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Our vision

To be among the world's most admired, valuable and stable **universal banks**, powered by **market-leading businesses** in **large customer-driven markets**

1. UK anchor

Sustain an attractive and highly defensible customer driven franchise in the UK:

- Build on leadership positions across our chosen segments
- Predicated on a strong belief in the long-term attractiveness of risk adjusted returns in the UK, from a leadership position

2.Global opportunities

Focus on select global opportunities that:

- Provide a deep local franchise, or
- Enable us to take advantage of long term globalisation trends and
 - Allow us credibly to compete
 - Are complementary to the Group
 - Deliver material synergies

3. Extending our Core through disciplined, consistent execution

Prioritise risk adjusted returns over growth

 Selectively grow through pursuing opportunities that are within or contiguous to our Core franchises

Our strategy

Core Bank The focus for sustainable value creation

- Built around customer-driven franchises
- Comprehensive business restructuring
- Substantial efficiency and resource changes
- Adapting to future banking climate (regulation, liquidity etc)

Non-Core Bank The primary driver of risk reduction

- Businesses that do not meet our Strategic Tests, including both stressed and non-stressed assets
- Radical financial restructuring
- Route to balance sheet and funding strength
- Reduction of management stretch

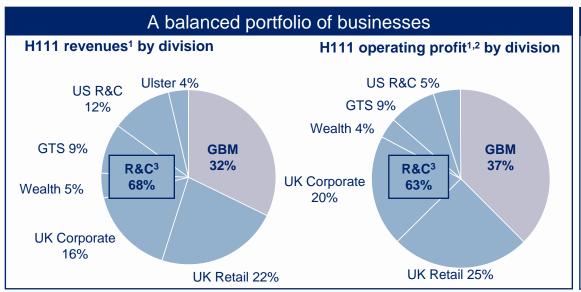


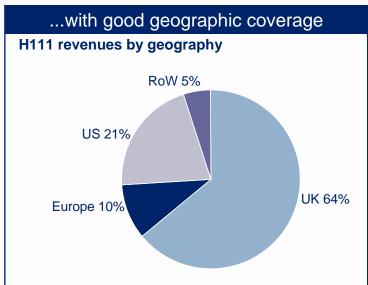
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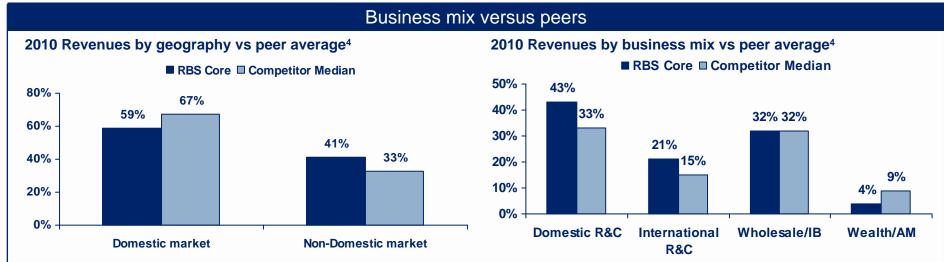
- Strategic change from "pursuit of growth", to "sustainability, stability and customer focus"
- Culture and management change
- Fundamental risk "revolution" (macro, concentrations, management, governance)
- Asset Protection Scheme (2012 target for exit)



Core Bank 2011 – A balanced business mix

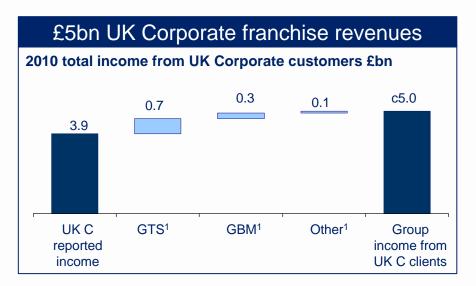


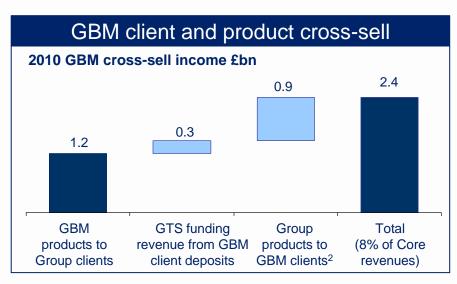


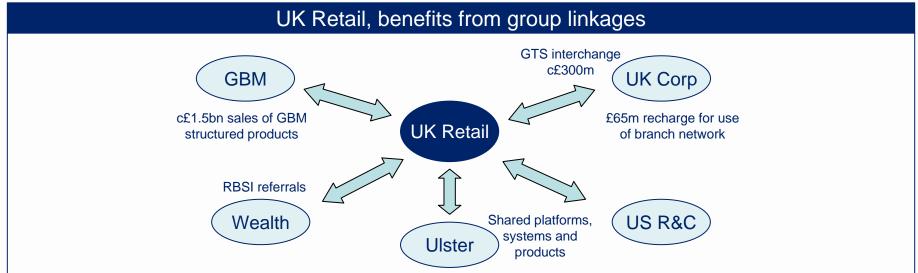


¹ RBS Core excluding RBS Insurance and Central items. ² Excludes Ulster Bank. ³ Retail & Commercial. ⁴ Based on FY10 results, peers consist of Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Barclays, BNP Paribas, Citigroup, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, JP Morgan Chase, LBG, Mitsubishi UFJ, Morgan Stanley, Nomura, Santander, Societe Generale, Sumitomo, UBS.

Strong divisional connectivity with more potential







Source – RBS Group estimates. ¹ Income from UK Corporate customers booked in other divisions. ² Other product sales are GTS sales of Cash Management and Trade & Asset Finance from Citizens to GBM North America Clients.

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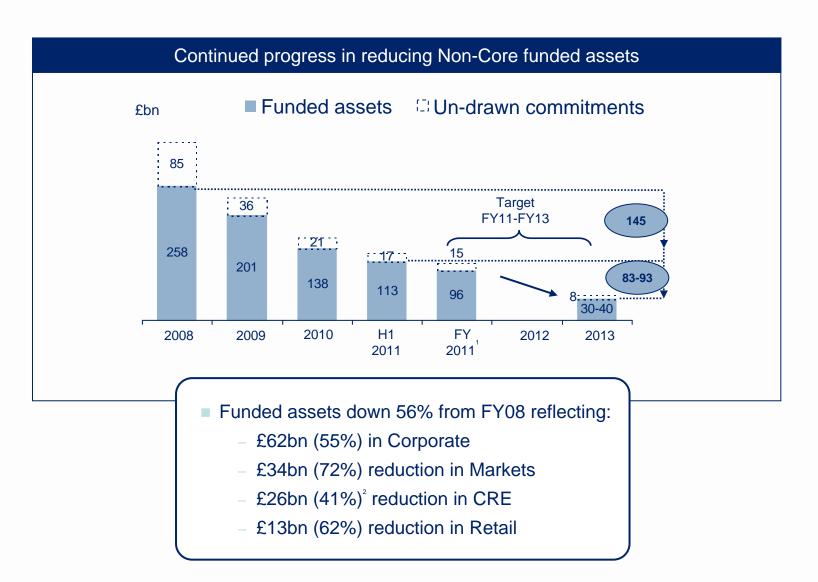
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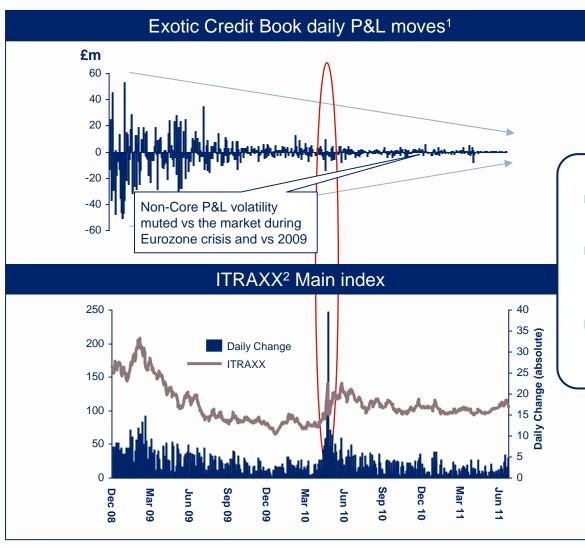
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Reducing risk – Non-Core run-down continues



¹ Previous target for funded assets for 2011 was £118bn. 2 46% reduction on a like-for-like basis adjusting for transfer of Irish mortgages to CRE portfolio

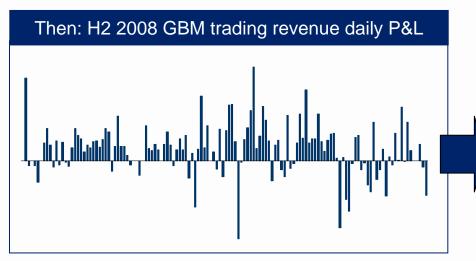
Reducing risk – Non-Core market risk lowered

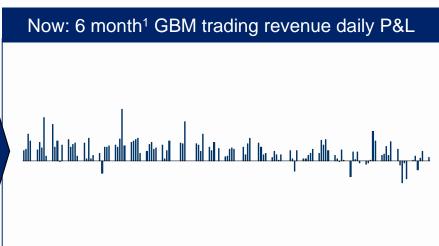


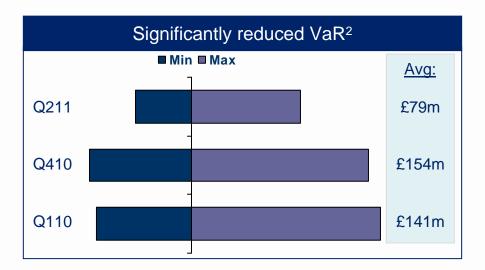
- Significant progress in reducing exotic trading risk and volatility
- Majority of market risk associated with the correlation trading portfolio exited by end Q2
- Driving a commensurate reduction in trading VaR and P&L volatility

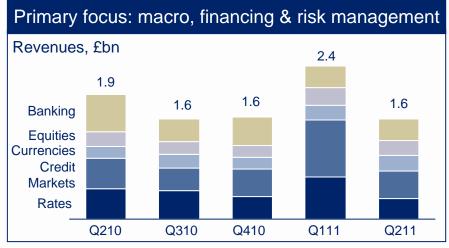
¹Excludes one-off disposal costs. ² ITRAXX = Credit default swap index.

Reducing risk - GBM market risk lowered



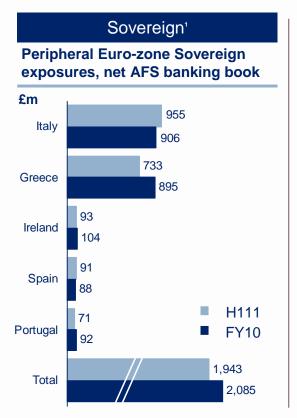


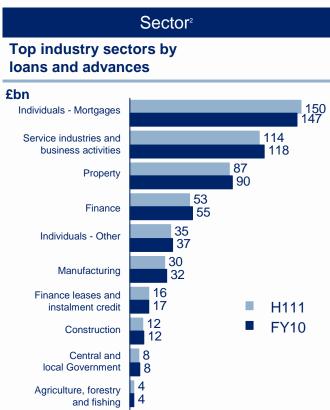


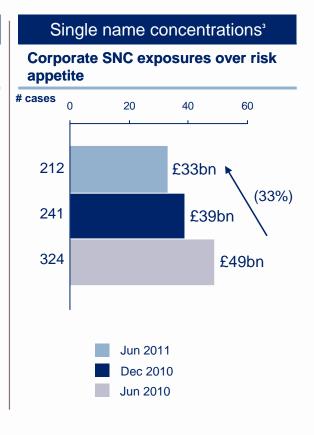


¹ Six months to 16/08/11. ² Group VaR

Reducing risk – Credit concentrations reduced



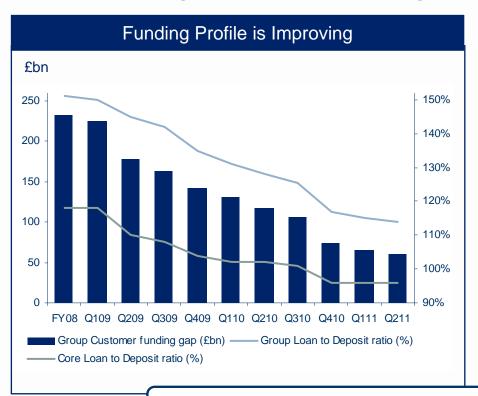


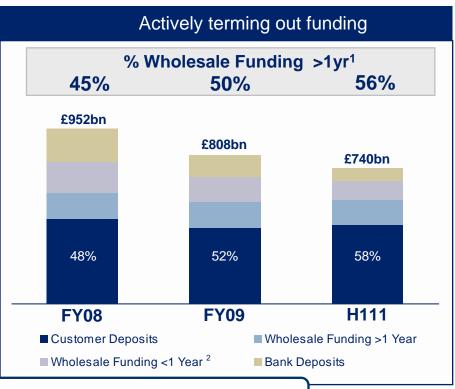


- Modest peripheral European Sovereign exposures
- Property exposure down 3% h-o-h
- Continued good progress on SNCs, exposures down 33% y-o-y

¹ Net AFS banking book debt securities exposure. ² Loans and advances to customers ex banks excluding reverse repos and disposal groups, excluding interest accruals. ³ The SNC framework sets graduated appetite levels according to counterparty credit ratings. The chart shows corporate names that are in breach of the framework.

Reducing risk - Funding position strengthened



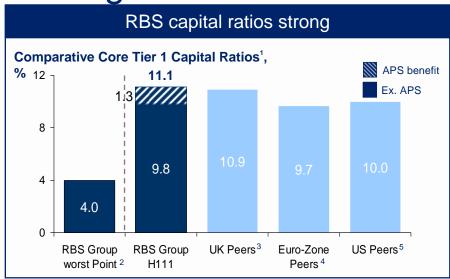


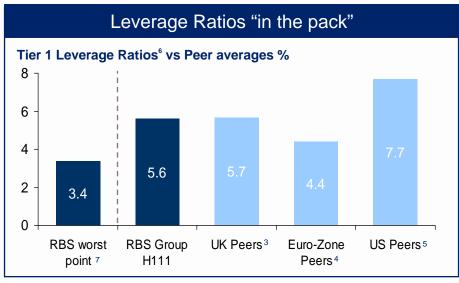
- Core loan to deposit ratio remains at 96%
- NSFR improved to 97% from 96% at Q111
- Customer deposits of 58% better than European peer average (54%)³

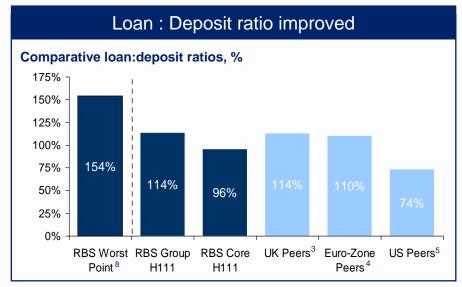
2011 term funding substantially achieved, £21bn of £23bn target raised by end August

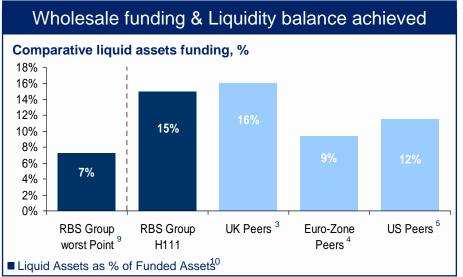
¹ Excludes deposits received from customers and banks. 2 Excluding bank deposits. 3 Average of 90 European banks per EBA stress test, 2011

Reducing risk - Balance sheet metrics increasingly strong









¹ As at H111. ² As at 1 January 2008. ³ UK Peers consist of Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds Banking Group and Standard Chartered at H111. ⁴ Euro-Zone Peers consist of Deutsche Bank, Santander, BNP Paribas at H111. ⁵ US Peers consist of Bank of America, Citigroup, JP Morgan and Wells Fargo at H111. ⁶ Tier 1 leverage ratio is Tier 1 Capital divided by funded tangible assets. ⁷ As at FY07. ⁸ As at October 2008. ⁹ As at FY08. ¹⁰ Source: Company Information & RBS Estimates: Liquid assets comprise AFS debt securities and cash, except for RBS, Lloyds & Barclays where company quoted liquidity is used.

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Q2 11 performance review

Core Business:							
	Q211	Q210					
Operating profit ¹	£1.7bn	£1.6bn	+6% driven by UK Retail performance and Insurance turn-around				
Return on Equity ^{1,2}	12%	12%	Momentum in UK Retail offset by subdued GBM				
R&C NIM	3.22%	3.11%	+11bps due to higher asset margins, offsetting funding & liquidity costs				
Cost: income ratio 1,3	58%	57%	Reduction in GBM income driving increase in C:I ratio				
Impairments	£0.9bn	£1.1bn	Reduction in most divisions, most notably GBM, UK Retail, US R&C				
Loan : deposit ratio⁴	96%	102%	LDR improved, better than 2013 target of 100%				

Group Progress:						
	Q211	Q210				
Operating profit	£818m	£250m	Recovery largely due to lower Non-Core losses			
Non-Core funded assets	£113bn	£174bn	Reduction achieved, on target to be <10% of group assets FY11			
Capital strength	11.1%	10.5%	Robust Core Tier 1 position enhanced			

¹ Excluding Fair Value of Own Debt (FVoD). ² Equity allocated based on share of Group tangible equity. ³ Adjusted C:I ratio net of insurance claims. ⁴ Net of provisions.

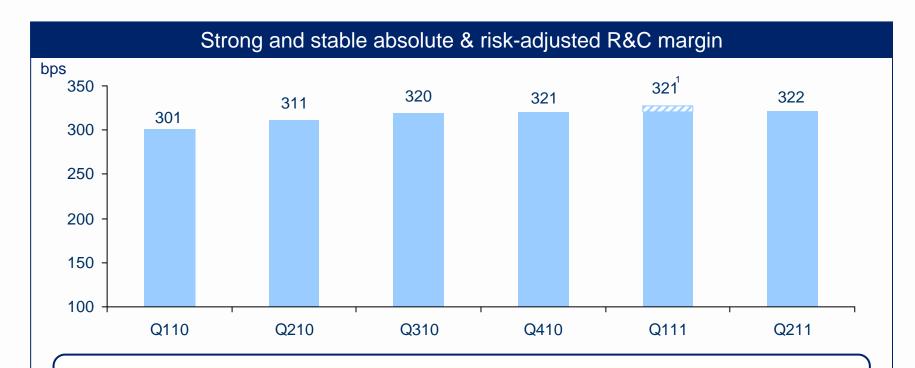
Good progress vs 2013 targets

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Group – Key performance indicators	Worst point	Q2 10 Actual	Q2 11 Actual	2013 Target
Loan : deposit ratio (net of provisions)	154% ¹	128%	114%	c100%
Short-term wholesale funding ²	£297bn ³	£163bn	£148bn	<£125bn
Liquidity portfolio⁴	£90bn ³	£137bn	£155bn	c£150bn
Leverage ratio ^⁵	28.7x ⁶	17.2x	17.8x	<20x
Core Tier 1 Capital ratio	4% ⁷	10.5%	11.1%	>8%15
Return on Equity (RoE)	(31%) ⁸	Core 12% ^{9,10}	Core 12% ^{9,10}	Core >15%
Cost: income ratio ¹²	97% 11	Core 57% ¹⁰	Core 58% ¹⁰	Core <50%
Divisions – Key performance indicators	Worst point	Q2 10 Actual	Q2 11 Actual	2013 Target
Retail & Commercial:				
RoE	7% ¹³	11%	12%	>20%
Cost: income ratio ¹²	60% ¹³	55%	55%	c45%
Loan: deposit ratio ¹⁴	99%3	90%	87%	<90%
GBM:				
RoE	(9%) ³	15%	9%	>15%
Cost: income ratio ¹²	169% ³	53%	69%	c.55%
Non-Core:				
Third Party Assets	£258bn ³	£174bn	£113bn	£30-40bn

¹ As at October 2008 ² Amount of unsecured wholesale funding under 1 year including bank deposits <1 year excluding derivatives collateral. ³ As of December 2008 ⁴ Eligible assets held for contingent liquidity purposes including cash, government issued securities and other securities eligible with central banks. ⁵ Funded tangible assets divided by Tier 1 Capital. ⁶ As of June 2008 ⁷ As of 1 January 2008. ⁸ Group return on tangible equity for 2008 ⁹ Indicative: Core attributable profit taxed at 28% on attributable core average tangible equity (c70% of Group tangible equity based on RWAs). ¹⁰ Excluding fair value of own debt (FVoD). ¹¹ 2008. ¹² Adjusted cost:income ratio net of insurance claims. ¹³ As of December 2009. ¹⁴ Net of provisions. ¹⁵ Under review.

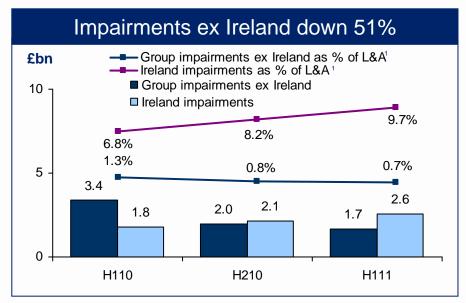
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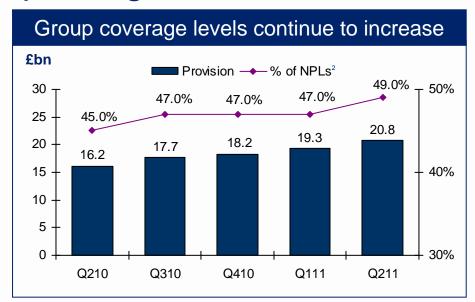
Core Retail & Commercial Margin stable

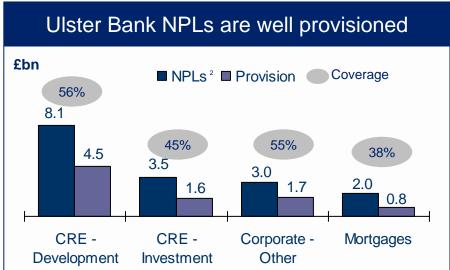


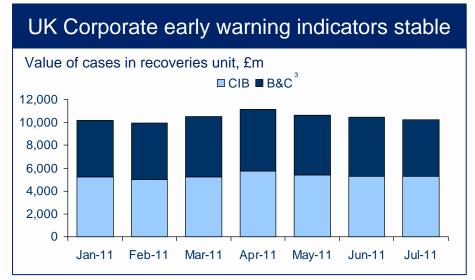
- R&C represents 87% of Group NII
- Asset and Liability margins broadly stable
- Balance sheet remains asset-sensitive

Impairment trends stable/improving





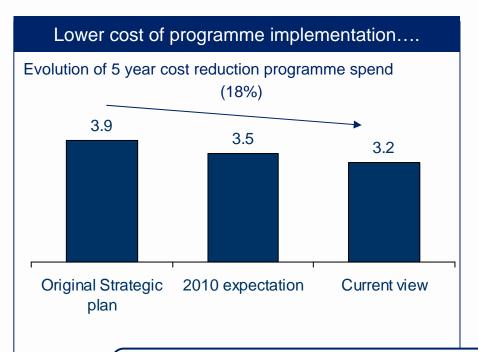




¹ Gross loans to customers excluding reverse repos, including disposal groups. ² Risk Elements in Lending. ³ CIB = Corporate and Institutional Banking customers with turnover >£25m; B&C = Business and Commercial Banking customers with turnover <£25m.

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Cost reduction programme delivering ahead of expectations



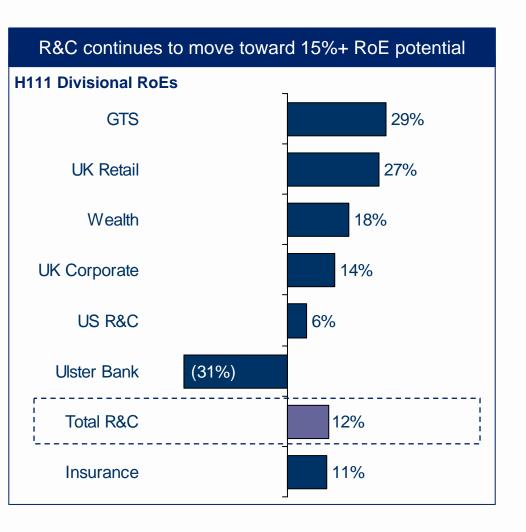


- Strong returns from cost reduction programme to date
- Ahead of expected savings of current programme with lower spend
- 1:1 annualised benefit expected by 2013

Actively working on further cost initiatives given economic outlook

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Strong base for medium-term RoE improvement



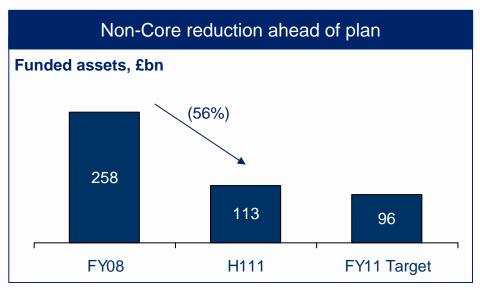
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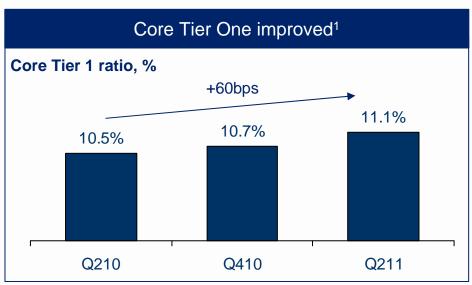
- GTS New Management in place, franchise gaining traction
- UK Retail Strong financial momentum, excellent customer franchise
- Wealth Executing strategy, adjusting footprint and refining products
- UK Corporate Customer focus is driving strong results, investment plan is delivering

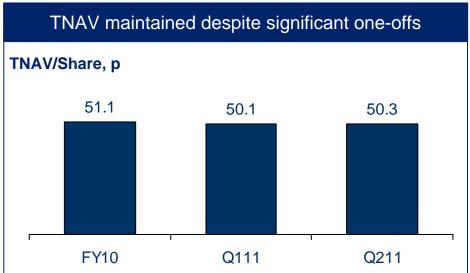
Laggards:

- US R&C Franchise continues to improve, early signs of asset growth
- Ulster Bank PBIL steady, impairments starting to fall
- Insurance Turnaround plan continues to deliver, on track for IPO

Robust CT1 and TNAV trends despite rapid Non-Core reduction







Both CT1 ratio and TNAV remain robust despite:

- Non-Core down 56% from inception
 - Asset disposals 40%² of this run-down
 - Average disposal loss of c3%
- Elevated Core and Non-Core Ulster Bank impairments
- Significant one-offs, e.g. PPI and Greek bond impairment

¹ Core tier 1 ratio includes APS benefit of 1.3% at Q210, 1.2% at Q410 and 1.3% at Q211. ² FY09-H111.

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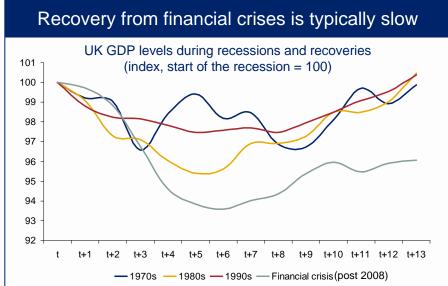
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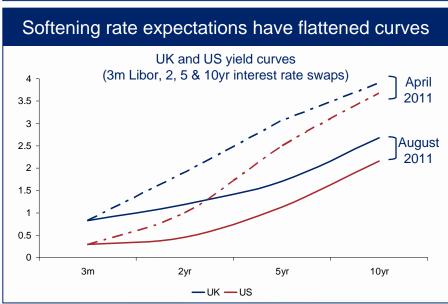
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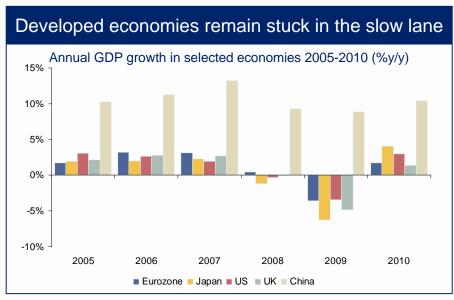
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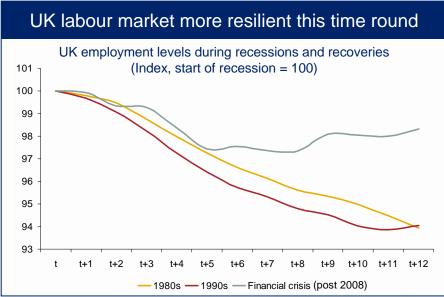
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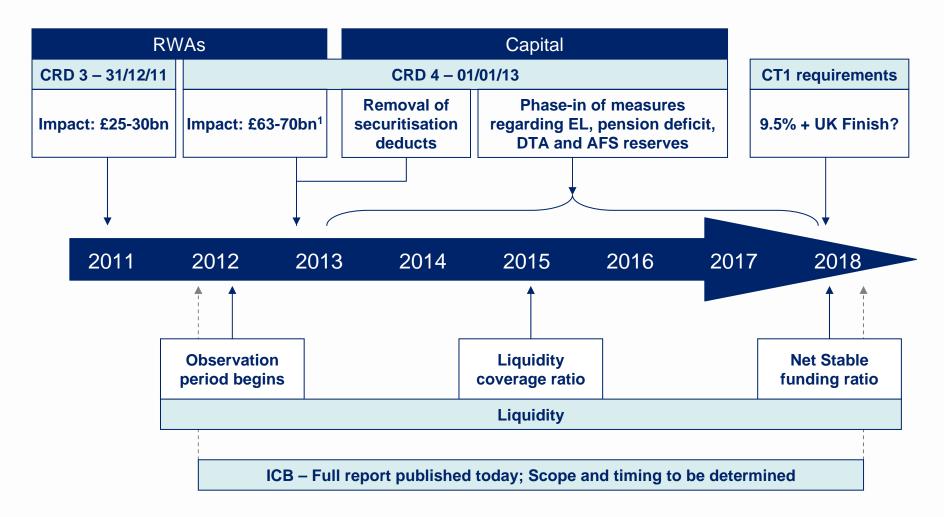






External challenges – Regulatory changes

2011-2018 regulatory timeline



¹ Net equivalent change in RWAs after reflecting the impact of the current capital deduction from Core Tier 1. Gross impact of CRD 4 Deductions is forecast to be c£30-35bn; net impact included in the £63-70bn above is £18-20bn.

External challenges - Impact and response

External factor	RBS / Industry impact	RBS response		
Weak economic recovery	Lower loan growth Lower customer activity	Improve cross-sell and drive even greater efficiency		
Interest Rates "lower for longer"	Absence of liability margin uplift	Optimise funding and deposit structure Continued focus on costs		
Euro-zone crisis	Lower investor activity Continued market uncertainty	Continue to de-risk YTD funding ahead of plan		
Lower Investment Banking activity	Lower revenues	Cost efficiency programme Re-examine optimal balance sheet size		
Hostile litigation environment	Uncertainty for all stakeholders	Vigorous defence		
Unprecedented regulatory / political pressure	Higher costs to customers Lower supply of credit	Consistent dialogue and engagement with relevant stakeholders		

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Areas for discussion:

- Summary thoughts on Final Report
- Thoughts on Ring-fencing proposal
 - Potential implications
 - Potential costs
 - Range of potential outcomes
- Process and timetable going forward
- Any other implications

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- Macro uncertainties remain:
 - Subdued economic and interest rate outlook
 - Euro-zone concerns persevere
 - Clients remain risk-averse, outlook cautious
 - Irish economy showing signs of stabilisation
- But regulatory path becoming clearer:
 - ICB proposals announced today
 - Basel III framework scoped out
- Significant business progress has been made:
 - Non-Core risk reduction ahead of plan
 - Funding and liquidity significantly strengthened
 - Investing in Core franchises to improve business efficiency and customer experience
 - Most divisions generating RoE > CoE
 - "Laggard" divisions making significant progress on path to recovery

Strong Core franchises maintaining good performance despite external challenges

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Questions?