#### Debt investor presentation

Cape Town, 20 October 2010



#### Overview of FirstRand

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#### FirstRand's strategic intent

- To be the African financial services group of choice
- Create long-term franchise value
- Deliver superior and sustainable economic returns within acceptable levels of volatility

#### Growth strategies

- Dominant South African player focussing on existing and under represented markets
- Grow African franchise, targeting:
  - Above average domestic growth markets
  - Markets strongly positioned to benefit from trade and investment flows between Africa and Asia, particularly China and India

High	China	9.81			
	Ghana	8.35			
	India	8.28			
growth	Mozambique	7.46			
	Tanzania	7.07			
	Nigeria	6.74			
	Angola	6.72			
	Uganda	6.72			<u> </u>
	EM Average	6.55			
	Indonesia	6.48			
	Zambia	6.15			
	Kenya	5.85			
Medium growth	Sub-Saharan Africa	5.43			
	Botswana	5.40			
	Brazil	4.72			
	Mexico	4.64			
	World	4.43			
	Russia	4.13			
	South Africa	3.83			
	Australia	3.30			
	Canada	2.85			
	USA	2.59			
	Namibia	2.50			
Low	UK	2.46			
	Japan	1.90			
growth	Germany	1.68			
	Italy	1.26			
	Spain	1.09			
	Greece	-0.30			
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#### Growth areas in South Africa

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#### Retail

- Mass market
- Wealth segment

#### • Corporate

- CIB initiative
- RMB FICC
- Risk appetite for corporate lending

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#### Domestic retail growth opportunities

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#### Mass segment strategies

- Cellphone banking
  - More than doubled customer base in FY10 (from 950k to 1.95 million)

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#### • FNB EasyPlan

- 15 branches at 30 June 2010
- Target 100 branches in 2011
- eWallet
  - Launched in October 2009
  - 222 539 Wallets at September 2010

#### Wealth segment

Acquisition of BJM private clients business

#### **Innovative platforms**

• PayPal, FNB Connect, ADTs

#### Domestic corporate growth opportunities

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#### Corporate and Investment Banking

• CIB and Coverage units formed

#### RMB FICC strategy

• Focus on flow and client drive

#### • Wholesale credit focus

- Adjusted prudential limits
- Increased appetite for investment-grade defensive counters



#### International strategy

- Regional integrated financial services group
- Roll-out FirstRand's businesses in targeted countries across sub-Saharan Africa

- Co-ordinate activities across FirstRand's brands
- Preserve and grow current franchises and create sustainable profits
- Universal banking
- Provide a comprehensive range of banking products appropriate to the jurisdiction
- Implement best practices and governance principles

#### Entry strategy – international

 Our entry into new countries will be a combination of acquiring existing banks or Greenfields as appropriate

- We will do Greenfields if:
  - New banking licenses are available
  - Environment is conducive to Greenfields
  - No suitable acquisitions are available

#### Growth opportunities in Africa

#### Nigeria

- Representative office staffed
- Still assessing acquisition of small, healthy local bank
- Entry into investment banking being investigated

#### Tanzania

- Core team identified
- Systems, premises and infrastructure in place
- Awaiting final regulatory approval

#### Angola

- Received approval for representative office in July 2009
- Greenfields business case being developed
- Pursuing opportunities from SA-Angola bilateral trade agreements

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#### Zambia

- FNB Zambia launched in April 2009
- 14 000 accounts opened to date
- Expected to breakeven in December 2011

#### Coordinated focus on Africa and corridors

- Growth in FICC business in existing African subsidiaries
  - Namibia number 1 in the market
  - Zambia breakeven in year 1
  - Mozambique ahead of budget
- Corridor strategies in India and China gaining traction

#### India branch

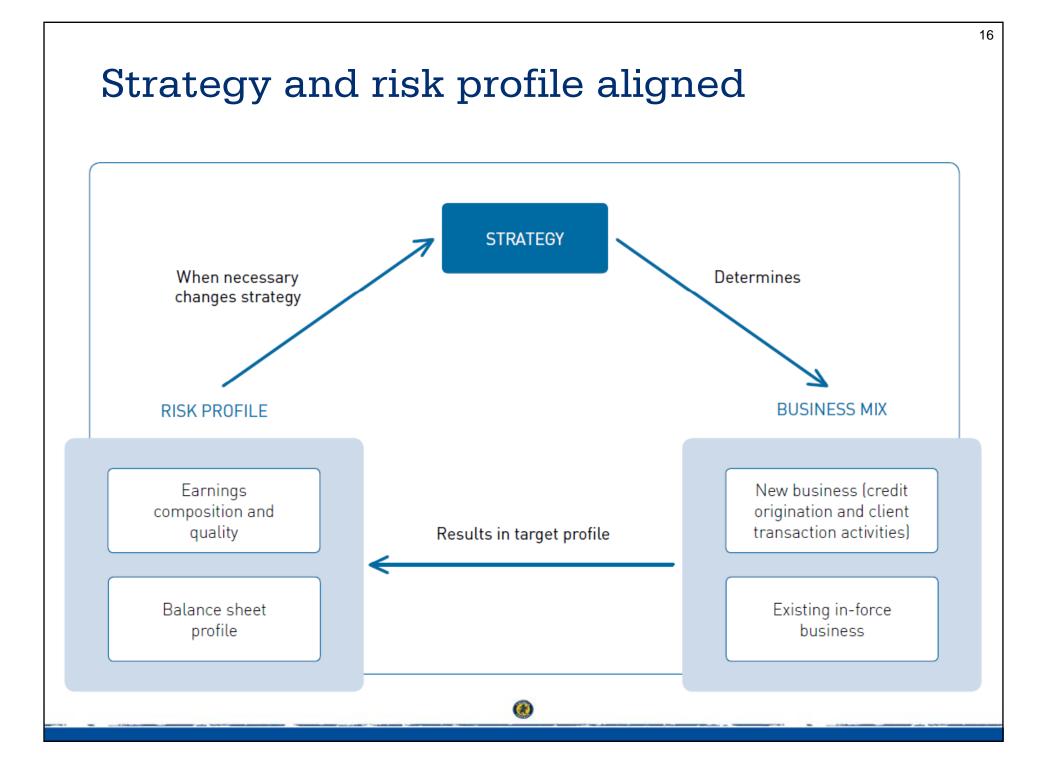
- Profitable from May 2010
- Strong brand building achieved in the Indian market with major corporates and government institutions
- Traction in FICC and Investment Banking space
- Trade Finance revenues from Indian counters as doubled since establishing a presence on the ground in India
- Advisory partnership signed with one of India's leading Advisory firms (JM Financial)
- Work to be done in DCM, infrastructure, distribution and equities spaces

#### FirstRand rebalancing its portfolio

#### • Retail vs corporate

- CIB initiative, increase appetite for investment-grade defensive counters
- Better balance between mass, consumer and wealth revenue streams in the retail portfolio
- Client flows vs secondary markets within corporate and investment banking portfolio
- Building the savings franchise
- South Africa and the rest of Africa

Maintain sound financial position



#### Aligning strategy and risk

- Risk management deeply embedded in tactical and strategic decision-making
- Apply the basic disciplines
  - Hold appropriate levels of core capital
  - Manage liquidity prudently
  - Manage diversified portfolio on a holistic basis, utilising natural hedges and business mix to ensure sufficient loss absorption capacity
  - Manage asset profile in line with risk appetite ranges
  - Drive operational efficiencies across the portfolio
  - Rebalance the portfolio for different macro scenarios

#### Macro shifts – highways

- Single house view informs credit origination, funding and tail risk strategies, stress testing
- Key macro drivers "highways" (long-run trends)
- Counter-cyclical approach
- Refinements to business models
  - Align risk appetite, financial/operating leverage and business mix

## 18 Financial performance & risk profile FIRSTRAND

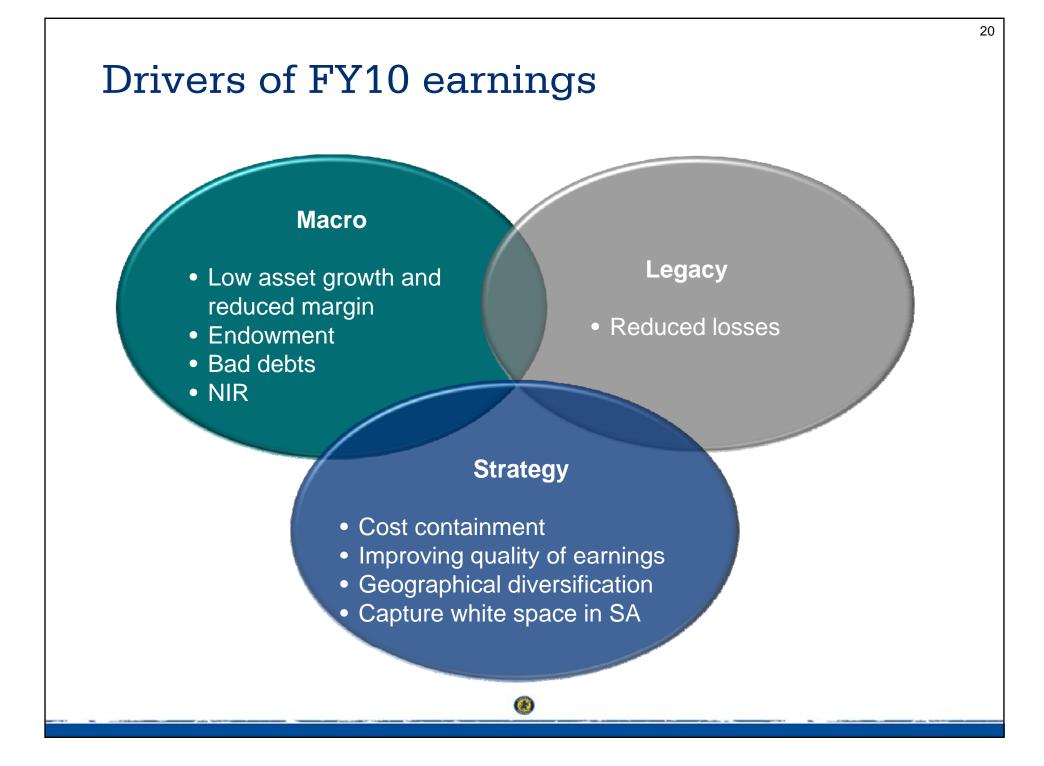
#### Banking Group key financial ratios

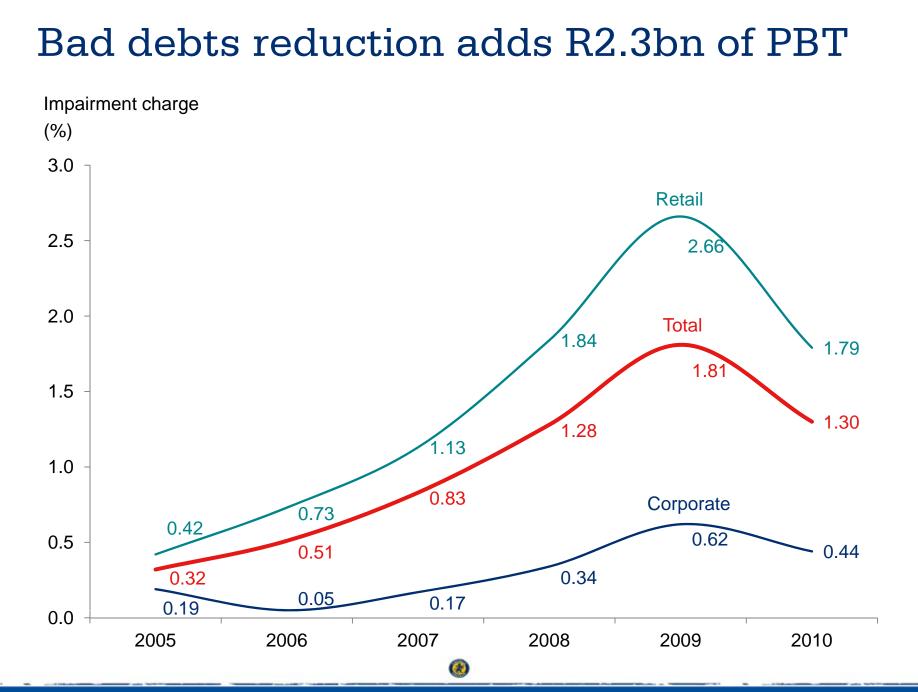
	Jun '10	Jun '09		Change
Normalised earnings <sup>1</sup> (R million)	8 535	6 056		41%
Normalised return on equity <sup>2</sup> (%)	18	13		
Return on assets (%)	1.24	0.80		
Credit loss ratio (%)	1.30	1.81		
Cost to income ratio – normalised (%)	57.1	58.1		
Tier 1 capital ratio <sup>3</sup> (%)	13.5	12.3		
Interest margin – normalised (%)	4.56	4.96		
Advances <sup>4</sup> (R billion)	444	430		3%
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3 Ratios shown are for FRBH

4 Gross advances after deducting ISP

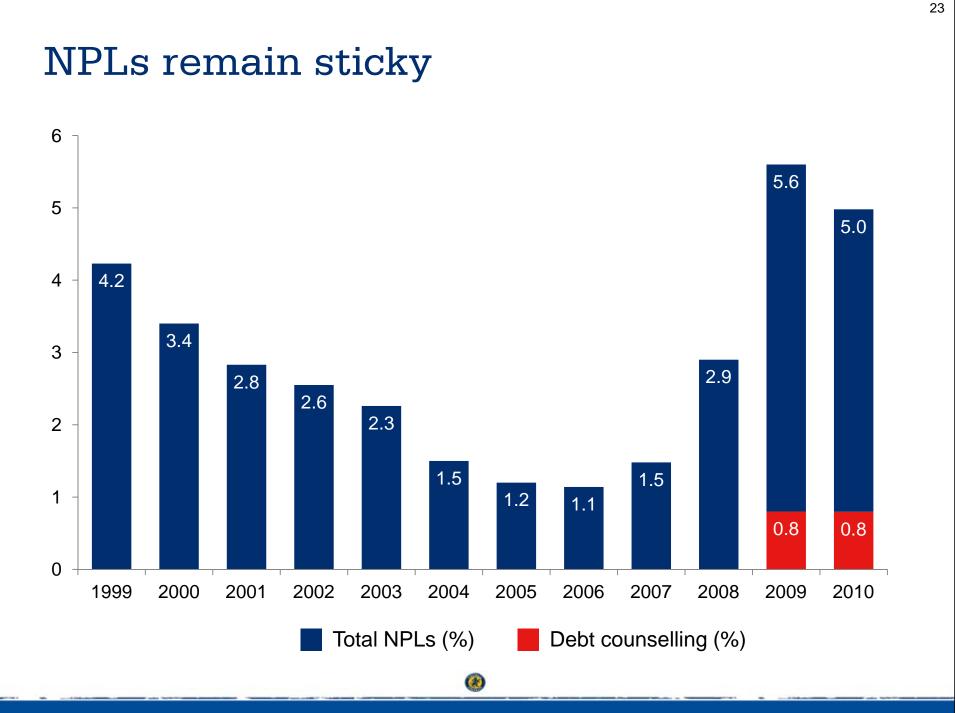




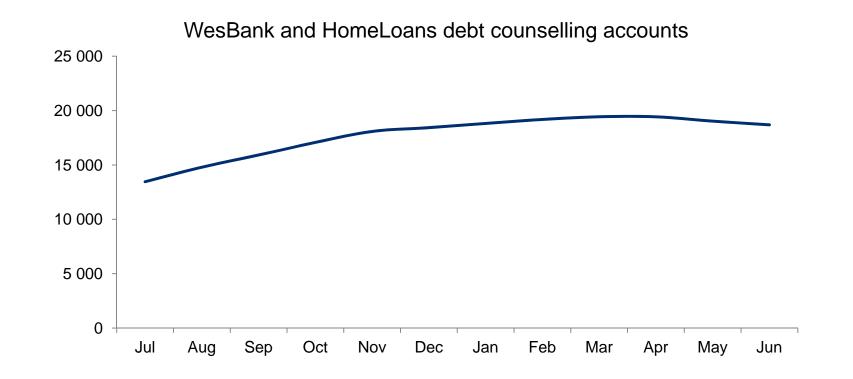
#### Retail unwind faster than corporate

Bad debts Percentage of average advances	6 months to Jun '10	6 months to Dec '09	6 months to Jun '09
Retail	1.41	2.08	2.97
- Residential mortgages	0.73	1.17	1.76
- Credit card	5.73	8.14	12.51
- Vehicle and asset finance	1.45	2.20	2.70
Wholesale*	0.81	0.71	0.90
Total bad debt ratio	1.13	1.51	1.99

\* Includes WesBank Business and Corporate



## Number of debt counselling accounts stabilising

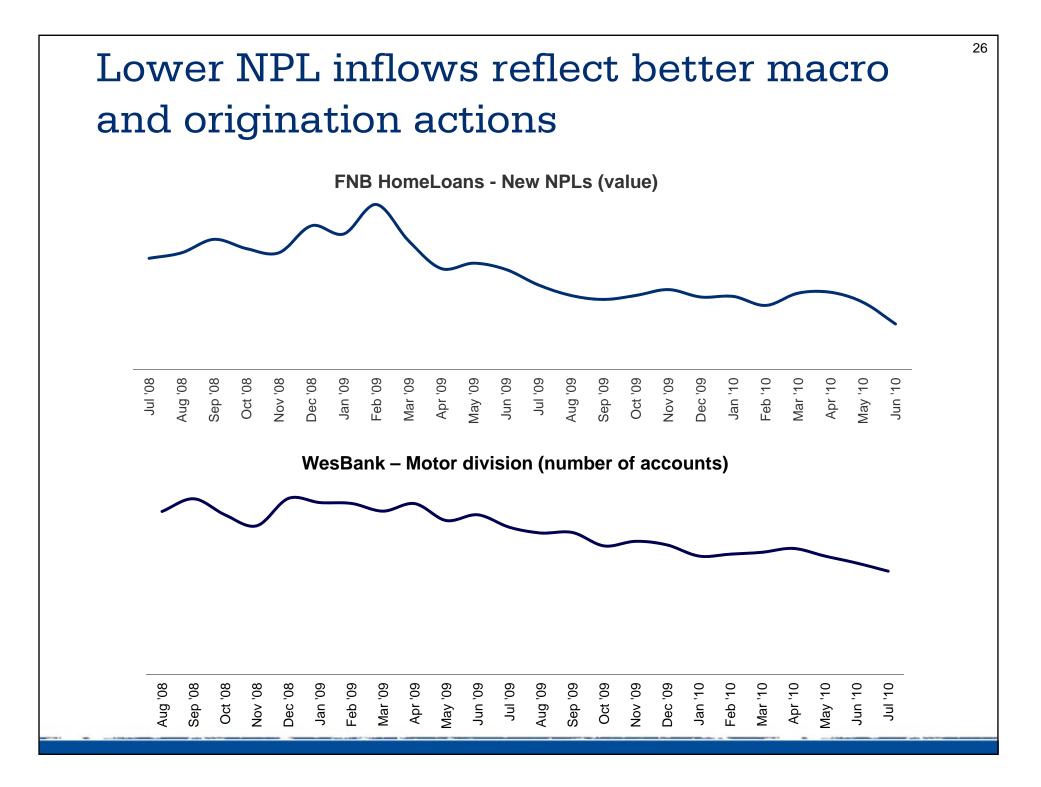


- Inflows into debt review are stabilising
- The underlying risk profile of the debt review book is better than expected

#### Positive trend, but absolute level remains high

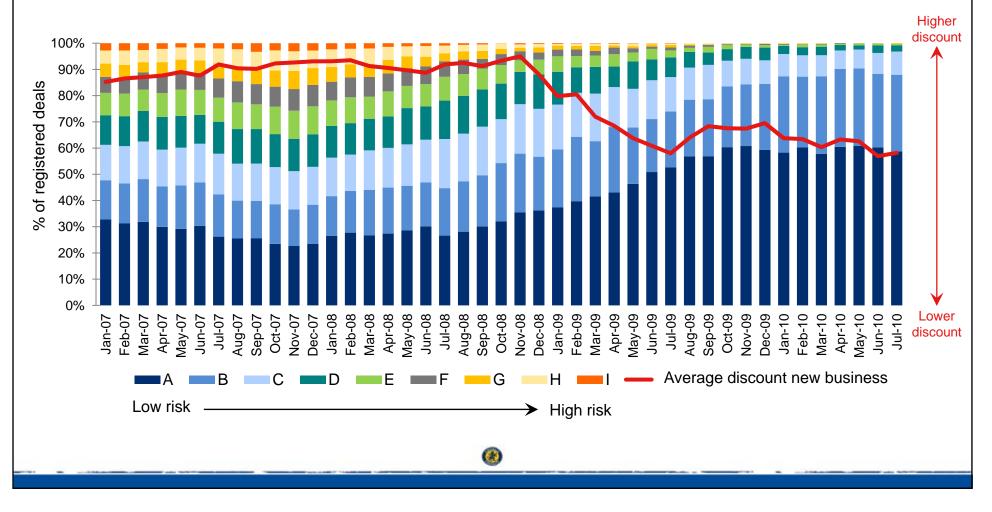
NPL Percentage of advances	Jun '10	Dec '09	Jun '09
Retail	6.94	7.43	8.15
- Residential mortgages	8.24	8.71	9.21
- Credit card	6.28	8.50	12.31
- Vehicle and asset finance	5.17	5.03	5.52
Wholesale*	2.52	2.72	2.29
Total NPL ratio	5.00	5.42	5.64

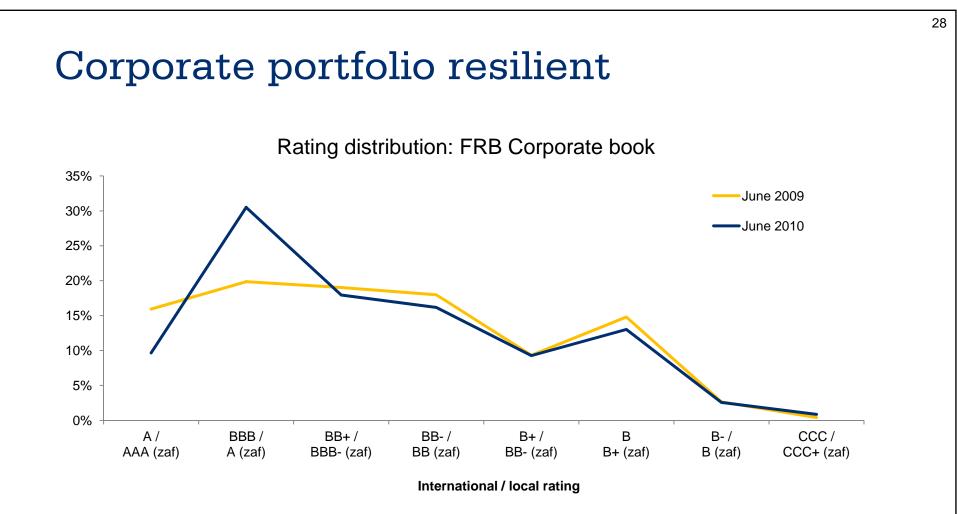
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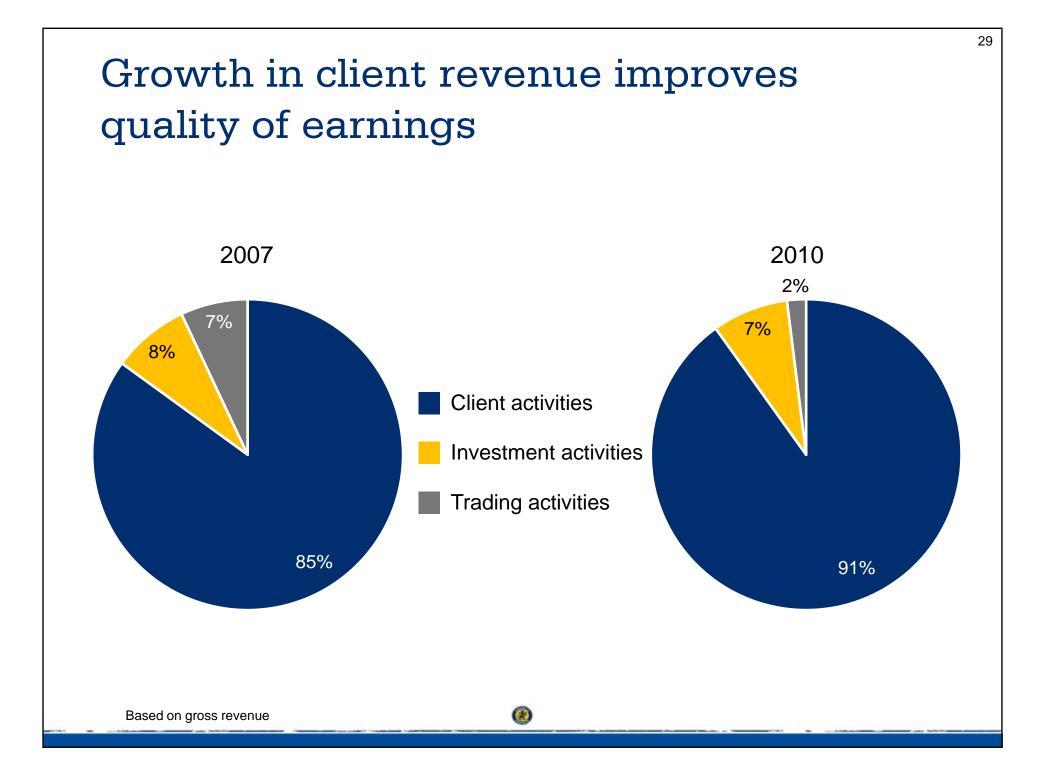
### Effective credit and pricing strategies – FNB HomeLoans

- New business weighted heavily towards lower risk customers
- Repricing initiative successful even though low risk customers qualify for relatively higher discounts

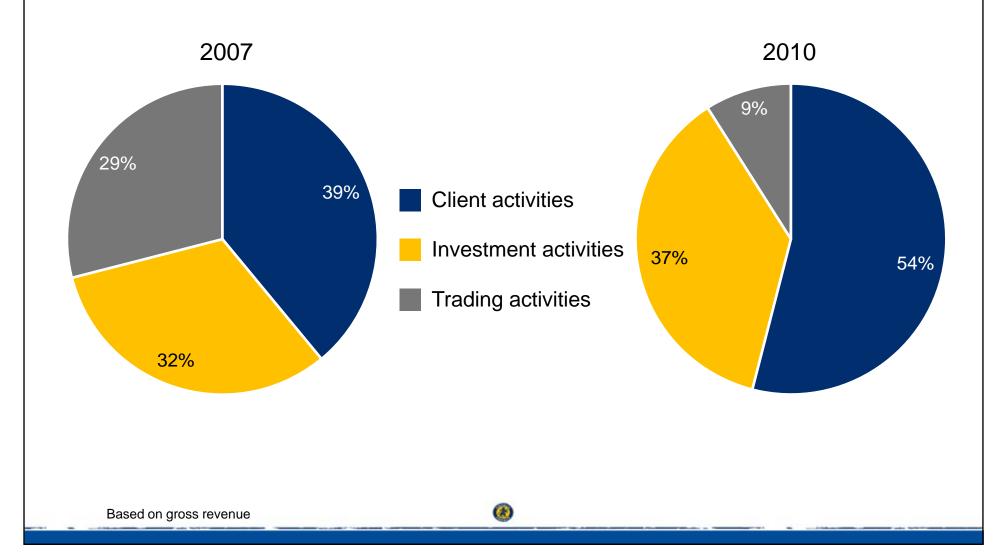


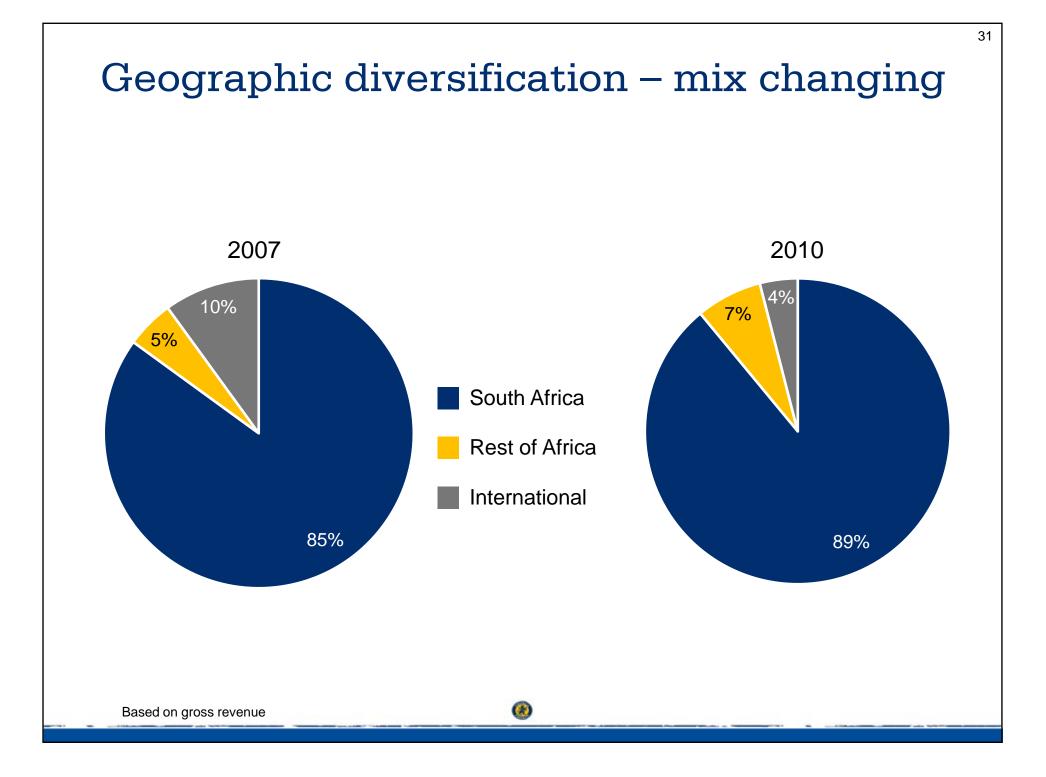


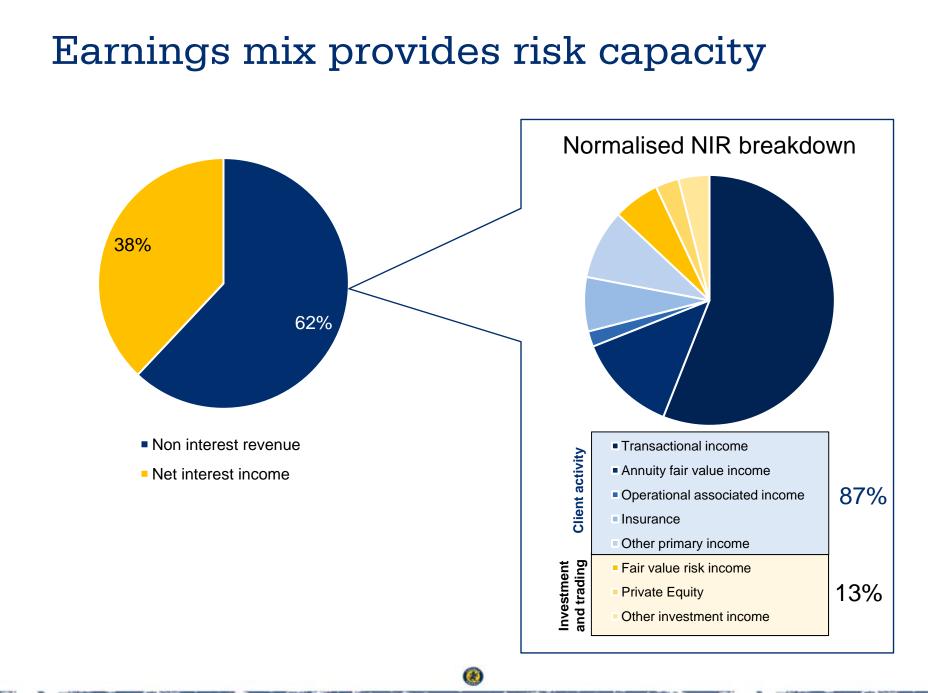
- Majority of negative credit migrations were experienced in specific sub-sectors, such as property development and transportation, whilst most of exposures in other industries showed resilience
- In line with the Group's strategy to rebalance its portfolio, FRB is increasing its exposure to large high-quality corporate credit
- The in-force book (originated by the investment bank) has performed well, but due to natural run-off profile of these exposures, capacity is available to write more high-quality business



#### Ouality improvement driven by RMB strategy







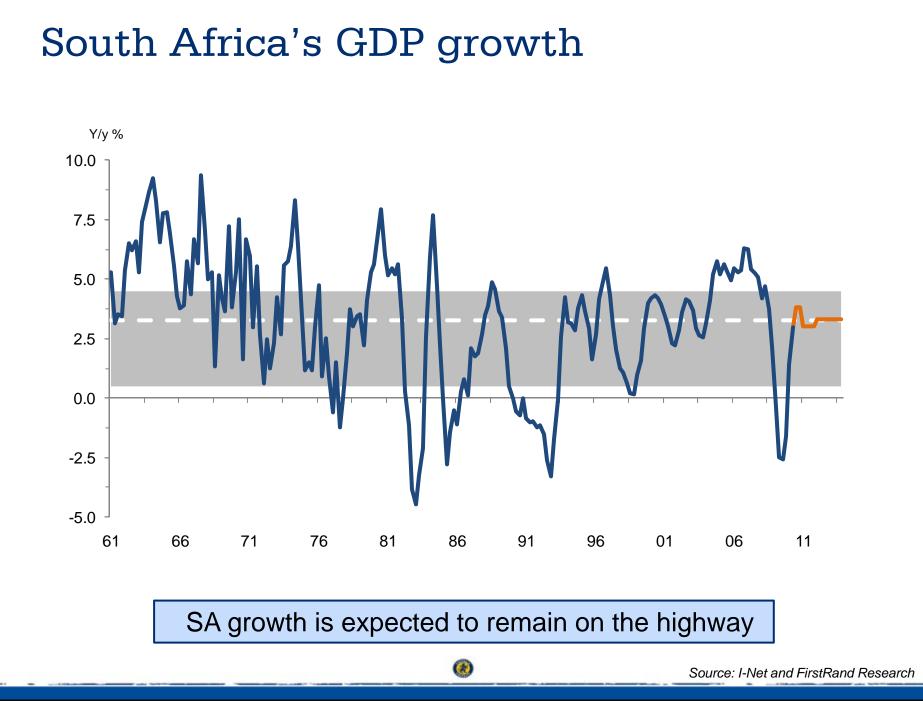
#### Risk profile summary

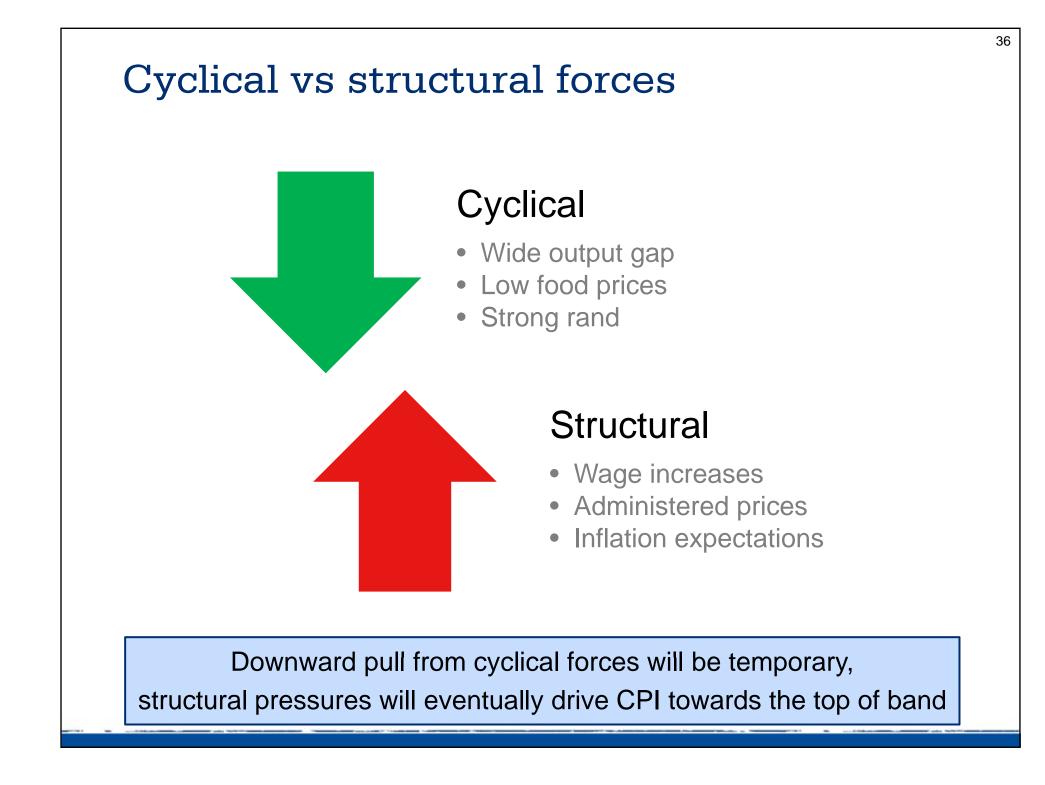
- Continued improvement in asset quality (in-force and new business)
- De-risking has reduced the potential impact of legacy portfolios
  - Remaining portfolio size
- Interest rate risk in the banking book hedged
- Endowment impact: R543 million per 100 bps
- Capital position remains robust
  - Strong capital generation
- Improving funding profile
  - Lengthened the funding profile and increased buffers
- Market risk (trading)
  - Trading activities produced 2% of the Group's gross revenue (2007: 7%)
  - 3% of capital allocated to market risk (2007: 5%)

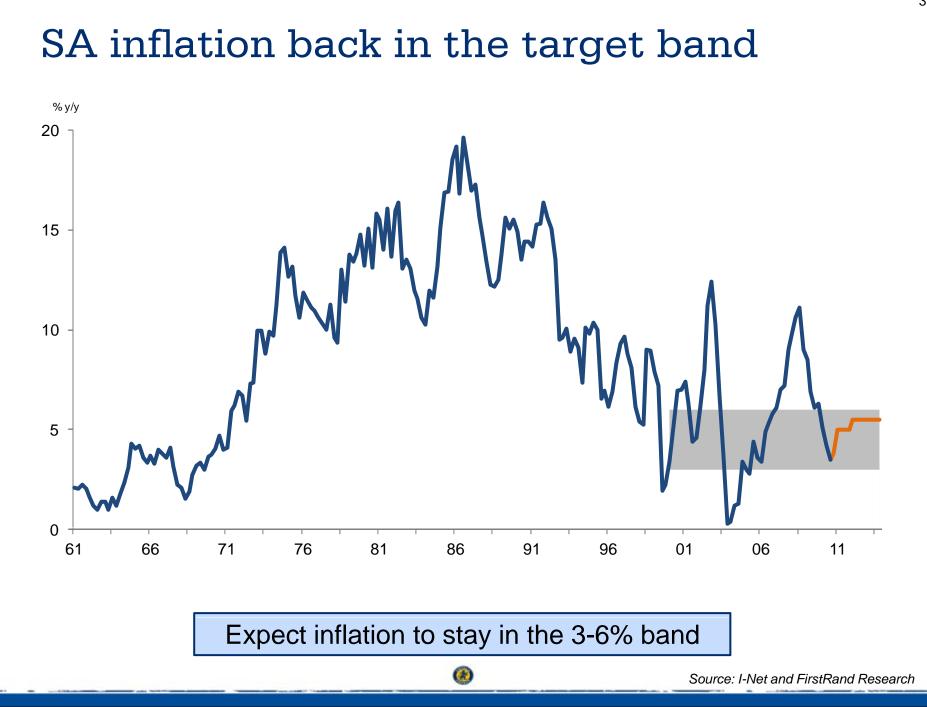
Strong financial position

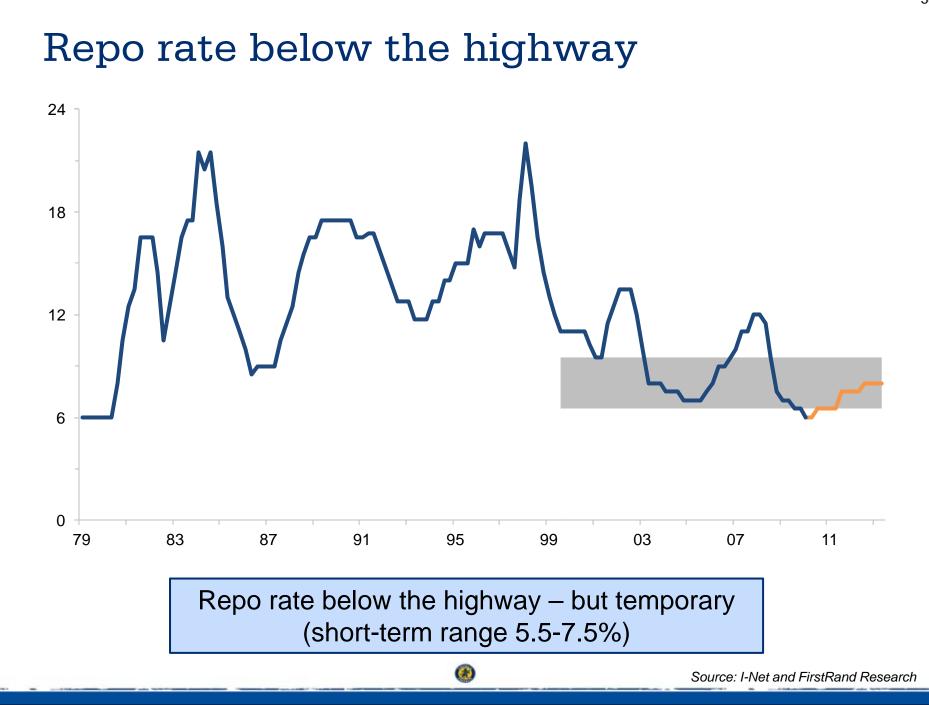
Prospects: Modest economic recovery



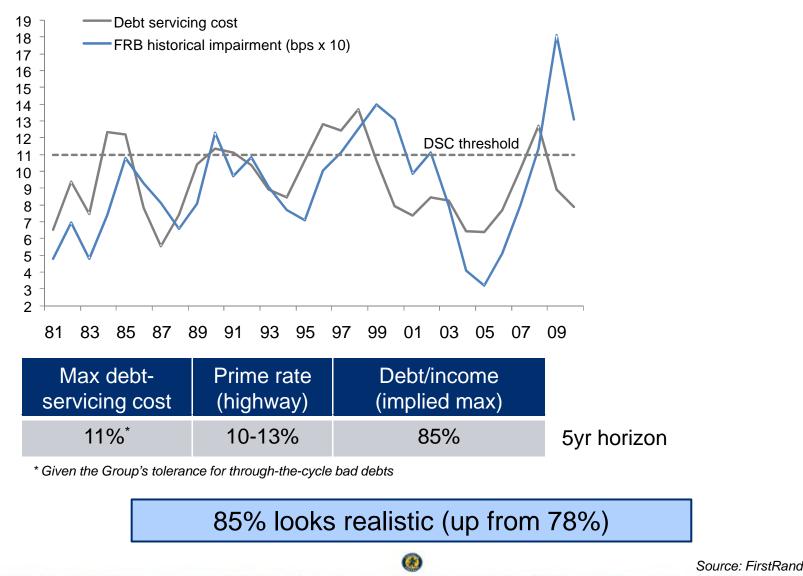




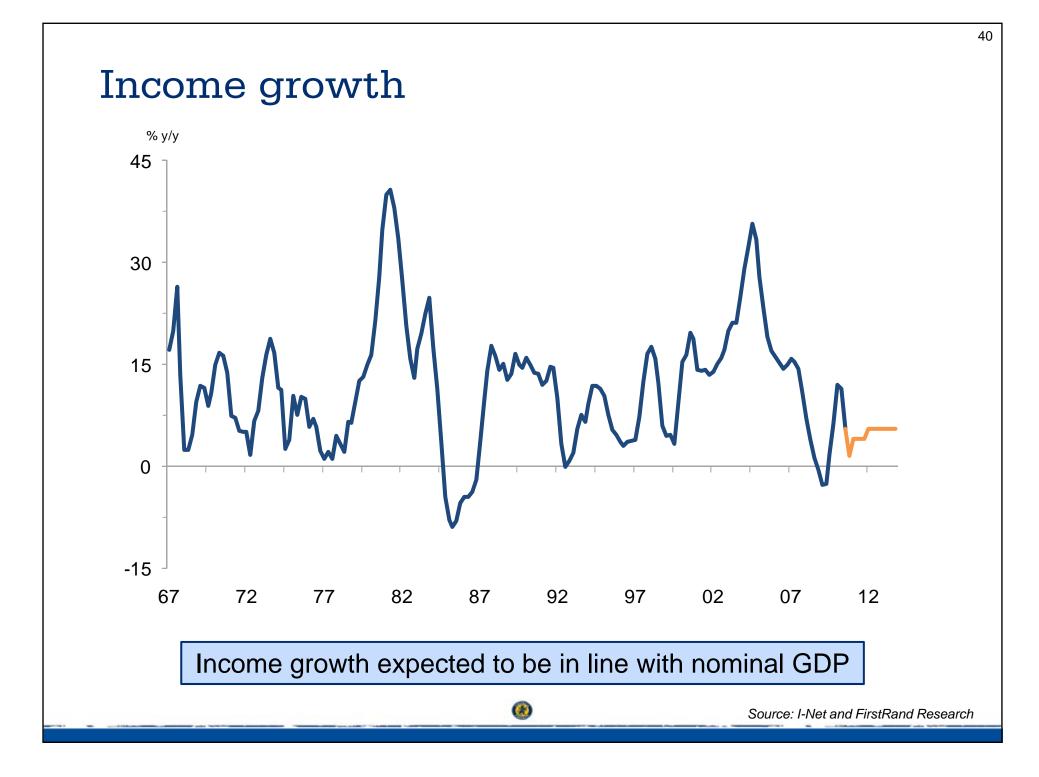




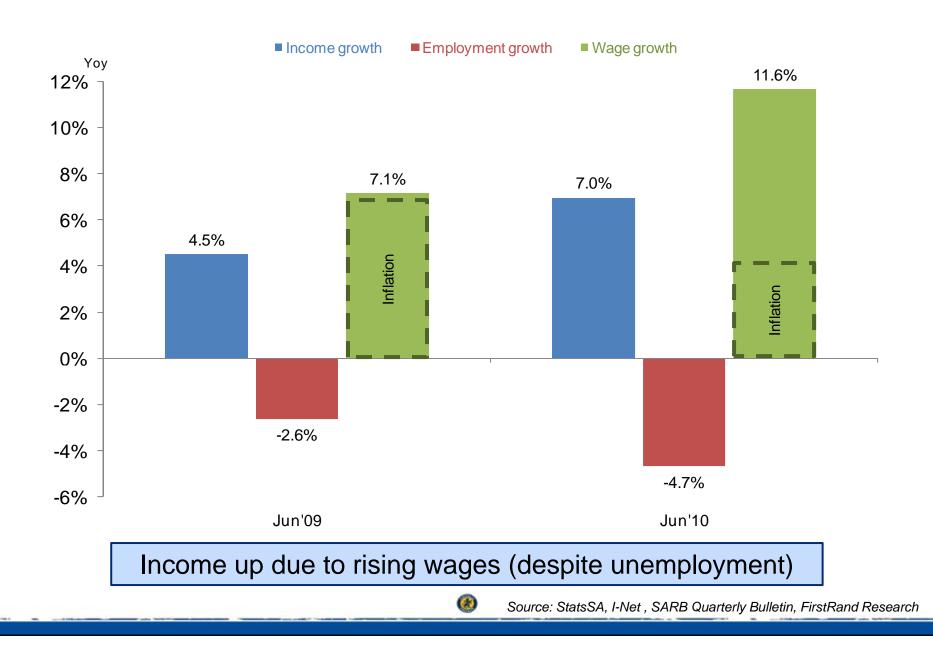
#### Asset growth is about affordability

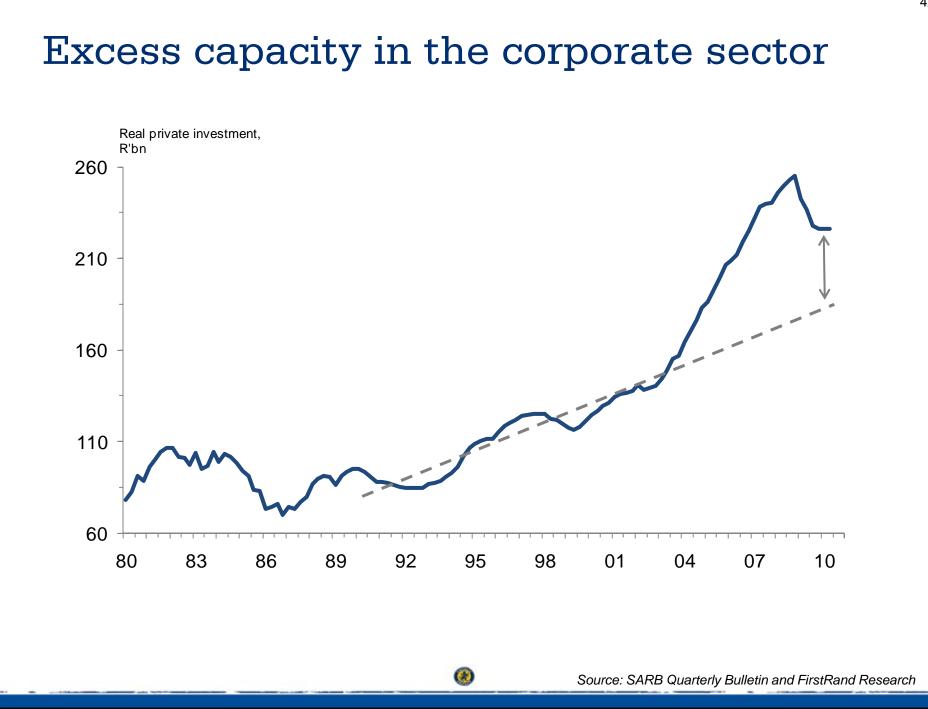


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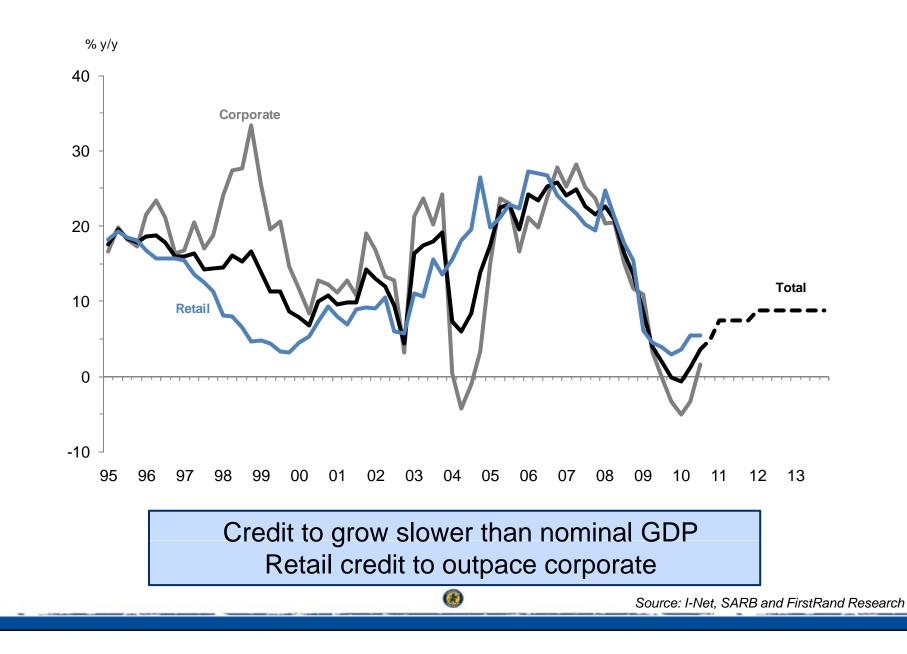


#### Wage increases at the expense of jobs





#### Slow credit growth





#### In conclusion...

- Risk profile continues to improve
- Expect revenue growth in the medium term to remain challenging
  - Subdued growth in retail and corporate advances
- Manage costs and optimise operational leverage
  - Significant room for improvement
  - "Grow muscle, cut fat"
- Will continue to grow infrastructure in growth segments in South Africa and invest in African footprint

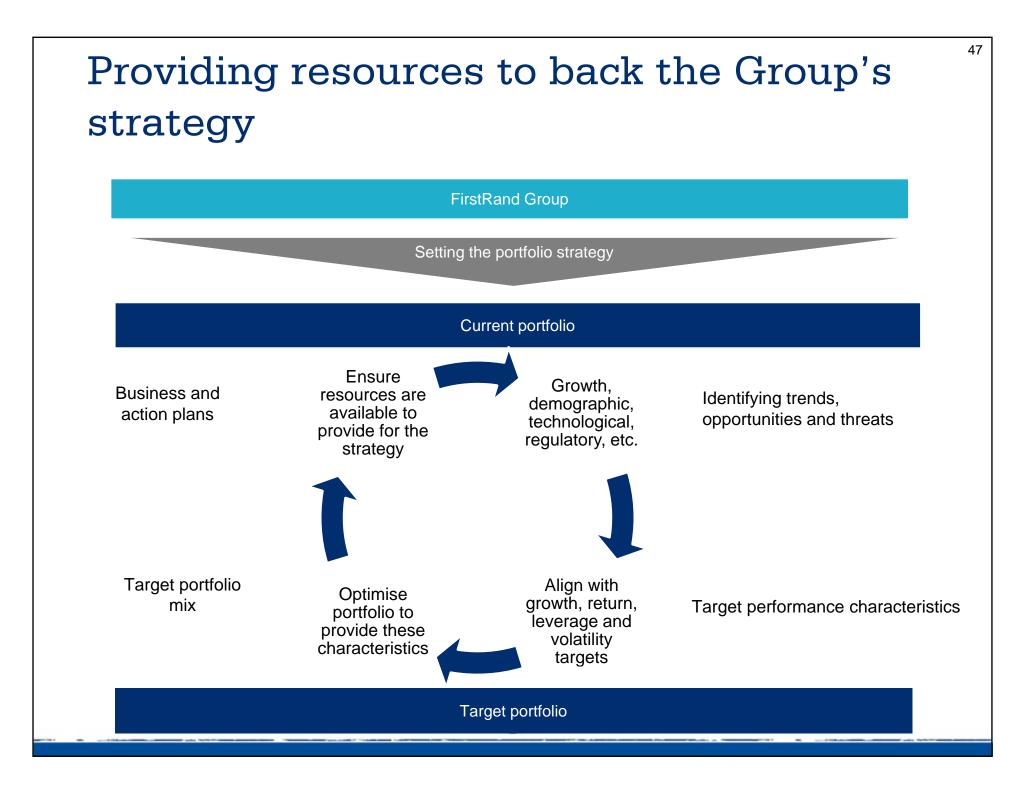
Leveraging off a platform of diverse revenue streams and strong operating franchises

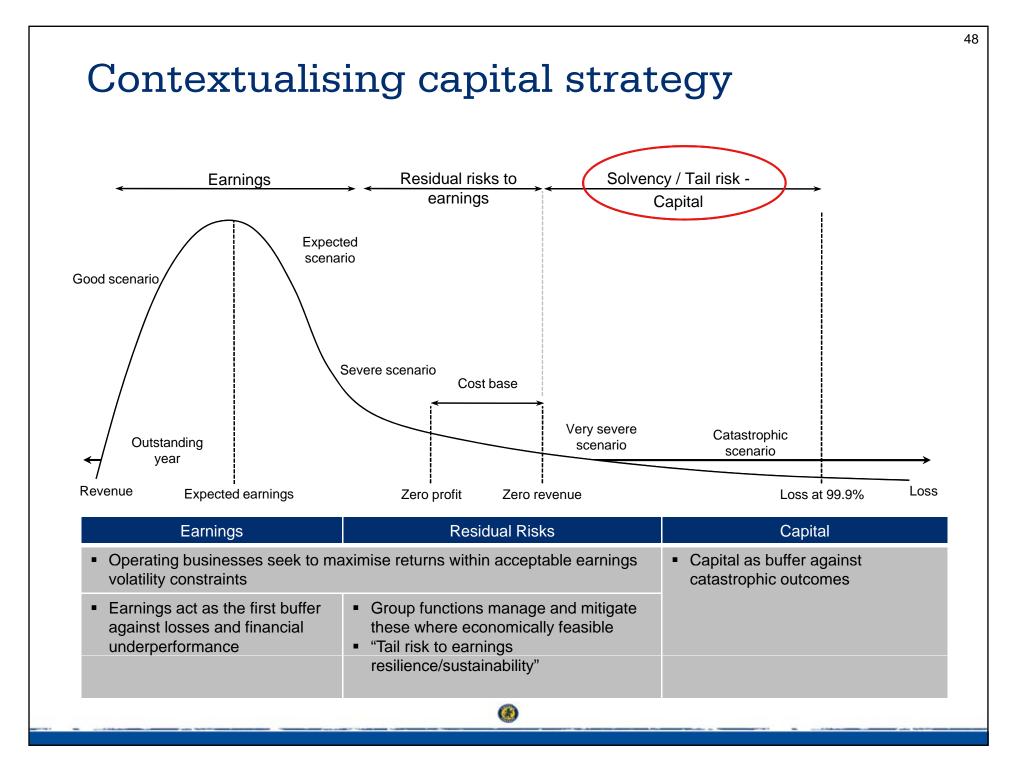
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#### Capital management

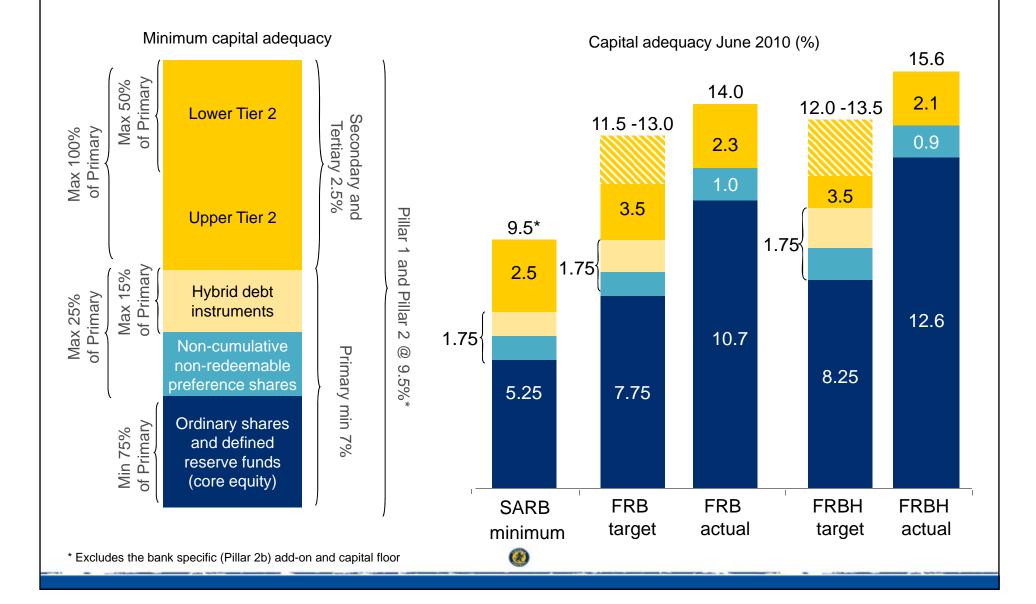
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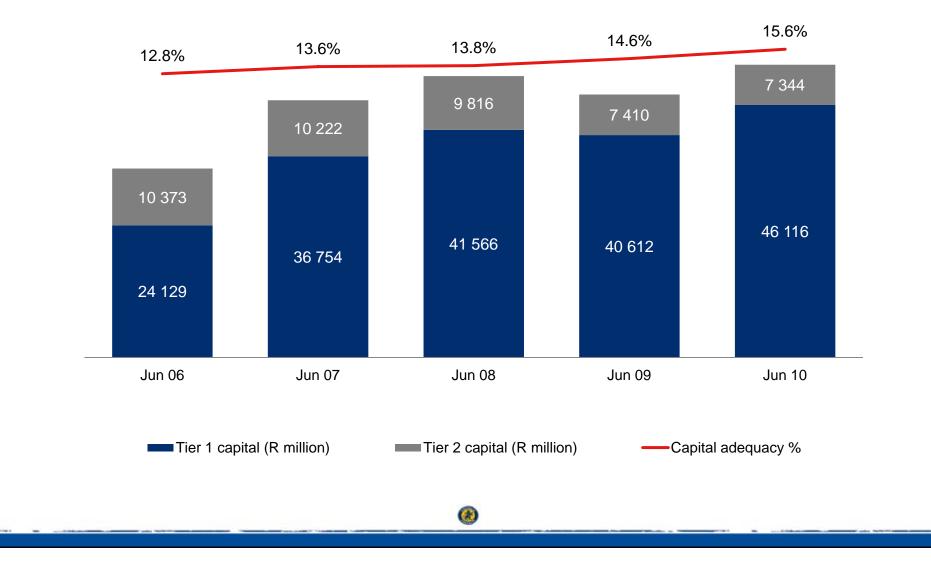


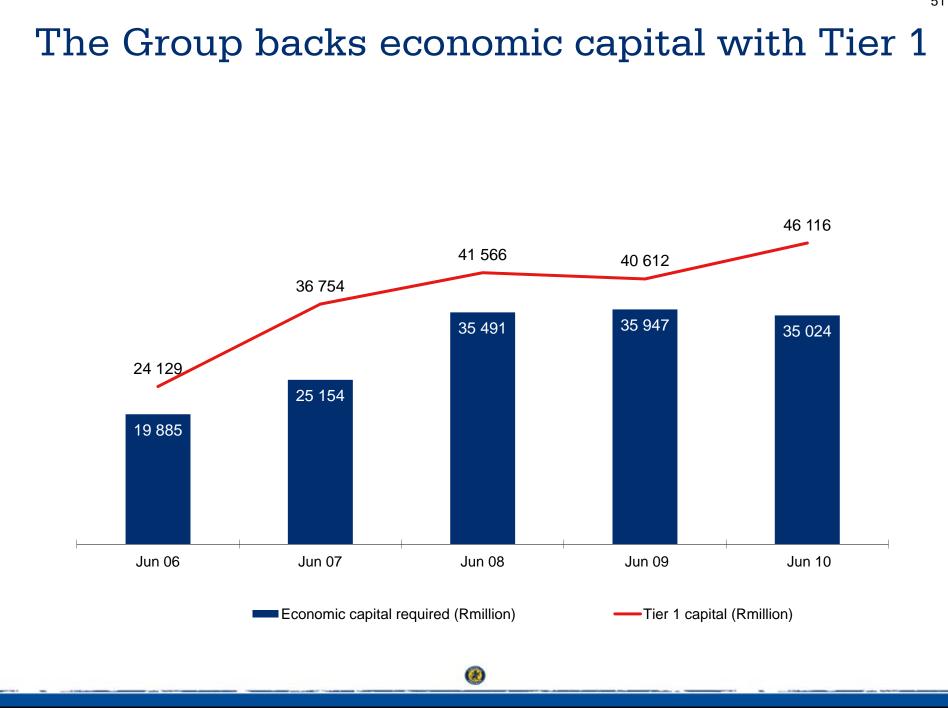


# Capital levels exceed targets and quality is good

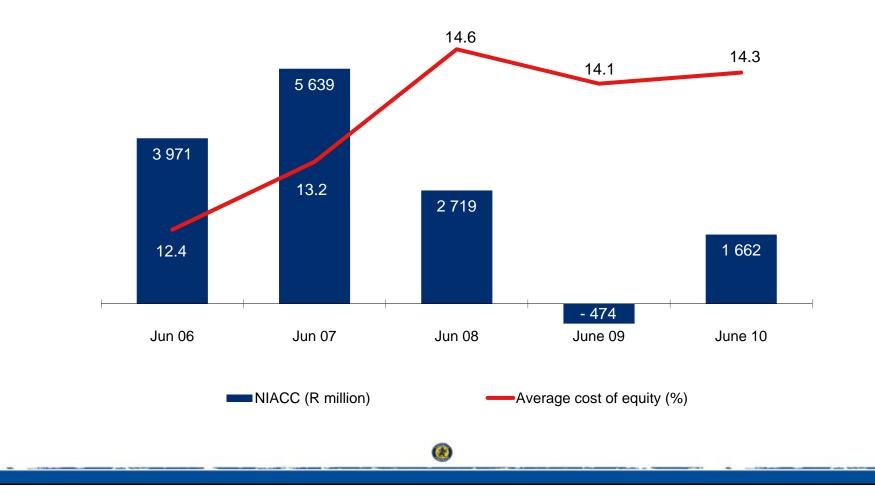


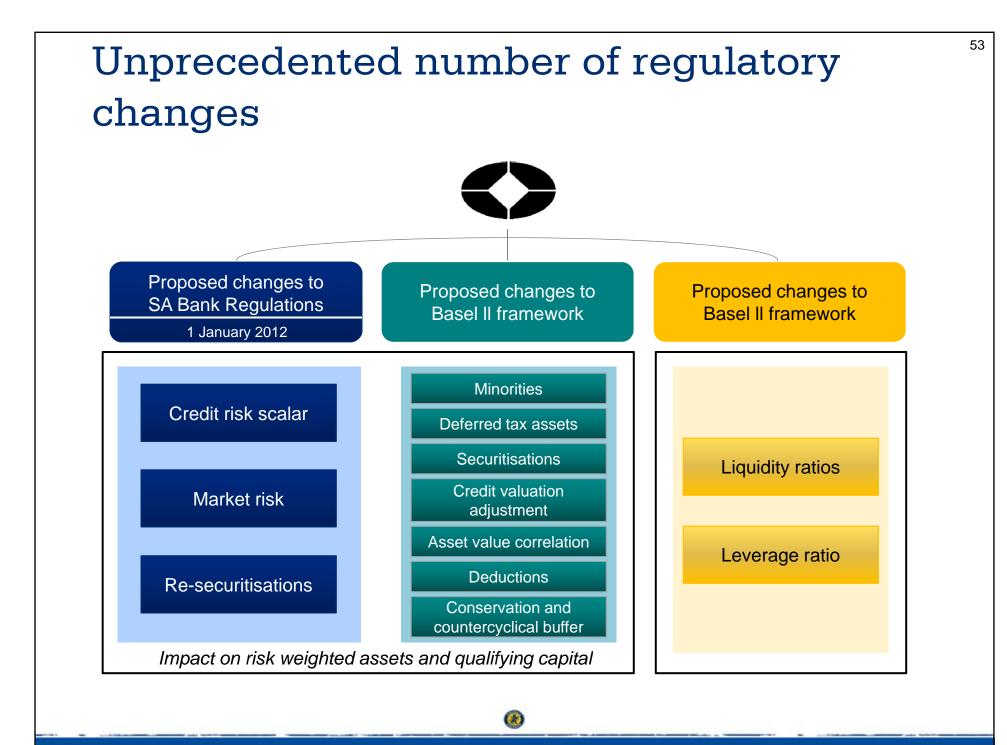
#### Strengthening capital position over time





## Economic profit returned to positive territory





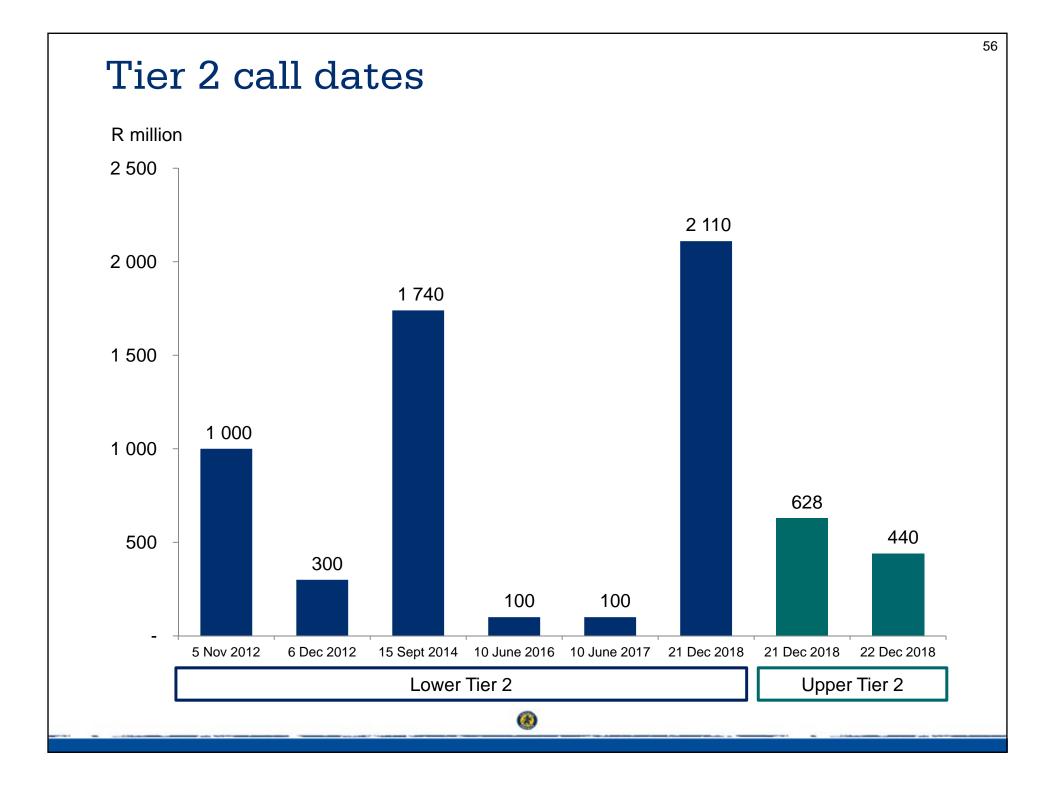
### What's the "new normal" for core?

- Calibration of capital levels in three categories
  - Domestic banks
  - Systemically important domestic banks
  - Systemically important international banks
- The "new normal" for core: 8-10%
  - Basel = 7%
  - Emerging market banks will be higher
  - Systemically important banks will be higher
  - FSA will be higher 10%
  - Swiss banks will be higher 10%
- Additional buffers over minimum
  - Conservation buffer included
  - Countercyclical buffer still much uncertainty

Significant competitive pressures to implement early

# The regulatory outlook for capital instruments

- Considerable uncertainty
- Ambitious global liquidation and resolution mechanisms under consideration likely to affect the conditions of instruments
- Grandfathering period equal to the shorter of 10 years or the step-up date (begins Jan 2013)
- No grandfathering for new issues
- Deductions against Tier 2 phased out by 2018
- Subdued investor appetite for certain instruments proposed
  - Concerns on Hybrid Tier 1 and Contingent capital
    - Inclusion in indices
    - Permanent write-down
    - Conversion into equity
    - No rating
  - Investors waiting for certainty



#### FirstRand Bank's Tier 2

- Expect to redeem subordinated debt on call dates
- Likely to continue to take impairments against Tier 2 until the regulations are changed
- Little appetite to raise Tier 2 until the regulatory uncertainty is resolved

#### Conclusion on capital

- Capital management strategy remains unchanged
  - Manage the business on the principle that economic risk is backed by Tier 1
  - Principle remains that excess capital will be returned
- Point in time capital levels are strong
- Capital planning is done on a three year horizon
  - Expect to be within current targeted capital levels after taking into account:
    - Domestic recovery and growth requirements
    - Current expansion initiatives
    - Banks act changes
    - Basel III changes as currently proposed
- Presently little appetite for Tier 2

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#### Funding & liquidity

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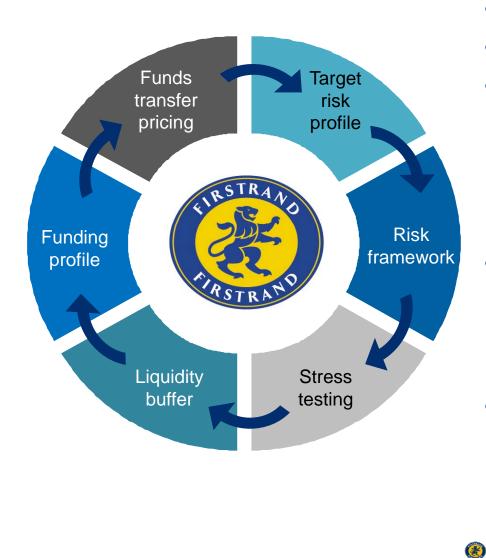


#### Agenda

- Funding and liquidity management philosophy
- Funding & liquidity risk management
  - Regulatory impact
  - FirstRand's risk profile
  - Liquidity premium
  - International developments
- FirstRand's response to the challenges of funding and liquidity

## Funding & liquidity management philosophy

#### Liquidity risk management philosophy



- Continuous funding and liquidity cycle
- Forward looking
- Integrated across
  - Macro economic environment
  - All business units
  - All financial risk disciplines
  - Financial markets outlook

#### Ensure compliance with

- Internal risk appetite
- Regulatory requirements
- Rating agencies requirements
- Output
  - Efficient, diversified, flexible funding
  - Built on strong relationships

## Funding & liquidity management: Regulatory impact

#### External influences on funding strategy

- Bank for International Settlement (BIS)
  - Principles for Sound Liquidity Risk Management and Supervision, August 2008
  - International framework for liquidity risk measurement, standards and monitoring, December 2009
- Financial Services Authority (FSA)
  - PS 09/16: Strengthening Liquidity Standards, October 2009
- IMF
  - Report on SA Banking System, September 2009
- South African Reserve Bank
- Taylor Rafferty research
- Exchange control prudential limit approach

#### Basel III – new liquidity rules

#### Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)

- Addresses short-term liquidity risk and cash management
- Banks must hold high-quality liquid assets sufficient to cover
  - All net cash outflows
  - Over a 30-day period
  - Under an acute liquidity stress scenario (combined idiosyncratic and systemic shock)
- Enhancement of statutory liquid asset and cash reserve requirement as risk specific (where statutory liquid assets and cash reserve are based on balance sheet size)

#### Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR)

- Long-term focus addressing the structural liquidity risk of the balance sheet
- Ratio requires that assets maturing after 1 year be funded with "stable" funding
- "Stable" funding takes into account the stability of funding over a year during an extended firm-specific stress scenario (decline in profitability or solvency, potential downgrade, event affecting reputation/credit quality)

#### 'Basel III' – initial amendments (26 July 2010)

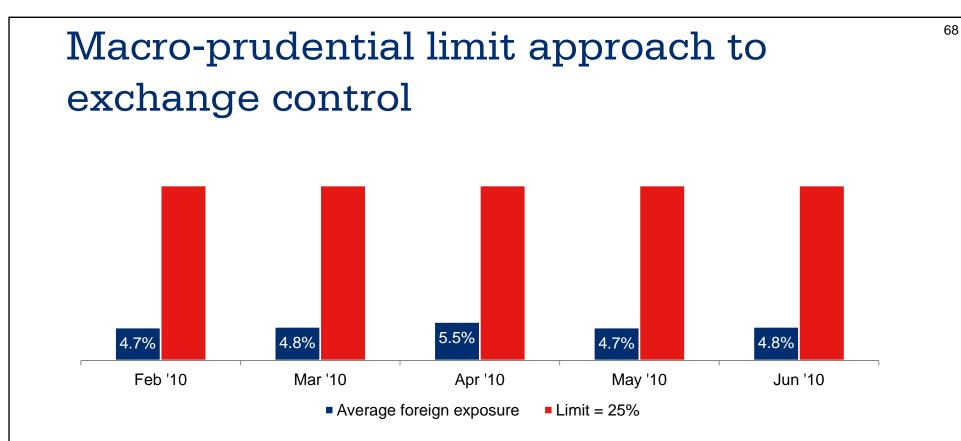
- Liquidity Coverage Ratios (LCR)
  - 2015 implementation
  - Reduced the severity of the outflow factors
  - Opened the door for national discretion in some areas
  - Widened the previously very narrow definition of liquid assets
    - Allowed for two tiers of liquid assets
    - Min 60% tier 1 liquids government
    - Max 40% tier 2 liquids other traded securities such as ABS or MBS paper etc. 'repo-able'
- Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR)
  - 2018 implementation
  - The want to retain the ratio and the underlying principal
  - Recognise that you cannot change the structure of supply side of funding market that quickly
  - They recognised the ratio in its current calibration was too severe
  - They have extended implementation period to 8 years
    - Complemented by parallel reporting
    - Further work on an impact assessment

#### Structural funding and liquidity task team

- Motto: Better life for all
- Members: ASISA; 5 banks; Banking Association; National Treasury; SARB; FSB; Asset management
- Document: Recommendation to Finance Minister, early 2011
- Workstreams:
  - 1. Understand features and constraints of SA financial markets and their impact on resilience of the financial sector
  - 2. Understanding the distribution of savings between different products
  - 3. Regulatory reform: removal of unwanted regulatory asymmetries where they exist
  - 4. Identifying unintended consequences of tax structure in giving rise to distortions in the structural funding profile of SA FIs
  - 5. Understand the business model of FIs as it pertains to structural funding and liquidity risk management

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6. Review international standards and best practice, and their impact on SA



- Macro-prudential limit of 25% of bank's total liabilities
  - (Excluding shareholders equity)
  - Applies to SA Authorised Dealers (banks),
  - Not SA corporates or other sectors
- Banks may acquire foreign assets directly from their SA balance sheet, or indirectly through foreign subsidiaries / branches

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• Excludes foreign direct investment and intra-group bank exposure

#### Taylor Rafferty debt investor perception study

- Every two years independent research on FirstRand regarding:
  - 1. Debt strategy
  - 2. Product offering
  - 3. People
  - 4. Service
  - 5. Pricing of debt instruments
- This forms an input into strategy formulation, customer and client execution

### Funding & liquidity management: FirstRand's risk profile

#### Debt profile summary

- Strong financial position
- Conservative prudential and regulatory requirements
  - Robust capital
  - Excess liquidity buffer, although liquidity gap is a SA banking industry issue

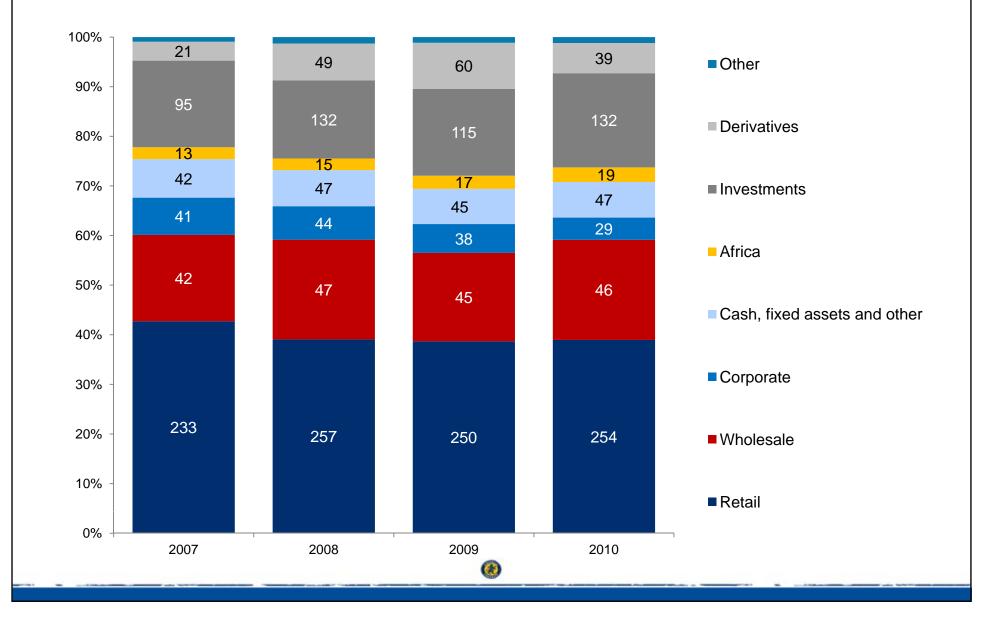
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- Conservative exchange control utilisation
- Improved asset quality
- Investment-grade credit counterparty ratings
- Off-balance sheet vehicles
  - Excess funded
  - Small percentage of on-balance sheet funding
- Good diversification across term, product and segment

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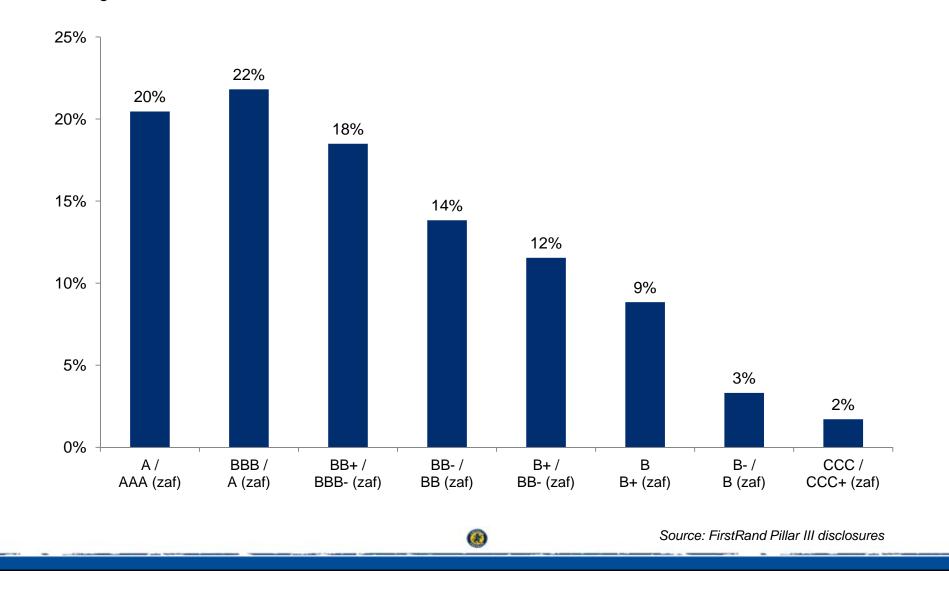
• Strong available funding sources

## FirstRand Bank Ltd's diversified asset profile



### Rating distribution of advances

Rating distribution FirstRand Bank June 2010



# FirstRand's advances show an improving rating distribution

30% 25% 2007-2010 20% Average rating for the book maps to an equivalent BB- (international scale) 15% 10% 5% 0% Α/ BBB / BB+/ BB-/ B+ / B- / CCC / В BB- (zaf) AAA (zaf) A (zaf) BBB- (zaf) BB (zaf) B+ (zaf) B (zaf) CCC+ (zaf) International / Local Rating

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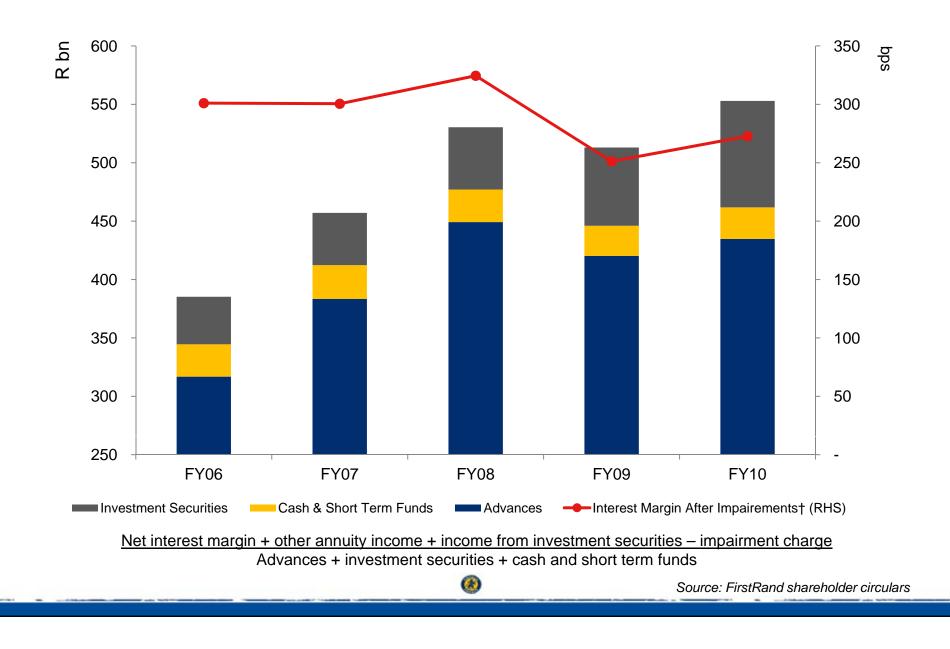
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Rating distribution – FirstRand Bank's lending book

Source: FirstRand annual report & FRBH Pillar III disclosures

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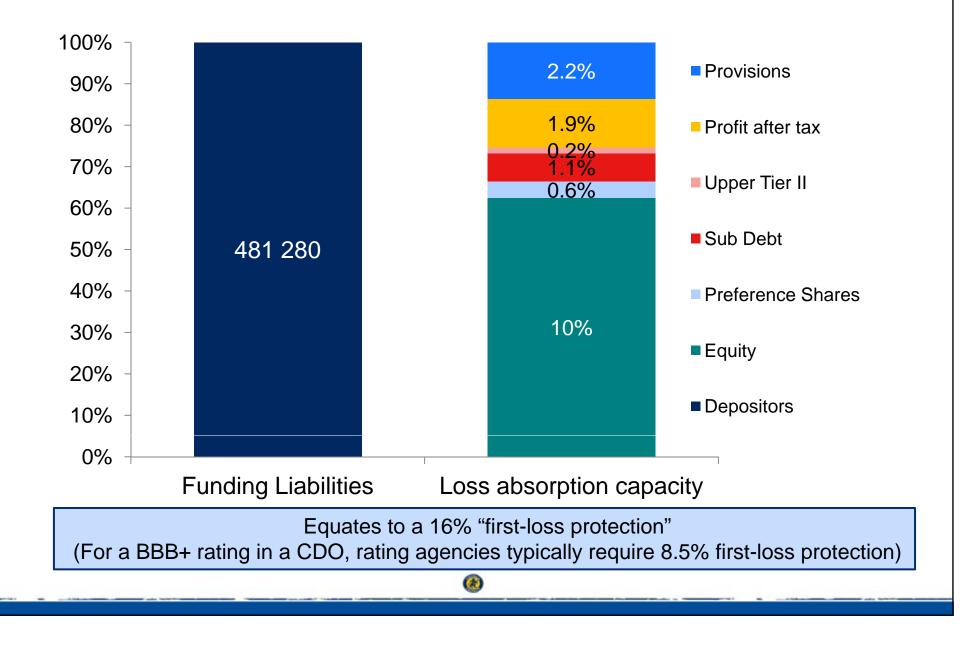
# Stable debt margin after credit impairments



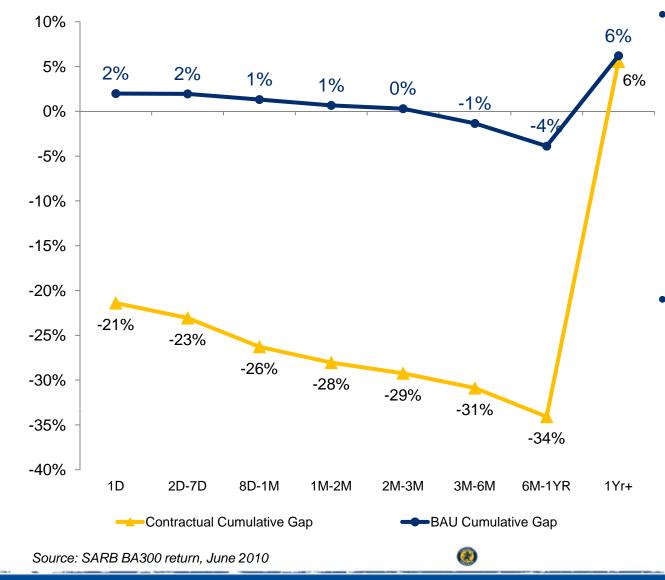
### FirstRand Bank Limited's external ratings

	Standard & Poor's	Moody's	Fitch Ratings
FOREIGN CURRENCY			
Long term/Outlook	BBB+/Negative	A3/Stable	BBB+/Stable
Short term	A-2	P-2	F2
LOCAL CURRENCY			
Long term/Outlook	BBB+/Negative	A2/Stable	BBB+/Stable
Short term	A-2	P-1	-
NATIONAL			
Long term/Outlook	-	Aa2.za/Stable	AA(zaf)/Stable
Short term	-	P-1.za	F1+(zaf)

# Strong credit enhancement for senior debt investors

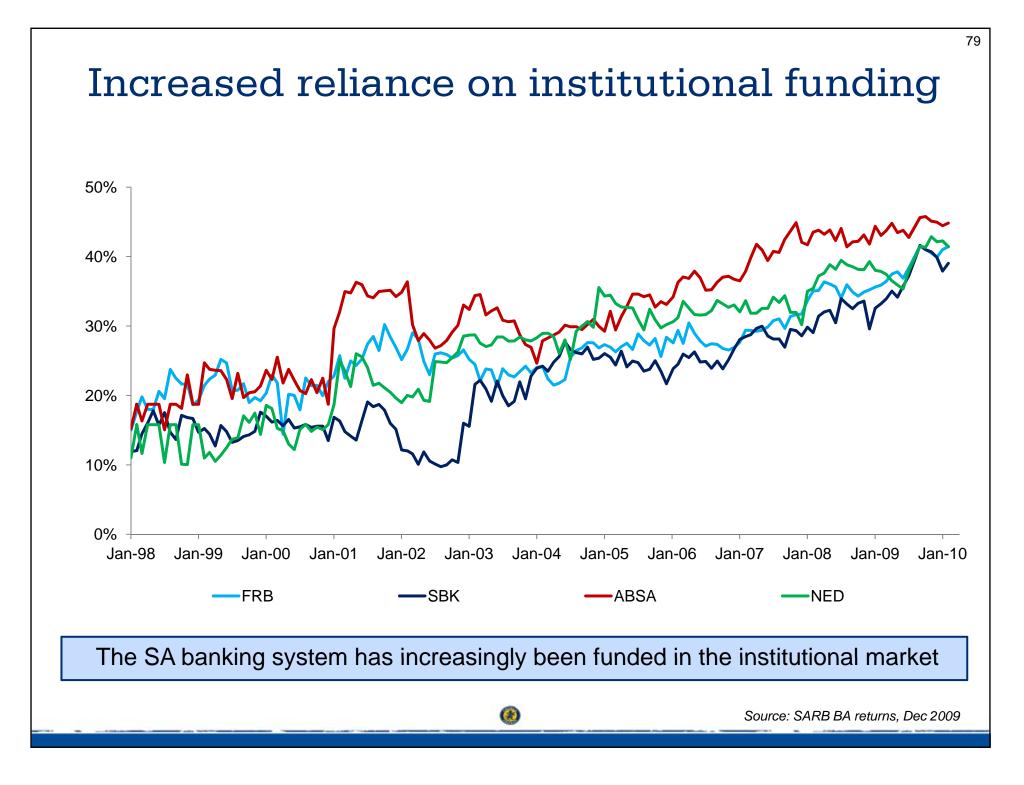


#### SA banking system liquidity gap

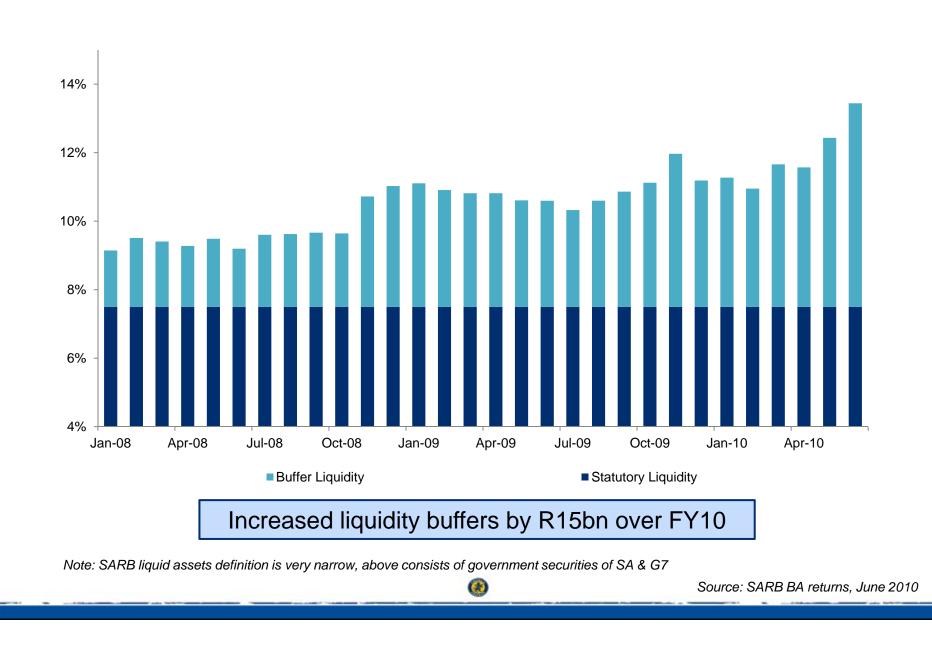


On a contractual basis where retail and corporate balances are treated as demand there is liquidity in gap in the SA system reflecting the extent of maturity transformation

 The SA banking system is however managed on a behaviorally adjusted basis, taking into account the closed rand pool and behavior of these demand balances



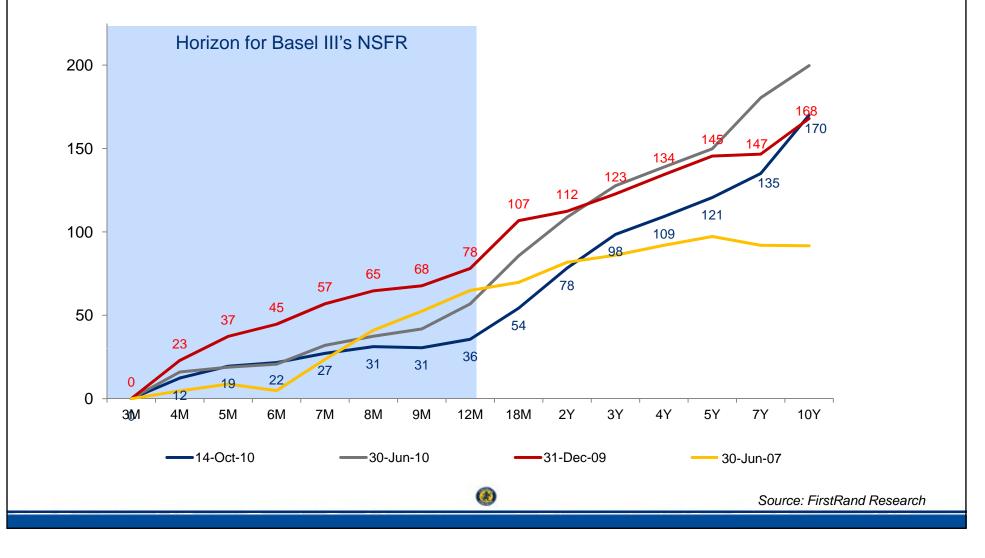
## Creating appropriate liquidity buffers

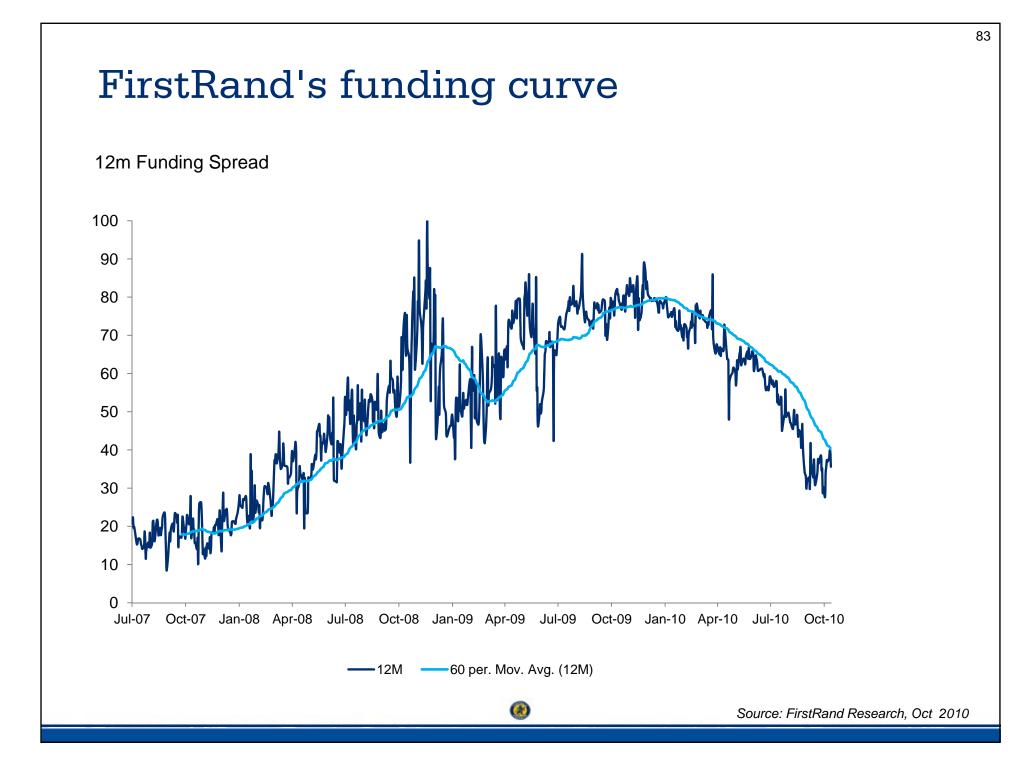


## Funding & liquidity management: Liquidity premium

### FirstRand's funding curve

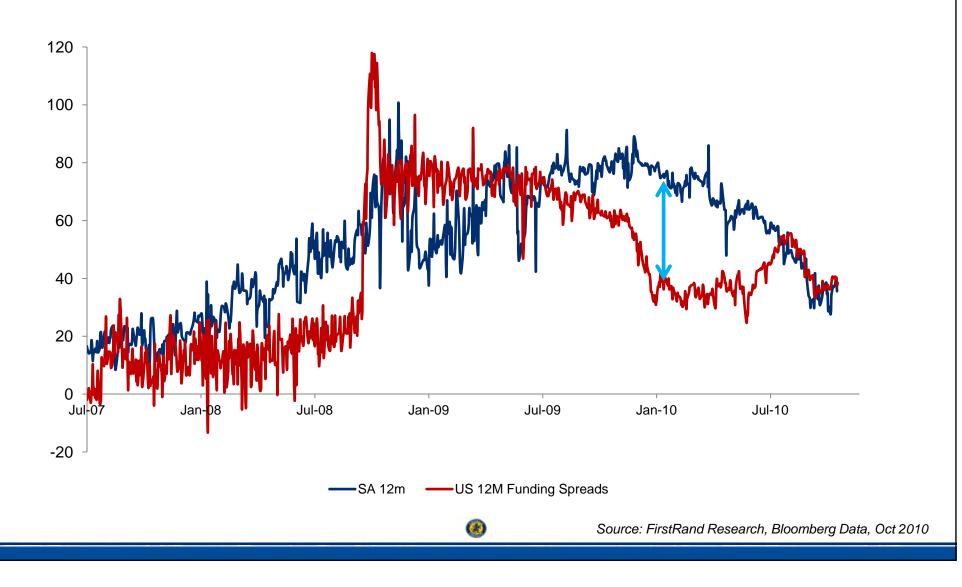
Term structure of FirstRand's funding spreads





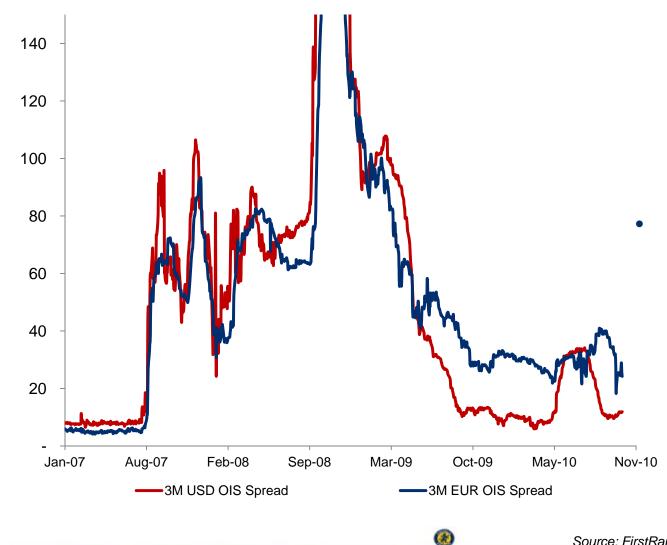
## How does SA compare to the US\$ market

Spread between 12m deposit & swap rate



## Funding & liquidity management: International developments

### The offshore interbank funding market



While there has been a
clear recovery the
interbank funding
market as measured
by the LIBOR-OIS
spread, the market is
still nervous

- Recent volatility is related to Eurozone sovereign stresses
  - Since USD LIBOR is a global rate which includes Eurozone banks, the stress manifests in LIBOR

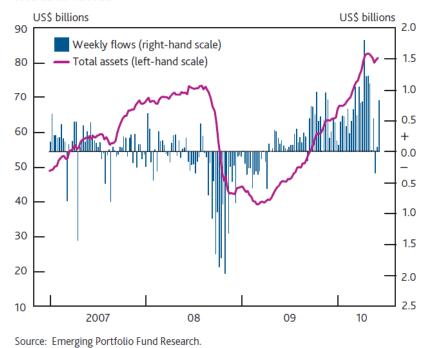
#### 87 EM investment theme Portfolio flows to emerging markets Asset allocation to emerging markets uq <sup>550</sup> \$\$ 18% Potential flows resulting from a 1% reallocation of global funds to EM. Share of emerging market 15.9% 485 16% equities in total U.S. holdings This number was exceed before the 450 half year to Jun-2010 14% Share of emerging market equities in world market capitalization 12% 350 10% 8.7% 250 8% 6% 150 4% 2.4% 1.6% 2% 50 0% 2004 2009 -50 3 Source: FirstRand Research, IMF Statistics, Oct 2010

#### Emerging market investment theme

#### Money flows to bonds, EM stocks in first half By <u>Sujata Rao</u>

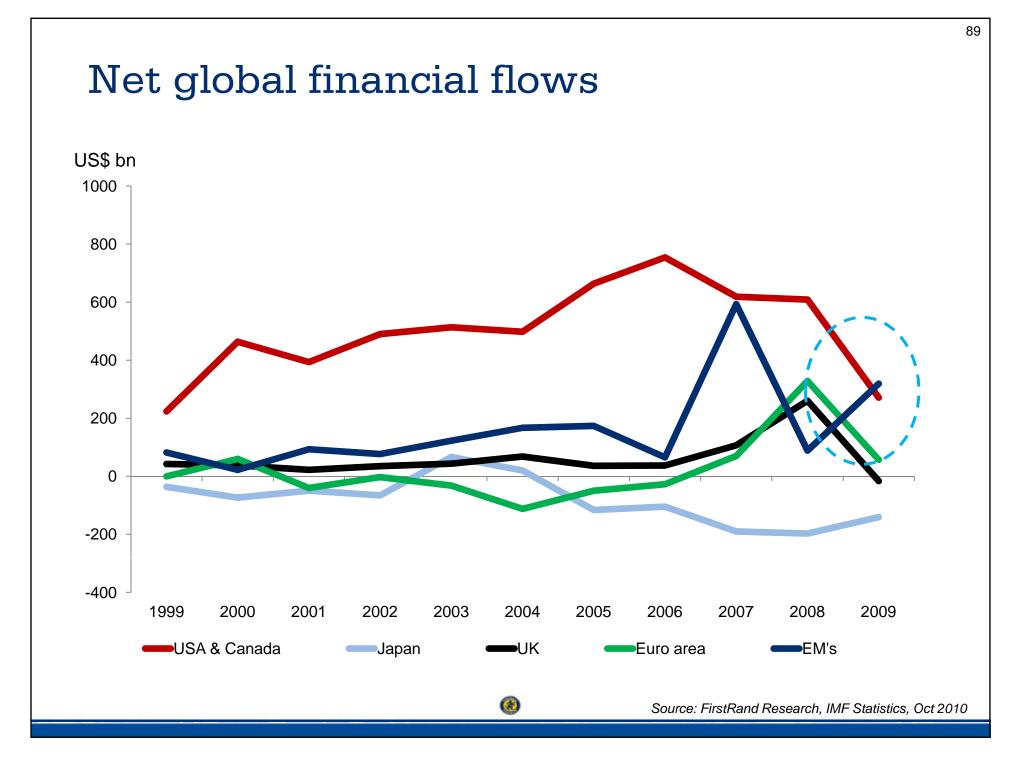
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#### Chart 3.10 Net inflows into emerging market debt mutual funds<sup>(a)(b)</sup>



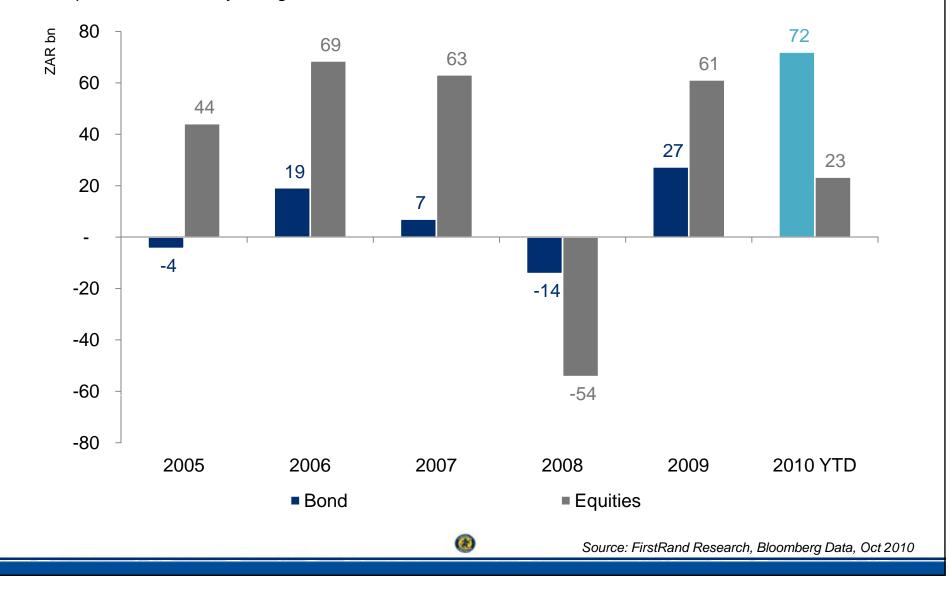
(a) Flows into dedicated emerging market funds.

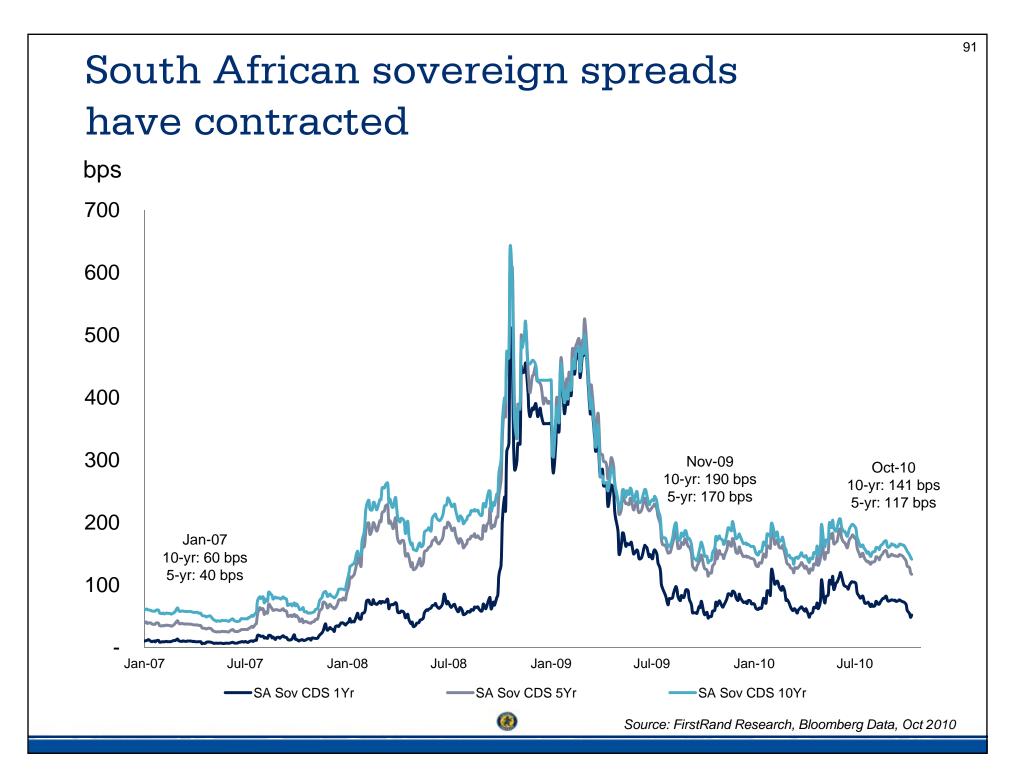
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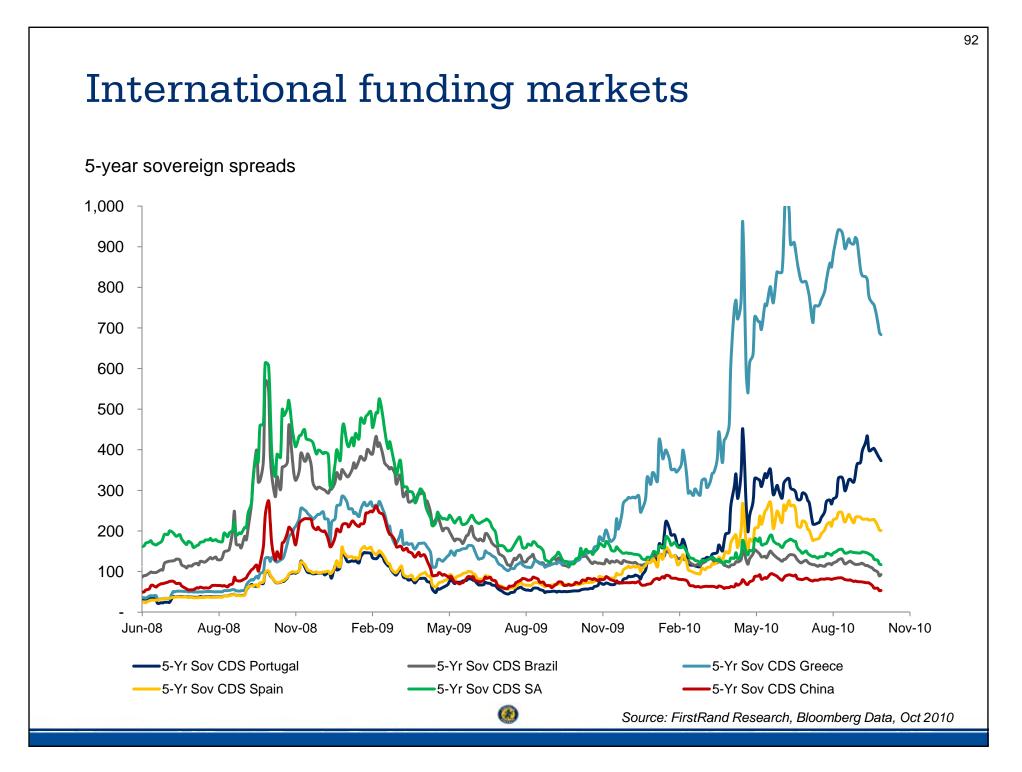


## South Africa is a beneficiary of EM rotation

#### Net purchases/sales by foreigners





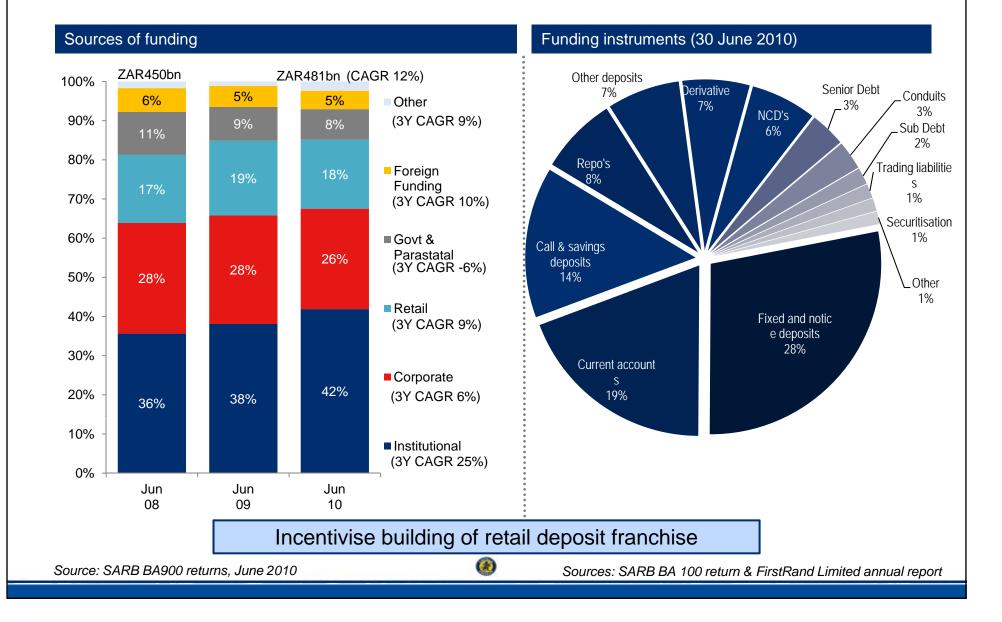


## FirstRand's response

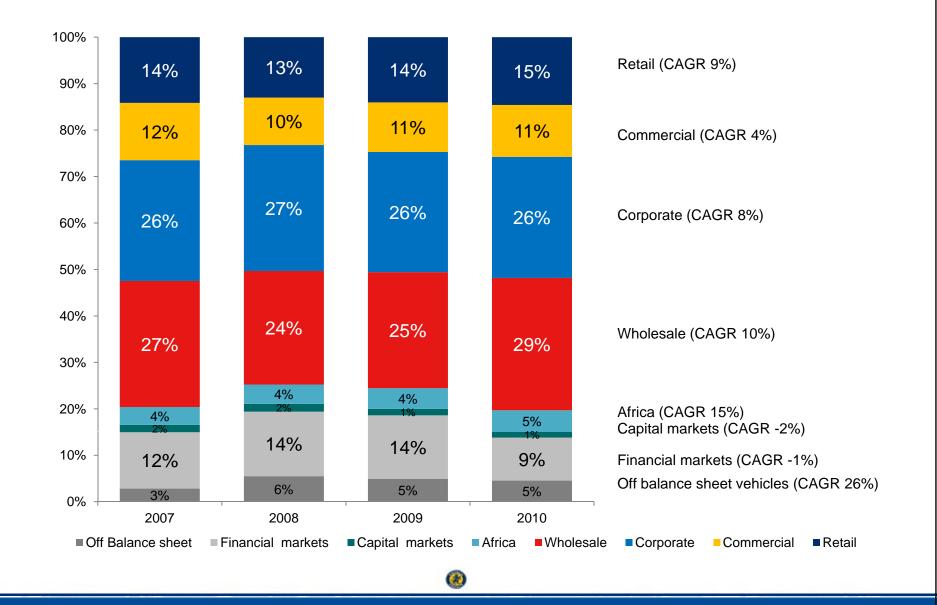
# Create efficient, flexible and diversified funding platforms

Regulated platforms (licenced)	FirstRand Bank, (branches: London, India), African banking platform, OUTsurance, RMB Morgan Stanley Exchanges (LSE, JSE, BESA)
Unregulated entities (un-licenced)	FirstRand Investment Holdings Private equity
Off-balance sheet	Securitisations, conduits / risk transformation platform Bi-lateral (Carlyle)
Own funds	Private equity (Ethos) FirstRand structured investments, e.g. RMB / Westport
3 <sup>rd</sup> party platforms	Traditional     FNB Wealth & RMB Private Bank

# Strong focus on building a diversified funding base



## Retail and corporate funding strategy key



## FirstRand – leading bond issuer...

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#### **FirstRand Bond Sales**

Bloomberg News 2010-10-06 20:01:01.0 GMT

#### By Garth Theunissen

Oct. 7 (Bloomberg) -- FirstRand Ltd., South Africa's secondlargest financial services company, is leading bond sales in Africa's biggest economy by locking in record-low borrowing costs with longer dated debt as it expands on the continent.

The Johannesburg-based company has raised 7.46 billion rand

(\$1.08 billion) in 18 bond sales this year, the most since Bloomberg began compiling the data in 1999.

- Banking in Africa
- Longer Maturities
- Increasing Bond Sales
- 'Quickest to Increase'

#### etc...

#### April 2010 auction summary:

ZAR million	Nominal	Cash
Total bids	4 296	5 813
Allocation	2 571	3 340

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Underwriter	Rank	Mkt Share(%)	Amount USD (MIn)	Fees(%)	Issues
0 Barclays Capital		24.4	2,091.11	0.577	33
2) Firstrand Bank Ltd		19.7	1,692.72		
য় Nedbank Capital		11.3	968.45		
4) Standard Bank		9.2	792.64	n/a	
চ Citi		6.6	566.67		
の JP Morgan		6.6	566.67	n/a	
7) Transnet Ltd		6.6	564.55		32
Investec Bank Ltd		5.9	507.89	n/a	
9) Goldman Sachs & Co		2.9	250.00	0.577	
ID RBC Capital Markets		2.9	250.00	0.577	
ID Standard Chartered PLC		2.9	250.00	0.577	
2) Development Bank of Southern Africa Ltd	12	0.5	41.01	n/a	
Ouartile Capital Pty Ltd	13	0.4	33.97	n/a	

	Market Statistics		
Total Amount 8,576 USD (Min)	Issues 122	#Underwriters 13	Fees(%) 0.577
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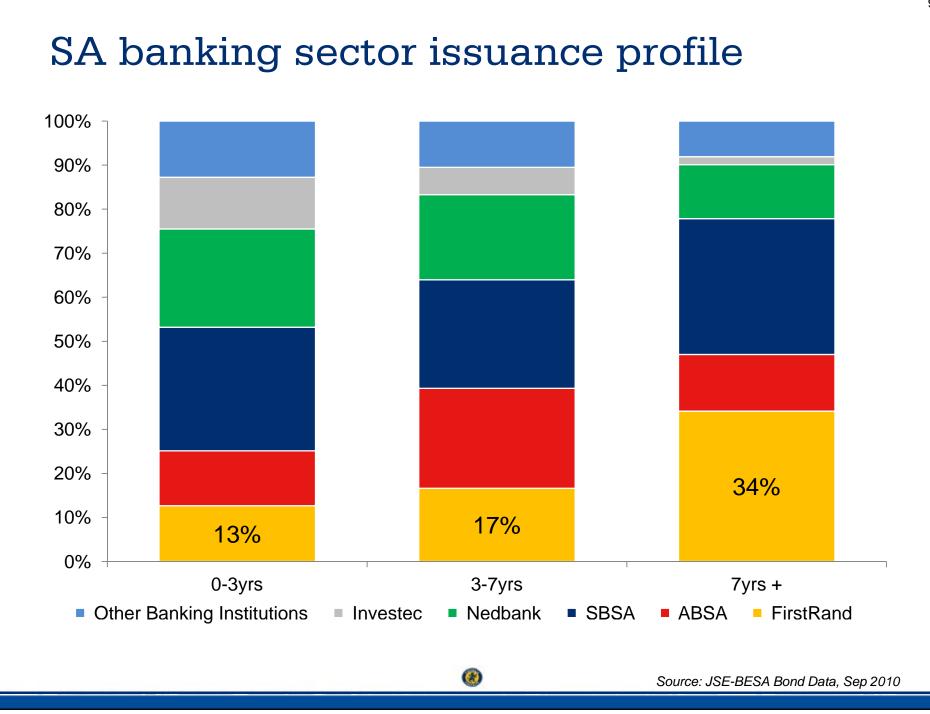
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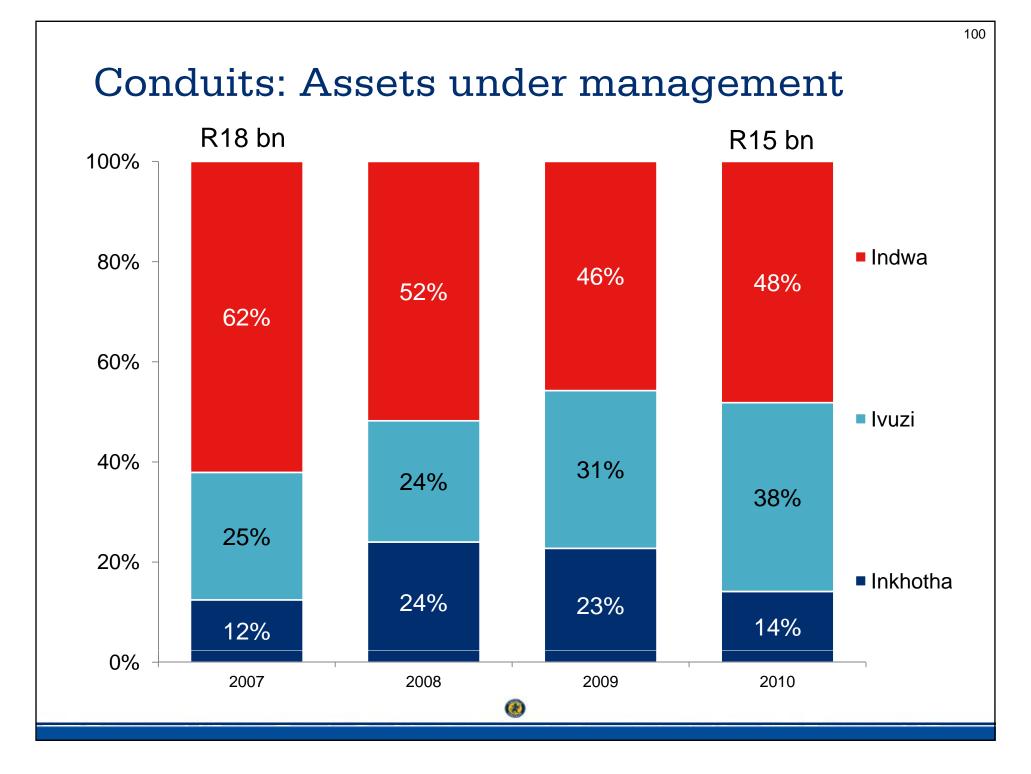
ZAR million	Nominal	Cash
Total bids	4 889	4 989
Allocation	4 199	4 309

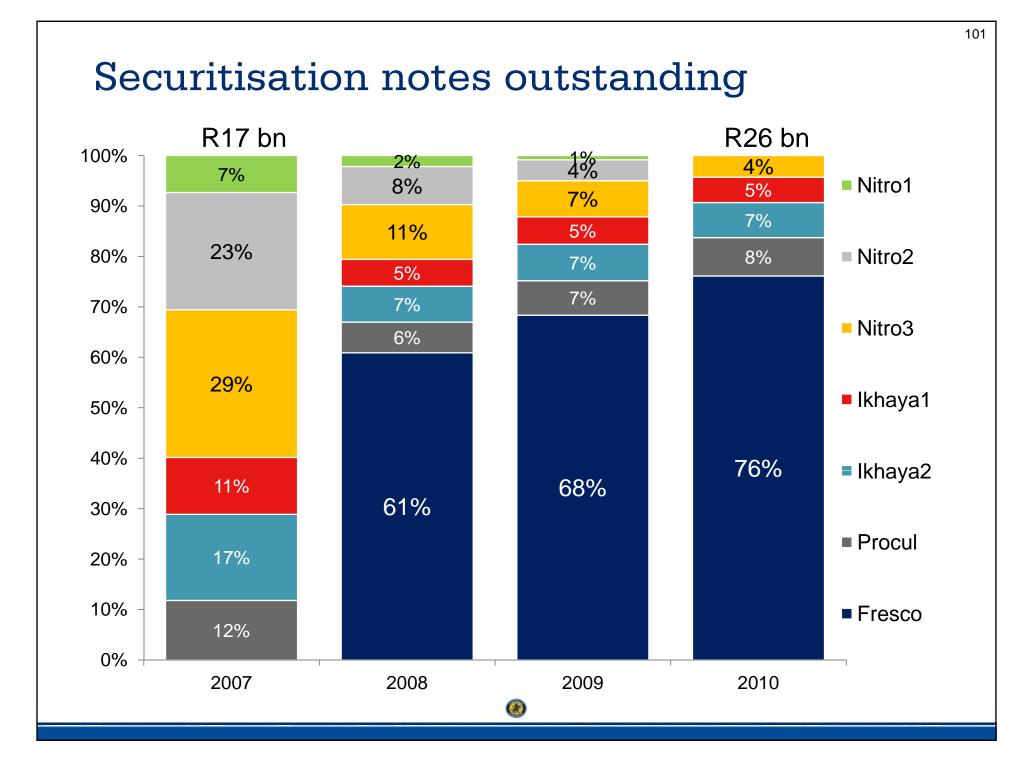
#### Diversified listed debt maturity profile FirstRand Bank's listed debt 5 000 4 500 4 0 0 0 3 500 3 000 2 500 2 000 1 500 1 000 500 0 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2020 2022 2023 2024 2028 2033 2045 ■ CLN Sub Senior - Inflation Linked Senior

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Source: FirstRand Research, JSE-BESA Bond Data, Sep 2010







### Funding strategy

#### • Deposit franchise

- Aggressive client acquisition and retention strategies
- New product and channel development

#### Wholesale market

- Extending the term
- Diversify new sources
- Africa
  - Aggressive expansion into new markets
  - Enhancing existing deposit franchises
- Capital markets
  - Local and international market issuance programs to diversify

- Off-balance sheet vehicles
  - Continue existing funding platforms

#### In summary

#### Integrated funding & liquidity framework

- Aim to be in excess of minimum requirements of SARB, FSA & Basel II Minimum Liquidity standards (2009)
- Strong management in building deposit franchises in retail, commercial and corporate segment
- Strong African deposit raising franchises
  - South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho, Mozambique
- Enter new African markets
  - Zambia, Angola, Tanzania, Nigeria
- International platforms to secure long term multicurrency funding
  - London branch
  - Europe Medium Term Note program (LSE)
  - Middle East and Asia platforms
- Currently the group has excess foreign currency funding to be deployed towards markets and businesses within the FirstRand overall group strategy
- Basel III
  - Support initiative to strengthen the international liquidity risk standards
  - Cost of compliance may reduce economic growth
  - SA would require structural reform with respect to the supply side of funds
  - A pragmatic approach should be adopted by all parties