

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
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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 February, 2009

**HSBC Holdings plc**

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F).

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Yes.....  No

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*The following text is the English translation of a news release issued in  
Germany  
by a  
78.6 per cent indirectly owned  
subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc*

16 February 2009

**HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt AG  
2008 Dividend**

The Supervisory Board and Management Board of HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt AG decided today to propose to the Annual General Meeting on 9 June 2009 the payment of a dividend from the operating profit for the 2008 financial year of EUR 2.50 per share (EUR 2.50 in 2007).

The preliminary result confirms the forecast given in 3Q 2008: operating profit excluding write-downs

almost on the 2007 level, net profit for the year clearly positive despite the burden of write-downs on securities. The core capital ratio after allocation to reserves stands at over 8 per cent

. The rating agency Fitch recently confirmed its long-term "AA" issuer rating, again making HSBC Trinkaus the best rated German private bank.

HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt full year results for 2008 are scheduled to be released on 2 April 2009.

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**Note to Editors:**

**The HSBC Group**

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London

. The Group serves customers worldwide from more than 9,500 offices in 85 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the

Americas

, the Middle East and

Africa

. With assets of US\$2,547 billion at 30 June 2008, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations. HSBC is marketed worldwide as 'the world's local bank'.

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**SIGNATURE**

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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: P A Stafford

Title: Assistant Group Secretary

Date: February 16, 2009