

HSBC Holdings plc Annual Results 2016 Fixed Income Update



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HSBC Group 2016 Performance



Our highlights

2016 Full Year		- Reported PBT of \$7.1bn was \$11.8bn lower than 2015 and impacted by significant items of \$12.2bn, mainly:
		 non-cash items of \$8.9bn including the write-off of GPB goodwill (\$3.2bn), fair value own credit spread losses on own debt (\$1.8bn)
		 cash items of \$3.3bn including cost to achieve (CTA) investment of \$3.1bn
Reported PBT (2015: \$18.9bn)	2016 Financial Performance	 Adjusted PBT of \$19.3bn down \$0.2bn or 1%:
(2015: \$18.9bn)		 revenue of \$50.2bn down \$1.3bn or 2%. Improved performance in CMB (up 1%) and GB&M (up 2%);
\$7.1bn		RBWM and GPB were affected by challenging market conditions
		 4Q16 revenue included valuation differences on long-term debt and swaps of \$0.7bn; (FY16 \$0.3bn)
Adjusted PBT (2015: \$19.5bn)		 operating expenses fell by \$1.2bn or 4% reflecting our cost-saving initiatives and focus on cost management
\$19.3bn		 FY16 LICs up 2%; 4Q16 LICs fell by \$0.8bn to \$0.5bn vs. 4Q15
		- Growth in lending in Asia (4% vs. 4Q15) and Europe (2% vs 4Q15); continued deposit growth (5% vs. 4Q15)
Reported RoE (2015: 7.2%)		
0.8%		 Strong capital position with a CET1 ratio of 13.6% and a leverage ratio of 5.4%
	Capital and	- We have maintained the dividend at \$0.51 per ordinary share; total dividends in respect of the year of \$10.1bn
Adjusted Jaws ¹	dividends	 Announcing a further share buy-back of up to \$1.0bn to retire more of the capital that previously supported the Brazil business
1.2%		
		 Clearly defined actions to capture value from our network and connecting our customers to opportunities
Ordinary dividends In respect of the year		 Completed a \$2.5bn share buy-back following the sale of our Brazil business
(2015: \$0.51) \$0.51	Strategy	 Further reduced our risk-weighted assets (RWAs) during 2016 by \$143bn as a result of extensive management actions including our sale of operations in Brazil
	execution	 Investment in CTA of \$4.0bn to date generating annualised run rate savings of \$3.7bn
CET1 ratio (2015: 11.9%)		 Deliver increased annualised cost savings of c\$6bn while continuing to invest in regulatory programmes and compliance
13.6%		 Increased market share in a number of key markets and international product areas, including trade finance in Hong Kong and Singapore
1 Includes the impact of UK bank levy		

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2016 Key financial metrics

Key financial metrics	2015	2016
Return on average ordinary shareholders' equity	7.2%	0.8%
Return on average tangible equity	8.1%	2.6%
Jaws (adjusted) ^{1, 2}	(3.7)%	1.2%
Dividends per ordinary share in respect of the period	\$0.51	\$0.51
Earnings per share	\$0.65	\$0.07
Common equity tier 1 ratio	11.9%	13.6%
Leverage ratio	5.0%	5.4%
Advances to deposits ratio	71.7%	67.7%
Net asset value per ordinary share (NAV)	\$8.73	\$7.91
Tangible net asset value per ordinary share (TNAV)	\$7.48	\$6.92

Reported Income Stater	ment, \$m			Adjusted Income Statement, \$m					
	4Q16	vs. 4Q15	2016	vs. 2015		4Q16	vs. 4Q15	2016	vs. 2015
Revenue	8,984	(24)%	47,966	(20)%	Revenue	11,000	(3)%	50,153	(2)%
LICs	(468)	72%	(3,400)	9%	LICs	(468)	64%	(2,652)	(2)%
Costs	(12,459)	(8)%	(39,808)	0%	Costs	(8,411)	3%	(30,556)	4%
Associates	498	(10)%	2,354	(8)%	Associates	498	(6)%	2,355	(4)%
(Loss) / Profit before tax	(3,445)	<(200)%	7,112	(62)%	Profit before tax	2,619	39%	19,300	(1)%

1. Includes the impact of UK bank levy

2. 2015 Jaws as reported in 2015

2016 Profit before tax performance

1% lower profit before tax with reduced costs more than offset by a fall in revenue

2016 vs. 2015 PBT analysis

Adjusted PBT by ite	em			
	2016	vs. 2	2015	
		adverse	favourable	
Revenue	\$50,153m	(1,266)	(2)%	ı
LICs	\$(2,652)m	(48)-	(2)%	Jaws¹ ➡ 1.2%
Operating expenses	\$(30,556)m		1,174 4%	▲
Share of profits in associates and joint ventures	\$2,355m	(88)-	(4)%	
Profit before tax	\$19,300m	(228)-	(1)%	

Adjusted PBT by global business, \$m	2015	2016	vs. 2015	%
RBWM	5,690	5,333	(357)	(6)%
СМВ	5,423	6,052	629	12%
GB&M	5,534	5,597	63	1%
GPB	387	289	(98)	(25)%
Corporate Centre	2,494	2,029	(465)	(19)%
Group	19,528	19,300	(228)	(1)%

Adjusted PBT by geography, \$m	2015	2016	vs. 2015	%
Europe	2,147	1,598	(549)	(26)%
Asia	14,227	14,203	(24)	-%
Middle East and North Africa	1,417	1,595	178	13%
North America	1,537	1,329	(208)	(14)%
Latin America	200	575	375	>100%
Group	19,528	19,300	(228)	(1)%

4Q16 Profit before tax performance

Higher profit before tax from reduced costs and lower LICs

4Q16 vs. 4Q15 PBT analysis

djusted PBT by it	em								Adjusted PBT by global	4Q15	4016	vs. 4Q15	%
	4Q16		vs. 4Q1	5					business, \$m	4015	40(10	VS. 4Q15	70
		adverse	favourab	ole					RBWM	1,323	1,140	(183)	(14)%
Revenue	\$11,000m	(339)—		(3)%)		Includes val			СМВ	786	1,393	607	77%
Revenue	\$11,000Π	(339)		(3)%		term debt ar of \$742m	nd swaps		GB&M	689	1,328	639	93%
		_			- *	4			GPB	81	26	(55)	(68)%
LICs	\$(468)m		825	64%	Jaws			•	Corporate Centre	(998)	(1,268)	(270)	27%
						.3%			Group	1,881	2,619	738	39%
					- †								
Operating expenses	\$(8,411)m		283	3%	j				Adjusted PBT by geography, \$m	4Q15	4Q16	vs. 4Q15	%
Shara of profita in								•	Europe	(1,325)	(1,155)	170	13%
Share of profits in associates and	\$498m	(31)-		(6)%					Asia	2,942	3,194	252	9%
joint ventures					_				Middle East and North Africa	227	226	(1)	0%
									North America	77	262	185	>200%
Profit before tax	\$2,619m		738	(39%)					Latin America	(40)	92	132	>300%
									Group	1,881	2,619	738	39%

Lower impairment charges in 4Q16

Loan impairment charges and other credit risk provisions (LICs) analysis

Group, \$m as a % of gross loans	1,293	551	468				
as a % of gross loans				825	83	2,604	2,652
	0.59	0.26	0.22	0.38	0.04	0.30	0.31
RBWM, \$m	296	338	259	37	79	1,060	1,171
as a % of gross loans	0.40	0.44	0.34	0.06	0.11	0.36	0.39
CMB, \$m	882	234	201	681	33	1,434	1,000
as a % of gross loans	1.26	0.33	0.28	0.98	0.05	0.53	0.36
GB&M, \$m	103	23	12	91	11	74	457
as a % of gross loans	0.18	0.04	0.02	0.16	0.02	0.03	0.20
GPB, \$m	3	0	8	(5)	(8)	11	(1)
as a % of gross loans	0.03	0.00	0.09	(0.06)	(0.08)	0.03	0.00
Corporate Centre, \$m	9	(45)	(10)	19	(35)	25	25
as a % of gross loans	0.14	(0.94)	(0.31)	0.45	(0.46)	0.08	0.13
Of which:							
- Oil and gas	\$0.4bn	\$nil	\$(0.1)bn	\$0.5bn	\$0.1bn	\$0.5bn	\$0.3bn
- Metals and mining	\$nil	\$0.1bn	\$nil	\$nil	\$0.1bn	\$0.1bn	\$0.4bn
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- Better economic conditions
- LICs as a % of gross loans are c. 0.22%
- Impaired loans down \$5.6bn in 2016 to \$18.2bn





Capital adequacy – YTD

Strong capital base: common equity tier 1 ratio – 13.6%

Regulatory capital and RWAs, \$bn

	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2016
Common equity tier 1 capital	130.9	116.6
Total regulatory capital	189.8	172.4
Risk-weighted assets	1,103.0	857.2

CET1 capital movement, \$bn

At 31 Dec 2015	130.9
Capital generation	0.1
Profit for the period including regulatory adjustments (excluding disposal of Brazil)	8.4
Dividends net of scrip	(8.3)
Disposal of Brazil	2.4
Change in treatment of BoCom	(5.6)
Share buy-back	(2.5)
Foreign currency translation differences	(7.8)
Other movements	(0.9)
At 31 Dec 2016 (transitional)	116.6

CET1 ratio movement, %



Quarterly CET1 ratio and leverage ratio progression

	4Q15	1Q16	2Q16	3Q16	4Q16
CET1 ratio	11.9%	11.9%	12.1%	13.9%	13.6%
Leverage ratio	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.4%	5.4%

Conservative Balance Sheet¹

Mainly deposit funded with an Assets to Deposits ratio of 67.7%



Source: HSBC Holdings plc Annual Report and Accounts 2016

Includes all financial liabilities designated at fair value and subordinated liabilities

Includes Financial Investments, Prepayments, Goodwill and intangible assets, Interests in Associates. See page 186 in HSBC Holdings plc Annual Report and Accounts 2016 for full Consolidated Balance Sheet

Reverse repurchase agreements – non-trading. Excludes agreements managed by Balance Sheet Management

^{4.} Excludes some assets managed by Balance Sheet Management

[.] These primarily include financial investments, cash and balances at central banks and reverse repurchase agreements - non-trading

Includes Deposits by banks, Hong Kong currency notes in circulation, Liabilities of disposal groups Held for Sale, Accruals. See page 186 in HSBC Holdings plc Annual Report and Accounts 2016 for full Consolidated Balance Sheet

^{7.} Excludes Debt securities in issue

Key Credit Metrics

- 2016 demonstrated the fundamental strength of our business
- HSBC came through 2016 securely as our diversified business model and geographic profile again demonstrated resilience in difficult market conditions

Capital Generation & Distributions

• Our 2016 profit¹ of \$8.4bn along with a strong CET1 capital ratio of 13.6% enabled us to maintain the dividend.

2016 Summary	
CET1 Capital ratio	13.6%
Total Capital ratio	20.1%
RWA change	\$245.8bn reduction
Leverage ratio (CRR basis)	5.4%
LCR ²	136%
Advances to Deposits Ratio	67.7%

Distributable reserves ³	\$42bn	
Profit for the period including regulatory adjustments	\$8.4bn	
Ordinary dividends in respect of the year ⁴	\$10.1bn	

4. Includes 2016 1st, 2nd and 3rd interim dividends paid in the year and 2016 4th interim dividend declared.

^{1.} Profit for the period including regulatory adjustments excluding Brazil.

^{2.} The HSBC application of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio ('LCR') metric involves the following two key assumptions about the definition of operational deposits and the ability to transfer liquidity from non-EU legal entities: we define operational deposits as transactional (current) accounts arising from the provision of custody services by HSBC Security Services or Global Liquidity and Cash Management, where the operational component is assessed to be the lower of the current balance and the separate notional values of debits and credits across the account in the previous calculation period; and we assume no transferability of liquidity from non-EU entities other than to the extent currently permitted.

^{3.} Of HSBC Holdings plc

HSBC's Debt Issuance Approach



HSBC's Approach to MREL¹



^{1.} Minimum Requirement for Own Funds and Eligible Liabilities (MREL). On a regional/local level, resolution groups and material subsidiaries may need to comply with MREL, Total Loss-Absorbing Capacity (TLAC) or equivalent requirements as applicable under local resolution regimes.

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^{2.} This is based on "The Bank of England's approach to setting a minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL)", published in November 2016. This establishes that G-SIBs with resolution entities incorporated in the UK will be required to meet the minimum requirements set out in the Financial Stability Board's ("FSB") "Principles on Loss-absorbing and Recapitalisation Capacity of G-SIBs in Resolution" ("FSB Term Sheet"), published in November 2015, being the higher of 16% of RWAs or twice the Basel III Tir I leverage ratio of 3%, from 1 January 2019. The MREL requirement for HSBC, to apply from 1 January 2019 onwards, is yet to be formally confirmed by the Bank of England. In November 2016, the European Commission published proposed amendments to MREL which are yet to be finalised and not yet reflected in our estimates.

HSBC Issuance and maturities of existing long-term debt

HSBC Group debt maturity profile^{1,2}, \$bn



1. For illustration. Funding issues and maturities: Senior and structured note issues greater than \$250m equivalent size at issue, with original maturity above 18 months

2. Non Common Equity Capital issued and maturities: Includes fully compliant and grandfathered AT1 and Tier 2 securities; non common equity capital redemptions include callable securities at final maturity date

3. Maturities of senior debt from both HSBC Holdings and its subsidiaries are included for illustration

4. Bail-in-able debt issued by HSBC Holdings in 2016

HSBC's Capital Structure



Group Capital Requirements¹ to 2020

HSBC's Capital Structure – Maximum Distributable Amount (MDA) Requirements





1. Known CET1 capital requirements (% of RWA), as confirmed by the PRA, including Pillar 2A and CRD IV buffers, as per UK implementation of CRD IV. Excludes non MDA buffers (e.g. PRA buffer).

2. Pro forma buffer to MDA trigger based on RWAs and CET1 capital resources at 31 December 2016.

3. The Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB) is dependent on the buffer rates set by regulators and is subject to change (numbers shown for 31 December 2016 are based on effective rates as at that date; future increases in the CCyB rates have been included, where formally confirmed as at 31 January 2017).

4. The Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB) is a fixed buffer, set at 2.5%. It is phased-in from 1 January 2016 to 1 January 2019.

5. The Global Systemically Important Institutions (G-SII) buffer is currently set at 2.5% but reduces to 2% from 1 January 2018 (as confirmed by the PRA). It is phased-in from 1 January 2016 to 1 January 2019.

6. The Pillar 2A requirement is a point in time assessment of the amount of capital the PRA consider the Group should hold to meet the overall financial adequacy rule and is subject to change pending annual assessment and supervisory review process; it is held constant in the chart.

Progressing to end state Group capital structure

HSBC's Capital Structure – Total Capital Requirements



MREL issuance

- Based on Bank of England's finalised rules from November 2016, HSBC's indicative MREL requirement as at 1 January 2019 is 16%, increasing to an estimated 21.8%¹ from 1 January 2022.
- HSBC plans to issue approximately \$30 50bn¹ of MREL debt over the period 2017-18 to meet these requirements.
- HSBC Holdings issued approximately \$31bn of bail-in-able senior debt in 2016

End point requirements 2022 - assumptions

- Loss absorption Pillar 1 and capital buffer requirements per CRD IV; Pillar 2A requirements as currently communicated by the PRA (held constant for illustration)
- BoE expected to set MREL recapitalisation amount equal to Pillar 1 plus Pillar 2A (to be confirmed upon assessment of our resolution strategy).
- MPE resolution groups local requirements expected to be no higher than group consolidated (SPE) requirement

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3. The breakdown of the combined buffer is described on previous slide.

^{1.} Based on "The Bank of England's approach to setting a minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL)", published in November 2016. This establishes that G-SIBs with resolution entities incorporated in the UK will be required to meet the minimum requirements set out in the FSB total loss-absorbing capacity (TLAC) standard, being the higher of 16% of RWAs or twice the Basel III Tier 1 leverage ratio of 3%, from 1 January 2019. As per the Bank of England's calibration, these requirements increase to the higher of 2 x Pillar 1 plus Fillar 2A or twice the leverage ratio requirement, from 1 January 2020; and to the higher of 2 x (Pillar 1 plus Pillar 2A) or 6.75% leverage requirement, from 1 January 2020. The MREL requirement for HSBC is yet to be formally confirmed by the Bank of England. In November 2016, the European Commission published proposed amendments to MREL which are yet to be finalised and not yet reflected in our estimates. Estimates may include rounded numbers.

^{2.} MREL Senior debt includes senior unsecured debt issued to external investors by HSBC Holdings plc, with reference to the PRA bail-in regime and under UK law, with size above USD250m equivalent and more than 18 months maturity at time of issue. This translates in to 3.7% of RWAs as at 31 December 2016. This is based on our interpretation of "The Bank of England's approach to setting a minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL)", and is subject to change.

In Summary



Summary Investment case

Distinctive advantages	 Our unparalleled network covers countries accounting for more than 90% of global GDP, trade and capital flows Four interconnected, global businesses share balance sheets and liquidity in addition to strong commercial links
Long-term strategy	 To facilitate international trade and capital flows and serve our clients, with potential to help them grow from small enterprises into large multinationals To make the most of global social mobility, wealth creation and long-term demographic changes in our priority markets.
Attractive issuer	 Investor-friendly capital management history HSBC plans to issue \$30 - 50bn¹ of MREL debt over the period 2017-18 HSBC Holdings issued approximately \$31bn of MREL senior debt in 2016
Capital Management	"We manage our capital in an effort to ensure we exceed current regulatory requirements and are well placed to meet those expected in the future." HSBC Holdings plc Annual Report and Accounts 2016

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Appendix



Simplified structure chart

Principal entities¹



 At 31 December 2016, showing entities in Priority markets, wholly-owned unless shown otherwise (part ownership rounded down to nearest per cent). Excludes other Associates, Insurance companies and Special Purpose Entities.

Establishing the UK Ring-Fenced Bank

Changes to the legal structure in Europe and to the business of HSBC Bank plc as at 31 December 2016

- HSBC's ring-fenced bank, HSBC UK Bank plc, will be a new entity and will not be a subsidiary of HSBC Bank plc
- We intend to transfer into HSBC UK Bank plc the qualifying components of HSBC Bank plc's UK RBWM, CMB and GPB businesses. The UK GB&M business will remain in HSBC Bank plc
- HSBC Bank plc will remain the issuer under its debt issuance programmes and outstanding securities issued under such programmes will continue to be obligations of HSBC Bank plc and will not transfer to HSBC UK Bank plc



1. UK only, illustrative, based on geographic disclosure. For full details refer to HSBC Holdings plc 4Q 2016 Data Pack

HSBC's Creditor Loss Hierarchy



Impact of Banking Subsidiary Resolution on HSBC Holdings

- Consolidated CET1 ratio would be eroded by any losses in Banking Subsidiaries
 - But CET1 ratio has substantial buffers versus regulatory minima
- Any write down of internal NCEC¹ assets would impact HSBC Holdings balance sheet
- Any write down would reduce interest income which would erode HSBC Holdings cashflows
 - But the Group's diversified model provides flexibility to absorb deterioration in Banking Subsidiaries
- If any deterioration erodes consolidated capital ratios then AT1 could be converted according to contractual terms
- If any conversion of AT1 cannot recover HSBC Holdings financial profile/consolidated capital ratios then Resolution Authority intervenes, with subsidiary debt directly issued to the market, Tier 2, followed by MREL² debt, written down

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Transmission of Losses from Banking Subsidiaries

- Each Banking Subsidiary absorbs losses to the extent of its equity capacity and writedown/conversion of internal and external NCEC¹ securities in accordance with the terms of the securities
- Banking Subsidiary resolution => Local Resolution Authority write-down/convert intercompany MREL² debt and assume responsibility for the Banking Subsidiary
- Any write-down/conversion of internal regulatory capital issued by the Banking Subsidiary, impacts HSBC Holdings balance sheet and cashflow



^{1.} Non Common Equity Capital i.e. Tier 2 and Additional Tier 1 instruments

MREL eligible instruments include regulatory capital and debt instruments eligible as per "The Bank of England's approach to setting a minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL)", published in November 2016. In November 2016, the European Commission also published proposed amendments to MREL which are yet to be finalised. On a regional/local level, resolution groups and material subsidiaries may need to comply with MREL, Total Loss-Absorbing Capacity (TLAC) as defined in the Financial Stability Board's TLAC Term Sheet, or equivalent requirements as applicable under local resolution regimes.

Legal proceedings and regulatory matters

As at 31 December 2016

• This slide should be read in conjunction with Note 27 and Note 35 of the HSBC Holdings plc Annual Report and Accounts 2016.



1. This slide contains selected items only, as at 31 December 2016. For further information, please refer to Note 27 and Note 35 of the HSBC Holdings plc Annual Report and Accounts 2016

There are many factors that may affect the range of outcomes, and the resulting financial impact, of these matters. Due to uncertainties and limitations of these estimates, the ultimate penalties could differ significantly from the
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