# **Preliminary Results FY 2015**

22 September 2015





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### Introduction

### Another year of strong performance

- Strong financial performance building on long track record
  - Adjusted operating profit up 16% to £225 million
  - Adjusted earnings per share up 19% to 120.5p
  - RoE increased to 19.5%
- Continued investment to support and sustain our differentiated model
- Strong funding and liquidity position and improved capital ratios
  - Moody's credit rating upgraded
- 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of dividend growth
  - Dividend per share up 9% to 53.5p
- Well positioned for the long-term

#### Notes

Return on opening equity ("RoE") calculated as adjusted operating profit after tax and non-controlling interests, on opening equity excluding non-controlling interests.

All numbers are in respect of continuing operations.



Adjusted operating profit ("AOP") excludes the effect of amortisation of intangible assets on acquisition.

Adjusted earnings per share excludes amortisation of intangible assets on acquisition and the tax effect of such adjustment.

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### **Financial highlights**

Continued improvement in profitability and returns

### **Continuing operations**

£ million	2015	2014	% change
Banking	208.7	181.6	15%
Securities	24.6	26.6	(8%)
Asset Management	17.8	9.9	80%
Group	(26.2)	(24.4)	7%
Adjusted operating profit	224.9	193.7	16%
Adjusted EPS	120.5p	101.0p	19%
RoE	19.5%	17.9%	
Dividend per share	53.5p	49.0p	9%

- AOP up 16% to £225 million
  - Sixth consecutive year of double digit growth in Banking AOP
  - A solid result in Securities given difficult market conditions
  - Continued good progress in **Asset**Management
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- Adjusted EPS +19% to 120.5p
- Full year DPS +9% to 53.5p

### **Income statement**

### Continued strong performance

#### **Income statement**

			%
£ million	2015	2014	change
Adjusted operating income	689.5	627.9	10%
Adjusted operating expenses	(422.7)	(390.1)	8%
Impairment losses	(41.9)	(44.1)	(5%)
Adjusted operating profit	224.9	193.7	16%
Tax	(45.4)	(43.2)	5%
Profit attributable to shareholders	174.5	145.2	20%
(continuing operations)			
Profit from discontinued operations <sup>1</sup>	11.2	4.6	
	1112	1.0	
Basic EPS (continuing operations)	117.8p	98.4p	20%
Basic EPS (inc discontinued operations)	125.4p	101.5p	24%
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<sup>•</sup> Revenues +10% to £690 million

- Strong growth in Banking and Asset Management
- Expense/income ratio improved slightly to 61% (2014: 62%)
  - Despite continued investment
- Impairments continued to decline
  - Disciplined underwriting and benign credit environment
- Tax charge of £45 million
  - Effective tax rate lower at 21%
- Disposal of Seydler completed5 January 2015
  - £11 million profit from discontinued operations

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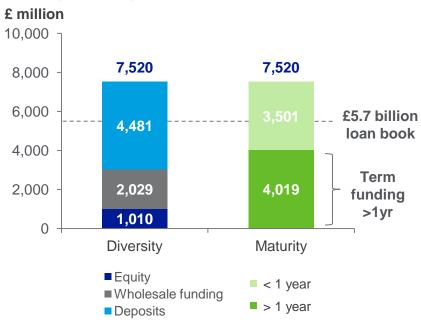
<sup>1</sup> Profit from discontinued operations includes profit from disposal of £10.3 million and profit after tax of £0.9 million (2014: £4.6 million) of Seydler up to the date of disposal (5 January 2015).



### **Balance sheet**

Simple and transparent balance sheet

### **Strong funding position**



- Diverse and prudent funding position
  - Total funding 131% of loan book
    - > Term funding 70% of loan book
- Moody's upgraded credit ratings in the year
  - A3/P2 (CBG) and Aa3/P1 (CBL)

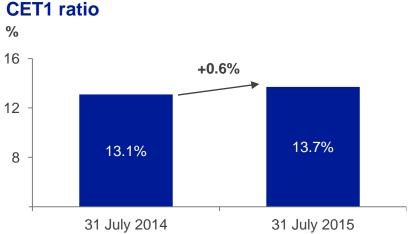
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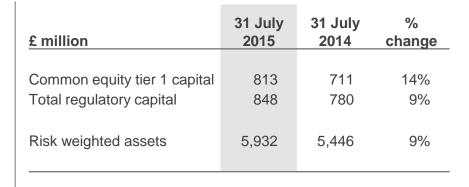
£ million	31 July 2015	31 July 2014	Change
Loans and advances to customers	5,738	5,290	448
Treasury assets	1,173	1,217	(44)
Securities assets	482	635	(153)
Other assets	564	558	6
Total assets	7,957	7,700	257

- £8.0 billion total assets broadly unchanged
  - Loan book and treasury assets account for c.90% of total assets
- Strong liquidity position
  - £1.1 billion high quality liquid treasury assets

### **Capital**

### Strong capital position underpinned by prudent approach





- CET1 ratio 13.7% and leverage ratio 10.2%

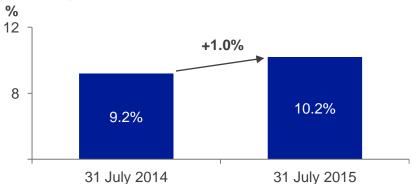


### Regulation continues to evolve

Improved capital position

Flexibility to absorb future regulatory changes

#### Leverage ratio<sup>1</sup>



1 The leverage ratio is calculated as tier 1 capital as a percentage of total balance sheet assets, adjusting for certain capital deductions, including intangible assets, and off balance sheet exposures.



Sixth consecutive year of double digit AOP growth

£ million	2015	2014	% change
Adjusted operating income	498.6	446.7	12%
Adjusted operating expenses	(248.0)	(221.0)	12%
Impairment losses	(41.9)	(44.1)	(5%)
Adjusted operating profit	208.7	181.6	15%
Return on net loan book <sup>1</sup>	3.8%	3.7%	
RoE	27%	25%	

- Income up 12% to £499 million
  - Strong growth in all businesses
- Expenses up 12% to £248 million
  - Increase in volume related costs and continued investment
- Bad debt charge declined to £42 million
- £209 million AOP up 15%
  - RoE improved to 27%
- RoNLB improved to 3.8%

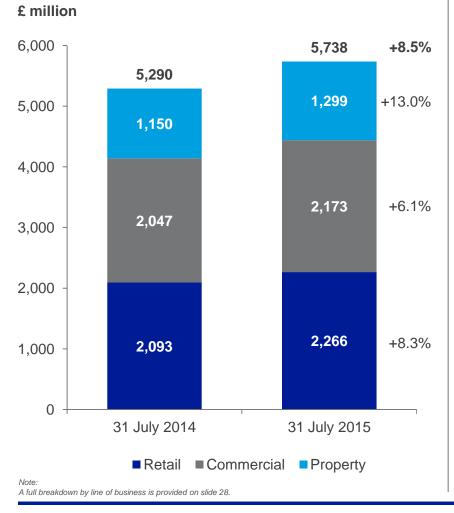
<sup>1</sup> Adjusted operating profit on average net loans and advances to customers



Note:

### Continued loan book growth

### Loan book size by business unit



#### 8.5% loan book growth to £5.7 billion

- Delivered further growth despite increasing competition
- Maintained margins and strict lending criteria

#### Retail increased 8.3%

Motor benefiting from strong demand

#### Commercial increased 6.1%

Asset finance saw good levels of new business

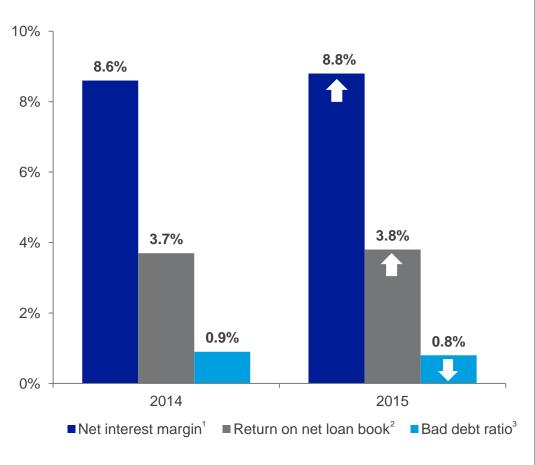
#### Property increased 13.0%

- Robust demand for development finance



All ratios improved year on year

#### **Performance ratios**



- Net interest margin of 8.8%
  - Focus on maintaining our margins
- 0.8% bad debt ratio declined for 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year
  - Focus on credit quality and favourable economic environment
- RoNLB increased to 3.8%
  - Lower impairments and solid returns

Notes

- 1 Net interest and fees on average net loan book.
- 2 Adjusted operating profit on average net loan book.
- 3 Impairment losses on average net loan book.



### **Securities**

#### Resilient business model

#### Winterflood results

£ million	2015	2014	% change
Adjusted operating income <sup>1</sup>	94.6	96.1	(2%)
Adjusted operating expenses	(70.0)	(69.5)	1%
Adjusted operating profit <sup>1</sup>	24.6	26.6	(8%)
Average bargains per day	60k	56k	
Operating margin	26%	28%	
RoE <sup>2</sup>	26%	28%	
Loss days	14	4	

- Mixed market conditions in the year
  - Volatility and lower risk appetite seen in the first half
  - Conditions improved in second half
- £95 million income, broadly stable
  - Decline in trading income due to tough conditions in H1
  - Offset by strong investment trust activity and Euroclear disposal
- AOP broadly stable at £25 million
- Resilient operating margin and RoE
  - Consistently profitable despite volatile market conditions

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted operating profit after tax and non-controlling interests on opening equity excluding non-controlling interests



Notes

<sup>1</sup> Income and adjusted operating profit includes proceeds from the disposal of shares in Euroclear, £6.8 million and £3.5 million respectively.

### **Asset Management**

### Good progress continues

£ million	2015	2014	% change
Operating income	95.6	84.4	13%
Income on client assets	90.2	83.8	8%
Advice and other services	36.1	36.6	(1%)
Investment management	54.1	47.2	15%
Other income	5.4	0.6	
Operating expenses	(77.8)	(74.5)	4%
Adjusted operating profit	17.8	9.9	80%
RoE	39%	25%	
Operating margin	19%	12%	
Revenue margin <sup>1</sup>	88bps	89bps	

- Income up 13% to £96 million
  - Higher investment management income
  - Includes one-off private equity income
- Modest increase in expenses to £78 million
  - Reflects operating leverage
- AOP +80% to £18 million
  - Excluding one-off private equity income:
    - $\rightarrow$  AOP +35% to £13 million
    - > 15% operating margin
- Revenue margin broadly stable at 88 bps

Notes:

1 Based on average total client assets of £10.2 billion (31 July 2014: £9.4 billion).

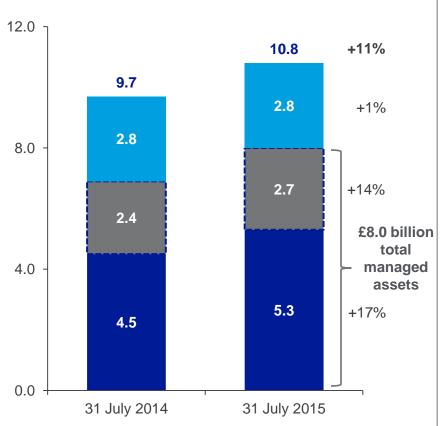


### **Asset Management**

Strong growth in managed assets

#### **Total Client Assets**

#### £ billion



■ Managed only ■ Advised and Managed ■ Advised only

- £10.8 billion total client assets +11%
- Total managed assets +16% to £8.0 billion
  - Strong inflows reflect good demand
    - > £0.7 billion net inflows, 10% of opening total managed assets
    - > £0.4 billion positive market movements benefits from rising equity markets
  - Assets both advised and managed +14% to £2.7 billion
- Advised only assets broadly stable at £2.8 billion



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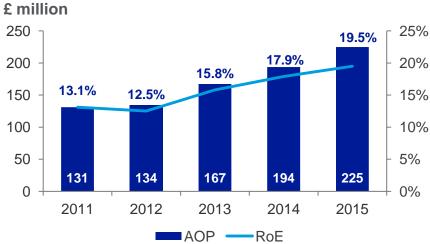
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### **Overview**

### Executing our clear and consistent strategy

- Build and sustain leading market positions
- Maintain a prudent and efficient financial position
- Invest in the business and develop our client proposition
- Deliver growing and sustainable earnings
- Deliver attractive shareholder returns





#### **Progressive dividend policy**





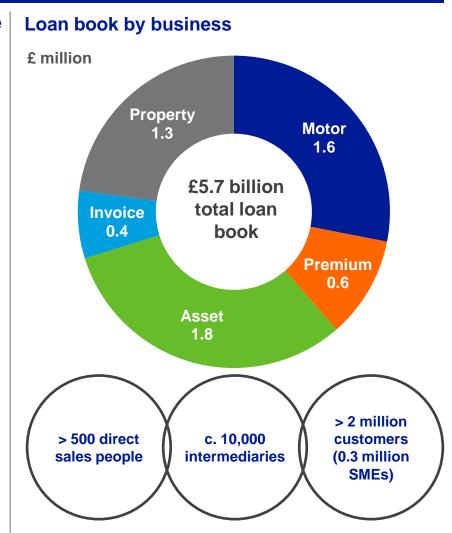
Deliver consistent profitability over the long term

# Focus on our core attributes which differentiate us as competition returns

- Local presence in niche markets
  - Expertise of our people is key
- Strong customer relationships
  - High levels of repeat business
- Prudent underwriting criteria
  - Local underwriting responsibility
- Established distribution network
  - Direct and intermediated

#### Investing for the long term

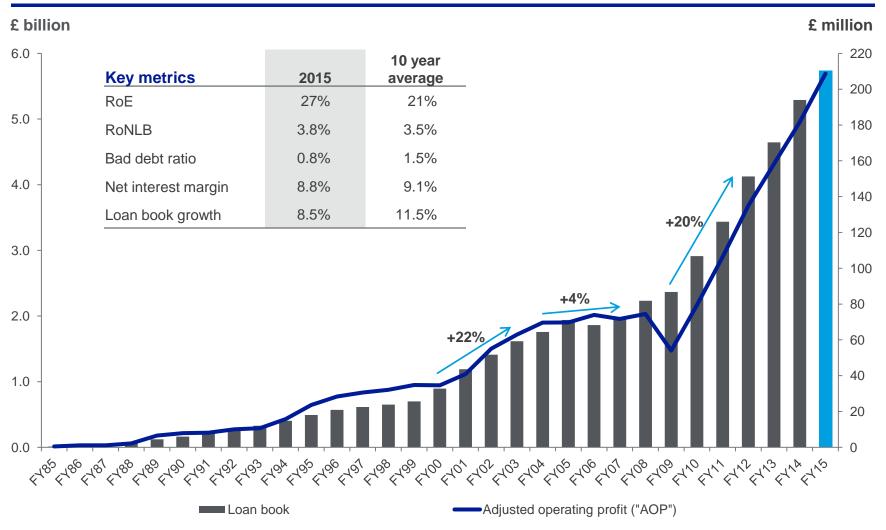
- Training our people
  - Sales academy
- · Developing our systems
- Improving our products
- Looking at adjacent markets





### Proven track record

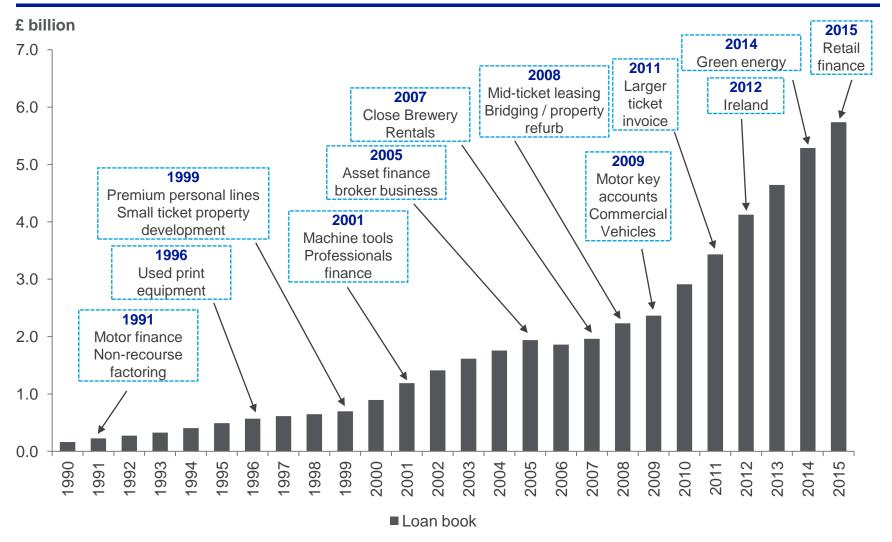
Long history of profitable growth through the cycle





### **Banking Initiatives**

Long history of developing new products and entering adjacent markets





### Winterflood

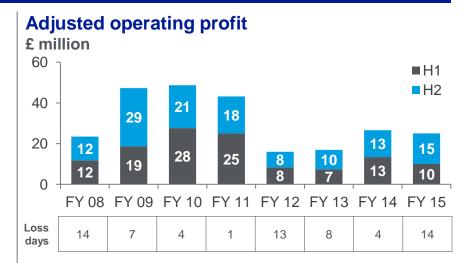
Well positioned for a cyclical recovery

#### Maintained our leading market position

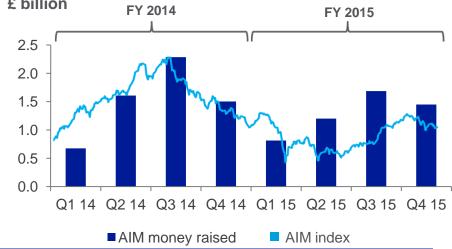
- Provide continuous liquidity to our customers
- Trade profitably in challenging conditions
  - 14 loss days, predominantly in the first half
- Diverse business
  - Strong investment trust activity in 2015

#### Differentiated model built for the long term

- Proprietary technology
- Expertise of our traders
  - 16 years average experience of our senior traders
- Leading market position
  - Maintained in tough conditions



### Market conditions £ billion FY 201



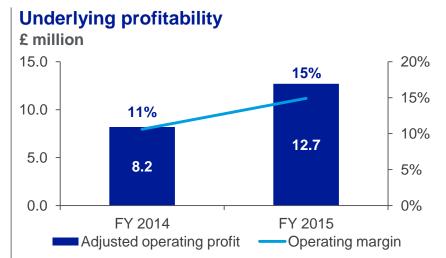


### **Asset Management**

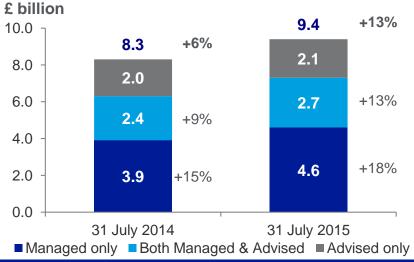
Good progress in the underlying business

#### Clear strategy focused on UK private clients

- Disposal of corporate business agreed since year end
- Good underlying growth in core business excluding corporate
  - Operating margin to 15% and revenue margin of 95 bps
- Well positioned to benefit from demographic and regulatory changes
  - Including pension developments
- Good opportunities for growth and operating leverage
  - Consider selective infill acquisitions and hiring



### Total Client Assets (exc. corporate)



Note:

The numbers included within this slide exclude the corporate activities of the Asset Management division and the one-off private equity income.



### **Asset Management Division**

Our integrated proposition

#### **Our Clients**

Families and private individuals

Wealth creating

Retirement

Our new clients are recommended by:

Existing clients

**Intermediaries** 

Our Banking division

#### **Our Services**

Support evolving client needs

**Integrated approach** providing financial advice and investment management

Investment management
A range of discretionary funds
as well as dedicated investment
managers

**Online portal** with a range of investment options and access to research

### What Sets Us Apart

One of few to offer an integrated solution

High quality processes

Range of solutions for different styles and portfolio sizes

Long-term client relationships



### **Outlook**

### Well positioned in all of our businesses

- We remain confident that our strategy and proven business model will continue to deliver both attractive propositions for our clients, and long-term value for our shareholders
  - We see continued opportunities for growth in the **Banking division**, whilst maintaining our prudent risk profile and focus on returns
  - Winterflood is well positioned but remains sensitive to market conditions
  - In **Asset Management** we expect to see continued net inflows and increasing profitability
- Overall, the group remains well positioned to continue to deliver good results

### **Save the Date**

Banking Division Investor Seminar

#### We will be holding an investor seminar on the Banking division

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 9am – 12pm

Close Brothers Group 10 Crown Place London EC2A 4FT



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### Loan book and lending statistics by business

Lending statistics	Closing loan book (£m)	Loan book growth (%)	Typical LTV¹	Average Ioan size <sup>2</sup>	Typical Ioan maturity³	Number of customers
Motor finance	1,600.3	9.7%	75 – 85%	£6k	2 – 3 years	300k
Premium finance	665.7	5.0%	90%	£500	10 months	1.8m
Asset finance	1,796.2	8.5%	85 – 90%	£35k	40 months	27k
Invoice finance	376.6	(3.7%)	80%	£300k	2 – 3 months	1.2k
Property finance	1,299.0	13.0%	50 – 60%	£1.1m	6 – 18 months	800

Notes: Lending statistic figures are for illustrative purposes only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Typical loan maturity for new business on a behavioural basis.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Typical LTV on new business. Motor Finance is based on the retail price of the vehicle financed. Premium finance LTV based on premium advanced.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Approximations at 31 July 2015.



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