

2007

British Airways places an order for 12 Airbus A380 aircraft and 24 Boeing 787 aircraft.

2008

British Airways' first flight from Terminal 5 departs to Paris on March 27, 2008.

# Financial highlights

**£8,753m**  
Revenue

Group revenue for 2007/08 was £8,753 million, compared with £8,492 million in the previous year.

**£883m**  
Profit before tax

Group profit before tax for 2007/08 was £883 million, compared with £611 million in the previous year.

**£875m**  
Operating profit

Group operating profit for 2007/08 was £875 million, compared with £602 million in the previous year.

**10%**  
Operating margin

The operating margin in 2007/08 was 10.0 per cent compared with 7.1 per cent in the previous year.

**59.0 pence**  
Basic earnings per share

Group earnings per share for 2007/08 were 59.0 pence, compared with 25.5 pence in the previous year.

**£2,055m**  
Fuel costs

Fuel costs rose by 6.4 per cent in 2007/08 to £2,055 million, compared with £1,931 million in the previous year.

## Group revenue by area of original sale



2007/08 (£m)



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- United Kingdom 4,357
- Continental Europe 1,219
- The Americas 1,697
- Africa, Middle East and Indian sub-continent 821
- Far East and Australia 659

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## Gearing %

