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Key trends for North America

Why we need to be in North America



Overview

- US and Canada account for 26% of world GDP in 2010
- International trade hubs with c.11% of global exports and c.15% of global imports
- Ranked #4 (US) and #10 (Canada) on the Global Competitiveness Index 2010-2011
- Significant FDI flows into region (ranked #2 worldwide)
- US is the largest wealth management market in the world with a wealth pool of USD29tn

Long-term trends

Economic relevance

- The region remains materially relevant: In 2050, the combined GDP forecast for US and Canada is comparable to mainland China
- By 2020, North America will account for 25% of global banking profit pools and 10% of total trade growth

International connectivity

- Asian population to increase to c.10% of total US population by 2050
- North America will continue to be a dominant player in world trade

Wealth

- Continued sizeable growth of wealth market expected
- In 2050, GDP per capita in US / Canada will be three times greater than in mainland China

Key trends for North America

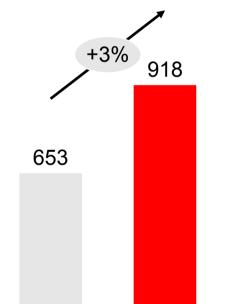
US trade with key Faster Growing Markets expanding rapidly HSBC (X)





US Trade with NAFTA

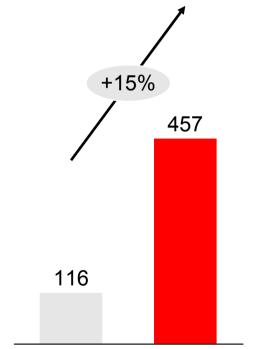
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2010

US Trade with mainland China

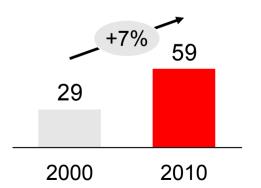




2010

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US Trade with Brazil USDbn



Source: US Census Bureau

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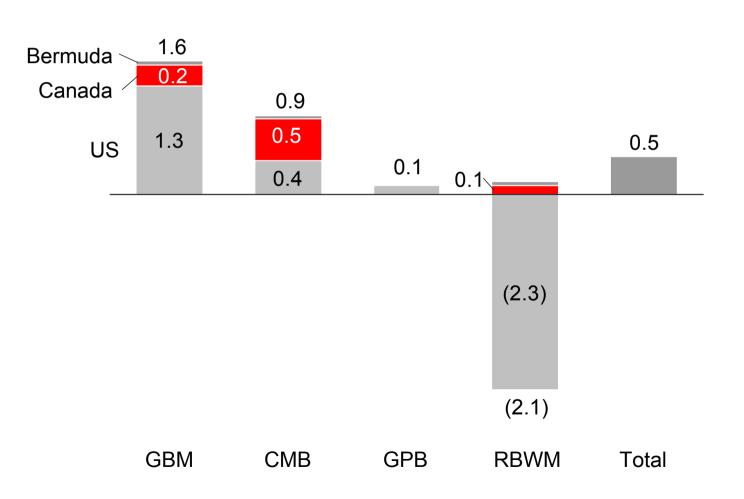
HSBC position and competitive advantages

HSBC position in North America



North America results¹

Reported PBT, USDbn, 2010



- US loss of USD545m is significantly reduced from 2009 due to improvements in loan impairment charges
- Canada contributed
 USD867m PBT in 2010
 making it a significant
 contributor to Group's
 PBT

HSBC position and competitive advantages

HSBC Position in North America



Contrasting performance, opportunities and challenges across North American businesses

A HSBC Canada

- A good record of satisfactory returns with double digit ROE throughout the cycle
- Effective business model with a clear focus on core businesses with international connectivity
- Role model for the future US business

B HSBC Bank USA

 A record of underperformance against Group target returns

C HSBC Finance

- Cards has been profitable through the cycle, but is not fully aligned with strategic customer base
- Mortgage business is in run-off

Global business hubs

- New York as GBM hub for the Americas
- Miami as GPB hub and gateway to Latin America



Canada – Invest in internationally connected growth



No other international bank has our domestic presence, no Canadian bank has our international reach

CMB

- Pursue sizeable opportunity for revenue growth in Eastern Canada
- Expand Global Markets coverage to improve product offering and revenues

RBWM

- Pursue growth in Premier proposition
- Maintain focus on target populations, e.g., Asian diaspora
- Continued promotion of international wealth management capabilities





Satisfy the international needs of US clients and the US needs of international clients

CMB

- Continue expansion in metropolitan areas with strong international connectivity
- Capitalise on increasing international needs of small and mid-market US companies

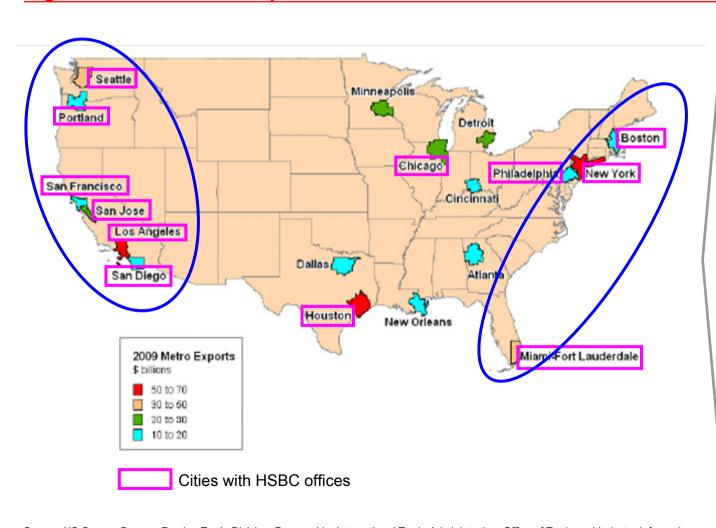
RBWM

- Reposition and right-size branch network to concentrate on areas with strong international connectivity
- Increase value of Premier portfolio

Focus US branch network on internationally connected metro areas



Eighteen metro areas exported more than USD10bn in merchandise in 2009



- HSBC's US network increasingly aligned with internationally connected metro areas
- Since 2003, 125 branches have been opened in internationally connected areas; 76 nonstrategic branches have been closed
- Of the 19 branches opened since 2008, 16 are exceeding plan, of which 4 have achieved break-even
- West Coast network has performed particularly well
- Future investment in RBWM and CMB networks will strengthen the focus on internationally connected areas

O HSBC Finance – Focus on reducing RWAs



Committed to reviewing opportunities to release & reallocate capital to internationally connected businesses

Cards

- Strong performance throughout the cycle, but dependent upon domestic market with limited international connectivity
- Further capital investment necessary to maintain performance: HSBC appetite is limited
- Strategic review of options to maximise value and capital allocation under way

Consumer and Mortgage Lending

- Continue to run-off ethically and effectively
- Portfolio forecast to reduce by 50-60% over next 5 years
- Subject to market conditions, opportunities to accelerate portfolio run-off will be pursued

Integrated Americas platform for Global Businesses



Focus on sustainable growth across the Americas region

GBM

- Strengthen New York as a hub for the GBM business across the Americas
- Increase global revenues from US managed clients
- Improve alignment across customer groups
- Deliver Canadian products to global priority clients
- Provide emerging market products to Canadian investors

GPB

- Sell Faster Growing Markets products to domestic and international clients
- Leverage Miami hub to support and expand Latin American business

Refocus and rationalise cost base to support strategic businesses



US restructuring programme

- Maintain strong focus on compliance and risk management
- Multi-year US restructuring already underway to create a significantly more efficient and globally connected business
 - Dedicated restructuring team in place
 - Comprehensive program of initiatives identified
- Re-engineer the US business in order to improve financial performance
 - Simplify product offerings
 - Refocus in strategic, profitable businesses and markets
 - Establish a lean and sustainable support infrastructure

Sustainable cost savings				
Example initiatives, USDm				
Implement consistent business models				
 Redesign organisation 	150-300			
Re-engineer processes				
Improve efficiency	50-150			
 Reduce vendor spend 	50-150			
Re-engineer global functions				
 Consolidate footprint 	50-150			
Streamline IT				
 Realign to support strategy and 	50-150			
restructuring programme				

Key take-aways

North America



Competitive advantages

Ability to connect Mature and Faster Growing Markets

Leverage global network and skill sets in CMB and GBM

Focus on companies conducting international trade, diasporas and internationally connected individuals with wealth

Strategic actions

Strategic review of Cards and opportunistic shrinkage of the Mortgage book

US bank to look more like Canada (and the rest of HSBC) by right sizing and repositioning network and reducing costs

Taking advantage of opportunities in Trade and the growth in Latin America and Canada to focus on growing CMB and GBM

Meeting our regulatory obligations and making HSBC better understood and respected in Washington

Target RoRWA 0.8%-1.3%

Basis of preparation (1/2)



Actuals Actual numbers presented are on a reported basis and include the effect of movements in the fair value of

HSBC's own debt related to credit spreads

AMG The Global Asset Management business formed part of GBM in 2010, but has been included in RBWM for

the RoRWA targets. Comparative data will be presented to reflect this reclassification in the Interim Report

2011

the Group

Asia Data for 'Asia' comprises the sum of reported figures for the Hong Kong and Rest of Asia-Pacific

geographical regions without the elimination of inter-segment items

Composition of No changes to the composition of the Group have been assumed other than those described in this

presentation

Financial targets Financial targets are prepared on the basis of the Group's accounting policies as set out in the Annual

Report and Accounts 2010, and on the basis of tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted as at 31 December 2010. The potential effects on HSBC's operations and performance of the Dodd-Frank Act in the US, the deliberations of the UK Independent Commission on Banking, and a range of evolving

regulatory changes which may or may not affect HSBC have not been included in the targets

Other The main items reported under 'Other' are certain property activities, the estimated impact of the UK bank

levy, unallocated investment activities, centrally held investment companies, gains arising from the dilution of interests in associates, movements in the fair value of own debt designated at fair value (the remainder of the Group's gain on own debt is included in GBM) and HSBC's holding company and financing operations.

The results also include net interest earned on free capital held centrally, operating costs incurred by the head office operations in providing stewardship and central management services to HSBC, and costs

incurred by the Group Service Centres and Shared Service Organisations and associated recoveries

Basis of preparation (2/2)



RoE Return on equity ('RoE') is profit attributable to ordinary shareholders of the parent company divided by

average ordinary shareholders' equity

RoRWA The metric, return on risk weighted assets ('RoRWA'), is the profit before tax divided by average RWAs.

> The RWAs have been calculated using FSA rules for the 2010 metrics. The regional and customer group targets are adjusted for Basel 3 rules specific to the GBM business. In all cases, RWAs or financial metrics based on RWAs for geographical segments or customer groups are on a third party basis and exclude intra-

HSBC exposures

RoRWA target for The Europe RoRWA target includes the Group's head office costs, intra-HSBC recharges and the total Europe

estimated impact of the UK bank levy

RoRWA target for No RoRWA target has been set for the 'Other' customer group as it is not considered to be a meaningful 'Other' measure in terms of performance assessment and resource allocation

RWAs for the RWAs for the mainland China associates have been reallocated from the 'Other' customer group to RBWM, mainland China CMB and GBM to align better with the basis for the allocation of their profits. This represents a reclassification from the basis used in HSBC's 2010 Pillar 3 Disclosures. Comparative customer group associates

RWAs will be presented on the new basis in the Interim Report 2011

Acronyms and definitions



A/D ratio	Ratio of customer advances to customer deposits	ETF	Exchange traded funds	NYSE	New York Stock Exchange
Advance	HSBC Advance, a global banking proposition for the mass-affluent segment of customers	EU	European Union	occ	Office of the Comptroller of Currency
AFS	Available for sale	FCA	UK Financial Conduct Authority	ОТС	Over the counter
AMG	Global Asset Management	FDI	Foreign direct investment	PBT	Profit before tax
APS	Asset Protection Scheme	FIG	Financial Institutions Group	PCM	Payment and Cash Management, a division of Global Banking
ASEAN	The Association of South East Asian Nations	FPC	UK Financial Policy Committee	PFS	and Markets Personal Financial Services
ASP	Asia-Pacific	FRB	Federal Reserve Board	PPI	Payment protection insurance
AUM	Assets under management	FSA	Financial Services Authority	PRA	UK Prudential Regulation Authority
BoCom	Bank of Communications Co., Limited, mainland	FSB	Financial Stability Board	Premier	HSBC's premium global banking service
	China's fourth largest bank by market capitalisation	FVOD	Fair value of own debt related to credit spreads	RBWM	Retail Banking and Wealth Management global business,
bps	Basis points (a basis point is 1/100 of a percentage	FX	Foreign exchange	KDVVIVI	which comprises the existing Personal Financial Services
BSM	point) Balance Sheet Management, a division of Global	GBM	Global Banking and Markets global business		customer group and Global Asset Management
	Banking and Markets	GDP	Gross Domestic Product	RMs	Relationship managers
CAGR	Compound annual growth rate	GPB	Global Private Banking global business	RMB	Renminbi
CER	The cost efficiency ratio is total operating expenses	GTB	Global Transaction Banking	ROE	Return on equity
	divided by net operating income before loan impairment charges and other credit risk provisions	HK	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the	RoRWA	Pre-tax return on risk weighted assets
CHF	Swiss franc		People's Republic of China	RWAs	Risk weighted assets
СМВ	Commercial Banking customer group	HNWI	High net worth individuals	SIFIs	Systemically Important Financial Institutions
CML	Consumer and Mortgage Lending	HSS	HSBC Securities Services	SMEs	Small and medium-sized enterprises
CoEs	Centres of excellence	ICB	Independent Commission on Banking	STP	Straight through processing
Core Tier 1	The highest quality form of regulatory capital that	IPO	Initial public offering	TARP	Troubled Asset Relief Program
capital	comprises total shareholders' equity and related non-	IT	Information technology	Tier 2 capital	A component of regulatory capital, comprising qualifying
	controlling interests, less goodwill and intangible	KYC	Know your customer		subordinated loan capital, related non-controlling interests, allowable collective impairment allowances and unrealised
CRD	assets and certain other regulatory adjustments Capital Requirements Directive	LC	Letters of credit		gains arising on the fair valuation of equity instruments held as
CRM	Customer relationship management	LIC	Loan impairment charges		available-for-sale. Tier 2 capital also includes reserves arising
CVA	Credit valuation adjustment	M&A	Mergers and acquisitions		from the revaluation of properties
DCM	Debt capital markets	Mainland	People's Republic of China excluding Hong Kong	UHNW	Ultra high net worth individuals
DTA	Deferred tax asset	China MENA	Middle East and North Africa	UK	United Kingdom
EBA	European Banking Authority	MLA	Mandated lead arranger	US	United States of America
ECA	Export credit agency	MMEs	Mid-market enterprises	VaR	Value at risk: a measure of the loss that could occur on risk positions as a result of adverse movements in market risk
EM		NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement		factors (e.g. rates, prices, volatilities) over a specified time
	Emerging markets	NAFIA	•		horizon and to a given level of confidence
EMEA	Europe, Middle East and Africa	IAIAIAI	Net new money	YoY	Year on year
ESMA	European Securities and Markets Authority				144