

LLOYDS
BANKING GROUP



2018 HALF-YEAR RESULTS

Presentation to analysts and investors | 1 August 2018



Highlights

António Horta-Osório
Group Chief Executive



Strong and sustainable earnings continue to demonstrate the strength of the business model



- **Significant business progress with strong start to the Group's latest strategic plan**
 - Successful delivery of key initiatives including Open Banking, the planned integration of Zurich and MBNA and launch of Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets
 - Strong start to the latest strategic plan with increased strategic investment together with reduced underlying cost base
 - Continued growth in targeted segments, including SME, consumer finance and financial planning & retirement
- **Strong financial performance with continued growth in statutory and underlying profit**
 - Statutory profit after tax up 38%, EPS up 45% and return on tangible equity of 12.1%
 - Strong pro forma capital build of 121bps, including 25bps from the sale of the Group's Irish mortgage portfolio; 30bps reduction in the Group's Pillar 2A requirement
 - Increased interim ordinary dividend of 1.07p
- **Improved guidance for 2018**
 - Net interest margin for the full year now expected to be in line with H1
 - AQR now expected to be less than 25bps
 - Capital build now expected to be c.200bps, pre-dividend

Financial performance – strong and sustainable statutory performance



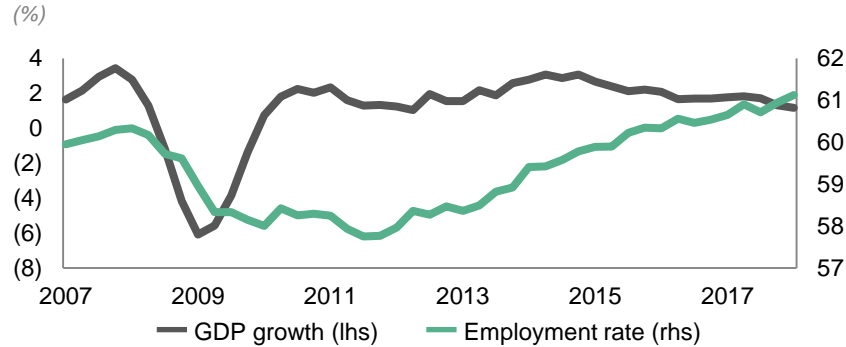
Net income	£9.0bn +2%
Cost:income ratio (incl. remediation)	47.7% (4.2)pp
Cost:income ratio (excl. remediation)	44.9% (0.9)pp
Underlying profit	£4.2bn +7%
Statutory profit after tax	£2.3bn +38%
Earnings per share	2.9p +45%
Return on tangible equity	12.1% +3.9pp
Capital build (pre dividends)	121bps

- **Strong statutory profit of £2.3bn up 38%**
 - Net income up 2% with increased NII and stronger Other Income in Q2; NIM increased to 293bps
 - BAU costs⁽¹⁾ down 4% (or 7% excluding MBNA) driving flat operating costs despite increased investment and inclusion of MBNA cost base
 - Positive jaws of 8% (2% excluding remediation); market leading cost:income ratio of 47.7% (44.9% excluding remediation)
 - Credit quality remains strong with an AQR of 20bps
- **Earnings per share up 45% to 2.9p reflecting improved profitability**
- **Statutory RoTE of 12.1%, up 3.9pp**
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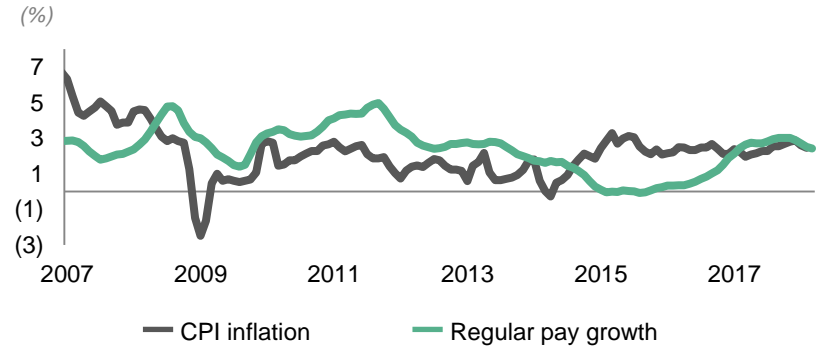
1 – BAU costs reflect operating costs, less investment expensed and depreciation.

UK economy remains resilient

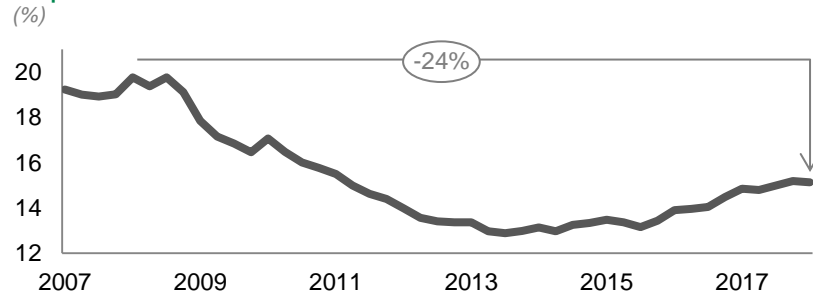
Employment rate⁽¹⁾ and GDP growth



CPI inflation and pay growth⁽²⁾

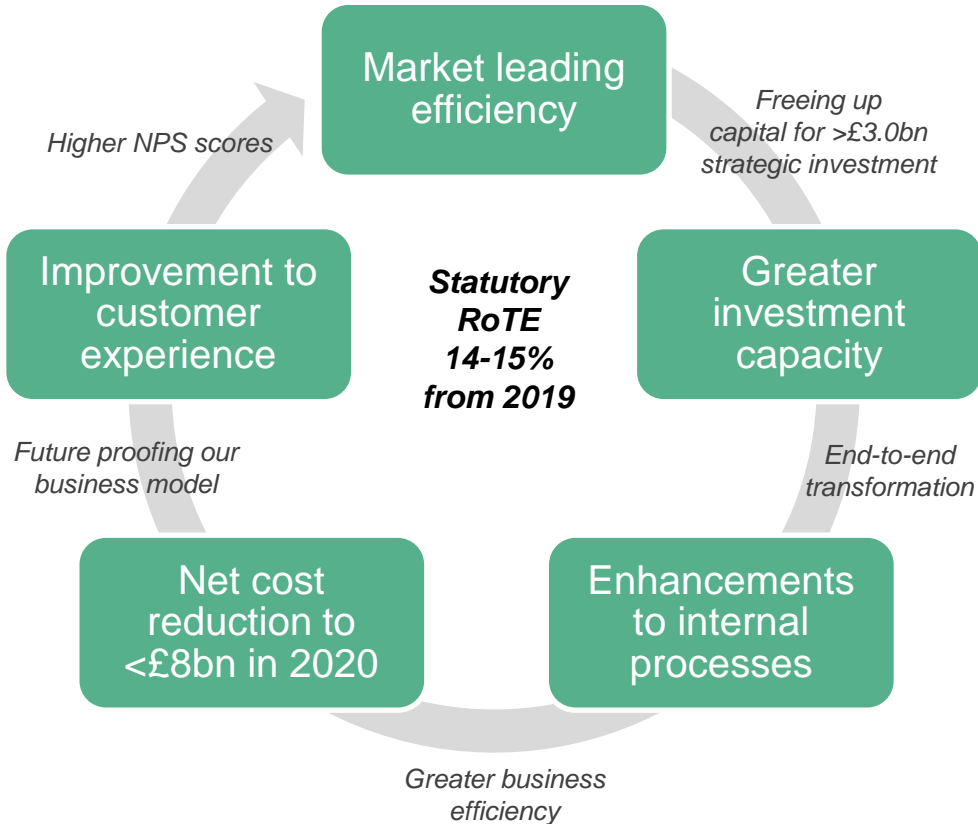


Consumer credit balances as a proportion of household disposable income⁽³⁾

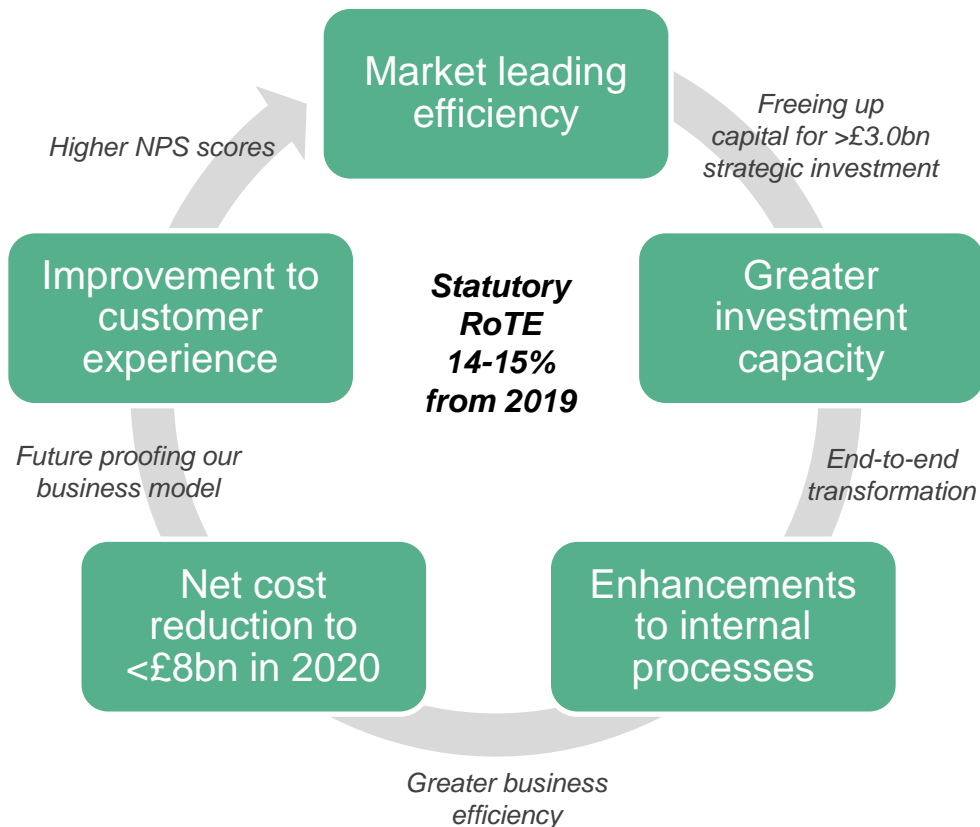


- Economic growth recovering from weather-impacted first quarter
- Consumer incomes supported by record employment rate as real pay squeeze continues to abate
- Consumer debt service ratio down 24% from pre-crisis
- Global growth positive for UK exports
- Expect one rate rise per year 2018 to 2020

Cost discipline enables greater investment capacity and increased returns

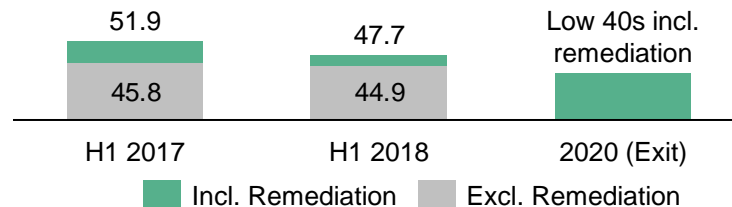


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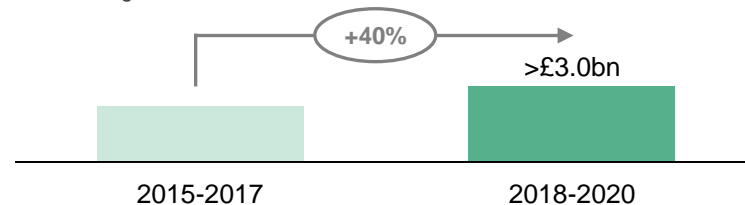
Market leading efficiency position

Cost:income ratio⁽¹⁾, %



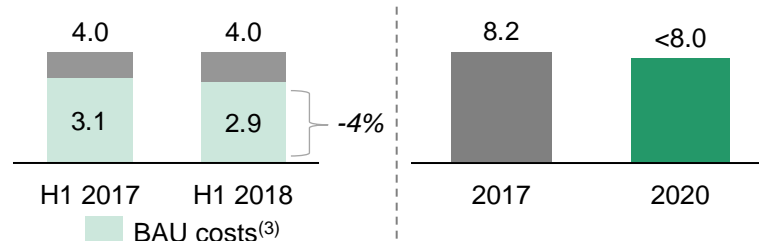
Greater investment capacity

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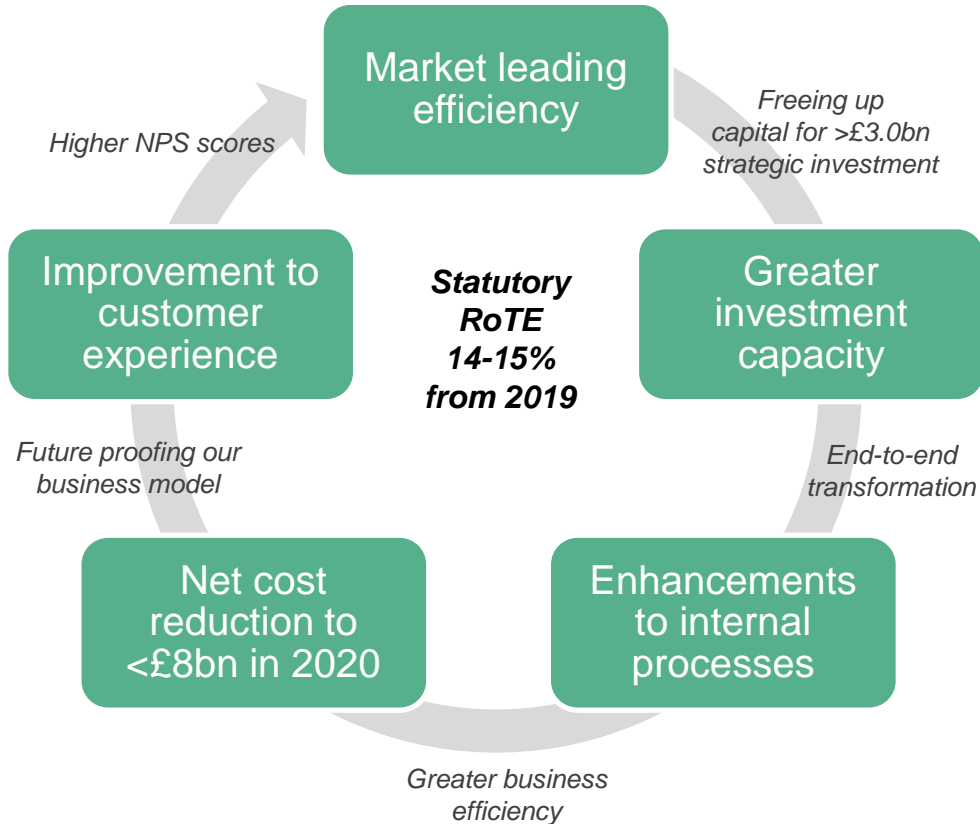


Committing to net cost reductions

Operating costs⁽²⁾, £bn

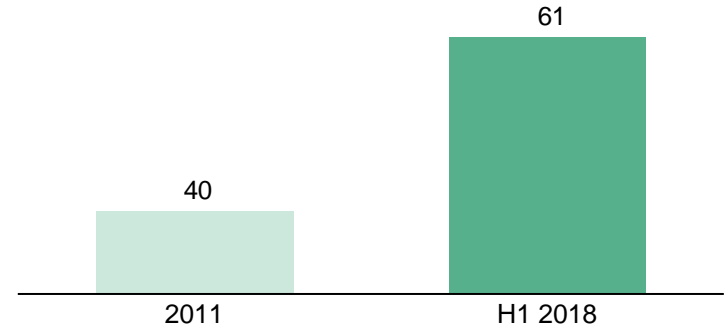


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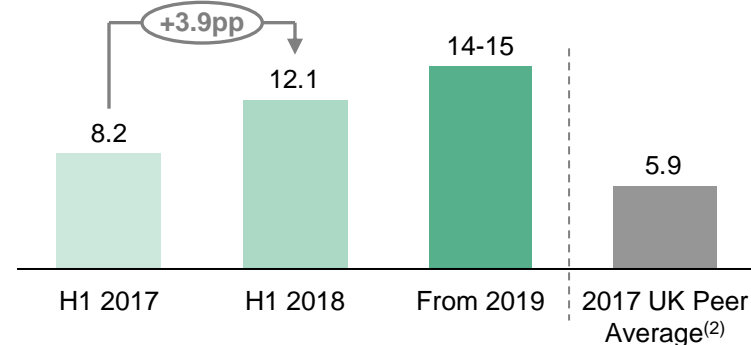
Improved customer experience

NPS⁽¹⁾



Delivering superior returns

Statutory RoTE, %



1 – YTD average. 2 – Reflects average of Barclays, RBS, HSBC Holdings, Santander UK and Virgin Money.

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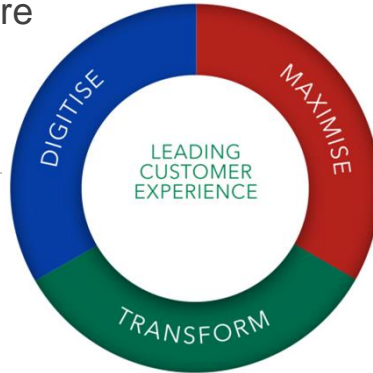


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- **Data-driven and personalised** customer propositions



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Strategic Progress

Juan Colombás
Chief Operating Officer



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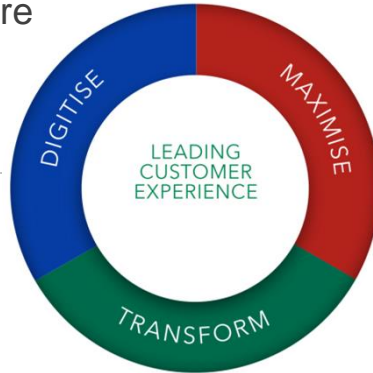


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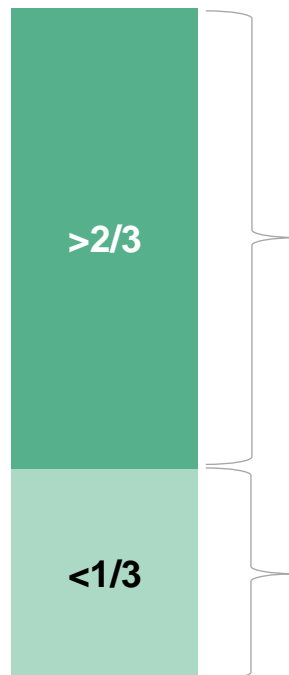
Digitising the Group – simplification and progressive modernisation of IT and data architecture



- Significantly increasing technology spend, up **c.20%** in FY18
 - Represents **c.15%** of operating costs, covering both run and change
 - Over two-thirds weighted towards **enhancing** and **creating new capabilities**
 - Improved capabilities driving **further cost efficiencies**
- One of the largest **transformation programmes** in financial services, with **c.15k colleagues** working across Transformation (**>20%** of Group)

Increasing spend in technology

H1 2018 example initiatives



- Enhancing **machine learning** capabilities – Savings solution resulting in **56% accuracy improvements** in forecasting
- **Robotic Process Automation** releasing **c.115k colleague hours** capacity across multiple areas
- **Re-platformed mobile app** to improve change process and performance
- Establishing private & public **cloud solutions** to provide secure, cost efficient and scalable infrastructure
- **External outsourcing partnership** agreed for customers with long-term insurance products

New Capabilities & Enhancement Simplification

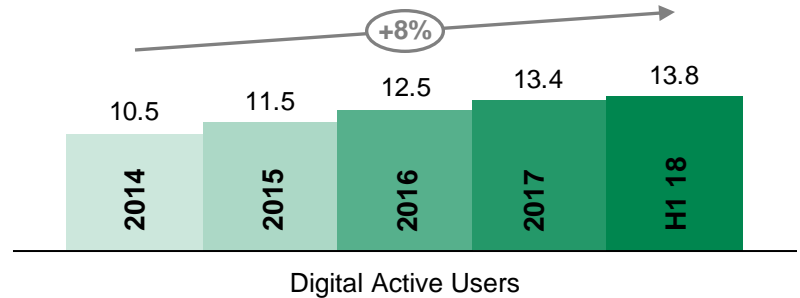
Leading customer experience – #1 UK digital bank with Open Banking functionality



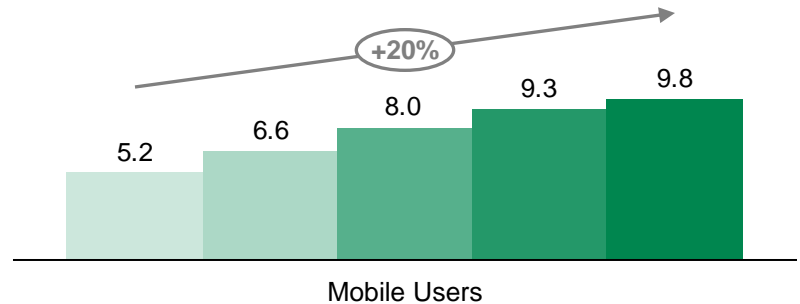
- **Largest digital bank in the UK** with **13.8m** digitally active customers and **9.8m** mobile users
- Only major UK bank compliant with **Open Banking industry deadline**, and well placed to remain customers' bank of choice
 - **41%** believe account aggregation to be useful⁽¹⁾
 - **76%** would trust their main bank to provide these services, more so than other providers⁽¹⁾
- **Re-platformed mobile app** to enhance existing capabilities
 - **Increasing scalability** allowing Group to respond to opportunities provided by **Open Banking** across all brands
 - **Simpler, more intuitive** and **personalised** customer experiences
 - **Faster release cycle** – frequency of retail customer releases **doubled**

Continued growth across digital channels

Digitally active users, million



Mobile users, million



20% 2014-H1 2018 CAGR

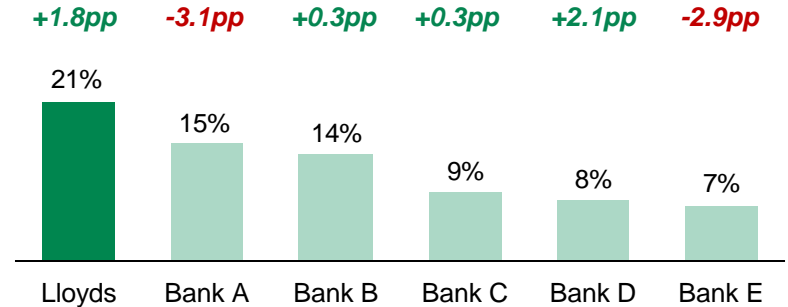
Leading customer experience – #1 branch network, serving complex needs



- **Re-shaping our branch network** as a source of competitive advantage to respond to changing customer demand, while **maintaining market leading reach**
 - **More than doubled** locations providing access to **remote advice**, increasing customer access to qualified mortgage advisors
 - **36 mobile branches** covering **190 locations**, with 8 new in H1 2018
 - Lloyds multi-purpose flagship branch demonstrating **48% greater productivity⁽¹⁾** and **c.14pt higher NPS⁽¹⁾**
- Evolving the purpose of our branches by continuing to shift branch focus towards **complex needs**
 - Customer facing time on complex needs **up 10% YoY⁽²⁾**

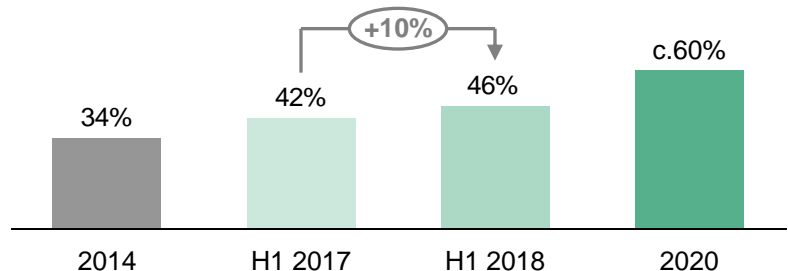
Maintaining our branch reach

Branch market share (March 2018) and movement since Dec 2012⁽³⁾



While increasing focus on complex needs

Customer facing time on complex needs⁽²⁾



1 – Reflects monthly average of needs met productivity and NPS in 6 months post launch, compared to monthly average in 3 months prior to launch for Lloyds flagship branch in Manchester (launched in FY17).

2 – Branch colleagues customer facing time - Kiran (2014), Finalta (2017) observation studies, complex needs include mortgage appointments, moments of truth and other enquiries/appointments that customer find complex. 3 – Based on CACI Branch Base Data as at 1 March 2018 (excluding agency branches). Lloyds excludes TSB at 1 December 2012.

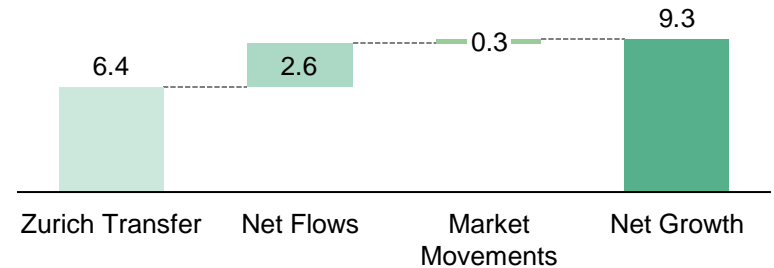
Maximising Group capabilities – sole integrated UK banking and insurance provider



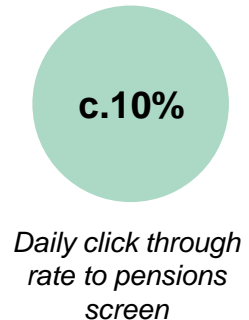
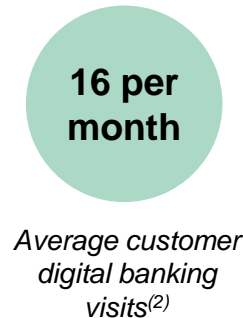
- **More than £9bn** FP&R **open book AuA growth**
 - Increase supported by **stronger net flows**, and accelerated transfer of Zurich assets
 - Targeting **£50bn** open book growth by 2020
- Leveraging our unique customer base to create a **single home for banking and insurance needs**
 - Pilot and initial roll out of **single customer view** across all three brands; **targeting c.3m customers** by FY18⁽¹⁾
 - **Unrivalled level of digital engagement** with **16 visits per customer per month**⁽²⁾ on average, significantly higher than standalone insurers
- Over **550k new pension customers** against target of 1 million by 2020
- Increased engagement provides further opportunities to leverage benefit of **>27m** Group customers, meeting long term savings needs

Delivering growth in FP&R

H1 2018 FP&R open book AuA growth⁽³⁾, £bn



Single customer view pilot supported by strong existing digital capabilities



Financial Results

George Culmer
Chief Financial Officer



Strong financial performance with continued growth in profits and returns



(£m)	H1 2018	H1 2017	Change
Net interest income	6,344	5,925	7%
Vocalink	–	146	–
Other Income	3,124	3,202	(2)%
Total income	9,468	9,273	2%
Operating lease depreciation	(497)	(495)	0%
Net income	8,971	8,778	2%
Operating expenses	(4,024)	(4,018)	0%
Remediation	(257)	(540)	52%
Total costs	(4,281)	(4,558)	6%
Impairment	(456)	(268)	(70)%
Underlying profit	4,234	3,952	7%
Statutory profit before tax	3,117	2,544	23%
Net interest margin	2.93%	2.82%	11bp
Cost:income (incl. remediation)	47.7%	51.9%	(4.2)pp
Cost:income (excl. remediation)	44.9%	45.8%	(0.9)pp
Asset quality ratio	0.20%	0.12%	8bp

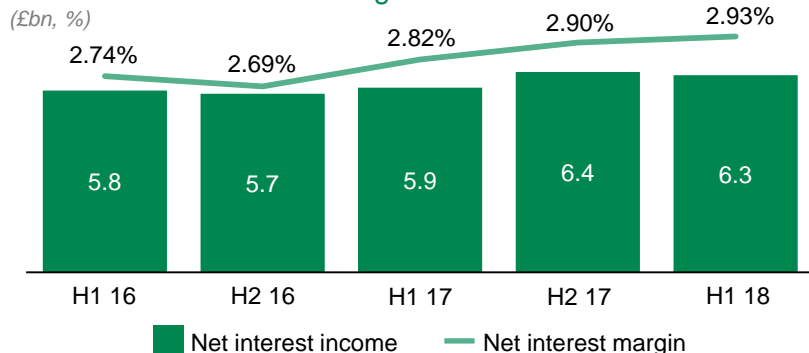
- **Underlying profit increased 7% to £4.2bn**
- **Net income increased 2% to £9.0bn**
 - NII up 7% with improved margin of 2.93%
 - Other Income of £3.1bn including benefit of a good second quarter of £1.7bn
- **BAU costs⁽¹⁾ down 4% (or 7% excluding MBNA) driving flat operating costs despite increased investment and inclusion of MBNA cost base**
 - Improved cost:income ratio, both including and excluding remediation
- **Credit quality remains strong**
 - Gross AQR in line with full year at 27bps; net AQR up to 20bps due to expected lower releases and write-backs
- **Statutory profit before tax increased 23% to £3.1bn**

1 – BAU costs reflect operating costs, less investment expensed and depreciation.

Net interest income increase driven by improved margin and AIEA growth



Net interest income and margin



- **Net interest income up 7% to £6.3bn driven by an improved margin of 2.93% and higher AIEAs**

- Lower funding and deposit costs more than offset mortgage pricing pressure
- Asset margin benefiting from positive mix change, including benefit from MBNA

- **NIM for 2018 now expected to be in line with H1; continue to expect resilient NIM through the plan**

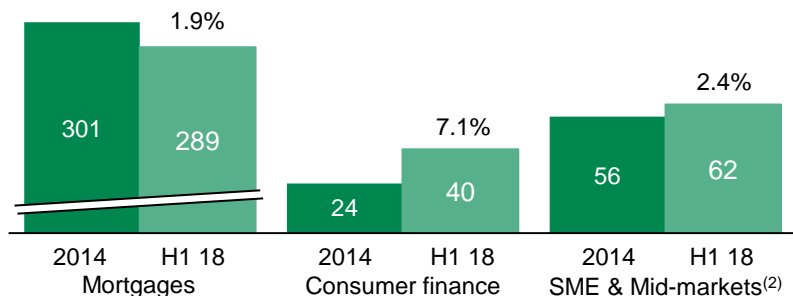
- **Medium term outlook underpinned by approach to managing margins**

- Management of mortgage margins
- Asset growth in higher margin, targeted segments
- Further opportunities to improve liability mix, reprice deposits and targeted growth
- Strong deposit franchise generating increased contribution from the structural hedge
- Improved credit ratings

- **Positively exposed to rising interest rates**

Key product mix and gross margin⁽¹⁾

(Book size £bn, Gross margin %)

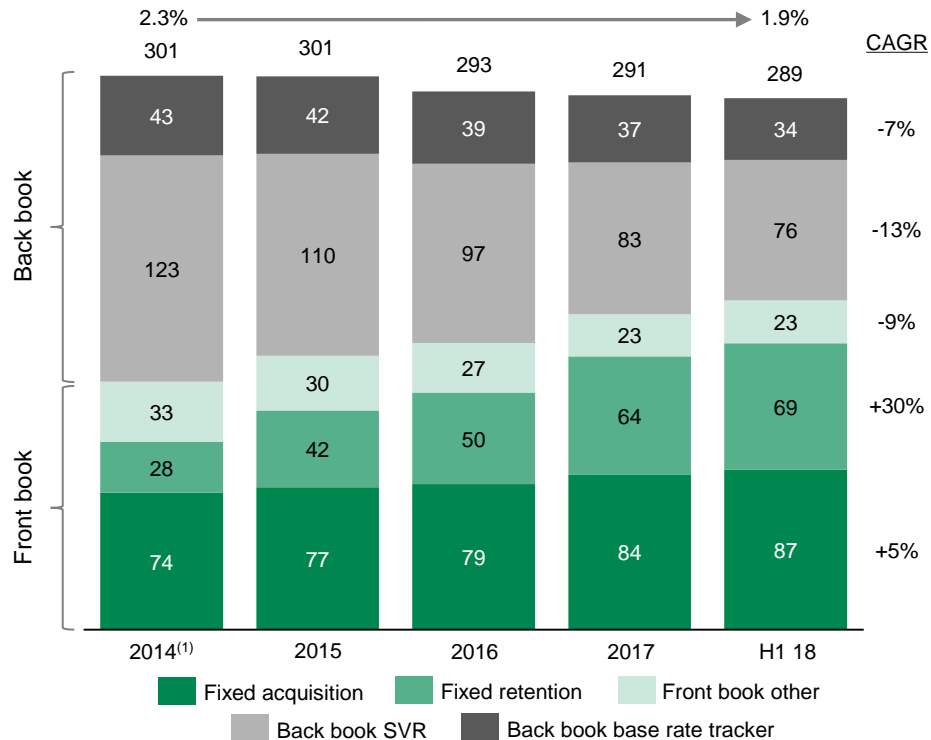


Asset margin and mix – mortgage pricing remains competitive but margin resilient given active management



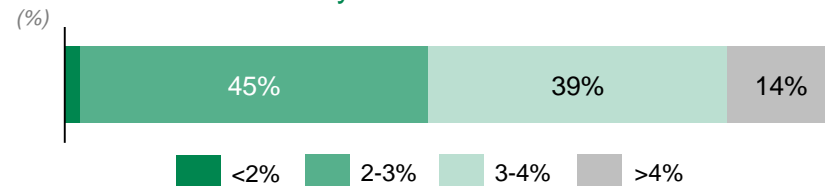
Mortgage book

(Book size £bn, Gross margin %)



- Mortgage pricing remains competitive – some increases in recent months
- Overall book margin resilient; down <40bps despite 34% reduction in back book since 2014
 - Benefit from focus on risk and margin instead of volume
- Average back book⁽²⁾ customer rate c.3.4% with only 14% paying over 4%
- Attrition stable at c.13%
 - c.£18bn of mortgages on balance <£50k
- New business margin benefits from high retention (>80%) and more 5-year business (c.40% of flow)

Back book of £110bn by customer rate



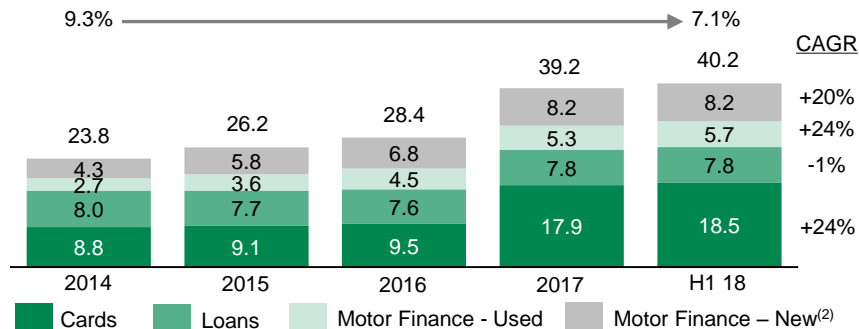
1 – Excluding TSB. 2 – SVR and Base rate tracker books.

Asset margin and mix – Group margin benefiting from mix and growth in under represented segments



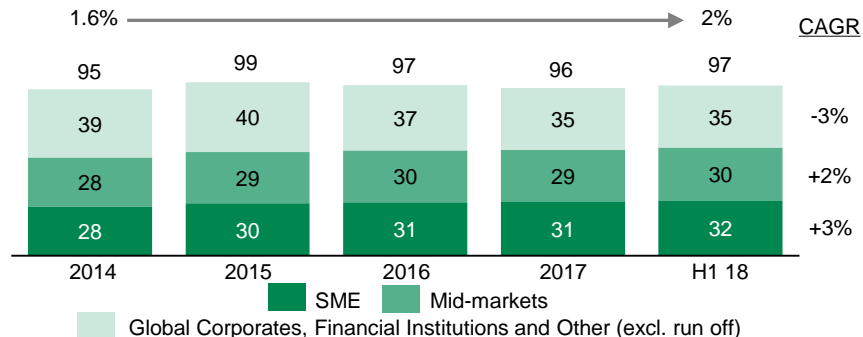
UK consumer finance⁽¹⁾

(Book size £bn, Gross margin %)



Commercial Banking incl. Retail Business Banking⁽¹⁾

(Book size £bn, Gross margin %)



• Growth in high margin consumer finance portfolio

- Cards up at 24% CAGR since 2014 with gross margin c.9%; £8bn MBNA credit card portfolio acquired in 2017
- Motor Finance New vehicles grew at 20% CAGR and Used vehicles at 24% CAGR
- Motor Finance margin reduced since 2014 due to focus on lower risk business and new cars; gross margin on New and Used both now c.4%

• Improved Commercial margin due to targeted growth

- Growth in higher margin SME and Mid-markets with c.3% and c.2% gross margin, respectively
- Volumes down in lower margin segments in Global Corporates, Financial Institutions and Other

• Continue to target prudent lending growth in consumer finance, SME and Mid-markets

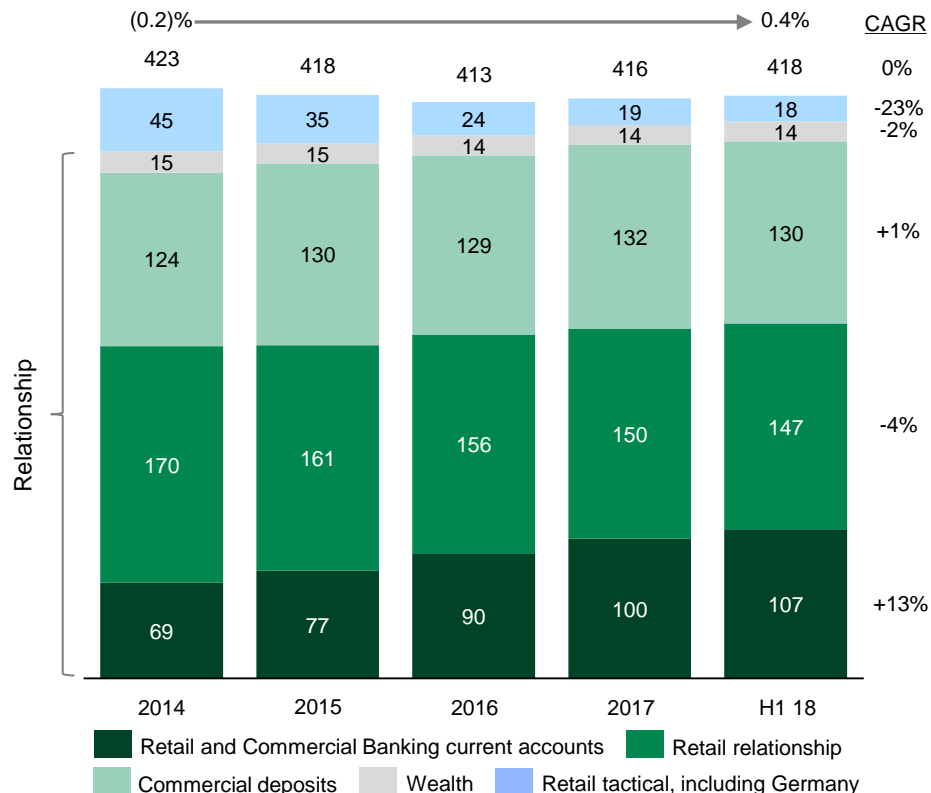
- Motor Finance to continue growing ahead of market
- Credit cards expected to grow in line with the market
- £6bn growth in SME and Mid-markets by 2020

Liability margin and mix – improving mix with focus on current accounts; further opportunity to reprice Group deposits, enhance the mix and grow the book



Improving liability mix⁽¹⁾

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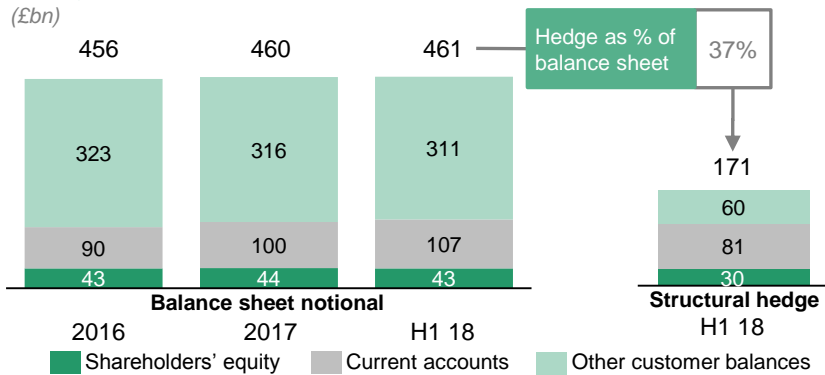
- **Increased margin due to pricing changes and mix shifting to high quality current accounts**
- **Strategy to grow current accounts, reduce tactical balances and optimise mix**
 - Current account balances at £107bn, up 13% CAGR and tactical balances down 23% CAGR since 2014
 - Current accounts increased from 16% of deposits in 2014 to 26% at H1 2018
- **Multi-brand strategy gives ability to maintain pricing segmentation in low rate environment**
- **Further opportunities for growing current account balances and product repricing**
 - Tactical balances expected to reduce further
 - Retail relationship includes £25bn of low margin fixed rates balances – expected to largely revert to front book pricing by the end of 2019

1 – Retail Business Banking included within SME.

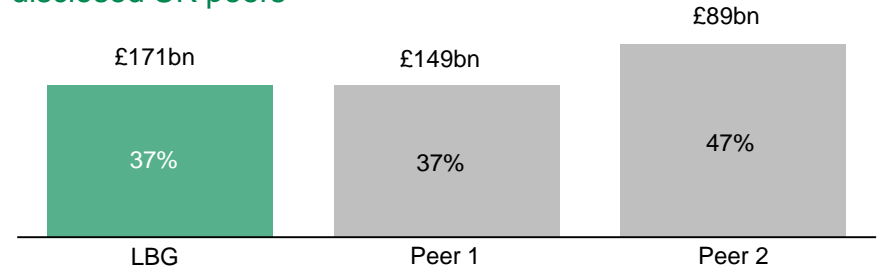
Structural hedge – prudent approach and increased contribution to earnings given increase in current account balances



Hedged balances⁽¹⁾

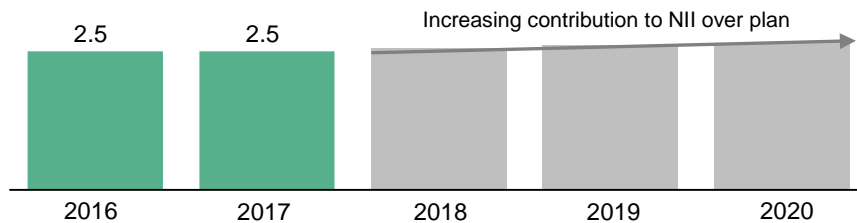


Structural hedge balance as % of balance sheet in line with disclosed UK peers⁽²⁾



NII contribution from structural hedge balances expected to increase given balance growth, maturity schedule and rates

(£bn)



- **Structural hedge will continue to provide strong support for margin over plan period**
 - Earnings on structural hedge balances of £1.3bn in first half
 - Natural position to be fully hedged
 - 1ppt move in yield curve drives c.£1.7bn increase in NII in time
- **Fully hedged at £171bn with weighted average life of 4.1 years**
 - Hedge size predominantly driven by current account growth
 - Prudent approach means less than 20% of customer savings and c.75% of current account balances are hedged

Resilient Other Income performance with good Q2

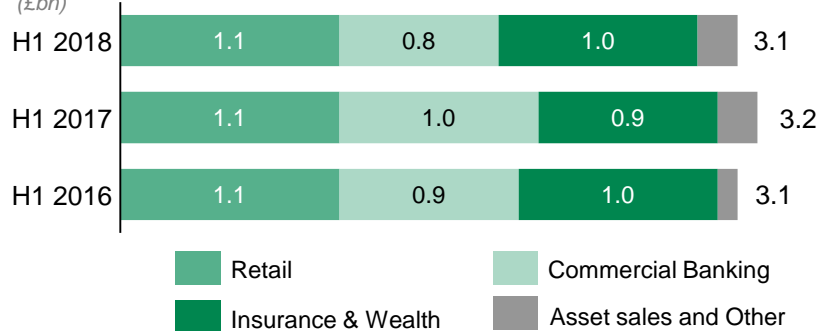
Other Income (excluding Vocalink)

(£bn)



Divisional Other Income (excluding Vocalink)

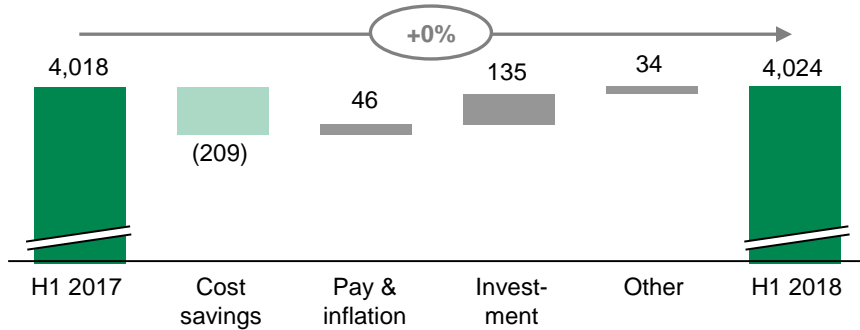
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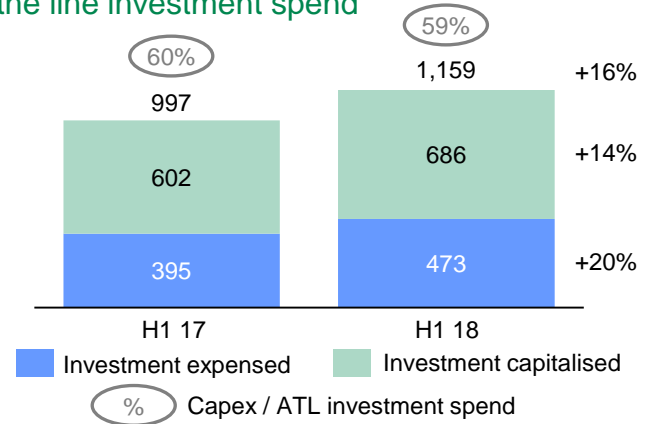
- **Other Income of £3.1bn broadly stable in recent years with robust divisional performance**
- **Good Q2 performance of £1.7bn driven by**
 - Strong insurance new business with higher workplace pensions volumes
 - Increased markets activity in Commercial with stable Retail income
- **Continue to sell gilts and other liquid assets, £11bn sold in H1, realising income of £191m**
- **Expect 2018 Other Income to be broadly in line with 2017 excluding Vocalink**

Reduction in BAU costs creates capacity for increased investment

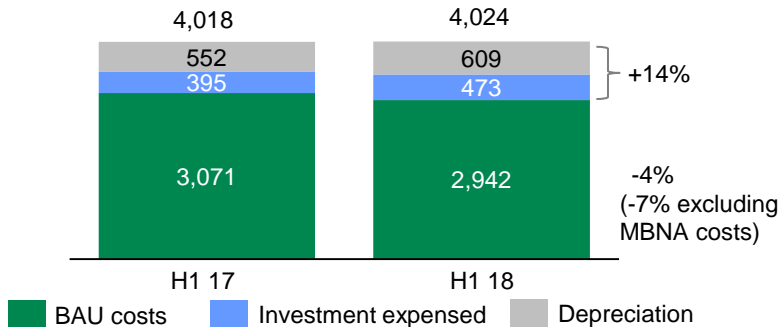
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Above the line investment spend (£m)



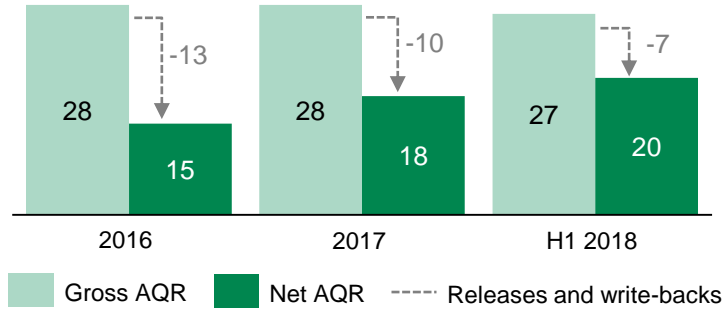
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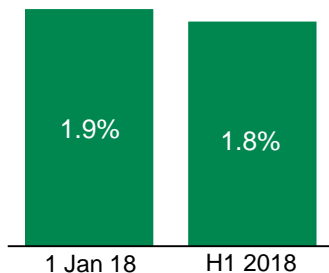
- **BAU costs down 4% YoY or 7% excluding MBNA**
- **Flat operating costs despite increased investment and inclusion of MBNA cost base**
- **Investment expensed and depreciation of £1,082m broadly in line with above the line cash spend of £1,159m**
- **Capitalisation rate broadly stable at c.60% of above the line investment or c.45% of total investment spend including below the line**

Credit quality remains strong reflecting a continued prudent approach to risk

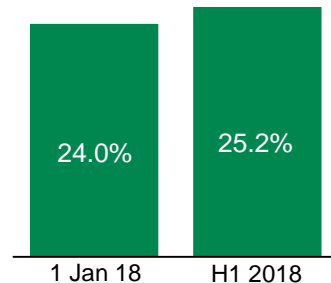
Asset quality ratio (bps)



IFRS 9 stage 3 as a proportion of loans and advances



Stage 3 ECL as a proportion of drawn balances⁽¹⁾



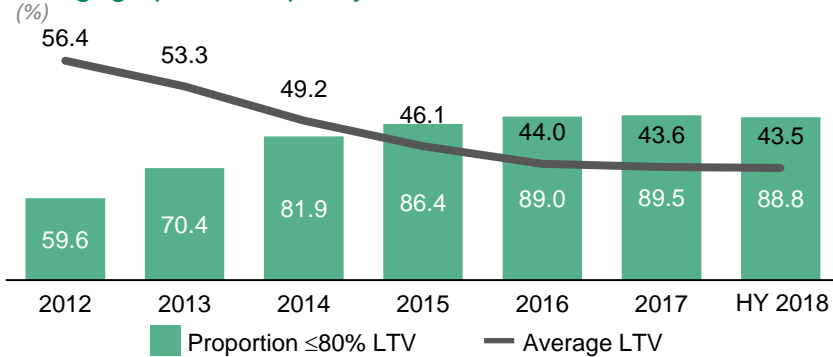
- **Gross AQR lower at 27bps with net AQR up due to lower releases and write-backs**
- **Underlying credit portfolio remains stable with no overall deterioration in credit risk indicators**
- **Continuing to benefit from low risk approach**
 - Strong mortgage affordability and LTV profiles
 - Low risk consumer lending with prudent residual value provision and prime credit card book
 - Commercial portfolio optimisation – diversified and high quality
 - Minimal non-core balances and Run-off portfolio (less than £4bn) now subsumed within divisions
- **Stage 3 loans down to 1.8% of total loan book while increasing coverage to 25.2%**
- **AQR now expected to be less than 25bps in 2018**

1 – Stage 3 expected credit loss allowance as a proportion of stage 3 drawn balances.

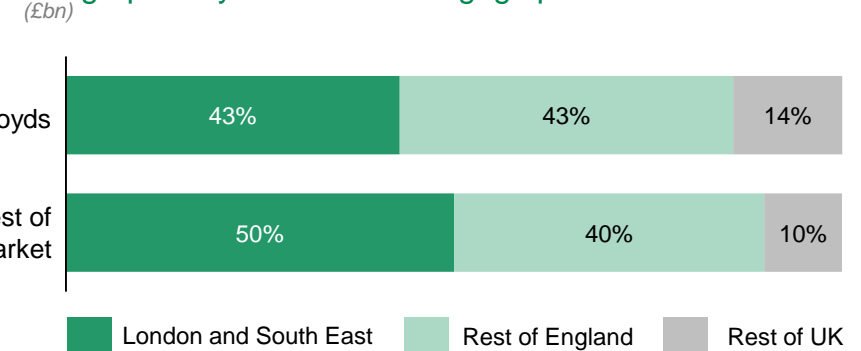
Credit quality – diversified, high quality £290bn UK mortgage portfolio



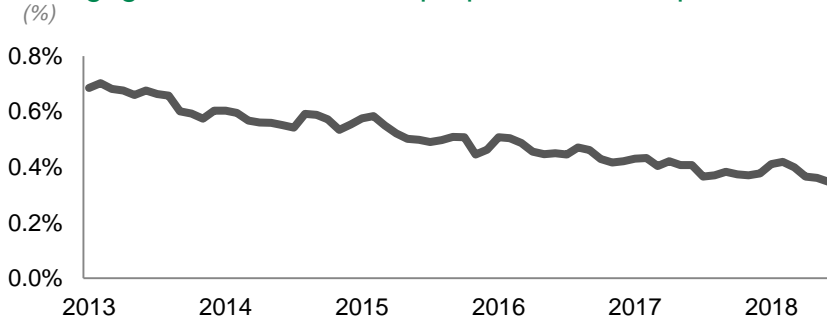
Mortgage portfolio quality



Geographically diversified mortgage portfolio⁽¹⁾



Mortgage new to arrears as proportion of total portfolio



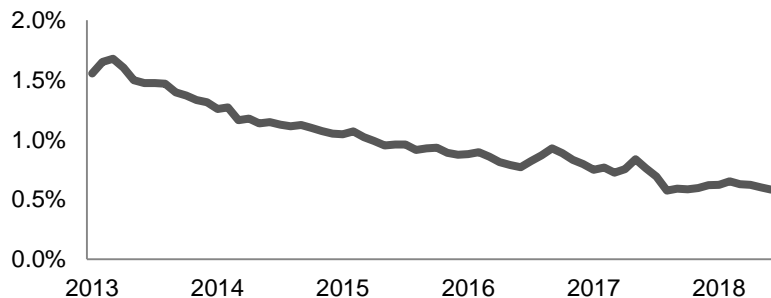
- **High quality portfolio with low average LTV of 43.5%**
 - Mainstream residential, largely outside London and SE
 - Prudent credit decisioning prioritised over volume
 - New residential lending stressed at 300bps over SVR
- **No deterioration in credit seen across the portfolio; mortgage new to arrears continue to fall**

Credit quality – consumer finance portfolio benefits from conservative underwriting and prudent assumptions



Credit cards – new to arrears as proportion of total book

(%)

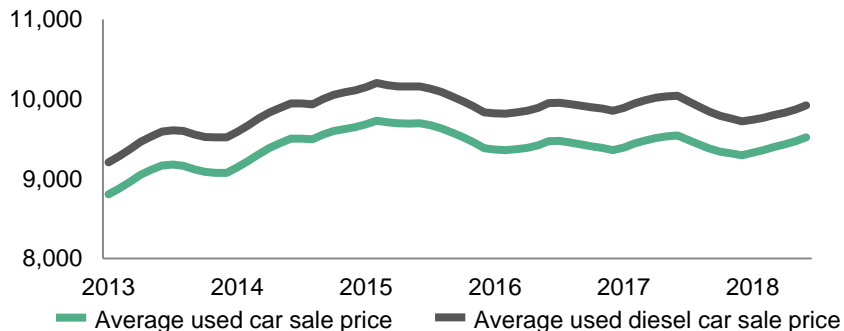


- **Prime credit card book with conservative risk appetite**

- No deterioration seen across the portfolio
- New to arrears falling
- MBNA performing in line with expectations
- Prudent Effective Interest Rate accounting across credit cards with small deferred income asset

Average used car prices⁽¹⁾

(£)



- **Prudent approach to Motor Finance**

- Used car prices remain resilient
- Continue to make a profit on sale of vehicles given prudent residual values
- Additional protection from c.£200m residual value / specific event provision

1 – Lex Autolease rolling six month average; excludes commercial vehicles.

Significant growth in statutory profit and returns



(£m)	H1 2018	H1 2017	Change
Underlying profit	4,234	3,952	7%
Volatility and other items	(190)	(37)	–
Restructuring costs	(377)	(321)	(17)%
PPI	(550)	(1,050)	48%
Statutory profit before tax	3,117	2,544	23%
Tax expense	(850)	(905)	6%
Statutory profit after tax	2,267	1,639	38%
Effective tax rate	27%	36%	(9)pp
Statutory RoTE	12.1%	8.2%	3.9pp
Earnings per share	2.9p	2.0p	45%

- **Statutory profit after tax of £2.3bn, up 38%**
- **Market volatility and other items includes £105m loss on sale of Irish mortgage portfolio**
- **Restructuring costs relating to severance of £155m, property rationalisation, ring-fencing spend and Zurich and MBNA integration costs**
- **PPI charge £550m; outstanding provision £2.0bn**
 - £460m charge in Q2 reflecting higher expected claim volumes (now assuming c.13,000 per week)
- **Effective tax rate of 27% lower than prior year due to lower non-deductible conduct charges**
- **Statutory return on tangible equity improved to 12.1%**
- **Earnings per share up 45% to 2.9p**

Balance sheet – targeted loan growth while continuing to optimise the portfolio



- Loans and advances of £442bn**

- Open mortgage book in line with year end; continue to expect book growth in 2018
- Continued high-quality growth in SME⁽¹⁾ (+£0.5bn) and Motor Finance (+£0.4bn) in H1
- Sale of c.£4bn Irish mortgage portfolio in H1

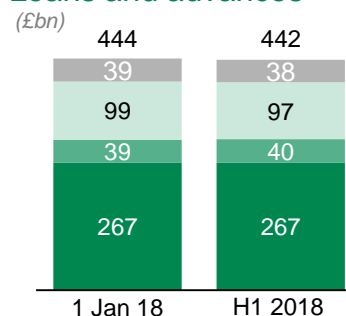
- AIEA growth of £1bn: c.£2bn targeted growth and c.£1bn reduction from sale of Irish mortgages**

- Continued reduction in RWAs to £211bn**

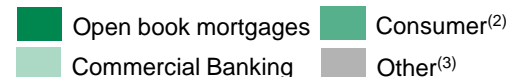
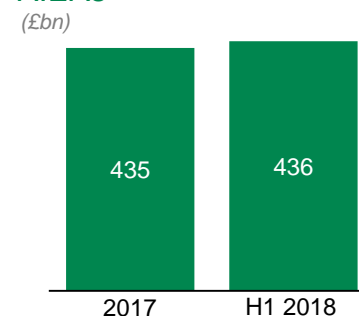
- Improved capital returns and RWA efficiency through business mix optimisation
- Continued de-risking of portfolio

- Pro forma RWAs of £207bn including completion of Irish mortgage sale**

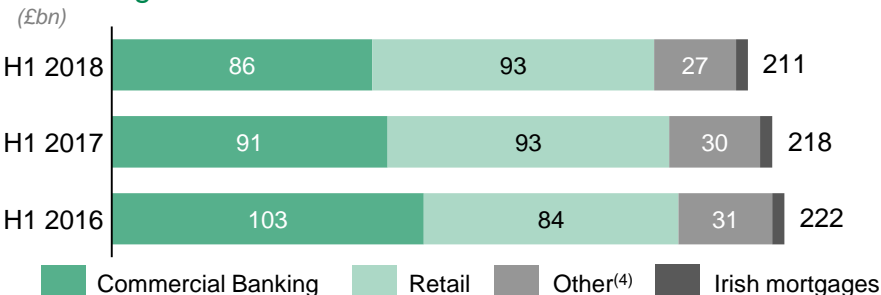
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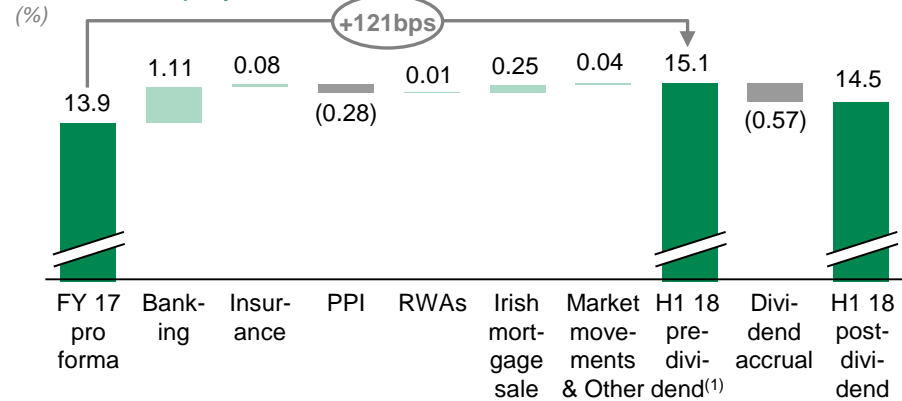
Risk-weighted assets



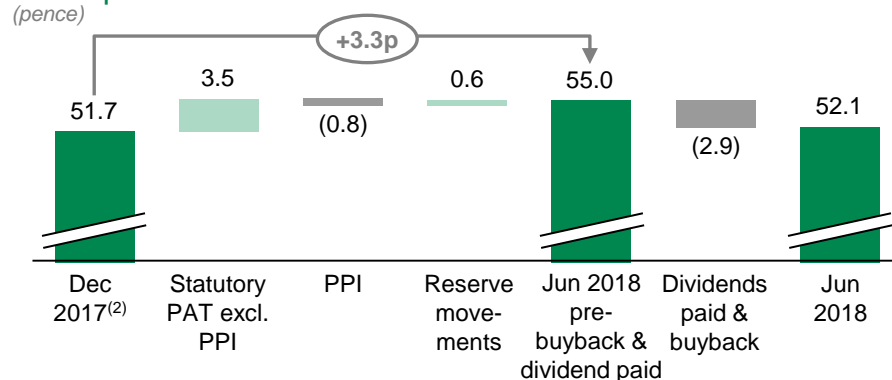
1 – Retail Business Banking included within SME. 2 – Consumer includes Cards, Personal Loans and Motor Finance. 3 – Other includes Insurance & Wealth and Central. 4 – Other includes Insurance & Wealth, Central and threshold RWAs.

Strong capital build with increased interim ordinary dividend

Common Equity Tier 1



TNAV per share – December to June



- **Pro forma CET1 capital build of 121bps**
 - CET1 ratio of 15.1%, 14.5% post-dividend
 - Includes capital benefit from sale of Irish mortgages
- **Capital build now expected to be around 200bps in 2018**
- **Pillar 2A reduced 30bps to 2.7%; CET1 capital required remains c.13% plus a management buffer of around 1%**
- **Interim ordinary dividend 1.07p**
- **UK leverage ratio 5.3%**
- **TNAV per share increased to 52.1p**
 - Strong statutory profit
 - Positive reserve movements
 - Partially offset dividends paid and buyback

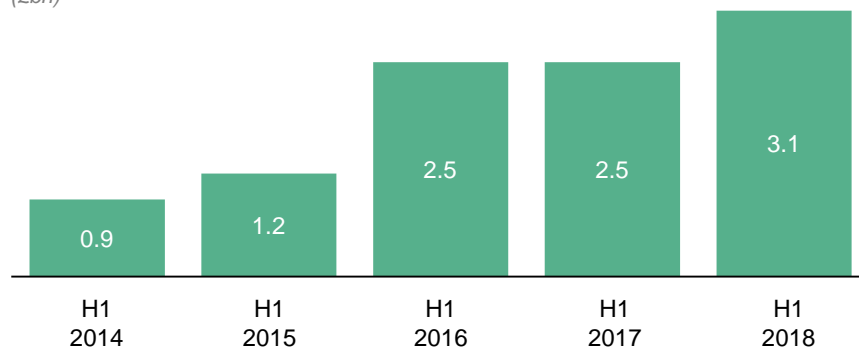
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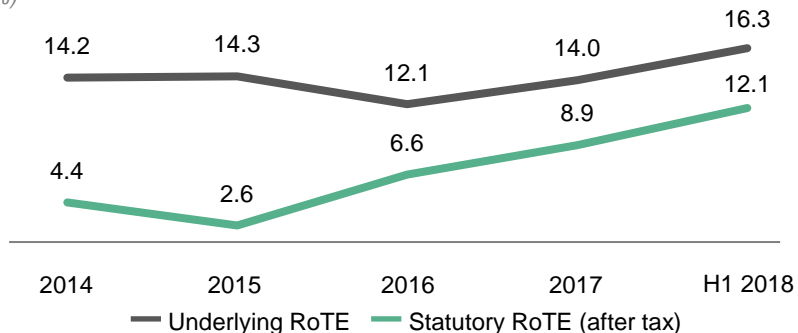


Continued progress – business model is delivering strong and sustainable profits and returns

Statutory profit before tax
(£bn)



Return on tangible equity⁽¹⁾
(%)



- Significant business progress with strong start to the Group's latest strategic plan
- Strong and sustainable financial performance with continuing growth in statutory profit and return
- Guidance for 2018 improved
 - Capital build of c.200bps pre-dividend now expected
 - NIM now expected to be in line with H1
 - AQR now expected to be less than 25bps
- All other medium-term guidance reaffirmed and continue to expect to deliver 14-15% RoTE next year
- Strategy will allow the Group to continue to help Britain prosper whilst delivering strong and sustainable returns for shareholders

1 – 2014 to 2017 restated to show Remediation / Other Conduct within underlying profit.

Appendix



Mortgage LTVs – further improvement in the first half of 2018



	Jun 2018				Dec 2017	Dec 2016	Dec 2010
	Mainstream	Buy to let	Specialist	Total	Total	Total	Total ⁽¹⁾
Average LTVs	41.7%	52.2%	46.2%	43.5%	43.6%	44.0%	55.6%
New business LTVs	63.2%	57.6%	n/a	62.3%	63.0%	64.4%	60.9%
≤ 80% LTV	87.7%	94.1%	88.6%	88.8%	89.5%	89.0%	57.0%
>80–90% LTV	9.9%	4.3%	6.2%	8.7%	8.0%	8.0%	16.2%
>90–100% LTV	2.0%	1.1%	2.1%	1.9%	1.9%	2.3%	13.6%
>100% LTV	0.4%	0.5%	3.1%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	13.2%
Value >80% LTV	£27.7bn	£3.2bn	£1.7bn	£32.6bn	£30.7bn	£32.4bn	£146.6bn
Value >100% LTV	£0.9bn	£0.3bn	£0.5bn	£1.7bn	£1.8bn	£2.1bn	£44.9bn

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