

Notes to the financial statements

1 General information

J Sainsbury plc is a public limited company ("Company") incorporated in the United Kingdom, whose shares are publicly traded on the London Stock Exchange. The Company is domiciled in the United Kingdom and its registered address is 33 Holborn, London EC1N 2HT, United Kingdom.

The financial year represents the 52 weeks to 21 March 2009 (prior financial year 52 weeks to 22 March 2008). The consolidated financial statements for the 52 weeks to 21 March 2009 comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries ("Group") and the Group's interests in joint ventures.

The Group's principal activities are grocery and related retailing.