HSBC: Strategy reconfirmed in a period of regulatory change

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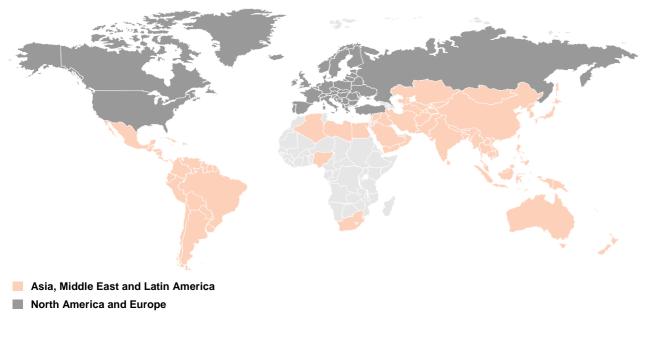
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Leading emerging markets international bank Linking developing and developed markets



	Total assets	Total revenues ¹	Profit before tax (PBT) ²	Tier 1 capital ratio	Total capital ratio
1H09	US\$2.42trn	US\$37.2bn	US\$7.5bn	10.1%	13.4%
2008	US\$2.53trn	US\$75.1bn	US\$13.3bn	8.3%	11.4%

Global footprint

- 8,500 offices in 86 countries and territories
- Listings in London, Hong Kong, New York, Paris and Bermuda
- 220,000 shareholders in 119 countries and territories
- 100 million customers
- Over 295,000 staff
- Personal Financial Services, Commercial Banking, Global Banking and Markets and Private Banking

Note:

- (1) Net operating income before loan impairment charges, excluding fair value on own debt
- (2) Profit before tax excluding fair value on own debt and goodwill impairment

Global banking industry is changing substantially

An extensive array of regulatory changes are being proposed

Higher capital, liquidity and leverage ratios

Narrow versus broad banking

'Too big to fail' and 'living wills'

HSBC: Strongly placed for a period of continued economic uncertainty and regulatory change

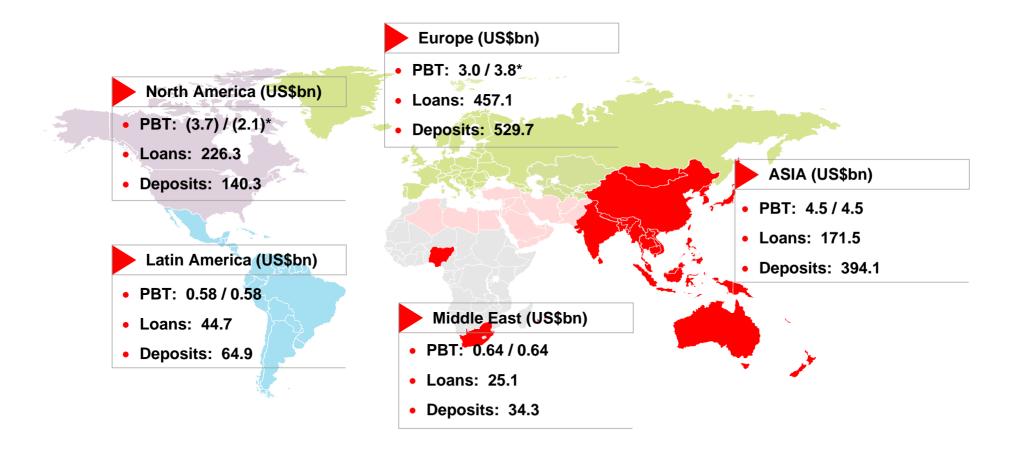
Strength from diversified business model and financial position



Prudent structure: holding company with a network of locally incorporated and separately capitalised banks

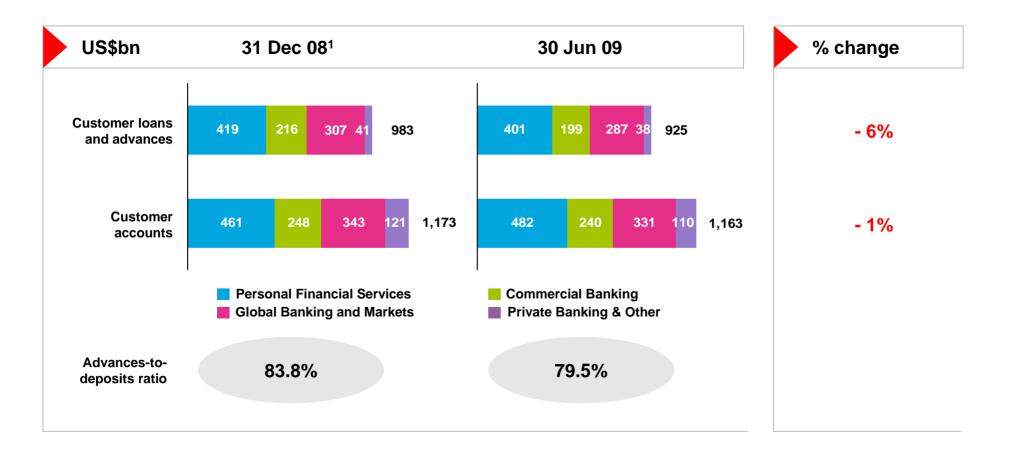
Strategy positions Group for long-term growth and attractive returns

Geographically diversified Emerging markets leading performance



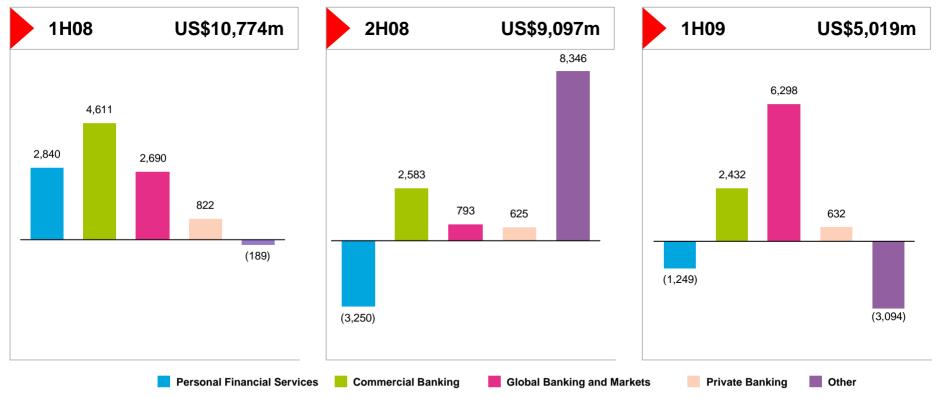
Note: All figures are as at 1H09. PBT numbers are reported / * PBT excluding fair value on own debt

Financial strength Funding and liquidity



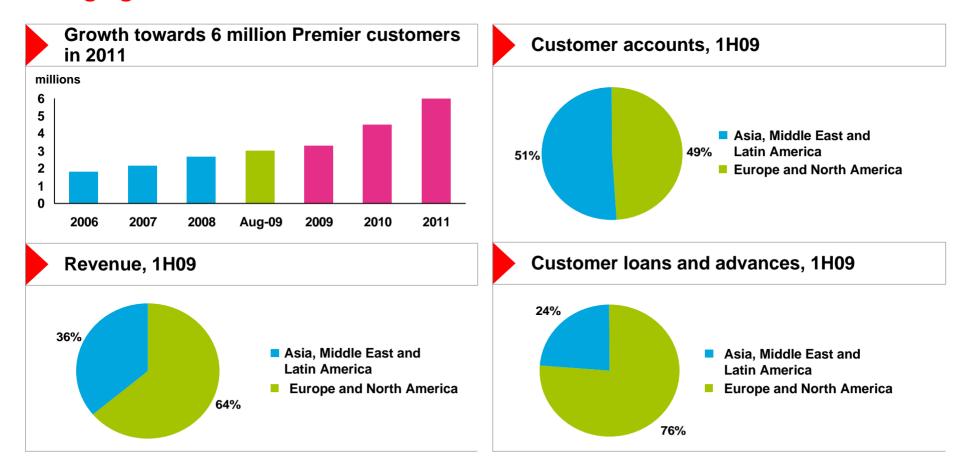
A diversified business By customer group

Profit before tax¹



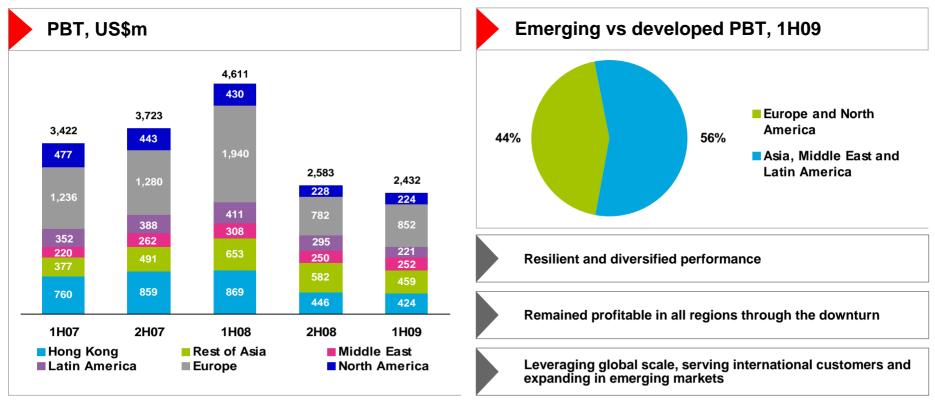
Personal Financial Services

Global wealth management growing and balanced between developed and emerging markets



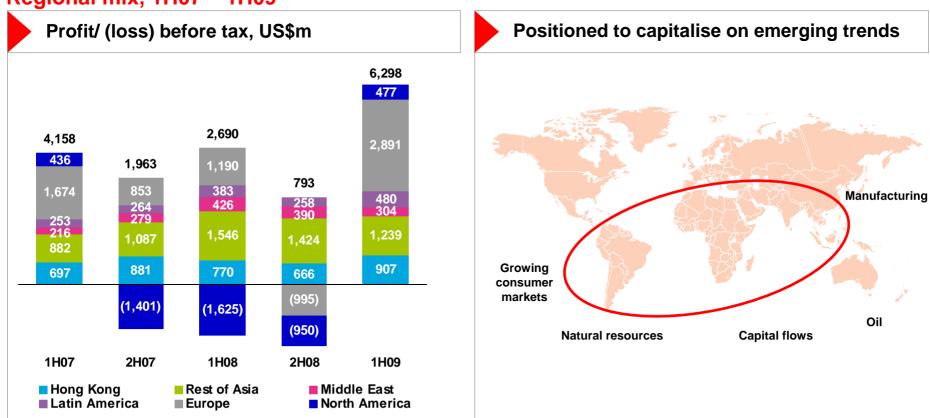
Commercial Banking A global opportunity

Regional mix, 1H07 – 1H09



Global Banking and Markets

Unique regional positioning to capitalise on emerging trends

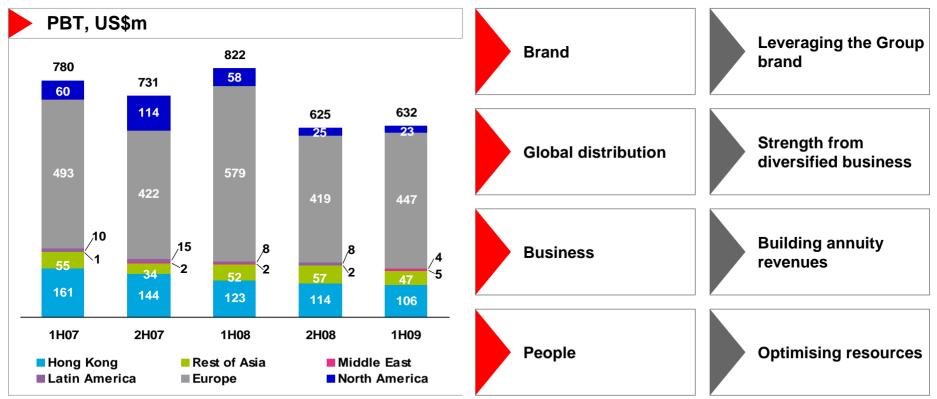


Regional mix, 1H07 – 1H09

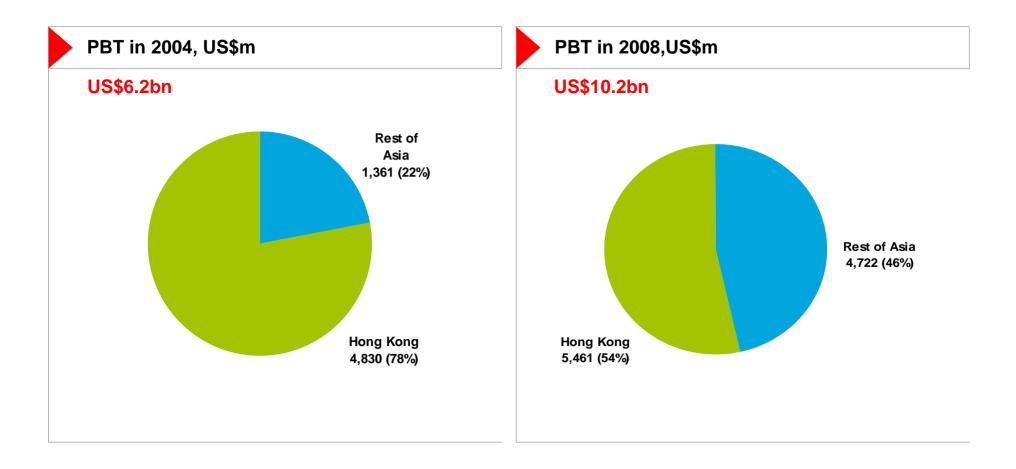
Private Banking

To be world's leading international private bank known for excellent client experience and global connections

Regional mix, 1H09

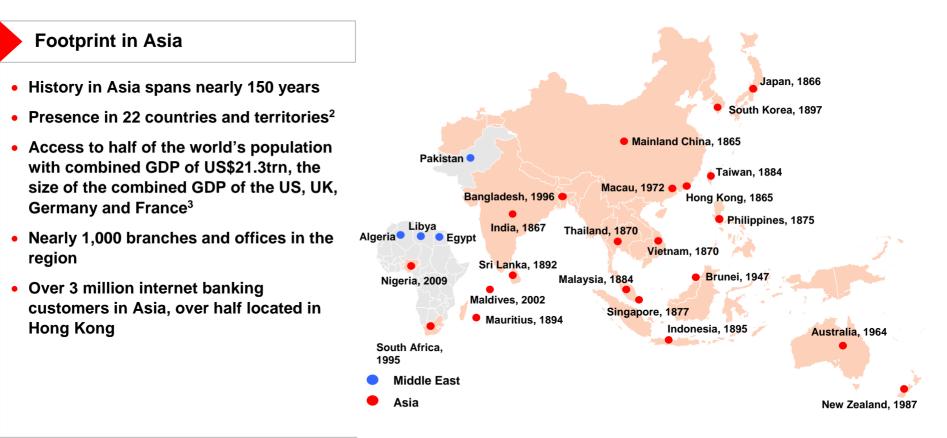


Asia Diversified income split between Hong Kong and Rest of Asia



Presence

Largest foreign bank¹ in mainland China, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Malaysia



Notes:

⁽¹⁾ In respect of branch network

⁽²⁾ Includes a representative office in Nigeria

⁽³⁾ CIA The World Factbook 2009: Population and GDP (purchasing power parity)

Investments A decade of expansion in Asia

Mainland China

- 19.01% in Bank of Communications
- 16.78% in Ping An Insurance
- 12.78% in Industrial Bank via Hang Seng Bank
- 20% in Yantai City Commercial Bank via Hang Seng Bank
- 8% in Bank of Shanghai
- 24.9% in Beijing HSBC Insurance Brokers
- 49% in HSBC Jintrust Fund Management
- 50% in HSBC Life Insurance Company Ltd.

India

- 93.86% in HSBC InvestDirect (IL&FS Investsmart)
- 26% in Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of **Commerce Life Insurance Company** Limited

Indonesia

98.96% in Bank Ekonomi

1999

592

Malavsia

- 49% in HSBC Amanah Takaful Malaysia
- First foreign bank to locally incorporate Islamic bank

Outlets¹

 Purchased ABN AMRO's retail mortgage portfolio in 2002



1999

220.711

Assets²

2008

669.456

South Korea

 Acquired 50% less one share in Hana Life

Taiwan

- Integrated assets and operations of The Chinese Bank
- Acquired 100% of Chailease Credit

Philippines

Acquired 100% of PCI Savings Bank

- Acquired 100% of Keppel Insurance
- Acquired 100% of Asia Fund Services
- Acquired 100% of Westpac sub-custody
- 20% in Techcombank

1999

3.383

· Agreement to increase stake in Bao Viet to 18% from 10.3%

Profit before tax²

2008

11.929

Notes:

(1) Outlets and staff in 1999 include Middle East; outlets in 2008 belong to The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and exclude the Middle East; staff in 2008 includes Middle East

Staff¹

2008

127.489

1999

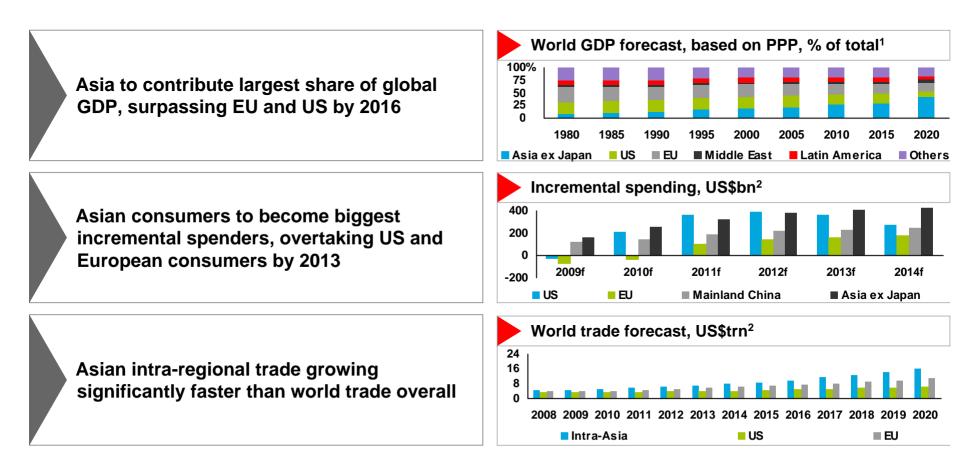
45.307

(2) In US\$m; includes Middle East; 1999 PBT and total assets reported in accordance with UK GAAP

2008

910

Opportunity



Group strategy

Aligned with key trends

Developing markets are growing faster than mature economies

World trade expanding at a greater rate than gross domestic product

Life expectancy increasing around the world

Combine emerging markets leadership with global network

Build on international connectivity and scale

Strength from our diversified business model and financial position

North America	 In the US consumer finance run-off portfolio, loan impairment allowances declined in Q3 2009, first quarterly fall since start of 2006 Did not require any capital support from Group in Q3 2009
Asia	 Continued to perform strongly Lending growing as regional economies move out of recession Loan impairment charges moderated in Q3 2009
Latin America and Middle East	 Positive contribution; revenue held up well In Latin America loan impairment charges declined in Q3 2009 In Middle East lending portfolios continued to reduce though loan impairment charges were higher than Q2 2009. Credit conditions remained difficult
Europe	 UK mortgage lending continued to perform well, with our market share increasing to 9.9% Overdraft utilisation by our Commercial Banking customers remained stable at under 50%

Strategy continues to position Group well for long-term growth and attractive returns



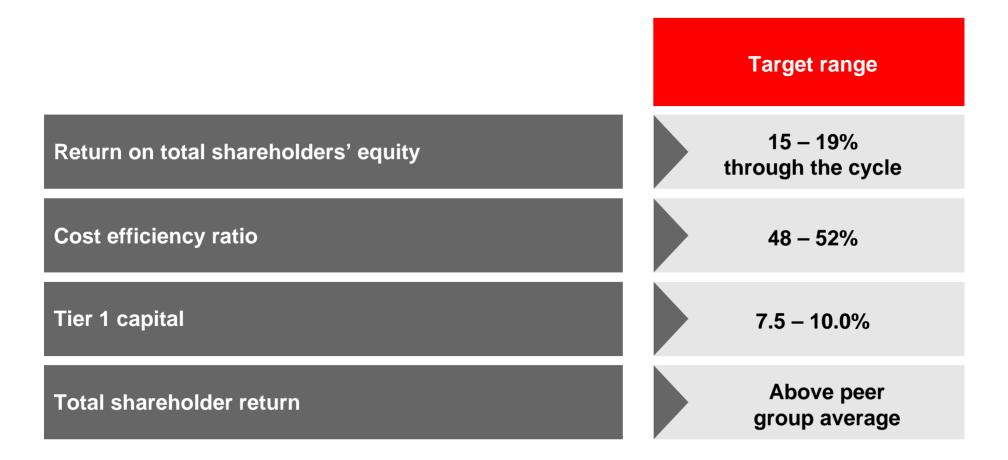
Continue to strengthen our position as the world's leading international bank

Concentrate more on emerging markets and faster growing businesses

Move Group CEO's principal office to Hong Kong

Focus on organic, but positioned for inorganic if aligned with strategy, risks fully understood and regulatory changes allow

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Strength, diversity and resilience

HSBC (In the world's local bank