Solid financial performance with market leading efficiency and returns

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The Group is committed to helping its customers to prosper through providing products and services and increasing their wealth, while also increasing the Group’s wealth. For more information, please see our Corporate Social Responsibility Report on our website or contact Shareview, Shareview, www.lloydsbankinggroup.com

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Our strategic progress this year

The Group’s ambitious three year strategic plan was launched in February 2018 and we are on track to achieve our targeted strategic outcomes. We have made significant progress in transforming the Group for success in a digital world and, in line with our commitment to invest more than £3 billion over the period, have invested £2 billion to date across our four strategic pillars.

Leading customer experience

We will drive stronger customer relationships through best in class propositions while continuing to provide our customers with brilliant servicing and a seamless experience across all channels.

- We are committed to maintaining the UK’s number one branch network and customer facing colleagues in branch now spend around 50 per cent of their time addressing customers’ complex needs. We are trialing new branch formats, including a new flagship Bank of Scotland branch and Home by Halifax.

- We have continued to develop our digital propositions and our digitally active customer base has increased again to 16.4 million, of which 10.7 million are active on our mobile banking app, 75 per cent of products are now originated digitally.

- We are using our deep understanding of our diverse customer base to deliver tailored propositions such as Club Lloyds and the Halifax Pink Draw.

Digitising the Group

We will deploy new technology to drive additional operational efficiencies that will make banking simple and easier for customers whilst reducing operating costs.

- Investment in technology remains a key strategic priority for the Group and enables us to improve the experience of our customers and colleagues; technology spend now represents 19 per cent of operating costs.

- Having introduced automation for repetitive tasks, we have created over 1 million cumulative hours of colleague capacity and our transformation has covered around 55 per cent of the Group’s cost base.

- Virtual assistants are currently managing up to 5,000 customer conversations daily, with satisfaction increasing by more than 10 points. Around 25 per cent of queries are handled without being passed to a colleague and we expect this to increase.

- In enhancing capabilities and accelerating our transformation, we are working in collaboration with a number of fintechs and we continue to monitor opportunities in this space.

Maximising the Group’s capabilities

We will deepen customer relationships, grow in targeted segments and better address our customers’ banking and insurance needs as an integrated financial services provider.

- Open Banking is now available to all digital customers and our unique Single Customer View capability is available to over 5 million customers.

- We have exceeded our goal of attracting over 1 million new pension customers, a year ahead of target and we have continued to make progress towards the target of growing open book assets under administration by £50 billion by the end of 2020; with cumulative net growth of £77 billion since 2017.

- We launched Schroders Personal Wealth, with the ambition of becoming a top three financial planning business by the end of 2023.

- Commercial Banking has supported Insurance and Wealth by sourcing £1.8 billion of new long-term assets to support five new bulk annuity transactions.

Transforming ways of working

We are making our biggest ever investment in people, with a focus on ensuring that we are able to continue to attract, develop and retain the talent and capabilities we will need in the future.

- We have significantly increased the ‘skills of the future’ training delivered to our colleagues to a cumulative 3.2 million hours since 2018 and around 33 per cent of change is now delivered using Agile methodologies.

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Colleague training and development

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Our unique Single Customer View

Our unique Single Customer View capability allows our customers to see all their financial needs in one place, from bank accounts to pension and insurance products. At the end of 2019, more than 5 million customers had access to this, with priorities for 2020 including extending this to around 9 million customers, while also increasing functionality.

Increased fintech engagement

As well as investing in technology capabilities, we recognise that we also need to embrace external innovation and work collaboratively to transform the Group for success in a digital world. Our Corporate Ventures Panel encourages colleagues from across the Group to propose opportunities to a panel of experts. This has already resulted in a number of exciting partnerships, such as with Thought Machine, Tovi and OneUp, our most recent partnership which provides online financial management services for smaller businesses.

Strong start for Schroders Personal Wealth

Our joint venture with Schroders has harnessed the unique strengths of two of the UK’s strongest financial services businesses to create a market-leading wealth proposition with the expertise and broad spectrum of investment and retirement products to optimise customer’s entire financial lives. Schroders Personal Wealth has got off to a strong start since its launch, with Retail wealth referrals from the Group up 33 per cent in 2019.

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Addressing some of the social, economic and environmental challenges facing the UK is the foundation of our Helping Britain Prosper Plan. The Plan takes us beyond business as usual, uniting the Group behind an inspiring set of objectives.

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