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GROUP STRATEGY UPDATE

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A logical continuation

- A strategy built around **strengthened capability** delivering competitive advantage
 - World-leading application of **technology** to financial services
 - Vibrant **customer-focused culture and people**
 - **Strong, flexible balance sheet**
- Enables **domestic growth**
 - **More customer needs identified and met** in core retail/small business franchise
 - Continued growth in **business and institutional banking**
 - **Productivity** across the Group
- Underpins **growth outside Australia**
 - Ongoing **capability transfer** to retail/small business presence in Indonesia
 - Further **value added** to partnerships in China, with some proprietary investment
 - **Disciplined M&A** approach
- Delivers **TSR outperformance**
 - Industry-leading ROE and stable dividend stream

Our view of the operating environment

■ Confidence in Australia's long-term economic strength

■ Global volatility

■ Higher competitive intensity in all businesses

■ Technology driving change in customer preferences

■ Increased demands from other stakeholders – regulators and the community in particular

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A track record in technology delivery

Revitalised front-line customer interface

- Single view of customer across channels
- CommSee
- Revitalised Sales & Service processes

Best-in-class online platforms

- NetBank
- CommBiz
- CommSec
- FirstChoice

Core Banking Modernisation

- Legacy system replacement
- Real-time banking
- Straight-through processing
- Concurrent process redesign

Long-term competitive advantage through technology

Key areas of focus

Example benefits

Applications to leverage real-time

- Everyday Settlement / working capital solutions
- Real-time account opening and maintenance

Streamlining of customer interfaces

- New ways to pay and transact – e.g. Kaching
- Greater convenience, interactivity and experience
- Higher trust and privacy

“Big data” and analytics

- Insights to offer more value and to price based on loyalty and risk
- Improved risk / capital insights

On-demand service/ cloud

- Dynamic content and capability
- Greater stability and lower cost for our customers

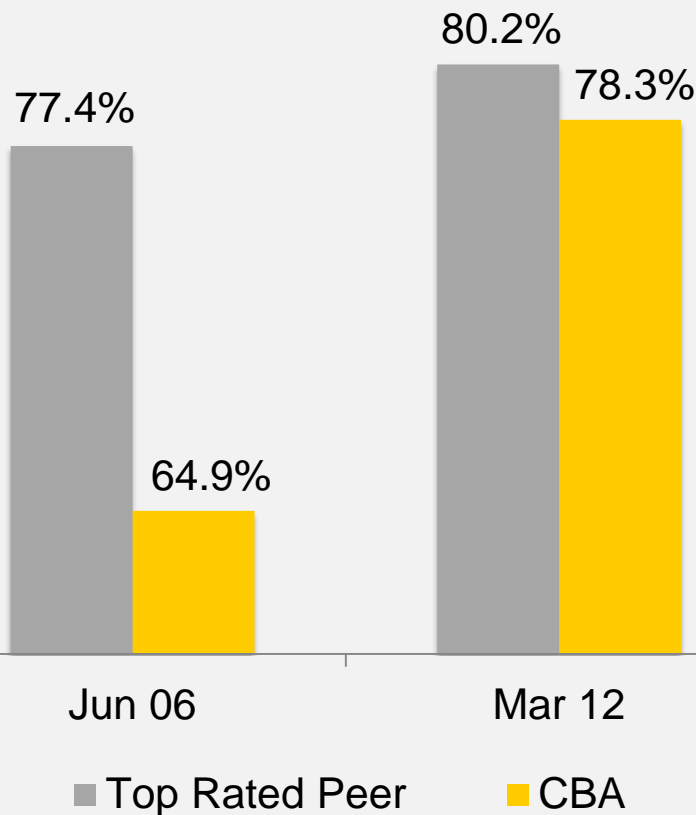
Simplicity to enhance productivity

- Simple processes – customer-facing and internal
- Straight-through processing, reduced paper handling

Customer-focused culture and people

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Customer satisfaction – retail¹



- Customer focus remains primary:
 - Collaboration
 - Accountability
 - Innovation
 - Pride in the Group
 - #1 in customer satisfaction
- Enhanced talent programs
- Commitment to diversity
- Long-term people focus
- No offshoring

1. Retail MFI Customer Satisfaction – Roy Morgan Research. Australian population 14+, % "Very Satisfied" or "Fairly Satisfied" with relationship with that main financial institution. 6-month rolling average. Top rated peer based on comparison with the Major Four banks. Note the institution definitions were updated from Mar-12 onwards.

A strong, flexible balance sheet

Managing growth

- Scenario-driven
- Portfolio management approach – dynamic capital allocation
- Conservative bias and risk settings

Funding & liquidity

- Diversified wholesale funding profile
- Active management of deposit funding
- Strong liquid asset holdings – well placed for LCR

Capital

- Balance regulatory, capital markets and rating agency demands
- ROE focus
- Continued recognition of dividend importance to shareholders



Unrivalled core franchise

Reach

- 1,150+ branches
- Largest ATM network
- Leading online websites and platforms (website #1 financial services, #4 overall)

Relationships

- MFI for ~33% of Australians¹
- ~45% of all retail transactions
- #1 share in mortgages, deposits and payments
- ~155,000 merchant relationships

Technology

- World-leading systems
- Real-time banking for 11 million+ customers
- Cutting edge innovation – e.g. Kaching

1. Source: Roy Morgan Research. Australians 14+, Proportion of Banking and Finance (B&F) Main Financial Institution (MFI) Customers (excl. Can't Say B&F institution) that nominated each banking group as their MFI, 12 months to February 2012.

Identify and meet more customer needs

Reach



Relationships



Technology

- Improve access to our products (especially investments and insurance) in every channel across the Group
- Utilise information advantage to identify and meet customer needs more proactively and tailor pricing
- Simplify product offerings
- Strongly defend leading shares while managing margins
- Similar opportunities for ASB and Bankwest

Continued growth in Business & Institutional

Today

- Improved market shares
- High customer satisfaction in all segments
- Strong risk management
- Technology advantage
- Below potential in share, particularly in institutional banking

Future

- Substantial upside remains
- Emphasis on technology advantage: CommBiz, real-time banking, Everyday Settlement, foreign exchange capability
 - Already delivering results – 29 new-to-bank institutional transaction banking clients this financial year
- More specialised industry coverage
- Strengthen investment in capabilities



Group-wide productivity emphasis

Good track record

- Group C:I ratio down 4ppts in four years (8ppts in Retail Bank)

Significant opportunity still remains without offshoring, enabled by world-leading technology

Area

- Lean process improvement – sales
- Lean process improvement – back office
- Centres of Excellence
- Disciplined cost control
- Lean process re-engineering

Opportunities include...

- Lean Branches, Lean Business Banking Sales
- Lean IT Maintenance, Lean IT Development, Lean IT Operations, Lean Back Office
- Finance Operations, Workout, Credit Decisioning, Loan Processing, Call Centres
- Group-wide sourcing arrangements, remove organisational duplication
- “No Paper”, “e-conveyancing”

International growth supported by capability transfer

Today

Future

Indonesia

- In the market since 1992
- 87 branches across Indonesia
- Primarily focussed on SME banking

- Accelerate branch rollout
- Upskill staff and improve technology
- Maintain mass affluent/SME focus with conservative risk settings

China

- In the market since 1992
- Strong partnerships with Hangzhou, Qilu, BoComm

- Continue to add value to partnerships
- Shanghai and planned Beijing branch to boost RMB and trade finance capability
- County Banking investment

Asset management

- More than 50% of revenue and profits generated offshore
- 35% of FUM raised from offshore clients

- Build on emerging market strength with newly seeded funds e.g. fixed income
- Continue build-out of distribution

A disciplined approach to M&A

■ Only undertake if we can create more value for our shareholders than they can create for themselves

■ Means we need to be able to add value to any asset we buy, or be a uniquely qualified purchaser e.g. Bankwest

■ Attractive assets will likely be strongly competed – requires compelling capability-based way to add value

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Long-term commitment to the community and Australia

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Lending

- 2m home loan borrowers
- 4.3m credit card holders
- 500,000 personal loan borrowers
- 600,000 business relationships

Saving

- 11m retail saving and transaction accounts
- 1.2m funds management customers
- 360,000 CommSec accounts

Paying

- Employ 52,000 people
- Australia's 3rd largest tax payer
- Pay >70% of our profit in dividends

- Negativity towards financial institutions
- Addressed by managing the business for the long-term
- Long-term “grass-roots” community commitments, especially in financial literacy
- Recognition that we are owned by our community – ~800,000 direct shareholders and millions more through super funds

Key metrics – internal and external

Revenue growth

- Customer satisfaction
- MFI share
- Products per customer
- Market share
- Net interest margin

Productivity

- Total income and sales per FTE
- Employee expense / Total income
- Customer-facing : back office FTE ratio
- Cost-to-income ratio

**TSR
outperformance**

Capital efficiency

- Profit after Capital Charge
- Return on equity
- Return on marginal funding
- Safety: Tier 1 capital, wholesale funding %, liquids

Non financial measures

- People engagement
- Safety
- Diversity measures
- Reputation measures

CBA Strategy – in summary ...

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- Delivers TSR outperformance

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