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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 2004

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office
Dublin Airport
County Dublin Ireland
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F..X.. Form 40-F.....

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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HIGH FARE AIRLINES ARE STILL PROFITEERING
FROM FUEL SURCHARGES AS FUEL PRICES FALL

Ryanair, Europe's No.1 low fares airline, today (Thursday, 9th December 2004) criticised Europe's high fares airlines for continuing to price gouge consumers with ridiculous fuel surcharges, even though oil prices have fallen by over 30% to less than \$40 per barrel in recent weeks.

| | FUEL SURCHARGE | AVERAGE FARE |
|------------|----------------|--------------|
| RYANAIR | NO | EUR40 |
| AIR FRANCE | YES | EUR222 |
| LUFTHANSA | YES | EUR227 |
| KLM | YES | EUR232 |
| BA | YES | EUR272 |

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(Source: Ryanair 12 months to March 04, latest published annual reports & published information)

Ryanair's Head of Communications, Paul Fitzsimmons said:

"When fuel prices started to increase last year, BA, Air France, KLM and Lufthansa were very quick to penalise consumers through extortionate fuel surcharges. Not content with just one fuel surcharge, airlines like BA have introduced THREE separate fuel surcharge increases to passengers.

"Fuel prices have now reduced by 30%, and still this profiteering by high fares airlines continues.

"Consumers can rest assured that Ryanair, which GUARANTEED to never introduce fuel surcharges, is committed to lowering fares to consumers, not increasing them. It is no wonder millions of consumers are choosing Ryanair because only Ryanair offers passengers Europe's lowest fares, unbeatable punctuality and customer service and GUARANTEED no fuel surcharges. It is time these already high fares airlines stop profiteering from fuel surcharges".

Ends.

Thursday, 9th December 2004

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SIGNATURES

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, hereunto duly authorized.

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC

Date: 09 December, 2004

By:___/s/ Howard Millar___

H Millar
Company Secretary & Finance Director