



Q3 2021 Results Fixed Income Investors

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Q3'21 results highlights

Strong Q3'21 performance

Supporting our customers through the recovery with £2.9bn net lending growth¹

Delivering against our targets to drive sustainable returns

Strong capital, liquidity and funding positions maintained

Q3'21 performance

£1,074m

Operating profit before tax in Q3'21, up from £0.4bn profit in Q3'20

£242m

Impairment release in Q3'21 (26bps) of customer loans vs. £254m charge in Q3'20 28bps of customer loans

£674m

Attributable profit in Q3'21, compared to £61m profit in Q3'20

Delivering against our targets

3.1%

Net Lending Growth¹ on an annualised basis, up £7bn on FY'20

4.3%

Cost reduction³ of £198m in 9M'21 vs. 9M'20

18.7%

CET1 Capital Ratio Includes 60bps of IFRS 9 transitional relief

Balance sheet strength

166%

LCR

76%

Loan:deposit ratio

Issuance progress

~£3bn

Senior MREL

~£1.7bn

Tier 2

~£3bn

OpCo Senior

~£1bn

AT1

Credit ratings

Baa1

Moody's

BBB

S&P

A

Fitch

1. Net lending to customers across the UK and RBSI retail and commercial businesses, excluding UK Government lending schemes
2. Shareholder distributions include minimum dividends of £1,000m, on-market buyback of up to £750m and Directed Buy Back of £1,125m
3. Other expenses, excluding OLD and Ulster Bank RoI direct costs

Sustainable growth with an intelligent approach to risk

Supporting our customers through the recovery

Net mortgage lending resilient post Stamp Duty taper

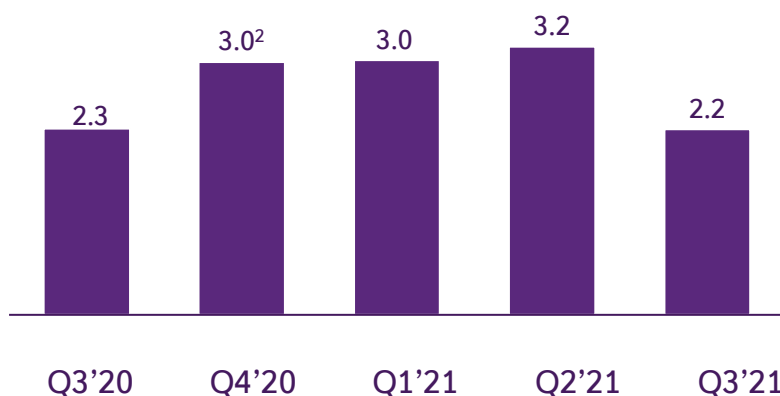
Credit card balances up further £0.1bn (3%) in the quarter with good momentum on new card issuance

Outside government schemes, corporate deleveraging slows

1. Data relates to Retail Banking
2. Excludes Metro acquisition of £3bn in Q4'20
3. Sep'21 on Sep'20
4. RCF – Revolving Credit Facility
5. AUMs comprise assets where the investment management is undertaken by Private Banking irrespective of the franchise the customer belongs to. AUAs comprise third party assets held on an execution-only basis in custody. Total AUMA is sum of AUM and AUA
6. NNM related to AUM
7. Our Digital investment platform across NatWest, Royal Bank and Coutts Invest

Mortgage net lending^{1,2}

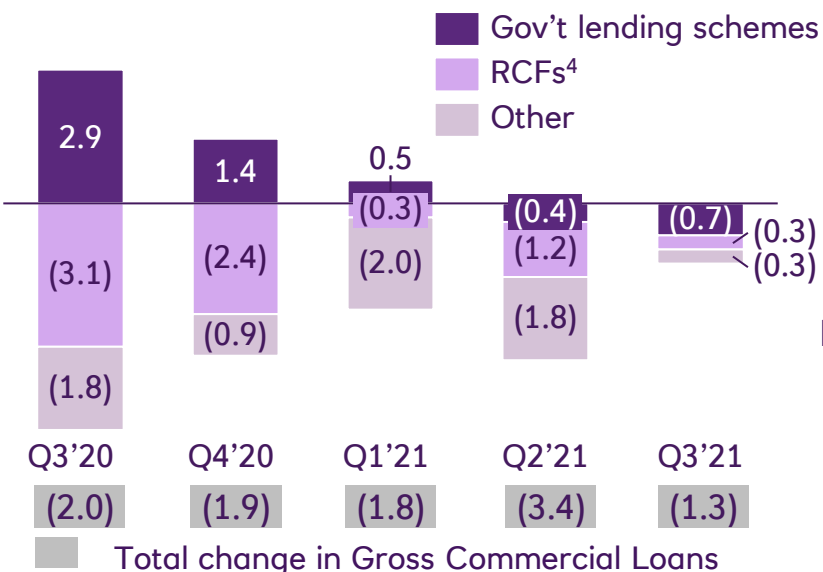
(change in period, £bn)



- Buy-to-Let application volumes in Q3'21 more than double Q2'21

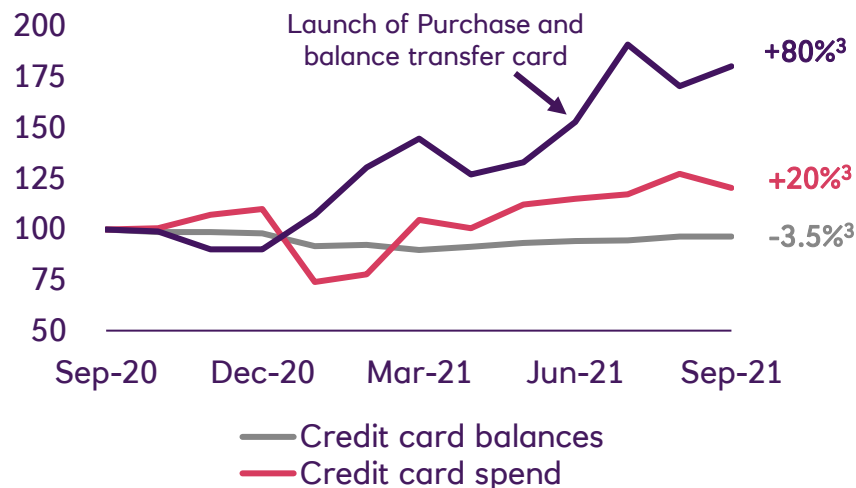
Commercial Banking lending

(change in period, £bn)



Credit card activity¹

(rebased 100 = Sept'20)



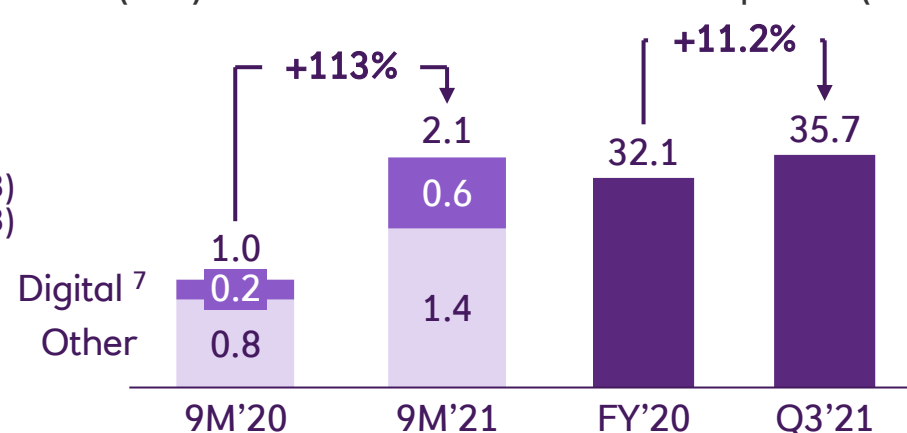
AUMA Growth⁵

Net New Money⁶

(£bn)

AUMA

end of period (£bn)



- AUMA growth of £3.6bn in 9M'21 of which £2.1bn NNM (£0.7bn in Q3'21)

Spotlight on NIM drivers

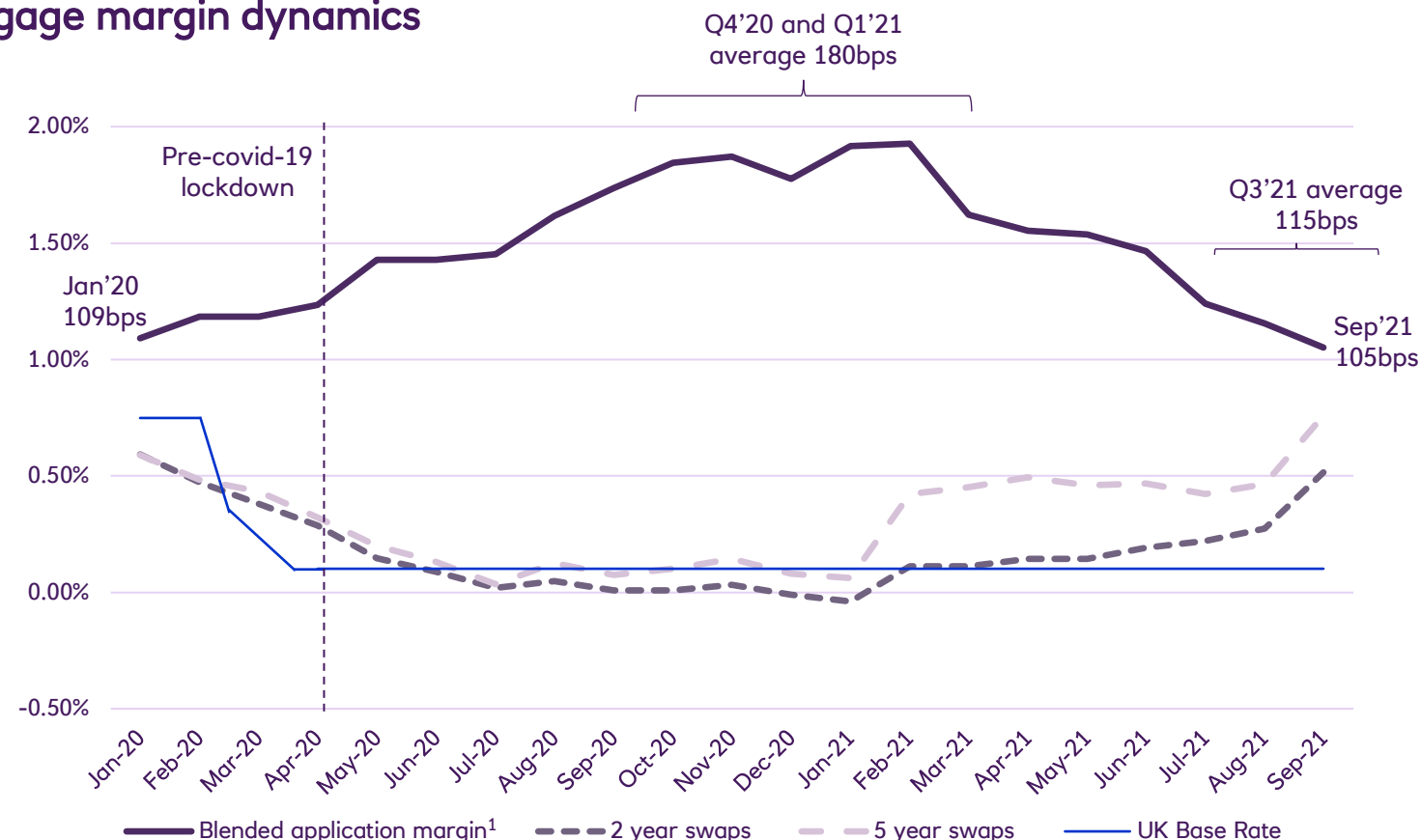
Mortgage margins are returning to levels seen pre-COVID 19 and ROE remains attractive

Swap rates have continued to rise in October. We have taken action to increase customer mortgage rates across some of our lower LTV products

Group interest rate sensitivity at H1'21 shows £1,253m income benefit from +100bps parallel shift in GBP interest rates over 12 months

1. Blended application margin includes new business and switchers and is the difference between the customer rate and the relevant funding rate. All points between published data points are stylised and illustrative/ or interpolated
2. Group interest rate sensitivity across all currencies. See page 78 of the NWG H1'21 IMS

Mortgage margin dynamics



Interest rate sensitivity, H1'21²

H1 2021	+25 basis points parallel upward shift		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Structural Hedge	39	127	215
Managed Margin	414	365	287
Other	(3)	-	-
Total	450	492	502

Forward GBP base rates at H1'21

H1 2021	
Date	UK Base Rate
Q2'21	0.10%
Q4'22	0.25%
Q4'23	0.50%

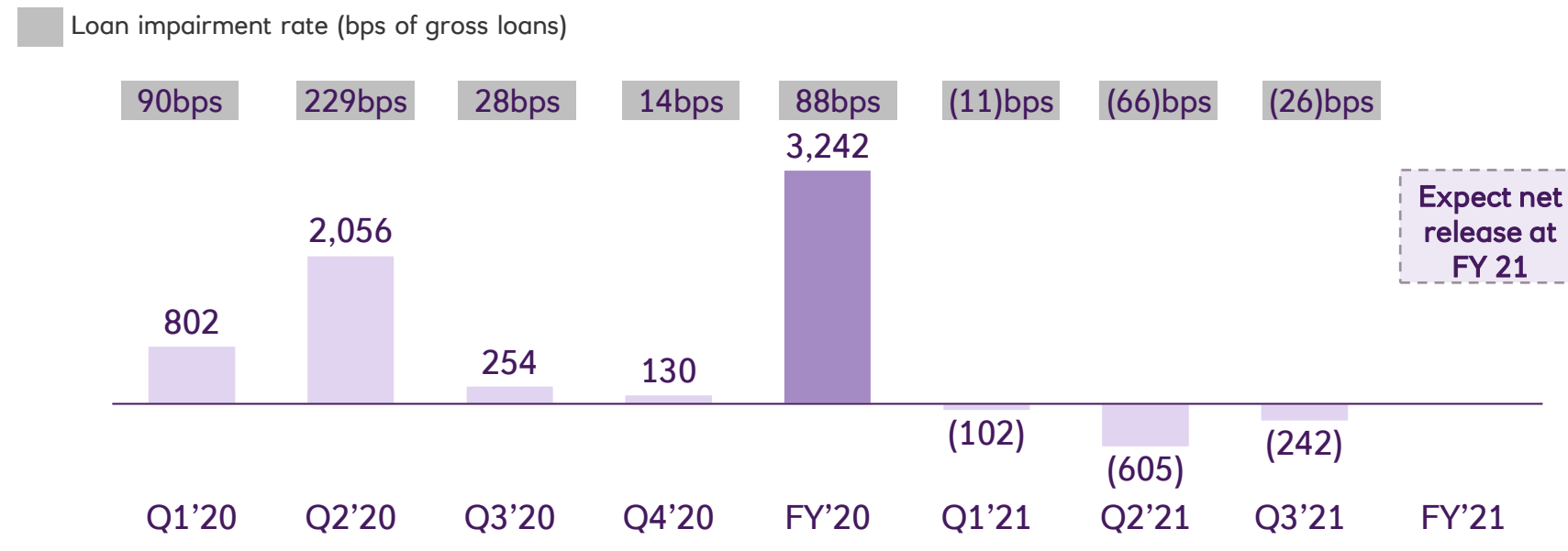
Intelligent and consistent approach to risk

Impairment release driven by low level of defaults

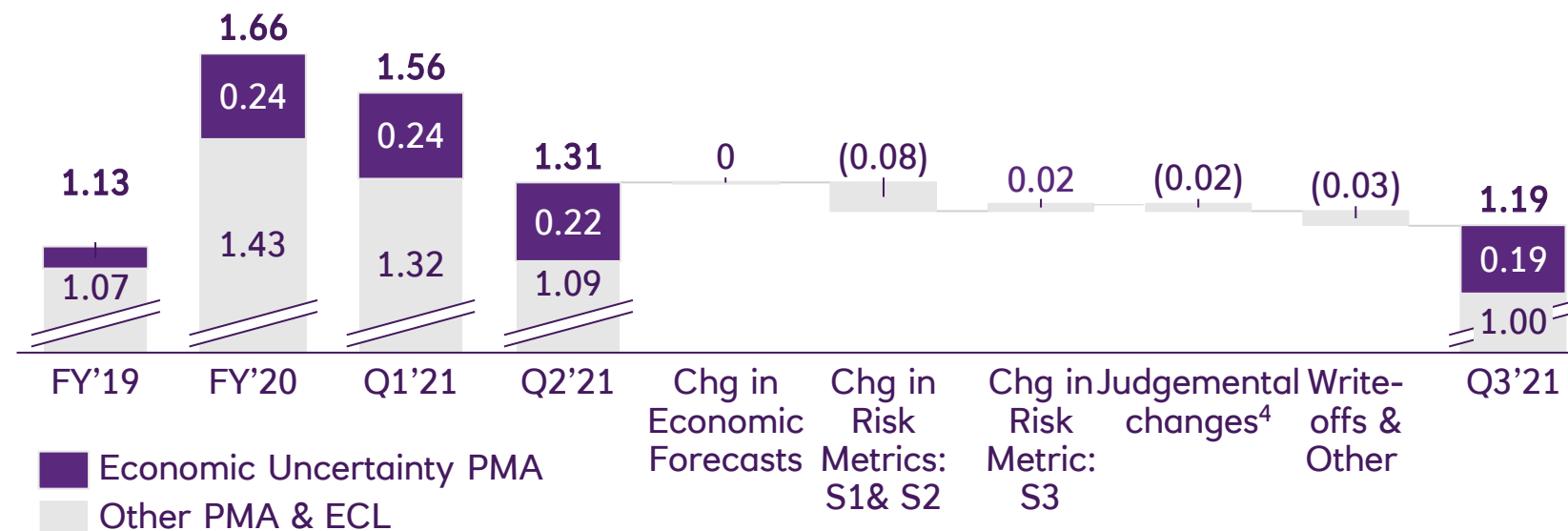
Of the £242m impairment release, £216m driven by Commercial Banking mainly due to strategic reduction in exposure to high risk sectors

ECL coverage reduced to 1.19% due to ECL release. PMA¹ for economic uncertainty has reduced by £105m² to £729m

Impairments charge/ (release), (£m)



ECL Coverage³, %



1. Post Model Adjustments.
2. £54m of the £105m change in the quarter is due to reclassification of Ulster loans agreed to be sold to Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. as assets held for sale.
3. May not cast due to rounding
4. Changes in total post model adjustments

Strong capital and liquidity positions provide flexibility

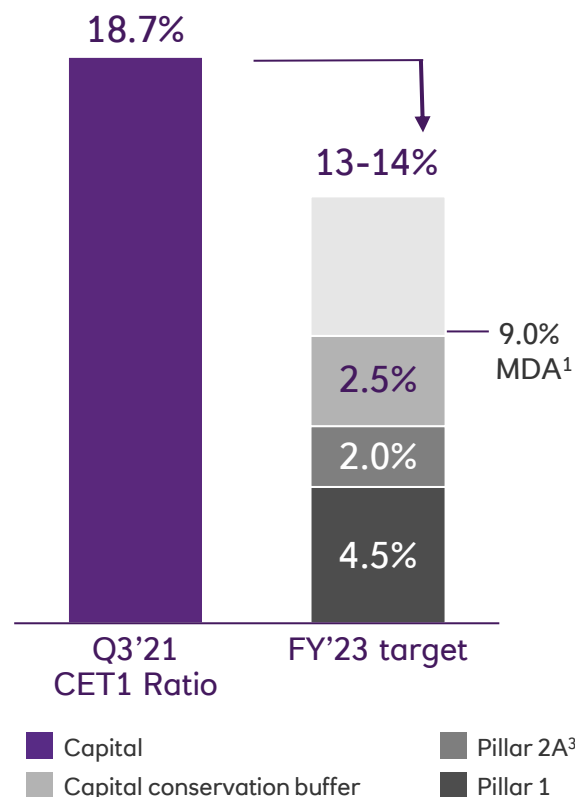
Excellent progress against issuance plans in the quarter with further €1bn senior MREL and €750m Tier 2 issued in Q3

Capital optimisation continued with the call of the NWG 8.625% \$2.65bn USD AT1 in August

CET1 headroom above medium term target^{1,2}

470-570 bps

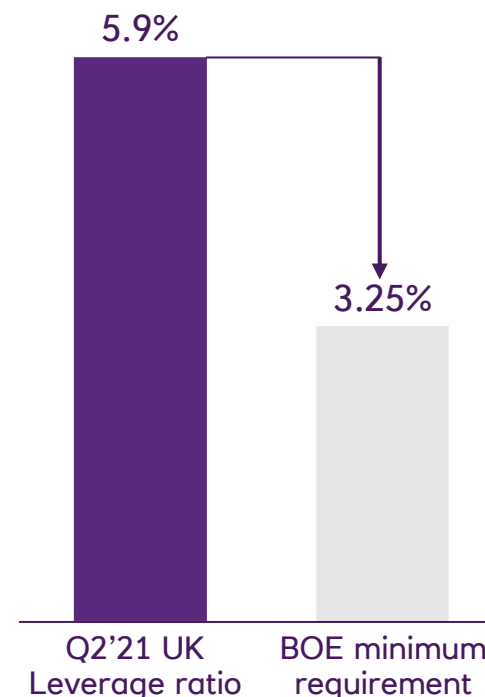
c.£7.5bn – 9.1bn of headroom in Q3'21



Headroom above minimum UK leverage requirements

265bps

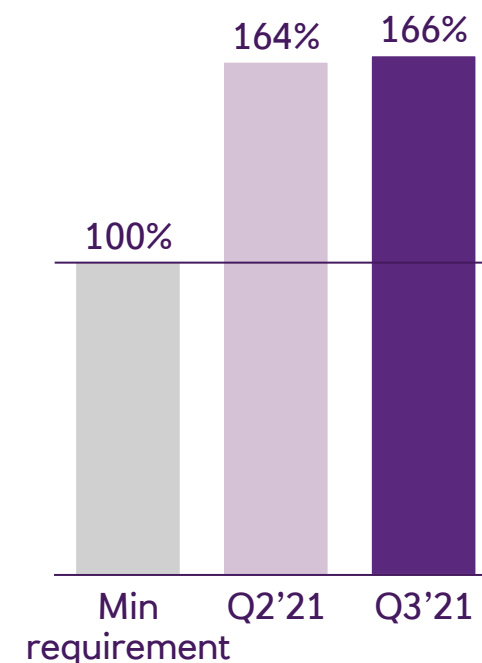
headroom above minimum requirements



Liquidity coverage ratio remains well above min UK requirement

£79bn

surplus liquidity over minimum requirement



1. Refer to detailed disclosure in Q3'21 IMS. Headroom presented on the basis of target CET1, and does not reflect excess distributable capital. Headroom may vary over time and may be less in future.
2. Based on assumption of static regulatory capital requirements.
3. NatWest Group plc's Pillar 2A requirements are set on a nominal capital basis which results in an implied 9.0% MDA. 56.25% of the total Pillar 2A requirement must be met from CET1 capital. Pillar 2A requirement is expected to vary over time and is subject to at least annual review.

Robust balance sheet with strong capital & liquidity levels

Strong capital generation in the quarter

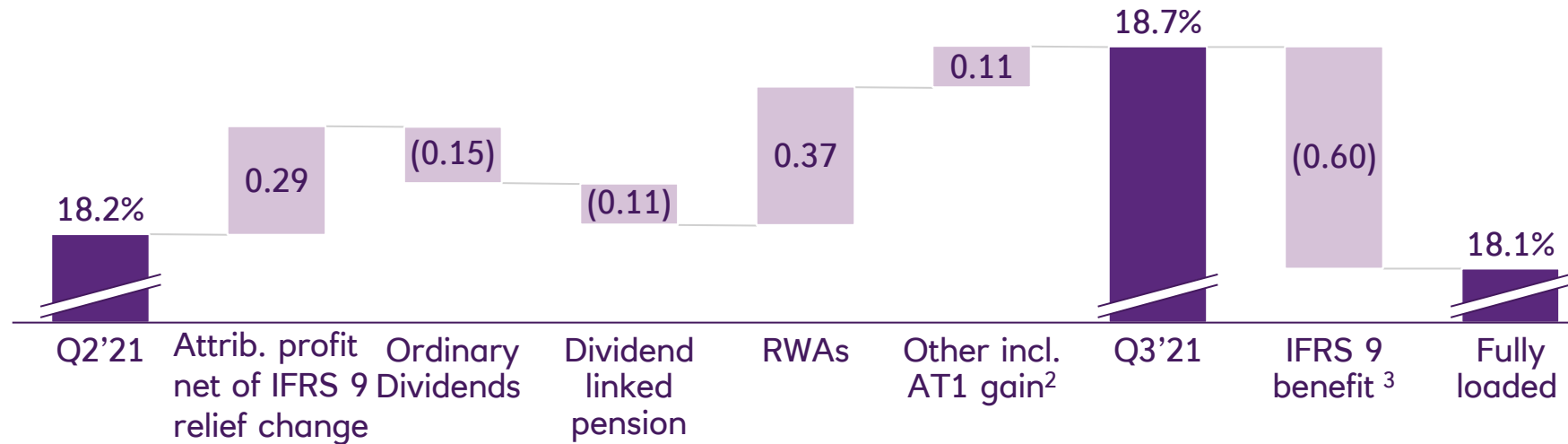
CET1 ratio 18.7% up 50bps on Q2'21 driven by earnings and RWA reduction

RWAs reduced by £3.2bn mainly driven by lower market risk reflecting the model update in NWM

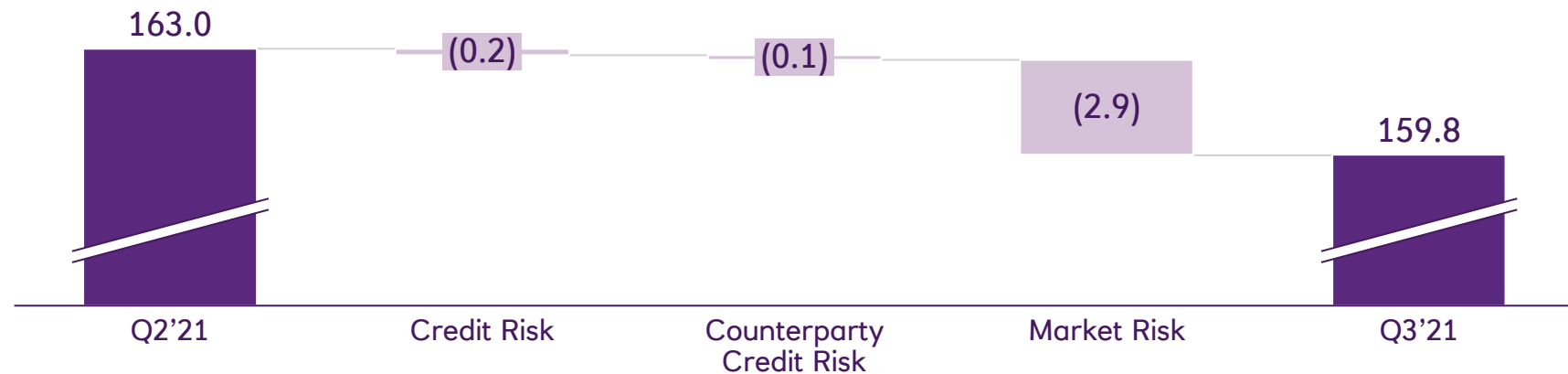
We now expect RWAs to be below our previously guided range of £185-195bn on 1 January 2022

1. May not cast due to rounding.
2. AT1 gain on redemption of capital instruments
3. Including IFRS9 Transitional adjustment at 100% reducing to 75% in 2022.

CET1, (%)¹



RWA, £bn



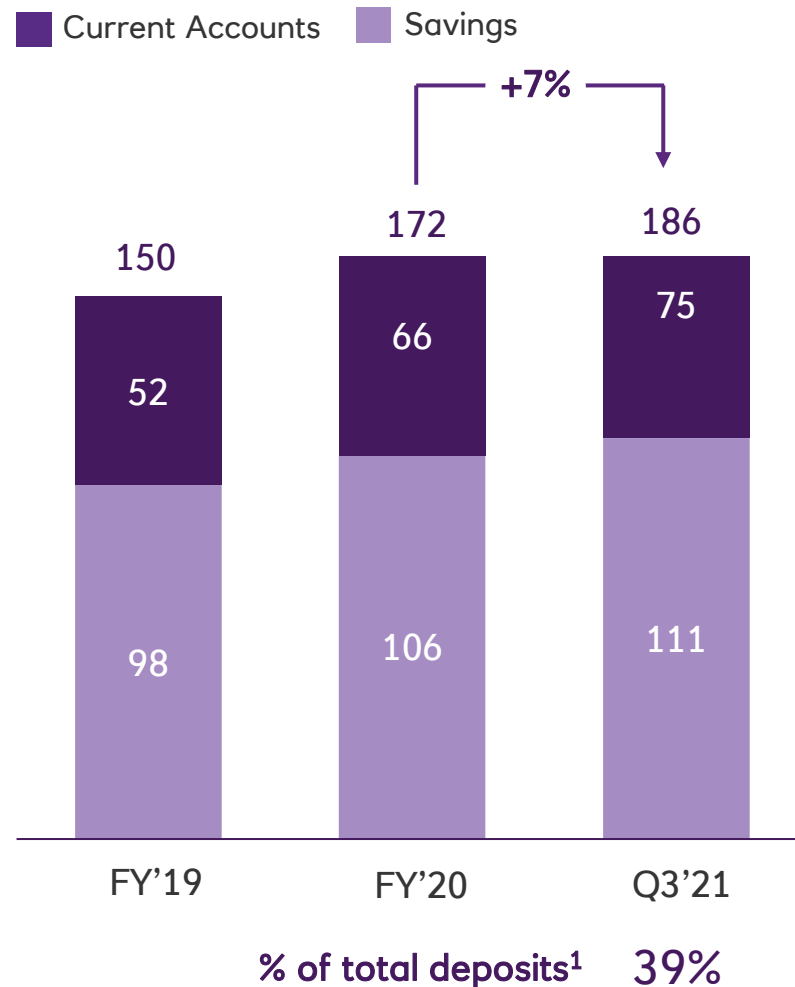
Strong customer deposit inflows during 2021

Retail Banking deposits increased by £14 billion as a result of lower customer spend and increased savings.

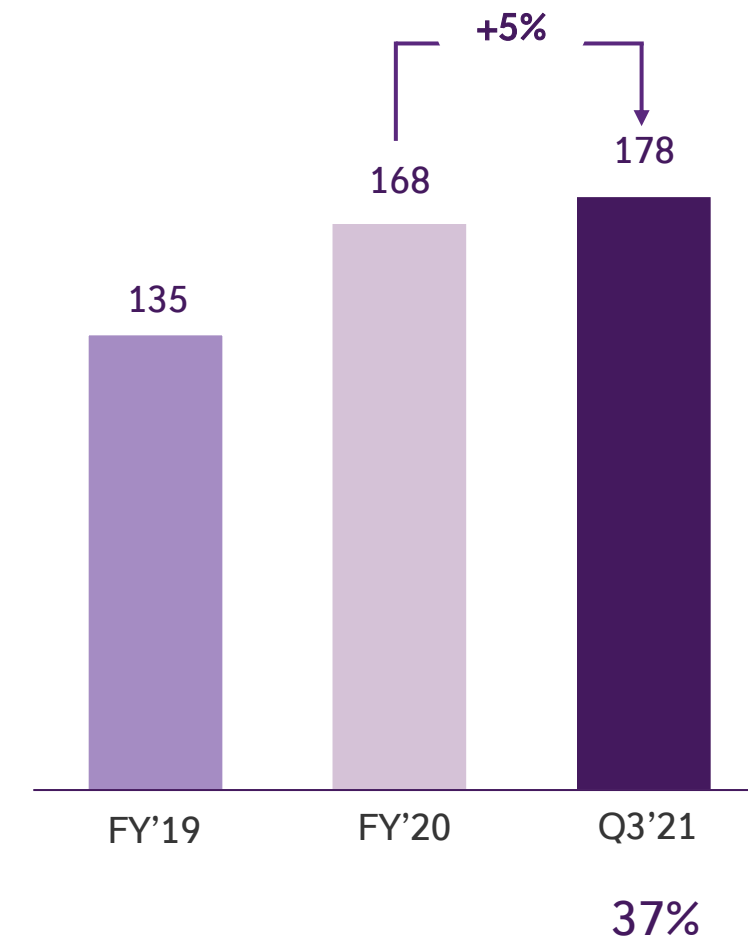
Commercial Banking deposits increased by £10 billion as customers continued to build and retain liquidity.

£107bn increase in total deposits since FY 2019, of which £36bn Retail Banking and £44bn Commercial Banking¹

Retail Banking £bn



Commercial Banking £bn



1. Other deposits include Ulster Bank RoI, Private Banking, NWM, RBSI, Central items and Other. Figures may not sum due to rounding.

Issuance and capital management progress

Good progress with 2021
issuance plan; YTD 2021,
NatWest Group plc issued
~£3bn MREL eligible senior
debt, ~£1bn of AT1 and
£1.7bn Tier 2.

NatWest Markets Plc
issued ~£3bn senior
unsecured term debt

NatWest Group continued
to optimise regulatory
efficiency of capital
through targeted liability
management exercises
and redemptions

2021 Issuance guidance

HoldCo Senior unsecured
~£3-5bn HoldCo senior MREL

OpCo Senior unsecured
Modest issuance from NatWest
Markets Plc

Capital
~£2bn HoldCo Tier 2
~£1bn HoldCo AT1

YTD 2021 progress

~£3bn



NWG €1bn 9NC8 GSS format - Social



NWG \$1.5bn 6NC5



NWG €1bn 8NC7



NWM \$1.25bn Senior Unsecured 144a



NWM €1.25bn Senior Unsecured EMTN



NWM \$1.3bn 5yr Senior Unsecured 144a

~£3bn public
issuance

~£1.7bn Tier 2
~£1bn AT1



NWG £400m PNC7.5 AT1



NWG \$750m PNC11 AT1



NWG £1bn 11NC6 Tier 2



NWG €750m 11NC6 Tier 2

Capital optimisation

- Offered to repurchase ~£4.8bn of capital securities in H1 2021; repurchasing ~£1.6bn
- Announced calls in respect of ~£0.8bn of capital securities in H1 2021.
- Called ~£2bn of AT1 in Aug-21

Q&A





Appendix

NatWest Group plc received rating upgrades from Moody's on 13 July 2021, with positive outlook maintained on NWG plc and NWM Plc and NWM N.V.

S&P and Fitch changed their outlook to Stable (from Negative) in June and July 2021 based on stronger than expected UK economic recovery and NatWest Group plc's strong credit profile.

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Group holding company			
NatWest Group plc	Baa1/Pos	BBB/Sta	A/Sta
Ring-fenced bank operating companies			
NatWest Bank Plc	A1*/A1/Sta	A/Sta	A+/Sta
Royal Bank of Scotland plc	A1*/A1/Sta	A/Sta	A+/Sta
Ulster Bank Ireland DAC	A3*/Baa1/RUR	A-/Sta	BBB+/Sta
Non ring-fenced bank operating companies			
NatWest Markets Plc	A2/Pos	A-/Sta	A+/Sta
NatWest Markets N.V.	A2/Pos	A-/Sta	A+/Sta
NatWest Markets Securities Inc	NR	A-/Sta	A/Sta
RBSI Ltd	A3/Sta	A-/Sta	A/Sta

* Moody's Long-Term Bank Deposit Ratings

The Sustainalytics rating improved to 17/Low risk in July 2021.

The MSCI rating improved from BBB to AA last December.

Ongoing participation in the Standard & Poor's Corporate Sustainability Assessment ⁽²⁾

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2. S&P CSA results are due in November.

ESG Ratings ⁽¹⁾	Scale	2019	2020	2021
MSCI				
Rating	AAA to CCC	BBB	AA	AA
Sustainalytics Risk Rating				
Rating	1-100 Negligible to Severe	27.7 Medium risk	20.5 Medium risk	17 Low risk
CDP				
Rating	A to D-	B	A-	A-
Industry average		C	B	
ISS ESG				
Rating	A+ to D-	C	C	C
Prime Status		Prime	Prime	Prime

Strong Q3 performance

Income excluding notable items was in line with Q2'21 as strength in mortgages was offset by lower trading income

Other expenses up 0.2% over Q2'21 due to timing of investment spend

Further impairment release of £242m, 26bps of customer loans, due to improvement in underlying risk and low level of defaults

£m	Q3'21	Q2'21	Q3'20	vs Q2'21	vs Q3'20
Net interest income	1,954	1,985	1,926	(1.6)%	1.5%
Non-interest income	820	675	497	21.5%	65.0%
Total income	2,774	2,660	2,423	4.3%	14.5%
<i>Total Income ex notable items</i>	<i>2,621</i>	<i>2,621</i>	<i>2,720</i>	<i>(0.0)%</i>	<i>(3.6)%</i>
Other expenses	(1,571)	(1,568)	(1,583)	0.2%	(0.8)%
Strategic costs	(77)	(172)	(223)	(55.2%)	(65.5)%
Litigation and conduct costs	(294)	34	(8)	n.m.	36x
Operating expenses	(1,942)	(1,706)	(1,814)	13.8%	7.1%
Operating profit before impairments	832	954	609	(12.8%)	36.6%
Impairment releases/ (losses)	242	605	(254)	(60.0%)	n.m.
Operating profit	1,074	1,559	355	(31.1%)	202.5%
Tax	(330)	(202)	(207)	63.4%	59.4%
Attributable profit	674	1,222	61	(44.8)%	11x
RoTE	8.5%	15.6%	0.8%	-7.1ppt	+7.7ppt

Focused on generating shareholder value

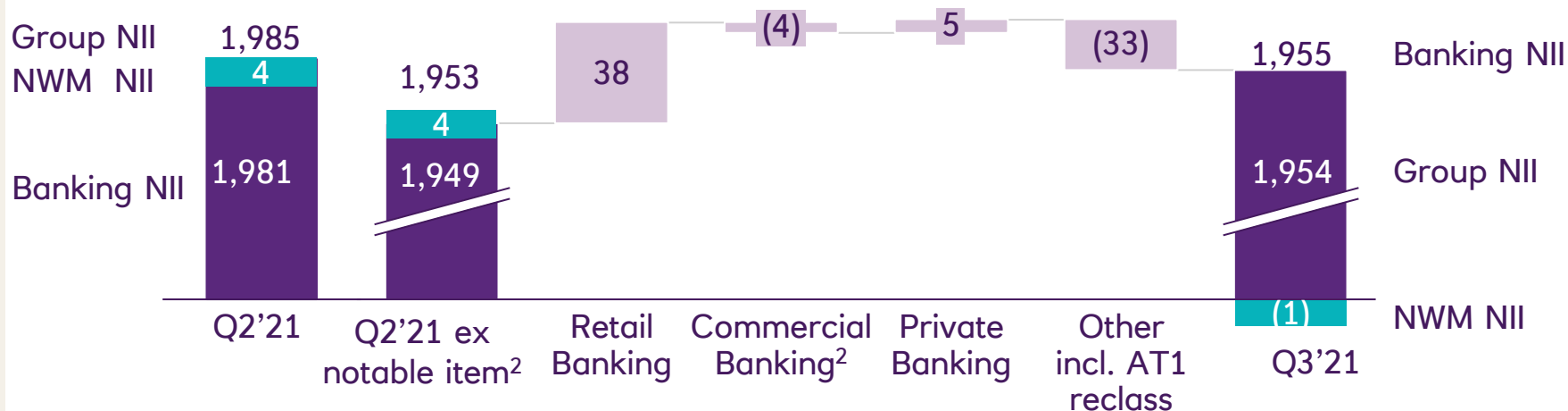
Net interest income supported by mortgage growth

Banking net interest income ex-notable items was up 0.3% in the quarter driven by mortgage growth, partially offset by reclassification of AT1 cost from equity to debt of £14m

Bank NIM excluding Liquid Asset Buffer impacted by AT1 reclassification and higher funding costs

1. May not cost due to rounding
2. Non-repeat of Q2 One-off in Commercial Banking related to tax variable lease repricing following the enactment of future corporation tax rate changes (+£32m or +3bps of Bank AIEAs)
3. Bank net interest margin and Bank average interest earning assets exclude NWM from NatWest Group plc figures.
4. Includes AT1 reclass

Net Interest Income¹, £m



Bank Net Interest Margin³ excluding Liquid Asset Buffer, bps



493.9

Bank Average Interest Earning Assets (IEAs)³, £bn

504.9

163.4

of which Liquid Asset Buffer IEAs³, £bn

173.7

161

158

Bank NIM³

154

Focused on generating shareholder value

NIM drivers: moderate pressure on asset yields

Group asset yield impacted by further growth in Bank Liquid Asset Buffer, +£10bn over Q3. Funding costs increased to 0.34% in Q3 due to AT1 reclassification and issuance

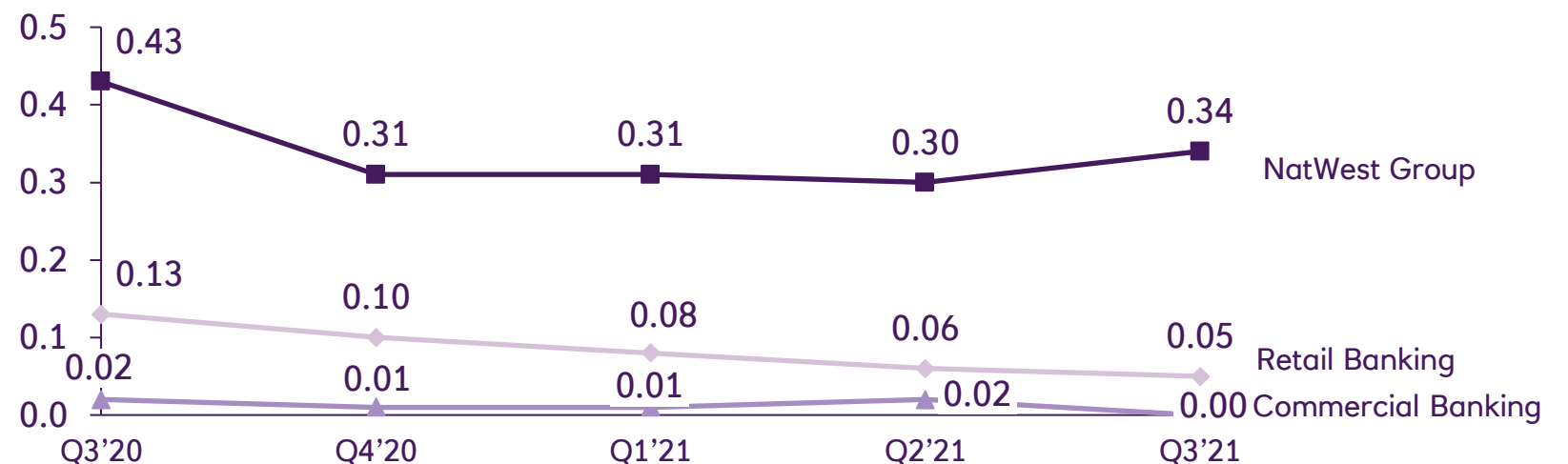
Retail Banking loan yield impacted by lower mortgage rates. Mortgage margin on back book up 1 bp to 164bps

1. For NatWest Group plc this is the gross yield on the IEAs of the banking business; for Retail and Commercial Banking 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 Banking it represents the third party customer funding rate which includes both interest-bearing and non-interest bearing deposits.
3. Growth of average balances for the quarter

Gross yields of interest earning banking assets, %¹



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



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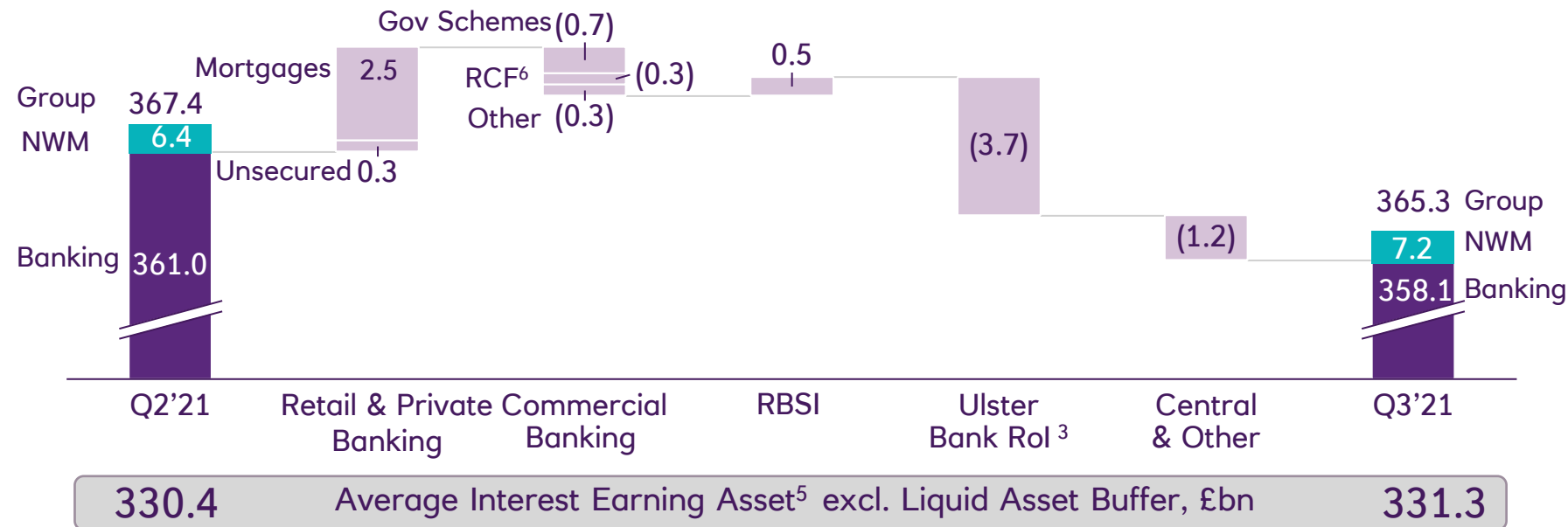
Growth in our target segments¹

Gross banking loans to customers down by 0.8% in the quarter driven by the reclassification of Ulster loans to be sold to AIB¹

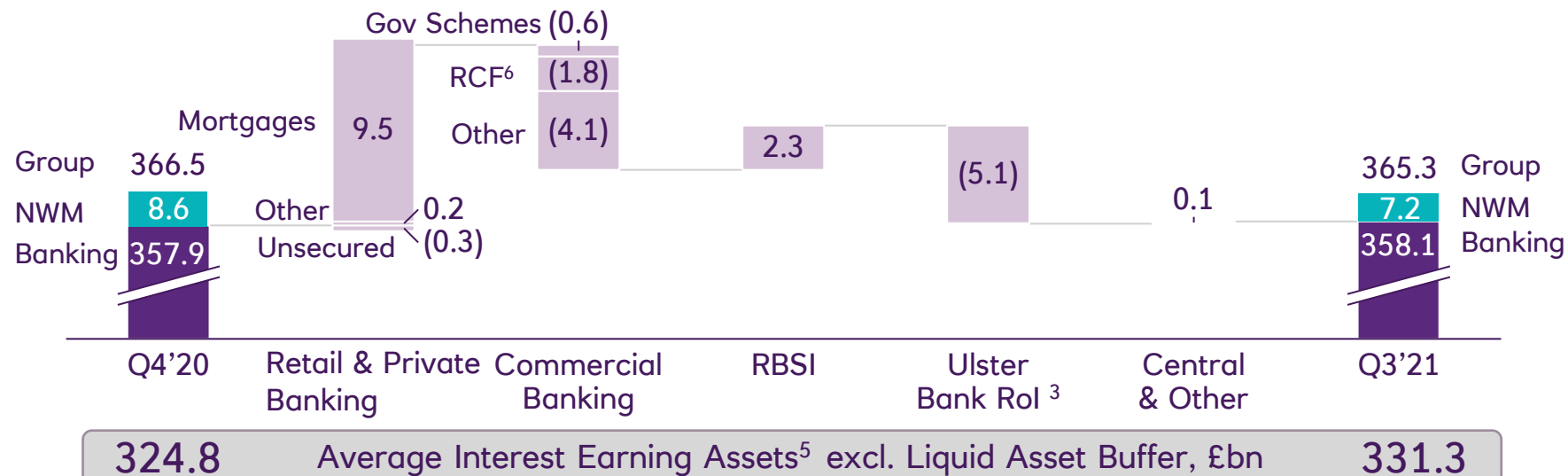
£2.7bn² growth across UK & RBSI Retail & Commercial businesses, ex govt. schemes

Mortgage growth partly offset by commercial deleveraging

Gross customer loans⁴, quarter on quarter, £bn



Gross customer loans⁴, year to date, £bn



1. UK & RBSI Retail & Commercial businesses, ex govt. schemes
2. Net lending up by £2.9bn including ECL
3. Includes reclassification of €3.9 billion of gross loans agreed to be sold to Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. as assets held for sale
4. May not cast due to rounding, Customer Loans Amortised Cost
5. Bank average interest earning assets = NatWest Group plc excluding NWM
6. Revolving credit facilities for our Commercial Banking customers

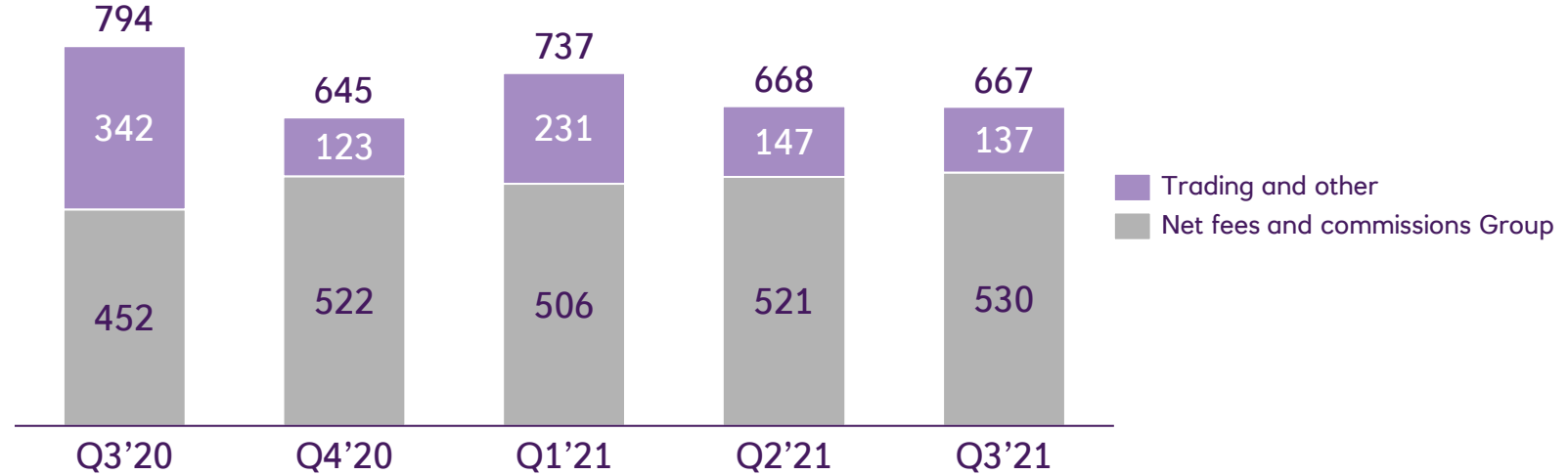
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Non-interest income impacted by lower trading income

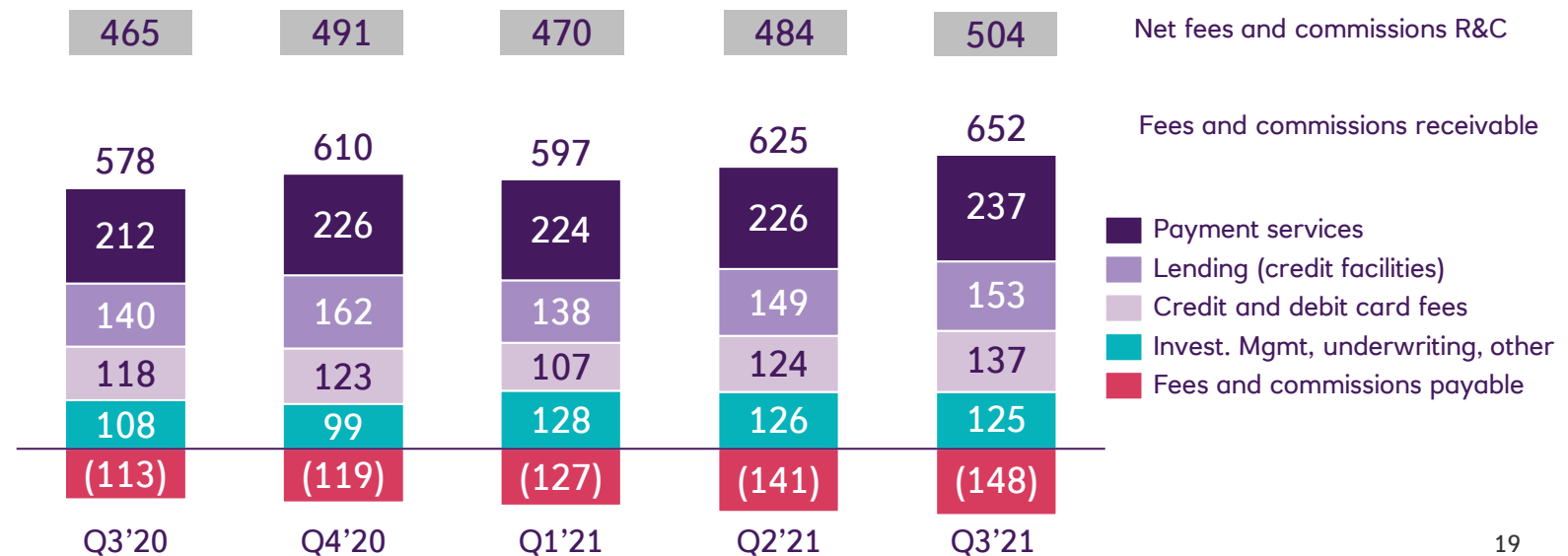
NatWest Markets income¹ down 27% over Q2'21 to £105m due to ongoing weak Fixed Income performance and reshaping of the business

Retail & Commercial net fees and commissions² up £20m or 4.1% over Q2'21

Non Interest Income¹ £m



Retail & Commercial Businesses' Fees and Commissions² £m



1. Restated £5m in Q1 and £20m in Q2 for Liquidity Asset Bond sale gain
2. Retail & Commercial Businesses' Fees and Commissions are calculated as NatWest Group excluding NatWest Markets, central items and other

Simplification and cost efficiency

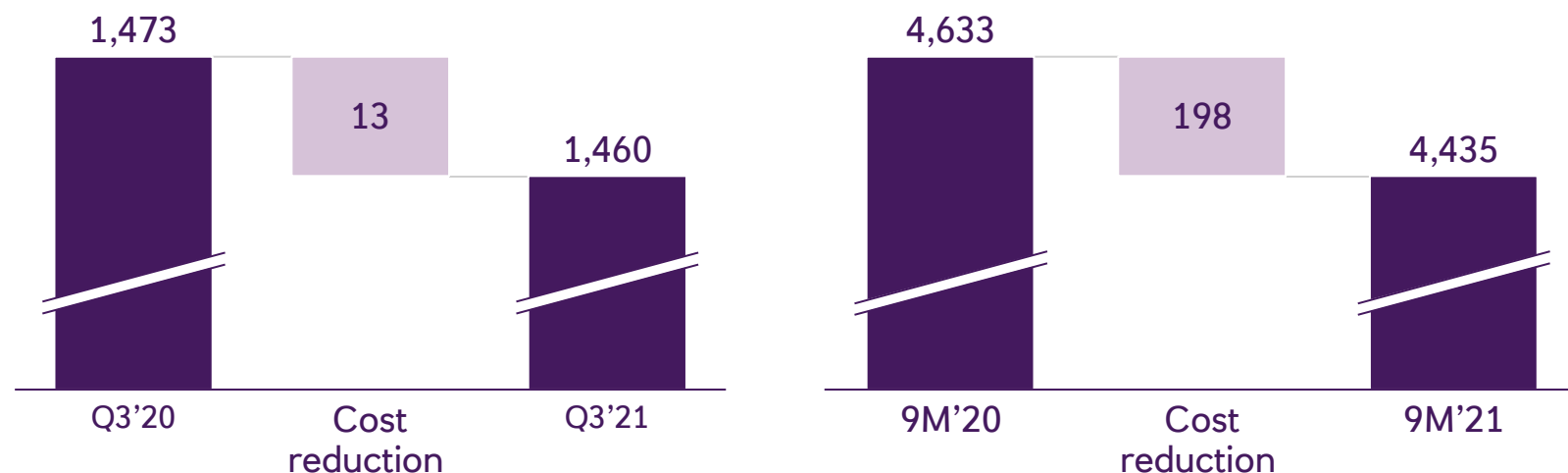
Cost reduction of 4.3% in 9M'21¹, on track for c.4% target for FY'21

Other expenses ex-OLD and Ulster Bank Rol² of £1.5bn in Q3, down £13m or 0.9% versus Q3'20

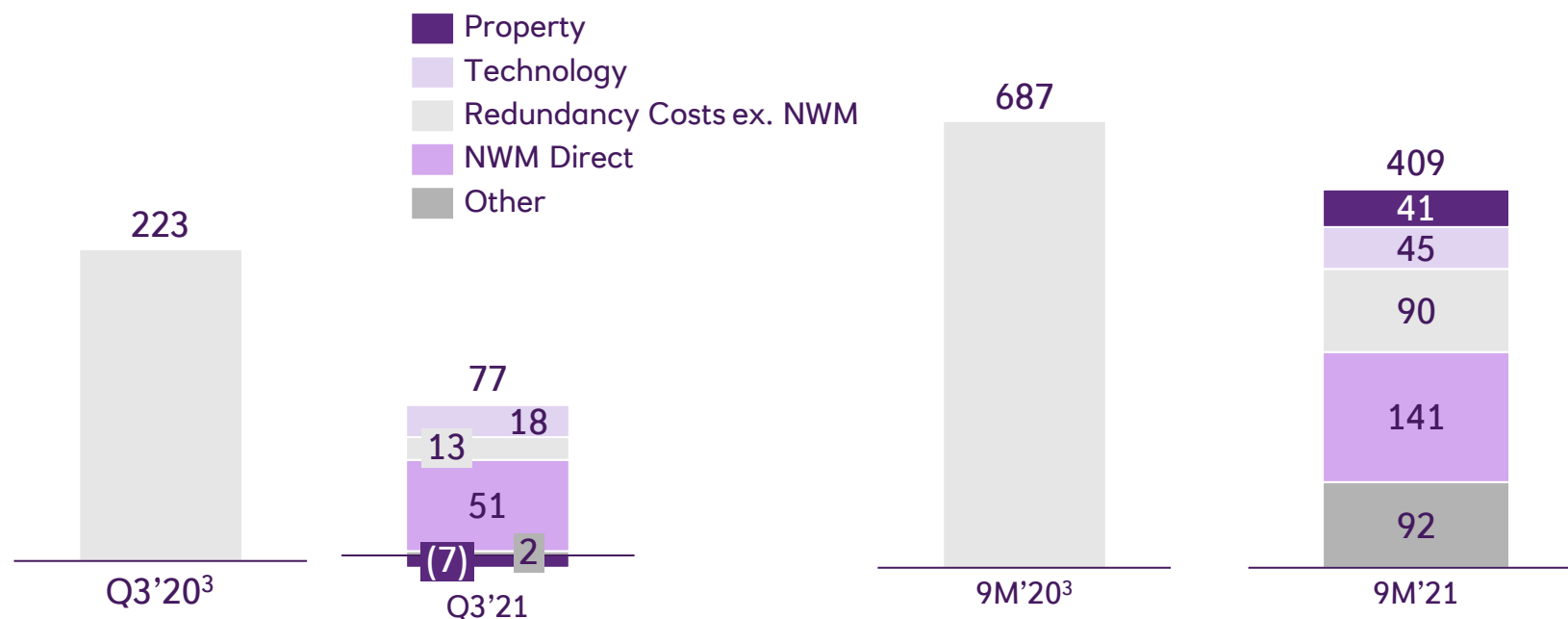
Strategic costs of £77m in Q3'21 include £64m relating to Redundancy and NatWest Markets reshaping.

1. Reduction of £198m in Other expenses ex Operating Lease Depreciation and Ulster Bank Rol Direct
2. Other expenses excluding Operating Lease Depreciation (OLD) and Ulster Bank Rol Direct Cost. Operating Lease Depreciation £36m in Q3'21, £37m in Q3'20. Ulster Bank Rol Direct costs of £75m in Q3'21, £73m in Q3'20.
3. Q3'20 and 9M'20 breakdown not disclosed

Other expenses ex Operating Lease Depreciation and Ulster Bank Rol Direct², £m



Strategic costs, £m



Guidance

	2021 financial targets and outlook	Medium-term targets and outlook
Costs	We plan on reducing other expenses, excluding OLD, by around 4% in comparison to 2020, excluding any change in the direct cost base of Ulster Bank Rol. We also expect to incur strategic costs of around £0.8 billion during 2021 from the continued refocussing of NatWest Markets and resizing of the Group's cost base.	Expect annual cost reduction of around 4%, excluding the impact of the phased withdrawal from the Republic of Ireland, along with continued strategic cost reduction.
Impairments	Noting impairment losses in the first half of 2021 were a net release of £707 million, we now expect the 2021 full year impairment loss to be a net release.	n/a
Capital	n/a	CET1 ratio of between 13% to 14% by 2023.
Returns	n/a	9-10% ROTE by 2023
RWA	<p>We now expect NatWest Group RWAs to be below our previously guided range of £185-195 billion on 1 January 2022. This includes on a proforma basis the impact of Bank of England's mortgage risk weight changes and other model changes introduced on 1 January 2022.</p> <p>The impact of the mortgage regulatory changes is expected to be around £15 billion, subject to the timing and quantum of any procyclicality before implementation and based on the H1'21 book size and weighting. The £15 billion equates to an anticipated book risk weight of 15% which is subject to change. We expect minimal reduction in RWAs in Ulster Bank Rol in 2021 as a result of the completion of the strategic review announced. Other changes in RWAs will be driven by the level of procyclical inflation driven by the economic outlook, downgrades in the credit quality and assessments in the commercial book and ongoing demand for lending from our customers.</p>	<p>We anticipate RWA inflation from Basel 3 amendments to be less than 5% of RWAs as at 31 December 2020 and currently expect implementation in 2023. The details of Basel 3 amendments remain subject to regulatory uncertainty on both quantum and timing.</p> <p>As a result of the decision to withdraw from the Republic of Ireland, we would expect the level of RWAs to reduce in the coming years, and for this withdrawal to be capital accretive for NatWest Group across the multi-year process.</p>
NWM	<p>We expect NatWest Markets exit/disposal costs and the impact of Commercial Banking capital management actions to total a combined £150 million in 2021.</p> <p>We no longer expect to achieve the majority of the remaining RWA reduction towards the medium term target in NWM of £20 billion this year.</p>	<p>n/a</p> <p>RWAs c.£20bn in the medium term.</p>
Lending	We are targeting above market rate lending growth across our UK and RBS International retail and commercial businesses, excluding UK Government financial support schemes.	Supporting this we are targeting above market lending growth per annum across our UK and RBS International retail and commercial businesses
Dividends and pay-outs	<p>NatWest Group aims to distribute a minimum of £1 billion per annum from 2021 to 2023, via a combination of ordinary and special dividends, and intends to commence an ordinary share buy-back programme of up to £750 million in the second half of the year.</p> <p>NatWest Group intends to maintain the required capacity to participate in directed buybacks of the UK Government stake and recognises that any exercise of this authority would be dependent upon HMT's intentions and is limited to 4.99% of issued share capital in any 12 month period.</p>	

Key Drivers of CET1 ratio¹: from 18.7% at Q3'21 through to FY'23

Driver	Timing	Impact ²	Details
Earnings			Target a ROTE of 9-10% by FY'23
Distributions ³ : Dividends	Through to FY'23	c.140bps	Intend to distribute a minimum of £1bn per annum through dividends, £750m accrued through to Q3'21. Impact relates to remaining minimum £2.25bn intention
Direct Buybacks ⁴	Through to FY'23	c.140bps	Retain capacity to participate in Direct Buy Backs up to 4.99% in 12-month period; executed £1.1bn in March '21. Impact assumes two further DBBs in 2022 and 2023 in line with Mar'21
On-market buybacks			£750m programme underway, included in Q3'21 CET1 ratio
Dividend-linked pension contributions	Through to FY'22	c.25bps	£1bn of £1.5bn pre-tax contributions outstanding; maximum of £500m per annum accrual in FY'21 and FY'22, £485m accrued through to Q3'21 (£354m post tax)
Lending volumes & RWA procyclicality			RWA consumption is dependent on loan growth and mix Expect to incur inflation due to negative credit rating migration, timing is dependent on economic development
NatWest Markets	Medium term target	+c.65bps	Reflects RWA reduction towards c.£20bn in the medium term, £25.4bn at Q3'21
Ulster Bank Rol	Multi-year	+c.40bps	Impact relates to the binding agreement with AIB for the sale of c.€4.2bn performing commercial loans, estimated at c.€4bn RWAs ⁵
Regulation: IFRS 9 unwind	Through to FY'24	c.60bps	£1.0bn benefit at Q3'21 at 100%, will unwind to 75% in FY'22, 50% FY'23, 25% FY'24. Will also be affected by stage migration which remains uncertain
Software intangibles	01/01/2022	c.25bps	Benefit included at Q3'21 that we expect will end on 1 Jan 2022
Mortgage risk-weight inflation	01/01/2022	c.160bps	Expect mortgage risk-weight inflation of around £15bn based on book at Q3'21. Procyclicality may bring part of this forward into 2021.
Model changes	01/01/2022		Other model changes to be introduced on 1 Jan 2022, including SA-CCR
Basel 3 amendments	FY'23	<95bps	We anticipate RWA inflation from Basel 3 amendments to be less than 5% of RWAs as at FY'20 and currently expect implementation in 2023, subject to regulatory uncertainty on both quantum and timing

1. This presentation contains forward-looking statements, please see Forward-Looking Statements on slide 24 and the Outlook Statement on page 9 of NWG plc FY'20 Company Announcement, page 2 of the NWG plc H1'21 IMS and page 2 of the Q3'21 IMS

2. Impacts are approximate, not to scale and shown on a standalone basis using Q3'21 capital position. These impacts will change quarterly. Combined impacts will not be sum of standalone impact.

3. Distributions are subject to regulatory approvals.

4. DBB 4.99% window reopens on 19 March 2022

5. Refer to [RNS](#) dated 28 June 2021

Economic Assumptions¹

	H1'21				FY'20			
Scenario	Upside	Base Case	Downside	Extreme downside	Upside	Base Case	Downside	Extreme downside
Weighting	35%	40%	20%	5%	20%	40%	30%	10%
UK GDP – Annual Growth (%)								
2021	10.1	7.3	2.7	0.1	9.0	4.5	2.6	(4.6)
2022	5.4	5.8	4.3	-	2.6	4.2	4.6	6.1
5 year Average	3.9	3.5	2.9	2.5	3.6	3.1	2.8	1.3
UK Unemployment rate – annual average								
2021	4.7	5.3	5.4	5.9	5.6	6.3	8.5	12.3
2022	4.3	4.8	7.0	11.8	4.5	6.3	7.7	12.0
5 year Average	4.1	4.6	5.8	8.1	4.4	5.7	7.1	9.7
UK House Price Inflation – four quarter growth								
2021	8.0	2.0	(2.4)	(5.4)	2.2	(3.0)	(7.4)	(26.9)
2022	1.7	0.5	(3.0)	(27.0)	1.7	3.6	6.5	5.1
5 year Average	4.3	2.6	0.9	1.1	2.4	1.7	1.9	(1.6)
UK Commercial Real Estate Price – four quarter growth								
2021	7.0	(1.4)	(8.4)	(13.4)	2.6	(2.6)	(15.9)	(26.6)
2022	2.1	2.0	(1.3)	(18.2)	0.3	5.7	10.8	3.2
5 year Average	2.7	1.0	0.1	(1.1)	1.1	0.9	0.2	(3.2)

1. Full details of the economic assumptions can be found on page 20 to 23 of the NWG H1'21 IMS

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