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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from

Commission file number 1-08940

to

**Deferred Profit-Sharing Plan for Hourly Employees** 

(Full title of the plan)

# ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

6601 West Broad Street

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## Richmond, Virginia 23230

(Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan

and address of its principal executive office.)

#### DEFERRED PROFIT-SHARING PLAN FOR HOURLY EMPLOYEES

#### **ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 11-K**

#### FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

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#### Exhibit

23. Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

\* Other schedules required by 29 CFR 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, are omitted because they are not applicable.

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Altria Group Benefits Investment Committee, the Administrator and the Participants of the Deferred Profit-Sharing Plan for Hourly Employees:

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Deferred Profit-Sharing Plan for Hourly Employees (the Plan ) at December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2011, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan s management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Richmond, Virginia

June 15, 2012

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#### STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

#### at December 31, 2011 and 2010

(in thousands of dollars)

	2011	2010
Investments at fair value:		
Investment in Master Trust A	\$ 527,974	\$ 551,587
Investment in Master Trust B	598,481	555,876
Total investments	1,126,455	1,107,463
Receivables:		
Employer s contribution	23,195	26,551
Participants contributions	154	158
Notes receivable from participants	18,878	19,585
Receivable from the Salaried Plan	927	
Total receivables	43,154	46,294
Net assets reflecting investments at fair value	1,169,609	1,153,757
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for Investment in Master Trust A relating to fully		
benefit-responsive investment contracts	(19,500)	(13,502)
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 1,150,109	\$ 1,140,255

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

for the Year Ended December 31, 2011

(in thousands of dollars)

	2011
Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income:	
Investment income from Master Trust A	\$ 12,403
Investment income from Master Trust B	151,965
Total investment income	164,368
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	800
Contributions to the Plan:	24 519
By employer By participants	24,518 11,435
By participants	11,455
Total contributions	35,953
Total additions	201,121
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Withdrawals and distributions	(192,194)
Total deductions	(192,194)
Net increase prior to transfer	8,927
Transfer from the Salaried Plan	927
Net increase	9,854
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	1,140,255
End of year	\$ 1,150,109

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#### 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Deferred Profit-Sharing Plan for Hourly Employees (the Plan ) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan s provisions.

#### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan maintained for the benefit of eligible union hourly-paid employees, as discussed below in *Plan Participation*, of Philip Morris USA Inc. (PM USA), U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Manufacturing LLC (USSTM) and Ste. Michelle Wine Estates Ltd. (SMWE) (individually, a Participating Company; collectively, the Participating Companies), all of which are subsidiaries of Altria Group, Inc. The Plan is designed to provide eligible employees with an opportunity to share in the profits of their Participating Company, to invest certain of their funds in a tax-advantaged manner and, for Match-Eligible Participants, USSTM Match-Eligible Participants and SMWE Match-Eligible Participants (as such terms are defined below), to receive company match contributions if they make contributions to the Plan on a before-tax and/or after-tax basis. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

#### **Plan Administration**

The administration of the Plan has generally been delegated to the Administrator, as defined in the Plan. The Altria Group Benefits Investment Committee (the Investment Committee ) is the named fiduciary responsible for the operation and management of the investment options in the Plan, other than the investment options (the Altria Stock Investment Option , the Kraft Stock Investment Option , and the PMI Stock Investment Option ; collectively, the Common Stock Investment Options ) invested exclusively in the common stock of Altria Group, Inc. ( Altria Stock ), the Class A common stock of Kraft Foods Inc. ( Kraft Stock ), and the common stock of Philip Morris International Inc. ( PMI Stock ), respectively (collectively, the Common Stock ). Fiduciary Counselors Inc. ( Fiduciary Counselors ) is the named fiduciary with respect to the management of the investment of the Common Stock Investment Options. The Administrator, the Investment Committee and Fiduciary Counselors are hereinafter collectively referred to as the Fiduciaries .

#### **Plan Participation**

Eligibility for benefits under the Plan depends on an employee s hire date and Participating Company affiliation, as follows:

Non-Match-Eligible Participants (eligible to make employee contributions and to receive company contributions):

<sup>1</sup> Eligible employees of PM USA, other than Match-Eligible Participants, USSTM Match-Eligible Participants and SMWE Match-Eligible Participants, as defined below;

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Match-Eligible Participants (eligible to make employee contributions and to receive company contributions and company match contributions):

Employees of PM USA hired or rehired on or after specified dates based on their union affiliation, as defined in the Plan document;

USSTM Match-Eligible Participants (eligible to make employee contributions and to receive company match contributions):

<sup>1</sup> Union hourly-paid employees of USSTM; and

SMWE Match-Eligible Participants (eligible to make employee contributions and to receive company match contributions):

Non-agricultural union hourly-paid employees of SMWE.

#### **Employee Contributions**

Each eligible employee may make before-tax and after-tax contributions to the Plan as soon as administratively feasible after his or her date of hire.

No contribution is required from any participant under the Plan. However, employees hired or rehired after a date specific to their employee group are automatically enrolled in the Plan to make before-tax contributions of three percent (3%) of their eligible compensation beginning with the first payroll period after the completion of 90 days of service. Employees who are automatically enrolled can elect not to make contributions or to contribute a different percentage of their eligible compensation.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ) imposes a dollar limitation on the amount of before-tax contributions for a calendar year. For 2011 and 2010, a participant s before-tax contribution was limited to \$16,500 with a Plan limitation of 15% of eligible compensation on the total amount of before-tax and after-tax contributions.

Participants who are age 50 or older by the end of a Plan year are eligible to make before-tax catch-up contributions up to the limit prescribed in the Code. For 2011 and 2010, the catch-up contribution was limited to \$5,500. If a participant has not made the maximum after-tax contribution, he or she may make an additional after-tax contribution in a lump sum, subject to certain statutory and Plan limits.

The aggregate contributions actually made by participants may not cause the Plan to violate limitations on such contributions set forth in the Code.

#### **Employer Contributions**

Contributions by Participating Companies may consist of a company contribution and/or a company match contribution as discussed below.

<u>Company contribution</u> The company contribution on behalf of participants, other than USSTM Match-Eligible Participants and SMWE Match-Eligible Participants, who have completed twenty-four months of service (12 months in the case of a Match-Eligible Participant), is an amount equal to the lesser of (1) three percent (3%) of Altria Group, Inc. s Consolidated Earnings, as defined in the Plan document, less the

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amounts allocated to

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participants in the Deferred Profit-Sharing Plan for Salaried Employees (the Salaried Plan), or (2) fifteen percent (15%) of the aggregate participant compensation, as defined in the Plan document, of the participants among whom the company contribution is to be allocated. However, eligible Match-Eligible Participants receive a company contribution of no less than ten percent (10%) of their eligible compensation.

<u>Company match contribution</u> Match-Eligible Participants who make before-tax and/or after-tax contributions for a payroll period after completing 90 days of service will receive a company match contribution, dollar for dollar, up to the first three percent (3%) of eligible compensation that is contributed for a payroll period.

USSTM Match-Eligible Participants and SMWE Match-Eligible Participants who make before-tax and/or after-tax contributions for a payroll period after completing one year of service will receive a company match contribution. For USSTM Match-Eligible Participants and SMWE Match-Eligible Participants, the company match contribution is dollar for each dollar and \$.50 for each dollar, respectively, up to the first six percent (6%) of eligible compensation that is contributed for a payroll period.

#### **Participant Accounts**

Each participant s Plan accounts are credited with any employee and employer contributions and the allocated share of the investment activities for each investment option in which he or she participates. Allocations are based on participant Plan account balances, as defined in the Plan document.

#### Vesting

Each participant is at all times fully vested in the balance held in each of his or her Plan accounts.

#### **Investment Options**

Participants can direct all contributions among eleven investment options and may change their investment elections at any time, subject to excessive trading policy restrictions and short-term redemption fees applicable to certain of the investment options. In accordance with the Plan, if a participant has not provided an investment election, any contributions are invested in the Balanced Fund Investment Option. See Note 9 *Subsequent Event* regarding a change in investment options.

The Kraft Stock Investment Option and the PMI Stock Investment Option are closed to further investments so that participants are not permitted to purchase shares of Kraft Stock or PMI Stock in the Plan or to perform an exchange into the Kraft Stock Investment Option or PMI Stock Investment Option from any other investment option.

#### **Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

The employee stock ownership plan ( ESOP ) portion of the Plan permits each participant who invests in the Altria Stock Investment Option to elect, no later than the business day immediately preceding an ex-dividend date with respect to a cash dividend payable on shares of Altria Stock, to have the dividend paid to them in cash or have the dividend reinvested in additional shares of Altria Stock. Altria Stock dividends paid in cash directly

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to participants for the year ended December 31, 2011 were approximately \$12 million. Altria Stock dividends payable in cash directly to participants were approximately \$3 million as of December 31, 2011 and 2010.

Any cash dividends paid on Kraft Stock held in the Kraft Stock Investment Option and on PMI Stock held in the PMI Stock Investment Option cannot be reinvested in Kraft Stock or PMI Stock, respectively, but instead will be invested according to the participant s current investment elections. If the participant has not provided an investment election, cash dividends are invested in the Balanced Fund Investment Option. The participant does not have the right to elect to have dividends for Kraft Stock and PMI Stock paid to them in cash.

#### **Master Trusts**

Certain assets of the Plan are co-invested with the assets of the Salaried Plan and the Savings Plan for Puerto Rico Employees, in a commingled investment fund known as the Altria Client Services Deferred Profit-Sharing Master Trust (Master Trust A) for which State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street) serves as the trustee. Certain assets of the Plan are co-invested with the assets of the Salaried Plan in a commingled investment fund known as the Altria Client Services Deferred Profit-Sharing Trust for Altria Stock, Kraft Stock and PMI Stock (Master Trust B) for which Fidelity Management Trust Company serves as the trustee.

Master Trust A and Master Trust B are hereinafter collectively referred to as the Master Trusts .

#### Withdrawals and Distributions

Participants may make in-service withdrawals in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Plan.

Distributions are made only when a person ceases to be a participant. Upon termination of employment, including retirement, a participant has numerous options available, as outlined in the Plan, with respect to the distribution of his or her Plan account balances.

#### Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants are permitted to borrow from their Plan accounts in accordance with the loan provisions and applicable interest rate as outlined in the Plan. Interest on participant loans is fixed for the term of the loan. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000 and the maximum loan amount is the lesser of one-half of a participant s account balance at the time of the loan request or \$50,000, less the participant s highest outstanding loan balance during the 12-month period preceding the loan request. Loan repayment periods range from two to twenty-five years depending on the type of loan.

# 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Basis of Presentation

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

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#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan s management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, in the financial statements and related disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan provides for diversified investment options in investment securities, other than the Common Stock Investment Options. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk and overall market volatility. The financial markets, both domestically and internationally, can experience significant volatility on a daily basis that affects the valuation of investments. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur and that such changes could materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements. Substantially all of the assets of Master Trust B are invested in Common Stocks, each of which could be subject to significant market fluctuations.

#### Valuation of Investment in Master Trusts

The Plan s investment in the Master Trusts and share of investment activities is based upon the total of the participants Plan accounts.

#### Valuation of the Master Trusts Investments and Income Recognition

Master Trust investment assets are reported at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 *Fair Value Measurements* for a detailed discussion of fair value measurements.

Investment transactions are accounted for on the date the purchase or sale is executed. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date; interest income is recorded as earned on an accrual basis. In accordance with the policy of stating investments at fair value, the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments reflects both realized gains or losses and the change in the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments held at year-end. Realized gains or losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method.

The Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits presents the fair value of the investment in Master Trust A, as well as the adjustment of the investment from fair value to contract value relating to investment contracts, which have fully benefit-responsive features. Contract value represents contributions and reinvested income, less any withdrawals plus accrued interest. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits is prepared on a contract value basis.

#### Withdrawals and Distributions

Withdrawals and distributions are recorded when paid.

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#### Expenses

Investment management fees, brokerage commissions (excluding those for the Common Stocks held in Master Trust B) and other investment related expenses are charged against the net asset value of the specific investment option and reduce investment return.

Administrative fees such as trustee fees, participant recordkeeping, communications, investment advisory, audit and certain legal fees are paid by the Master Trusts and charged directly to participant accounts, usually on a monthly basis.

Individual participant transaction fees (including fees associated with the trading of Common Stocks) and short-term redemption fees for sales of an investment option within a specified period of time after purchase are paid by the Master Trusts and are charged solely to the accounts of the participant who initiated the transaction.

#### 3. Master Trust A Investments

The Plan had a 21% and 22% interest in Master Trust A at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The Plan s interest in Master Trust A represents over 5% of the Plan s net assets at December 31, 2011 and 2010.

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, the net assets of Master Trust A were as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	2011	2010
Investments at fair value:		
Common/collective trusts	\$ 799,009	\$ 900,244
Investment contracts	1,056,902	1,030,128
Registered investment companies	316,564	299,364
Government securities	231,768	229,719
Other	73,018	66,944
Total investments	2,477,261	2,526,399
Receivables:		
Interest and dividend income	5,018	939
Liabilities:		
Securities purchased	(17,692)	
Net assets at fair value	2,464,587	2,527,338
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment		
contracts	(64,278)	(43,072)
Net assets	\$ 2,400,309	\$ 2,484,266

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Master Trust A investment activities for the year ended December 31, 2011 were as follows (in thousands of dollars):

Interest and dividends	\$ 45,446
Net appreciation in common/collective trusts	(20,357)
Net appreciation in registered investment companies	(7,627)
Net appreciation in government securities	9,391
Investment income	\$ 26,853

As discussed in Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Valuation of Investment in Master Trusts, allocations of the investment activities are based on participant Plan account balances.

Investment contracts held in the Interest Income Fund Investment Option may consist of traditional and/or synthetic guaranteed investment contracts (GIC or GICs) as determined by the investment manager for that option.

A traditional GIC provides for a fixed return on principal over a specified period of time through fully benefit-responsive contracts issued by a third party, which are backed by assets owned by the third party. The interest rates for traditional GICs are either agreed to in advance with the issuer or vary based on agreed formulas, but cannot be less than zero. Master Trust A had no traditional GICs as of December 31, 2011 or 2010.

A synthetic GIC provides for the preservation of principal at a specified rate of interest over a specified period of time through fully benefit-responsive wrapper contracts issued by a third party, which are backed by underlying assets owned by Master Trust A. The wrapper contract provider guarantees, except in the case of the occurrence of certain events discussed below, that participant withdrawals are made at contract or book value.

The portfolio of assets, overall of investment grade quality, underlying the synthetic GICs includes fixed income securities such as mortgages, corporate bonds, and United States Treasury securities. The difference between the contract value and the fair market value of the investments of each contract is periodically amortized into each contract s crediting rate, which is the rate earned by participants in the Interest Income Fund. The amortization factor is calculated by dividing the difference between the fair market value of the investments and the contract value by the duration of the underlying asset portfolio covered by the investment contract. The crediting rates for the synthetic GICs are calculated on a quarterly basis (or more frequently, if necessary) using the contract value, and the fair market value, yield and duration of the underlying securities, but cannot be less than zero. The contract value of the synthetic GICs was approximately \$979 million and \$987 million at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The relationship of future crediting rates and the adjustment to contract value reported on the statement of net assets available for benefits is provided through the mechanism of the crediting rate formula, as discussed above. Key factors that could influence future average interest crediting rates include, but are not limited to: Plan cash flows, changes in interest rates, total return performance of the fair market value bond strategies underlying each

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synthetic GIC contract, default or credit failures of any of the securities, investment contracts, or other investments held in the fund, or the initiation of an extended termination (immunization) of one or more synthetic GIC contracts by the investment manager or the contract issuer.

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, the average yields for synthetic GICs were as follows:

	2011	2010
Average yield earned	1.69%	2.37%
Average yield earned adjusted to reflect actual interest credited to Interest Income Fund		
Participants	3.13%	3.37%

There are certain events not initiated by Plan participants that could limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Specific coverage provided by each synthetic GIC may be different for each issuer, and can be found in the individual synthetic GIC contracts held by the Plan. Examples of such events include: the Plan s failure to qualify under the Code; full or partial termination of the Plan; involuntary termination of employment as a result of a corporate merger, divestiture, spin-off, or other significant business restructuring, which may include early retirement incentive programs or bankruptcy; changes to the administration of the Plan which decreases employee or employer contributions, the establishment of a competing Plan by the plan sponsor, the introduction of a competing investment option, or other plan amendment that has not been approved by the contract issuers; dissemination of a participant communication that is designed to induce participants to transfer assets from the stable value option; or events resulting in a material and adverse financial impact on the contract issuer, including changes in the tax code, laws or regulations.

The Plan Fiduciaries do not believe that the occurrence of any such event that would limit the Plan s ability to transact at contract value with participants is probable.

Contract issuers are not allowed to terminate any of the above synthetic GICs and settle at an amount different from contract value unless there is a breach of the contract which is not corrected within the applicable cure period. Actions that will result in a breach (after any relevant cure period) include, but are not limited to: material misrepresentation; failure to pay synthetic GIC fees, or any other payment due under the contract; or failure to adhere to investment guidelines.

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#### 4. Master Trust B Investments

The Plan had a 30% and 32% interest in Master Trust B at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The Plan s interest in Master Trust B represents over 5% of the Plan s net assets at December 31, 2011 and 2010.

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, the net assets of Master Trust B were as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	2011	2010
Investments at fair value:		
Common stocks:		
Altria Stock	\$ 983,110	\$ 837,741
PMI Stock	869,983	741,534
Kraft Stock	128,082	123,678
Cash and cash equivalents	24,156	24,627
Total investments	2,005,331	1,727,580
Receivable dividend income	17,697	16,804
Net assets	\$ 2,023,028	\$ 1,744,384

Master Trust B investment activities for the year ended December 31, 2011 were as follows (in thousands of dollars):

Dividends on common stocks:	
Altria Stock	\$ 54,625
PMI Stock	32,516
Kraft Stock	4,100
Net appreciation in common stocks:	
Altria Stock	167,082
PMI Stock	233,281
Kraft Stock	20,882
Investment income	\$ 512,486