

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March
HSBC Holdings plc

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Yes..... No

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Reconciliation of RoRWA measures

Performance Management

We target a return on average ordinary shareholders' equity of 12%-15%. For internal management purposes we monitor global businesses and geographical regions by pre-tax return on RWAs, a metric which combines return on equity and regulatory capital efficiency objectives.

In addition to measuring return on average risk-weighted assets ('RoRWA') we measure our performance internally using the non-GAAP measure of underlying RoRWA, which is underlying profit before tax as a percentage of average risk-weighted assets adjusted for the effects of foreign currency translation differences and business disposals. Underlying RoRWA adjusts performance for certain items which distort year-on-year performance as explained on page 47.

We also present the non-GAAP measure of underlying RoRWA adjusted for the effect of operations which are not regarded as contributing to the longer-term performance of the Group. These include the run-off portfolios and the CRS business which was sold in 2012.

The CRS average RWAs in the table below represent the average of the associated operational risk RWAs that were not immediately released on disposal and have not already been adjusted as part of the underlying RoRWA calculation. The 2012 pre-tax loss for CRS primarily relates to litigation expenses incurred after the sale of the business that have not been adjusted as part of the underlying RoRWA calculation.

Reconciliation of underlying RoRWA (excluding run-off portfolios and Card and Retail Services)

	Pre-tax return US\$m	2013 Average RWAs ³⁶ US\$bn	RoRWA ³⁷ %	Pre-tax return US\$m	2012 Average RWAs ³⁶ US\$bn	RoRWA ³⁷ %
Reported			2.0			1.8
.....	22,565	1,104		20,649	1,172	
Underlying ³⁷		1,088	2.0		1,078	1.4
.....	21,586			15,286		
Run-off portfolios		124	0.1		166	(1.0)
.....	68			(1,624)		
Legacy credit in GB&M		33	0.6		45	(0.6)
.....	185			(274)		
US CML and other ³⁸		91	(0.1)		121	(1.1)
.....	(117)			(1,350)		
Card and Retail Services		4	-		5	(3.0)
.....	-			(150)		
Underlying (excluding run-off portfolios and Card and Retail Services)		960	2.2		906	1.9
.....	21,518			17,060		

Reconciliation of reported and underlying average risk-weighted assets

	Year ended 31 December		Change
	2013 US\$bn	2012 US\$bn	%

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Average reported RWAs ³⁶	1,104	1,172	(6)
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Currency translation adjustment ³²	-	(6)	
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Acquisitions, disposals and dilutions	(16)	(88)	
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Average underlying RWAs ³⁶	1,088	1,078	1
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For footnotes, see page 132.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HSBC Holdings plc

By:

Name: Ben J S Mathews

Title: Group Company Secretary

Date: 25 March 2014