

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
March 17, 2009  
**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 March 2009

**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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Yes.....  No

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**Current Trading Update**

On 2 March 2009, HSBC published its 2008 Annual Report and Accounts. Business performance in January was strong and ahead of HSBC's expectations; and in February was in line with HSBC's expectations.

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**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: /s/ P A Stafford

Name: P A Stafford

Title: Deputy Group Company Secretary

Date: March 17, 2009