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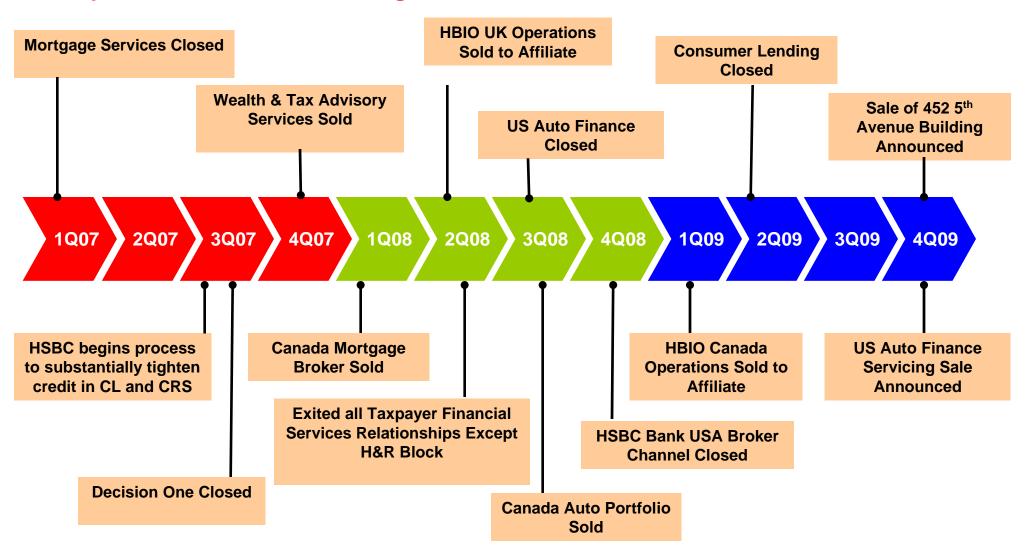
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Brendan McDonagh
Chief Executive Officer
HSBC North America Holdings Inc.



Disposals and Business Realignment 2007-2009





Lead from Strength

- Optimizing performance in our core businesses:
 - Cards business in US recorded 2009 PBT of \$641 million, excluding goodwill impairment charges of \$530 million
 - Strategic expansion of bank branch network with 24 new branches opened in 2009 (18 in US and 6 in Canada)
 - Online savings accounts have grown to \$18 billion in North America, up 8 percent year-over-year
 - During 2009 approximately 146,000 have joined Premier, a 40 percent increase in the North America customer base
 - Global Banking and Markets in the US and Canada recorded 2009 PBT of \$664 million*, up \$3.3 billion year-over-year
- Reserves for consumer receivables remained flat in Q4 2009 (excluding change in write-off policy), down from Q1 2009 and Q2 2009 levels



- HSBC Brand Health Index scores* in the US and Canada are steadily improving, and have both hit their 2009 targets
 - For the first time ever, HSBC in New York has moved into 3rd position (overtaking Citibank) just behind Chase and Bank of America
- We continue to proactively reach out and assist customers who are experiencing financial difficulties
 - During 2009, we have modified more than 104,000 loans, with balances totaling approximately \$14.6
 billion
- North America employees have completed close to 72,000 service hours; 66 percent of the volunteerism supported education and the environment



Execute One HSBC

2010

- One HSBC Customer Data Management – Canada
- One HSBC Account Opening – US PFS, Canada PFS & CMB
- SWH Gold Suite / Core Banking – Canada and US
- One HSBC Cards & Collections – HSBC Finance
- One HSBC Trade Canada
- One HSBC Payments GPS– Canada

2011

- One HSBC Account Opening – US CMB
- One HSBC Account Servicing and Internet – US and Canada
- One HSBC Sales Services and Business Intelligence – US and Canada
- One HSBC Trade US
- One HSBC Collections –
 US and Canada
- One HSBC Payments
 Global Billing System US
- One HSBC Cards First Data Resources and Canada

2012

- One HSBC Account Servicing Teller, Loans, Mortgages & Insurance – US and Canada
- SWH Core Banking Loans
 2.0 US and Canada



Ongoing areas of Focus – 2010

HSBC Bank USA

- Additional growth efforts in HSBC Advance, HSBC Premier and Commercial Banking
- Leveraging Group relationships and unique global footprint in Global Banking and Markets and Group Private Bank
- Continue to provide vital banking and financial services to our personal and commercial customers

HSBC Bank Canada

- Leverage international capability to enhance Premium PFS and Wealth Management proposition
- Continue as leading international bank for business in Canada
- Focus on leveraging our LatAm connections in Global Banking and Markets
- Expand Business Banking, including Business Direct

HSBC Finance

- Continue to effectively manage our run-off portfolios to maximize collection
- Achieve balance sheet size that optimizes own risk profile and our liquidity
- Leading home preservation efforts
- Continue to leverage US
 Cards expertise globally and migrate US Cards platform into a Global Cards platform

Continued focus on expense management and efficient use of capital across all entities



Positioning for the Future

Strong, steadfast, sustainable

Continue to take decisive actions to reposition our core businesses for long-term success and sustainable profitability

Remain focused on things we can control

Optimize business priorities in core areas and run-off non-core portfolios

Continue to focus on home preservation efforts and collect effectively and ethically

Build on local presence coupled with global connectivity to selectively grow our core business

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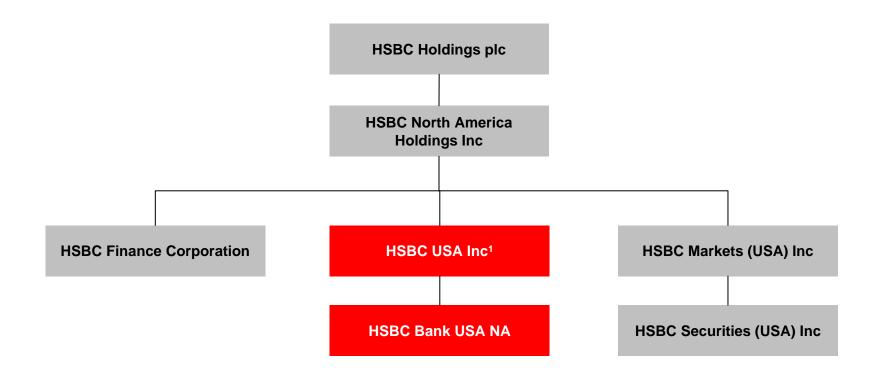
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Financial overview	Gerard Mattia
Business overview	
Personal Financial Services	Kevin Martin
Commercial Banking	Chris Davies
Global Banking and Markets	Tony Murphy
Private Banking	Marlon Young



Irene Dorner
Chief Executive Officer
HSBC USA Inc.



HSBC in the **US** – Principal legal entities



Notes:

(1) HSBC USA Inc will be referred to as "HUSI" throughout this presentation. This is the principal bank subsidiary for the HSBC Group in the United States.

US strategy aligned to Group strategy and with key trends

Global Trends US Strategy Emerging markets will grow faster Take advantage of emerging markets than developed markets growth opportunities Global trade will grow faster than Capitalize on expected increase in international and overseas activities the economy **Capitalize on increasing demand for** People are living longer wealth products

US strategy joined up across businesses

- Focused on core strengths and competencies
 - Competing in businesses where we have a "right to win"
 - Focusing on internationally-oriented Group customers

Personal Financial Services

- Premium participation strategy in the US via Premier and Advance propositions
- Providing differentiated premium services to the internationally minded mass affluent and upwardly mobile customer segments

Commercial Banking

- Aim to be the leader in international business banking in selected markets nationally and the best small business bank in target markets
- Target pool of internationalizing US customers

Global Banking and Markets

- Supporting global strategy of being the leading emerging markets-led, financingfocused wholesale bank
- Integrated Americas platform
- Core products for core clients
- Aim to be strategic, significant and sustainable

Global Private Banking

- Support global strategy of being "The World's Private Bank"
- Re-positioned as an internationally-led Private Bank in the US for both offshore and onshore clients

2010 growth opportunities in the US

- Take advantage of emerging markets growth opportunities:
 - Leverage Latin America International Center to help drive growth of our international customer base in Personal Financial Services
 - Continue establishing United States as the hub for Latin America as part of the Global Banking and Markets Americas platform
 - Leverage Miami as the hub for offshore services for Latin American Private Banking clients
- Capitalize on expected increase in international and overseas activities:
 - Engage in more targeted marketing and business development efforts
 - Continue to focus on sourcing new international business with Middle Market clients
 - Pursue opportunities in Trade & Supply Chain business post-sale of Wells Fargo-HSBC Trade Bank
- Capitalize on increasing demand for wealth products:
 - Increase market share for Wealth and Insurance products
 - Grow Premier proposition with aim to have 1M+ customers by 2013
 - Continue efforts to align retail branch network size and geographic distribution with our internationally led niche strategy

Looking forward

- More optimistic outlook given resilient performance during 2009, reflecting increased traction of our strategy
- Well-positioned for the future Continuing to grow and invest in core businesses that are strategically relevant to HSBC
- Market conditions are continuing to stabilize although overall economic environment remains relatively weak
- Regulatory environment remains uncertain
- Cost management, capital preservation and risk reduction / mitigation efforts will continue



Gerard Mattia
Chief Financial Officer
HSBC USA Inc.





HSBC USA Inc – Key Performance Metrics

Full Year		Variance on	
2009	2008	US\$	%
(826)	(1,856)	1,030	55.5
50.1	101.8		51.7
(0.1)	(0.9)		0.8
(1.7)	(17.6)		15.9
171	186	(15)	(8.1)
9.6	7.6		2.0
14.2	12.0		2.2
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^{*} Risk Weighted Assets are on a local basis



HSBC USA Inc – Income Statement

IFRS, US\$m	Full Year		Variance on 2008	
	2009	2008	\$	%
Net interest income	4,719	3,833	886	23.1
Other operating income	1,232	(14)	1,246	nm
Net Operating Income before loan impairment charges	5,951	3,819	2,132	55.8
Loan impairment charges	(3,687)	(2,640)	(1,047)	(39.7)
Operating expenses	(3,090)	(3,035)	(55)	(1.8)
Profit (loss) before tax	(826)	(1,856)	1,030	55.5



HSBC USA Inc – Profit (Loss) Before Tax by Customer Group

IFRS, US\$m	Full Year		Variance (on 2008
	2009	2008	\$	%
Personal Financial Services (excluding Consumer Finance)	(693)	(697)	4	0.6
Consumer Finance	293	(121)	414	nm
Commercial Banking	135	193	(58)	(30.1)
Global Banking and Markets	76	(1,836)	1,912	nm
Private Banking	(52)	63	(115)	(182.5)
Other	(585)	542	(1,127)	nm
Total profit before tax	(826)	(1,856)	1,030	55.5



HSBC USA Inc – Period End Balance Sheet

US GAAP, US\$bn	Current 31-Dec-09	Prior 31-Dec-08	Variance	on 2008
	Actual	Actual	Inc / (Dec)	%
Cash and due from banks	3.2	2.9	0.3	10.3
Interest bearing deposits with banks	20.1	15.9	4.2	26.4
Fed funds	1.0	10.8	(9.8)	(90.7)
Trading assets	25.8	31.3	(5.5)	(17.6)
Securities AFS	27.8	24.9	2.9	11.6
Securities HTM	2.8	2.9	(0.1)	(3.4)
Loans (net of reserves)	75.6	78.7	(3.1)	(3.9)
Loans held for sale	2.9	4.4		
Goodwill	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Other assets	9.2	11.1	(1.9)	(17.1)
Total Assets	171.1	185.6	(13.0)	(7.0)
Domestic deposits Foreign deposits	90.7 27.6	85.6 33.5	5.1 (5.9)	6.0 (17.5)
Total deposits	118.3	119.1	(0.8)	(0.7)
Trading liabilities	8.0	16.3	(8.3)	(50.9)
Short-term borrowings	6.5	10.5	(4.0)	(38.1)
Interest, taxes and other liabilities	5.1	4.9	0.2	4.1
Long term debt	18.0	22.1	(4.1)	(18.6)
Total Equity	15.2	12.7	2.5	19.7
Total Liabilities and Equity	171.1	185.6	(14.5)	(7.8)



HSBC USA Inc – Loans Outstanding

US GAAP, US\$bn	Full	Full Year		e on 2008
	2009	2008	\$	%
Total commercial loans	30.3	37.4	(7.1)	(19.0)
Consumer loans:				
Residential mortgages	17.9	22.5	(4.6)	(20.4)
Private label cards	15.1	17.1	(2.0)	(11.7)
Credit cards, Other	13.0	2.1	10.9	519.0
Other consumer	3.2	2.0	1.2	60.0
Total consumer loans	49.2	43.7	5.5	12.6
Total loans	79.5	81.1	(1.6)	(2.0)
Allowance for credit losses	(3.9)	(2.4)	1.5	(62.5)
Loans, net	75.6	78.7	(3.1)	(3.9)
Loans held for sale				
Commercial loans held for sale	1.1	0.9	0.2	22.2
Consumer loans held for sale	1.8	3.5	(1.7)	(48.6)
Total loans held for sale	2.9	4.4	(1.5)	(34.1)



HSBC USA Inc – Customer Accounts

IFRS, US\$bn	Full	Full Year		e on 2008
	2009	2008	US\$	%
Personal Financial Services	48.3	45.5	2.8	6.1
Commercial Banking	24.1	22.8	1.3	5.7
Global Banking & Markets	30.0	39.3	(9.3)	(23.7)
Private Banking	11.6	12.3	(0.7)	(5.7)
Total deposits	114.0	119.9	(5.9)	(5.0)

US GAAP, US\$bn	Ful	Full Year		n 2008
	2009	2008	US\$	%
Total deposits	118.3	119.1	(0.8)	(0.7)
Core deposits	83.2	68.8	14.4	20.9



HSBC USA Inc – Credit Quality

US GAAP, US\$m	Full Y	Full Year		on 2008
	2009	2008	US\$	%
Provision for Credit Losses				
Commercial	665	428	237	<i>55.4</i>
Consumer:				
Residential mortgages	559	505	54	10.7
Credit card receivables	2,730	1,505	1,225	81.4
Other consumer	190	105	85	81.0
Total consumer	3,479	2,115	1,364	64.5
Total provision for Credit Losses	4,144	2,543	1,601	63.0
As a percentage of Total Loans (%)	5.21	3.14		2.1
Total net charge-offs	3,108	1,560	1,548	99.2
Non-accruing Loans				
Commercial:				
Construction and other real estate	644	74	570	770.3
Other commercial	623	167	<i>4</i> 56	273.1
Total commercial	1,267	241	1,026	425.7
Consumer:				
Residential mortgages	1,420	1,007	413	41.0
Credit card receivables	3	2	1	50.0
Auto finance	48	3	45	nm
Other	9	0	9	nm
Total consumer	1,480	1,012	468	46.2
Total Non-accruing Loans	2,747	1,253	1,494	119.2



Business Overview





Personal Financial Services

Kevin Martin
Senior Executive Vice President
Personal Financial Services



Business Overview



Personal Financial Services

Premium participation strategy

- Leverage global scale and local distribution and capabilities to grow profitably in selected markets
- Competing where we have a "right to win"
 - Customer segments which have strong international connectivity
 - Product families where global scale is critical and we have it
 - Launch of Advance customer proposition in 2H 2010 targeted to internationally-oriented upwardly mobile segment. HSBC Direct re-branded to HSBC Advance as of January 31, 2010
 - Network transformation continues with focus on Premium Bank strategy
- Implementation in the US:
 - Wealth Management-led banking targeted to internationally-oriented mass affluent, emerging affluent and niche segments
 - Direct banking



Personal Financial Services US

Disciplined execution with 4 areas of focus

Customer

- Drive a relationship banking strategy underpinned by superior service
- Customer acquisition focus remains on the fast-growing internationally minded "cosmocrat" customer segments where we have a proven right to win

Distribution

- Continuing to pursue a multi-channel strategy
- Selective growth –
 c. 100 net new
 branches added since
 early 2005
- Shift towards network footprint consistent with our premium strategy
- HSBC Direct launched in 2005 and has more than 1 million customers (re-branded to HSBC Advance as of January 31, 2010)

Simplification

- Ongoing efforts to optimize and simplify the business
- Mortgage business integrated with PFS to leverage resources
- Focus shifted from standalone products to products tailored for Premier and Advance propositions

One HSBC

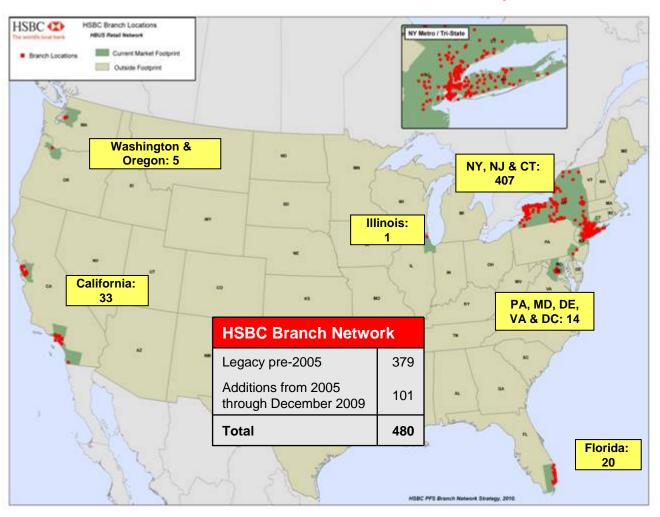
- Business
 transformation enabled
 by technology –
 Represents a
 fundamental change in
 the way we do
 business
- Driven by the business to drive a superior and consistent customer experience at a lower cost of delivery

Business Overview



Personal Financial Services

Branch network transformation consistent with our premium bank strategy



- Aligning retail branch network size and geographic distribution with our internationally-led strategy
 - Focusing on high density, segment specific prospects in internationally connected cities
 - Optimizing our US resources and providing the greatest customer reach in support of our global proposition
 - Network in CA has grown from 8 to 33 since early 2005
- Approx. 42% of "new-to-Bank" Premier customers driven by expansion markets, which represent c. 22% of total network
- Plans to expand further with 6 new branches in 2010

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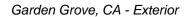
Personal Financial Services US

The new premium bank look and feel



Garden Grove, CA - Reception







Personal Financial Services US

Growth in Premier and Advance segments

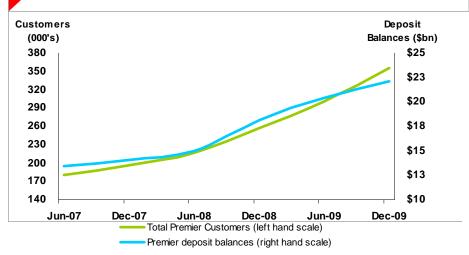
Premier

- Target internationally minded mass affluent segment
- Strong account and balance growth. 37% Customer growth in 2009 and 81% growth since Dec 2007
- Since Dec 07, 47% of new to Premier customers are New to HSBC

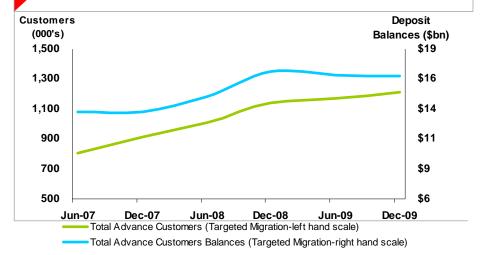
Advance / Direct / Plus

- Target internationally minded upwardly mobile segment
- Strong balance growth. Deposit balances (including Online Savings) grew to \$16.3B in Dec 2009, a 23% increase from Dec 2007
- 6% Customer growth in 2009 and 32% growth since Dec 2007

Growth in Premier customers¹ and deposits²



Growth in Advance customers and deposits²



Notes:

- (1) Excludes Premier accounts in Global Private Banking
- (2) IFRS basis



Commercial Banking

Chris Davies

Senior Executive Vice President Head of Commercial Banking, North America





Commercial Banking US

Strategic focus and objectives

Leading International Business

HSBC's competitive advantage

Capitalize on expected increase in overseas business by US midsized companies

Best Bank for Business

Where we have relevant scale and opportunity

Continue to focus on client acquisition and attracting deposits

Leveraging HSBC's Global Scale

Increasing Global consistency across the business

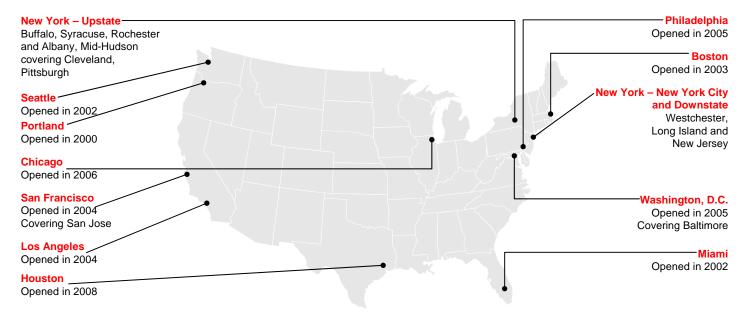
Leverage connectivity to other HSBC Group businesses



Commercial Banking US

Grow through differentiated propositions

 Diversification from core geographies to major financial centers nationwide via organic office expansion



- CMB now able to deliver a full range of Trade & Supply Chain services to internationallyconnected, Mid-Market clients in 18 western states
- Business Banking segment delivered primarily through branch network and supplemented by alternative channels
- Developing cross-border Energy sector business based in Houston to leverage demand from Canadian energy clients and optimal geographic location



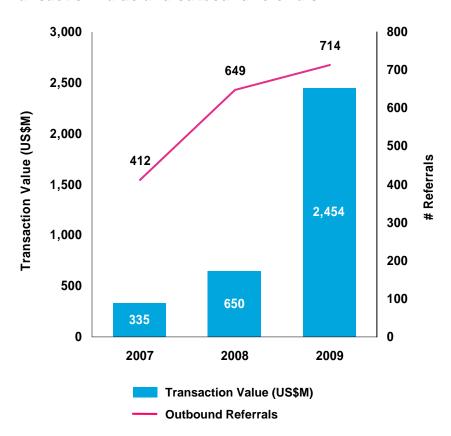
Commercial Banking US

Increasing momentum and continuing to lead international business

- Continued focus on cross-border business:
 - Successful referrals to other HSBC Group offices grew by 10% YOY in 2009, and associated transaction value increased significantly by 278%
- In Commercial Real Estate, a high concentration of HSBC Group client business adds resilience in a difficult market
- Sustaining strong momentum in cross-sell of Global Markets products into CMB sector, with revenue growth of 36% YOY
- Focused relationship management contributed to Business Banking customer growth
 - Business Banking customer deposits grew by 13% in 2009

Cross-border activity gains momentum

Transaction value and outbound referrals





Commercial Banking US

International banking and building the franchise

• Several high value business wins in 2009 demonstrated market potential for HSBC:

Equipment Company US\$10bn annual turnover

Payments and cash management in 9 countries, 100 new accounts, 40 existing accounts. Company is centralizing business from over 300 key relationships to 30 and HSBC is largest benefactor of the 30. Ancillary business: Lending, Trade and Global Markets.

One of the World's Largest Apparel Manufacturers *US\$4bn annual turnover*

Treasury Management Services in 20 countries throughout AsiaPac and LatAm.

Diversified Entertainment Co. *US\$2bn annual turnover*

All payments and cash management business in North America, managing 180+ accounts nationwide with ancillary business including lending and FX.

Global Sportswear Company US\$1.5bn annual turnover

Domestic treasury management business part of an HSBC mandate in 24 countries. Consolidated seven existing banks to one, reduced accounts from 83 to 23. Ancillary business: FX spot and hedging and Trade products.



Commercial Banking US Awards



Best Global Bank

Best Global Transaction Banking House

2009 Awards for Excellence



GREENWICH #1 Online Platform, HSBCnet – US Large **Corporate Study**

> #2 Globally & US Middle Market

2008 Online Services Benchmarking Study



#2 Global Cash Management Bank

Regional Cash Management: #2 in North America

Domestic Cash Management: #2 in the United States

2009 Cash Management Poll



#1 SBA 504 Lender 2009 State of New York



Global Banking and Markets

Tony Murphy
Chief Executive Officer
Global Banking and Markets Americas

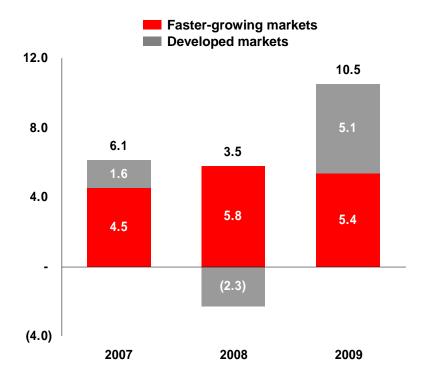




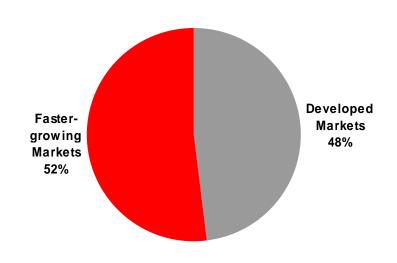
Global Banking and Markets global results

Record performance, emerging markets-led and financing-focused

Profit before tax, US\$B



Profit before tax, 2009 % share

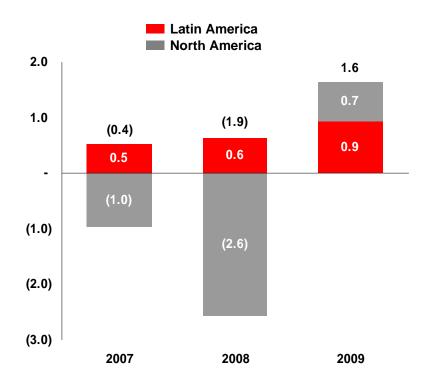




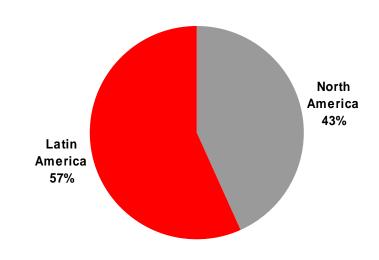
Global Banking and Markets Americas results

Strong recovery, aligned to global strategy

Profit before tax, US\$B



Profit before tax, 2009 % share





Global Banking and Markets Americas

Market recognizes success of our strategy

2009 Awards and Key Transactions



- Best Global Debt House
- Best Global Transaction Banking House
- Best Debt House in Latin America
- Best Debt House in Asia
- Best Debt House in the Middle East
- #2 Cash Management Bank Globally
- #2 in North America for Regional Cash Management
- #2 in the US for Domestic Cash Management



- Best Bank for FX for Corporates
- Best Bank for Emerging LatAm Currencies
- Best Bank for Forward FX



- Latin American Loan of the Year: Grupo Bimbo
- Latin American Bond of the Year: Petrobras

December 2009

2009 Rankings

#4 in International Bonds Globally

#1 in Emerging Markets Bonds Globally

#1 in Latin American Investment Grade Bonds

#1 in Latin American Local and International Bonds

#1 in Brazilian Local and International Bonds

#1 in Mexican Local and International Bonds

September 2009



USD1.5 billion 4.875% notes due Mar 2015

Joint Lead Arranger

October 2009



USD4 billion Dual-Tranche 10yr -30yr

Bookrunner

kraft foods

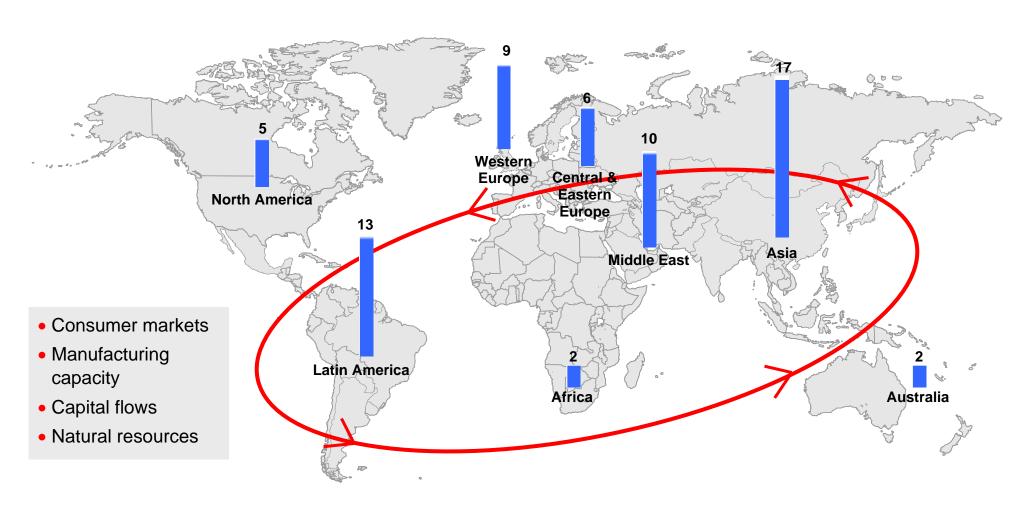
GBP7.1 billion Bridge Financing

Joint Lead Arranger



Global Banking and Markets

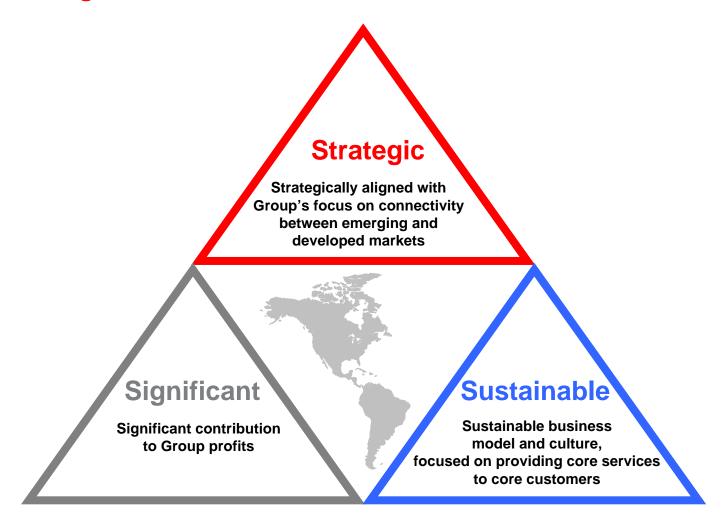
Comprehensive coverage in a connected world



Note: Size of each bar denotes # of dealing rooms in each region



Global Banking and Markets Americas





Global Banking and Markets Americas 2010 priorities

- Build on successful Americas integration of Global Markets with 2010 focus on Global Banking and Asset Management
- Strengthen core platforms, particularly in Equities, Capital Markets and Infrastructure Financing
- Increase sales of markets, financing and investment products to Commercial Banking, Personal Financial Services and Private Banking clients
- Promote Latin American capabilities to Global Banking and Markets clients globally, with specific emphasis on Latin America-Asia cross-sale
- Actively manage capital resources to ensure target returns are met
- Maintain discipline around cost management while driving top line growth



Private Banking

Marlon Young

Chief Executive Officer Private Banking Americas





Private Banking US

 Position HSBC throughout the Americas as an internationally-led private bank with a single integrated business model for both onshore and offshore service clients in terms of product and service excellence

Wealth Planning Capital Advisory Offshore Services Investments Offer global wealth Leverage the HSBC Develop the Miami office Provide an international investment offering with planning, trust and **Group commercial** as the hub of offshore banking and capital recognized expertise in insurance solutions services for the Latin alternative investments. delivered through 22 markets resources on America region, which behalf of Private Bank hedge funds and service locations has one of the world's emerging markets worldwide fastest growing wealth clients markets

- Capitalize on improved market conditions, economic recovery and client willingness to increase risk profile and invest in equities and alternative investments
- Strengthen our relationship management model, in which our bankers work in designated teams
 with investment advisors and wealth planning specialists to ensure that we address the full range
 of client financial needs
- Emphasize HSBC's record of success within the industry and stability during difficult economic times, and our long-term tradition of trust, transparency and performance



Private Banking US

- International connectivity:
 - Almost 90% of onshore and offshore clients in the Americas have international connectivity through multi-national residences and business activities
 - Capability to service clients globally with 90+ locations in 42 countries and territories in the Americas, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Middle East and Africa
- Strength in Latin America:
 - Relationship manager teams in Miami serve five regions: Brazil, Mexico, Andes, Southern Cone and Central America/Caribbean
 - Largest offshore private banking operation in Miami
 - Miami hub supported by 14 offices in the region
 - Capability to coordinate offshore services with onshore services in Brazil, Mexico and Panama
- Joined up to HSBC Group:
 - Strong momentum in cross-referrals with other HSBC businesses
 - Particular focus on cooperation with Commercial Banking and capital markets

Key Awards



2010 #4 in the US Best Overall Private Bank (Up from #9 in 2009)

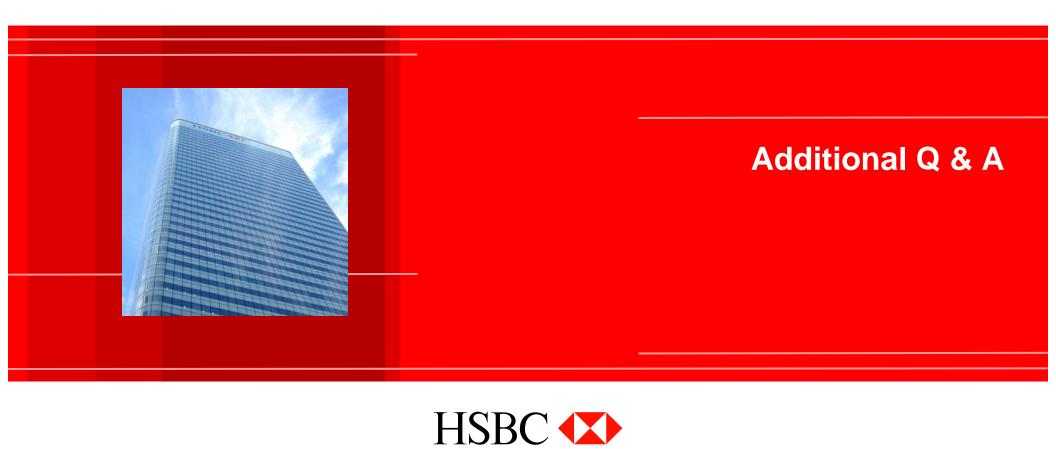


2010 #1 in Latin America Best Offshore Services

2010 #4 in Latin America Best Overall Private Bank



2010 #2 Globally Best Overall Private Bank



The world's local bank