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Introduction

Banking - a leader in specialised finance in the UK

- Banking is a very significant contributor to the group
- Specialised and disciplined approach to niche lending
- 25 year history, tested robust model
 - Current favourable environment actively growing market share
 - Investment to maintain share through cycle and retain margins
- Strengthened management team
- Continue to review growth opportunities
 - Focus on UK

Close Brothers Group - Adjusted operating profit (continuing operations)

£ million	2010	2009	% change
Adjusted operating profit	121.3	113.7	7%
Of which:			
Banking	79.5	54.0	47%
Securities	59.3	64.9	(9)%
Asset Management	3.3	12.0	(73)%
Group	(20.8)	(17.2)	21%

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Banking Division

Leading independent provider of specialist, expertise based finance in the UK

Key metrics

- Loan book of over £2.9bn¹
- Over 1,400 employees¹
- Longstanding and loyal customer base
 - Over 1.6 million customers¹

Key Attributes

- 1. Distinctive business model
- 2. Focus on growth
 - Sustainability and quality of earnings
- 3. Operational efficiency
- 4. Credit quality
- 5. Conservative funding and liquidity



1. Distinctive business model

Operating through four streamlined divisions

Retail

Premium Finance Motor Finance

- £1,202m loan book¹
- Intermediated lending to over 1.4 million consumers and 200,000 SMEs
- 3,000 insurance brokers and 5,800 motor dealers

Commercial

Asset Finance Invoice Finance

- £1,163m loan book¹
- Commercial vehicles, equipment, light aircraft, and trade receivables
- Direct and indirect lending to over 17,000 SMEs, in the UK, Ireland and Germany

Property

Property Finance Commercial Acceptances

- £548m loan book¹
- Short-term residential development and bridging finance
- Over 500 property developers

Treasury Funding and liquidity

Finance, HR, Procurement, Legal/Compliance, IT infrastructure

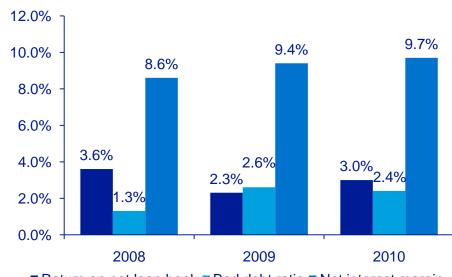


Consistently strong financial performance in existing markets

- Strong result in 2010 sustainable growth across all businesses, with demonstrable growth in market share
 - 47% increase in adjusted operating profit
 - 23% growth in loan book to record £2.9bn
- Robust interest margin of 9.7% good demand for specialist lending services
- Bad debt improved in FY 2010, underlying trend is positive
 - Headroom through the cycle
- Lower expense/income ratio whilst investing in infrastructure

£m, 31 July	2008	2009	2010
Operating income	207	236	272
Operating expenses	(105)	(122)	(129)
Impairment losses	(27)	(60)	(63)
Operating profit	75	54	80
Closing loan book	2,232	2,365	2,913
Return on equity	18%	12%	20%
Expense/income ratio	51%	52%	47%

Margin and bad debt analysis





Proven, sustainable growth

Loan book at 31 July (£bn)

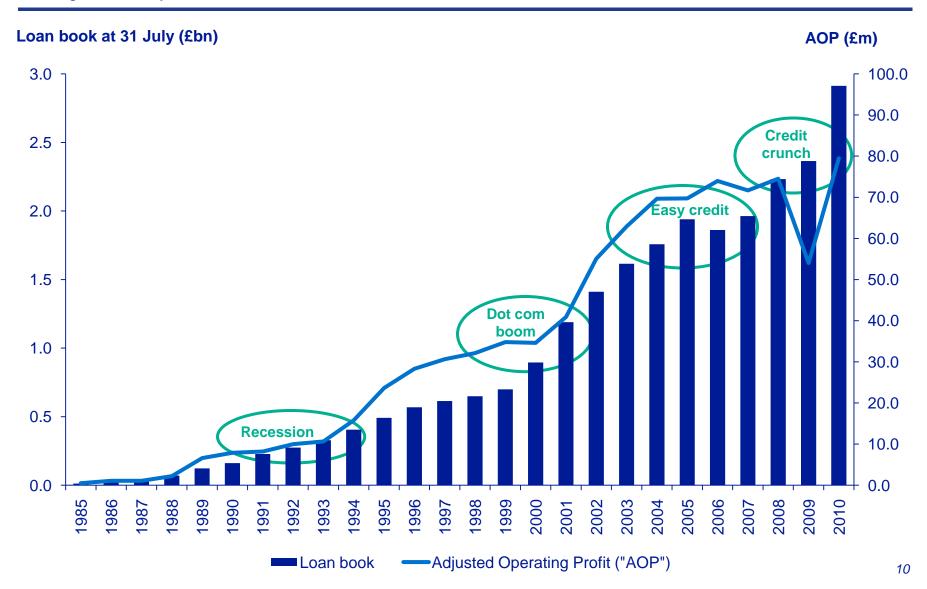


Note:

Reduction in 2006 loan book due to £0.2bn acquisition of Motor and Asset businesses in 2005.



Throughout the cycle





Barriers to entry support sustainable growth

- · Niche, expertise based lending
- Diverse loan book
- Bespoke IT systems
- Consistency of lending
- Customer loyalty



Actively positioning to grow market share

- Growth outside core business of clearing banks
- Market share increasing
 - Asset 6% share of new business
 - Invoice 13% of independent market
 - Motor 9% share of used car independent dealership
 - Premium approaching 5% of UK gross written premiums, share of independent space very substantial
 - Property leading provider of residential development lending <£5 million
- Achieved by
 - Active focus on our existing niches
 - New initiatives and strategic in-fill acquisitions where model can be replicated
- Whilst maintaining consistent and disciplined approach to lending





Our customer proposition – how we win business





3. Operational efficiency

Infrastructure with capacity and capability

Infrastructure

- Customer proposition supported by enhanced central services (e.g. HR, Finance, Legal/Compliance, IT, Procurement)
- Breadth of distribution channels
 - Tailored distribution strategy
- Continuous investment to achieve efficiency and cost savings
 - Benefit of experience
 - Group wide HR system
- Scalable operating model with capability and capacity for growth

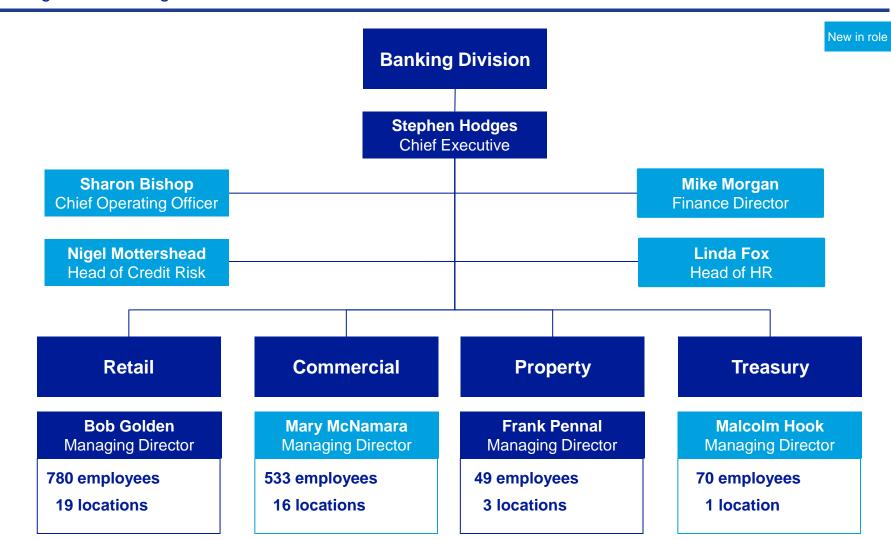
Governance

- Conservative approach to funding and liquidity management
- Credit risk management responsibility remains with local businesses, leveraging knowledge and experience
- Strengthened senior management oversight



3. Operational efficiency

Strengthened management team



Note:

Headcount as at 31 July 2010



4. Credit quality

Disciplined and consistent approach to lending

- Consistent lending criteria unchanged through the cycle
 - Local underwriting expertise
 - High proportion of secured lending
 - Conservative loan to value ratios
 - Low average loan size
- 12 month average loan book maturity
- Diverse loan book by business and asset class assets we know and like
- Highly responsive approach to collections and arrears management
 - Work with customer and act quickly
 - Knowledge of asset, repossession value and 'route-to exit' prior to credit approval

Typical lending statistics

31 July 2010	Typical LTV % at issue ¹	Average loan size ²	Typical loan maturity ³
Asset	80%	£21.0k	3 yrs
Premium	90%	£0.6k	10 mths
Property	50-60%	£754.4k	12-18 mths
Motor	75%	£4.5k	2-3 yrs
Invoice	80%	£222.7k	2-3 mths

Notes

⁽¹⁾ Typical LTV on new business. Motor Finance is based on the retail price of the vehicle

⁽²⁾ Net loan book on number of loans

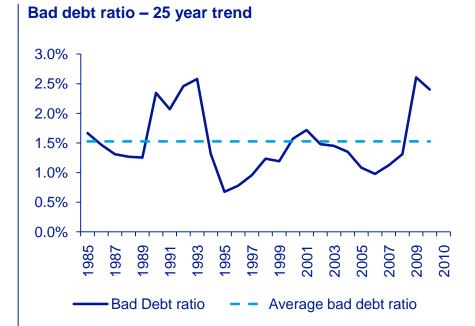
⁽³⁾ Typical loan maturity for new business on a behavioural basis



4. Credit quality

Bad debt ratio trend

- Disciplined underwriting protects credit quality through the cycle
 - 1.5% average bad debt ratio over 25 years
 - 2.6% historical peaks
- Currently towards high end of bad debt range
 - Underlying trend is positive
 - FY 2011 bad debt ratio expected to be below prior year





Strategic direction

Sustainable growth with high quality of earnings

- Distinctive business model
 - Composition of loan book will remain largely unchanged
- Focus on organic growth in core markets
 - Grow and retain market share, principally in UK
 - Maintain strong margin
 - Explore adjacent areas
- Retain growth and build further
 - Maintain disciplined lending approach
- Funding
 - Focus on loan book and future growth
 - Diverse sources providing flexibility

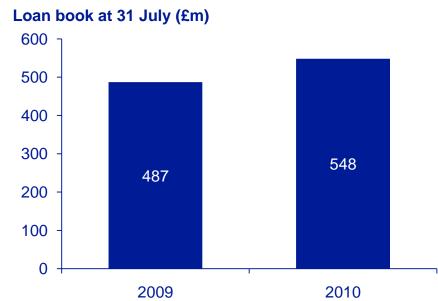


Property – What we do

Specialist team, lending consistently to the market

- Part of Close Brothers for over 25 years
- Core market financing short term residential refurbishment / development
- Other products include
 - Commercial investment property portfolios
 - Commercial pre-let development
 - Residential investment
 - Bridging loans
- UK coverage from offices in City and West End, with recent expansion to Scotland
- Remained profitable with strong organic growth in FY 2010
 - Loan book up c.12% to £550m
 - Customers up c.20% to over 500







Property

High quality service and disciplined lending

What makes us different?

- Specialist, experienced team
- Focus on our niche
 - Residential refurbishment / development
 - Loans typically ranging from £25k £5m
 - Leading provider < £5m lending</p>
- Relationship driven
 - High levels of repeat business
 - Bespoke, quick, flexible solutions tailored to customers
- Consistent, disciplined lending throughout the cycle, without compromising underwriting criteria
 - Conservative LTVs at 50% 60% of completed development value
 - Independent lawyers / valuers



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Commercial – What we do

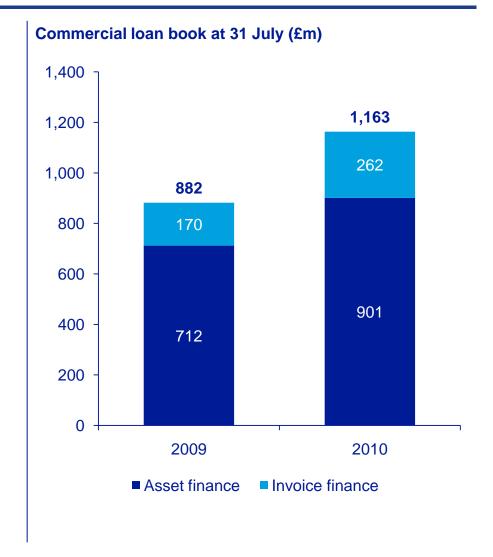
40% of loan book and over 17,000 SME customers

Asset Finance

- Commercial vehicles, construction and manufacturing equipment and light aircraft
- Over 16,000 SME customers
- Strong loan book growth with improved credit profiles
- 55% repeat business

Invoice Finance

- Invoice discounting and debt factoring
- 1,200 SME customers
- Average loan size £220k over 2 3 months
- Acquisition of £94m GMAC invoice financing, providing access to larger-ticket deals



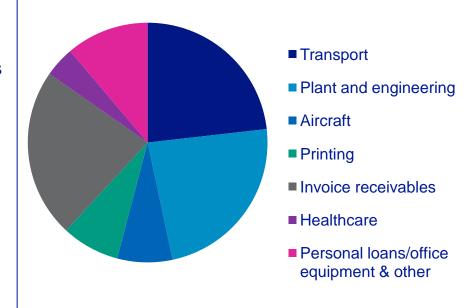


Commercial

Award-winning provider of asset and invoice finance

- Majority secured finance
- Flexible funding solutions
 - Hire purchase, finance leases, operating leases and bespoke structured products
 - Invoice discounting and debt factoring
- Loan book spread by asset and sector
- Market share increasing in a declining market
 - Asset finance new business volumes: 6% (2009: 4%)
 - Invoice finance independent market: 13% (2009: 8%)
- Supporting clients through difficult cycles
- Business partner to SMEs

Commercial loan book by asset type at 31 July 2010









Commercial

Working together to be the finance partner of choice

What makes us different?

- Market specialists
 - Depth of knowledge senior team has 27 years industry experience
 - Diversity of assets
- Personalised, bespoke, responsive service
 - Cradle to grave lending
- Strong credit discipline
 - Asset value, quality and life
 - Clear exit routes
- Attractive returns and high quality loan book









Commercial

Platform for growth

- Strong, sustainable loan book growth
 - Organic growth
 - Complementary areas
 - Selective acquisitions
- Capability for larger deal offering
- Investment in people
 - Strengthened management
 - Improved front-line sales capabilities
- Investment in IT
- Additional strategic initiatives



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Retail – What we do

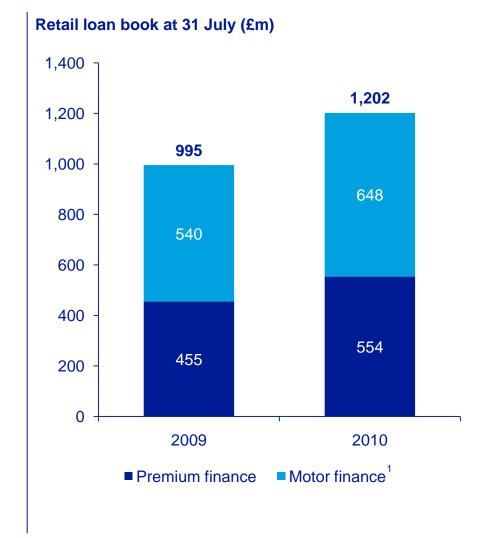
Lending to over 1.4 million consumers and 200,000 SMEs

Premium Finance

- Personal and commercial lines
- Intermediated lending integration with brokers through bespoke systems
- Predominantly UK based, with small businesses in Spain and Ireland
- Robust margin and increased volumes, particularly in personal insurance lines

Motor Finance

- Hire purchase agreements principally for nearly new cars, bikes and LCVs
- Intermediated lending 12 regional branches providing dedicated, local service to dealers
- Strong loan book growth from good demand and growing dealer numbers





Retail - Premium Finance

Multi award-winning provider of premium finance products for general insurance market

- Personal and commercial borrowers all on 'rollover' loan agreements
- Security over underlying insurance policy
 - 30% of book recourse to brokers
- Over 3,000 brokers, including most of UK top 200
 - 70%+ of income tied into long term broker contracts
- Average commercial loan £10k and personal £500 with 10 month tenor allows quick re-pricing
- Bespoke IT system trading 99% online with automated transaction processing
- 80% of loans renew
- High barriers to entry
 - Broker relationships
 - Contracts
 - Technology and processes embedded in brokers





Retail - Premium Finance

Multi award-winning provider of premium finance products for general insurance market

· Strong market share

- Share of UK gross written premiums market approaching 5%
- Share of independent space very substantial, with only one major direct competitor

Commercial lines:

- 9% market share over 200,000 loans completed per annum
- 1 in 10 trading company in UK has loan with Close Premium
- Relatively mature businesses, modest short term growth opportunities

Personal lines:

- 2% share of overall market
- 1.3 million clients, trebled since 2007
- Complete 1 loan every 4 seconds
- Greater opportunity for growth
- Benefitting from credit substitution

What makes us different?

- Experienced management team with strong broker relationships
- Broker contracts
- Innovative products
- Bespoke, user-friendly, embedded IT systems



Retail – Motor Finance

Leading, independent point of sale finance through 5,800 UK dealers

- Hire purchase agreements principally for nearly new cars, bikes and light commercial vehicles
- Good security over underlying vehicle no residual risk as no guaranteed buy-back price
- Core market is used dealership network
 - Local service and technology are key differentiators
- 12 regional branches provide dedicated, local service – unique to industry
- Rapid response point of sale systems
 - 70% loans submitted online
- 'Eyeball' underwriting with credit scoring





Retail – Motor Finance

Leading, independent point of sale finance company through 5,800 UK dealers

- Share of overall market growing
 - **9% used car** POS market (2009: 5%)
 - **36% used LCV** POS market (2009: 25%)
 - 27% used motorcycle POS market (2009: 18%)
- Strong organic growth
 - Expansion of branch network into South West and Northern Ireland
 - Increased front line sales by 30 people
 - New Key Accounts strong pipeline of deals

What makes us different?

- Wide network of dealers regional approach provides local service
 - Recent expansion into Key Accounts
- **Experts** in the car retail market for over 20 years
 - Highly skilled people with in-depth knowledge of industry, building long term relationships





Retail

Platform for growth

- Strong, sustainable loan book growth
 - Organic growth as target additional market share
- Continual investment in technology
 - Broker systems and borrower Portal
 - New dealer facing PoS systems
- Strategic opportunities
 - Mainly organic with selective adjacent growth



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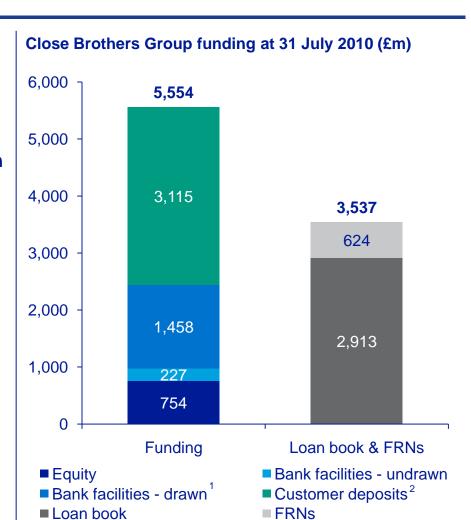
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Strong funding position

Robust model with enhanced flexibility

- Maintained conservative funding model through
 - Increased diversity of funding
 - Higher quality of liquidity
- Purpose of Treasury is to fund both existing loan book and future growth, whilst maintaining liquidity
 - Strategic focus on funding the loan book efficiently
 - Additional residual FRN portfolio
- Strong funding position at £5.6bn
 - 22 month average wholesale facility and Group bond maturity exceeding average loan book maturity of 12 months
- Robust capital position
 - Expect no material impact from new Basel 3 regime



Notes:

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Diversity of funding

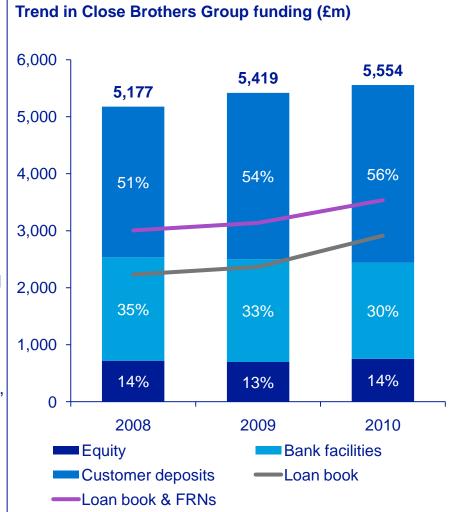
Increased depth and number of funding sources

More proactive approach

- Funding mix managed according to source, term and price
- Improved access to funding delivers greater flexibility

Pre 2008

- 2 main sources of funding, committed bank facilities and corporate and SME deposit taking
- 2008 2010
 - Raised over £1.0 billion term retail deposits
 - In FY 2010, raised £200 million, 7 year Group bond
 - Post year end, additional c.£900 million of term funding raised through syndication, securitisation and repo
- Going forward, through depth, flexibility and diversity, confident of ability to access new sources
- Funding costs are passed through
 - Net interest margin increased from 8.6% to 9.7% over same period





High quality of liquidity

Enhanced through strategic positioning of balance sheet

- Strategic focus on loan book
 - Reinforced by managing down of FRN portfolio
 - Decline in treasury assets as % of Balance Sheet
- Increase in high quality liquid assets through Gilt holdings and deposits with the Bank of England, positioning the Bank well for new regulatory liquidity requirements (i.e. ILAS)





Guiding principles

Funding, liquidity and capital

- Focus on funding loan book from a diverse range of sources
 - Maintaining access to multiple sources to give flexibility
- Sensible level of term funding versus term of assets
- High quality stock of liquid assets
- Well capitalised with high quality core Tier 1 capital

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Conclusion

Consistently high quality of earnings

- 10 year CAGR of 13%
- Margin exceeding 8.5% per annum over past ten years

Example¹:

For every £100,000 we lend

9,700 = 9.7% income after finance costs

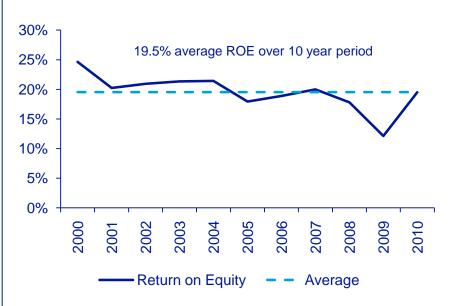
(4,300) = 4.3% salaries/overheads

5,400 = 5.4% profit before bad debt

(2,400) = 2.4% bad debt

3,000 = 3.0% pre-tax return on loan book

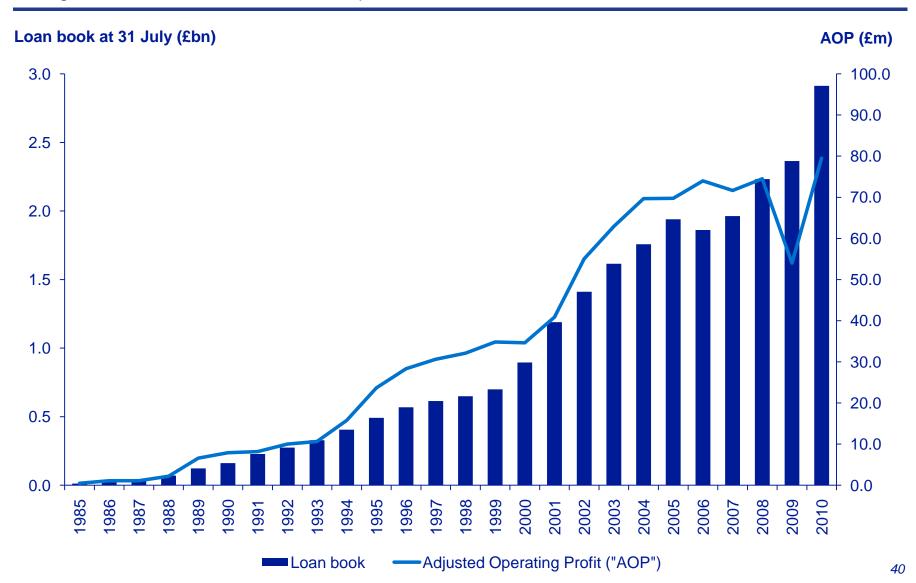
Return on Equity trend (%)





Conclusion

Strong and successful track record – well positioned for future



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Biographies

Banking Division

Stephen Hodges, Chief Executive

Born 1954. Qualified as a Barrister in 1976. Worked at Hambros for 8 years, latterly, in the Project Finance and Shipping Division. Joined Banking Division of Close Brothers in 1985. Appointed a director of Close Brothers Group in August 1995 and became Managing Director of the Group in November 2002.

Mary McNamara, Commercial Managing Director

Born 1960. Worked at GE for 17 years with leadership roles across the Consumer and Commercial Finance businesses, including UK CEO of their Equipment Finance business and later of their European Fleet Services. Moved to Skandia, part of Old Mutual, as interim Group COO for 1 year. Joined Close Brothers as Managing Director of the Commercial Division in April 2010.

Bob Golden, Retail Managing Director

Born 1965. Joined Royal Bank of Scotland in 1994, in charge of personal and business lending as well as collections and recoveries. In 1997 became the Operations and Risk Director for the joint venture to set up the Tesco Bank. Joined Close Brothers in 1999 as Chief Executive of Close Premium Finance and during the following 9 years worked in a number of other functions across the Group. Appointed Managing Director of Close Brothers Limited in 2008 and of the Retail Division in 2009.

Frank Pennal, Property Managing Director

Born 1959. Worked at Hill Samuel, part of TSB Group, becoming head of TSB Group's Property Finance Team in 1994. Joined Close Brothers in 1997 as a Senior Manager on the Property team, becoming a director of the Property Finance business in 2000. Appointed Managing Director of the Property Division in 2005.

Malcolm Hook, Treasurer

Born 1960. Member of Association of Corporate Treasurers. Worked in various Treasury roles at HSBC and Woolwich before moving to GMAC-RFC in 2002. Spent 8 years at GMAC-RFC, culminating in the role of Treasury Director. Joined Close Brothers as Treasurer in July 2010.



Biographies

Banking Division

Sharon Bishop, Chief Operating Officer

Born 1964. Member of Police Force for 5 years. Joined Abbey National in 1991, working in their Retail Division. Joined Close Brothers in 2000 and subsequently appointed Managing Director of Close Brothers Private Banking. Moved to Commercial Division in 2003 as Operations Director before becoming Treasury Operations Director and then acting Treasurer. Appointed as Chief Operating Officer of the Banking Division in July 2010.

Mike Morgan, Finance Director

Born 1965. Qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1990. Worked at Scottish Provident, before joining Royal Bank of Scotland in 2001 as Financial Controller of the Retail Division. Appointed Head of Finance and Operations of the Bancassurance joint venture with Aviva, before becoming Finance Director of the Wealth Management Division in 2008. Appointed Finance Director of Close Brothers Banking Division in July 2010.

Linda Fox

Born 1963. Joined Accor Hotels Worldwide in 1985, working in Hotel Management and later becoming a Human Resources manager. Moved to MWB Business Exchange in 2000, as Human Resources Director. Joined Close Asset Finance as Human Resources Director in 2007 and appointed Head of Human Resources for the Banking Division in 2009.

Nigel Mottershead

Born 1958. MA (Oxon). Joined Royal Bank of Scotland in 1980, leading the Bank's Credit change programme in the 1990s, before becoming Head of Business Banking. Joined Close Brothers in 2000 as Deputy Chief Executive of Close Premium Finance and appointed Managing Director in 2006. Appointed Head of Credit Risk for the Banking Division in November 2010.



Appendix

Funding maturity profile

£ million	Total	<3 months	3-12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years	>5 years
Loans and overdrafts from banks ¹	762	397	215	150	-	-
Promissory notes	219	-	-	-	21	198
Subordinated loan capital	75	-	-	-	30	45
Loans against FRN portfolio	402	-	402	-	-	-
Drawn facilities	1,458	397	617	150	51	243
Undrawn facilities	227	62	50	95	20	-
Deposits by customers ²	3,115	1,570	1,301	186	56	2
Total available funding – 31 July 2010	4,800	2,029	1,968	431	127	245
Total available funding – 31 July 2009	4,721	1,684	723	1,819	399	96
Movement	79	345	1,245	(1,388)	(272)	149

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