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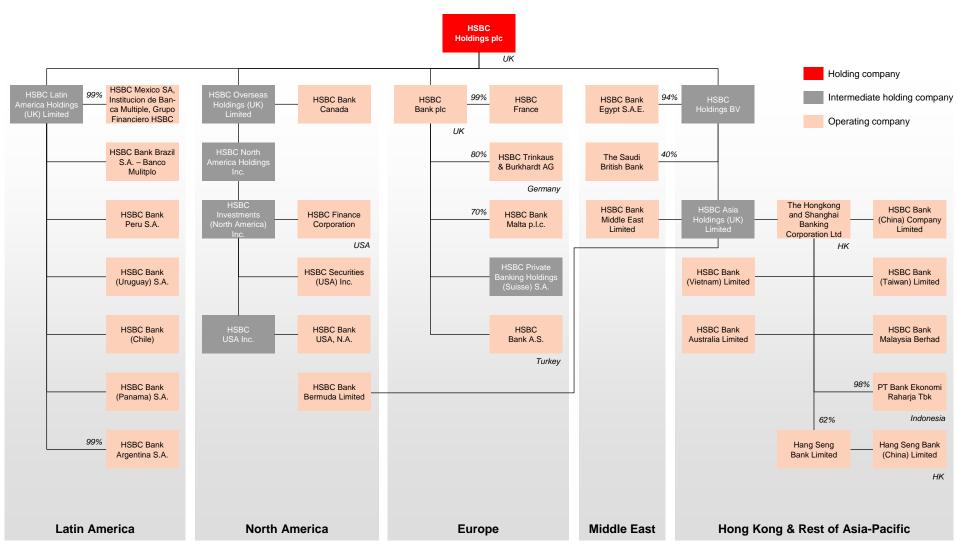
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HSBC Group



Simplified structure chart



Notes:

(2) At 31 December 2010

⁽¹⁾ All entities wholly owned unless shown otherwise (part ownership rounded down to nearest percent)

Strategy summary

HSBC's distinctive position

Network of countries relevant for international connectivity

Access and exposure to high growth markets and businesses

Strong balance sheet generating resilient stream of earnings

Clear strategy and execution focus

Strategy drives investment priorities and capital allocation

Action plan addressing growth and cost efficiency across geographies and businesses

Experienced management team accountable for delivery

Strategy implementation

Key elements

Capital Deployment

Cost efficiency

Growth

Note: (1) From 11 May 2011

Actions (examples)

- "Five filters" drive disposals and closures of non-strategic and/or underperforming positions/businesses
- Turnaround of strategically relevant businesses
- Target USD2.5-3.5bn in sustainable cost saves in 3 years, achieving our 48-52% CER target by 2013
- Simplify and delayer the organisation
- Revenue growth in fast growing markets
- Capture wealth opportunity (USD4bn in additional revenues)
- Leverage intra-group connectivity between CMB and GBM (USD1bn of additional revenues)

In 12 months progress on¹...

- Transactions announced and executed
- Tangible progress in turnaround actions (e.g., US)
- Material savings identified and being delivered across the 4 main programmes
- Income growth particularly in Asia and Latin America
- Wealth and GBM/CMB connectivity

HSBC Amanah

Shariah compliant solutions

HSBC Amanah is HSBC Group's International Shariah compliant proposition, offering a wide range of products and services across the entire spectrum of customer groups including Retail, Corporate and Institutional clients

Retail
Financing, Wealth management, Insurance

Corporate
Financing, Trade, PCM, Factoring

Institutional
Syndicated Finance, DCM, FIG, Treasury

- HSBC Amanah is the global Shariah compliant proposition of HSBC Group with total assets USD11.2bn¹
- Global presence across Islamic Markets, positioned to capture cross-border and cross-business opportunities through all segments
- Capacity to customise product and service solutions tailored to client-specific goals and objectives
- Expertise in Islamic structures including Sukuk, Ijarah, Murabaha, Mudaraba, Takaful [Insurance]

Shariah Compliant Finance Market

- Industry assets estimated at USD890bn² with a CAGR of 20% over the last 5 years
- > 10 countries represent 83% of total Islamic assets 3
- 7 of these countries are in MENA— Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Qatar, UAE, KSA



⁽²⁾ World Market Monitor; McKinsey; Central banks; Bank Annual reports

⁽³⁾ HSBC Management Information, December 2010, including 40% share in SABB

⁽⁴⁾ www.hsbcamanah.com/amanah/about-amanah/islamic-banking/shariah-supervision

HSBC Amanah

Guided and Supervised by a leading committee of independent Shariah Scholars

Corporate Values

- HSBC Amanah strategic priority: Shariah compliance of its business operations
- Shariah commitment: In developing our products and services, we are committed to the highest Shariah standards in the Islamic banking industry.
- Annual Shariah Committee reviews ensure HSBC Amanah operations are Shariah compliant.
- HSBC Amanah Central Shariah Committee comprises of:
 - Dr. Mohammed Ali Elgari
 - Sheikh Nizam Yaquby
 - Dr. Muhammed Imran Usmani

League Table Performance

- #1 in 2010 in International Sukuk market share¹
- #1 in 2010 in GCC Sukuk market share with 34% representing >15% lead on nearest competitor¹





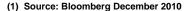
Best International

Islamic Bank 2011









HSBC Group Financial performance in 2010



Financial overview

Reported results – strong recovery in profit

USDm	2009	2010	% Change
Income ¹	72,714	68,310	(6)
Loan impairment changes ²	(26,488)	(14,039)	+47
Operating expenses	(34,395)	(37,688)	(10)
Associates and joint ventures	1,781	2,517	+41
Profit before tax, ex changes in FV of own debt due to credit spread	13,612	19,100	+40
Changes in FV of own debt due to credit spread	(6,533)	(63)	n/a
Profit before tax	7,079	19,037	+169
Profit after tax	6,694	14,191	+112

⁽¹⁾ Excluding changes in Fair Value of own debt due to credit spread(2) Loan impairment charges and other credit risk provisions

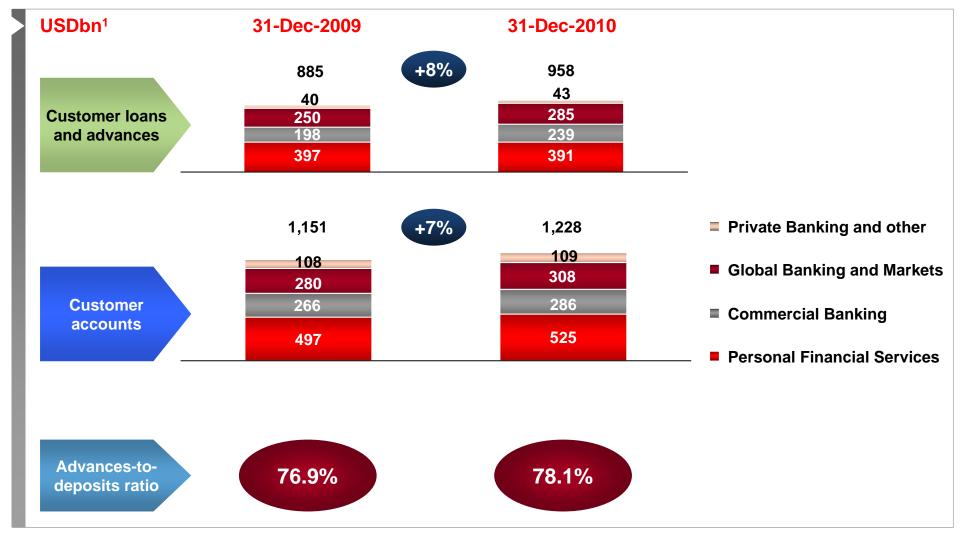
All regions and businesses profitable

Profit before tax

USDm	Latin America	North America	Europe	Middle East	Hong Kong	Rest of Asia- Pacific	Total
Personal Financial Services	294	(2,149)	1,289	100	2,918	1,066	3,518
Commercial Banking	554	939	1,205	484	1,352	1,556	6,090
Global Banking Markets	897	1,582	2,726	317	1,430	2,584	9,536
Private Banking	10	111	640	(15)	227	81	1,054
Other	40	(29)	(1,558)	6	(235)	615	(1,161)
Total	1,795	454	4,302	892	5,692	5,902	19,037

Customer lending and funding

Funding strength supports customer lending growth

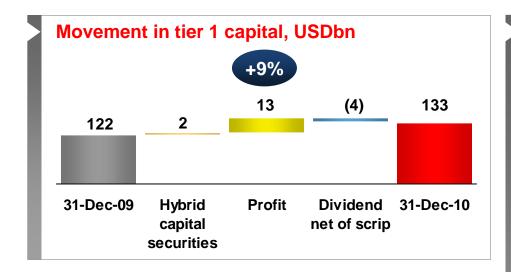


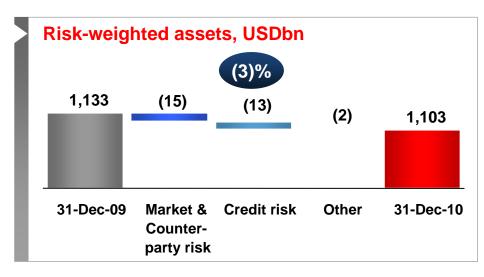
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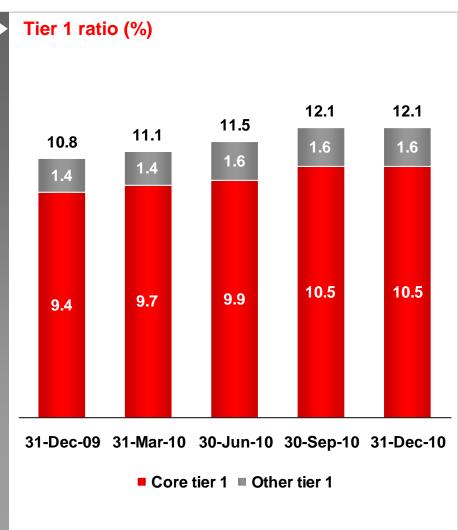
⁽¹⁾ Underlying basis

Capital adequacy

Strengthened by capital generation and lower risk-weighted assets

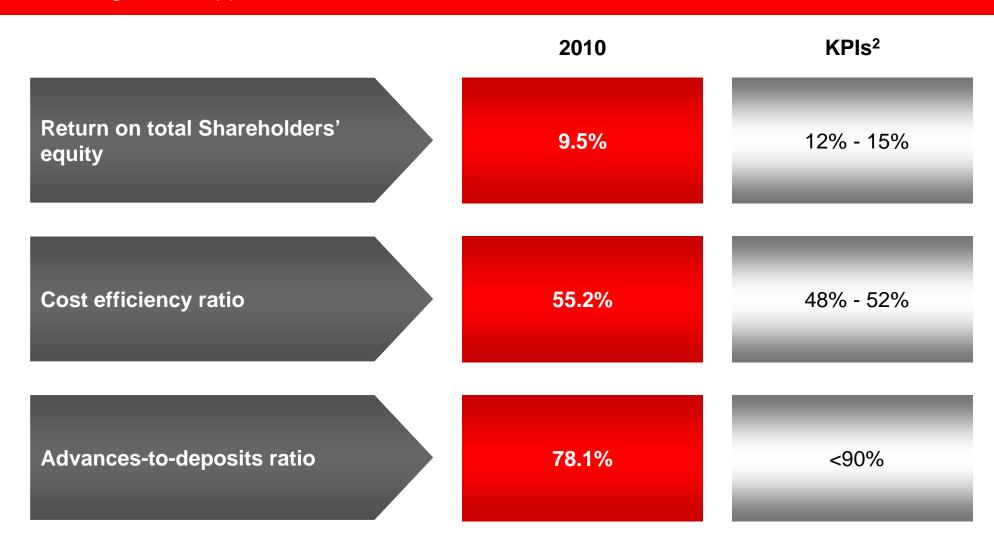






Performance review

Challenges and opportunities¹

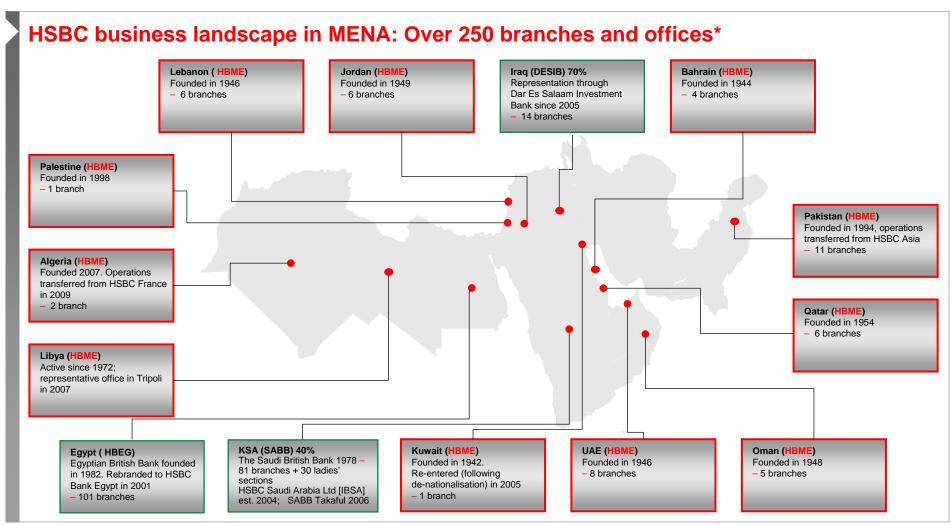


⁽¹⁾ Figures on a reported basis(2) Key Performance Indicators

HSBC in the Middle East



Largest international bank network in the region History stretches back over 50 years



^{* 31} December 2010

⁽¹⁾ HBME = HSBC Bank Middle East Limited

⁽²⁾ HBEG = HSBC Egypt

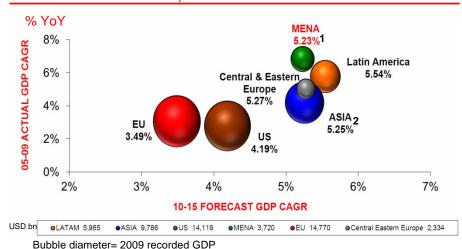
⁾ DESIB = Dar EsSalaam Bank

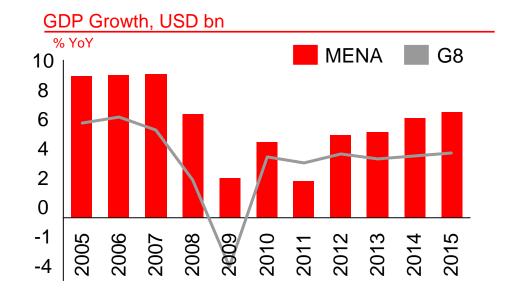
SABB = Saudi British Bank

Economic growth potential

Infrastructure development, hydrocarbon revenues, domestic demand







61% of world oil reserves

45% of world gas reserves

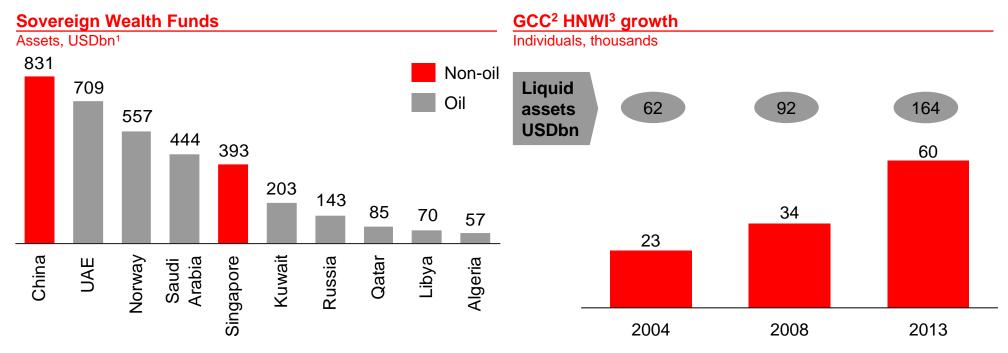
500m population

- IMF forecasts 1Q11: continuation of robust regional growth despite impact in affected MENA countries
- Historic growth trends proven, underpinned by increasing economic strength
- Strong underlying fundamentals of geography, oil, gas and demographics remain for long term

¹ MENA includes Pakistan

² ASIA - excluding China and India

Capital and wealth recycling Diversifying investment portfolios globally



- Six out of world's Top 10 largest Sovereign Wealth Funds are in the Middle East
- International and regional capital recycling opportunity in addition to local and regional infrastructure investment
- Rapid accumulation of private wealth and growing mass affluent segment; demand for developed and emerging market solutions

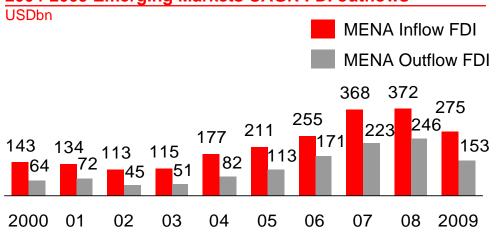
¹ World Ranking April 2011. Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute

² GCC - Gulf Cooperation Council: United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and Bahrain.

³ Definition: Data Monitor: HNWI - High Net Worth Individual

Growing east to east and intra-MENA trade and FDI¹ connectivity





Global connectivity shifting East

- Significant intra MENA infrastructure spend and growth in FDI flows continue
- East to East migration as Asia replaces EU as principle trade partner
- Fast growing intra MENA trade, playing to HSBC regional network strength

Trade flows with MENA - ranked by growth³

USDbn	2000	2010	CAGR
Intra-MENA	38	195	17.6%
Asia	204	1,016	17.4%
Africa (Sub-Sahara)	16	47	11.5%
Europe	310	895	11.2%
North America	50	135	10.4%

Note:

1 FDI - Foreign direct investment

2 Source: IMF GDP - UNCTAD 2010. World outflows at USD1,101bn and inflows at USD1,114bn

3 Source: IMF Direction of Trade Statistics Database YTD Oct 2010

HSBC Bank Middle East Limited Financial performance in 2010



Financial overview

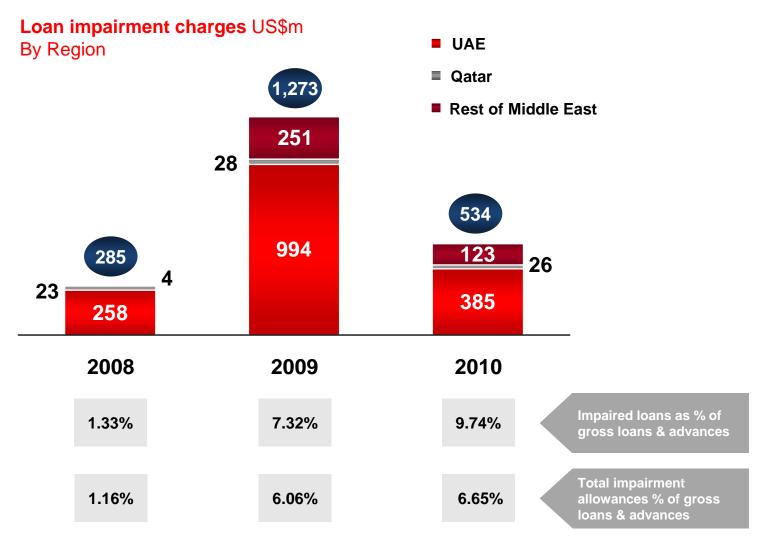
Reported results – Improvement in profit from de-risking loan portfolio

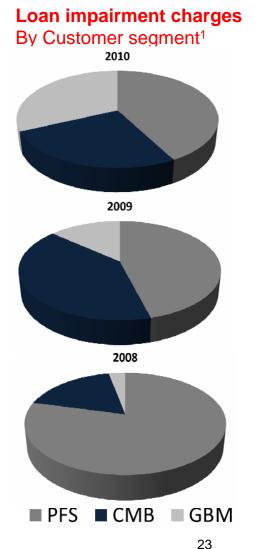
US\$m	2009	2010	% Change
Income	2,215	1,996	(9.9)
Loan impairment charges ¹	(1,273)	(534)	+58
Operating expenses	(873)	(912)	(4.5)
Income from associates	4	9	+125
HBME Profit before tax ²	73	559	+665
Total Middle East Region PBT ³	455	892	+96

 ⁽¹⁾ Loan impairment charges and other credit risk provisions
 (2) Source: HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd Annual Report & Accounts
 (3) Source: HSBC Holdings Plc Annual Report & Accounts

Loan impairment charges declining

Improving trend in all businesses



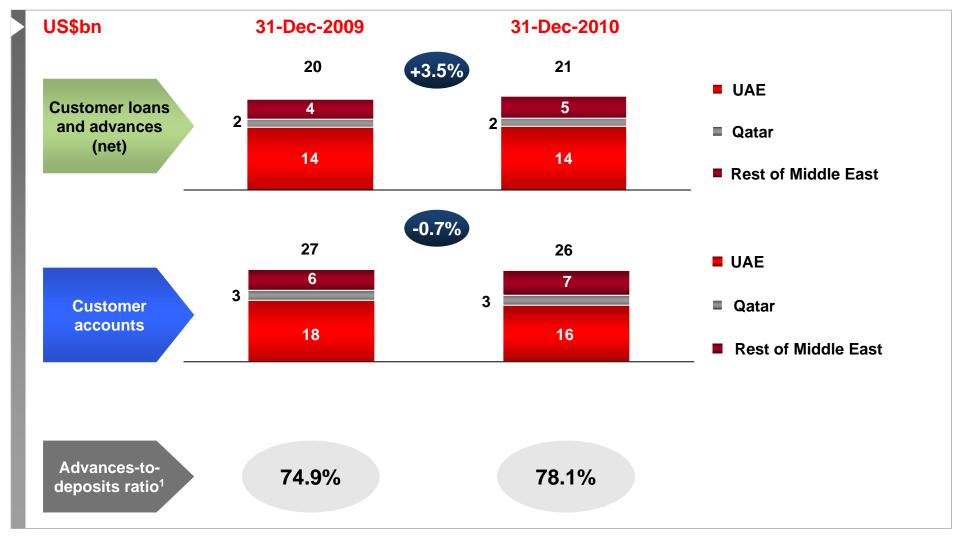


Note:

(1) Internal Financial Data

Customer lending and funding

Loans and advances fully funded by deposits

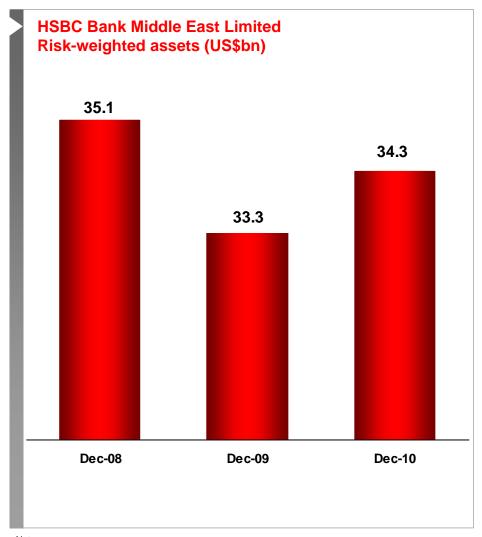


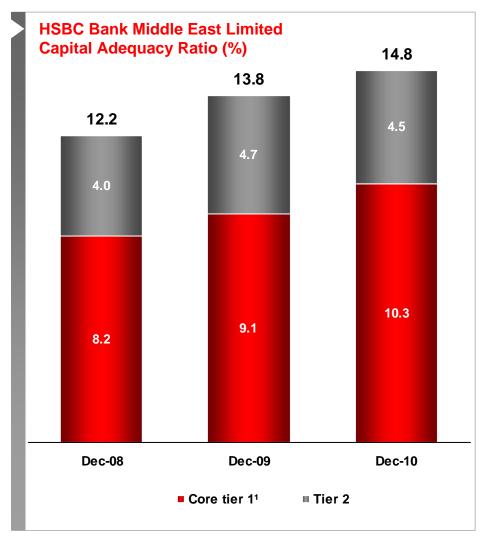
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⁽¹⁾ Simple ADR: Customer loans & advances as a % of Customer accounts

Capital strength

Strong capital ratio





Notes:

⁽¹⁾ Core tier 1 capital represents tier 1 capital excluding preferred shares and non-controlling interest in subsidiary and trust, as per JFSC requirements

Conclusion & Structure overview



HSBC in the Middle East

Well positioned for sustainable growth

Competitive Advantages

Compelling macro outlook: demographics, oil, gas, trade

Long term case for superior returns remain

HSBC Network to connect MENA and the rest of the world

Cross-border leadership in trade, capital and wealth flows

Strategic Actions

Clear focus on Egypt, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Qatar

Operational transformation; efficiency, control, distribution, connectivity

Connect customers across geographies & customer groups

Focus on wealth accumulation in mass affluent & HNW markets

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