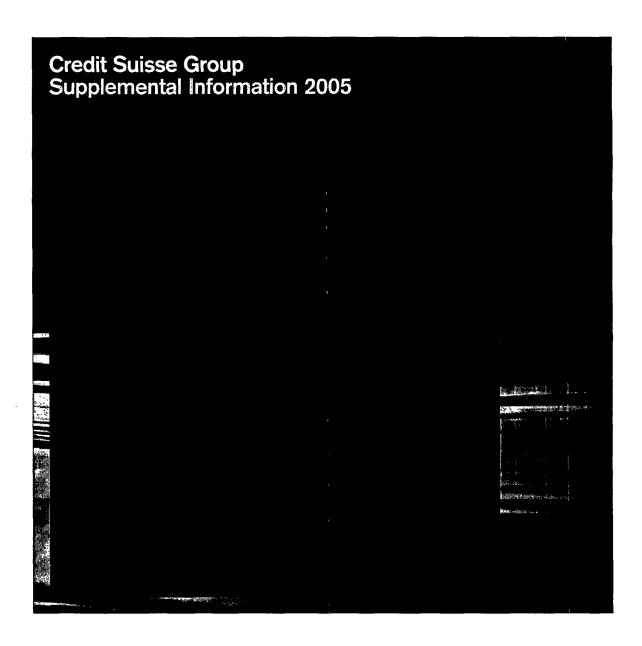
# **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 20-F**

	REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 or				OR (g)				
OF		RITIES EXC	ANT TO	SECTION 13 ACT OF 1934	• •				
				or   TO SECTION   ACT OF 1934	l 13 OR 15(d)				
	HELL COMPA		T PURS		CTION 13 OR 1	5(d) OF THE			
(Commission file number 001-15244)									
Credit Suisse Group (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)									
Canton of Zurich, Switzerland (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)									
Paradeplatz 8, P.O. Box 1, CH 8070 Zurich, Switzerland (Address of principal executive offices)									
Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:  Title of each class  Name of each exchange on which registered									
American Depositary Shares, each representing one Share Shares, par value CHF 0.50*				New York Stock Exchange New York Stock Exchange*					
Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None									
Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: None									
The number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of December 31, 2005: 1,125,360,183									
Indicate by check mark if the reg	gistrant is a wel	l-known seaso	oned issu	er, as defined in	Rule 405 of the S	ecurities Act.			
		Yes	×	No					
If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.									
		Yes		No	×				
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.									
		Yes	X	No					
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (check one):									
Large accele	erated filer 🗵		A	accelerated filer		Non-accelerated filer □			
Indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.									
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* Not for trading but only in connection with the registration of the American Depositary Shares									





# Item 8: Financial information

# Consolidated financial statements

Please refer to the section Financial information of the Credit Suisse Group Annual Report 2005.

# Legal proceedings

The Group is involved in a number of judicial, regulatory and arbitration proceedings (including those described below) concerning matters arising in connection with the conduct of its businesses. Some of these actions have been brought on behalf of various classes of claimants and seek damages of material and/or indeterminate amounts. The Group believes, based on currently available information and advice of counsel, that the results of such proceedings, in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on its financial condition but might be material to operating results for any particular period, depending, in part, upon the operating results for such period. See note 42 of the Notes to the consolidated financial statements. For additional information about legal proceedings involving CS USA, please refer to the Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K filed by CS USA with the SEC.

In accordance with SFAS No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies," the Group recorded in 2005 a CHF 960 million (USD 750 million) charge before tax, CHF 624 million after tax, in Institutional Securities, to increase the reserve for private litigation involving Enron, certain IPO allocation practices, research analyst independence and other related litigation. The charge was in addition to the reserve for these private litigation matters of CHF 702 million (USD 450 million) before tax originally established in 2002 and brings the total reserve for these private litigation matters to CHF 1.4 billion (USD 1.1 billion) after deductions for settlements.

#### World War II settlement

In November 2000, following the Group's and another Swiss bank's USD 1.25 billion global settlement with various Jewish groups and US class action plaintiffs relating to the World War II era, the Group paid the final installment into an escrow fund, which was subsequently transferred to a settlement fund that is fully under the control of the court and class plaintiffs' counsel. Although the Group and the other Swiss bank resolved all pending issues with the plaintiff settlement class in June 2004, the settlement funds have yet to be distributed in full.

In 1997, a class action lawsuit, referred to as the Cornell case, was filed against 16 European insurance companies, including Winterthur Life, which did not receive a release under the Swiss banking settlement described above, in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York (SDNY). The plaintiffs claimed that these companies failed or refused to pay out benefits, particularly in connection with life policies, to which victims or survivors of the Holocaust were entitled. In January 1999, Winterthur Life was named as a defendant in a second class action lawsuit, also in the SDNY, referred to as the Winters/Schenker case, which asserts the same or similar claims. In January 2000, the Cornell case was dismissed. In July 2002, the Winters/Schenker case was also dismissed.

In response to actions by various US insurance regulators, in August 1998, an agreement was reached with the regulators, Jewish organizations and other European insurers, establishing a common procedure for the filing and processing of life insurance claims related to the Holocaust. The organization established for this purpose, the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC), has initiated procedures for claims outreach, claims handling, the publication of lists of policyholders,

the auditing of the insurers and similar matters. Winterthur Life has an active role in ICHEIC.

#### XL insurance claims

In December 2005, the Independent Actuary under the sale and purchase agreement entered into in 2001 in connection with the sale of Winterthur International to XL Insurance (Bermuda) Limited (XL) concluded that the Seasoned Net Reserve Amount payable to XL was closer to the estimate submitted by Winterthur, which was already provided for in the Winterthur accounts. This brought the seasoning process to completion. XL has also submitted various claims relating to alleged breach of warranties by Winterthur under the terms of the Winterthur International sale and purchase agreement. For further details on Winterthur International sale-related contingencies, see note 34 of the Notes to the consolidated financial statements.

### South Africa litigation

Two purported class action lawsuits were filed in the SDNY, in June 2002 and August 2002, respectively, alleging that Credit Suisse Group and numerous other defendants are liable under international and US law by virtue of having conducted business in South Africa during the apartheid era prior to 1995. In one of these cases, the complaint has since been amended to delete the Group as a defendant. In addition, another case that is not a class action was filed in the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) in November 2002 in respect of the same allegations. These cases (and similar cases against others) have been transferred to the SDNY for coordinated pre-trial proceedings. The Group has been served with process in the nonclass action case, and joined in a motion to dismiss that case. Motions to dismiss these three cases were fully briefed and argued. Both the South African government and the US government filed papers supporting dismissal of the plaintiffs' claims. In November 2004, the court granted the motions to dismiss. Plaintiffs in all three cases have appealed to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (Second Circuit). The appeal was argued in early 2006, and a decision from the Appeals Court is expected in 2006.

Another case that is not a class action was filed in the EDNY in March 2003 and names a number of corporate defendants, including Credit Suisse, which has been served. This case was transferred to the SDNY and has effectively been stayed pending resolution of matters in the earlier-filed cases discussed above.

### Litigation relating to IPO allocation

Since January 2001, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (CSS LLC), one of its affiliates and several other investment banks have been named as defendants in a large number of putative class action complaints filed in the SDNY concerning IPO allocation practices. In April 2002, the plaintiffs filed consolidated amended complaints alleging various violations of the federal securities laws resulting from alleged material omissions and misstatements in registration statements and prospectuses for the IPOs and, in some cases, follow-on offerings, and with respect to transactions in the aftermarket for those offerings. The complaints contain allegations that the registration statements and prospectuses either omitted or misrepresented material information about commissions paid to investment banks and aftermarket transactions by certain customers that received allocations of shares in the IPOs. The complaints also allege that misleading analyst reports were issued to support the issuers' allegedly manipulated stock price and that such reports failed to disclose the alleged allocation practices or that analysts were allegedly subject to conflicts of interest.

In October 2004, the SDNY granted in substantial part plaintiffs' motion for class certification in each of six "focus" cases. The district court stated that the order "is intended to provide strong guidance, if not dispositive effect, to all parties when considering class certification in the remaining actions." In June 2005, the Second Circuit granted the underwriter defendants permission to appeal the class certification order; that appeal is now fully briefed. Separately, in February 2005, the SDNY

preliminarily approved a settlement between plaintiffs and the issuer defendants and the issuers' officers and directors.

Since March 2001, CSS LLC and several other investment banks have been named as defendants in a number of putative class actions filed with the SDNY, alleging violations of the federal and state antitrust laws in connection with alleged practices in allocation of shares in IPOs in which such investment banks were a lead or co-managing underwriter. The amended complaint in these lawsuits, which have now been consolidated into a single action, alleges that the underwriter defendants engaged in an illegal antitrust conspiracy to require customers, in exchange for IPO allocations, to pay non-competitively determined commissions on transactions in other securities, to purchase an issuer's shares in follow-on offerings, and to commit to purchase other less desirable securities. The complaint also alleges that the underwriter defendants conspired to require customers, in exchange for IPO allocations, to agree to make aftermarket purchases of the IPO securities at a price higher than the offering price, as a precondition to receiving an allocation. These alleged "tie-in" arrangements are further alleged to have artificially inflated the market price for the securities.

In November 2003, the SDNY dismissed the action with prejudice as to all defendants. In September 2005, the Second Circuit vacated the SDNY's dismissal of the action and remanded the case to the SDNY for further proceedings. The underwriter defendants have filed a motion in the Second Circuit to stay the issuance of the mandate and remand the cases to the district court pending the filing of a petition for writ of certiorari to the US Supreme Court. That motion remains pending.

In November 2002, CS USA was sued in the SDNY on behalf of a putative class of issuers in IPOs for which an affiliate of CS USA acted as underwriter. The complaint alleged that the issuers' IPOs were underpriced, and that CS USA's affiliate allocated the underpriced IPO stock to certain of its favored clients and subsequently shared in portions of the profits of such favored clients pursuant to side agreements or understandings. This purported conduct was alleged to have been in breach of the underwriting agreements between CS USA's affiliate and those issuers. In December 2005, CS USA entered into a settlement agreement with the plaintiffs, and a stipulation of dismissal was filed with the SDNY.

## Research-related litigation

Putative class action lawsuits were filed against CSS LLC in the wake of publicity surrounding the 2002 industry-wide governmental and regulatory investigations into research analyst practices. Currently, four federal class action cases remain pending. These cases were brought on behalf of purchasers of shares of AOL Time Warner Inc., Razorfish, Inc., Lantronix, Inc. and Winstar, Inc. Class certification has been granted in the Winstar and Razorfish matters.

In September 2005, the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts granted CSS LLC's motion to dismiss the complaint brought on behalf of purchasers of shares of AOL Time Warner Inc. but allowed plaintiffs to file an amended complaint. In February 2006, CSS LLC and other defendants moved to dismiss plaintiffs' amended complaint.

CSS LLC was also named as a defendant in a class action filed in California state court in June 2003 on behalf of residents of California who held shares in certain issuers for which CSS LLC had issued research reports. Plaintiffs appealed the lower court's dismissal of that case to the Supreme Court of California, and in February 2006, the Supreme Court of California denied that appeal.

### **Enron-related litigation and inquiries**

Numerous actions have been filed against CSS LLC and certain affiliates relating to Enron Corp. or its affiliates (Enron). In April 2002, CSS LLC and certain of its affiliates and certain other investment banks were named as defendants along with, among

others, Enron, Enron executives and directors, and external law and accounting firms in a putative class action complaint filed in the US District Court for the Southern District of Texas (Newby, et al. v. Enron, et al.). The Newby action was filed by purchasers of Enron securities and alleges violations of the federal securities laws. In May 2003, the lead plaintiff in Newby filed an amended complaint that, among other things, named as defendants additional Credit Suisse entities, expanded the putative class to include purchasers of certain Enron-related securities, and alleged additional violations of the federal securities laws. Lead plaintiff's motion for class certification in Newby is pending.

In April 2005, the bank defendants in the Newby action, including CSS LLC and its affiliates, filed a cross-claim against Arthur Andersen LLP, and cross-claims or thirdparty claims against certain former Enron executives, for contribution in the event that the bank defendants are found liable on any of the plaintiffs' claims. Arthur Andersen and certain former Enron executives have moved to dismiss the cross-claims or thirdparty claims asserted against them by the banks, and those motions are pending. Arthur Andersen also filed a counterclaim against the bank defendants, including CSS LLC and its affiliates, seeking contribution in the event it is found liable either to the plaintiffs or to any of the bank defendants. CSS LLC and its affiliates and other banks moved to dismiss the counterclaim. That motion was granted and Arthur Andersen has filed a motion seeking reconsideration of that dismissal.

Certain Enron-related actions, filed against CSS LLC and certain of its affiliates, were not consolidated or coordinated with the Newby action. The only one of these actions that is still pending is a suit by a sub-group of the limited partners in LJM2 Co-Investment, L.P., or LJM2, a now bankrupt limited partnership, against the other limited partners of LJM2 and LJM2's lenders, including certain affiliates of CSS LLC. Several other actions filed against CSS LLC and certain of its affiliates and other parties have been consolidated or coordinated with the Newby action and stayed as to the filing of amended or responsive pleadings pending the district court's decision on class certification in Newby. Several actions against Arthur Andersen LLP, in which Andersen brought claims for contribution against CSS LLC and its affiliates and other parties as third-party defendants, have been similarly consolidated or coordinated with Newby and stayed. During the course of 2005, various Enron-related actions, some coordinated with the Newby action and some not, have been settled or otherwise dismissed, at least as they related to CSS LLC and its affiliates.

In December 2001, Enron filed a petition for Chapter 11 relief in the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. In November 2003, a court-appointed bankruptcy examiner filed a final report that contained the examiner's conclusions with respect to several parties, including CSS LLC and certain of its affiliates. Enron brought four adversary proceedings against CSS LLC and certain of its affiliates (the principal adversary proceeding has been amended several times, as recently as January 2005) seeking avoidance and recovery of various alleged preferential, illegal and fraudulent transfers; disallowance and equitable subordination of CSS LLC and its affiliates' claims in the bankruptcy proceedings; recharacterization of one transaction as a loan and related declaratory relief, avoidance of security interests and turnover and recovery of property; and damages, attorneys' fees and costs for alleged aiding and abetting of fraud and breaches of fiduciary duty by Enron employees and civil conspiracy.

Other than the principal adversary proceeding, the three other adversary proceedings brought by Enron relate to (i) E-Next Generation LLC (E-Next), (ii) a transaction known as Project Nile and (iii) certain equity forward and swap transactions. In May 2005, the adversary proceeding relating to E-Next was dismissed with prejudice pursuant to a settlement agreement. In June 2005, the adversary proceeding relating to Project Nile was consolidated into the principal adversary proceeding. In July 2005, the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York denied CSS LLC's and an affiliate's motion to dismiss Enron's claims to recover certain payments made in

connection with the equity forward and swap transactions. In September 2005, CSS LLC filed a motion with the SDNY for leave to appeal, which motion is pending.

CSS LLC and certain of its affiliates have received periodic requests for information and/or subpoenas from certain governmental and regulatory agencies, including the Enron Task Force (a joint task force of the US Department of Justice and the SEC), regarding Enron and its affiliates. CSS LLC and its affiliates have cooperated with such inquiries and requests.

### **NCFE-related litigation**

Since February 2003, lawsuits have been filed against CSS LLC with respect to services that it provided to National Century Financial Enterprises, Inc. and its affiliates (NCFE). From January 1996 to May 2002, CSS LLC acted as a placement agent for bonds issued by NCFE that were to be collateralized by health-care receivables, and in July 2002, as a placement agent for a sale of NCFE preferred stock. NCFE filed for bankruptcy protection in November 2002. In these lawsuits, which have since been consolidated in the US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and are known as the MDL cases, investors in NCFE's bonds and preferred stock have sued numerous defendants, including the founders and directors of NCFE, the trustees for the bond issuances, NCFE's auditors and law firm, the rating agencies that rated NCFE's bonds, and NCFE's placement agents, including CSS LLC. The allegations include claims for breach of contract, negligence, fraud and violation of federal and state securities laws.

In addition, in November 2004, the trust created through NCFE's confirmed bankruptcy plan commenced two actions against CSS LLC and certain affiliates. The trust filed an action in the US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio asserting common law claims similar to those asserted in the MDL cases against several of the same defendants, and it also alleged statutory claims under the Ohio Corrupt Practices Act, claims for professional negligence and claims under the US Bankruptcy Code. The trust also filed an action in the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio objecting to the proofs of claim filed by CSS LLC and its affiliates in NCFE's bankruptcy and seeking disgorgement of amounts previously distributed to CSS LLC and its affiliates under the bankruptcy plan. A claims trust has also commenced a suit in the bankruptcy court against certain affiliates of CS USA seeking to recover an alleged preference payment from NCFE prior to its bankruptcy filing.

### Refco-related litigation

In October 2005, CSS LLC was named, along with other financial services firms, accountants, officers, directors and controlling persons, as a defendant in several federal class action and derivative lawsuits filed in the SDNY relating to Refco Inc. The actions allege that CSS LLC, and other underwriters, violated federal securities laws and state laws in connection with the sale of Refco securities, including in the Refco IPO in August 2005. CSS LLC and certain of its affiliates have received subpoenas and requests for information from certain regulators, including the SEC, regarding Refco. CSS LLC and its affiliates have cooperated with such inquiries and requests.

## Parmalat-related legal proceedings

Credit Suisse International (CS International) is the subject of legal proceedings commenced in August 2004 before the Court of Parma in Italy by Dr. Enrico Bondi, as extraordinary administrator, on behalf of Parmalat SpA (in extraordinary administration), relating to an agreement entered into between CS International and Parmalat SpA in December 2001. The extraordinary administrator seeks to have the agreement set aside and demands repayment by CS International of approximately EUR 248 million.

The extraordinary administrator also commenced two further actions before the Court of Parma against (i) CS International, seeking damages on the basis of allegations that through the 2001 transaction CS International delayed the insolvency of Parmalat Participacoes of Brazil and consequently of Parmalat SpA, with the result that

Parmalat's overall loss increased by approximately EUR 7.1 billion between January 2002 and the declaration of its insolvency in December 2003 and (ii) CS International and certain other banks, seeking damages on the basis of allegations that through various derivatives transactions in 2003 CS International and those other banks delayed the insolvency of Parmalat SpA with the result that its overall loss increased by approximately EUR 2 billion between July and December 2003.

Proceedings have also been brought in the SDNY by Parmalat investors against various defendants including Credit Suisse seeking unquantified damages. The allegations against Credit Suisse make reference to the December 2001 transaction. The claims against Credit Suisse have been dismissed except to the extent that they are brought by US investors.

CS International has made a claim in the reorganization proceedings of Parmalat Participacoes of Brazil in respect of EUR 500 million of bonds issued by that entity and held by CS International. This claim has so far been rejected by the trustee. CS International has also made a claim in the same proceedings in relation to a USD 5 million promissory note guaranteed by Parmalat and assigned to Credit Suisse. This claim has so far been admitted by the trustee. Parmalat Participacoes has made a claim in response alleging that the debts represented by the bonds and note have already been paid and asserting that it is therefore entitled under Brazilian law to twice the amount of the debt claimed by CS International.

In connection with two loans granted to Parmalat Participacoes of Brazil evidenced by promissory notes and guaranteed by Parmalat SpA, Credit Suisse has brought claims in the amount of USD 38 million in Brazilian and Italian courts for its recognition as a creditor in the insolvency proceedings of the two entities. To date, the recognition has been challenged by the Extraordinary Commissioner in Italy, was rejected by Italian courts and has been appealed by Credit Suisse. A decision by Brazilian courts regarding the application of Credit Suisse is still pending.

# Dividend policy

Under Swiss law, dividends may be paid out only if and to the extent the corporation has distributable profits from previous business years, or if the free reserves of the corporation are sufficient to allow distribution of a dividend. Within these legal constraints, we maintain a flexible dividend policy.

For 2005, Credit Suisse Group's Board of Directors will propose a dividend of CHF 2.00 per share to the Annual General Meeting on April 28, 2006. This compares with a dividend of CHF 1.50 per share in 2004. If approved by the Annual General Meeting 2006, the dividend will be paid out on May 4, 2006.

The following table outlines the dividends paid for the years ended December 31:

Dividend per ordinary share	USD 1	CHF
2004	1.20	1.50
2003 27	0.40	0.50
2002	0.07	0.10
2001 <sup>3)</sup>	1.20	2.00
2000 4)	1.23	2.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> For details of the period end exchange rates used, please refer to Item 3 – Key Information – Exchange rate information. <sup>9</sup> Repayment out of share capital as approved on April 30, 2004, in lieu of a dividend for financial year 2003. <sup>9</sup> Repayment out of share capital as approved on May 31, 2002, in lieu of a dividend for financial year 2001. <sup>9</sup> Repayment out of share capital as approved on June 1, 2001, in lieu of a dividend for financial year 2000.