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Strength in uncertain times

- A solid operating result in a difficult environment
- Strong risk management = sound credit quality
- Prudent levels of provisioning
- Strong capital and funding positions
- Strategy on track and delivering strong competitive position
- Continuing to invest for longer term growth



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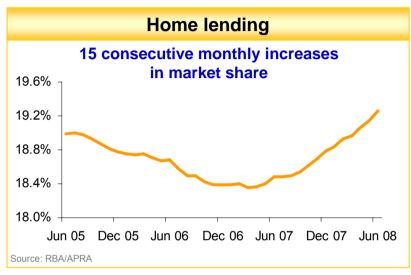


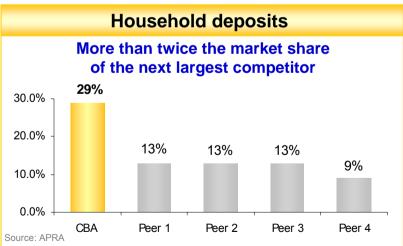
A solid operating result

	Jun 08	Jun 08 vs Jun 07
Operating Income (\$m)	14,358	10%
Statutory NPAT (\$m)	4,791	7%
Cash NPAT (\$m)	4,733	5%
Cash EPS (cents)	356.9	3%
Return on Equity – Cash (%)	20.4	(130)bpts
Dividend per Share - Fully Franked (cents)	266.0	4%

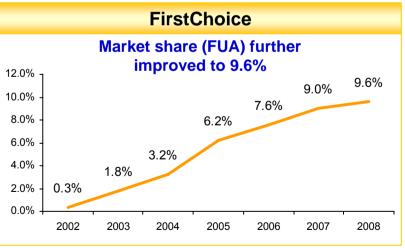


Strong growth in core products













All Business Units contributing

	Jun 08 \$m	Jun 08 vs Jun 07
Retail Banking Services	1,904	8%
Premium Business Services	1,480	2%
Wealth Management	740	18%
International Financial Services	589	23%
Corporate Centre	255	(16%)
Eliminations/Unallocated	(235)	Large





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Targeted market share growth

	Market Share Jun 08	Jun 08 vs Jun 07	
Home Lending	19.3%	0.8%	15 consecutive months of market share gains
Household Deposits*	29.7%	0.7%	Strong growth in both retail and busines deposits in a constrained funding environment
Business Deposits	14.4%	1.4%	
FirstChoice	9.6%	0.6%	Positive net flows despite difficult marke conditions
Credit Cards	18.2%	0.6%	Avoiding higher risk segments (eg zero rate balance transfers)
Business Lending	12.5%	0.1%	Greater focus on profitable accounts



^{*} Adjusted for peer bank reclassifications.

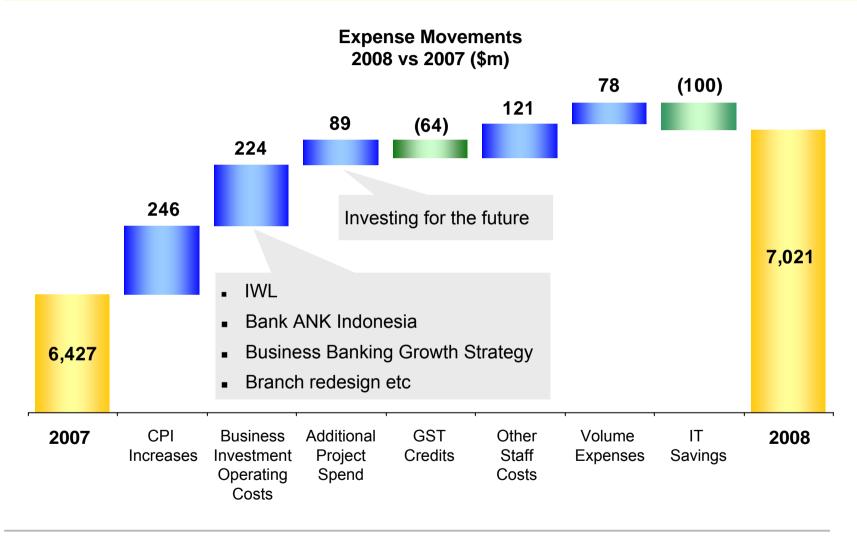
Investing for the future

		Investment spend (\$m)		
	_	Expensed	Capitalised	Total
Growth projects	 Core Banking Modernisation CommSec banking solutions iPhone share trading Home loan Top Ups 	219	304	523
Productivity projects	 Product and System Rationalisation (WM) Home loan Simplification IT Infrastructure Upgrade IT Outsourcing 	270	63	333
Risk and compliance Projects	 Computer and Business Continuity Centres Basel II Anti-Money Laundering CMLA Control Program 	125	37	162
	2008	614	404	1,018
	2007	525	260	785
	Increase	89	144	233





Investment driven cost growth

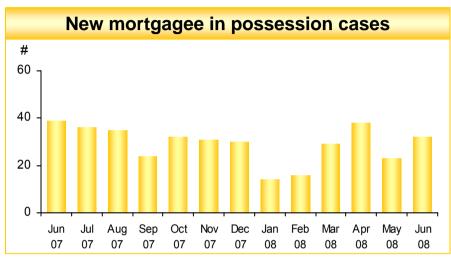


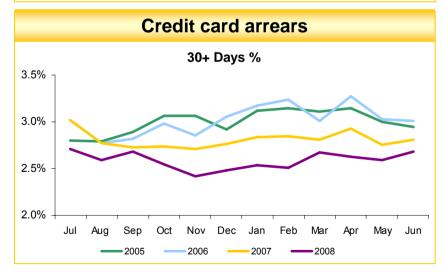


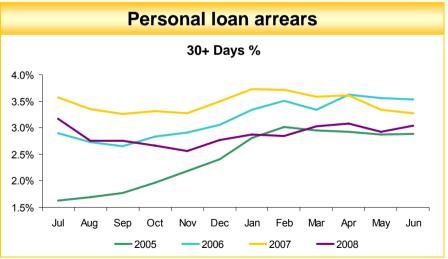


Other key information

Home loan portfolio mix			
	Jun 08	Jun 07	
Owner-Occupied	55%	55%	
Investment	34%	34%	
Line-of-Credit	11%	11%	
Variable	66%	66%	
Fixed	33%	29%	
Honeymoon	2%	4%	
Low Doc %	~ 3.7%	~ 2.3%	
Originations			
Proprietary	61%	65%	
Third Party	39%	35%	











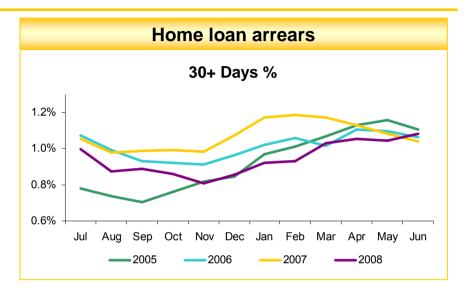
Sound consumer credit quality

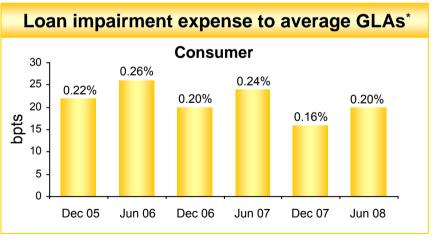
Home lending:

- Portfolio quality remains sound
- Arrears similar to prior years
- Small up-tick in Jun Qtr
- 70% paid in advance
- Portfolio average LVR ~40%
- No sub-prime or non-recourse

Unsecured retail lending:

- Credit card portfolio very sound
- Not participating in zero rate card transfers (higher risk segment)
- Arrears below prior years







Gross Loans and Acceptances. Loan Impairment Expense annualised. During the current year a review of the netting of certain assets and liabilities led to a gross up of lending and deposit balances of \$20 billion. Prior periods have been restated on a consistent basis.



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Margin Lending			
6 months			
Jun 08 Dec 07			
Portfolio Size	~\$8bn	~\$9bn	
Aggregated Gearing	42%	44%	
Margin Calls	18,500	7,000	
Forced sales	< 3.5%	< 0.5%	
Losses/Write-Offs	\$5.7m	\$137,000	
Loss % of Book	0.06%	0.001%	



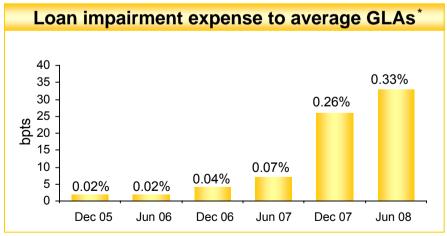




Commercial Credit Quality

- Cyclically higher provisioning:
 - No new large problem accounts
- Book quality remains sound:
 - No systemic issues
 - Lower impaired assets than peers
 - 71% investment grade
 - No exposure to foreign sub-prime or Alt-A
 - Net exposure to CDOs & CLOs <\$50m
 - High quality margin lending book
 - No exposure to stock-lending







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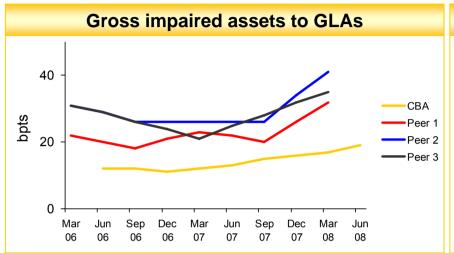
Expected loss by Business Unit *			
As at Jun 08			
Retail Banking Services 0.22%			
Premium Business Services 0.29%			
International Financial Services 0.21%			
Group 0.24%			

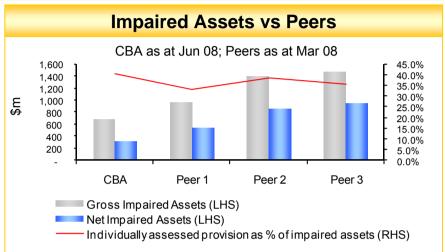


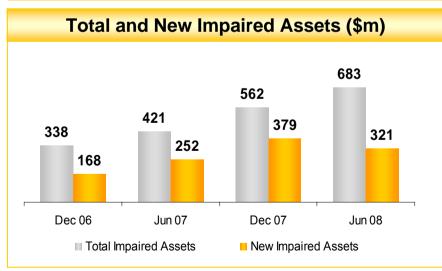




Conservative provisioning







Loss rates and portfolio mix

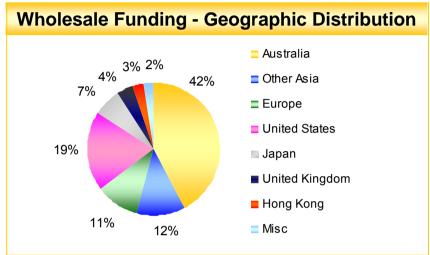
	СВА	% of Book
	Expected	Peer
	Loss	CBA Average*
Aust. Home Loans	0.06%	46% 33%
Margin Lending	0.07%	2% 1%
Unsecured Retail	2.22%	3% 5%
Aust. Commercial	0.30%	20% 23%

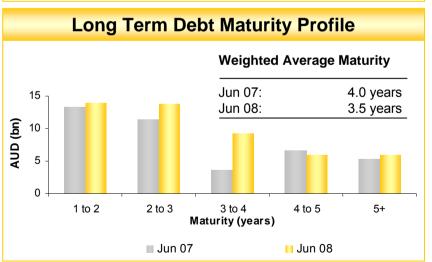
* Source : APRA

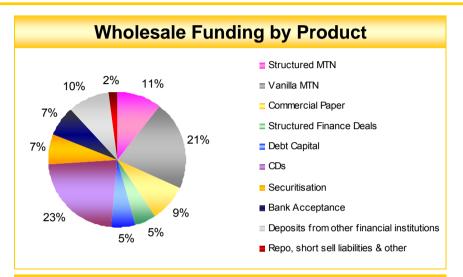




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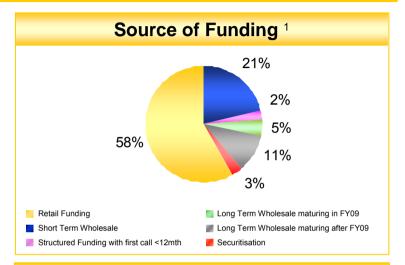
Long Term Funding Programme 2009 Retail Deposit Growth \$bn 8% 10% 12% 8% 29 24 19 Asset Growth 11% 30 26 21 33 28 23 14%

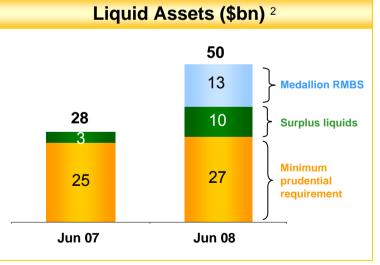




Strong funding and liquidity positions

- AA credit rating, stable outlook
- Globally respected borrowers EuroWeek
 Overall MTN issuer of the year 2008
- Highly diversified wholesale funding
- Very strong retail funding: 58%
- No reliance on securitisation
- Long term maturity duration of 3.5yrs
- Holding liquids of ~\$37bn, as well as
 ~\$13bn holdings of Medallion RMBS
- 2009 funding task similar to 2008 and 2007







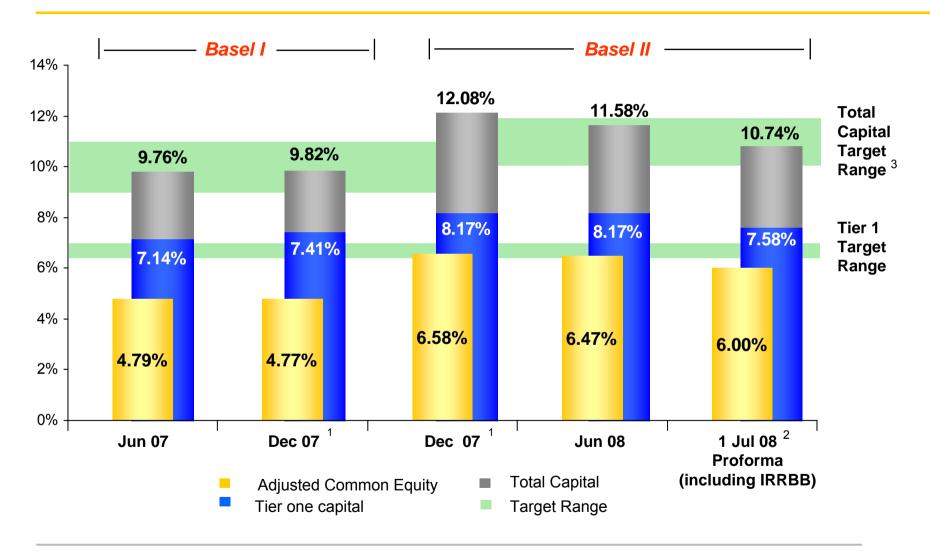


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A strong capital position





¹ Adjusted to reflect actual December 2007 capital position after cessation of DRP share purchase

2 IRRBB accreditation granted but the amount is still subject to finalisation with APRA

³ Total Capital Target Range amended from 9-11% to 10-12% to align with US Financial Holding Company (FHC) requirements.



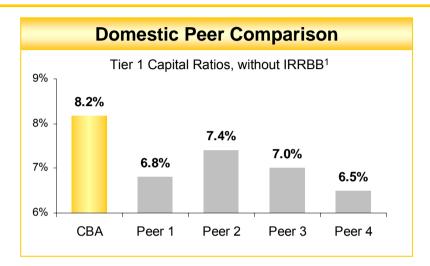
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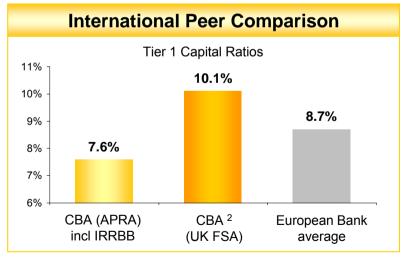




Capital ratios compare favourably to peers

- Basel II advanced accreditation achieved December 2007
- APRA Basel II rules more conservative than UK/Europe
- UK/Europe treat Interest Rate Risk in Banking Book (IRRBB) as disclosure not deduction
- Under UK FSA rules, Tier 1 Capital 250 bps higher and Total Capital 13.6%
- Pillar 3 enhanced reporting from September 2008





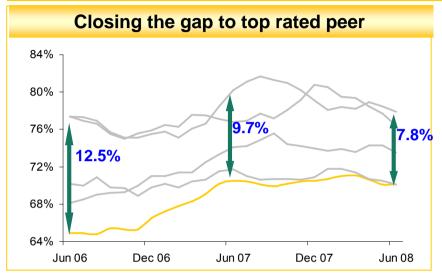


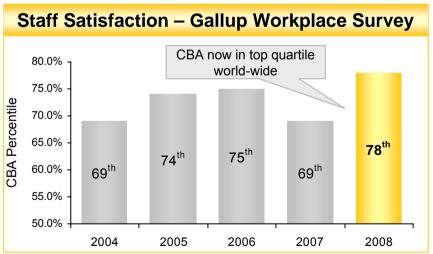
^{1.} CBA as at Jun 08. Peers as at Mar 08.

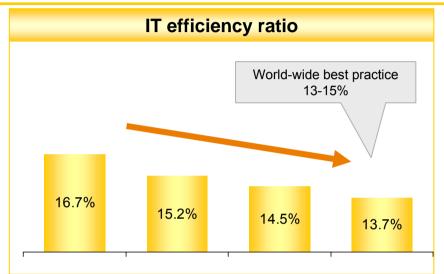


^{2.} Normalised CBA capital calculation to UK regulator, Financial Services Authority, as benchmark.

Other highlights













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Customer Service

- Customer Satisfaction reached 10 year highs
- Money Magazine "Bank of the Year" 2008

Business Banking

- New CommSec banking solutions + iPhone share trading
- Strongest customer satisfaction gains amongst peer banks

Technology and Operational Excellence

- Significant IT efficiency savings achieved (on a recurrent basis)
- > \$580m investment in Core Banking Modernisation

Trust and Team Spirit

- Workplace survey results (Gallup) in top quartile worldwide
- Improved safety outcomes

Profitable Growth

- Focus on profitable market share growth
- Effective risk management



Key Forecasts and Projections

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (f) ¹
Credit Growth % – Total	13.5	14.4	15.4	11.7	9-11
Credit Growth % – Housing	14.7	13.7	12.9	9.9	9½-11½
Credit Growth % – Business	11.8	16.5	18.9	16.1	10-12
Credit Growth % – Other Personal	12.9	9.8	16.2	4.1	6-8
GDP %	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.9	2.4
CPI %	2.4	3.2	2.9	3.4	4.3
Unemployment rate %	5.2	5.0	4.5	4.2	4.7

Retail Funds under Management	10	CAGR to 2012
Life Insurance ²	12	CAGR to 2017
General Insurance	7	CAGR to 2010



^{1.} CBA economist forecast for the Australian market as at 12 August. All figures financial year ended 30 June.



^{2.} Source: Dex&&r

Outlook

- Challenging global conditions dominate 2009 outlook for banking sector
- Australian economy expected to experience modest growth
- Group remains cautious with conservative approach to capital, provisioning and funding
- Core businesses well positioned
- Continuing to focus on driving strategic priorities
- Determined to offer strength in uncertain times



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