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Q2 2023 Results

Fixed Income Investors

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Chief Financial Officer

Strong H1 2023 performance

Strong earnings and returns

£3.6bn

Operating profit before tax
vs £2.6bn in H1'22

£2.3bn

Attributable profit
vs £1.9bn in H1'22

18.2%

Return on Tangible Equity
vs 13.1% in H1'22

Focused on growth, efficiency and operating leverage

£7.4bn

Income ex notable items¹
+~£1.5bn vs H1'22

£3.8bn

Other operating expenses
+ £323m² vs H1'22

49.3%

Cost to Income ratio³
vs 56.0% in H1'22

Strong capital generation and £2.5bn distributions⁴

£0.5bn

Interim dividend
announced 5.5p per share
up from 3.5p for H1'22

£1.8bn

Buybacks
£1.3bn DBB⁵ and £500m
new on-market buyback

13.5%

CET1 ratio
vs 14.2% at FY'22, incl. **£0.3bn**
accrual towards final dividend

1. Total income excluding notable items. 2. Of which ~£60m one-off cost of living payment. 3. Cost:income ratio is total costs excluding litigation and conduct, divided by total income. 51.6% excluding income from notable items. £2.5bn includes £1.8bn buybacks, £0.5bn interim dividend and £0.3bn accrual for final dividend, does not cast due to rounding. 5. Directed buyback

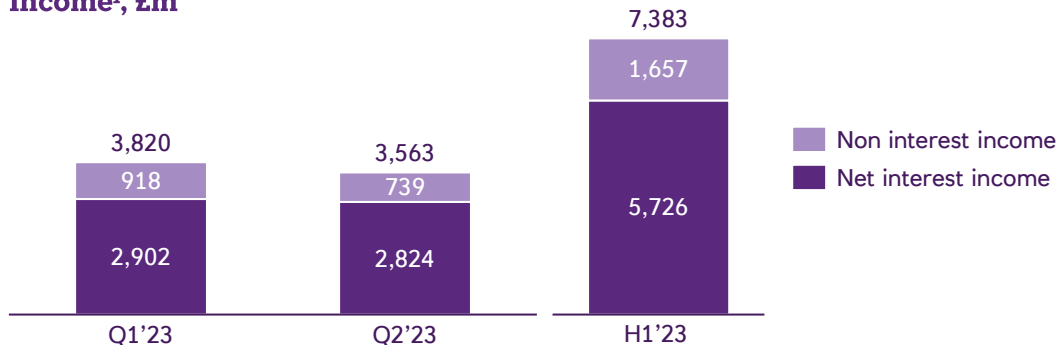
Strong Q2'23 operating performance

Group, £m	Q2'23	Q1'23	Q2'23 vs Q1'23	H1'23	H1'22	H1'23 vs H1'22
Net interest income, ex notable items ¹	2,824	2,902	(2.7%)	5,726	4,334	32.1%
Non-interest income, ex notable items ¹	739	918	(19.5%)	1,657	1,564	5.9%
Total income, ex notable items¹	3,563	3,820	(6.7%)	7,383	5,898	25.2%
Total income	3,851	3,876	(0.6%)	7,727	6,219	24.2%
Other operating expenses	(1,875)	(1,932)	(3.0%)	(3,807)	(3,484)	9.3%
Litigation and conduct costs	(52)	(56)	(7.1%)	(108)	(169)	(36.1%)
Operating expenses	(1,927)	(1,988)	(3.1%)	(3,915)	(3,653)	7.2%
Operating profit before impairments	1,924	1,888	1.9%	3,812	2,566	48.6%
Impairment (losses)/releases	(153)	(70)	118.6%	(223)	54	nm
<i>Loan impairment rate</i>	16bps	7bps	9bps	12bps	(3bps)	15bps
Operating profit	1,771	1,818	(2.6%)	3,589	2,620	37.0%
Attributable profit, £m	1,020	1,279	(20.3%)	2,299	1,891	21.6%
Return on Tangible Equity	16.4%	19.8%	(3)ppts	18.2%	13.1%	5ppts
Cost to Income Ratio	48.7%	49.8%	(1)ppts	49.3%	56.0%	(7)ppts

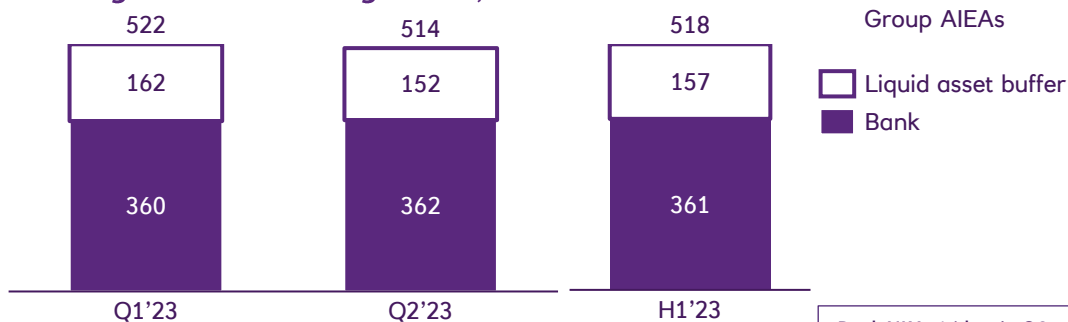
1. This line excludes notable income items.

Income on track to meet guidance

Income¹, £m



Average Interest Earning Assets, £bn



Bank NIM 3.27%

3.13%

3.20%

Group NIM 2.25%

2.20%

2.23%

Bank NIM -14 bps in Q2:
Lending margins -9bps
Deposit margins -5bps

Income

- Net interest income reduction reflects lower mortgage income and higher cost of deposits
- Non-interest income reduction reflects lower markets income following strong Q1 performance

Net interest margin and volume

- Bank AIEAs higher due to lending growth
- LAB AIEAs lower due to lower customer funding surplus
- NIM reduction reflects mortgage pressure, higher cost of deposits from mix shift and increasing passthrough

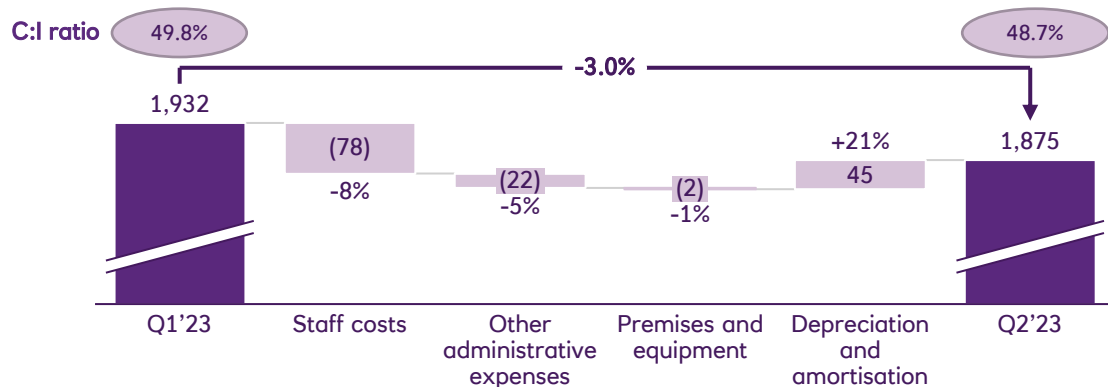
Guidance

- FY'23 income around £14.8bn¹
- FY'23 Bank NIM around 3.15%
- Assumes UK Base Rate peak of 5.50% in Q3'23

1. Excluding relevant notable income items.

On track for ~£7.6bn other operating costs in FY'23

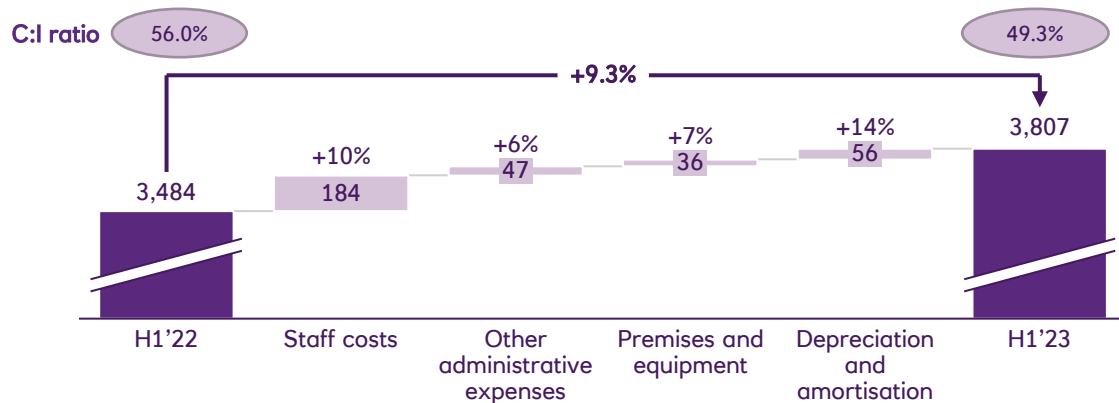
Other operating expenses Q2'23 vs Q1'23, £m



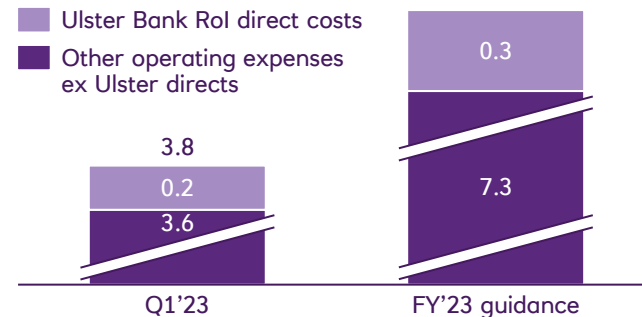
H1'23 cost drivers

- Staff costs include ~£60m one off cash payment in January plus 6.4% average annual wage increase effective from April 2023
- Non-staff costs reflect broader inflationary pressures

Other operating expenses H1'23 vs H1'22, £m

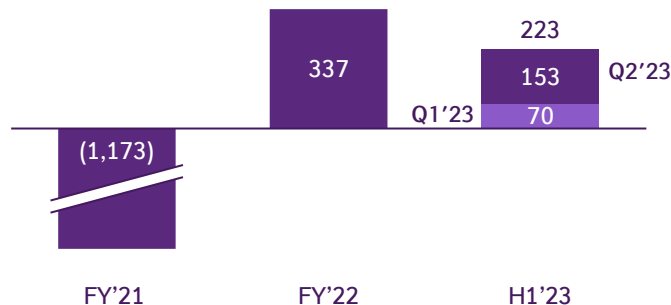


Progress versus cost guidance, £bn

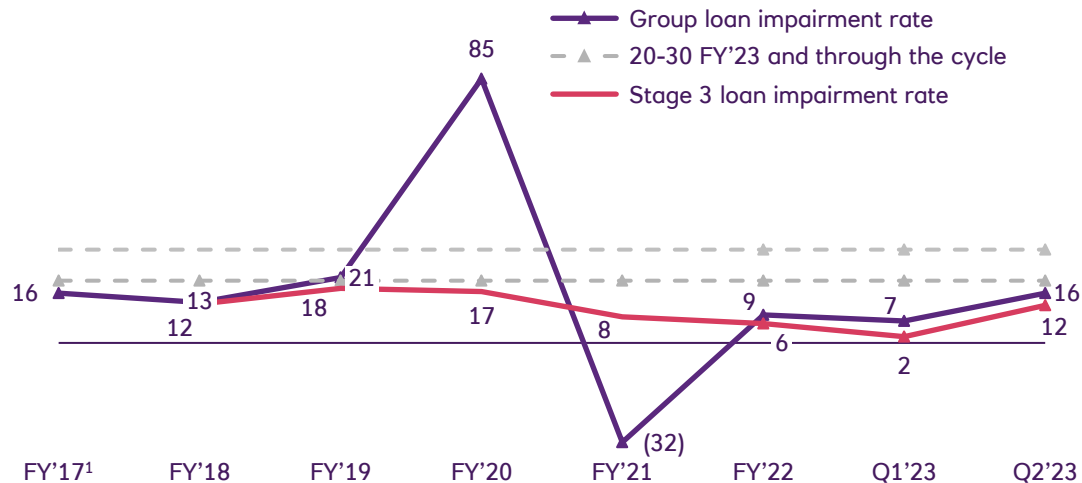


Our impairment guidance remains unchanged at 20-30bps

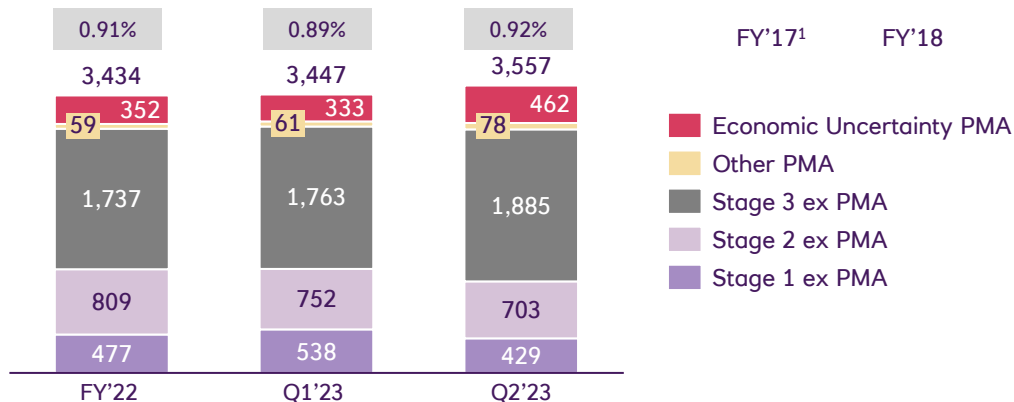
Impairment charge / (release), £m



History of loan impairment rates, bps



Group ECL provisions, £bn, and coverage

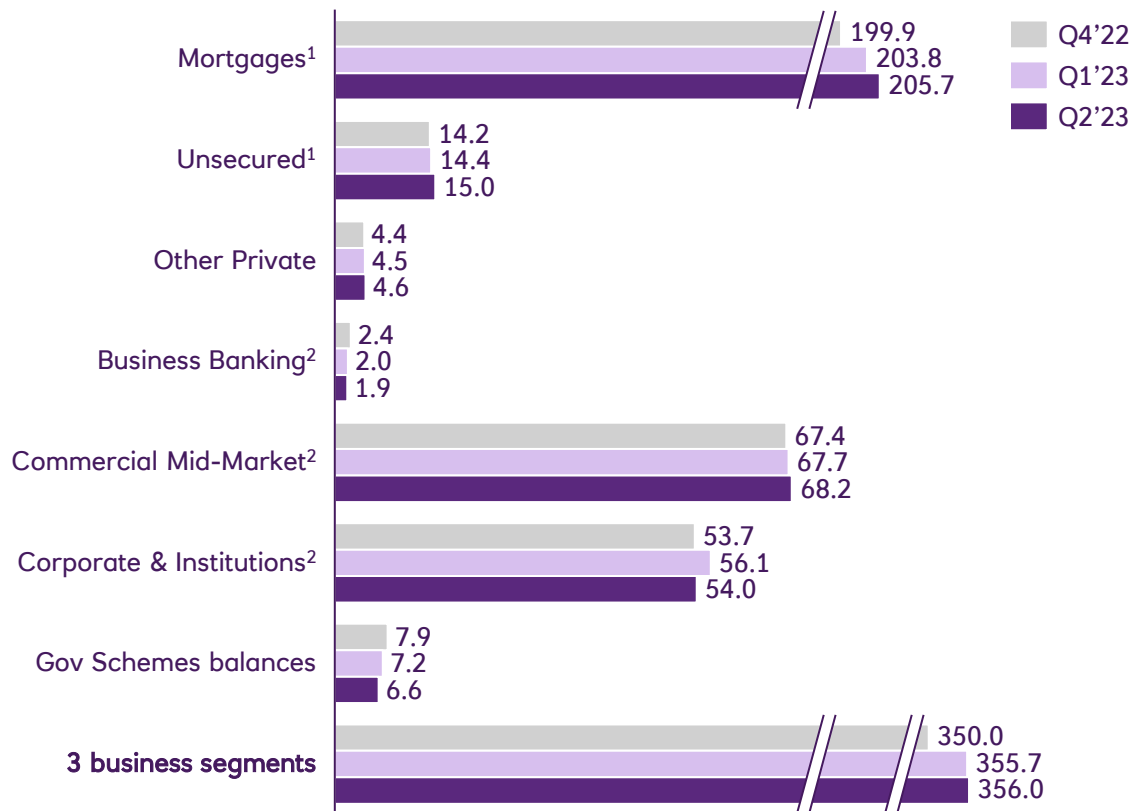


Movement in ECL provision in Q2'23

- Small improvement in macroeconomic assumptions and upside weightings led to ECL reduction of £98m
- Excluding economics update, ECL increased by ~£210m, this was driven by Economic uncertainty PMA increase of £129m to £462m

Further loan growth in target segments

Gross loans to customers (amortised cost) at Q2'23, £bn



We are increasing share in targeted areas

Mortgages

12.6% stock share
+0.3% YTD³

Credit Cards

7.5% stock share
+0.6% YTD⁴

CSFF

£48.6bn contribution
since July'21⁵

1. Across Retail and Private Banking 2. All sub-segments in Commercial & Institutional are ex government schemes 3. 12.6% in Q2'23 vs 12.3% in Q4'22, based on May BOE data. 4. 7.5% in Q2'23 vs 6.9% in Q4'22, based on May BOE data. 5. Climate and sustainable funding and financing between 1 July 2021 and the end of 2025.

Well diversified, high-quality loan book

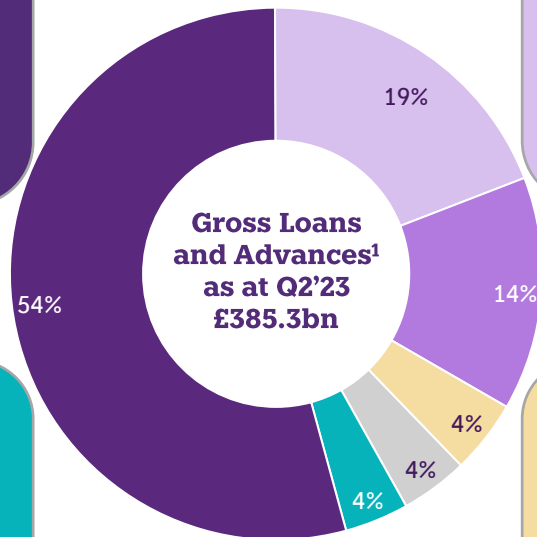
Arrears levels remain broadly stable

Mortgages

- Mortgage LTV of 55%²
- Balances: 67% 5Y, 23% 2Y, 1% 10Y, 5% Tracker, 4% SVR
- £24.7bn or ~13.1% of fixed book expire by end of 2023.
- Arrears levels stabilised at pre-Covid levels

Credit cards and other unsecured

- <4% of Group Loans
- Difficulty to pay³ indicators remained broadly stable and do not show any adverse trends
- Cards arrears stabilised at pre-Covid levels, and the inflows remain low
- Credit quality of new business written in H1 improved



Corporate

- Diversified £74bn corporate loan book
- Low exposure to in focus areas such as Retail £7.5bn, Automotive £7.5bn and Leisure £7.4bn
- Limited exposure to Oil and Gas £1bn
- Stage 2 exposure and ECL reduced in H1, with Stage 3 inflows remained stable

- Property ex-CRE
- Credit Cards & Other
- Mortgages
- Corporate
- Sov & FI's⁴
- CRE

Commercial Real Estate (CRE)

- <5% of Group lending
- CRE average LTV of 48%²
- Around 20% of our book is due to expire each year⁵
- Exposure to the Retail and Office sector is geographically diversified across all regions of the UK



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Strong capital, MREL and leverage positions

Capital and leverage

13.5%

CET1 ratio

18.8%

Total capital ratio

31.2%

MREL ratio

5.0%

UK leverage ratio

£177.5bn

Risk weighted
assets

Robust liquidity and diversified funding

Liquidity and funding

141%

Liquidity coverage
ratio

138%

Net stable funding
ratio

83%

Loan to deposit
ratio
(ex repos and reverse
repos)

£432.5bn

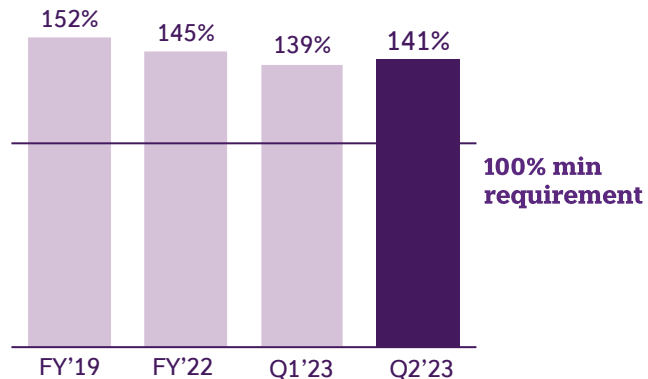
Customer deposits

£81bn

Wholesale funding

Strong liquidity portfolio and key metrics

Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) as at Q2 2023
Headroom of £45bn

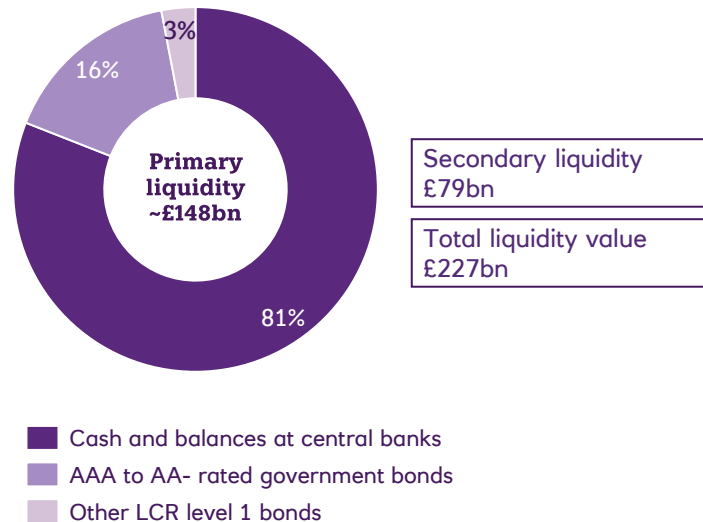


12-month average LCR 145%¹

Net Stable Funding Ratio 138%

TFSME £12bn
~£4bn due for repayment in 2025,
~£8bn in 2027

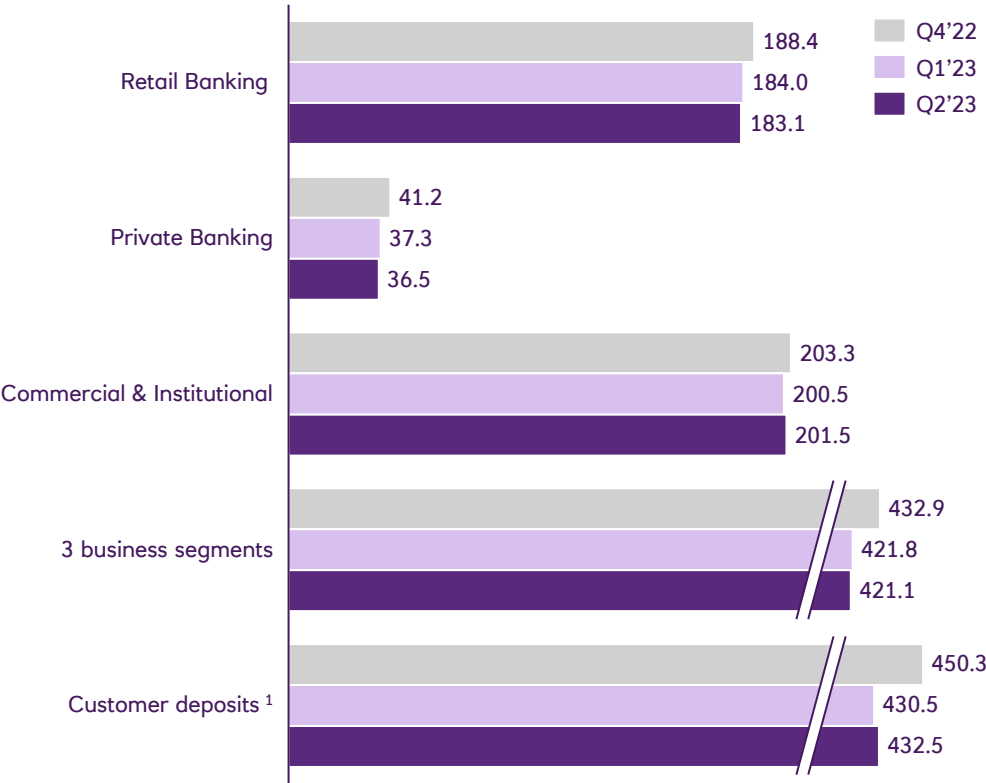
Primary liquidity portfolio composition as at Q2 2023, £bn



1. The Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) is calculated as the simple average of the preceding 12 monthly periods ending on the quarterly reporting date.

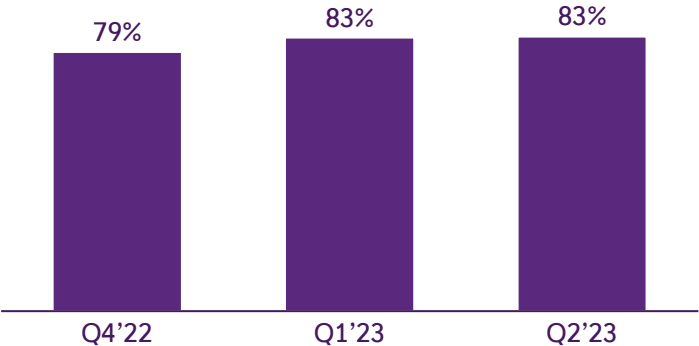
Robust deposit funding - balances stable in Q2'23

Customer deposits

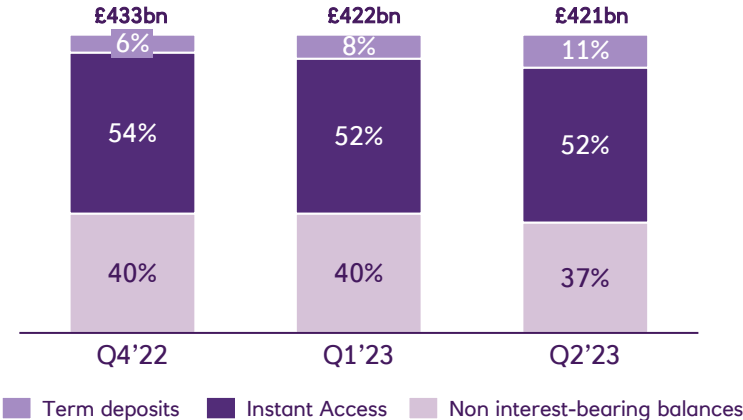


1. Customer Deposits (£432.5bn) = 3 business segments + Ulster + Centre

Strong Loan Deposit Ratio (LDR) supporting growth

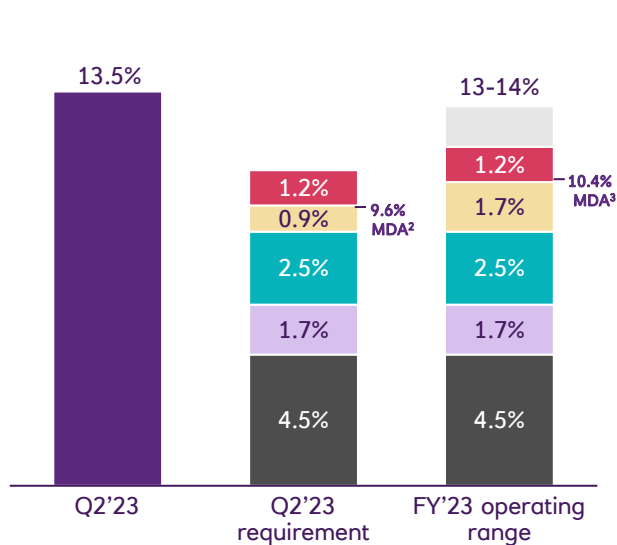


Deposit mix by interest type across the 3 business segments

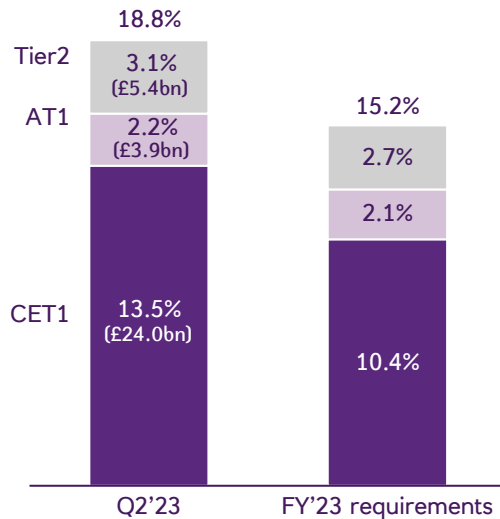


Strong capital and leverage positions provide confidence and flexibility

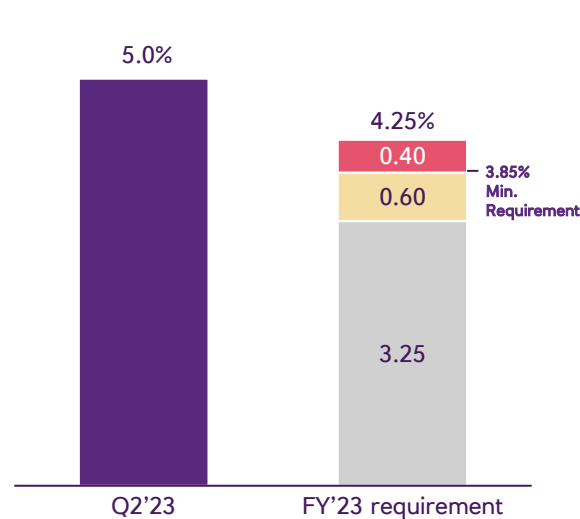
**CET1 capital
(% RWA)^{1,2}**



**Total Capital
(% RWA)**



**UK leverage ratio
(% leverage exposure)**



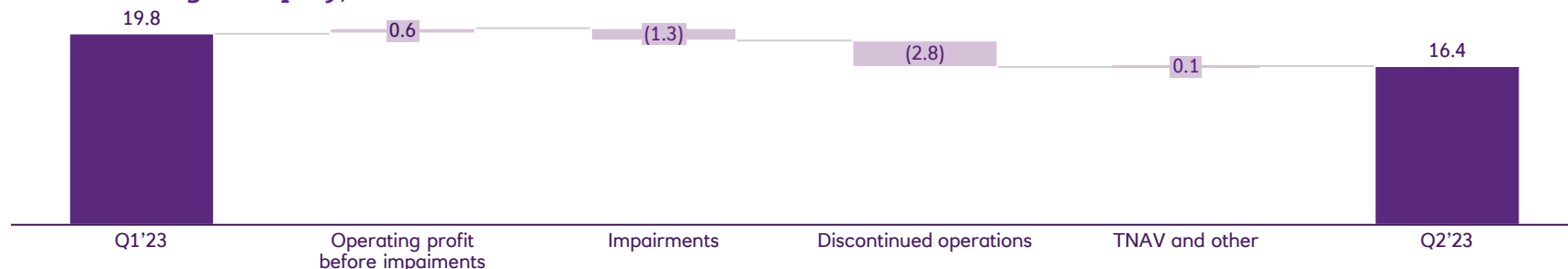
- Management buffer
- O-SII group risk add-on⁴
- Countercyclical buffer³
- Capital conservation buffer
- Pillar 2A⁵
- Pillar 1

- O-SII group risk add-on⁴
- Countercyclical leverage ratio buffer⁶
- Minimum Tier 1 capital requirement

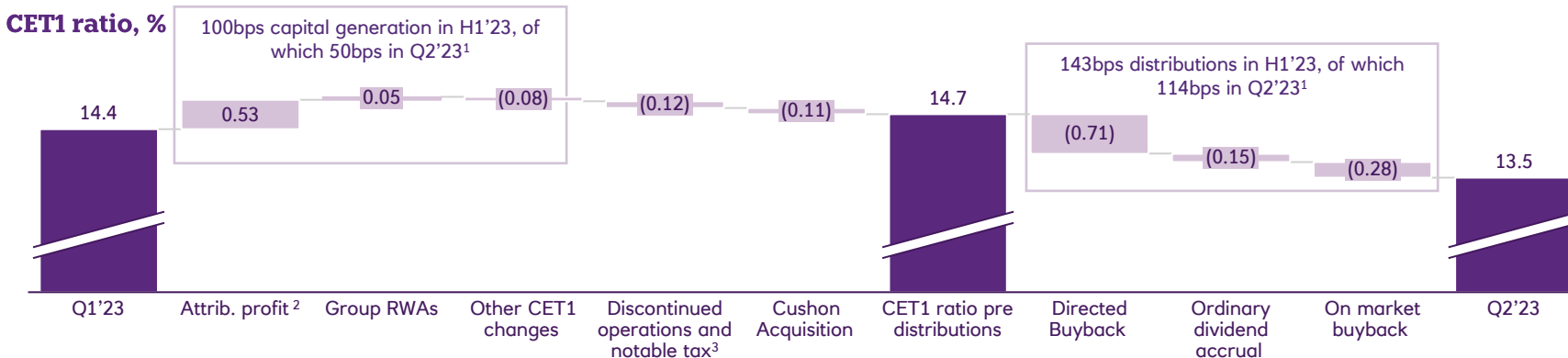
1. Operating range in 2023 reflects medium term CET1 of 13-14. 2. Based on assumption of static regulatory capital requirement. 3. Countercyclical buffer -The UK CCyB increased from 1% to 2%, effective from 5 July 2023. 4. O-SII buffer of 1.5% applies to the ring-fenced bank holding company. The equivalent O-SII Group Risk Add-on⁴ is ~1.2%. The O-SII Group Risk Add-on is included in the Group's minimum supervisory minimum. 5. Pillar 2A requirements are expected to vary over time and are subject to at least annual review. 56.25% of the total Pillar 2A requirement must be met from CET1 capital. 6. The countercyclical leverage ratio buffer is set at 35% of NatWest Group's CCyB. As noted above, the UK CCyB increased from 1% to 2% from 5 July 2023. Foreign exposures may be subject to different CCyB rates depending on the rate set in those jurisdictions.

Continued sustainable returns and strong capital generation and distribution

Return on tangible equity, %



CET1 ratio, %



£178.1bn

Risk weighted assets -£0.6bn

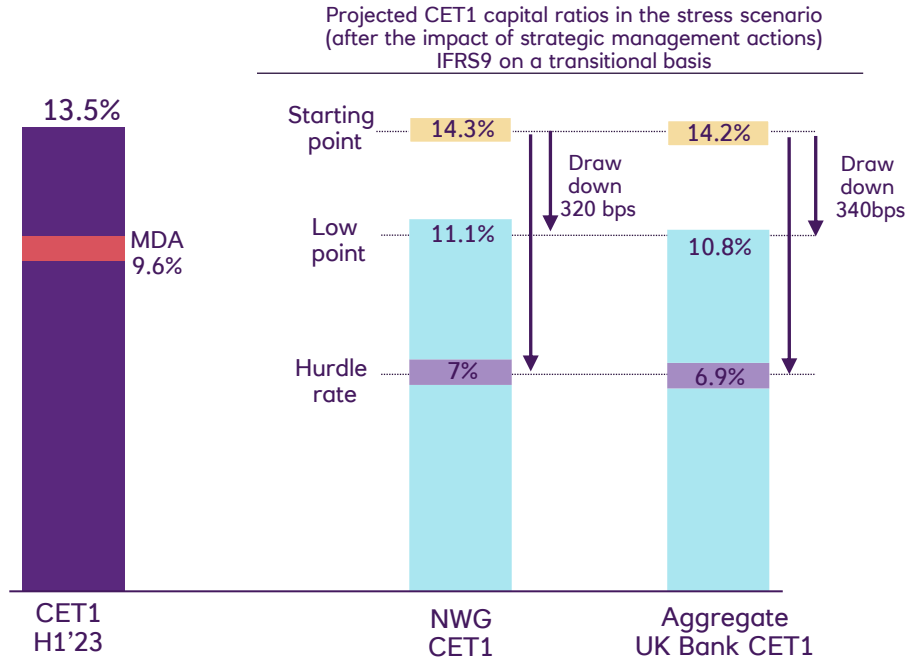
£177.5bn

1. Excludes discontinued operations, notable tax adjustments and impacts of Cushion acquisition; 2. Attrib. profit net of IFRS 9 changes and FX recycling 3. Includes loss from discontinued operations, net of tax and tax adjustments in respect of prior periods

2022/23 ACS stress test results demonstrate a robust balance sheet and solid capital position

The results indicate that the UK banking system would be able to withstand the severe macroeconomic scenario and has the capacity to support households and businesses throughout the stress

NatWest Group's capital position remains above its CET1 ratio hurdle rate of 7% and its Tier 1 leverage ratio of 3.7% on a IFRS9 transitional basis, with a low point of 11.1% CET1 ratio and 5.2% leverage ratio after strategic management actions







Modelled economic variables (Worst point)

	2022/23 ACS Stress Test	NWG ECL extreme downside
UK GDP	(5)%	(4.9)%
UK Unemployment	8.5%	8.0%
UK CPI peak	17%	10.1%
BoE Bank Rate	6%	6.0%
UK HPI	(31)%	(34.3)%

Good progress against 2023 wholesale funding plan¹

Across multiple currencies and tenors

		2023 guidance	H1 2023 actual				
NatWest Group plc (HoldCo)	Senior unsecured (MREL)	£3bn to £5bn	~£4bn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1bn 4NC3 • \$1bn 11NC10 • \$1.25bn 6.25NC5.25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €500m 5NC4 Social bond • €1bn 5.75NC4.75 Benchmark 	-	-
	Tier 2 capital	Up to £1bn	~£600m	-	• €700m 11NC6	-	-
NatWest Markets Plc (OpCo)	Senior unsecured (non-MREL) public benchmark issuance	£3bn to £5bn	~£2bn	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €750m 3yr FRN • €750m 5yr FXD 	• £500m 3yr Benchmark	• CHF250m 5yr

1. Includes primary/benchmark transactions only. Does not include private placements.

Credit ratings – In H1 S&P raised the long-term issuer ratings for NatWest Group and its operating subsidiaries

S&P long-term issuer rating action:

- NatWest Group plc long-term issuer ratings now rated BBB+ from BBB
- Core operating subsidiaries within the ring-fenced bank now rated A+ from A
- Other operating subsidiaries in the non ring-fenced bank now rated A from A-.

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Group holding company			
NatWest Group plc	A3/Sta	BBB+/Sta	A/Sta
Ring-fenced bank operating companies			
NatWest Bank Plc	A1/Sta ¹	A+/Sta	A+/Sta
Royal Bank of Scotland plc	A1/Sta ¹	A+/Sta	A+/Sta
NatWest Bank Europe GMBH	NR	A+/Sta	A+/Sta
Ulster Bank Ireland DAC	A1/Sta ¹	A/Sta	BBB+/Sta
Non ring-fenced bank operating companies			
NatWest Markets Plc	A1/Sta	A/Sta	A+/Sta
NatWest Markets N.V.	A1/Sta	A/Sta	A+/Sta
NatWest Markets Securities Inc	NR	A/Sta	A/Sta
RBSI Ltd	A1/Sta ¹	A/Sta	A/Sta

1. Moody's long-term Deposit Rating. The ring-fenced bank operating companies do not issue rated senior unsecured debt. Nevertheless Moody's assigns an Issuer Rating and the outlook was changed to Negative from Stable on 25/10/22, after the Moody's UK Sovereign Rating outlook was changed to Negative from Stable.



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Our FY'23 guidance

2023 GUIDANCE

Total Income	Other operating costs and C:I ratio ²	Loan impairment rate	RoTE	Distributions
~£14.8bn¹ NIM: ~3.15% Assumes peak UK Base Rate of <u>5.50%</u> from Q3'23	~£7.6bn <52%	20-30bps	Upper end of 14-16%	Payout ratio 40% + capacity for buybacks and inorganic opportunities³

H1 PERFORMANCE

£7.4bn¹ NIM: 3.20%	£3.8bn C:I ² 49.3%	12bps	18.2%	£2.5bn⁴
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1. Total Income ex notable items. 2. Cost:income ratio is total costs excluding litigation and conduct, divided by total income. 3. considered if compelling shareholder value and strategic rationale. 4. Paid and accrued, will not cast due to rounding



Q&A



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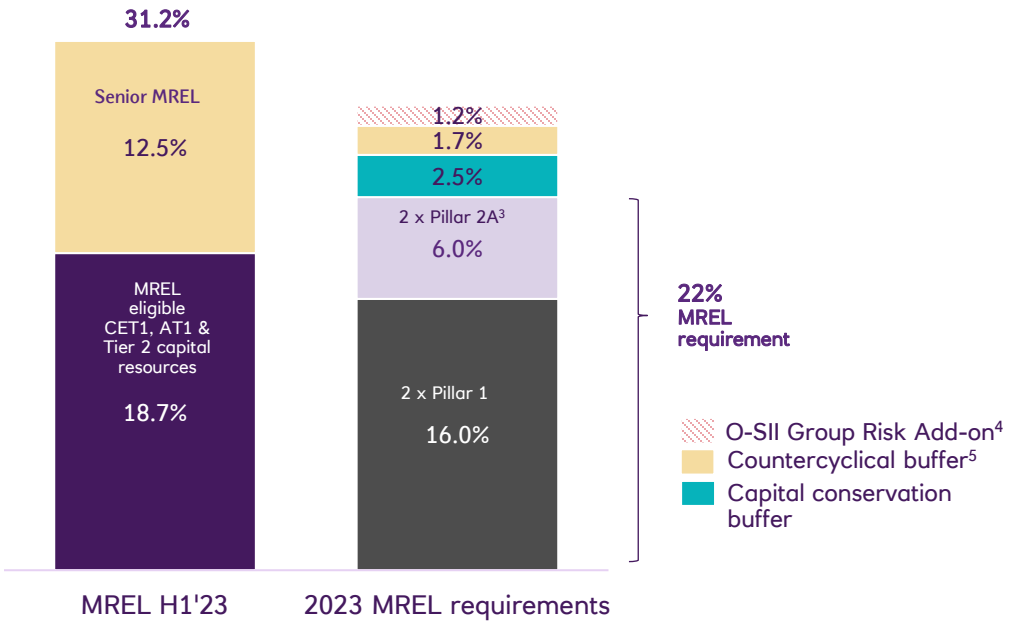
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Total MREL resources comfortably above requirements¹

Minimum requirements of own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL)^{1,2}
£bn as at 30th June 2023

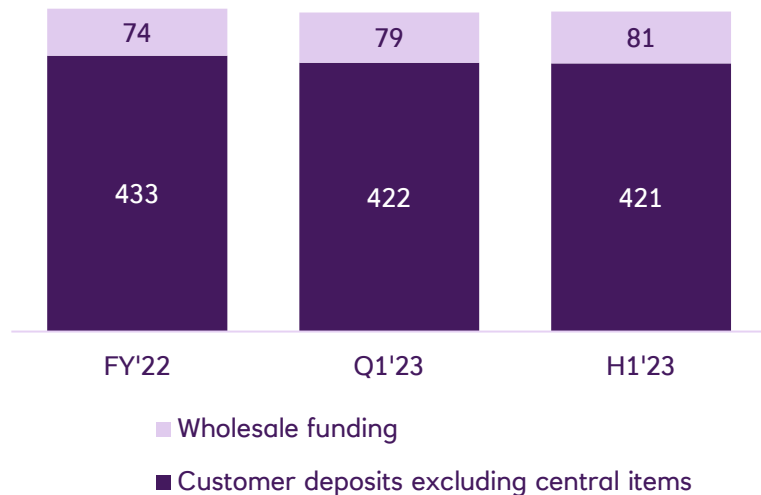


1. "MREL" = Minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities. MREL eligible liabilities excludes securities issued from operating subsidiaries. 2. Illustration, based on assumption of static regulatory capital requirements. MREL requirement is set at 2x (Pillar 1+ Pillar 2A) per Bank of England guidance. 3. Pillar 2A requirement held constant over the period for illustration purposes. Pillar 2A requirements are expected to vary over time and are subject to at least an annual review. 56.25% of the total Pillar 2A requirement must be met from CET1 capital. 4. O-SII buffer of 1.5% applies to the ring-fenced bank holding company. The equivalent O-SII Group Risk Add-on' is ~1.2%. The O-SII Group Risk Add-on is included in the Group's minimum supervisory minimum. 5. The UK CCyB rate increased from 1% to 2%, effective 5 July 2023.

Stable and diversified funding sources

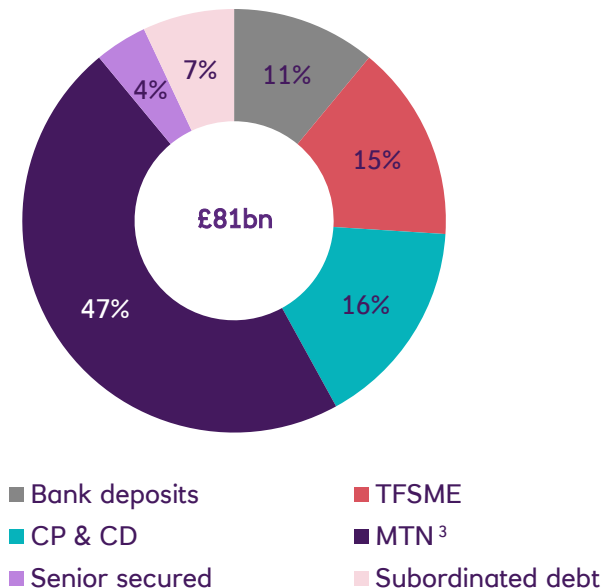
Funding composition (£bn)^{1,2}

Customer deposits provide ~84% of funding supply



Wholesale funding mix¹

Access to diverse wholesale funding sources



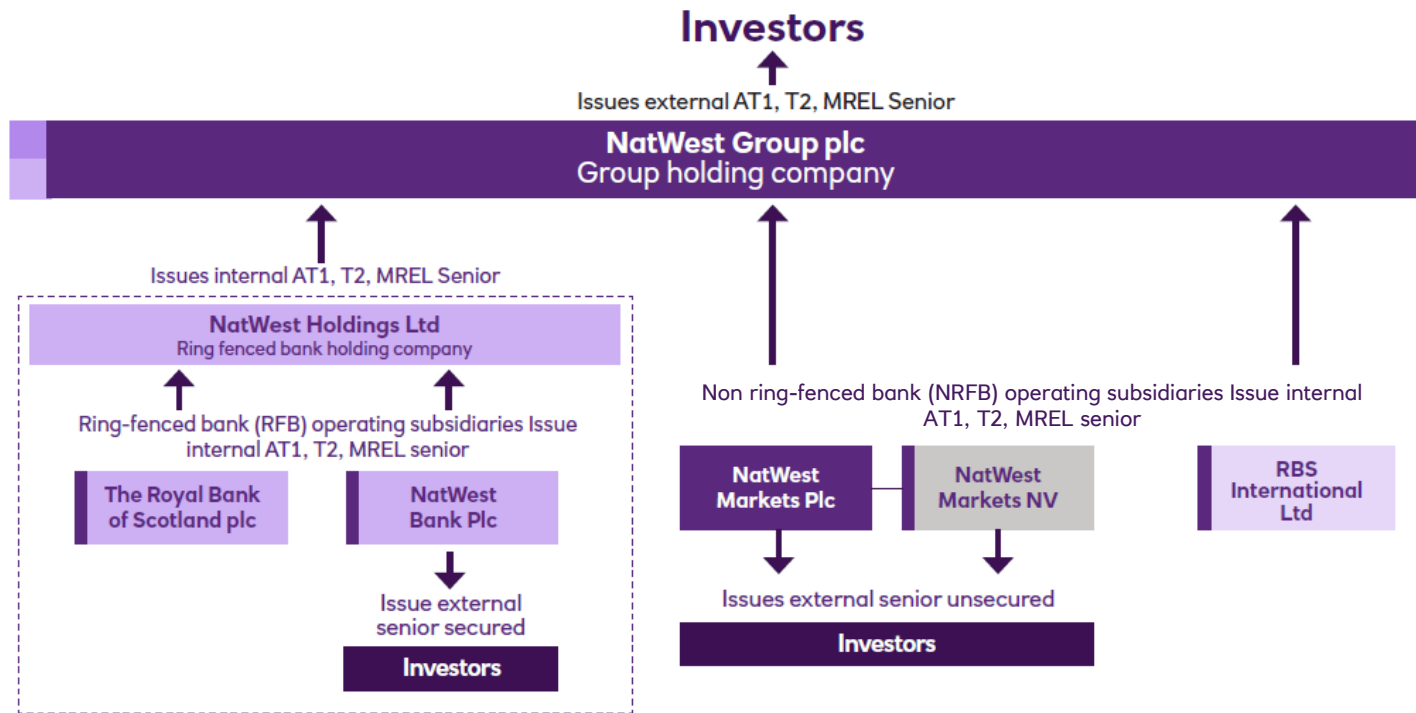
Issuing entity structure

External issuance of AT1, Tier 2 and MREL is only from NatWest Group plc, the group holding company.

Subsidiary operating companies will only issue internal AT1, Tier 2 and MREL.

NatWest Bank Plc issues senior secured securities externally.

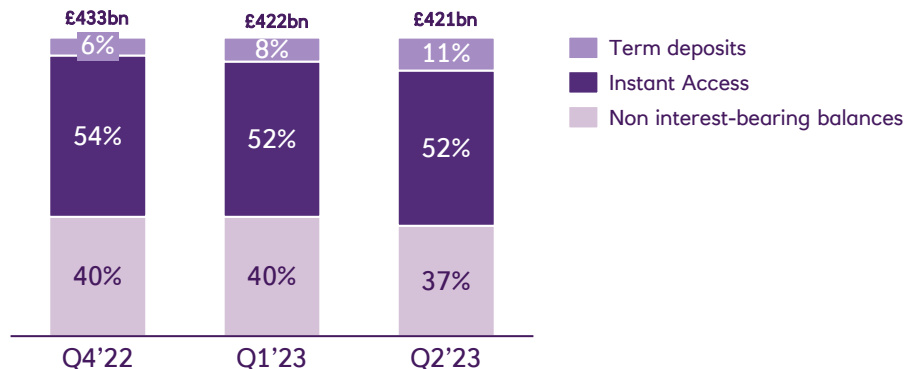
Natwest Markets Plc issues senior unsecured securities externally.



Managing deposits for liquidity and value

Customers continue to migrate to term savings and our incremental pass through is increasing

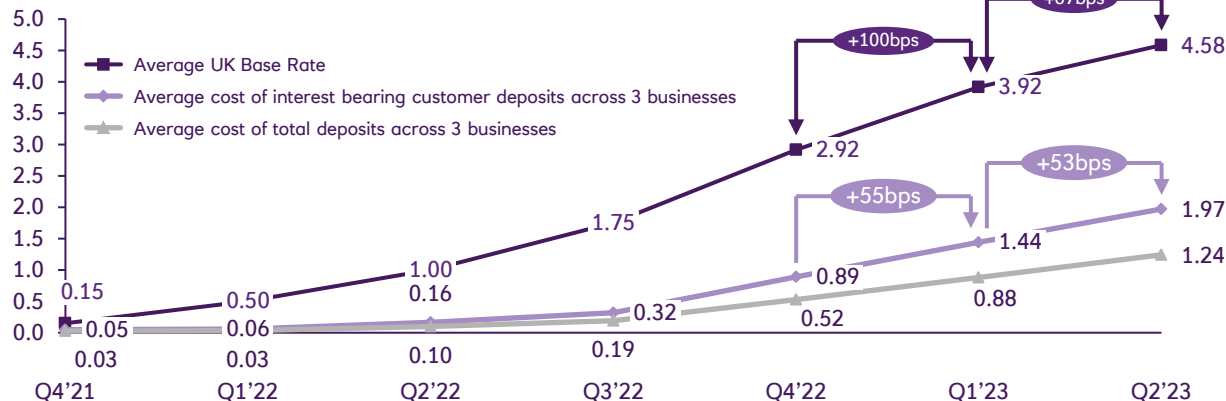
Deposit mix by interest type across the 3 business segments



Pass through on £218bn Instant Access Deposits (52% of deposits across 3 businesses)

- **Cumulative pass through**
 - from 0.1% to 5% base rate ~50%
 - from 0.1% to 4.25% base rate ~40%
- **Incremental pass through**
 - 75bps increase to 5% ~75%
 - 25bps increase to 4.25% ~60%

Third party customer deposit rate, %

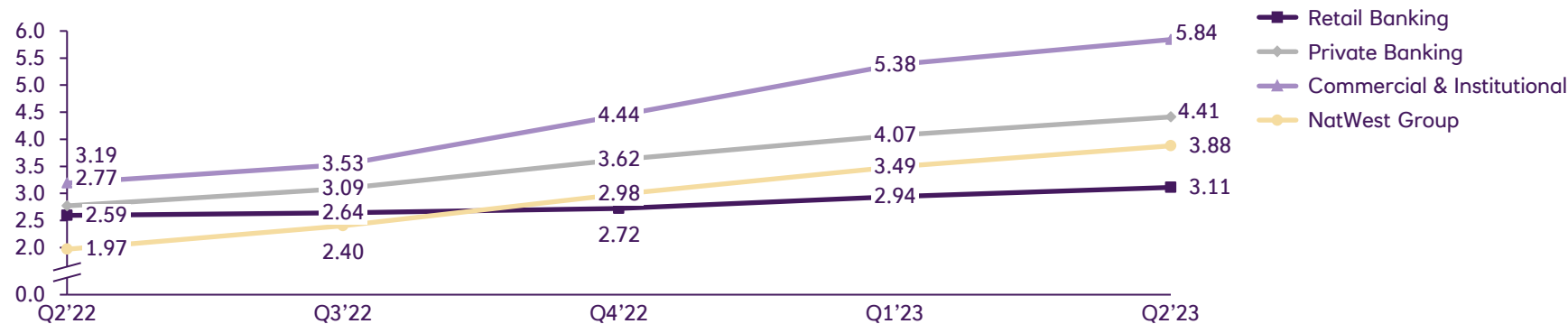


Drivers of deposit costs:

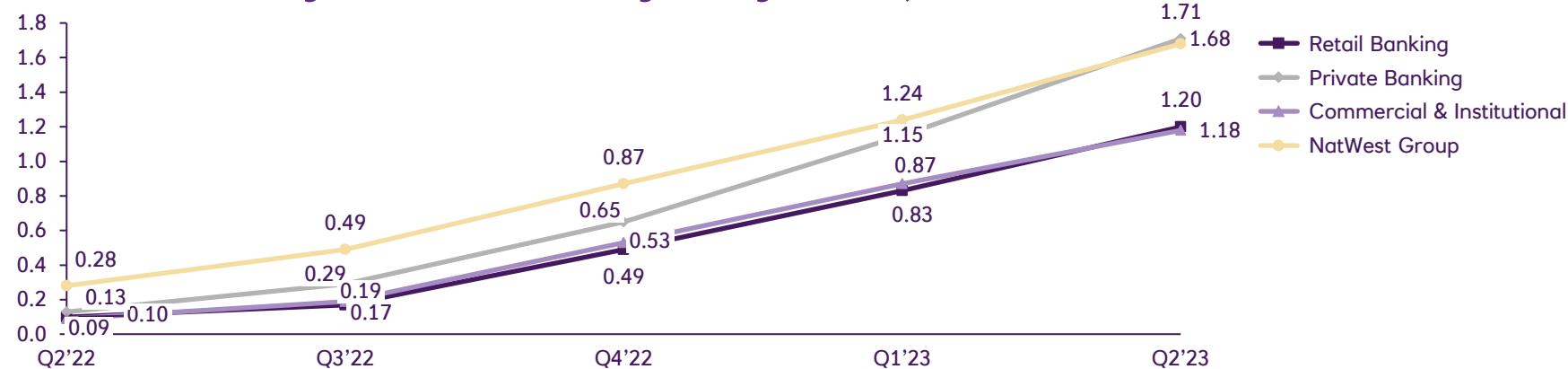
- Customer behaviour and balance migration to higher interest-paying accounts
- Deposit repricing lags the increase in base rates
- Pace of change is uncertain

Higher interest rates are feeding through to customer lending and deposit rates

Gross yields of interest earning banking assets, %¹



Cost of interest bearing and non-interest bearing banking liabilities, %²



1. For NatWest Group plc this is the gross yield on the IEAs of the banking business; for Retail, C&I and Private it represents the third party customer asset rate. 2. For NatWest Group plc this is the cost of interest-bearing liabilities of the banking business plus the benefit from free funds; for Retail and Commercial & Institutional Banking it represents the third party customer funding rate which includes both interest-bearing and non-interest bearing deposits.

Structural Hedge¹

	H1 2023			
	Total Income (£m)	Period end notional (£bn)	Average Notional (£bn)	Total Yield %
Equity	204	23	22	1.83
Product	1362	202	205	1.33
Total	1,566	225	227	1.38

	H2 2022			
	Total Income (£m)	Period end notional (£bn)	Average Notional (£bn)	Total Yield %
Equity	189	23	22	1.72
Product	1118	208	206	1.08
Total	1,307	231	228	1.14

	H1 2022			
	Total Income (£m)	Period end notional (£bn)	Average Notional (£bn)	Total Yield %
Equity	182	21	21	1.71
Product	662	204	188	0.70
Total	844	225	209	0.81

1. The basis of preparation of the table above has changed since December 2022. UBIDAC is no longer included. In addition, the 'Other' category is no longer used: hedges booked in Coutts & Co. have now been allocated between product hedges and equity hedges, while hedges booked in RBS International have been allocated to product hedges.

Interest rate sensitivity¹

Assumes constant balance sheet as at 30 June 2023

H1 2023	+25 basis points parallel upward shift			-25 basis points parallel downward shift		
	Year 1 (£m)	Year 2 (£m)	Year 3 (£m)	Year 1 (£m)	Year 2 (£m)	Year 3 (£m)
Structural Hedge	49	151	249	(49)	(151)	(248)
Managed Margin	86	76	157	(121)	(75)	(168)
Total	135	227	406	(170)	(226)	(416)

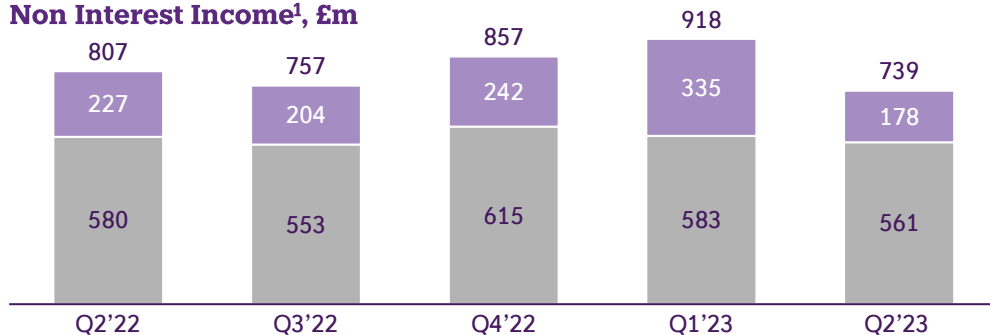
FY 2022	+25 basis points parallel upward shift			-25 basis points parallel downward shift		
	Year 1 (£m)	Year 2 (£m)	Year 3 (£m)	Year 1 (£m)	Year 2 (£m)	Year 3 (£m)
Structural Hedge	50	158	260	(50)	(158)	(260)
Managed Margin	148	141	136	(170)	(140)	(129)
Total	198	299	396	(220)	(298)	(389)

H1 2022	+25 basis points parallel upward shift			-25 basis points parallel downward shift		
	Year 1 (£m)	Year 2 (£m)	Year 3 (£m)	Year 1 (£m)	Year 2 (£m)	Year 3 (£m)
Structural Hedge	45	150	253	(45)	(150)	(253)
Managed Margin	231	227	223	(219)	(205)	(227)
Total	276	377	476	(264)	(355)	(480)

1. Page 268 of NWG FY'22 ARA, page 76 of NWG H1'22 IMS, page 73 H1'23 IMS.

Non interest income

Non Interest Income¹, £m

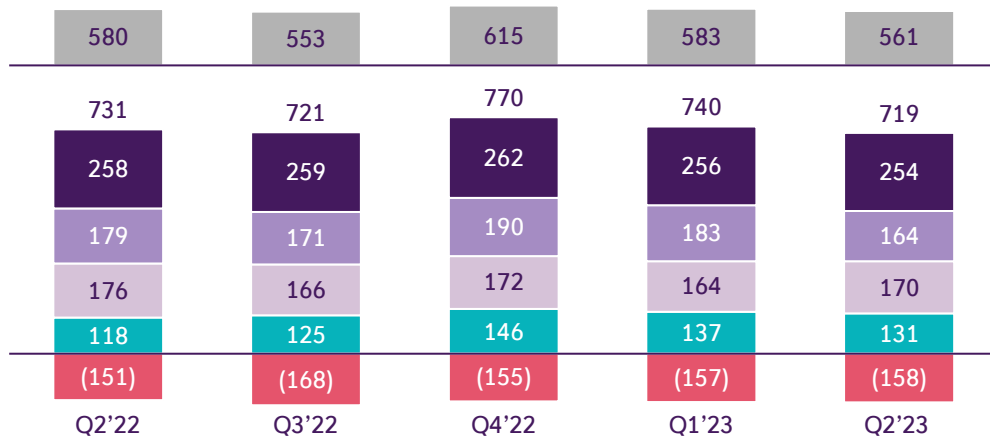


Q2'23 performance

- Primarily reflecting lower NatWest Markets fixed income following strong Q1'23
- Lower lending fees

- Trading and other income
- Net fees and commissions

Fees and Commissions, £m



- Net fees and commissions

Fees and commissions receivable

- Payment services
- Lending (credit facilities)
- Credit and debit card fees
- Invest. Mgmt., underwriting, other
- Fees and commissions payable

1. Excluding relevant notable income items per slide 25.

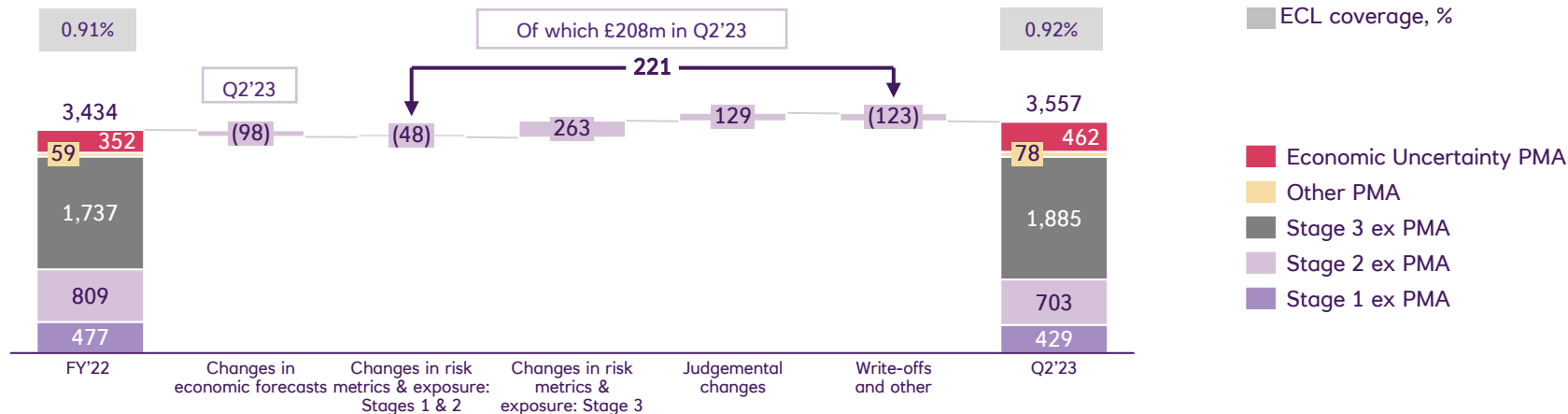
Well provided for the economic cycle and have revised our economic scenarios

Economic scenarios and weightings

	FY'22				H1'23			
	Upside	Base Case	Downside	Extreme downside	Upside	Base Case	Downside	Extreme downside
	18.6%	45.0%	20.8%	15.6%	19.5%	45.0%	21.5%	14.0%
ECL increase/(decrease) at 100% weighting (stage 1 and 2)	(445)	(216)	193	1,565	(355)	(148)	214	1,558

Weighted-average variables	FY'22		H1'23		Change		H1'23 Extreme Downside	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
UK GDP - annual growth	(1.1)	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.4	(0.1)	(0.3)	(4.1)
UK Unemployment - annual avg.	4.7	5.4	4.0	4.7	(0.7)	(0.8)	4.3	7.3
UK House Price Index ¹	(6.6)	(3.2)	(6.2)	(3.1)	0.4	0.1	(8.2)	(14.1)
UK Consumer Price Index ¹	6.0	3.1	4.0	3.2	(2.0)	0.1	7.0	6.8

Group ECL provisions, £bn, and coverage



1. Four quarter growth

UK Economic Assumptions¹

Our economic assumptions and weightings updated in H1'23

	H1'23					Q1'23 and FY'22					H1'22				
Scenario	Upside	Base Case	Downside	Extreme downside		Upside	Base Case	Downside	Extreme downside		Upside	Base Case	Downside	Extreme downside	
Weighting	19%	45%	21%	16%	Weighted average	19%	45%	21%	16%	Weighted average	21%	45%	20%	14%	Weighted average
UK GDP – Annual Growth (%)															
2023	1.4	0.3	0.0	(0.3)	0.3	2.2	(0.9)	(2.8)	(3.1)	(1.1)	2.9	0.8	(2.4)	(5.1)	(0.2)
2024	3.8	0.8	(1.4)	(4.1)	0.3	1.9	0.7	(0.4)	(1.6)	0.4	1.7	1.4	2.1	0.3	1.5
5 year - CAGR ²	1.8	0.9	0.4	(0.2)	0.8	2.2	1.3	0.8	0.4	1.2	2.3	1.6	1.3	0.5	1.5
UK Unemployment rate – annual average (%)															
2023	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	5.0	6.0	4.7	3.0	3.8	4.9	5.9	4.1
2024	3.3	4.2	5.1	7.3	4.7	3.9	4.9	5.7	8.4	5.4	3.3	4.0	4.8	8.7	4.7
5 year average ²	3.5	4.2	4.9	6.6	4.6	3.9	4.5	4.9	6.7	4.8	3.3	4.0	4.5	6.3	4.3
UK House Price Index – four quarter growth (%)															
2023	(3.3)	(6.9)	(6.2)	(8.2)	(6.2)	7.5	(7.8)	(13.7)	(10.4)	(6.6)	5.5	2.0	(11.7)	(20.4)	(3.0)
2024	10.4	(1.0)	(13.2)	(14.1)	(3.1)	4.5	(0.9)	(7.7)	(15.2)	(3.2)	2.9	1.9	0.4	(4.6)	1.2
5 year - CAGR ²	3.8	0.3	(0.8)	(6.0)	0.0	5.1	0.8	(0.7)	(4.4)	0.6	4.9	3.0	0.2	(1.8)	2.2
UK Commercial Real Estate Price – four quarter growth (%)															
2023	1.1	(5.8)	(7.8)	(10.7)	(5.6)	2.1	(8.4)	(19.7)	(22.4)	(11.0)	3.9	0.2	(10.8)	(27.6)	(4.6)
2024	5.5	0.5	(13.4)	(35.3)	(6.1)	1.9	(0.5)	2.8	(29.1)	(3.2)	1.4	(0.1)	4.5	8.5	1.9
5 year - CAGR ²	3.3	0.2	(2.7)	(7.6)	(0.7)	1.2	(1.9)	(2.8)	(9.1)	(2.5)	2.6	0.6	(0.3)	(2.0)	0.5
Consumer price index - four quarter growth (%)															
2023	1.6	3.4	5.5	7.0	4.0	2.2	3.7	6.0	17.0	6.0	(0.9)	1.1	8.1	13.7	3.9
2024	1.1	2.3	4.3	6.8	3.2	1.0	2.7	1.0	8.8	3.1	2.0	2.0	0.4	6.4	2.3
5 year - CAGR ²	1.7	2.3	4.2	3.7	2.8	3.6	4.2	4.4	8.2	4.8	2.9	3.1	4.1	7.4	3.9

1. Full details of the economic assumptions can be found on pages 19-22 of H1'23 IMS, pages 196 and 198 of NWG FY'22 ARA and pages 21 and 22 of NWG H1'22 IMS. 2. The basis for the average calculations has changed from H1 '23 reporting. We now provide averages for 5 calendar year period that starts from reporting year (e.g., 2023-27 for H1'23 reporting). Historical periods have also been recalculated following the same approach to ensure comparability. The average for the parameters are based on: Five calendar year CAGR for GDP; Five calendar year average for Unemployment rate; Q4 to Q4 five-year CAGR for other parameters

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