

The story...

Wizard banking

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Need-to-know language

treasures – collections of valuable things

currency – type of money used in a particular country or region

vault – (here) strong and secure room in a bank where valuable things are kept (such as money)

profits – money a business makes after paying its costs

turnover – amount of money a business makes over a certain period of time

Answer this...

What is the treasure used in the bank, made of?

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Transcript

Take a look inside the hallowed halls of Gringotts Wizarding Bank - underneath the crystal chandeliers, flanked by impressive marble pillars. But this isn't magic. It's real life.

Warwick Davis, actor

It's fantastic being back here on the original Gringotts Bank set, where over ten years ago now, I played Griphook here - this guy down the front; the good-looking one!

And as seen on screen, to the finest of details, gold-lined **treasures** and piles of Galleons - the wizarding **currency**. But thieves - be warned! It wouldn't be Gringotts without goblins.

Warwick Davis, actor

It was a real restoration process for you, wasn't it? To bring all of these back to life and back to kind of camera-ready condition. You know, because these sorts of products deteriorate very quickly in storage, so it's quite a feat to actually see them here looking as good as they do.

Sarita Allison, make-up artist

Everything you see here, we've made especially for the tour.

Included in the tour is a sneak peek inside the **vault** of dark witch Bellatrix Lestrange. And you won't need Polyjuice Potion to enter.

Pierre Bohanna, prop maker

There's about 38,000 pieces of treasure, of rubberised treasure, that was originally made. As you can see by example, here's a Hufflepuff cup – you see it's all squidgy.

Warner Brothers has good reason to include a bank in the latest renovations of the studios, just outside London. The behind-the-scenes tour boosted the studio's **profits 69** percent in 2017, generating after-tax **turnover** of 60 million pounds. But with goblins in charge, a profit like that will surely be buried deep within the vaults of Gringotts.

Did you get it?

What is the treasure used in the bank made of?

It is rubberised – it's made of rubber.