HSBC HOLDINGS PLC Form 6-K May 27, 2005

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 May, 2005

HSBC Holdings plc

42nd Floor, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, England

(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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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

Yes..... No X

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### HSBC HOLDINGS PLC - PRE-CLOSE TRADING UPDATE

Following the statement given this morning by Sir John Bond, Group Chairman, HSBC Holdings plc (HSBC), at the Annual General Meeting, HSBC will be conducting a trading update with analysts and fund managers on 31 May 2005 ahead of its close period for the half-year ending 30 June 2005. The meeting will take place by conference call from 10:00 am until 11:00 am local time in London.

 $\tt HSBC\mbox{'}s$  results for the half-year ending 30 June 2005 will be announced on Monday, 1 August 2005.

Conference call details

The conference call is being hosted by Douglas Flint, Group Finance Director, and will be accessible by dialling:

UK: +44 (0)20 8901 6947 US: +1 303 262 2140 Hong Kong: +852 3009 3050

A recording of the conference call will be available for seven days on HSBC's

website by following this link http://www.hsbc.com/precloseupdate from shortly after the live event.

#### Notes to editors:

#### 1. Forward-looking statements

This presentation and subsequent discussion may contain certain forward-looking statements with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of the Group. These forward-looking statements represent the Group's expectations or beliefs concerning future events and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. Additional detailed information concerning important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially is available in our Annual Report.

#### 2. The HSBC Group

HSBC Holdings plc is headquartered in the UK. The HSBC Group serves over 110 million customers worldwide from over 9,800 offices in 77 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa. With assets of US\$1,277 billion at 31 December 2004, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations. HSBC is marketed worldwide as 'the world's local bank'.

#### 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: P A Stafford

Title: Assistant Group Secretary

Date: 27 May 2005

1"> 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X_ Director	10% Owner	
Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle

712 COLLEGE AVENUE 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/02/2014

(Street)

MENLO PARK, CA 94025 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		or	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed	d of (D	))	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/02/2014		M	624	A	<u>(1)</u>	624	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transact Code (Instr. 8)	Deriving Security Acquired (A) of Disput of (D	or osed () r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8 I (
				Code V	/ (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricte Stock Ur	(1)	12/02/2014		M		624	12/02/2014(2)	(2)	Common Stock	624	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Kong Garheng 712 COLLEGE AVENUE MENLO PARK, CA 94025	X						

# **Signatures**

/s/ F. Samuel Eberts III, Attorney-in-Fact for Garheng Kong 12/04/2014

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings Common Stock.
- (2) The Restricted Stock Units vested fully on December 2, 2014.
- (3) This number reflects the aggregate number of Restricted Stock Units held by the reporting person.

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