

Challenger Financial Services Group Limited

Half Year results to 31 December 2008

Dominic Stevens – Chief Executive Officer

16 February 2009

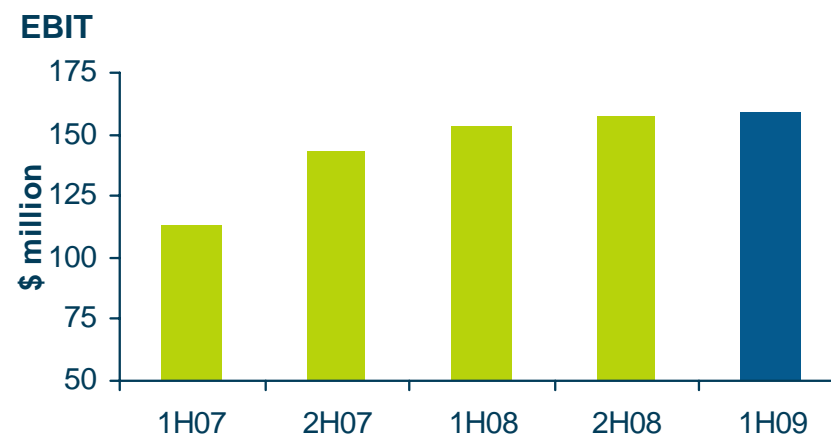


Robust performance in challenging markets

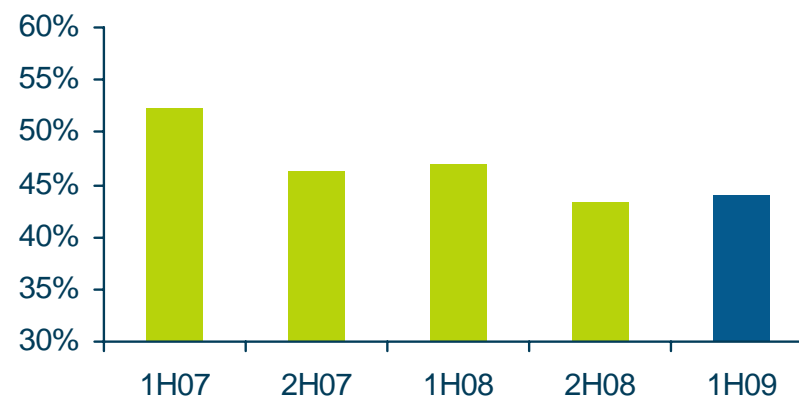
- Financial performance
 - Normalised NPAT of \$106m – up 4%
 - Normalised EBIT of \$159m – up 3%
 - Strong operating cash flow of \$89m – up 5%
 - Statutory NPAT of \$(108m) impacted by negative investment experience of \$(214m)
 - Interim dividend declared of 5.0 cps – unfranked
 - On-market buy-back 36% complete
- Financial flexibility
 - Capital excess to minimum regulatory requirements above \$400m
 - Available Group cash of \$366m
 - Net debt of \$234m
 - Cash and cash equivalents in Challenger Life No.2 Limited ~\$900m
- Increased cash operating earnings guidance for Life FY09 now \$250m - up 19%

1H09 – financial performance

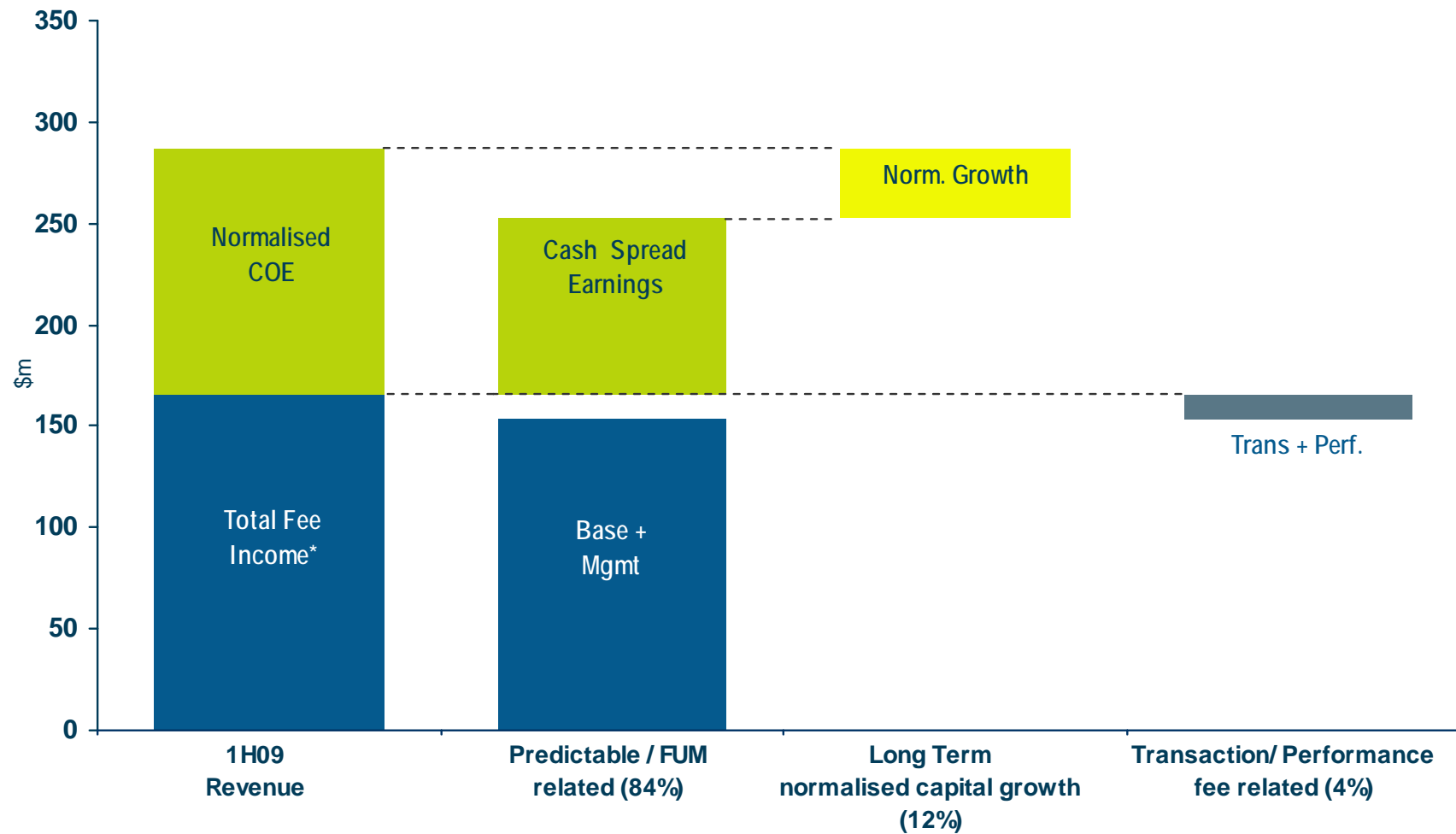
- Normalised EBIT up 3% on pcp driven by
 - Life EBIT up 34%
 - 21% increase in Mortgage Management EBIT
 - Lower contribution from Funds Management as markets fell
- Strong focus on expense control – full run-rate of expense savings not yet evident, benefit expected to increase in 2H09



Cost to income ratio



Quality of revenue



Capital strength

- CL2 prudentially regulated by APRA
- Capital adequacy remains strong and above target surplus albeit down on significant excess at June 08
- Excess capital greater than \$400m in CL2 after absorbing significant mark to market impacts during the last six months (most adverse market conditions in 130 years)
- Cash & Cash Equivalents in CL2 increased to ~\$900m
- Re-affirmed credit ratings by S&P
 - Life 'A'
 - Group 'BBB+'

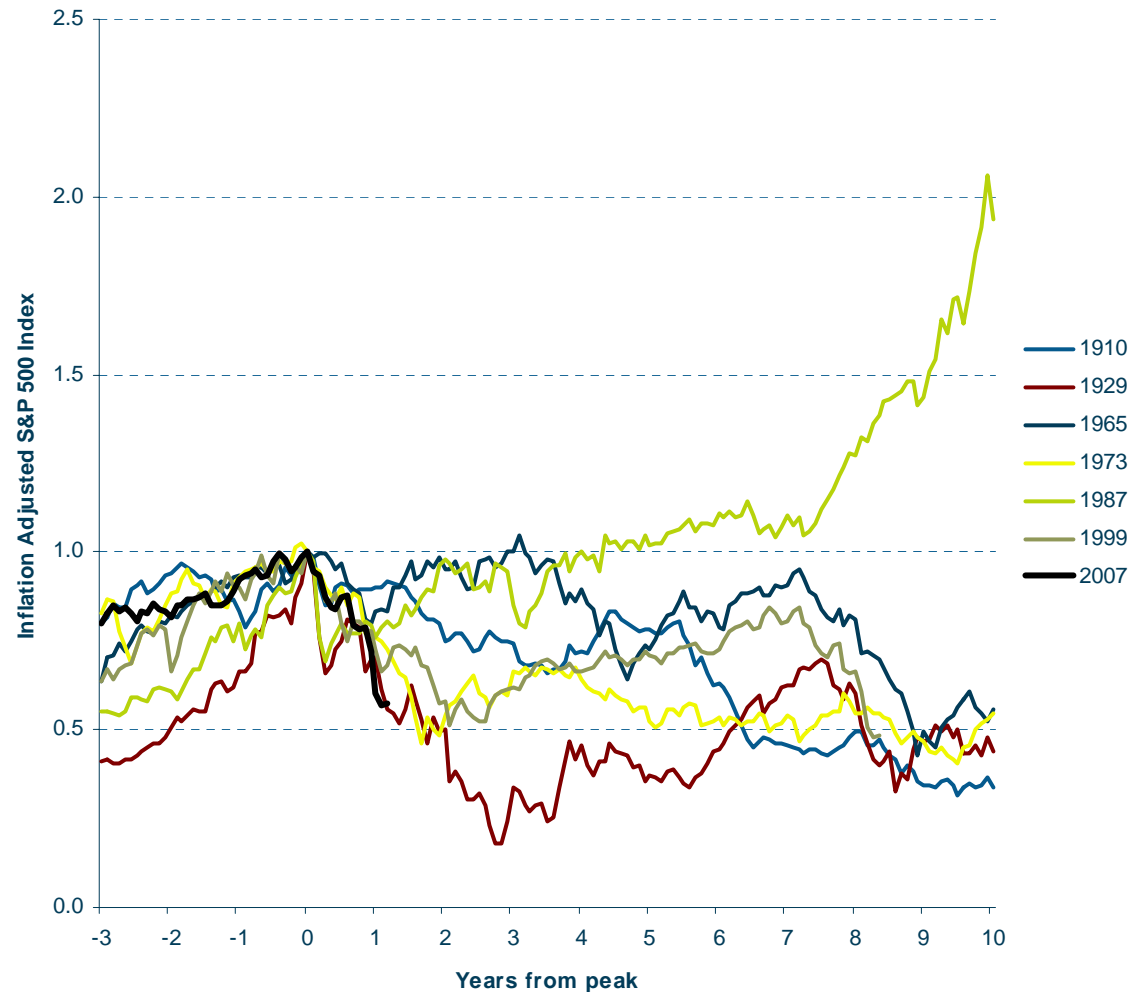
Opportunities and Challenges



Life – commitment to retirement security

Historical Comparison of S&P 500 Cycles

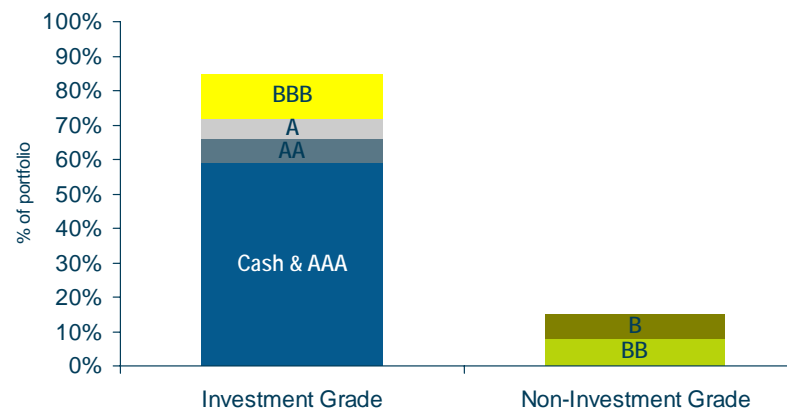
- Largest annuity provider in Australia; transition of AXA portfolio in Nov 08 re-affirmed our commitment to the market
- We believe annuities have a clear place in retirement plans and see opportunities to develop products to meet demand
- Equity market volatility has increased focus on importance of capital guaranteed products
- Recent retirees in equity products have faced a capital loss of ~40%



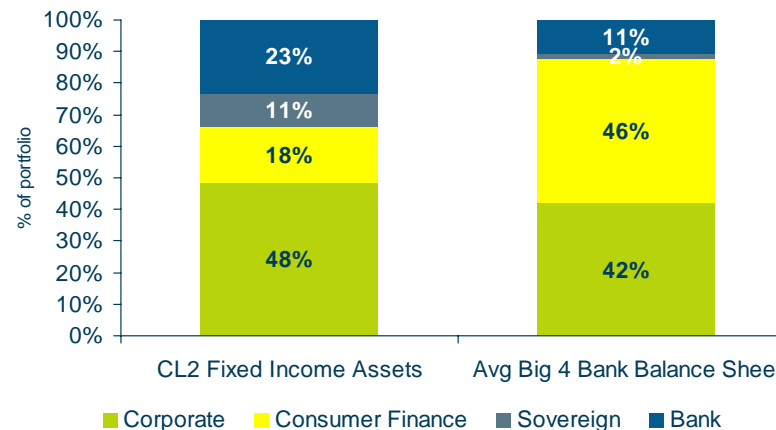
Life - business opportunities and challenges

- ~85% of fixed income is investment grade
- Continuing to re-invest assets received from AXA in fixed income
- Expect these high returns to remain given market liquidity constraints

CL2 fixed income portfolio by S&P equivalent rating



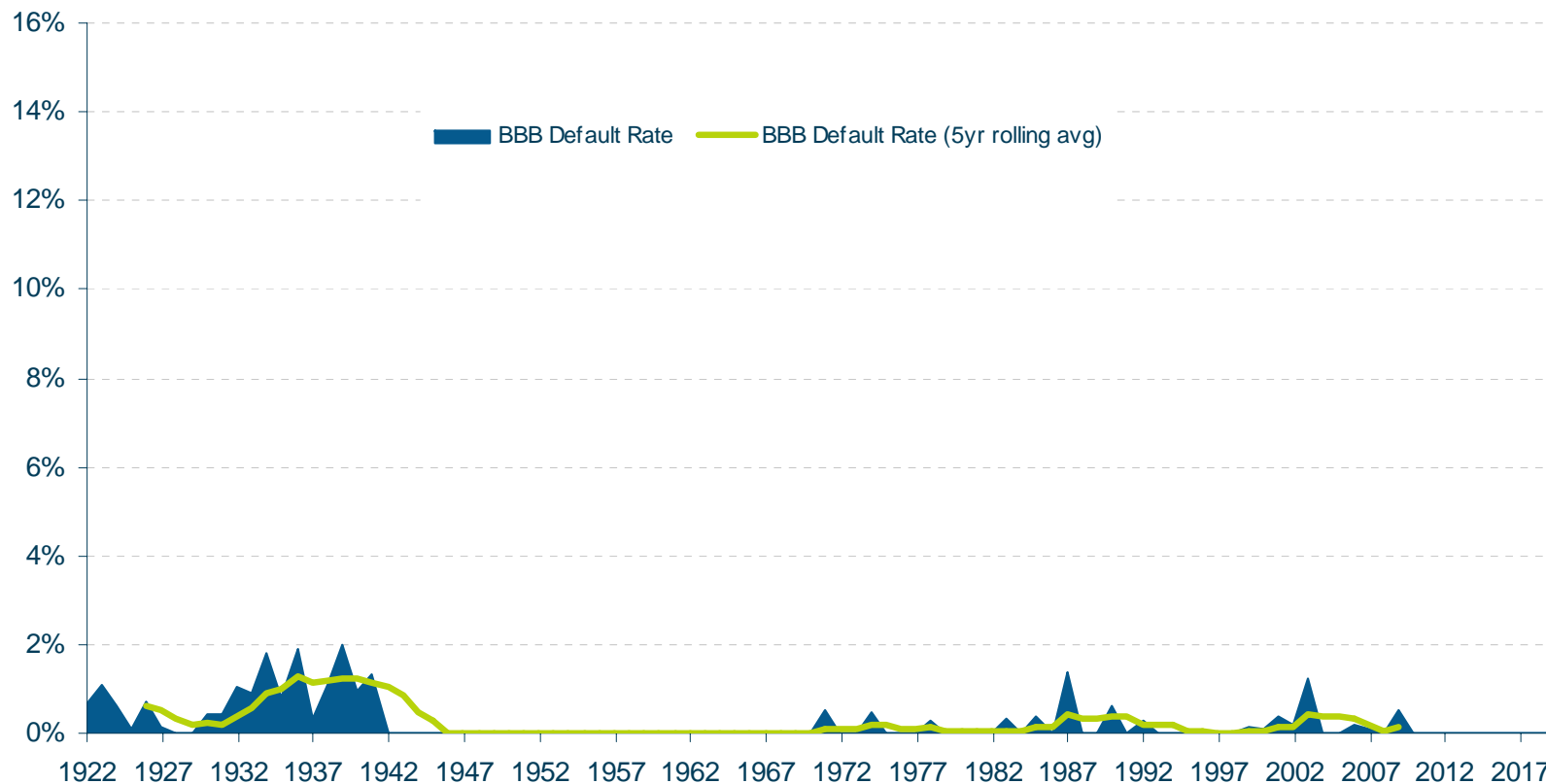
Average major bank balance sheet allocation versus CL2 fixed income portfolio



Source: ANZ, CBA, NAB, WBC pillar 3 reports

Life - business opportunities and challenges

Historic 1 and 5 Yr Rolling Average BBB Corporate Default Rate

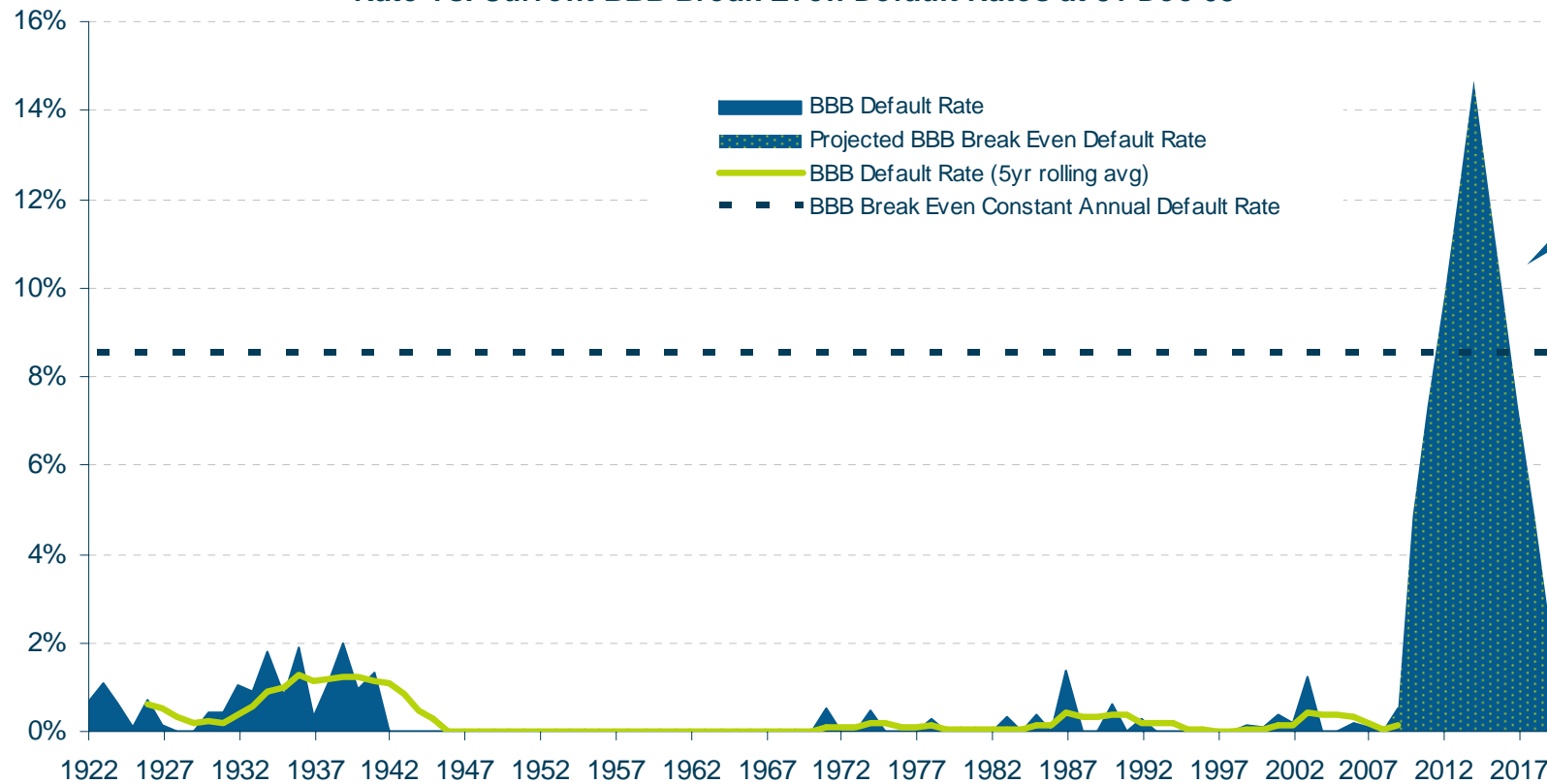


Sources: Moodys, JP Morgan, Challenger

BBB Implied Break Even Default Rate calculated using 87.94 price, 25% recoveries & 10.66yr life

Life - business opportunities and challenges

Historic and Projected Break Even 1 and 5 Yr Rolling Average BBB Corporate Default Rate vs. Current BBB Break Even Default Rates at 31 Dec 08



Current pricing levels imply default rates more than 5 times the experience in the Great Depression

Sources: Moodys, JP Morgan, Challenger

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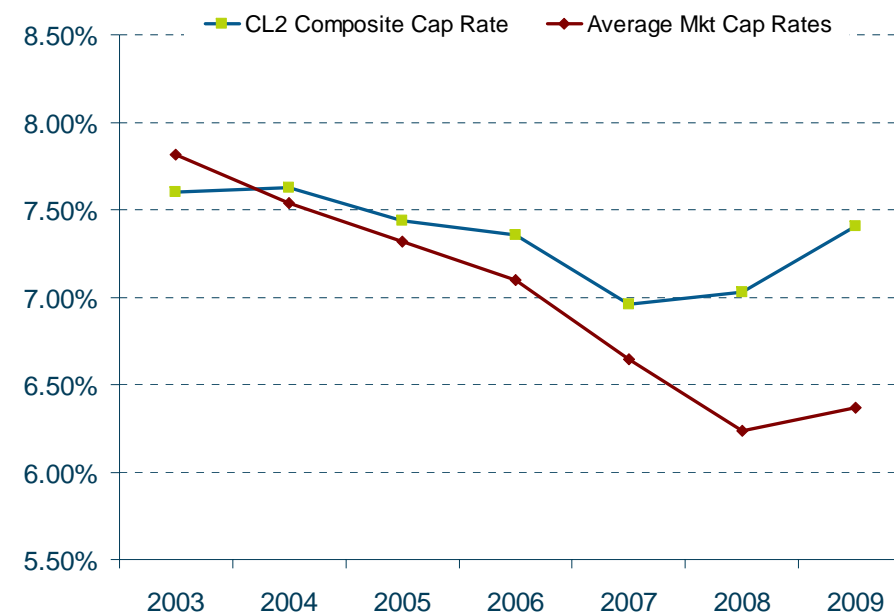


Life - business opportunities and challenges

- Valuations are conservative – reflecting quality and low risk nature of the portfolio and prudent valuations in prior periods
- Properties purchased at high cap rates and will perform as expected
- Current rental IRR of ~9% against funding around swap

Challenger composite Cap Rate versus Market

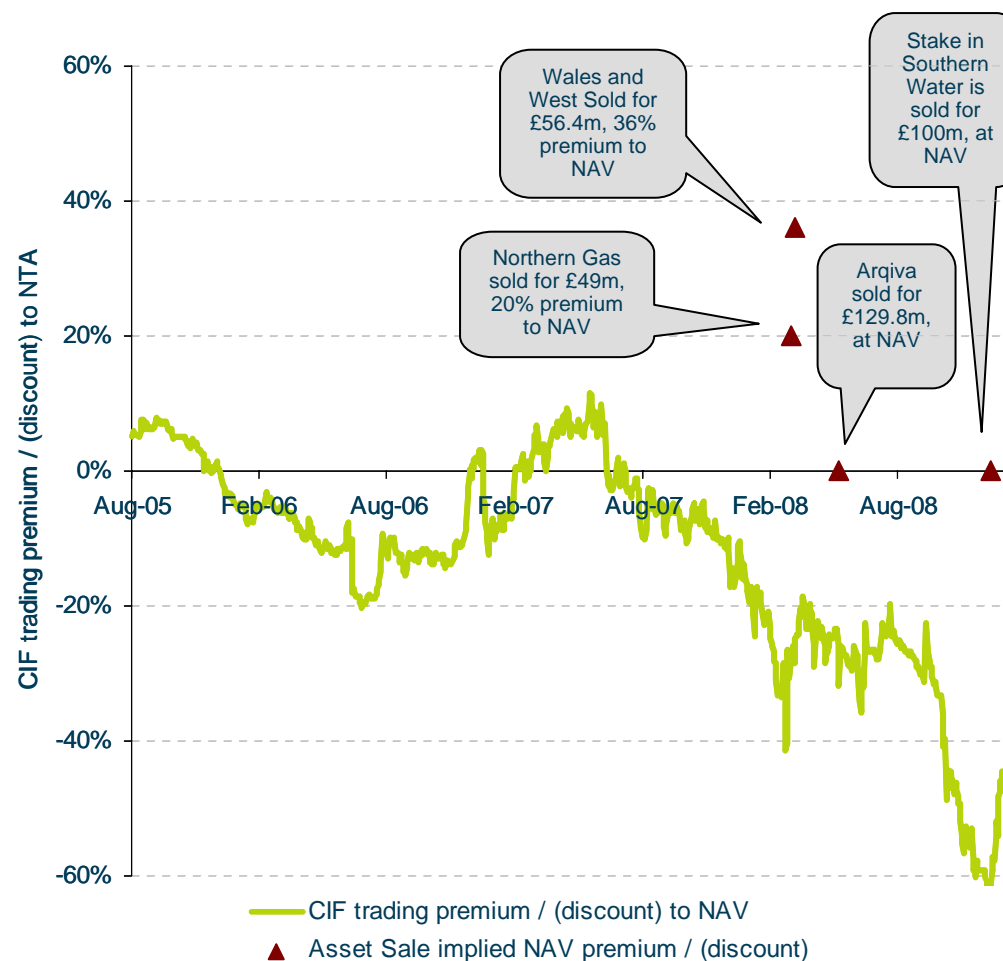
Financial Year



Source: Challenger, IPD Australian Composite Weighted Average Cap Rates

Life - business opportunities and challenges

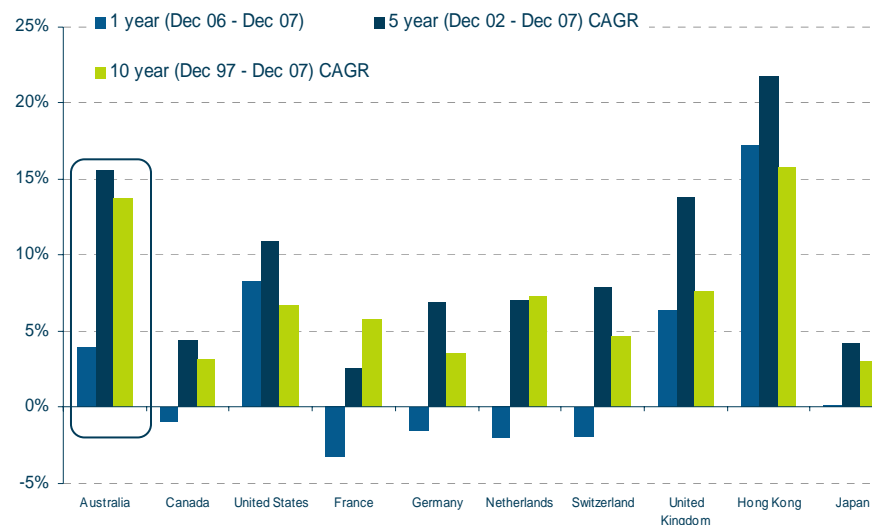
- Primary exposure via Challenger Infrastructure Fund
 - Trading at a significant discount to NAV
 - All recent asset sales have been at or above NAV
- CIF RPS partly repaid in Dec 08 resulting in reduced allocation to infrastructure



Funds - business opportunities and challenges

- Australian market an attractive long term opportunity
 - 4th largest asset management market in the world
 - Compulsory superannuation
 - Current flight to cash will revert to investment markets over time
- Boutique model
 - Portfolio approach diversifies risk
 - Boutiques need sponsors with key distribution, strong compliance and capital
- Scale is key
 - Niche player with key expertise
 - Integration of businesses not complete
 - Consolidation opportunities arising

Global superannuation assets growth rates



Source: Watson Wyatt – January 2008 – compound growth rates in local currency terms; Axis Australia

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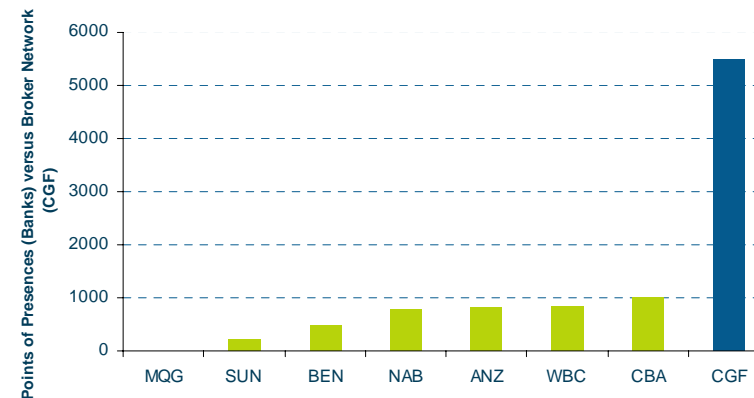
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Mortgages – business opportunities & challenges

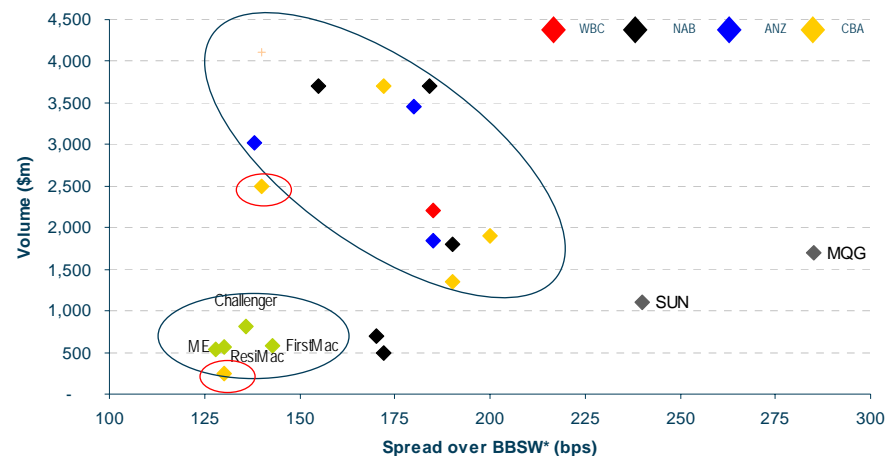
- Broker platforms - key strategic distribution business operating across Australia in mortgage sector
- Funding constraints a function more of liquidity / volume than price
- Volumes for term debt not achievable for smaller ADI's or Securitisers without Guarantee
- Similar style guarantee program for RMBS could encourage greater competition and stimulation of housing demand

Challenger broker network versus Bank points of presence



Bank points of presence - source APRA 30 June 2008

Recent government guaranteed bank transactions / RMBS issuance



* Spread to swap including govt. guarantee fee



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Brian Benari – Group Chief Financial Officer & Group Chief Operating Officer

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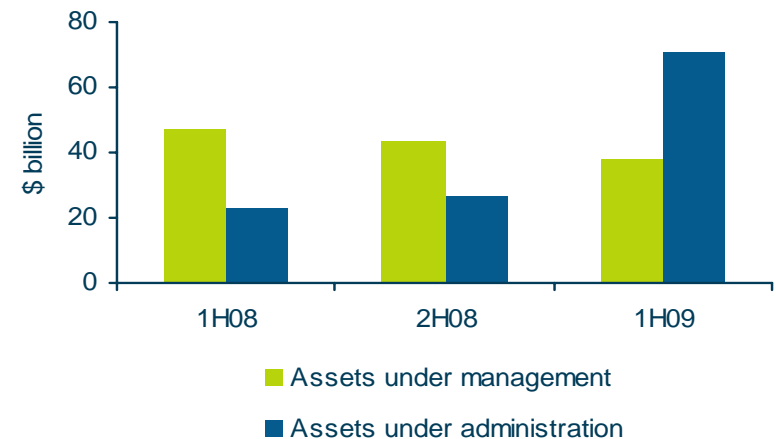
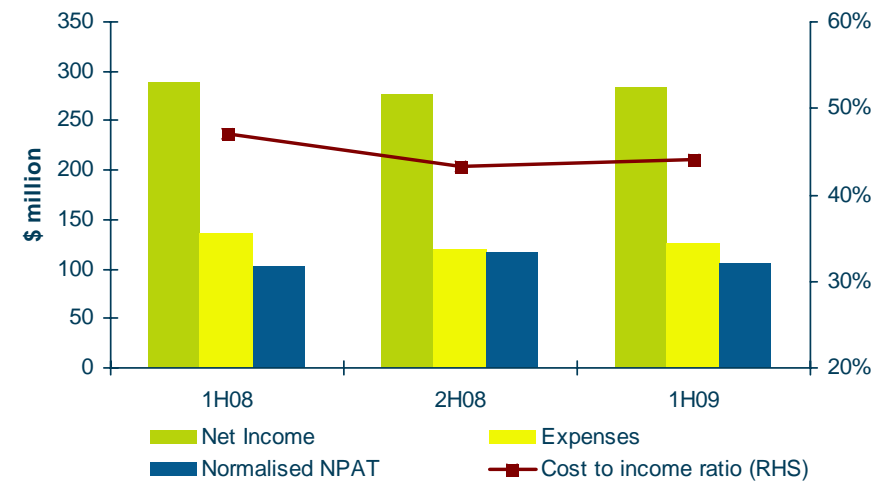
Financial highlights

Challenger Group

Half Year Ended 31 Dec 08

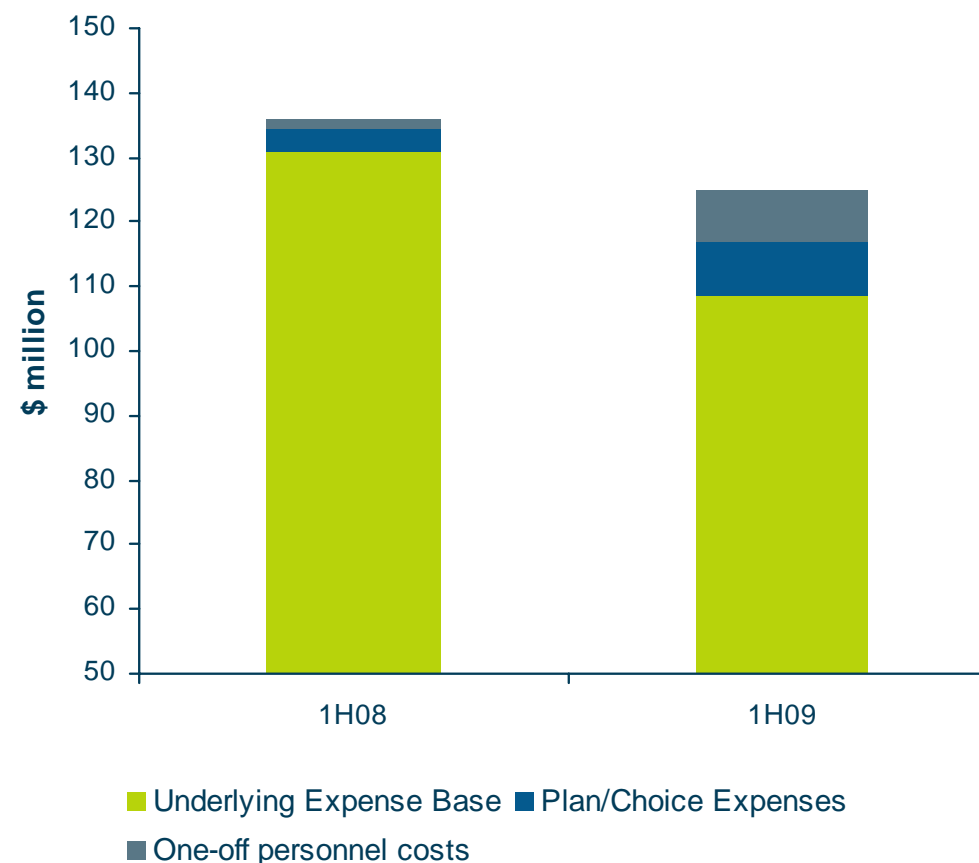
Financial Performance	1H09	1H08	% Mvt 1H08-1H09	Trend
Assets Under Management	\$37.7bn	\$47.3bn	(21)%	↓
Assets Under Administration	\$70.9bn	\$23.2bn	large	↑
Net Income	\$284m	\$290m	(2)%	↓
Expenses	\$125m	\$136m	(8)%	↓
Normalised EBIT ¹	\$159m	\$154m	3%	↑
Normalised NPAT ¹	\$106m	\$102m	4%	↑
Statutory NPAT	(\$108m)	\$96m	large	↓
EPS (Normalised Basic) - cps	17.8	17.8	-	↔
EPS (Statutory Basic) - cps	(18.1)	16.7	large	↓

¹ Excluding investment experience and significant items



Expense control

- Expense base centralised under single CFO/COO role
- Expenses down 8% on pcp despite impact of one-off personnel costs and PLAN / Choice impact
- Mortgage Management expenses continue to be aligned to growth/flows
- Funds Management restructure will lead to cost savings



Divisional performance

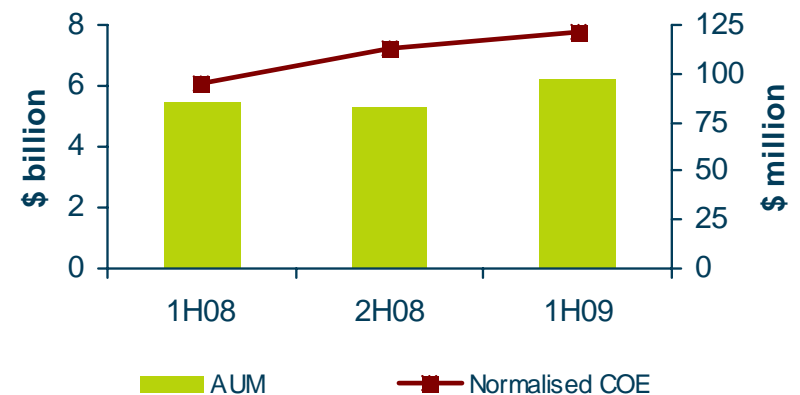
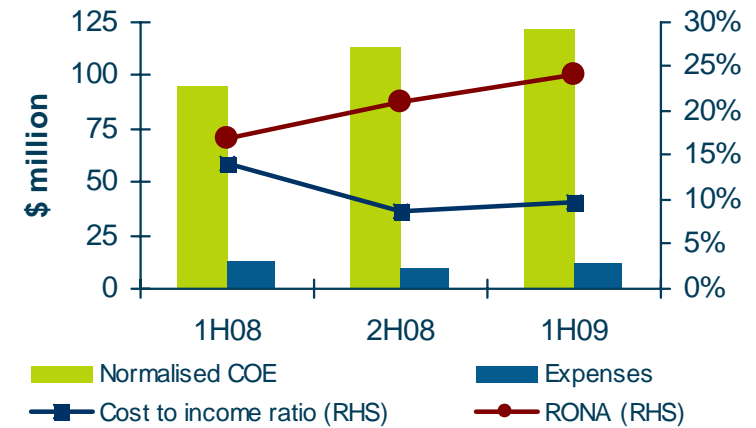


Life financial highlights

Financial Performance	1H09	1H08	% Mvt 1H08 - 1H09	Trend
AUM – Life	\$6.1bn	\$5.5bn	11%	↑
Normalised Cash Operating Earnings	\$122m	\$95m	28%	↑
Expenses	\$12m	\$13m	(8)%	↓
Normalised EBIT ¹	\$110m	\$82m	34%	↑
Investment Experience Post Tax	\$(214m)	\$(6m)	Large	↑
Normalised RONA ²	24%	17%	-	↑
Opening Net Assets	\$909m	\$981m	-	-

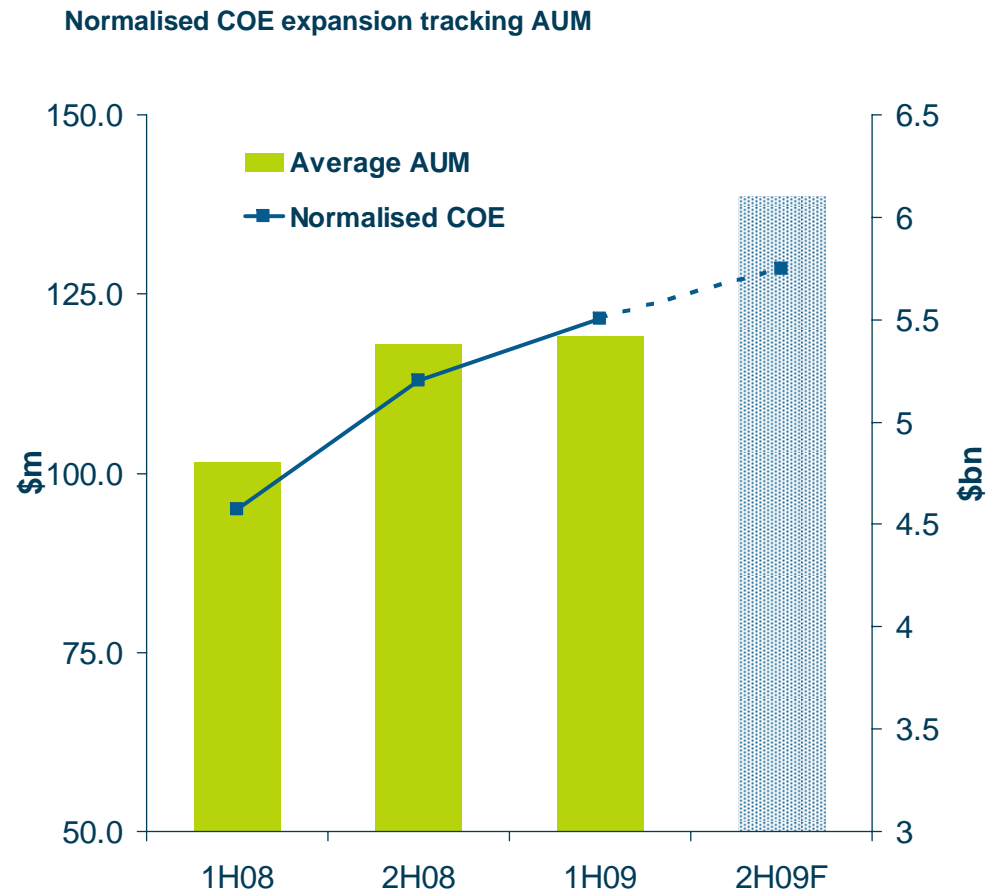
¹ – Excludes the impact of investment experience

² - Calculated on opening Net Assets.

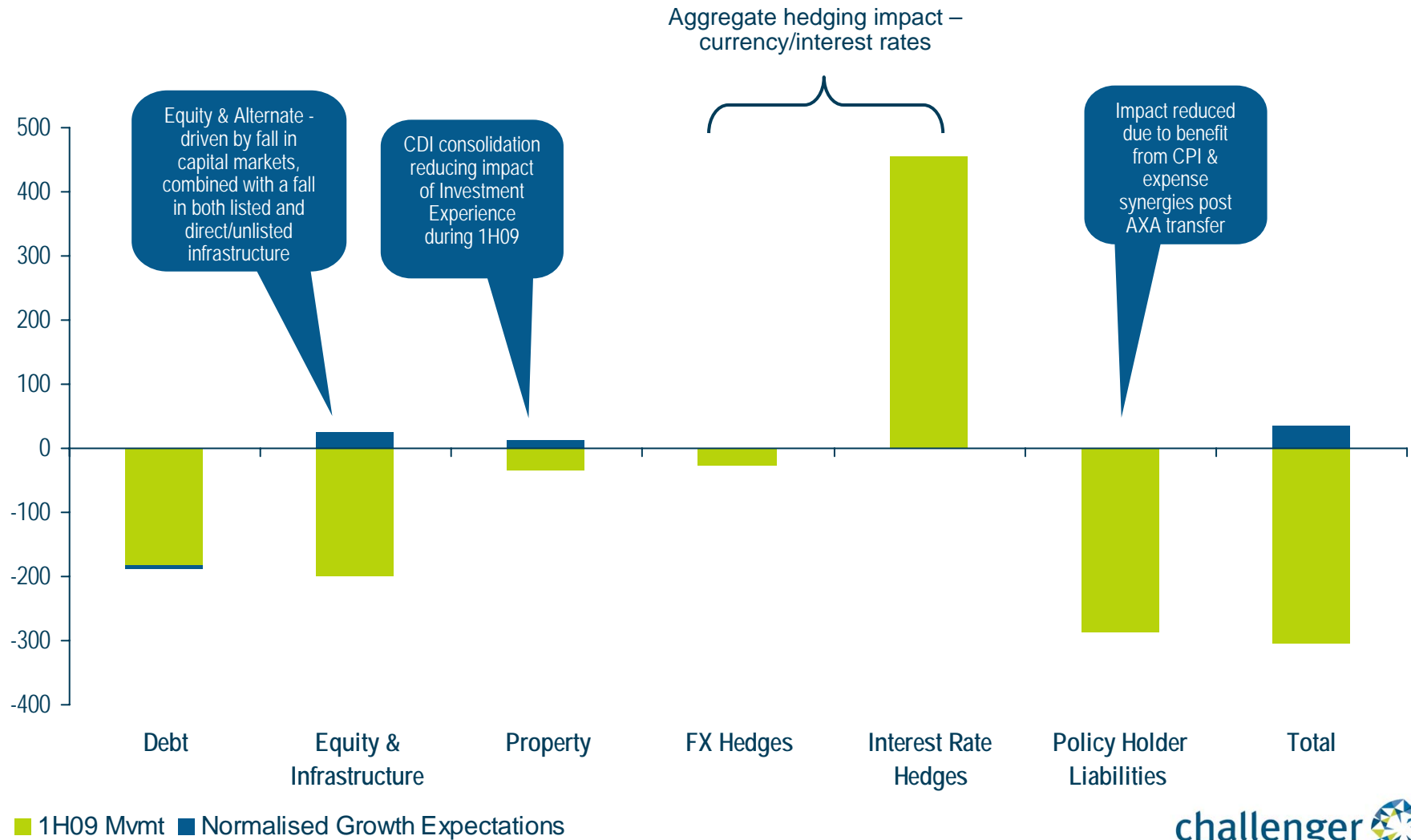


Key value drivers of the result

- Normalised cash spread earnings expanding as MetLife cash fully invested, margins continue to widen
- Earnings guidance for Life COE upgraded to \$250m for FY09 - up 19% reflecting wider asset spreads and AXA transition
- Continued focus on high grade fixed income (~85% of debt portfolio is investment grade) – delivering high risk adjusted returns



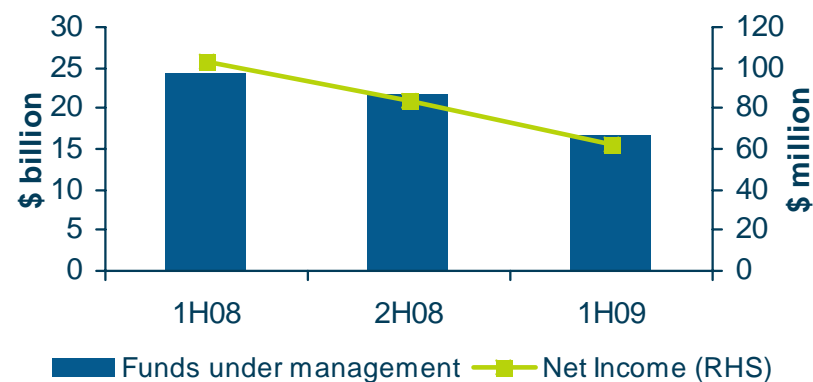
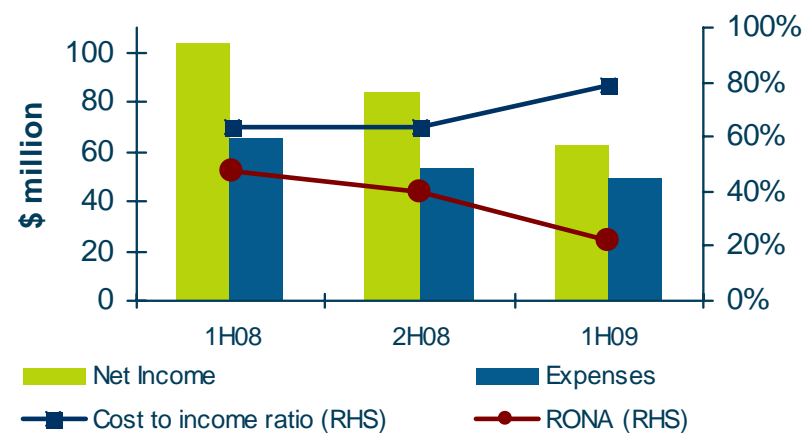
Investment Experience



Funds Management financial highlights

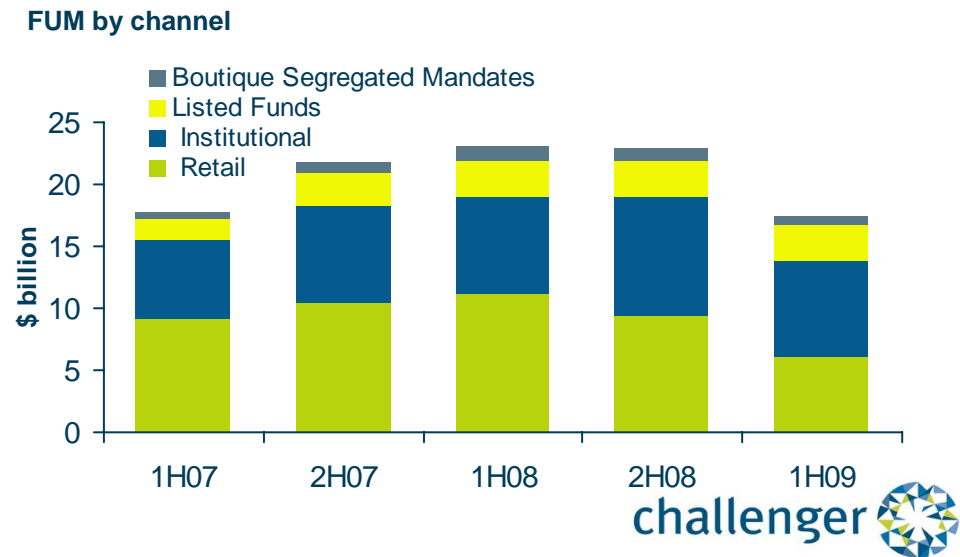
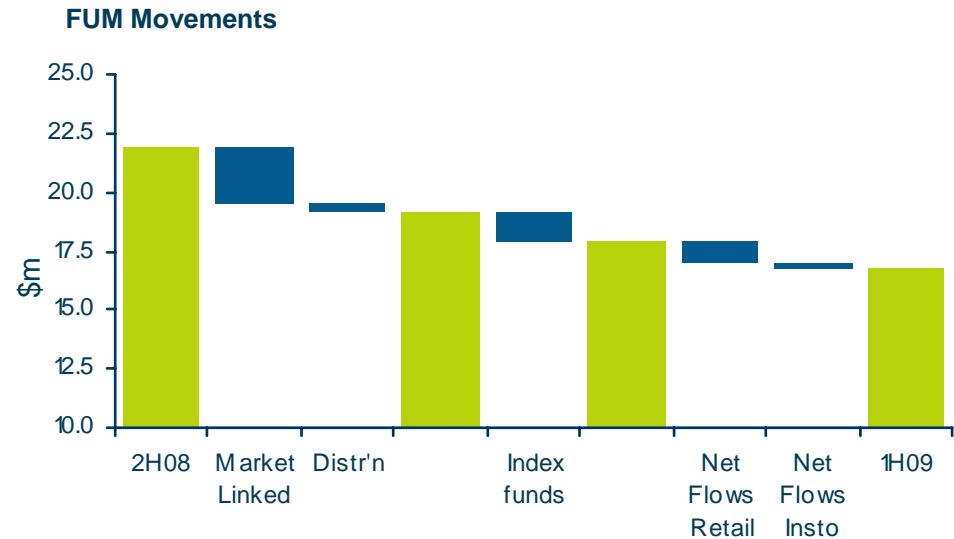
Financial Performance	1H09	1H08	% Mvt 1H08-1H09	Trend
Funds Under Management	\$16.8bn	\$24.3bn	(31)%	↓
Net Income	\$62m	\$103m	(40)%	↓
Expenses	\$49m	\$66m	(26)%	↓
EBIT	\$13m	\$37m	(65)%	↓
RONA ¹	22%	47%	-	↓
Opening Net Assets	\$117m	\$157m	-	↓

¹ – Calculated on opening Net Assets.



Key value drivers of the result

- Revenue lower due to:
 - fall in unlisted funds/mandates FUM during the period
 - outflows in retail FUM (primarily index funds)
 - reduced contribution from performance/transaction fees for specialised funds
- Expenses down 26% despite incurring some one-off personnel costs in this period
- Continuing focus on aligning expenses with revenue – synergies from restructure not fully evident

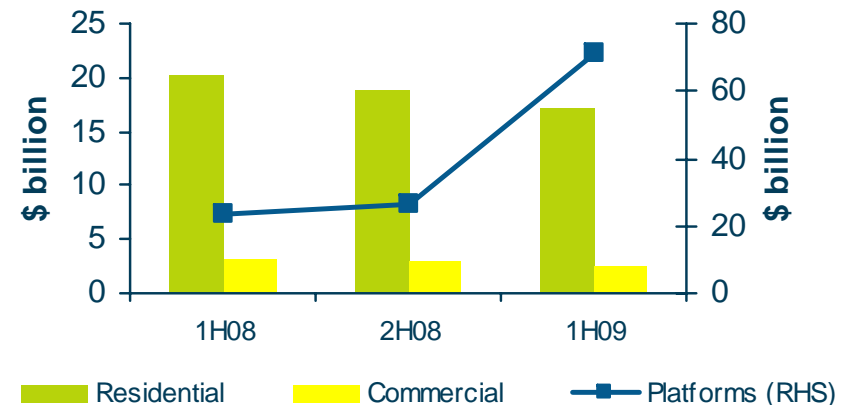
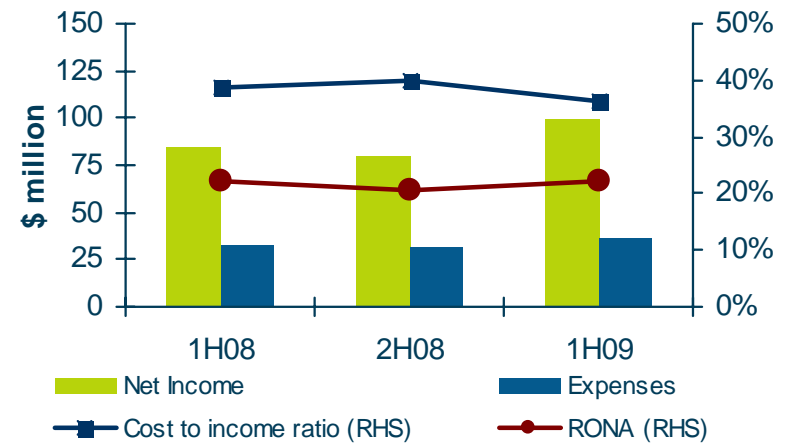


Mortgage Management financial highlights

Financial Performance	1H09	1H08	% Mvt 1H08-1H09	Trend
Mortgages Under Management	\$19.8bn	\$23.3bn	(15)%	↓
Mortgages Under Administration ¹	\$71.1bn	\$23.2bn	large	↑
Net Income	\$99m	\$85m	16%	↑
Expenses	\$36m	\$33m	9%	↑
EBIT	\$63m	\$52m	21%	↑
RONA ²	22%	22%	-	↔
Opening Net Assets	\$571m	\$469m	-	-

¹ - 1H09 includes PLAN which became a 100% subsidiary on 30 September 08

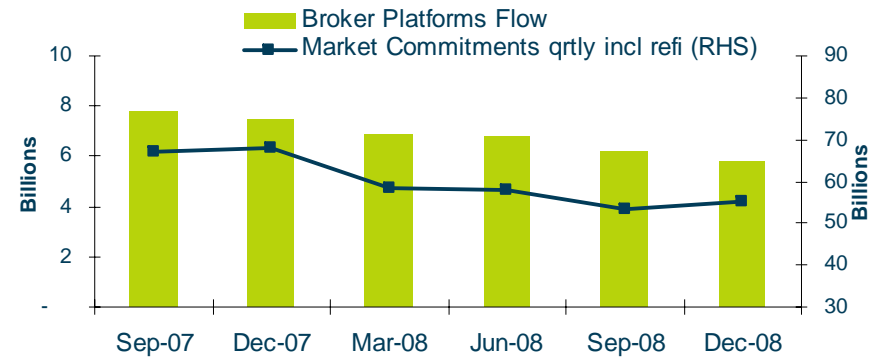
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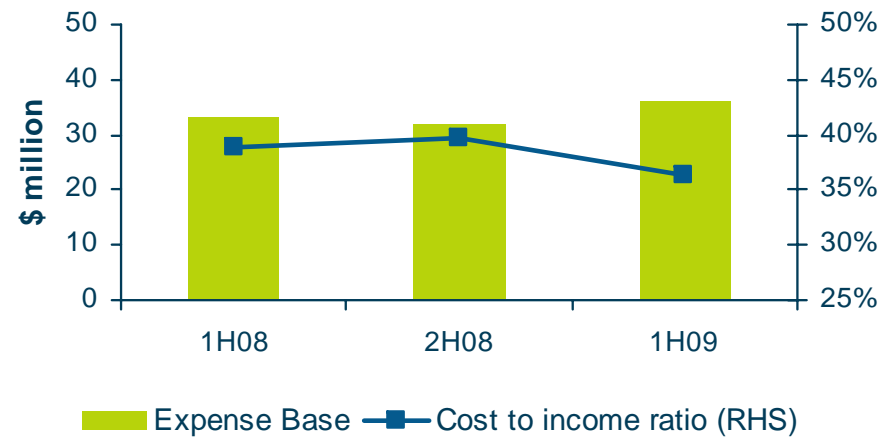
- Mortgage lending book smaller as growth was moderated to ensure longer term profitability in light of increased term funding costs
- MUA increased following PLAN acquisition with settlements performing ahead of market
- Expenses flat on pcp excluding PLAN acquisition
- Combining lending and platform operations to deliver further expense synergies

Platform Settlements vs Market Commitments



Source – ABS, Challenger, Choice

Flexible cost base

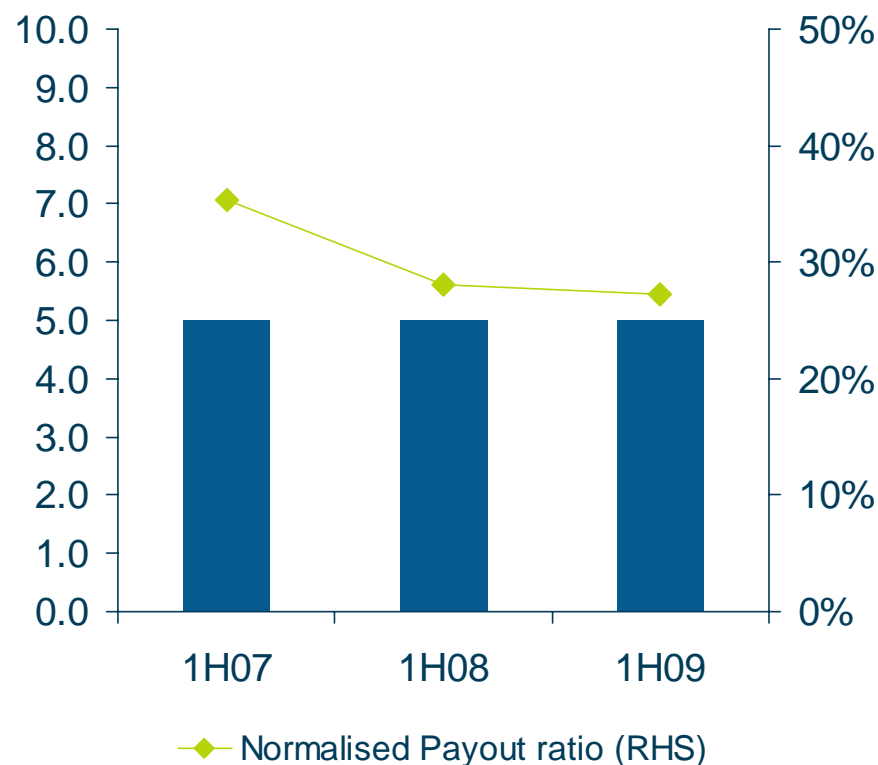


Dividends

- 2009 interim dividend declared
- 5.0 cents per share, unfranked
- Sustainable payout ratio
- Active capital management delivering accretion for shareholders
 - on-market buy-back 36% complete

Key Dates	
Ex-dividend date	19 March 2009
Record date	25 March 2009
Payment date	17 April 2009

Interim dividend – cents per share (cps)



Outlook

Dominic Stevens – Chief Executive Officer

16 February 2009



Outlook

- 2008 has changed the financial services landscape
 - Higher risk premiums on assets
 - Value of long term funding or capital has increased
 - Survivors will emerge stronger
 - Policy focus will inevitably move from stability to competition
- Early actions in the cycle positioned us well
 - Strengthened capital base and sold non-core business
- No requirement to raise new capital
 - Strong organic generation of capital/earnings
 - Balance sheet conservatively marked

Outlook

- Growth through capturing demand for capital guaranteed investments to counter market volatility
- 5,500 strong mortgage distribution network providing scale benefits and strategic partnership opportunities
- Continuing focus on cost savings and efficiencies
- Proven and consistent Executive Team in place since 2003

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