

3i at a glance

3i Group is a private equity and venture capital business making and managing investments in Europe, Asia and the US. The Group is a FTSE 100 company, providing shareholders with liquid access to private equity returns through five types of investment activity, Buyouts, Growth Capital, Venture Capital, Infrastructure and QPE (private equity for quoted companies). Investments are made using funds from the Group's own balance sheet and from funds which the Group manages or advises for others.

3i covers a range of private equity and venture capital activity providing capital for businesses at all stages of their development.

Buyouts

Focused on leading mid-market transactions across Europe with a value of typically up to €1 billion.

Growth Capital

Making minority investments of typically €10 million to €250 million in established and profitable businesses across Europe, Asia and the US.

Venture Capital

Investing in early and late-stage technology companies in Europe and the US, with a focus on investing between €2 million to €50 million in the healthcare, IT and "cleantech" sectors.

Gross portfolio return

54% (2006: 29%)

Gross portfolio return

48% (2006: 26%)

Gross portfolio return

(6)% (2006: 17%)

Financial performance (£m) year to/as at 31 March 2007

Investment	498
Realisation proceeds	1,341
Realised profits	538
Unrealised value movement	123
Portfolio income	127
Gross portfolio return	788
Assets under management	
Own balance sheet	1,281
Third-party funds	2,129
	3,410

Financial performance (£m) year to/as at 31 March 2007

Investment	482
Realisation proceeds	691
Realised profits	235
Unrealised value movement	269
Portfolio income	65
Gross portfolio return	569
Assets under management	
Own balance sheet	1,460
Third-party funds	227
	1,687

Financial performance (£m) year to/as at 31 March 2007

Investment	200
Realisation proceeds	187
Realised profits	12
Unrealised value movement	(61)
Portfolio income	3
Gross portfolio return	(46)
Assets under management	
Own balance sheet	741
Third-party funds	15
	756



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For further information on Venture Capital please go to [page 20](#)

Group financial performance (£m) year to/as at 31 March	2007	2006
Investment	1,576	1,110
Realisation proceeds	2,438	2,207
Realised profits	830	576
Unrealised value movement	323	245
Portfolio income	253	232
Gross portfolio return	1,406	1,053
Assets under management		
Own balance sheet	4,362	4,139
Third-party funds	2,772	1,573
	7,134	5,712

Newly established business lines

During the year two new business lines were established as part of our strategy to use our private equity skill base, knowledge and network to grow our assets and shareholder value.

Infrastructure

Following the launch of 3i Infrastructure Limited on the London Stock Exchange, in which 3i has a 46.4% shareholding, 3i's dedicated infrastructure team now primarily advises this listed vehicle. 3i Infrastructure Limited seeks to invest in a broad range of international infrastructure assets, principally in transportation, utilities and social infrastructure.

QPE

3i QPE's objective is to build a portfolio of influential equity interests in small and mid-cap quoted companies primarily in the UK and continental Europe.

The QPE team will create value with the management teams of these companies through applying 3i's private equity skill base, network and resources.

Financial performance (£m)

year to/as at 31 March 2007

Investment	380
Realisation proceeds	5
Gross portfolio return	15
Assets under management	
Own balance sheet	469
Third-party funds	385
	854

Financial performance (£m)

year to/as at 31 March 2007

Investment	14
Realisation proceeds	–
Gross portfolio return	6
Assets under management	
Own balance sheet	20
Third-party funds	–
	20



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