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Group Audited Results 6 Months Ended June 2010

**Presentation to Investors and Analysts** 

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# >>> Nigerian Economy (Q2 2010)

### STABLE, HOWEVER A FEW PRESSURE POINTS AND POLICY CHALLENGES

KEY ECONOMIC INDICES										
VARIABLE	2010 Q1	2010 Q2	2010 Q3 (est.)							
GDP (%)	7.23	7.68	7.76							
Inflation: Headline (%)	11.8	11.0	12.78							
Exchange Rate (\$/N)	148.30	148.50	148.70							
Foreign Reserves (\$'bn)	40.68	37.42	36.12							
90 Days Treasury bill (%)	1.02	2.47	2.16							
MPR (%)	6	6	6							
Oil Price [\$pb] (EIA)	80.83	79.03	77.04							

>>> Pressure Points:

- Inflation Rebasing and re-weighting of the consumer price index to give a more accurate measure of inflation.
- **\*** Tight credit conditions in the economy.
- High demand for FGN bond and possible market bubbles.
- >>> Challenges for monetary and credit policy in the next two quarters include:
  - Providing adequate incentives for banks to lend surplus funds to the real sector.
  - ✤ Preventing reoccurrence of inter-bank volatility.
  - \* Sustaining exchange rate stability.
  - **\*** Avoiding the incidence of a FGN bond market bubble.



### >>> Other African Economies

Burundi	Relatively stable macroeconomic environment	
	<ul> <li>GDP growth rate at 3.9% in 2010; Inflation rate at 7.4% in April 2010</li> <li>MPR: 14% in Aug 2010; Exchange rate: Depreciated by 0.04% from 1,230.65BIF/\$ in August 2009 to 1,230.90BIF/\$ in August 2010</li> </ul>	
Cote d'Ivoire	<ul> <li>Slight decline in economic activity</li> <li>GDP growth rate at 3.3% in 2010; Inflation rate at 2% in August 2010.</li> <li>MPR currently at 3.29%; Exchange rate appreciated by 5.6% from 542CFA/\$ in June 2010 to 513CFA/\$ in August 2010.</li> </ul>	
Congo DR	<ul> <li>Positive developments; macro environment generally stable</li> <li>GDP growth rate at 5.2% in 2010; Inflation rate at 6.75% in August 2010</li> <li>MPR currently at 22%; Exchange rate depreciated from 900.5CDF/\$ in May 2010 to 901.4CDF/\$ in August 2010.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Elections</li><li>Commodity</li></ul>
Gambia	<ul> <li>Relatively stable economic activity</li> <li>GDP growth rate at 5% in 2010; Inflation rate currently at 4.5%</li> <li>MPR at 14%; Exchange rate depreciated from D26.94/US\$ in January 2010 to D28.73/US\$ in August 2010.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>prices</li><li>Corruption</li></ul>
Ghana	<ul> <li>The economy showed signs of strain in the first half of 2010</li> <li>GDP growth rate at 7.2% in 2010; Inflation rate currently at 9.46%</li> <li>MPR at 13.5%; Exchange rate stable around 1.43-1.44Cedi/\$</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Governance</li><li>Fiscal</li></ul>
Rwanda	<ul> <li>Operating environment encouraging</li> <li>GDP growth rate at 5.5% in 2010; Inflation rate currently at 5.81%</li> <li>MPR at 7%; Exchange rate depreciated by 3.2% to 592.76RWF/US\$ in Aug 2010.</li> </ul>	Deficits
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Zambia	<ul> <li>Operating environment stable</li> <li>GDP growth rate at 7% in 2010; Inflation rose to 8.4% 2010</li> <li>MPR at 8.4%; Exchange rate appreciated from ZMK5290/US\$ in June 2009 to ZMK4975/US\$ in Aug 2010.</li> </ul>	
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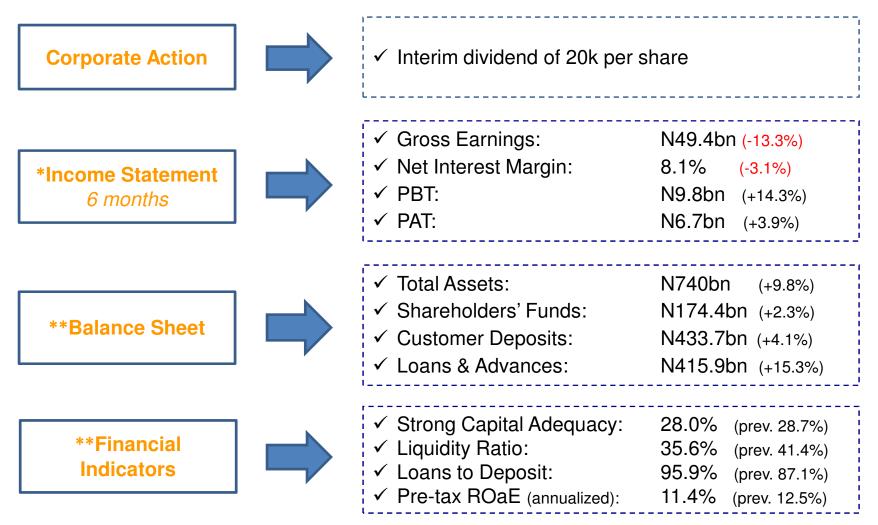
Parent Company	: Access Bank Plc is registered in Nigeria as a Universal bank		
No of Employees	: 2082 Professional staff	Subsidiar	ies
Listing	: Ordinary Shares listed on NSE; Several International GDR Holders. Paper traded OTC in London	Access Bank 77%	88% Access Bank
Accounting	: Local GAAP and IFRS	Gambia	Cote d'Ivoire
Auditors	: KPMG Professional Service KPMG	Access Bank 97% Sierra Leone	100% Access Bank Zambia
Credit Rating	: A- / B+/ BBB- (GCR/S&P/Fitch)		
Risk Management	: Basel II Capital Accord	Access Bank Rwanda	100% The Access Bank UK
Partners	FMO	FinBank 75% Burundi	100% Access Bank (RD Congo)
Key Industry Segment	: Telecoms, Food & Beverages, Cement, Oil & Gas and Financial Institutions	United Securities 100%	95% Access Bank Ghana
Network	: 131 Business Offices 161 ATMs, 310 POS, Call Centre 3 Non-Banking subsidiaries; 9 Banking subsidiaries	Access Homes 100% & Mortgage	100% Access Investments & Securities
Geographical Coverag	<ul> <li>Africa and Europe</li> <li>Banking subsidiaries in all monetary zones in</li> </ul>		
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### >>> Financial Highlights



\*Compared with the six months ended 30 June 2009

\*\*Compared with 31 March 2010



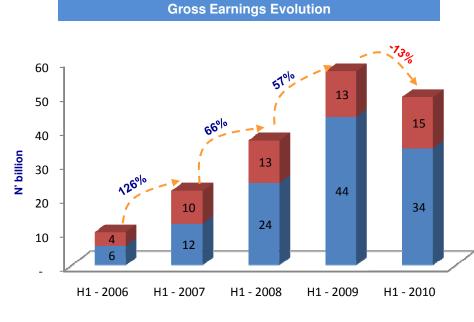
### >>> Sustained Earnings performance in spite of low rate environment...

Year-on-Year/Quarter-on-Quarter (6 months)

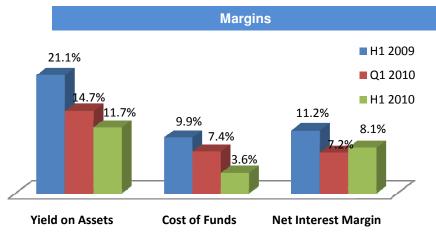
Naira (Million)	Group June 2010	Group June 2009	% Change	Group Q2 2010	Group Q1 2010	% Change
Gross Earnings	49,409	56,962	-13%	21,631	27,778	8 -22%
Net Interest & Discount Income	22,089	22,670	-3%	12,479	9,610	) 30%
Other Income	15,066	15,516	-3%	6,269	8,797	7 -29%
Operating Income	37,155	38,185	-3%	18,748	18,407	7 2%
Operating Expense	(23,704)	(21,326)	11%	(11,664)	(12,040	) -3%
Operating Profit	13,451	16,859	-20%	7,084	6,367	7 11%
Provision for Risk Assets(Net)	(3,640)	(8,278)	-56%	(2,563)	(1,077	) 138%
Net Profit Before Tax	9,811	8,582	14%	4,521	5,290	) -15%
Estimated Taxation	(3,144)	(2,166)	45%	(1,784)	(1,360	) 31%
Profit After Tax	6,667	6,415	4%	2,737	3,930	) -30%



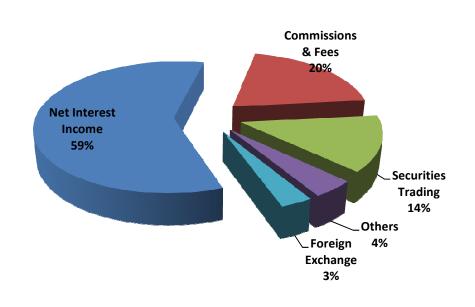
### >>> ... Diversified revenue streams.



Fund Based Income
Fee Based Income



Breakdown of June 2010 Net Earnings



#### Comments

- Earnings growth adversely affected by slow economic recovery and tight credit conditions.
- Margin improvement in the second quarter given marked reduction in cost of funds.
- Objective is to maintain our 8% margin for the rest of the year.

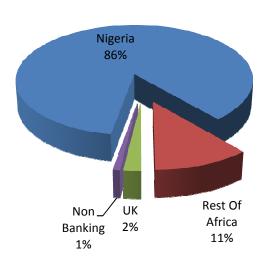


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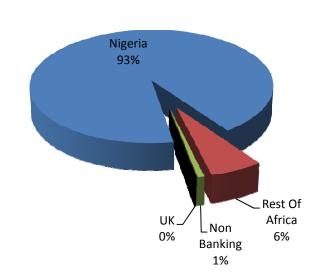
### >>> More of our subsidiaries are contributing positively...

N'million	Nigeria	Gambia	Sierra Leone	Zambia	UK	Rwanda	Burundi	Cote d'Ivoire	R.D. Congo	Ghana	Non Banking Subsidiaries
Operating income	31,521	222	147	644	738	687	241	645	319	1,237	305
<b>Operating expenses</b>	(18,626)	(248)	(160)	(550)	(761)	(640)	(245)	(945)	(426)	(508)	(230)
<b>Provision expense</b>	(3,809)	88	(9)	(90)	-	(139)	(38)	222	232	(94)	-
Profit before tax	9,086	62	(22)	4	(23)	(92)	(42)	(78)	125	635	75
Taxation	(3,026)	-	1	(7)	204	-	-	-	-	(222)	(94)
Profit for the period	6,060	62	(22)	(3)	181	(92)	(42)	(78)	125	414	(19)

**Profit Before Tax** 



**Operating Income** 



#### Comments

- Net positive contribution from subsidiaries in H1 2010.
- Benefit of our one-bank strategy is beginning to accrue to bottom line.
- Subsidiaries with marginal losses are expected to break-even by end of the year.



### >>> ...however business segments' performance are constrained by cost of risk.

	Institu	utional Ba	anking	Commercial Ba		nercial Banking Investment Banking		Retail Banking		Other Segments		nts			
Naira million	Jun-10	Jun-09	% Change	Jun-10	Jun-09	% Change	Jun-10	Jun-09	% Change	Jun-10	Jun-09	% Change	Jun-10	Jun-09	% Change
Gross Earnings	15,617	14,956	4%	20,511	21,444	-4%	9,711	8,316	17%	4,028	2,171	86%	345	324	6%
Net Interest Income	5,726	8,291	-31%	12,721	12,577	1%	1,713	136	1163%	1,674	1,405	19%	254	261	-3%
<b>Operating Profit</b>	1,935	7,024	-72%	4,942	4,978	-1%	6,389	4,041	58%	194	722	-73%	75	93	-20%
Provisions	(2,556)	(4,384)	-42%	(1,085)	(3,681)	-71%	•	•	0%	40	(203)	<b>-120%</b>	(4)	(10)	-56%
Profit Before Tax	(621)	2,640	-124%	3,857	1,298	197%	6,389	4,041	58%	235	519	-55%	71	84	-16%
Gross Earnings by Business Segment				Operating Profit by Business Segment								Comme	nts		

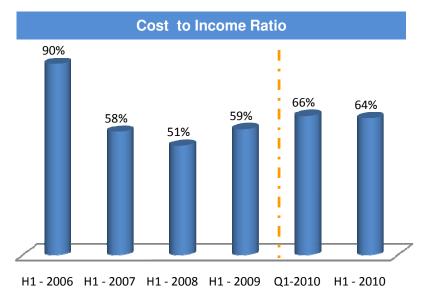
Institutional Commercial Banking Banking 31% 37% Investment Banking 47% Commercial Banking 41% Institutional Banking Retail Others Investment 14% Retail Banking 1% Others Banking Banking 1% 19% 1% 8%

#### Comments

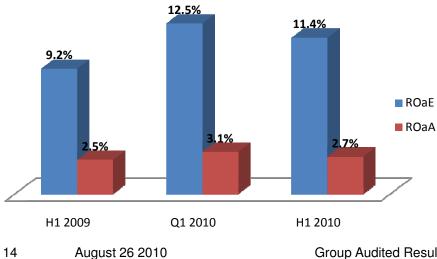
- Cost of risk and margin erosion in Institutional banking adversely impacted performance in H1 2010.
- Investment banking strong performance back of on the government trading in H1 2010.



### >>> Sustained improvement in Cost & Efficiency ratios



Pre-tax ROaE/ROaA (annualized)





#### Comments

- Group cost to income ratio down from 66% in Q1 to 64% in Q2 2010. We are beginning to realise the cost and revenue synergies of our regional expansion.
- Expense growth rate decelerated from an average of 40% to 11% in H1 2010.
- Objective is to bring cost to income ratio down to 60% by the end of the year.



# >>> Liquid & well structured balance sheet with significant capacity for expansion...

Naira (Million)	Group June 2010	Group March 2010	% Change (QoQ)	Group Dec. 2010	Group June 2009	% Change (YoY)
Cash & Balance with CBN	23,250	16,688	39%	64,593	27,633	-16%
Treasury Bills	29,608	35,129	-16%	17,208	10,243	189%
Due From Other Banks	101,369	139,805	-27%	93,177	105,368	-4%
Loans & Advances to Customers	412,823	358,081	15%	383,778	427,899	-4%
On-Lending Facilities	3,065	4,783	-36%	3,132	5,490	-44%
Advance Under Finance Leases	3,130	4,756	-34%	4,250	3,459	-10%
Investment Securities	83,653	64,706	29%	75,057	47,532	76%
Investment in Subsidiaries	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
Investment Properties	1,484	1,484	0%	1,404	-	100%
Investment in Associates	93	145	-36%	300	145	-36%
Other Assets	51,430	16,552	211%	17,293	37,923	36%
Deferred Tax Asset	524	2,648	-80%	1,740	4	11951%
Property & Equipment	26,121	25,950	1%	27,945	24,604	6%
Equipment on Lease	1,731	2,005	-14%	2,169	1,466	18%
Goodwill	1,738	1,738	0%	1,738	1,738	0%
Total Assets	740,017	674,469	10%	693,784	693,506	7%
Contingents	185,600	193,373	-4%	138,056	162,858	14%
<b>Total Assets &amp; Contingents</b>	925,617	867,842	7%	831,839	856,363	8%



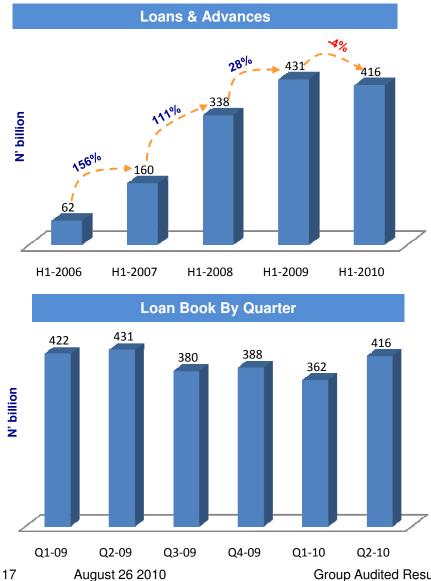
# >>> ...a Strong Equity cushion to support growth.

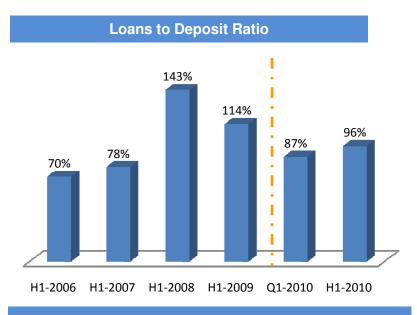
Naira (Million)	Group June 2010	Group March 2010	% Change (QoQ)	Group Dec. 2010	Group June 2009	% Change (YoY)
Customer Deposits	433,669	416,707	4%	442,072	377,275	15%
Due to Other Banks	56,825	38,121	49%	43,217	25,670	121%
<b>On-Lending Facilities</b>	3,065	8,761	-65%	3,132	18,419	-83%
Debt Securities in Issue	66	3,083	-98%	2,604	6,453	-99%
Current Income Tax	2,185	4,749	-54%	6,982	6,980	-69%
Other Liabilities	69,778	32,585	114%	27,430	69,653	0%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	565,588	504,006	12%	525,438	504,451	12%

Naira (Million)	Group June 2010	Group March 2010	% Change (QoQ)	Group Dec. 2010	Group June 2009	% Change (YoY)
Share Capital	8,944	8,131	10%	8,131	8,131	10%
Share Premium	146,161	146,161	0%	146,161	146,161	0%
Reserves	18,546	15,225	22%	13,196	33,698	-45%
Shareholders' Funds	173,651	169,517	2%	167,488	187,990	-8%
Non-controlling interest	778	946	-18%	858	1,065	-27%
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	740,017	674,469	10%	693,784	693,506	7%



### >>> Expansion of our loan book to growth sectors of the economy...



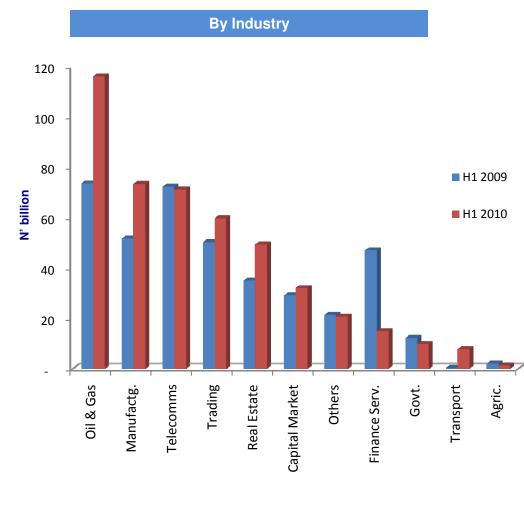


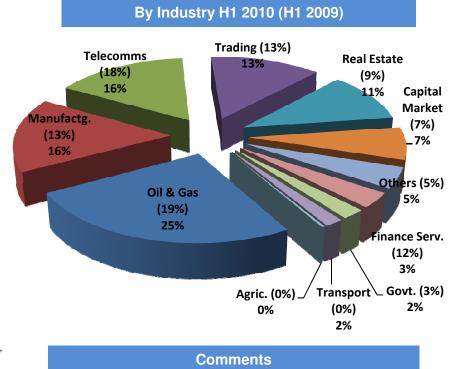
#### Comments

- Expansion of loan book by 15% between Q1 and Q2 2010 was largely accounted for by the growth in the oil & gas industry, on the back of the de-risking of the sector via the sovereign debt notes issued by Government.
- Loan growth targeted to high quality obligors and average lending rates down 300bps for the quarter.
- World class ALM process enables us protect our net interest margin without comprising liquidity.



### >>> ...a well diversified loan book.

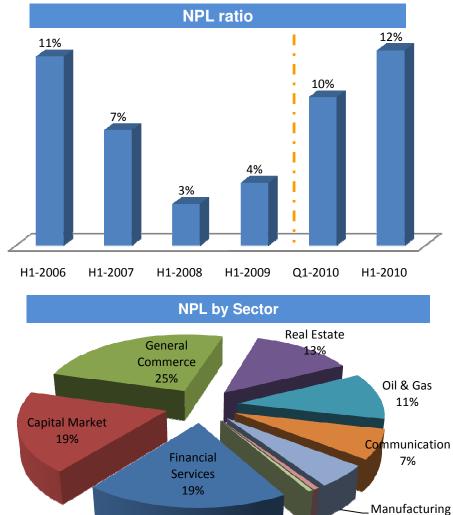


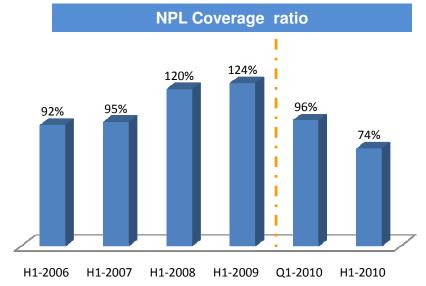


- Loan portfolio is well diversified across economic sectors.
- Real economy still dominates our loan book.
- Oil & Gas still the highest contributor to the loan book – 25% (H1 2009: 19%).



### >>> Measured steps are being taken to sustain asset quality improvement





#### Comments

- Increase in NPLs reflects the application of legacy prudential guidelines in preparing the audited financial statement as at June 2010.
- NPL increased to include principal amount of crystallized underwriting commitment.
- NPL ratio will reduce to single digit based on new prudential guidelines.



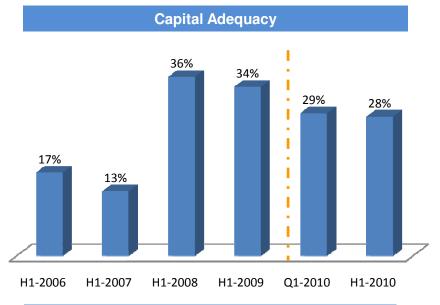
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Transportation

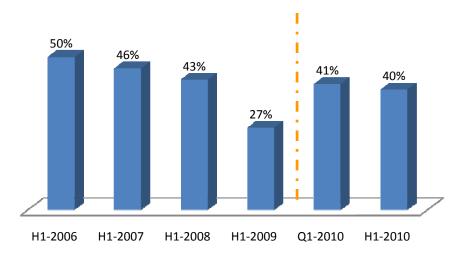
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Agriculture

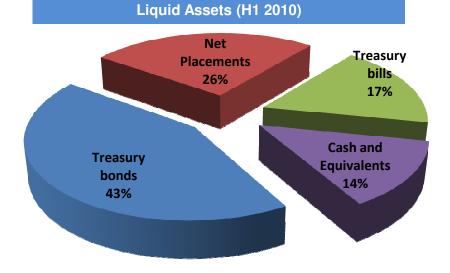
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Liquidity

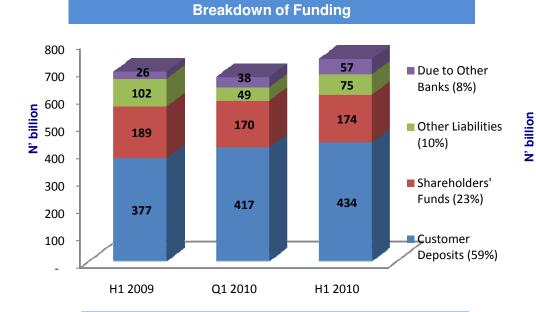


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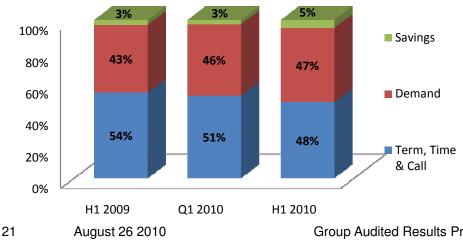
- Strong capital adequacy to support business growth and expansion. Capital Adequacy Ratio well in excess of regulatory minimum.
- Continue to maintain a very liquid balance sheet. Liquidity is strong and well above regulatory requirement.

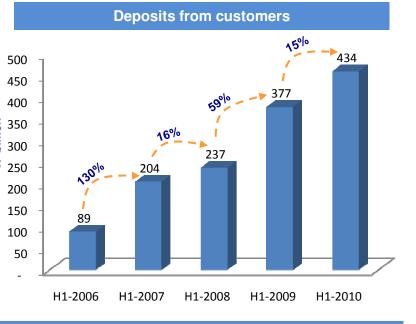


### >>> Low cost customer deposits continue to be a significant source of funds



Deposit By Type





#### Comments

- Stable and diversified funding base, significant proportion of core deposits. Balance sheet is 59% funded by deposits.
- Savings deposits responding to our initiatives in the retail market segment.
- Improving mix as deposit growth continues, low cost deposits account for over 52% of total deposits; cost of funds dropped from 7.4% in Q1 to 3.6% in Q2 2010.

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### >>> Update on Risk Management

- >>> Obligor Risk Ratings and Facility Risk Rating reviews completed for all Corporate and Commercial clients (95% of Risk Assets).
- >>> Risk Based Pricing Regime for all Loans have been implemented.
- >>> Best Practice in Interest Rate Margin management now enabled through the combined intervention of our Risk Based Pricing Model and our Funds Transfer Pricing Model.
- >>> Risk Asset collateral database is fully automated enabling accurate implementation of new Prudential Guidelines.
- >>> Provisions for Cost of Risk have been audited by KPMG using the old prudential guidelines. Additional provisions were not required.
- >>> Market and Operational Risk management practices are rating positives.



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#### Group Treasury and ALM

- Continued focus on the quality and sustainability of the balance sheet and Margin Management
- Net Interest Margin to be maintained at above 7%
- ✓ Cost of Funds to average 3.5% for the year
- Loan growth to select industry and customer segments as a key earnings driver for the rest of the year
  - Target and penetrate corporate business segments with highest growth potential and risk adjusted returns
- Sustain business focus on retail market segment
  - Retail banking SBU now autonomous and distinct from commercial banking
  - Retail banking has been resourced and capacitated for market share growth

- Maintain strong liquidity and Capital Adequacy ratios to cushion business risk and provide opportunity for growth
- Continue to extract value & derive synergies (cost & revenue) from the UK and other subsidiaries by sustaining the implementation of our one-bank strategy
- Maintain moderate Risk & Corporate Governance culture across the group
  - Implementation of IFRS & Basel II Policies
  - Robust AML/KYC regimes
- Continue on-going initiatives on service delivery across the group
- Sustain profitability & enhance stakeholder value
  - ✓ Cost to Income ratio target of 60% in 2010
  - NPL ratio target of 10% in 2010

