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Forward-looking statements

Certain sections in this document contain 'forward-looking statements' as that term is defined in the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, such as statements that include the words 'expect', 'estimate', 'project', 'anticipate', 'believes', 'should', 'intend', 'plan', 'could', 'probability', 'risk', 'Value-at-Risk (VaR)', 'target', 'goal', 'obje 'endeavour', 'outlook', 'optimistic', 'prospects' and similar expressions or variations on such expressions.

In particular, this document includes forward-looking statements relating, but not limited to: the Group's restructuring plans, capitalisation, portfolios, net interest margin, capital ratios, liquidity, risk weighted assets, return on equity (ROE), cost:income ratios, leverage and loan:deposit ratios, funding and risk profile; the Group's future financial performance; the level and extent of future impairments and write-downs; the protection provided by the Asset Protection Scheme (APS); and the Group's potential exposures to various types of market risks, such as interest rate risk, foreign exchange rate risk and commodity and equity price risk. These statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and are subject to inherent risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. For example, certain of the market risk disclosures are dependent on choices about key model characteristics and assumptions and are subject to various limitations. By their nature, certain of the market risk disclosures are only estimates and, as a result, actual future gains and losses could differ materially from those that have been estimated.

Other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those estimated by the forward-looking statements contained in this document include, but are not limited to: the full nationalisation of the Group or other resolution procedures under the Banking Act 2009; the global economy and instability in the global financial markets, and their impact on the financial industry in general and on the Group in particular; the financial stability of other financial institutions, and the Group's counterparties and borrowers; the ability to complete restructurings on a timely basis, or at all, including the disposal of certain Non-Core assets and assets and businesses required as part of the EC State Aid restructuring plan; organisational restructuring; the ability to access sufficient funding to meet liquidity needs; cancellation, change or withdrawal of, or failure to renew, governmental support schemes; the extent of future write-downs and impairment charges caused by depressed asset valuations; the inability to hedge certain risks economically; costs or exposures borne by the Group arising out of the origination or sale of mortgages or mortgage-backed securities in the United States; the value and effectiveness of any credit protection purchased by the Group; unanticipated turbulence in interest rates, yield curves, foreign currency exchange rates, credit spreads, bond prices, commodity prices and equity prices; changes in the credit ratings of the Group; ineffective management of capital or changes to capital adequacy or liquidity requirements; changes to the valuation of financial instruments recorded at fair value; competition and consolidation in the banking sector; HM Treasury exercising influence over the operations of the Group; the ability of the Group to attract or retain senior management or other key employees; regulatory change in the United Kingdom, the United States and other countries in which the Group operates or a change in United Kingdom Government policy; changes to regulatory requirements relating to capital and liquidity; changes to the monetary and interest rate policies of the Bank of England, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and other G7 central banks; impairments of goodwill; pension fund shortfalls; litigation and regulatory investigations; general operational risks; insurance claims; reputational risk; general geopolitical and economic conditions in the UK and in other countries in which the Group has significant business activities or investments, including the United States; the ability to achieve revenue benefits and cost savings from the integration of certain of RBS Holdings N.V.'s (formerly ABN AMRO Holding N.V.) businesses and assets; changes in UK and foreign laws, regulations, accounting standards and taxes, including changes in regulatory capital regulations and liquidity requirements; the participation of the Group in the APS and the effect of the APS on the Group's financial and capital position; the ability to access the contingent capital arrangements with HM Treasury; the conversion of the B Shares in accordance with their terms; limitations on, or additional requirements imposed on, the Group's activities as a result of HM Treasury's investment in the Group; and the success of the Group in managing the risks involved in

the foregoing.

The forward-looking statements contained in this document speak only as of the date of this announcement, and the Group does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

The information, statements and opinions contained in this document do not constitute a public offer under any applicable legislation or an offer to sell or solicitation of any offer to buy any securities or financial instruments or any advice or recommendation with respect to such securities or other financial instruments.

Presentation of information

Statutory results

RFS Holdings is the entity that acquired ABN AMRO and is jointly owned by the Consortium Members. It is controlled by RBS and is therefore fully consolidated in its financial statements. The interests of Fortis, and its successor the State of the Netherlands, and Santander in RFS Holdings are included in minority interests. Following the legal separation of ABN AMRO Bank NV on 1 April 2010, RBS no longer consolidates the interests in ABN AMRO of its consortium partners in its results.

Non-GAAP financial information

IFRS requires the Group to consolidate those entities that it controls, including RFS Holdings as described above. However, discussion of the Group's performance focuses on performance measures that exclude the RFS Holdings minority interest as the Group believes that such measures allow a more meaningful analysis of the Group's financial condition and the results of its operations. These measures are non-GAAP financial measures. A body of generally accepted accounting principles such as IFRS is commonly referred to as 'GAAP'. A non-GAAP financial measure is defined as one that measures historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows but which excludes or includes amounts that would not be so adjusted in the most comparable GAAP measure. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP measures are presented throughout this document. These non-GAAP financial measures are not a substitute for GAAP measures, for which management has responsibility.

RBS has divided its operations into "Core" and "Non-Core" for internal reporting purposes. Certain measures disclosed in this document for Core operations and used by RBS management are non-GAAP financial measures as they represent a combination of all reportable segments with the exception of Non-Core. In addition, RBS has further divided parts of the Core business into "Retail & Commercial" consisting of UK Retail, UK Corporate, Wealth, Global Transaction Services, Ulster Bank and US Retail & Commercial divisions. This is a non-GAAP financial measure.

Recent Developments

World Online International N.V.

In November 2009 the Supreme Court in the Netherlands gave a declaratory judgment against World Online International N.V., Goldmans Sachs International and ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (now known as The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.) in relation to claims arising out of the World Online initial public offering of 2000. It held that these Defendants had committed certain wrongful acts in connection with the initial public offering. The judgment does not establish liability or the amount of any loss. The defendant banks have agreed to pay some damages to certain investors. RBS Group does not believe that such settlements or any final liability or loss will have a significant effect on RBS Group's financial position or profitability.

Other investigations

In April 2009 the FSA notified RBS Group that it was commencing a supervisory review of the acquisition of ABN AMRO in 2007 and the 2008 capital raisings and an investigation into conduct, systems and controls within the Global Banking & Markets division of the RBS Group. RBS Group and its subsidiaries cooperated fully with this review and investigation. On 2 December 2010, the FSA confirmed that it had completed its investigation and had concluded that no enforcement action, either against RBS Group or against individuals, was warranted.

Comment

Stephen Hester, Group Chief Executive, commented:

"Our third quarter results demonstrate that we continue to make good progress in our recovery. We are delivering what we set out to achieve.

The Core Bank is becoming stronger. As we focus on serving customers better, profitability is also improving and rebalancing towards a more sustainable mix of business contributions. At the same time, the legacy risks and losses in Non-Core are being worked out effectively and our ambitious restructuring efforts continue apace.

The accounting treatment of some balance sheet items is volatile and can sometimes obscure our underlying story. Nevertheless, I believe that our results today show clear and measured progress toward our three strategic goals:

- 1. Serving our customers better must be the foundation of everything we do. It is our mission. Across our businesses change is occurring to improve customer service, not least through the customer charters that now drive our UK retail and corporate banking operations. Already we have customer satisfaction and market positions that compare well with our competitors. Our aspirations are higher still and we are investing to achieve them.
- 2. We are making the bank safer, stronger, and more resilient. We have delivered good progress on all our targets: reducing costs; strengthening our capital base; reducing our dependency on short-term wholesale funding; improving our liquidity; and, reducing our leverage. This activity should also ensure that RBS is well positioned to meet the very substantial uplifts required by international regulatory change in bank resilience in the areas of capital and liquidity, within the timetable given.
- 3. The profitable Core of RBS is the ultimate source of value creation for all of our shareholders; we need to produce profits above the cost of capital we use across business cycles. At present, as these Core profits build, they are partially offset by planned Non-Core losses. We target continued improvement in this balance in 2011 and in the sustainable level of Core profitability. We have much still to do on the revenue lines. There is substantial management action in train targeting long-term improvements.

While economic challenges, especially interest rate-driven, and regulatory costs will impact the level of improvements targeted and their speed, RBS remains focused on achieving balanced progress across all our key objectives."

Condensed consolidated income statement for the period ended 30 September 2010

	Quarter end 30 September 30 June 2010 2010		30 September* 3 2009	30	onths ended 30 September* 2009
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest receivable Interest payable	5,584 (2,173)	5,888 (2,212)	5,693 (2,573)	17,164 (6,535)	20,334 (10,365)
Net interest income	3,411	3,676	3,120	10,629	9,969
Fees and commissions receivable Fees and commissions payable Income from trading activities Gain on redemption of own debt Other operating income (excluding insurance	2,037 (611) 277	2,053 (579) 2,110 553	1,919 (545) 1,088	6,141 (1,762) 4,153 553	6,385 (1,896) 3,052 3,790
premium income) Insurance net premium income	(317) 1,289	346 1,278	(77) 1,301	476 3,856	569 3,958
Non-interest income	2,675	5,761	3,686	13,417	15,858
Total income	6,086	9,437	6,806	24,046	25,827
Staff costs Premises and equipment Other administrative expenses Depreciation and amortisation Write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets	(2,423) (611) (914) (603)	(2,365) (547) (1,022) (519)	(2,363) (631) (1,062) (534)	(7,477) (1,693) (2,947) (1,604)	(7,499) (1,909) (3,265) (1,566)
Operating expenses	(4,551)	(4,453)	(4,590)	(13,721)	(14,550)
Profit before other operating charges and impairment losses Insurance net claims Impairment losses	1,535 (1,142) (1,953)	4,984 (1,323) (2,487)	2,216 (1,145) (3,279)	10,325 (3,601) (7,115)	11,277 (3,036) (10,800)
Operating (loss)/profit before tax Tax credit/(charge)	(1,560) 295	1,174 (825)	(2,208) 617	(391) (637)	(2,559) 1,073
(Loss)/profit from continuing operations	(1,265)	349	(1,591)	(1,028)	(1,486)
Loss on distribution of ABN AMRO Bank NV to	-	(1,019)	-	(1,019)	-

the State of the Netherlands and Santander Other profits from discontinued operations, net of tax	18	-		-		331		30	
Profit/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	18	(1,019)	-		(688)	30	
Loss for the period Minority interests Preference share and other dividends	(1,247) 101 -	(670 946 (19)	(1,591 36 (245)	(1,716 703 (124)	(1,456 (595 (791)
(Loss)/profit attributable to ordinary and B shareholders	(1,146)	257		(1,800)	(1,137)	(2,842)

^{*} restated for the reclassification of the results attributable to other Consortium Members as discontinued operations.

Highlights

Third quarter 2010 results summary

Group operating loss in Q3 2010 was £1,560 million down from a profit of £1,174 million in the second quarter but improved from a loss of £2,208 million in Q3 2009.

The net loss attributable to shareholders was £1,146 million, compared with a profit of £257 million in Q2 2010 and a loss of £1,800 million in Q3 2009.

Operating performance

Improved Core operating results were led by a good performance from our Retail & Commercial businesses. The Retail & Commercial net interest margin continued its recovery from the trough levels reached in 2008 and 2009, rising 12 basis points to 3.23%. Impairments were 12% lower, with improved credit performance in UK Retail and UK Corporate, leaving operating profits up 12% at £1,100 million.

GBM revenues were 20% lower at £1,554 million for the quarter, given lower customer trading volumes and volatility. Expenses were 3% lower and a small net recovery was recorded on previously booked impairments. Operating profit fell by 21% to £589 million. Year-to-date revenue was £6,325 million.

RBS Insurance's performance improved in the third quarter, due to lower additions to bodily injury reserves, though the business still recorded an operating loss of £33 million. Tighter underwriting criteria are now in effect, but the motor segment remained in loss. The home insurance segment continues to deliver strong results.

Highlights (continued)

Third quarter 2010 results summary (continued)

Operating performance (continued)

Non-Core income benefited from higher trading income while impairment losses decreased by 16% to £1,171 million. Total Non-Core operating loss was 24% lower at £1,006 million.

Overall Group impairments fell to £1,953 million, 21% lower than in Q2 2010 and down 40% from Q3 2009. The reduction in credit costs was broadly spread, with improvements in most Retail & Commercial franchises, in GBM and in Non-Core. Impairment losses in Ulster Bank, however, remained severe, reflecting the continuing deterioration in credit metrics across the Irish economy.

Efficiency

Group expenses were up 2% during the third quarter at £4,551 million and down 1% from the third quarter of 2009. Core expenses were flat during the quarter and 4% lower than in the prior year. Non-Core expenses were 2% lower than in Q2 2010 reflecting a number of business disposals. Costs within Business Services, which provides technology, property and operational services to the Group's customer-facing divisions, rose 2% compared with Q2 2010 but were 4% lower than in the third quarter of 2009. Further plans to consolidate a number of Business Services operations centres were announced in September.

The Group cost:income ratio, excluding fair value of own debt and net of claims, was 60.5%, compared with 60.0% in the second quarter and 65.2% in Q3 2009. The Core cost:income ratio, excluding fair value of own debt, in Q3 2010 was 58.3%.

Balance sheet management

The Group's funded balance sheet increased by £22 billion during the third quarter, driven by a 5% increase in GBM, which returned towards more normal asset levels after a sharp reduction during Q2 2010. This was partially offset by continued good progress of the Non-Core run-off programme, with third party assets, excluding derivatives, down £20 billion. This was largely driven by the division's disposal programme (£11 billion), including the disposal of Sempra JV assets (£3 billion) and a number of other assets, principally from the markets business. Portfolio run-off totalled £9 billion. There was some asset growth in UK Retail and Wealth, but loan demand remained muted in other Retail & Commercial divisions.

Gross risk-weighted assets (excluding the relief provided by the Asset Protection Scheme) were broadly flat at £595 billion, as Non-Core asset run-off was largely offset by run-off of capital relief trades in GBM.

Highlights (continued)

Third quarter 2010 results summary (continued)

Balance sheet management (continued)

Wholesale funding market conditions improved significantly during the quarter and RBS has taken advantage of opportunities to improve its funding profile, in line with the Group's strategic plan. Public and private unguaranteed debt issuance during Q3 2010 totalled £18 billion, higher than the first half of 2010, featuring RBS's second covered bond and its first residential mortgage-backed securities public issuance since 2007.

The run-off of the Non-Core portfolio continues to contribute to the reduction in the Group's overall wholesale funding, and more of this requirement is being funded longer term. The proportion of debt instruments with more than one year to maturity increased to 62% at 30 September 2010, compared with 50% at 31 December 2009.

The liquidity portfolio increased by £14 billion to £151 billion during the quarter which reflects asset disposals in Non-Core and the impact of term debt issuance.

Capital

The Group's Core Tier 1 ratio at 30 September 2010 was 10.2%, compared with 10.5% at 30 June 2010. The decline reflects the attributable loss together with reduced RWA relief from the APS as covered assets run-off.

Basel III capital implementation and impacts

The new framework under Basel III is being phased in over the next few years. Given our current strong capital base and improving operating earnings performance, we expect to be well positioned to meet the Basel requirements. For further details see the Capital section on pages 90 and 91.

Bank levy

Certain details of the UK bank levy announced in the June 2010 Budget are yet to be clarified. However, on the basis of the proposals announced in the initial consultation paper, the cost of the levy to RBS is currently estimated to be approximately £225-£250 million in 2011, rising to approximately £350-£400 million in 2012. The levy penalises non-insured liabilities, including deposits from our corporate customers, as well as other wholesale funding.

Highlights (continued)

Third quarter 2010 results summary (continued)

Customer franchises

A key element of the Group's strategic progress involves strengthening and improving its Core businesses through a dedicated focus on serving customers well. RBS customer franchises have come through the turmoil of the last three years with resilience, demonstrating the solidity of their foundations. The third quarter has seen further early progress across the Group in restoring and developing these franchises.

- UK Retail launched the Retail Customer Charter in June and is now working towards delivery of the commitments made. Progress against these commitments will be formally reviewed at the end of 2010 and reported as part of the year end results. Tangible steps so far to meet the commitment and improve customers' experience include process improvements in approximately 1,200 branches and 500 new cash deposit machines installed in branches around the UK.
- UK Corporate is currently opening more than 2,000 start-up accounts per week and recently launched a Start-Up Hotline to give advice to budding entrepreneurs. Over the past 12 months the division has helped more than 100,000 new businesses enter the market with two years free banking.
- Global Transaction Services delivered a number of initiatives designed to increase UK companies' ability and confidence to do business overseas. One such initiative saw Global Transaction Services partner with UK Trade & Investment to support UK businesses in taking advantage of business opportunities in Asia.
- Ulster Bank has increased customer numbers by 3% over the past year, representing a net increase of 50,000. The September 2010 launch of the "Helpful Banking" programme resulted in a number of new initiatives, including Saturday branch openings in most towns and cities. By opening on Saturdays, and extending weekday opening hours in the Republic of Ireland, Ulster Bank is giving customers an extra 30,000 hours each year to visit its branches.
- US Retail & Commercial added more than 52,500 new customer accounts and 12,500 small business accounts in the year to 30 September 2010 with the new brand platform of "Good Banking is Good Citizenship" garnering positive response, from both new and existing customers.
- GBM, despite difficult conditions and reduced client activity, has retained its number one position for sterling
 derivative products in Q3 2010 and has been recognised for service quality as most innovative in asset & liability
 management and inflation products.
- RBS Insurance's home business has continued to make good progress and the division established itself as the largest home insurance provider within the UK at the end of H1 2010, with Privilege and Churchill brands combined growing in-force policies by over 17% in the last year.

Highlights (continued)

Third quarter 2010 results summary (continued)

UK Lending

The Group grew net UK mortgage balances by £2.6 billion in Q3 2010, up 6% from Q2 2010. While gross lending remained strong at £5.3 billion in Q3 2010 (up 8% from the previous quarter), net lending volumes have been affected by an increase in redemptions during 2010. This reflects the roll-off of a large number of customers from fixed-term mortgage deals, as well as greater competition in the market. However, the Group's market share for gross mortgage lending remained high, at 14%, for the third quarter.

Acceptance rates remain high at approximately 90% and we continue to offer a wide range of mortgage products up to 90% Loan to Value. In particular, the Group continues to support the first time buyer market, helping more than 8,000 customers to move into their first home during Q3 2010.

With net lending of £5.8 billion in the seven months March-September 2010, RBS remains on course to achieve its £8 billion mortgage lending target for the March 2010 to February 2011 period.

During Q3 2010, the Group extended £13.9 billion of gross new facilities to UK businesses. This was 9% higher than the previous quarter and a 34% rise from Q3 2009. However, many businesses are continuing to reduce existing borrowings. Net repayments by businesses totalled £3.7 billion in the quarter though this includes loans in RBS's Non-Core Division targeted for run-off. Additionally, businesses have access to £43 billion of undrawn facilities extended by RBS and available for when credit demand increases.

Gross new facilities of £7.6 billion were extended to SMEs during Q3 2010, up 8% from the previous quarter and 15% higher year-on-year. However, the volume of new credit applications is weak, down 8% in Q3 2010 from the previous quarter and 12% lower than the comparable period last year. The Group continues to approve approximately 85% of credit applications. The average price of new loans to SMEs during the third quarter was 3.44%, an increase from 3.18% in Q3 2009 largely driven by the rising cost of term funding, but considerably lower than the average of 7.01% during the third quarter of 2008.

In the mid and large corporate segments, £6.3 billion of gross new facilities were extended during Q3 2010, up 11% on the previous quarter and 67% higher than during the third quarter of 2009. The higher lending volumes during Q3 2010 were primarily due to a number of significant one-off transactions and larger corporates bringing forward refinancings. The latter reflects both current loan market conditions, with margins having tightened and terms lengthened, and longer-term concerns over loan market liquidity and funding costs.

Gross new facilities extended to businesses in the seven months March-September 2010 totalled £30.9 billion, of which £17.5 billion was to SMEs. At this stage, the Group is on plan to achieve its £50 billion gross business lending target for the March 2010 to February 2011 period.

Highlights (continued)

Third quarter 2010 results summary (continued)

Disposals

During the third quarter, the Group completed four disposals from its Non-Core division, resulting in a reduction of close to £10 billion in risk-weighted assets. Three more Non-Core business disposals were signed during the quarter, including the sale of the Indian retail and commercial banking operations to HSBC.

Significant progress has also been made on the Group's European Commission-mandated disposal programme, with three of our four mandated disposal businesses largely agreed. In early August, agreement was reached on the sale of the Group's RBS England and Wales and NatWest Scotland branches to Santander UK plc. The sale remains subject to regulatory and other approvals and is expected to complete by the end of 2011. In the same month, the sale of the Global Merchant Services business to a consortium of Advent International and Bain Capital was agreed. RBS will hold a 19.99% minority stake in the resulting entity and the transaction is expected to close in Q4 2010.

Following the sale of RBS Sempra Commodities' Metals, Oil and European Energy business lines to J.P. Morgan in February, sale agreements have now been reached for substantially all of the remaining assets of the joint venture. The sale of Sempra Energy Solutions to Noble Americas Gas & Power Corp was announced in September, while the sale of Sempra North American Power and Gas to J.P. Morgan was announced on 7 October. Both these transactions are expected to close in Q4 2010.

Taken together, these EU mandated transactions will reduce the Group's gross risk-weighted assets by approximately £18 billion. The progress made will allow management to intensify focus on the Core business and further the execution of the Group's strategic plan.

Outlook

Fourth quarter trends in RBS Retail & Commercial banking businesses seem likely to be broadly consistent with those of the third quarter in terms of both profitability and key balance sheet items. The pace of net interest margin expansion is likely to moderate into 2011 pending the start of interest rate normalisation. GBM revenues, as is typical for the industry, are hard to forecast. It is anticipated, however, the fourth quarter market environment will remain challenging.

In Non-Core we expect to continue to make good progress on risk reduction in the fourth quarter. Given our healthy asset sales pipeline, we expect to come in below our year-end third party asset target. This could bring with it an increase in disposal losses.

Lastly, accounting (non-cash) volatility in fair value of own debt and APS costs is likely to continue.

Overall RBS expects to continue to operate broadly in line with its strategic plan metrics for 2010 as a whole.

Condensed consolidated balance sheet at 30 September 2010

	30 September	30 June	31 December
	2010	2010	2009
	£m	£m	£m
Assets			
Cash and balances at central banks	61,416	29,591	52,261
Net loans and advances to banks	60,334	54,489	56,656
Reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing	48,407	47,663	35,097
Loans and advances to banks	108,741	102,152	91,753
Net loans and advances to customers	528,049	539,375	687,353
Reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing	44,503	39,396	41,040
Loans and advances to customers	572,552	578,771	728,393
Debt securities	226,410	236,260	267,254
Equity shares	21,755	17,326	19,528
Settlement balances	22,874	20,718	12,033
Derivatives	548,805	522,871	441,454
Intangible assets	14,369	14,482	17,847
Property, plant and equipment	17,398	17,608	19,397
Deferred taxation	5,909	5,839	7,039
Prepayments, accrued income and other assets	11,908	14,095	20,985
Assets of disposal groups	17,450	22,340	18,542
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Total assets	1,629,587	1,582,053	1,696,486
Liabilities			
Bank deposits	80,304	96,710	104,138
Repurchase agreements and stock lending	41,465	44,165	38,006
Deposits by banks	121,769	140,875	142,144
Customer deposits	420,639	420,890	545,849
Repurchase agreements and stock lending	87,287	70,655	68,353
Customer accounts	507,926	491,545	614,202
Debt securities in issue	235,083	217,317	267,568
Settlement balances	20,628	19,730	10,413
Short positions	44,004	42,994	40,463
Derivatives	543,397	508,966	424,141
Accruals, deferred income and other liabilities	23,667	24,867	30,327
Retirement benefit liabilities	2,637	2,611	2,963
Deferred taxation	2,270	2,195	2,811
Insurance liabilities	6,782	6,521	10,281
Subordinated liabilities	27,890	27,523	37,652
Liabilities of disposal groups	16,154	17,615	18,890
Total liabilities	1,552,207	1,502,759	1,601,855

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Equity			
Minority interests	1,780	2,492	16,895
Owners' equity*			
Called up share capital	15,030	15,029	14,630
Reserves	60,570	61,773	63,106
Total equity	77,380	79,294	94,631
Total liabilities and equity	1,629,587	1,582,053	1,696,486
* O			
* Owners' equity attributable to:	70.056	72.050	60.000
Ordinary and B shareholders	70,856	72,058	69,890
Other equity owners	4,744	4,744	7,846
	75,600	76,802	77,736

Commentary on condensed consolidated balance sheet

Total assets of £1,629.6 billion at 30 September 2010 were up £47.5 billion, 3%, compared with 30 June 2010.

Cash and balances at central banks were up £31.8 billion, 108% to £61.4 billion.

Loans and advances to banks increased by £6.6 billion, 6%, to £108.7 billion. Reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing ('reverse repos') were up £0.7 billion, 2% to £48.4 billion and bank placings rose £5.8 billion, 11%, to £60.3 billion as a result of increased placings on the inter-bank markets.

Loans and advances to customers decreased £6.2 billion, 1%, to £572.6 billion. Within this reverse repos were up £5.1 billion, 13% to £44.5 billion. Excluding reverse repos, customer lending decreased by £11.3 billion, 2%, to £528.0 billion or by £9.8 billion before impairment provisions. This reflected reductions, in constant currency terms, in Non-Core of £6.8 billion, together with declines in UK Corporate £1.7 billion, Global Transaction Services, £1.2 billion, Global Banking & Markets, £1.2 billion and US Retail & Commercial, £1.1 billion together with the effect of exchange rate movements, £0.2 billion. These were offset by growth in UK Retail, £1.9 billion, and Wealth, £0.6 billion.

Equity shares increased £4.4 billion, 26%, to £21.8 billion driven by increased holdings within Global Banking & Markets.

Settlement balances rose £2.2 billion, 10%, to £22.9 billion as a result of customer activity principally within Global Banking & Markets.

Movements in the value of derivative assets, up £25.9 billion, 5%, to £548.8 billion, and liabilities, up £34.4 billion, 7%, to £543.4 billion, primarily reflect changes in interest rates, currency movements, with Sterling strengthening against the US dollar offset in part by weakening against the Euro, and growth in trading volumes.

Assets of disposal groups reduced by £4.9 billion, 22%, to £17.5 billion resulting primarily from the completion of disposals of RBS Sempra's Oil, Metals and European Gas & Power business, the Eurosales Finance businesses in France and Germany and certain of the Group's Asian and Latin American businesses.

Deposits by banks declined £19.1 billion, 14%, to £121.8 billion, reflecting reduced inter-bank deposits, down £16.4 billion, 17%, to £80.3 billion and decreased repurchase agreements and stock lending ('repos'), down £2.7 billion, 6%, to £41.5 billion.

Customer accounts rose £16.4 billion, 3%, to £507.9 billion. Within this, repos increased £16.6 billion, 24%, to £87.3 billion. Excluding repos, customer deposits were down £0.3 billion, to £420.6 billion, with reductions, in constant currency terms, in Global Banking & Markets, £4.8 billion, Wealth, £1.4 billion and Ulster Bank, £0.2 billion, together with the effect of exchange rate movements of £1.5 billion. This was partially offset by growth in UK Corporate, £2.6 billion, Global Transaction Services, £2.3 billion, UK Retail, £1.4 billion and US Retail & Commercial, £1.1 billion.

Commentary on condensed consolidated balance sheet (continued)

Debt securities in issue were up £17.8 billion, 8%, to £235.1 billion, principally as a result of the Group's capital raising programme in the third quarter, coupled with movements in Global Banking & Markets.

Liabilities of disposal groups declined £1.5 billion, 8%, to £16.2 billion primarily reflecting the completion of several disposals in the quarter.

Owners' equity reduced by £1.2 billion, 2%, to £75.6 billion. The attributable loss for the period, £1.1 billion, and exchange rate movements, £0.7 billion, were offset in part by an increase in cash flow hedging reserves, £0.4 billion, and reduced losses in available-for-sale reserves £0.2 billion.

Results summary

	30 September		Quarter ended	30 September		30 September		Septembe	
Non-interest income	2010 £m	0	2010 £m	2009 £m	9	201 £m	.0	200 £m	09
Net fees and commissions Income from trading activities	1,426		1,474	1,374		4,379		4,489	
- fair value of own debt	(330)	104	(246)	(185)	(114)
 Asset Protection Scheme credit default swap – fair value changes other Gain on redemption of own debt 	(825 1,432)	500 1,506 553	- 1,334 -		(825 5,163 553)	3,166 3,790	
Other operating income - fair value of own debt - strategic disposals - other	(528 27 184)	515 (411) 242	(237 (155 315)	(223 (331 1,030)	(298 (298 1,165)
Non-interest income (excluding insurance net premium income)* Insurance net premium income	1,386 1,289		4,483 1,278	2,385 1,301		9,561 3,856		11,900 3,958	
Total non-interest income	2,675		5,761	3,686		13,417		15,858	
* includes fair value of own debt impact: (Loss)/income from trading activities Other operating income	(330 (528)	104 515	(246 (237)	(185 (223)	(114 (298)
Fair value of own debt	(858)	619	(483)	(408)	(412)

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

- Income from trading activities, excluding movements in the fair value of own debt and the Asset Protection Scheme (APS) credit default swap, declined by £74 million, with economic uncertainty and the seasonally quieter summer period leading to weaker capital market conditions, reduced volatility and lower client activity. Non-Core income from trading activities was £227 million, compared with £25 million in the second quarter, reflecting credit market write-backs.
- The Group's credit spreads narrowed during the quarter, resulting in a loss of £858 million on the fair value of own debt, compared with a gain of £619 million in the second quarter.

- The APS is structured as a credit derivative, and movements in the fair value of the contract led to a charge of £825 million in the third quarter compared with a credit of £500 million in the second quarter. This largely reflected tightening credit spreads across the portfolio of covered assets, leading to a fall in the fair value of the protection provided by the contract. The minimum fee on the APS policy throughout its life remains £2.5 billion, with the cumulative fees paid for coverage through to the end of 2010 at £1.4 billion.
- Other operating income, excluding movements in the fair value of own debt and strategic disposals, totalled £184 million compared with £242 million in the second quarter.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

- GBM trading income was 51% lower than in the third quarter of 2009, which saw greater activity and volatility in capital markets. Non-Core trading income of £227 million compared with a loss of £565 million in the prior year period when losses were incurred on banking book hedges and CDPCs.
- Other operating income, excluding movements in the fair value of own debt and strategic disposals, totalled £184 million compared with £315 million in the third quarter of 2009.
- The charge of £858 million on the fair value of own debt compares with a charge of £483 million in the third quarter of 2009, resulting from a sharp improvement in the Group's credit spreads during the quarter.

		Quarter ended	Nine months ended			
	30 September	30 June	30 September	30 September	30 September	
	2010	2010	2009	2010	2009	
Operating expenses	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Staff costs	2,423	2,365	2,363	7,477	7,499	
Premises and equipment	611	547	631	1,693	1,909	
Other	914	1,022	1,062	2,947	3,265	
Administrative expenses	3,948	3,934	4,056	12,177	12,673	
Depreciation and amortisation	603	519	534	1,604	1,566	
Write-down of goodwill and other intangible				,	,	
assets	-	-	-	-	311	
Operating expenses	4,551	4,453	4,590	13,721	14,550	
General insurance	1,092	1,348	1,054	3,547	2,919	
Bancassurance	50	(25)	91	54	117	
Insurance net claims	1,142	1,323	1,145	3,601	3,036	

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

- Total expenses increased to 2% to £4,551 million. Excluding a £74 million credit in Q2 2010 relating to changes to the US defined benefit pension plan, expenses were flat due to good cost control and the benefits of the Group's efficiency programmes. Staff costs were similarly well controlled.
- Insurance claims fell by 14% to £1,142 million, with a reduction during the quarter in prior year-related bodily injury reserving.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

• Total expenses were down 1% compared with a year ago due to the benefits of the Group's efficiency programmes, particularly in relation to property and purchasing.

	Quarter ended						Nine months ended			
	3	30			30)	3	0		30
	Septembe	er	30 Jun	e	September	S	Septembe	r	Septemb	er
	201	10	201	0	2009)	201	0	20	09
Impairment losses	£m		£m		£m		£m		£m	
Division										
UK Retail	251		300		404		938		1,228	
UK Corporate	158		198		187		542		737	
Wealth	1		7		1		12		23	
Global Transaction Services	3		3		22		6		35	
Ulster Bank	286		281		144		785		301	
US Retail & Commercial	125		144		180		412		549	
Retail & Commercial	824		933		938		2,695		2,873	
Global Banking & Markets	(40)	164		272		156		510	
RBS Insurance	-	,	-		2		-		8	
Central items	(2)	_		1		(1)	(1)
Central Items	(2	,			1		(1	,	(1	,
Core	782		1,097		1,213		2,850		3,390	
Non-Core	1,171		1,390		2,066		4,265		7,410	
Non-Core	1,1/1		1,370		2,000		7,203		7,410	
Group impairment losses	1,953		2,487		3,279		7,115		10,800	
Group impairment losses	1,933		2,407		3,219		7,113		10,600	
Asset category										
Loan impairment losses	1,908		2,479		3,262		6,989		10,058	
	45		2,479 8		3,202 17		126		742	
Securities impairment losses	43		0		17		120		142	
C	1.052		2.497		2 270		7 115		10.000	
Group impairment losses	1,953		2,487		3,279		7,115		10,800	
Landing and shared as Of affirm										
Loan impairment charge as % of gross										
loans and advances (excluding reverse	4.4	C1	1.0	~	2.2	C-1		C1	2.2	~
repurchase agreements)	1.4	%	1.8	%	2.2	%	1.7	%	2.2	%

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

- · Within Core, Retail & Commercial impairments were down 12%, £109 million, compared with the second quarter of 2010 with improvements in both personal and mortgage loans. The exception remains Ulster Bank where impairments remain elevated reflecting a very weak economy and property market. In GBM there was an absence of individual impairments and several minor recoveries.
- · Non-Core impairments of £1,171 million were down £219 million compared with the second quarter.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

- · Impairments were lower across most divisions compared with the elevated levels experienced in the prior year, reflecting our risk reduction actions and slightly better economic conditions. Impairment losses in Ulster Bank, however, worsened, reflecting the continuing deterioration in credit metrics across the Irish economy.
- · Impairments in the quarter versus a year ago were down 36% in Core and 43% in Non-Core.

		Quarter end	Nine moi	nths ended	
	30		30	30	30
	September	30 June	September	September	September
	2010	2010	2009	2010	2009
Credit and other market (gains)/losses (1)	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Monoline exposures	(191	139	106	(52)	1,653
CDPCs (2)	15	56	276	103	846
Asset backed products	(160	(97)	(147)	(202)	390
Other credit exotics	2	(47)	46	(56)	588
Equities	15	6	12	28	34
Banking book hedges	123	(147)	426	12	1,465
Other	54	183	55	377	97
Net credit and other market (gains)/losses	(142	93	774	210	5,073

Notes:

- (1) Included in 'Income from trading activities', all in Non-Core in Q3 2010.
- (2) Credit derivative product companies.

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

Net gains of £142 million compared with losses of £93 million in Q2 2010, primarily reflect general tightening of credit spreads across a range of asset classes in Q3 2010, compared with widening of spreads in the second quarter, together with a rally in asset prices. These factors more than offset losses on banking book hedges.

Gains on monoline exposures reflect tightening credit spreads and net reductions in exposures, following restructuring; these were partially offset by foreign currency movements. In Q2 2010, credit spread movements more than offset reductions in exposures from restructuring.

Gains on asset-backed products in both quarters resulted from disposals and asset price improvements.

The losses on the banking book hedges in Q3 2010 compared with gains in Q2 2010 reflect tightening credit spreads.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

Gains of £142 million compared with losses of £774 million in Q3 2009 when substantial losses on CDPCs and banking book hedges were incurred due to widening credit spreads.

Monoline-related gains in Q3 2010 reflect tighter credit spreads compared with widening credit spreads in Q3 2009.

In Q3 2009 widening credit spreads resulted in higher CDPC credit valuation adjustment, but it remained broadly flat in Q3 2010 primarily reflecting exchange movements and tighter credit spreads.

Asset-backed product gains in both quarters reflected disposals and price improvements.

Lower losses on banking book hedges in Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009 reflect lower credit spread movement on a smaller book.

	30)			31		
	September		30 Jur	ne	Decemb	er	
Capital resources and ratios	2010)	20	10	20	009	
Core Tier 1 capital	£48bn	1	£50bn		on £60bn		
Tier 1 capital	£59bn	1	£61bn		£76bn		
Total capital	£65bn	l	£66bn		£66bn £87bn		
Risk-weighted assets – gross	£595bn	1	£600	£600bn £669bn)bn	
Benefit of Asset Protection Scheme	(£117bn))	(£123b	£123bn) (£128bn)		bn)	
Risk-weighted assets	£478bn		£477bn		£541	bn	
Core Tier 1 ratio*	10.2	%	10.5	%	11.0	%	
Tier 1 ratio	12.4	%	12.8	%	14.1	%	
Total capital ratio	13.5	%	13.9	%	16.1	%	

^{*} Benefit of APS in Core Tier 1 ratio is 1.2% at 30 September 2010, 1.3% at 30 June 2010 and 1.6% at 31 December 2009.

Key points

- The attributable loss and reduced risk-weighted asset (RWA) relief on the Asset Protection Scheme led to a decline of 30 basis points to 10.2% in the Core Tier 1 ratio and 40 basis points to 12.4% in the Tier 1 ratio. The Total Capital ratio declined by 40 basis points to 13.5%.
- · Gross RWAs were broadly flat at £595 billion, reflecting successful Non-Core de-leveraging counterbalanced by the roll-off of capital relief trades within GBM.
- RWAs eligible for the Asset Protection Scheme relief declined by £6 billion to £117 billion, reflecting disposals and repayments as well as changes in risk parameters.

	30	31		
	September	30 June	December	
Balance sheet	2010	2010	2009	
Total assets	£1,630bn	£1,582bn	£1,696bn	
Funded balance sheet	£1,081bn	£1,059bn	£1,255bn	
Loans and advances to customers (1)	£528bn	£539bn	£687bn	
Customer deposits (2)	£421bn	£421bn	£546bn	

Notes:

- (1) Excluding reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing.
- (2) Excluding repurchase agreements and stock lending.

Key points

- The funded balance sheet increased by £22 billion during the third quarter. This reflects growth in the GBM balance sheet of £21 billion compared with the seasonally low position at the end of the second quarter and growth in our liquidity portfolio, partially offset by further deleveraging in Non-Core, which reduced its balance sheet by £20 billion to £154 billion.
- Loans and advances in Retail & Commercial were down 1% during the quarter at £336 billion, with growth in UK Retail more than offset by small reductions elsewhere as loan demand remained subdued.
- Retail & Commercial deposits rose by 1% during the third quarter and by 7% year-on-year. GBM deposits fell by £4.7 billion during the quarter, with excess short term balances continuing to decline.

Further discussion of the Group's funding and liquidity position is included on pages 108 to 113.

Divisional performance

		30	Quart	ter ended	l	30	0	ľ	Nine n		hs ended	30
	Septer		30	June	Sep	otember		Septe			Septembe	
	-	2010		2010	-	2009		-	2010		20	09
	£m		£m		£n	1		£m			£m	
Operating profit/(loss) by division UK Retail UK Corporate Wealth Global Transaction Services Ulster Bank US Retail & Commercial	398 422 74 309 (176 73		276 390 81 279 (177 129	7)	64 37 11 25 (85 (43	9 9 3 5)	814 1,1 217 821 (49 242	30)	101 785 331 749 (93 (94)
Retail & Commercial Global Banking & Markets RBS Insurance Central items	1,10 589 (33 76)	978 750 (203 49	3)	68 64 11 28	1		2,7 2,8 (28 462	37 6)	1,779 4,993 228 554	
Core Non-Core	1,73 (1,0		1,57 (1,3			522 664)	5,7)	7,554 (12,021)
	726		250		(1.	042)	1,8	58		(4,467)
Reconciling items Fair value of own debt RFS Holdings minority interest Amortisation of purchased intangible assets Integration and restructuring costs Write-down of goodwill Gain on redemption of own debt Strategic disposals Bonus tax Asset Protection Scheme credit default swap – fair value changes	720	(858 (181 (123 (311 - - 27 (15)))	619 17 (85 (254 - 553 (411 (15)	(483 (131 (73 (324 - (155 -			(408 (148 (273 (733 - 553 (331 (84		(412))))
Group operating (loss)/profit		(1,560)	1,174		(2,208	3)	(391		(2,559)

Divisional performance (continued)

	Quarter ended			Nine months ended			
	30		30	30	30		
;	September	30 June	September S	September	September		
	2010	2010	2009	2010	2009		
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m		
Impairment losses by division							
UK Retail	251	300	404	938	1,228		
UK Corporate	158	198	187	542	737		
Wealth	1	7	1	12	23		
Global Transaction Services	3	3	22	6	35		
Ulster Bank	286	281	144	785	301		
US Retail & Commercial	125	144	180	412	549		
Retail & Commercial	824	933	938	2,695	2,873		
Global Banking & Markets	(40	164	272	156	510		
RBS Insurance	-	-	2	-	8		
Central items	(2) -	1	(1)	(1)		
Core	782	1,097	1,213	2,850	3,390		
Non-Core	1,171	1,390	2,066	4,265	7,410		
Group impairment losses	1,953	2,487	3,279	7,115	10,800		

	Quarter ended			Nine months ended		
	30		30	30	30	
;	September	30 June	September S	September	September	
	2010	2010	2009	2010	2009	
	%	%	%	%	%	
Net interest margin by division						
UK Retail	4.02	3.88	3.47	3.85	3.54	
UK Corporate	2.58	2.50	2.38	2.49	2.14	
Wealth	3.44	3.36	4.34	3.39	4.54	
Global Transaction Services	6.72	6.47	9.63	6.96	9.03	
Ulster Bank	1.90	1.92	1.74	1.86	1.88	
US Retail & Commercial	2.92	2.78	2.37	2.79	2.34	
Retail & Commercial	3.23	3.11	2.91	3.10	2.84	
Global Banking & Markets	1.14	1.01	1.08	1.08	1.52	
Non-Core	1.05	1.22	0.55	1.18	0.54	

Divisional performance (continued)

	30 September 2010 £bn	30 June 2010 £bn	Change		31 December 2009 £bn	er)9	
Risk-weighted assets by division UK Retail UK Corporate Wealth Global Transaction Services Ulster Bank US Retail & Commercial	49.3 84.7 12.1 18.6 32.6 64.1	49.1 87.6 12.0 19.4 30.5 65.5	1 (4 7	%) % %) % %)	51.3 90.2 11.2 19.1 29.9 59.7	(4 (6 8 (3 9 7	%) %) % %) %
Retail & Commercial Global Banking & Markets Other	261.4 143.7 19.9	264.1 141.3 16.9	2	%) % %	261.4 123.7 9.4	- 16 112	% %
Core Non-Core	425.0 166.9	422.3 175.0		% %)	394.5 171.3	8 (3	% %)
Benefit of Asset Protection Scheme RFS Holdings minority interest	591.9 (116.9) 475.0 3.0	597.3 (123.4) 473.9 3.1	(5	%) %) %)	565.8 (127.6) 438.2 102.8	5 (8 8 (97	% %) % %)
Total	478.0	477.0	-		541.0	12	%
Employee numbers in continuing operations (full time equivalents rounded to the nearest hi	undred)		September 20		30 June 2010	Decem	31 nber 2009
UK Retail UK Corporate Wealth Global Transaction Services Ulster Bank US Retail & Commercial					24,000 12,600 5,000 3,600 4,300 15,700	25,500 12,300 4,600 3,500 4,500 15,500)
Retail & Commercial Global Banking & Markets RBS Insurance Group Centre			66,400 19,500 14,400 4,600		65,200 19,200 14,500 4,700	65,900 17,900 13,900 4,200)

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Core Non-Core	104,900 10,000	103,600 11,300	101,900 15,100
Business Services Integration RFS Holdings minority interest	114,900 41,300 300	114,900 41,800 300	117,000 43,100 500 300
Group total	156,500	157,000	160,900

UK Retail

	20	Quarter ended 30 30			nths ended
	September 2010	30 June 2010	September 2009	30 September 2010	September 2009
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement					
Net interest income	1,056	1,001	848	2,990	2,513
Net fees and commissions	279	280	322	832	1,021
Other non-interest income	97	14	141	182	248
Non-interest income	376	294	463	1,014	1,269
Total income	1,432	1,295	1,311	4,004	3,782
Direct expenses - staff	(197)	(203)	(206)	(598)	(634)
- other	(197) (134)	(203) (140)	(206) (129)	(598) (406)	(634)
Indirect expenses	(402)	(401)	(417)	(1,194)	(1,295)
	(733)	(744)	(752)	(2,198)	(2,336)
Insurance net claims	(50)	25	(91)	(54)	(117)
Impairment losses	(251)	(300)	(404)	(938)	(1,228)
Operating profit	398	276	64	814	101
Analysis of income by product					
Personal advances	248	236	303	718	919
Personal deposits Mortgages	277 527	277 478	319 319	831 1,427	1,070 799
Bancassurance and insurance net claims	110	33	160	231	307
Cards	243	239	225	711	641
Other	27	32	(15)	86	46
Total income	1,432	1,295	1,311	4,004	3,782
Analysis of impairments by sector					
Mortgages	55	44	26	147	89
Personal	150	168	247	551	741
Cards	46	88	131	240	398

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Total impairment losses	251		300		404		938		1,228	
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by sector										
Mortgages	0.2	%	0.2	%	0.1	%	0.2	%	0.1	%
Personal	4.8	%	5.3	%	6.8	%	5.9	%	6.8	%
Cards	3.0	%	5.9	%	8.6	%	5.2	%	8.7	%
	0.9	%	1.1	%	1.6	%	1.2	%	1.6	%

UK Retail (continued)

3			Quarter	ended		Nin	e mon	ths ended		
		30				30	,	30	30	
	Septemb	er	30 June		Septemb	er S	September		Septemb	er
	20	2010		2010		2009		10	2009	
Performance ratios										
Return on equity (1)	23.2	%	16.1	%	3.8	%	15.8	%	2.0	%
Net interest margin	4.02	%	3.88	%	3.47	%	3.85	%	3.54	%
Cost:income ratio	51	%	57	%	57	%	55	%	62	%
Adjusted cost:income ratio (2)	53	%	56	%	62	%	56	%	64	%

	3	30			31								
	September		30 June	e			Decemb	er					
	2010		201	0			20	09					
	£bn		£b	n	Chan	ge	£bn		Change				
Capital and balance sheet													
Loans and advances to customers (gross)													
- mortgages	89.1		86.9		3	%	83.2		7	%			
- personal	12.4		12.8		(3	%)	13.6		(9	%)			
- cards	6.1		6.0		2	%	6.2		(2	%)			
Customer deposits (excluding													
bancassurance)	91.4		90.0		2	%	87.2		5	%			
Assets under management (excluding													
deposits)	5.4		5.4		-		5.3		2	%			
Risk elements in lending	5.0		4.8		4	%	4.6		9	%			
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	115	%	114	%	100	bp	115	%	-				
Risk-weighted assets	49.3		49.1		-		51.3		(4	%)			

Notes:

- (1) Return on equity is based on divisional operating profit after tax, divided by divisional notional equity (based on 8% of divisional risk-weighted assets, adjusted for capital deductions).
- (2) Adjusted cost:income ratio is based on total income after netting insurance claims, and operating expenses.

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

• UK Retail delivered a strong operating performance in Q3 2010, with income up, costs down and impairments continuing to improve. Operating profit was up 44% from the previous quarter at £398 million.

The NatWest and RBS Customer Charters aim to deliver those elements that customers have said are most important to them, and has been well received by both customers and staff. The division is reaping continuing benefits from investment in process improvements and automation resulting in gains in both service quality and cost efficiency.

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UK Retail (continued)

Key points (continued)

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010 (continued)

- UK Retail continues to achieve growth in secured lending, while building customer deposits.
 - o Mortgage balances increased 3% on Q2 2010, with strong retention rates among existing customers and gross new lending up 4% on Q2 2010. Market share of new mortgage lending remained at 12% in the quarter, still well above the Group's 7% share of stock. While the Group offers a broad range of products across a variety of Loan-to-value (LTV) bandings, the average LTV of new business decreased from 69% in Q2 2010 to 64% in Q3 2010.
 - o Unsecured lending fell 2% in the quarter, in line with current risk appetite and the Group's continued focus on lower risk secured lending.
 - o Deposits grew by £1.4 billion or 2% in Q3 2010 despite a still challenging market place
 - o The loan to deposit ratio at 30 September 2010 was 115%, broadly in line with the prior quarter.
- Net interest income increased by 5%, with net interest margin continuing to recover from the low levels recorded in 2009 to 4.02% in the quarter. Asset margins continued to widen, mainly reflecting the increasing proportion of customers on standard variable rate mortgages. Liability margins, however, fell further compared with Q2 2010, with strong competition in fixed term bonds and bonus savings accounts, compounded by a continuing reduction in yield on current account hedges.
- Non-interest income increased by 28%, with an improvement across the majority of products despite the still-challenging economic climate.
- Expenses declined by 1% in the quarter, with continuing benefit of process re-engineering and technology investment. Headcount in Q3 2010 increased 2% partly as a result of extensions to opening hours, in line with the Customer Charters. The adjusted cost:income ratio improved by 300 basis points to 53%.
- · Impairment losses declined by 16% in Q3 2010. Impairments are expected to continue gradually improving, subject to economic conditions remaining stable.
 - o Mortgage impairment losses were £55 million on a total book of £89 billion. The quarter-on-quarter increase of £11 million broadly relates to more conservative assumptions on recoveries.
 - o The unsecured portfolio charge fell 23% to £196 million, on a book of £19 billion, with lower default volumes and improved collections performance.
- Risk-weighted assets increased marginally in the quarter with growth in mortgage loans and a retiring credit cards securitisation largely offset by lower unsecured lending balances and improving portfolio credit metrics.

UK Retail (continued)

Key points (continued)

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

- Operating profit increased by £334 million, with income up 9%, costs down 3% and impairments 38% lower than in Q3 2009. Return on equity in the first nine months of 2010 was 15.8%, compared with 2.0% in the same period of 2009.
- Net interest income was 25% higher than Q3 2009, with strong mortgage and deposit balance growth and recovering asset margins across all products, which together more than offset the decline in liability margins.
- Non-interest income decreased 19% on prior year, principally reflecting the change to the structure of overdraft charges, which took effect from Q4 2009.
- Deposit balances were up 7% on Q3 2009. Savings balances grew by 9%, outperforming the market total deposit growth of 2.4%, which remains intensely competitive. Personal current account balances were up 2% in the same period.
- Mortgage balances at 30 September 2010 were up 11%. UK Retail considers mortgages to be a core customer product requirement and continues to support lending for both new and existing customers.
- Costs were 3% lower than in Q3 2009, driven by process re-engineering efficiencies within the branch network and operational centres. The adjusted cost:income ratio improved from 62% to 53%.
- Impairment losses dropped by 38% on Q3 2009 primarily reflecting lower arrears volumes on the unsecured portfolio.

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UK Corporate

		Quarter	ended	•			onths ended			
	30 September		30 Jun	ne	Septeml	30 per \$	3 September		Septemb	30 er
	201		2010		2009		2010		20	09
	£m		£m		£m		£m		£m	
Income statement										
Net interest income	662		647		607		1,919		1,666	
Net fees and commissions	244		233		223		701		636	
Other non-interest income	80		107		106		292		332	
Non-interest income	324		340		329		993		968	
Total income	986		987		936		2,912		2,634	
Direct expenses										
- staff	(186)	(189)	(174)	(580)	(541)
- other	(81)	(82)	(71)	(266)	(191)
Indirect expenses	(139)	(128)	(125)	(394)	(380)
	(406)	(399)	(370)	(1,240)	(1,112)
Impairment losses	(158)	(198)	(187)	(542)	(737)
Operating profit	422		390		379		1,130		785	
Analysis of income by business	651		660		5.46		1.041		1.540	
Corporate and commercial lending Asset and invoice finance	651 163		660 154		546 129		1,941 451		1,542 361	
Corporate deposits	183		185		241		544		795	
Other	(11)	(12)	20		(24)	(64)
Total income	986		987		936		2,912		2,634	
Analysis of impairments by sector										
Banks and financial institutions	15		(9)	4		8		9	
Hotels and restaurants	6		12		7		34		58	
Housebuilding and construction	62		8		58		84		119	
Manufacturing Other	2 19		2		2		10		23	
Other Private sector education, health, social work,	19		83		31		139		138	
recreational and community services	1		-		(4)	9		36	

Property Wholesale and retail trade, repairs Asset and invoice finance	34	61	69	161	229
	14	28	16	60	53
	5	13	4	37	72
Total impairment losses	158	198	187	542	737

UK Corporate (continued)

So	eptemb	30	Quarter 30 Jun		Septemb	30 oer So		30	nths ended Septeml	30
	_	10	2010		•	009	2010		•	009
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by sector										
Banks and financial institutions	1.0	%	(0.6	%)	0.3	%	0.2	%	0.2	%
Hotels and restaurants	0.3	%	0.7	%	0.4	%	0.7	%	1.1	%
Housebuilding and construction	5.5	%	0.7	%	5.0	%	2.5	%	3.4	%
Manufacturing	0.2	%	0.1	%	0.1	%	0.3	%	0.5	%
Other	0.2	%	1.0	%	0.4	%	0.6	%	0.6	%
Private sector education, health, social work,										
recreational and community services	-		-		(0.2	%)	0.1	%	0.7	%
Property	0.5	%	0.8	%	0.8	%	0.7	%	0.9	%
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	0.5	%	1.1	%	0.6	%	0.8	%	0.7	%
Asset and invoice finance	0.2	%	0.6	%	0.2	%	0.5	%	1.1	%
	0.6	%	0.7	%	0.7	%	0.6	%	0.9	%

Key metrics

		Quarter	ended	Nine months ended					
	30				30	2	30		30
Septemb	er	30 Jur	ne	September S		September		Septemb	oer
20	2010		2010		009	2010		20	009
16.0	%	14.3	%	13.5	%	14.3	%	9.3	%
2.58	%	2.50	%	2.38	%	2.49	%	2.14	%
41	%	40	%	40	%	43	%	42	%
	30						31		
Septen	September		30 June			Decen	ıber		
	2010	2010				2	2009		
	£bn	£bn		Change		£bn		Chan	ige
					_				
116.6		118	.4	(2	%)	114.9)	1	%
6.0		6.5		(8	%)	6.3		(5	%)
6.9		7.0		(1	%)	6.7		3	%
4.5		4.6				4.3		5	%
5.3		5.5		(4			5.9		%)
	16.0 2.58 41 Septem 116.6 6.0 6.9 4.5	30 September 2010 16.0 % 2.58 % 41 % 30 September 2010 £bn 116.6 6.0 6.9 4.5	30 September 2010 20 16.0 % 14.3 2.58 % 2.50 41 % 40 30 September 2010 £bn 116.6 118 6.0 6.5 6.9 7.0 4.5 4.6	30 September 2010 16.0 % 14.3 % 2.58 % 2.50 % 41 % 40 % 30 September 2010 £bn £bn 116.6 118.4 6.0 6.5 6.9 7.0 4.5 4.6	September 2010 30 June 2010 September 2010 16.0 % 14.3 % 13.5 2.58 % 2.50 % 2.38 41 % 40 % 40 September 2010 2010 Ebn Ebn £bn Chan 116.6 118.4 (2 6.0 6.5 (8 6.9 7.0 (1 4.5 4.6 (2	30	30 September 30 June September September 2010 2010 2009 20 16.0 % 14.3 % 13.5 % 14.3 2.58 % 2.50 % 2.38 % 2.49 41 % 40 % 40 % 43 September 2010 2010	30 September 30 June September September 2010 2010 2009 2010 16.0 % 14.3 % 13.5 % 14.3 % 2.58 % 2.50 % 2.38 % 2.49 % 41 % 40 % 40 % 43 % September 2010 2010 2009 £bn £bn Change £bn 116.6 118.4 (2 %) 114.9 6.0 6.5 (8 %) 6.3 6.9 7.0 (1 %) 6.7 4.5 4.6 (2 %) 4.3	30 September 30 June 2010 September September September 2010 2010 2009 2010 2009 16.0 % 14.3 % 13.5 % 14.3 % 9.3 2.58 % 2.50 % 2.38 % 2.49 % 2.14 41 % 40 % 40 % 43 % 42 30 September 2010 2010 2009 £bn Change £bn Change 116.6 118.4 (2 %) 114.9 1 6.0 6.5 (8 %) 6.3 (5 6.9 7.0 (1 %) 6.7 3 4.5 4.6 (2 %) 4.3 5

- other	31.9		32.6		(2	%)	29.9		7	%
- private sector education, health, social										
work, recreational and community										
services	9.0		9.1		(1	%)	6.5		38	%
- property	30.0		30.3		(1	%)	33.0		(9	%)
- wholesale and retail trade, repairs	10.2		10.4		(2	%)	10.2		-	
- asset and invoice finance	9.7		9.2		5	%	8.8		10	%
Customer deposits	98.1		95.4		3	%	87.8		12	%
Risk elements in lending	3.3		2.9		14	%	2.3		43	%
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	114	%	119	%	(500	bp)	126	%	(1,200	bp)
Risk-weighted assets	84.7		87.6		(3	%)	90.2		(6	%)

Note:

(1) Return on equity is based on divisional operating profit after tax, divided by divisional notional equity (based on 8% of divisional risk-weighted assets, adjusted for capital deductions).

UK Corporate (continued)

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

- Operating profit increased by 8% to £422 million, driven by improved credit performance.
- Net interest income rose by 2%. Deposit balances grew by £2.7 billion with new product launches and other deposit-gathering initiatives continuing to deliver in an intensely competitive market. Loans and advances to customers were marginally down from the previous quarter, with above-target levels of gross new lending offset by customer deleveraging. Net interest margin increased by 8 basis points, driven by a recovery in asset margins from the depressed levels recorded in 2008 and 2009, whilst deposit margins remain under pressure.
- · Non-interest income declined 5%, with reduced sales of financial market products.
- Total costs rose 2%, driven by investment in strategic initiatives.
- · Impairments were £40 million lower; reflecting an improved flow into collectively assessed balances.
- Risk-weighted assets decreased by 3% reflecting lower nominal assets and improved risk metrics.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

- Operating profit was up £43 million or 11%, reflecting good income growth and lower impairments partially offset by higher costs.
- Net interest income increased by 9%, reflecting good growth in deposit volumes, together with a recovery in asset margins. Deposit balances grew by £11.4 billion compared with 30 September 2009 and the loan:deposit ratio improved to 114%, compared with 130% a year earlier. Net interest margin improved by 20 basis points, reflecting the progressive repricing of the loan portfolio and a better funding cost environment than in Q3 2009.
- · Non-interest income was 2% (£5 million) lower, the result of reduced sales of financial market products and services.
- Total expenses increased by 10%, driven primarily by investment in strategic initiatives.
- · Impairments were £29 million lower compared with Q3 2009, which included a charge for potential losses in the portfolio not yet specifically identified and lower specific provisions.

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Whilst loans and advances stayed broadly in line, risk-weighted assets decreased by £6.3 billion, or 7% primarily reflecting improvements in risk metrics.

Wealth

		Quarter ended 30 30						Nine months ended 30			
		Septembe 201	r	30	June 2010	September		September		Septen	30 nber 2009
		£m		£m		£m		£m		£m	
Income statement											
Net interest income		156		150		168		449		502	
Net fees and commissions Other non-interest income		90 18		97 19		92 19		282 54		272 61	
Non-interest income		108		116		111		336		333	
Total income		264		266		279		785		835	
Direct expenses - staff - other		(95 (39)	(92 (39)	(41)	(113)	(119)
Indirect expenses		(55)	(47)	(36)	(157)	(112)
		(189)	(178)	(159)	(556)	(481)
Impairment losses		(1)	(7)	(1)	(12)	(23)
Operating profit		74		81		119		217		331	
Analysis of income											
Private banking		217		216		232		637		693	
Investments		47		50		47		148		142	
Total income		264		266		279		785		835	
Key metrics											
		30	Qua	arter en	ded		30	Nin	e mont	hs ended	30
	Sept	2010		30 Jun 201		September 2009		September 2010		Septem 2	
Parformance ratios											
Performance ratios Net interest margin Cost:income ratio	3.4 72	4 %		3.36 67	% %	4.34 57	% %	3.39 71	% %	4.54 58	% %

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	Septemb 20		20	30 June 2010 £bn		nge		31 ber 2009 £bn	Cha	nge
Capital and balance sheet										
Loans and advances to customers (gross)										
- mortgages	7.5		6.9		9	%	6.5		15	%
- personal	6.5		6.4		2	%	4.9		33	%
- other	1.5		1.6		(6	%)	2.3		(35	%)
Customer deposits	34.8		36.2		(4	%)	35.7		(3	%)
Assets under management (excluding										
deposits)	31.1		30.2		3	%	30.7		1	%
Risk elements in lending	0.2		0.2		-		0.2		-	
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	44	%	41	%	300	bp	38	%	600	bp
Risk-weighted assets	12.1		12.0		1	%	11.2		8	%

Wealth (continued)

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

- Operating profit fell 9% to £74 million in the third quarter, with weaker investment fee income and higher business investment costs only partially mitigated by a fall in impairment losses.
- Total income fell 1% in the quarter. Lower average assets under management and reduced levels of trading fees led to a 7% fall in non-interest income. This was offset by a 4% increase in net interest income.
- Loans and advances continued to grow strongly, increasing 4% in the quarter, primarily driven by mortgage lending which rose by £0.6 billion. Credit metrics remain satisfactory and were comparable with previous quarters.
- Net interest margin improved 8 basis points reflecting strong lending performance. However the competitive nature of pricing within the deposit market continues, leading to a 4% reduction in balances.
- Assets under management grew 3% in positive market conditions, reversing the falls seen in Q2 2010. The international businesses continue to feel the impact of client losses following the departures of a number of senior private bankers earlier in the year.
- Total expenses increased 6% primarily driven by investment in strategic initiatives, combined with continued front office staff investment and temporary resource to support the implementation of the new banking platform.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

- · Operating profit fell 38% with lower income and an increase in expenses.
- Income declined by 5% primarily due to lower net interest income which fell £12 million, 7%.
- · Lending continued to be made available to meet client demand, with balances increasing 16% over Q3 2009. Mortgage balances in particular saw strong growth, increasing 23%.
- · Client deposits decreased 4% through the impact of client losses in the International businesses. Pricing competition to retain and attract balances put pressure on net interest margin which narrowed by 90 basis points.
- Assets under management fell 2% (5% at constant exchange rates) due to client attrition in the International businesses.

• Total expenses rose 19%, in part reflecting additional headcount in expanding the UK and International franchises.

Global Transaction Services

	Quarter ended 30 30						Nine mo		on this ended 30		
	September 2010	•	30 June 2010		September 2009		September 2010		September 200	er	
	£m		£m		£m		£m		£m		
Income statement											
Net interest income	257		237		234		711		679		
Non-interest income	411		411		388		1,212		1,171		
Total income	668		648		622		1,923		1,850		
Direct expenses - staff	(100	`	(102	`	(87	`	(306	`	(269)	
- other	(38)	(37)	(37)		<i>)</i>)	(110)	
Indirect expenses	(218)	(227)	(223)	(682)	(687)	
•											
	(356)	(366)	(347)	(1,096)	(1,066)	
Impairment losses	(3)	(3)	(22)	(6)	(35)	
Operating profit	309		279		253		821		749		
Analysis of income by product Domestic cash management	216		201		202		611		608		
International cash management	200		193		183		578		531		
Trade finance	81		76		71		228		223		
Merchant acquiring	123		133		127		371		377		
Commercial cards	48		45		39		135		111		
Total income	668		648		622		1,923		1,850		

Key metrics

•		Quarter en		Nine	mont	ths ended				
	30					30	30			30
	September 2010		30 June 2010		September 2009		September 2010		Septemb 20	oer 009
Performance ratios										
Net interest margin	6.72	%	6.47	%	9.63	%	6.96	%	9.03	%
Cost:income ratio	53	%	56	%	56	%	57	%	58	%

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	30						31				
	September 30 June			ne			Decem	ıber			
	2010		20	10			2	2009			
	£b	n	£bn		Change		£bn		Cł	nange	
Capital and balance sheet											
Total third party assets	24.2		25.7		(6	%)	18.4		32	%	
Loans and advances	14.4		15.6		(8	%)	12.7		13	%	
Customer deposits	65.4		62.7		4	%	61.8		6	%	
Risk elements in lending	0.2		0.2		-		0.2		-		
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	22	%	25	%		(300bps)	21	%		100bps	
Risk-weighted assets	18.6		19.4		(4	%)	19.1		(3	%)	

Global Transaction Services (continued)

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

- Operating profit increased 11%, driven by increased deposit volumes and lower expenses.
- · Income increased 3%, or 4% at constant foreign exchange rates, reflecting increased earnings on the division's deposit surplus and improving commercial card transaction volumes, partially offset by seasonality impacts in Merchant Acquiring.
- Expenses fell by 3%, or 1% on a constant foreign exchange basis, mainly reflecting lower operations costs in indirect expenses.
- · Customer deposits increased by 4% to £65.4 billion, driven by growth in both non-interest-bearing balances in the Domestic business and interest-bearing balances in the International cash management business. The loan to deposit ratio improved by 300 basis points to 22% from 25% in the previous quarter.
- The sale of the Global Merchant Services business is on track for completion during the fourth quarter. In Q3 2010, Global Merchant Services reported income of £128 million and expenses of £76 million, generating an operating profit of £52 million.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

- Operating profit increased 22%, or 18% at constant foreign exchange rates, with income up 7% and expenses up 3%.
- Income rose to £668 million, reflecting higher domestic and international average deposit balances, increased foreign exchange transaction fees and improving commercial card transaction volumes.
- Expenses rose 3%, largely reflecting continued investment in front office and support infrastructure.
- Third party assets increased by £3 billion as yen clearing activities were brought in-house.
- Customer deposit balances increased by 12% with growth in the international and UK domestic cash management businesses. Net interest margin declined by 291 basis points largely driven by the impact of new yen clearing activities and associated low interest cash balances, as well as deposit and trade finance margin compression. The loan to deposit ratio improved by 300 basis points and the funding surplus increased by £6.9 billion.

Ulster Bank

		Quarter e	20	Nine months ended						
	Septemb	30 per 010	30 Ju 20	ne)10	Septemb 20	30 per 009	Septemb	30 er 010	September 20	30 per 009
	£m		£m	-	£m		£m		£m	
Income statement										
Net interest income	192		194		176		574		586	
Net fees and commissions Other non-interest income	38 14		43 10		45 10		116 42		130 33	
Non-interest income	52		53		55		158		163	
Total income	244		247		231		732		749	
Direct expenses - staff - other Indirect expenses	(54 (18 (62)	(60 (20 (63)	(79 (22 (71)	(180 (57 (200))	(249 (73 (219))
	(134)	(143)	(172)	(437)	(541)
Impairment losses	(286)	(281)	(144)	(785)	(301)
Operating loss	(176)	(177)	(85)	(490)	(93)
Analysis of income by business Corporate Retail Other	120 124 -		134 105 8		134 104 (7)	399 341 (8)	434 298 17	
Total income	244		247		231		732		749	
Analysis of impairments by sector Mortgages Corporate - property - other corporate	69 107 100		33 117 118		30 (2 89)	135 306 309		54 73 120	
Other lending	10		13		27		35		54	
Total impairment losses	286		281		144		785		301	

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Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by sector										
Mortgages	1.3	%	0.9	%	0.7	%	0.8	%	0.4	%
Corporate										
- property	8.1	%	4.9	%	(0.1	%)	7.7	%	1.0	%
- other corporate	4.3	%	4.8	%	3.0	%	4.4	%	1.3	%
Other lending	2.4	%	2.7	%	5.4	%	2.7	%	3.6	%
-										
	3.0	%	3.1	%	1.4	%	2.8	%	1.0	%

Ulster Bank (continued)

Key metrics										
			Quarter er	ided					hs ended	
		30				30		30		30
	Septembe	er	30 Jur		Septemb		Septemb		Septembe	er
	20	10	20	10	20	09	20	10	20	09
Performance ratios										
Return on equity (1)	(20.9	%)	(21.7	%)	(11.3	%)	(19.4	%)	(4.1	%)
Net interest margin	1.90	%	1.92	%	1.74	%	1.86	%	1.88	%
Cost:income ratio	55	%	58	%	74	%	60	%	72	%
		30					,	31		
	Septemb		30 Jui	ne			Decembe			
	•	10		10			200			
	£bn		£bn		Change		£bn		Change	
	2011		2011		& .					5 -
Capital and balance sheet										
Loans and advances to customers (gross)										
- mortgages	21.4		14.9		44	%	16.2		32	%
- corporate										
- property	5.3		9.5		(44	%)	10.1		(48	%)
- other corporate	9.4		9.9		(5	%)	11.0		(15	%)
- other lending	1.7		1.9		(11	%)	2.4		(29	%)
Customer deposits	23.4		22.7		3	%	21.9		7	%
Risk elements in lending										
- mortgages	1.4		0.7		100	%	0.6		133	%
- corporate										
- property	0.6		1.3		(54	%)	0.7		(14	%)
- other corporate	1.0		1.3		(23	%)	0.8		25	%
- other lending	0.2		0.2		-		0.2		-	
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	156	%	154	%	200	bp	177	%	(2,100)	bp)
Risk-weighted assets	32.6		30.5		7	%	29.9		9	%

Note:

(1) Return on equity is based on divisional operating profit/(loss) after tax, divided by divisional notional equity (based on 8% of divisional risk-weighted assets, adjusted for capital deductions).

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

Operating loss for the quarter of £176 million was in line with the previous quarter. Operating profit before impairment losses increased by 4% in constant currency terms reflecting improved performance in the quarter on both income and expenses.

- As part of its strategic plan update, the bank has taken the decision to cease early stage development property lending. Accordingly on 1 July 2010 the division transferred a portfolio of development property assets to the Non-Core division. In addition, reflecting its continued commitment to the retail mortgage sector, a portfolio of retail mortgage assets to be managed as part of the core business was transferred back.
- Net interest income rose 2% in the quarter on a constant currency basis, with higher asset and liability balances but reduced net interest margin, reflecting an increased level of liquid assets held.
- Total expenses decreased by 1% on a constant currency basis, driven by the continuing impact on direct costs (down 5% at constant exchange rates) of savings initiated through its restructuring programme and ongoing operational efficiencies.

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Ulster Bank (continued)

Key points (continued)

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010 (continued)

- · Customer deposit balances remained broadly flat in constant currency terms during the period.
- · Impairment losses remain severe, reflecting the continuing deterioration in credit metrics across the Irish economy. Asset default levels and loss rates in both the retail and corporate portfolios continue to remain elevated which is expected to continue into Q4 before beginning to stabilise.
- In September, Ulster Bank launched its Helpful Banking programme which outlines a set of commitments to personal and business customers and clearly articulates how the bank intends to deliver on what matters most to them. Private Banking in the Republic of Ireland was also launched in September, delivering an island-wide proposition to meet the day-to-day banking needs of high net worth customers.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

- Operating loss increased significantly compared with Q3 2009 as a result of higher impairment losses, partially mitigated by strong management action to improve income generation and to reduce costs.
- Net interest income increased by 15% in constant currency terms, with improved asset pricing more than offsetting a decrease in liability margins.
- Loans to customers decreased by 3% over the period on a constant currency basis, while deposit balances increased by 16%, reflecting the business's focus on growing the customer deposit base.
- Non-interest income declined by 4% in constant currency terms, largely reflecting changes to the structure of overdraft charges which took effect from Q4 2009.
- The focus on the management of the cost base across the business coupled with the impact of the Group-wide restructuring programme has resulted in a reduction in total expenses of 18% from the prior year on a constant currency basis.
- · Impairment losses increased sharply reflecting the deterioration in the economic environment in the Republic of Ireland.

US Retail & Commercial (£ Sterling)

		Quarter ended	Nine mon		
	30 September 2010	30 June 2010	30 September 2009	30 September 2010	30 September 2009
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement					
Net interest income	480	502	410	1,450	1,352
Net fees and commissions Other non-interest income	180 91	203 72	159 65	560 238	566 162
Non-interest income	271	275	224	798	728
Total income	751	777	634	2,248	2,080
Direct expenses - staff - other Indirect expenses	(214) (148) (191)	(151) (163) (190)	(174) (132) (191)	(580) (445) (569)	(576) (463) (586)
Impairment losses	(125)	(144)	(180)	(412)	(549)
Operating profit/(loss)	73	129	(43)	242	(94)
Average exchange rate – US\$/£	1.551	1.492	1.640	1.534	1.543
Analysis of income by product Mortgages and home equity Personal lending and cards Retail deposits Commercial lending Commercial deposits Other	142 127 223 145 78 36	124 122 248 152 86 45	112 116 200 127 97 (18)	381 363 697 439 245 123	384 336 633 408 290 29
Total income	751	777	634	2,248	2,080
Analysis of impairments by sector Residential mortgages Home equity Corporate and commercial Other consumer	14 56 23 28	22 38 76 7	29 82 65 4	55 100 148 91	64 154 234 97

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Securities impairment losses	4		1		-		18		-	
Total impairment losses	125		144		180		412		549	
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by sector										
Residential mortgages	0.9	%	1.3	%	1.7	%	1.2	%	1.2	%
Home equity	1.5	%	0.9	%	2.1	%	0.9	%	1.3	%
Corporate and commercial	0.5	%	1.5	%	1.3	%	1.0	%	1.5	%
Other consumer	1.6	%	0.3	%	0.2	%	1.8	%	1.6	%
	1.0	%	1.1	%	1.4	%	1.1	%	1.4	%

US Retail & Commercial (£ Sterling) (continued)

Key metrics										
		(Quarter ei	nded			Nine	mont	ths ended	
		30				30		30		30
	Septemb	er	30 Ju	ne	Septemb	er	Septemb	er	Septemb	er
	20	010	20	10	20	009	20	10	20	009
Performance ratios										
Return on equity (1)	3.7	%	6.4	%	(2.2	%)	4.1	%	(1.6	%)
Net interest margin	2.92	%	2.78	%	2.37	%	2.79	%	2.34	%
Cost:income ratio	74	%	65	%	78	%	71	%	78	%
		30						31		
	Septemb	er	30 Jui	ne			Decemb	er		
	20	10	20	10			20	09		
	£bn		£	bn	Change		£bn		Chan	ge
Capital and balance sheet										
Total third party assets	72.4		78.2		(7	%)	75.4		(4	%)
Loans and advances to customers (gross)										
- residential mortgages	6.2		6.6		(6	%)	6.5		(5	%)
- home equity	15.3		16.3		(6	%)	15.4		(1	%)
- corporate and commercial	19.8		20.7		(4	%)	19.5		2	%
- other consumer	6.8		8.0		(15	%)	7.5		(9	%)
Customer deposits (excluding repos)	60.5		62.3		(3	%)	60.1		1	%
Risk elements in lending										
- retail	0.4		0.4		-		0.4		-	
- commercial	0.4		0.5		(20	%)	0.2		100	%
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	78	%	81	%	(300	bp)	80	%	(200	bp)
Risk-weighted assets	64.1		65.5		(2	%)	59.7		7	%
Spot exchange rate – US\$/£	1.570		1.498				1.622			

Note:

(1) Return on equity is based on divisional operating profit/(loss) after tax, divided by divisional notional equity (based on 8% of divisional risk-weighted assets, adjusted for capital deductions).

Key points

- Sterling strengthened relative to the US dollar during the third quarter, with the average exchange rate increasing by 4% compared with Q2 2010.
- Performance is described in full in the US dollar-based financial statements set out on pages 43 and 44.

US Retail & Commercial (US Dollar)

	30	Quarter ended	Nine months ended 30			
	September 2010	30 June 2010	30 September 2009	September 2010	30 September 2009	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Income statement						
Net interest income	745	748	680	2,223	2,087	
Net fees and commissions Other non-interest income	280 139	303 110	266 104	859 365	874 248	
Other non-interest meome	139	110	104	303	240	
Non-interest income	419	413	370	1,224	1,122	
Total income	1,164	1,161	1,050	3,447	3,209	
Direct expenses - staff - other Indirect expenses	(332) (230) (296)	(223) (246) (283)	(289) (219) (313)	(890) (683) (872)	(889) (714) (902)	
muncet expenses	(290)	(283)	(313)	(872)	(902)	
	(858)	(752)	(821)	(2,445)	(2,505)	
Impairment losses	(193)	(214)	(296)	(631)	(847)	
Operating profit/(loss)	113	195	(67)	371	(143)	
Analysis of income by product Mortgages and home equity Personal lending and cards Retail deposits Commercial lending Commercial deposits Other	220 196 345 225 122 56	185 182 372 226 128 68	186 190 329 210 160 (25)	585 556 1,068 673 376 189	593 518 976 629 448 45	
Total income	1,164	1,161	1,050	3,447	3,209	
Analysis of impairments by sector Residential mortgages Home equity Corporate and commercial Other consumer Securities impairment losses	22 88 35 42 6	33 56 113 10 2	47 131 107 11	85 154 225 139 28	99 238 360 150	

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Total impairment losses	193		214		296		631		847	
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by sector										
Residential mortgages	0.9	%	1.3	%	1.7	%	1.2	%	1.2	%
Home equity	1.5	%	0.9	%	2.0	%	0.9	%	1.2	%
Corporate and commercial	0.5	%	1.5	%	1.3	%	1.0	%	1.5	%
Other consumer	1.6	%	0.3	%	0.3	%	1.7	%	1.6	%
	1.0	%	1.1	%	1.5	%	1.1	%	1.4	%

US Retail & Commercial (US Dollar) (continued)

Key metrics										
		(Quarter er	nded			Nine	mont	hs ended	
		30				30		30		30
	Septemb	er	30 Jui	ne	Septemb	er	Septemb	er	Septemb	er
	20	10	20	10	20	009	20	10	2009	
Performance ratios										
Return on equity (1)	3.6	%	6.5	%	(2.2	%)	4.0	%	(1.5	%)
Net interest margin	2.92	%	2.78	%	2.37	%	2.79	%	2.34	%
Cost:income ratio	74	%	65	%	78	%	71	%	78	%
		• •						31		
		30	20.1							
	Septembe		30 Jui				Decembe			
	20		2010		Cl		2009		C1	
	\$bn		\$bn		Change		\$bn		Chan	ige
Capital and balance sheet										
Total third party assets	113.7		117.2		(3	%)	122.3		(7	%)
Loans and advances to customers (gross)	113.7		117.2		(3	70)	122.3		(/	,,,
- residential mortgages	9.7		9.9		(2	%)	10.6		(8	%)
- home equity	24.0		24.4		(2	%)	25.0		(4	%)
- corporate and commercial	31.1		30.9		1	%	31.6		(2	%)
- other consumer	10.7		12.0		(11	%)	12.1		(12	%)
Customer deposits (excluding repos)	95.1		93.3		2	%	97.4		(2	%)
Risk elements in lending									`	,
- retail	0.7		0.6		17	%	0.6		17	%
- commercial	0.6		0.7		(14	%)	0.4		50	%
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	78	%	81	%	(300	bp)	80	%	(200	bp)
Risk-weighted assets	100.7		98.1		3	%	96.9		4	%

Note:

(1) Return on equity is based on divisional operating profit/(loss) after tax, divided by divisional notional equity (based on 8% of divisional risk-weighted assets, adjusted for capital deductions).

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

US Retail & Commercial delivered a profit for the third consecutive quarter, posting an operating profit of £73 million (\$113 million). Excluding a £74 million (\$113 million) credit related to changes to the defined benefit pension plan in Q2 2010, operating profit was up 38% from the previous quarter. Economic conditions in core regions remain subdued, with lingering high unemployment, a soft housing market and reduced consumer activity.

Net interest income was in line with the previous quarter. Loans and advances declined 2% principally due to the sale of a student loan portfolio (£0.7 billion, (\$1.1 billion)) and reduced housing related loans. Customer deposits, however, increased 2% overall, with demand deposit account balances up 9%.

- Net interest margin increased by 14 basis points to 2.92%, with a continued trend of balance migration from lower margin term and time accounts to higher margin checking accounts, as well as a positive impact from a balance sheet restructuring carried out during the quarter.
- The loan to deposit ratio continued to trend lower, dropping by 300 basis points to 78% during the quarter.

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US Retail & Commercial (US Dollar) (continued)

Key points (continued)

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010 (continued)

- Non-interest income was up 1% reflecting strong mortgage income (up £23 million (\$35 million) on the second quarter), offset by lower deposit fees as a result of Regulation E legislative changes introduced in the quarter. The current annual impact of Regulation E is estimated at between £80-100 million (\$125-150 million). Mitigating action to implement changes to account and transaction fee schedules is currently under review. In addition, gains of £213 million (\$330 million) were recognised on the sale of available-for-sale securities as part of a balance sheet restructuring exercise which were largely offset by losses crystallised on the termination of swaps hedging fixed-rate funding.
- Regulation E prohibits financial institutions from charging consumers fees for paying automated teller machine (ATM) and one-off debit card transactions which would result in overdraft, unless a consumer consents, or opts in, to the overdraft service for those types of transactions.
- Total expenses were 1% lower, excluding the pension credit booked in Q2 2010.
- Impairment losses fell 10%, reflecting a gradual improvement in the underlying credit environment. Loan impairments decreased as a proportion of loans and advances, falling 10 basis points from the second quarter and continuing a downward trend from their peak in Q3 2009.
- Following significant loan reserve building in 2009, provisions for loan losses held steady at £0.8 billion (\$1.2 billion), reflecting a cautious near-term view of the credit environment.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

- Operating profit increased to £73 million (\$113 million) from an operating loss of £43 million (\$67 million).
- Net interest income rose 10%, with net interest margin increasing by 55 basis points to 2.92%, offsetting a reduction in loan and deposit balances. The margin improvement was primarily due to changes in deposit mix and new deposit pricing strategies, as well as a positive impact from a balance sheet restructuring carried out during the quarter.
- Customer deposits were down 4%, reflecting the impact of a changed pricing strategy on low margin term and time products, but strong growth was achieved in checking balances. Over 52,500 consumer checking accounts were added over the year, and more than 12,500 small business checking accounts were added. Consumer checking balances grew by 8% and small business balances by 11%.

- Non-interest income was up 13%, driven by higher mortgage and debit card income and higher gains on the sale of securities.
- Total expenses rose 5% reflecting impairment of mortgage servicing rights (£15 million (\$23 million)), changes in the phasing of staff compensation and higher medical costs.

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Global Banking & Markets

		Quarter en		Nine months ended						
	Septemb	30 er 10	30 Jur 20		Septemb	30 er 09	Septembe 201		Septembe 200	
	£m		£m		£m		£m		£m	
Income statement Net interest income from banking activities Funding costs of rental assets Net interest income	317 (8 309)	329 (9 320)	486 (12 474)	1,027 (26 1,001)	2,008 (39 1,969)
Net fees and commissions receivable Income from trading activities Other operating income	354 619 272		262 1,517 (152)	299 1,276 (16)	902 4,147 275		897 6,418 (189)
Non-interest income	1,245		1,627		1,591		5,324		7,126	
Total income	1,554		1,947		2,065		6,325		9,095	
Direct expenses - staff - other Indirect expenses	(621 (166 (218)	(631 (200 (202)	(716 (184 (252))	(2,139 (550 (643)	(2,268 (587 (737)
	(1,005)	(1,033)	(1,152)	(3,332)	(3,592)
Impairment losses	40		(164)	(272)	(156)	(510)
Operating profit	589		750		641		2,837		4,993	
Analysis of income by product Rates – money markets Rates – flow Currencies & commodities Equities Credit and mortgage markets Portfolio management and origination Total income	38 402 218 198 349 349 1,554		4 471 179 238 474 581		287 694 147 282 475 180 2,065		130 1,572 692 750 1,782 1,399 6,325		1,606 2,527 1,102 1,017 2,023 820 9,095	
Analysis of impairments by sector Manufacturing and infrastructure	(34)	(12)	33		(53)	72	

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Property and construction Banks and financial institutions Other	- (3 (3)	56 110 10	237 2		64 123 22		50 280 108	
Total impairment losses	(40)	164	272		156		510	
Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements)	(0.2	%)	0.7 %	0.6	%	0.2	%	0.5	%

Global Banking & Markets (continued)

Key metrics										
		(Quarter e	Nine months ended						
		30						30		30
	Septeml	oer	30 Ju	ne	Septemb	oer	Septemb	oer	Septemb	er
	20	010	20	010	20	009	20	010	20	009
Performance ratios										
Return on equity (1)	11.3	%	13.8	%	14.2	%	18.0	%	36.9	%
Net interest margin	1.14	%	1.01	%	1.08	%	1.08	%	1.52	%
Cost:income ratio	65	%	53	%	56	%	53	%	39	%
Compensation ratio (2)	40	%	32	%	35	%	34	%	25	%

	30		31						
	September	30 June			December				
	2010	2010			2009)			
	£bn	£bn	Change		£bn	1	Chang	ge	
Capital and balance sheet									
Loans and advances to customers	87.9	88.8	(1	%)	90.9		(3	%)	
Loans and advances to banks	44.8	40.1	12	%	36.9		21	%	
Reverse repos	92.3	85.6	8	%	73.3		26	%	
Securities	118.8	109.8	8	%	106.0		12	%	
Cash and eligible bills	42.0	41.2	2	%	74.0		(43	%)	
Other	34.9	34.5	1	%	31.1		12	%	
Total third party assets (excluding									
derivatives									
mark-to-market)	420.7	400.0	5	%	412.2		2	%	
Net derivative assets (after netting)	41.1	52.1	(21	%)	68.0		(40	%)	
Customer deposits (excluding repos)	40.9	45.6	(10	%)	46.9		(13	%)	
Risk elements in lending	1.6	1.8	$(11 \qquad $	%)	1.8		(11	%)	
Loan:deposit ratio (excluding repos)	215 %	195 %	2,000 1	bp	194	%	2,100	bp	
Risk-weighted assets	143.7	141.3	2	%	123.7		16	%	

Notes:

- (1) Return on equity is based on divisional operating profit after tax, divided by divisional notional equity (based on 10% of divisional risk-weighted assets, adjusted for capital deductions).
- (2) Compensation ratio is based on staff costs as a percentage of total income, excluding the fair value of own debt.

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

- Operating profit fell 21% to £589 million, with reduced revenue partially offset by a net recovery on impairments and a small reduction in costs.
- Revenue fell 20%. Adjusting for the impact of the tightening in the Group's credit spreads on derivative liabilities the decline was 13%. Trading volumes were weak as investors remained risk averse amidst uncertainty in the global economy. Volatility also subsided as concerns about European sovereign debt default decreased during the quarter. In spite of this environment, GBM continued to focus on serving its customers, remaining a top three bookrunner for IG Corporates in EMEA DCM.

Global Banking & Markets (continued)

Key points (continued)

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010 (continued)

- Rates flow and Credit and mortgage markets products suffered from subdued client flow, but Currencies revenues recovered somewhat. Portfolio revenue fell back after a spike in market derivative values in Q2 2010.
- Total costs fell by 3% compared with Q2 2010. The cost:income ratio for the nine months to September 2010 was 53%, below the 55% strategic plan target. The year-to-date compensation ratio of 34%, excluding fair value of own debt, remains within the expected range of 32-35%.
- Impairments for the quarter were negligible, with no significant single name defaults, low levels of underlying impairment and several modest recoveries, resulting in a credit of £40 million.
- Third party assets increased by £21 billion during Q3 2010, to £421 billion, within the normal range of £400 billion to £450 billion, reflecting increased customer demand for securities and a pick up in repo trading activity towards the end of the period.
- Risk-weighted assets increased by 2% over the period reflecting effective management of underlying risk which mitigated the impact of changes in the regulatory treatment of some assets.
- Adjusting for the fair value of own debt, return on equity for the quarter was 11.3% and 18.0% for the nine months to September 2010, ahead of the strategic plan target of 15% despite tough market conditions during Q2 and Q3 2010.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

- Operating profit declined by 8%, reflecting lower revenue that was partially offset by lower costs and impairments.
- Excluding the movement in fair value of own debt, revenue fell 25%. Rates, money markets and flow revenue fell, reflecting reduced volatility and client activity. However, revenue from currencies improved, driven by a significantly better performance in emerging markets.
- Credit and mortgage market revenue declined as mortgage trading income fell from the buoyant trading conditions experienced in Q3 2009. Reduced revenue in Equities reflected lower ECM volumes in the EMEA region. Portfolio management revenue improved as a result of lower costs of balance sheet management and lower losses on market derivative values.

Third party assets over the period declined by £38 billion, an 8% year-on-year reduction. This was a result of active balance sheet management.

RBS Insurance

	Quarter ended 30 30					30	Nine months ended 30 30			
	September 201	r	30 June 2010		September 2009		September 2010		September 20	er
	£m		£m		£m		£m		£m	
Income statement	1 111		1 110		1 145		2.250		2 270	
Earned premiums Reinsurers' share	1,111 (36)	1,118 (38)	1,145 (43)	3,359 (108)	3,370 (128)
Net premium income Fees and commissions Other income	1,075 (96 112)	1,080 (91 116)	1,102 (95 112)	3,251 (276 320)	3,242 (282 324)
Total income	1,091		1,105		1,119		3,295		3,284	
Direct expenses - staff - other Indirect expenses	(68 (41 (66)	(66 (48 (62)	(67 (47 (64)	(197 (136 (193)	(206 (168 (195)
	(175)	(176)	(178)	(526)	(569)
Net claims	(949)	(1,132)	(928)	(3,055)	(2,479)
Impairment losses	-		-		(2)	-		(8)
Operating (loss)/profit	(33)	(203)	11		(286)	228	
Analysis of income by product Personal lines motor excluding broker										
Own brandsPartnershipsPersonal lines home excluding broker	481 73		472 71		482 82		1,430 220		1,385 245	
Own brandsPartnerships	123 97		121 97		115 98		365 298		336 293	
Personal lines other excluding broker - Own brands - Partnerships	48 45		47 53		49 54		147 154		143 170	
Other - Commercial and international - Other (including personal lines broker)	165 59		158 86		152 87		487 194		473 239	
Total income	1,091		1,105		1,119		3,295		3,284	

RBS Insurance (continued)

Key metrics											
	Quarter ended						Nine months ended				
	3	0			3	30		30	30		
	September		30 June		Septembe		Septembe		Septembe		
	201	0	201	0	200)9	201	10	200)9	
In-force policies (thousands)											
Personal lines motor excluding broker					4 = 00				4 = 0.0		
- Own brands	4,276		4,424		4,798		4,276		4,798		
- Partnerships	698		755		874		698		874		
Personal lines home excluding broker											
- Own brands	1,765		1,772		1,671		1,765		1,671		
- Partnerships	1,859		1,875		1,947		1,859		1,947		
Personal lines other excluding broker											
- Own brands	2,069		2,194		2,250		2,069		2,250		
- Partnerships	7,201		7,186		7,518		7,201		7,518		
Other											
- Commercial and international	1,373		1,322		1,213		1,373		1,213		
- Other (including personal lines broker)	911		1,046		1,053		911		1,053		
Total in-force policies (1)	20,152		20,574		21,324		20,152		21,324		
Gross written premium (£m)	1,128		1,092		1,186		3,310		3,456		
Performance ratios											
Return on equity (2)	(3.5	%)	(21.8	%)	1.2	%	(10.2)	%)	8.5	%	
Cost:income ratio (3)	16	%	16	%	16	%	16	%	17	%	
Loss ratio (4)	88.6	%	106.3	%	84.0	%	94.7	%	75.9	%	
Combined operating ratio (5)	110.2	%	128.7	%	104.7	%	116.9	%	98.4	%	
Balance sheet											
General insurance reserves – total (£m)	7,552		7,326		6,839		7,552		6,839		

Notes:

- (1) Total in-force policies include travel and creditor policies sold through RBS Group. These comprise travel policies included in bank accounts e.g. Royalties Gold Account, and creditor policies sold with bank products including mortgage, loan & card repayment payment protection.
- (2) Return on equity is based on divisional operating profit/(loss) after tax, divided by divisional notional equity (based on regulatory capital).
- (3) Cost:income ratio is based on total income, including investment income and total expenses.
- (4) Loss ratio is based on net claims divided by net premium income for the UK businesses.

(5)

Combined operating ratio is the expenses (including fees & commissions) divided by gross written premium income, added to the loss ratio, for the UK businesses.

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

Performance improved on Q2 2010 due to lower additions to bodily injury reserves in the quarter. Tighter underwriting criteria are now in effect and pricing and claims management initiatives for bodily injury have started to deliver; further improvements still need to be fully embedded to restore the business to sustainable profitability.

RBS Insurance recently announced plans to rationalise its operational sites. This together with further actions to drive down expenses will deliver a more robust and cost-competitive platform for the business.

As planned, total in-force policies have declined. A reduction in motor policies following significant re-pricing as well as the Group's exit from less profitable partnership and broker business, has been partly offset by growth in Commercial and International policies.

RBS Insurance (continued)

Key points (continued)

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010 (continued)

Total income declined slightly to £1,091 million. Although motor pricing has increased, premium income has fallen as a result of exiting the higher risk, higher premium motor business.

Net claims were 16% lower than Q2 2010, during which additional reserves totalling £320 million were established in respect of bodily injury. For Q3 2010 an additional £100 million has been added to bodily injury claims reserves, largely relating to periodic payment orders following an industry-wide review during the quarter. In response to this claims experience, motor pricing has been further increased from the second quarter and significant progress continues to be made in removing higher risk business from the overall motor book by targeted rating actions.

Expenses were flat in the quarter, with higher staff expenses offset by lower marketing costs and levies. In advance of the main phase of planned role reductions, additional headcount has been required to deliver the business transformation programme.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

- Total in-force policies declined by 5%, reflecting the change in mix of the policy book, with motor own-brand policies down 11% but own-brand home policies up 6%. The partnership and broker segment declined by 11%, in line with business strategy.
- Total income declined by 3% as a result of a reduction in in-force policies, including the removal of higher risk, higher premium motor business, partially offset by increased pricing.

Our market leading home business has continued to make solid progress with an increase in year to date total income of 5%.

- Net claims were 2% higher, principally driven by the deterioration in the observed severity of bodily injury claims.
- Expenses were down 2%, driven by lower levies and marketing costs.
- The combined operating ratio, including indirect costs, was 110.2% compared with 104.7% in Q3 2009, owing to the impact of increased reserving for bodily injury claims partially mitigated by expense ratio improvement. Excluding increased bodily injury reserving relating to prior years, the combined operating ratio was 100.2%.

Central items

	(Quarter ended		Nine mon	ths ended
	30		30	30	30
	September 2010	30 June 2010	September 2009	September 2010	September 2009
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Central items not allocated	76	49	283	462	554
Operating (loss)/profit	76	49	283	462	554

Key points

- Funding and operating costs have been allocated to operating divisions, based on direct service usage, the requirement for market funding and other appropriate drivers where services span more than one division.
- Residual unallocated items relate to volatile corporate items that do not naturally reside within a division.

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

Central items not allocated, which are primarily volatile Group Treasury items, amounted to a net credit of £76 million, an increase of £27 million on Q2 2010. In Q3 2010 RBS N.V. realised a gain of £216 million on the sale of AFS securities. This was largely offset by negative movements relating to IFRS volatility.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

Central items not allocated during the quarter declined by £207 million relative to Q3 2009. This movement is attributable to unallocated volatile Group Treasury items.

Non-Core

		Quarter ended 30					Nine months en			
	Septem ²		30 Jur 20		September 20	er	September 2010		September 200	
	£m	010	£m	10	£m	0)	£m		£m	,,
Income statement Net interest income from banking activitie	es 433		550		282		1,551		929	
Funding costs of rental assets	(79)	(78)	(56)	(226)	(192)
Net interest income	354		472		226		1,325		737	
Net fees and commissions Income from trading activities Insurance net premium income Other operating income	40 227 180 87		150 25 173 53		121 (565 173 99)	285 130 521 434		350 (4,322 613 213)
Non-interest income	534		401		(172)	1,370		(3,146)
Total income	888		873		54		2,695		(2,409)
Direct expenses - staff - other Indirect expenses	(172 (277 (130 (579))	(202 (269 (121 (592))	(150 (244 (132 (526))	(626 (828 (373 (1,827))	(604 (747 (411 (1,762))
Insurance net claims Impairment losses	(144 (1,171)	(215 (1,390)	(126 (2,066)	(492 (4,265)	(440 (7,410)
Operating loss	(1,006)	(1,324)	(2,664)	(3,889)	(12,021)
Analysis of income by business Banking & portfolio International businesses & portfolios Markets	131 330 427		239 606 28		(271 537 (212)	641 1,568 486		(1,375 1,769 (2,803)
Total income	888		873		54		2,695		(2,409)
Key metrics	30	Qua	rter ended		30		Nine mo	onth	ns ended 30)
	September 2010		30 June 2010	Se	eptember 2009	S	September 2010		September 2009	

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Performance ratios										
Net interest margin	1.05	%	1.22	%	0.55	%	1.18	%	0.54	%
Cost:income ratio	65	%	68	%	974	%	68	%	(73	%)
Adjusted cost:income ratio	78	%	90	%	(731	%)	83	%	(62	%)

Non-Core (continued)

	30 September 2010 £bn	30 June 2010 £bn	Chang	ge	31 December 2009 £bn	Chang	ge
Capital and balance sheet (1)							
Total third party assets (including							
derivatives) (2)	175.2	193.3	(9	%)	220.9	(21	%)
Loans and advances to customers (gross)	119.5	126.4	(5	%)	149.5	(20	%)
Customer deposits	7.3	7.4	(1	%)	12.6	(42	%)
Risk elements in lending	23.9	22.0	9	%	22.9	4	%
Risk-weighted assets (3)	166.9	175.0	(5	%)	171.3	(3	%)

Notes:

- (1) Includes disposal groups.
- (2) Derivatives were £21.0 billion at 30 September 2010 (30 June 2010 £19.4 billion; 31 December £19.9 billion).
- (3) Includes Sempra: 30 September 2010 Third party assets (TPAs) £8.3 billion, RWAs £5.9 billion; (30 June 2010 TPAs £12.7 billion, RWAs £9.7 billion; 31 December 2009 TPAs £14.2 billion, RWAs £10.2 billion).

	Quarter ended							Nine months ended					
		30				30	30		,	30			
	Septembe	er	30 Jur	ne	Septemb	er	Septemb	er	Septembe	er			
	20	10	20	10	20	09	2010		20	09			
	£m		£m		£m		£m		£m				
Income/(loss) from trading activities Monoline exposures Credit derivative product companies Asset backed products (1) Other credit exotics Equities Banking book hedges Other (2)	191 (15 160 (2 (15 (123 23)	(139 (55 97 47 (6 147 (58))	(37 (277 148 (38 (13 (386 24)))	52 (101 202 56 (28 (12 (48)	(1,708 (846 (393 (574 (38 (1,382 561))))			
Impairment losses Banking & portfolio International businesses & portfolios	219 204 980		33 256 1,124	,	(579 1,347 1,234)	121 1,157 3,055	,	(4,380 3,320 3,592)			
Markets Total impairment	(131,171)	10 1,390		(515 2,066)	534,265		498 7,410				

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Loan impairment charge as % of gross customer loans and advances (excluding reverse repurchase agreements) (3)										
Banking & portfolio	1.3	%	1.8	%	6.0	%	2.4	%	4.8	%
International businesses & portfolios	6.9	%	7.4	%	6.9	%	7.2	%	6.7	%
Markets	(0.5)	%)	3.6	%	(126.8	%)	8.8	%	5.7	%
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	3.9	%	4.4	%	5.4	%	4.7	%	5.7	%

Non-Core (continued)

	30 September 2010 £bn	30 June 2010 £bn	31 December 2009 £bn
Gross customer loans and advances			
Banking & portfolio	64.4	67.8	82.0
International businesses & portfolios	54.8	58.2	65.6
Markets	0.3	0.4	1.9
	119.5	126.4	149.5
Risk-weighted assets			
Banking & portfolio	54.0	55.1	58.2
International businesses & portfolios	40.6	40.4	43.8
Markets	72.3	79.5	69.3
	166.9	175.0	171.3

Notes:

- (1) Asset-backed products include super senior asset-backed structures and other asset-backed products.
- (2) Includes profits in Sempra of £78 million (30 June 2010 £125 million; 31 December 2009 £161 million).
- (3) Includes disposal groups.

Non-Core (continued)

Third party assets (excluding derivatives)

Quarter ended 30 September 2010

	30 June 2010 £bn	Ru	n-off £bn	Dispo		Draw roll	vings/ overs £bn	Impairı	nents £bn		FX £bn	30 September 2010 £bn
Commercial real												
estate	44.1	2.9		(0.3)	(0.2)	(1.2)	1.2		46.5
Corporate	70.4	(2.8)	(2.4)	0.6	,	0.1	,	0.2		66.1
SME	4.7	(0.8)	-	,	_		-		_		3.9
Retail	16.8	(6.2)	-		-		(0.1)	(0.2)	10.3
Other	3.0	(0.2)	(0.3)	0.1		-	,	-	ŕ	2.6
Markets	22.3	(1.4)	(4.4)	0.4		-		(0.4)	16.5
Total (excluding												
derivatives) (1)	161.3	(8.5)	(7.4)	0.9		(1.2)	0.8		145.9
Markets – Sempra	12.7	(0.5)	(3.3)	-		-	ŕ	(0.6)	8.3
Total (2)	174.0	(9.0)	(10.7)	0.9		(1.2)	0.2		154.2
Quarter ended 30 J	une 2010											
C	31 March			Dispo	sals/	Draw	ings/					30 June
	JI MILLION			Dispe	ouisi	Dian	11123/					
	2010	Ru	n-off	restruct			overs	Impair	ments		FX	2010
		Ru	n-off £bn	•			_	Impair	ments £bn		FX £bn	
Commercial real	2010	Ru		•	turing		overs	Impair				2010
Commercial real estate	2010	Ru (5.3		•	turing		overs	Impair		(1.5		2010
	2010 £bn		£bn	restruct	turing	roll	overs		£bn	(1.5 (2.0	£bn	2010 £bn
estate	2010 £bn	(5.3	£bn)	restruct	turing	roll 2.8	overs	(1.1	£bn	-	£bn	2010 £bn
estate Corporate	2010 £bn 49.5 78.8	(5.3 (2.6 0.9 (0.5	£bn)	(0.3 (4.5	turing	roll 2.8	overs	(1.1 0.1	£bn	(2.0	£bn)	2010 £bn 44.1 70.4 4.7 16.8
estate Corporate SME Retail Other	2010 £bn 49.5 78.8 4.0 19.8 3.3	(5.3 (2.6 0.9 (0.5 (0.2	£bn)	(0.3 (4.5 - (1.7 (0.1	turing	2.8 0.6	overs	(1.1 0.1 (0.1 (0.2	£bn)	(2.0 (0.1 (0.6	£bn)))	2010 £bn 44.1 70.4 4.7 16.8 3.0
estate Corporate SME Retail	2010 £bn 49.5 78.8 4.0 19.8	(5.3 (2.6 0.9 (0.5	£bn))	(0.3) (4.5) - (1.7)	turing	2.8 0.6	overs	(1.1 0.1 (0.1	£bn)	(2.0 (0.1	£bn)))	2010 £bn 44.1 70.4 4.7 16.8
estate Corporate SME Retail Other	2010 £bn 49.5 78.8 4.0 19.8 3.3	(5.3 (2.6 0.9 (0.5 (0.2	£bn)))	(0.3 (4.5 - (1.7 (0.1	turing	2.8 0.6	overs	(1.1 0.1 (0.1 (0.2	£bn)))	(2.0 (0.1 (0.6	£bn))))	2010 £bn 44.1 70.4 4.7 16.8 3.0
estate Corporate SME Retail Other Markets	2010 £bn 49.5 78.8 4.0 19.8 3.3	(5.3 (2.6 0.9 (0.5 (0.2	£bn)))	(0.3 (4.5 - (1.7 (0.1 (1.4	turing	2.8 0.6	overs	(1.1 0.1 (0.1 (0.2	£bn)))	(2.0 (0.1 (0.6	£bn))))	2010 £bn 44.1 70.4 4.7 16.8 3.0
estate Corporate SME Retail Other Markets Total (excluding	2010 £bn 49.5 78.8 4.0 19.8 3.3 24.1	(5.3 (2.6 0.9 (0.5 (0.2 (0.6	£bn)))))	(0.3 (4.5 - (1.7 (0.1 (1.4	£bn))))	2.8 0.6 - - 0.6	overs	(1.1 0.1 (0.1 (0.2 - (0.1	£bn))))	(2.0 (0.1 (0.6 - (0.3	£bn)))))	2010 £bn 44.1 70.4 4.7 16.8 3.0 22.3
estate Corporate SME Retail Other Markets Total (excluding derivatives)	2010 £bn 49.5 78.8 4.0 19.8 3.3 24.1	(5.3 (2.6 0.9 (0.5 (0.2 (0.6	£bn)))))	(0.3 (4.5) - (1.7 (0.1 (1.4) (8.0)	£bn))))	2.8 0.6 - - 0.6	overs	(1.1 0.1 (0.1 (0.2 - (0.1	£bn))))	(2.0 (0.1 (0.6 - (0.3	£bn)))))	2010 £bn 44.1 70.4 4.7 16.8 3.0 22.3
estate Corporate SME Retail Other Markets Total (excluding derivatives) Markets – Sempra	2010 £bn 49.5 78.8 4.0 19.8 3.3 24.1 179.5 14.0 193.5	(5.3 (2.6 0.9 (0.5 (0.2 (0.6 (8.3 (1.4 (9.7	£bn)))))))	(0.3 (4.5) - (1.7 (0.1 (1.4) (8.0) - (8.0)	£bn ())))))	2.8 0.6 - - 0.6 4.0 - 4.0	overs £bn	(1.1 0.1 (0.1 (0.2 - (0.1) (1.4 - (1.4	£bn)))))	(2.0 (0.1 (0.6 - (0.3 (4.5 0.1 (4.4	£bn))))))	2010 £bn 44.1 70.4 4.7 16.8 3.0 22.3 161.3 12.7 174.0
estate Corporate SME Retail Other Markets Total (excluding derivatives) Markets – Sempra Total Nine months ended	2010 £bn 49.5 78.8 4.0 19.8 3.3 24.1 179.5 14.0	(5.3 (2.6 0.9 (0.5 (0.2 (0.6 (8.3 (1.4 (9.7	£bn)))))) 1-off	(0.3 (4.5 - (1.7 (0.1 (1.4 (8.0	£bn (curing £bn	2.8 0.6 - - 0.6	overs £bn	(1.1 0.1 (0.1 (0.2 - (0.1	£bn)))))	(2.0 (0.1 (0.6 - (0.3 (4.5 0.1 (4.4	£bn))))))	2010 £bn 44.1 70.4 4.7 16.8 3.0 22.3

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	2009												
	£bn		£bn		£bn		£bn		£bn		£bn		£bn
Commercial real													
estate	51.3	(3.9)	(0.6))	2.8		(3.4)	0.3		46.5	
Corporate	82.6	(10.0))	(8.1)	1.6		(0.2))	0.2		66.1	
SME	3.9	0.1		_		-		(0.1))	-		3.9	
Retail	19.9	(7.1)	(1.9)	0.1		(0.5))	(0.2))	10.3	
Other	4.7	(2.0))	(0.4))	0.3		-		-		2.6	
Markets	24.4	(3.2))	(6.1)	1.0		(0.1))	0.5		16.5	
Total (excluding													
derivatives) (1)	186.8	(26.1)	(17.1)	5.8		(4.3)	0.8		145.9	
Markets – Sempra	14.2	(3.1)	(3.3)	-		_		0.5		8.3	
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Total (2)	201.0	(29.2)	(20.4)	5.8		(4.3)	1.3		154.2	

Note:

- (1) Intra-group transfers during Q3 resulted in a net £2.2 billion reduction in TPAs. As a result of this transfer there was an increase of Commercial real estate assets totalling £5.4 billion, offset by reductions across other sectors, principally Retail.
- (2) In addition, £9.4 billion of disposals have been signed as of 30 September 2010 but are pending closing (30 June 2010 £1.9 billion; 31 December 2009 £3.0 billion).

Non-Core (continued)

	30 September 2010		Quarter ended 30 June 2010	30 September 2009	Nine mon 30 September 2010	ths ended 30 September 2009
	£m		£m	£m	£m	£m
Loan impairment losses by donating division and sector						
UK Retail Mortgages Personal	1 4		- -	1 11	4 6	4 42
Total UK Retail	5		-	12	10	46
UK Corporate Manufacturing and infrastructure Property and construction Transport Banks and financials Lombard Invoice finance Other	5 130 26 (8 25 (3 (2)	21 150 (3) 2 29 - 64	14 162 5 1 27 2 33	21 334 23 18 79 (3 119	46 488 8 102 82 2 609
Total UK Corporate	173		263	244	591	1,337
Ulster Bank Mortgages Commercial investment and development Residential investment and development Other Other EMEA	(1 201 394 82 13)	23 147 384 137 13	7 20 406 148 27	42 458 1,129 270 46	26 47 749 184 86
Total Ulster Bank	689		704	608	1,945	1,092
US Retail & Commercial Auto and consumer Cards SBO/home equity Residential mortgages Commercial real estate Commercial and other	(2 2 57 3 49 7)	32 4 67 (10 42 6	49 33 69 20 85 39	45 20 226 5 154 15	109 104 367 41 173 75
Total US Retail & Commercial	116		141	295	465	869

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Global Banking & Markets					
Manufacturing and infrastructure	(53)	(281)	309	(305)	1,320
Property and construction	147	501	141	1,120	730
Transport	8	-	5	9	173
Telecoms, media and technology	32	11	23	32	543
Banks and financials	5	11	270	177	523
Other	52	24	84	177	529
Total Global Banking & Markets	191	266	832	1,210	3,818
Other					
Wealth	7	16	50	51	213
Global Transaction Services	(10)	-	25	(7)	35
Central items	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other	(3)	16	75	44	248
Total impairment losses	1,171	1,390	2,066	4,265	7,410

Non-Core (continued)

	30 September 2010 £bn	30 June 2010 £bn	31 December 2009 £bn
Gross loans and advances to customers (excluding reverse repurchase agreements) by donating division and sector			
UK Retail			
Mortgages	1.7	1.8	1.9
Personal	0.5	0.5	0.7
Total UK Retail	2.2	2.3	2.6
UK Corporate			
Manufacturing and infrastructure	0.3	0.4	0.3
Property and construction	12.1	12.9	14.1
Lombard Invoice finance	1.9	2.4	2.9
Other	14.2	- 14.7	0.4 17.2
Other	14.2	14.7	17.2
Total UK Corporate	28.5	30.4	34.9
Ulster Bank			
Mortgages	-	5.6	6.0
Commercial investment and development	6.7	4.1	3.0
Residential investment and development	6.0	3.8	5.6
Other	2.0	1.3	1.1
Other EMEA	0.8	0.9	1.0
Total Ulster Bank	15.5	15.7	16.7
US Retail & Commercial			
Auto and consumer	2.7	3.0	3.2
Cards	0.1	0.2	0.5
SBO/home equity	3.3	3.6	3.7
Residential mortgages	0.8	0.9	0.8
Commercial real estate	1.7	1.9	1.9
Commercial and other	0.6	0.7	0.9
Total US Retail & Commercial	9.2	10.3	11.0
Global Banking & Markets			
Manufacturing and infrastructure	10.6	13.4	17.5
Property and construction	22.9	21.6	25.7

Transport Telecoms, media and technology Banks and financials	5.6 1.1 13.8	5.3 2.0 15.7	5.8 3.2 16.0
Other	10.5	9.4	13.5
Total Global Banking & Markets	64.5	67.4	81.7
Other			
Wealth	0.7	0.9	2.6
Global Transaction Services	0.5	0.6	0.8
RBS Insurance	0.2	0.2	0.2
Central items	(2.1)	(2.1) (3.2
Total Other	(0.7)	(0.4) 0.4
Gross loans and advances to customers (excluding reverse repurchase agreements)	119.2	125.7	147.3

Non-Core (continued)

Key points

Q3 2010 compared with Q2 2010

- Good progress was made in Non-Core's asset reduction programme, with third party assets (excluding derivatives) declining by £20 billion to £154 billion. This was due to the division's disposal programme (£11 billion), including the disposal of £4 billion of assets in the markets business, and portfolio run-off (£9 billion).
- RWAs decreased £8 billion from £175 billion to £167 billion. The largest drivers of
 the change were the partial disposal of Sempra JV business and other sales across
 the Non-Core division offset by intra-group transfers, and regulatory model
 changes.
- Non-Core operating loss was £1,006 million in the third quarter, compared with £1,324 million in Q2 2010, primarily due to improved results from trading activities and lower impairments.
- Income from trading activities totalled £227 million, compared with £25 million in the second quarter. This reflects disposal gains on super senior assets as well as valuation gains in relation to monolines as spreads tightened. These were offset by losses incurred across CDS portfolios also due to tightening spreads. Sempra Commodities reported revenues £43 million lower than the second quarter following the disposal of its metals, oil and European energy business lines to J.P. Morgan in July.
- Net interest income fell by £118 million, principally reflecting a reduction of 5% in the loan book. Other operating income totalled £87 million in Q3 2010 compared with £53 million in Q2 2010. Rental income of £166 million fell by £15 million compared to the second quarter due to run-off. Disposal losses in Q3 2010 totalled £304 million, balanced by some revaluations of equity positions totalling £146 million.
- Expenses declined by 2%, reflecting a number of business disposals.
- Impairment losses continued to trend down to £1,171 million. Underlying impairments continued to slow, and the division experienced a number of write-backs in its leveraged lending business, though at a lower level than Q2 2010.

Q3 2010 compared with Q3 2009

- Over the 12 months to 30 September 2010, third party assets (excluding derivatives) decreased by £48 billion, 24%, as a result of the division's disposal strategy, managed portfolio run-off and impairments.
- Operating losses decreased substantially from the £2,664 million loss recorded in Q3 2009, with significant improvements in both trading income and impairments.

· Impairments were £895 million lower than in Q3 2009. This reflected the steadily improving environment over the period. However, charges as a result of the continued decline in the UK and Irish commercial property sectors remain high.

Condensed consolidated income statement for the period ended 30 September 2010

	30	Quarter ended	30	Nine mor	nths ended 30
	September 2010	30 June 2010	September* 2009	September 2010	September* 2009
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest receivable Interest payable	5,584 (2,173)	5,888 (2,212)	5,693 (2,573)	17,164 (6,535)	20,334 (10,365)
Net interest income	3,411	3,676	3,120	10,629	9,969
Fees and commissions receivable Fees and commissions payable Income from trading activities Gain on redemption of own debt Other operating income (excluding insurance	2,037 (611) 277 -	2,053 (579) 2,110 553	1,919 (545) 1,088	6,141 (1,762) 4,153 553	6,385 (1,896) 3,052 3,790
premium income) Insurance net premium income	(317) 1,289	346 1,278	(77) 1,301	476 3,856	569 3,958
Non-interest income	2,675	5,761	3,686	13,417	15,858
Total income	6,086	9,437	6,806	24,046	25,827
Staff costs Premises and equipment Other administrative expenses Depreciation and amortisation Write-down of goodwill and other intangible assets	(2,423) (611) (914) (603)	(2,365) (547) (1,022) (519)	(2,363) (631) (1,062) (534)	(7,477) (1,693) (2,947) (1,604)	(7,499) (1,909) (3,265) (1,566)
Operating expenses	(4,551)	(4,453)	(4,590)	(13,721)	(14,550)
Profit before other operating charges and impairment losses Insurance net claims Impairment losses	1,535 (1,142) (1,953)		2,216 (1,145) (3,279)	10,325 (3,601) (7,115)	11,277 (3,036) (10,800)
Operating (loss)/profit before tax Tax credit/(charge)	(1,560) 295	1,174 (825)	(2,208) 617	(391) (637)	(2,559) 1,073
(Loss)/profit from continuing operations	(1,265)	349	(1,591)	(1,028)	(1,486)
Loss on distribution of ABN AMRO Bank NV to	-	(1,019)	-	(1,019)	-

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the State of the Netherlands and Santander Other profits from discontinued operations, net of tax	18		-		-		331		30	
Profit/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	18		(1,019)	-		(688)	30	
Loss for the period Minority interests Preference share and other dividends	(1,247 101 -)	(670 946 (19)	(1,591 36 (245)	(1,716 703 (124)	(1,456 (595 (791)
(Loss)/profit attributable to ordinary and B shareholders	(1,146)	257		(1,800)	(1,137)	(2,842)
Basic (loss)/earnings per ordinary and B share from continuing operations	(1.1p)	0.8	p	(3.2p)	(0.5p)	(5.2p)
Basic loss per ordinary and B share from discontinued operations	-		-		_		-		(0.1p)

^{*} restated for the reclassification of the results attributable to other Consortium Members as discontinued operations.

Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the period ended 30 September 2010

	Quarter ended 30 30					20	Nine months ended			
	September 2010		30 June 2010		30 September 2009		30 September 2010		30 September 2009	
	£m		£m		£m		£m		£m	
Loss for the period	(1,247)	(670)	(1,591)	(1,716)	(1,456)
Other comprehensive income Available-for-sale financial assets Cash flow hedges Currency translation Tax on other comprehensive income	235 553 (647 (256)	93 1,449 (91 (331)	3,079 (90 1,777 (857)	743 1,807 47 (702)	1,419 274 (2,504 (379)
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period, net of tax	(115)	1,120		3,909		1,895		(1,190)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period	(1,362)	450		2,318		179		(2,646)
Attributable to Minority interests Preference shareholders Paid-in equity holders Ordinary and B shareholders	(117 - - (1,245)	(457 - 19 888)	1,075 242 3 998		(249 105 19 304)	(743 752 39 (2,694)
	(1,362)	450		2,318		179		(2,646)

Condensed consolidated balance sheet at 30 September 2010

	30		31
	September	30 June	December
	2010	2010	2009
	£m	£m	£m
Assets			
Cash and balances at central banks	61,416	29,591	52,261
Net loans and advances to banks	60,334	54,489	56,656
Reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing	48,407	47,663	35,097
Loans and advances to banks	108,741	102,152	91,753
Net loans and advances to customers	528,049	539,375	687,353
Reverse repurchase agreements and stock borrowing	44,503	39,396	41,040
Loans and advances to customers	572,552	578,771	728,393
Debt securities	226,410	236,260	267,254
Equity shares	21,755	17,326	19,528
Settlement balances	22,874	20,718	12,033
Derivatives	548,805	522,871	441,454
Intangible assets	14,369	14,482	17,847
Property, plant and equipment	17,398	17,608	19,397
Deferred taxation	5,909	5,839	7,039
Prepayments, accrued income and other assets	11,908	14,095	20,985
Assets of disposal groups	17,450	22,340	18,542
Total assets	1,629,587	1,582,053	1,696,486
*			
Liabilities	00.004	06.710	101120
Bank deposits	80,304	96,710	104,138
Repurchase agreements and stock lending	41,465	44,165	38,006
Deposits by banks	121,769	140,875	142,144
Customer deposits	420,639	420,890	545,849
Repurchase agreements and stock lending	87,287	70,655	68,353
Customer accounts	507,926	491,545	614,202
Debt securities in issue	235,083	217,317	267,568
Settlement balances	20,628	19,730	10,413
Short positions	44,004	42,994	40,463
Derivatives	543,397	508,966	424,141
Accruals, deferred income and other liabilities	23,667	24,867	30,327
Retirement benefit liabilities	2,637	2,611	2,963
Deferred taxation	2,270	2,195	2,811
Insurance liabilities	6,782	6,521	10,281
Subordinated liabilities	27,890	27,523	37,652
Liabilities of disposal groups	16,154	17,615	18,890
Total liabilities	1,552,207	1,502,759	1,601,855

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Equity Minority interests Owners' equity* Called up share capital Reserves	1,780	2,492	16,895
	15,030	15,029	14,630
	60,570	61,773	63,106
Total equity	77,380	79,294	94,631
Total liabilities and equity	1,629,587	1,582,053	1,696,486
* Owners' equity attributable to: Ordinary and B shareholders Other equity owners	70,856	72,058	69,890
	4,744	4,744	7,846
	75,600	76,802	77,736

Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the period ended 30 September 2010

	Nine months ended 30 September 2010 £m	Six months ended 30 June 2010 £m	Year ended 31 December 2009 £m
Called-up share capital At beginning of period Ordinary shares issued in respect of placing and open offers B shares issued Other shares issued during the period Preference shares redeemed during the period	14,630 - - 402 (2)	14,630 - - 401 (2)	9,898 4,227 510 - (5)
At end of period	15,030	15,029	14,630
Paid-in equity At beginning of period Securities redeemed during the period Transfer to retained earnings	565 (132) (2)	565 (132) (2)	1,073 (308) (200)
At end of period	431	431	565
Share premium account At beginning of period Ordinary shares issued in respect of placing and open offer, net of £95 million	23,523	23,523	27,471
expenses Other shares issued during the period Preference shares redeemed during the period Redemption of preference shares classified as debt	- 217 - 118	- 217 - 118	1,047 - (4,995)
At end of period	23,858	23,858	23,523
Merger reserve At beginning of period Issue of B shares, net of £399 million expenses Transfer to retained earnings	25,522 - (12,250)	25,522 - (12,250)	10,881 24,591 (9,950)
At end of period	13,272	13,272	25,522
Available-for-sale reserves At beginning of period	(1,755)	(1,755)	(3,561)

Unrealised gains in the period Realised (gains)/losses in the period Taxation Recycled to profit or loss on disposal of businesses, net of £6 million tax	1,327 (535 (263 (16	647 (127 (208) (16)	1,202 981 (377)
At end of period	(1,242	(1,459)	(1,755)
Cash flow hedging reserve					
At beginning of period	(252	(252)	(876)
Amount recognised in equity during the period	329	(58)	380	
Amount transferred from equity to earnings in the period	138	17		513	
Taxation	(154) -		(269)
Recycled to profit or loss on disposal of businesses, net of £20 million tax	58	58		-	
At end of period	119	(235)	(252)

Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the period ended 30 September 2010 (continued)

	Nine months ended 30 September 2010 £m	Six months ended 30 June 2010 £m	Year ended 31 December 2009 £m	
Foreign exchange reserve At beginning of period Retranslation of net assets Foreign currency (losses)/gains on hedges of net assets Taxation Recycled to profit or loss on disposal of businesses	4,528 997 (452) 29 (17)	4,528 1,775 (609) 72 (11)	6,385 (2,322) 456 9	
At end of period	5,085	5,755	4,528	
Capital redemption reserve At beginning of period Preference shares redeemed during the period	170 2	170 2	170	
At end of period	172	172	170	
Contingent capital reserve At beginning of period Contingent capital agreement – consideration payable	(1,208)	(1,208)	- (1,208)	
At end of period	(1,208)	(1,208)	(1,208)	
Retained earnings At beginning of period (Loss)/profit attributable to ordinary shareholders and other equity owners	12,134	12,134	7,542	
- continuing operations - discontinued operations Equity preference dividends paid Paid-in equity dividends paid, net of tax	(985) (28) (105) (19)	163 (30) (105) (19)	(2,600) (72) (878) (57)	
Transfer from paid-in equity - gross - taxation Equity owners gain on withdrawal of minority interest	2 (1)	2 (1)	200	
- gross - taxation Redemption of equity preference shares Gain on redemption of equity preference shares	40 (11) (2,968) 609	40 (11) (2,968) 609	629 (176) -	

Redemption of preference shares classified as debt	(118)	(118)	-	
Transfer from merger reserve Actuarial losses recognised in retirement benefit schemes	12,250		12,250		9,950	
- gross - taxation	-		-		(3,756 1,043)
Net cost of shares bought and used to satisfy share-based payments	(11)	(9)	(16)
Share-based payments	`		•		•	
- gross	103		61		325	
- taxation	12		5		-	
At end of period	20,904		22,003		12,134	
Own shares held						
At beginning of period	(121)	(121)	(104)
Shares purchased during the period	(711)	(704)	(33)
Shares issued under employee share schemes	11		9		16	
At end of period	(821)	(816)	(121)
Owners' equity at end of period	75,600		76,802		77,736	

Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the period ended 30 September 2010 (continued)

	Nine months ended 30 September 2010 £m		Six months ended 30 June 2010 £m		Year ended 31 December 2009 £m	
Minority interests						
At beginning of period	16,895		16,895		21,619	
Currency translation adjustments and other movements	(481)	(461)	(1,434)
(Loss)/profit attributable to minority interests	(401	,	(401	,	(1,737	,
- continuing operations	(43)	74		382	
- discontinued operations	(660)	(676)	(33)
Dividends paid	(4,217)	(4,171)	(313)
Movements in available-for-sale securities	(1,217	,	(1,171	,	(313	,
- unrealised (losses)/gains in the period	(54)	22		299	
- realised losses/(gains) in the period	36	,	(3)	(466)
- taxation	5		1	,	(36)
- recycled to profit or loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net of					(
£2 million tax	(7)	(7)	_	
Movements in cash flow hedging reserves			`			
- amount recognised in equity during the period	(99)	(165)	(209)
- taxation	33		47		59	
- recycled to profit or loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net of						
£340						
million tax	1,021		1,036		-	
Actuarial gains recognised in retirement benefit schemes						
- gross	-		-		91	
- taxation	-		-		1	
Equity raised	501		501		9	
Equity withdrawn and disposals	(11,110)	(10,561)	(2,445)
Transfer to retained earnings	(40)	(40)	(629)
At end of period	1,780		2,492		16,895	
Total equity at end of period	77,380		79,294		94,631	
Total comprehensive income/(loss) recognised in the statement of						
changes in equity is attributable as follows:	(240	`	(122	`	(1 246	`
Minority interests Preference shareholders	(249)	(132)	(1,346)
	105		105		878 57	
Paid-in equity holders	19		19 1.540		57 (5.747	`
Ordinary and B shareholders	304		1,549		(5,747)

179 1,541 (6,158)

Notes

1. Basis of preparation

Having reviewed the Group's forecasts, projections and other relevant evidence, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the financial statements for the nine months ended 30 September 2010 has been prepared on a going concern basis.

Whilst the financial information included herein has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement criteria of International Accounting Standard 34, it does not contain itself sufficient information to comply with all of its disclosure requirements.

2. Analysis of income, expenses and impairment losses

	Quarter ended 30 30					0	Nine months ended 30 30			
	September 2010		30 June 201		Septembe 200	r	September 201	r	September 200	er
	£m		£m		£m		£m		£m	
Loans and advances to customers Loans and advances to banks Debt securities	4,683 153 748		4,754 131 1,003		4,619 194 880		14,134 424 2,606		16,568 675 3,091	
Interest receivable	5,584		5,888		5,693		17,164		20,334	
Customer accounts Deposits by banks Debt securities in issue Subordinated liabilities Internal funding of trading businesses	961 330 733 175 (26)	966 418 824 60 (56)	1,055 617 787 262 (148)	2,795 1,045 2,411 435 (151)	3,789 2,388 3,773 994 (579)
Interest payable	2,173		2,212		2,573		6,535		10,365	
Net interest income	3,411		3,676		3,120		10,629		9,969	
Fees and commissions receivable Fees and commissions payable - banking	2,037 (493)	2,053 (541)	1,919 (450)	6,141 (1,500)	6,385 (1,614)
- insurance related	(118)	(38)	(95)	(262)	(282)
Net fees and commissions	1,426		1,474		1,374		4,379		4,489	
Foreign exchange Interest rate Credit Other	442 41 (425 219)	383 707 731 289		135 987 (483 449)	1,274 1,202 783 894		1,857 4,252 (4,299 1,242)
Income from trading activities	277		2,110		1,088		4,153		3,052	
Gain on redemption of own debt	-		553		-		553		3,790	
Operating lease and other rental income Changes in the fair value of own debt Changes in the fair value of securities and	338 (528)	344 515		320 (238)	1,025 (223)	982 (298)
other financial assets and liabilities Changes in the fair value of investment	54 (4)	(165 (105)	5 (6)	(97 (112)	(12 (153)

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properties										
Profit on sale of securities	352		6		34		506		80	
Profit on sale of property, plant and										
equipment	9		3		2		21		27	
Loss on sale of subsidiaries and associates	(260)	(428)	(163)	(618)	56	
Life business profits/(losses)	49		(23)	108		61		132	
Dividend income	17		21		17		58		60	
Share of profits less losses of associated										
entities	8		26		(2)	56		(49)
Other income	(352)	152		(154)	(201)	(256)
Other operating income	(317)	346		(77)	476		569	
	1.006		4.402		2 205		0.561		11 000	
net premium income)	1,386		4,483		2,385		9,561		11,900	
Tourness and managinas in com-	1 200		1 270		1 201		2.056		2.059	
insurance net premium income	1,289		1,278		1,301		3,830		3,938	
Total non interest income	2 675		5 761		3 686		13 /17		15 959	
Total non-interest meonic	2,073		5,701		3,000		13,717		13,030	
Total income	6,086		9,437		6,806		24,046		25,827	
Other income Other operating income Non-interest income (excluding insurance net premium income) Insurance net premium income Total non-interest income)			(154 (77 2,385 1,301 3,686))	(201 476 9,561 3,856 13,417)	•)

2. Analysis of income, expenses and impairment losses (continued)

		Nine mon	ths ended		
	30		30	30	30
	September	30 June	September	September	September
	2010	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Staff costs					
- wages, salaries and other staff costs	2,100	2,079	1,952	6,473	6,308
- bonus tax	15	15	-	84	-
- social security costs	153	158	162	505	517
- pension costs	155	113	249	415	674
Premises and equipment	611	547	631	1,693	1,909
Other	914	1,022	1,062	2,947	3,265
Administrative expenses	3,948	3,934	4,056	12,177	12,673
Write-down of goodwill and other intangible					
assets	-	-	-	-	(311)
Depreciation and amortisation	603	519	534	1,604	1,566
Operating expenses	4,551	4,453	4,590	13,721	14,550
General insurance	1,092	1,348	1,054	3,547	2,919
Bancassurance	50	(25)	91	54	117
	1 1 10	1 222	1 1 1 5	2.601	2.026
Insurance net claims	1,142	1,323	1,145	3,601	3,036
T	1.000	2.470	2.262	6.000	10.050
Loan impairment losses	1,908	2,479	3,262	6,989	10,058
Securities impairment losses	45	8	17	126	742
Impairment losses	1,953	2,487	3,279	7,115	10,800
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3. Loan impairment provisions

Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging loan impairment losses of £1,908 million (half year ended 30 June 2010 – £5,081 million; year ended 31 December 2009 – £13,090 million). The balance sheet loan impairment provisions increased in the quarter ended 30 September 2010 from £16,166 million to £17,670 million and the movements thereon were:

				Half year	
	(Quarter ended		ended	Year ended
	30	September 20	10		31
				30 June	December
	Core	Non-Core	2010	2009	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
At beginning of period	7,633	8,533	16,166	15,173	9,451
Transfers to disposal groups	-	-	-	(67)	(321)
Intra-group transfers	(351	351	-	-	-
Currency translation and other adjustments	116	175	291	(160)	(428)
Disposals	-	-	-	(17)	(65)
Amounts written-off	(416	(329)	(745)	(3,781)	(6,478)
Recoveries of amounts previously					
written-off	80	85	165	150	325
Charge to income statement	779	1,129	1,908	5,081	13,090
Unwind of discount	(50	(65)	(115)	(213)	(401)
At end of period	7,791	9,879	17,670	16,166	15,173

Provisions at 30 September 2010 include £127 million (30 June 2010 - £139 million; 31 December 2009 - £157 million) in respect of loans and advances to banks. The table above excludes impairment charges relating to securities.

4. Strategic disposals

		Quarter ended	Nine months ended			
	30		30	30	30	
	September	30 June	September	September	September	
	2010	2010	2009	2010	2009	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Gain/(loss) on sale of investments in:						
- RBS Asset Management's investment						
strategies business	-	-	-	80	-	
- Asian branches and businesses	-	(10)	-	(10)	-	
- Latin American businesses	3	-	-	3	-	
- RBS Sempra Commodities – oils, metals						
and European gas & power business	11	-	_	11	-	
- Factoring businesses in France and	8	-	-	8	-	

Germany										
- Bank of China (1)	-		-		(5)	-		236	
- Linea Directa	-		-		-		-		212	
Provision for loss on disposal of:										
- Latin American business	1		(142)	-		(163)	-	
- Asian branches and businesses	5		3		(150)	13		(150)
- Life assurance business	-		(235)	-		(235))	-	
- Other	(1)	(27)	-		(38)	-	
	27		(411)	(155)	(331)	298	

Note:

(1) Including £359 million attributable to minority interests.

5. Profit attributable to minority interests

	Quarter ended						Nine months ended			d
	3	0			3	0		30		30
	September		30 June		September		September		Septen	
	201	U	201	U	200	9	20	10	-	2009
	£m		£m		£m		£m		£m	
Trust preferred securities	-		-		2		10		47	
Investment in Bank of China	-		-		-		-		359	
Sempra	26		19		35		46		179	
RBS N.V.	(133)	(974)	(81)	(776)	(2)
Other	6		9		8		17		12	
(Loss)/profit attributable to minority interests	(101)	(946)	(36)	(703)	595	

6. Profit attributable to preference shareholders and paid-in equity holders

		Quarter ended	Nine months ended		
	30		30	30	30
	September	30 June	September	September	September
	2010	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Preference shareholders					
Non-cumulative preference shares of US\$0.01	-	-	100	105	279
Non-cumulative preference shares of €0.01	-	-	81	-	138
Non-cumulative preference shares of £1					
- issued to UK Financial Investments Limited					
(1)	-	-	-	-	274
- other	-	-	61	-	61
Paid-in equity holders					
Interest on securities classified as equity, net					
of tax	-	19	3	19	39
	-	19	245	124	791

Note:

⁽¹⁾ Includes £50 million redemption premium on repayment of preference shares.

7. Segmental analysis

Analysis of divisional operating profit/(loss)

The following tables provide an analysis of the divisional profit/(loss) for the quarters ended 30 September 2010, 30 June 2010 and for the nine month period ended 30 September 2010, by main income statement captions. Operating profit/(loss) differs from that used previously in that it excludes the fair value of own debt. Comparative data have been restated accordingly

	Net interest	Non- interest		Tota		Operating		Insurance				Operating	
Quarter ended 30	income	income		incom	e	expense	es	net claim	S	losse	es pr	ofit/(loss	s)
September 2010	£m	£m		£m		£m		£m		£m		£m	
September 2010	£III	٤١١١		LIII		الله الله		٤١١١		£III		٤١١١	
UK Retail	1,056	376		1,432		(733)	(50)	(251)	398	
UK Corporate	662	324		986		(406)	-	,	(158)	422	
Wealth	156	108		264		(189)	-		(1)	74	
Global Transaction													
Services	257	411		668		(356)	-		(3)	309	
Ulster Bank	192	52		244		(134)	-		(286)	(176)
US Retail & Commercial	480	271		751		(553)	-		(125)	73	
Global Banking & Markets	309	1,245		1,554		(1,005)	-		40		589	
RBS Insurance	92	999		1,091		(175)	(949)	-		(33)
Central items	(154)	193		39		34		1		2		76	
	2.050	2.050		7 .020		(2.515		(0.00		/500		1 500	
Core	3,050	3,979		7,029		(3,517)	(998)	(782)	1,732	
Non-Core	354	534		888		(579)	(144)	(1,171)	(1,006)
	3,404	4,513		7,917		(4,096)	(1,142)	(1,953)	726	
Reconciling items:	3,404	4,313		7,917		(4,090)	(1,142)	(1,933	,	720	
Fair value of own debt	_	(858)	`	(858)	_		_		_		(858	`
Amortisation of purchased	_	(030)	,	(0.50	,	_		_		_		(030	,
intangible													
assets	_	_		_		(123)	_		_		(123)
Integration and						(,					(,
restructuring costs	-	-		-		(311)	-		-		(311)
Strategic disposals	-	27		27		-		-		-		27	
Bonus tax	-	-		-		(15)	-		-		(15)
Asset Protection Scheme													
credit													
default swap – fair value													
changes	-	(825))	(825)	-		-		-		(825)
	2.404	2 057		6 261		(1 5 1 5	`	(1.142	`	(1.052	\	(1.270	`
	3,404 7	2,857 (182)	`	6,261 (175	`	(4,545 (6)	(1,142)	(1,953)	(1,379 (181)
	1	(182)	,	(1/3)	(0)	-		_		(101)	J

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RFS Holdings minority interest							
Total statutory	3,411	2,675	6,086	(4,551)	(1,142)	(1,953)	(1,560)

7. Segmental analysis (continued)

Analysis of divisional operating profit/(loss) (continued)

	Net interest income	Non- interest income	Total income	Operating expenses	Insurance net claims	Impairment losses	Operating profit/(loss)
Quarter ended 30 June 2010	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
UK Retail UK Corporate Wealth Global Transaction Services Ulster Bank US Retail & Commercial Global Banking & Markets RBS Insurance	1,001 647 150 237 194 502 320 90	294 340 116 411 53 275 1,627 1,015	1,295 987 266 648 247 777 1,947 1,105	(744) (399) (178) (366) (143) (504) (1,033) (176)	25 - - - - (1,132)	(300) (198) (7) (3) (281) (144)	276 390 81 279 (177) 129 750 (203)
Central items Core Non-Core	71 3,212 472	(53) 4,078 401	7,290 873	32 (3,511) (592)	(1,108) (215)	(1,097)	1,574 (1,324)
Reconciling items: Fair value of own debt Amortisation of	3,684	4,479 619	8,163 619	(4,103)	(1,323)	(2,487)	250619
purchased intangible assets Integration and restructuring costs	-	-	-	(85) (254)	-	-	(85) (254)
Gain on redemption of own debt Strategic disposals Bonus tax Asset Protection Scheme credit	- - -	553 (411)	553 (411)	- (15)	- - -	- - -	553 (411) (15)
default swap – fair value changes	- 3,684	500 5,740	500 9,424	- (4,457)	- (1,323)	- (2,487)	500 1,157

RFS Holdings minority interest	(8)	21	13	4	-	-	17
Total statutory	3,676		5,761	9,437	(4,453)	(1,323)	(2,487)	1,174
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7. Segmental analysis (continued)

Analysis of divisional operating profit/(loss) (continued)

Nine months ended 30	Net interest income	Non- interest income	Total income	Operating expenses	Insurance net Im claims	Impairment Operating losses profit/(loss)			
September 2010	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m		
UK Retail UK Corporate Wealth Global Transaction	2,990 1,919 449	1,014 993 336	4,004 2,912 785	(2,198) (1,240) (556)	(54) - -	(938) (542) (12)	814 1,130 217		
Services Ulster Bank US Retail & Commercial Global Banking &	711 574 1,450	1,212 158 798	1,923 732 2,248	(1,096) (437) (1,594)	- - -	(6) (785) (412)	821 (490) 242		
Markets RBS Insurance Central items	1,001 271 (68)	5,324 3,024 352	6,325 3,295 284	(3,332) (526) 177	(3,055)	(156) - 1	2,837 (286) 462		
Core Non-Core	9,297 1,325	13,211 1,370	22,508 2,695	(10,802) (1,827)	(3,109) (492)	(2,850) (4,265)	5,747 (3,889)		
Dagonailing itames	10,622	14,581	25,203	(12,629)	(3,601)	(7,115)	1,858		
Reconciling items: Fair value of own debt Amortisation of purchased	-	(408)	(408)	-	-	-	(408)		
intangible assets Integration and	-	-	-	(273)	-	-	(273)		
restructuring costs Gain on redemption of	-	-	-	(733)	-	-	(733)		
own debt Strategic disposals	- -	553 (331)	553 (331)	-	- -	-	553 (331)		
Bonus tax Asset Protection Scheme credit default swap – fair value	-	-	-	(84)	-	-	(84)		
changes	-	(825)	(825)	-	-	-	(825)		
RFS Holdings minority	10,622	13,570	24,192	(13,719)	(3,601)	(7,115)	(243)		
interest	7	(153)	(146)	(2)	-	-	(148)		

Total statutory 10,629 13,417 24,046 (13,721) (3,601) (7,115) (391)

8. Financial instruments

Classification

The following tables analyse the Group's financial assets and liabilities in accordance with the categories of financial instruments in IAS 39: held-for-trading (HFT), designated as at fair value through profit or loss (DFV), available-for-sale (AFS), loans and receivables (LAR) and other financial instruments. Assets and liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39 are shown separately.

					Other	Non		Group		
					financial		Finance	before	RFS	
	HFT	DFV	AFS	LARin	nstrumentisns	struments	leases	RFS MI	MI	Group
30 September										
2010	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Cash and										
balances at										
central banks	-	-	-	61,416	-	-	-	61,416	-	61,416
Loans and										
advances to										
banks - net loans and										
advances	26,044			34,286	_			60,330	4	60,334
- reverse repos	43,536	-	-	4,871	_	-	-	48,407	-	48,407
Loans and	45,550	_	-	4,071	-	-	-	40,407	-	40,407
advances to										
customers										
- net loans and										
advances	27,987	1,478	-	487,415	_	_	11,169	528,049	_	528,049
- reverse repos	32,907	_	-	11,596	-	_	-	44,503	-	44,503
Debt securities	105,390	603	113,151	7,266	-	-	-	226,410	-	226,410
Equity shares	18,007	1,611	2,137	-	-	-	-	21,755	-	21,755
Settlement										
balances	-	-	-	22,874	-	-	-	22,874	-	22,874
Derivatives (1)	548,805	-	-	-	-	-	-	548,805	-	548,805
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	14,369	-	14,369	-	14,369
Property, plant										
and .						4		4= 200		4= 200
equipment	-	-	-	-	-	17,398	-	17,398	-	17,398
Deferred						5.007		5.007	•	5,000
taxation	-	-	-	-	-	5,907	-	5,907	2	5,909
Prepayments, accrued										
income and										
other assets	_	_	_	1,209	_	10,694	_	11,903	5	11,908
Assets of				1,207		10,074		11,703	3	11,700
disposal groups	_	_	_	_	_	16,537	_	16,537	913	17,450
- F	802,676	3,692	115,288	630,933	_	64,905	11,169	1,628,663		.,

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Group before										
RFS MI						020			024	
RFS MI	802,676	3,692	- 115,288	4 630,937	-	920 65.825	- 11 160		924	1 620 597
Total assets	802,070	3,092	113,200	030,937	-	65,825	11,169			1,629,587
Deposits by										
banks										
- bank deposits	39,781	-	-	-	40,405	-	-	80,186	118	80,304
- repos	24,871	-	-	-	16,594	-	-	41,465		41,465
Customer										
accounts										
- customer	11.000	4 404			404.005			120 (20		120 (20
deposits	11,220	4,494	-	-	404,925	-	-	420,639		420,639
reposDebt securities	59,295	-	-	-	27,992	-	-	87,287		87,287
in issue	6,279	44,141	_	_	184,663	_	_	235,083		235,083
Settlement	0,277	77,171			101,003			233,003		233,003
balances	_	-	_	_	20,628	_	-	20,628		20,628
Short positions	44,004	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,004		44,004
Derivatives (1)	543,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	543,397		543,397
Accruals,										
deferred income										
and other										
liabilities	-	-	-	-	1,737	21,449	464	23,650	17	23,667
Retirement benefit liabilities						2.606		2.606	21	2 627
Deferred	-	-	-	-	-	2,606	-	2,606	31	2,637
taxation	_	_	_	_	_	2,237	_	2,237	33	2,270
Insurance						2,237		2,237	33	2,270
liabilities	-	-	_	_	-	6,782	-	6,782		6,782
Subordinated						·		·		·
liabilities	-	1,152	-	-	26,738	-	-	27,890		27,890
Liabilities of										
disposal groups	-	-	-	-	-	15,667	-	15,667	487	16,154
Group before	50 0 0 45	40.505			500 600	40.744	161	1 551 50:		
RFS MI	728,847	49,787	-	-	723,682	48,741	464	1,551,521	(0)	
RFS MI Total liabilities	720 047	40.797			135	551	161	-	686	1 552 207
Equity	728,847	49,/8/	-	-	723,817	49,292	464			1,552,207 77,380
Equity										1,629,587
NT .										1,027,307

Note:

⁽¹⁾ Held-for-trading derivatives include hedging derivatives.

8. Financial instruments (continued)

Classification (continued)

	HFT	DFV	AFS	LARn	Other financial strumenits		Finance leases	Group before RFS MI	RFS MI	Group
At 30 June 2010	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Cash and balances at central	2111		2111		2 111	SIII	æ111		2 111	
banks Loans and advances to banks - net loans	-	-	-	29,591	-	-	-	29,591	-	29,591
and advances - reverse	22,966	-	-	31,505	-	-	-	54,471	18	54,489
repos Loans and advances to customers - net loans	43,787	-	-	3,876	-	-	-	47,663		47,663
and advances - reverse	21,236	1,631	-	504,541	-	-	11,932	539,340	35	539,375
repos Debt	27,655	-	-	11,741	-	-	-	39,396		39,396
securities Equity shares Settlement	103,161 13,768	619 688	123,941 2,870	8,539 -	-	-	-	236,260 17,326		236,260 17,326
balances Derivatives	-	-	-	20,718	-	-	-	20,718		20,718
(1) Intangible	522,871	-	-	-	-	-	-	522,871		522,871
assets Property, plant and	-	-	-	-	-	14,482	-	14,482		14,482
equipment Deferred	-	-	-	-	-	17,608	-	17,608		17,608
taxation Prepayments, accrued	-	-	-	-	-	5,841	-	5,841	(2)	5,839
income and other assets	-	-	-	1,175	-	12,455	-	13,630	465	14,095

Assets of disposal										
groups Group before	-	-	-	-	-	21,656	-	21,656	684	22,340
RFS MI	755,444	2,938	126,811	611,686	-	72,042	11,932	1,580,853	1 200	
RFS MI Total assets	- 755,444	2,938	126,811	53 611,739	-	1,147 73,189	11,932		1,200	1,582,053
Total assets	733,777	2,730	120,011	011,737		73,107	11,732			1,302,033
Deposits by banks - bank										
deposits	37,270	-	-	-	59,344	-	-	96,614	96	96,710
- repos Customer accounts - customer	24,594	-	-	-	19,571	-	-	44,165	-	44,165
deposits	12,268	4,037	_	_	404,585	_	_	420,890	_	420,890
- repos	45,869	-	-	-	24,786	_	_	70,655	_	70,655
Debt	ŕ				,			•		,
securities in										
issue	5,703	39,947	-	-	171,667	-	-	217,317	-	217,317
Settlement					10.720			10.50		10.500
balances	-	-	-	-	19,730	-	-	19,730	-	19,730
Short positions	42,994	_						42,994		42,994
Derivatives	72,777	_					_	72,777	_	72,777
(1)	508,966	_	-	-	-	_	_	508,966	_	508,966
Accruals,										
deferred income and										
other										
liabilities	_	_	_	_	1,898	22,456	488	24,842	25	24,867
Retirement					•	ŕ		,		,
benefit										
liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	2,600	-	2,600	11	2,611
Deferred						2.126		2.126	60	2.105
taxation	-	-	-	-	-	2,126	-	2,126	69	2,195
Insurance liabilities	_	_	_	_	_	6,521	_	6,521	_	6,521
Subordinated		_		_	_	0,321	_	0,321	_	0,321
liabilities	-	1,107	_	-	26,416	_	_	27,523	_	27,523
Liabilities of										
disposal										
groups	-	-	-	-	-	16,999	-	16,999	616	17,615
Group before		45 001			727 007	50.702	100	1 501 042		
RFS MI RFS MI	677,664	45,091	_	_	727,997 96	50,702 721	488	1,501,942	817	
Total	=	=	=	=	70	/ / 1	=		017	
liabilities	677,664	45,091	-	-	728,093	51,423	488			1,502,759
Equity										79,294

1,582,053

Note:

(1) Held-for-trading derivatives include hedging derivatives.

8. Financial instruments (continued)

Classification (continued)

					Other	Non	F:	Group before		
	HFT	DFV	AFS		financial f strumenitss		leases	RFS MI	RFS MI	Group
At 31								2	2	r
December	_				_	_				
2009	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Cash and balances at central banks Loans and	-	-	-	51,548	-	-	-	51,548	713	52,261
advances to banks - net loans										
and advances - reverse	18,563	-	-	30,214	-	-	-	48,777	7,879	56,656
repos Loans and	26,886	-	-	8,211	-	-	-	35,097	-	35,097
advances to customers - net loans										
and advances - reverse	15,371	1,981	-	524,204	-	-	13,098	554,654	132,699	687,353
repos Debt	26,313	-	-	14,727	-	-	-	41,040	-	41,040
securities	111,413	2,429	125,382	9,871	-	-	-	249,095	18,159	267,254
Equity shares Settlement	11,318	2,083	2,559	-	-	-	-	15,960	3,568	19,528
balances Derivatives	-	-	-	12,024	-	-	-	12,024	9	12,033
(1) Intangible	438,199	-	-	-	-	-	-	438,199	3,255	441,454
assets Property,	-	-	-	-	-	14,786	-	14,786	3,061	17,847
plant and equipment						17,773		17,773	1,624	19,397
Deferred	-	-	-	-	-		-			
taxation	-	-	-	1 421	-	6,492	-	6,492	547	7,039
Prepayments, accrued income	-	-	-	1,421	-	17,183	-	18,604	2,381	20,985

and other assets Assets of disposal										
groups Group before	-	-	-	-	-	18,432	-	18,432	110	18,542
RFS MI RFS MI	648,063 7,042	6,493 283	127,941 18,250	652,220 140,707	-	74,666 7,723	13,098	1,522,481	174,005	
Total assets	655,105	6,776	146,191	792,927	-	82,389	13,098			1,696,486
Deposits by banks - bank										
deposits	32,647	-	-	-	82,995	-	-	115,642	(11,504)	104,138
reposCustomeraccountscustomer	20,962	-	-	-	17,044	-	-	38,006	-	38,006
deposits	11,217	5,256	-	-	397,778	-	-	414,251	131,598	545,849
- repos Debt securities in	41,520	-	-	-	26,833	-	-	68,353	-	68,353
issue	3,925	41,444	-	-	200,960	-	-	246,329	21,239	267,568
Settlement					10 412			10.412	1	10 412
balances Short	-	-	-	-	10,412	-	-	10,412	1	10,413
positions Derivatives	40,463	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,463	-	40,463
(1) Accruals, deferred income and other	421,534	-	-	-	-	-	-	421,534	2,607	424,141
liabilities Retirement	-	-	-	-	1,889	22,269	466	24,624	5,703	30,327
benefit										
liabilities Deferred	-	-	-	-	-	2,715	-	2,715	248	2,963
taxation	-	-	-	-	-	2,161	-	2,161	650	2,811
Insurance liabilities	_	_	_	_	_	7,633	_	7,633	2,648	10,281
Subordinated						7,033		7,055	2,010	10,201
liabilities	-	1,277	-	-	30,261	-	-	31,538	6,114	37,652
Liabilities of										
disposal						10.055		10.055	22	10.000
groups Group before	-	-	-	-	-	18,857	-	18,857	33	18,890
Group before RFS MI	572,268	47,977			768,172	53,635	466	1,442,518		
RFS MI	2,738	3,417			143,901	9,281	-1 00	1,772,310	159,337	
Total	2,730	5,717			175,701	7,201			107,001	
liabilities	575,006	51,394			912,073	62,916	466			1,601,855

Equity 94,631

1,696,486

Note:

(1) Held-for-trading derivatives include hedging derivatives.

8. Financial instruments (continued)

Reclassification of financial instruments

As permitted by amended IAS 39, the Group reclassified certain financial assets from the HFT and AFS categories into the LAR category and from the HFT category into the AFS category in 2008 and 2009. There were no reclassifications in the nine months ended 30 September 2010. The following tables detail the effect of the reclassifications and the balance sheet values of the assets.

Reduction in profit for the
quarter ended
30
September 2010 as a result of
reclassifications
£m
81
162
243

	30 September 2010		30 June	2010	31 December 2009		
	Carrying		Carrying		Carrying		
	value	Fair value	value	Fair value	value	Fair value	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
From HFT to:							
AFS	6,843	6,843	7,343	7,343	7,629	7,629	
LAR	9,703	8,131	10,596	8,861	12,933	10,644	
	16,546	14,974	17,939	16,204	20,562	18,273	
From AFS to:							
LAR	449	405	969	808	869	745	
	16,995	15,379	18,908	17,012	21,431	19,018	

During the quarter ended 30 September 2010, the balance sheet value of reclassified assets decreased by £1.9 billion, primarily due to disposals and repayments across a range of securities and loans.

For assets reclassified from HFT to AFS, net unrealised losses recorded in equity at 30 September 2010 were £0.3 billion (30 June 2010 - £0.4 billion; 31 December 2009 - £0.6 billion).

8. Financial instruments (continued)

Financial instruments carried at fair value

Refer to Note 11 Financial instruments of the 2009 Annual Report and Accounts for valuation techniques. Certain aspects relating to the valuation of financial instruments carried at fair value are discussed below.

Valuation reserves

When valuing financial instruments in the trading book, adjustments are made to mid-market valuations to cover bid-offer spread, liquidity, credit risk and future administrative costs.

Valuation reserves and adjustments comprise:

	30			31
	September 2010	30 June 2010	31 March 2010	December 2009
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Credit valuation adjustments:				
Monoline insurers	2,678	3,599	3,870	3,796
Credit derivative product companies	622	791	465	499
Other counterparties	1,937	1,916	1,737	1,588
	5,237	6,306	6,072	5,883
Bid-offer and liquidity reserves	3,092	2,826	2,965	2,814
	8,329	9,132	9,037	8,697
Debit valuation adjustments ('own credit'):				
Debt securities in issue	(1,786)	(2,604)	(2,151)	(2,331)
Derivatives	(485)	(551)	(475)	(467)
Total debit valuation adjustments	(2,271)	(3,155)	(2,626)	(2,798)

Credit valuation adjustments (CVA) represent an estimate of the adjustment to fair value that a market participant would make to incorporate the credit risk inherent in counterparty derivative exposures. CVA is discussed in Risk and capital management - Other risk exposures: Credit valuation adjustments on page 124. Bid-offer and liquidity reserves and own credit is discussed on pages 79 and 80 below.

Notes (continued)

8. Financial instruments (continued)

Valuation reserves (continued)

Bid-offer and liquidity reserves

Fair value positions are adjusted to bid or offer levels, by marking individual cash based positions directly to bid or offer or by taking bid-offer reserves calculated on a portfolio basis for derivatives exposures.

The bid-offer approach is based on current market spreads and standard market bucketing of risk. Risk data are used as the primary sources of information within bid-offer calculations and are aggregated when they are more granular than market standard buckets.

Bid-offer adjustments for each risk factor are determined by aggregating similar risk exposures arising on different products. Additional basis bid-offer reserves are taken where these are charged in the market. Risk associated with non identical underlying exposures is not netted down unless there is evidence that the cost of closing the combined risk exposure is less than the cost of closing on an individual basis.

Bid-offer spreads vary by maturity and risk type to reflect different spreads in the market. For positions where there is no observable quote, the bid-offer spreads are widened in comparison to proxies to reflect reduced liquidity or observability. Bid-offer methodologies also incorporate liquidity triggers whereby wider spreads are applied to risks above pre-defined thresholds.

Netting is applied across risk buckets where there is market evidence to support this. For example calendar netting and cross strike netting effects are taken into account where such trades occur regularly within the market. Netting will also apply where long and short risk in two different risk buckets can be closed out in a single market transaction at less cost than by way of two separate transactions (closing out the individual bucketed risk in isolation).

Vanilla risk on exotic products is typically reserved as part of the overall portfolio based calculation e.g. delta and vega risk is included within the delta and vega bid-offer calculations. Aggregation of risk arising from different models is in line with the Group's risk management practices; the model review control process considers the appropriateness of model selection in this respect.

Product related risks such as correlation risk attract specific bid-offer reserves. Additional reserves are provided for exotic products to ensure overall reserves match market close-out costs. These market close-out costs inherently incorporate risk decay and cross-effects which are unlikely to be adequately reflected in the static hedge based on vanilla instruments.

Where there is limited bid-offer information for a product a conservative approach is taken, taking into account pricing approach and risk management strategy.

Notes (continued)

8. Financial instruments (continued)

Own credit

The Group takes into account the effect of its own credit standing, when valuing financial liabilities recorded at fair value, in accordance with IFRS. The categories of financial liabilities on which own credit spread adjustments are made are issued debt, including issued structured notes, and derivatives. An own credit adjustment is applied to positions where it is believed that counterparties would consider the Group's creditworthiness when pricing trades.

The own credit adjustment does not alter cash flows, is not used for performance management, and is disregarded for regulatory capital reporting processes.

For issued debt and structured notes, this adjustment is based on independent quotes from market participants for the debt issuance spreads above average inter-bank rates, (at a range of tenors) which the market would demand when purchasing new senior or subordinated debt issuances from the Group. Where necessary, these quotes are interpolated using a curve shape derived from credit default swap prices.

The fair value of the Group's derivative financial liabilities has also been adjusted to reflect the Group's own credit risk. The adjustment takes into account collateral posted by the Group and the effects of master netting agreements.

The reserve movement between periods will not equate to the reported profit or loss for own credit. The balance sheet reserves are stated by the conversion of underlying currency balances at spot rates for each period, however the income statement includes intra-period foreign exchange sell-offs.

The effect of change in credit spreads could reverse in future periods provided the liability is not repaid at a premium or a discount.

8. Financial instruments (continued)

Valuation hierarc	-											
	30	_	ber 2010			30 June			3	1 Decemb		
			Level			Level	Level	Level		Level	Level	Level
	Total	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3
Assets	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
Loans and advances to banks												
- reverse repos	43.5	-	43.5	-	43.8	-	43.8	-	26.9	-	26.9	-
- collateral	25.1	-	25.1	-	22.3	-	22.3	-	18.4	-	18.4	-
- other	1.0	-	1.0	-	0.7	-	0.7	-	0.1	-	0.1	-
	69.6	-	69.6	-	66.8	-	66.8	-	45.4	-	45.4	-
Loans and advances to customers												
- reverse repos	32.9	-	32.9	-	27.7	-	27.7	-	26.3	-	26.3	-
- collateral	21.7	-	21.7	-	15.7	-	15.7	-	9.9	-	9.9	-
- other	7.8	-	6.9	0.9	7.1	-	5.8	1.3	7.5	-	6.4	1.1
	62.4	-	61.5	0.9	50.5	-	49.2	1.3	43.7	-	42.6	1.1
Debt securities	122.5	110 5	140		122.7	110.0	12.7		124.1	110.2	15.0	
- government	132.5 45.1	118.5	14.0 44.6	0.5	132.7 48.6	119.0	13.7 48.1	- 0.5	134.1 57.1	118.2	15.9 56.6	0.5
- RMBS (2) - CMBS (3)	4.0	-	3.8	0.5 0.2	48.0 4.6	-	48.1	0.5 0.5	37.1 4.1	-	30.0 4.0	0.5 0.1
- CNBS (3) - CDOs (4)	2.8	-	0.9	1.9	3.8	-	0.9	2.9	3.6	-	2.6	1.0
- CLOs (5)	6.0	_	4.2	1.8	9.0	-	7.7	1.3	8.8	-	8.0	0.8
- other ABS (6)	5.6	_	4.2	1.4	5.6	_	4.0	1.6	6.1	_	5.2	0.9
- corporate	10.4	_	9.6	0.8	9.4	_	8.7	0.7	10.5	_	9.9	0.6
- other (7)	12.7	0.1	12.4	0.2	14.0	_	13.8	0.7	14.9	_	14.7	0.2
	120,	0.1	127.	0.2	1		10.0	0.2	1>		1	·
	219.1	118.6	93.7	6.8	227.7	119.0	101.0	7.7	239.2	118.2	116.9	4.1
Equity shares	21.8	17.6	2.2	2.0	17.3	13.1	2.4	1.8	16.0	12.2	2.5	1.3
Derivatives - foreign												
exchange	89.6	0.1	89.4	0.1	85.1	-	85.0	0.1	68.3	-	68.1	0.2
- interest rate	422.1	0.1	420.3	1.7	392.8	0.2	390.7	1.9	321.5	0.3	319.7	1.5
	6.3	-	6.1	0.2	5.9	0.1	5.8	-	6.7	0.3	6.1	0.3

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- equities and commodities												
- credit - APS (8)	0.6	_	_	0.6	1.4	_	_	1.4	1.4	_	_	1.4
- credit - other	30.2	_	26.9	3.3	37.7	_	33.4	4.3	40.3	0.1	37.2	3.0
	548.8	0.2	542.7	5.9	522.9	0.3	514.9	7.7	438.2	0.7	431.1	6.4
Total assets	921.7	136.4	769.7	15.6	885.2	132.4	734.3	18.5	782.5	131.1	638.5	12.9
Total assets	721.7	130.4	100.1	13.0	003.2	132.7	754.5	10.5	702.3	131.1	030.3	12.7
Of which												
classified as AFS												
debt securities												
- government	60.5	54.0	6.5	-	66.2	59.6	6.6	-	64.9	58.3	6.6	-
- RMBS (2)	30.3	-	30.1	0.2	34.1	-	33.9	0.2	37.2	-	37.0	0.2
- CMBS (3)	1.4	-	1.4	-	1.5	-	1.5	-	1.6	-	1.6	-
- CDOs (4)	1.9	-	0.5	1.4	2.1	-	0.6	1.5	1.6	-	1.2	0.4
- CLOs (5)	5.0	-	3.7	1.3	5.7	-	5.0	0.7	5.5	-	5.4	0.1
- other ABS (6)	4.4	-	3.2	1.2	4.3	-	3.0	1.3	4.6	-	4.0	0.6
 corporate 	2.6	-	2.6	-	2.3	-	2.3	-	2.5	-	2.5	-
- other (7)	7.1	0.1	7.0	-	7.7	-	7.7	-	7.5	-	7.5	-
	113.2	54.1	55.0	4.1	123.9	59.6	60.6	3.7	125.4	58.3	65.8	1.3
Equity shares	2.1	0.3	1.3	0.5	2.9	0.3	1.5	1.1	2.6	0.3	1.6	0.7
											- - .	•
	115.3	54.4	56.3	4.6	126.8	59.9	62.1	4.8	128.0	58.6	67.4	2.0

For notes to this table refer to page 82.

8. Financial instruments (continued)

Valuation hierarchy (continued)

	30 September 2010				30 June 2010				31 December 2009			
		Level	Level	Level		Level	Level	Level	Level L		Level	Level
	Total	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3	Total	1	2	3
Liabilities	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn	£bn
Deposits by banks												
- repos	24.9	-	24.9	-	24.6	-	24.6	-	21.0	-	21.0	-
- collateral	36.8	-	36.8	-	33.6	-	33.6	-	28.5	-	28.5	-
- other	3.0	-	3.0	-	3.7	-	3.7	-	4.1	-	4.1	-
	64.7		64.7		61.0		(1.0		50.6		50.6	
Contant	64.7	-	64.7	-	61.9	-	61.9	-	53.6	-	53.6	-
Customer												
accounts	59.3	_	59.3		45.8	_	45.8		41.5	_	41.5	_
reposcollateral	9.1	-	9.1	-	9.3	_	9.3	-	9.0	-	9.0	-
- other	6.6	_	6.6	_	9.3 7.0	-	9.3 6.9	0.1	7.5	-	7.4	0.1
- Other	0.0	_	0.0	_	7.0	-	0.9	0.1	1.5	-	7.4	0.1
	75.0	_	75.0	_	62.1	_	62.0	0.1	58.0	_	57.9	0.1
Debt securities in	72.0		75.0		02.1		02.0	0.1	20.0		57.5	0.1
issue	50.4	_	48.9	1.5	45.7	_	44.4	1.3	45.4	_	43.1	2.3
Short positions	44.0	34.0	9.3	0.7	43.0	31.7	10.2	1.1	40.5	27.1	13.2	0.2
Derivatives												
- foreign												
exchange	98.4	0.1	98.0	0.3	88.7	-	88.6	0.1	63.6	-	63.6	-
- interest rate	407.5	0.1	406.8	0.6	377.5	0.4	376.2	0.9	309.3	0.1	308.4	0.8
- equities and												
commodities	9.7	-	9.5	0.2	9.0	-	8.9	0.1	9.5	0.8	8.5	0.2
- credit - other	27.8	-	27.4	0.4	33.8	-	33.3	0.5	39.1	-	38.2	0.9
	543.4	0.2	541.7	1.5	509.0	0.4	507.0	1.6	421.5	0.9	418.7	1.9
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Other	1.1	-	1.1	-	1.1	-	1.1	-	1.3	-	1.3	-
Total liabilities	778.6	34.2	740.7	3.7	722.8	32.1	686.6	4.1	620.3	28.0	587.8	4.5

Notes

⁽¹⁾ For details on levels 1, 2 and 3 refer to Note 11 - Financial instruments of the 2009 Annual Report and Accounts.

⁽²⁾ Residential mortgage-backed securities.

⁽³⁾ Commercial mortgage-backed securities.

- (4) Collateralised debt obligations.
- (5) Collateralised loan obligation.
- (6) Asset-backed securities.
- (7) Primarily includes debt securities issued by banks and building societies.
- (8) Asset Protection Scheme.

8. Financial instruments (continued)

Valuation hierarchy (continued)

Key points

- Total assets carried at fair value increased by £36.5 billion in the quarter to £921.7 billion at 30 September 2010, principally reflecting an increase in derivatives of £25.9 billion, collateral of £8.8 billion, reverse repos of £4.9 billion, partially offset by a decrease in debt securities of £8.6 billion.
- Total liabilities carried at fair value were up by £55.8 billion, with increases in derivatives of £34.4 billion, repos of £13.8 billion, debt securities in issue of £4.7 billion and collateral of £3.0 billion.
- Level 3 assets represented 1.7% (30 June 2010 2.1%; 31 December 2009 1.6%) of total assets carried at fair value and decreased by £2.9 billion to £15.6 billion primarily due to disposals and tightening credit spreads.
- Level 3 liabilities decreased by £0.4 billion, mainly reflecting the impact of tighter credit spreads on short positions.
- The favourable and unfavourable effects of reasonably possible alternative assumptions on financial instruments carried at fair value were £3.1 billion and £3.0 billion respectively of which £1.2 billion and £1.5 billion related to the APS credit derivative. These sensitivities are not indicative of the total potential effect on the income statement or other comprehensive income.

9. Debt securities

	Central and local government			Banks and building	ABS		Gı	oup before	RFS	
	UK	US	Other	societies	(2)C	Corporate	Other	RFS MI	MI	Group
Measurement classification	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
30 September 2010 Held-for-trading DFV (1) Available-for-sale Loans and receivables	5,302 1 9,511	17,164 - 17,604	49,204 353 33,323	4,884 3 6,910	20,475 227 42,923 6,387	7,733 18 2,654 759	628 1 226 97	105,390 603 113,151 7,266	-	105,390 603 113,151 7,266
Group	14,825	34,768	82,880	11,809	70,012	11,164	952	226,410	-	226,410
30 June 2010 Held-for-trading DFV (1) Available-for-sale Loans and receivables	8,993 1 11,584	16,642 - 17,194	40,589 357 37,459	5,471 3 7,371 18	23,614 234 47,709 7,148	7,077 24 2,324 1,274	775 - 300 88	103,161 619 123,941 8,539	-	103,161 619 123,941 8,539
Group 31 December 2009	20,589	33,836	78,405	12,863	78,705	10,699	1,163	236,260	-	236,260
Held-for-trading DFV (1) Available-for-sale Loans and receivables	8,128 122 18,350	10,427 3 12,789	50,150 385 33,727	6,103 418 7,472	28,820 394 50,464 7,924	6,892 1,087 2,550 1,853	893 20 30	111,413 2,429 125,382 9,871	69 174 17,916	111,482 2,603 143,298
receivables	1	-	-	-	7,924	1,033	93	9,671	-	9,671
Group before RFS MI RFS MI	26,601 721	23,219 183	84,262 11,871	13,993 3,803	87,602 580	12,382 906	1,036 95	249,095	18,159	
Group	27,322	23,402	96,133	17,796	88,182	13,288	1,131			267,254

Notes

- (1) Designated as at fair value through profit or loss.
- (2) Asset-backed securities.

See Risk and capital management section for information on ratings.

10 Derivatives

	30 September 2010		30 June	2010	31 December 2009		
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Exchange rate contracts							
Spot, forwards and futures	43,109	45,986	37,670	38,402	26,559	24,763	
Currency swaps	31,816	38,813	28,232	32,336	25,221	23,337	
Options purchased	14,603	-	19,191	-	16,572	-	
Options written	-	13,586	-	17,921	-	15,499	
Interest rate contracts	0.15.601	227.711	224050	212.010	262.002	271.020	
Interest rate swaps	345,631	335,541	324,978	313,019	263,902	251,829	
Options purchased	74,395	-	65,818	-	55,471	-	
Options written	-	69,919	-	62,766	-	55,462	
Futures and forwards	2,151	2,051	2,033	1,702	2,088	2,033	
Credit derivatives	30,810	27,766	38,981	33,795	41,748	39,127	
Equity and commodity							
contracts	6,290	9,735	5,968	9,025	6,638	9,484	
Group before RFS Holdings							
minority interest	548,805	543,397	522,871	508,966	438,199	421,534	
RFS Holdings minority							
interest (1)	-	-	-	-	3,255	2,607	
	548,805	543,397	522,871	508,966	441,454	424,141	

Note:

(1) RFS Holdings minority interest derivatives contracts at 31 December 2009 comprised:

(a) Exchange rate assets of £931 million and liabilities of £320 million;
(b) Interest rate assets of £2,131 million and liabilities of £2,091 million; and
Equity and commodity assets of £193 million and liabilities of £196
(c) million.

The Group enters into master netting agreements in respect of its derivative activities. These arrangements, which give the Group a legal right to set-off derivative assets and liabilities with the same counterparty, do not result in a net presentation in the Group's balance sheet for which IFRS requires an intention to settle net or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously, as well as a legally enforceable right to set-off. They are, however, effective in reducing the Group's credit exposure from derivative assets. The Group has executed master netting agreements with the majority of its derivative counterparties resulting in a significant reduction in its net exposure to derivative assets. Of the £549 billion derivative assets shown above, £449 billion (30 June 2010 - £422 billion; 31 December 2009 - £359 billion) were subject to such agreements. Furthermore, the Group holds substantial collateral against this net

derivative asset exposure, see Risk and capital management: Credit risk: Derivatives on page 107.

11. Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus directly related transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value reported in shareholders' equity until disposal, at which stage the cumulative gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. When there is objective evidence that an available-for-sale financial asset is impaired, any decline in its fair value below original cost is removed from equity and recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment losses are recognised when there is objective evidence of impairment. The Group reviews its portfolios of available-for-sale financial assets for such evidence which includes: default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor; and it becoming probable that the issuer will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation. However, the disappearance of an active market because an entity's financial instruments are no longer publicly traded is not evidence of impairment. Furthermore, a downgrade of an entity's credit rating is not, of itself, evidence of impairment, although it may be evidence of impairment when considered with other available information. A decline in the fair value of a financial asset below its cost or amortised cost is not necessarily evidence of impairment. Determining whether objective evidence of impairment exists requires the exercise of management judgment. The unrecognised losses on the Group's available- for-sale debt securities are concentrated in its portfolios of mortgage-backed securities. The losses reflect the widening of credit spreads as a result of the reduced market liquidity in these securities and the current uncertain macroeconomic outlook in the US and Europe. The underlying securities remain unimpaired.

During the third quarter of 2010 gains were realised by US Retail & Commercial (£215 million) and RBS N.V. (£216 million). The gain in US Retail & Commercial, which was part of its balance sheet restructuring exercise, was largely offset in the income statement by losses crystallised on the termination of swaps hedging fixed-rate funding related hedges. The gain in RBS N.V., which is included in Central items was offset by negative movements relating to IFRS volatility. Available-for-sale reserves at 30 September 2010 amounted to net losses of £1,242 million (30 June 2010 – net losses £1,459 million; 31 December 2009 – net losses £1,755 million), and the movements were as follows:

	Quarter		Year	
	ended	Half year	ended	
	30 ended		31	
	September 30 June		December	
	2010	2010	2009	
Available-for-sale reserves	£m	£m	£m	
At beginning of period	(1,459)	(1,755	(3,561)	
Unrealised gains in the period	680	647	1,202	
Realised (gains)/losses in the period	(408)	(127	981	
Taxation	(55)	(208	(377)	
Recycled to profit or loss on disposal of businesses, net of £6 million tax	-	(16	-	
At end of period	(1,242)	(1,459	(1,755)	

The above excludes losses attributable to minority interests of £336 million in the year ended 31 December 2009.

12. Contingent liabilities and commitments

	30 3	September 201	10				
	Core £m	Non-Core £m	Total £m	Core £m	Non-Core £m	Total £m	31 December 2009 £m
Contingent liabilities Guarantees and assets pledged as							
collateral security Other contingent	35,334	2,616	37,950	33,428	2,529	35,957	40,008
liabilities	12,606	376	12,982	12,503	485	12,988	14,012
	47,940	2,992	50,932	45,931	3,014	48,945	54,020
Commitments Undrawn formal standby facilities, credit lines and other commitments							
to lend Other commitments	240,560 867	26,126 2,637	266,686 3,504	245,053 2,084	25,478 2,631	270,531 4,715	291,634 6,007
	241,427	28,763	270,190	247,137	28,109	275,246	297,641
Total contingent liabilities and	200.265	21.755	221 122	202.060	21 122	224.101	251.661
commitments	289,367	31,755	321,122	293,068	31,123	324,191	351,661

Additional contingent liabilities arise in the normal course of the Group's business. It is not anticipated that any material loss will arise from these transactions.

13. Litigation and investigations developments

Except for the developments noted below, there have been no material changes to the litigation or investigations as disclosed in the Form 6-K for the six months ended 30 June 2010.

Payment Protection Insurance ("PPI")

The FSA published its final policy statement on 10 August 2010 and instructed firms to implement the measures contained in it by 1 December 2010. The new rules impose significant changes with respect to the handling of mis-selling PPI complaints. On 8 October 2010, the British Bankers' Association filed an application for judicial review of the FSA's policy statement and of related guidance issued by the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Risk and capital management

Presentation of information

The disclosures in this section include only those businesses of RBS N.V. that are retained by RBS.

This presentation is in line with how the Group manages its financial risks.

Capital

The Group aims to maintain an appropriate level of capital to meet its business needs and regulatory requirements as capital adequacy and risk management are closely aligned. The Group's regulatory capital resources calculated in accordance with FSA definitions, set out below.

	30		31
	September	30 June	December
	2010	2010	2009
Risk-weighted assets	£m	£m	£m
Credit risk	404,000	409,400	410,400
Counterparty risk	75,600	80,200	56,500
Market risk	75,200	70,600	65,000
Operational risk	37,100	37,100	33,900
	591,900	597,300	565,800
Asset Protection Scheme relief	(116,900)	(123,400)	(127,600)
	475,000	473,900	438,200
Risk asset ratio	%	%	%
Core Tier 1	10.2	10.5	11.0
Tier 1	12.5	12.8	14.4
Total	13.5	13.9	16.3

Key points

- The attributable loss and reduced risk-weighted assets (RWA) relief on the Asset Protection Scheme (APS) led to a decline of 30 basis points to 10.2% in the Core Tier 1 ratio and to 12.5% in the Tier 1 ratio. The Total Capital ratio declined by 40 basis points to 13.5%.
- · Gross RWAs were broadly flat at £592 billion, reflecting successful Non-Core de-leveraging counterbalanced by the roll-off of the capital relief trades within Global, Banking & Markets (GBM).
- RWAs eligible for APS relief declined by £6.5 billion to £117 billion, reflecting disposals and repayments as well as changes in risk parameters.

Risk and capital management (continued)

Capital (continued)

Composition of regulatory capital (proportional)	30 September 2010 £m	30 June 2010 £m	31 December 2009 £m
Tier 1 Ordinary and B shareholders' equity Minority interests	70,856 1,542	72,058 2,109	69,890 2,227
Adjustments for: - goodwill and other intangible assets - continuing businesses - goodwill and other intangible assets - discontinued businesses - unrealised losses on available-for-sale (AFS) debt securities - reserves: revaluation of property and unrealised gains on AFS equities - reallocation of preference shares and innovative securities - other regulatory adjustments* Less excess of expected losses over provisions net of tax Less securitisation positions Less APS first loss	(14,369) (516) 1,347 (170) (548) (1,038) (2,083) (2,032) (4,678)	(14,482) (757) 1,553 (117) (548) (1,229) (1,903) (2,004) (4,936)	(14,786) (238) 1,888 (207) (656) (950) (2,558) (1,353) (5,106)
Core Tier 1 capital Preference shares Innovative Tier 1 securities Tax on the excess of expected losses over provisions Less material holdings Total Tier 1 capital	48,311 5,584 4,623 830 (173)	49,744 5,630 4,768 759 (271)	48,151 11,265 2,772 1,020 (310)
Tier 2 Reserves: revaluation of property and unrealised gains on AFS equities Collective impairment provisions Perpetual subordinated debt Term subordinated debt Minority and other interests in Tier 2 capital Less excess of expected losses over provisions Less securitisation positions Less material holdings Less APS first loss	170 713 1,835 16,962 11 (2,913) (2,032) (173) (4,678)	117 763 1,839 16,829 11 (2,662) (2,004) (271) (4,936)	207 796 4,200 18,120 11 (3,578) (1,353) (310) (5,106)
Total Tier 2 capital Supervisory deductions	9,895	9,686	12,987
Unconsolidated Investments - RBS Insurance	(4,040)	(4,016)	(4,068)

- other investments (323) (176) (404)