Investor Half Day

Investment and Insurance Services Division

19 October 2004





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Market trends shaping the wealth management industry

Funds Management:

- Decline of retail and the rise of platform
- Margin squeeze
- Slowing, but healthy projected growth in funds management
- Rising popularity of blend and model portfolios

Insurance:

- Strong long-term growth
- Rational approach to pricing
- Underinsurance and the need for further education

Advice:

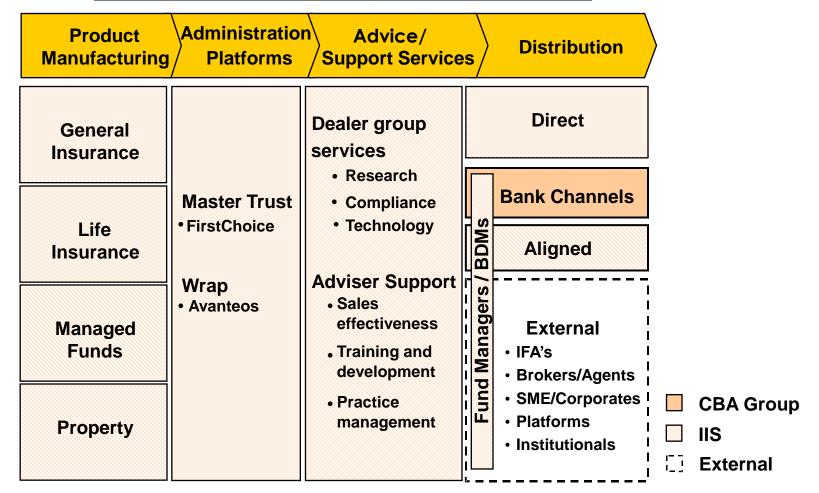
- Independence of advice
- Continuing consolidation of distribution
- Soft dollar benefits
- Quality of advice





Our business model involves competing across all elements of the value chain

IIS products and services by value chain element





Our strategy is to foster a leading wealth management business

Distribution

Continue to strengthen and improve our multi-channel distribution capabilities

Efficiency

Focus on cost effective ways to deliver investment and insurance services

Platform

 Build market leading platform capabilities and leverage the scale and efficiency of our technology

Innovation

Strengthen our standing as a provider of innovative products and services

Service

 Continued focus on a world-class customer service culture

Performance

 Lead in all parts of the wealth management value chain





Recent achievements and current focus

Distribution

- Centre for Adviser Development
- Launch of Enterprise¹²¹
- Increased productivity and number of planners

- Efficiency
- IIS organisational restructure
- Legacy rationalisation program on target
- Cost to income ratio improvement

Platform

- Market leading platform inflows through FirstChoice
- Growth in Avanteos net flows since acquisition
- FirstChoice enhancements

Innovation

- Launch of 5D
- Boutique alliances
- Launch of new CommInsure products

Service

- Award winning service
- CommInsure service quality improvement

Performance

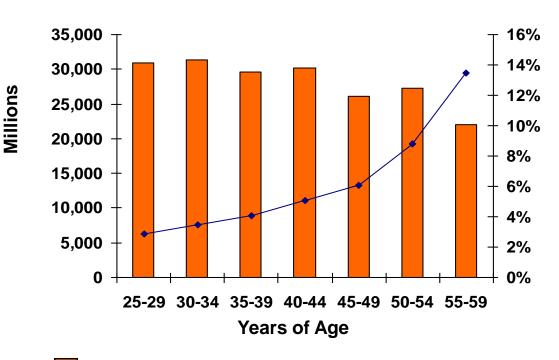
- Strong FUM flows in First State International
- Comminsure strong financial results
- Fixed Interest and Credit and Global Resources fund performance





Distribution challenges and opportunities





Retirement Savings Gap for MalesAdditional Contribution Required

Challenges/ Opportunities:

- Ageing population with inadequate savings
- Choice for investors and advisers
- Growth in DIY products
- Regulatory environment:
 - Quality of advice
 - Greater fee transparency
 - Independence

Source: IFSA Retirement Savings Gap, August 2003;





We are continually strengthening our distribution footprint

- Centre for Adviser Development
 - Over 200 trained
 - Feedback very positive
- Launch of Enterprise¹²¹
 - Opportunity in the market to offer advice, platform and dealership services to HNW practices.



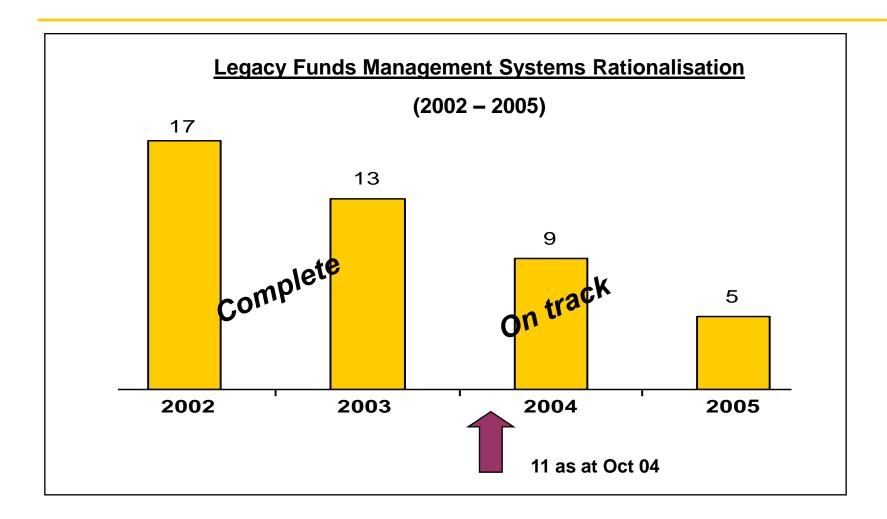
26% improvement

- Recruitment of advisers
 - Network and aligned





Legacy system rationalisation is on track



Source: Internal Projections. Policy Administration Systems rationalisation by calendar year end





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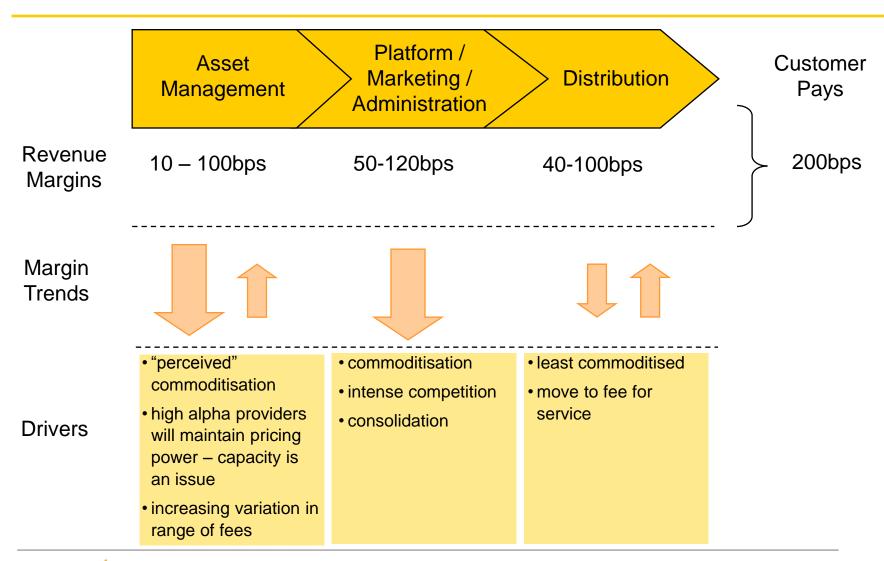


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The value chain

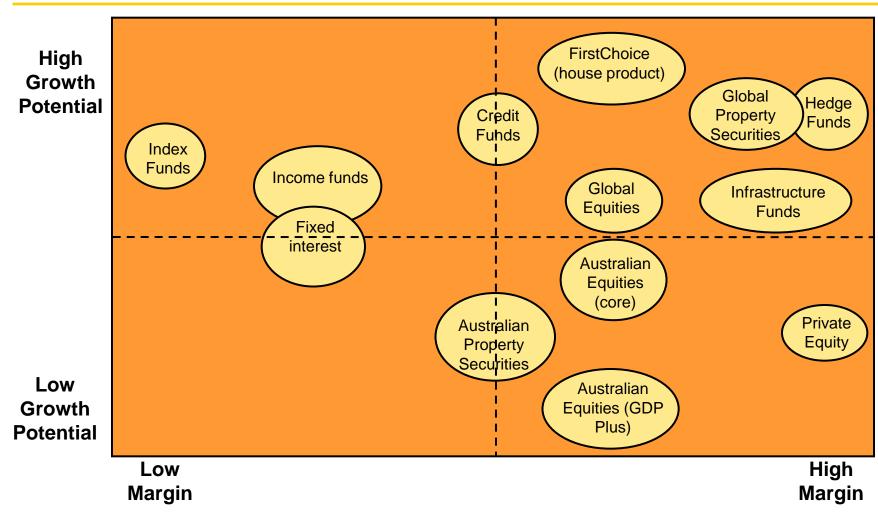
- Asset management
- Platforms

The only segment with universal downward pressure in margins is platforms / administration.





Our diversified asset management base provides growth opportunities.



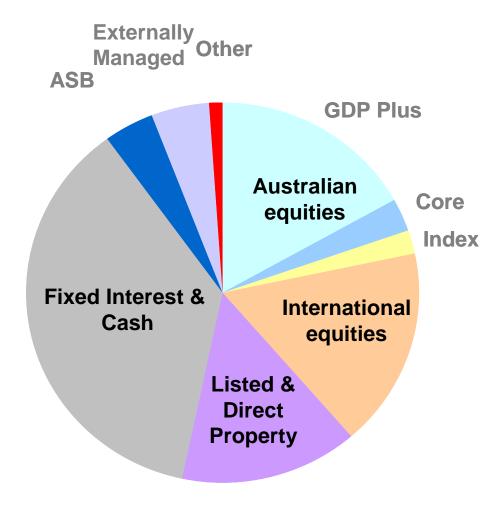
Source: CBA Internal Analysis and Market Forecasts





Australian Equities (GDP-Plus) is now only 17% of FUA

FUA: \$109.8bn as at June 2004





Australian equity GDP+ investment performance in perspective.

Year by year out-performance

Growth bias market		Value bias market	
1997	12.04%	2001	7.71%
1998	4.41%	2002	-0.03%
1999	13.39%	2003	-0.07%
2000	7.48%	2004	-4.86%
4 Yr Avg.	9.10%	4 Yr Avg.	0.70%

Source: Wholesale Imputation Fund, excess performance before fees and taxes. Year to 30 June.





Investment performance has been generally strong over the medium term.

Asset Class	Performance Vs Benchmark (1 yr)	Performance Vs Benchmark (3 yr)
Fixed Interest	✓	✓
Global Credit	✓	✓
Australian Equities GDP+ Large Cap	×	×
Australian Equities GDP+ Small Cap	\checkmark	✓
Australian Equities Core Large Cap	\checkmark	✓
Australian Equities Core Small Cap	✓	✓
Global Equities	×	×
Global Resources	\checkmark	✓
Australian Listed Property	×	✓
Global Listed Property	\checkmark	✓
Hedge Funds	✓	✓
Infrastructure	✓	✓
Private Equity	✓	✓
Mortgage Funds	✓	✓



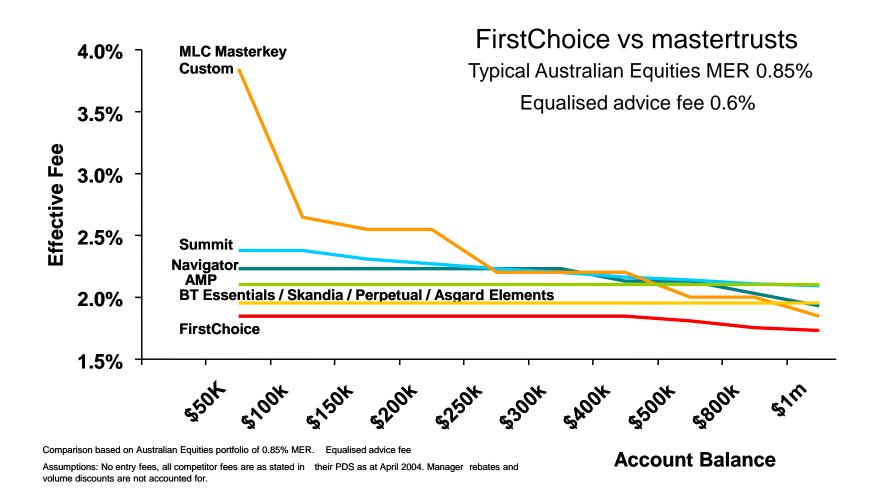


Platform strategy

Avanteos:	White-label custodial wrap solution for wholesale platform market	
	- 'feature-rich' for high net-worth market	
FirstChoice:	Non custodial masterfund for "Mass Market Retail"	
	Value proposition:	
	Best value for money	
	2. Great service	
	3. Enough choice	



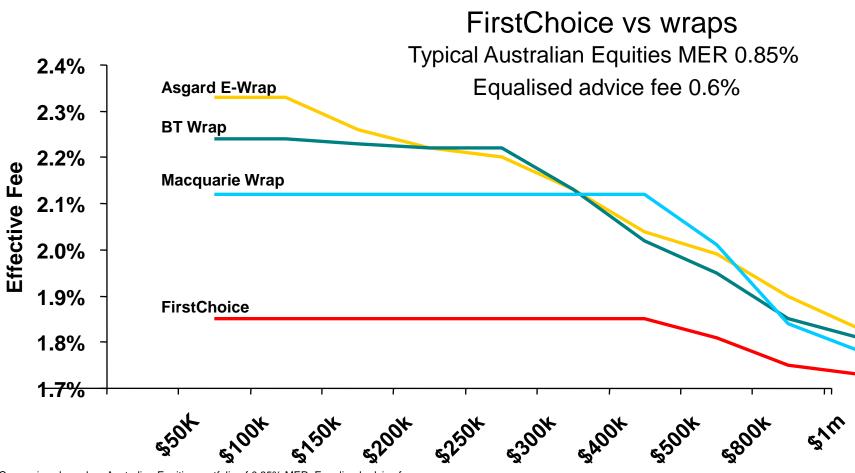
The Value Proposition - FirstChoice vs mastertrusts







The Value Proposition - FirstChoice vs wraps



Comparison based on Australian Equities portfolio of 0.85% MER. Equalised advice fee

Assumptions: No entry fees, all competitor fees are as stated in their PDS as at April 2004. Manager rebates and volume discounts are not accounted for.

Account Balance





How can we offer lower fees and still earn healthy margins?

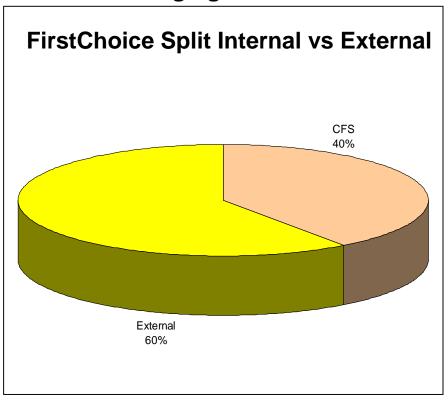
- Simple model catering to mass market
- Manufacturing margin capture
- Ability to leverage scale and administration efficiency
- Mandate structure

FirstChoice: well diversified support and healthy CFS flows.

Inflows:

FirstChoice Split by Channel **CBA** Aligned Advisers External 17% 39% **CBA Bank** Network 44%

Managing the FUM:

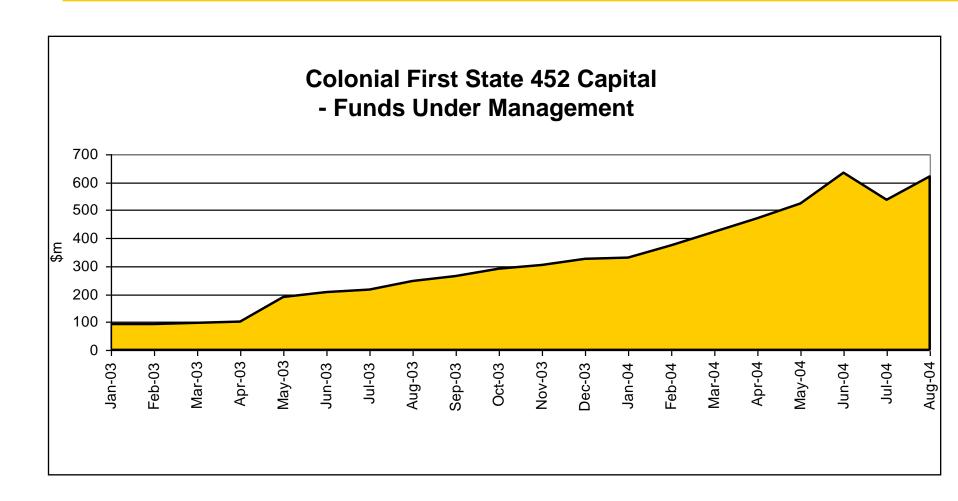


Source: internal data; channel split based on flows for 6 months ended 31 August 2004; Manager split based on FUA at 31 August 2004





Boutique alliance strategy has delivered strong FUM growth.



Source: internal data, retail sourced FUM





Conclusion – in a tough environment, we are very well positioned.

Asset Management	 Strong, well diversified, asset management capability with growth opportunities 70% of sector funds outperformed their 3 year benchmark
Platforms	 Combination of Avanteos and FirstChoice provides comprehensive admin capability Superior value proposition has underpinned FirstChoice success Boutique alliance strategy has been very successful



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Agenda

- Industry Trends and Issues
- Achievements
- Opportunities

Summary

Insurance underlying profit grew 107% last year. Further growth is a significant opportunity for the Group

In the 03/04 year the Insurance business:

- Reduced Costs & Increased Profit
- Improved Service

Insurance represents an opportunity to:

- Materially expand the Bank's business and support growth
- Deepen relationships / aid retention in the Bank's core banking portfolio
- Leverage distribution infrastructure & scale
- Significantly increase cross-sell





The insurance industry outlook has improved as predicted last year

Industry Outlook

A maturing industry:

- Favourable long term growth
- Commoditised products
- Lower investment returns
- Competitive and consolidating
- Increased regulatory focus
- A time of 'surprises':
 Sept 11, Canberra, Bali,
 HIH
- Low penetration

Implications

- Scale is critical
- Rising re-insurance premiums
- Industry & legislative shake up
- Return to rational pricing
- Requires cost focus as well as revenue
- Importance of broad based distribution
- Commoditisation difficult to differentiate
- Uncertainty increasing importance of good corporate governance and security

The "Winners"

Winner will be larger players, who maintain profitability by:

- ✓ Leveraging scale
- ✓ Driving out efficiencies
- ✓ Building revenues through:
 - √ Cross sell / bundling
 - ✓ Multi-channel distribution
 - ✓ Brand and reputation

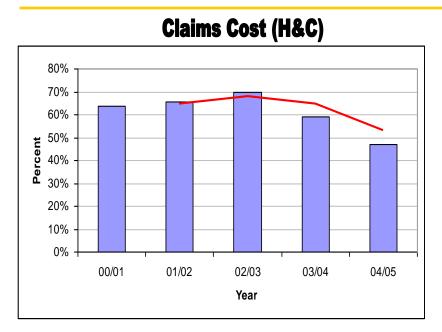
Whilst maintaining a service culture built around:

- ✓ Service focus
- ✓ Innovation
- √ Simplicity
- ✓ Platforms





Achievements



Staff Numbers Full Time FTE Head Count 800 700 600 400 300 200 100

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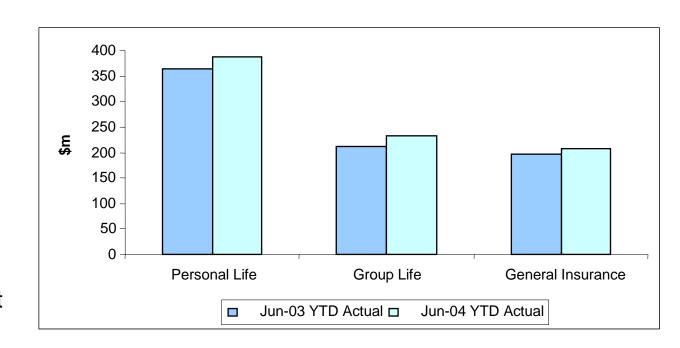
Improvement in Service levels and strong staff engagement:

- Internal service level measures have improved by up to 20% over the last 18 months
- Staff cultural surveys measuring staff engagement and satisfaction across a range of areas have improved significantly over the last year



Insurance Inforce Premiums (Australia) continue to grow

- Continued growth in network channel
- Strong GI premium growth with further upside
- Price increases on income protection impacted individual life sales
- Good growth in mastertrust segment
- Multiple product holders demonstrate increase retention across all portfolios

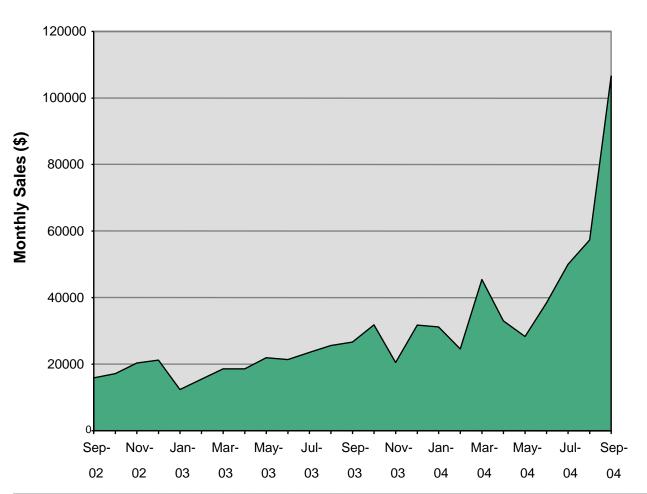






Achievements - Annuity Sales - Leveraging a return to rational pricing and market opportunities.









How is improvement being delivered

People

- ☐ Restructure to provide end to end service
- □ Cultural Measurement
- □ Reward & recognition
- LeadershipDevelopment
- ☐ Training (e.g. Risk Claims Competency assessment)
- □ Breakthrough Service Performance

Process

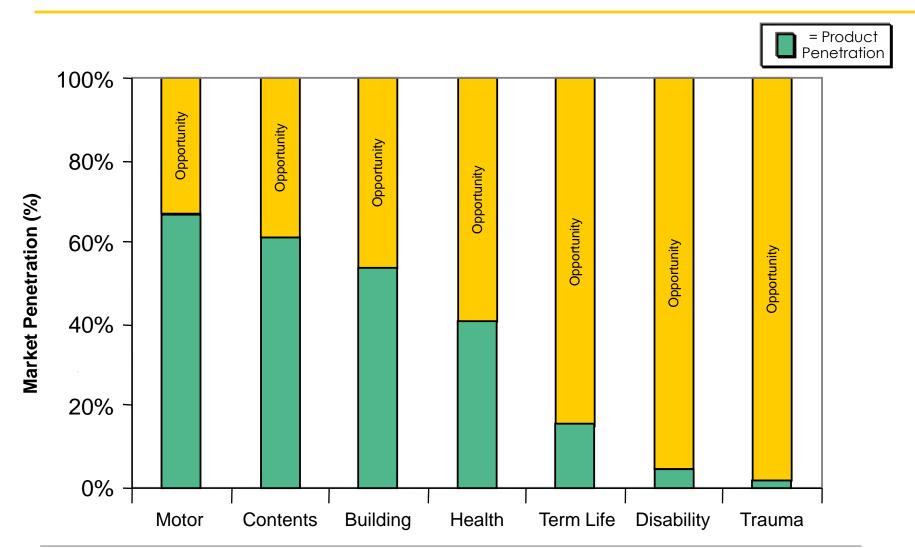
- Simplified Life Insurance Underwriting
- Quote and Fulfil in all Branches
- Cross Sell Embed in Process
- ☐ GI & Risk Claims Reengineering
- □ Tele Follow Up
- End to End ProcessSimplification
- □ First Point Resolution

Technology

- □ Fineos Work Flow
- □ Genesys Call Centre
- □ Dialogue Document Management



Significant Revenue Opportunities - Product Penetration







Insurance Cross Sell Opportunity

- Home Loan Cross Sell 36%
- Credit Card Cross Sell 17%
- Managed Funds Cross Sell 17%
- Savings & Transaction Cross Sell 11%

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- Significant progress was made in the 2003/2004 year
- Insurance represents a significant opportunity for the Group going forward

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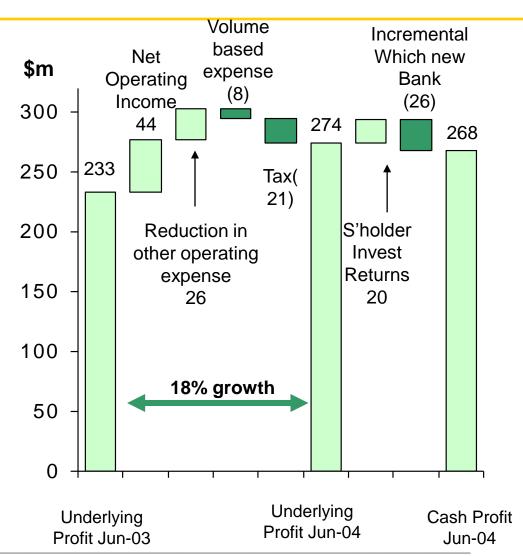
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We saw an 18% growth in underlying profit for our Funds Management businesses

- Strong investment markets underpinned revenue growth
- Income to average FUA ratio maintained
- Focus on tight cost control resulted in operating expenses falling 2% year on year
- Revenue growth negatively impacted by FX movements and sale of custody business

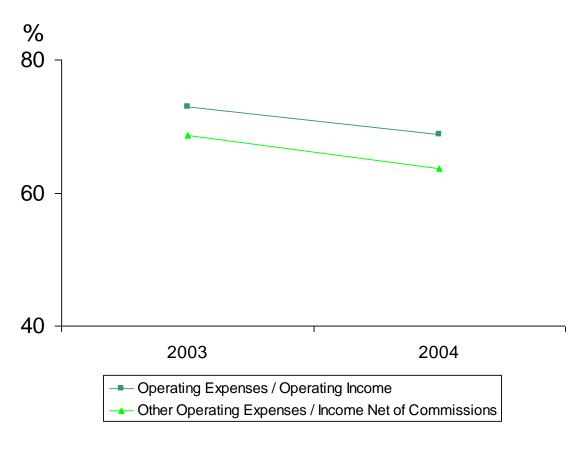






Significant improvement in Cost to Income Ratio

- Leverage to growing FUA
- Back-office efficiencies
- Support function rationalisation
- Rationalisation of UK product range
- Product rationalisation and system migration



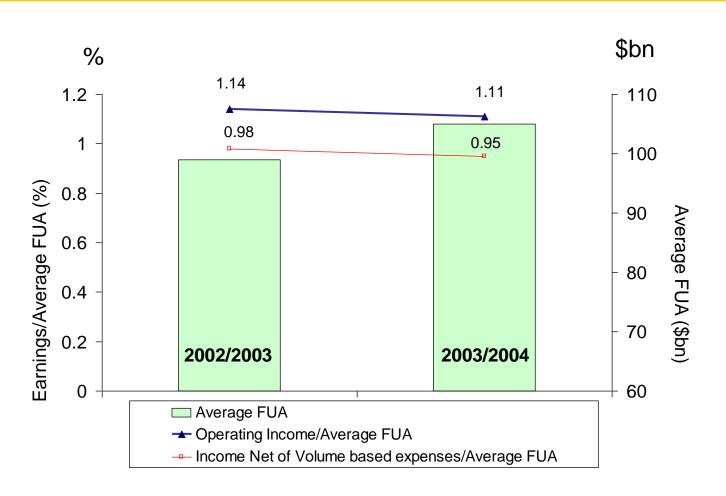
*Excludes WnB Costs





Margins declined slightly

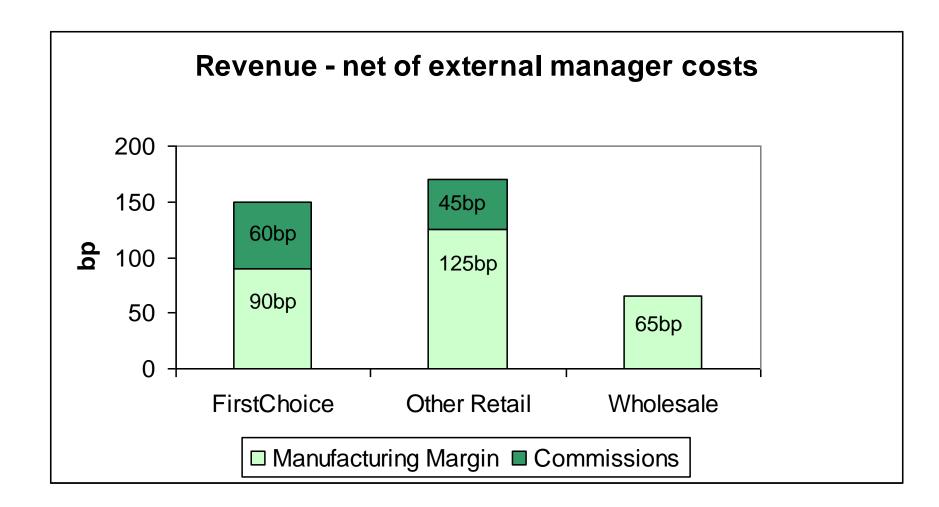
- Run off of higher margin legacy business
- Shift in mix of retail business toward platforms
- Increased payments to distributors
- Increase in margins in UK business







FirstChoice margins are attractive, albeit less than our other retail products

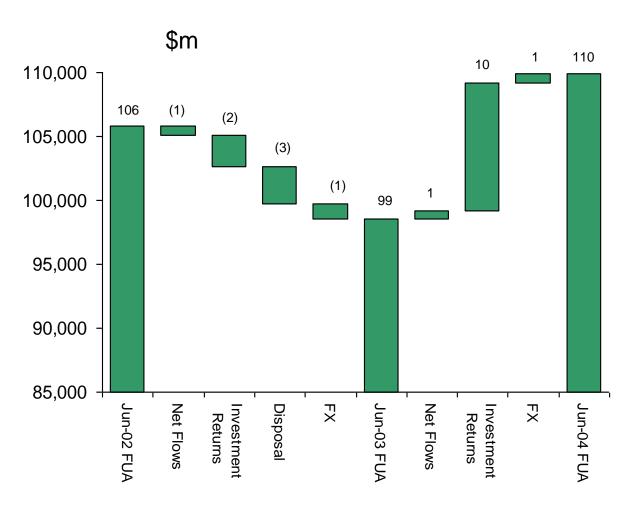






Strong turnaround in FUA with 11% growth

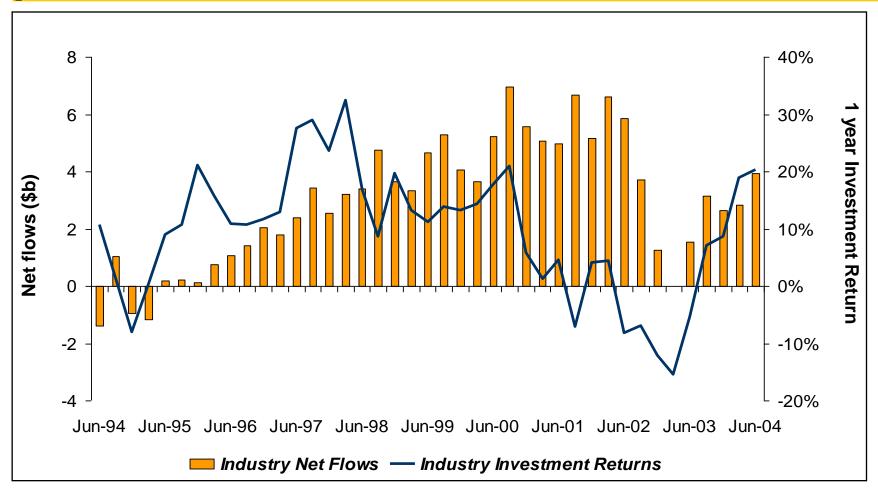
- Strong turnaround in net flow position from 2003 underpinned by FirstChoice and International flows.
- Outflows driven by:
 - Industry shift away from traditional balanced funds
 - Legacy products
 - ⇒ Fund closures
 - Performance of flagship funds
 - Industry shift to platforms







Across the industry investment returns have improved and flows have responded, but not to previous levels.



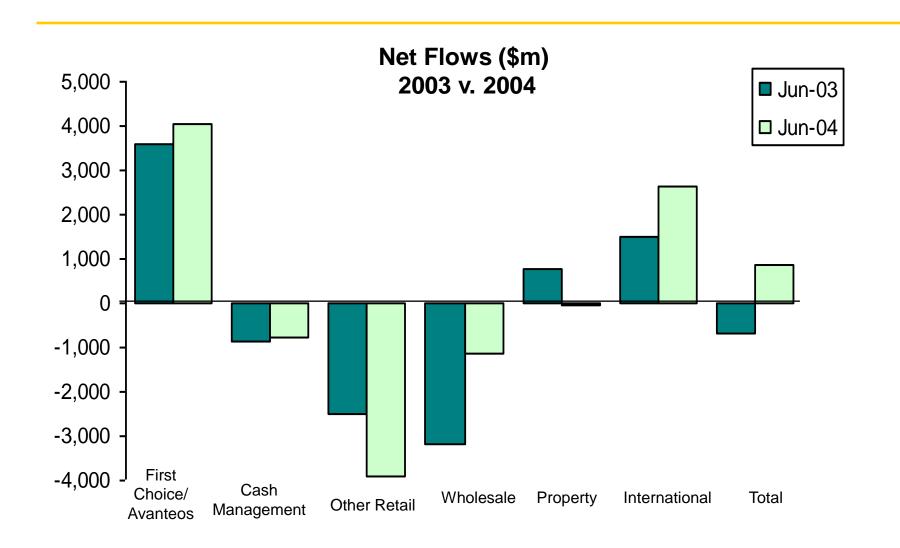
Source: Investment returns: rolling annual returns based on a composite index made up of Australian Shares (50%), International Shares (35%), Property Securities (15%)

Net flows: Plan for Life retail flows (ex-cash)





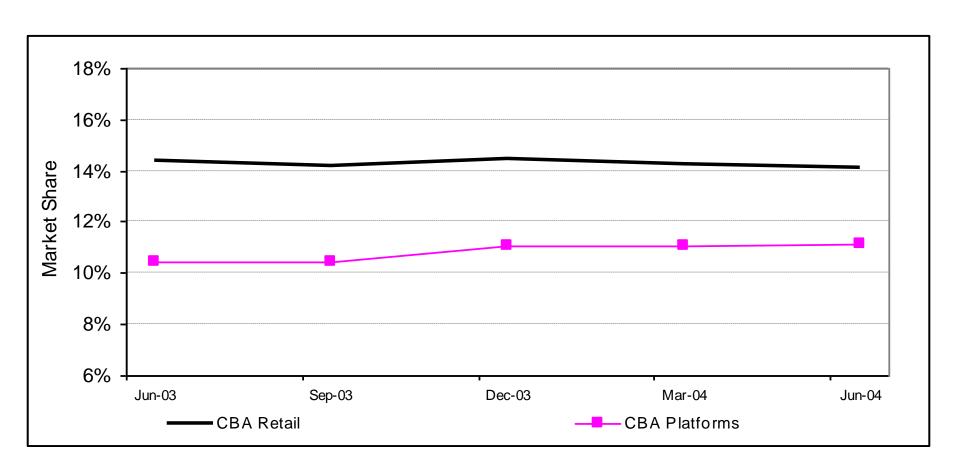
Net Flows show turnaround in 2004







We are gaining market share in the platform market

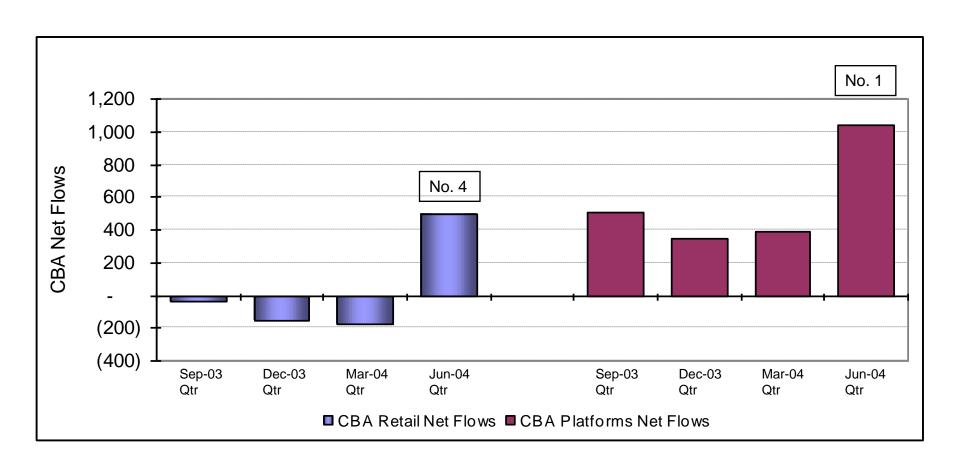


Source: Plan for Life, Fund Source Research





We have experienced a very good June quarter



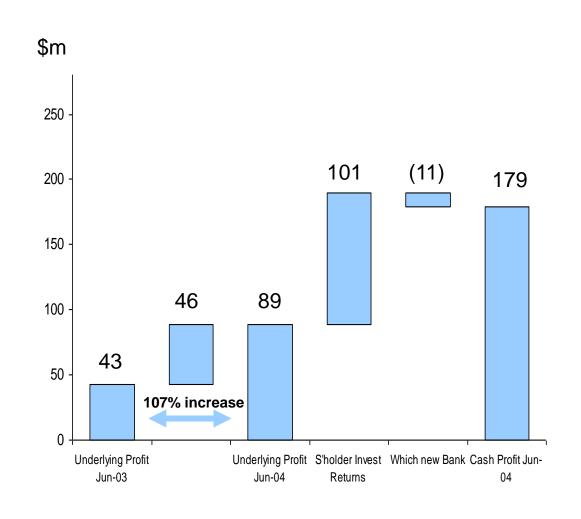
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Insurance - improved operating margins and strong investment returns

Australia

- Market leader in life insurance in Australia
- 8% growth in risk inforce premiums
- Improved General Insurance claims ratio
- Tight expense controls expenses flat
- Strong improvement in shareholder investment returns
- Improved margins on annuity business
- Portfolio re-pricing (in particular Disability and Wholesale Life)

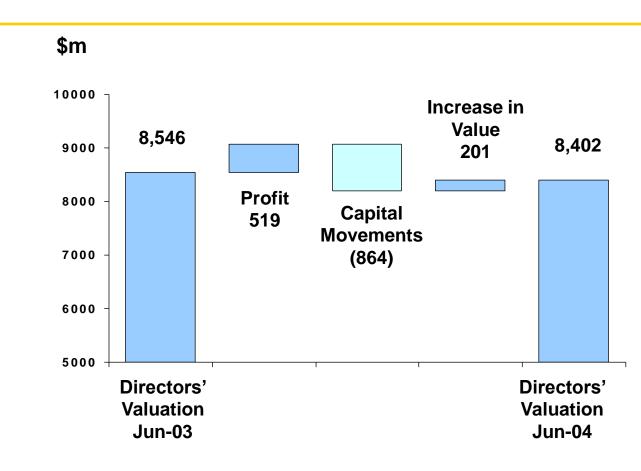






Business Valuation

- 16.2 x earnings multiple
- Uplift of \$201m
 - higher FUA
 - improved lapses
 - lower costs
 - More conservative future sales assumption
- Capital Reduction
 - change in asset allocation
 - reduction in capital adequacy margins







Summary

- Strong profit result
- Reduced capital
- Growth in overall business valuation

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Significant opportunities to achieve strong growth

External/ market factors creating growth opportunities:

- Improved market returns
- Superannuation guarantee

Internal opportunities to drive growth:

- Continuing product expansion and innovation
- Distribution capacity and productivity improvements
- Rationalisation and further efficiency gains
- Capital efficiency improvements



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