high net worth individuals.

For more information on the type, cost and maturity profile of our deposits, see "-- Funding".

### Client Coverage

Our principal corporate relationship groups are the Corporate Banking Group, the Government Banking Group and the Rural, Micro-banking and Agri-business Group. The Corporate Banking

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Group is responsible for managing relationships with large, highly rated corporates and public sector corporates. The Government Banking Group is a dedicated group created to leverage the business opportunities in central and state governments and local government bodies. The Rural, Micro-banking and Agri-business Group is responsible for all our rural and agri-business initiatives. The group is also responsible for relationships with regional rural banks, co-operative banks, co-operatives and all other entities with a primarily agricultural or rural focus. The principal product groups are the Product and Technology Group and the Structured Finance, Credit and Markets Group. We have specialized groups for infrastructure project finance and manufacturing project finance (including oil, gas and petrochemicals and shipping).

The relationship managers are supported by product specialists from the product groups who focus on product improvements and customization. The main focus of the relationship managers is to market our products. In addition to the above, they cross sell the products offered by our subsidiaries and affiliates.

### Loan Pricing

We price our loans based on the following factors:

- o our internal credit rating of the company;
- o the maturity of the loan;
- o the nature of the banking or financing arrangement (either a single bank, multiple bank or consortium arrangement);
- o the collateral available; and
- o market conditions.

For a description of our credit rating and approval system, see "-- Risk Management - Credit Risk".

As required by the Reserve Bank of India's guidelines and the advice issued by the Indian Banks' Association, effective January 1, 2004, ICICI Bank prices its loans (other than fixed rate loans and certain categories of loans to individuals and agencies specified by the Indian Banks' Association, including among others, loans to individuals for acquiring residential properties, loans

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for purchase of consumer durables, non-priority sector personal loans and loans to individuals against shares, debentures, bonds and other securities) with reference to a benchmark prime lending rate, called the ICICI Bank Benchmark Advance Rate. The Asset-Liability Management Committee of our board of directors fixes the ICICI Bank Benchmark Advance Rate based on cost of funds, cost of operations and credit charge as well as yield curve factors, such as interest rate and inflation expectations, as well as market demand for loans of a certain term and our cost of funds. The ICICI Benchmark Advance Rate is 9.75% p.a. payable monthly, effective May 05, 2004. The lending rates comprise ICICI Benchmark Advance Rate, term premium and transaction-specific credit and other charges.

### Commercial Banking Products and Services for International Customers

Our strategy in international commercial banking is based on leveraging home country links for international expansion by capturing market share in select international markets. The initial focus areas are supporting Indian companies in raising corporate and project finance for their investments abroad, trade finance, personal financial services for non-resident Indians and international alliances to support domestic businesses. We have over the last few years built a large network of correspondent relationships with international banks across all major countries. Most of these countries have significant trade and other relationships with India.

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Many international commercial banking products such as trade finance and letters of credit are variants of their respective commercial banking counterparts. Some of the key products and services that are unique to our international customers are described below.

#### TradeWay

"TradeWay" is an Internet-based documentary collection product, which provides correspondent banks access to real-time on-line information on the status of their export bills collections routed through us. The main features of the product are the availability of online status enquiry for documentary collections, availability of tracking and tracing functions for bills routed through us and the presence of a single point contact for India-bound documentary collections.

#### Guarantee Re-issuance

We re-issue guarantees favoring corporations and government departments in India against counter guarantees issued by correspondent banks. This service is provided subject to pre-arrangement. We offer competitive pricing for our guarantee re-issuance facility. We can issue bid bond guarantees, performance guarantees and financial guarantees including payment guarantees. Our guarantees have wide acceptance across Indian corporates and government departments.

#### Remittance Tracker

Remittance Tracker is a web-based application that allows a correspondent bank to query on the status of their payment instructions and also to get various information reports online. We currently offer this product free of charge to all our correspondent banks.

#### Offshore Banking Deposits

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We offer multi-currency deposit products in US Dollar, Pound Sterling and Euro through our Offshore Banking Unit in the Special Economic Zone at Mumbai. These deposits are offered for tenures between three months and six years. The minimum deposit values are US\$ 2,000, GBP 1,500 and EUR 2,000 respectively.

### Foreign Currency Non-Resident Deposits

Foreign Currency Non-Resident deposits are simple foreign currency deposits offered in four main currencies - US Dollar, Pound Sterling, Euro and Japanese Yen. Both the principal amount and interest earned can be fully repatriated out of India. These foreign currency deposits are subject to minimum deposit values of US\$ 1,000, GBP 1,000, EUR 1,000 and 200,000 Yen respectively.

### Non-Resident External Fixed Deposits

These deposits are maintained in Indian rupees and the minimum investment amount is Rs. 25,000 (US\$ 576). These deposit accounts can be opened for tenure in the range of one year to 10 years. Both the interest earned and principal amounts are fully repatriable out of India. Interest rates are fixed on a monthly basis. The interest rates cannot exceed the LIBOR/swap rates for US Dollar deposits of corresponding maturity. Loans against these deposits are generally available for up to 90.0% of the deposit amount.

### Non-Resident External Savings Account

Non-resident external savings accounts are maintained in Indian rupees and the minimum average balance required to be maintained is Rs. 10,000 (US\$ 230) for the quarter. An international ATM and debit card is offered together with the account and funds can be accessed from ATMs across the world. Funds can be transferred to this account free of cost, through the online remittance channel

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Money2India. Interest rates on balances in the non-resident external savings accounts are fixed on a quarterly basis. The interest rate cannot exceed the LIBOR/swap rates for six months maturity on US dollar deposits and is fixed quarterly on the basis of the LIBOR/swap rate of US dollar on the last working day of the preceding quarter.

### Non-Resident Ordinary Savings Accounts and Non-Resident Ordinary Fixed Deposits

These products are primarily intended for non-residents who earn income in India. The interest rates offered and other product features are similar to the rates offered on domestic deposits. Principal is not repatriable except in certain cases while the interest is repatriable net of taxes payable in India.

### Money2India Remittance Facility

For easy transfer of funds to India, we offer Money2India, a wire transfer remittance facility with a web interface. Non-resident Indians can send money to over 1,250 locations in India, besides direct credit to any bank account in ICICI Bank or networked branches of select banks within India.

### Delivery Channels

We deliver our products and services through a variety of distribution outlets, ranging from traditional bank branches to ATMs, call centers and the Internet. We believe that India's vast geography necessitates a variety of

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distribution channels to best serve our customers' needs. As part of our strategy to migrate customers to lower cost electronic delivery channels, we have made significant investments in channels such as ATMs, call centers and the Internet. Our channel migration effort is aimed at reducing cost while enhancing customer satisfaction levels by providing them round-the-clock transaction and servicing facilities. We believe that currently, more than 70.0% of our retail customer induced banking transactions take place through non-branch channels. The key components of our distribution network are described below.

### Branches

At year-end fiscal 2004, we had a network of 413 branches and 56 extension counters in 311 centers across several Indian states, an increase of 19 branches and 4 extension counters over the previous year. Extension counters are small offices primarily within office buildings or on factory premises that provide commercial banking services. Prior to opening a branch, we conduct a detailed study in which we assess the deposit potential of the area. Our branch locations are largely leased rather than owned. Our back office operations are centralized at regional processing centers, enabling us to create a more efficient branch network.

As a part of its branch licensing conditions, the Reserve Bank of India has stipulated that at least 25.0% of our branches must be located in semi-urban and rural areas. A semi-urban area is defined as a center with a population of greater than 10,000 but less than 100,000. A rural area is defined as a center with a population of less than 10,000. The population figures relate to the 1991 census. We have adhered to this requirement as shown in the table below. Several of these branches are located in suburbs of large cities, and some of these branches are located in areas where large corporations have their manufacturing facilities. About 260 of our branches are open 12 hours a day, six days a week.

The following table sets forth, at the date indicated, the number of branches broken down by area.

	At March 31, 2004	
	Number of branches	% of total
Metropolitan/urban.....	229	55.4%
Semi-urban/rural .....	184	44.6%
Total .....	413	100.0%

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Our corporate relationship groups are principally based at Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Vadodara, Coimbatore, Ludhiana, Chandigarh, Jaipur and Kochi. Our commercial banking services to corporate customers are delivered through our network of branches.

### Franchisee Network

We have direct marketing agents or associates, who deliver our retail credit products. These agencies help us achieve deeper penetration by offering door-step service to the customer. We make all credit and risk management decisions pertaining to any customer and no agency can extend credit to any customer without our approval. These agencies receive a fee based on the volume of business generated by them. At year-end fiscal 2004, we offered one or more

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retail credit products in about 695 centers.

### Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)

At year-end fiscal 2004, we had 1,790 ATMs, of which 465 were located at our branches and extension counters. The remaining 1,325 were located at the offices of select corporate clients, large residential developments, airports, gas stations and on major roads in metropolitan cities. Apart from cards issued to our own customers, our ATMs also process Visa, Visa Electron, Master, Cirrus and Maestro card transactions. We have entered into ATM sharing arrangements with certain other banks, which allow our customers to access their accounts with us through the ATM networks of these banks in addition to our own ATM networks. Similarly, customers of these banks can also access their bank accounts using our ATM network.

In view of the diversity of regional languages used in various parts of India, our ATMs offer multilingual screens. Other facilities offered through ATMs include bill payment services and a facility for recharging prepaid cards for mobile phones. We have also pioneered the concept of mobile ATMs in India, to reach remotely located customers. This service deploys ATMs mounted on mobile vans to visit specific areas at a pre-designated time.

### Internet

We believe that Internet access and information is key to satisfying the needs of certain customer segments. As a result, we maintain a website at [www.icicibank.com](http://www.icicibank.com), offering generalized information on our products and services. Our Internet banking service allows customers to access all account-related information and give account instructions through our website. Customers can also electronically transfer funds from our account to any other account with us or to accounts in any branch of any bank, in eight cities through eCheques, the inter-bank fund transfer facility. The Internet banking service also allows transactions and bill payment facilities. We had approximately six million Internet banking accounts at year-end fiscal 2004. We seek to continue to be at the forefront of providing web-based products to our retail customers.

We provide Internet banking services to our corporate clients through ICICI e-business, a finance portal which is the single point web-based interface for all our corporate clients. This platform allows clients to conduct banking business online in a secure environment. Clients can view accounts online, transfer funds between their own accounts or to other accounts, among other services. We offer foreign exchange trading through the Internet through FxOnline, a secure and user-friendly platform that makes it easy for clients to get live prices for their deals and transact from virtually anywhere in the world. FxOnline provides automated quotes for spots and forwards, with transparent prices in all transactions. The Debt Online channel allows companies to transact in government of India securities in a seamless manner. This is achieved by straight through processing using a constituent subsidiary ledger account. The client can view real time quotes offered by us and ICICI Securities. The client can use the chat facility to negotiate the deal over the Internet. We ensure credit of interest and redemption payments from the Reserve Bank of India to the client's bank account. The client can monitor transactions and the portfolio at any given time.

### Call Centers

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We provide telephone banking services through our call center. The call center functions 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and offers a self-service option to customers for automated phone banking. In addition, well-trained customer service officers offer personalized services for banking, dematerialized securities, online share trading customers, credit card holders, bondholders and loan product customers. As part of our cross-selling initiatives, the call center is also used in product specific marketing campaigns to generate leads, which are assigned to the franchisees for fulfillment. At year-end fiscal 2004, our call center had 1,750 workstations across two locations.

### Mobile Phone Banking

Our mobile phone banking services are available to our customers using any cellular telephone service operator in India. Savings account and credit card customers can view their account details on their mobile phones. Savings account customers can also request a checkbook or account statement, and obtain a list of all the major transactions in their account through Short Messaging Service (SMS).

### Correspondent Banking Networks

We have correspondent banking relationships with other banks in India with large physical branch networks to offer a broader coverage for our funds transfers and remittance related products. As a result of our correspondent banking associations, we provide remittance and cash management services at over 3,900 locations in India.

### Investment Banking

Our investment banking operations principally consist of our treasury operations and the operations of ICICI Securities, our subsidiary.

### Treasury

Through our treasury operations, we seek to manage our balance sheet including the maintenance of required regulatory reserves and to optimize profits from our trading portfolio by taking advantage of market opportunities. Our trading and securities portfolio includes our regulatory portfolio, as there is no restriction on active management of our regulatory portfolio. Our treasury operations include a range of products and services for corporate customers, such as forward contracts and interest rate and currency swaps, and foreign exchange products and services.

### General

Under the Reserve Bank of India's statutory liquidity ratio requirement, we are required to maintain 25.0% of our total demand and time liabilities by way of approved securities, such as government of India securities and state government securities. We maintain the statutory liquidity ratio through a portfolio of government of India securities that we actively manage to optimize the yield and benefit from price movements. Until September 17, 2004, under the Reserve Bank of India's cash reserve ratio requirements, we were required to maintain 4.5% of our demand and time liabilities in a current account with the Reserve Bank of India. The Reserve Bank of India announced an increase in the cash reserve ratio to 5.0% in two stages (4.75% effective September 18, 2004 and 5.0% effective October 2, 2004). The Reserve Bank of India pays no interest on these cash reserves up to 3.0% of the net demand and time liabilities and, effective September 18, 2004, pays interest at 3.5% on the remaining eligible balance, on which it used to pay interest at the bank rate (the rate at which the Reserve Bank of India provides refinance to the banking system, currently 6.0%).

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Due to these regulatory reserve requirements, a substantial portion of our trading and securities portfolio consists of government of India securities. At year-end fiscal 2004, government of India securities (excluding securities purchased under agreements to resell) constituted 40.4% of our trading

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portfolio and 78.3% of our total trading and available for sale securities portfolio, while the remainder included corporate debt securities, equity securities and derivative and foreign exchange contracts.

For further discussion of these regulatory reserves, see "Supervision and Regulation -- Legal Reserve Requirements".

Our treasury undertakes liquidity management by seeking to maintain an optimum level of liquidity and complying with the cash reserve ratio. The objective is to ensure the smooth functioning of all our branches and at the same time avoid the holding of excessive cash. Our treasury maintains a balance between interest-earning liquid assets and cash to optimize earnings. The treasury undertakes reserve management by maintaining statutory reserves, including the cash reserve ratio and the statutory liquidity ratio. Our treasury engages in domestic and foreign exchange operations from a centralized trading floor in Mumbai. As part of our treasury activities, we also maintain proprietary trading portfolios in domestic debt and equity securities and in foreign currency assets. Our treasury manages our foreign currency exposures, offers foreign exchange and risk hedging derivative products to our customers and engages in proprietary trading of currencies. Our investment and market risk policies are approved by the Risk Committee and Asset-Liability Management Committee of our board of directors.

Our securities are classified into held to maturity securities, available for sale securities, trading securities, venture capital investments and non-readily marketable securities. The following table sets forth, at the dates indicated, certain information related to our trading portfolio.

	At March 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
	(in millions)		
Government of India securities..	Rs. 15,602	Rs. 26,658	Rs. 30,374
Securities purchased under agreements to resell.....	21,399	5,399	34,974
Corporate debt securities.....	4,627	6,704	6,403
Equity securities.....	742	187	1,018
Fair value of derivative and foreign exchange contracts...	6	686	2,386
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>Rs. 42,376</b>	<b>Rs. 39,634</b>	<b>Rs. 75,155</b>

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain information related to interest and dividends on our trading securities, net gain from the sale of these securities and gross unrealized gain/(loss) on these securities.

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	At March 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
	(in millions)		
Interest and dividends.....	Rs. 1,715	Rs. 2,754	Rs. 3,232
Gain on sale of trading securities.....	2,948	2,356	3,889
Unrealized gain/(loss) on trading securities.....	(506)	719	544
Total.....	Rs. 4,157	Rs. 5,829	Rs. 7,665

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In addition to trading securities, we also hold available for sale securities. The following tables set forth, at the dates indicated, certain information related to our available for sale securities portfolio.

	At March 31,			
	2002			
	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gain	Gross unrealized loss	Fair value
	(in millions)			
Corporate debt securities.....	Rs. 4,446	Rs. 502	Rs. (513)	Rs. 2,435
Government of India securities.....	26,662	438	-	27,100
Total debt securities.....	31,108	940	(513)	31,535
Equity securities.....	19,181	365	(3,223)	16,223
Total.....	Rs. 50,289	Rs. 1,305	Rs. (3,736)	Rs. 47,858
Non readily marketable securities(1) ..	Rs. 8,268			
Venture capital investments(2).....				Rs. 1,000

	At March 31,			
	2003			
	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gain	Gross unrealized loss	Fair value
	(in millions)			
Corporate debt securities.....	Rs. 10,636	Rs. 389	Rs. (79)	Rs. 10,946
Government of India securities.....	240,187	4,403	(459)	244,131

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Total debt securities.....	250,823		4,792	(538)	25
Equity securities.....	13,609		745	(1,932)	1
Total.....	Rs. 264,432	Rs.	5,537	Rs. (2,470)	Rs. 26
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Non readily marketable securities(1)..	Rs. 9,418				
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Venture capital investments(2).....					Rs.
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At March 31,

2004

	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gain	Gross unrealized loss	Fair v	
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(in millions)					
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Corporate debt securities.....	Rs. 18,791	Rs. 183	Rs. (154)	Rs. 1	
Government of India securities.....	256,284	4,488	(192)	26	
Total debt securities.....	275,075	4,671	(346)	27	
Equity securities.....	15,475	2,072	(342)	1	
Total.....	Rs. 290,550	Rs. 6,743	Rs. (688)	Rs. 29	
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Non readily marketable securities(1)..	Rs. 8,621				
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Venture capital investments(2).....				Rs.	
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(1) Primarily represents securities acquired as a part of project financing activities or conversion of loans in debt restructurings.

(2) Represents venture capital investments in funds managed by ICICI Venture Funds Management Company.

The following table sets forth, for the period indicated, income from available for sale securities.

Year ended March 31,

	2002	2003	2004
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(in millions)			
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Interest.....	Rs. 1,027	Rs. 16,633	Rs. 15,264
Dividend.....	267	389	431
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Total.....	1,294	Rs. 17,022	Rs. 15,695
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Gross realized gain.....	1,238	Rs. 6,845	Rs. 16,211
Gross realized loss.....	(7)	(5,022)	(2,467)
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Total.....	Rs. 1,231	Rs. 1,823	Rs. 13,744
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The following table sets forth, at the date indicated, an analysis of the maturity profile of our investments in debt securities classified as available for sale securities and the yields thereon. This maturity profile is based on repayment dates and does not reflect re-pricing dates of floating rate securities.

	At March 31, 2004					
	Up to one year		One to five years		Five to 10 years	
	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield	Amount	Yield
	(in millions)					
Corporate debt securities	Rs. 2,204	5.51%	Rs. 4,696	6.77%	Rs. 9,357	6.80%
Government of India securities.....	43,456	4.32	18,956	4.87	112,704	5.09
Total interest-earning securities.....	Rs. 45,660	4.38%	Rs. 23,652	5.25%	Rs.122,061	5.23%
Total amortized cost.....	Rs. 43,847		Rs. 23,419		Rs.122,144	

We have a limited equity portfolio because the Reserve Bank of India restricts investments by a bank in equity securities to 5.0% of its total outstanding domestic loan portfolio as at March 31 of the previous year. A significant portion of ICICI's investments in equity securities were related to projects financed by it. The Reserve Bank of India has permitted us to exclude these investments for determining compliance with the restriction on investments by banks in equity securities, for a period of five years from the amalgamation. In addition, the Reserve Bank of India has approved the exclusion of specific equity investments acquired by conversion of debt under restructuring schemes approved by the Corporate Debt Restructuring Forum. See also "Supervision and Regulation".

Equity securities, forming part of our investment securities portfolio, are considered as publicly traded if they have been traded on a securities exchange within six months of the balance sheet. The last quoted price of such securities is taken and recorded as their fair value. Non-readily marketable equity securities for which there is no readily determinable fair value are recorded at cost and a provision is made for other than temporary diminution. Securities acquired through conversion of loans in a troubled debt restructuring are recorded at the fair value on the date of conversion and subsequently accounted for as if acquired for cash. Venture capital investments are carried at fair value. However, they are generally carried at cost during the first year, unless a significant event occurs that affects the long-term value of the investment.

Equity securities, including venture capital investments and mutual fund units were 2.3% of our total assets at year-end fiscal 2004 and 8.3% of our total investment securities portfolio at year-end fiscal 2004. As these investments are primarily in the nature of long-term investments in start-up projects, returns on such investments generally accrue well after commencement of operations by the projects. In general, we pursue a strategy of active management of our long-term equity portfolio to maximize return on investment. To ensure compliance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India's insider trading regulations, all dealings in our equity investments in listed companies are undertaken by the equity and corporate bonds dealing desks of our treasury,

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which are segregated from our other business groups as well as the other groups and desks in the treasury, and which do not have access to unpublished price sensitive information about these companies that may be available to us as a lender.

We deal in several major foreign currencies and take deposits from non-resident Indians in four major foreign currencies. We also manage onshore accounts in foreign currencies. The foreign exchange treasury manages its portfolio through money market and foreign exchange instruments to optimize yield and liquidity.

We control market risk and credit risk on our foreign exchange trading portfolio through an internal model which sets counterparty limits, stop-loss limits and limits on the loss of the entire foreign exchange trading operations and exception reporting.

### Customer Foreign Exchange and Derivative Products

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We provide customer specific products and services and risk hedging solutions in several currencies to meet the trade and service-related requirements of our corporate clients. We earn commissions on these products and services from our corporate customers.

We provide forward contracts to our customers for hedging their short-term exchange rate risk on foreign currency denominated receivables and payables. We generally provide this facility for a term of up to six months and occasionally up to 12 months. We also offer interest rate and currency swaps to our customers for hedging their medium and long-term risks due to interest rate and currency exchange rate movements. We offer these swaps for a period ranging from three to 10 years. Our customers pay a commission for this product that is included in the price of the product and is dependent upon market conditions. We also hedge our own exchange rate risk related to our foreign currency trading portfolio with products from banking counterparties. Our risk management products are currently limited to foreign currency forward transactions and currency and interest rate swaps for selected approved clients. We believe, however, that the demand for risk management products will grow, and we are building the capabilities to grow these products. We are focusing particularly on setting up the sophisticated infrastructure and internal control procedures that are critical to these products.

At year-end fiscal 2004, we had a portfolio of outstanding forward contracts of Rs. 620.4 billion (US\$ 14.3 billion), interest rate and currency swaps of Rs. 1,118.1 billion (US\$ 25.8 billion) and other derivative products of Rs. 472.0 billion (US\$ 10.9 billion).

### ICICI Securities

In addition to ICICI Bank's treasury operations, we also provide investment banking services through our subsidiary, ICICI Securities. ICICI Securities provides investment banking services through three main business lines - corporate advisory, fixed income and equities. The clients of ICICI Securities include a range of Indian and foreign corporations and institutional investors. ICICI Securities is a non-bank finance company. For a description of non-bank finance companies, see "Overview of the Indian Financial Sector - Non-Bank Finance Companies".

### Corporate Advisory

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ICICI Securities provides a variety of advisory services, including advice on financing and strategic transactions. ICICI Securities was one of the first Indian investment banks to form a dedicated mergers and acquisitions group to provide a range of services to large and mid-market Indian corporate clients, including business valuations, pricing and structuring of transactions, and financial and corporate restructuring. In addition, ICICI Securities provides specialized services, such as private equity syndication and privatization advisory services for public sector companies.

### Fixed Income

We believe ICICI Securities is one of the market leaders in the Indian debt market, having been named the "Best Bond House - 2004" by Finance Asia. ICICI Securities is a primary dealer appointed and authorized by the Reserve Bank of India to trade in government securities. As a primary dealer, ICICI Securities is permitted to underwrite the issuance of government securities and treasury bills and to act as a market maker in these instruments. ICICI Securities was the first primary dealer to commence activity in interest rate derivative products such as interest rate swaps and forward rate agreements following their introduction by the Reserve Bank of India in July 1999. In fiscal 2004, ICICI Securities achieved turnover in excess of Rs. 1,000.0 billion (US\$ 23.0 billion) in government securities for the first time in its existence. ICICI Securities is also a leading player in the non-government debt market in India. This activity primarily involves running a proprietary book in various money market instruments. ICICI Securities achieved a turnover of about Rs. 125.0 billion (US\$ 2.9 billion) in non-government debt in fiscal 2004.

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### Equities

In equities, ICICI Securities offers a range of products including underwriting of equity offerings, public and private placement of corporate equity, assistance in buyback programs and equity brokering and research, primarily for institutional investor clients. Indian law prohibits ICICI Securities from holding or trading ICICI Bank's equity shares.

### Other Investment Banking Products and Services

#### Venture Capital Funding

We provide venture capital funding to start-up companies and private equity to a range of companies through funds managed by our subsidiary ICICI Venture Funds Management Company Limited. At year-end fiscal 2004, ICICI Venture managed or advised funds of Rs. 27.9 billion (US\$ 643 million). The company focuses on investments in several sectors, including media and entertainment, retail, healthcare, information technology, and other manufacturing sectors. We believe that ICICI Venture is the leading private equity investor in India, having invested in a large number of the private equity deals completed in the country to date and having established a track record of successfully exiting from several investments.

#### Others

#### Insurance

We provide a wide range of insurance products and services through ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company and ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company .

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The key dimensions of our strategy for growth in the insurance business are innovative products, wide distribution network, prudent portfolio mix and sound risk management practices. In addition, we are focused on leveraging on our corporate and retail customer base for cross selling insurance products.

### Life Insurance

We have a joint venture partnership with Prudential plc of UK for the life insurance business. We have a 74.0% interest in this joint venture. This joint venture company, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company, obtained the license to conduct life insurance business in November 2000 and commenced business operations in December 2000. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company is the largest private sector life insurance company in India, with about 31% market share in the private sector based on incremental premiums income (i.e., new business) in fiscal 2004. We have a Memorandum of Understanding with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company for distribution of life insurance policies issued by ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company through ICICI Bank's branch network.

### Non-Life Insurance

We have a joint venture partnership with Lombard Canada Limited for the non-life insurance business. We have a 74.0% interest in this joint venture. The joint venture company, ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company, obtained the license to conduct general insurance business in August 2001 and since then has commenced operations. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company is the largest private sector general insurance company in India, with about 22% market share in terms of gross written premium in the private sector in fiscal 2004. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company offers a wide range of general insurance products for corporate and retail customers. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company offers general insurance products to our customers and seeks to capitalize on our customer relationships.

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### Funding

Our funding operations are designed to ensure stability of funding, minimize funding costs and effectively manage liquidity. Subsequent to the amalgamation, our primary source of funding is deposits raised from both retail and corporate customers. We also raise funds through short-term rupee borrowings. During fiscal 2004, we also raised funds through domestic and overseas bond issuances pursuant to specific regulatory approvals. As a financial institution, ICICI was not allowed to raise banking deposits and so its primary sources of funding, prior to the amalgamation, were rupee borrowings from a wide range of institutional investors, and retail bonds. ICICI also obtained funds through foreign currency borrowings from multilateral institutions like the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank, which were guaranteed by the government of India, as well as through commercial foreign currency borrowings.

Our deposits constituted 52.1% of our total liabilities at year-end fiscal 2004 compared to 45.2% of our total liabilities at year-end fiscal 2003. Our borrowings constituted 34.8% of our total liabilities at year-end fiscal 2004 compared to 43.1% of our total liabilities at year-end fiscal 2003. Our borrowings declined to Rs. 456.9 billion (US\$ 10.5 billion) at year-end fiscal 2004 compared to Rs. 469.0 billion (US\$ 10.8 billion) at year-end fiscal 2003, due to repayment of ICICI's long-term debt during fiscal 2004 in line with scheduled maturities, offset, in part, by new borrowings made by us. As a









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Also, the average volume of borrowings at year-end fiscal 2001 and 2002 is not comparable with fiscal 2000 due to deconsolidation of ICICI Bank effective April 1, 2000.

- (2) Average of quarterly balances at the end of March of the previous fiscal year, June, September, December and March of that fiscal year for each of fiscal 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2004 and average of quarterly balances at the end of June, September, December and March for fiscal 2001.
- (3) With an average cost of 5.72% in fiscal 2000, 7.55% in fiscal 2001, 6.75% in fiscal 2002, 3.16% in fiscal 2003 and 3.11% in fiscal 2004.
- (4) With an average cost of 5.53% in fiscal 2000, 4.39% in fiscal 2001, 4.93% in fiscal 2002, 4.40% in fiscal 2003 and 3.03% in fiscal 2004.

At year-end fiscal 2004, our outstanding subordinated debt was Rs. 91.1 billion (US\$ 2.1 billion). This debt is classified as Tier 2 capital in calculating the capital adequacy ratio in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India's regulations on capital adequacy. See "Supervision and Regulation - Reserve Bank of India Regulations".

### Risk Management

As a financial intermediary, we are exposed to risks that are particular to our lending and trading businesses and the environment within which we operate. Our goal in risk management is to ensure that we understand, measure and monitor the various risks that arise and that the organization adheres strictly to the policies and procedures which are established to address these risks.

ICICI Bank is primarily exposed to credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk, operational risk and legal risk. ICICI Bank has two centralized groups, the Risk Management Group and the Compliance and Audit Group with a mandate to identify, assess and monitor all of ICICI Bank's principal risks in accordance with well-defined policies and procedures. The Head of the Risk Management Group reports to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and through him to the Deputy Managing Director. The Head of the Compliance and Audit Group reports to the Deputy Managing Director. Both the groups are independent of the business units and coordinate with representatives of the business units to implement ICICI Bank's risk management methodologies. Committees of the board of directors have been constituted to oversee the various risk management activities. The Audit Committee provides direction to and also monitors the quality of the internal audit function. The Risk Committee reviews risk management policies in relation to various risks including portfolio, liquidity, interest rate, off-balance sheet and operational risks, investment policies and strategy, and regulatory and compliance issues in relation thereto. The Credit Committee reviews developments in key industrial sectors and ICICI Bank's exposure to these sectors as well as to large borrower accounts. The Agriculture & Small Enterprises Business Committee reviews ICICI Bank's strategy for small enterprises and agri-business and the quality of the agricultural lending and small enterprises finance credit portfolio. The Asset Liability Management Committee is responsible for managing the balance sheet and reviewing the asset-liability position to manage ICICI Bank's liquidity and market risk exposure. For a discussion of these and other committees, see "Management".

The Risk Management Group is further organized into the Credit Risk Management Group, Market Risk Management Group, Retail Risk Management Group and

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Risk Analytics Group. The Compliance and Audit Group is further organized into the Compliance and Anti-Money Laundering Group and the Internal Audit Group.

The Risk Management Group is also responsible for assessing the risks pertaining to the international operations, including review of policies and setting sovereign and counterparty limits.

### Credit Risk

ICICI Bank's credit policy is approved by the Credit Committee of our board of directors. In its lending operations, ICICI Bank is principally exposed to credit risk. Credit risk is the risk of loss that may occur from the failure of any party to abide by the terms and conditions of any financial contract with ICICI Bank, principally the failure to make required payments on loans due to ICICI Bank. ICICI Bank currently measures, monitors and manages credit risk for each borrower and also at the portfolio level. ICICI Bank has a structured and standardized credit approval process, which includes a well-established procedure of comprehensive credit appraisal.

### Credit Risk Assessment Procedures for Corporate Loans

In order to assess the credit risk associated with any financing proposal, ICICI Bank assesses a variety of risks relating to the borrower and the relevant industry. Borrower risk is evaluated by considering:

- o the financial position of the borrower by analyzing the quality of its financial statements, its past financial performance, its financial flexibility in terms of ability to raise capital and its cash flow adequacy;
- o the borrower's relative market position and operating efficiency; and

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- o the quality of management by analyzing their track record, payment record and financial conservatism.

Industry risk is evaluated by considering:

- o certain industry characteristics, such as the importance of the industry to the economy, its growth outlook, cyclicity and government policies relating to the industry;
- o the competitiveness of the industry; and
- o certain industry financials, including return on capital employed, operating margins and earnings stability.

After conducting an analysis of a specific borrower's risk, the Credit Risk Management Group assigns a credit rating to the borrower. ICICI Bank has a scale of 10 ratings ranging from AAA to B, an additional default rating of D and short-term ratings from S1 to S8. Credit rating is a critical input for the credit approval process. ICICI Bank determines the desired credit risk spread over its cost of funds by considering the borrower's credit rating and the default pattern corresponding to the credit rating. Every proposal for a financing facility is prepared by the relevant business unit and reviewed by the appropriate industry specialists in the Credit Risk Management Group before being submitted for approval to the appropriate approval authority. The approval process for non-fund facilities is similar to that for fund-based facilities.

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The credit rating for every borrower is reviewed at least annually and is typically reviewed on a more frequent basis for higher risk credits and large exposures. ICICI Bank also reviews the ratings of all borrowers in a particular industry upon the occurrence of any significant event impacting that industry.

Working capital loans are generally approved for a period of 12 months. At the end of 12 months validity period, ICICI Bank reviews the loan arrangement and the credit rating of the borrower and takes a decision on continuation of the arrangement and changes in the loan covenants as may be necessary.

### Project Finance Procedures

ICICI Bank has a strong framework for the appraisal and execution of project finance transactions. ICICI Bank believes that this framework creates optimal risk identification, allocation and mitigation, and helps minimize residual risk.

The project finance approval process begins with a detailed evaluation of technical, commercial, financial, marketing and management factors and the sponsor's financial strength and experience. Once this review is completed, an appraisal memorandum is prepared for credit approval purposes. As part of the appraisal process, a risk matrix is generated, which identifies each of the project risks, mitigating factors and residual risks associated with the project. The appraisal memorandum analyzes the risk matrix and establishes the viability of the project. Typical risk mitigating factors include the commitment of stand-by funds from the sponsors to meet any cost over-runs and a conservative collateral position. After credit approval, a letter of intent is issued to the borrower, which outlines the principal financial terms of the proposed facility, sponsor obligations, conditions precedent to disbursement, undertakings from and covenants on the borrower. After completion of all formalities by the borrower, a loan agreement is entered into with the borrower.

In addition to the above, in the case of structured project finance in areas such as infrastructure and oil, gas and petrochemicals, as a part of the due diligence process, ICICI Bank appoints consultants, wherever considered necessary, to advise the lenders, including technical advisors, business analysts, legal counsel and insurance consultants. These consultants are typically internationally recognized and experienced in their respective fields. Risk mitigating factors in these financings generally also include creation of debt service reserves and channeling project revenues through a trust and retention account.

ICICI Bank's project finance credits are generally fully secured and have full recourse to the borrower. In most cases, ICICI Bank has a security interest and first lien on all the fixed assets and a second lien on all the current assets of the borrower. Security interests typically include property, plant and equipment as well as other tangible assets of the borrower, both present and future. Typically, it is ICICI Bank's practice to lend between 60.0% and 80.0% of the appraised value of these types of collateral securities. ICICI Bank's borrowers are required to maintain comprehensive insurance on their assets where ICICI Bank is recognized as payee in the event of loss. In some cases, ICICI Bank also takes additional collateral in the form of corporate or personal guarantees from one or more sponsors of the project and a pledge of the sponsors' equity holding in the project company. In certain industry segments, ICICI Bank also takes security interest in relevant project contracts such as concession agreements, off-take agreements and construction contracts as part of the security package. In limited cases, loans are also guaranteed by commercial

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banks and, in the past, have also been guaranteed by Indian state governments or the government of India.

It is ICICI Bank's current practice to normally disburse funds after the entire project funding is committed and all necessary contractual arrangements have been entered into. Funds are disbursed in tranches to pay for approved project costs as the project progresses. When ICICI Bank appoints technical and market consultants, they are required to monitor the project's progress and certify all disbursements. ICICI Bank also requires the borrower to submit periodic reports on project implementation, including orders for machinery and equipment as well as expenses incurred. Project completion is contingent upon satisfactory operation of the project for a certain minimum period and, in certain cases, the establishment of debt service reserves. ICICI Bank continues to monitor the credit exposure until its loans are fully repaid.

### Corporate Finance Procedures

As part of the corporate loan approval procedures, ICICI Bank carries out a detailed analysis of funding requirements, including normal capital expenses, long-term working capital requirements and temporary imbalances in liquidity. ICICI Bank's funding of long-term core working capital requirements is assessed on the basis, among other things, of the borrower's present and proposed level of inventory and receivables. In case of corporate loans for other funding requirements, ICICI Bank undertakes a detailed review of those requirements and an analysis of cash flows. A substantial portion of ICICI Bank's corporate finance loans are secured by a lien over appropriate assets of the borrower.

The focus of ICICI Bank's structured corporate finance products is on cash flow based financing. ICICI Bank has a set of distinct approval procedures to evaluate and mitigate the risks associated with such products. These procedures include:

- o carrying out a detailed analysis of cash flows to accurately forecast the amounts that will be paid and the timing of the payments based on an exhaustive analysis of historical data;
- o conducting due diligence on the underlying business systems, including a detailed evaluation of the servicing and collection procedures and the underlying contractual arrangements; and
- o paying particular attention to the legal, accounting and tax issues that may impact any structure.

ICICI Bank's analysis enables it to identify risks in these transactions. To mitigate risks, ICICI Bank uses various credit enhancement techniques, such as over-collateralization, cash collateralization, creation of escrow accounts and debt service reserves and performance guarantees. The residual risk is typically managed by complete or partial recourse to the borrowing company whose credit risk is evaluated as described above. ICICI Bank also has a monitoring framework to enable continuous review of the performance of such transactions.

### Working Capital Finance Procedures

ICICI Bank carries out a detailed analysis of its borrowers' working capital requirements. Credit limits are established in accordance with the approval authorization approved by ICICI Bank's board of directors. Once credit limits are approved, ICICI Bank calculates the amounts that can be lent on the



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and Audit Group, Project Finance Group and Chief Financial

unsecured exposure to up to Rs. 0.3 billion for an unsecured exposure greater than company with an internal credit rating

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- o From up to Rs. 1.6 billion (US\$ 37 million) one year secured exposure to up to Rs. 2 million) for a 10 year secured exposure company with an internal credit rating
- o From up to Rs. 1.1 billion (US\$ 25 million) one year unsecured exposure to up to Rs. 2 million) for a 10 year unsecured exposure each company with an internal credit rating below;

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Regional Committee (Credit) Consisting of regional representatives of various client relationship groups with representatives of Risk Management Group, Compliance and Audit Group and Middle Office Group as permanent invitees.

- o From up to Rs. 5.0 billion (US\$ 115 million) one year secured exposure to up to Rs. 5 million) for a 10 year secured exposure company with an internal credit rating
- o From up to Rs. 5.0 billion (US\$ 115 million) one year unsecured exposure to up to Rs. 2 million) for a 10 year unsecured exposure each company with an internal credit rating above;
- o From up to Rs. 0.6 billion (US\$ 14 million) one year secured exposure to up to Rs. 1 million) for a 10 year secured exposure company with an internal credit rating
- o From up to Rs. 0.4 billion (US\$ 9 million) year unsecured exposure to up to Rs. 0.1 million) for a 10 year unsecured exposure company with an internal credit rating

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In all cases, subject to adherence to limited capital funds(1) imposed on the Committee mentioned above.

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(1) Capital funds consist of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital, as defined in the Reserve Bank of India regulations, under Indian GAAP. See "Supervision and Regulation - Capital Adequacy Requirements".

All new loans must be approved by the above committees in accordance with their respective powers. Certain designated executives are authorized to approve:

- o ad-hoc/ additional working capital facilities not exceeding the lower of 10.0% of existing approved facilities and Rs. 20 million (US\$ 460,829);
- o temporary accommodation not exceeding the lower of 20.0% of existing approved facilities and Rs. 20 million (US\$ 460,829); and

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- o facilities fully secured by deposits, cash margin, letters of credit of approved banks or approved sovereign debt instruments.

In addition to the above loan products, ICICI Bank's Rural, Micro-banking and Agri-business Group provides loans to self-help groups, rural agencies, as well as certain categories of agricultural loans and loans under government-sponsored schemes. These loans are typically of small amounts. The credit approval authorization approved by our board of directors requires that all such loans above Rs. 1.5 million (US\$ 34,562) be approved by the Committee of Directors, while the authority to approve loans up to Rs. 1.5 million (US\$ 34,562) has been delegated to designated executives.

### Credit Monitoring Procedures for Corporate Loans

The Credit Middle Office Group monitors compliance with the terms and conditions for credit facilities prior to disbursement. It also reviews the completeness of documentation, creation of security and insurance policies for assets financed. All borrower accounts are reviewed at least once a year. Larger exposures and lower rated-borrowers are reviewed more frequently.

### Retail Loan Procedures

Our customers for retail loans are typically middle and high-income, salaried or self-employed individuals, and, in some cases, partnerships and corporations. Except for personal loans, credit cards

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and loan against shares, we require a contribution from the borrower and our loans are secured by the asset financed.

Our retail credit product operations are sub-divided into various product lines. Each product line is further sub-divided into separate sales and marketing and credit groups. The Risk Management Group, which is independent of the business groups, approves all new retail products and product policies and credit approval authorizations. All products and policies require the approval of the Committee of Directors. All credit approval authorizations require the approval of our board of directors.

ICICI Bank uses direct marketing agents as well as its own branch network and employees for marketing retail credit products. However, credit approval authority lies only with ICICI Bank's credit officers who are distinct from the product marketing teams. The delegation of credit approval authority is linked, among other factors, to the size of the credit and the authority delegated to credit officers varies across different products.

ICICI Bank's credit officers evaluate credit proposals on the basis of the product policy approved by the Committee of Directors and the risk assessment criteria defined by the Risk Management Group. These criteria vary across product segments but typically include factors such as the borrower's income, the loan-to-value ratio and certain stability factors. In case of credit cards, in order to limit the scope of individual discretion, ICICI Bank has implemented a credit-scoring programme that is an automated credit approval system that assigns a credit score to each applicant based on certain demographic attributes like earnings stability, educational background and age. The credit score then forms the basis of loan evaluation. External agencies such as field investigation agents and credit processing agents are used to facilitate a comprehensive due diligence process including visits to offices and homes in the case of loans to individual borrowers. Before disbursements are made, the credit

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officer conducts a centralized check and review of the borrower's profile. Though a formal credit bureau does not as yet operate in India, ICICI Bank avails the services of certain private agencies operating in India to check applications before disbursement. A centralized retail credit team undertakes review and audit of credit quality across each credit approval team.

ICICI Bank has established centralized operations to manage operating risk in the various back office processes of ICICI Bank's retail loan business except for a few operations which are decentralized to improve turnaround time for customers.

ICICI Bank has a collections unit structured along various product lines and geographical locations, to manage delinquency levels. The collections unit operates under the guidelines of a standardized recovery process. ICICI Bank also makes use of external collection agents to aid it in collection efforts, including collateral repossession in accounts that are overdue for more than 90 days. External agencies for collections are governed by standardized process guidelines.

A fraud control department has been set up to manage levels of fraud, primarily through fraud prevention in the form of forensic audits and also through recovery of fraud losses. The fraud control department is aided by specialized agencies. The fraud control department also evaluates the various external agencies involved in the retail finance operations, including direct marketing agents, external verification agents and collection agents.

### Small Enterprises Loan Procedures

The Small Enterprises Group finances dealers and vendors of companies by implementing structures to enhance the base credit quality of the vendor / dealer, that involve an analysis of the base credit quality of the vendor / dealer pool and an analysis of the linkages that exist between the vendor / dealer and the company.

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The group is also involved in financing based on a community-based approach, that is, financing of small enterprises that have a homogeneous profile such as apparel manufacturers and manufacturers of pharmaceuticals. The risk assessment of such communities involves identification of appropriate credit norms for target market, use of scoring models for enterprises that satisfy these norms and applying pre-determined exposure limits to enterprises that are awarded a minimum required score in the scoring model. The assessment also involves setting up of portfolio control norms, individual borrower approval norms and stringent exit triggers to be followed while financing such clusters or communities.

### Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Market risk is the possibility of loss arising from changes in the value of a financial instrument as a result of changes in market variables such as interest rates, exchange rates and other asset prices. The prime source of market risk for us is the interest rate risk we are exposed to as a financial intermediary, which arises on account of our asset liability management activities. In addition to interest rate risk, we are exposed to other elements of market risk such as liquidity or funding risk, price risk on trading portfolios, and exchange rate risk on foreign currency positions.

### Market Risk Management Procedures

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Our board of directors reviews and approves the policies for the management of market risk. The board has delegated the responsibility for market risk management on the banking book to the Asset Liability Management Committee and the trading book to the Committee of Directors, under the Risk Committee of the board of directors. The Asset Liability Management Committee is responsible for approving policies and managing interest rate risk on the banking book and liquidity risks reflected in the balance sheet. The Committee of Directors is responsible for setting policies and approving risk controls for the trading portfolio.

The Asset Liability Management Committee is chaired by the Joint Managing Director and the Deputy Managing Director and Executive Directors are members of the Committee. This Committee generally meets on a monthly basis and reviews the interest rate and liquidity gap positions on the banking book, formulates a view on interest rates, sets deposit and benchmark lending rates, reviews the business profile and its impact on asset liability management and determines the asset liability management strategy, as deemed fit, in light of the current and expected business environment. This Committee reports to the Risk Committee. A majority of the members of the Risk Committee are independent directors and the committee is chaired by an independent director. The Structural Rate Risk Management Group and Balance Sheet Management Group are responsible for managing interest rate risk and liquidity risk, under the supervision of the Asset Liability Management Committee.

The Risk Management Group recommends changes in risk policies and controls, including for new trading products, and the processes and methodologies for quantifying and assessing market risks. Risk limits including position limits and stop loss limits for the trading book are monitored on a daily basis and reviewed periodically.

### Interest Rate Risk

Since our balance sheet consists predominantly of rupee assets and liabilities, movements in domestic interest rates constitute the main source of interest rate risk. Our portfolio of traded and other debt securities and our loan portfolio are negatively impacted by an increase in interest rates. Exposure to fluctuations in interest rates is measured primarily by way of gap analysis, providing a static view of the maturity and re-pricing characteristics of balance sheet positions. An interest rate gap report is prepared by classifying all assets and liabilities into various time period categories according to contracted maturities or anticipated re-pricing date. The difference in the amount of assets and liabilities maturing or being re-priced in any time period category, would then give an indication of the extent of exposure to the risk of potential changes in the margins on new or re-priced

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assets and liabilities. ICICI Bank prepares interest rate risk reports on a fortnightly basis. The same are reported to the Reserve Bank of India on a monthly basis. Interest rate risk is further monitored through interest rate risk limits approved by the Asset Liability Management Committee.

Our core business is deposit taking and lending in both rupees and foreign currencies, as permitted by the Reserve Bank of India. These activities expose us to interest rate risk. As the rupee market is significantly different from the international currency markets, gap positions in these markets differ significantly.





























































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We also seek to leverage our domestic technology capabilities in our international operations.

### Technology Organization

While we have dedicated technology groups for our products and services for retail and corporate customers, our enterprise-wide technology initiatives are coordinated by the Technology Management Group.

### Banking Application Software

We use a banking application software that is flexible and scaleable and allows us to effectively and efficiently serve our growing customer base. In fiscal 2003, our core banking software was upgraded and enabled with multi-currency features. A central stand-in server provides services all days of the week, throughout the year, to delivery channels. The server stores the latest customer account balances, which are continuously streamed from the core banking database. We have a data center in Mumbai for centralized data base management, data storage and retrieval.

### Electronic and Online Channels

We use a combination of physical and electronic delivery channels to maximize customer choice and convenience, which has helped the differentiation of our products in the marketplace. Our branch banking software is flexible and scaleable and integrates well with its electronic delivery channels. Our ATMs are sourced from some of the world's leading vendors. These ATMs work with the branch banking software. At year-end fiscal 2004, we had 1,790 ATMs across India. We were one of the first banks to offer online banking facilities to our customers. We now offer a number of online banking services to our customers for both corporate and retail products and services. Our telephone banking call centers have a total seating capacity of 1,750 seats, across two locations, at Mumbai and Hyderabad. These telephone banking call centers use an Interactive Voice Response System. In fiscal 2003, we upgraded the existing hardware and deployed a new integrated Interactive Voice Response System to enhance capacity. The call centers are based on the latest technology and provide an

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integrated customer database that allows the call agents to get a complete overview of the customer's relationship with us. The database enables customer segmentation and assists the call agent in identifying cross-selling opportunities.

We launched mobile banking services in India in March 2000, in line with our strategy to offer multi-channel access to our customers. This service has now been extended to all mobile telephone service providers across India and non-resident Indian customers in the United States of America, the United Kingdom, the Middle East and Singapore.

### High-Speed Electronic Communications Infrastructure

We have a nationwide data communications network linking all our channels and offices. The network design is based on a mix of dedicated leased lines and satellite links to provide for reach and redundancy, which is imperative in a vast country like India. The communications network is monitored 24 hours a day using advanced network management software.



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a team of highly motivated and skilled employees. We evaluate our competitive position separately in respect of our products and services for retail and corporate customers.

### Commercial banking products and services for retail customers

In the retail markets, competition is primarily from foreign and Indian commercial banks and housing finance companies. Foreign banks have product and delivery capabilities but are likely to focus on limited customer segments and geographical locations since they have a smaller branch network than Indian commercial banks. Foreign banks in the aggregate had only 196 branches in India at the end of March 2004. Indian commercial banks have wide distribution networks but relatively less strong technological and marketing capabilities. We seek to compete in this market through a full product portfolio, effective distribution channels, which include agents, robust credit processes and collection mechanisms, experienced professionals and superior technology.

Commercial banks attract the majority of retail bank deposits, historically the preferred retail savings product in India. We have sought to capitalize on our corporate relationships to gain individual customer accounts through payroll management products and will continue to pursue a multi-channel distribution strategy utilizing physical branches, ATMs, telephone banking call centers and the Internet to reach customers. Further, following a strategy focused on customer profiles and product segmentation, we offer differentiated liability products to customers of various ages and income profiles. Mutual funds are another source of competition to us. Mutual funds offer tax advantages and have the capacity to earn competitive returns and hence, have increasingly become a viable alternative to bank deposits.

### Commercial banking products and services for corporate customers

In products and services for corporate customers, we face strong competition primarily from public sector banks, foreign banks and other new private sector banks. Our principal competition in these products and services comes from public sector banks, which have built extensive branch networks that have enabled them to raise low-cost deposits and, as a result, price their loans and fee-based services very competitively. Their wide geographical reach facilitates the delivery of banking products to their corporate customers located in most parts of the country. We have been able, however, to compete effectively because of our efficient service and prompt turnaround time that we believe is significantly faster than public sector banks. We seek to compete with the large branch networks of the public sector banks through our multi-channel distribution approach and technology-driven delivery capabilities.

Traditionally, foreign banks have been active in providing trade finance, fee-based services and other short-term financing products to top tier Indian corporations. We effectively compete with foreign banks in cross-border trade finance as a result of our wider geographical reach relative to foreign banks and our customized trade financing solutions. We have established strong fee-based cash management services and compete with foreign banks due to our technological edge and competitive pricing strategies.

Other new private sector banks also compete in the corporate banking market on the basis of efficiency, service delivery and technology. However, we believe our size, capital base, strong corporate relationships, wider geographical reach and ability to use technology to provide innovative, value-added products and services provide us with a competitive edge.

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In project finance, ICICI's primary competitors were established long-term lending institutions. In recent years, Indian and foreign commercial banks have sought to expand their presence in this market. We believe that we have a competitive advantage due to our strong market reputation and expertise in risk evaluation and mitigation. We believe that our in-depth sector specific knowledge and capabilities in understanding risks and policy related issues as well as our advisory, structuring and syndication services have allowed us to gain credibility with project sponsors, overseas lenders and policy makers.

### New business areas

Our international strategy is focused on India-linked opportunities in the initial stages. In our international operations, we face competition from Indian public sector banks with overseas operations, foreign banks with products and services targeted at non-resident Indians and Indian businesses and other service providers like remittance services. We are seeking to position ourselves as an Indian bank offering globally-benchmarked products and services with an extensive distribution network in India to gain a competitive advantage. We seek to leverage our technology capabilities developed in our domestic business to offer convenient and efficient services to our international customers. We also seek to leverage our strong relationships with Indian corporates in our international business.

Our insurance joint ventures face competition from existing dominant public sector players as well as new private sector players. We believe that the key competitive strength of our insurance joint ventures is the combination of our experience in the Indian financial services industry with the global experience and skills of our joint venture partners. We believe that ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company and ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company have built strong product, distribution and risk management capabilities, achieving market leadership positions in their respective businesses. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company had a market share of 31% in new business written by private sector life insurance companies in India during fiscal 2004. ICICI Lombard General Insurance had a market share of 22% among the private sector general insurance companies in India during fiscal 2004.

### Employees

At year-end fiscal 2004 we had 18,942 employees, compared to 15,179 employees at year-end fiscal 2003. Of these, 13,549 at year-end fiscal 2004 were employed by ICICI Bank, an increase from 10,617 at year-end fiscal 2003 and 4,820 at year-end fiscal 2002. Of our 18,942 employees at year-end fiscal 2004, 5,992 were professionally qualified, holding degrees in management, accountancy, engineering, law, computer science, economics or banking.

Management believes that it has good relationships with its employees. ICICI Bank has a staff center, which serves as a forum for grievances.

The financial services industry in India is undergoing unprecedented change as deregulation gains momentum. Moreover, changing customer needs and rapid advances in technology are continually re-defining the lines of innovation and competition, thereby providing us with new challenges and opportunities. To meet these challenges, we have relied extensively on our human capital, which we believe comprises some of the best talent in the industry.

We continue to attract graduates from the premier business schools of the country. We dedicate significant amount of senior management time to ensure that employees remain highly motivated and perceive the organization as a place where opportunities abound, innovation is fuelled, teamwork is valued and success is rewarded. Employee compensation is clearly tied to performance and we encourage the involvement of all our employees in our overall performance and

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profitability through profit sharing incentive schemes based on the financial results. A revised performance appraisal system has been implemented to assist management in career development and succession planning.

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ICICI Bank has an employee stock option scheme to encourage and retain high performing employees. Pursuant to the employee stock option scheme as amended by the Scheme of Amalgamation and further amended in September 2004, up to 5.0% of the aggregate of our issued equity shares at the time of grant of the stock options can be allocated under the employee stock option scheme. The stock option will entitle eligible employees to apply for equity shares. The grant of stock options is approved by ICICI Bank's board of directors on the recommendations of the Board Governance and Remuneration Committee. The eligibility of each employee is determined based on an evaluation of the employee including employee's work performance, technical knowledge and leadership qualities. Moreover, ICICI Bank places considerable emphasis and value on its policy of encouraging internal communication and consultation between employees and management. See also "Management - Compensation and Benefits to Directors and Officers - Employee Stock Option Scheme."

ICICI Bank has a training center, where various training programs designed to meet the changing skill requirements of its employees are conducted. These training programs include orientation sessions for new employees and management development programs for mid-level and senior executives. The training center regularly offers courses conducted by faculty, both national and international, drawn from industry, academia and ICICI Bank's own organization. Training programs are also conducted for developing functional as well as managerial skills. Products and operations training is also conducted through web-based training modules.

In addition to basic compensation, employees of ICICI Bank are eligible to receive loans from ICICI Bank at subsidized rates and to participate in its provident fund and other employee benefit plans. The provident fund, to which both ICICI Bank and its employees contribute a defined amount, is a savings scheme, required by government regulation, under which ICICI Bank at present is required to pay to employees a minimum 8.5% (9.0% until fiscal year-end 2004) annual return. If such return is not generated internally by the fund, ICICI Bank is liable for the difference. ICICI Bank's provident fund has generated sufficient funds internally to meet the minimum annual return requirement since inception of the funds. ICICI Bank has also set up a superannuation fund to which it contributes defined amounts. In addition, ICICI Bank contributes specified amounts to a gratuity fund set up pursuant to Indian statutory requirements.

The following table sets forth, at the dates indicated, the approximate number of employees in ICICI Bank and its consolidated subsidiaries and other consolidated entities.

	At March 31,			
	2003		2004	
	Number	% to total	Number	% to total
ICICI Bank.....	10,617	69.9%	13,549	71.

















































































































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In order to understand our financial condition and results of operations, it is important to understand our significant accounting policies and the extent to which we use judgments and estimates in applying those policies. Our accounting and reporting policies are in accordance with US GAAP and conform to standard accounting practices relevant to our products and services and the businesses in which we operate. US GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported income and expenses during the reported period. Accordingly, we use a significant amount of judgment and estimates based on assumptions for which the actual results are uncertain when we make the estimation.

We have identified three critical accounting policies, based on the judgments and estimates required in the application of these policies. These include valuation of securities and accounting for derivative transactions and hedging activities, allowance for loan losses and accounting for securitization transactions. Additional information about these policies can be found in Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements. The statements below contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. See "Forward-Looking Statements".

### Valuation of Securities and Accounting for Derivatives Transactions and Hedging Activities

Our securities are classified into available for sale securities, trading securities, venture capital investments and non-readily marketable securities. The classification into available for sale and trading securities is based on management's intention at the time of purchase. We no longer classify investments in debt securities as held to maturity, due to sale of certain held to maturity securities in fiscal 2002 by ICICI for reasons other than those specified in SFAS No. 115. Further, we offer derivative products to our customers to transfer, modify or reduce their foreign exchange and interest rate risks and to manage our own interest rate and foreign exchange positions. The derivatives market in India is evolving and our derivative volumes have increased significantly since the amalgamation.

The fair values of quoted securities are determined based on market prices. The fair value of securities for which quoted market prices are not available is estimated as follows:

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- o The fair value of unquoted government of India securities is estimated based on the yields to maturity of these securities published by certain agencies approved by the Reserve Bank of India.
- o The fair value of other unquoted securities and preference shares is computed based on the mark-up, based on the credit rating of the issuer by a credit rating agency, over the yields to maturity for government of India securities, as published by certain agencies approved by the Reserve Bank of India.
- o The fair values of investments in unquoted mutual fund units are estimated based on the latest repurchase price declared by the mutual fund in respect of each particular scheme. If the repurchase price is not available, the fair value is estimated based on the net asset values of the respective mutual fund scheme.
- o The fair values of certain derivative contracts are derived from pricing models that consider market and contractual prices for the

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underlying financial instruments, as well as the time value of money, the yield curve and any other volatility factors underlying the positions.

Changes in values of available-for-sale securities are recognized net of taxes as a component of stockholders' equity, unless the value is impaired and the impairment is not considered to be temporary. Impairment losses that are not considered temporary are recognized in the income statement. We conduct regular reviews to assess whether other-than-temporary impairment exists. Changes in the fair values of trading account assets are recognized in the income statement.

Equity securities, forming part of our securities portfolio, are considered as publicly traded if they have been traded on a securities exchange within six months prior to the relevant fiscal year-end. The fair value of such securities is the last quoted price. Non-readily marketable equity securities are recorded at cost and a provision is made for other than temporary diminution. Equity securities acquired by conversion of loans in a troubled debt restructuring are stated at their fair values and accounted for in the same manner as equity investments acquired for cash.

The fair values of publicly traded venture capital investments are generally based upon quoted market prices. In certain situations, including thinly traded securities, large block holdings, restricted shares or other special situations, the quoted market price is adjusted to produce an estimate of the attainable fair value for the securities. For securities that are not publicly traded, fair value is determined in good faith pursuant to procedures established by the board of directors of the venture capital subsidiary. In determining the fair value of these securities, consideration is given to the financial conditions, operating results and prospects of the underlying companies, and any other factors deemed relevant. Generally, these investments are carried at cost during the first year, unless a significant event occurred that affects the long-term value of the investment. Since the valuations are inherently uncertain, these estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed. Changes in fair values of venture capital investments are recognized in the income statement.

SFAS No. 133 and SFAS No. 138 require that all derivative instruments be recorded on the balance sheet at their respective fair values with unrealized gains and losses recorded either in accumulated other comprehensive income or in the statement of income, depending on the purpose for which the derivative was held.

We provide forward contracts to our customers for hedging their short-term exchange rate risk on foreign currency denominated receivables and payables. We generally provide this facility for a term of up to six months and occasionally up to 12 months. We also offer interest rate and currency swaps to our customers for hedging their medium and long-term risks due to interest rate and currency exchange rate movements. We offer these swaps for a period ranging from three to 10 years. We also hedge our own exchange rate risk related to our foreign currency trading portfolio with products from banking counterparties.

At the inception of a hedge transaction, we formally document the hedge relationship and the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. This process includes identification of the hedging instrument, hedged item, risk being hedged and the methodology for measuring effectiveness of the hedge. In addition, we assess both at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivative used in the hedging transaction has been highly effective in offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows of the hedged

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item, and whether the derivative is expected to continue to be highly effective. Derivatives that do not meet the criteria for designation as a hedge under SFAS No. 133 at inception, or fail to meet the criteria thereafter, are accounted for in other assets with changes in fair value recorded in the statement of income.

We discontinue hedge accounting prospectively when it is either determined that the derivative is no longer highly effective in offsetting changes in the fair value or cash flows of a hedged item; the derivative expires or is sold, terminated or exercised; the derivative is de-designated because it is unlikely that a forecasted transaction would occur; or management determines that designation of the derivative as a hedging instrument is no longer appropriate.

Changes in the fixed income, equity, foreign exchange markets would impact our estimate of fair value in the future, potentially affecting principal trading revenues. Similarly, pricing models and their underlying assumptions impact the amount and timing of unrealized gains and losses recognized, and the use of different pricing models or assumptions could produce different financial results.

### Allowance for loan losses

At year-end fiscal 2004, the allowance for loan losses was Rs. 66.8 billion (US\$ 1.5 billion) or 10.9% of net loans. The allowance for loan losses represents management's estimate of probable losses inherent in the portfolio. We have developed appropriate policies and procedures for assessing the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses that reflect our careful evaluation of credit risk considering all information available to us. In developing this assessment, we must rely on estimates and exercise judgment regarding matters where the ultimate outcome is unknown, such as economic factors, developments affecting companies in specific industries and issues with respect to single borrowers. Depending on changes in circumstances, future assessments of credit risk may yield materially different results, which may require an increase or a decrease in the allowance for loan losses.

Larger balance, non-homogenous exposures representing significant individual credit exposures are evaluated based upon the borrower's overall financial condition, resources and payment record and the realizable value of any collateral. Loans identified as trouble debt restructuring or other impaired with a balance of Rs. 100 million and above are individually reviewed and an allowance is determined based on the difference between the loan's carrying value and the loan's fair value. Fair value is based on either the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's observable market price or the fair value of the collateral, less disposal costs, if the loan is collateral dependent. No other allowance is provided on impaired loans that are individually reviewed.

Each portfolio of smaller-balance, homogenous loans, including consumer loans and credit card receivables, is evaluated for impairment. The allowance for loan losses attributed to these loans is established by a process that includes an estimate of probable losses inherent in the portfolio. These include historical delinquency and credit loss experience and current trends and conditions.

These evaluation processes are subject to numerous estimates and judgments. The use of different estimates or assumptions could produce different results. We regularly monitor qualitative and quantitative trends in the loan portfolio, including changes in the levels of restructured loans and other impaired loans. The distribution of the allowance as described above does not diminish the fact that

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the entire allowance is available to absorb credit losses in the loan portfolio. Our principal focus, therefore, is on the adequacy of the total allowance for loan losses.

### Securitization

We primarily securitize commercial loans through "pass-through" securitizations. After the securitization, we generally continue to maintain customer account relationships and service loans transferred to the securitization trust. Transfers that do not meet the criteria for a sale under SFAS No. 140, are required to be recorded as secured borrowings with a pledge of collateral, and such secured borrowings are required to be reported as a component of other borrowings. However, there have been no transfers which have not met the criteria for a sale under SFAS No. 140, and consequent no recording or reporting has been entailed. Recourse and servicing obligations and put options written are recorded as proceeds of the sale.

Retained beneficial interests in the loans and servicing rights are measured by allocating the carrying value of the loans between the assets sold and the retained interest, based on the relative fair value at the date of the securitization. The fair values are determined using financial models or quoted market prices or sale value of similar assets.

Financial models and their underlying assumptions relating to delinquency, prepayments, servicing costs and conversions from floating rate loans to fixed rate loans, impact the amount and timing of gains and losses recognized and the valuation of retained interests, and the use of different financial models or assumptions could produce different financial results.

### Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In January 2003, the FASB issued FIN No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities - an interpretation of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51. FIN No. 46 is applicable to all variable interest entities created after January 31, 2003. In respect of variable interest entities created before February 1, 2003, FIN No. 46 will be applicable from fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2003. There are no variable interest entities that require disclosure under FIN 46. Further, in December 2003, the FASB issued a revision to FIN No. 46 to clarify some of the provisions of FIN No. 46 and to exempt certain entities from its requirements. We have transferred certain impaired loans to borrower specific funds/trusts managed by an asset reconstruction company which are VIEs within the definition contained in FIN 46/ FIN 46R. Accordingly, we have consolidated these entities at year-end fiscal 2004.

In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 149, Amendment of Statement No. 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies financial accounting and reporting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133. SFAS No. 149 is effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003 and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. Adoption of SFAS No. 149 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equities. SFAS No. 150 requires issuers to classify as liabilities (or assets in some circumstance) three classes of freestanding financial instruments that embody obligations for the issuer. Generally, SFAS No. 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003 and is otherwise effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. Adoption of SFAS No. 150 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial

statements.

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In December 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 132 (revised 2003), Employers' Disclosures about Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits. SFAS No. 132 revises financial statement disclosures for pension plans and other post retirement benefit plans. SFAS No. 132 is applicable for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2003. We have adopted the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 132.

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#### MANAGEMENT

##### Directors and Executive Officers

Our board of directors, consisting of 17 members at September 20, 2004, is responsible for the management of our business. Our organizational documents provide for a minimum of three directors and a maximum of 21 directors, excluding the government director and the debenture director (defined below), if any. We may, subject to the provisions of our organizational documents and the Indian Companies Act, change the minimum or maximum number of directors by a resolution which is passed at a general meeting by a majority of the present and voting shareholders. In addition, under the Indian Banking Regulation Act, the Reserve Bank of India may require us to convene a meeting of our shareholders for the purposes of appointing new directors to our board of directors.

The Banking Regulation Act requires that at least 51% of the directors should have special knowledge or practical experience in banking and areas relevant to banking including accounting, finance, agriculture, and small scale industry. Accordingly, all of our directors are professionals with special knowledge of one or more of the above areas. Of the 17 directors, five are directors who are in our wholtime employment, or wholtime directors. The appointment of wholtime directors requires the approval of the Reserve Bank of India and the shareholders. Under the terms of the loan and guarantee facilities provided by the government of India to us, the government of India is entitled to appoint and has appointed one representative to our board, currently Mr. Vinod Rai. Of the remaining 11 independent directors, the Chairman of our board, Mr. N. Vaghul, is the former chairman of ICICI, Mr. P. C. Ghosh and Mr. S.B. Mathur are the Chairmen of General Insurance Corporation of India and Life Insurance Corporation of India, respectively, which are among ICICI Bank's large institutional shareholders, one director is a consultant, one is a technocrat-entrepreneur, one is a practicing chartered accountant, one is a professor of finance, one is a retired company executive, one is from a financial holding company with investments in insurance and investment management and two are from industrial companies. Of the 12 non-wholtime directors, three have specialized knowledge in respect of agriculture and rural economy or small-scale industry. The Reserve Bank of India has also prescribed 'fit and proper' criteria to be considered while appointing persons as directors of banking companies. Our directors are required to make declarations confirming their ongoing compliance of the above 'fit and proper' criteria. Our board of directors has reviewed the declarations received from the directors in this regard and determined that all our directors satisfy the 'fit and proper' criteria.

Our organizational documents also provide that we may execute trust deeds

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securing our debentures under which the trustee or trustees may appoint a director, known as the debenture director. The debenture director is not subject to retirement by rotation and may only be removed as provided in the relevant trust deed. Currently, there is no debenture director on our board of directors.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Companies Act, at least two-thirds of the total number of directors, excluding the government director and the debenture director, are subject to retirement by rotation. One-third of these directors must retire from office at each annual meeting of shareholders. A retiring director is eligible for re-election. Pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Banking Regulation Act, none of the directors other than wholetime directors may hold office continuously for a period exceeding eight years. In terms of the requirements of the Reserve Bank of India the maximum age limit for directors is 70 years.

Our board of directors appointed Mr. S.B. Mathur, Chairman, Life Insurance Corporation of India and Mr. V. Prem Watsa, Chairman & CEO of Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited as non-wholetime directors effective January 29, 2004. The shareholders have approved their appointments at the annual general meeting held on September 20, 2004. Dr. Satish C. Jha, who had attained the age of 70 years did not seek reappointment at the annual general meeting and thus ceased to be a director effective September 20, 2004. Mr. R. Seshasayee who was appointed as a non-wholetime director effective May 3, 2002, resigned from our board effective October 31, 2003.

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Our board of directors had appointed Ms. Chanda Kochhar and Dr. Nachiket Mor as Executive Directors effective April 1, 2001, Mr. K.V. Kamath and Ms. Lalita D. Gupte, previously non-wholetime directors on our board, as Managing Director & CEO and Joint Managing Director respectively, effective May 3, 2002 and Ms. Kalpana Morparia and Mr. S. Mukherji as Executive Directors, effective May 3, 2002. Our board subsequently re-appointed Ms. Lalita D. Gupte, whose tenure of appointment was until June 23, 2004, as Joint Managing Director till October 31, 2006. The Reserve Bank of India and our shareholders have approved these appointments. Our board also designated Ms. Kalpana Morparia as Deputy Managing Director effective February 1, 2004. Mr. H. N. Sinor, who was appointed Managing Director & CEO effective June 1, 1998 and re-designated as Joint Managing Director effective May 3, 2002, retired effective June 1, 2003. Mr. S. Mukherji, who was appointed as Executive Director effective May 3, 2002, was appointed as Managing Director & CEO of ICICI Securities Limited, a subsidiary of ICICI Bank, effective February 1, 2004 and ceased to be a director of ICICI Bank effective that date.

The tenures of appointment of Mr. K. V. Kamath and Ms. Kalpana Morparia are until April 30, 2006. The tenure of appointment of Ms. Lalita D. Gupte is until October 31, 2006 and the tenures of each of Ms. Chanda D. Kochhar and Dr. Nachiket Mor is until March 31, 2006. However, in order to comply with the provisions of Indian Companies Act and ICICI Bank's organizational documents, Ms. Lalita D. Gupte and Ms. Kalpana Morparia will be subject to retirement by rotation if at any time the number of non-rotational directors exceeds one-third of the total number of directors. If they are re-appointed as directors immediately upon retirement by rotation, they will continue to hold their offices as wholetime directors, and the retirement by rotation and re-appointment shall not be deemed to constitute a break in their appointment. Our other executive officers may hold office until they retire, unless they are discharged earlier by us.

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Our board of directors at September 20, 2004 had the following members:

Name, Designation and Profession	Age	Date of Appointment	Other appointments
<p>Mr. Narayanan Vaghul Chairman</p> <p>Chairman: Agriculture &amp; Small Enterprises Business Committee Board Governance &amp; Remuneration Committee Business Strategy Committee Credit Committee Risk Committee</p> <p>Profession: Development Banker</p>	68	March 27, 2002	<p>Chairman Asset Reconstruction C GIVE Foundation Himatsingka Seide Limi ICICI Knowledge Park Mahindra Industrial Pa Pratham India Educatio Director Air India Limited Air India Air Transpor Air India Engineering Apollo Hospitals Enter Azim Premji Foundation Hemogenomics Private L Ispat Caribbean Ispat Europe Group S.A Ispat International N. Netherlands Ispat Mexicana, S.A. d Mahindra &amp; Mahindra Li Nicholas Piramal India Pratham Tamilnadu Educ Technology Network (In Wipro Limited</p>

<p>Mr. Uday Madhav Chitale</p> <p>Chairman: Audit Committee Fraud Monitoring Committee Share Transfer and Shareholders'/Investors' Grievance Committee</p>	54	August 21, 1997	<p>Partner M.P. Chitale &amp; Company M.P. Chitale &amp; Associa Director Crossdomain Solutions DFK Consulting Service DFK International (the</p>
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Name, Designation and Profession	Age	Date of Appointment	Other appointments
<p>Profession: Chartered Accountant</p>			<p>GMR Energy Limited Indian Council for Dis</p>

<p>Mr. Prabhas Chandra Ghosh</p> <p>Profession: Company Executive</p>	59	January 31, 2003	<p>Chairman General Insurance Corp GIC Asset Management C GIC Housing Finance Li Loss Prevention Associ India International In</p>
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Director  
 Deposit Insurance and  
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 Life Insurance Corpora  
 Life Insurance Corpora  
 Limited  
 Southern Petrochemical  
 Limited

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 Mr. Sunil Behari Mathur

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January 29, 2004

Profession:  
 Company Executive

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 Chairman  
 Jeevan Bima Sahayog As  
 Limited  
 Life Insurance Corpora  
 LIC HFL Care Homes Lim  
 LIC Housing Finance Li  
 LIC (International) E.  
 LIC (Lanka) Limited  
 LIC (Mauritius) Offsho  
 Limited  
 Director  
 General Insurance Corp  
 Kenindia Assurance Com  
 Kenya  
 National Commodities a  
 Limited  
 National Housing Bank  
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 Name, Designation and Profession

Age

Date of Appointment

Other appointments

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 Mr. Lakshmi Niwas Mittal

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May 3, 2002

Profession:  
 Industrialist

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 Director  
 Artha Limited  
 Caribbean Ispat Limited  
 Galmatias Limited  
 Grupo Ispat Internatio  
 Irish Ispat Limited  
 Iscor Limited  
 Ispat (US) Holdings In  
 Ispat Annaba Spa  
 Ispat Europe Group SA  
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LNM Capital Limited  
LNM Holdings BV  
LNM Holdings NV  
LNM Internet Ventures  
Lucre Limited  
Nestor Limited  
Nuav Limited  
Pratham UK Limited  
PT Ispat Indo  
Tommyfield Limited  
Chairman - Supervisory  
Ispat Nova Hut a.s.  
President - Supervisor  
Ispat Polska Stal S.A.

Mr. Anupam Pradip Puri	58	May 3, 2002	Director Dr. Reddy's Laboratori Godrej Consumer Produc Mahindra-British Telec Mahindra & Mahindra Li Patni Computer Systems
Profession: Management Consultant			
Mr. Vinod Rai	56	January 3, 2003	Director Bank of Baroda IFCI Limited Infrastructure Develop Limited Small Industries Devel
Additional Secretary (Financial Sector)  Ministry of Finance, Government of India			
Profession: Government Service			
Mr. Somesh Ramchandra Sathe	59	January 29, 1998	Managing Director Arbes Tools Private Li ESSP Meditek Private L Sukeshan Equipments Pr Partner Tooltronics
Profession: Technocrat Entrepreneur			

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Name, Designation and Profession	Age	Date of Appointment	Other appointments
Mr. Mahendra Kumar Sharma	57	January 31, 2003	Vice-Chairman Hindustan Lever Limite Chairman Vasishti Detergents Li Director Hind Lever Chemicals L Hind Lever Trust Limit Indexport Limited Lever India Exports Li Nepal Lever Limited
Profession: Company Executive			

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Mr. Priya Mohan Sinha Profession: Professional Manager	64	January 22, 2002	Chairman Bata India Limited Director Azim Premji Foundation Indian Oil Corporation Lafarge India Limited Quadra Advisory Privat Wipro Limited
Prof. Marti Gurunath Subrahmanyam Profession: Professor	58	May 3, 2002	Director Infosys Technologies L Nexgen Financial Holdi Nexgen Re Limited Nomura Asset Managemen Supply Chainge Inc. The Animi Offshore Fun The Animi Offshore Con Usha Communication Inc Director - Board of Go National Institute of
Mr. V. Prem Watsa Profession: Company Executive	54	January 29, 2004	Chairman & CEO Crum & Foster Holdings Fairfax Financial Hold Chairman 4129768 Canada Inc. Federated Insurance Co Federated Life Insuran Northbridge Financial TIG Holdings, Inc. President 1109519 Ontario Limite 810679 Ontario Limited FFHL Share Option 1 Co The Sixty Two Investme Vice-President FFHL Group Limited Vice-President & Secre Hamblin Watsa Investme Director Commonwealth Insurance Cunningham Lindsey U.S Hudson Insurance Compa Lindsey Morden Acquisi Lindsey Morden Group I Lombard General Insura Lombard Insurance Comp Markel Insurance Compa Odyssey Re Holdings Co

Name, Designation and Profession Age Date of Appointment Other appointments

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Mr. Kundapur Vaman Kamath Managing Director & CEO	56	April 17, 1996	Chairman ICICI Bank Canada ICICI Bank UK Limited ICICI Lombard General ICICI Prudential Life ICICI Securities Limit ICICI Venture Funds Ma	
Chairman: Committee of Directors		(Managing Director & CEO effective May 3, 2002)	Director Indian Institute of Ma Director - Asia Pacifi Visa International Director - Board of Go Indian Institute of In	
Profession: Company Executive				
Ms. Lalita Dileep Gupte Joint Managing Director	55	September 12, 1994 (Joint Managing Director effective May 3, 2002)	Director ICICI Bank Canada ICICI Bank UK Limited ICICI Lombard General ICICI Prudential Life ICICI Securities Limit ICICI Venture Funds Ma	
Chairperson: Asset Liability Management Committee				
Profession: Company Executive				
Ms. Kalpana Morparia Deputy Managing Director	55	May 3, 2002	Chairperson ICICI Investment Manag Director ICICI Home Finance Com ICICI Lombard General ICICI Prudential Life ICICI Securities Limit ICICI Venture Funds Ma	
Profession: Company Executive				
Ms. Chanda Kochhar Executive Director	42	April 1, 2001	Chairperson ICICI Home Finance Com ICICI Distribution Fin Director ICICI Prudential Life	
Profession: Company Executive				
Dr. Nachiket Mor Executive Director	40	April 1, 2001	Director ICICI Home Finance Com ICICI Securities Limit ICICI Venture Funds Ma Pratham India Educatio	
Profession: Company Executive				

The executive officers of ICICI Bank at August 31, 2004 were as follows:

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Name	Age	Designation and Responsibilities	Years of work experience	Total remuneration in fiscal 2004 (1)	Bonus for fiscal 2004 (2)	Share-holdings at August 31, 2004 (3)	Stock options granted in fiscal 2004 (4)
Mr. K.V. Kamath (5)	56	Managing Director & CEO	33	Rs. 12,316,116	Rs. 3,720,000	68,500	150,000
Ms. Lalita D. Gupte (5)	55	Joint Managing Director -International Banking	33	Rs. 10,554,771	Rs. 2,790,000	30,541	137,500
Ms. Kalpana Morparia (5)	55	Deputy Managing Director - Corporate Centre and Special Assets	28	Rs. 6,641,935	Rs. 2,010,000	21,190	125,000
Ms. Chanda D. Kochhar (5)	42	Executive Director - Retail Banking	20	Rs. 5,106,383	Rs. 1,650,000	77,881	100,000
Dr. Nachiket Mor (5)	40	Executive Director - Wholesale Banking and Project Finance	17	Rs. 5,122,568	Rs. 1,650,000	31,000	100,000
Mr. Sanjiv Kerkar (5)	53	Senior General Manager	28	Rs. 5,165,936	Rs. 2,016,000	4,289	-
Ms. Ramni Nirula (5)	52	Senior General Manager	28	Rs. 4,641,076	Rs. 1,812,480	9,566	75,000
Mr. P. H. Ravikumar (5)	52	Senior General Manager (currently seconded to National Commodities & Derivatives Exchange Limited)	31	Rs. 3,405,534	Rs. 1,932,000	12,650	44,000
Mr. Balaji Swaminathan (5)	39	Senior General Manager	15	Rs. 4,696,576	Rs. 2,640,000	20,000	75,000
Mr. Bhargav Dasgupta (5)	38	Senior General Manager	14	Rs. 3,853,917	Rs. 1,620,000	6,000	34,400
Mr. M. N. Gopinath (5)	55	Senior General Manager	36	Rs. 3,186,776	Rs. 1,296,000	21,550	37,500
Mr. N. S. Kannan (5)	39	Chief Financial Officer and	16	Rs. 3,773,608	Rs. 1,944,000	7,980	37,500

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		Treasurer					
Ms. Madhabi Puri-Buch (5)	38	Senior General Manager	16	Rs. 3,955,805	Rs. 1,944,000	30,811	37,500
Mr.V. Vaidyanathan (5)	36	Senior General Manager	14	Rs. 3,753,467	Rs. 1,944,000	9,500	37,500
Mr. K. Ramkumar (5)	43	Senior General Manager	19	Rs. 3,488,878	Rs. 1,860,000	350	37,500
Ms. Vishakha Mulye (5)	35	Senior General Manager	12	Rs. 2,991,275	Rs. 1,368,000	6,315	34,400
Mr. Nagesh Pinge (5)	45	Senior General Manager	20	Rs. 3,932,916	Rs. 1,860,000	20,881	37,500

- (1) Including ICICI Bank's contribution to the superannuation fund and provident fund as described under "-Compensation and Benefits to Directors and Officers- Superannuation Fund and Provident Fund" and excluding bonus payable for fiscal 2003 which was paid in fiscal 2004.
- (2) Bonus for fiscal 2004 was paid in fiscal 2005.
- (3) Executive officers and directors (wholetime and non-wholetime) as a group held less than 0.5% of ICICI Bank's equity shares as of this date.
- (4) Each stock option, once exercised, is equivalent to one equity share of ICICI Bank. ICICI Bank granted these stock options to its executive officers at no cost. See "-Compensation and Benefits to Directors and Officers- Employee Stock Option Scheme" for a description of the other terms of these stock options.

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- (5) In accordance with the Scheme of Amalgamation, directors and employees of ICICI have received stock options in ICICI Bank equal to half the number of the outstanding unexercised stock options they held in ICICI with the exercise price of these options being equal to twice the exercise price for the ICICI stock options exchanged. The stock options mentioned above include ICICI stock options converted into ICICI Bank stock options on this basis.

Mr. K.V. Kamath is a mechanical engineer and a post-graduate in business management from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He joined ICICI in 1971 and worked in the areas of project finance, leasing, resources and corporate planning. In 1988, he left ICICI to join the Asian Development Bank, where he worked for six years. In January 1995, he joined a private sector group in Indonesia as advisor to its chairman. Mr. Kamath joined the board of directors of ICICI in October 1995. He was appointed Managing Director & CEO of ICICI in May 1996 and was re-appointed in May 2001. Mr. Kamath was a non-wholetime director on the board of ICICI Bank from April 1996. Effective May 3, 2002 our board appointed Mr. Kamath as Managing Director & CEO.

Ms. Lalita D. Gupte has a Bachelor of Arts degree and also holds a Masters degree in management science from the Jammalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, University of Mumbai. She joined ICICI in 1971, where she worked in the areas of project finance, leasing, resources and treasury, and credit operations. She joined the board of directors of ICICI in June 1994 as Executive Director and was designated as Deputy Managing Director in 1996. In April 1999, she was designated as the Joint Managing Director and Chief

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Operating Officer of ICICI. From July 2001, she was designated as Joint Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer - International Business. Ms. Gupte was a non-whole-time director on the board of ICICI Bank from September 1994. Effective May 3, 2002, our board appointed Ms. Gupte as Joint Managing Director. Our board and shareholders have approved her re-appointment as Joint Managing Director until October 31, 2006 on the expiry of her tenure of appointment on June 23, 2004. She is currently in charge of the international operations.

Ms. Kalpana Morparia holds Bachelor's degrees in science and law. She worked in the legal department of ICICI from 1975 to 1994. From 1996, when she was designated as General Manager, she was in charge of the legal, planning, treasury and corporate communications departments. In 1998, she was designated a Senior General Manager of ICICI. She joined our board of directors of ICICI in May 2001. Effective May 3, 2002 our board appointed Ms. Morparia as an Executive Director. Further, effective February 1, 2004, our board designated her as Deputy Managing Director. She is currently in charge of the Corporate Centre which includes the strategy, risk management, legal, finance, secretarial, human resources management, corporate communications and facilities management and administration departments. She is also in charge of the special assets management group.

Ms. Chanda D. Kochhar holds a management degree from the Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai and a degree in cost and works accountancy from the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India. She started her career in 1984 with ICICI in its project finance department and has worked in the areas of corporate credit, infrastructure financing, e-commerce, strategy and retail finance. Ms. Kochhar was designated a Senior General Manager of ICICI in 2000 and was in charge of its retail business. She was appointed to our board as an Executive Director in April 2001. She is currently responsible for the retail banking operations.

Dr. Nachiket Mor holds a post-graduate diploma in finance management from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Financial Economics from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA. He started his career as an officer in the corporate planning and policy cell of ICICI in 1987. He has worked in the areas of project finance, corporate planning and treasury. Dr. Mor was designated a Senior General Manager of ICICI in 2000 and was in charge of treasury. He was appointed to our board of directors as an Executive Director in April 2001. He is currently responsible for wholesale banking and project finance.

Mr. Sanjiv Kerkar is a chemical engineer and holds a management degree from the Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, University of Mumbai. He worked with ICICI from 1979 until 1993, when he joined Asian Finance and Investment Company Limited, an affiliate of the Asian Development Bank. Mr. Kerkar worked with Asian Finance and Investment Company from 1993 to

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1996. In 1996, he re-joined ICICI as a General Manager and was in charge of the risk management department in ICICI. In 1998 he was designated a Senior General Manager of ICICI. Currently, Mr. Kerkar heads the Organizational Excellence Group, which is responsible for our quality initiatives.

Ms. Ramni Nirula is a post-graduate in management studies from Delhi University. She joined ICICI in 1975 and held various positions in the northern regional office of ICICI. Ms. Nirula became General Manager in 1998 and was the Zonal Manager of the Delhi zonal office for the period 1998 to 2000. She was

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designated as Senior General Manager of ICICI in fiscal 2000. She was the Managing Director & CEO of ICICI Securities from January 1, 2003 to January 31, 2004. She is currently responsible for the Government Banking Group and the Rural and Micro-banking and Agri- business Group.

Mr. P.H. Ravikumar is a graduate from Osmania University and is a Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers. Mr. Ravikumar started his career with Bank of India in 1972. He joined ICICI Bank in 1994. He was designated as Senior Executive Vice-President in 1998 and was in charge of treasury, foreign exchange and credit. Mr. Ravikumar joined ICICI in April 2001 as a Senior General Manager. He is currently on secondment to the National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited as its Managing Director.

Mr. Balaji Swaminathan is a graduate in commerce from Calcutta University, a chartered accountant and a cost and works accountant. Mr. Balaji Swaminathan started his career with KPMG International in 1989. He worked in KPMG India as Partner/Director from 1994 to 2001. He joined ICICI in August 2001 as its Chief Financial Officer and was the Chief Financial Officer of ICICI up to March 31, 2002. He was the Chief Financial Officer of ICICI Bank from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003. Currently, he is responsible for the Corporate Banking Group.

Mr. Bhargav Dasgupta is an engineer and has a post graduate degree in management from Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. He joined ICICI in 1992 in the project finance department. In 2003 he was designated a Senior General Manager of ICICI Bank. Currently, he is responsible for the International Banking Group.

Mr. M. N. Gopinath is a graduate in commerce and has a post-graduate degree in business administration from Madras University. Mr. Gopinath started his career with Bank of India in 1970. He worked in various positions at Bank of India including as Vice-President in its New York Branch. He joined ICICI Bank in 1995 as Senior Vice-President. In 2003 he was designated a Senior General Manager of ICICI Bank. Currently, he is responsible for the Retail Infrastructure Group and the Facilities Management and Administration Group.

Mr. N. S. Kannan is an engineer and a Chartered Financial Analyst from the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India and has a post-graduate degree in management from the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. Mr. Kannan joined ICICI in 1991 in the project finance department. In 2003 he was designated a Senior General Manager of ICICI Bank. Currently, he is the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of ICICI Bank. He is also responsible for the Risk Management Group and the Corporate Communications Group.

Ms. Madhabi Puri-Buch is a graduate in mathematical economics and has a post-graduate degree in management from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. She joined ICICI in 1989 in the project finance department. She left ICICI in 1992 and worked in ANZ Grindlays Bank and ORG MARG Research before re-joining ICICI again in January 1997 in the planning and treasury department. In 2003 she was designated a Senior General Manager of ICICI Bank. Currently, she is responsible for Retail Operations, the Retail Branch Banking & Call Centre Group, the Product and Technology Group in the Wholesale Banking Group and the Corporate Brand Group.

Mr. V. Vaidyanathan has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in business administration from Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Ranchi. He worked in Citibank N.A. before joining ICICI in 2000 in the personal financial services division. In 2003 he was designated a Senior General Manager of ICICI Bank. Currently, he is responsible for the Retail Products & Distribution Group in the Retail Banking Group.

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Mr. K. Ramkumar is a science graduate from Madras University with post-graduate diploma in industrial relations and labor laws. He worked with ICI India before joining ICICI in 2001 in the human resources department. In 2004, he was designated as Senior General Manager of ICICI Bank and he is currently in charge of the Human Resources Management Group.

Ms. Vishakha Mulye is a commerce graduate from Mumbai University, and a chartered accountant. Ms. Mulye joined ICICI in 1993 in the project finance department. She was designated as Senior General Manager in 2004 and is currently in charge of Structured Finance, Credit and Markets Group.

Mr. Nagesh Pinge is a commerce and law graduate from Mumbai University, and a chartered accountant. He joined ICICI in 1983 in the leasing department. He left ICICI in 1989 and worked in other financial services companies before re-joining ICICI again in April 1998 in the risk management department. He was designated as Senior General Manager in 2004 and is currently in charge of the Compliance and Audit Group.

### Corporate Governance

Our corporate governance policies recognize the accountability of the board and the importance of making the board transparent to all its constituents, including employees, customers, investors and the regulatory authorities, and to demonstrate that the shareholders are the ultimate beneficiaries of our economic activities.

Our corporate governance framework is based on an effective independent board, the separation of the board's supervisory role from the executive management and the constitution of board committees, generally comprising a majority of independent directors and chaired by an independent director, to oversee critical areas and functions of executive management.

Our corporate governance philosophy encompasses not only regulatory and legal requirements, such as the terms of listing agreements with stock exchanges, but also several voluntary practices aimed at a high level of business ethics, effective supervision and enhancement of value for all shareholders.

Our board's role, functions, responsibility and accountability are clearly defined. In addition to its primary role of monitoring corporate performance, the functions of our board include:

- o approving corporate philosophy and mission;
- o participating in the formulation of strategic and business plans;
- o reviewing and approving financial plans and budgets;
- o monitoring corporate performance against strategic and business plans, including overseeing operations;
- o ensuring ethical behavior and compliance with laws and regulations;
- o reviewing and approving borrowing limits;
- o formulating exposure limits; and
- o keeping shareholders informed regarding plans, strategies and performance.

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To enable our board of directors to discharge these responsibilities effectively, executive management gives detailed reports on our performance to the board on a quarterly basis.

Our board functions either as a full board or through various committees constituted to oversee specific operational areas. These board committees meet regularly. The constitution and main functions of the various committees are given below.

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### Agriculture & Small Enterprises Business Committee

The Agriculture & Small Enterprises Business Committee comprises four independent Directors - Mr. N. Vaghul, Mr. Somesh R. Sathe, Mr. M.K. Sharma and Mr. P.M. Sinha. The Committee is chaired by Mr. N. Vaghul.

The functions of the Agriculture & Small Enterprises Business Committee include review of our business strategy in the agri-business and small enterprises segments and review of the quality of the agricultural lending and small enterprises finance credit portfolio.

### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee comprises three independent directors - Mr. Uday M. Chitale, who is a chartered accountant, Mr. M.K. Sharma and Mr. Somesh R. Sathe. The committee is chaired by Mr. Uday M. Chitale. Mr. M.K. Sharma was appointed as Alternate Chairman of the Committee effective July 22, 2004. Our board of directors has determined that Mr. Uday M. Chitale qualifies as an audit committee financial expert.

The Audit Committee provides direction to the audit and risk management function and monitors the quality of the internal and statutory audit. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee include overseeing of the financial reporting process to ensure fairness, sufficiency and credibility of financial statements, recommendation of appointment and removal of central and branch statutory auditors and fixation of their remuneration, review of the annual financial statements before submission to our board, review of the adequacy of internal control systems and the internal audit function, review of compliance with the inspection and audit reports of the Reserve Bank of India and reports of statutory auditors, review of the findings of internal investigations, discussion on the scope of audit with external auditors and examination of reasons for substantial defaults, if any, in payment to stakeholders.

All audit and non-audit services to be provided by our principal accountants are pre-approved by the Audit Committee before such services are provided to us.

### Board Governance & Remuneration Committee

The Board Governance & Remuneration Committee comprises three independent directors - Mr. N. Vaghul, Mr. Anupam Puri, and Mr. P. M. Sinha. The Committee is chaired by Mr. N. Vaghul.

The functions of the Board Governance & Remuneration Committee include recommendation of appointments to our board, evaluation of the performance of the Managing Director & CEO and other wholetime Directors on pre-determined parameters, recommendation to our board of the remuneration (including

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performance bonuses and perquisites) to wholetime directors, approving the policy for and quantum of bonus payable to the members of the staff, framing guidelines for the employees stock option scheme and recommendation of grant of stock options to the staff and wholetime directors of ICICI Bank and its subsidiary companies.

### Business Strategy Committee

The Business Strategy Committee comprises five directors - Mr. N. Vaghul, Mr. Anupam Puri, Mr. M. K. Sharma, Mr. P. M. Sinha and Mr. K. V. Kamath. The majority of the members of this Committee are independent directors and it is chaired by Mr. N. Vaghul.

The functions of the Business Strategy Committee are to approve the annual income and expenditure and capital expenditure budgets for presentation to our board for final approval and to review and recommend to our board our business strategy.

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### Credit Committee

The Credit Committee comprises four directors - Mr. N. Vaghul, Mr. Somesh R. Sathe, Mr. M. K. Sharma and Mr. K. V. Kamath. The majority of the members of the committee are independent directors and it is chaired by Mr. N. Vaghul.

The functions of this Committee include review of developments in key industrial sectors and approval of credit proposals in accordance with the authorization approved by our board.

### Fraud Monitoring Committee

The Fraud Monitoring Committee was constituted by our board effective May 1, 2004. The Committee comprises five Directors - Mr. Uday M. Chitale, Mr. M.K. Sharma, Mr. K.V. Kamath, Ms. Kalpana Morparia and Ms. Chanda D. Kochhar. Mr. Uday Chitale is the Chairman of the Committee.

The functions of the Fraud Monitoring Committee include monitoring and review of all instances of frauds involving Rs.10.0 million (US\$ 230,415) and above.

### Risk Committee

The Risk Committee comprises five directors - Mr. N. Vaghul, Mr. Uday M. Chitale, Prof. Marti G. Subrahmanyam, Mr. V. Prem Watsa and Mr. K. V. Kamath. The majority of the members of this committee are independent directors and it is chaired by Mr. N. Vaghul.

This Committee reviews risk management policies in relation to various risks (credit, portfolio, liquidity, interest rate, off-balance sheet and operational risks), investment policies and strategy and regulatory and compliance issues in relation thereto.

### Share Transfer & Shareholders'/Investors' Grievance Committee

The Share Transfer & Shareholders'/Investors' Grievance Committee comprises four directors - Mr. Uday M. Chitale, Mr. Somesh R. Sathe, Ms. Kalpana Morparia and Ms. Chanda D. Kochhar. The Committee, is chaired by an independent director, Mr. Uday M. Chitale.

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The functions and powers of the Share Transfer & Shareholders'/Investors' Grievance Committee include approval and rejection of transfer or transmission of equity and preference shares, bonds, debentures and securities, issue of duplicate certificates, allotment of shares and securities issued from time to time, including those under stock options, review and redressal of shareholders' and investors' complaints, delegation of authority for opening and operation of bank accounts for payment of interest, dividend and redemption of securities and the listing of securities on stock exchanges.

### Committee of Directors

The Committee of Directors comprises all five wholetime directors and is chaired by Mr. K.V. Kamath, Managing Director & CEO.

The powers of the Committee of Directors include review of performance against targets for various business segments, credit approvals as per authorization approved by our board, approvals in respect of borrowing and treasury operations and premises and property related matters.

### Asset-Liability Management Committee

The Asset Liability Management Committee comprises the Joint Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director and two Executive Directors and is chaired by Ms. Lalita D. Gupte, Joint Managing Director.

The functions of the Committee include management of ICICI Bank's balance sheet, review of the asset-liability profile with a view to manage the interest rate risk and deciding the deposit rates and prime lending rate of ICICI Bank.

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### Code of ethics

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for our directors and all our employees, which is filed as an exhibit to this report.

### Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The total fees (excluding service tax and out of pocket expenses) paid to our principal accountant relating to audit of consolidated financial statements for fiscal 2004 and fiscal 2003 and the fees for other professional services billed in fiscal 2004 and fiscal 2003 are as follows:

	Year ended March 31, 2003	Year ended March 31, 2004	
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	(in millions)		
Audit			Co
Audit of ICICI Bank Limited and its subsidiaries.....	Rs. 19.9	Rs. 28.1	translation
Audit-related services.....			Year ended
Opinion on non-statutory accounts presented in Indian			
Rupees.....	-	0.2	
Sub-total.....	19.9	28.3	

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Non-audit services		
Tax services.....	1.7	0.7
Tax compliance.....	-	1.0
Application for offshore banking license.....	1.2	2.1
Other services.....	3.0	3.8
Sub-total.....	-----	-----
Total.....	22.9	32.2
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Fees for "other services" are principally fees related to certification services to one of our subsidiaries. The Audit Committee of ICICI Bank approved the fees paid to our principal accountant relating to audit of consolidated financial statements for fiscal 2004 and fees for other professional services billed in fiscal 2004.

### Summary Comparison of Corporate Governance Practices

The following is a summary comparison of significant differences between our corporate governance practices and those required by the NYSE for U.S. issuers.

**Independent directors.** A majority of our board are independent directors, as defined under applicable Indian legal requirements. Under these requirements, directors are not independent if they have any material pecuniary relationship or transactions with us, our management or our subsidiaries. We have not made a determination as to whether our directors would be considered independent under the NYSE rules. Though the judgment on independence must be made by our board, there is no requirement that our board affirmatively make such determination, as required by the NYSE rules. Further, one of our directors is a representative of the Indian government, as required by the terms of the loan and guarantee facilities provided by the Indian government.

**Non-management directors meetings.** Though there is no such requirement under applicable Indian legal requirements, our non-management directors meet separately before each board meeting.

**Board Governance and Remuneration Committee and the Audit Committee.** The members of our Board Governance and Remuneration Committee are independent, as defined under applicable Indian legal requirements. All members of our Audit Committee are independent under Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act. The constitution and main functions of these committees as approved by our board are described above and comply with the spirit of the NYSE requirements for U.S. issuers.

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### Compensation and Benefits to Directors and Officers

#### Remuneration

Under ICICI Bank's organizational documents, each non-wholetime director, except the government director, is entitled to receive remuneration for attending each meeting of our board or of a board committee. The amount of remuneration payable to non-wholetime directors is set by our board from time to time in accordance with limitations prescribed by the Indian Companies Act or the government of India. The remuneration for attending each board or committee meeting is currently fixed at Rs. 20,000 (US\$ 461). In addition,

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ICICI Bank reimburses directors for travel and related expenses in connection with board and committee meetings and related matters. If a director is required to perform services for ICICI Bank beyond attending meetings, ICICI Bank may remunerate the director as determined by our board of directors and this remuneration may be either in addition to or as substitution for the remuneration discussed above. We have not paid any remuneration to non-whole-time directors other than the remuneration for attending each meeting of our board or of a board committee. Non-whole-time directors are not entitled to the payment of any benefits at the end of their term of office.

At its meeting held on April 26, 2002, our board of directors appointed Mr. K.V. Kamath as Managing Director & CEO, Ms. Lalita D. Gupte as Joint Managing Director and Ms. Kalpana Morparia as Executive Director effective May 3, 2002. At its meeting held on January 29, 2004, our board re-appointed Ms. Lalita D. Gupte as Joint Managing Director until October 31, 2006 on the expiry of her tenure on June 23, 2004. The above appointments have been approved by the Reserve Bank of India and our shareholders. Our board also designated Ms. Kalpana Morparia as Deputy Managing Director effective February 1, 2004.

Till fiscal 2003, the remuneration structure of our whole-time directors as approved by our board, our shareholders and the Reserve Bank of India consisted of salary, perquisites and performance bonus up to 100% of the salary. In fiscal 2004, the Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines stating that performance bonus to whole-time directors of a private sector bank should not exceed the average percentage of performance bonus paid to the bank's employees and the board of directors may review the salary of the whole-time directors in this context. Pursuant to these guidelines, our board of directors, at its meeting held on April 30, 2004 increased the salary ranges payable to the whole-time directors, based on the recommendations of the Board Governance & Remuneration Committee, while the performance bonus paid to whole-time directors cannot now exceed the average percentage of performance bonus paid to ICICI Bank's employees. The increase in salary ranges was approved by our shareholders at the annual general meeting on September 20, 2004. Our board or any committee thereof may fix within the range stated below, the salary payable to the whole-time directors.

Mr. K.V. Kamath, Managing Director & CEO.....	Rs. 600,000 - Rs. 1,050,000	(US\$ 13,825 to US\$ 23,825)
Ms. Lalita D. Gupte, Joint Managing Director.....	Rs. 400,000 - Rs. 900,000	(US\$ 9,217 to US\$ 20,370)
Ms. Kalpana Morparia, Deputy Managing Director.....	Rs. 300,000 - Rs. 900,000	(US\$ 6,912 to US\$ 20,370)
Ms. Chanda D. Kochhar, Executive Director.....	Rs. 200,000 - Rs. 500,000	(US\$ 4,608 to US\$ 11,500)
Dr. Nachiket Mor, Executive Director .....	Rs. 200,000 - Rs. 500,000	(US\$ 4,608 to US\$ 11,500)

We are required to obtain specific approval of the Reserve Bank of India for the actual monthly salary and performance bonus paid each year to the whole-time directors. The Reserve Bank of India has approved the payment of performance bonus to our whole-time directors for fiscal 2004 and the monthly salary payable for fiscal 2005.

The whole-time directors are entitled to perquisites (evaluated pursuant to Indian Income-Tax Rules, wherever applicable, and otherwise at actual cost to ICICI Bank), such as furnished accommodation, gas, electricity, water and furnishings, club fees, personal insurance, use of car and telephone at residence or reimbursement of expenses in lieu thereof, payment of income-tax on perquisites by ICICI Bank to the extent permissible under the Indian Income-tax Act, 1961 and the Rules framed thereunder, medical reimbursement, leave and leave travel concession, education

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benefits, provident fund, superannuation fund, gratuity and other retirement benefits, in accordance with the scheme(s) and rule(s) applicable to employees of ICICI Bank from time to time.

Where accommodation is not provided, each of the wholetime directors is eligible for a house rent allowance of Rs. 50,000 (US\$ 1,152) per month and maintenance of accommodation including furniture, fixtures and furnishings, as may be provided by ICICI Bank.

The total compensation paid by ICICI Bank to its wholetime directors and executive officers, Mr. K.V. Kamath, Ms. Lalita D. Gupte, Ms. Kalpana Morparia, Ms. Chanda D. Kochhar, Dr. Nachiket Mor, Mr. Sanjiv Kerkar, Ms. Ramni Nirula, Mr. P.H. Ravikumar, Mr. Balaji Swaminathan, Mr. Bhargav Dasgupta, Mr. M. N. Gopinath, Mr. N. S. Kannan, Ms. Madhabi Puri Buch and Mr. V. Vaidyanathan in fiscal 2004 was Rs. 105 million (US\$ 2 million) including bonus for fiscal 2004 to wholetime directors and other executive officers paid in fiscal 2005.

### Bonus

Each year, our board of directors awards discretionary bonuses to employees and wholetime directors on the basis of performance and seniority. The performance of each employee is evaluated through a performance management appraisal system. The aggregate amount paid by ICICI Bank for bonuses to all eligible employees and wholetime directors for fiscal 2004 was Rs. 873 million (US\$ 20 million). This amount was paid in fiscal 2005.

### Employee Stock Option Scheme

On January 24, 2000, our board approved an employee stock option scheme to attract, encourage and retain high performing employees. ICICI Bank's shareholders approved this scheme at the extraordinary general meeting on February 21, 2000. This scheme was drafted in accordance with guidelines issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India. Under this scheme, up to 5.0% of our issued equity shares at March 31, 2000 could be allocated to employee stock options. The employee stock option scheme as amended by the Scheme of Amalgamation restricted the maximum number of options granted to any eligible employee (as defined below) to 0.05% of our issued equity shares at the time of the grant, and the aggregate of all such options to 5.0% of our issued equity shares following the amalgamation. In April 2004, our board approved the recommendation of the Board Governance & Remuneration Committee to modify the limit of the aggregate number of options that could be granted under the employee stock option scheme to 5% of our issued capital as on the date of grant. The shareholders approved the modification at our annual general meeting held on September 20, 2004.

Under the stock option scheme, eligible employees are entitled to apply for equity shares. An eligible employee is a permanent employee or a director of ICICI Bank or of its subsidiaries or its holding company. ICICI Bank has no holding company.

The options granted for fiscal 2003 and earlier vest annually in a graded manner over a three-year period, with 20.0%, 30.0% and 50.0% of the grants vesting each year, commencing not earlier than 12 months from the date of grant. Options granted for fiscal 2004 and beyond vest in a graded manner over a four-year period with 20.0%, 20.0%, 30.0% and 30.0% of grants vesting each year, commencing from the end of 12 months from the date of grant. The options can be exercised within 10 years from the date of grant or five years from the date of vesting, whichever is later.

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The exercise price for options granted prior to June 30, 2003 is equal to the market price of our equity shares on the date of grant on the stock exchange, which recorded the highest trading volume on the date of grant. On June 30, 2003, the Securities and Exchange Board of India revised its guidelines on employee stock options. While the revised guidelines provided that companies were free to determine the exercise price of stock options granted by them, they prescribed accounting rules and other disclosures, including expensing of stock options in the income statement, which are applicable to our Indian GAAP financial statements, in the event the exercise price was not equal to the average of the high and low market price of the equity shares in the two week period preceding the date of grant of the options, on the stock exchange which recorded the highest trading volume during

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the two week period. Effective July 22, 2004, the Securities and Exchange Board of India revised this basis of pricing to the latest available closing price, prior to the date of the meeting of the board of directors in which options are granted, on the stock exchange which recorded the highest trading volume on that date. The price for options granted by ICICI Bank on or after June 30, 2003, but before July 22, 2004 is equal to the average of the high and low market price of the equity shares in the two week period preceding the date of grant of the options, on the stock exchange which recorded the highest trading volume during the two week period in line with applicable guidelines of the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

In February 2000, the Securities and Exchange Board of India directed the National Securities Depository Limited to instruct companies to issue shares which are pari passu in all respects. The National Securities Depository Limited issued the instruction in March 3, 2000. Our board of directors, at its meeting held on July 25, 2003, amended ICICI Bank's Employees Stock Option Scheme to give effect to the requirements of the National Securities Depository Limited.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the stock option grants ICICI Bank has made under its employee stock option scheme. ICICI Bank granted all of these stock options at no cost to its employees. ICICI Bank has not granted any stock options to its non-wholetime directors.

Date of grant	Number of options granted	Exercise price(1)	
February 21, 2000.....	1,713,000	Rs. 171.90	US\$ 3.96
April 26, 2001.....	1,580,200	170.00	3.92
March 27, 2002.....	3,155,000	120.35	2.77
April 25, 2003.....	7,338,300	132.05	3.04
July 25, 2003.....	147,500	157.03	3.62
October 31, 2003.....	6,000	222.40	5.12
April 30, 2004.....	7,539,500	300.10	6.91

(1) The exercise price for options granted prior to June 30, 2003 is equal to the market price of ICICI Bank's equity shares on the date of grant on the stock exchange that recorded the highest trading volume on the date of grant. The exercise price for options granted on or after June 30, 2003 is equal to the average of the high and low market price of the equity shares in the two week period preceding the date of grant of the options, on the stock exchange which recorded the highest trading volume during the two week period.

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ICICI also had an employee stock option scheme for its directors and employees and the directors and employees of its subsidiary companies, the terms of which were substantially similar to the employee stock option scheme of ICICI Bank. The following table sets forth certain information regarding the stock option grants made by ICICI under its employee stock option scheme prior to the amalgamation. ICICI granted all of these stock options at no cost to its employees. ICICI had not granted any stock options to its non-whole-time directors.

Date of grant	Number of options granted	Exercise price(1)	
August 3, 1999.....	2,323,750	Rs. 85.55	US\$ 1.97
April 28, 2000.....	2,902,500	133.40	3.07
November 14, 2000.....	20,000	82.90	1.91
May 3, 2001.....	3,145,000	82.00	1.89
August 13, 2001.....	60,000	52.50	1.21
March 27, 2002.....	6,473,700	60.25	1.39

(1) The exercise price is equal to the market price of ICICI's equity shares on the date of grant. However, the share options granted on August 3, 1999 were accounted as a variable plan resulting in a compensation cost of Rs. 97 million (US\$ 2 million) which is being amortized over the vesting period.

In accordance with the Scheme of Amalgamation, directors and employees of ICICI and its subsidiary companies received stock options in ICICI Bank equal to half the number of their outstanding unexercised stock options in ICICI. The exercise price for these options is equal to twice the exercise price for the ICICI stock options. All other terms and conditions of these options are

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similar to those applicable to ICICI Bank's stock options pursuant to its employee stock option scheme.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the options granted by ICICI Bank (including options granted by ICICI adjusted in accordance with the Scheme of Amalgamation) at August 31, 2004.

Particulars	ICICI Bank
Options granted.....	28,941,975
Options vested.....	11,457,127
Options exercised.....	5,642,108
Options forfeited/lapsed.....	2,373,639
Extinguishment or modification of options.....	-
Amount realized by sale of options.....	Rs. 821,453,658
Total number of options in force.....	20,926,228

In April 2000, ICICI Infotech approved an employee stock option plan. Under the plan, ICICI Infotech is authorized to issue up to 5.0% of its issued equity shares at the time of grant of the options to an eligible employee and 25.0% of its issued equity shares at the time of grant of the options, in aggregate, to all the eligible employees. Eligible employees are granted an option to purchase shares subject to vesting conditions. The options vest in a graded manner over a three-year period with 20.0%, 30.0% and 50.0% of the options vesting at the end of each year from the date of grant of the options.

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The options can be exercised within 10 years from the date of grant or five years from the date of vesting, whichever is later. ICICI Infotech granted 1,148,000 options during fiscal 2004 at the fair value of the underlying shares on the grant date of Rs. 45 (US\$ 1) per equity share, 713,500 options during fiscal 2003 at the fair value of the underlying shares on the grant date of Rs. 100 (US\$ 2) per equity share, 2,044,800 stock options during fiscal 2002 at the fair value of the underlying shares on the grant date of Rs. 68 (US\$ 2) per equity share and 2,347,800 stock options during fiscal 2001 at the fair value of the underlying shares on the grant date of Rs. 37.50 (US\$ 1) per equity share. The fair values for fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 have been determined by an external valuer. As the shares of ICICI Infotech are not quoted on stock exchanges, the fair value, as determined by the valuer, represents management's best estimates considering all known factors. Of the stock options granted since fiscal 2001, 1,744,040 were forfeited by year-end fiscal 2004. Of the stock options granted since fiscal 2001, 1,867,200 were granted to our directors and executive officers.

In July 2000, ICICI Venture Funds Management Company approved an employee stock option plan under which ICICI Venture Funds Management Company was authorized to issue up to 125,000 equity shares to its employees and employees of ICICI and ICICI group companies. Eligible employees were granted an option to purchase shares subject to vesting conditions. The options vested over a period of three years with 20.0%, 30.0% and 50.0% of the options vesting at the end of each year. The options could have been exercised within 10 years from the date of the grant. ICICI Venture Funds Management Company granted 81,400 stock options during fiscal 2001 at the fair value of the underlying shares on the grant date of Rs. 835 (US\$ 19) per equity share. As shares of ICICI Venture Funds Management Company are not quoted on exchanges, the fair value represented management's best estimates considering all known factors. Of the above, 2,500 stock options were forfeited by year-end fiscal 2001. Of the stock options granted, 20,425 were granted to ICICI Bank's directors and executive officers. ICICI Venture Funds Management Company did not grant any stock options in fiscal 2002. ICICI Venture Funds Management Company's employee stock option plan was withdrawn in February 2002 and all outstanding stock options under the plan were cancelled. The board of directors of ICICI Venture Funds Management Company, at its meeting held on October 30, 2002, approved a Carry Plan for its employees. The Carry Plan provides for ICICI Venture Funds Management Company to directly pay carry from the performance fee earned by it from the funds managed or advised on by it, to its employees through specific carry trusts created for the purpose. Pursuant to the approval of the board of directors of ICICI Venture Funds Management Company,

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carry documents have been finalised and the Carry Plan is being implemented.

ICICI OneSource has two employee stock option plans. Under the first of these plans, the Compensation Committee of ICICI OneSource is authorized to issue stock options to eligible employees of ICICI OneSource and its subsidiaries, up to 10.0% of the paid up share capital of ICICI OneSource. Eligible employees are granted an option to purchase equity shares of ICICI OneSource at predetermined exercise price, subject to vesting conditions. The options vest in a graded manner over a four-year period with 25.0% of the options vesting at the end of first year and thereafter, after every six months, 12.5% of the options shall vest up to the end of four years from the date of the grant. The options granted may be exercised within nine years from the date of grant commencing on or after the expiry of twelve months from the date of grant. The terms and conditions of the second plan are essentially

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similar to the first plan, except the following:

- o The aggregate number of shares to be allotted under the new employee stock option plan, to all persons resident outside India shall not exceed 5.0% of the fully diluted share capital of ICICI OneSource.
- o The exercise period, within which the employees would exercise the options, would be five years from the date of the grant.

The aggregate of stock options to be granted to the employees and directors of ICICI OneSource under both the employee stock option plans shall not exceed 10.0% of the fully diluted share capital of ICICI OneSource.

ICICI OneSource had granted 3,855,000 options during fiscal 2003 under the first employee stock option plan, at the fair value of Rs. 11.25 per equity share. ICICI OneSource granted 14,120,500 options and 825,000 options during fiscal 2004 under the second employee stock option plan, at the fair value of Rs. 12.89 per equity share and Rs. 18.53 per equity share respectively. ICICI OneSource also granted 375,000 options during fiscal 2004, under the first employee stock option plan, at the fair value of Rs. 12.83 per equity share. The fair values for the fiscal years 2003 and 2004 have been determined either by external valuers or based on the highest valuation of the ICICI OneSource received from prospective investors who had indicated their willingness to invest in ICICI OneSource at that valuation. As the shares of ICICI OneSource are not quoted on stock exchanges, the fair value represents management's best estimates considering all known factors.

### Loans

ICICI Bank has internal rules and regulations to grant loans to employees and wholetime directors to acquire certain assets such as property, vehicles and other consumer durables. ICICI Bank's loans to employees have been made at interest rates ranging from 2.5% to 6% per annum and are repayable over fixed periods of time. The loans are generally secured by the assets acquired by the employees. ICICI Bank had given loans to its employees for purchasing its shares in the offering made by ICICI in June 1997 at the public offering price. Bank of Madura had also given loans to employees for purchasing preferential shares in the offering made by Bank of Madura in August 1995. Pursuant to the Banking Regulation Act, ICICI Bank's non-wholetime directors are not eligible for any loans. At year-end fiscal 2004, there were loans of Rs. 3.8 billion (US\$ 87 million) compared to loans of Rs. 2.3 billion (US\$ 52 million) at year-end fiscal 2003 outstanding to ICICI Bank employees. This amount included loans of Rs. 27 million (US\$ 622,120), compared to Rs. 25 million (US\$ 576,037) at year-end fiscal 2003, to certain of its directors and executive officers (including employees who became executive officers during fiscal 2004), made prior to the enactment of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or in case of employees who became executive officers during fiscal 2004, loans made prior to their becoming executive officers.

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### Gratuity

Under Indian law, ICICI Bank is required to pay a gratuity to employees who retire or resign after at least five years of continuous service. ICICI Bank makes contributions to three separate gratuity funds, for employees inducted from ICICI, employees inducted from Bank of Madura and employees of ICICI Bank other than employees inducted from ICICI and Bank of Madura.

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The gratuity funds for employees inducted from ICICI and Bank of Madura are separate gratuity funds managed by in-house trustees. Actuarial valuation of the gratuity liability is determined by an independent actuary. The investments of the funds are made according to rules prescribed by the government of India. The accounts of the funds are audited by independent auditors. The total corpus of these funds based on the latest unaudited figures, at year-end fiscal 2004 was Rs. 418 million (US\$ 10 million).

The gratuity fund for employees of ICICI Bank other than employees inducted from ICICI and Bank of Madura, is administered by the Life Insurance Corporation of India. In accordance with the gratuity fund's rules, actuarial valuation of gratuity liability is calculated based on certain assumptions regarding rate of interest, salary growth, mortality and staff turnover. The total corpus of the funds at year-end fiscal 2004 was Rs. 89 million (US\$ 2 million) compared to Rs. 53 million (US\$ 1 million) at fiscal year-end 2003.

### Superannuation Fund

ICICI Bank contributes 15.0% of the total annual salary of each employee to a superannuation fund for ICICI Bank employees. The fund is administered by the Life Insurance Corporation of India. ICICI Bank's employees get an option on retirement or resignation to receive one-third of the total balance and a monthly pension based on the remaining two-third balance. In the event of death of an employee, his or her beneficiary receives the remaining accumulated balance of 66.7%. ICICI Bank also gives a cash option to its employees, allowing them to receive the amount contributed by ICICI Bank in their monthly salary during their employment. The total corpus of the superannuation fund was Rs. 683 million (US\$ 16 million) at year-end fiscal 2004 compared to Rs. 640 million (US\$ 15 million) at year-end fiscal 2003.

### Provident Fund

ICICI Bank is statutorily required to maintain a provident fund as a part of its retirement benefits to its employees. There are separate provident funds for employees inducted from Bank of Madura (other than those employees who have opted for pensions), and for other employees of ICICI Bank. These funds are managed by in-house trustees. Each employee contributes 12.0% of his or her basic salary (10% for clerks and sub-staff of Bank of Madura) and ICICI Bank contributes an equal amount to the funds. The investments of the funds are made according to rules prescribed by the government of India. The accounts of the funds are audited by independent auditors. The total corpuses of the funds for employees inducted from Bank of Madura, and other employees of ICICI Bank, based on the latest audited figures, at year-end fiscal 2004 were Rs. 285 million (US\$ 7 million), and Rs. 1.3 billion (US\$ 30 million) respectively. ICICI Bank made aggregate contributions of Rs. 236 million (US\$ 5 million) to these funds during fiscal 2004, compared to Rs. 162 million (US\$ 4 million) in fiscal 2003.

### Pension Fund

Out of the employees inducted from Bank of Madura and employed with ICICI Bank at end of fiscal 2004, 465 employees opted for pensions and 601 employees opted for a provident fund. For employees who opted for a provident fund, ICICI Bank's contribution of 12.0% of his or her basic salary (10% for clerks and sub-staff of Bank of Madura) is credited to the provident fund every month. For employees who opted for pensions, ICICI Bank's contribution of 12.0% of his or her basic salary (10% for clerks and sub-staff of Bank of Madura) is credited to the pension fund every month. These funds are managed by in-house trustees. The investments of the funds are made according to

rules prescribed by the government of India. The accounts of the fund are audited by independent auditors. The employees who opted for pensions are entitled to a monthly pension from the day after their retirement. ICICI Bank also gives a cash option to employees, allowing them to receive the present value of one-third of their monthly pension in total satisfaction. Upon death of an employee, family members are entitled to payment of a family pension pursuant to the rules in this regard. The corpus of the fund at year-end fiscal 2004 was Rs. 961 million (US\$ 22 million), compared to Rs. 963 million (US\$ 22 million) at year-end fiscal 2003.

#### Interest of Management in Certain Transactions

Except as otherwise stated in this annual report, no amount or benefit has been paid or given to any of our directors or executive officers.

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### OVERVIEW OF THE INDIAN FINANCIAL SECTOR

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#### Introduction

The Reserve Bank of India, the central banking and monetary authority of India, is the central regulatory and supervisory authority for the Indian financial system. A variety of financial intermediaries in the public and private sectors participate in India's financial sector, including the following:

- o commercial banks;
- o long-term lending institutions;
- o non-bank finance companies, including housing finance companies;
- o other specialized financial institutions, and state-level financial institutions;
- o insurance companies; and
- o mutual funds.

Until the early 1990s, the Indian financial system was strictly controlled. Interest rates were administered, formal and informal parameters governed asset allocation, and strict controls limited entry into and expansion within the financial sector. The government of India's economic reform program, which began in 1991, encompassed the financial sector. The first phase of the reform process began with the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee on the Financial System, the Narasimham Committee I. The second phase of the reform process began in 1999. See "--Banking Sector Reform--Committee on Banking Sector Reform (Narasimham Committee II)".

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This discussion presents an overview of the role and activities of the Reserve Bank of India and of each of the major participants in the Indian financial system, with a focus on the commercial banks and the long-term lending institutions. This is followed by a brief summary of the banking reform process along with the recommendations of various committees that have played a key role in the reform process. A brief discussion on the impact of the liberalization process on long-term lending institutions and commercial banks is then presented. Finally, reforms in the non-banking financial sector are briefly reviewed.

### Reserve Bank of India

The Reserve Bank of India, established in 1935, is the central banking and monetary authority in India. The Reserve Bank of India manages the country's money supply and foreign exchange and also serves as a bank for the government of India and for the country's commercial banks. In addition to these traditional central banking roles, the Reserve Bank of India undertakes certain developmental and promotional roles.

The Reserve Bank of India issues guidelines on exposure standards, income recognition, asset classification, provisioning for non-performing and restructured assets, investment valuation and capital adequacy for commercial banks, long-term lending institutions and non-bank finance companies. The Reserve Bank of India requires these institutions to furnish information relating to their businesses to it on a regular basis. For further discussion regarding the Reserve Bank of India's role as the regulatory and supervisory authority of India's financial system and its impact on ICICI Bank, see "Supervision and Regulation".

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### Commercial Banks

Commercial banks in India have traditionally focused only on meeting the short-term financial needs of industry, trade and agriculture. At year-end fiscal 2004, there were 286 scheduled commercial banks in the country, with a network of 66,970 branches serving approximately Rs. 15.17 trillion (US\$ 349.5 billion) in deposit accounts. Scheduled commercial banks are banks that are listed in the schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, and may further be classified as public sector banks, private sector banks and foreign banks. Scheduled commercial banks have a presence throughout India, with nearly 70.3% of bank branches located in rural or semi-urban areas of the country. A large number of these branches belong to the public sector banks.

#### Public Sector Banks

Public sector banks make up the largest category in the Indian banking system. They include the State Bank of India and its seven associate banks, 19 nationalized banks and 196 regional rural banks. Excluding the regional rural banks, the remaining public sector banks have 46,683 branches, and account for 69.9% of the outstanding gross bank credit and 73.8% of the aggregate deposits of the scheduled commercial banks at year-end fiscal 2004. The public sector banks' large network of branches enables them to fund themselves out of low cost deposits.

The State Bank of India is the largest public sector bank in India. At year-end fiscal 2004, the State Bank of India and its seven associate banks had 13,593 branches. They accounted for 24.2% of aggregate deposits and 23.8% of outstanding gross bank credit of all scheduled commercial banks.

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Regional rural banks were established from 1976 to 1987 by the central government, state governments and sponsoring commercial banks jointly with a view to develop the rural economy. Regional rural banks provide credit to small farmers, artisans, small entrepreneurs and agricultural laborers. There were 196 regional rural banks at year-end fiscal 2004 with 14,484 branches, accounting for 3.7% of aggregate deposits and 2.9% of gross bank credit outstanding of scheduled commercial banks.

### Private Sector Banks

After the first phase of bank nationalization was completed in 1969, public sector banks made up the largest portion of Indian banking. The focus on public sector banks was maintained throughout the 1970s and 1980s. Furthermore, existing private sector banks which showed signs of an eventual default were merged with state-owned banks. In July 1993, as part of the banking reform process and as a measure to induce competition in the banking sector, the Reserve Bank of India permitted entry of the private sector into the banking system. This resulted in the introduction of nine private sector banks, including ICICI Bank. These banks are collectively known as the "new" private sector banks. There were nine "new" private sector banks at year-end fiscal 2004, following the merger in February 2000 of Times Bank Limited, a new private sector bank, into another new private sector bank, HDFC Bank Limited and the conversion of Kotak Mahindra Finance Limited, a large non-bank finance company into a bank in February 2003. In May 2004, the Reserve Bank of India granted a banking license to another new private sector bank, YES Bank Limited. In July 2004, the Reserve Bank of India announced the amalgamation of Global Trust Bank, a new private sector bank, with Oriental Bank of Commerce, a public sector bank. In addition, 21 private sector banks existing prior to July 1993 were operating at year-end fiscal 2004.

At year-end fiscal 2004, private sector banks accounted for approximately 17.7% of aggregate deposits and 20.2% of gross bank credit outstanding of the scheduled commercial banks. Their network of 5,607 branches accounted for 8.4% of the total branch network of scheduled commercial banks in the country. At the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2005, ICICI Bank accounted for approximately 4.2% of aggregate deposits and 7.8% of non-food credit outstanding of the scheduled commercial banks.

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### Foreign Banks

At year-end fiscal 2004, there were 33 foreign banks with 196 branches operating in India. Foreign banks accounted for 4.8% of aggregate deposits and 6.9% of outstanding gross bank credit of scheduled commercial banks at year-end fiscal 2004. As part of the liberalization process, the Reserve Bank of India has permitted foreign banks to operate more freely, subject to requirements largely similar to those imposed on domestic banks. Foreign banks operate in India through branches of the parent bank. The Indian government has permitted foreign banks to operate in India by setting up branches, incorporating wholly-owned subsidiaries or acquiring up to 74.0% of the equity share capital of an Indian private sector bank. In its recent draft "Comprehensive Policy Framework for Ownership and Governance in Private Sector Banks", the Reserve Bank of India proposed a limit of 5.0% on the shareholding of a foreign bank with a presence in India in an Indian private sector bank. Subsequently, in a circular dated July 6, 2004, the Reserve Bank of India stipulated that banks should not acquire any fresh stake in a bank's equity shares, if by such acquisition, the investing bank's holding exceeded 5.0% of the investee bank's

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equity capital. This also applies to holdings of foreign banks with a presence in India, in Indian banks. The primary activity of most foreign banks in India has been in the corporate segment. However, some of the larger foreign banks have made consumer financing a larger part of their portfolios. These banks offer products such as automobile finance, home loans, credit cards and household consumer finance.

### Cooperative Banks

Cooperative banks cater to the financing needs of agriculture, small industry and self-employed businessmen in urban and semi-urban areas of India. The state land development banks and the primary land development banks provide long-term credit for agriculture. In the light of liquidity and insolvency problems experienced by some cooperative banks in fiscal 2001, the Reserve Bank of India undertook several interim measures, pending formal legislative changes, including measures related to lending against shares, borrowings in the call market and term deposits placed with other urban cooperative banks. Presently the Reserve Bank of India is responsible for supervision and regulation of urban co-operative societies, and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for State Co-operative Banks and District Central Co-operative Banks. The Banking Regulation (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, 2003, which has been introduced in the Indian Parliament, provides for the regulation of all co-operative banks by the Reserve Bank of India. See also "-- Recent Structural Reforms - Proposed Amendments to the Banking Regulation Act". In its Annual Policy Statement for fiscal 2005, the Reserve Bank of India announced that it proposed to consider issuance of fresh licenses to urban co-operative banks only after a comprehensive policy on urban cooperative banks was in place, including an appropriate legal and regulatory framework for the sector. The government of India has proposed to appoint a task force to examine the reforms required in the cooperative banking system.

### Long-Term Lending Institutions

The long-term lending institutions were established to provide medium-term and long-term financial assistance to various industries for setting up new projects and for the expansion and modernization of existing facilities. These institutions provide fund-based and non-fund-based assistance to industry in the form of loans, underwriting, direct subscription to shares, debentures and guarantees. The primary long-term lending institutions include Industrial Development Bank of India, IFCI Limited and Industrial Investment Bank of India and included ICICI prior to the amalgamation.

The long-term lending institutions were expected to play a critical role in Indian industrial growth and, accordingly, had access to concessional government funding. However, in recent years, the operating environment of the long-term lending institutions has changed substantially. Although the initial role of these institutions was largely limited to providing a channel for government funding to industry, the reform process required them to expand the scope of their business activities. Their new activities include:

- o fee-based activities like investment banking and advisory services;
- and

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- o short-term lending activity including issuing corporate finance and working capital loans.

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Narasimham Committee II and the

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Khan Working Group, a working group created in 1999 to harmonize the role and operations of long-term lending institutions and banks, the Reserve Bank of India, in its mid-term review of monetary and credit policy for fiscal 2000, announced that long-term lending institutions would have the option of transforming themselves into banks subject to compliance with the prudential norms as applicable to banks. In April 2001, the Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines on several operational and regulatory issues which were required to be addressed in evolving the path for transition of a long-term lending institution into a universal bank. See "-- Recent Structural Reforms - Universal Banking Guidelines". In April 2002, ICICI merged with ICICI Bank. The Industrial Development Bank (Transfer of Undertaking and Repeal) Act, 2003 converted the Industrial Development Bank of India into a banking company to be incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, with exemptions from certain statutory and regulatory norms applicable to banks, including an exemption for a period of five years from the statutory liquidity ratio. The board of directors of the Industrial Development Bank of India has approved its merger with IDBI Bank Limited, a new private sector bank which is a subsidiary of the Industrial Development Bank of India, subject to approval by the shareholders and other regulatory approvals. The board of directors of IDBI Bank Limited has also taken a decision to the same effect. A merger has also been proposed of IFCI Limited with Punjab National Bank, a large public sector bank.

### Non-Bank Finance Companies

There are over 10,000 non-bank finance companies in India, mostly in the private sector. All non-bank finance companies are required to register with the Reserve Bank of India. The non-bank finance companies may be categorized into entities which take public deposits and those which do not. The companies which accept public deposits are subject to strict supervision and capital adequacy requirements of the Reserve Bank of India. ICICI Securities Limited, ICICI Venture Funds Management Company Limited and ICICI Distribution Finance Private Limited, which are our subsidiaries, are non-bank finance companies, which do not accept public deposits. The scope and activities of non-bank finance companies have grown significantly over the years. The primary activities of the non-bank finance companies are consumer credit, including automobile finance, home finance and consumer durable products finance, wholesale finance products such as bill discounting for small and medium-sized companies, and fee-based services such as investment banking and underwriting. In 2003, Kotak Mahindra Finance Limited, a large non-bank finance company was granted a banking license by the Reserve Bank of India and converted itself into Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Over the past few years, certain non-bank finance companies have defaulted to investors and depositors, and consequently actions (including bankruptcy proceedings) have been initiated against them, many of which are currently pending. See also "-- Reforms of the Non-Bank Finance Companies".

### Housing Finance Companies

Housing finance companies form a distinct sub-group of the non-bank finance companies. As a result of the various incentives given by the government for investing in the housing sector in recent years, the scope of this business has grown substantially. Until recently, Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited was the premier institution providing housing finance in India. In recent years, several other players including banks have entered the housing finance industry. We are a major housing finance provider and also have a housing finance subsidiary, ICICI Home Finance Company Limited. The National Housing Bank and the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited are the two government-controlled financial institutions created to improve the availability of housing finance in India. The National Housing Bank Act provides for securitization of housing loans, foreclosure of mortgages and setting up of the Mortgage Credit Guarantee Scheme. The Reserve Bank of India

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has directed commercial banks to lend at least 3.0% of their incremental deposits in the form

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of housing loans. Further, the Reserve Bank of India has reduced the risk weight for loans for residential properties to 50.0% for the purpose of determining capital adequacy. Housing loans up to certain limits prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India as well as mortgage-backed securities qualify as priority sector lending under the Reserve Bank of India's directed lending rules. See also "Supervision and Regulation - Capital Adequacy Requirements" and "Supervision and Regulation - Directed Lending - Priority Sector Lending."

### Other Financial Institutions

#### Specialized Financial Institutions

In addition to the long-term lending institutions, there are various specialized financial institutions which cater to the specific needs of different sectors. They include the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development, Export Import Bank of India, Small Industries Development Bank of India, Risk Capital and Technology Finance Corporation Limited, Tourism Finance Corporation of India Limited, National Housing Bank, Power Finance Corporation Limited and the Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation Limited.

#### State Level Financial Institutions

State financial corporations operate at the state level and form an integral part of the institutional financing system. State financial corporations were set up to finance and promote small and medium-sized enterprises. The state financial institutions are expected to achieve balanced regional socio-economic growth by generating employment opportunities and widening the ownership base of industry. At the state level, there are also state industrial development corporations, which provide finance primarily to medium-sized and large-sized enterprises.

#### Insurance Companies

Currently, there are 27 insurance companies in India, of which 13 are life insurance companies, 13 are general insurance companies and one is a re-insurance company. Of the 13 life insurance companies, 12 are in the private sector and one is in the public sector. Among the general insurance companies, eight are in the private sector and five are in the public sector including the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited, which is a central government enterprise providing insurance to exporters and counter-guarantees to banks for credit given to exporters. The re-insurance company, General Insurance Corporation of India, is in the public sector. Life Insurance Corporation of India, General Insurance Corporation of India and public sector general insurance companies also provide long-term financial assistance to the industrial sector. We have joint ventures in each of the life insurance and the general insurance sectors. Our life insurance joint venture, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited and our general insurance joint venture, ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited, are both major players in their respective segments. During fiscal 2004, the total gross premiums underwritten of all general insurance companies were Rs. 161.2 billion (US\$ 3.7 billion) and the total new premiums of all life insurance companies were Rs. 187.1 billion (US\$ 4.3 billion). From April to July 2004, the gross premiums underwritten by all general insurance companies and the total new premiums of all life insurance companies amounted to Rs. 63.7 billion (US\$ 1.5 billion) and Rs. 55.3

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billion (US\$ 1.3 billion) respectively.

The insurance sector in India is regulated by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority. In December 1999, the parliament passed the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999. This Act opened up the Indian insurance sector for foreign and private investors. The Act allows foreign equity participation in new insurance companies of up to 26.0%. The new company should have a minimum paid up equity capital of Rs. 1.0 billion (US\$ 23 million) to carry out the business of life insurance or general insurance or Rs. 2.0 billion (US\$ 46 million) to carry out exclusively the business of reinsurance.

In the monetary and credit policy for fiscal 2001, the Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines governing the entry of banks and financial institutions into the insurance business. The guidelines

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permit banks and financial institutions to enter the business of insurance underwriting through joint ventures provided they meet stipulated criteria relating to their net worth, capital adequacy ratio, profitability track record, level of impaired loans and the performance of their existing subsidiary companies. The Indian government, while presenting its budget for fiscal 2005, has proposed an increase in the limit on foreign equity participation in private sector insurance companies from 26.0% to 49.0%. However, this would require an amendment to the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act 1999 and has not been implemented as yet.

### Mutual Funds

At the end of August 2004, there were 28 mutual funds in India with total assets of Rs. 1,556.9 billion (US\$ 35.9 billion). From 1963 to 1987, Unit Trust of India was the only mutual fund operating in the country. It was set up in 1963 at the initiative of the government and the Reserve Bank of India. From 1987 onwards, several other public sector mutual funds entered this sector. These mutual funds were established by public sector banks, the Life Insurance Corporation of India and General Insurance Corporation of India. The mutual funds industry was opened up to the private sector in 1993. In this year, the SEBI (Mutual Fund) Regulation 1993 was issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India, under which all mutual funds except for the Unit Trust of India, were to be registered and governed. The industry is now regulated by a more comprehensive SEBI (Mutual Fund) Regulation, 1996 which replaced the SEBI (Mutual Fund) Regulation 1993.

Unit Trust of India, with a high level of investment in equity securities, started to face difficulties in meeting redemption and assured return obligations due to a significant decline in the market value of its securities portfolio. In response, the government of India implemented a package of reform measures for Unit Trust of India, including guaranteeing redemption and assured return obligations to the unit holders, subject to restrictions on the maximum permissible redemption amount. As part of the reforms, Unit Trust of India was divided into two mutual funds structured in accordance with the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Board of India, one comprising assured return schemes and the other comprising net asset value based schemes.

### Impact of Liberalization on the Indian Financial Sector

Until 1991, the financial sector in India was heavily controlled and commercial banks and long-term lending institutions, the two dominant financial

intermediaries, had mutually exclusive roles and objectives and operated in a largely stable environment, with little or no competition. Long-term lending institutions were focused on the achievement of the Indian government's various socio-economic objectives, including balanced industrial growth and employment creation, especially in areas requiring development. Long-term lending institutions were extended access to long-term funds at subsidized rates through loans and equity from the government of India and from funds guaranteed by the government of India originating from commercial banks in India and foreign currency resources originating from multilateral and bilateral agencies.

The focus of the commercial banks was primarily to mobilize household savings through demand and time deposits and to use these deposits to meet the short-term financial needs of borrowers in industry, trade and agriculture. In addition, the commercial banks provided a range of banking services to individuals and business entities.

However, since 1991, there have been comprehensive changes in the Indian financial system. Various financial sector reforms, implemented since 1991, have transformed the operating environment of the banks and long-term lending institutions. In particular, the deregulation of interest rates, emergence of a liberalized domestic capital market, and entry of new private sector banks, along with the broadening of long-term lending institutions' product portfolios, have progressively intensified the competition between banks and long-term lending institutions. The Reserve Bank of India has permitted the transformation of long-term lending institutions into banks subject to compliance with the prudential norms applicable to banks.

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#### Banking Sector Reform

Most large banks in India were nationalized in 1969 and thereafter were subject to a high degree of control until reform began in 1991. In addition to controlling interest rates and entry into the banking sector, these regulations also channeled lending into priority sectors. Banks were required to fund the public sector through the mandatory acquisition of low interest-bearing government securities or statutory liquidity ratio bonds to fulfill statutory liquidity requirements. As a result, bank profitability was low, impaired assets were comparatively high, capital adequacy was diminished, and operational flexibility was hindered.

#### Committee on the Financial System (Narasimham Committee I)

The Committee on the Financial System (The Narasimham Committee I) was set up in August 1991 to recommend measures for reforming the financial sector. Many of the recommendations made by the committee, which addressed organizational issues, accounting practices and operating procedures, were implemented by the government of India. The major recommendations that were implemented included the following:

- o with fiscal stabilization and the government increasingly resorting to market borrowing to raise resources, the statutory liquidity ratio or the proportion of the banks' net demand and time liabilities that were required to be invested in government securities was reduced from 38.5% in the pre-reform period to 25.0% in October 1997;
- o similarly, the cash reserve ratio or the proportion of the bank's net demand and time liabilities that were required to be deposited with

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the Reserve Bank of India was reduced from 15.0% in the pre-reform period to 4.5%. In a circular dated September 11, 2004, the Reserve Bank of India has raised the cash reserve ratio to 4.75% with effect from September 18, 2004 and 5.0% with effect from October 2, 2004;

- o special tribunals were created to resolve bad debt problems;
- o most of the restrictions on interest rates for deposits were removed. Commercial banks were allowed to set their own level of interest rates for all deposits except savings bank deposits;
- o substantial capital infusion to several state-owned banks was approved in order to bring their capital adequacy closer to internationally accepted standards. By the end of fiscal 2002, aggregate recapitalization amounted to Rs. 217.5 billion (US\$ 5.0 billion). The stronger public sector banks were given permission to issue equity to further increase capital; and
- o banks were granted the freedom to open or close branches.

### Committee on Banking Sector Reform (Narasimham Committee II)

The second Committee on Banking Sector Reform (Narasimham Committee II) submitted its report in April 1998. The major recommendations of the committee were in respect of capital adequacy requirements, asset classification and provisioning, risk management and merger policies. The Reserve Bank of India accepted and began implementing many of these recommendations in October 1998.

### Recent Structural Reforms

#### Proposed Amendments to the Banking Regulation Act

Legislation seeking to amend the Banking Regulation Act has been introduced in the Indian Parliament. As presently drafted, the main amendments propose to:

- o permit banking companies to issue non-redeemable and redeemable preference shares;

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- o make prior approval of the Reserve Bank of India mandatory for the acquisition of more than 5.0% of a banking company's paid up capital by any individual or firm or group;
- o prohibit lending to relatives of directors and to non-subsidiary companies that are under the same management as the banking company, joint ventures, associates or the holding company of the banking company. Lending to directors and to companies with directors common to the banking company is already prohibited;
- o remove the minimum statutory liquidity ratio requirement of 25.0%, giving the Reserve Bank of India discretion to reduce the statutory liquidity ratio to less than 25.0%. See also "Supervision and Regulation - Legal Reserve Requirements - Statutory Liquidity Ratio";
- o bring mergers of non-bank finance companies with banking companies into the governance of the Indian Banking Regulation Act. Mergers of non-bank finance companies with banking companies are currently

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governed by the Indian Companies Act, 1956. The Banking Regulations (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, 2003 will, if passed, require mergers of non-bank finance companies with banking companies to be approved by the majority of the shareholders of both companies and by the Reserve Bank of India. It also provides, if the merger is approved, for dissenting shareholders at their option to be paid in exchange for their shares the value of their shares as determined by the Reserve Bank of India;

- o bring all co-operative banks under the supervision of the Reserve Bank of India; and
- o remove the limit of 10.0% on the maximum voting power exercisable by a shareholder in a banking company.

### Legislative Framework for Recovery of Debts due to Banks

In fiscal 2003, the Indian Parliament passed the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. This Act provides that a secured creditor may, in respect of loans classified as non-performing in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India guidelines, give notice in writing to the borrower requiring it to discharge its liabilities within 60 days, failing which the secured creditor may take possession of the assets constituting the security for the loan, and exercise management rights in relation thereto, including the right to sell or otherwise dispose of the assets. This Act also provides for the setting up of asset reconstruction companies regulated by the Reserve Bank of India to acquire assets from banks and financial institutions. The Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines for asset reconstruction companies in respect of their establishment, registration and licensing by the Reserve Bank of India, and operations. Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited, set up by us, Industrial Development Bank of India, State Bank of India and certain other banks and institutions, has received registration from the Reserve Bank of India.

Several petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 were filed before the Indian Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, in April 2004, upheld the constitutionality of the Act, other than the requirement originally included in the Act that the borrower deposit 75.0% of the dues with the debt recovery tribunal as a precondition for appeal by the borrower against the enforcement measures. The government of India, while announcing its budget for fiscal 2005, has proposed to amend the Act to further strengthen the recovery process.

Earlier, following the recommendations of the Narasimham Committee, the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 was enacted. This legislation provides for the establishment of a tribunal for speedy resolution of litigation and recovery of debts owed to banks or financial institutions. The Act creates tribunals before which the banks or the financial institutions can file a suit for recovery of the amounts due to them. However, if a scheme of reconstruction is pending before the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985, no proceeding for recovery can be initiated or continued before the tribunals. This protection from creditor action ceases if the secured creditor takes action under

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Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. While presenting its budget for fiscal 2002, the government of India announced measures for the setting up of more debt recovery tribunals and the eventual repeal of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985. To date, however, this Act has not been repealed.

### Corporate Debt Restructuring Forum

To put in place an institutional mechanism for the restructuring of corporate debt, the Reserve Bank of India has devised a corporate debt restructuring system. The objective of this framework is to ensure a timely and transparent mechanism for the restructuring of corporate debts of viable entities facing problems, outside the purview of the Board of Industrial and Financial Rehabilitation, debt recovery tribunals and other legal proceedings. In particular, this framework aims to preserve viable corporates that are affected by certain internal and external factors and minimize the losses to the creditors and other stakeholders through an orderly and coordinated restructuring program. The corporate debt restructuring system is a non-statutory mechanism and a voluntary system based on debtor-creditor and inter-creditor agreements.

### Universal Banking Guidelines

Universal banking in the Indian context means the transformation of long-term lending institutions into banks. Pursuant to the recommendations of the Narasimham Committee II and the Khan Working Group, the Reserve Bank of India, in its mid-term review of monetary and credit policy for fiscal 2000, announced that long-term lending institutions would have the option of transforming themselves into banks subject to compliance with the prudential norms as applicable to banks. If a long-term lending institution chose to exercise the option available to it and formally decided to convert itself into a universal bank, it could formulate a plan for the transition path and a strategy for smooth conversion into a universal bank over a specified time frame. In April 2001, the Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines on several operational and regulatory issues which were required to be addressed in evolving the path for transition of a long-term lending institution into a universal bank.

### Pension Reforms

Currently, there are three categories of pension schemes in India: pension schemes for government employees, pension schemes for employees in the organized sector and voluntary pension schemes. In case of pension schemes administered for government employees, the government pays its employees a defined periodic benefit upon their retirement. Further, the contribution towards the pension scheme is funded solely by the government and not matched by a contribution from the employees. The Employees Provident Fund, established in 1952, is a mandatory program for employees of certain establishments. It is a contributory program that provides for periodic contributions of 10% to 12% of the basic salary by both the employer and the employees. The contribution is invested in prescribed securities and the accumulated balance in the fund (including the accretion thereto) is paid to the employee as a lump sum on retirement. Besides these, there are voluntary pension schemes administered by the government (the Public Provident Fund to which contribution may be made up to a maximum of Rs. 70,000 or US\$ 1,613 per annum) or offered by insurance companies, where the contribution may be made on a voluntary basis. Such voluntary contributions are often driven by tax benefits offered under the scheme.

In 1998, the government commissioned the Old Age Social and Income Security (OASIS) project and nominated an expert committee to suggest changes to the existing policy framework. The committee submitted its report in January

2000, recommending a system for private sector management of pension funds to provide market-linked returns. It also recommended the establishment of a separate pensions regulatory authority to regulate the pensions system. Subsequently, in the budget for fiscal 2001, the government announced that a high level committee would be formulated to design a contribution-based pension scheme for new government recruits. The government also requested the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority to draw up a roadmap for implementing the OASIS Report. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority

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submitted its report in October 2001. The report suggested that pension fund managers should constitute a separate legal entity to conduct their pension business. In August 2003, the government announced that it would be mandatory for its new employees (excluding defense personnel) to join a new defined contribution pension scheme where both the government and the employee would make monthly contributions of 10% of the employee's salary. The government also announced that a Pension Fund Development and Regulatory Authority would be set up to regulate the pension industry. The government constituted the interim Pension Fund Development and Regulatory Authority on October 11, 2003. In December 2003, the government announced that the new pension scheme would be applicable to all new recruits to Indian government service (excluding defense personnel) from January 1, 2004.

#### Credit Policy Measures

As part of its effort to continue bank reform, the Reserve Bank of India has announced a series of measures in its monetary and credit policy statements aimed at deregulating and strengthening the financial system.

#### Credit Policy for Fiscal 2004

In the monetary and credit policy for fiscal 2004 announced in April 2003, the Reserve Bank of India introduced the following key measures:

- o The bank rate (the rate at which banks borrow from the Reserve Bank of India) was reduced further by 0.25% from 6.25% to 6.0% and the cash reserve ratio was also reduced by 0.25% to 4.5%. Earlier, the Indian government's budget for fiscal 2004 had reduced the interest rates on small savings schemes and public provident fund by 100 basis points to 8.0% and at the same time the Reserve Bank of India reduced the interest rate on savings bank accounts by 50 basis points to 3.5%; and
- o The maturity period for non-resident external deposits was increased from six months to one year.

#### Annual Policy Statement for Fiscal 2005

In its Annual Policy Statement for fiscal 2005 announced in May 2004, the Reserve Bank of India kept the bank rate and repo rate (the annualized interest earned by the lender in a repurchase transaction between two banks or between a bank and the Reserve Bank of India) unchanged at 6.0% and 4.5% respectively and introduced the following key measures:

- o Banks are permitted to raise long-term bonds with a minimum maturity of five years to the extent of their exposure of residual maturity of more than five years to the infrastructure sector;

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- o The scope of definition of infrastructure lending is expanded to include construction relating to projects involving agro-processing and supply of inputs to agriculture, construction of preservation and storage facilities for processed agro-products and construction of educational institutions and hospitals;
- o Measures were announced to facilitate the flow of credit to agricultural and related sectors by including loans for storage facilities and securitized agricultural loans as priority sector advances;
- o Resident individuals are permitted to remit freely up to US\$ 25,000 per calendar year, for any current or capital account transaction or a combination of these. Indian corporates and partnership firms are allowed to invest up to 100.0% of their net worth overseas;
- o Banks are permitted, under exceptional circumstances, with the approval of their Boards, to consider enhancement of the exposure to the borrower up to a maximum of 5.0% of capital funds, subject to the borrower consenting to the bank making appropriate disclosures in its annual report; and

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- o Introduction of a graded higher provisioning requirement according to the age of non-performing assets, which are included under 'doubtful for more than three years' category, with effect from March 31, 2005. See "Supervision and Regulation".

### Reforms of the Non-Bank Finance Companies

The standards relating to income recognition, provisioning and capital adequacy were prescribed for non-bank finance companies in June 1994. The registered non-bank finance companies were required to achieve a minimum capital adequacy of 6.0% by year-end fiscal 1995 and 8.0% by year-end fiscal 1996 and to obtain a minimum credit rating. To encourage the companies complying with the regulatory framework, the Reserve Bank of India announced in July 1996 certain liberalization measures under which the non-bank finance companies registered with it and complying with the prudential norms and credit rating requirements were granted freedom from the ceiling on interest rates on deposits and amount of deposits. Other measures introduced include requiring non-bank finance companies to maintain a certain percentage of liquid assets and to create a reserve fund. The percentage of liquid assets to be maintained by non-bank finance companies has been revised uniformly upwards and since April 1999, 15.0% of public deposits must be maintained.

Efforts have also been made to integrate non-bank finance companies into the mainstream financial sector. The first phase of this integration covered measures relating to registrations and standards. The focus of supervision has now shifted to non-bank finance companies accepting public deposits. This is because companies accepting public deposits are required to comply with all the directions relating to public deposits, prudential norms and liquid assets. A task force on non-bank finance companies set up by the government of India submitted its report in October 1998, and recommended several steps to rationalize the regulation of non-bank finance companies. Accepting these recommendations, the Reserve Bank of India issued new guidelines for non-bank finance companies, which were as follows:

- o a minimum net owned fund of Rs. 2.5 million (US\$ 57,604) is mandatory

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before existing non-bank finance companies may accept public deposits;

- o a minimum investment grade rating is compulsory for loan and investment companies accepting public deposits, even if they have the minimum net owned funds;
- o permission to accept public deposits was also linked to the level of capital to risk assets ratio. Different capital to risk assets ratio levels for non-bank finance companies with different ratings were specified; and
- o non-bank finance companies were advised to restrict their investments in real estate to 10.0% of their net owned funds.

In the monetary and credit policy for fiscal 2000, the Reserve Bank of India stipulated a minimum capital base of Rs. 20 million (US\$ 460,829) for all new non-bank finance companies. In the government of India's budget for fiscal 2002, the procedures for foreign direct investment in non-bank finance companies were substantially liberalized.

During fiscal 2003, the Reserve Bank introduced a number of measures to enhance the regulatory and supervisory standards of non-bank finance companies, especially in order to bring them at par with commercial banks, in select operations, over a period of time. Regulatory measures adopted during the year included aligning interest rates in this sector with the rates prevalent in the rest of the economy, tightening prudential norms, standardizing operating procedures and harmonizing supervisory directions with the requirements of the Indian Companies Act. The maximum rate of interest that non-bank finance companies could pay on their public deposits was reduced from 12.5% per annum to 11.0% per annum effective March 4, 2003.

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### SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

The main legislation governing commercial banks in India is the Banking Regulation Act. Other important laws include the Reserve Bank of India Act, the Negotiable Instruments Act and the Banker's Books Evidence Act. Additionally, the Reserve Bank of India, from time to time, issues guidelines to be followed by the bank. Compliance with all regulatory requirements is evaluated with respect to financial statements under Indian GAAP.

#### Reserve Bank of India Regulations

Commercial banks in India are required under the Banking Regulation Act to obtain a license from the Reserve Bank of India to carry on banking business in India. Before granting the license, the Reserve Bank of India must be satisfied that certain conditions are complied with, including (i) that the bank has the ability to pay its present and future depositors in full as their claims accrue; (ii) that the affairs of the bank will not be or are not likely to be conducted in a manner detrimental to the interests of present or future depositors; (iii) that the bank has adequate capital and earnings prospects; and (iv) that the public interest will be served if such license is granted to the bank. The Reserve Bank of India can cancel the license if the bank fails to meet the above conditions or if the bank ceases to carry on banking operations in India.

ICICI Bank, being licensed as a banking company, is regulated and

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supervised by the Reserve Bank of India. The Reserve Bank of India requires ICICI Bank to furnish statements, information and certain details relating to its business. It has issued guidelines for commercial banks on recognition of income, classification of assets, valuation of investments, maintenance of capital adequacy and provisioning for impaired assets. The Reserve Bank of India has set up a Board for Financial Supervision, under the chairmanship of the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. The appointment of the auditors of banks is subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India. The Reserve Bank of India can direct a special audit in the interest of the depositors or in the public interest.

### Regulations relating to the Opening of Branches

Banks are required to obtain licenses from the Reserve Bank of India to open new branches. Permission is granted based on factors such as the financial condition and history of the company, its management, adequacy of capital structure and earning prospects and the public interest. The Reserve Bank of India may cancel the license for violations of the conditions under which it was granted. Under the banking license granted to ICICI Bank by the Reserve Bank of India, ICICI Bank is required to have at least 25.0% of its branches located in rural and semi-urban areas. A rural area is defined as a center with a population of less than 10,000. A semi-urban area is defined as a center with a population of greater than 10,000 but less than 100,000. These population figures relate to the 1991 census conducted by the government of India.

### Capital Adequacy Requirements

ICICI Bank is subject to the capital adequacy requirements of the Reserve Bank of India, which, based on the guidelines of the Basel Committee on Banking Regulations and Supervisory Practices, 1998, require ICICI Bank to maintain a minimum ratio of capital to risk adjusted assets and off-balance sheet items of 9.0%, at least half of which must be Tier 1 capital.

The total capital of a banking company is classified into Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital. Tier 1 capital, the core capital, provides the most permanent and readily available support against unexpected losses. It comprises paid-up capital and reserves consisting of any statutory reserves, free reserves and capital reserve pursuant to the Indian Income-tax Act as reduced by equity investments in subsidiaries, intangible assets and losses in the current period and those brought forward from the previous period. In fiscal 2003, the Reserve Bank of India issued a guideline requiring a bank's deferred tax asset to be treated as an intangible asset and deducted from its Tier 1 capital.

Tier 2 capital consists of undisclosed reserves, revaluation reserves (at a discount of 55.0%), general provisions and loss reserves (allowed up to a maximum of 1.25% of risk weighted assets),

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hybrid debt capital instruments (which combine certain features of both equity and debt securities) and subordinated debt. Any subordinated debt is subject to progressive discounts each year for inclusion in Tier 2 capital and total subordinated debt considered as Tier 2 capital cannot exceed 50.0% of Tier 1 capital. Tier 2 capital cannot exceed Tier 1 capital.

Risk adjusted assets and off-balance sheet items considered for determining the capital adequacy ratio are the risk weighted total of specified funded and non-funded exposures. Degrees of credit risk expressed as percentage weighting have been assigned to various balance sheet asset items and

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conversion factors to off-balance sheet items. The value of each item is multiplied by the relevant weight or conversion factor to produce risk-adjusted values of assets and off-balance-sheet items. Standby letters of credit/ guarantees and documentary credits are treated as similar to funded exposure and are subject to similar risk weight. All foreign exchange open position limits of the bank carry a 100.0% risk weight. Capital requirements have also been prescribed for open positions in gold.

Effective March 31, 2001, banks and financial institutions were required to assign a risk weight of 2.5% in respect of the entire investment portfolio to cover market risk, over and above the existing risk weights for credit risk in non-government and non-approved securities. In fiscal 2002, with a view to the building up of adequate reserves to guard against any possible reversal of the interest rate environment in the future due to unexpected developments, the Reserve Bank of India advised banks to build up an investment fluctuation reserve of a minimum of 5.0% of the bank's investment portfolio within a period of five years, by fiscal 2006. This reserve has to be computed with respect to investments in held for trading and available for sale categories. Investment fluctuation reserve is included in Tier 2 capital. In June 2004, the Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines on capital for market risk. The guidelines prescribe the method of computation of risk-weighted assets in respect of market risk. The aggregate risk weighted assets are required to be taken into account for determining the capital adequacy ratio. Banks would be required to maintain a capital charge for market risk in respect of their trading book exposure (including derivatives) by year-end fiscal 2005 and securities included under available for sale category by year-end fiscal 2006.

### Loan Loss Provisions and Non-Performing Assets

In April 1992, the Reserve Bank of India issued formal guidelines on income recognition, asset classification, provisioning standards and valuation of investments applicable to banks, which are revised from time to time. These guidelines are applied for the calculation of impaired assets under Indian GAAP.

The principal features of these Reserve Bank of India guidelines, which have been implemented with respect to ICICI Bank's loans, debentures, lease assets, hire purchases and bills are set forth below.

### Asset Classification

Until year-end fiscal 2003, an impaired asset (also called non-performing assets pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India guidelines) was an asset in respect of which any amount of interest or principal was overdue for more than two quarters. In particular, an advance was an impaired asset where:

- o interest and/or installment of principal remained overdue for a period of more than 180 days in respect of a term loan;
- o the account remained "out-of-order" for a period of more than 180 days in respect of an overdraft or cash credit;
- o the bill remained overdue for a period of more than 180 days in case of bills purchased and discounted;
- o interest and/or principal remained overdue for two harvest seasons but for a period not exceeding two half years in the case of an advance granted for agricultural purposes; and
- o any amount to be received remained overdue for a period of more than 180 days in respect of other accounts.

Effective fiscal 2004, banks are now required to classify an asset as impaired when principal or interest has remained overdue for more than 90 days. Interest in respect of impaired assets is not recognized or credited to the income account unless collected.

In line with the Reserve Bank of India master circular on income recognition, asset classification and provisioning pertaining to advances portfolio of banks, issued in July 2004 for banks, non-performing assets are classified as described below.

**Sub-Standard Assets.** Assets that are non-performing assets for a period not exceeding 18 months (12 months effective year-end fiscal 2005). In such cases, the current net worth of the borrower / guarantor or the current market value of the security charged is not enough to ensure recovery of dues to the banks in full. Such an asset has well-defined credit weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt and are characterized by the distinct possibility that the bank will sustain some loss, if deficiencies are not corrected.

**Doubtful Assets.** Assets that are non-performing assets for more than 18 months (12 months effective year-end fiscal 2005). A loan classified as doubtful has all the weaknesses inherent in assets that are classified as sub-standard, with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently known facts, conditions and values, highly questionable and improbable.

**Loss Assets.** Assets on which losses have been identified by the bank or internal or external auditors or the Reserve Bank India inspection but the amount has not been written off fully.

There are separate guidelines for projects under implementation which are based on the achievement of financial closure and the date of approval of the project financing.

The Reserve Bank of India also has separate guidelines for restructured loans. A fully secured restructured standard asset can be restructured by reschedulement of principal repayment and/or the interest element, but must be separately disclosed as a restructured asset. The amount of sacrifice, if any, in the element of interest, measured in present value terms, is either written off or provision is made to the extent of the sacrifice involved. Similar guidelines are applicable to sub-standard assets. The sub-standard accounts which have been subjected to restructuring, whether in respect of principal installment or interest amount, by whatever modality, are eligible to be upgraded to the standard category only after the specified period, i.e., a period of one year after the date when first payment of interest or of principal, whichever is earlier, falls due, subject to satisfactory performance during the period.

To put in place an institutional mechanism for the restructuring of corporate debt, the Reserve Bank of India has devised a corporate debt restructuring system. See "Overview of the Indian Financial Sector - Recent Structural Reforms -- Corporate Debt Restructuring Forum".

#### Provisioning and Write-Offs

Provisions are based on guidelines specific to the classification of the assets. The following guidelines apply to the various asset classifications:

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- o Standard Assets. A general provision of 0.25% is required.
- o Sub-Standard Assets. A general provision of 10.0% is required.
- o Doubtful Assets. A 100.0% write-off is required to be taken against the unsecured portion of the doubtful asset and charged against income. The value assigned to the collateral securing a loan is the amount reflected on the borrower's books or the realizable value determined by third party appraisers. Until year-end fiscal 2004, in cases where there was a secured portion of the asset, depending upon the period for which the asset remained doubtful, a 20.0% to 50.0% provision was required to be taken against the secured asset as follows:
  - o Up to one year: 20.0% provision
  - o One to three years: 30.0% provision

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- o More than three years: 50.0% provision

In July 2004, the Reserve Bank of India introduced additional provisioning requirements for non-performing assets classified as 'doubtful for more than three years'. Effective year-end fiscal 2005, 100.0% provision will have to be made for the secured portion of assets classified as doubtful for more than three years on or after April 1, 2004. For the secured portion of assets classified as doubtful for more than three years at March 31, 2004, a provision of 60.0% will have to be made by year-end fiscal 2005, 75.0% by year-end fiscal 2006 and 100.0% by year-end fiscal 2007.

- o Loss Assets. The entire asset is required to be written off or provided for.
- o Restructured Assets. A provision is made equal to the net present value of the reduction in the rate of interest on the loan over its maturity.

While the provisions indicated above are mandatory, a higher provision in a loan amount is required if considered necessary by the management.

### Regulations relating to Making Loans

The provisions of the Banking Regulation Act govern the making of loans by banks in India. The Reserve Bank of India issues directions covering the loan activities of banks. Some of the major guidelines of Reserve Bank of India, which are now in effect, are as follows:

- o The Reserve Bank of India has prescribed norms for bank lending to non-bank financial companies and financing of public sector disinvestment.
- o Banks are free to determine their own lending rates but each bank must declare its prime lending rate as approved by its board of directors. Banks are required to declare a benchmark prime lending rate based on various parameters including cost of funds, operating expenses, capital charge and profit margin. Each bank should also indicate the maximum spread over the prime lending rate for all credit exposures other than retail loans.

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The interest charged by banks on advances up to Rs. 200,000 (US\$ 4,608) to any one entity (other than certain permitted types of loans including loans to individuals for acquiring residential property, loans for purchase of consumer durables and other non-priority sector personal loans) must not exceed the prime lending rate. Banks are also given freedom to lend at a rate below the prime lending rate in respect of creditworthy borrowers and exposures. Interest rates for certain categories of advances are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India.

- o In terms of Section 20(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, a banking company is prohibited from entering into any commitment for granting any loans or advances to or on behalf of any of its directors, or any firm in which any of its directors is interested as partner, manager, employee or guarantor, or any company (not being a subsidiary of the banking company or a company registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, or a government company) of which, or the subsidiary or the holding company of which any of the directors of the bank is a director, managing agent, manager, employee or guarantor or in which he holds substantial interest, or any individual in respect of whom any of its directors is a partner or guarantor. There are certain exemptions in this regard as the explanation to the section provides that 'loans or advances' shall not include any transaction which Reserve Bank of India may specify by general or special order as not being a loan or advance for the purpose of such section. ICICI Bank is in compliance with these requirements.

Legislation introduced in the Parliament to amend the Banking Regulation Act has proposed to prohibit lending to relatives of directors and to non-subsidiary companies that are under the same management as the banking company, joint ventures, associates or the holding company of the banking company. See also "The Indian Financial Sector--Recent Structural Reforms--Proposed Amendments to the Banking Regulation Act".

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There are guidelines on loans against equity shares in respect of amount, margin requirement and purpose.

Regulations relating to Sale of Assets to Asset Reconstruction Companies

The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 provides for sale of financial assets by banks and financial institutions to asset reconstruction companies. Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines to banks on the process to be followed for sales of financial assets to asset reconstruction companies. These guidelines provide that a bank may sell financial assets to an asset reconstruction company provided the asset is a non-performing asset. A bank may sell a standard asset only if the borrower has a consortium or multiple banking arrangement, at least 75.0% by value of the total loans to the borrower are classified as non-performing and at least 75.0% by value of the banks and financial institutions in the consortium or multiple banking arrangement agree to the sale. The banks selling financial assets should ensure that there is no known liability devolving on them and that they do not assume any operational, legal or any other type of risks relating to the financial assets sold. Further, banks may not sell financial assets at a contingent price with an agreement to bear a part of the shortfall on ultimate realization. However, banks may sell

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specific financial assets with an agreement to share in any surplus realized by the asset reconstruction company in the future. While each bank is required to make its own assessment of the value offered in the sale before accepting or rejecting an offer for purchase of financial assets by an asset reconstruction company, in consortium or multiple banking arrangements where more than 75.0% by value of the banks or financial institutions accept the offer, the remaining banks or financial institutions are obliged to accept the offer. Consideration for the sale may be in the form of cash, bonds or debentures or security receipts or pass through certificates issued by the asset reconstruction company or trusts set up by it to acquire the financial assets.

### Directed Lending

#### Priority Sector Lending

The Reserve Bank of India requires commercial banks to lend a certain percentage of their net bank credit to specific sectors (the priority sectors), such as agriculture, small-scale industry, small businesses and housing finance. Total priority sector advances should be 40.0% of net bank credit with agricultural advances required to be 18.0% of net bank credit and advances to weaker sections required to be 10.0% of net bank credit, and 1.0% of the previous year's net bank credit required to be lent under the Differential Rate of Interest scheme. Any shortfall in the amount required to be lent to the priority sectors may be required to be deposited with the National Bank for Agriculture and the Rural Development. These deposits can be for a period of one year or five years.

The Reserve Bank of India requires banks to lend up to 3.0% of their incremental deposits in the previous fiscal year towards housing finance. This can be in the form of home loans to individuals or subscription to the debentures and bonds of the National Housing Bank and housing development institutions recognized by the government of India.

Prior to the amalgamation, the advances of ICICI were not subject to the requirement applicable to banks in respect of priority sector lending. Pursuant to the terms of the Reserve Bank of India's approval of the amalgamation, ICICI Bank is required to maintain a total of 50.0% of its net bank credit on the residual portion of its advances (i.e., the portion of its total advances excluding advances of ICICI at year-end fiscal 2002) in the form of priority sector advances. This additional requirement of 10.0% by way of priority sector advances will apply until such time as the aggregate priority sector advances reach a level of 40.0% of the total net bank credit of ICICI Bank.

#### Export Credit

The Reserve Bank of India also requires commercial banks to make loans to exporters at concessional rates of interest. This enables exporters to have access to an internationally competitive financing option. Pursuant to existing guidelines, 12.0% of a bank's net bank credit is required to be

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in the form of export credit. ICICI Bank provides export credit for pre-shipment and post-shipment requirements of exporter borrowers in rupees and foreign currencies.

#### Credit Exposure Limits

As a prudent measure aimed at better risk management and avoidance of

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concentration of credit risk, the Reserve Bank of India has prescribed credit exposure limits for banks and long-term lending institutions in respect of their lending to individual borrowers and to all companies in a single group (or sponsor group).

The limits currently set by the Reserve Bank of India are as follows:

1. Exposure ceiling for a single borrower is 15.0% of capital funds and group exposure limit is 40.0% of capital funds. In case of financing for infrastructure projects, the exposure limit to a single borrower is extendable by another 5.0%, i.e., up to 20.0% of capital funds and the group exposure limit is extendable by another 10.0%, i.e., up to 50.0% of capital funds. Banks may, in exceptional circumstances, with the approval of their board of directors, consider enhancement of the exposure to a borrower up to a maximum of further 5.0% of capital funds, subject to the borrower consenting to the banks making appropriate disclosures in their annual reports.
2. Capital funds is the total capital as defined under capital adequacy norms (Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital).
3. Non-fund based exposures are calculated at 100.0% and in addition, banks include forward contracts in foreign exchange and other derivative products, like currency swaps and options, at their replacement cost value in determining individual or group borrower exposure ceilings, effective April 1, 2003.

At fiscal year-end fiscal 2004, ICICI Bank was in compliance with these limits. ICICI Bank had received specific approval from the Reserve Bank of India for exceeding the limit in the case of one borrower group exposure and three single borrower exposures.

To ensure that exposures are evenly spread, the Reserve Bank of India requires banks to fix internal limits of exposure to specific sectors. These limits are subject to periodical review by the banks. ICICI Bank has fixed a ceiling of 12.0% on its exposure to any one industry (other than retail loans) and monitors its exposures accordingly.

### Regulations relating to Investments and Capital Market Exposure Limits

Pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India guidelines, the exposure of banks to capital markets by way of investments in shares, convertible debentures, units of equity oriented mutual funds and loans to brokers, should not exceed 5.0% of total advances (including commercial paper) at March 31 of the previous fiscal year and investments in shares, convertible debentures and units of equity oriented mutual funds should not exceed 20.0% of the bank's net worth. Pursuant to the terms of the Reserve Bank of India's approval for the amalgamation, ICICI's project finance related investments are excluded from the computation of these limits for a period of five years from the amalgamation. In addition, the Reserve Bank of India has approved the exclusion of specific equity investments acquired by conversion of debt under restructuring schemes approved by the Corporate Debt Restructuring Forum.

In November 2003, Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines on investments by banks in non-Statutory Liquidity Ratio securities issued by companies, banks, financial institutions, central and state government sponsored institutions and special purpose vehicles. These guidelines apply to primary market subscriptions and secondary market purchases. Pursuant to these guidelines, banks are prohibited from investing in non-Statutory Liquidity Ratio securities with an original maturity of less than one year, other than commercial paper and certificates of deposits. Banks are also prohibited from investing in unrated securities. A bank's investment in unlisted non-Statutory

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securities may not exceed 10.0% of its total investment in non-Statutory Liquidity Ratio securities as at the end of the preceding fiscal year. These guidelines will not apply to investments in security receipts issued by securitization or reconstruction companies registered with Reserve Bank of India and asset backed securities and mortgage backed securities with a minimum investment grade credit rating. These guidelines are effective April 1, 2004, with provision for compliance in a phased manner by January 1, 2005.

In April 1999, the Reserve Bank of India, in its monetary and credit policy, stated that the investment by a bank in subordinated debt instruments, representing Tier 2 capital, issued by other banks and financial institutions should not exceed 10.0% of the investing bank's capital including Tier 2 capital and free reserves. In July 2004, the Reserve Bank of India imposed a ceiling of 10.0% of capital funds (Tier 1 plus Tier 2 capital) on investments by banks and financial institutions in equity shares, preference shares eligible for capital status, subordinated debt instruments, hybrid debt capital instruments and any other instrument approved as in the nature of capital, issued by other banks and financial institutions. Investments in the instruments which are not deducted from Tier I capital of the investing bank or financial institution, will attract 100.0% risk weight for credit risk for capital adequacy purposes. Further, banks and financial institutions cannot acquire any fresh stake in a bank's equity shares, if by such acquisition, the investing bank's or financial institution's holding exceeds 5.0% of the investee bank's equity capital. Banks with investments in excess of the prescribed limits were required to apply to the Reserve Bank of India with a roadmap for reduction of the exposure. We have equity shareholding in excess of the prescribed limits in two Indian private sector banks, Federal Bank Limited and South Indian Bank Limited, and have submitted a roadmap for reduction of our shareholding to the Reserve Bank of India.

## Consolidated Supervision Guidelines

In fiscal 2003, the Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines for consolidated accounting and consolidated supervision for banks. These guidelines became effective April 1, 2003. The principal features of these guidelines are:

**Consolidated Financial Statements.** Banks are required to prepare consolidated financial statements intended for public disclosure.

**Consolidated Prudential Returns.** Banks are required to submit to the Reserve Bank of India, consolidated prudential returns reporting their compliance with various prudential norms on a consolidated basis, excluding insurance subsidiaries. Compliance on a consolidated basis is required in respect of the following main prudential norms:

- o Single borrower exposure limit of 15.0% of capital funds (20.0% of capital funds provided the additional exposure of up to 5.0% is for the purpose of financing infrastructure projects);
- o Borrower group exposure limit of 40.0% of capital funds (50.0% of capital funds provided the additional exposure of up to 10.0% is for the purpose of financing infrastructure projects);
- o Deduction from Tier 1 capital of the bank, of any shortfall in

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capital adequacy of a subsidiary for which capital adequacy norms are specified; and

- o Consolidated capital market exposure limit of 2.0% of consolidated advances and 10.0% of consolidated net worth.

ICICI Bank is in compliance with these guidelines, except for the consolidated capital market exposure limits. ICICI Bank has submitted to the Reserve Bank of India that the limit of 2.0% of consolidated advances and 10.0% of consolidated net worth effectively reduces the standalone capital market exposure limit of 5.0% of advances and 20.0% of net worth. On a consolidated basis, ICICI Bank has exceeded the exposure limits in respect of one borrower group exposure and three single borrower exposures. The Reserve Bank of India has granted approval for exceeding the norms in these cases on a standalone basis. See also "-- Credit Exposure Limits".

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In June 2004, the Reserve Bank of India published the report of a working group on monitoring of financial conglomerates, which proposed the following framework:

- o identification of financial conglomerates that would be subjected to focused regulatory oversight;
- o monitoring intra-group transactions and exposures and large exposures of the group to outside counter parties;
- o identifying a designated entity within each group that would collate data in respect of all other group entities and furnish the same to its regulator; and
- o formalising a mechanism for inter-regulatory exchange of information.

The proposed framework covers entities under the jurisdiction of the Reserve Bank of India, the Securities and Exchange Board of India, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority and the National Housing Bank and would in due course be extended to entities regulated by the proposed Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority. The Reserve Bank of India has identified ICICI Bank and its related entities as a financial conglomerate with ICICI Bank as the designated entity responsible for reporting to the Reserve Bank of India.

### Banks' Investment Classification and Valuation Norms

Based on the comments to the Report of the Informal Group on Banks' Investment Portfolio, the Reserve Bank of India finalized its guidelines on categorization and valuation of banks' investment portfolio. These guidelines were effective from September 30, 2000. The salient features of the guidelines are given below.

- o The entire investment portfolio is required to be classified under three categories: (a) held to maturity, (b) held for trading and (c) available for sale. Held to maturity includes securities acquired with the intention of being held up to maturity; held for trading includes securities acquired with the intention of being traded to take advantage of the short-term price/interest rate movements; and available for sale includes securities not included in held to maturity and held for trading. Banks should decide the category of

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investment at the time of acquisition.

- o Held to maturity investments compulsorily include (a) recapitalization bonds, (b) investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures and (c) investments in debentures deemed as advance. Held to maturity investments also include any other investment identified for inclusion in this category subject to the condition that such investments cannot exceed 25.0% of the total investment excluding recapitalization bonds and debentures.
- o Profit on the sale of investments in the held to maturity category is appropriated to the capital reserve account after being taken in the income statement. Loss on any sale is recognized in the income statement.
- o The market price of the security available from the stock exchange, the price of securities in subsidiary general ledger transactions, the Reserve Bank of India price list or prices declared by Primary Dealers Association of India (PDAI) jointly with the Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA) serves as the "market value" for investments in available for sale and held for trading securities.
- o Investments under the held for trading category should be sold within 90 days; in the event of inability to sell due to adverse factors including tight liquidity, extreme volatility or a unidirectional movement in the market, the unsold securities should be shifted to the available for sale category.
- o Profit or loss on the sale of investments in both held for trading and available for sale categories is taken in the income statement.

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- o Shifting of investments from or to held to maturity may be done with the approval of the board of directors once a year, normally at the beginning of the accounting year; shifting of investments from available for sale to held for trading may be done with the approval of the board of directors, the Asset Liability Management Committee or the Investment Committee; shifting from held for trading to available for sale is generally not permitted.

In September 2004, the Reserve Bank of India announced that it would set up an internal group to review the investment classification guidelines to align them with international practices and the current state of risk management practices in India, taking into account the unique requirement applicable to banks in India of maintenance of a statutory liquidity ratio equal to 25.0% of their demand and time liabilities. In the meanwhile, the Reserve Bank of India has permitted banks to exceed the limit of 25.0% of investments for the held to maturity category provided the excess comprises only statutory liquidity ratio investments and the aggregate of such investments in the held to maturity category do not exceed 25.0% of the demand and time liabilities. The Reserve Bank of India has permitted banks to transfer additional securities to the held to maturity category as a one time measure during fiscal 2005, in addition to the transfer permitted under the earlier guidelines. The transfer would be done at the lower of acquisition cost, book value or market value on the date of transfer.

Held to maturity securities are not marked to market and are carried at

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acquisition cost or at an amortized cost if acquired at a premium over the face value.

Available for sale and held for trading securities are valued at market or fair value as at the balance sheet date. Depreciation or appreciation for each basket within the available for sale and held for trading categories is aggregated. Net appreciation in each basket, if any, that is not realized is ignored, while net depreciation is provided for.

Investments in security receipts or pass through certificates issued by asset reconstruction companies or trusts set up by asset reconstruction companies should be valued at the net asset value announced periodically by the asset reconstruction company based on the valuation of the underlying assets.

### Limit on Transactions through Individual Brokers

Guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India require banks to empanel brokers for transactions in securities. These guidelines also require that a disproportionate part of the bank's business should not be transacted only through one broker or a few brokers. The Reserve Bank of India specifies that not more than 5.0% of the total transactions through empanelled brokers can be transacted through one broker. If for any reason this limit is breached, the Reserve Bank of India has stipulated that the board of directors of the bank concerned should ratify such action.

### Prohibition on Short-Selling

The Reserve Bank of India does not permit short selling of securities by banks. The Reserve Bank of India has permitted banks to sell government of India securities already contracted for purchase provided the purchase contract is confirmed and the contract is guaranteed by Clearing Corporation of India Limited or the security is contracted for purchase from the Reserve Bank of India. Each security is deliverable or receivable on a net basis for a particular settlement cycle.

### Regulations relating to Deposits

The Reserve Bank of India has permitted banks to independently determine rates of interest offered on term deposits. However, banks are not permitted to pay interest on current account deposits. Further, banks may only pay interest of up to 3.5% per annum on savings deposits. In respect of savings and time deposits accepted from employees, ICICI Bank is permitted by the Reserve Bank of India to pay an additional interest of 1.0% over the interest payable on deposits from the public.

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Domestic time deposits have a minimum maturity of 15 days (seven days in respect of deposits over Rs. 1.5 million (US\$ 34,562) with effect from April 19, 2001) and a maximum maturity of 10 years. Time deposits from non-resident Indians denominated in foreign currency have a minimum maturity of one year and a maximum maturity of three years. Starting April 1998, the Reserve Bank of India has permitted banks the flexibility to offer varying rates of interests on domestic deposits of the same maturity subject to the following conditions:

- o Time deposits are of Rs. 1.5 million (US\$ 34,562) and above; and
- o Interest on deposits is paid in accordance with the schedule of interest rates disclosed in advance by the bank and not pursuant to

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negotiation between the depositor and the bank.

ICICI Bank stipulates a minimum balance of Rs. 10,000 (US\$ 230) for a non-resident rupee savings deposit. Interest rates on non-resident rupee term deposits of one to three years maturity are not permitted to exceed the LIBOR/SWAP rates for US dollar of corresponding maturity. Interest rates on non-resident rupee savings deposits are not permitted to exceed the LIBOR/SWAP rate for six months maturity on US dollar deposits and are fixed quarterly on the basis of the LIBOR/SWAP rate of US dollar on the last working day of the preceding quarter.

### Regulations relating to Knowing the Customer and Anti-Money Laundering

The Reserve Bank of India has issued several guidelines relating to identification of depositors and has advised banks to put in place systems and procedures to control financial frauds, identify money laundering and suspicious activities, and monitor high value cash transactions. The Reserve Bank of India has also issued guidelines from time to time advising banks to be vigilant while opening accounts for new customers to prevent misuse of the banking system for perpetration of frauds.

The Reserve Bank of India requires banks to open accounts only after verifying the identity of customers as to their name, residence and other details to ensure that the account is being opened by the customer in his own name. To open an account, a prospective customer is required to be introduced by an existing customer who has had his own account with the bank for at least six months duration and has satisfactorily conducted that account, or a well-known person in the local area where the prospective customer is residing.

If the prospective customer does not have an introducer, the prospective customer is required to submit documents such as his identity card, passport or details of bank accounts with other banks.

The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 has been passed by Indian Parliament and has received the assent of the President of India on January 17, 2003. However the provisions of the Act shall come into force and effect only on dates notified by the Indian government, which has not so far notified these dates. The Act seeks to prevent money laundering and to provide for confiscation of property derived from, or involved in, money laundering and for incidental and connected matters.

### Regulations on Asset Liability Management

At present, the Reserve Bank of India's regulations for asset liability management require banks to draw up asset-liability gap statements separately for rupee and for four major foreign currencies. These gap statements are prepared by scheduling all assets and liabilities according to the stated and anticipated re-pricing date, or maturity date. These statements have to be submitted to the Reserve Bank of India on a quarterly basis. The Reserve Bank of India has advised banks to actively monitor the difference in the amount of assets and liabilities maturing or being re-priced in a particular period and place internal prudential limits on the gaps in each time period, as a risk control mechanism. Additionally, the Reserve Bank of India has asked banks to manage their asset-liability structure such that the negative liquidity gap in the 1-14 day and 15-28 day time periods does not exceed 20.0% of cash outflows in these time periods. This 20.0% limit on negative gaps was made mandatory with effect from April 1, 2000. In respect of other time periods, up to one year, Reserve Bank of India has directed banks to lay down internal norms in respect of negative liquidity gaps.

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### Foreign Currency Dealership

The Reserve Bank of India has granted ICICI Bank a full-fledged authorized dealers' license to deal in foreign exchange through its designated branches. Under this license, ICICI Bank has been granted permission to:

- o engage in foreign exchange transactions in all currencies;
- o open and maintain foreign currency accounts abroad;
- o raise foreign currency and rupee denominated deposits from non resident Indians;
- o grant foreign currency loans to on-shore and off-shore corporations;
- o open documentary credits;
- o grant import and export loans;
- o handle collection of bills, funds transfer services;
- o issue guarantees; and
- o enter into derivative transactions and risk management activities that are incidental to its normal functions authorized under its organizational documents.

ICICI Bank's foreign exchange operations are subject to the guidelines specified by the Reserve Bank of India in the exchange control manual. As an authorized dealer, ICICI Bank is required to enroll as a member of the Foreign Exchange Dealers Association of India, which prescribes the rules relating to foreign exchange business in India.

Authorized dealers, like ICICI Bank, are required to determine their limits on open positions and maturity gaps in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India's guidelines and these limits are approved by the Reserve Bank of India. Further, ICICI Bank is permitted to hedge foreign currency loan exposures of Indian corporations in the form of interest rate swaps, currency swaps and forward rate agreements, subject to certain conditions.

### Ownership Restrictions

The government of India regulates foreign ownership in Indian banks. The total foreign ownership in a private sector bank, like ICICI Bank, cannot exceed 74.0% of the paid-up capital and shares held by foreign institutional investors under portfolio investment schemes through stock exchanges cannot exceed 49.0% of the paid-up capital.

The Reserve Bank of India's acknowledgement is required for the acquisition or transfer of a bank's shares which will take the aggregate holding (both direct and indirect, beneficial or otherwise) of an individual or a group to equivalent of 5.0% or more of its total paid up capital. Reserve Bank of India, while granting acknowledgement, may take into account all matters that it considers relevant to the application, including ensuring that shareholders whose aggregate holdings are above specified thresholds meet fitness and propriety tests. In determining whether the acquirer or transferee is fit and proper to be a shareholder, Reserve Bank of India may take into account various factors including, but not limited to the acquirer or transferee's integrity, reputation and track record in financial matters and

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compliance with tax laws, proceedings of a serious disciplinary or criminal nature against the acquirer or transferee and the source of funds for the investment.

While granting acknowledgement for acquisition or transfer of shares that takes the acquirer's shareholding to 10.0% or more and up to 30.0% of a private sector bank's paid-up capital, Reserve Bank of India may consider additional factors, including but not limited to:

- o the source and stability of funds for the acquisition and ability to access financial markets as a source of continuing financial support for the bank,

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- o the business record and experience of the applicant including any experience of acquisition of companies,
- o the extent to which the acquirer's corporate structure is in consonance with effective supervision and regulation of its operations; and
- o in case the applicant is a financial entity, whether the applicant is a widely held entity, publicly listed and a well established regulated financial entity in good standing in the financial community.

While granting acknowledgement for acquisition or transfer of shares that takes the acquirer's shareholding to 30.0% or more of a private sector bank's paid-up capital, Reserve Bank of India may consider additional factors, including but not limited to whether or not the acquisition is in the public interest and shareholder agreements and their impact on the control and management of the bank's operations.

In July 2004, the Reserve Bank of India issued a draft policy on ownership and governance in private sector banks. The key provisions of the policy on ownership of banks, which are yet to be made effective, are:

- o No single entity or group of related entities would be permitted to directly or indirectly hold more than 10.0% of the equity capital of a private sector bank and any higher level of acquisition would require the Reserve Bank of India's prior approval;
- o Banks with shareholders with holdings in excess of the prescribed limit would have to indicate a plan for compliance;
- o In respect of corporate shareholders, the objective would be to ensure that no entity or group of related entities has a shareholding in excess of 10.0% in the corporate shareholder. In case of shareholders that are financial entities, the objective will be to ensure that it is widely held, publicly listed and well regulated; and
- o Banks would be responsible for the "fit and proper" criteria for shareholders on an ongoing basis.

### Restrictions on Payment of Dividends

In April 2004, the Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines stating that a

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bank would require the prior approval of the Reserve Bank of India for payment of dividends if any of the following conditions are not satisfied:

- o The bank had a capital adequacy ratio of at least 11.0% for the preceding two completed years and the accounting year for which it proposes to declare dividend;
- o The bank had a net non-performing asset ratio of less than 3.0%;
- o The dividend payout ratio (computed after excluding extraordinary income and before considering dividend distribution tax) should not exceed 33.33%;
- o The proposed dividend should be payable out of the current year's profit; and
- o The financial statements should be free of any qualifications by the statutory auditors, which have an adverse bearing on the profit during that year. In case of any qualification to that effect, the net profit should be suitably adjusted while computing the dividend payout ratio.

### Subsidiaries and Other Investments

ICICI Bank requires the prior permission of Reserve Bank of India to incorporate a subsidiary. ICICI Bank is required to maintain an "arms' length" relationship in respect of its subsidiaries and in

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respect of mutual funds sponsored by it in regard to business parameters such as taking undue advantage in borrowing/lending funds, transferring/selling/buying of securities at rates other than market rates, giving special consideration for securities transactions, in supporting/financing the subsidiary and financing its clients through them when it itself is not able or not permitted to do so. ICICI Bank and its subsidiaries have to observe the prudential norms stipulated by Reserve Bank of India, from time to time, in respect of its underwriting commitments. Pursuant to such prudential norms, ICICI Bank's underwriting or the underwriting commitment of its subsidiaries under any single obligation shall not exceed 15% of an issue. ICICI Bank also requires the prior specific approval of Reserve Bank of India to participate in the equity of financial services ventures including stock exchanges and depositories notwithstanding the fact that such investments may be within the ceiling (lower of 30.0% of the paid up capital of the investee company and 30.0% of the investing bank's own paid up capital and reserves) prescribed under Section 19(2) of the Banking Regulation Act. Further investment by ICICI Bank in a subsidiary, financial services company, financial institution cannot exceed 10.0% of its paid-up capital and reserves and its aggregate investments in all such companies and financial institutions put together cannot exceed 20.0% of its paid-up capital and reserves.

### Deposit Insurance

Demand and time deposits of up to Rs. 100,000 (US\$ 2,304) accepted by Indian banks have to be mandatorily insured with the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India. Banks are required to pay the insurance premium for the eligible amount to the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation on a semi-annual basis. The cost of the insurance premium cannot be passed on to the customer.

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### Statutes Governing Foreign Exchange and Cross-Border Business Transactions

The foreign exchange and cross border transactions undertaken by banks are subject to the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act. All branches should monitor all non-resident accounts to prevent money laundering.

In November 2003, Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines which stated that no financial intermediary, including banks, will be permitted to raise external commercial borrowings or provide guarantees in favor of overseas lenders for external commercial borrowings. Eligible borrowers may raise external commercial borrowings in excess of US\$ 50 million only to finance the import of equipment and to meet foreign exchange needs of infrastructure projects.

### Legal Reserve Requirements

#### Cash Reserve Ratio

A banking company such as ICICI Bank is required to maintain a specified percentage of its net demand and time liabilities, excluding inter-bank deposits, by way of cash reserve with itself and by way of balance in current account with the Reserve Bank of India. The cash reserve ratio can be a minimum of 3.0% and a maximum of 20.0% pursuant to section 42 of the Reserve Bank of India Act. On September 11, 2004, the Reserve Bank of India announced an increase in the cash reserve ratio from 4.5% to 4.75% effective September 18, 2004 and 5.0% effective October 2, 2004.

The following liabilities are excluded from the calculation of the demand and time liabilities to determine the cash reserve ratio:

- o inter-bank liabilities;
- o liabilities to primary dealers; and
- o refinancing from the Reserve Bank of India and other institutions permitted to offer refinancing to banks.

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The Reserve Bank of India pays no interest on the cash reserves up to 3.0% of the demand and time liabilities and effective September 18, 2004, pays interest in the balance at 3.5% per annum. Prior to that date, the rate of interest paid was the bank rate (currently 6.0%).

The cash reserve ratio has to be maintained on an average basis for a fortnightly period and should not be below 70.0% of the required cash reserve ratio on any day of the fortnight.

#### Statutory Liquidity Ratio

In addition to the cash reserve ratio, a banking company such as ICICI Bank is required to maintain a specified percentage of its net demand and time liabilities by way of liquid assets like cash, gold or approved unencumbered securities. The percentage of this liquidity ratio is fixed by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time, and it can be a minimum of 25.0% and a maximum of 40.0% pursuant to section 24 of the Banking Regulation Act. At present, the Reserve Bank of India requires banking companies to maintain a liquidity ratio of 25.0%. The Banking Regulation (Amendment) and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill,

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2003 recently introduced in the Indian Parliament proposes to amend section 24 of the Banking Regulation Act to remove the minimum Statutory Liquidity Ratio stipulation, thereby giving the Reserve Bank of India the freedom to fix the Statutory Liquidity Ratio below this level. See also "Overview of the Indian Financial Sector - Recent Structural Reforms - Proposed Amendments to the Banking Regulation Act".

Requirements of the Banking Regulation Act

### Prohibited Business

The Banking Regulation Act specifies the business activities in which a bank may engage. Banks are prohibited from engaging in business activities other than the specified activities.

### Reserve Fund

Any bank incorporated in India is required to create a reserve fund to which it must transfer not less than 25.0% of the profits of each year before dividends. If there is an appropriation from this account, the bank is required to report the same to the Reserve Bank of India within 21 days, explaining the circumstances leading to such appropriation. The government of India may, on the recommendation of the Reserve Bank of India, exempt a bank from requirements relating to its reserve fund.

### Payment of Dividend

Pursuant to the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, a bank can pay dividends on its shares only after all its capitalized expenses (including preliminary expenses, share selling commission, brokerage, amounts of losses and any other item of expenditure not represented by tangible assets) have been completely written off. The Indian government may exempt banks from this provision by issuing a notification on the recommendation of the Reserve Bank of India. We have been exempted from this provision in respect of expenses relating to the Early Retirement Option offered by us in fiscal 2004. We have obtained permission from the Reserve Bank of India to write off these expenses over a five-year period in our Indian GAAP accounts.

### Restriction on Share Capital and Voting Rights

Banks can issue only ordinary shares. The Banking Regulation Act specifies that no shareholder in a banking company can exercise voting rights on poll in excess of 10.0% of total voting rights of all the shareholders of the banking company.

Only banks incorporated before January 15, 1937 can issue preferential shares. Prior to the amalgamation, ICICI had preference share capital of Rs. 3.5 billion (US\$ 81 million). The government of India, on the recommendation of the Reserve Bank of India, has granted an exemption to ICICI Bank which allows the inclusion of preference capital in the capital structure of ICICI Bank for a period of five years, though ICICI Bank is a bank incorporated after January 15, 1937.

Legislation recently introduced in the Indian Parliament proposes to amend the Banking Regulation Act to remove the limit of 10.0% on the maximum voting power exercisable by a shareholder in a banking company and allow banks to issue redeemable and non-redeemable preference shares. See also "Overview of

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the Indian Financial Sector - Recent Structural Reforms - Proposed Amendments to the Banking Regulation Act".

### Restrictions on Investments in a Single Company

No bank may hold shares in any company exceeding 30.0% of the paid up share capital of that company or 30.0% of its own paid up share capital and reserves, whichever is less.

### Regulatory Reporting and Examination Procedures

The Reserve Bank of India is empowered under the Banking Regulation Act to inspect a bank. The Reserve Bank of India monitors prudential parameters at quarterly intervals. To this end and to enable off-site monitoring and surveillance by the Reserve Bank of India, banks are required to report to the Reserve Bank of India on aspects such as:

- o assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet exposures;
- o the risk weighting of these exposures, the capital base and the capital adequacy ratio;
- o the unaudited operating results for each quarter;
- o asset quality;
- o concentration of exposures;
- o connected and related lending and the profile of ownership, control and management; and
- o other prudential parameters.

The Reserve Bank of India also conducts periodical on-site inspections on matters relating to the bank's portfolio, risk management systems, internal controls, credit allocation and regulatory compliance, at intervals ranging from one to three years. ICICI Bank has been and at present also, is, subject to the on-site inspection by the Reserve Bank of India at yearly intervals. The inspection report, along with the report on actions taken by ICICI Bank, has to be placed before our board of directors. On approval by our board of directors, we are required to submit the report on actions taken by it to the Reserve Bank of India. The Reserve Bank of India also discusses the report with the management team including the Managing Director & CEO.

The Reserve Bank of India also conducts on-site supervision of selected branches of ICICI Bank with respect to their general operations and foreign exchange related transactions.

### Appointment and Remuneration of the Chairman, Managing Director and Other Directors

ICICI Bank is required to obtain prior approval of the Reserve Bank of India before it appoints its chairman and managing director and any other wholetime directors and fixes their remuneration. The Reserve Bank of India is empowered to remove an appointee to the posts of chairman, managing director and wholetime directors on the grounds of public interest, interest of depositors or to ensure the proper management of ICICI Bank. Further, the Reserve Bank of India may order meetings of our board of directors to discuss any matter in relation to ICICI Bank, appoint observers to such meetings and in general may make such changes to the management as it may deem necessary and may also order the convening of a general meeting of the shareholders of ICICI Bank to elect new directors. ICICI Bank cannot appoint as a director any person

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who is a director of another banking company. In July 2004, the Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines on 'fit and proper' criteria for directors of banks.

### Issue of Bonus Shares

ICICI Bank would require the prior permission of Reserve Bank of India and its shareholders' approval to issue bonus shares.

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### Penalties

The Reserve Bank of India may impose penalties on banks and its employees in case of infringement of regulations under the Banking Regulation Act. The penalty may be a fixed amount or may be related to the amount involved in any contravention of the regulations. The penalty may also include imprisonment.

### Assets to be Maintained in India

Every bank is required to ensure that its assets in India (including import-export bills drawn in India and Reserve Bank of India approved securities, even if the bills and the securities are held outside India) are not less than 75.0% of its demand and time liabilities in India.

### Restriction on Creation of Floating Charge

Prior approval of the Reserve Bank of India is required for creating floating charge on ICICI Bank's undertaking or property. Currently, all ICICI Bank's borrowings including bonds are unsecured.

### Secrecy Obligations

ICICI Bank's obligations relating to maintaining secrecy arise out of common law principles governing its relationship with its customers. ICICI Bank cannot disclose any information to third parties except under clearly defined circumstances. The following are the exceptions to this general rule:

- o where disclosure is required to be made under any law;
- o where there is an obligation to disclose to the public;
- o where ICICI Bank needs to disclose information in its interest; and
- o where disclosure is made with the express or implied consent of the customer.

ICICI Bank is required to comply with the above in furnishing any information to any parties. ICICI Bank is also required to disclose information if ordered to do so by a court. The Reserve Bank of India may, in the public interest, publish the information obtained from the bank. Under the provisions of the Banker's Books Evidence Act, a copy of any entry in a bankers' book, such as ledgers, day books, cash books and account books certified by an officer of the bank may be treated as prima facie evidence of the transaction in any legal proceedings.

### Regulations governing Offshore Banking Units

The government and Reserve Bank of India have permitted banks to set up Offshore Banking Units in Special Economic Zones, which are specially

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delineated duty free enclaves deemed to be foreign territory for the purpose of trade operations, duties and tariffs. ICICI Bank has an Offshore Banking Unit located in the Santacruz Electronic Exports Promotion Zone, Mumbai. The key regulations applicable to Offshore Bank Units include, but are not limited to, the following:

- o No separate assigned capital is required. However, the parent bank is required to provide a minimum of US\$10 million to its Offshore Banking Unit.
- o Offshore Banking Units are exempt from cash reserve ratio requirements.
- o Reserve Bank of India may exempt a bank's Offshore Banking Unit from statutory liquidity ratio requirements on specific application by the bank.

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- o An Offshore Banking Unit may not enter into any transactions in foreign exchange with residents in India, unless such a person is eligible to enter into or undertake such transactions under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.
- o All prudential norms applicable to overseas branches of Indian banks apply to Offshore Banking Units.
- o Offshore Banking Units are required to adopt liquidity and interest rate risk management policies prescribed by Reserve Bank of India in respect of overseas branches of Indian banks as well as within the overall risk management and asset and liability management framework of the bank subject to monitoring by the bank's board of directors at prescribed intervals,
  - o Offshore Banking Units may raise funds in convertible foreign currency as deposits and borrowings from non-residents including non-resident Indians but excluding overseas corporate bodies.
  - o Offshore Banking Units may operate and maintain balance sheets only in foreign currency.
  - o The loans and advances of Offshore Banking Units would not be reckoned as net bank credit for computing priority sector lending obligations.
  - o Offshore Banking Units must follow the Know Your Customer guidelines and must be able to establish the identity and address of the participants in a transaction, the legal capacity of the participants and the identity of the beneficial owner of the funds.

### Regulations and Guidelines of the Securities and Exchange Board of India

The Securities and Exchange Board of India was established to protect the interests of public investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate, the Indian securities market. ICICI Bank is subject to Securities and Exchange Board of India regulations for its capital issuances, as well as its underwriting, custodial, depository participant, investment banking, registrar and transfer agents, brokering and debenture trusteeship activities. These regulations provide for its registration with the Securities and Exchange Board of India for each of these activities, functions and

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responsibilities. ICICI Bank is required to adhere to a code of conduct applicable for these activities.

### Public Financial Institution Status

ICICI was a public financial institution under the Indian Companies Act, 1956. The special status of public financial institutions is also recognized under other statutes including the Indian Income-tax Act, 1961, Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 and Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993. ICICI Bank is not a public financial institution. As a public financial institution, ICICI was entitled to certain benefits under various statutes. These benefits included the following:

- o For income tax purposes, ICICI's deposits and bonds were prescribed modes for investing and depositing surplus money by charitable and religious trusts. Since ICICI Bank is a scheduled bank, its deposits and bonds are also prescribed modes for investment by religious and charitable trusts.
- o The government of India had permitted non-government provident, superannuation and gratuity funds to invest up to 40.0% of their annual accretion of funds in bonds and securities issued by public financial institutions. Further, the trustees of these funds could at their discretion invest an additional 20.0% of such accretions in these bonds and securities. These funds can invest up to only 10.0% of their annual accretion in bonds and securities issued by private sector banks, such as ICICI Bank.
- o Indian law provides that a public financial institution cannot, except as provided by law or practice, divulge any information relating to, or to the affairs of, its customers. ICICI Bank

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has similar obligations relating to maintaining secrecy arising out of common law principles governing its relationship with its customers.

- o The Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 provides for establishment of debt recovery tribunals for recovery of debts due to any bank or public financial institution or to a consortium of banks and public financial institutions. Under this Act, the procedures for recoveries of debt were simplified and time frames were fixed for speedy disposal of cases. Upon establishment of the debt recovery tribunal, no court or other authority can exercise jurisdiction in relation to matters covered by this Act, except the higher courts in India in certain circumstances. This Act applies to banks as well as public financial institutions and therefore applies to ICICI Bank.

ICICI's cessation as a public financial institution would have constituted an event of default under certain of ICICI's loan agreements related to its foreign currency borrowings. Prior to the amalgamation becoming effective, such event of default was waived by the respective lenders pursuant to the terms of such foreign currency borrowing agreements.

### Special Status of Banks in India

The special status of banks is recognised under various statutes including the Sick Industrial Companies Act, 1985, Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and

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Financial Institutions Act, 1993, and the Securitisation Act. As a bank, ICICI Bank is entitled to certain benefits under various statutes including the following:

- o The Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 provides for establishment of Debt Recovery Tribunals for expeditious adjudication and recovery of debts due to any bank or Public Financial Institution or to a consortium of banks and Public Financial Institutions. Under this Act, the procedures for recoveries of debt have been simplified and time frames been fixed for speedy disposal of cases. Upon establishment of the Debt Recovery Tribunal, no court or other authority can exercise jurisdiction in relation to matters covered by this Act, except the higher courts in India in certain circumstances.
- o The Sick Industrial Companies Act, 1985, provides for reference of sick industrial companies, to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction. Under the Act, other than the Board of Directors of a company, a scheduled bank (where it has an interest in the sick industrial company by any financial assistance or obligation, rendered by it or undertaken by it) may refer the company to the BIFR.
- o The Securitisation Act focuses on improving the rights of banks and financial institutions and other specified secured creditors as well as asset reconstruction companies by providing that such secured creditors can take over management control of a borrower company upon default and/or sell assets without the intervention of courts, in accordance with the provisions of the Securitisation Act.

### Income Tax Benefits

As a banking company, ICICI Bank is entitled to certain tax benefits under the Indian Income-tax Act including the following:

- o ICICI Bank is allowed a deduction of up to 40.0% of its taxable business income derived from the business of long-term financing (defined as loans and advances extended for a period of not less than five years) which is transferred to a special reserve, provided that the total amount of this reserve does not exceed two times the paid-up share capital and general reserves. ICICI Bank is entitled to this benefit because it is a financial corporation. Effective fiscal 1998, if a special reserve is created, it must be maintained and if it is utilized, it is treated as taxable income in the year in which it is utilized.

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- o ICICI Bank is entitled to a tax deduction on the provisioning towards bad and doubtful debts equal to 7.5% of ICICI Bank's total business income, computed before making any deductions permitted pursuant to the Indian Income-tax Act, to the extent of 10.0% of the aggregate average advances made by its rural branches computed in the manner prescribed. ICICI Bank has the option of claiming a deduction in respect of the provision made by it for any assets classified pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India's guidelines as doubtful or loss assets to the extent of 10.0% of the amount of such assets as on the last day of the year.

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- o ICICI Bank is eligible to issue tax saving bonds approved in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Income-tax Act. The subscription to such bonds by certain categories of investors is a prescribed mode of investing for the purposes of availing of a tax rebate.
- o For income tax purposes, ICICI Bank's deposits and bonds are prescribed modes of investing and depositing surplus money by charitable and religious trusts.

### Regulations governing Insurance Companies

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company and ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company, the subsidiaries of ICICI Bank offering life insurance and non-life insurance respectively, are subject to the provisions of the Insurance Act, 1938 and the various regulations prescribed by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority. These regulations regulate and govern, among other things, registration as an insurance company, investment, licensing of insurance agents, advertising, sale and distribution of insurance products and services and protection of policyholders' interests. In May 2002, the Indian parliament approved the Insurance (Amendment) Act 2002, which facilitates the appointment of corporate agents by insurance companies and prohibits intermediaries and brokers from operating as surrogate insurance agents.

### Regulations governing International Operations

Our international operations are governed by regulations in the countries in which we have a presence.

#### Overseas Banking Subsidiaries

Our wholly-owned subsidiary in the United Kingdom, ICICI Bank UK Limited is authorized by the Financial Services Authority, which granted our application under Part IV of the Financial Services and Markets Act, 2000 on August 8, 2003. Our wholly-owned subsidiary in Canada, ICICI Bank Canada, was incorporated on September 12, 2003 as a Schedule II Bank in Canada. ICICI Bank Canada has obtained the approval of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC) for deposit insurance and is regulated by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions.

#### Offshore Branches

In Singapore, we have an offshore branch, regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. The Branch is allowed to accept deposits from Singapore residents with a minimum size of US\$ 100,000 or S\$ 250,000. It is also subject to minimum reserve requirements with respect to its Domestic Banking Unit book. The Asian Currency Unit book is not subject to reserve requirements, but the Branch is required to maintain minimum adjusted capital funds of S\$ 10 million. In Bahrain, we have an offshore branch, regulated by the Bahrain Monetary Agency. The branch is permitted to transact banking business with approved financial institutions within Bahrain and individuals or institutions outside Bahrain. It is also permitted to offer banking services to non-resident Indians in Bahrain.

#### Representative Offices

Our representative office in New York in the United States is licensed and regulated by the State of New York Banking Department and the Federal Reserve Board. Our representative office in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates is regulated by the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates. Our representative office in Shanghai in China is regulated by the China Banking Regulatory Commission. Our representative office in Bangladesh is regulated by the

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#### EXCHANGE CONTROLS

##### Restrictions on Conversion of Rupees

There are restrictions on the conversion of rupees into dollars. Before February 29, 1992, the Reserve Bank of India determined the official value of the rupee in relation to a weighted basket of currencies of India's major trading partners. In the February 1992 budget, a new dual exchange rate mechanism was introduced by allowing conversion of 60.0% of the foreign exchange received on trade or current account at a market-determined rate and the remaining 40.0% at the official rate. All importers were, however, required to buy foreign exchange at the market rate except for certain specified priority imports. In March 1993, the exchange rate was unified and allowed to float. In February 1994 and again in August 1994, the Reserve Bank of India announced relaxations in payment restrictions in case of a number of transactions. Since August 1994, the government of India has substantially complied with its obligations owed to the International Monetary Fund, under which India is committed to refrain from using exchange restrictions on current international transactions as an instrument in managing the balance of payments. Effective July 1995, the process of current account convertibility was advanced by relaxing restrictions on foreign exchange for various purposes, such as foreign travel and medical treatment.

In December 1999, the Indian parliament passed the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, which became effective on June 1, 2000, replacing the earlier Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973. This legislation indicated a major shift in the policy of the government with regard to foreign exchange management in India. While the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 was aimed at the conservation of foreign exchange and its utilization for the economic development of the country, the objective of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 was to facilitate external trade and promote the orderly development and maintenance of the foreign exchange market in India.

The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 regulates transactions involving foreign exchange and provides that certain transactions cannot be carried out without the general or special permission of the Reserve Bank of India. The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 has eased restrictions on current account transactions. However, the Reserve Bank of India continues to exercise control over capital account transactions (i.e., those which alter the assets or liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of persons). The Reserve Bank of India has issued regulations under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 to regulate the various kinds of capital account transactions, including certain aspects of the purchase and issuance of shares of Indian companies. The Reserve Bank of India has also permitted authorized dealers to freely allow remittances by individuals upto US\$ 25,000 per calendar year for any permissible current or capital account transactions or a combination of both.

##### Restrictions on Sale of the Equity Shares underlying the ADSs and Repatriation of Sale Proceeds

ADSs issued by Indian companies to non-residents have free transferability outside India. However, under Indian regulations and practice, the approval of the Reserve Bank of India is required for the sale of equity shares underlying

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the ADSs by a non-resident of India to a resident of India as well as for renunciation of rights to a resident of India. However, sale of such shares under the portfolio investment scheme prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India, does not require the approval of the Reserve Bank of India provided the sale is made on a recognized stock exchange and through a registered stock broker.

If the prior approval of the Reserve Bank of India has been obtained for the sale of the equity shares underlying the ADSs, then the sale proceeds may be remitted as per the terms of such an approval. However, if the equity shares underlying the ADSs are sold under the portfolio investment scheme then the sale proceeds may be remitted through an authorized dealer, without the approval of the Reserve Bank of India provided that the equity shares are sold on a recognized stock exchange

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through a registered stock broker and a no objection/tax clearance certificate from the income-tax authority has been produced.

After the announcement of India's budget for fiscal 2002, the Reserve Bank of India issued certain notifications for the liberalization of the capital account. Pursuant to the notifications, in contrast to prior regulations, two-way fungibility in ADS/GDR issues of Indian companies was introduced, subject to sectoral caps, wherever applicable.

An Indian company may sponsor an issue of ADSs with an overseas depository against shares held by its shareholders at a price to be determined by the lead manager. The proceeds of the issue have to be repatriated to India within a period of one month. The sponsoring company must comply with the provisions of the Scheme for Issue of Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds and Ordinary Shares (Through Depository Receipt Mechanism) Scheme, 1993 and the guidelines issued thereunder by the government of India from time to time. The sponsoring company must also furnish full details of the issue in the prescribed forms to the Reserve Bank of India within 30 days from the date of closure of the issue.

The Reserve Bank of India has issued a notification under the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 permitting a registered broker in India to purchase shares of any Indian company on behalf of a person resident outside India, for the purpose of converting the shares so purchased into ADSs provided that:

- o the shares are purchased on a recognized stock exchange;
- o the Indian company has issued ADSs;
- o the shares are purchased with the permission of the custodian of the ADSs of the concerned Indian company and are deposited with the custodian;
- o the number of shares so purchased shall not exceed the number of ADSs converted into underlying shares and shall be subject to sectoral caps as applicable; and
- o the non-resident investor, broker, custodian and the overseas depository comply with the provisions of the Scheme for Issue of Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds and Ordinary Shares (through Depository Receipt Mechanism) Scheme, 1993 and the guidelines issued thereunder by the government of India from time to time.

On November 23, 2002, the government of India's Ministry of Finance issued

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Operative Guidelines for Disinvestment of Shares by the Indian Companies in the Overseas Market through the Issue of ADSs. Under these guidelines, the shareholders may divest their holdings in the overseas market through the mechanism of a sponsored ADS issue by the Indian company. The holdings which may be divested are holdings in Indian companies which are listed either in India or on an overseas exchange.

The divestment process is initiated when the Indian company whose shares are being offered for divestment in the overseas market sponsors an ADS issue against the block of existing shares offered by the shareholders under these guidelines. Such ADS issues against existing shares offered for divestment must also comply with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeover) Regulations, 1997, if the ADSs are cancelled and the underlying shares are to be registered with the company. Such divestment would result in foreign equity investment and would also need to conform to the foreign direct investment sectoral policy. All mandatory approvals including those under the Companies Act, 1956 and the approval of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board for foreign equity induction through the offer of existing shares would have to be obtained.

The Reserve Bank of India has permitted Indian companies to retain abroad for any period, the funds raised through an issue of ADSs, in order to meet their future foreign exchange requirement. Further, pending repatriation or utilization, the Indian company may invest the foreign currency funds raised in:

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- o deposits or certificates of deposit or other products offered by banks who have been rated not less than AA(-) by Standard and Poor's Ratings Service/Fitch IBCA or Aa3 by Moody's Investors Service;
- o deposits with an overseas branch of an authorized dealer in India; and
- o treasury bills and other monetary instruments of one-year maturity having a minimum rating as indicated above.

The Reserve Bank of India has permitted resident shareholders of Indian companies, who offer their shares for conversion to ADSs, to receive the sale proceeds in foreign currency. However, the conversion to such ADSs should have the approval of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board. Further, the sale proceeds received by residents are also permitted to be credited to their Exchange Earners' Foreign Currency/Resident Foreign Currency (Domestic) accounts or to their rupee accounts in India at their option.

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### MARKET PRICE INFORMATION

Equity Shares

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Our outstanding equity shares are currently listed and traded on the Bombay Stock Exchange or the BSE and on the National Stock Exchange of India Limited or the NSE.

Until recently, our outstanding equity shares were also traded on the Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Vadodara Stock Exchanges. Pursuant to delisting applications made by us, our equity shares have been delisted from The Delhi Stock Exchange Association Limited effective February 11, 2004, the Madras Stock Exchange Limited effective July 2, 2004 and The Calcutta Stock Exchange Association Limited effective July 21, 2004 and our equity shares and bonds have been delisted from the Vadodara Stock Exchange Limited effective July 22, 2004.

At August 31, 2004, 734 million equity shares were outstanding. The prices for equity shares as quoted in the official list of each of the Indian stock exchanges are in Indian rupees.

The following table shows:

- o the reported high and low closing prices quoted in rupees for our equity shares on the NSE; and
- o the reported high and low closing prices for our equity shares, translated into US dollars, based on the noon buying rate on the last business day of each period presented.

	Price per equity share(1)			
	High	Low	High	Low
Annual prices:				
Fiscal 2000.....	Rs. 275.00	Rs. 22.70	US\$ 6.30	US\$ 0.52
Fiscal 2001.....	279.65	189.70	5.97	4.05
Fiscal 2002 .....	193.50	66.75	3.96	1.37
Fiscal 2003 .....	161.75	110.55	3.40	2.32
Fiscal 2004 .....	348.25	120.80	8.02	2.78
Quarterly prices:				
Fiscal 2003:				
First Quarter.....	161.75	111.70	3.31	2.27
Second Quarter.....	154.50	132.30	3.19	2.73
Third Quarter.....	149.50	110.55	3.11	2.30
Fourth Quarter.....	149.95	132.65	3.15	2.79
Fiscal 2004:				
First Quarter.....	150.15	120.80	3.24	2.60
Second Quarter.....	204.50	145.10	4.47	3.17
Third Quarter.....	302.20	204.40	6.63	4.49
Fourth Quarter.....	348.25	267.75	8.02	6.17
Fiscal 2005:				
First Quarter.....	319.35	230.40	6.94	5.01
Second Quarter (through September 24, 2004)...	295.35	234.40	6.43	5.11
Monthly prices:				
March 2004.....	304.30	269.55	7.01	6.21
April 2004.....	319.35	287.65	7.17	6.46
May 2004.....	314.80	230.40	6.93	5.07
June 2004.....	272.30	236.75	5.92	5.15
July 2004.....	267.50	234.40	5.77	5.05
August 2004 .....	279.10	265.00	6.02	5.72
September 2004 (through September 24, 2004)...	295.35	262.45	6.43	5.72

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- (1) Data from the NSE. The prices quoted on the BSE and other stock exchanges may be different.

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At September 24, 2004 the closing price of equity shares on the NSE was Rs. 292.25 equivalent to US\$ 6.37 per equity share (US\$ 12.73 per ADS on an imputed basis) translated at the noon buying rate of Rs. 45.90 per US\$ 1.00 on September 24, 2004.

At August 27, 2004, there were approximately 536,589 holders of record of equity shares, of which 111 had registered addresses in the United States and held an aggregate of approximately 104,057 equity shares.

### ADSs

Our ADSs, each representing two equity shares, were originally issued in March 2000 in a public offering and are listed and trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol IBN. The equity shares underlying the ADSs are currently listed on the BSE and the NSE.

At August 31, 2004, ICICI Bank had approximately 80 million ADSs, equivalent to 160 million equity shares, outstanding. At this date, there were 65 record holders of ICICI Bank's ADSs, all of which have registered addresses in the United States.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the reported high and low closing prices on the New York Stock Exchange for our outstanding ADSs traded under the symbol IBN.

	Price per ADS	
	High	Low
Fourth Quarter (from March 28, 2000).....	US\$ 15.38	US\$ 14.38
Annual prices:		
Fiscal 2001.....	18.75	4.62
Fiscal 2002.....	7.50	2.50
Fiscal 2003.....	7.94	4.52
Fiscal 2004.....	18.33	5.27
Quarterly prices:		
Fiscal 2003:		
First Quarter.....	8.31	4.89
Second Quarter.....	7.02	5.18
Third Quarter.....	6.68	4.52
Fourth Quarter.....	6.81	5.78
Fiscal 2004:		
First Quarter.....	7.27	5.27
Second Quarter.....	10.56	7.23
Third Quarter.....	17.91	10.90
Fourth Quarter.....	18.33	13.50
Fiscal 2005:		
First Quarter.....	17.25	11.57
Second Quarter (through September 24, 2004).....	13.91	11.25
Monthly prices:		
March 2004.....	15.95	13.50
April 2004.....	17.25	15.50
May 2004.....	16.80	11.57
June 2004.....	13.20	11.75

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July 2004.....	13.02	11.25
August 2004.....	13.55	11.99
September 2004 (through September 24, 2004).....	13.91	12.20

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### RESTRICTION ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF INDIAN SECURITIES

India strictly regulates ownership of Indian companies by foreigners. Foreign investment in Indian securities, including the equity shares represented by the ADSs, is generally regulated by the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, which permits transactions involving the inflow or outflow of foreign exchange and empowers the Reserve Bank of India to prohibit or regulate such transactions.

The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 regulates transactions involving foreign exchange and provides that certain transactions cannot be carried out without the general or special permission of the Reserve Bank of India. The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 has eased restrictions on current account transactions. However, the Reserve Bank of India continues to exercise control over capital account transactions (i.e., those which alter the assets or liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of persons). The Reserve Bank of India has issued regulations under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 to regulate the various kinds of capital account transactions, including certain aspects of the purchase and issuance of shares of Indian companies.

An Indian company may sponsor an issue of ADSs with an overseas depository against shares held by its shareholders at a price to be determined by the lead manager. The proceeds of the issue must be repatriated to India within a period of one month. The sponsoring company must comply with the provisions of the Scheme for Issue of Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds and Ordinary Shares (Through Depository Receipt Mechanism) Scheme, 1993 and the guidelines issued thereunder by the government of India from time to time. The sponsoring company must also furnish full details of the issue in the prescribed forms to the Reserve Bank of India within 30 days from the date of closure of the issue.

On November 23, 2002, the government of India's Ministry of Finance issued Operative Guidelines for Disinvestment of Shares by the Indian Companies in the Overseas Market through the Issue of ADSs. Under these guidelines, the shareholders may divest their holdings in the overseas market through the mechanism of a sponsored ADS issue by the Indian company. The holdings which may be divested are holdings in Indian companies which are listed either in India or on an overseas exchange.

The divestment process is initiated when the Indian company whose shares are being offered for divestment in the overseas market sponsors an ADS issue against the block of existing shares offered by the shareholders under these guidelines. Such ADS issues against existing shares offered for divestment must also comply with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeover) Regulations, 1997, if the ADSs are cancelled and the underlying shares are to be registered with the company. Such divestment would result in foreign equity investment and would also need to conform to the foreign direct investment sectoral policy. All mandatory approvals including those under the Companies Act, 1956 and the approval of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board for foreign equity induction through the offer of existing shares, would have to be obtained.

The Reserve Bank of India has issued a notification under the provisions

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of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 permitting a registered broker in India to purchase shares of any Indian company on behalf of a person resident outside India, for the purpose of converting the shares so purchased into ADSs, provided that:

- o the shares are purchased on a recognized stock exchange;
- o the Indian company has issued ADSs;
- o the shares are purchased with the permission of the custodian of the ADSs of the concerned Indian company and are deposited with the custodian;

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- o the number of shares so purchased shall not exceed the number of ADSs converted into underlying shares and shall be subject to sectoral caps as applicable; and
- o the non-resident investor, broker, custodian and the overseas depository comply with the provisions of the Scheme for Issue of Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds and Ordinary Shares (through Depository Receipt Mechanism) Scheme, 1993 and the guidelines issued thereunder by the government of India from time to time.

Under the foreign investment rules, the following are the restrictions on foreign ownership applicable to us:

- o Foreign investors may own up to 74.0 % of our equity shares subject to conformity with guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time. This limit includes foreign direct investment, ADSs, Global Depository Receipts and investment under the Portfolio Investment Scheme by foreign institutional investors and non-resident Indians, and includes shares acquired by subscription to private placements and public offerings and acquisition of shares from existing shareholders.
- o Under the Issue of Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds and Equity Shares (Through Depository Receipt Mechanism) Scheme, 1993, foreign investors may purchase ADSs or GDRs, subject to the receipt of all necessary government approvals at the time the depository receipt program is set up.
- o Under the portfolio investment scheme, (i) foreign institutional investors, subject to registration with the Securities and Exchange Board of India and the Reserve Bank of India, may hold in aggregate up to 49.0% of our paid-up equity capital, provided that no single foreign institutional investor may own more than 10.0% of our total paid-up equity capital; and (ii) the shareholding of an individual non-resident Indian or overseas corporate body is restricted to 5.0% of our total paid-up equity capital.
- o The Reserve Bank of India's guidelines relating to acquisition by purchase or otherwise of shares of a private sector bank, if such acquisition results in any person owning or controlling 5.0 % or more of the paid up capital of the bank, are also applicable to foreign investors investing in our shares. For more details on the Reserve Bank of India guidelines relating to acquisition by purchase or

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otherwise of shares of a private bank, see "Supervision and Regulation - Reserve Bank of India Regulations - Ownership Restrictions".

- o Since we have joint ventures in the insurance sector, applications for foreign direct investment in ICICI Bank have to be addressed to the Reserve Bank of India for consideration in consultation with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority in order to ensure that the 26% limit of foreign shareholding applicable for the insurance sector is not breached.

Pursuant to a circular dated November 29, 2001, the Reserve Bank of India notified that, as of that date, overseas corporate bodies are not permitted to invest under the portfolio investment scheme, though they may continue to hold investments that have already been made under the portfolio investment scheme until such time as these investments are sold on the stock exchange.

We obtained the approval of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board for our ADS offering in March 2000 which was a foreign direct investment. The investments through the portfolio investment scheme in the secondary market in India by foreign institutional investors, non-resident Indians and overseas corporate bodies and investments through the foreign direct investment scheme are distinct schemes that are available concurrently. As of August 27, 2004, foreign investors owned approximately 70.1% of our equity in total, of which 21.8% was through the ADS program.

As an investor in ADSs, you do not need to seek the specific approval from the government of India to purchase, hold or dispose of your ADSs. In the ADS offering, We obtained the approval of the government of India's Department of Company Affairs and the relevant stock exchanges.

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Equity shares which have been withdrawn from the depository facility and transferred on our register of shareholders to a person other than the depository or its nominee may be voted by that person provided the necessary procedural requirements have been met. However, you may not receive sufficient advance notice of shareholder meetings to enable you to withdraw the underlying equity shares and vote at such meetings.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a foreign institutional investor, non-resident Indian or overseas corporate body were to withdraw its equity shares from the ADS program, its investment in the equity shares would be subject to the general restrictions on foreign ownership noted above and may be subject to the portfolio investment restrictions. Secondary purchases of securities of a banking company in India by foreign direct investors or investments by non-resident Indians, overseas corporate bodies and foreign institutional investors above the ownership levels set forth above require government of India approval on a case-by-case basis. It is unclear whether similar case-by-case approvals of ownership of equity shares withdrawn from the depository facility by foreign institutional investors, non-resident Indians and overseas corporate bodies would be required.

You will be required to make a public offer to the remaining shareholders if you withdraw your equity shares from the ADS program and your direct or indirect holding in us exceeds 15.0% of our total equity under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeover) Regulations, 1997.

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ADSs issued by Indian companies to non-residents have free transferability outside India. However, under Indian regulations and practice, the approval of the Reserve Bank of India is required for the sale of equity shares underlying the ADSs by a non-resident of India to a resident of India as well as for renunciation of rights to a resident of India. However sale of such shares under the portfolio investment scheme prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India, does not require the approval of the Reserve Bank of India provided the same is made on a recognized stock exchange and through a registered stock broker.

Any new issue of equity shares of a banking company, either through the automatic route or with the specific approval of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board, does not require further approval of the Reserve Bank of India, but must comply with certain reporting requirements.

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### DIVIDENDS

Under Indian law, a company pays dividends upon a recommendation by its board of directors and approval by a majority of the shareholders at the annual general meeting of shareholders held within six months of the end of each fiscal year. The shareholders have the right to decrease but not increase the dividend amount recommended by the board of directors. Dividends may be paid out of the company's profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared or out of undistributed profits of prior fiscal years. ICICI Bank paid dividends consistently every year from fiscal 1996, the second year of its operations, to fiscal 2002. ICICI Bank paid the dividend for fiscal 2002 as an interim dividend during fiscal 2002 itself and accordingly there was no dividend outflow during fiscal 2003 in respect of dividends declared in fiscal 2002. For fiscal 2003, ICICI Bank declared a dividend, excluding dividend tax, of Rs. 7.50 (US\$ 0.17) per equity share aggregating to Rs. 4.6 billion (US\$ 106 million). We paid the dividend in August 2003. For fiscal 2004, ICICI Bank declared a dividend, excluding dividend tax, of Rs. 7.50 (US\$ 0.17) per equity share aggregating to Rs. 5.4 billion (US\$ 124 million). The amount of Rs. 5.4 billion (US\$ 124 million) excludes the impact of the issue of 6,992,187 equity shares on May 24, 2004 through the exercise of the overallotment option.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the dividend per equity share and the total amount of dividends paid out on the equity shares during the fiscal year by ICICI Bank, each exclusive of dividend tax. This may be different from the dividend declared for the year.

	Dividend per equity share	Total amount of dividends paid
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		(in millions)
Dividend paid during the fiscal year		
1999.....	Rs. 1.20	Rs. 162
2000.....	1.20	198
2001 .....	1.50	247
2002(1).....	4.00(1)	881
2003.....	-	-

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2004..... 7.50 4,598

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- (1) Includes dividend of Rs. 2.00 per share declared for each of the fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

Until May 1997, investors were required to pay tax on dividend income. From June 1997, dividend income was made tax-exempt. However, ICICI Bank was required to pay a 10.0% tax on distributed profits. From fiscal 1999, this tax rate rose to 11.0% because of a 10.0% surcharge imposed on all taxes by the government. For all distributions subsequent to May 2000, ICICI Bank was required to pay a 22.6% tax on distributed profits which included a 20.0% tax and a 13.0% surcharge on such tax. The tax rate was then reduced and ICICI Bank was required to pay a 10.2% tax on distributed profits for all distributions subsequent to May 2001, which included a 10.0% tax and a 2.0% surcharge on such tax. The government of India's budget for fiscal 2003 abolished this tax on distributed profits, but investors were required to pay tax on dividend income. The government of India's budget for fiscal 2004 exempted dividend income from being taxable in the hands of the investors. We are now required to pay a 13.1% tax (including surcharge) on distributed profits.

Future dividends will depend upon our revenues, cash flow, financial condition, the regulations of the Reserve Bank of India and other factors. Owners of ADSs will be entitled to receive dividends payable in respect of the equity shares represented by such ADSs. The equity shares represented by ADSs rank pari passu with existing equity shares. At present, we have equity shares issued in India and equity shares represented by ADSs.

Pursuant to guidelines issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India in February 2000, with respect to equity shares issued by us during a particular fiscal year, dividends declared and paid

for such fiscal year are paid in full and are no longer prorated from the date of issuance to the end of such fiscal year.

Before paying any dividend on its shares, ICICI Bank is required under the Indian Banking Regulation Act to write off all capitalized expenses (including preliminary expenses, organization expenses, share-selling commission, brokerage, amounts of losses incurred or any other item of expenditure not represented by tangible assets). Before declaring dividends, ICICI Bank is required to transfer at least 20.0% of the balance of profits of each year before payment of dividend to a reserve fund. The government of India may, however, on the recommendation of the Reserve Bank of India, exempt ICICI Bank from such a requirement. As per the revised guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, only those banks, which comply with certain minimum prudential requirements with respect to capital adequacy, net non-performing asset ratio and other criteria, are eligible to declare dividends without prior approval of Reserve Bank of India. Further, the guidelines prescribe a ceiling of 33.3% on the dividend payout ratio, excluding dividend tax, for banks. Banks, which comply with the prudential requirements of the above guidelines, but desire to declare dividends higher than the specified ceiling must obtain prior approval of Reserve Bank of India for declaration of such higher dividend. In case any bank does not meet the criteria prescribed above, it has to obtain the prior approval of Reserve Bank of India before declaring any dividend. For a description of the revised guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India, please see "Supervision and Regulation - Restrictions on Payment of Dividends". Further, ICICI Bank requires prior approval from the Reserve Bank of India to

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pay a dividend of more than 25.0% of the par value of its shares. ICICI Bank also requires prior approval from the Reserve Bank of India to pay an interim dividend.

For a description of the tax consequences of dividends paid to shareholders, see "Taxation -- Indian Tax -- Taxation of Distributions".

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the dividend per equity share and the total amount of dividends paid out on the equity shares during the year, each exclusive of dividend tax, for ICICI, prior to the amalgamation. This may be different from the dividend declared for the year.

	Dividend per equity share(1)	Total amount of dividends paid
		(in millions)
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Dividend paid during the fiscal year		
1999.....	Rs. 11.00	Rs. 2,618
2000.....	11.00	2,641
2001.....	11.00	3,505
2002(2).....	22.00(2)	8,639
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- (1) For fiscal 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002, based on the exchange ratio of 1:2 in which shareholders of ICICI were issued shares of ICICI Bank, number of shares have been adjusted by dividing by two. Hence, these numbers are different from the numbers reported in the annual report on Form 20-F for fiscal 2002
- (2) Includes dividend of Rs. 11.00 per share declared for each of the fiscal years 2001 and 2002, both of which were paid during fiscal 2002.

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### TAXATION

#### Indian Tax

The following discussion of material Indian tax consequences to investors in ADSs and equity shares who are not resident in India whether of Indian origin or not (each a "non-resident") is based on the provisions of the Indian Income-tax Act, 1961 (the "Income-tax Act"), including the special tax regime for ADSs contained in Section 115AC, which has been extended to cover additional ADSs that an investor may acquire in an amalgamation or restructuring of the company, and certain regulations implementing the Section 115AC regime. The Income-tax Act is amended every year by the Finance Act of the relevant year. Some or all of the tax consequences of described herein may be amended or modified by future amendments to the Income-tax Act.

The summary is not intended to constitute a complete analysis of the tax consequences under Indian law of the acquisition, ownership and sale of ADSs and equity shares by non-resident investors. Potential investors should, therefore, consult their own tax advisers regarding the tax consequences of such acquisition, ownership and sale, including the tax consequences under Indian law, the law of the jurisdiction of their residence, any tax treaty between India and their country of residence, and in particular the application of the regulations implementing the Section 115AC regime.

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### Residence

For the purpose of the Income-tax Act, an individual is a resident of India during any fiscal year, if he (i) is in India in that year for 182 days or more or (ii) having been in India for a period or periods aggregating 365 days or more during the four years preceding that fiscal year, is in India for a period or periods aggregating 60 days or more in that fiscal year. The period of 60 days is substituted by 182 days in the case of an Indian citizen or person of Indian origin who being resident outside India comes on a visit to India during the fiscal year or an Indian citizen who leaves India for the purposes of his employment during the fiscal year. A company is resident in India in any fiscal year if it is registered in India or the control and management of its affairs is situated wholly in India in that year. A firm or other association of persons is resident in India except where the control and the management of its affairs are situated wholly outside India.

### Taxation of Distributions

Dividends paid are not subject to any Indian withholding or other tax. However, we are required to pay tax at the rate of 13.06875% on the dividends distributed by us. The dividend so paid is not taxable under section 115AC in the hands of the ADS holders.

### Taxation on Redemption of ADSs

The acquisition of equity shares upon redemption of ADSs by a non-resident investor will not give rise to a taxable event for Indian tax purposes.

### Taxation on Sale of ADSs or Equity Shares

Any transfer of ADSs outside India by a non-resident investor to another non-resident investor will not give rise to Indian capital gains tax in the hands of the transferor.

Subject to any relief under any relevant double taxation treaty, gain arising from the sale of an equity share will generally give rise to a liability for Indian capital gains tax in the hands of the transferor. Such tax is required to be withheld at source. Where the equity share has been held for more than 12 months (measured from the date of advice of redemption of the ADS by the Depository as specified below), the rate of tax is 10.2% (including education cess) where the total income does

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not exceed Rs. 850,000 (US\$ 19,585) or 11.22% (including applicable surcharges and an additional surcharge by way of education cess) where the total income exceeds Rs. 850,000 (US\$ 19,585). Where the equity share has been held for 12 months or less, the rate of tax varies and the gain will be subject to tax at normal rates of income-tax applicable to non-residents under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, subject to a maximum of 41.82% (including applicable surcharges and education cess) in the case of foreign companies. The actual rate depends on a number of factors, including without limitation the nature of the non-resident investor. The Finance (No. 2) Act, 2004, introduced the securities transaction tax effective October 1, 2004 which shall be levied on transactions of purchase /sale of equity shares entered into on a recognized stock exchange in India at the specified rates in accordance with the provisions of Chapter VII there under. The transaction of sale of equity shares entered into a recognised stock exchange in India settled by actual delivery or

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transfer will be subject to securities transaction tax at the rate of 0.075%, on the value of the transaction, payable by the seller. In cases where securities transaction tax is payable, the resulting long-term capital gains would be exempt from tax and short-term capital gains would be taxable at a lower tax rate of 10.2% (including education cess) where the total income does not exceed Rs. 850,000 (US\$ 19,585) or 11.22% (including applicable surcharges and an additional surcharge by way of education cess) where the total income exceeds Rs. 850,000 (US\$ 19,585). For transactions that are not subject to securities transaction tax, the normal capital gains tax regime will apply. During the period the underlying equity shares are held by non-resident investors on a transfer from the Depository upon redemption, the provisions of the double taxation treaty entered into by the government of India with the country of residence of the non-resident investors will apply in determining the taxation of any capital gains arising on a transfer of the equity shares. The double taxation treaty between the United States and India does not provide US residents with any relief from Indian tax on capital gains.

For purposes of determining the amount of capital gains arising on a sale of an equity share for Indian tax purposes, the cost of acquisition of an equity share received upon redemption of an ADS will be the price of the share prevailing on the Stock Exchange, Mumbai or the National Stock Exchange on the date on which the Depository advises the custodian of such redemption, not the acquisition cost of the ADS being redeemed. The holding period of an equity share received upon redemption of an ADS will commence on the date of advice of redemption by the Depository.

### Rights

Distributions to non-resident investors of additional ADSs or equity shares or rights to subscribe for equity shares made with respect to ADSs or equity shares are not subject to Indian tax in the hands of the non-resident investor.

It is unclear as to whether capital gains derived from the sale of rights outside India by a non-resident investor that is not entitled to exemption under a tax treaty to another non-resident investor will be subject to Indian capital gains tax. If the rights are deemed by the Indian tax authorities to be situated within India, as our situs is in India, then the capital gains realized on the sale of rights will be subject to customary Indian capital gains taxation as discussed above.

### Stamp Duty

Upon the issuance of the equity shares underlying the ADSs, we are required to pay a stamp duty of 0.1% per share of the issue price. A transfer of ADSs is not subject to Indian stamp duty. Normally, upon the receipt of equity shares in physical form from the depository in exchange for ADSs representing such equity shares, a non-resident investor would be liable for Indian stamp duty applicable on re-issuance in physical form, which is the same as stamp duty payable on the original issuance in physical form subject to a maximum of Rs. 20 per share certificate. Similarly, a sale of equity shares in physical form by a non-resident investor would also be subject to Indian stamp duty at the rate of 0.25% of the market value of the equity shares on the trade date, although customarily such tax is borne by the transferee, that is, the purchaser. However, our equity shares are compulsorily delivered in non-physical form except for trades up to 500 shares only, which may be delivered in

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physical form. Under Indian stamp law, no stamp duty is payable on the acquisition or transfer of equity shares in non-physical form. As per the Finance Act, 2004, all delivery based sales on a recognized stock exchange in India of inter-alia all equity shares shall attract transaction tax at the rates of 0.075% of the value of the securities transacted.

### Other Taxes

At present, there are no taxes on wealth, gifts or inheritance which apply to the ADSs or underlying equity shares.

### Service Tax

Brokerage fees paid to stockbrokers in connection with the sale or purchase of shares which are listed on any recognized stock exchange in India are subject to a service tax at a rate of 10.2% (including applicable education cess). The stockbroker is responsible for collecting the service tax and paying it to the relevant authority.

### United States Tax

The following discussion describes certain US federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and sale of ADSs or equity shares that are generally applicable to US investors. For these purposes, you are an US investor if, for US federal income tax purposes, you are:

1. a citizen or resident of the United States;
2. a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation, organized under the laws of the United States or of any political subdivision of the United States; or
3. an estate or trust the income of which is includable in gross income for US federal income tax purposes regardless of its source.

This discussion only applies to ADSs or equity shares that you own as capital assets.

Please note that this discussion does not discuss all of the tax consequences that may be relevant in light of your particular circumstances. In particular, it does not address investors subject to special rules, including:

1. insurance companies;
2. tax-exempt entities;
3. dealers in securities;
4. certain financial institutions;
5. persons who own the ADSs or equity shares as part of an integrated investment (including a straddle, hedging or conversion transaction) comprised of the ADS or equity shares, and one or more other positions for US federal income tax purposes;
6. persons whose functional currency is not the US dollar; or
7. persons who own, actually or constructively, 10.0% or more of ICICI Bank's voting stock.

This discussion is based on the tax laws of the United States currently in

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effect (including the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, referred to as the "Code"), Treasury Regulations, Revenue Rulings and judicial decisions. These laws may change, possibly with retroactive effect.

This discussion is also based in part on representations by the depository and assumes that each obligation under the deposit agreement and any related agreement will be performed in accordance with its terms. Furthermore, the US Treasury has expressed concerns that parties to whom ADSs are pre-released may be taking actions that are inconsistent with the claiming of foreign tax credits for US

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investors of ADSs. Such actions would also be inconsistent with the claiming of the reduced rate of tax, described below, applicable to dividends received by certain non-corporate US investors. Accordingly, the analysis of the creditability of Indian taxes and the availability of the reduced tax rate for dividends received by certain non-corporate US investors, each described below, could be affected by actions taken by parties to whom ADSs are pre-released.

For US federal income tax purposes, if you own an ADS, you will generally be treated as the owner of the equity shares underlying the ADS.

Please consult your tax adviser with regard to the application of the US federal income tax laws to the ADSs or equity shares in your particular circumstances, including the passive foreign investment company rules described below, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or other taxing jurisdiction.

This discussion assumes that ICICI Bank is not, and will not become, a passive foreign investment company (as discussed below).

### Taxation of Dividends

Dividends you receive on the ADSs or equity shares, other than certain pro rata distributions of ADSs or equity shares or rights to acquire ADSs or equity shares, will generally constitute foreign source dividend income for US federal income tax purposes. The amount of the dividend you will be required to include in income will equal the US dollar value of the Rs., calculated by reference to the exchange rate in effect on the date the payment is received by the depository (in the case of ADS) or by you (in the case of equity shares) regardless of whether the payment is converted into US dollars on the date of receipt. If you realize gain or loss on a sale or other disposition of rupees, it will be US source ordinary income or loss. If you are a corporate US investor, you will not be entitled to claim a dividends-received deduction for dividends paid by ICICI Bank. Subject to applicable limitations, if you are a non-corporate US investor, dividends paid to you in taxable years beginning before January 1, 2009 will be taxable at a maximum rate of 15.0%. If you are a non-corporate US investor, you should consult your own tax adviser to determine whether you are subject to any special rules that limit your ability to be taxed at this favorable rate.

### Taxation of Capital Gains

You will recognize capital gain or loss for US federal income tax purposes on the sale or exchange of ADSs or equity shares in the same manner as you would on the sale or exchange of any other shares held as capital assets. The gain or loss will generally be US source income or loss. You should consult your own tax advisers about the treatment of capital gains, which may be taxed

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at lower rates than ordinary income for non-corporate taxpayers, and capital losses, the deductibility of which may be limited.

Under certain circumstances as described under "Taxation - Indian Taxation - Taxation on Sale of ADSs or Equity Shares", you may be subject to Indian tax upon the disposition of equity shares. You should consult your own tax adviser with respect to your ability to credit this Indian tax against your US federal income tax liability.

### Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules

Based upon certain proposed Treasury regulations, which are proposed to be effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1994, and upon certain management estimates, ICICI Bank does not expect to be a passive foreign investment company (a "PFIC") for its taxable year ended March 31, 2004 or in the foreseeable future. In general, a foreign corporation is a PFIC for any taxable year in which (i) 75.0% or more of its gross income consists of passive income (such as dividends, interest, rents and royalties) or (ii) 50.0% or more of the average quarterly value of its assets consists of assets that produce, or are held for the production of, passive income. Since there can be no assurance that the proposed regulations will be finalized in their current form, the manner of the application of the proposed regulations is not entirely clear, and the composition of ICICI Bank's income and assets will

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vary over time, there can be no assurance that ICICI Bank will not be considered a PFIC for any taxable year.

If ICICI Bank were treated as a PFIC for any year during your holding period and you have not made the mark-to-market election, as described below, you will be subject to special rules generally intended to eliminate any benefits from the deferral of US federal income tax that a holder could derive from investing in a foreign corporation that does not distribute all of its earnings on a current basis. Upon a disposition of ADSs or equity shares, including, under certain circumstances, a disposition pursuant to an otherwise tax-free reorganization, gain recognized by you would be allocated ratably over your holding period for the ADSs or equity shares. The amounts allocated to the taxable year of the disposition and to any year before ICICI Bank became a passive foreign investment company would be taxed as ordinary income. The amount allocated to each other taxable year would be subject to tax at the highest rate in effect for individuals or corporations, as appropriate, and an interest charge would be imposed on the amount allocated to such taxable year. Further, any distribution in respect of ADSs or equity shares in excess of 125.0% of the average of the annual distributions on ADSs or equity shares received by you during the preceding three years or your holding period, whichever is shorter, would be subject to taxation as described above.

If the ADSs or equity shares are "regularly traded" on a "qualified exchange", you may make a mark-to-market election. The ADSs or equity shares will be treated as "regularly traded" in any calendar year in which more than a de minimis quantity of the ADSs or equity shares, as the case may be, are traded on a qualified exchange on at least 15 days during each calendar quarter. A "qualified exchange" includes a foreign exchange that is regulated by a governmental authority in which the exchange is located and with respect to which certain other requirements are met. The Internal Revenue Service has not yet identified specific foreign exchanges that are "qualified" for this purpose. The New York Stock Exchange on which the ADSs are traded is a qualified exchange for US federal income tax purposes.

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If you make the election, you generally will include as ordinary income the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the ADSs or equity shares at the end of each taxable year over their adjusted basis, and will be permitted an ordinary loss in respect of the excess, if any, of the adjusted basis of the ADSs or equity shares over their fair market value at the end of the taxable year (but only to the extent of the net amount of previously included income as a result of the mark-to-market election). If you make the election, your basis in the ADSs or equity shares will be adjusted to reflect any such income or loss amounts. Any gain recognized on the sale or other disposition of ADSs or equity shares will be treated as ordinary income.

If you own ADSs or equity shares during any year in which ICICI Bank is a PFIC, you must file Internal Revenue Service Form 8621.

In addition, if we were to be treated as a PFIC in a taxable year in which we pay a dividend or the prior taxable year, the 15.0% dividend rate discussed above with respect to payment of dividends to certain non-corporate U.S. investors would not apply.

### Information reporting and backup withholding

Payment of dividends and sales proceeds that are made within the United States or through certain U.S.-related financial intermediaries generally are subject to information reporting and to backup withholding unless (i) you are a corporation or other exempt recipient or (ii) in the case of backup withholding, you provide a correct taxpayer identification number and certify that no loss of exemption from backup withholding has occurred.

The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to you will be allowed as a credit against your U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle you to a refund, provided that the required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

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## PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ICICI Bank and ICICI prepared their historical financial statements in accordance with Indian generally accepted accounting principles. Starting in fiscal 2000, ICICI Bank published in its annual shareholders' report its financial statements in US GAAP as well as in Indian GAAP. Starting in fiscal 1999, ICICI published in its annual shareholders' report its financial statements in US GAAP as well as in Indian GAAP.

The financial information in this annual report has been prepared in accordance with US GAAP, unless indicated otherwise. Our fiscal year, like ICICI Bank's and ICICI's fiscal year prior to the amalgamation, ends on March 31 of each year so all references to a particular fiscal year are to the year ended March 31 of that year. Our financial statements, including the notes to these financial statements, audited by KPMG LLP, UK, independent accountants, are set forth at the end of this annual report.

The Statement on Financial Accounting Standard No. 141 on "Business Combinations", issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, requires that business combinations be accounted for in the period in which the combination is consummated. The effective date of the amalgamation for

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accounting purposes under US GAAP was April 1, 2002. Accordingly, under US GAAP, the amalgamation has been reflected in the financial statements contained in this annual report for fiscal 2003, as it was consummated in April 2002. Under US GAAP, the amalgamation was accounted for as a reverse acquisition. This means that ICICI was recognized as the accounting acquirer in the amalgamation, although ICICI Bank was the legal acquirer. Accordingly, the financial statements and other financial information contained in this annual report for fiscal 2002 and prior years, except where specifically stated otherwise, present the assets, liabilities and results of operations of ICICI.

Under Indian GAAP, the amalgamation was accounted for on March 30, 2002, the Appointed Date specified in the Scheme of Amalgamation, with ICICI Bank being recognized as the accounting acquirer.

ICICI's consolidated subsidiaries for and at year-end fiscal 2002 and year-end fiscal 2001 did not include ICICI Bank. Effective March 10, 2001, ICICI Bank acquired Bank of Madura, an old private sector bank in India, in an all stock merger and, as a result, the ownership interest of ICICI was reduced from 62.2% to 55.6%. In addition, during March 2001, ICICI reduced its interest in ICICI Bank to 46% through sales of equity shares in the Indian secondary markets to institutional investors. As a result of the foregoing, ICICI Bank ceased to be one of ICICI's subsidiaries as of March 22, 2001 and was accounted for under the equity method of accounting from April 1, 2000, the beginning of the fiscal year in which ICICI's majority ownership interest in ICICI Bank was deemed to be temporary. ICICI Bank continues to be reported on a consolidated basis for the year ended March 31, 2000. As a result, the financial statements for fiscal 2002 and 2001 are not strictly comparable with those for fiscal 2000.

The consolidation of ICICI's majority ownership interest in two insurance companies, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited and ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited, in each of fiscal 2001 and 2002 was deemed inappropriate because of substantive participative rights retained by the minority shareholders. Accordingly, such investees have not been consolidated from fiscal 2003 but have been accounted for by the equity method. Prior period financial statements have been restated and as a result, the financial statements for fiscal 2002, fiscal 2001 and fiscal 2000 contained in this annual report are not the same as those contained in our annual report for fiscal 2002, fiscal 2001 and fiscal 2000. There is no resultant impact on net income or stockholders' equity for fiscal 2002.

Although we have translated in this annual report certain rupee amounts into dollars for convenience, this does not mean that the rupee amounts referred to could have been, or could be, converted into dollars at any particular rate, the rates stated earlier in this annual report, or at all. Except in the section on "Market Price Information", all translations from rupees to dollars are based

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on the noon buying rate in the City of New York for cable transfers in rupees at March 31, 2004. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York certifies this rate for customs purposes on each date the rate is given. The noon buying rate on March 31, 2004 was Rs. 43.40 per US\$1.00.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Memorandum and Articles of Association

Objects and Purposes

Pursuant to Clause III. A. 1 of ICICI Bank's Memorandum of Association, ICICI Bank's main objective is to carry on the business of banking in any part of India or outside India.

Directors' Powers

ICICI Bank's directors' powers include the following:

- o Article 140 of the Articles of Association provides that no director of ICICI Bank shall, as a director, take any part in the discussion of or vote on any contract or arrangement if such director is directly or indirectly concerned or interested.
- o Directors have no powers to vote in absence of a quorum.
- o Article 83 of the Articles of Association provides that the directors may raise and secure the payment of amounts in a manner and upon such terms and conditions in all respects as they think fit and in particular by the issue of bonds, debenture stock, or any mortgage or charge or other security on the undertaking or the whole or any part of the property of ICICI Bank (both present and future) including its uncalled capital.

Amendment to Rights of Holders of Equity Shares

Any change to the existing rights of the equity holders can be made only by amending the Articles of Association which would require a special resolution of the shareholders, which must be passed by not less than three times the number of votes cast against the resolution.

Change in Control Provisions

Article 59 of the Articles of Association provides that the board of directors may at their discretion decline to register or acknowledge any transfer of shares in respect of shares upon which we have a lien. Moreover, the board of directors may refuse to register the transfer of any shares if the total nominal value of the shares or other securities intended to be transferred by any person would, together with the total nominal value of any shares held in ICICI Bank, exceed 1% of the paid up equity share capital of the merged entity or if the board of directors is satisfied that as a result of such transfer, it would result in the change in the board of directors or change in the controlling interest of ICICI Bank and that such change would be prejudicial to the interests of ICICI Bank. However, under the Indian Companies Act, the enforceability of such transfer restrictions is unclear.

Material Contracts

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### Scheme of Amalgamation of ICICI, ICICI Personal Financial Services and ICICI Capital Services with ICICI Bank

Pursuant to the Scheme of Amalgamation among ICICI, ICICI Personal Financial Services, ICICI Capital Services and ICICI Bank, sanctioned by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad on March 7, 2002 and by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay on April 11, 2002 and approved by the Reserve Bank of India on April 26, 2002, ICICI, ICICI Personal Financial Services and ICICI Capital Services were merged with ICICI Bank in an all-stock merger. ICICI Bank is the surviving legal entity in the amalgamation. ICICI Bank issued equity shares to the equity shareholders of ICICI in the ratio of one equity share of ICICI Bank, par value Rs. 10 each, fully paid up, for two equity shares of ICICI, par value Rs. 10 each, fully paid up. As there were five equity shares of ICICI underlying each ADR of ICICI and two equity shares of ICICI Bank underlying each ADR of ICICI Bank, ICICI Bank issued ADRs of ICICI Bank to ADR holders of ICICI in the ratio of five ADRs of ICICI Bank for two ADRs

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of ICICI. For more information about the amalgamation, see "Business-History". This Scheme of Amalgamation is attached as an exhibit to this annual report.

#### Documents on Display

The documents concerning us which are referred to herein may be inspected at the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). You may read and copy any document filed or furnished by us at the SEC's public reference rooms in Washington D.C., New York and Chicago, Illinois or obtain them by mail upon payment of prescribed rates. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information. The SEC also maintains a website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), which contains, in electronic form, each of the reports and other information that we have filed electronically with the SEC. Information about ICICI Bank is also available on the web at [www.icicibank.com](http://www.icicibank.com).

#### Incorporation by Reference

We incorporate by reference the information disclosed under "Description of Equity Shares" and "Description of the American Depositary Shares" in ICICI Bank's Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-30132).

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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Stockholders  
ICICI Bank Limited

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of ICICI Bank Limited and subsidiaries ('the Company') as of March 31, 2003 and 2004, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and other comprehensive income, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended March 31, 2004. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ICICI Bank Limited and subsidiaries as of March 31, 2003 and 2004, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended March 31, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, effective April 1, 2001, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets and SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended by SFAS No. 138, Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities. As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, effective October 1, 2002, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 147, Acquisitions of Certain Financial Institutions, retroactive to April 1, 2001, the adoption date of SFAS No. 142.

The United States dollar amounts are presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements solely for the convenience of the readers and have been translated into United States dollar on the basis described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements.

London, United Kingdom  
May 22, 2004

KPMG LLP

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ICICI Bank Limited and subsidiaries

Consolidated balance sheets

In millions, except share data

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents.....	Rs. 72,453	Rs. 98,985
Trading assets.....	39,634	75,155
Securities:		
Available for sale.....	267,499	296,605
Non-readily marketable equity securities.....	9,418	8,621
Venture capital investments.....	3,704	5,142
Investments in affiliates.....	2,615	3,619
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses, security deposits and unearned income.....	630,421	728,520
Customers' liability on acceptances.....	43,252	65,142
Property and equipment, net.....	21,215	23,183
Assets held for sale.....	2,306	4,829
Goodwill.....	4,787	5,403
Intangible assets, net.....	5,118	4,513
Deferred tax assets.....	6,423	7,937
Interest and fees receivable.....	12,472	6,529
Other assets.....	58,946	74,948
<b>Total assets.....</b>	<b>Rs. 1,180,263</b>	<b>Rs. 1,409,131</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Interest bearing deposits.....	Rs. 456,051	Rs. 611,178
Non-interest bearing deposits.....	35,239	73,777
Trading liabilities.....	26,086	26,079
Short-term borrowings.....	42,095	57,364
Bank acceptances outstanding.....	43,252	65,142
Long-term debt.....	400,812	373,449
Redeemable preferred stock.....	853	944
Taxes and dividends payable.....	16,880	20,180
Deferred tax liabilities.....	460	614
Other liabilities.....	66,198	84,829
<b>Total liabilities.....</b>	<b>Rs. 1,087,926</b>	<b>Rs. 1,313,556</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies (Note 29)</b>		
Minority interest.....	124	1,050
<b>Stockholders' equity:</b>		
Common stock at Rs. 10 par value: 800,000,000 and 1,550,000,000 shares authorized as of March 31, 2003 and 2004; Issued and outstanding 613,034,404 and 616,391,905 shares as of March 31, 2003 and 2004, respectively.....	6,127	6,164
Additional paid-in capital.....	64,863	65,341

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Retained earnings.....	18,246	18,279
Accumulated other comprehensive income.....	2,977	4,741
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Total stockholders' equity.....	92,213	94,525
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity.....	Rs. 1,180,263	Rs. 1,409,131
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See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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ICICI Bank Limited and subsidiaries

Consolidated statements of operations

In millions, except share data

	Year ended March 31,		
	2002 (1)	2003	
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Interest and dividend income			
Interest and fees on loans.....	Rs. 75,237	Rs. 75,080	Rs. 6
Interest and dividends on securities .....	1,447	17,022	1
Interest and dividends on trading assets .....	1,715	2,754	
Interest on balances and deposits with banks.....	368	1,151	
Other interest income.....	100	2,096	
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Total interest and dividend income.....	78,867	98,103	9
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Interest expense.....			
Interest on deposits.....	744	26,033	3
Interest on long-term debt.....	59,798	48,163	3
Interest on short-term borrowings.....	7,717	3,829	
Interest on trading liabilities.....	911	3,114	
Other interest expense .....	350	2,069	
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Total interest expense.....	69,520	83,208	7
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Net interest income.....	9,347	14,895	1
Provision for loan losses.....	9,743	19,649	2
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Net interest income/ (loss) after provision for loan losses.....	(396)	(4,754)	(
Non-interest income.....			
Fees, commission and brokerage.....	4,703	5,397	
Net gain on trading activities.....	2,442	3,075	
Net gain/(loss) on venture capital investments.....	(316)	(1,278)	
Net gain/(loss) on other securities.....	(3,256)	956	1
Net gain on sale of loans and credit substitutes.....	1,979	3,120	
Foreign exchange income/(loss).....	78	92	
Software development and services.....	1493	1,062	
Gain on sale of stock of subsidiaries/affiliates.....	165	-	

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Gain/(loss) on sale of property and equipment.....	29	16	
Rent.....	310	117	
Transaction processing services.....	-	696	
Other non-interest income.....	521	-	
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Total non-interest income.....	8,148	13,253	3
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Non-interest expense.....			
Salaries and employee benefits.....	2,980	5,383	
General and administrative expenses.....	4,616	12,581	1
Amortization of intangible assets.....	-	645	
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Total non-interest expense.....	7,596	18,609	2
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Income/(loss) before equity in earning/(loss) of affiliates, minority interest, income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting changes .....	156	(10,110)	
Equity in earning/(loss) of affiliates.....	294	(958)	(
Minority interest.....	83	24	
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Income/(loss) before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting changes.....	533	(11,044)	
Income tax (expense)/benefit.....	(251)	3,061	(
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Income/(loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes	282	(7,983)	
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax.....	1,265	-	
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Net income/(loss).....	Rs. 1,547	Rs. (7,983)	Rs.
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ICICI Bank Limited and subsidiaries

Consolidated statements of operations  
In millions, except share data

	Year ended March 31,		
	2002 (1)	2003	2
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Earnings per equity share: Basic (Rs.)			
Net income/ (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes.....	Rs. 0.72	Rs. (14.18)	Rs. 8
Cumulative effect of accounting changes.....	3.22	-	
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Net income/ (loss).....	3.94	(14.18)	8
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Earnings per equity share: Diluted (Rs.)			
Net income/ (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes.....	Rs. 0.72	Rs. (14.18)	Rs. 8
Cumulative effect of accounting changes.....	3.22	-	

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Net income/(loss).....	3.94	(14.18)	8
Weighted average number of equity shares used in computing earnings per equity share (millions)			
Basic.....	393	563	
Diluted.....	393	563	

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

1) Restated for reverse acquisition and adoption of SFAS No. 147.

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Consolidated statements of stockholders' equity and other comprehensive income  
In millions, except share data

	Common stock		Treasury stock
	No. of shares (1)	Amount	No. of shares A
Balance as of March 31, 2001.....	392,672,024	Rs. 3,922	-
Common stock issued on exercise of stock options...	700	-	-
Amortization of compensation.....	-	-	-
Comprehensive income			
Net income.....	-	-	-
Net unrealized gain/(loss) on securities, net of realization (net of tax).....	-	-	-
Translation adjustments (net of tax).....	-	-	-
Comprehensive income/(loss).....			
Cash dividends declared (Rs. 11 per common share)..	-	-	-
Balance as of March 31, 2002(2).....	392,672,724	Rs. 3,922	-
Common stock issued on reverse acquisition.....	118,962,731	1,190	-
Fair value of stock options assumed on reverse acquisition.....			-
Treasury stock arising due to reverse acquisition..	101,395,949		(101,395,949)
Sale of treasury stock.....	-	1,015	101,395,949
Common stock issued on exercise of stock options...	3,000	-	-
Increase in carrying value on direct issuance of stock by subsidiary.....	-	-	-
Amortization of compensation.....	-	-	-
Comprehensive income			
Net income/(loss).....	-	-	-
Net unrealized gain/(loss) on securities, net of realization (net of tax).....	-	-	-
Translation adjustments (net of tax).....	-	-	-

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Comprehensive income/(loss).....					-	-
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Balance as of March 31, 2003.....	613,034,404	Rs.	6,127	Rs.	-	R
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Common stock issued on exercise of stock options...	3,370,604		34		-	
Receipt of calls in arrears.....			3		-	
Forfeiture of shares.....	13,103		-		-	
Amortization of compensation.....	-		-		-	
Comprehensive income						
Net income/(loss).....	-		-		-	
Net unrealized gain/(loss) on securities, net of realization (net of tax).....	-		-		-	
Translation adjustments (net of tax).....	-		-		-	
Comprehensive income/(loss).....	-		-		-	
Cash dividends declared (Rs.7.5 per common share)..	-		-		-	
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Balance as of March 31, 2004.....	616,391,905		6,164	Rs.	-	Rs
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Balance as of March 31, 2004 (US\$).....			142			
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[Table -- continued]

Consolidated statements of stockholders' equity and other comprehensive income  
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	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Deferred compensation	Ac Inc
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Balance as of March 31, 2001.....	Rs. 42,036	Rs. 34,196	Rs. (33)	
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Common stock issued on exercise of stock options...	-	-	-	
Amortization of compensation.....	-	-	26	
Comprehensive income				
Net income.....	-	1,547	-	
Net unrealized gain/(loss) on securities, net of realization (net of tax).....	-	-	-	
Translation adjustments (net of tax).....	-	-	-	
Comprehensive income/(loss).....				
Cash dividends declared (Rs. 11 per common share)..	-	(9,514)	-	
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Balance as of March 31, 2002(2).....	Rs. 42,036	Rs. 26,229	Rs. (7)	
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Common stock issued on reverse acquisition.....	10,838	-	-	
Fair value of stock options assumed on reverse acquisition.....	409	-	-	
Treasury stock arising due to reverse acquisition..	8,204	-	-	
Sale of treasury stock.....	3,336	-	-	

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Common stock issued on exercise of stock options...	-	-	-	
Increase in carrying value on direct issuance of stock by subsidiary.....	40	-	-	
Amortization of compensation.....	-	-	7	
Comprehensive income				
Net income/(loss).....	-	(7,983)	-	
Net unrealized gain/(loss) on securities, net of realization (net of tax).....	-	-	-	
Translation adjustments (net of tax).....	-	-	-	
Comprehensive income/(loss).....	-	-	-	
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Balance as of March 31, 2003.....	Rs. 64,863	Rs. 18,246	Rs.	-
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Common stock issued on exercise of stock options...	478	-	-	-
Receipt of calls in arrears.....	-	-	-	-
Forfeiture of shares .....	-	-	-	-
Amortization of compensation.....	-	-	-	-
Comprehensive income				
Net income/(loss).....	-	5,219	-	-
Net unrealized gain/(loss) on securities, net of realization (net of tax).....	-	-	-	-
Translation adjustments (net of tax).....	-	-	-	-
Comprehensive income/(loss).....	-	-	-	-
Cash dividends declared (Rs.7.5 per common share)..	-	(5,186)	-	-
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Balance as of March 31, 2004.....	Rs. 65,341	Rs. 18,279	Rs.	-
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Balance as of March 31, 2004 (US\$).....	1,506	421		
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See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

- 1) Restated for reverse acquisition.
- 2) Restated for adoption of SFAS No. 147.

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Consolidated statements of cash flows  
In millions, except share data

	Year ended March 31,			transl Year e
	2002 (1)	2003	2004	
Operating activities				
Net income/(loss) .....	Rs. 1,547	Rs. (7,983)	Rs. 5,219	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities:				

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Provision for loan and other credit losses .....	10,532	19,649	20,055
Depreciation .....	786	2,438	2,791
Amortization .....	1,193	5,815	(1,902)
Amortization of discounts and expenses on borrowings	1,307	607	856
Deferred income tax .....	(3,245)	(4,348)	(2,046)
Unrealized loss/(gain) on trading securities .....	(80)	(117)	15
Unrealized loss/(gain) on venture capital			
Investments .....	300	1,278	(499)
Other than temporary decline in value of other			
securities .....	3,480	2,098	944
Unrealized gain on derivative transactions .....	190	(1,009)	(850)
Undistributed equity in (earning)/loss of affiliates	(9)	958	1,631
Minority interest .....	(83)	(24)	(28)
(Gain)/loss on sale of property and equipment, net .	(29)	(16)	(345)
(Gain)/loss on sale of securities available for sale	(349)	(956)	(12,443)
Gain on sale of subsidiary's stock .....	(165)	-	-
Gain on sale of loans .....	(1979)	(2,795)	(4,687)
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax	(1,265)	-	-
Change in assets and liabilities			
Trading account assets .....	(23,421)	29,944	(34,686)
Interest and fees receivable .....	3,583	(2,990)	5,943
Other assets .....	(12,783)	(34,295)	(18,535)
Trading account liabilities .....	4,352	(13,656)	(7)
Taxes payable .....	552	5,830	3,300
Other liabilities .....	14,422	4,663	18,750
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities ..	(1,164)	5,091	(16,524)
Investing activities			
Purchase of available for sale securities .....	(68,043)	(717,765)	(270,405)
Purchase of venture capital investments .....	(504)	(1,268)	(3,097)
Purchase of non-readily marketable equity securities .	(2,015)	(1,150)	(561)
Proceeds from sale of held to maturity securities ....	640	-	-
Proceeds from sale of available for sale securities ..	28,512	684,769	255,316
Proceeds from sale of venture capital investments ....	53	207	2,157
Proceeds from sale of non-readily marketable equity			
securities .....	183	-	1,358
Proceeds from sale of subsidiary's stock .....	302	-	-
Origination of loans, net .....	28,624	(108,023)	(237,709)
Proceeds from sale of loans .....	40,815	51,780	128,269
Purchase of property and equipment .....	(1,701)	(6,943)	(5,740)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment .....	128	504	1,305
Investments in affiliates .....	(1,159)	(1,691)	(2,635)
Payment for business acquisition, net of cash acquired	(143)	98,487	(1,322)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities ..	25,692	(1,093)	(133,064)

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	Year ended March 31,		
	2002 (1)	2003	2004
Financing activities			
Increase in deposits, net .....	Rs. 1,308	Rs. 158,290	Rs. 193,741
Proceeds/ repayment from short-term borrowings, net ..	(28,852)	(30,118)	15,269
Proceeds from other borrowings .....	5,787	-	-
Proceeds from issuances of long-term debt .....	158,905	10,631	114,712
Repayment of long-term debt .....	(142,019)	(124,979)	(142,931)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock .....	-	13,155	515
Proceeds from issuance of common stock by subsidiary .	390	-	-
Cash dividends paid .....	(9,514)	-	(5,186)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities ..	(13,995)	26,979	176,120
Effect of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents .	(14)	-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents .	10,519	30,977	26,532
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year.....	30,957	41,476	72,453
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year .....	Rs.41,476	Rs. 72,453	Rs. 98,985
Supplementary information:			
Cash paid for:			
Taxes .....	4,505	1,027	3,313
Non-cash items:			
Foreclosed assets .....	1,188	673	1,087
Conversion of loan to equity shares .....	1,586	4,495	1,162
Transfer of securities from held to maturity category to available for sale category .....	866	-	-
Change in unrealized gain/(loss) on securities available for sale, net .....	3,283	5,205	2,507
Acquisitions			
Fair value of net assets acquired, excluding cash and cash equivalents .....		(37,948)	642
Shares issued .....		118,965,731	3,370,604
Treasury stock .....		8,204	-

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1) Restated for reverse acquisition and adoption of SFAS No. 147.

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ICICI Bank Limited and subsidiaries

Notes to the consolidated financial statements

1. Significant accounting policies

Overview

ICICI Bank Limited (ICICI Bank) together with its subsidiaries and

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affiliates (collectively, the Company) is a diversified financial services group providing a variety of banking and financial services including project and corporate finance, working capital finance, venture capital finance, investment banking, treasury products and services, retail banking, broking and insurance. Further, the Company also has interests in the software development, software services and business process outsourcing businesses. The Company is headquartered in Mumbai, India.

Effective April 1, 2002, ICICI Bank (which for periods prior to April 1, 2002 is referred to as the 'acquiree') and ICICI Limited (ICICI) consummated a transaction whereby shareholders of ICICI were issued shares of the acquiree in the ratio of 1:2. The transaction has been treated as a reverse acquisition for financial reporting purposes with ICICI (the 'acquirer') as the accounting acquirer and is further discussed in Note 3.

The consolidated statements of operations, cash flows and stockholders' equity and other comprehensive income for the year ended 2002, presented herein, are those of the acquirer, even though the acquiree is the surviving legal entity subsequent to the reverse acquisition. As such, they include the acquirer's less than majority ownership interest in the acquiree accounted for by the equity method.

### Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of ICICI Bank and all of its subsidiaries. The Company consolidates subsidiaries in which it holds, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the voting rights or where it exercises control. Entities where the Company holds 20% to 50% of the voting rights and/or has the ability to exercise significant influence, other than investments of designated venture capital subsidiaries, are accounted for under the equity method, and the pro rata share of their income (loss) is included in other income. Income from investments in less than 20%-owned companies is recognized when dividends are received. The Company consolidates entities deemed to be Variable Interest Entities (VIEs) where the Company is determined to be the prime beneficiary under FASB Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities" (FIN 46). All significant inter company accounts and transactions are eliminated on consolidation.

In December 2003, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation No. 46R, 'Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities' (FIN 46R), which addresses how a business enterprise should evaluate whether it has a controlling financial interest in an entity through means other than voting rights and accordingly should consolidate the entity. FIN 46R revises and replaces FIN 46, issued by the FASB in January 2003. FIN 46R applies to the accounting for certain entities, the investors in which are identified as not possessing the normal characteristics of a controlled financial interest, or which lack sufficient equity to finance its activities without additional support from other parties. Such entities are referred to in FIN 46R as Variable Interest Entities. FIN46R refers to parties with equity, certain contractual or other financial interest as variable interest holders. FIN 46R establishes a framework for defining a prime beneficiary and requires consolidation of VIEs in which the Company is the prime beneficiary. FIN 46R also requires specific disclosures about VIEs in which the Company is the prime beneficiary or in which it holds a significant variable interest. Accounting requirements of FIN 46 were immediately applicable to any VIE created after January 31, 2003 and this provision was unchanged by FIN 46R. For all other VIEs with which the Company holds a variable interest, the Company is required to evaluate each entity's structure to determine whether it is reasonably likely that the Company would be required to consolidate or disclose information about each VIE's nature,

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purpose, size and activities, together with the Company's maximum exposure to loss. For those VIEs created prior to February 1, 2003, the Company will be required to adopt the accounting provisions of FIN 46 commencing April 1, 2004 although earlier adoption is allowed.

The Company is involved with special purpose entities through which it conducts various loan securitizations. Existing securitization structures with which the Company is involved are excluded from the scope of FIN 46R and as such are considered to be qualifying special purpose entities (QSPEs) as set forth in SFAS No. 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishment of Liabilities. The Company is not involved with any unconsolidated special purpose entities which are not considered to be QSPEs, however the Company has venture capital investments in entities that are not subject to consolidation under provisions of FIN 46R but are instead reported at fair value pursuant to specialized accounting requirements applicable to investment companies. The Company further provides project finance or other credit products which may result in credit exposure or fee interest with the counterparty that meet the definition of a variable interest in a variable interest entity. At March 31, 2004 the volume of such credits outstanding was Rs. 426,616 million. In addition, credits committed but not yet disbursed amounted to Rs. 73,903 million. The Company does not presently anticipate that this involvement would be sufficient to result in the Company being the prime beneficiary in a Variable Interest Entity as defined in FIN 46R. Accordingly, adoption of the provisions of FIN 46R is not anticipated to have a material impact on the Company's operating results or financial position.

The consolidation of the Company's majority ownership interest in two insurance companies acquired in each of fiscal 2001 and 2002 was deemed inappropriate because of substantive participative rights retained by the minority shareholders. Accordingly, such interests are no longer consolidated from fiscal 2003, but are accounted for by the equity method. Prior period financial statements have been restated with no resultant impact on net income or shareholders' equity.

Basis of preparation

The accounting and reporting policies of the Company used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements reflect general industry practices and conform to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (US GAAP).

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires that management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported income and expense for the reporting period. The Company makes estimates for valuation of derivatives and securities, where no ready market exists, determining the level of allowance for loan losses and assessing recoverability of goodwill, intangible assets and deferred tax assets. Management believes that the estimates used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are prudent and reasonable. The actual results could differ from these estimates.

Foreign currencies

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The consolidated financial statements are reported in Indian rupees (Rs.), the national currency of India. The functional currency of each entity within the Company is its respective local currency.

The assets and liabilities of the Company's foreign operations are translated into Indian rupees at current exchange rates, and revenues and expenses are translated at average exchange rates for the year. Resulting translation adjustments are reflected as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income.

Transaction gains and losses that arise from exchange rate fluctuations on transactions

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denominated in a currency other than the functional currency are included in the results of operations as incurred.

Solely for the convenience of the readers, the financial statements as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, have been translated into United States dollar at the noon buying rate in New York City on March 31, 2004, for cable transfers in Indian rupees, as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve of New York of US\$ 1 = Rs.43.40. No representation is made that the Indian rupee amounts have been, could have been or could be converted into United States dollars at such a rate or any other certain rate on March 31, 2004, or at any other certain date.

Revenue recognition

Interest income is accounted on an accrual basis except in respect of impaired loans, where it is recognized on a cash basis. Income from leasing and hire purchase operations is accrued in a manner to provide a fixed rate of return on outstanding investments.

Fees from activities such as investment banking, loan syndication and financial advisory services are accrued based on milestones specified in the customer contracts. Fees for guarantees and letters of credit are amortized over the contracted period of the commitment.

Revenues from software development, software services and business process outsourcing comprise income from time-and-material and fixed-price contracts. Revenue with respect to time-and-material contracts is recognized as related services are performed. Revenue with respect to fixed-price contracts is recognized in accordance with the percentage of completion method of accounting. Provisions for estimated losses on contracts-in-progress are recorded in the period in which such losses become probable based on the current contract estimates.

Cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments, which are readily convertible into cash and have contractual maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase, to be cash equivalents. The carrying value of cash equivalents approximates fair value.

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### Securities and trading activities

The Company classifies investments in debt and readily marketable equity securities, other than investments held by certain venture capital subsidiaries, into two categories based upon management's intention at the time of purchase: trading securities and securities available for sale. Realized gains and losses on the sale of securities are recorded at the time of sale. For computing realized gains and losses on securities, other than equity shares, the cost is ascertained using the first-in-first-out method. The realized gains and losses on equity shares are computed using the weighted average method.

As more fully explained in Note 6, the Company no longer classifies investments in debt securities as held to maturity, due to sale of certain held to maturity securities during the year ended March 31, 2002.

Trading assets, primarily debt securities and foreign exchange products, are recorded at fair value with realized and unrealized gains and losses included in non-interest income. Interest on trading securities is recorded in interest income. The fair value of trading assets is based upon quoted market prices or, if quoted market prices are not available, estimates using similar securities or pricing models.

Securities not classified as trading securities are classified as available for sale. These include securities used as part of the Company's asset liability management strategy, which may be sold in response to changes in interest rates, prepayment risk, liquidity needs and similar

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factors. Securities available for sale are recorded at fair value with unrealized gains and losses recorded, net of tax, as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income.

Equity securities, which are traded on a securities exchange within six months of the balance sheet date are considered as publicly traded. The last quoted price of such securities is taken as their fair value. Non-readily marketable equity securities for which there is no readily determinable fair value are recorded at cost.

Securities on which there is an unrealized loss that is deemed to be other than temporary are written down to fair value with the loss recorded in non-interest income as a loss on other securities. Other than temporary decline is identified by management based on an evaluation of all significant factors including the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than the cost, the financial condition and prospects of the issuer and the extent and ability of the Company to retain the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for any probable recovery in fair value.

Securities acquired through conversion of loans in a troubled debt restructuring are recorded at the fair value on the date of conversion and subsequently accounted for as if acquired for cash.

The Company's venture capital subsidiaries carry their investments at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in gain/loss on venture capital

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investments. The fair values of publicly traded venture capital investments are generally based upon quoted market prices. In certain situations, including thinly traded securities, large-block holdings, restricted shares or other special situations, the quoted market price is adjusted to produce an estimate of the attainable fair value for the securities. For securities that are not publicly traded, fair value is determined in good faith pursuant to procedures established by the venture capital subsidiaries. In determining the fair value of these securities, consideration is given to the financial conditions, operating results and prospects of the underlying companies, and any other factors deemed relevant. Generally, these investments are carried at cost during the first year, unless a significant event occurs that affects the long-term value of the investment. Because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuations, those estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed.

Trading liabilities represent borrowings from banks in the inter-bank call money market, borrowings from banks and corporates in the course of trading operations and balances arising from repurchase transactions.

### Loans

Loans are reported at the principal amount outstanding, inclusive of interest accrued and due per the contractual terms, except for certain non-readily marketable privately placed debt instruments, which are considered credit substitutes and are, therefore classified as loans but accounted for as debt securities. Loan origination fees (net of loan origination costs) are deferred and recognized as an adjustment to yield over the life of the loan. Interest is accrued on the unpaid principal balance and is included in interest income.

Loans include aggregate rentals on lease financing transactions and residual values, net of security deposits and unearned income. Lease financing transactions substantially represent direct financing leases. Loans also include the aggregate value of purchased securitized receivables, net of unearned income.

The Company identifies a commercial loan as impaired and places it on non-accrual status when it is probable that it will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal and interest due under the contractual terms of the loan agreement. A commercial loan is also considered to be impaired and placed on a non-accrual basis if interest or principal is greater than 90 days overdue. Delays or shortfalls in loan payments are evaluated along with other

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factors to determine if a loan should be classified as impaired. The decision to classify a loan as impaired is also based on an evaluation of the borrower's financial condition, collateral, liquidation value and other factors that affect the borrower's ability to pay.

The Company classifies a loan as a restructured loan where it has made concessionary modifications, that it would not otherwise consider, to the contractual terms of a loan to a borrower experiencing financial difficulties. Such loans are placed on non-accrual status. Generally, at the time a loan is placed on non-accrual status, interest accrued and uncollected on the loan in

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the current fiscal year is reversed from income, and interest accrued and uncollected from the prior year is charged off against the allowance for loan losses. Thereafter, interest on non-accrual loans is recognized as interest income only to the extent that cash is received. When borrowers demonstrate over an extended period the ability to repay a loan in accordance with the contractual terms of a loan, which the Company classified as non-accrual, the loan is returned to accrual status. With respect to restructured loans, performance prior to the restructuring or significant events that coincide with the restructuring are evaluated in assessing whether the borrower can meet the rescheduled terms and may result in the loan being returned to accrual status after a performance period.

Consumer loans are generally identified as impaired not later than a predetermined number of days overdue on a contractual basis. The number of days is set at an appropriate level by loan product. The policy for suspending accruals of interest and impairment on consumer loans varies depending on the terms, security and loan loss experience characteristics of each product.

### Allowance for loan losses

The allowance for loan losses represents management's estimate of probable losses inherent in the portfolio. Larger balance, non-homogenous exposures representing significant individual credit exposures are evaluated based upon the borrower's overall financial condition, resources and payment record and the realizable value of any collateral. Within the allowance of loan losses, a valuation allowance is maintained for larger-balance, non-homogenous loans that have been individually determined to be impaired. This estimate considers all available evidence including the present value of the expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's contractual effective rate and the fair value of collateral. Provisions recognized by the Company on account of reductions of future interest rates as a part of troubled debt restructurings are accreted as a credit to the provision for loan losses over the tenor of the restructured loan.

Each portfolio of smaller-balance, homogenous loans, including consumer mortgage, installment, revolving credit and most other consumer loans, is individually evaluated for impairment. The allowance for loan losses attributed to these loans is established via a process that includes an estimate of probable losses inherent in the portfolio, based upon various statistical analysis. These include migration analysis, in which historical delinquency and credit loss experience is applied to the current aging of the portfolio, together with an analysis that reflects current trends and conditions.

While determining the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, management also considers overall portfolio indicators including historical credit losses, delinquent and non-performing loans, and trends in volumes and terms of loans; an evaluation of overall credit quality and the credit process, including lending policies and procedures; consideration of economic, geographical, product, and other environmental factors.

The Company also includes in the allowances provision for credit losses on its performing portfolio based on the estimated probable losses inherent in the portfolio. The allowances on the performing portfolio are established after considering historical and projected default rates and loss severities, internal risk rating and geographic, industry and other environmental factors; and model imprecision.

The Company evaluates its impaired loan portfolio at the end of every period and loan

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balances which are deemed irrecoverable are charged off against related allowances for credit losses.

Transfers and servicing of financial assets

The Company transfers commercial and consumer loans through securitization transactions. The transferred loans are de-recognized and gains/losses are recorded only if the transfer qualifies as a sale under SFAS No. 140.

Recourse and servicing obligations and put options written are recorded as proceeds of the sale. For a transfer of financial assets to be considered a sale, financial assets transferred by the Company must have been isolated from the seller, even in bankruptcy or other receivership; the purchaser must have the right to sell the assets transferred or the purchaser must be a qualifying special purpose entity meeting certain significant restrictions on its activities, whose investors have the right to sell their ownership interests in the entity; and the seller must not continue to control the assets transferred through an agreement to repurchase them or have a right to cause the assets to be returned (known as a call option).

Retained beneficial interests in the loans and servicing rights are measured by allocating the carrying value of the loans between the assets sold and the retained interest, based on the relative fair value at the date of the securitization. The fair values are determined using either financial models, quoted market prices or sales of similar assets.

Loans held-for-sale

Loans originated for sale are classified as loans held-for-sale and are accounted for at the lower of cost or fair value. Such loans are reported as other assets. Market value of such loans are determined at rates applicable to similar loans.

Derivatives instruments and hedging activities

The Company may designate a derivative as either a hedge of the fair value of a recognized fixed rate asset or liability or an unrecognized firm commitment (fair value hedge), a hedge of a forecasted transaction or the variability of future cash flows of a floating rate asset or liability (cash flow hedge) or a foreign-currency fair value or cash flow hedge (foreign currency hedge). All derivatives are recorded as assets or liabilities on the balance sheet at their respective fair values with unrealized gains and losses recorded either in accumulated other comprehensive income or in the statement of income, depending on the purpose for which the derivative is held. Derivatives that do not meet the criteria for designation as a hedge under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No.133 "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" (SFAS No. 133) at inception, or fail to meet the criteria thereafter, are accounted for in other assets with changes in fair value recorded in the statement of income.

Changes in the fair value of a derivative that is designated and qualifies as a fair value hedge along with the gain or loss on the hedged asset or liability that is attributable to the hedged risk, are recorded in the statement of income as other non-interest income. To the extent of the effectiveness of a hedge, changes in the fair value of a derivative that is

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designated and qualifies as a cash flow hedge, are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax. For all hedge relationships, ineffectiveness resulting from differences between the changes in fair value or cash flows of the hedged item and changes in the fair value of the derivative are recognized in the statement of income as other non-interest income.

At the inception of a hedge transaction, the Company formally documents the hedge relationship and the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. This process includes identification of the hedging instrument, hedged item, risk being hedged and the methodology for measuring effectiveness. In addition, the Company assesses, both at the

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inception of the hedge and on an ongoing quarterly basis, whether the derivative used in the hedging transaction has been highly effective in offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows of the hedged item, and whether the derivative is expected to continue to be highly effective.

The Company discontinues hedge accounting prospectively when either it is determined that the derivative is no longer highly effective in offsetting changes in the fair value or cash flows of a hedged item; the derivative expires or is sold, terminated or exercised; the derivative is de-designated because it is unlikely that a forecasted transaction will occur; or management determines that designation of the derivative as a hedging instrument is no longer appropriate.

When a fair value hedge is discontinued, the hedged asset or liability is no longer adjusted for changes in fair value and the existing basis adjustment is amortized or accreted over the remaining life of the asset or liability. When a cash flow hedge is discontinued but the hedged cash flow or forecasted transaction is still expected to occur, gains and losses that were accumulated in other comprehensive income are amortized or accreted into the statement of income. Gains and losses are recognized in the statement of income immediately if the cash flow hedge was discontinued because a forecasted transaction did not occur.

The Company may occasionally enter into a contract (host contract) that contains a derivative that is embedded in the financial instrument. If applicable, an embedded derivative is separated from the host contract and can be designated as a hedge; otherwise, the derivative is recorded as a freestanding derivative.

The Company adopted SFAS No. 133 and SFAS No.138, Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities, on a prospective basis effective April 1, 2001.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 133, derivatives used for interest rate risk management were not recorded at fair value. Rather, the net interest settlement on designated derivatives that either effectively altered the interest rate characteristics of assets and liabilities or hedged exposures to risk was treated as an adjustment to the interest income or interest expense of the related assets or liabilities. The effect of adopting SFAS No. 133 and SFAS No. 138 did not result in any material impact on the statement of operations.

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### Guarantees and indemnifications

In November 2002, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation No. 45, 'Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others' (FIN 45), which requires that, for guarantees within the scope of FIN 45 issued or amended after December 31, 2002, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing the guarantee be recognized. FIN 45 also requires additional disclosures in financial statements for periods ending after December 15, 2002. Accordingly, the required disclosures are included in Note 30 to the consolidated financial statements of the Company. The recognition and measurement provisions of FIN 45 were adopted effective January 1, 2003 and did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

### Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. The cost of additions, capital improvements and interest during the construction period are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs are charged to expense when incurred. Property and equipment held to be disposed off are reported as assets held for sale at the lower of carrying amount or fair value, less cost to sell.

Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets or lease term whichever is shorter.

Property under construction and advances paid towards acquisition of property and

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equipment are disclosed as capital work in progress. The interest costs incurred for funding an asset during its construction period are capitalized based on the average outstanding investment in the asset and the average cost of funds. The capitalized interest cost is included in the cost of the relevant asset and is depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset.

Capitalized costs of computer software obtained for internal use represent costs incurred to purchase computer software from third parties and direct costs of materials and services incurred on internally developed software. The capitalized costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the software.

### Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets and certain intangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future net undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets.

### Business combinations

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In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations, which requires that the purchase method of accounting be used for all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001. SFAS No. 141 also specifies the criteria that intangible assets acquired in a purchase method business combination must meet to be recognized and reported apart from goodwill, noting that any purchase price allocated to an assembled workforce may not be accounted separately.

As of April 1, 2001, the Company had an unamortized deferred credit of Rs. 1,265 million related to an excess of the fair value of assets acquired over the cost of an acquisition. As required by SFAS No. 141, in conjunction with the early adoption of SFAS No. 142, the unamortized deferred credit as of April 1, 2001, has been written-off and recognized as the effect of a change in accounting principle.

### Goodwill and intangible assets

On April 1, 2001, the Company early-adopted SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. As required by SFAS No. 142, the Company reclassified existing goodwill and intangible assets to conform with the new criteria in SFAS No. 141 for recognition apart from goodwill. This resulted in reclassification of previously recorded intangible assets of Rs. 115 million as goodwill and a reclassification of previously recorded goodwill of Rs. 373 million as a separate unidentifiable intangible asset and related deferred tax liability.

As required by SFAS No. 142, the Company identified its reporting units and assigned assets and liabilities, including goodwill to the reporting units on the date of adoption. Subsequently, the Company compared the fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying value, to determine whether goodwill is impaired at the date of adoption. This transitional impairment evaluation did not indicate an impairment loss.

Subsequent to the adoption of SFAS No. 142, the Company does not amortize goodwill but instead tests goodwill for impairment at least annually. The annual impairment test under SFAS No. 142 did not indicate an impairment loss.

Intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives in proportion to the economic benefits consumed in each period.

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The useful life of other intangible assets is as follow:

	No. of years
Customer-related intangibles.....	3-10
Other intangibles.....	5

In October 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 147, Acquisitions of Certain Financial Institutions. SFAS No. 147 requires that business combinations involving financial institutions within its scope, be accounted for under SFAS No. 141. Previously, generally accepted accounting principles for acquisitions of financial institutions provided for recognition of the excess of the fair value of liabilities assumed over the fair value of tangible and identifiable

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intangible assets acquired as an unidentifiable intangible asset. Under SFAS No. 147, such excess is accounted for as goodwill. Adoption of SFAS No. 147 resulted in a reclassification of previously recorded unidentifiable intangible asset of Rs. 581 million and deferred tax liability of Rs. 208 million to goodwill with effect from April 1, 2001. Further, as required by SFAS No. 147, the Company reversed the amortization expense of Rs. 290 million and the related income tax benefit of Rs. 103 million, by restating the results for the year ended March 31, 2002.

### Liabilities and Equity

On July 1, 2003, the Company adopted SFAS No 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity. SFAS No.150 establishes standards for how an issuer measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity and classifies them in its statements of financial position. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances) when that financial instrument embodies an obligation of the issuer. SFAS 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31,2003, and otherwise effective July 1, 2003, and did not have any impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

### Income taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes under the provisions of SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. SFAS No. 109 requires recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the amount for financial reporting and tax basis of assets and liabilities, using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in the statement of income in the period of enactment. Deferred tax assets are recognized subject to a valuation allowance based upon management's judgment as to whether realization is considered more likely than not.

### Issue of shares by subsidiary/affiliate

An issuance of shares by a subsidiary/affiliate to third parties reduces the proportionate ownership interest of the Company in the investee. A change in the carrying value of the investment in a subsidiary/affiliate due to such direct sale of unissued shares by the investee is accounted for as a capital transaction, and is recognized in stockholders' equity when the transaction occurs.

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### Trading assets and liabilities

Trading assets and liabilities include securities and derivatives and are recorded either at market value or, where market prices are not readily available, fair value, which is determined under an alternative approach. The determination of market or fair value considers various factors including stock

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exchange quotations, time value and volatility factors underlying derivatives, counterparty credit quality and derivative transaction cash maintenance during that period. Trading derivatives in a net receivable position are reported as trading assets. Similarly trading derivatives in a net payable position are reported as trading liabilities.

### Employee benefit plans

The Company provides a variety of benefit plans to eligible employees. Contributions to defined contribution plans are charged to income in the period in which they accrue. Current service costs for defined benefit plans are accrued in the period to which they relate. Prior service costs, if any, resulting from amendments to the plans are recognized and amortized over the remaining period of service of the employees.

### Stock-based compensation

The Company uses the intrinsic value based method of Accounting Principle Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, to account for its employee stock-based compensation plans. Compensation cost for fixed and variable stock based awards is measured by the excess, if any, of the fair market price of the underlying stock over the exercise price. Compensation cost for fixed awards is measured at the grant date, while compensation cost for variable awards is estimated until the number of shares an individual is entitled to receive and the exercise price are known (measurement date).

In December 2002, FASB issued SFAS No. 148 Accounting for Stock Based Compensation-transition and disclosures, an amendment of FASB No. 123. SFAS No. 148 amends SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock Based Compensation, to provide alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, SFAS No. 148 amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 to require prominent disclosures in both annual and interim financial statements about the method of accounting for stock based employee compensation and the effect of the method used on reported results. The disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 148 are applicable for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2002

Had compensation cost been determined in a manner consistent with the fair value approach described in SFAS No. 123, the Company's net income and earnings per share as reported would have changed to the amounts indicated below.

	Year ended March 31	
	2002 (1)	2003
Net income/(loss) (in millions)		
As reported.....	Rs. 1,547	Rs. (7,983)
Add: Stock based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of tax effects.....	26	7
Less : Stock based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method, net of tax effects.....	(58)	(358)
Pro forma net income/ (loss).....	1,515	(8,334)
Earnings/ (loss) per share: Basic (in Rs.)		
As reported.....	3.94	(14.18)
Pro forma.....	3.86	(14.80)
Earnings/ (loss) per share: Diluted (in Rs.)		
As reported.....	3.94	(14.18)

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Pro forma..... 3.86 (14.80)

1) Restated for reverse acquisition and adoption of SFAS No. 147.

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The fair value of the options is estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes options pricing model, with the following assumptions:

	Year ended March 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
Dividend yield.....	5.5%	1.7%	4.1%
Expected life.....	10 years	10 years	10 years
Risk free interest rate.....	7.4%	8.9%	5.1% - 5.9%
Volatility.....	55%	54%	40%

### Dividends

Dividends on common stock and the related dividend tax are recognized on approval by the Board of Directors.

### Earnings/ (Loss) per share

Basic earnings/ (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income/ (loss) by the weighted average number of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings/ (loss) per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue equity shares were exercised or converted.

### Reclassifications

Certain other reclassifications have been made in the financial statements of prior years to conform to classifications used in the current year. These changes had no impact on previously reported results of operations or stockholders' equity.

### 2. Dilution of ownership interest in the acquiree

During the year ended March 31, 2002, the Company reduced its ownership interest in acquiree from 46.4% to 46%. This resulted in a gain of Rs. 57 million, which is included in the statement of income.

### 3. Acquisitions

#### Reverse acquisition

Effective April 1, 2002, the acquiree and ICICI consummated a transaction whereby shareholders of the ICICI were issued shares of the acquiree in the ratio of 1:2. The transaction has been treated as a reverse acquisition, with the acquiree as the surviving legal entity but ICICI as the accounting acquirer.

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On the acquisition date, ICICI held a 46% ownership interest in the acquiree. Accordingly, the acquisition of the balance 54% ownership interest has been accounted for as a step-acquisition. The operations of the acquiree have been consolidated in these financial statements effective April 1, 2002.

As a result of the acquisition, ICICI Bank became a universal banking company offering the entire spectrum of financial services. The acquisition was expected to reduce the cost of funds for the Company through access to the extensive branch network and deposit base of the acquiree. Further, the acquisition was expected to benefit the Company through greater opportunities to generate fee-based income, participation in the payment networks and ability to provide transaction banking services. Subsequent to the acquisition, the operations of the acquirer are being governed by the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

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The components of the purchase price and allocation are as follows:

	(in millions)
Fair value of common stock issued on reverse acquisition.....	Rs. 12,028
Direct acquisition costs.....	1,627
Fair value of stock options assumed on reverse acquisition.....	409
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Total.....	Rs. 14,064
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The fair value of common stock issued on reverse acquisition was based on the average prices of the equity shares for the two trading days before and after October 25, 2002, the date, the terms of the acquisition were agreed to and announced.

The total purchase price has been allocated to the acquired assets and assumed liabilities as of the date of acquisition based on management's estimates and independent appraisals as follows:

	(in millions)
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents.....	Rs. 53,183
Investments.....	113,725
Loans.....	39,102
Property and equipment.....	2,609
Intangible assets.....	5,470
Other assets.....	11,093
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Total assets acquired.....	Rs. 225,182
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Deposits.....	Rs. 176,018
Borrowings.....	16,174
Other liabilities.....	19,745
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Total liabilities assumed.....	Rs. 211,937	-----
Net tangible and intangible assets.....	Rs. 13,245	
Goodwill.....	819	-----
Total.....	Rs 14,064	-----

The goodwill recognized above is not deductible for tax purposes.

The intangible assets relate to customer and deposit relationships and would be amortized over a period of 10 years.

Consequent to the acquisition, the 46% ownership interest held by the Company in the acquiree was recorded as treasury stock at its historical carrying value. In September 2002, the treasury stock was sold to institutional investors for Rs. 13,154 million. The difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value, net of related tax effects of Rs. 599 million, was recognized in the statement of stockholders equity as a capital transaction.

### Other acquisitions

During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Company recorded goodwill of Rs. 616 million in relation to acquisitions of certain finance and service companies for an aggregate cash consideration of Rs. 757 million. The revenues and total assets of the acquired companies are immaterial to the consolidated results of operations and financial position of the Company.

During the year ended March 31, 2003, the Company acquired certain software development and services companies in India and the United States for an aggregate cash consideration of Rs. 959 million. The transactions were accounted for under the purchase method of accounting and resulted in goodwill of Rs. 617 million.

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#### Pro forma information

Pro forma results of the operations for the years ended March 31, 2003 and 2004 as if the acquisitions had been made at the beginning of the periods is given below. The pro forma results include estimates and assumptions which management believes are reasonable. However, these do not reflect any benefits from economies or synergies, which might be achieved from combining the operations. The pro forma consolidated results of operations include adjustments to give effect to amortization of acquired intangible assets other than goodwill. The pro forma information is not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have occurred had the purchase been made at the beginning of the periods presented.

	Year ended March 31,	
	2003	2004
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Revenues (in millions).....	Rs. 112,337	Rs. 128,508
Net income/(loss) (in millions).....	(8,153)	5,292

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EPS (Basic and Diluted) (in Rs.)..... (14.48) 8.62

### 4. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents as of March 31, 2004, includes deposits with the Reserve Bank of India of Rs.49,633 million (2003: Rs. 45,506 million) including Rs. 46,016 million (2003: Rs. 39,805 million) in accordance with the guidelines governing minimum cash reserve requirements and interest-bearing deposits with other banks of Rs. 28,404 million (2003: Rs. 6,919 million). The balances maintained with the Reserve Bank of India towards cash reserve requirements are subject to withdrawal and usage restrictions.

### 5. Trading assets

A listing of the trading assets is set out below.

	As of March 31	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Government of India securities.....	Rs. 26,658	Rs.30,374
Securities purchased under agreements to resell.....	5,399	34,974
Corporate debt securities.....	6,704	6,403
Equity securities.....	187	1,018
Fair value of derivative and foreign exchange contracts.	686	2,386
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Total.....	Rs. 39,634	Rs.75,155
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As of March 31, 2004, trading assets include Government of India (GOI) securities amounting to Rs. 768 million (2003: Rs. 8,050 million), which are held as and towards repurchase transactions undertaken and telegraphic transfer drawing arrangements.

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### 6. Securities

The portfolio of securities is set out below.

	As of March 31, 2003				Fair value	Amortized cost	As of March 31, 2004
	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gain	Gross unrealized loss	Fair value			
	(in millions)						
Available for sale							
Corporate debt securities	Rs. 10,636	Rs. 389	Rs. (79)	Rs. 10,946	Rs. 18,791	Rs. 18,791	Rs. 18,791
GOI securities.....	240,187	4,403	(459)	244,131	256,284	256,284	256,284
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Total debt securities....	250,823	4,792	(538)	255,077	275,075	275,075	275,075

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Equity securities.....	13,609	745	(1,932)	12,422	15,475	
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Total securities available for sale.....	Rs. 264,432	Rs. 5,537	Rs. (2,470)	Rs. 267,499	Rs. 290,550	Rs.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Non-readily marketable equity securities (1).....	Rs. 9,418				Rs. 8,621	
Venture capital investments (2).....				Rs. 3,704		

- 1) Primarily represents securities acquired as a part of project financing activities or conversion of loans in debt restructurings.
- 2) Represents venture capital investments held by venture capital subsidiaries of the Company.

During the year ended March 31, 2004, as part of its ongoing evaluation of its securities portfolio, the Company recorded an impairment charge of Rs. 944 million (2003: Rs. 2,098 million, 2002: Rs. 3,480 million) for other than temporary decline in value of available for sale and non-readily marketable equity securities.

Privately placed corporate debt securities reported as loans (credit substitutes)

The portfolio of credit substitutes is set out below.

	As of March 31, 2003				As of March		
	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized gain	Gross unrealized loss	Fair value	Amortized cost	Gross unrealized	un
Available for sale..	Rs. 61,295	Rs. 2,539	Rs. (1,118)	Rs. 62,716	Rs. 49,103	Rs. 1,330	

(in millions)

During the year ended March 31, 2002, the Company sold debt securities classified as held to maturity. The debt securities were sold for Rs. 640 million resulting in a realized gain of Rs. 102 million. As the securities were sold for reasons other than those specified in Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 115, 'Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities' (SFAS 115), all remaining held to maturity securities were reclassified as available for sale. Subsequent to the sale, the Company no longer classifies debt securities as held to maturity.

Other than temporary impairment

The Company has determined that the unrealized losses on the Company's investments in equity and debt securities are temporary in nature. The Company conducts a review each year to identify and evaluate investments that have indications of possible impairment. An investment in an equity or debt security is impaired if its fair value falls below its cost and the decline is considered other than temporary. Factors considered in determining whether a loss is temporary include length of time and extent to which fair value has been below cost; the financial

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condition and near term prospects of the issuer, and the Company's ability and intent to hold the investment for a period sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery. The Company's review of impairment generally entails:

- o identification and evaluation of investments that have indications of possible impairment;
- o analysis of individual investments that have fair values less than 75% of amortized cost, including consideration of the length of time the investment has been in an unrealized loss position;
- o discussion of evidential matter, including an evaluation of factors or triggers that would or could cause individual investments to qualify as having other-than temporary impairment and those that would not support other-than temporary impairment;
- o documentation of the results of these analyses, as required under business policies.

The fair value of the investment in equity and debt securities in an unrealized loss position as of March 31, 2004 is set out below.

Description of Securities	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unr
(in millions)						
Corporate debt securities	Rs. 6,985	Rs. 145	Rs. 249	Rs. 8	Rs. 7,234	R
GOI Securities.....	21,999	192	-	-	21,999	
Credit substitutes.....	2,414	309	134	55	2,548	
Equity Securities.....	1,041	342	-	-	1,041	
Total .....	Rs. 32,439	Rs. 988	Rs. 383	Rs. 63	Rs. 32,822	R

Income from securities available for sale

A listing of income from securities available for sale is set out below.

	Year ended March 31,		
	2002	2003	
(in millions)			
Interest.....	Rs. 1,027	Rs. 16,633	Rs.
Dividends.....	267	389	

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Total.....	Rs. 1,294	Rs. 17,022	Rs.
	=====	=====	=====
Gross realized gain.....	Rs. 1,238	Rs. 6,845	Rs.
Gross realized loss.....	(7)	(5,022)	
Total.....	Rs. 1,231	Rs. 1,823	Rs.
	=====	=====	=====

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Income from credit substitutes available for sale

A listing of income from credit substitutes available for sale is set out below.

	Year ended March 31,	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Interest.....	Rs. 8,406	Rs. 6,003
Dividends .....	381	45
Total.....	Rs. 8,787	Rs. 6,048
	=====	=====
Gross realized gain.....	Rs. 1,200	Rs. 733
Gross realized loss.....	(75)	(108)
Total.....	Rs. 1,125	Rs. 625
	=====	=====

Maturity profile of debt securities

A listing of each category of available for sale debt securities as of March 31, 2004, by maturity is set out below.

	Available for sale	
	Amortized Cost	Fair value
	(in millions)	
Corporate debt securities		
Less than one year.....	Rs. 2,206	Rs. 2,204
One to five years.....	4,600	4,696
Five to ten years.....	9,370	9,357
Greater than ten years.....	2,615	2,563
Total Corporate debt securities.....	Rs. 18,791	Rs. 18,820
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GOI securities		

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Less than one year.....	Rs. 41,641	Rs. 43,456
One to five years.....	18,819	18,956
Five to ten years.....	112,774	112,704
Greater than ten years.....	83,050	85,464
	-----	-----
Total GOI securities.....	Rs. 256,284	Rs. 260,580
	-----	-----
Total debt securities.....	Rs. 275,075	Rs. 279,400
	=====	=====
Credit substitutes		
Less than one year.....	Rs. 13,121	Rs. 13,114
One to five years.....	15,643	15,859
Five to ten years.....	13,261	14,047
Greater than ten years.....	7,078	7,049
	-----	-----
Total credit substitutes.....	Rs. 49,103	Rs. 50,069
	=====	=====

### 7. Repurchase transactions

The Company has undertaken repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions in GOI securities. The average level of repurchase transactions outstanding during the year ended March 31, 2004, was Rs. 7,551 million (2003: Rs. 7,002 million). The average level of reverse repurchase transactions outstanding during the year ended March 31, 2004, was Rs.1,010 million (2003: Rs. 4,483 million). As of March 31, 2004, outstanding repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions were Rs. Nil (2003: Rs. 3,000 million) and Rs. 34,974 million (2003: Rs. 5,399 million) respectively.

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### 8. Investments in affiliates

The acquiree

For the year ended March 31, 2002, the Company accounted for its 46% interest in the acquiree using the equity method. The carrying value of the investment in the acquiree as of March 31, 2002, was Rs. 8,204 million. The Company's equity in the income of the acquiree for the year ended March 31, 2002 was Rs. 929 million. During the year ended March 31, 2002, the Company received dividends of Rs. 403 million (2001: Rs. 184 million) from the acquiree.

The summarized statement of income of the acquiree is set out below.

Statement of income	Year ended March 31, 2002
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	(in millions)
Interest income.....	Rs. 20,837
Interest expense.....	(15,116)
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Net interest income.....	Rs. 5,721
Provision for loan losses.....	(1,722)

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Non-interest income.....	5,213
Non-interest expense.....	(6,260)
Income taxes.....	(931)
Cumulative effect of accounting change.....	16
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Net income.....	Rs. 2,037
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### Insurance companies

The Company accounts for its 74% ownership interest in ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Limited ('ICICI Prulife') and ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited ('ICICI Lombard') by the equity method of accounting because of substantive participative rights held by the minority shareholders.

The carrying value of the investment in these companies as of March 31, 2004, was Rs. 3,165 million (2003: Rs. 2,230 million). The Company's equity in the loss of these affiliates for the year ended March 31, 2004 was Rs. 1,561 million (2003: Rs. 971 million, 2002: Rs. 681 million).

The summarized balance-sheets and statements of operations of these entities as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004 is set out below.

Balance sheet	As of March 31, 2004	
	ICICI Prulife	ICICI Lombard
	-----	-----
	(in millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents .....	Rs. 318	Rs. 629
Securities.....	8,186	3,366
Assets held to cover linked liabilities .....	8,650	-
Other assets.....	2,597	1,639
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Total assets.....	Rs. 19,751	Rs. 5,634
	=====	=====
Provision for linked liabilities .....	Rs. 8,650	-
Other liabilities.....	8,827	Rs. 3,516
Stockholders' equity.....	2,274	2,118
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity.....	Rs. 19,751	Rs. 5,634
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Statement of income	Year ended March 31, 2004	
	ICICI Prulife	ICICI Lombard
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	(in millions)	
Interest income.....	Rs. 630	Rs. 184
Interest expense.....	-	-

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Net interest income.....	Rs. 630	Rs. 184
Non-interest income.....	4,007	1,544
Non-interest expense.....	(6,764)	(1,622)
Income tax (expense)/ benefit.....	(97)	(9)
	-----	-----
Net income/(loss).....	Rs. (2,224)	Rs. 97
	=====	=====

### Others

The other affiliates of the Company are Prudential ICICI Asset Management Company Limited (Pru-ICICI), Prudential ICICI Trust Limited (Pru-Trust), TCW/ICICI Investment Partners LLC (TCW) and Semantik Solutions GmbH, Germany. The carrying value of the investment in such affiliates as of March 31, 2004, was Rs. 454 million (2003: Rs. 385 million). The Company's equity in the income of such affiliates for the year ended March 31, 2004, was Rs. 123 million (2003: Rs. 13 million, 2002: Rs. 46 million).

### 9. Loans

A listing of loans by category is set out below.

	As of March 31	
	2003	
	(in millions)	
Project and corporate finance (1) (2) .....	Rs. 387,870	Rs. 387,870
Working capital finance (including working capital term loans).....	74,422	74,422
Lease financing.....	26,927	26,927
Consumer loans and credit card receivables.....	188,286	188,286
Other.....	18,959	18,959
	-----	-----
Gross loans.....	Rs. 696,464	Rs. 696,464
Unearned income.....	(8,902)	(8,902)
Security deposits.....	(2,922)	(2,922)
	-----	-----
Loans, net of unearned income and security deposits.....	Rs. 684,640	Rs. 684,640
Allowances for loan losses.....	(54,219)	(54,219)
	-----	-----
Loans, net.....	Rs. 630,421	Rs. 630,421
	=====	=====

- 1) Non-readily marketable privately placed debt instruments are classified as loans to reflect the substance of such transactions as substitutes for direct lending (credit substitutes).
- 2) Includes Rs. 50,069 million (2003: Rs. 62,716 million) of credit substitutes classified as loans.

Project and corporate finance loans are generally secured by property, plant and equipment and other tangible assets. Generally, the working capital loans are secured by a first lien on current assets, principally comprising inventory and receivables. Additionally, in certain cases the Company may obtain additional security for working capital loans through a first or second lien on property and equipment, pledge of financial assets like marketable securities and corporate/personal guarantees.

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Lease financing

Contractual maturities of the Company's investment in lease financing and its components, which are included in loans are set out below.

	As of March 31, 2004	
	----- (in millions)	
Gross finance receivables for the year ending March 31,		
2005.....	Rs.	3,375
2006.....		3,350
2007.....		5,197
2008.....		2,953
2009.....		2,871
Thereafter.....		8,419
		-----
Unearned income.....	Rs.	26,165
Security deposits.....		(7,538)
		(2,612)
		-----
Investment in lease financing.....	Rs.	16,015
		=====

Maturity profile of loans

A maturity profile of gross loans, other than investment in lease financing is set out below.

	As of March 31,	
	----- 2003	----- 2004
	----- (in millions)	
Less than one year.....	Rs. 147,707	Rs. 186,326
One to five years.....	328,692	365,924
Greater than five years.....	193,138	226,966
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Total.....	Rs. 669,537	Rs. 779,216
		=====

Interest and fees on loans

A listing of interest and fees on loans (net of unearned income) is set out below.

	As of March 31,		
	----- 2002	----- 2003	----- 2004
	----- (in millions)		

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Project and corporate finance .....	Rs. 56,032	Rs. 45,307	Rs. 31,242
Working capital finance (including working capital term loans).....	6,418	8,241	6,760
Lease financing.....	4,977	2,484	1,438
Consumer loans and credit card receivables.....	6,593	15,372	26,097
Other.....	1,217	3,676	3,684
	-----	-----	-----
Total.....	Rs. 75,237	Rs. 75,080	Rs. 69,221
	=====	=====	=====

Restructured loans

The Company classifies a loan as a restructured loan where it has made concessionary modifications, that it would not otherwise consider, to the contractual terms of a loan to a borrower experiencing financial difficulties. As of March 31, 2004, the Company had committed to lend Rs. 13,684 million (2003: Rs. 2,822 million), to borrowers who are parties to troubled debt restructurings.

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Impaired loans, including restructured loans

A listing of restructured loans is set out below.

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
	-----	-----
Project and corporate finance.....	Rs. 135,421	Rs. 149,724
Working capital finance (including working capital term loans).....	11,084	11,525
Other.....	886	1,149
	-----	-----
Restructured loans.....	Rs. 147,391	Rs. 162,398
Allowance for loan losses.....	(24,732)	(40,981)
	-----	-----
Restructured loans, net.....	Rs. 122,659	Rs. 121,417
	=====	=====
Restructured loans:		
With a valuation allowance.....	Rs. 147,391	Rs. 162,398
Without a valuation allowance.....	-	-
	-----	-----
Restructured loans.....	Rs. 147,391	Rs. 162,398
	=====	=====

A listing of other impaired loans is set out below.

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
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	(in millions)	
Project and corporate finance.....	Rs. 67,906	Rs. 42,842
Working capital finance (including working capital term loans).....	11,907	2,978
Lease financing.....	1,550	746
Consumer loans and credit card receivables.....	1,752	3,672
Other.....	41	-
	-----	-----
Other impaired loans.....	Rs. 83,156	Rs. 50,238
Allowance for loan losses .....	(27,837)	(21,474)
	-----	-----
Other impaired loans, net.....	Rs. 55,319	Rs. 28,764
	-----	-----
Other impaired loans:		
With a valuation allowance.....	Rs. 83,087	Rs. 50,238
Without a valuation allowance.....	69	-
	-----	-----
Other impaired loans.....	Rs. 83,156	Rs. 50,238
	=====	=====

During the year ended March 31, 2004, interest income of Rs. 9,072 million (2003: Rs. 2,358 million, 2002: Rs. 3,257 million) was recognized on impaired loans on a cash basis. Gross impaired loans (including restructured loans) averaged Rs. 221,592 million during the year ended March 31, 2004 (2003: Rs. 188,195 million).

Concentration of credit risk

Concentration of credit risk exists when changes in economic, industry or geographic factors similarly affect groups of counterparties whose aggregate credit exposure is material in relation to Company's total credit exposure. The Company's portfolio of financial instruments is broadly diversified along industry, product and geographic lines within India.

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The Company's 20 largest borrowers, based on gross outstanding balances, totaled approximately Rs. 149,620 million as of March 31, 2004 (2003: Rs. 145,299 million), which represented 18.6% (2003: 21.2%) of the gross loans outstanding. The single largest borrower as of March 31, 2004 was Rs. 17,448 million (2003: Rs. 15,314 million) which represented 2.2% (2003: 2.2%) of the gross loans outstanding. The largest group of companies under the same management control accounted for approximately 4.5% (2003: 4.9%) of our total gross loans outstanding.

10. Allowance for loan losses

Changes in the allowance for loan losses

Movements in the allowance for loan losses are set out below.

Year ended March 31,

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	2002	2003	
	-----	-----	-----
	(in millions)		
Allowance for loan losses at the beginning of the year.....	Rs. 33,035	Rs. 36,647	Rs. 5
Effect of reverse acquisition on allowance for loan losses.....	-	1,297	
Provisions for loan losses, net of releases of provisions as a result of cash collections.....	9,743	19,649	2
	-----	-----	-----
Loans charged-off.....	Rs. 42,778 (6,131)	Rs. 57,593 (3,374)	Rs. 7 ( )
	-----	-----	-----
Allowance for loan losses at the end of the year.....	Rs. 36,647	Rs. 54,219	Rs. 6
	=====	=====	=====

11. Securitization activity

The Company primarily securitizes commercial loans through 'pass-through' securitizations. After the securitization, the Company generally continues to maintain customer account relationships and services loans transferred to the securitization trust. The securitizations are either with or without recourse. In a few cases, the Company may enter into derivative transactions such as written put options and interest rate swaps with the transferees.

During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Company securitized loans and credit substitutes with a carrying value of Rs. 128,269 million (2003: Rs. 51,780 million), which resulted in gains of Rs. 4,248 million (2003: Rs. 2,070 million, 2002: Rs. 1,079 million). The gains are reported as a component of gain on sale of loans and credit substitutes.

Transfers that do not meet the criteria for a sale under SFAS No. 140, are required to be recorded as secured borrowings with a pledge of collateral, and such secured borrowings are required to be reported as a component of other borrowings. However, there have been no transfers which have not met the criteria for a sale under SFAS No. 140, and consequent no recording or reporting has been entailed.

As discussed above, the Company has written put options, which require the Company to purchase, upon request of the holders, securities issued in certain securitization transactions. The put options seek to provide liquidity to holders of such instruments. If exercised, the Company will be obligated to purchase the securities at the predetermined exercise price.

As of March 31, 2004, the Company sold loans and credit substitutes with an aggregate put option exercise price of Rs. 38,267 million (2003: Rs. 24,404 million). Subsequent to their initial issuance, such options are recorded at fair values with changes reported in the statement of operations.

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The following table summarizes certain cash flows received from and paid to securitization trusts during the year ended March 31, 2004:

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	Auto Loans	Personal Loans	Two wheeler loans	Mortgage Loans	Corporate Loans	Others
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	(in millions)					
Principal Securitized.	Rs. 24,279	Rs. 9,675	Rs. 3,659	Rs. 45,403	Rs. 42,453	Rs. 2,800
Pre-Tax Gains.....	879	605	172	617	1,786	189
Proceeds from securitization.....	25,688	11,115	4,018	39,234	45,975	3,721
Servicing fees received	5	13	-	-	-	-
Cash flows received on retained interests and other cash flows.....	312	394	-	-	-	-
Closing balance of retained interest on March 31, 2004.....	1,401	943	388	1,266	-	-

Auto loans, personal loans, two wheeler loans and mortgage loans form part of consumer loans.

Key assumptions during the year ended March 31, 2004 in measuring the fair value if retained interests at the date of sale or securitization

	Auto Loans	Personal Loans	Two wheeler loans	Mortgage l
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Discount Rate.....	10.88%-12.44%	23.01%-24.07%	20.77%	8
Constant prepayment rate (per annum)...	8.00%-12.00%	27.00%	12.00%	6
Anticipated net credit losses (per annum)	0.75%-0.90%	3.25%	3.00%	0

At March 31, 2004, the sensitivity of the fair value to adverse changes of 10% and 20% in each of the key assumptions were as follows:

	(in millions) Rs. 3,998
Carrying value of retained interests	
Discount Rate	
10%.....	(404)
20%.....	(761)
Constant prepayment rate (per annum)	
10%.....	(128)
20%.....	(255)
Anticipated net credit losses (per annum)	
10%.....	(69)
20%.....	(140)

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### 12. Variable Interest Entities

During the year, the Company transferred certain impaired loans to borrower specific funds/trusts managed by an asset reconstruction company. The trusts/funds (which are separate legal entities) issued Security Receipts ('SRs') to the Company and other transferors as consideration for the transaction. The trusts/funds have been set up by the asset reconstruction company under a recently enacted debt recovery legislation in India and aim to improve the recoveries of banks from impaired assets by aggregating lender interests and speeding up enforcement of security interest by lenders. Certain transfers involving 33 loans amounting to Rs. 7.13 billion, did not qualify for sale accounting under SFAS No. 140 and continue to be reflected as loans on the balance sheet of the Company. Other transfers qualified for sale accounting but were impacted by FIN 46/FIN 46R.

The funds/trusts to which these loans have been transferred are VIEs within the definition contained in FIN 46. The Company is the 'Prime Beneficiary' of nine trusts/funds and accordingly has consolidated these entities at March 31, 2004. These trusts relate to the transfers of nine loans amounting to Rs. 3.90 billion and the total assets of these trusts amount to Rs. 4.89 billion.

10 trusts/funds with total assets of Rs. 2.93 billion are VIEs but the Company is not deemed to be the Prime Beneficiary. The Company has transferred loan amounting to Rs. 0.81 billion to these entities. Accordingly, the Company has not consolidated these VIEs at March 31, 2004. The Company accounts for the SRs relating to this category of transfers as AFS securities but classifies them as loans.

The Company's venture capital business is involved with entities that may be deemed VIEs. The FASB permitted non-registered investment companies to defer consolidation of VIEs with which they are involved until the proposed Statement of Position on the clarification of the scope of the Investment Company Audit Guide is finalized, which is expected in mid-2004. Following issuance of the Statement of Position, the FASB will consider further modification to FIN 46R to provide an exception for companies that qualify to apply the revised Audit Guide. The Company applied this deferral provision and did not consolidate Rs. 961 million of additional assets in potential VIEs with which the Company is involved as of March 31, 2004. Following issuance of the revised Audit Guide and further modification, if any, to FIN 46R, the Company will assess the effect of such guidance on its venture capital business.

### 13. Derivative instruments and hedging activities

The Company manages its exposures to market rate movements by modifying its mix of assets and liabilities, either directly or through the use of derivative financial products including interest rate swaps, cross currency swaps, foreign currency options, equity index futures, equity index options and forward exchange contracts.

All such freestanding derivatives, whether held for trading or non-trading purposes, are carried at their fair value as either assets or liabilities and related gains and losses are included in other non-interest income. The Company has not identified any significant derivative features embedded in other contracts that are not clearly and closely related to the host contract and meet the definition of a derivative.

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Fair values for derivatives are based on quoted market prices, which take into account current market and contractual prices of the underlying instrument as well as time value underlying the positions.

All the designated hedges entered into by the Company qualify as fair value hedges under SFAS No. 133. There are no cash flow hedges or hedges of net investments in foreign operations. For fair value hedges, changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability due to

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the risk being hedged are recognized in the statement of operations along with changes in the fair value of the derivative. The Company assesses the effectiveness of the hedge instrument at inception and continually on a quarterly basis. The ineffectiveness, to the extent to which offsetting gains or loss are not achieved, is recorded through the statement of operations.

The table below summarizes certain information relating to the Company's hedging activities:

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Fair value of fair value hedges.....	Rs. 1,836	Rs. 1,084
Hedge ineffectiveness recognized in earnings.....	128	248

#### 14. Property and equipment

A listing of property and equipment by asset category is set out below.

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Land.....	Rs. 1,535	Rs. 1,526
Buildings.....	11,194	12,313
Equipment and furniture.....	4,068	7,081
Capital work-in-progress.....	1,077	988
Others.....	8,593	9,318
	-----	-----
Gross value of property and equipment.....	26,467	31,226
Accumulated depreciation.....	(5,252)	(8,043)
	-----	-----
Property and equipment, net.....	Rs. 21,215	Rs. 23,183
	=====	=====

As of March 31, 2004, land and buildings include certain assets of Rs. 570 million (2003: Rs. 622 million), which have not yet been registered in the Company's name pending regulatory transfer approvals.

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15. Assets held for sale

As of March 31, 2004, assets held for sale represent certain assets of Rs. 4,829 million (2003: Rs. 2,306 million) acquired through foreclosure of loans.

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16. Goodwill and intangible assets, net

A listing of goodwill and intangible assets by category is set out below.

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Goodwill.....	Rs. 4,841	Rs. 5,457
Accumulated amortization.....	(54)	(54)
Goodwill, net.....	Rs. 4,787	Rs. 5,403
Customer-related intangibles.....	Rs. 5,635	Rs. 5,701
Accumulated amortization.....	(590)	1,245
Customer related intangibles, net.....	Rs. 5,045	Rs. 4,456
Other intangibles.....	Rs. 76	Rs. 76
Accumulated amortization.....	(3)	(19)
Other intangibles, net.....	Rs. 73	Rs. 57
Goodwill and intangible assets, net.....	Rs. 9,905	Rs. 9,916
	=====	=====

The following table presents the changes in goodwill during the year ended March 31, 2004.

	(in millions)
Balance as of March 31, 2003.....	Rs. 4,787
Goodwill relating to acquisitions consummated during the period....	616
Balance as of March 31, 2004.....	Rs. 5,403
	=====

No goodwill impairment loss has been recorded during the years ended March 31, 2003 and March 31, 2004.

Goodwill as of March 31, 2004 has been allocated to the following segments:

Segment	(in millions)
Commercial Banking.....	Rs. 2,275

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ICICI Infotech.....	1,895
ICICI OneSource.....	1,233
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Total.....	Rs. 5,403
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Amortization of intangible assets

The estimated amortization schedule for intangible assets, on a straight line basis, for the next five years is set out below.

Year ended March 31	(in millions)
-----	
2005.....	Rs. 625
2006.....	582
2007.....	570
2008.....	570
2009.....	555
	-----
Total	Rs. 2,902
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17. Other assets

Other assets consist of the following:

	As of March 31,	
	-----	-----
	2003	2004
	-----	-----
	(in millions)	
Debtors.....	Rs. 4,748	Rs. 13,263
Staff advances.....	2,273	3,766
Advance taxes.....	28,273	33,512
Security deposits.....	2,789	8,485
Advance for purchases of securities.....	15,415	8,191
Prepaid expenses.....	522	596
Others(1).....	4,926	7,135
	-----	-----
Total.....	Rs. 58,946	Rs. 74,948
	=====	=====

1) Others include loans held for sale of Rs. 2,260 million (2003: Rs. 1,387 million).

18. Deposits

Deposits include demand deposits, which are non-interest-bearing, and savings and time deposits, which are interest bearing. A listing of deposits is set out below.

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	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Interest bearing		
Savings deposits.....	Rs. 37,932	Rs. 86,403
Time deposits.....	418,119	524,775
Total interest-bearing deposits.....	Rs. 456,051	Rs. 611,178
Non-interest bearing.....		
Demand deposits.....	Rs. 35,239	Rs. 73,777
Total.....	Rs. 491,290	Rs. 684,955

Contractual maturities of time deposits as of March 31, 2004 are set out below.

	(in millions)
Deposits maturing during the year ending March 31,	
2005.....	Rs. 421,435
2006.....	41,710
2007.....	30,371
2008.....	14,348
2009.....	6,963
Thereafter.....	9,948
Total deposits.....	Rs. 524,775

As of March 31, 2004, the aggregate of time deposits with individual balances greater than Rs. 5 million was Rs. 359,770 million (2003: Rs. 267,297 million).

19. Short term borrowings

Short term borrowings represent non-trading borrowings with an original maturity of one year or less.

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20. Long-term debt and redeemable preferred stock

Long-term debt

Long-term debt represents debt with an original maturity of greater than one year. Maturity distribution is based on contractual maturities or earlier dates at which the debt is callable at the option of the holder. A significant portion of the long-term debt bears a fixed rate of interest. Interest rates on floating-rate debt are generally linked to the London Inter-Bank Offer Rate or similar money market rates. The segregation between fixed-rate and floating-rate obligations is based on the contractual terms.

A listing of long-term debt as of March 31, 2004, by maturity and interest

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rate profile is set out below.

	Fixed-rate Obligations	Floating-rate obligations	
		(in millions)	
Long-term debt maturing during the year ending March 31,			
2005.....	Rs. 73,101	Rs. 5,225	Rs.
2006.....	79,324	6,272	
2007.....	53,098	5,285	
2008.....	23,691	2,306	
2009.....	41,385	2,147	
Thereafter.....	70,593	11,959	
Total.....	Rs. 341,192	Rs. 33,194	Rs.
Less: Unamortized debt issue cost.....			
Total.....			Rs. =====

All long-term debt is unsecured. Debt aggregating Rs. 32,209 million (2003: Rs. 35,151 million) is guaranteed by the Government of India (GOI).

Long-term debt is denominated in various currencies. As of March 31, 2004, long-term debt comprises Indian rupee debt of Rs. 314,825 million (2003: Rs. 350,633 million) and foreign currency debt of Rs. 58,624 million (2003: Rs. 50,179 million).

Indian rupee debt

A listing of major category of Indian rupee debt is set out below.

Category	As of March 31,					
	2003					
	Amount	Weighted average interest rate	Range	Average Residual maturity	Amount	Weighted average interest rate
(In millions)						
Bonds issued to institutional /individual investors(1) ..	Rs. 309,488	11.71%	7-16.40%	3.26 years	Rs. 246,463	10.35%
Bonds eligible for statutory reserve requirements(2) .....	14,815	11.87%	11.50-12%	7.22 years	14,815	11.60%
Borrowings from GOI(3)...	6,137	10.13%	11-13%	4.44 years	5,338	9.88%
Refinance from financial institutions...	20,193	7.35%	6.5-17%	3.64 years	48,209	6.69%
Total.....	Rs. 350,633	11.28%		3.46 years	Rs. 314,825	9.95%

1) Includes application money received on bonds outstanding at the end of the

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year.

- 2) Banks in India are required to mandatorily maintain a specified percentage of certain liabilities as cash or in approved securities. These bonds issued by the Company are approved securities under the rules.
- 3) Includes interest-free borrowing from the GOI aggregating Rs. 343 million (2003: Rs. 296 million). The borrowing was initially recorded at its fair value of Rs. 100 million based on the prevailing interest rate of 16% for borrowings of a similar term and risk. Interest is being imputed for each reporting period using this rate.

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Foreign currency debt

A listing of major category of foreign currency debt is set out below.

Category	As of March 31,					
	2003					
	Amount	Weighted average interest rate	Range	Average Residual maturity	Amount	Weighted average interest rate
	(In millions)					
Borrowings from international development agencies						
(1) (2) (3).....	Rs. 25,417	4.14%	0-8.5%	9.50 years	Rs. 27,249	3.00%
Other borrowings from international markets...	24,762	3.37%	0-9.15%	2.52 years	31,375	3.90%
Total.....	Rs. 50,179	3.69%		6.05 years	Rs. 58,624	3.50%

- 1) These borrowings have been raised under specific lines of credit from international development agencies. The borrowings have lender-imposed restrictions that limit the use of the funds for specified purposes, which include lending to specified sectors.
- 2) As of March 31, 2004, under these lines of credit, the Company has an unutilized option to borrow Rs. 4,718 million (2003: Rs. 6,265 million) as per an agreed schedule over a period of five years at various interest rates.
- 3) Exchange rate fluctuations on certain borrowings are guaranteed by the GOI.

Redeemable preferred stock

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The Company issued preferred stock with a face value of Rs. 3,500 million during the year ended March 31, 1998 under the scheme of business combination with ITC Classic Finance Limited. This preferred stock bears a dividend yield of 0.001% and is redeemable at face value after 20 years. The preferred stock was initially recorded at its fair value of Rs. 466 million. Subsequently, interest is being imputed for each reporting period. The imputed interest rate of 10.6% was determined based on the then prevailing interest rate for securities of similar maturity. The carrying amount of this redeemable preferred stock as of March 31, 2004 is Rs. 944 million (2003: Rs. 853 million).

Banks in India are generally not allowed to issue preferred stock. However, the Company has been currently exempted from this restriction.

### 21. Other liabilities

#### Interest accrued

Other liabilities as of March 31, 2004, include Rs. 13,561 million (2003: Rs. 16,276 million) of interest accrued but not due on interest bearing liabilities.

#### Borrowings from Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau

The Company has borrowings from Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau (KfW), an international development agency, under specific lines of credit. The terms of the borrowings provide for limitations on usage, whereby funds can be used only for specified purposes. The borrowings are guaranteed by the GOI.

With respect to certain borrowings, the terms of the borrowing agreement provide that a portion of the interest payable on the borrowing shall be paid to the GOI instead of the lender. KfW and the GOI have entered into an agreement whereby the interest paid to the GOI is repaid to the Company either in the form of a grant or a loan. While the loan is repayable as per a specified schedule, the grants do not have a repayment schedule. The interest amounts received from the GOI bear limitations on usage and are required to be advanced as loans/contributions for specified purposes. Similarly, with respect to certain other borrowings from KfW, the terms

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of the borrowing agreement provide that a portion of the interest payable on the borrowings shall be retained by the Company and used to be advanced as loans/contributions for specified purposes.

The Company periodically advances loans/contributions for specified purposes out of these funds and reports such utilizations to the GOI/KfW. However, no time schedule has been specified for the usage of the funds. In the event that the funds are not utilized for specified purposes, the GOI/KfW have the right to require repayment of the grant/retained interest. Additionally, KfW can modify the scope of the specified purposes. The Company retains the income derived from the loans made out of the funds. Similarly, it bears the risks of default on the loans.

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The interest repaid by the GOI in the form of grants and the interest retained under the agreement with KfW do not represent contributions as they specify donor-imposed conditions, the breach of which, would enable the donor to demand repayment of the grants/retained interest. Accordingly, the grants/retained interest have been reported as liabilities.

Other liabilities as of March 31, 2004, also include grants of Rs. 2,800 million (2003: Rs. 2,052 million) and retained interest of Rs. 678 million (2003: Rs. 496 million).

### 22. Common stock

The Company presently has only one class of common stock. In the event of liquidation of the affairs of the Company, all preferential amounts, if any, shall be discharged by the Company. The remaining assets of the Company, after such discharge, shall be distributed to the holders of common stock in proportion to the common stock held by shareholders.

The Company has issued American Depository Shares (ADS) representing underlying common stock. The common stock represented by the ADS is similar to other common stock, except for voting rights. While every holder of common stock, as reflected in the records of the Company, has one vote in respect of each share held, the ADS holders have no voting rights due to a condition contained in the approval of the offering from the Ministry of Finance of India. Under the depository agreement, the depository of the ADS will vote as directed by the Board of Directors of the Company.

As discussed in Note 3, the Company consummated the reverse acquisition with the acquiree effective April 1, 2002, whereby shareholders of the Company were issued common shares of the acquiree in the ratio of 1:2. The effect of the reverse acquisition on the capital structure (including outstanding stock options) of the Company has been retroactively adjusted in the financial statements. On consummation of the reverse acquisition, adjustments were made to the value of the common stock and the additional paid in capital.

The Board of Directors, pursuant to a resolution dated February 10, 2004, authorized an equity issue amounting to Rs. 30,500 million through a book built issue with a green shoe option of Rs. 4,500 million subject to the approval of shareholders under the Companies Act, 1956 of India, at the extraordinary general meeting to be held on March 12, 2004. The shareholders pursuant to a resolution dated March 12, 2004 authorized the issue and the green shoe option.

### 23. Retained earnings and dividends

Retained earnings at March 31, 2004 computed as per generally accepted accounting principles of India amounting to Rs. 73,942 million (2003: Rs. 63,207 million) include reserves aggregating to:

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- o Rs. 9,607 million (2003: Rs. 5,514 million) which are not distributable as dividends under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. These relate to requirements regarding earmarking a part of the profits under banking laws in India. Utilization of these balances is subject to approval of the Board of Directors and needs to be reported to Reserve Bank of India.

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Statutes governing the operations of the Company mandate that dividends be declared out of distributable profits only after the transfer of at least 25% of net income each year, computed in accordance with current banking regulations, to a statutory reserve. Additionally, the remittance of dividends outside India is governed by Indian statutes on foreign exchange transactions.

- o Rs. 20,476 million (2003: Rs. 11,295 million) which are not distributable as dividends under the Indian company law.
- o Rs. 11,690 million (2003: Rs. 11,440 million) earmarked under Indian tax laws to avail tax benefits and which are not distributable as dividends. Any transfer of balances from such earmarked reserves would result in withdrawal of the tax exemption on the transferred amounts.

### 24. Earnings per share

A computation of the earnings per share is set out below.

	Year ended March 31,			
	2002		2003	
	Basic	Fully diluted	Basic	Fully diluted
	(in millions, except earnings per share)			
Earnings				
Net income before extraordinary items and cumulative effect of accounting change (before dilutive impact).....	Rs. 282	Rs. 282	Rs. (7,983)	Rs. (7,983)
Contingent issuances of subsidiaries/affiliates.....	Rs. -	Rs. -	Rs. -	Rs. -
Net income before cumulative effect of accounting change (adjusted for full dilution).....	Rs. 282	Rs. 282	Rs. (7,983)	Rs. (7,983)
Cumulative effect of accounting change, net of tax.....	Rs. 1,265	Rs. 1,265	Rs. -	Rs. -
Net income available to common stockholders (adjusted for full dilution).....	Rs. 1,547	Rs. 1,547	Rs. (7,983)	Rs. (7,983)
Common stock				
Weighted-average common stock outstanding.....	Rs. 393	Rs. 393	Rs. 563	Rs. 563
Dilutive effect of convertible debt instruments	-	-	-	-
Dilutive effect of employee stock options.....	-	-	-	-
Total.....	Rs. 393	Rs. 393	Rs. 563	Rs. 563
Earnings per share				
Net income before extraordinary items and cumulative effect of accounting change.....	Rs. 0.72	Rs. 0.72	Rs. (14.18)	Rs. (14.18)
Cumulative effect of accounting change.....	3.22	3.22	-	-
Net income.....	Rs. 3.94	Rs. 3.94	Rs. (14.18)	Rs. (14.18)

Options to purchase 12,610,275 equity shares and 1,098,225 equity shares

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granted to employees at a weighted average exercise price of Rs. 154.70 and Rs. 266.56 were outstanding during the year ended March 31, 2003 and 2004, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise price of the options was greater than the average market price of the equity shares during the period.

### 25. Segmental disclosures and related information

#### Segmental disclosures

SFAS No. 131, Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, establishes standards for the reporting of information about operating segments. Operating

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segments are defined as components of an enterprise for which separate financial information is available that is regularly evaluated by the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. As discussed in Note 3, the Company consummated the reverse acquisition with the acquiree effective April 1, 2002. Subsequent to the reverse acquisition, the Company changed the structure of its internal organization, which changed the composition of its operating segments. The Company's operations have been classified into the following segments: Commercial Banking segment, Investment Banking segment and Others. Segment data for previous periods have been reclassified on a comparable basis.

The Commercial Banking segment provides medium-term and long-term project and infrastructure financing, securitization, factoring, lease financing, working capital finance and foreign exchange services to clients. Further, it provides deposit and loan products to retail customers. The Investment Banking segment deals in the debt, equity and money markets and provides corporate advisory products such as mergers and acquisition advice, loan syndication advice and issue management services.

Others consist of various operating segments that do not meet the requirements to be reported as an individual reportable segment as defined in SFAS No. 131.

The CODM evaluates the Company's performance and allocates resources based on performance indicators (components of profit and loss) of each of the segments. Further, the CODM specifically reviews assets of the consumer loans division, which is a part of commercial banking segment.

The profit and loss of reportable segments is set out below.

Commercial Banking			Investmen
Year ended March 31,			Year ende
2002	2003	2004	2002
(in millions)			

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Income from external customers					
Interest income .....	Rs. 91,445	Rs. 76,498	Rs. 71,143	Rs. 8,239	Rs. 21
Non - interest income.....	9,747	4,771	16,023	1,826	6
Income from other operating segments.....					
Interest income.....	3,796	8,533	8,881	11,007	
Non - interest income.....	1,040	384	351	219	
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Total income.....	Rs. 106,028	Rs. 90,186	Rs. 96,398	Rs. 21,291	Rs. 28
Interest expense.....	Rs. 81,867	Rs. 69,462	Rs. 62,327	17,454	Rs. 23
Depreciation.....	1,244	2,008	2,108	89	
Provision for loan losses.....	11,458	19,645	20,040	8	
Other expenses.....	10,321	10,343	17,358	1,781	2
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Income/ (loss) before taxes.....	Rs. 1,138	Rs. (11,272)	Rs. (5,435)	Rs. 1,959	Rs. 1
Income tax (expense)/ benefit....	(728)	3,420	1,077	(659)	
Cumulative effect of accounting changes, net of tax.....	1,281	-	-		
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net income/ (loss).....	Rs. 1,691	Rs. (7,852)	Rs. (4,358)	Rs. 1,300	Rs. 1
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

A listing of certain assets of reportable segments is set out below.

	Commercial Banking		Investment Banking		Others	
As of March 31,	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	----	----	----	----	----	----
	(in millions)					
Property and equipment.....	Rs. 16,048	Rs. 18,133	Rs. 2,754	Rs. 2,303	Rs. 2,413	Rs. 2,747
Investment in equity affiliates...	-	-	252	47	2,363	3,572

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Inter segment transactions are generally based on transfer pricing measures as determined by management. Income, expenses, assets and liabilities are either specifically identifiable with individual segments or have been allocated to segments on a systematic basis. Corporate overheads and assets have also been allocated to segments on a systematic basis.

A reconciliation between the segment income and consolidated totals of the Company is set out below.

Total income	Income/(loss) before taxes and accounting changes
Year ended March 31,	Year ended March 31,

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	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004	2002
	(in millions)						
Commercial banking...	Rs. 106,028	Rs. 90,186	Rs. 96,398	Rs. 1,138	Rs. (11,272)	Rs. (5,435)	Rs. 1
Investment banking...	21,291	28,827	37,549	1,959	1,755	13,900	1
Others.....	2,789	2,874	4,334	(549)	(1,527)	(1,608)	
Eliminations of the acquiree..	(29,308)	-	-	(2,015)	-	-	(1
Other reconciling adjustments	(13,785)	(10,531)	(10,484)	-	-	-	
Consolidated Total.....	Rs. 87,015	Rs.111,681	Rs.127,797	Rs. 533	Rs. (11,044)	Rs. 6,857	Rs. 1

A reconciliation between the segments and consolidated total assets of the Company is set out below.

	As of March 31	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Commercial Banking(1).....	Rs. 767,343	Rs. 902,442
Investment Banking.....	398,574	484,439
Others.....	9,850	12,232
Total segment assets.....	Rs. 1,175,767	Rs. 1,399,113
Unallocable assets.....	Rs. 16,826	Rs. 20,718
Eliminations.....	(12,330)	(10,700)
Consolidated total assets.....	Rs. 1,180,263	Rs. 1,409,131

1) Commercial banking includes assets of consumer loans division of Rs. 297,517 million (March 2003: Rs. 172,208 million), which are reviewed separately by the CODM.

Geographic distribution

The business operations of the Company are largely concentrated in India. Activities outside India include resource mobilization in the international markets and operations of certain software development and services subsidiaries in the United States.

Major customers

The Company provides banking and financial services to a wide base of customers. There is no major customer, which contributes more than 10% of total income.

## 26. Employee benefits

## Gratuity

In accordance with Indian regulations, the Company provides for gratuity, a defined benefit retirement plan covering all employees. The plan provides a lump sum payment to vested employees at retirement or termination of employment based on the respective employee's salary and the years of employment with the Company. The gratuity benefit provided by the Company to its employees is equal to or greater than the statutory minimum.

In respect of the parent company, the gratuity benefit is provided to the employee either through a fund administered by a Board of Trustees and managed by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) or through a fund administered and managed by a Board of Trustees. The Company is responsible for settling the gratuity obligation through contributions to the fund. The plan is fully funded.

In respect of the remaining entities within the group, the gratuity benefit is provided through annual contributions to a fund administered and managed by the LIC. Under this scheme, the settlement obligation remains with the Company, although the LIC administers the scheme and determines the contribution premium required to be paid by the Company.

The following table sets forth the funded status of the plans and the amounts recognized in the financial statements:

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Change in benefit obligations		
Projected benefit obligations at beginning of the year...	Rs. 263	Rs. 893
Divestitures.....		
Obligations assumed on acquisition.....	393	-
Service cost.....	69	106
Interest cost.....	64	99
Benefits paid.....	(18)	(470)
Actuarial (gain)/loss on obligations.....	63	176
Unrecognized prior service cost.....	59	-
Projected benefit obligations at the end of the year....	Rs. 893	Rs. 804
Change in plan assets		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of the year.....	Rs. 248	Rs. 873
Fair value of plan assets acquired on acquisition.....	402	-
Actual return on plan assets.....	70	64
Employer contributions.....	163	47
Benefits paid.....	(32)	(470)
Actuarial (gain)/loss.....	22	-
Plan assets at the end of the year.....	Rs. 873	Rs. 514
Funded status.....	Rs. (20)	Rs. (290)
Unrecognized actuarial loss.....	136	290
Unrecognized transitional obligation.....	(17)	(16)
Unrecognized prior service cost.....	-	61

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Net prepaid gratuity cost.....	----- Rs. 99	----- Rs. 45
	=====	=====
Accumulated benefit obligation at year end.....	Rs. 480	Rs. 336

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The components of the net gratuity cost are set out below.

	Year ended March 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
	----- (in millions) -----		
Service cost.....	Rs. 29	Rs. 69	Rs. 106
Interest cost.....	25	64	99
Expected return on assets.....	(29)	(70)	(68)
Amortization of transition asset/liability.....	(1)	(1)	(1)
Amortization of prior service cost.....	1	1	6
Actuarial (gain)/loss.....	2	2	2
Curtailement (gain)/ loss.....	-	-	25
	-----	-----	-----
Net gratuity cost.....	Rs. 27	Rs. 65	Rs. 169
	=====	=====	=====

Weighted average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost for the period:

	As of March 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
	----- ----- -----		
Discount rate.....	10%	8%	7%
Rate of increase in the compensation levels.....	9%	7%	7%
Rate of return on plan assets.....	9.5%	7.5%	7.5%

Weighted average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations:

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
	----- ----- -----	
Discount rate.....	8.0%	7.0%
Rate of increase in the compensation levels.....	7.0%	7.0%

As of March 31, 2004, of the total plan assets Rs. 113 million (2003: Rs. 46 million) has been invested in debt securities of the Company.

Plan Assets

The Company determines its assumptions for the expected rate of return on plan assets based on the expected average long term rate of return over the next 15 to 20 years.

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The Company's asset allocation for the gratuity at the end of the year ended March 31, 2004 and March 31, 2003 and the target allocation for year ending March 31, 2005 by asset category based on fair values is as follows:

Asset Category	Target asset allocation 2005	Post-retirement asset at Mar 31, 2004	Post-retirement asset at Mar 31, 2003
	-----	-----	-----
Debt Securities .....	0%	0%	0%
Other investments.....	100%	100%	100%
	---	---	---
Total.....	100%	100%	100%
	===	===	===

The plan assets are either maintained by LIC or through a fund administrated and managed by a Board of Trustees.

The investment strategy is to invest in a prudent manner for providing benefits to the participants of the scheme. The strategies are targeted to produce a return that, when combined with the Company's contribution to the funds will maintain the fund's ability to meet all required benefit obligations.

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The benefit expected be paid in each of the next five fiscal year and in the five fiscal years thereafter is as follows:

	(in millions)
Expected company contributions to the fund during the year 2004 - 2005...	Rs. 180
Expected benefit payments from the fund during:	
2004 - 2005.....	18
2005 - 2006.....	27
2006 - 2007.....	54
2007 - 2008.....	35
2008 - 2009.....	57
2009 - 2010 to 2013 - 2014.....	475

Pension

The Company provides for pension, a deferred retirement plan covering certain employees. The plan provides for a pension payment on a monthly basis to these employees on their retirement based on the respective employee's salary and years of employment with the Company. Employees covered by the pension plan are not eligible for benefits under the provident fund plan, a defined contribution plan. The pension plan pertained to the acquiree which was acquired with effect from April 2003

The pension plan is funded through periodic contributions to a fund set-up by the Company and administrated by a Board of Trustees. Such contributions are actuarially determined.

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The following table sets forth the funded status of the plan and the amounts recognized in the financial statements.

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Change in benefit obligations		
Projected benefit obligations at beginning of the year...	Rs. 913	Rs. 853
Service cost.....	22	24
Interest cost.....	89	74
Benefits paid.....	(42)	(165)
Actuarial (gain)/loss on obligations.....	(129)	248
Projected benefit obligations at the end of the year.....	Rs. 853	Rs. 1,034
Change in plan assets		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of the year.....	Rs. 914	Rs. 1,156
Actual return on plan assets.....	86	46
Employer contributions.....	16	10
Gain/(loss) on plan assets.....	166	-
Benefits paid.....	(26)	(165)
Plan assets at the end of the year.....	Rs. 1,156	Rs. 1,047
Funded status.....	Rs. 303	Rs. 13
Unrecognized actuarial loss/(gain).....	(304)	(18)
Unrecognized transitional obligation.....	-	-
Unrecognized prior service cost.....	-	-
Net Amount Recognized.....	Rs. (1)	Rs. (5)
Accumulated benefit obligation at year end.....	Rs. 658	Rs. 961

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The components of the net pension cost are set out below.

	Year ended March 31,	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Service cost.....	Rs. 22	Rs. 24
Interest cost.....	89	74
Expected return on assets.....	(86)	(84)
Actuarial (gain)/loss.....	-	-
Net pension cost.....	Rs. 25	Rs. 14

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Weighted average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost for the period:

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
Discount rate.....	8%	7%
Rate of increase in the compensation levels.....	7%	7%
Rate of return on plan assets.....	7.5%	7.5%
Pension increases.....	3%	3%

Weighted average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations:

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
Discount rate.....	8%	7%
Rate of increase in the compensation levels.....	7%	7%
Pension increases.....	3%	3%

### Plan Assets

The Company determines its assumptions for the expected rate of return on plan assets based on the expected average long-term rate of return over the next 15 to 20 years.

The Company's asset allocation for the pension at the end of the year ended March 31, 2004 and March 31, 2003 and the target allocation for year ending March 31, 2005 by asset category based on fair values are as follows:

Asset Category	Target asset allocation 2005	Pension assets at Mar 31 2004	Pension assets at Mar 31 2003
	-----	-----	-----
Debt Securities.....	100%	100%	100%
Other investments.....	0%	0%	0%
	----	----	----
Total.....	100%	100%	100%
	===	===	===

The plan assets are maintained through a fund administered and managed by a Board of Trustees.

The investment strategy of the Company is to invest in a prudent manner for providing benefits to the participants of the scheme. The strategies are targeted to produce a return that, when combined with the Company's contribution to the funds will maintain the fund's ability to meet all required benefit obligations. Risk is reduced by investment in GOI Securities or relatively low risk securities.

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### Superannuation

The permanent employees of the Company are entitled to receive retirement benefits under the superannuation scheme operated by the Company. Superannuation is a defined contribution plan under which the Company contributes annually a sum equivalent to 15% of the employee's eligible annual salary to LIC, the manager of the fund, which undertakes to pay the lump sum and annuity payments pursuant to the scheme. The Company contributed Rs. 50 million, Rs. 97 million and Rs. 103 million to the employees superannuation plan for the years ended March 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 respectively.

### Provident fund

In accordance with Indian regulations, employees of the Company (excluding those covered under the pension scheme) are entitled to receive benefits under the provident fund, a defined contribution plan, in which, both the employee and the Company contribute monthly at a determined rate. These contributions are made to a fund set up by the Company and administered by a Board of Trustees. The contribution to the employees provident fund amounted to Rs. 89 million, Rs. 106 million and Rs. 236 million for the years ended March 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 respectively.

### 27. Early Retirement Option (ERO)

The Bank has implemented Early Retirement Option Scheme 2003 to its employees in July 2003. All employees who had completed 40 years of age and seven years of service with the Bank (including period of service with entities amalgamated with the Bank) were eligible for the ERO.

For a period of one month commencing on July 1, 2003 the Company offered its employees special benefits in connection with their early retirement option of employment. The early retirement option was offered to employees who have completed a minimum service period of seven years and have completed minimum 40 years of age. The employees opting for the plan were paid a lump-sum consideration.

An aggregate of 1,495 employees opted for this plan. The termination benefits in respect of the plan aggregated Rs. 1,910 million, which has been reflected in the income statement under the salaries and employee benefits.

### 28. Employee Stock Option Plan

In August 1999, the Company approved an Employee Stock Option Plan (ICICI Plan). Under the ICICI Plan, the Company is authorized to issue up to 31 million equity shares to eligible employees. Eligible employees are granted an option to purchase shares subject to vesting. The options vest in a graded manner over three years with 20%, 30% and 50% of the options vesting at the end of each year. The options can be exercised within 10 years from the date of the grant. Compensation expense under the ICICI Plan for the year ended March 31, 2004 is Rs. Nil (2003: Rs.7 million, 2002: Rs. 26 million).

As a result of the reverse acquisition, all outstanding options of the Company were exchanged for options of the acquiree in the ratio of 1:2 with an adjustment to the exercise price in the same ratio. This transaction is similar to an equity restructuring. In accordance with FIN 44, Accounting for Certain Transactions Involving Stock Compensation, the above transaction had no accounting consequence.

Under the terms of the reverse acquisition, the Company assumed the employee options outstanding under the acquiree's option plan. As the intrinsic

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value of all the assumed options

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was negative on the date of consummation, no amount has been allocated to deferred compensation under FIN 44.

Stock option activity

Stock option activity under the above stock option plans is set out below.

	Year ended March 31, 2002		
	ICICI Bank Limited		
	Option shares outstanding	Range of exercise prices and grant date fair values	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at the beginning of the year.	2,546,675	Rs. 171.0 - 266.8	Rs. 226.0
Granted during the year.....	4,887,500	105.0 - 164.0	134.4
Forfeited during the year.....	(417,675)	164.0 - 266.8	218.4
Exercised during the year.....	(700)	171.0	171.0
Outstanding at the end of the year .....	7,015,800	Rs. 105.0 - 266.8	Rs. 162.6
Exercisable at the end of the year.....	74,300	Rs. 171.0 - 266.8	Rs. 205.6

	Year ended March 31, 2003		
	ICICI Bank Limited		
	Option shares outstanding	Range of exercise prices and grant date fair values	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at the beginning of the year.	7,015,800	Rs. 105.0 - 266.8	Rs. 162.6
Acquisitions.....	6,327,825	120.4 - 171.9	146.0
Forfeited during the year.....	(730,350)	120.4 - 266.8	154.6
Exercised during the year.....	(3,000)	105.0	105.0
Outstanding at the end of the year.....	12,610,275	Rs. 105.0 - 266.8	Rs. 154.7
Exercisable at the end of the year.....	5,222,317	Rs. 52.5 - 266.8	Rs. 169.9

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	Option shares outstanding	Range of exercise prices and grant date fair values	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at the beginning of the year.	12,610,275	Rs. 105.0 - 266.8	Rs. 154.7
Acquisitions.....	7,491,800	132.1 - 222.4	132.6
Forfeited during the year.....	(766,489)	120.4 - 266.8	129.4
Exercised during the year.....	(3,370,604)	105.0 - 266.8	151.7
Outstanding at the end of the year.....	15,964,982	Rs. 105.0 - 266.8	Rs. 146.2
Exercisable at the end of the year.....	6,080,121	Rs. 105.0 - 266.8	Rs. 167.3

ICICI Infotech

In April 2000, ICICI Infotech approved an Employee Stock Option Plan (Infotech Plan). Under the Infotech Plan, ICICI Infotech is authorized to issue up to 12 million equity shares to its employees and employees of the parent company. Eligible employees are granted an option to purchase shares subject to vesting conditions. The options vest in a graded manner over three years with 20%, 30% and 50% of the options vesting at the end of each year. The options can be exercised within 10 years from the date of the grant.

During the year ended March 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, the Company has not recorded any

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compensation cost as the exercise price was equal to the fair value of the underlying equity shares on the grant date. As shares of ICICI Infotech are not quoted on exchanges, the fair value represents management's best estimates considering all available factors.

Stock option activity under the above stock option plan is set out below.

Year ended March 31, 2002

ICICI Infotech			
	Option shares outstanding	Range of exercise prices and grant date fair values	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at the beginning of the year.	2,241,400	Rs. 37.5	Rs. 37.5
Granted during the year.....	1,974,800	68.0	68.0
Forfeited during the year.....	(342,960)	37.5 - 68.0	42.0
Exercised during the year.....	(10,220)	37.5	37.5

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Outstanding at the end of the year.....	3,863,020	Rs.	37.5 - 68.0	Rs.	52.7
	=====				
Exercisable at the end of the year.....	369,448	Rs.	37.5	Rs.	37.5

Year ended March 31, 2003

ICICI Infotech

	Option shares outstanding		Range of exercise prices and grant date fair values		Weighted average exercise price
	-----		-----		-----
Outstanding at the beginning of the year.	3,863,020	Rs.	37.5 - 68.0		Rs. 52.7
Granted during the year.....	783,500		68.0 - 100.0		97.1
Forfeited during the year.....	(435,360)		37.5 - 100.0		59.1
Exercised during the year.....	(10,200)		37.5 - 68.0		55.7
	-----				
Outstanding at the end of the year.....	4,200,960	Rs.	37.5 - 100.0		Rs. 60.3
	=====				
Exercisable at the end of the year.....	1,235,070	Rs.	37.5 - 100.0		Rs. 46.2

Year ended March 31, 2004

ICICI Infotech

	Option shares outstanding		Range of exercise prices and grant date fair values		Weighted average exercise price
	-----		-----		-----
Outstanding at the beginning of the year.	4,200,960	Rs.	37.5 - 100.0		Rs. 60.3
Granted during the year.....	1,148,000		37.5 - 100		45.0
Forfeited during the year.....	(859,320)		37.5 - 100		37.5
Exercised during the year.....	(2,660)		37.5 - 100		54.4
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Outstanding at the end of the year.....	4,486,980	Rs.	37.5 - 100		Rs. 57.5
	=====				
Exercisable at the end of the year.....	2,044,704	Rs.	37.5 - 100		Rs. 50.5

ICICI Venture

In July 2000, ICICI Venture, a consolidated subsidiary, approved an Employee Stock Option Plan (Venture Plan). As of March 31, 2001, 78,900 options with an exercise price of Rs. 835 per share were outstanding. The Company did not record compensation cost, as the exercise price was equal to the fair value of the underlying equity shares on the grant date. During the year ended March 31, 2002, the Venture Plan was discontinued and all the options outstanding were voluntarily forfeited by the employees. The Company does not intend to replace such cancelled options.

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ICICI OneSource Limited

In September 2002, ICICI OneSource, a consolidated subsidiary, approved an Employee Stock Options Plan (OneSource Plan). Under the OneSource Plan, ICICI OneSource is authorized to issue equity shares up to 10% of the share capital to the employees. Eligible employees are granted an option to purchase shares subject to vesting conditions. The options vest in a graded manner over four years with 25% at the end of the first year and 12.5% of the options vesting at the end of each subsequent six month period. The options can be exercised within 10 years from the date of the grant.

Stock option activity under the above stock option plan is set out below.

Year ended March 31, 2003			
ICICI One Source Limited			
	Option shares outstanding	Range of exercise prices and grant date fair values	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at the beginning of the year.	-	-	-
Granted during the year.....	4,250,000	Rs. 11.3	Rs. 11.3
Forfeited during the year.....	(395,000)	11.3	11.3
Exercised during the year.....	-	-	-
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Outstanding at the end of the year.....	3,855,000	Rs. 11.3	Rs. 11.3
	=====		
Exercisable at the end of the year.....	-	-	-
Year ended March 31, 2004			
ICICI One Source Limited			
	Option shares outstanding	Range of exercise prices and grant date fair values	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at the beginning of the year.	3,855,000	Rs. 11.3	Rs. 11.3
Granted during the year.....	15,320,500	12.83 - 18.53	13.2
Forfeited during the year.....	(1,207,500)	11.25 - 18.53	11.3
Exercised during the year.....	-	-	-
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Outstanding at the end of the year.....	17,968,000	Rs. 11.25 - 18.53	Rs. 12.9-
	=====		
Exercisable at the end of the year.....	-	-	-

The Company has not recorded any compensation cost, as the exercise price was equal to the fair value of the underlying equity shares on the grant date. As shares of ICICI OneSource Limited are not quoted on exchanges, the fair value represents management's best estimates considering all available factors.

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29. Income taxes

Components of deferred tax balances

The tax effects of temporary differences are reflected through a deferred tax asset/liability, which is included in the balance sheet of the Company.

The components of the deferred tax balances are set out below.

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Deferred tax assets		
Allowance for loan losses.....	Rs. 16,228	Rs. 17,902
Available for sale securities.....	1,044	-
Investments in trading securities.....	62	67
Unearned income.....	693	-
Capital loss carry forward.....	23	1,566
Business loss carry forward.....	219	286
Deposits.....	94	34
Undistributed losses of affiliates.....	235	642
Other.....	339	232
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	Rs. 18,937	Rs. 20,729
Valuation allowance.....	(524)	(893)
	-----	-----
Total deferred tax asset.....	Rs. 18,413	Rs. 19,836
	=====	=====
Deferred tax liabilities		
Property and equipment.....	Rs. (9,216)	Rs. (8,329)
Undistributed earnings of subsidiary.....	(294)	(450)
Intangibles.....	(1,857)	(1,625)
Unearned income.....	-	(896)
Investment in trading securities.....	(39)	(63)
Long term debt.....	(666)	(336)
Available for sale securities.....	(20)	(202)
Others.....	(358)	(612)
	-----	-----
Total deferred tax liability.....	Rs. (12,450)	Rs. (12,513)
	-----	-----
Net deferred tax asset.....	Rs. 5,963	Rs. 7,323
	=====	=====

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of the deferred tax asset is dependent on the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which the temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, the projected future taxable income, and tax planning strategies in making this

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assessment. Based on the level of historical taxable income and projections for future taxable incomes over the periods in which the deferred tax assets are deductible, management believes that it is more likely than not that the Company will realize the benefits of those deductible differences. The amount of deferred tax assets considered realizable, however could be reduced in the near term if estimates of future taxable income are reduced.

The Company would require taxable income of Rs. 27,497 million in the future periods to be able to fully realize the benefit of net deferred asset recognized in these consolidated financial statements.

The Company had a valuation allowance of Rs. 97 million as at April 1, 2001. The net change in the total valuation allowance for the years ended March 31, 2002, March 31, 2003 and

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March 31, 2004 was an increase of Rs. 129 million, Rs. 298 million and Rs. 369 million respectively. The majority of the valuation allowance as of March 31, 2004 related to business loss carried forward and capital loss carried forward. As of March 31, 2004, included in the above, the Company has recorded a valuation allowance of Rs. 642 million pertaining to an excess of the tax basis over the financial reporting basis of investments in equity affiliates.

As at March 31, 2004, the Company has business loss carry forward of Rs. 757 million, with expiration dates as follows: March 31, 2010 - Rs. 173 million. Further, business loss carry forward pertaining to the Company's US subsidiary was Rs. 500 million which expires in 2023 and Australian subsidiary was Rs. 84 million which has no expiration date.

The Company has capital loss carry forward of Rs. 4,294 million, with expiration dates as follows: March 31, 2006 - Rs. 98 million and March 31, 2012 - Rs. 4,196 million.

Reconciliation of tax rates

The Indian statutory tax rate is 35% plus a surcharge. During each of the years presented, legislation was enacted in the first few months of the fiscal year that changed the amount of the surcharge for that fiscal year and future years. The surcharge was changed to 2%, 5% and 2.5% during the years ended March 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively, and resulted in a total statutory tax rate of 35.70%, 36.75% and 35.875% for the years ended March 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively.

The following is the reconciliation of expected income taxes at statutory income tax rate to income tax expense /benefit as reported:

	Year ended March 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
	(in millions)		
Income/(loss) before income taxes .....	Rs. 533	Rs. (11,044)	Rs. (11,044)

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Statutory tax rate.....	35.70%	36.75%	
Income tax expense/(benefit) at the statutory tax rate.....	190	(4,059)	
Increases/(reductions) in taxes on account of:			
Special tax deductions available to financial institutions....	(333)	(38)	
Exempt interest and dividend income.....	(800)	(558)	
Income charged at rates other than statutory tax rate.....	280		916
Changes in the statutory tax rate.....	360	(109)	
Expenses disallowed for tax purposes.....	109	486	
Tax on undistributed earnings of subsidiary.....	234	62	
Change in valuation allowance.....	129	298	
Tax adjustments in respect of prior year tax assessments.....	175	(31)	
Tax adjustment on account of change in tax status of subsidiary	-	(97)	
Other.....	(93)	69	
Income tax expense/(benefit) reported.....	Rs. 251	Rs. (3,061)	Rs. =====

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Components of income tax expense from continuing operations

The components of income tax expense/(benefit) from continuing operations are set out below.

	Year ended March 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
	(in millions)		
Current.....	Rs. 3,474	Rs. 1,287	Rs. 3,684
Deferred.....	(3,223)	(4,348)	(2,046)
Income tax expense/(benefit) reported.....	Rs. 251	Rs. (3,061)	Rs. 1,638

Only an insignificant amount of the Company's income/(loss) before income taxes and income tax expense/(benefit) was from outside India.

Allocation of income taxes

The total income tax expense/(benefit) was recorded as follows:

	Year ended March 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
	(in millions)		
Income/(loss) from continuing operations.....	Rs. 251	Rs. (3,061)	Rs. 1,638
Unrealized gain/(loss) on securities available for sale....	890	1,461	655

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Additional paid in capital.....	-	599	-	
Income tax expense/(benefit) reported.....	Rs. 1,141	Rs. (1,001)	Rs. 2,293	

### 30. Commitments and contingencies

#### Loan commitments

The Company has outstanding undrawn commitments to provide loans and financing to customers. These loan commitments aggregated Rs. 73,903 million as of March 31, 2004 (2003: Rs. 48,759 million). The interest rate on these commitments is dependent on the lending rates on the date of the loan disbursement. Further, the commitments have fixed expiration dates and are contingent upon the borrower's ability to maintain specific credit standards.

#### Guarantees

As a part of its project financing and commercial banking activities, the Company has issued guarantees to enhance the credit standing of its customers. These generally represent irrevocable assurances that the Company will make payments in the event that the customer fails to fulfill its financial or performance obligations. Financial guarantees are obligations to pay a third party beneficiary where a customer fails to make payment towards a specified financial obligation. Performance guarantees are obligations to pay a third party beneficiary where a customer fails to perform a non-financial contractual obligation. The guarantees are generally for a period not exceeding 10 years.

The credit risk associated with these products, as well as the operating risks, are similar to those relating to other types of financial instruments.

The current carrying amount of the liability for the Company's obligations under the guarantee amounted to Rs. 1,229 million (2003: Rs. 1,096 million)

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Details of guarantees outstanding are set out below.

Nature of guarantee	Maximum potential amount of future payments under guarantee				
	Less than 1 year	1-3 year	3-5 year	Over 5 year	
	(in millions)				
Financial guarantees.....	Rs. 24,792	Rs. 11,128	Rs. 10,326	Rs. 11,098	Rs.
Performance guarantees.....	26,544	23,070	9,565	5,821	Rs.
Total.....	Rs. 51,336	Rs. 34,198	Rs. 19,891	Rs. 16,919	Rs.

The Company has collateral available to reimburse potential losses on its guarantees. Margins available to the Company to reimburse losses realized under guarantees amounted to Rs. 2,055 million (2003: Rs. 2,503 million). Other

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property may also be available to the Company to cover these losses under guarantees.

### Capital commitments

The Company is obligated under a number of capital contracts. Capital contracts are job orders of a capital nature which have been committed. As of the balance sheet date, work had not been completed to this extent. Estimated amounts of contracts remaining to be executed on capital account aggregated Rs. 294 million as of March 31, 2004 (2003: Rs. 264 million).

### Tax contingencies

Various tax-related legal proceedings are pending against the Company at various levels of appeal either with the tax authorities or in the courts. Potential liabilities, if any, have been adequately provided for, and the Company does not estimate any incremental liability in respect of these proceedings.

As of March 31, 2004, the Company has been assessed an aggregate of Rs. 25,017 million in excess of the provision made in the financial statements in income tax, interest tax, wealth tax and sales tax demands by the Government of India's tax authorities for past years. The Company has appealed each of these tax demands. The Company believes that the tax authorities are not likely to be able to substantiate their income tax, interest tax, wealth tax and sales tax assessments and accordingly has not provided for these tax demands as of March 31, 2004.

### Litigation

Various litigation and claims against the Company and its subsidiaries are in process and pending. Based upon a review of open matters with legal counsel, management believes that the outcome of such matters will not have a material effect upon the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cashflows.

### Operating lease commitments

The Company has commitments under long-term operating leases principally for premises and automated teller machines. The following is a summary of future minimum lease rental commitments as of March 31, 2004, for non-cancelable leases:

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	(in millions)
Lease rental commitments for the year ending March 31,	
2005.....	Rs. 231
2006.....	223
2007.....	208
2008.....	174
2009.....	170
Thereafter.....	150
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Total minimum lease commitments.....	Rs. 1,156

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31. Related party transactions

The Company has transactions with its affiliates and directors/employees. The following represent the significant transactions between the Company and such related parties:

Insurance services

During the year ended March 31, 2004 the Company paid insurance premium to ICICI Lombard amounting to Rs. 219 million (2003: Rs. 224 million, 2002: Rs.26 million).

Lease of premises and facilities

During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Company received for lease of premises, facilities and other administrative costs from ICICI Prulife, Rs. 198 million (2003: Rs. 84 million, 2002: Rs. 54 million), from Pru-ICICI, Rs. 6 million (2003: Rs. 6 million, 2002: Rs. 5 million) and from ICICI Lombard, Rs. 91 million (2003: Rs. 82 million, 2002: Rs. 50 million).

Secondment of employees

During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Company received from ICICI Prulife for seconded employees, Rs. 0.6 million (2003: Rs. 3 million, 2002: Nil) and from ICICI Lombard, Rs. 14 million (2003: Rs. 10 million, 2002: Rs. 5 million).

Asset management services

During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Company provided asset management services to TCW and earned fees of Rs. 14 million (2003: Rs. 24 million, 2002: Rs. 21 million).

Deposits and borrowings

During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Company paid interest on bonds/deposits/call borrowings to its affiliated companies, Rs. 27 million (2003: Rs. 12 million, 2002: Rs. 268 million).

Interest and Dividend

During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Company received interest on car loans from its affiliated companies, Rs. 0.27 million (2003: Rs.0.33 million) and dividend Rs. 172.00 million (2003: Nil).

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Employee loans

The Company has advanced housing, vehicle and general purpose loans to employees, bearing interest ranging from 2.5% to 6%. The tenure of these loans range from five years to 25 years. The loans are generally secured by the assets acquired by the employees. Employee loan balances outstanding as of

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March 31, 2004, of Rs.3,766 million (2003: Rs. 2,273 million) are included in other assets.

### Related party balances

The following balances payable to/receivable from related parties are included in the balance sheet:

	As of March 31,	
	2003	2004
	(in millions)	
Loans.....	Rs. 22	Rs. 20
Other assets.....	2,549	3,353
Deposits.....	440	700
Other liabilities.....	3	50

### 32. Estimated fair value of financial instruments

The Company's financial instruments include financial assets and liabilities recorded on the balance sheet, as well as off-balance sheet instruments such as foreign exchange and derivative contracts.

Fair value estimates are generally subjective in nature, and are made as of a specific point in time based on the characteristics of the financial instruments and relevant market information. Where available, quoted market prices are used. In other cases, fair values are based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques. These techniques involve uncertainties and are significantly affected by the assumptions used and judgments made regarding risk characteristics of various financial instruments, discount rates, estimates of future cash flows, future expected loss experience and other factors. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect these estimates and the resulting fair values. Derived fair value estimates cannot necessarily be substantiated by comparison to independent markets and, in many cases, could not be realized in an immediate sale of the instruments.

Fair value estimates are based on existing financial instruments without attempting to estimate the value of anticipated future business and the value of assets and liabilities that are not considered financial instruments. Disclosure of fair values is not required for certain items such as investment accounted for under the equity method of accounting, obligations for pension and other post-retirement benefits, income tax assets and liabilities, property and equipment, prepaid expenses, core deposit intangibles and the value of customer relationships associated with certain types of consumer loans, particularly the credit card portfolio, and other intangible assets. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value amount presented do not purport to represent, and should not be considered representative of, the underlying market or franchise value of the Company. In addition, because of differences in methodologies and assumptions used to estimate fair values, the Company's fair values should not be compared to those of other financial institutions.

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The following describes the methods and assumptions used by the Company in estimating the fair values of financial instruments.

### Cash and cash equivalents

The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet approximate fair values because maturities are less than three months.

### Trading assets and liabilities

Trading account assets and liabilities are carried at fair value in the balance sheet. Values for trading securities are generally based on quoted, or other independent, market prices. Values for interest rate and foreign exchange products are based on quoted, or other independent, market prices, or are estimated using pricing models or discounted cash flows.

### Securities

Fair values are based primarily on quoted, or other independent, market prices. For certain debt and equity investments that do not trade on established exchanges, and for which markets do not exist, estimates of fair value are based upon management's review of the investee's financial results, condition and prospects.

### Loans

The fair values of certain commercial and consumer loans are estimated by discounting the contractual cash flows using interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality. The carrying value of certain other loans approximates fair value due to the short-term and/or repricing characteristics of these loans. For impaired loans, the impairment is considered when arriving at the fair value.

### Deposits

The carrying amount of deposits with no stated maturity is considered to be equal to their fair value. Fair value of fixed-rate time deposits is estimated by discounting contractual cash flows using interest rates currently offered on the deposit products. Fair value for variable-rate time deposits approximates their carrying value. Fair value estimates for deposits do not include the benefit that results from the low-cost funding provided by the deposit liabilities compared to the cost of alternative forms of funding (core deposit intangibles).

### Long-term debt, short-term borrowings and redeemable preferred stock

The fair value of the Company's debt, including short-term borrowings, is estimated based on quoted market prices for the issues for which there is a market, or by discounting cash flows based on current rate available to the Company for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

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A listing of the fair values by category of financial assets and financial liabilities is set out below.

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	As of March 31, 2003		As of March
	Carrying value	Estimated fair value	Carrying value
	(in millions)		
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Trading account assets.....	Rs. 39,634	Rs. 39,634	Rs. 75,155
Securities (Note 1).....	280,621	280,621	310,368
Loans (Note 2).....	630,421	641,048	728,520
Other financial assets (Note 3).....	115,705	115,705	164,127
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>Rs. 1,066,381</b>	<b>Rs. 1,077,008</b>	<b>Rs. 1,278,170</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Interest-bearing deposits.....	Rs. 456,051	Rs. 454,251	Rs. 611,178
Non-interest-bearing deposits.....	35,239	35,239	73,777
Trading account liabilities.....	26,086	26,086	26,079
Short-term borrowings.....	42,095	42,017	57,364
Long-term debt.....	400,812	426,928	373,449
Redeemable preferred stock.....	853	1,035	944
Other financial liabilities (Note 4).....	43,252	43,252	65,142
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>Rs. 1,004,388</b>	<b>Rs. 1,028,808</b>	<b>Rs. 1,207,933</b>

- 1) Includes non-readily marketable equity securities of Rs. 8,621 million (2003: Rs. 9,418 million) for which there are no readily determinable fair values.
- 2) The carrying value of loans is net of the allowance for loan losses, security deposits and unearned income.
- 3) Includes cash and cash equivalents and customers acceptance liability for which the carrying value is a reasonable estimate of fair value.
- 4) Represents acceptances outstanding, for which the carrying value is a reasonable estimate of fair value.

33. Regulatory matters

Subsequent to the reverse acquisition of the acquiree, the Company is a banking company within the meaning of the Indian Banking Regulation Act, 1949, registered with and subject to examination by the Reserve Bank of India.

Statutory liquidity requirements

In accordance with the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the Company is required to maintain a specified percentage of its net demand and time liabilities by way of liquid unencumbered assets like cash, gold and approved securities. The amount of securities required to be maintained at March 31, 2004 was Rs.303,432 million (2003: Rs. 230,644 million).

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Capital adequacy requirements

The Company is subject to the capital adequacy requirements set by the Reserve Bank of India, which stipulate a minimum ratio of capital to risk adjusted assets and off-balance sheet items of 9% to be maintained. The capital adequacy ratio of the Company calculated in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India guidelines at March 31, 2004, was 10.36%.

For and on behalf of the Board

K.V. KAMATH  
Managing Director &  
Chief Executive Officer

KALPANA MORPARIA  
Deputy Managing Director

JYOTIN MEHTA

N. S. KANNAN

G.VENKATAKRISHNAN

General Manager &  
Company Secretary

Chief Financial Officer  
& Treasurer

General Manager  
Accounting & Taxation Group

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### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. -----	Description of Document -----
1.1	ICICI Bank Memorandum of Association, as amended.
1.2	ICICI Bank Articles of Association, as amended (incorporated by reference to ICICI Bank's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended March 31, 2003 filed on September 30, 2003).
2.1	Deposit Agreement among ICICI Bank, Deutsche Bank and the holders from time to time of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder (including as an exhibit, the form of American Depositary Receipt) (incorporated herein by reference to ICICI Bank's Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-30132)).
2.2	Letter Agreements dated February 19, 2002 and April 1, 2002 amending and supplementing the Deposit Agreement (incorporated herein by reference to ICICI Bank's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended March 31, 2002 filed on September 30, 2002).
2.3	ICICI Bank's Specimen Certificate for Equity Shares (incorporated herein by reference to ICICI Bank's Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-30132)).

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- 4.1 ICICI Bank's Employee Stock Option Plan, as amended.
- 4.2 ICICI Infotech Employee Stock Option Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to ICICI Bank's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended March 31, 2002 filed on September 30, 2002).
- 4.3 ICICI Bank's Early Retirement Option Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to ICICI Bank's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended March 31, 2003 filed on September 30, 2003).
- 4.4 Scheme of Amalgamation of ICICI, ICICI Personal Financial Services, ICICI Capital Services with ICICI Bank (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to ICICI Bank's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended March 31, 2002 filed on September 30, 2002).
- 4.5 Letter from the Reserve Bank of India to ICICI Bank dated April 26, 2002 approving the Scheme of Amalgamation of ICICI, ICICI Personal Financial Services, ICICI Capital Services with ICICI Bank (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to ICICI Bank's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended March 31, 2001 filed on September 28, 2001).

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- 8.1 List of Subsidiaries (included under "Business-Subsidiaries and Affiliates" herein).
- 11.1 Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.
- 12.1 Certification of the principal executive officer of the Company required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 12.2 Certification of the principal financial officer of the Company required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 13 Certification required by Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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### SIGNATURES

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

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For ICICI BANK LIMITED

By: /s/ Jyotin Mehta

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Name: Mr. Jyotin Mehta

Title: General Manager and Company  
Secretary.

Place: Mumbai

Date: September 29, 2004