

Where have we got to? What next?

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RBS journey – key elements

- Clear strategy set in 2009
- Clear structure and Road Map for implementation
- Two parallel tasks
 - Huge restructuring: risk reduction, implementation of strategic target for size & shape
 - Core businesses liberated to support customers. Retooling to correct underperformance
- Staged success measures in both tasks with milestones passing on road to 'normal bank'
- Time, energy, resources & confidence liberated from progress in twin tasks can be redeployed to help move RBS from 'normal bank' to 'really good bank'

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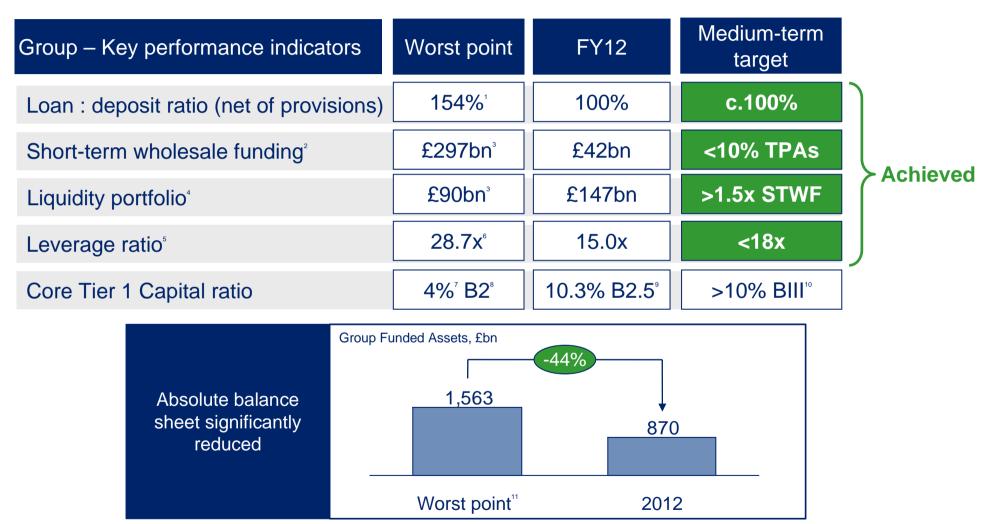
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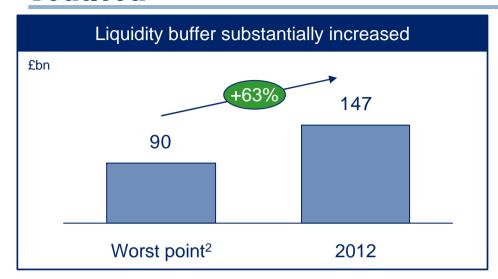
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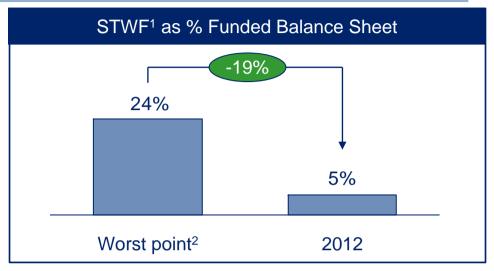
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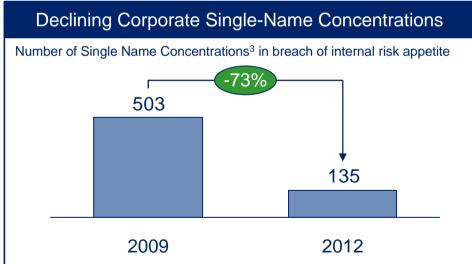


¹ As at October 2008. ² Unsecured wholesale funding <1 year to maturity. Including bank deposits <1 year. Excluding derivatives collateral. ³ As of December 2008. ⁴ Eligible assets held for contingent liquidity purposes including cash, government issued securities and other securities eligible with central banks. ⁵ Funded tangible assets divided by Tier 1 Capital. ⁶ As of June 2008. ⁷ As of 1 January 2008. ⁸ Based on Basel II Regulatory Requirements. ⁹ Includes impact of CRD3 Regulatory Requirements. ¹⁰ Fully compliant under Basel III Regulatory Requirements. ¹¹ Statutory funded assets at 31 December 2007

Our funding and liquidity positions are robust and risk much reduced



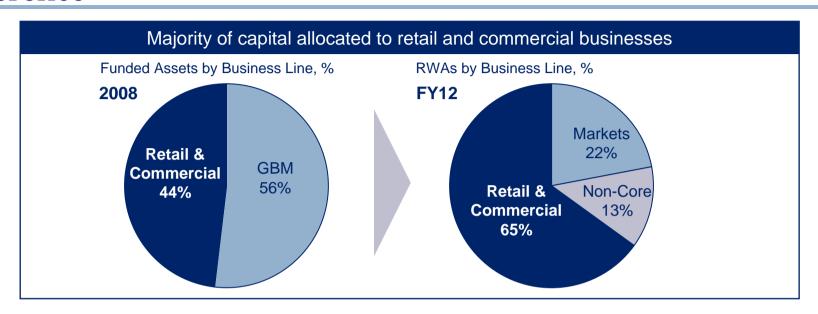






¹ Short-term Wholesale Funding; comprises the sum of all the Group's outstanding debt securities, subordinated liabilities and wholesale bank deposits with a residual maturity of less than one year, excluding derivative collateral. ² Worst point taken as at FY08 except Loan: Deposit Ratio (October 2008). ³ 2009 methodology includes all counterparties graded AQ1 - AQ8. 2012 methodology includes AQ9-AQ10 in the population but excludes counterparties in Global Restructuring Group which have an exit strategy, counterparties with known technical and systems issues and undrawn, uncommitted exposures. The 2012 methodology also applies certain product scalars and includes banking book issuer risk.

Scale and scope of Group has reduced to regain strategic coherence



Geographic presence rationalised

- Wholesale:
 - Exited 18 countries
 - Target client universe from 26,000 to 5,000
- Retail:
 - Exited 8 countries
 - Now 3 key markets:
 UK, US and Ireland

Products exited

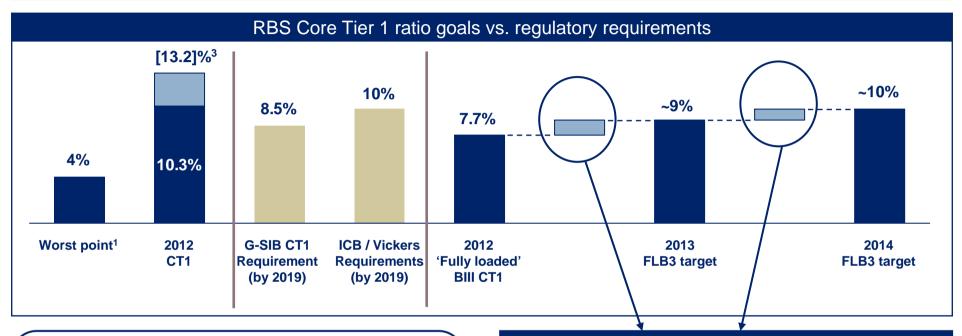
- Project financing
- Asset Management
- Structured Asset Finance
- Non-Conforming ABS
- Equities, ECM, Corporate Broking
- M&A

Businesses exited

We have exited or will exit:

- Commodities business Sempra
- World Pay
- DLG (sold to below 50%)
- Asian, EME and LatAm Retail
- Aviation Capital
- Wealth in Africa, LatAm & Carribean

We are working to fulfil Basel and ICB capital requirements c.5 years early



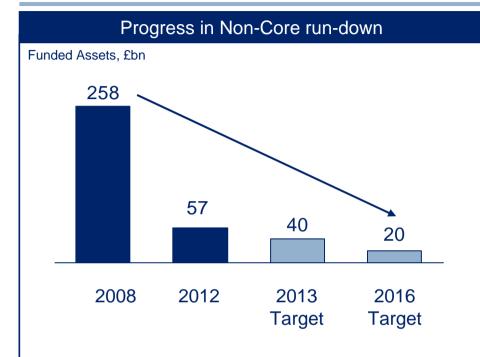
- We expect to be above the G-SIB 2019 requirement by end 2013
- We are on a clear path towards an even stronger >10% CT1² ratio as we return to profitability

Key contributors to capital build

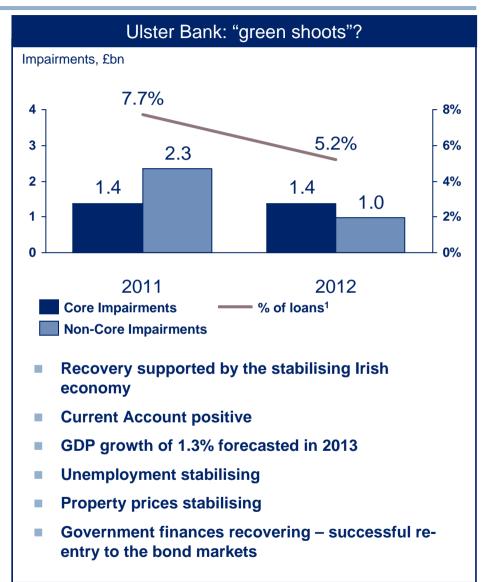
- Markets and Non-Core shrinkage
- CRDIV mitigation
- Lower expected loss and DTAs
- Attributable profit starting to come through

¹ As of 1 January 2008. ² Fully-loaded Basel III. ³ 10.3% excluding c.290bps of regulatory uplifts impacting reported CT1 ratio over the past few years.

And to finish the job in Non-Core and see a marked turn in Ireland



- Non-Core assets reduced by over £200bn
- Move toward more passive management from 2014
- Global Restructuring Group (GRG) will continue to actively manage down stressed assets. Focus on optimising recovery rates and releasing capital
- 50% expected to run-off by end 2016
- Balance is long maturity assets and GRG workouts



¹ Total Core and Non-Core Ulster impairments as a % gross loans and advances.

Work continues on putting past conduct issues behind us

Status Issue Resolution with FSA and US regulators agreed. Others to come **LIBOR** Those responsible held to account New and enhanced controls now in place SME swaps Provision taken. Claims processing during 2013 PPI Continue to provide to best estimates, closely monitoring claims Includes US sanctions, litigation and other regulatory risks - status Other ongoing and being monitored

- Increasing clarity on resolution of largest legacy issues
- Continue to work towards constructive outcomes with authorities
- But still quite uncertain environment

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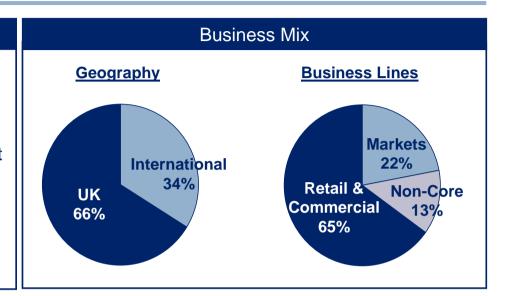
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RBS Core business – where do we stand now



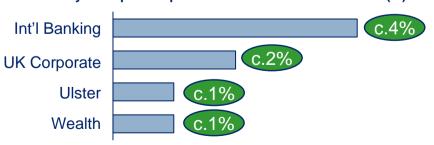
- £7.4bn operating profit in 2012 (£6.3bn incl. Ulster)
- 13% Return on Equity (10% incl. Ulster)
- Group loan:deposit ratio at 'gold standard' target of 100%
- Cost: income ratio of 59% with costs down 4% YoY
- All despite a flat operating environment



Leading market positions and strong connectivity between Core businesses

- Top 5 in over 90%¹ of our key product markets
- Strong connectivity

Connectivity example – Impact of Markets on divisional RoE (%)



- Shared infrastructure, IT, operations
- Business Services and Group Centre (costs c.£5bn)
- Shared revenues of c.£2bn
- Sharing of best practice, product platforms
- Strong customer referral network

¹ Top 5 across all products in UK Retail, UK Corporate and Ulster. Top 5 in UK operations within Wealth and International Banking. Citizens top 5 in 8 out of 10 major operating operating markets. Markets top 5 in 3 out of 5 core products (based on data provided by Coalition using the following peer set - JPM, BOA. GS, Barclays, Citi, CS, DB, MS, UBS and RBS)

To get here we have sustained Core customer market positions

UK Corporate

- #1' SME Bank
- #1° Corporate Bank

UK Retail

- #2° for UK current accounts
- 13m customers

International Banking

- #1 UK⁴, #6 Global⁵ in cash management
- #1 UK, #10 Global⁶ Bookrunner of syndicated loans

Markets

■ Top 5' in FX, Rates and Asset Backed Products

Wealth

#2° UK Wealth Management Provider

US R&C

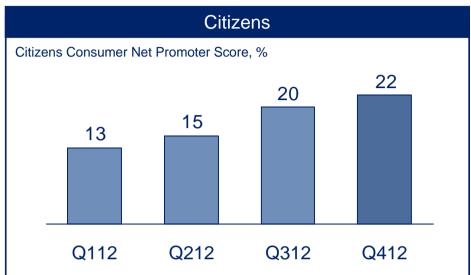
- Top 5° player in 8 markets
- 9th largest branch distribution

Ulster Bank

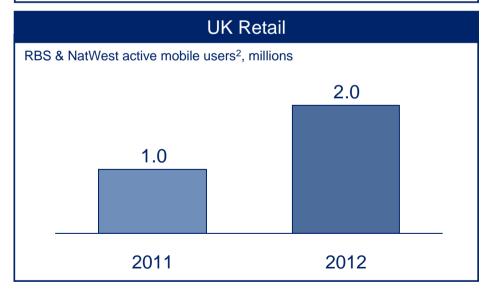
- #1¹⁰ bank in Northern Ireland
- #3 Island of Ireland

¹ RBSG 26% main bank market share. Chaterhouse Business Banking Survey Q2 2012. ² pH Group (Experian). ³ GfK NOP Financial Research Survey (FRS) 6 months ending June 2012, market share of all current accounts, UK Retail includes RBS, NatWest and Coutts. ⁴ Ranked #1 for market footprint UK, 2012 Greenwich Share Leader – European Large Corporate Cash Management. ⁵ Euromoney results for Corporates, FY11. ⁶ Dealogic Loans Review H112. ⁷ Coalition and RBS estimates, FY11. ⁸ Deposits and investments excluding lending, June 2012. ⁹ Deposit market share data, FDIC. ¹⁰ PWC annual survey for Corporate; IPSOS MORI for Retail.

Focused on serving customers well but can do much better



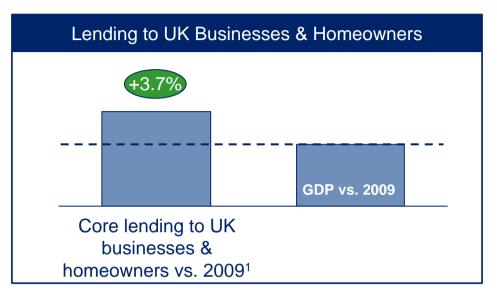


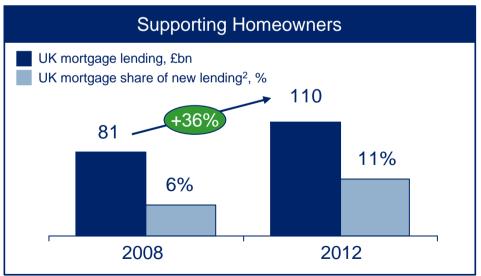




¹ Latest result = Q312, Prior Year Q311. ² Represents customers actively using mobile services for transactions or alerts. ³ Cash Management Survey Greenwich data.

Sustained strong financial support to customers



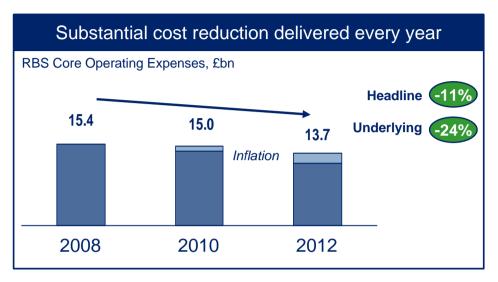


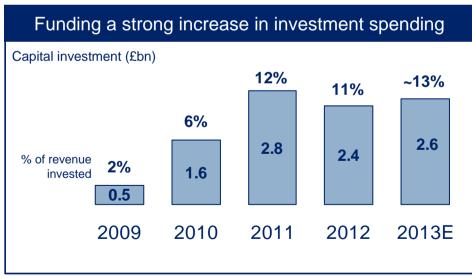
Supporting Businesses

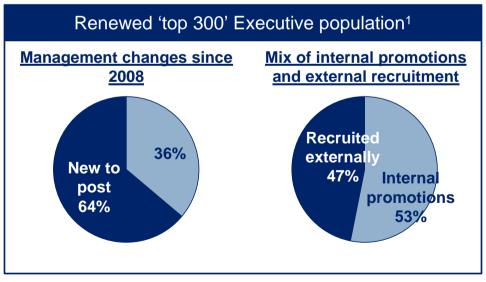
- Offered more than £58 billion of loans and facilities to UK businesses in 2012, of which more than £30 billion was to SMEs
- Accounted for 35% of all SME lending, compared with 24% relationship share
- Over 90% acceptance rate on all SME applications
- Accounted for only 6% of industry credit decision appeals and only 20% of these were overturned versus the 40% industry average

¹ Excludes Commercial Real Estate. ² Source: Source: GfK FRS: Base: All mortgages opened in the last 12 months: Time period: 6 months ending December 2008, 2012.

Whilst retooling the business

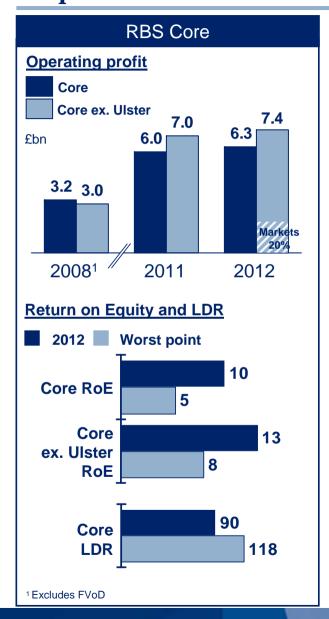


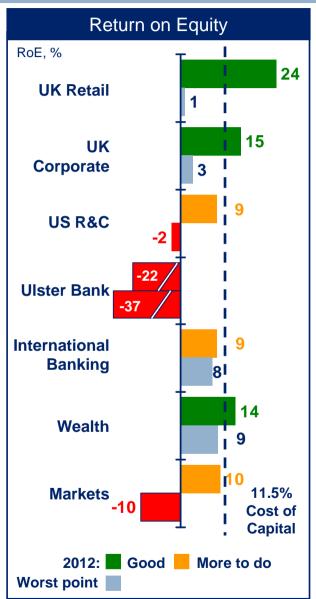


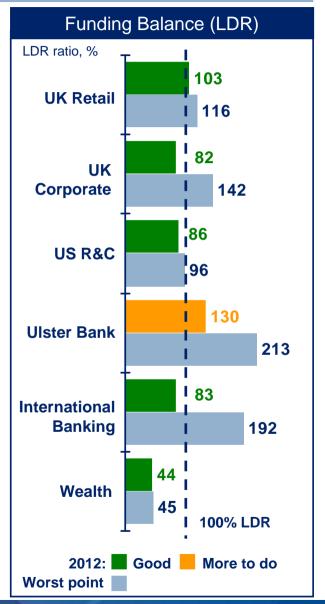


¹ RBS Executive population (currently 286).

And this has allowed us to generate good Core earnings and improve RoE and LDR







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Milestones Outcome Preference share coupons Discretionary coupons paid in 2012 2 APS Scheme exited in October 2012 with no claim 3 Repaying government funding CGS and SLS schemes fully repaid in 2012 & liquidity support World pay - Completed Sempra - Completed EC mandated sales DLG - Successfully sold below 50% Branch sale - process re-launched 5 In compliance with all balance sheet & EC mandated behaviours business activity requirements

Path to 2015

Milestones	Outcome
1 Capital Ratios	Fulfil Basel (8.5%) and ICB (10%) requirements
Non-Core	Achieve £40bn TPA target by end 2013
3 Markets	Further reduce RWAs to £80bn by end-2014, versus previous target of £100-110bn
Dividend Block	Aspire to repurchase Dividend Access Share and establish dividend policy
5 Privatisation	Aspire to make government share sale possible

Challenges

- Finish the job on restructuring
- Conduct regulation reach a better place
- Achieve "public policy" requirements whilst sustaining customer and shareholder appeal
- Sustain energy, focus, commitment and pace of change from our people
- Growth hard to find until Customers growing too

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Whatever else RBS does, we are striving to this end

Our purpose

To serve our customers well

To be trusted, respected and valued by our customers, shareholders and communities

Serving Customers
Working together
Doing the right thing
Thinking long-term

This is not the position we started from in 2009

We have a clear ambition to serve customers well and **build a really good bank.**

And this is what we aim to look like

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