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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
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UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

August 7, 2008

**Barclays PLC and  
Barclays Bank PLC**  
(Names of Registrants)

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England**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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owned by Barclays PLC.

This Report comprises:

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General Instruction B to the General Instructions to Form 6-K.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Interim Results - dated August 7, 2008

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BARCLAYS PLC  
(Registrant)

Date: August 7, 2008

By: /s/ Patrick Gonsalves  
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Patrick Gonsalves  
Deputy Secretary

BARCLAYS BANK PLC  
(Registrant)

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Date: August 7, 2008

By: /s/ Patrick Gonsalves

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Patrick Gonsalves  
Joint Secretary

**Barclays PLC**  
**Interim Results Announcement**

**30th June 2008**

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Unless otherwise stated, the income statement analyses compare the six months to 30th June 2008 to the corresponding six months of 2007 (as restated on 22nd July 2008). Balance sheet comparisons, unless otherwise stated, relate to the corresponding position at 31st December 2007.

**Forward-looking  
Statements**

This document contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended with respect to certain of the Group's plans and its current goals and expectations relating to its future financial condition and performance. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical

or current facts. Forward-looking statements sometimes use words such as "aim", "anticipate", "target", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "goal", "believe", or other words of similar meaning. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements regarding the Group's future financial position, income growth, impairment charges, business strategy, projected levels of growth in the banking and financial markets, projected costs, estimates of capital expenditures, and plans and objectives for future operations. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances, including, but not limited to, UK domestic and global economic and business conditions, the effects of continued volatility in credit markets and of further and credit exposures, market related risks such as changes in interest rates and exchange rates, the policies and actions of governmental and regulatory authorities including classification of financial instruments for regulatory capital purposes, changes in legislation, the further development of standards and interpretations under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) applicable to past, current and future periods, evolving practices with regard to the interpretation and application of standards under IFRS, the outcome of pending and future litigation, the success of future acquisitions and other strategic transactions and the impact of competition - a number of which factors are beyond the Group's control. As a result, the Group's actual future results may differ materially from the plans, goals, and expectations set forth in the Group's forward-looking statements.

Additional risks and factors are identified in this document in "principal risks and uncertainties" and in our filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (the 'SEC') including in our annual report on form 20-F for the fiscal year ended 31st December 2007 which is available on the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of Barclays speak only as of the date they are made. Barclays does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect any changes in Barclays expectations with regard thereto or any changes in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based. The reader should, however, consult any additional disclosures that Barclays has made or may make in documents it has filed or may file with the SEC.

## Summary of Key Information

Group Results	Half Year Ended		Change
	30.06.08	30.06.07	
	£m	£m	%
Total income net of insurance claims	11,843	11,902	-
Impairment charges and other credit provisions	(2,448)	(959)	155
Operating expenses	(6,664)	(6,847)	(3)
Profit before tax	2,754	4,101	(33)
Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent	1,718	2,634	(35)
Economic profit	501	1,609	(69)
Basic earnings per share	27.0p	41.4p	(35)
Diluted earnings per ordinary share	26.2p	40.1p	(35)
Dividend per share	11.5p	11.5p	-
Net asset value per share	339p	320p	6
<b>Performance Ratios</b>			
Return on average shareholders' equity	14.9%	25.6%	
Cost:income ratio	56%	58%	

Cost:net income ratio	71%	63%	
<b>Profit Before Tax by Business</b>	£m	£m	% Change
<b>1</b>			
UK			
Retail Banking	690	646	7
Barclays Commercial Bank	702	706	(1)
Barclaycard	388	299	30
Global Retail & Commercial Banking			
Western Europe	115	105	10
Global Retail & Commercial Banking Emerging Markets	52	60	(13)
Global Retail & Commercial Banking Absa	298	271	10
Barclays Capital	524	1,660	(68)
Barclays Global Investors	265	388	(32)
Barclays Wealth	182	173	5
	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>	
<b>Capital</b>	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	
Equity Tier 1 ratio	5.0%	5.1%	
Tier 1 ratio	7.9%	7.6%	
Risk asset ratio	12.6%	11.2%	
Total shareholders' equity	£32,822m	£32,476m	
Risk weighted assets (Basel II)	£352.7bn	£353.9bn	

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*Summary excludes Head Office functions and other operations.*

## Performance Highlights



*"In the difficult environment of the first half of 2008, Barclays remained solidly profitable, albeit at levels below the record performance achieved last year.*

*We were helped by the earnings diversification that we have created across the Group and by our improved ability to flex both costs and balance sheet. This enabled us to absorb the cost of the credit market*

*dislocation while seeking opportunities in areas of long term growth."*

**John Varley, Group Chief Executive**

Income in line with record prior year despite challenging conditions

Costs

decreased

3%, leading to a two percentage point improvement in the cost:income ratio

Group profit before tax of £2.75bn, reflecting lower profits from Investment Banking and Investment Management as a consequence of the credit market dislocation and an increased contribution from Global Retail and Commercial Banking:

Improved profitability, tight cost control and strong mortgage book growth in UK Retail Banking

Stable performance in Barclays Commercial Bank, consistent with cautious lending approach

Very strong

profit

growth at Barclaycard with good progress both internationally and in the UK

Accelerated investment in Barclays international retail and commercial banking network reflected in very strong income growth

Barclays Capital profitable

after a further £1bn of net losses in the second quarter due to credit market dislocation, in addition to the

£ 1bn already announced in the first quarter; costs and credit market exposures significantly reduced

Solid income growth at Barclays Global Investors

and

selective support for liquidity products

Broadly based income growth in Barclays Wealth

Capital ratios strengthened following July equity issuance:

Pro forma

Tier 1 capital ratio of 9.1% and Equity

Tier 1 ratio of 6.3%

Interim cash dividend maintained at 11.5p

## **Group Chief Executive's Review**

The conditions in the market that we have seen over the course of the last twelve months are as difficult as we have experienced in many years. Although I take some comfort from our relative performance in managing our risks and in generating income, a decline

in

profit of 33% is acutely disappointing. And I add to that my disappointment at the decline in our share price. Our shareholders have had to endure a lot. We are, and we will be, working as hard as we can to create the conditions that enable a higher price to be placed on our shares over time.

At the same time, however, profit before tax of £2.75 billion for the period reflects stable income year on year; an improvement of two percentage points in our cost:

income ratio; and substantial investment in our distribution channels in retail and commercial banking outside the United Kingdom in pursuit of future growth.

We have experienced significant writedowns.

We have been alert to the changing risk environment, and because of that we were reducing our risk exposures in many business areas

throughout 2007 and have continued to do that during the first half of 2008. That has certainly had the effect of mitigating the impact on our profits, as has the significant diversification of the business by geography and by business line over the last years. But it would be wrong in this review to suggest that the market conditions over the foreseeable future will be anything other than tough,

not least because we are now seeing the impact of slowing economies around the world and that means that we must remain very vigilant to managing risk. In some areas of our business, it may take quite some time for volumes to be restored to those we have seen in the past: we see patterns of deleveraging by both companies and personal customers around the world, and this will continue to have an impact on activity levels.

The combination of turbulent markets and slowing economies requires us to be agile in managing business performance.

But for all the impact of the difficult environment, the medium term drivers of growth in the global financial services industry are substantially unchanged: the privatisation of welfare provision; wealth management and wealth transfer; the growth of retail banking

in the developing world; the increasing use of capital markets for financing and risk management; the pursuit of yield by investors; and the demands on capital markets to fund infrastructure development - these sources of growth endure.

Our strategy is to align Barclays with those opportunities.

That is why

we have continued during the half to invest in the broadening of our physical footprint in

**Global Retail and Commercial Banking;** and in origination and coverage in **Investment Banking and Investment Management.**

And we see advantage in the fact that the competitive landscape has changed significantly over the last twelve months because the

market dislocation has reduced the ability or determination of some hitherto strong market participants to compete aggressively.

Barclays strategy is to achieve superior growth through time by diversifying its profit base and increasing its presence in markets and segments that are growing rapidly. In executing our strategy, we continue to focus on our four strategic priorities which are: building the best bank in the

United Kingdom

; accelerating the growth of our global businesses; developing retail and commercial banking activities in selected countries outside the

United Kingdom

; and enhancing operational excellence.

I will consider each of these strategic priorities in turn.

In

**UK Retail Banking**

we have achieved market leading shares of new business in the core product areas of current accounts, savings and mortgages. The improvement in market positioning here is substantial - most obviously in mortgages, where our share of net new business in the first half of 2008 was 2

6

% compared with 6% in the equivalent period of last year. Meanwhile, we have improved the

cost:income

ratio of the business (and maintain our target of improving the annual ratio by three percentage points from 57% in 2007 to 54% in 2010). Our financial performance in the first half benefited from these trends.

In

**Barclays Commercial Bank**

profit was affected by significant investment directed at increasing the number of product specialists and relationship managers

and the supporting risk and operations infrastructure

. Loan balances continued to grow during the half, but we have been careful to ensure that our assets are appropriately diversified in advance of a normalisation of loan loss rates that we have predicted for some time. For example, property and construction comprises

13

% of our

UK

commercial loan book, a significantly lower proportion than would be seen generally across the

UK

market.

**Group Chief Executive's Review**

In

**Barclaycard**

we have made substantial progress in sustaining our

UK

leadership position whilst significantly improving profitability. As well as acquiring the Goldfish business at an attractive price, we recruited about

200,000

net

new

UK

customers during the first half of 2008 but maintained a selective approach to new business that saw us continue to reject about half of the applications that we receive. We see credit cards as one of our global businesses and we have made further substantial steps in the development of Barclaycard outside the

UK

. Barclaycard International contributed over a quarter of Barclaycard's profits in the first half and over

75

% of Barclaycard's new customers during the period. We continue to expect Barclaycard

US

to contribute US\$150m in profit before tax this year, thereby achieving the target that we set following the acquisition of the business at the end of 2004.

**Investment Banking and Investment Management**

, which is the home of the other businesses in the Group that we think of as "global",

was confronted during the first half of the year with very testing trading conditions

. Although the profits of both

**Barclays Capital**

and

**Barclays Global Investors**

suffered from the consequences of the credit

market dislocation, the impact on the performance of both businesses was mitigated by the investments in asset class diversification that we have made in recent years. This helped generate record income levels in Barclays Capital in

interest rate products, commodities, prime services and emerging markets

and continuing brisk growth at BGI in the income from our exchange traded funds business iShares. In Barclays Capital we made progress in reducing US sub-prime and other credit market exposures. In BGI we took further steps to provide selective support of liquidity products; whilst this has had the effect of reducing profits in the first half, it has been an important source of reassurance to our clients. We have continued to see flows of new assets into BGI during the period. We see Barclays Capital and Barclays Global Investors as engines of future growth for Barclays, and have made further selective new hires in both businesses.

### **Barclays Wealth**

has similar growth characteristics, and although impacted by lower market levels, we have achieved profit growth and

continued during the half year to invest in the recruitment of client-facing staff.

We have made the biggest changes to the future growth opportunity in Barclays by the focus we are directing at developing our retail and commercial banking activities outside the United Kingdom

. Most of this activity has been organic. We have expanded our distribution points in all areas of the business; opening 191 new branches or sales outlets in

### **GRCB**

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**Western Europe,**  
321

in  
**GRCB**

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**Emerging Markets**  
and  
160

in  
**GRCB**

-

### **Absa**

during the first six months of the year. This distribution-led growth is transforming the scale and prospects of the business. We saw particularly strong income growth during the half in two markets that we have recently entered - India and

United Arab Emirates

. At the same time we have acquired Expobank as a first step to increasing our presence in Russia, and we will soon launch our business in

Pakistan. We expect to have opened  
250  
further branches  
and

sales  
outlets  
outside the  
UK  
by the end of 2008.

The focus of our work in the area of "**operational excellence**  
" is directed at the management of risk, cost and capital. In risk management, we have sought to position our major  
books of business conservatively in the expectation of the cyclical downturn in countries where we have large  
presences - the  
United Kingdom,  
Spain  
and  
South Africa.

Although our performance in these markets will be affected by economic slowdown,  
we hope that we will outperform  
as a result of actions

that we have already taken. Meanwhile, we have managed our costs aggressively, achieving substantial reductions in  
costs in Barclays Capital and an improved  
cost:income  
ratio for the Group as a whole. In the area of capital, we intend to direct  
just over

half of the new capital raised in July at maintaining ratios ahead of target for the foreseeable future, and half to support  
future growth. We have directed a lot of attention during 2008 at managing the level of risk weighted assets across the  
Group.

It is important to be both realistic about the outlook - which remains tough - and confident about the direction of our  
strategy and our ability to implement it. I draw confidence from our performance over the last twelve months. Our  
focus in the months ahead will be on executing our strategy.

**John Varley**

,  
Group Chief Executive

**Group  
Finance Director's  
Review**

### **Group Performance**

In the first half of 2008 Barclays delivered profit before tax of £2,754m, a decline of 33% on the record performance  
of 2007. Earnings per share were 27.0p and we maintained the dividend in cash at the 2007 interim per share level of  
11.5p.

Income was in line with 2007 at £11,843m. Income grew in all businesses apart from Barclays Capital, and growth  
was particularly strong in retail and commercial banking businesses outside the

UK

. Net income, after impairment charges, of £9,395m was 14% lower than 2007, and included net losses of £1,979m on credit market exposures, net of gains of £852m arising from the fair valuation of notes issued by Barclays Capital. Impairment charges and other credit provisions of £2,448m included charges related to

US

sub-prime mortgages and other credit market exposures of £1,108m. Excluding these sub-prime related charges, impairment charges increased

40%. In UK Retail Banking, impairment charges increased slightly as a result of higher balances.

UK

mortgage

impairment

charges remained very low as our book is conservatively positioned. In Barclaycard

UK

impairment charges decreased. The

UK

wholesale and corporate charge was higher than the first half of 2007 but remained relatively low and within expectations in a generally steady wholesale environment. Significant growth in impairment charges in our international retail and commercial banking businesses reflected: very strong book growth and a changed asset mix in emerging markets; the impact on consumers of the macroeconomic backdrop in

South Africa; and a deteriorating property market in

Spain.

Operating expenses decreased 3% to £6,664m. We continued to invest in our distribution network in our international retail and commercial banking businesses. Costs were flat in UK Retail Banking and significantly lower in Barclays Capital. Gains from property disposals were £120m (2007: £147m). The Group cost:income ratio improved two percentage points to 56%.

**Business**

**Performance - Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

**UK Retail Banking**

profit before tax grew 7% to £690m. Income grew 3% to £2,176m, reflecting growth in Personal Customer Savings Accounts and Local Business and lower settlements on overdraft fees. We achieved a share of net new mortgage lending of 26%. Operating expenses were in line with 2007. Impairment charges increased 4%, and mortgage impairment remained low.

**Barclays Commercial Bank**

profit before tax decreased 1% to £702m. Income growth of 7% reflected increased sales of treasury products. Costs increased 17% as we invested in operations infrastructure, product specialists

and sales capability. Impairment charges increased 19% due to higher charges from certain Larger Business exposures.

**Barclaycard**

profit before tax increased 30% to £388m, including £100m from Barclaycard International. Income growth of 13% reflected strong growth in Barclaycard International and the acquisition of Goldfish. Costs increased 6% reflecting continued international growth. Impairment charges increased 10% reflecting the inclusion of Goldfish and increased charges in Barclaycard International, offset by a £62m reduction in impairment in the

UK

businesses.

**Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

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**Western Europe**

profit before tax grew 10% to £115m. Income growth of 46% was driven by very strong growth in loans and

advances and deposits. Costs increased 38% reflecting expansion of the retail distribution network across all geographies by 191 distribution points, and expansion in SMEs and Premier

Impairment charges increased £71m to £103m, primarily reflecting a deteriorating property

market  
in  
Spain

### **Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

#### **Emerging Markets**

profit before tax decreased 13%. Income and operating expenses almost doubled. Income growth was driven by retail expansion in

India

, and strong performances in the

Africa

businesses and UAE cards. Operating expense growth reflected the continued expansion of distribution points by 321 to a total of 871. Impairment charges increased £54m to £66m reflecting asset growth, particularly in

India

, and increased wholesale impairment

in

Africa

### **Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

#### **Absa**

profit before tax increased 10% to £298m. Income growth of 9% included a gain of £46m relating to the Visa IPO.

Distribution points increased 1

60

to 1,161 and operating expenses decreased 1%, leading to a six percentage point improvement in the cost:income ratio to 60%. Impairment charges rose £69m to £125m, mainly due to the impact of successive interest rate rises and high inflation rates on consumers in

South Africa

### **Group**

#### **Finance Director's**

#### **Review**

### **Business Performance - Investment Banking and Investment Management**

#### **Barclays Capital**

profit before tax was £524m in a very challenging market, down 68% relative to the record result in 2007. Net income fell 47% to £2,185m as growth in interest rate products, commodities, emerging markets,

private equity

and foreign exchange

was more than offset by net losses of £1,

979m

due to credit market dislocation, net of gains of £852m from the fair valuation of notes issued by Barclays Capital. There was very strong growth in continental Europe, Asia and Africa, and modest growth in the UK

. The

US

was adversely affected by the market conditions although there was significant growth in commodities, prime services and

foreign exchange. Operating expenses were tightly controlled and reduced 32%. The compensation cost:net income ratio increased to 53%. Risk weighted assets were actively managed and declined in the period. Headcount increased 100 to 16,300 as we continued to invest selectively in key areas.

#### **Barclays Global Investors**

profit before tax decreased 32% to £265m

reflecting income growth of 5% to £987m;

the impact of strong cost control; and

charges of £196m related to selective support of liquidity products. Total assets under management were US\$1,967bn, reflecting net new assets of US\$25bn and negative market moves of US\$147bn.

#### **Barclays Wealth**

profit before tax grew 5% to £182m. Income growth of 5% to £668m reflected strong growth in customer deposits and lending partially offset by the impact of lower equity markets on fee income. Operating expenses grew 3% as cost efficiencies were reinvested in technology and operating platforms, and continued hiring of client-facing staff. Total client assets remained at £132.5bn as good asset inflows offset the impact of lower equity markets.

#### **Business Performance**

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#### **Head Office Functions and Other Operations**

##### **Head Office Functions and Other Operations**

loss before tax increased £255m to £462m. This was driven by increased fees paid to Barclays Capital for debt and equity raising,

a reduction in interest earned owing to the reduction of the centrally held capital surplus, and increased costs related to an internal review of Barclays compliance with US economic sanctions.

#### **Related**

##### **Parties**

Related party transactions, including salary and benefits provided to directors and key management,

were

not material to the financial position or performance of the Group during the period. There

were

no changes to the type and nature of the related party transactions disclosed in the 2007 annual report that could have a material effect on the financial position and performance of the Group in the first six months. Related part

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transactions

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#### **Capital Management**



We worked hard to optimise risk weighted asset consumption in the first half of 2008. As a result, Group risk weighted assets at 30th June 2008 were broadly stable at £352.7bn. At 30th June 2008, our tier 1 capital ratio was 7.9% and our equity tier 1 ratio was 5.0%. We raised £4.5bn of new equity in July 2008 which, if applied to our capital position as at 30th June 2008, would have resulted in pro-forma ratios of 9.1% and 6.3% respectively. We expect to retain just over half of the new equity raised in July 2008 in increased capital ratios going forward. We maintained our dividend at 11.5p per share.

**Chris Lucas,**  
Group Finance Director

### Consolidated Interim Income Statement

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Continuing Operations</b>			
Interest income	13,356	13,271	12,037
Interest expense	(8,186)	(8,250)	(7,448)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>5,170</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,589</b>
Fee and commission income	4,461	4,386	4,292
Fee and commission expense	(547)	(490)	(480)
<b>Net fee and commission income</b>	<b>3,914</b>	<b>3,896</b>	<b>3,812</b>
Net trading income	1,784	948	2,811
Net investment income	345	820	396
<b>Principal transactions</b>	<b>2,129</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>3,207</b>
Net premiums from insurance contracts	568	569	442
Other income	163	88	100
<b>Total income</b>	<b>11,944</b>	<b>11,342</b>	<b>12,150</b>
Net claims and benefits incurred under insurance contracts	(101)	(244)	(248)
<b>Total income net of insurance claims</b>	<b>11,843</b>	<b>11,098</b>	<b>11,902</b>
Impairment charges and other credit provisions	(2,448)	(1,836)	(959)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>9,395</b>	<b>9,262</b>	<b>10,943</b>
Staff costs	(3,888)	(3,824)	(4,581)
Administration and general expenses	(2,408)	(2,189)	(1,952)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(274)	(240)	(227)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(94)	(99)	(87)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(6,664)</b>	<b>(6,352)</b>	<b>(6,847)</b>
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	23	42	-
Profit on disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	-	23	5
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>2,754</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>4,101</b>

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Tax	(620)	(823)	(1,158)
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>2,943</b>
<b>Attributable To</b>			
Minority interests	416	369	309
Equity holders of the parent	1,718	1,783	2,634
	<b>2,134</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>2,943</b>
Basic earnings per ordinary share	27.0p	27.5p	41.4p
Diluted earnings per ordinary share	26.2p	26.6p	40.1p
<b>Proposed Dividend per Ordinary Share</b>			
Interim dividend	11.5p	-	11.5p
Final dividend	-	22.5p	-

**Consolidated Interim Balance Sheet**

	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Cash and balances at central banks	6,432	5,801	4,785
Items in the course of collection from other banks	2,478	1,836	2,533
Trading portfolio assets	177,628	193,691	217,573
Financial assets designated at fair value:			
- held on own account	46,697	56,629	46,171
- held in respect of linked liabilities to customers under investment contracts	79,486	90,851	92,194
Derivative financial instruments	400,009	248,088	174,225
Loans and advances to banks	54,514	40,120	43,191
Loans and advances to customers	395,467	345,398	321,243
Available for sale financial investments	42,765	43,072	47,764
Reverse repurchase agreements and cash collateral on securities borrowed	139,955	183,075	190,546
Other assets	6,012	5,150	6,289
Current tax assets	808	518	345
Investments in associates and joint ventures	316	377	228
Goodwill	6,932	7,014	6,635
Intangible assets	1,200	1,282	1,228
Property, plant and equipment	2,991	2,996	2,538
Deferred tax assets	1,964	1,463	774
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,365,654</b>	<b>1,227,361</b>	<b>1,158,262</b>

**Consolidated Interim Balance Sheet**

	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Deposits from banks	89,944	90,546	87,429
Items in the course of collection due to other banks	2,791	1,792	2,206
Customer accounts	319,281	294,987	292,444
Trading portfolio liabilities	56,040	65,402	79,252
Financial liabilities designated at fair value	86,162	74,489	63,490
Liabilities to customers under investment contracts	80,949	92,639	93,735
Derivative financial instruments	396,357	248,288	177,774
Debt securities in issue	115,739	120,228	118,745
Repurchase agreements and cash collateral on securities lent	146,895	169,429	181,093
Other liabilities	8,998	10,499	10,908
Current tax liabilities	1,532	1,311	1,003
Insurance contract liabilities, including unit-linked liabilities	3,679	3,903	3,770
Subordinated liabilities	21,583	18,150	15,067
Deferred tax liabilities	655	855	258
Provisions	624	830	527
Retirement benefit liabilities	1,603	1,537	1,840
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,332,832</b>	<b>1,194,885</b>	<b>1,129,541</b>
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>			
Called up share capital	1,642	1,651	1,637
Share premium account	72	56	5,859
Other reserves	(198)	874	271
Retained earnings	20,965	20,970	13,461
Less:			
treasury shares	(192)	(260)	(255)
<b>Shareholders' equity excluding minority interests</b>	<b>22,289</b>	<b>23,291</b>	<b>20,973</b>
Minority interests	10,533	9,185	7,748
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>32,822</b>	<b>32,476</b>	<b>28,721</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>1,365,654</b>	<b>1,227,361</b>	<b>1,158,262</b>

**Results by Business****UK Retail Banking****Income Statement Information****Half Year Ended**

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	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	1,453	1,451	1,407
Net fee and commission income	639	583	600
Net premiums from insurance contracts	103	165	87
Other income	-	(2)	49
<b>Total income</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>2,197</b>	<b>2,143</b>
Net claims and benefits incurred under insurance contracts	(19)	(21)	(22)
<b>Total income net of insurance claims</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>2,121</b>
Impairment charges and other credit provisions	(288)	(282)	(277)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>1,844</b>
Operating expenses excluding amortisation of intangible assets	(1,195)	(1,266)	(1,195)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(7)	(5)	(4)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(1,202)</b>	<b>(1,271)</b>	<b>(1,199)</b>
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	4	6	1
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>646</b>

**Balance Sheet Information**

Loans and advances to customers	£89.1bn	£82.0bn	£77.5bn
Customer accounts	£88.4bn	£87.1bn	£84.5bn
Total assets	£96.3bn	£88.5bn	£84.3bn

**Performance Ratios**

Return on average economic capital <sup>1</sup>	28%	28%	28%
Cost:income ratio <sup>1</sup>	55%	58%	57%
Cost:net income ratio <sup>1</sup>	64%	67%	65%

**Other Financial Measures**

Risk tendency <sup>1,2</sup>	£495m	£470m	£580m
Economic profit <sup>1</sup>	£324m	£306m	£311m
Risk weighted assets (Basel I)	-	£46.1bn	£42.5bn
Risk weighted assets (Basel II)	£30.9bn	£30.5bn	-

**Key Facts**

Number of UK current accounts	11.5m	11.3m	11.4m
Number of UK savings accounts	11.7m	11.1m	11.1m
Number of UK mortgage accounts	786,000	754,000	737,000

Number of Local Business customers	653,000	643,000	637,000
Number of branches	1,733	1,733	1,810
Number of ATMs	3,336	3,325	3,841

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## Results by Business

### UK Retail Banking

UK Retail Banking profit before tax increased 7% (£44m) to £690m (2007: £646m) due to solid income growth and well controlled costs and impairment.

Income grew 3% (£55m) to £2,176  
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(2007: £2,121m), reflecting good growth in Personal Customer Savings Accounts and Local Business.

Net interest income increased 3% (£46m) to £1,453m (2007: £1,407m). Growth was driven by a higher contribution from deposits, through good balance sheet growth. Total average customer deposit balances increased 7% to £85.7bn (2007: £80.2bn), supported by the launch of new products. The liabilities margin was broadly stable at 2.12% (2007: 2.15%).

Mortgage balances showed strong growth, driven by increased gross advances and higher levels of balance

retention. Mortgage balances were £76.9bn at the end of the period (31st December 2007: £69.8bn), an approximate market share of 7% (2007: 6%). Gross advances were £12.7bn (2007: £10.5bn). Net new lending represented

a market share of 26% (2007: 6%). The average loan to value ratio of the residential mortgage book on a current valuation basis was 35%. The average loan to value ratio of new residential mortgage lending was 51%. The asset

margin decreased 11 basis points to 1.09% (2007: 1.20%) principally due to a higher proportion of mortgages.

Net fee and commission income increased 7% (£39m) to £639m (2007: £600m), reflecting good growth within Local Business. 2007 net fee and commission income included £87m settlements on overdraft fees.

Impairment charges increased

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to £288m (2007: £277m), reflecting growth in the book and current economic conditions. In UK Home Finance, whilst mortgage delinquencies as a percentage of outstanding balances increased from 0.91% to 0.97%, impairment charges and amounts charged off remained low.

Operating expenses  
were held

flat at £1,202m (2007: £1,199m), reflecting strong and active management of expense lines, including continued back office consolidation. Gains from the sale of property were £65m (2007: £113m).

The cost:income ratio improved two percentage points to 55% (2007: 57%).

## Results by Business

### Barclays Commercial Bank

#### Income Statement Information

#### Half Year Ended

30.06.08 31.12.07 30.06.07

	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	874	880	867
Net fee and commission income	397	398	352
Net trading income	4	7	2
Net investment income	8	17	30
<b>Principal transactions</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>
Other income	66	5	6
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>1,257</b>
Impairment charges and other credit provisions	(148)	(168)	(124)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>1,133</b>
Operating expenses excluding amortisation of intangible assets	(494)	(499)	(425)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(4)	(3)	(2)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(498)</b>	<b>(502)</b>	<b>(427)</b>
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	(1)	-	-
Profit on disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	-	14	-
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>706</b>

#### Balance Sheet Information

Loans and advances to customers	£67.5bn	£63.7bn	£60.4bn
Customer accounts	£61.3bn	£60.8bn	£59.8bn
Total assets	£81.0bn	£74.6bn	£69.8bn

#### Performance Ratios

Return on average economic capital <sup>1</sup>	28%	29%	31%
Cost:income ratio <sup>1</sup>	37%	38%	34%
Cost:net income ratio <sup>1</sup>	41%	44%	38%

#### Other Financial Measures

Risk tendency <sup>1,2</sup>	£360m	£305m	£290m
Economic profit	£305m	£303m	£332m

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Basel		- £54.3bn	£51.1bn
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Risk weighted assets (Basel II)	£63.0bn	£62.1bn	-

**Key Facts**

Total number of customers	81,000	81,000	77,000
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**Results by Business****Barclays Commercial Bank**

Barclays Commercial Bank profit before tax decreased 1% (£4m) to £702m (2007: £706m), with good income growth in challenging market conditions offset by increased impairment charges and operating expenses.

Income increased 7% (£92m) to £1,349m (2007: £1,257m).

Net interest income improved 1% (£7m) to £874m (2007: £867m). There was very strong growth in customer assets, predominantly term loans, which increased 12% to £59.0bn (2007: £52.7bn). The assets margin decreased 25 basis points to 1.60% (2007: 1.85%) reflecting

a lower level of fee recognition in the effective interest rate calculation than in 2007 and a continued focus on higher-quality term lending in 2008

. Average customer accounts grew 2% to £47.3bn (2007: £46.5bn), and

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deposit margin remained broadly stable at 1.48% (2007: 1.50%).

Non-interest income increased to 35% of total income (2007: 31%), partly reflecting continued focus on cross sales and efficient balance sheet utilisation. There was strong growth in net fee and commission income, which increased 13% (£45m) to £397m (2007: £352m) due to increased income from foreign exchange and derivative sales, particularly interest rate derivatives.

Income from principal transactions fell to £12m (2007: £32m) due to fewer equity realisations.

Other income of £66m (2007: £6m) included a £42m gain arising from the restructuring of Barclays interest in a third party finance operation. This gain was offset by a broadly similar tax charge.

Other income also included £11m (2007:

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) rental income from operating leases.

Impairment charges increased 19% (£24m) to £148m (2007: £124m) reflecting higher impairment losses in Larger Business partially offset by a reduction in incurred but not individually identified impairment.

There was a small

increase in impairment as a percentage of period-end loans and advances to customers to 0.44% (2007: 0.41%).

Operating expenses increased 17% (£71m) to £498m (2007: £427m) reflecting increased investment in payments,

risk and operations infrastructure, product specialists and sales capability.

Growth in operating

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and lower gains on the sale of property of £10m (2007: £25m)

contributed 7% of the increase in operating expenses.

## Results by Business

### Barclaycard

#### Income Statement Information

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	787	688	686
Net fee and commission income	584	567	576
Net trading income	1	(2)	2
Net investment income	16	11	-
<b>Principal transactions</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>
Net premiums from insurance contracts	18	19	21
Other income	18	(2)	(23)
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>1,262</b>
Net claims and benefits incurred under insurance contracts	(6)	(6)	(7)
<b>Total income net of insurance claims</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,255</b>
Impairment charges and other credit provisions	(477)	(392)	(435)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>820</b>
Operating expenses excluding amortisation of intangible assets	(525)	(553)	(504)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(27)	(21)	(15)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(552)</b>	<b>(574)</b>	<b>(519)</b>



Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	(1)	(5)	(2)
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>299</b>

**Balance Sheet Information**

Loans and advances to customers	£22.1bn	£19.7bn	£18.2bn
Total assets	£24.3bn	£22.1bn	£20.4bn

**Performance Ratios**

Return on average economic capital 1	22%	20%	21%
Cost:income ratio 1	39%	45%	41%
Cost:net income ratio 1	59%	65%	63%

**Other Financial Measures**

Risk tendency 1,2	£1,115m	£955m	£975m
Economic profit 1	£147m	£98m	£115m
Risk weighted assets (Basel I)	-	£19.7bn	£16.9bn
Risk weighted assets (Basel II)	£25.0bn	£22.5bn	-

**Key Facts**

Number of Barclaycard UK customers	11.9m	10.1m	9.6m
Number of retailer relationships UK	93,000	93,000	95,000
UK credit cards - average outstanding balances	£9.3bn	£8.4bn	£8.5bn
UK credit cards - average extended credit balances	£7.5bn	£6.8bn	£7.0bn
International - average outstanding balances	£5.1bn	£4.4bn	£3.8bn
International - average extended credit balances	£4.2bn	£3.6bn	£3.0bn
International - cards in issue	11.2m	10.5m	9.2m
Secured lending - average outstanding loans	£4.7bn	£4.4bn	£4.2bn

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## Results by Business

### Barclaycard

Barclaycard profit before tax increased 30% (£89m) to £388m (2007: £299m), driven by strong international income growth and a significant improvement in

UK impairment charges. 2008

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£41m from Goldfish

Income increased 13% (£163m) to £1,418m (2007: £1,255m) reflecting strong growth in Barclaycard International and £56m from the inclusion of Goldfish, partially offset by a decline in UK Cards and FirstPlus.

Net interest income increased 15% (£101m) to £787m (2007: £686m) driven by strong growth in international average extended credit card balances, up

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% to £4.2bn. Margins were

unchanged

at 6.77%.

Net fee and commission income increased 1% (£8m) to £584m (2007: £576m) with growth in Barclaycard International partially offset by lower volumes in FirstPlus.

Principal transactions increased £15m to £17m (2007: £2m) reflecting a £16m gain from the sale of shares in Master Card.

Other income

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to £18m (2007: £23m loss) reflecting a

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from a portfolio sale in the

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in 2008 and £27m loss on disposal of part of the Monument card portfolio in 2007.

Impairment charges increased 10% (£42m) to £477m (2007: £435m), reflecting £77m growth in charges in the international businesses and £27m from the inclusion of Goldfish. These factors were partially offset by £62m lower impairment in the

UK

businesses with reduced flows into delinquency and lower levels of arrears.

Operating expenses increased 6% (£33m) to £552m (2007: £519m) reflecting continued international growth, development of the

UK

partnerships business and increased marketing investment. Operating expenses include £89m negative goodwill from the acquisition of Goldfish offset by restructuring charges of £

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4m and other Goldfish expenses of £23m.

Barclaycard International continued to gain momentum, delivering a

64% (£

39m) increase in profit before tax to £100m (2007: £61m). Barclaycard US recorded strong average balance growth, despite difficult market conditions and continued to deliver the financial plan set out at the time of acquisition. The Entercard joint venture continued to build presence across its markets in

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## Results by Business

### Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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### Western Europe

## Income Statement Information

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	378	284	243
Net fee and commission income	190	166	156
Net trading income	11	7	6
Net investment income	52	46	47
<b>Principal transactions</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>
Net premiums from insurance contracts	183	100	45
Other income	16	4	3
<b>Total income</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>500</b>
Net claims and benefits incurred under insurance contracts	(189)	(110)	(60)
<b>Total income net of insurance claims</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>440</b>
Impairment charges and other credit provisions	(103)	(44)	(32)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>408</b>
Operating expenses excluding amortisation of intangible assets	(417)	(362)	(303)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(6)	(4)	(4)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(423)</b>	<b>(366)</b>	<b>(307)</b>
Profit on disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	-	4	4
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>105</b>

## Balance Sheet Information

Loans and advances to customers	£41.1bn	£35.0bn	£29.7bn
Customer accounts	£11.4bn	£9.4bn	£7.7bn
Total assets	£51.1bn	£43.7bn	£36.7bn

## Performance Ratios

Return on average economic capital	26%	10%	12%
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Cost:income ratio 1	66%	74%	70%
Cost:net income ratio 1	79%	81%	75%

**Other Financial Measures**

Risk tendency 1,2	£185m	£135m	£105m
Economic profit 1, 3	£133m	£2m	£14m
Risk weighted assets (Basel I)	-	£24.5bn	£20.4bn
Risk weighted assets (Basel II)	£29.2bn	£25.1bn	-

**Key Facts**

Number of customers	2.0m	1.8m	1.6m
Number of branches	881	752	709
Number of sales centres	108	46	21
Number of distribution points	989	798	730

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**Results by Business****Global Retail and Commercial Banking****Western Europe**

Global Retail and Commercial Banking

Western Europe

profit before tax grew 10% (£10m) to £115m (2007: £105m), despite challenging market conditions in Spain

and accelerated investment in the expansion of the franchise.

Distribution points increased 191 to 989 (31st December 2007: 798), reflecting growth in all countries.

Very strong income growth and the effects of the strengthening of the Euro were partially offset by higher operating expenses and impairment charges.

Income increased 46% (£201m) to £641m (2007: £440m) reflecting strong growth in net interest income and net fee and commission income.

Net interest income increased 56% (£135m) to £378m (2007: £243m) driven by very strong volume growth in unsecured lending,

credit cards, commercial lending and mortgages with average customer assets up 36% to £38.7bn (2007: £28.5

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stable at 1.13% reflecting a favourable change in the product mix offsetting lower margins on mortgages. Average customer liabilities grew 3

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% to £9.6bn (2007: £7.

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bn) at lower margins of 1.29% (2007: 1.72%) reflecting competition for customer deposit balances.

Net fee and commission income increased 22% (£34m) to £190m (2007: £156m) due to an increase in investments,

insurance and commercial

lending

Principal transactions grew 19% (£10m) to £63m (2007: £53m) including a £17m gain from the sale of shares in MasterCard.

Impairment charges increased £71m to £103m (2007: £32m). This increase was principally due to higher charges in the Spanish commercial portfolios as a consequence of a rapid slowdown in the property and construction sectors

Operating expenses increased 38% (£116m) to £423m (2007: £307m) reflecting the expansion of the retail distribution network

, growth of the SME business and the strengthening of the Premier segment

Operating expenses included £37m (2007: nil) gains from the sale of property assets.

## Results by Business

### Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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### Emerging Markets

**Income Statement Information**

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	251	181	138
Net fee and commission income	96	71	69
Net trading income	42	42	14
Net investment income	17	13	3
<b>Principal transactions</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>17</b>
Other income	4	5	(3)
<b>Total income</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>221</b>
Impairment charges and other credit provisions	(66)	(27)	(12)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>209</b>
Operating expenses excluding amortisation of intangible assets	(290)	(239)	(152)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(2)	(7)	3
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(292)</b>	<b>(246)</b>	<b>(149)</b>
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	-	1	-
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>60</b>

**Balance Sheet Information**

Loans and advances to customers	£6.7bn	£5.1bn	£3.4bn
Customer accounts	£7.1bn	£6.2bn	£4.8bn
Total assets	£11.4bn	£9.2bn	£6.3bn

**Performance Ratios**

Return on average economic capital <sup>1</sup>	5%	7%	27%
Cost:income ratio <sup>1</sup>	71%	79%	67%
Cost:net income ratio <sup>1</sup>	85%	86%	71%

**Other Financial Measures**

Risk tendency <sup>1,2</sup>	£240m	£140m	£50m
Economic (loss)/profit <sup>1</sup>	(£21m)	(£3m)	£29m
Risk weighted assets (Basel I)	-	£6.1bn	£4.0bn
Risk weighted assets (Basel II)	£11.7bn	£10.2bn	-

**Key Facts**

Number of customers	2.9m	2.0m	1.3m
Number of branches	524	425	317
Number of sales centres	347	125	11
Number of distribution points	871	550	328

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## **Results by Business**

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#### **Emerging Markets**

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Emerging Markets profit before tax decreased 13% (£8m) to £52m (2007: £60m), with very strong income growth more than offset by accelerated investment in existing markets

and increased impairment charges. The number of distribution points increased 321 to 871 (31st December 2007: 550).

Income increased 86% (£189m) to £410m (2007: £221m), driven by net interest income, principal transactions and net fees and commissions.

Net interest income increased 82% (£113m) to £251m (2007: £138m), driven by very strong retail and commercial balance sheet growth with average customer assets up 87% to £5.6bn (2007: £3.0bn)

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margin decreased 157 basis points to 5.10% (2007: 6.67%) reflecting higher funding costs

. Average customer liabilities increased 47% to £6.6bn (2007: £4.5bn) primarily driven by deposit growth in India

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margin up 98 basis points to 1.89% (2007: 0.91%).

Net fee and commission income increased 39% (£27m) to £96m (2007: £69m) primarily driven by very strong growth in retail and treasury fee income.

Principal transactions increased £42m to £59m (2007: £17m) reflecting higher foreign exchange income and a gain of £14m from the sale of shares in MasterCard.

Impairment charges increased £54m to £66m (2007: £12m)

reflecting

asset growth, particularly in

India

, and increased wholesale impairment in Africa

Operating expenses increased 96% (£143m) to £292m (2007: £149m) reflecting continued investment in expansion of the business, with investment in infrastructure and the rollout of global platforms.

## Results by Business

### Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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### Income Statement Information

#### Half Year Ended

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	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	499	582	473
Net fee and commission income	348	344	340
Net trading income	77	2	(2)
Net investment income	49	23	47
<b>Principal transactions</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>45</b>
Net premiums from insurance contracts	111	110	117
Other income	23	40	37
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,012</b>
Net claims and benefits incurred under insurance contracts	(60)	(59)	(55)
<b>Total income net of insurance claims</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>957</b>
Impairment charges and other credit provisions	(125)	(90)	(56)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>901</b>

Operating expenses excluding amortisation of intangible assets	(603)	(605)	(607)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(24)	(30)	(25)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(627)</b>	<b>(635)</b>	<b>(632)</b>

Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	3	5	1
Profit on disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	-	4	1
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>271</b>

### Balance Sheet Information

Loans and advances to customers	£28.5bn	£29.9bn	£25.4bn
Customer accounts	£13.1bn	£13.0bn	£12.2bn
Total assets	£34.2bn	£36.4bn	£31.9bn

### Performance Ratios

Return on average economic capital	18%	22%	18%
<sup>1</sup> Cost:income ratio	60%	61%	66%



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Cost:net income ratio	68%	67%	70%
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**Other Financial Measures**

Risk tendency	£195m	£190m	£185m
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Economic profit	£42m	£59m	£39m
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Risk weighted assets (Basel I)	-	£22.4bn	£20.7bn
Risk weighted assets (Basel II)	£15.4bn	£17.2bn	-

**Key Facts**

Number of branches	871	837	812
Number of sales centres	290	164	41
Number of distribution points	1,161	1,001	853
Number of ATMs	8,338	8,162	7,621
Number of retail customers	10.0m	9.7m	8.7m
Number of corporate customers	104,000	100,000	87,000

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**Results by Business****Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

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**Absa****Impact of Absa Group Limited on Barclays****Results**

Absa Group Limited's profit before tax of R7,616m (2007: R6,429m) is translated into Barclays results at an average exchange rate of R15.15/£ (2007: R14.11/£), a 7% depreciation in the average value of the Rand against Sterling

. Consolidation adjustments reflected the amortisation of intangible assets of £27m (2007: £27m) and internal funding and other adjustments of £68m (2007: £61m). The resulting profit before tax of £408m (2007: £368m) is represented within Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Absa £298m (2007: £271m), Barclays Capital £88m (2007: £67m) and Barclaycard £22m (2007: £30m).

Absa Group Limited's total assets were R737,577m (31st December 2007: R640,909m), growth of 15%. This is translated into Barclays results at a period-end exchange rate of R15.56/£ (2007: R13.64/£).

### **Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

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#### **Absa**

Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Absa profit before tax increased 10% (£27m) to £298m (2007: £271m) despite challenging market conditions and investment in the

expansion

of the franchise by 160 distribution points to 1,161 (

31st December

2007: 1,001). Very strong Rand income and profit growth was partially offset by the 7% depreciation in the average value of the Rand against

Sterling

. Profit before tax included a gain of £46m relating to the Visa IPO.

Income increased 9% (£95m) to £1,107m (2007: £1,012m) primarily driven by principal transactions and net interest income.

Net interest income improved 5% (£26m) to £499m (2007: £473m) reflecting strong balance sheet growth. Average customer assets increased 9% to £26.3bn (2007: £24.1bn) primarily driven by retail mortgages, commercial asset based finance and retail current accounts.

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to 2.57% (2007: 2.72%) as higher funding costs were partially offset by a shift of the mix to higher yielding products.

Average customer liabilities increased 1

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% to £12.5bn (2007: £11.1bn), primarily driven by retail savings, with margins up 53 basis points to 3.43% (2007: 2.90%) reflecting the impact of successive interest rate rises.

Net fee and commission income increased 2% (£8m) to £348m (2007:£340m), underpinned by retail transaction volume growth.

Principal transactions increased £81m to £126m (2007: £45m) reflecting £46m from the Visa IPO and higher treasury transaction income.

Impairment charges increased £69m to £125m (2007: £56m) as a result of rising delinquency levels in the retail portfolios, which have been impacted by

the effect on consumers of

rising interest and inflation rates and increasing consumer indebtedness.

Operating expenses decreased 1% (£5m) to £627m (2007:

£632m). As a result the cost:income ratio improved from 66% to 60%.

### **Results by Business**

#### **Barclays Capital**

### **Income Statement Information**

### **Half Year Ended**

	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	702	612	567
Net fee and commission income	566	621	614
Net trading income	1,836	978	2,761
Net investment income	304	747	206
<b>Principal transactions</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>2,967</b>
Other income	3	8	5
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3,411</b>	<b>2,966</b>	<b>4,153</b>
Impairment charges	(1,226)	(836)	(10)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>2,130</b>	<b>4,143</b>
Operating expenses excluding amortisation of intangible assets	(1,664)	(1,466)	(2,453)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(15)	(24)	(30)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(1,679)</b>	<b>(1,490)</b>	<b>(2,483)</b>
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	18	35	-
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>1,660</b>
<b>Balance Sheet Information</b>			
Corporate lending portfolio	£62.1bn	£52.3bn	£44.5bn
Total assets excluding derivatives	£566.8bn	£592.3bn	£622.4bn
Total assets	£966.1bn	£839.9bn	£796.4bn
<b>Performance Ratios</b>			
Return on average economic capital <sup>1</sup>	7%	17%	54%
Cost:income ratio <sup>1</sup>	49%	50%	60%
Cost:net income ratio <sup>1</sup>	77%	70%	60%
Compensation:net income ratio	53%	47%	47%
<b>Other Financial Measures</b>			
Risk tendency <sup>1,2</sup>	£200m	£140m	£110m
Economic (loss)/profit <sup>1</sup>	(£106m)	£203m	£969m
Risk weighted assets (Basel I)	-	£169.1bn	£152.5bn
Risk weighted assets (Basel II)	£163.4bn	£173.0bn	-
Average DVaR <sup>1</sup>	£58.0m	£44.6m	£39.3m
Average net income generated per member of staff <sup>1,3</sup> ('000)	£149	£137	£329

Key Facts	First Half 2008		First Half 2007	
	League		League	
	Table	Issuance	Table	Issuance
	Position	Value	Position	Value
Global debt	4th	\$211.6bn	4th	\$252.0bn
All international bonds (all currencies)	2nd	\$156.2bn	1st	\$187.7bn
Europe			2nd	\$152.5bn
overall debt	4th	\$102.1bn		
Sterling bonds	3rd	£7.4bn	1st	£10.9bn

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League tables compiled by Barclays Capital including Dealogic and Thomson Financial

## Results by Business

### Barclays Capital

Barclays Capital profit before tax decreased 68% (£1,136m) to £524m (2007: £1,660m). Absa Capital delivered strong growth in profit before tax of 31% to £88m (2007: £67m), despite a 7% depreciation in the Rand against Sterling

Credit market exposures were actively managed and declined over the period. Barclays Capital's results reflected net losses related to the credit market dislocation of £1,979m, of which £871m was included in income and £1,108m in impairment. These were net of gains of £852m arising from the widening of credit spreads on the fair valuation of notes issued by Barclays Capital. Further detail is provided

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Net income was down 47% at £2,185m (2007: £4,143m).

Excluding net losses related to credit market dislocation

, net income was in line with the record result in 2007.

There was very strong growth in Continental Europe, Asia and Africa, and modest growth in the UK

, demonstrating the breadth of the client franchise. In the US

, income declined due to the continued credit market dislocation, although there was significant growth in commodities, prime services and foreign exchange. Globally there was record income in interest rate

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and strong growth in private equity and currency products.

Net trading income decreased 34% (£925m) to £1,836m (2007: £2,761m) reflecting losses from the credit market dislocation.

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to £2,832m  
in Rates businesses

including significant growth in interest rates, prime services, foreign exchange, emerging markets and commodities. Average DVaR increased 48% to £58.0m (2007: £39.3m) driven by an increase in interest rate and credit spread risk. Net investment income increased 48% (£98m) to £304m (2007: £206m) as a result of a number of private equity gains and structured capital markets transactions. Net interest income increased 24% (£135m) to £702m (2007: £567m), driven by higher contributions from money markets.

Net fee and commission income from advisory and origination activities decreased 8% (£48m) to £566m, compared to the record 2007 result of £614m.

The corporate lending portfolio

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including leveraged finance

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increased 19% to £62.1bn (31st December 2007: £52.3bn) primarily as a result of new loan facilities extended at current terms to financial and manufacturing institutions.

Impairment charges and other credit provisions of £1,226m included £1,108m as described above.

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£118m (2007: £10m)

principally related to charges in the prime services and global loans businesses.

Operating expenses decreased 32% (£804m) to £1,679m (2007: £2,483m). The cost:net income ratio increased to 77% (2007: 60%) and the compensation cost:net income ratio increased to 53% (2007: 47%). Performance related pay, discretionary investment spend and short term contractor resources reduced to

% (2007: 54%) of the cost base. Amortisation of intangible assets of £15m (2007: £30m) principally related to mortgage service rights.

Total headcount increased 100 to 16,300 (31st December 2007: 16,200) as Barclays Capital continued to invest selectively in key growth areas.

## Results by Business

### Barclays Global Investors

#### Income Statement Information

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest expense	(20)	(6)	(2)
Net fee and commission income	987	996	940
Net trading income	(5)	4	1
Net investment income	24	(12)	3
<b>Principal transactions</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>4</b>
Other income	1	1	1
<b>Total income</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>943</b>
Operating expenses excluding amortisation of intangible assets	(718)	(633)	(551)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(4)	(4)	(4)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(722)</b>	<b>(637)</b>	<b>(555)</b>
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>388</b>

#### Balance Sheet Information

Total assets	£79.0bn	£89.2bn	£90.4bn
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#### Performance Ratios

Return on average economic capital <sup>1</sup>	83%	244%	238%
Cost:income ratio <sup>1</sup>	73%	65%	59%

#### Other Financial Measures

Economic profit <sup>1</sup>	£122m	£220m	£210m
Risk weighted assets (Basel I)	-	£2.0bn	£1.6bn
Risk weighted assets (Basel II)	£4.4bn	£4.3bn	-
Average net income generated per member of staff <sup>1</sup> (‘000)	£278	£302	£325

**Key Facts**

Assets under management	£988bn	£1,044bn	£1,003bn
- indexed	£612bn	£615bn	£589bn
- iShares	£189bn	£205bn	£179bn
- active	£187bn	£224bn	£235bn
Net new assets in period	£12bn	£17bn	£25bn
Assets under management	US\$1,967bn	US\$2,079bn	US\$2,013bn
- indexed	US\$1,218bn	US\$1,225bn	US\$1,183bn
- iShares	US\$376bn	US\$408bn	US\$359bn
- active	US\$373bn	US\$446bn	US\$471bn
Net new assets in period	US\$25bn	US\$36bn	US\$50bn
Number of iShares products	338	324	294
Number of institutional clients	3,000	3,000	3,000

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**Results by Business****Barclays Global Investors**

Barclays Global Investors profit before tax decreased 32% (£123m) to £265m (2007: £388m). Profit was impacted by selective support of liquidity products of £196m (2007: nil).

Income grew 5% (£44m) to £987m (2007: £943m).

Net fee and commission income grew 5% (£47m) to £987m (2007: £940m). This was primarily attributable to increased securities lending and management fees, partially offset by reduced incentive fees of £39m (2007: £109m).

Operating expenses increased 30% (£167m) to £722m (2007: £555m). Operating expenses included charges of £196m (2007: nil) related to selective support of liquidity products. The cost:income ratio increased to 73% (2007: 59%).

Headcount increased 300 to 3,700 (31st December 2007: 3,400). Headcount increased primarily in the support functions and iShares business, reflecting continued investment to support future growth.

Total assets under management decreased 5% (£56bn) to £988bn (31st December 2007: £1,044bn) comprising £12bn of net new assets, £6bn of favourable exchange movements and £74bn of adverse market movements. In US\$ terms assets under management decreased 5% (US\$112bn) to US\$1,967bn (31st December 2007: US\$2,079bn), comprising US\$25bn of net new assets, US\$10bn of positive exchange rate movements and US\$147bn of negative market movements.

## Results by Business

### Barclays Wealth

#### Income Statement Information

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	225	226	205
Net fee and commission income	349	380	359
Net trading income	1	(4)	7
Net investment income	(170)	(7)	59
<b>Principal transactions</b>	<b>(169)</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>66</b>
Net premium from insurance contracts	82	95	100
Other income	8	10	9
<b>Total income</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>739</b>
Net claims and benefits incurred under insurance contracts	173	(48)	(104)
<b>Total income net of insurance claims</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>635</b>
Impairment charges and other credit provisions	(12)	(5)	(2)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>633</b>
Operating expenses excluding amortisation of intangible assets	(469)	(509)	(458)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(5)	(4)	(2)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(474)</b>	<b>(513)</b>	<b>(460)</b>
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>173</b>

#### Balance Sheet Information

Loans and advances to customers	£9.4bn	£9.0bn	£7.1bn
Customer accounts	£36.7bn	£34.4bn	£30.9bn
Total assets	£17.7bn	£18.2bn	£16.7bn

#### Performance Ratios

Return on average economic capital <sup>1</sup>	59%	47%	56%
Cost:income ratio <sup>1</sup>	71%	79%	72%

#### Other Financial Measures

Risk tendency <sup>1,2</sup>	£15m	£10m	£10m
Economic profit <sup>1</sup>	£123m	£119m	£114m



Risk weighted assets (Basel I)	-	£7.7bn	£6.9bn
Risk weighted assets (Basel II)	£8.8bn	£8.0bn	-
Average net income generated per member of staff <sup>1</sup> ('000)	£92	£94	£94

**Key Facts**

Total client assets	£132.5bn	£132.5bn	£126.8bn
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**Results by Business**

**Barclays Wealth**

Barclays Wealth profit before tax grew 5% (£9m) to £182m (2007: £173m). Performance was driven by broadly based income growth and tight cost control as the business continued to invest in client-facing staff and infrastructure to facilitate future growth.

Income increased 5% (£33m) to £668m (2007: £635m).

Net interest income increased 10% (£20m) to £225m (2007: £205m) reflecting strong growth in both customer deposits and lending. Average deposits grew 24% to £36.0bn (2007: £29.1bn). Average lending grew 43% to £9.3bn (2007: £6.5bn) driven by increased lending to high net worth, affluent and intermediary clients.

The asset

margin decreased 10 basis points to 1.02% (2007: 1.12%) reflecting changes in the product mix. The liabilities margin reduced by 13 basis points to 0.95% (2007: 1.08%) driven by competitive pricing of products and changes in the product mix.

Net fee and commission income decreased 3% (£10m) to £349m (2007: £359m) driven by falling equity markets offset by increased client assets.

Principal transactions decreased £235m to a charge of £169m (2007: £66m

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 ) reflecting a decrease in the value of  
 assets backing  
 unit linked insurance contracts. Net premiums from insurance contracts decreased £18m to £82m (2007: £100m). The  
 decreases in principal transactions and net premiums from insurance contracts were more than offset by a  
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 driven by the decrease in the value of unit linked liabilities and the impact of favourable experience on non-linked  
 insurance contract liabilities.  
 Impairment charges increased £10m to £12m (2007: £2m) from a very low base.  
 Operating expenses increased 3% to £474m (2007: £460m) as a result of the ongoing progress in upgrading the  
 technology and operating platforms and continued hiring of client facing staff  
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 offset by cost savings.  
 Total client assets, comprising customer deposits and client investments, remained at £132.5bn with net new asset  
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## Results by Business

### Head Office Functions and Other Operations

#### Income Statement Information

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Net interest income	21	123	5
Net fee and commission income	(242)	(230)	(194)
Net trading (loss)/income	(183)	(86)	20
Net investment income	45	(18)	1
<b>Principal transactions</b>	<b>(138)</b>	<b>(104)</b>	<b>21</b>
Net premiums from insurance contracts	71	80	72
Other income	24	19	16
<b>Total income</b>	<b>(264)</b>	<b>(112)</b>	<b>(80)</b>
Impairment charges and other credit provisions	(3)	8	(11)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>(267)</b>	<b>(104)</b>	<b>(91)</b>

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Operating expenses excluding amortisation of intangible assets	(195)	(121)	(112)
Amortisation of intangible assets	-	3	(4)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(195)</b>	<b>(118)</b>	<b>(116)</b>

Profit on disposal of associates and joint ventures	-	1	-
<b>Loss before tax</b>	<b>(462)</b>	<b>(221)</b>	<b>(207)</b>

**Balance Sheet Information**

Total assets	£4.5bn	£5.7bn	£5.4bn
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**Other Financial Measures**

Risk tendency <sup>1,2</sup>	£5m	£10m	£5m
Risk weighted assets (Basel I)	-	£1.6bn	£1.5bn
Risk weighted assets (Basel II)	£1.1bn	£1.1bn	-

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## Results by Business

### Head Office Functions and Other Operations

Head Office Functions and Other Operations

loss before tax increased £255m to £462m (2007: £207m).

Group segmental reporting is performed in accordance with Group accounting policies. This means that inter-segment transactions are recorded in each segment as if undertaken on an arm's length basis. Adjustments necessary to eliminate inter-segment transactions are included in Head

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perations. The impact of such inter-segment adjustments increased £31m to £140m (2007: £109m). These adjustments included internal fees for structured capital market activities of £98m (2007: £79m) and fees paid to Barclays Capital for debt and equity

raising and risk management advice of £67m (2007: £18m).

In addition a

consolidation adjustment

between net interest income and

principal transactions

is required to match the booking of certain derivative hedging transactions between different segments in the Group.

This resulted in

a £101m

increase

in net interest income with an equal and opposite

decrease

in principal transactions.

Net interest income increased £16m to £21m (2007: £5m)

reflecting

the

£101m

increase

in the

consolidation adjustment on hedging derivatives

partially offset by

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interest earned

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reduction of the centrally held capital surplus.

Principal transactions decreased £159m to a loss of £138m (2007: income of £21m) reflecting

the

£101m

decrease

in the consolidation adjustment on hedging derivatives as well as other fair value and hedging adjustments. Operating expenses increased £79m to £195m (2007: £116m) driven by costs related to an internal review of Barclays compliance with US economic sanctions, and lower rental income and lower proceeds on property sales.

## Risk Management

There have been no material changes to the risk management processes as described in the Risk Management section of our Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007.

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The overall risk environment remains challenging for broad areas of the financial services industry. The continued dislocation in the wholesale credit markets, with wider credit spreads and constrained market liquidity, is exacerbated by slower economic growth in many parts of the world.

### Wholesale Credit Risk

As we entered 2008, the wholesale credit environment reflected concerns about weakening economic conditions in our major markets. That environment led to a more cautious approach to credit assessment, pricing and ongoing control in the

financial services industry, which we expect to continue in the second half of the year

. At the half-year stage, our assessment of our wholesale credit risk is broadly unchanged. Wholesale credit market conditions remain difficult, with reduced liquidity in cash and securitised products.

Overall

, our wholesale credit impairment for 2008 is at a level broadly commensurate with our wholesale models

prediction for a stress level that might occur once in twenty years.

The key driver of impairment continues to be losses seen in US RMBS and related exposures

, where the value of the underlying collateral has continued to deteriorate through 2008

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the high levels of default seen in the

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mortgage market, particularly in the

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ub-prime and Alt-A segments.

There have also been some industry

losses

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exposure to a number of hedge fund counterparties where extreme market turbulence led to sudden loss of value of collateral

, which ultimately proved insufficient to cover exposure in full.

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orporate banking portfolios are generally performing in line with expectations

. However, our portfolio in

Spain

is affected by

the rapid cooling of the housing market

and the impact on

a range of counterparties in the residential development and construction sectors. Some signs of strain are being seen

in Barclays Commercial Bank in the

UK

with

an increased flow of cases into our Business Support turnaround and recovery team

. Our Risk Tendency in this area has increased since the year-end, partly reflecting more difficult credit conditions.

In Absa, the wholesale portfolios

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to perform well

, reflecting the focus on the property, agriculture and sovereign sectors

. This is in

line with other banks in the region and

contrasts with the declining performance of retail portfolios

. In response to the weakening environment in some of our core markets

, we have reduced our risk profile in

a number of

areas. Examples of steps taken include reducing portfolio concentration limits in key sectors such as leveraged finance and property, as well as tightening underwriting criteria.

We have taken actions across major business areas with the intention

to reduce losses if the environment continues to weaken.

As we enter

the second half of 20

08, the principal uncertainties relating to the performance of the wholesale portfolios are:

Performance of the underlying collateral supporting US RMBS and related positions, which may deteriorate further

The impact of a deeper or more prolonged

economic

downturn on our businesses in the UK, US, Spain and South Africa

The potential for idiosyncratic losses in different sectors and geographies where credit positions are sensitive to economic downturn

The potential for losses in respect of other market related exposures to counterparties in the financial services industry

## **Risk Management**

Further information regarding the credit risk profile of our wholesale and corporate portfolios may be found in the business reviews on pages 14 to 15 and 18 and 29, the summaries of credit market exposures on pages 3

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### **Retail Credit Risk**

Retail credit risk conditions in a number of Barclays major markets have deteriorated since the start of 2008 as a rise in consumer prices and weaker housing markets have accompanied the effects of dislocation in the wholesale credit markets and

slower

economic growth.

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in our credit card portfolio reduced. Average credit scores and vintage analysis indicate continued improvement in the quality of business

written in

during 2007. Overall delinquencies and charge-offs are lower than a year ago, although there is some evidence of deterioration in the second quarter. In the

UK

unsecured loan portfolios, overall delinquencies have been stable and charge-offs have declined slightly as a result of tighter underwriting criteria.

Home Finance delinquency and possession rates remain well below the Council of Mortgage Lenders industry average and losses remain contained by conservative loan to value (LTV) ratios. The average LTV on business written in the first half of the year was 51% and the average

current valuation

LTV on our stock of mortgages was 35%. For our residential Home Finance portfolio,

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% of our loans are above 85% LTV on an indexed basis. While there has been some increase in Home Finance delinquency following deterioration in the

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housing market, it remains low relative to historical levels at 0.97%. Our other secured lending portfolios are operating as expected, and are being managed to reduce exposure.

In response to the worsening economic environment in

Spain

, we have tightened lending criteria and increased collections activities. In the Home Finance portfolio, which comprises the large majority of retail balances, the average LTV on new business written in the first half of the year

was 64% and

we estimate

the

average current  
LTV

on our mortgage stock  
to be 45  
%.

While delinquency in US credit cards has been affected by the weakening economy, credit actions taken towards the end of 2007 have raised new customer quality and improved recent vintage performance.

In Absa, credit conditions remain challenging, given the prolonged series of interest rate rises and inflationary pressures. The arrears rates for recent vintages of the  
cards

portfolio have improved after the introduction of tighter controls during the past year. Delinquency in the secured portfolios has risen as the economy continues to weaken. In order to stabilise delinquency rates, underwriting criteria have been significantly tightened and collections investment increased. The average mark to market LTV on our mortgage stock stood at 44%.

As we enter the second half of the year, the principal uncertainties relating to the performance of the retail portfolios are:

The impact of global inflationary pressure on household disposable income and the ability of consumers to service debt

The possibility of rises in unemployment and a marked slowdown in the UK, US, Spanish and South African economies

The impact of further, sustained falls in house prices in the UK, Spain and South Africa

The reduced availability of credit in mortgage markets, leading to further declines in property values

## **Risk Management**

The  
second half  
outlook for  
the South African  
and Spanish  
retail credit environments  
is expected to be challenging with  
macroeconomic indicators suggesting  
further weakening. The  
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portfolio will  
also be affected by a more difficult environment  
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less  
favourable economic environment in the  
UK  
to continue  
in the second half of the year  
, the credit market dislocation has constrained the competitive position of  
some  
other financial institutions and Barclays is well  
-  
positioned to  
continue to provide financing to



customers.

Further information regarding credit risk profile of our retail portfolios may be found in the business reviews on pages

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, the impairment review on pages

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#### **Market Risk**

Volatility across financial markets increased due to the continuation of the credit market dislocation

, high global inflation b

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ought on by

higher

commodity prices

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especially oil, and recessionary concerns for the western economies.

Against this background, Barclays Capital's market risk exposure, as measured by average total Daily Value at Risk (DVaR), increased 30% to £58m

compared with

the second half of 2007

and increased 4

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% compared with

the first half

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This was mainly due to

increases in interest rate positions and higher market volatility within the credit spread and interest rate DVaR

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Average daily trading revenue of £26m was 29% higher than the second half of 2007

, in line with the increase in DVaR.

Further discussion of traded market risk  
is set out on  
page  
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As we enter  
the second half of the year  
, the principal uncertainties which may impact our market risk relate to volatility in interest rates, commodities, credit  
spreads, equity prices and foreign exchange rates. Some of these markets  
are also experiencing periods of reduced liquidity  
, creating the potential for significant price adjustments and instability in the historical correlation across risk factors.

### **Liquidity Risk**

Despite a continued lack of term liquidity relative to overall demand, and constrained securitisation and covered bond  
markets, the Group's liquidity position has remained strong and stable and we have improved the overall term of our  
wholesale liabilities due to the diverse range of funding source

s  
in terms of geography, currency and counterparty. Retail and commercial  
deposits  
continue to grow.

In the  
UK  
and  
Europe  
, the Group  
continues to be  
able to fund its retail and commercial assets without recourse to wholesale markets. Given our limited reliance on  
securitisation as a source of funding, we do not regard uncertainty over the securitisation markets as  
likely to impact  
our liquidity risk profile  
in the second half of the year

### **Legal Risk and Regulatory Compliance Risk**

These risks

affect the Group through the extensive range of legal obligations, regulations and codes in force in the territories in  
which the Group operates. The principal uncertainties regarding these risks are further discussed on pages

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## **Risk Management**

### **Barclays Capital Credit**

#### **Market Exposures**

Barclays Capital's  
credit market exposures resulted in net losses of  
£1,979m  
in the first  
half

of 2008, due to continuing dislocation in the credit markets. The net losses

which included £1,108m in impairment charges, comprised

: £875m against ABS CDO Super Senior exposures;

and £1,956m against other credit market exposures;

partially offset by gains of £852m from the general widening of credit spreads on issued notes measured at fair value through the profit and loss account.

The credit market dislocation resulted in losses in the following categories:

	Notes	Pro-forma <sub>1</sub> Net Exposures		
		As at 30.06.08	As at 31.12.07	As at 30.06.07
		£m	£m	£m
<b>ABS CDO Super Senior</b>	A	<b>3,229</b>	4,671	7,432
<b>Other US sub-prime</b>				
- Other US sub-prime		3,258	5,037	6,046
- Whole loan sales post period end		(828)	-	-
<b>Net Other US sub-prime</b>	B	<b>2,430</b>	5,037	6,046
<b>Alt-A</b>	C	<b>3,510</b>	4,916	3,760
<b>Monoline insurers</b>	D	<b>2,584</b>	1,335	140
<b>SIVs and SIV-Lites</b>	E	<b>429</b>	784	1,617
<b>Commercial mortgages</b>	F	<b>10,988</b>	12,399	8,282
<b>Leveraged finance</b>				

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Net 1		7,326	7,368	7,317
ending				
and commitments				
- Contingent repayment		(2,306)	-	-
<b>Net 1</b>				
<b>everaged</b>				
<b>f</b>	G	<b>5,020</b>	7,368	7,317
<b>inance</b>				

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*The above table includes net exposures as at 30th June*

*2008 less reductions to*

*US*

*sub-prime and leveraged finance totalling £3,134m that are expected to complete in the second half of 2008.*

## **Risk Management**

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### **ABS CDO Super Senior**

Net ABS CDO Super Senior exposures were £3,229m (31st December 2007: £4,671m).

Net exposures are stated after

writedowns and charges of £875m incurred in 2008 (2007: £1,412m) and hedges of £204m (31st December 2007: £1,347m).

ABS CDO Super Senior high grade exposure of £3,055m comprised

liquidity facilities which were

fully drawn and classified within loans and receivables. ABS CDO Super Senior mezzanine exposure of £378m (£174m net of hedges)

comprise  
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undrawn commitments. The marks applied to the notional collateral are set out in the table below:

Mix of ABS Super Senior Notional Collateral	As at 30.06.08			Marks 1 %
	High Grade	Mezzanine	Total	
	£m	£m	£m	
2005 and earlier	942	364	1,306	76%
2006	576	31	607	30%
2007 and 2008	18	33	51	49%
<b>Sub-prime</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>61%</b>
2005 and earlier	677	63	740	83%
2006	461	41	502	78%
2007 and 2008	45	8	53	56%
<b>Alt-A</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>80%</b>
Prime	584	73	657	98%
RMBS CDO	317	51	368	0%
Sub-prime second lien	118	-	118	0%
<b>Total RMBS</b>	<b>3,738</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>4,402</b>	<b>65%</b>
CMBS	122	112	234	87%
Non-RMBS CDO	423	18	441	54%
CLOs	26	18	44	76%
Other ABS	75	35	110	58%
<b>Total</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Other ABS</b>				
<b>Total</b>				
<b>Notional collateral</b>	<b>4,384</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>5,231</b>	<b>66%</b>
Subordination	(462)	(293)	(755)	
<b>Gross exposure pre impairment</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>4,476</b>	
Impairment	(867)	(176)	(1,043)	
Hedges	-	(204)	(204)	
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>3,055</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>3,229</b>	

**Collateral marks including liquidated structures**

44%

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*Marks above reflect the gross exposure after impairment and subordination and do not include the benefit of hedges*

**Risk Management****A.****ABS CDO Super Senior (continued)**

ABS CDO Super Senior high grade and mezzanine exposure as at 31<sup>st</sup>

December 2007 included exposures which contained or comprised a derivative at inception. These derivative exposures, which were measured at fair value through profit and loss, were liquidated or consolidated in 2008. The notional collateral of ABS CDOs liquidated or consolidated in 2008 was £4.3bn.

Collateral and hedges related to liquidated and consolidated exposures remaining at 30<sup>th</sup>

June 2008 is stated at fair value net of hedges within 'Other US sub

prime' exposures below. The valuation for such collateral at 30<sup>th</sup>

June 2008 is approximately 17%.

The collateral valuation for all ABS CDO Super Senior deals, including those liquidated and consolidated in 2008, is approximately 44%.

Hedges of £204m (31<sup>st</sup>

December 2007: £1,347m) comprise trades in the liquid index swap market with market counterparties. The counterparty exposure is managed through a standard derivative collateralisation process. None of the hedge counterparties are monoline insurers.

The collateral for the outstanding ABS CDO Super Senior exposures primarily comprises residential

mortgage

backed

securities (RMBS). Within this the majority of the sub-prime and Alt-A collateral was originated in 2005 or earlier with minimal exposure to 2007 or later. The vintages of the sub-prime,

Alt-A and US RMBS collateral are set out in the table below.

<b>Sub-prime Collateral by Vintage</b>	<b>As at 30.06.08</b>	<b>As at 31.12.07</b>
2005 and earlier	<b>66%</b>	54%
2006	<b>31%</b>	40%
2007 and 2008	<b>3%</b>	6%

**Alt-A  
Collateral  
by  
Vintage**

2005 and earlier	<b>57%</b>	49%
2006	<b>39%</b>	40%
2007 and 2008	<b>4%</b>	11%

**US  
RMBS  
Collateral  
by  
Vintage**

2005 and earlier	<b>58%</b>	52%
2006	<b>39%</b>	41%
2007 and 2008	<b>3%</b>	7%

RMBS collateral for the ABS CDO Super Senior exposures is subject to public ratings. The ratings of sub-prime,

Alt-A and total RMBS CDO collateral as at 30  
th  
June  
2008  
are set out in the table below.

<b>Sub-prime RMBS Ratings</b>	<b>High Grade</b>	<b>Mezzanine</b>	<b>Total</b>
AAA/AA	51%	4%	40%
A/BBB	21%	66%	31%
Non-investment Grade	28%	30%	29%

<b>Alt-A RMBS Ratings</b>	<b>High Grade</b>	<b>Mezzanine</b>	<b>Total</b>
AAA/AA	85%	38%	81%
A/BBB	7%	31%	9%
Non-investment Grade	8%	31%	10%

<b>Total RMBS Ratings</b>	<b>High Grade</b>	<b>Mezzanine</b>	<b>Total</b>
AAA/AA	63%	17%	55%
A/BBB	16%	52%	22%
Non-investment Grade	21%	31%	23%

**Risk Management****B.****Other US Sub-Prime**

	<b>Pro-forma</b>	<b>As at</b>	<b>Marks at</b>	<b>Marks at</b>
	<b>1</b>			
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>
	£m	£m		
Whole loans - performing	2,145	2,805	84%	100%
Whole loans - more than 60 days past due	272	372	50%	65%
<b>Total whole loans</b>	<b>2,417</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>94%</b>
Sales	(828)	-		
post period end				
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>3,177</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>94%</b>
Securities (net of hedges)	89	637	42%	71%
Residuals	30	233	3%	24%
Other exposures with underlying sub-prime collateral:				
- Derivatives	290	333	93%	100%
- Loans/other	432	657	73%	100%
<b>Total other direct and indirect exposure</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>1,860</b>		
<b>Total other US sub-prime</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>5,037</b>		

The majority of other US

sub-prime exposures are measured at fair value through profit and loss.

Whole loans included £2,279m (31st December 2007: £2,843m) acquired on or originated since the acquisition of EquiFirst in March 2007. Of this balance £253m of new loans were originated in 2008. At 30th June 2008 the average loan to value at origination of all of the sub-prime whole loans was 80%.

After the period end, sales have been contractually agreed that will reduce whole loan exposure by £828m.

These sales have been made in line with period end marks. In the six months to 30th June 2008 there were net sales, paydowns of collateral and movements in hedges and in US

sub-prime collateral of liquidated and consolidated ABS CDO Super Senior structures of approximately £880m. Included above are senior AAA securities of £44m (31st December 2007: £57m) held by consolidated conduits on which a mark to market loss of £10m has been recognised in equity in the six months to 30th



June 2008 (2007: £  
nil

). This is expected to reverse over time. The securities have protection provided by subordination of 32%. Exposure is stated net of hedges traded in the liquid index swap market with market counterparties. The counterparty exposure is managed through a standard derivative collateralisation process and none of the hedge counterparties are monoline insurers.

Other exposures with underlying sub-prime collateral include counterparty derivative exposures to vehicles which hold sub-prime collateral. The majority of this exposure is the most senior obligation of the vehicles.

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*Pro-forma exposure represents net exposures as at 30  
th*

*June 2008 less material sales agreed in July*

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*Marks based on gross collateral*

## Risk Management

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### Alt-A

Net exposure to the Alt-A market was £3,510m (31st December 2007: £4,916m), through a combination of whole loans, securities and residuals held on the balance sheet, including those held in consolidated conduits

	As at	As at	Marks at	Marks at
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.08	31.12.07
	£m	£m		
AAA securities	2,322	3,442	69%	87%
Other Alt-A securities	149	208	30%	75%
Whole Loans	716	909	80%	97%
Residuals	13	25	40%	66%
Other exposures with underlying Alt-A collateral:				
- Derivatives	184	221	100%	100%
- Loans/other	126	111	76%	97%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>4,916</b>		

Alt-A securities, whole loans and residuals are measured at fair value through profit and loss. Alt-A securities held in conduits are categorised as available for sale.

Included above are senior AAA securities of £598m (31st December 2007

: £823m) held by consolidated conduits on which a mark to market loss of £132m has been recognised in equity in the six months to

30th June 2008 (2007: £nil). This is expected to reverse over time. The securities have protection provided by subordination of 22%.

At 30th June 2008, 94% of the Alt-A whole loan exposure was performing, and the average loan to value ratio at origination was 81%.

In the six months to 30th June 2008 there were net sales, paydowns of collateral and movements in Alt-A collateral of liquidated and consolidated ABS CDO Super Senior structures of approximately £530m.

Other exposures with underlying Alt-A collateral include counterparty derivative exposures to vehicles which hold Alt-A collateral. The majority of this exposure is the most senior obligation of the vehicle.

## **Risk Management**

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#### **Monoline Insurers**

Assets are held with insurance protection or other credit enhancements from monoline insurers. Declines in fair value of the underlying assets are reflected in increases in the value of potential claims on monoline insurers. These are measured at fair value through profit and loss.

The net exposure to monoline insurers under these contracts increased to £2,584m by 30th June 2008 (31st December 2007: £1,335m) reflecting declines in fair value of the underlying asset on existing contracts. There have been no claims due under these contracts as none of the underlying assets were in default at 30th June 2008.

At 30th June 2008, 67% of the underlying assets comprised collateralised loan obligations (CLOs), 9% US RMBS and 24% other collateral, primarily US CMBS.

		As at 30.06.2008				
Exposure by Credit Rating of Monoline Insurer	Notional £m	Fair Value of Underlying		Gross	Total	Net
		Asset	Exposure	Write-downs	Exposure	
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
AAA/AA	10,738	9,587	1,151	(98)	1,053	
A/BBB	5,592	4,193	1,399	(242)	1,157	
Non-investment grade	5,151	4,684	467	(93)	374	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,481</b>	<b>18,464</b>	<b>3,017</b>	<b>(433)</b>	<b>2,584</b>	

		As at 31.12.07				
Exposure by Credit Rating of Monoline Insurer	Notional £m	Fair Value of Underlying		Gross	Total	Net
		Asset	Exposure	Write-downs	Exposure	
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
AAA/AA	21,573	20,179	1,394	(59)	1,335	

The notional value of the assets wrapped with insurance protection are set out below, analysed by the current rating of the monoline. Of the US RMBS assets, 97% are protected by monolines with investment grade ratings as at 30th June 2008.

		Rating of Monoline Insurer			
		As at 30.06.08			
Notional Assets Wrapped by Monoline Insurers	AAA/AA	A/BBB	Non- investment grade	Total	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
2005 and earlier	112	-	-	112	
2006	359	562	-	921	
2007 and 2008	-	374	-	374	
<b>High Grade</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>936</b>	-	<b>1,407</b>	
<b>Mezzanine - 2005 and earlier</b>	-	508	63	571	
<b>CDO</b>					
<sup>2</sup> - 2005 and earlier	38	-	-	38	
<b>US</b>					
<b>RMBS</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2,016</b>	
<b>CMBS</b>	50	2,392	311	2,753	
<b>CLOs</b>	8,801	1,050	4,556	14,407	
<b>Other</b>	1,378	706	222	2,306	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,738</b>	<b>5,592</b>	<b>5,151</b>	<b>21,481</b>	
			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	

**Risk Management****E.****SIVs/SIV-Lites**

	<b>As at 30.06.08</b>	<b>As at 31.12.07</b>	<b>Marks at 30.06.08</b>	<b>Marks at 31.12.07</b>
	£m	£m	%	%
<b>SIVs/SIV-lites</b>				
Drawn liquidity facilities	15	167		
Undrawn liquidity facilities	2	299		
Total liquidity facilities	176	466	78%	100%
<sup>1</sup>				
Bond inventory and derivatives	253	318	23%	37%
<sup>2</sup>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>784</b>		

Loans and advances to customers included £176m (31st December 2007: £466m) of drawn and undrawn liquidity facilities in respect of SIV-lites and other structured investment vehicles. In the six months to June 30th 2008, £240m undrawn SIV liquidity facilities were cancelled.

Drawn liquidity facilities are classified as loans and receivables and are stated at cost less impairment. Undrawn liquidity facilities are included in commitments

. The remainder of the exposure is fair valued through profit and loss.

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*Marks above reflect the  
exposure  
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*Marks  
above relate  
to bond  
inventory  
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## **Risk Management**

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### **Commercial Mortgages**

Exposures in Barclays Capital's commercial mortgages portfolio, all of which are measured at fair value, comprised commercial real estate exposure of £10,354m (31st December 2007: £11,103m) and commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) of £634m (31st December 2007: £1,296m).

The commercial real estate loan exposure comprises 54%

US

, 43% Continental Europe and

UK  
and 3%  
Asia  
. Of the total exposure 92% is tenanted; 4% relates to land or property under construction.  
The  
US  
exposure includes two large facilities which comprise 45% of the total  
US  
exposure.  
These facilities have paid down approximately £390m in the first half of 2008.

The remaining 55% of the  
US  
exposure comprises 86 facilities.

The  
UK  
and Continental European portfolio is well diversified with 76 facilities in place at 30th June 2008. In  
Europe  
protection is provided by loan covenants and annual LTV retests, which cover 90% of the portfolio. Of the  
Continental European exposure 61% relates to  
Germany

. Exposure to the Spanish market represents less than 1% of total exposure at 30th June 2008.  
At the start of the year exposure increased through additional drawdowns on facilities. Exposure subsequently  
declined following sales and paydowns of approximately £870m in the

UK  
and Continental Europe and £880m in the  
US

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Commercial Real Estate Exposure by Region	As at 30.06.08	As at 31.12.07	Marks at 30.06.08	Marks at 31.12.07
	£m	£m	%	%
US	5,558	5,947	96%	99%
Germany	2,153	1,783	98%	100%
Sweden	269	250	100%	100%
France	226	289	95%	100%
Switzerland	137	127	98%	100%
Spain	92	89	97%	100%
Other Continental Europe	656	779	97%	100%
UK	925	1,422	97%	100%
Asia	338	417	99%	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,354</b>	<b>11,103</b>		

US	68.1%	1.7 yrs	1.1 yrs
Continental Europe	80.0%	5.0 yrs	1.2 yrs
UK	70.1%	6.3 yrs	1.3 yrs
Asia	81.3%	6.8 yrs	0.8 yrs

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*Weighted-average loan-to-value  
 based on the most recent valuation*

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*Weighted-average number of years to initial maturity*

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*Weighted-average loan age*

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## Commercial Mortgages (continued)

	As at 30.06.08				Total
	US	Continental Europe	UK	Asia	
Commercial Real Estate Exposure by Industry	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Office	2,708	1,191	212	95	4,206
Residential	1,271	1,103	248	85	2,707
Retail	93	554	134	85	866
Hotels	751	391	35	21	1,198
Leisure	-	-	258	-	258
Land	138	-	-	-	138
Industrial	466	213	38	12	729
Mixed/Others	241	81	-	40	362
Hedges	(110)	-	-	-	(110)
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,558</b>	<b>3,533</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>10,354</b>

	As at 30.06.08	As at 31.12.07	Marks at 30.06.08 <sup>1</sup>	Marks at 31.12.07 <sup>1</sup>
	£m	£m	%	%
<b>Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities (net of hedges)</b>				
AAA securities	543	1,008		
Other securities	91	288		
<b>Total</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>98%</b>

Exposure is stated net of hedges traded in the liquid index swap market with market counterparties. The counterparty exposure is managed through a standard derivative collateralisation process and none of the hedge counterparties are monoline insurers.

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*Marks are based on gross collateral*



**Risk Management****G.****Leveraged Finance**

At 30th June 2008, the exposure relating to leveraged finance loans was £9,217m (31st December 2007: £9,217m). This includes original targeted holds at commitment date of £1,722m (31st December 2007: £1,659m).

Barclays

Capital expects to hold these leveraged finance positions until redemption.

Leveraged loans are classified within loans and receivables and are stated at amortised cost less impairment.

The credit performance of the assets remains satisfactory.

	<b>Pro-forma</b>	<b>1 As at 31.12.07</b>
	<b>30.06.08</b>	
<b>Leveraged Finance Exposure by Region</b>	£m	£m
UK	4,436	4,401
US	2,961	3,037
Europe	1,609	1,568
Asia	211	211
<b>Total lending and commitments</b>	<b>9,217</b>	<b>9,217</b>
Original targeted hold	(1,722)	(1,659)
Unrecognised fees	(169)	(190)
<b>Net lending and commitments</b>	<b>7,326</b>	<b>7,368</b>
Contingent repayment	(2,306)	-
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>5,020</b>	<b>7,368</b>

The industry classification of the exposure was as follows:

	<b>As at 30.06.08</b>			<b>As at 31.12.07</b>		
<b>Leveraged Finance Exposure by Industry</b>	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Insurance	2,389	147	2,536	2,456	78	2,534
Telecoms	2,192	222	2,414	2,259	240	2,499
Retail	834	142	976	828	132	960
Healthcare	604	159	763	577	141	718

Media	489	130	619	469	127	596
Services	487	172	659	388	134	522
Manufacture	385	97	482	371	125	496
Chemicals	287	37	324	46	286	332
Other	211	233	444	233	327	560
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,878</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>9,217</b>	<b>7,627</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>9,217</b>

New leveraged finance commitments originated after 30th June 2007 comprised £1,275m (31st December 2007: £1,148m)

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*Pro-forma represents exposures as at 30th June 2008 less leveraged finance loans of £2,306m that have become subject to an announced intention to be repaid at par. This transaction is contingent upon regulatory approvals and is likely to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2008.*

## **Risk Management**

### **Own Credit**

The carrying amount of issued notes that are designated under the IAS 39 fair value option is adjusted to reflect the effect of changes in own credit spreads. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in the income statement.

At 30th June 2008,

the own credit adjustment arose from the fair valuation of £

48.1

bn

of Barclays Capital structured notes

(31st December 2007: £

40.7

bn). The widening of Barclays credit spreads in the first half of 2008 affected the fair value of these notes and as a result revaluation gains of £852m were recognised in trading income. Of this, £703m was recognised in the first quarter of 2008.

## **Risk Management**

### **Valuation**

#### **of Financial Instruments**

Some of the Group's financial instruments are carried at fair value through profit or loss such as those held for trading, designated by management under the fair value option and non-cash flow hedging derivatives. Other non-derivative

financial assets may be designated as available for sale. Available for sale financial investments are initially recognised at fair value and are subsequently held at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of such assets are included as a separate component of equity.

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. Financial instruments entered into as trading transactions, together with any associated hedging, are measured at fair value and the resultant profits and losses are included in net trading income, along with interest and dividends arising from long and short positions and funding costs relating to trading activities. Assets and liabilities resulting from gains and losses on financial instruments held for trading are reported gross in trading portfolio assets and liabilities or derivative financial instruments, reduced by the effects of netting agreements where there is an intention to settle net with counterparties.

## **Valuation**

### **Methodology**

The method of determining the fair value of financial instruments can be analysed into the following categories:

a)

**Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets** where the quoted price is readily available and the price represents actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

b)

**Valuation techniques using market observable inputs.** Such techniques may include:

- i) using recent arm's length market transactions;
- ii) reference to the current fair value of similar instruments;
- iii) discounted cash flow analysis, pricing models or other techniques commonly used by market

participants.

c)

**Valuation techniques used above, but which include significant inputs that are not observable.** On initial recognition of financial instruments measured using such techniques the transaction price is deemed to provide the best evidence of fair value for accounting purposes.

The valuation techniques in (b) and (c) use inputs such as interest rate yield curves, equity prices, commodity and currency prices/yields, volatilities of underlyings and correlations between inputs. The models used in these valuation techniques are calibrated against industry standards, economic models and to observed transaction prices where available.

Various factors influence the availability of observable inputs and these may vary from product to product and change over time. Factors include for example, the depth of activity in the relevant market, the type of product, whether the product is new and not widely traded in the market place, the maturity of market modelling and the nature of the transaction (bespoke or generic).

To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are not observable in the market, the determination of fair value can be more subjective, dependent

on the significance of the unobservable input to the overall valuation. Unobservable inputs are determined based on the best information available, for example by reference to similar assets, similar maturities, appropriate proxies, or other analytical techniques. The effect of changing the assumptions for those financial instruments for which the fair values were measured using valuation techniques that are determined in full or in part on assumptions that are not supported by observable inputs to a range of reasonably possible alternative assumptions, would be to provide a range of £1.

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31st December

2007: £1.2bn) lower to £1.

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December 2007: £1.5bn) higher than the fair values recognised in the financial statements.

The size of this range will vary over time in response to market volatility, market uncertainty and changes to benchmark proxy relationships of similar assets and liabilities. The calculation of this range is performed on a consistent basis each period.

## **Risk Management**

The following summary sets out those instruments which use inputs where it may be necessary to use valuation techniques as described above.

### **Corporate**

#### **Bonds**

Corporate bonds are generally valued using observable quoted prices or recently executed transactions. Where observable price quotations are not available, the fair value is determined based on cash flow models where significant inputs may include yield curves, bond or single name credit default swap spreads.

#### **Mortgage**

##### **Whole Loans**

The fair value

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of mortgage whole loans are determined using observable quoted prices or recently executed transactions for comparable assets. Where observable price quotations or benchmark proxies are not available, fair value is determined using cash flow models where significant inputs include yield curves, collateral specific loss assumptions, asset specific prepayment assumptions, yield spreads and expected default rates.

### **Commercial**

#### **Mortgage Backed Securities and Asset Backed Securities**

Commercial mortgage backed securities and asset backed securities are generally valued using observable information. Wherever possible, the fair value is determined using quoted prices or recently executed transactions. Where observable price quotations are not available, fair value is determined based on cash flow models where the significant inputs may include yield curves, credit spreads, prepayment rates. Securities that are backed by the residual cash flows of an asset portfolio are generally valued using similar cash flow models.

The fair value of home equity loan bonds are determined using models which use scenario analysis with significant inputs including age, rating, internal grade, and index prices.

#### **Collateralised**

##### **Debt Obligations**

The valuation of collateralised debt obligations notes is first based on an assessment of the probability of an event of default occurring due to a credit deterioration. This is determined by reference to the probability of event of default occurring and the probability of exercise of contractual rights related to event of default. The notes are then valued by determining appropriate valuation multiples to be applied to the contractual cash flows. These are based on inputs including the prospective cash flow performance of the underlying securities, the structural features of the transaction and the net asset value of the underlying portfolio.

#### **Private**

##### **Equity**

The fair value of private equity is determined using appropriate valuation methodologies which, dependent on the nature of the investment, may include discounted cash flow analysis, enterprise value comparisons with similar companies, price:earnings comparisons and turnover multiples. For each investment the relevant methodology is applied consistently over time.

## **Risk Management**

### **Derivatives**

Derivative contracts can be exchange traded or over the counter (OTC). OTC derivative contracts include forward, swap and option contracts related to interest rates, bonds, foreign currencies, credit standing of reference entities, equity prices, fund levels, commodity prices or indices on these assets.

The fair value of OTC derivative contracts are modelled using a series of techniques, including closed form analytical formulae (such as the Black-Scholes option pricing model) and simulation based models. The choice of model is depend

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nt on factors such as; the complexity of the product, inherent risks and hedging strategy: statistical behaviour of the underlying, and ability of the model to price consistently with observed market transactions. For many pricing models there is no material subjectivity because the methodologies employed do not necessitate significant judgement and the pricing inputs are observed from actively quoted markets, as is the case for generic interest rate swaps and option markets. In the case of more established derivative products, the pricing models used are widely accepted and used by the other market participants.

Significant inputs used in these models may include yield curves, credit spreads, recovery rates, dividend rates, volatility of underlying interest rates, equity prices or foreign exchange rates and, in some cases, correlation between these inputs. These inputs are determined with reference to quoted prices, recently executed trades, independent market quotes and consensus data.

New, long dated or complex derivative products may require a greater degree of judgement in the implementation of appropriate valuation techniques, due to the complexity of the valuation assumptions and the reduced observability of inputs. The valuation of more complex products may use more generic derivatives as a component to calculating the overall value.

Derivatives where valuation involves a significant degree of judgement include:

#### **Fund**

##### **Derivatives**

Fund derivatives are derivatives whose underlyings include mutual funds, hedge funds, indices and multi-

asset portfolios. They are valued using underlying fund prices, yield curves and available market information on the level of the hedging risk. Some fund derivatives are valued using unobservable information, generally where the level of the hedging risk is not observable in the market. These are valued taking account of risk of the underlying fund or collection of funds, diversification of the fund by asset, concentration by geographic sector, strategy of the fund, size of the transaction and concentration of specific fund managers.

#### **Commodity**

##### **Derivatives**

Commodity derivatives are valued using models where the significant inputs may include interest rate yield curves, commodity price curves, volatility of the underlying commodities and, in some cases, correlation between these inputs, which are generally observable. This approach is applied to base metal, precious metal, energy, power, gas, emissions, soft commodities and freight positions. Due to the significant time span in the various market closes, curves are constructed using differentials to a benchmark curve to ensure that all curves are valued using the dominant market base price.

#### **Structured**

##### **Credit Derivatives**

Collateralised synthetic obligations (CSOs) are structured credit derivatives which reference the loss profile of a synthetic portfolio of loans, debts or other underlyings. The reference asset can be a corporate credit or an asset backed credit. For CSOs that reference corporate credits an analytical model is used. For CSOs on asset backed underlyings, due to the path dependent nature of a CSO on an amortising portfolio a Monte Carlo simulation is used rather than analytic approximation. The expected loss probability for each reference credit in the portfolio is derived from the single name credit default swap spread curve and in addition, for ABS references, a prepayment rate assumption. A simulation is then used to compute survival time which allows us to calculate the marginal loss over each payment period to be calculated by reference to estimated recovery rates. Significant inputs include prepayment rates, cumulative default rates, and recovery rates.

## Risk Management

### Off

#### **-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

In the ordinary course of business and primarily to facilitate client transactions, the Group enters into transactions which may involve the use of off-balance sheet arrangements and special purpose entities (SPEs). These arrangements include the provision of guarantees, loan commitments, retained interests in assets which have been transferred to an unconsolidated SPE or obligations arising from the Group's involvements with such SPEs.

#### **Guarantees**

The Group issues guarantees on behalf of its customers. In the majority of cases, the Group will hold collateral against the exposure, have a right of recourse to the customer or both. In addition, the Group issues guarantees on its own behalf. The main types of guarantees provided are: financial guarantees given to banks and financial institutions on behalf of customers to secure loans; overdrafts; and other banking facilities, including stock borrowing indemnities and standby letters of credit. Other guarantees provided include performance guarantees, advance payment guarantees, tender guarantees, guarantees to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs and retention guarantees.

#### **Loan**

##### **Commitments**

The Group enters into commitments to lend to its customers subject to certain conditions. Such loan commitments are made either for a fixed period, or are cancellable by the Group subject to notice conditions.

##### **Special**

##### **Purpose Entities**

Transactions entered into by the Group may involve the use of SPEs. SPEs are entities that are created to accomplish a narrow and well defined objective. There are often specific restrictions or limits around their ongoing activities.

##### **Transactions with SPEs take a number of forms, including:**

The provision of financing to fund asset purchases, or commitments to provide finance for future purchases.  
Derivative transactions to provide investors in the SPE with a specified exposure.

The provision of liquidity or backstop facilities which may be drawn upon if the SPE experiences future funding difficulties.

Direct investment in the notes issued by SPEs.

Depending on the nature of the Group's resulting exposure, it may consolidate the SPE on to the Group's balance sheet. The consolidation of SPEs is considered at inception based on the arrangements in place and the assessed risk exposures at that time. In accordance with IFRS, SPEs are consolidated when the substance of the relationship between the Group and the entity indicates control. Potential indicators of control include, amongst others, an assessment of the Group's exposure to the risks and benefits of the SPE. The initial consolidation analysis is revisited at a later date if:

i  
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the Group acquires additional interests in the entity;  
or if

ii  
)

the contractual arrangements of the entity are amended such that the relative exposures to risks and rewards change; or  
if  
iii  
)

the Group acquires control over the main operating and financial decisions of the entity.

A number of the Group's transactions have recourse only to the assets of unconsolidated SPEs. Typically, the majority of the exposure to these assets is borne by third parties and the Group's risk is mitigated through over-collateralisation, unwind features and other protective measures. The Group's involvement with unconsolidated third party conduits, collateralised debt obligations and structured investment vehicles is described further below.

## **Risk Management**

### **Collateralised Debt Obligations**

The Group has structured and underwritten CDOs. At inception, the Group's exposure principally takes the form of a liquidity facility provided to support future funding difficulties or cash shortfalls in the vehicles. If required by the vehicle, the facility is drawn with the amount advanced included within loans and advances in the balance sheet. Upon an event of default or other triggering event, the Group may acquire control of a CDO and, therefore, be required to fully consolidate the vehicle for accounting purposes. The potential for transactions to hit default triggers has been assessed and included in the determination of impairment charges and other credit provisions.

### **Structured Investment Vehicles (SIVs)**

The Group has not structured or managed SIVs.

### **SIV-Lites**

The Group structures and helps to underwrite SIV-Lite transactions. The Group is not involved in their ongoing management.

### **Commercial Paper and Medium-term Note Conduits**

The Group provides undrawn backstop liquidity facilities to its own sponsored commercial paper

conduits. The Group fully consolidates these entities such that the underlying assets are reflected on the Group balance sheet.

### **Asset**

### **Securitisations**

The Group has assisted companies with the formation of asset securitisations, some of which are effected through the use of SPEs. These entities have minimal equity and rely on funding in the form of notes to purchase the assets for securitisation. As these SPEs are created for other companies, the Group does not usually control these entities and therefore does not consolidate them. The Group may provide financing in the form of senior notes or junior notes and may also provide derivatives to the SPE. These transactions are included on the balance sheet.

The Group has used SPEs to securitise part of its originated and purchased retail and commercial lending portfolios and credit card receivables. These SPEs are usually consolidated and derecognition only occurs when the Group transfers its contractual right to receive cash flows from the financial assets, or retains the contractual rights to receive the cash flows, but assumes a contractual obligation to pay the cash flows to another party without material delay or reinvestment, and also transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership, including credit risk, prepayment risk and interest rate risk

## **Risk Management**

### **Impairment Charges and Other Credit Provisions**

**Half Year Ended**  
**30.06.08 31.12.07 30.06.07**

	£m	£m	£m
Impairment charges on loans and advances	1,933	1,343	963
Charges/(release) in respect of undrawn facilities and guarantees	328	480	(4)
<b>Impairment charges on loans and advances and other credit provisions</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>959</b>
Impairment charges on reverse repurchase agreements	103	-	-
Impairment charges on available for sale assets	84	13	-
<b>Impairment charges and other credit provisions</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>959</b>

Impairment charges and other credit provisions on ABS CDO Super Senior and other credit market exposures included above:

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Impairment charges on loans and advances	663	300	-
Charges in respect of undrawn facilities	322	469	-
<b>Impairment charges on loans and advances and other credit provisions on ABS</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CDO Super Senior and other credit market exposures</b>			
Impairment charges on reverse repurchase agreements	53	-	-
Impairment charges on available for sale assets	70	13	-
<b>Impairment charges and other credit provisions on ABS CDO Super Senior and other credit market exposures</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>-</b>

Impairment charges and other credit provisions increased £1,489m to £2,448m (2007: £959m).

Impairment charges on loans and advances and other credit provisions increased £1,302m to £2,261m (2007: £959m) reflecting charges of £

985

m against ABS CDO Super Senior and other credit market exposure

s and increased impairment in the international portfolios within Global Retail and Commercial Banking. Total loans and advances grew 24% to £454,857m (30th June

2007: £367,711m). As a result impairment charges on loans and advances and other credit provisions as a percentage of period end Group total loans and advances increased to 0.99% (2007: 0.52%).

In the retail portfolios, impairment charges on loans and advances and other credit provisions

rose 23% (£18

5

m) to £

98

5

m

(2007: £

800

m



) principally as a consequence of increased impairment in the international portfolios, whilst total loans and advances increased 19% to £175,397m (

30th June

2007: £147,

730

m). As a result impairment charges as a percentage of period end total loans and advances increased to 1.12% (2007: 1.08%).

In the wholesale and corporate portfolios, impairment charges on loans and advances and other credit provisions

rose £1,

117

m

to £1,

276

m (2007: £159m) whilst total loans and advances increased 27% to £279,460m (

30th June

2007: £2

19

,

981

m). As a result impairment charges as a percentage of period end total loans and advances increased to 0.91% (2007: 0.14%).

## Risk Management

### Impairment Charges and Other Credit Provisions (continued)

#### Global Retail and Commercial Banking

Impairment charges in

#### UK Retail Banking

increased 4%

(

£11m

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to £288m (2007: £277m), reflecting growth in the book and current economic conditions. In UK Home Finance, whilst mortgage delinquencies as a percentage of outstanding balances increased from 0.91% to 0.97%, impairment charges and amounts charged off remained low.

The impairment charge in

#### Barclays Commercial Bank

increased 19% (£24m) to £148m (2007: £124m)

reflecting higher impairment losses in Larger Business partially offset by a reduction in incurred but not individually identified impairment.

There was a

small

increase in impairment as a percentage of period-end loans and advances to customers to 0.4

4

% (2007: 0.

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%).

Impairment charges in

**Barclaycard**

increased 10% (£42m) to £477m (2007: £435m), reflecting £77m growth in charges in the international businesses and £27m from the inclusion of Goldfish. These factors were partially offset by £62m lower impairment in the UK

businesses with reduced flows into delinquency and lower levels of arrears.

Impairment charges in Global

**Retail and Commercial Banking**

-

**Western Europe**

increased £71m to £103m (2007: £32m)

principally due to higher charges in

the Spanish commercial portfolios as a consequence of a rapid slowdown in the property and construction sectors.

Impairment charges in

**Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

-

**Emerging Markets**

increased £54m to £66m (2007: £12m)

reflecting

asset growth, particularly in

India

, and increased wholesale impairment in

Africa

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Impairment charges in

**Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

-

**Absa**

increased £69m to £125m (2007: £56m) as a result of rising delinquency levels in the retail portfolios, which have been impacted by rising interest and inflation rates and increasing consumer indebtedness.

**Investment Banking and Investment Management**

**Barclays Capital**

impairment charges and other credit provisions of £1,226m (2007: £10m) included a charge of £1,108

m against ABS CDO Super Senior and other credit market positions. Other impairment charges increased £108

m to £1

18

m (2007: £10m)

primarily related to charges in the prime services and global loans business

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The impairment charge in

**Barclays Wealth**

rose £10m to £12m (2007: £2m) from a very low base.

**Risk Management**

**Allowance for Impairment on Loans and Advances**

As at    As at    As at

	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
<b>At beginning of period</b>	3,772	3,277	3,335
Acquisitions and disposals	97	2	(75)
Exchange and other adjustments	(26)	59	(6)
Unwind of discount	(63)	(60)	(53)
Amounts written off	(911)	(952)	(1,011)
Recoveries	74	103	124
Amounts charged against profit	1,933	1,343	963
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>4,876</b>	<b>3,772</b>	<b>3,277</b>
<b>Amounts Written Off</b>			
United Kingdom	(670)	(710)	(820)
Other European Union	(55)	(97)	(46)
United States	(99)	(58)	(87)
Africa	(87)	(87)	(58)
Rest of the World	-	-	-
	<b>(911)</b>	<b>(952)</b>	<b>(1,011)</b>
<b>Recoveries</b>			
United Kingdom	61	61	93
Other European Union	(1)	25	7
United States	-	(1)	8
Africa	13	19	15
Rest of the World	1	(1)	1
	<b>74</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>New and Increased Impairment Allowances</b>			
United Kingdom	998	1,019	941
Other European Union	176	107	85
United States	757	349	82
Africa	207	157	111
Rest of the World	58	16	4
	<b>2,196</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>1,223</b>
<b>Less: Releases of Impairment Allowance</b>			
United Kingdom	(118)	(131)	(82)
Other European Union	(44)	(26)	(11)
United States	(8)	(29)	(21)
Africa	(13)	(11)	(9)
Rest of the World	(6)	(5)	(13)
	<b>(189)</b>	<b>(202)</b>	<b>(136)</b>
Recoveries	(74)	(103)	(124)
<b>Total impairment charges on loans and advances</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>963</b>
<b>Allowance</b>	£m	£m	£m
United Kingdom	2,785	2,526	2,396
Other European Union	449	344	334
United States	1,007	356	72
Africa	552	514	452
Rest of the World	83	32	23
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>4,876</b>	<b>3,772</b>	<b>3,277</b>

**Risk Management****Potential Credit Risk Loans**

	As at <b>30.06.08</b>	As at <b>31.12.07</b>	As at <b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Impaired Loans</b>			
Loans and advances	6,498	5,230	4,693
ABS CDO Super Senior	3,922	3,344	-
SIV and SIV-lites	150	-	-
	<b>10,570</b>	<b>8,574</b>	<b>4,693</b>
<b>Accruing loans which are contractually overdue</b>			
90 days or more as to principal or interest	813	794	598
Impaired and restructured loans	378	273	61
<b>Total credit risk loans</b>	<b>11,761</b>	<b>9,641</b>	<b>5,352</b>
<b>Potential Problem Loans</b>			
Loans and advances	1,467	846	735
ABS CDO Super Senior	-	801	-
SIV and SIV-lites	-	150	-
	<b>1,467</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>735</b>
<b>Total potential credit risk loans</b>	<b>13,228</b>	<b>11,438</b>	<b>6,087</b>

**Geographical  
Split****Impaired Loans**

United Kingdom	3,764	3,605	3,548
Other European Union	805	472	456
United States	4,599	3,703	76
Africa	1,310	757	589
Rest of the World	92	37	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,570</b>	<b>8,574</b>	<b>4,693</b>

**Accruing Loans Which are Contractually Overdue  
90 days or more as to principal or interest**

United Kingdom	661	676	508
Other European Union	82	79	61
United States	12	10	4
Africa	57	29	25
Rest of the World	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>598</b>

**Risk Management****Potential Credit Risk Loans (continued)**

	As at	As at	As at
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
<b>Impaired and Restructured Loans</b>	£m	£m	£m
United Kingdom	311	179	3
Other European Union	14	14	12
United States	52	38	28
Africa	1	42	18
Rest of the World	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Total Credit Risk Loans</b>			
United Kingdom	4,736	4,460	4,059
Other European Union	901	565	529
United States	4,663	3,751	108
Africa	1,368	828	632
Rest of the World	93	37	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,761</b>	<b>9,641</b>	<b>5,352</b>
<b>Potential Problem Loans</b>			
United Kingdom	936	419	409
Other European Union	366	59	23
United States	18	964	9
Africa	143	355	271
Rest of the World	4	-	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>735</b>
<b>Total Potential Credit Risk Loans</b>			
United Kingdom	5,672	4,879	4,468
Other European Union	1,267	624	552
United States	4,681	4,715	117
Africa	1,511	1,183	903
Rest of the World	97	37	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,228</b>	<b>11,438</b>	<b>6,087</b>

**Risk Management****Potential Credit Risk Loans (continued)**

	As at <b>30.06.08</b>	As at <b>31.12.07</b>	As at <b>30.06.07</b>
<b>Allowance Coverage of Total Credit Risk Loans</b>	%	%	%
United Kingdom	58.8	56.6	59.0
Other European Union	49.8	60.9	63.1
United States	21.6	9.5	66.7
Africa	40.4	62.1	71.5
Rest of the World	89.2	86.5	95.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>61.2</b>
<b>Allowance Coverage of Total Potential Credit Risk Loans</b>	%	%	%
United Kingdom	49.1	51.8	53.6
Other European Union	35.4	55.1	60.5
United States	21.5	7.6	61.5
Africa	36.5	43.4	50.0
Rest of the World	85.6	86.5	48.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>53.8</b>
<b>Allowance Coverage of Credit Risk Loans</b>	%	%	%
Retail	52.1	55.8	61.4
Wholesale and corporate	32.1	24.9	60.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>61.2</b>
<b>Total Excluding ABS CDO Super Senior Exposure</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>61.2</b>
<b>Allowance Coverage of Total Potential Credit Risk Loans</b>	%	%	%
Retail	48.7	51.0	55.6
Wholesale and corporate	27.4	19.7	49.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>53.8</b>
<b>Total Excluding ABS CDO Super Senior Exposure</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>53.8</b>

Allowance coverage of credit risk loans and of potential credit risk loans excluding the drawn ABS CDO Super Senior exposure decreased to 52.3

% (31st December 2007: 55.6%)

and

43.9

% (31st December 2007: 49.0%), respectively. The decrease in these ratios reflected a change in the mix of credit risk loans and potential credit risk loans as secured retail and wholesale and corporate exposure, where the recovery outlook is relatively high, increased as a proportion of credit risk loans and potential credit risk loans.

Additional protection on

ABS CDO Super Senior credit risk loans was provided by subordination and hedges.

## Risk Management

### Risk Tendency

As part of its credit risk management system, the Group uses a model-based methodology to assess the point-in-time expected loss of credit portfolios across different customer categories. The approach is termed Risk Tendency and applies to credit exposures not reported as Credit Risk Loans

Risk Tendency models provide statistical estimates of average expected loss levels for a rolling 12-month period based on averages in the ranges of possible losses expected from each of the current portfolios. This contrasts with impairment charges as required under accounting standards, which derive from Credit Risk Loans where there is objective evidence of impairment as at the balance sheet date.

Since Risk Tendency and impairment allowances are calculated for different parts of the portfolio, for different purposes and on different bases, Risk Tendency does not predict loan impairment. Risk Tendency is provided to present a view of the evolution of the quality of the credit portfolios.

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
UK			
Retail Banking	495	470	580
Barclays Commercial Bank	360	305	290
Barclaycard	1,115	955	975
GRCB -			
Western Europe	185	135	105
GRCB - Emerging Markets	240	140	50
GRCB - Absa	195	190	185
Barclays Capital	200	140	110
Barclays Wealth	15	10	10
Head Office Functions and Other Operations	5	10	5
	<b>2,810</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>2,310</b>

Risk Tendency increased

19

% (£4

55

m) to £2,81

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m (31st December 2007: £2,355m), broadly in line with the 17% growth in the Group's loans and advances balances.

### UK

#### Retail Banking

Risk Tendency increased £25m to £495m (31st December 2007: £470m). This reflected a higher risk profile in the unsecured loans portfolios and asset growth.

Risk Tendency in

#### Barclays Commercial Bank

increased £55m to £360m (31st December 2007: £305m). This reflected asset growth and

deterioration in credit conditions.

**Barclaycard**

Risk Tendency increased £160m to £1,115m (31st December 2007: £955m) primarily reflecting the inclusion of the Goldfish portfolio, an increase in the international portfolio and a deterioration in credit conditions in Barclaycard US and secured loans portfolios.

Risk Tendency at

**GRCB - Western Europe**

increased £50m to £185m (31st December 2007: £135m)

principally

reflecting balance sheet growth and weaker credit conditions

Risk Tendency at

**GRCB - Emerging Markets**

increased £100m to £240m (31st December 2007: £140m) reflecting asset growth and a change in the risk profile following a broadening of the product offering through new product launches and new market entry in India and UAE.

**Risk Management**

**Risk Tendency (continued)**

Risk Tendency at

**GRCB - Absa**

increased £5m to £195m (31st December 2007: £190m) reflecting a continued weakening of retail credit conditions in South Africa and asset growth in

Rand

terms

largely

offset by a movement in the Rand/Sterling exchange rate.

Risk Tendency in

**Barclays Capital**

increased £60m to £200m (31st December 2007: £140m) reflecting asset growth and credit downgrades. The drawn liquidity facilities on ABS CDO Super Senior positions are classified as credit risk loans and therefore no Risk Tendency is calculated on them.

Risk Tendency at

**Barclays Wealth**

increased £

5m

to £

15

m (31st December 2007: £10m) reflecting the transfer of a number of assets from GRCB -

Western Europe

**Risk Management**

**Market Risk**

Market Risk is the risk that Barclays earnings or capital, or its ability to meet business objectives, will be adversely affected by changes in the level or volatility of market rates or prices such as interest rates, credit spreads, commodity



prices, equity prices and foreign exchange rates.

Barclays Capital's market risk exposure, as measured by average total Daily Value at Risk (DVaR), increased to £58.0m in the first half of 2008. This was mainly due to

increases in interest rate positions and higher market volatility within the credit spread and interest rate DVaR

Barclays Capital's

DVaR as at 30th June 2008 was £61.2m (31

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December 2007: £53.9m).

### Analysis of Barclays Capital's

#### Market

#### Risk

#### Exposures

The daily average, maximum and minimum values of DVaR were calculated as below:

#### Half Year Ended 30.06.08

	Average	High	Low
		1	1
	£m	£m	£m
Interest rate risk	37.9	58.3	27.9
Credit spread risk	37.7	41.9	32.0
Commodity risk	23.7	29.6	18.7
Equity risk	9.7	12.9	6.7
Foreign exchange risk	5.3	9.0	2.9
Diversification effect	(56.3)	n/a	n/a
<b>Total DVaR</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>49.2</b>

#### Half Year Ended 31.12.07

	Average	High	Low
		1	1
	£m	£m	£m
Interest rate risk	20.2	33.3	12.6
Credit spread risk	29.3	43.3	16.1
Commodity risk	20.9	24.8	17.4
Equity risk	12.3	17.6	9.8
Foreign exchange risk	5.4	9.6	3.2
Diversification effect	(43.4)	n/a	n/a
<b>Total DVaR</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>38.4</b>

#### Half Year Ended 30.06.07

	Average	High	Low
		1	1
	£m	£m	£m
Interest rate risk	19.7	27.2	13.0
Credit spread risk	20.4	28.1	14.6
Commodity risk	19.5	27.2	14.8
Equity risk	10.1	15.3	7.3
Foreign exchange risk	4.3	6.7	2.9

Diversification effect	(34.7)	n/a	n/a
<b>Total DVaR</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>33.1</b>

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The high (and low) DVaR figures reported for each category did not necessarily occur on the same day as the high (and low) DVaR reported as a whole. Consequently a diversification effect number for the high (and low) DVaR figures would not be meaningful and it is therefore omitted from the above table.

## Regulatory Capital

### Capital Ratios

	As at 30.06.08	As at 31.12.07	As at 30.06.07
	Basel II	Basel II	Basel I
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Risk Weighted Assets</b>			
Credit risk	239,767	244,474	237,467
Counterparty risk	43,979	41,203	46,765
Market risk	40,462	39,812	33,811
Operational risk	28,531	28,389	-
<b>Total risk weighted assets</b>	<b>352,739</b>	<b>353,878</b>	<b>318,043</b>

### Capital Resources

#### Tier 1

Called up share capital	1,642	1,651	1,637
Eligible reserves	22,603	22,939	21,323
Minority interests	11,922	10,551	8,405
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Tier 1 notes	902	899	887
2			
Less: intangible assets	(8,063)	(8,191)	(7,757)
Less: deductions from Tier 1 capital	(1,306)	(1,106)	(26)
<b>Total qualifying Tier 1 capital</b>	<b>27,700</b>	<b>26,743</b>	<b>24,469</b>

#### Tier 2

Revaluation reserves	25	26	24
Available for sale-equity gains	228	295	440
Collectively assessed impairment allowances	999	440	2,527
Minority interests	445	442	441

#### Qualifying subordinated liabilities:

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Undated loan capital	4,913	3,191	3,174
Dated loan capital	12,165	10,578	8,626

Less: deductions from Tier 2 capital	(1,306)	(1,106)	(26)
<b>Total qualifying Tier 2 capital</b>	<b>17,469</b>	<b>13,866</b>	<b>15,206</b>
<b>Less: Regulatory Deductions</b>			
Investments not consolidated for supervisory purposes	(523)	(633)	(947)
Other deductions	(194)	(193)	(1,276)
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>(717)</b>	<b>(826)</b>	<b>(2,223)</b>
<b>Total net capital resources</b>	<b>44,452</b>	<b>39,783</b>	<b>37,452</b>
Equity Tier 1 ratio	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%
Tier 1 ratio	7.9%	7.6%	7.7%
Risk asset ratio	12.6%	11.2%	11.8%

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Includes  
equity minority interests

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£1,526  
m (31st December 2007: £1,608m; 30th June 2007: £1,499m).

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Tier 1 notes are included in subordinated liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet.

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Subordinated liabilities included in Tier 2

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capital are subject to limits laid down in the regulatory requirements.

## Regulatory Capital

### Reconciliation of Regulatory

#### Capital

Capital is defined differently for accounting and regulatory purposes. A reconciliation of shareholders' equity for accounting purposes to called up share capital and eligible reserves for regulatory purposes is set out below:

As at	As at	As at
30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
Basel	Basel	Basel

	II	II	I
	£m	£m	£m
Shareholders' equity excluding minority interests	22,289	23,291	20,973
Available for sale reserve	363	(154)	(238)
Cash flow hedging reserve	419	(26)	407
<b>Adjustments to retained earnings</b>			
Defined benefit pension scheme	1,099	1,053	1,261
Additional companies in regulatory consolidation and non-consolidated companies	(1)	(281)	(230)
Foreign exchange on RCIs and upper Tier 2 loan stock	420	478	533
Adjustment for own credit	(969)	(461)	-
Other adjustments	625	690	254
<b>Called up share capital and eligible reserves for regulatory purposes</b>	<b>24,245</b>	<b>24,590</b>	<b>22,960</b>

## Regulatory Capital

### Total Assets

	As at	As at	As at
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
UK	96,314	88,477	84,267
Retail Banking			
Barclays Commercial Bank	80,955	74,566	69,830
Barclaycard	24,278	22,121	20,362
GRCB -			
Western Europe	51,133	43,702	36,724
GRCB - Emerging Markets	11,380	9,188	6,323
GRCB - Absa	34,178	36,368	31,908
Barclays Capital	966,109	839,850	796,389
Barclays Global Investors	79,030	89,218	90,440
Barclays Wealth	17,749	18,188	16,663
Head Office Functions and Other Operations	4,528	5,683	5,356
	<b>1,365,654</b>	<b>1,227,361</b>	<b>1,158,262</b>

Total assets increased 11% to £1,365.7bn (31st December 2007: £1,227.4bn).

UK Retail Banking total assets increased 9% to £96.3bn (31st December 2007: £88.5bn). This was mainly attributable to growth in mortgage balances.

Barclays Commercial Bank total assets grew 9% to £81.0bn (31st December 2007: £74.6bn) driven by growth across lending products.

Barclaycard total assets increased 10% to £24.3bn (31st December 2007: £22.1bn) primarily driven by the acquisition of Goldfish and increases in international assets.

**GRCB -**

**Western Europe**

total assets grew 17% to £51.1bn (31st December 2007: £43.7bn). This growth was mainly driven by increases in retail mortgages and unsecured lending.

GRCB - Emerging Markets total assets grew 24% to £11.4bn (31st December 2007: £9.2bn) reflecting increases in retail and commercial lending.

GRCB - Absa total assets decreased 6% to £34.2bn (31st December 2007: £36.4bn)

reflecting broad based asset growth, more than offset by

the

weakening of the

Rand

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Barclays Capital total assets rose 15% to £966.1bn (31st December 2007: £839.9bn). This primarily reflected continuing volatility across various derivative indices, resulting in significant increases in grossed-up derivative positions.

Excluding derivatives, assets decreased 4% to £566.8bn (31st December 2007: £592.3

bn

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Barclays Global Investors total assets decreased 11% to £79.0bn (31st December 2007: £89.2bn), mainly attributable to adverse market movements in certain asset management products recognised as investment contracts.

Barclays Wealth total assets decreased

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% to £17.7bn (31st December 2007: £18.2bn) reflecting a fall in the value of unit linked insurance contracts partially offset by strong growth in lending to high net worth and intermediary clients.

Head Office Functions and Other Operations

total assets decreased 21% to £4.5bn (31st December 2007: £5.7bn).

**Regulatory Capital**

**Risk Weighted Assets**

	As at 30.06.08	As at 31.12.07	As at 30.06.07
	Basel II £m	Basel II £m	Basel I £m
UK			
Retail Banking	30,855	30,540	42,498
Barclays Commercial Bank	62,991	62,056	51,106
Barclaycard	24,955	22,457	16,898
GRCB - Western Europe	29,170	25,084	20,370
GRCB - Emerging Markets	11,744	10,176	4,049
GRCB - Absa	15,400	17,213	20,692
Barclays Capital	163,352	172,974	152,467
Barclays Global Investors	4,413	4,266	1,616
Barclays Wealth	8,808	8,011	6,871

Head Office Functions and Other Operations	1,051	1,101	1,476
	<b>352,739</b>	<b>353,878</b>	<b>318,043</b>

Risk weighted assets remained flat at £352.7bn (31st December 2007: £353.9bn).

UK Retail Banking risk weighted assets increased by 1% to £30.9bn (31st December 2007: £30.5bn) with growth in mortgages partially offset by a reduction in operational risk.

Barclays Commercial Bank risk weighted assets increased 2% to £63.0bn (31st December 2007: £62.1bn)

. The increase in risk weighted assets was lower than asset growth, reflecting a relative increase in lower risk weighted portfolios.

Barclaycard risk weighted assets increased 11% to £25.0bn (31st December 2007: £22.5bn), primarily reflecting the acquisition of the Goldfish cards portfolio and redemption of securitisation transactions.

GRCB

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Western Europe

risk weighted assets increased 16% to £29.2bn (31st December 2007: £25.1bn), primarily reflecting underlying

lending growth

of 8%

and the strengthening of the Euro.

GRCB

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Emerging Markets risk weighted assets increased 15% to £11.7bn (31st December 2007: £10.2bn), reflecting asset growth and a change in the product mix.

GRCB - Absa risk weighted assets decreased 11% to £15.4bn (31st December 2007: £17.2bn), mainly due to weakening of the

Rand

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Barclays Capital risk weighted assets decreased 6% to £163.4bn (31st December 2007: £173.0bn) due to changes in the asset class mix and the roll-out of Basel II models.

Barclays Global Investors risk weighted assets increased 3% to £4.4bn (31st December 2007: £4.3bn)

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mainly attributed to overall business growth.

Barclays Wealth risk weighted assets increased 10% to £8.8bn (31st December 2007: £8.0bn) driven by strong organic business growth, partially offset by increased benefit from collateral taken.

Head office functions risk weighted assets remained broadly stable at £1.1bn (31st December 2007: £1.1bn).

## Performance Management

### Economic

#### Capital

Barclays assesses capital requirements by measuring the Group's

risk profile using both internally and externally developed models. The Group assigns economic capital primarily within seven risk categories:

credit

risk,

market

risk,  
business  
risk,  
operational  
risk,  
insurance risk,  
fixed  
assets and  
private  
equity.

The Group regularly enhances its economic capital methodology and benchmarks outputs to external reference points. The framework uses default probabilities during average credit conditions, rather than those prevailing at the balance sheet date, thus seeking to remove cyclicity from the economic capital calculation. The framework also adjusts economic capital to reflect time horizon, correlation of risks and risk concentrations.

Economic capital is allocated on a consistent basis across all of Barclays businesses and risk activities with allocations reflecting varying levels of risk. A single cost of equity is applied to calculate the cost of risk.

The total average economic capital required by the Group, as determined by risk assessment models and after considering the Group's estimated portfolio effects, is compared with the supply of economic capital to evaluate economic capital utilisation. Supply of economic capital is calculated as the average available shareholders' equity after adjustment and including preference shares.

Economic capital forms the basis of the Group's submission for the Basel II Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP).

## Performance Management

### Economic Capital Demand

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	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
UK			
Retail Banking	3,600	3,400	3,400
Barclays Commercial Bank	3,500	3,300	3,150
Barclaycard	2,500	2,150	2,000
GRCB -			
Western Europe	1,700	1,400	1,100
GRCB - Emerging Markets	950	550	300
GRCB			
-	1,100	950	900
Absa			
Barclays Capital	8,000	6,050	4,400
Barclays Global Investors	350	200	200
Barclays Wealth	500	550	500
Head	100	100	250
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Office  
 Functions and  
 Other  
 Operations

<sup>2</sup> Economic Capital requirement (excluding goodwill)	22,300	18,650	16,200
<sup>3</sup> Average historic goodwill and intangible assets	9,000	8,700	8,100
<sup>4</sup> <b>Total economic capital requirement</b>	<b>31,300</b>	<b>27,350</b>	<b>24,300</b>

UK Retail Banking economic capital allocation increased £200m to £3,600m (31st December 2007: £3,400m), reflecting mortgage asset growth and house price movements.

Barclays Commercial Bank economic capital allocation increased £200m to £3,500m (31st December 2007: £3,300m) as a consequence of asset growth partially offset by improved portfolio diversification.

Barclaycard economic capital allocation increased £350m to £2,500m (31st December 2007: £2,150m) due to the acquisition of the Goldfish cards portfolio, asset growth in Barclaycard

US  
 and the redemption of securitisation  
 transactions

GRCB -

Western Europe

economic capital allocation increased £300m to £1,700m (31st December 2007: £1,400m) reflecting asset growth together with the strengthening of the Euro

GRCB - Emerging Markets economic capital allocation increased £400m to £950m (31st December 2007: £550m) due to asset growth in newer markets.

GRCB - Absa economic capital allocation increased £150m to £1,100m (31st December 2007: £950m) reflecting asset growth

and  
 the transfer of assets from Absa Capital into Absa Commercial Bank offset by exchange rate movements.  
 Barclays Capital economic capital allocation increased £1,950m to £8,000m (31st December 2007: £6,050m). This was driven by  
 growth towards the end of 2007 in the investment portfolio,  
 exposure to drawn leveraged finance underwriting positions and a deterioration in credit quality principally in the  
 US

Barclays Global Investors economic capital allocation increased £150m to £350m (31st December 2007: £200m) primarily reflecting the selective support of liquidity products.



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*Calculated using a four point average over the half year and rounded to the nearest £50m for presentation purposes.*

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*Includes Transition Businesses and capital for central functional risks.*

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*Average goodwill relates to purchased goodwill and intangible assets from business acquisitions.*

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*Total period end economic capital requirement as at 30th June 2008 stood at £31,700m (31st December 2007: £29,650m, 30th June 2007*

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*£26,800m).*

## **Performance Management**

### **Economic**

#### **Capital Supply**

The capital resources to support economic capital comprise adjusted shareholders' equity including preference shares but excluding other minority interests. Preference shares have been issued to optimise the long-term capital base of the Group.

The capital resources to support economic capital are impacted by a number of factors arising from the application of IFRS and are modified in calculating available funds for economic capital. This applies specifically to:

#### **Cash flow hedging reserve**

- to the extent that the Group undertakes the hedging of future cash flows, shareholders' equity will include gains and losses which will be offset against the gain or loss on the hedged item when it is recognised in the income statement at the conclusion of the future hedged transaction. Given the future offset of such gains and losses, they are excluded from shareholders' equity when calculating economic capital supply

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#### **Available for sale reserve**

- unrealised gains and losses on

Available for sale

securities are included in shareholders' equity until disposal or impairment. Such gains and losses are excluded from shareholders' equity for the purposes of calculating economic capital supply

. Realised gains and losses, foreign exchange translation differences and any impairment charges recorded in the income statement will impact economic profit.

#### **Retirement benefits liability -**

the Group has recorded a net liability

with a consequent reduction in shareholders' equity. This represents a non-cash reduction in shareholders' equity. For the purposes of calculating economic capital supply

, the Group does not deduct the pension liability

from shareholders' equity.

#### **Own credit gains**

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gains on the fair valuation of notes issued are included in the income statement but are excluded from shareholders' equity when calculating economic capital supply.

The average supply of capital to support the economic capital framework is set out below

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
Shareholders' equity excluding minority interests less goodwill <sup>1</sup>	15,100	15,200	13,250
Retirement benefits liability	1,100	1,100	1,250
Cashflow hedging reserve	100	150	350
Available for sale reserve	100	(200)	(150)
Gains on own credit	(850)	(200)	-
Preference shares	5,050	4,050	3,400
Available funds for economic capital excluding goodwill	20,600	20,100	18,100
Average historic goodwill and intangible assets <sup>2</sup>	9,000	8,700	8,100
<b>Available funds for economic capital including goodwill<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>29,600</b>	<b>28,800</b>	<b>26,200</b>

In addition, the Group holds other Tier 1 Instruments of £4,874m as at 30th June 2008 (31st December 2007: £4,807m; 30th June 2007: £4,109m) consisting of Tier 1 notes of £902m and reserve capital instruments of £3,972m. As at 30th June 2008 the total period end economic capital requirement of £31,700m exceeded the available funds for economic capital of £30,350m. On 25th June 2008, Barclays announced a share issue to raise approximately £4.5bn thus providing pro-forma available funds for economic capital of £34,850m.

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*Averages for the period will not correspond to period-end balances disclosed in the balance sheet. Numbers are rounded to the nearest £50m for*

*presentational purposes only.*

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*Average goodwill relates to purchased goodwill and intangible assets from business acquisitions.*

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*Available funds for economic capital as at 30th June 2008 stood at £30,350m (31st December 2007: £29,700*

m, 30th June 2007: £30,950m).

## Performance Management

### Economic

#### Profit

Economic profit comprises:

Profit after tax and minority interests; less

Capital charge (average shareholders' equity excluding minority interests multiplied by the Group cost of capital).

The Group cost of capital has been applied at a uniform rate of 10.5%

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. The costs of servicing preference shares are included in minority interests, and so preference shares are excluded from average shareholders' equity for economic profit purposes.

The

economic profit in 2008 and 2007 is shown below:

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Profit after tax and minority interests	1,718	1,783	2,634
Addback of amortisation charged on acquired intangible assets	73	78	59
<sup>2</sup>			
<b>Profit for economic profit purposes</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>2,693</b>
Average shareholders' equity excluding minority interests	15,100	15,200	13,250
<sup>3, 4</sup>			
Adjust for unrealised loss/(gains) on available for sale investments	100	(200)	(150)
<sup>4</sup>			
Adjust for unrealised loss on cashflow hedge reserve	100	150	350
<sup>4</sup>			
Adjust for gains on own credit	(850)	(200)	-
Add: retirement benefits liability	1,100	1,100	1,250
Goodwill and intangible assets arising on acquisitions	9,000	8,700	8,100
<sup>4</sup>			
<b>Average shareholders' equity for economic profit purposes</b>	<b>24,550</b>	<b>24,750</b>	<b>22,800</b>
<sup>3,4</sup>			
<b>Capital charge at 10.5% (2007: 9.5%)</b>	<b>(1,290)</b>	<b>(1,180)</b>	<b>(1,084)</b>
<b>Economic profit</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>1,609</b>

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The Group cost of capital changed from 1st January 2008 from 9.5% to 10.5%.

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Amortisation charged for purchased intangibles, adjusted for tax and minority interests.

3

Average ordinary shareholders' equity for Group economic profit calculation is the sum of adjusted equity and reserves plus goodwill and intangible assets arising on acquisition, but excludes preference shares.

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Averages for the period will not correspond exactly to period end balances disclosed in the balance sheet. Numbers are rounded to the nearest £50m for presentation purposes only.

## Performance Management

### Economic Profit Generated by Business

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
UK			
Retail Banking	324	306	311
Barclays Commercial Bank	305	303	332
Barclaycard	147	98	115
GRCB -			
Western Europe	133	2	14
GRCB - Emerging Markets	(21)	(3)	29
GRCB - Absa	42	59	39
Barclays Capital	(106)	203	969
Barclays Global Investors	122	220	210
Barclays Wealth	123	119	114
Head Office Functions and Other Operations	(318)	(285)	(185)
	751	1,022	1,948
Historic goodwill and intangibles arising on acquisition	(472)	(413)	(387)
Variance to average shareholders' funds (excluding minority interest)	222	72	48
<b>Economic profit</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>1,609</b>

Economic profit for the Group decreased 69% (£1,108m) to £501m (2007: £1,609m) due to a decrease

of £916m in attributable profit and a £206m increase in the economic capital charge.

UK Retail Banking economic profit increased

4% (

£13m

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to £324m (2007: £311m) due to a 7% increase in profit before tax partially offset by a 4% increase in the economic capital charge reflecting mortgage asset growth and house price movements.

Barclays Commercial Bank economic profit decreased 8% (£27m) to £305m (2007: £332m) due to a 1% decrease in profit before tax and an

8% increase in the economic capital charge arising from the impact of asset growth.

Barclaycard economic profit increased 28% (£32m) to £147m (2007: £115m),

reflecting

a 30% increase in profit before tax and a

25

% increase in the economic capital charge arising from the acquisition of Goldfish cards portfolio, asset growth in Barclaycard US and the redemption of securitisation deals.

GRCB - Western Europe economic profit increased £119m to £133m (2007: £14m), due to a £

139m

release of a deferred tax

liability and

a 10% increase in profit before tax, partially offset by a 51% increase in the economic capital charge reflecting asset growth.

GRCB - Emerging Markets economic profit decreased 172% (£50m) to a loss of £21m (2007: profit of £29m) due to a 13% decrease in profit before tax and a 1

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% increase in the economic capital charge due to asset growth in the newer markets

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GRCB - Absa economic profit increased 8% (£3m) to £42m (2007: £39m)

principally

due to a 10% increase in profit before tax

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Barclays Capital economic profit decreased to a loss of £106m (2007: profit of £969m), due to a 68% decrease in profit before tax and a 90% increase in the economic capital charge.

Barclays Global Investors economic profit decreased 42% (£88m) to £122m (2007: £210m), due to a 32% decrease in profit before tax and a

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82% increase in the economic capital charge primarily reflecting the selective support of liquidity products.

Barclays Wealth economic profit increased 8% (£9m) to £123m (2007: £114m), principally due to a 5% increase in profit before tax.

## Performance Management

### Staff Numbers

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
UK			
Retail Banking	30,700	30,700	33,900
Barclays Commercial Bank	10,000	9,200	7,900
Barclaycard	9,600	8,900	8,700

GRCB - Western Europe	10,200	8,800	7,600
GRCB - Emerging Markets	19,200	13,900	9,600
GRCB - Absa	38,700	35,800	33,100
Barclays Capital	16,300	16,200	15,700
Barclays Global Investors	3,700	3,400	3,100
Barclays Wealth	7,300	6,900	6,900
Head Office Functions and Other Operations	900	1,100	1,200
<b>Total Group permanent and fixed term contract staff worldwide</b>	<b>146,600</b>	<b>134,900</b>	<b>127,700</b>

Staff numbers are shown on a full-time equivalent basis. Total Group permanent and fixed term contract staff comprised 63,100 (31st December 2007: 61,900) in the

UK and 83,500 (31st December 2007: 73,000) internationally. UK Retail Banking headcount was stable at 30,700 (31st December 2007: 30,700). Barclays Commercial Bank headcount increased 800 to 10,000 (31st December 2007: 9,200) reflecting increased investment in risk and operations infrastructure and new initiatives in product development and sales capability.

Headcount at 31st December 2007 include

d 1,200 operations staff transferred from UK Retail

B anking in the second half of 2007.

Barclaycard staff numbers increased 700 to 9,600 (31st December 2007: 8,900), primarily due to the acquisition of Goldfish.

GRCB - Western Europe

staff numbers increased 1,400 to 10,200 (31st December 2007: 8,800), reflecting expansion of the retail distribution network

GRCB - Emerging Markets staff numbers increased

5,300 to 19,200 (31st December 2007: 13,900)

) due to continued expansion of the business and investment in infrastructure.

GRCB - Absa staff numbers increased 2,900 to 38,700 (31st December 2007: 35,800), reflecting continued growth in the business

and investment in collections capacity

. Barclays Capital staff numbers increased 100 to 16,300 (31st December 2007: 16,200) as Barclays Capital continues to invest selectively in key areas.

Barclays Global Investors staff numbers increased 300 to 3,700 (31st December 2007: 3,400). Headcount increased primarily in

the support functions and iShares business, reflecting continued investment to support further growth.

Barclays Wealth staff numbers increased 400 to 7,300 (31st December 2007: 6,900) principally due to increased client facing professionals and a short-term increase in infrastructure staff to support transformation projects.

## Performance Management

### Balances and Margins

Business Margins	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	%	%	%
UK Retail Banking assets	1.09	1.19	1.20
UK Retail Banking liabilities	2.12	2.16	2.15
Barclays Commercial Bank assets	1.60	1.75	1.85
Barclays Commercial Bank liabilities	1.48	1.49	1.50
Barclaycard assets	6.77	6.27	6.77
GRCB -			
Western Europe assets	1.13	1.13	1.13
GRCB -			
Western Europe liabilities	1.29	1.56	1.72
GRCB - Emerging Markets assets	5.10	6.56	6.67
GRCB - Emerging Markets liabilities	1.89	0.63	0.91
GRCB - Absa assets	2.57	2.70	2.72
GRCB - Absa liabilities	3.43	3.49	2.90
Barclays Wealth assets	1.02	1.10	1.12
Barclays Wealth liabilities	0.95	0.98	1.08

Average Balances	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
UK Retail Banking assets	87,083	80,228	76,747
UK Retail Banking liabilities	85,669	83,456	80,213
Barclays Commercial Bank assets	59,037	55,232	52,661
Barclays Commercial Bank liabilities	47,252	46,245	46,489
Barclaycard assets	21,472	19,372	18,579
GRCB -			
Western Europe assets	38,659	31,766	28,498
GRCB -			
Western Europe liabilities	9,604	7,691	7,284
GRCB - Emerging Markets assets	5,599	4,164	2,953
GRCB - Emerging Markets liabilities	6,591	5,686	4,544
GRCB - Absa assets	26,273	26,583	24,062

GRCB - Absa liabilities	12,466	11,911	11,106
Barclays Wealth assets	9,271	8,332	6,458
Barclays Wealth liabilities	35,984	33,130	29,140

## Performance Management

### Balances and Margins (continued)

Business Net Interest Income	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
UK Retail Banking assets	474	483	456
UK Retail Banking liabilities	905	909	854
Barclays Commercial Bank assets	471	486	484
Barclays Commercial Bank liabilities	348	348	345
Barclaycard assets	723	612	624
GRCB			
-			
Western Europe assets	217	181	160
GRCB -			
Western Europe liabilities	62	61	62
GRCB - Emerging Markets assets	142	137	98
GRCB - Emerging Markets liabilities	62	19	20
GRCB - Absa assets	334	362	324
GRCB - Absa liabilities	212	209	160
Barclays Wealth assets	47	46	36
Barclays Wealth liabilities	169	164	156
<b>Business net interest income</b>	<b>4,166</b>	<b>4,017</b>	<b>3,779</b>

### Reconciliation of Business Net Interest

Income to Group Net Interest Income	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Business net interest income	4,166	4,017	3,779
Other:			
- Barclays Capital	702	612	567
- Barclays Global Investors	(20)	(6)	(2)
- Other	322	398	245



<b>Group net interest income</b>	<b>5,170</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,589</b>
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Business net interest income is derived from the interest rate earned on average assets or paid on average liabilities relative to the average Bank of England base rate, local equivalents for international businesses or the rate managed by the bank using derivatives. The margin is expressed as annualised business interest income over the relevant average balance. Asset and liability margins cannot be added together as they are relative to the average Bank of England base rate, local equivalent for international businesses or the rate managed by the bank using derivatives. The benefit of capital attributed to these businesses is excluded from the calculation of business margins and business net interest income.

Average balances are calculated on daily averages for most UK

banking operations and monthly averages elsewhere.

Within the reconciliation of Group net interest income, there is an amount captured as Other. This relates to the benefit of capital excluded from the business margin calculation, Head Office Functions and Other Operations and net funding on non-customer assets and liabilities.

## Statement of Directors

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### Responsibilities

The Directors confirm to the best of their knowledge that the condensed consolidated interim financial statements set out on pages

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have

been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards

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, 'Interim Financial Reporting',

as adopted by the European Union, and that the interim management report herein includes a fair review of the information required by Disclosure and Transparency Rules 4.2.7 and 4.2.8 namely

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an indication of important events that have occurred during the six months ended 30th June 2008

and their impact on the condensed consolidated interim

financial statements, and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year;

and

material related-party transactions in the six months ended 30th June 2008

and any material changes in the related

party transactions described in the last annual report.  
On behalf of the Board

**John Varley**                      **Chris Lucas**  
Group Chief Executive    Group Finance Director

**Independent  
Auditors**

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**Review Report**

**Independent Review Re  
port to Barclays PLC**

**Introduction**

We have been engaged by Barclays PLC to review the condensed consolidated  
interim  
financial statements in the interim

results announcement  
for the six months ended 30  
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June 2008, which comprises the consolidated interim income statement, consolidated interim balance sheet,  
condensed consolidated interim statement of recognised income and expense, condensed consolidated interim cash  
flow statement and related notes. We have read the other information contained in the  
interim results announcement

and considered whether it contains any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the information in the  
condensed consolidated  
interim  
financial statements.

**Directors'  
Responsibilities**

The  
interim results announcement  
is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors. The directors are responsible for preparing the  
interim  
results announcement

in accordance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the  
United Kingdom  
's Financial Services Authority.

As disclosed in  
section 'Accounting Policies'  
, the annual financial statements of the group are prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European  
Union. The condensed consolidated  
interim  
financial statements included in this  
interim results announcement

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been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting", as adopted by the European Union.

**Our  
Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express to the company a conclusion on the condensed consolidated interim financial statements in the interim

results announcement

based on our review. This report, including the conclusion, has been prepared for and only for the company for the purpose of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the Financial Services Authority and for no other purpose. We do not, in producing this report, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

**Scope of  
Review**

We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements ( UK and Ireland

) 2410, 'Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity' issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom

. A review of interim financial information consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (

UK and Ireland

) and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

**Independent Auditors'  
Review Report**

**Independent Review Report to Barclays PLC (continued)**

**Conclusion**

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the

condensed consolidated interim financial statements in the interim results announcement for the six months ended 30th June 2008 are

not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 as adopted by the European Union and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom's Financial Services Authority.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**London**  
,  
**United Kingdom**  
**7 August 2008**

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*The maintenance and integrity of the Barclays website is the responsibility of the directors; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website, and*

*Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.*

## **Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Preparation**

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the half year ended 30th June 2008 on pages 77 to 117 have been prepared in accordance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the Financial Services Authority and with IAS 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting' as published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). They are also in accordance with IAS 34 as adopted by the European Union. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2007, which have been

prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) as published by the IASB. The annual financial statements are also

prepared

in accordance with IFRS as published by the IASB and IFRIC interpretations as adopted by the European Union.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the accounting policies described in the 2007 Annual report, except IFRS 8 'Operating Segments' has been adopted as at 1st January 2008. The standard was issued in November 2006 and excluding early adoption would first be required to be applied to the Group

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accounting period beginning on 1st January 2009. The standard replaces IAS 14 'Segmental Reporting' and aligns operating segmental reporting with segments reported to senior management as well as requiring amendments and additions to the existing segmental reporting disclosures. The standard does not change the recognition, measurement or disclosure of specific transactions in the condensed consolidated interim financial statements but has impacted the segmental reporting as set out in note

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## Consolidated Interim Income Statement (Unaudited)

### Continuing Operations

		Half Year Ended		
		30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	Notes	£m	£m	£m
Interest income		13,356	13,271	12,037
Interest expense		(8,186)	(8,250)	(7,448)
<b>Net interest income</b>	1	<b>5,170</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,589</b>
Fee and commission income		4,461	4,386	4,292
Fee and commission expense		(547)	(490)	(480)
<b>Net fee and commission income</b>	2	<b>3,914</b>	<b>3,896</b>	<b>3,812</b>
Net trading income		1,784	948	2,811
Net investment income		345	820	396
<b>Principal transactions</b>	3	<b>2,129</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>3,207</b>
Net premiums from insurance contracts	4	568	569	442
Other income	5	163	88	100
<b>Total income</b>		<b>11,944</b>	<b>11,342</b>	<b>12,150</b>
Net claims and benefits incurred under insurance contracts	6	(101)	(244)	(248)
<b>Total income net of insurance claims</b>		<b>11,843</b>	<b>11,098</b>	<b>11,902</b>
Impairment charges and other credit provisions	7	(2,448)	(1,836)	(959)
<b>Net income</b>		<b>9,395</b>	<b>9,262</b>	<b>10,943</b>

Staff costs	8	(3,888)	(3,824)	(4,581)
Administration and general expenses		(2,408)	(2,189)	(1,952)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		(274)	(240)	(227)
Amortisation of intangible assets		(94)	(99)	(87)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>(6,664)</b>	<b>(6,352)</b>	<b>(6,847)</b>
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	9	23	42	-
Profit on disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	10	-	23	5
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>2,754</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>4,101</b>
Tax	11	(620)	(823)	(1,158)
<b>Profit after tax</b>		<b>2,134</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>2,943</b>
<b>Attributable To</b>				
Minority interests	12	416	369	309
Equity holders of the parent	13	1,718	1,783	2,634
		<b>2,134</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>2,943</b>
Basic earnings per ordinary share	13	27.0p	27.5p	41.4p
Diluted earnings per ordinary share	13	26.2p	26.6p	40.1p
<b>Proposed Dividend per Ordinary Share</b>				
Interim dividend	14	11.5p	-	11.5p
Final dividend	14	-	22.5p	-

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**Consolidated Interim  
Balance Sheet  
(Unaudited)**

		<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>
<b>Assets</b>		<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	Notes	£m	£m	£m
Cash and balances at central banks		6,432	5,801	4,785

Items in the course of collection from other banks		2,478	1,836	2,533
Trading portfolio assets		177,628	193,691	217,573
Financial assets designated at fair value:				
- held on own account		46,697	56,629	46,171
- held in respect of linked liabilities to customers under investment contracts		79,486	90,851	92,194
Derivative financial instruments	15	400,009	248,088	174,225
Loans and advances to banks	18	54,514	40,120	43,191
Loans and advances to customers	19	395,467	345,398	321,243
Available for sale financial investments	21	42,765	43,072	47,764
Reverse repurchase agreements and cash collateral on securities borrowed		139,955	183,075	190,546
Other assets		6,012	5,150	6,289
Current tax assets		808	518	345
Investments in associates and joint ventures		316	377	228
Goodwill		6,932	7,014	6,635
Intangible assets		1,200	1,282	1,228
Property, plant and equipment		2,991	2,996	2,538
Deferred tax assets		1,964	1,463	774
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,365,654</b>	<b>1,227,361</b>	<b>1,158,262</b>

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### **Consolidated Interim Balance Sheet (Unaudited)**

		<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	Notes	£m	£m	£m
Deposits from banks		89,944	90,546	87,429
Items in the course of collection due to other banks		2,791	1,792	2,206
Customer accounts		319,281	294,987	292,444

Trading portfolio liabilities		56,040	65,402	79,252
Financial liabilities designated at fair value		86,162	74,489	63,490
Liabilities to customers under investment contracts		80,949	92,639	93,735
Derivative financial instruments	15	396,357	248,288	177,774
Debt securities in issue		115,739	120,228	118,745
Repurchase agreements and cash collateral on securities lent		146,895	169,429	181,093
Other liabilities		8,998	10,499	10,908
Current tax liabilities		1,532	1,311	1,003
Insurance contract liabilities, including unit-linked liabilities		3,679	3,903	3,770
Subordinated liabilities	22	21,583	18,150	15,067
Deferred tax liabilities		655	855	258
Provisions	23	624	830	527
Retirement benefit liabilities	24	1,603	1,537	1,840
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,332,832</b>	<b>1,194,885</b>	<b>1,129,541</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>				
Called up share capital	25	1,642	1,651	1,637
Share premium account	25	72	56	5,859
Other reserves		(198)	874	271
Retained earnings		20,965	20,970	13,461
Less: treasury shares		(192)	(260)	(255)
<b>Shareholders' equity excluding minority interests</b>		<b>22,289</b>	<b>23,291</b>	<b>20,973</b>
Minority interests		10,533	9,185	7,748
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	26	<b>32,822</b>	<b>32,476</b>	<b>28,721</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>		<b>1,365,654</b>	<b>1,227,361</b>	<b>1,158,262</b>

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**Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Recognised Income and Expense  
(Unaudited)**



	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Consolidated Statement of Recognised Income and Expense</b>			
Net movements in available for sale reserve	(660)	(93)	95
Net movements in cash flow hedging reserve	(573)	639	(280)
Net movements in currency translation reserve	(500)	102	(48)
Tax	381	17	37
Other movements	22	(1)	23
<b>Amounts included directly in equity</b>	<b>(1,330)</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>(173)</b>
Profit after tax	2,134	2,152	2,943
<b>Total recognised income and expense</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>2,770</b>
<b>Attributable To</b>			
Equity holders of the parent	616	2,352	2,502
Minority interests	188	464	268
	<b>804</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>2,770</b>

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analysis of the statement of recognised income and expense is provided in note 27

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**Condensed Consolidated Interim Cash Flow Statement  
(Unaudited)**

**Half Year Ended**

	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Reconciliation of Profit Before Tax to Net Cash Flows</b>			
<b>From Operating Activities</b>			
Profit before tax	2,754	2,975	4,101
Adjustment for non-cash items	67	1,436	716
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	2,136	(17,264)	(1,128)
Tax Paid	(986)	(623)	(960)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>(13,476)</b>	<b>2,729</b>
Net cash from investing activities	812	6,074	3,990
Net cash from financing activities	2,588	2,948	410
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(407)	(354)	(196)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>6,964</b>	<b>(4,808)</b>	<b>6,933</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	33,077	37,885	30,952
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>40,041</b>	<b>33,077</b>	<b>37,885</b>

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## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

1.

### Net Interest Income

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Cash and balances with central banks	76	133	12
Available for sale investments	993	1,136	1,444
Loans and advances to banks	573	808	608
Loans and advances to customers	11,121	10,505	9,054
Other	593	689	919
<b>Interest income</b>	<b>13,356</b>	<b>13,271</b>	<b>12,037</b>

Deposits from banks	(1,069)	(1,249)	(1,471)
Customer accounts	(3,071)	(2,208)	(1,902)
Debt securities in issue	(3,086)	(3,657)	(2,994)
Subordinated liabilities	(573)	(480)	(398)
Other	(387)	(656)	(683)
<b>Interest expense</b>	<b>(8,186)</b>	<b>(8,250)</b>	<b>(7,448)</b>
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>5,170</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,589</b>

Group net interest income increased 13% (£581m) to £5,170m (2007: £4,589m) reflecting balance sheet growth across a number of businesses.

Group net interest income reflects structural hedges which function to reduce the impact of the volatility of short-term interest rate movements on equity and customer balances that do not re-price with market rates. The cost

of structural hedges relative to average base rates decreased

to £73m (2007: £126m), largely due to the smoothing effect of the structural hedge on changes in interest rates.

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## **Net Fee and Commission Income**

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Brokerage fees	43	8	101
Investment management fees	850	925	862
Securities lending	180	129	112
Banking and credit related fees and commissions	3,271	3,242	3,121
Foreign exchange commission	117	82	96
<b>Fee and commission income</b>	<b>4,461</b>	<b>4,386</b>	<b>4,292</b>
<b>Fee and commission expense</b>	<b>(547)</b>	<b>(490)</b>	<b>(480)</b>
<b>Net fee and commission income</b>	<b>3,914</b>	<b>3,896</b>	<b>3,812</b>

Net fee and commission income increased 3% (£102m) to £3,914m (2007: £3,812m).

Fee and commission income increased 4% (£169m) to £4,461m (2007: £4,292m) reflecting increased securities lending fees in Barclays Global Investors and increased volume

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in GRCB

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Western Europe and  
GRCB -  
Emerging Markets.  
Fee and commission expense largely  
comprises  
brokerage fees.

## Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

### 3.

#### Principal Transactions

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Rates related business	2,780	2,160	2,002
Credit related business	(996)	(1,212)	809
<b>Net trading income</b>	<b>1,784</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>2,811</b>
Net gain from disposal of available for sale assets	119	401	159
Dividend income	5	8	18
Net gain from financial instruments designated at fair value	125	191	102
Other investment income	96	220	117
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>396</b>
<b>Principal transactions</b>	<b>2,129</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>3,207</b>

Principal transactions decreased 34% (£1,078m) to £2,129m (2007: £3,207m).  
Net trading income decreased 37% (£1,027m) to £1,784m (2007: £2,811m). The majority of the Group's net trading income arises in Barclays Capital. Growth in the Rates related business reflected growth in fixed income, prime services, foreign exchange, commodities and emerging markets. The Credit related business included net losses from credit market dislocation partially offset by attributable income and the benefits of widening credit spreads on the fair value of issued notes.  
Net investment income decreased 13% (£51m) to £345m (2007: £396m). The cumulative gain from disposal of available for sale assets decreased 25% (£40m) to £119m (2007: £159m) reflecting profits realised on the sale of investments.

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**Net  
Premiums  
from Insurance Contracts**

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Gross premiums from insurance contracts	593	597	465
Premiums ceded to reinsurers	(25)	(28)	(23)
<b>Net premiums from insurance contracts</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>442</b>

Net premiums from insurance contracts increased 29% (£126m) to £568m (2007: £442m), primarily due to expansion in GRCB  
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Western Europe  
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**Other Income**

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
(Decrease)/increase in fair value of assets held in respect of linked liabilities to customers under investment contracts	(5,609)	2,782	2,810
Decrease/(increase) in liabilities to customers under investment contracts	5,609	(2,782)	(2,810)
Property rentals	37	26	27
Other income	126	62	73
	<b>163</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100</b>

Certain asset management products offered to institutional clients by Barclays Global Investors are recognised as investment contracts. Accordingly the invested assets and the related liabilities to investors are held at fair value and changes in those fair values are reported within Other income. Other income in 2008 includes a £42m gain on the re-organisation of Barclays interest in a third party finance operation. This gain was offset by

a broadly similar tax charge.

6.

**Net  
Claims and Benefits Incurred  
under  
Insurance Contracts**

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Gross claims and benefits incurred under insurance contracts	106	266	254
Reinsurers' share of claims incurred	(5)	(22)	(6)
<b>Net claims and benefits incurred under insurance contracts</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>248</b>

Net claims and benefits incurred under insurance contracts decreased 59% (£147m) to £101m (2007: £248m) principally due to a decrease in the value of unit linked insurance contracts and reduced non-linked insurance contract liabilities due to falls in equity markets in Barclays Wealth

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**Impairment  
Charges and Other Credit Provisions**

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Impairment charges on loans and advances	1,933	1,343	963
Charges/(release) in respect of undrawn facilities and guarantees	328	480	(4)
<b>Impairment charges on loans and advances and other credit provisions</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>959</b>
Impairment charges on reverse repurchase agreements	103	-	-
Impairment charges on available for sale assets	84	13	-
<b>Impairment charges and other credit provisions</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>959</b>

Impairment charges and other credit provisions on ABS CDO Super Senior and other credit market exposures included above:

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Impairment charges on loans and advances	663	300	-
Charges in respect of undrawn facilities	322	469	-
<b>Impairment charges on loans and advances and other credit provisions on ABS</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CDO Super Senior and other credit market exposures</b>			
Impairment charges on reverse repurchase agreements	53	-	-
Impairment charges on available for sale assets	70	13	-
<b>Impairment charges and other credit provisions on ABS CDO Super Senior and other credit market exposures</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>-</b>

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### 8.

#### Operating Expenses

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Staff costs	3,888	3,824	4,581
Administrative expenses	2,353	2,085	1,893
Depreciation	274	240	227
Impairment loss - property and equipment and intangible assets	30	14	2
Operating lease rentals	234	210	204
Gain on property disposals	(120)	(120)	(147)
Amortisation of intangible assets	94	99	87
Gain on acquisition	(89)	-	-
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>6,664</b>	<b>6,352</b>	<b>6,847</b>

Operating expenses fell 3% (£183m) to £6,664m (2007: £6,847m). The decrease was driven by a 15% fall (£693m) in staff costs to £3,888m (2007: £4,581m). Administrative expenses grew 24% (£460m)

) to £2,353m (2007: £1,893) reflecting continued expansion and investment in the distribution network and infrastructure of the international businesses within Global Retail and Commercial Banking and the cost of selective support of liquidity products in Barclays Global Investors

Operating expenses were reduced by gains from the sale of property of £120m (2007: £147m) as the Group continued the sale and leaseback of some of its freehold portfolio, principally in UK Retail Banking, Barclays Commercial Bank and GRCB - Western Europe.

Amortisation of intangible assets increased

8% (£7m) to £94m (2007: £87m).

Gain on acquisition represents the excess

of fair value of net

assets over cost

in respect of the purchase of Discover's

UK credit card business Goldfish

## Staff Costs

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Salaries and accrued incentive payments	3,193	3,137	3,856
Social security costs	247	207	301
Pension costs			
- defined contribution plans	84	70	71
- defined benefit plans	43	73	77
Other post retirement benefits	15	(2)	12
Other	306	339	264
<b>Staff costs</b>	<b>3,888</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>4,581</b>

Staff costs decreased 15% (£693m) to £3,888m (2007: £4,581m). Salaries and accrued incentive payments fell 17% (£663m) to £3,193m (2007: £3,856m), reflecting lower performance related



costs in Barclays Capital.  
 Defined benefit plan pension costs decreased 44% (£34m) to £43m (2007: £77m). This was due to recognition of actuarial gains, higher expected return on assets and reduction in past service costs; partially offset by higher interest costs.

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9.

### Share of Post-Tax Results of Associates and Joint Ventures

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Profit from associates	23	30	3
Profit/(loss) from joint ventures	-	12	(3)
<b>Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-</b>

The overall share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures increased £23m to £23m (2007: £nil). This mainly relates to an

increase in profits generated by the private equity associates.

10.

### Profit on Disposal of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Profit on disposal of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	-	23	5

**11.****Tax**

The tax charge for the period is based upon a UK

corporation tax rate of 28.5%

for the calendar year 2008 (2007: 30%). The effective rate of tax for the first half of 2008, based on profit before tax, was 23% (2007: 28%). The effective tax rate differs from 28.5%

primarily due to the different tax rates which are applied to the profits earned outside the UK

, disallowable expenditure, non-taxable gains and income, and the release of prior year tax provisions and a deferred tax liability no longer required

The effective tax rate for this interim period

is lower than the 2007 full year

and anticipated 2008 full year rate

principally because of the release of prior year

tax provisions and a deferred tax liability no longer required

**12.****Profit****Attributable****to Minority Interests**

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Absa Group Limited	149	170	129
Preference shares	167	108	90
Reserve capital instruments	47	43	44
Upper tier 2 instruments	6	8	8
Barclays Global Investors minority interests	8	18	22
Other minority interests	39	22	16
<b>Profit attributable to minority interests</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>309</b>

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## Earnings Per Share

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent	1,718	1,783	2,634
Dilutive impact of convertible options	(2)	(12)	(13)
<b>Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent including dilutive impact of convertible options</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>2,621</b>
Basic weighted average number of shares in issue	6,369m	6,481m	6,356m
Number of potential ordinary shares <sup>1</sup>	191m	165m	178m
<b>Diluted weighted average number of shares</b>	<b>6,560m</b>	<b>6,646m</b>	<b>6,534m</b>
Basic earnings per ordinary share	27.0p	27.5p	41.4p
Diluted earnings per ordinary share	26.2p	26.6p	40.1p

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the parent and the weighted average number of shares excluding own shares held in employee benefit trusts and shares held for trading.

The basic and diluted weighted average number of shares in issue in the half year ended 31st December

2007 reflected 336.8 million shares issued on 14th August 2007 of which

299.5 million were repurchased by 31st December 2007. The buyback programme was subsequently completed on 31st January 2008. The weighted average number of shares in issue in

the half year ended 31st December

2007 was increased by 54 million shares as a result of this temporary increase.

When calculating the diluted earnings per share, the profit attributable to equity holders of the parent is adjusted for the conversion of outstanding options into shares within Absa Group Limited and Barclays Global Investors UK Holdings Limited. The weighted average number of ordinary shares excluding own shares held in employee benefit trusts and shares held for trading, is adjusted for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares, totalling 191 million (2007: 178 million).

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## Dividends on Ordinary Shares

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Dividends Paid During the Period</b>			

Final dividend (paid 25th April 2008, 27th April 2007)	<b>1,438</b>	-	1,311
Interim dividend (paid 1st October 2007)	-	768	-
Final dividend	22.5p	-	20.5p
Interim dividend	-	11.5p	-

## Dividend Proposed

The Directors have recommended an interim dividend for the year ended 31st December 2008 of 11.5p per ordinary share. Based on the number of shares outstanding at 30th June 2008 the amount payable in relation to this dividend would be £732m. This amount does not include the effects of the

capital raising  
described in note

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. This amount also excludes £23m payable on own shares held by employee benefit trusts.

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*Potential ordinary shares reflect the dilutive impact of share options outstanding*

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## Derivative Financial Instruments

		<b>As at</b>	
		<b>30.06.08</b>	
		<b>Fair Value</b>	
	<b>Contract Notional Amount</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Derivatives Designated as Held for Trading</b>			
Foreign exchange derivatives	2,602,857	40,424	(39,440)
Interest rate derivatives	29,385,311	203,890	(204,137)
Credit derivatives	2,417,896	73,273	(67,675)
Equity and stock index and commodity derivatives	1,261,136	81,577	(83,988)
<b>Total derivative assets/(liabilities) held for trading</b>	<b>35,667,200</b>	<b>399,164</b>	<b>(395,240)</b>

**Derivatives Designated in Hedge Accounting Relationships**

Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	45,180	176	(448)
Derivatives designated as fair value hedges	22,623	560	(371)
Derivatives designated as hedges of net investments	8,530	109	(298)
<b>Total derivative assets/(liabilities) designated in hedge accounting relationships</b>	<b>76,333</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>(1,117)</b>
<b>Total recognised derivative assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>35,743,533</b>	<b>400,009</b>	<b>(396,357)</b>

As at

31.12.07

Fair Value

	Contract Notional Amount	Assets	Liabilities
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Derivatives Designated as Held for Trading</b>			
Foreign exchange derivatives	2,208,369	30,348	(30,300)
Interest rate derivatives	23,608,949	139,940	(138,426)
Credit derivatives	2,472,249	38,696	(35,814)
Equity and stock index and commodity derivatives	910,328	37,966	(42,838)
<b>Total derivative assets/(liabilities) held for trading</b>	<b>29,199,895</b>	<b>246,950</b>	<b>(247,378)</b>

**Derivatives Designated in Hedge Accounting Relationships**

Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	55,292	458	(437)
Derivatives designated as fair value hedges	23,952	462	(328)
Derivatives designated as hedges of net investments	12,620	218	(145)
<b>Total derivative assets/(liabilities) designated in hedge accounting relationships</b>	<b>91,864</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>(910)</b>
<b>Total recognised derivative assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>29,291,759</b>	<b>248,088</b>	<b>(248,288)</b>

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**Derivative Financial Instruments  
(continued)**

		<b>As at</b>	
		<b>30.06.07</b>	
	<b>Contract Notional Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	
	<b>£m</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
<b>Derivatives Designated as Held for Trading</b>			
Foreign exchange derivatives	2,113,080	23,852	(22,325)
Interest rate derivatives	21,671,954	102,959	(103,722)
Credit derivatives	1,755,840	13,430	(12,916)
Equity and stock index and commodity derivatives	620,500	32,254	(37,814)
<b>Total derivative assets/(liabilities) held for trading</b>	<b>26,161,374</b>	<b>172,495</b>	<b>(176,777)</b>
<b>Derivatives Designated in Hedge Accounting Relationships</b>			
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	42,193	162	(433)
Derivatives designated as fair value hedges	22,246	324	(483)
Derivatives designated as hedges of net investments	16,094	1,244	(81)
<b>Total derivative assets/(liabilities) designated in hedge accounting relationships</b>	<b>80,533</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>(997)</b>
<b>Total recognised derivative assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>26,241,907</b>	<b>174,225</b>	<b>(177,774)</b>

Total derivative notionals have grown primarily due to increases in the volume of fixed income derivatives, reflecting the continued growth in client based activity and increased use of electronic trading platforms in Europe and the US

. Commodity derivative values have also increased significantly, largely due to growth in the markets for these products, along with price increases.

Derivative assets and liabilities subject to counterparty netting agreements amounted to £341bn (31st December 2007: £199bn; 30th June 2007: £134bn).

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**Fair  
Value Measurement**

**of Financial Instruments**

Where a financial instrument is stated at fair value, this is determined by reference to the quoted price in an active market wherever possible. Where no such active market exists for the particular asset or liability, the Group uses an appropriate valuation technique to arrive at the fair value.

Fair value amounts can be analysed into the following categories:

Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets

where the quoted price is readily available and the price represents actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

Valuation techniques

based on market observable inputs. Such techniques may include:

using recent arm's length market transactions;

reference to the current fair value of similar instruments;

discounted cash flow analysis, pricing models or other techniques commonly used by market participants.

Valuation techniques used above, but which include significant inputs that are not observable

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initial recognition of financial instruments measured using such techniques the transaction price is deemed to provide the best evidence of fair value for accounting purposes.

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**Fair****Value Measurement of Financial Instruments (continued)**

The following tables set out the total financial instruments stated at fair value and those fair values are calculated with valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

	<b>As at 30.06.08</b>	
	<b>Unobservable</b>	
	<b>Inputs</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£m	£m
<b>Assets Stated at Fair Value</b>		
Trading portfolio assets	3,996	177,628
Financial assets designated at fair value:		
- held on own account	15,262	46,697
- held in respect of linked liabilities to customers under investment contracts	-	79,486
Derivative financial instruments	6,909	400,009
Available for sale financial investments	1,213	42,765
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,380</b>	<b>746,585</b>
<b>Liabilities Stated at Fair Value</b>		
Trading Portfolio Liabilities	-	56,040
Financial liabilities designated at fair value	7,076	86,162
Liabilities to customers under investment contracts	-	80,949

Derivative financial instruments	3,833	396,357
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,909</b>	<b>619,508</b>

	<b>As at 31.12.07</b>	
	<b>Unobservable</b>	
	<b>Inputs</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£m	£m
<b>Assets Stated at Fair Value</b>		
Trading portfolio assets	4,457	193,691
Financial assets designated at fair value:		
- held on own account	16,819	56,629
- held in respect of linked liabilities to customers under investment contracts	-	90,851
Derivative financial instruments	2,707	248,088
Available for sale financial investments	810	43,072
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,793</b>	<b>632,331</b>
<b>Liabilities Stated at Fair Value</b>		
Trading portfolio liabilities	42	65,402
Financial liabilities designated at fair value	6,172	74,489
Liabilities to customers under investment contracts	-	92,639
Derivative financial instruments	4,382	248,288
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,596</b>	<b>480,818</b>

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### Fair Value Measurement of Financial Instruments (continued) Unobservable Profit

The amount that has yet to be recognised in income that relates to the difference between the transaction price (the fair value at initial recognition) and the amount that would have arisen had valuation models using unobservable inputs been used on initial recognition, less amounts subsequently recognised, was as follows:

	<b>Half Year Ended</b>	<b>Year Ended</b>
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>
	£m	£m
<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>534</b>



Additions	79	134
Amortisation and releases	(61)	(514)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>154</b>

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17.

### Barclays Capital Credit Market Exposures

Barclays Capital's credit market exposures resulted in net losses of £1,979m in the first half of 2008, due to continuing dislocation in the credit markets. The net losses, which included £1,108m in impairment charges, comprised: £875m against ABS CDO Super Senior exposures; and £1,956m against other credit market exposures; partially offset by gains of £852m from the general widening of credit spreads on issued notes measured at fair value through the profit and loss account

For the purposes of this note, exposures represent the carrying value of assets and commitments

(being either fair value or amortised cost less impairment)

, less hedging and subordination

	<b>Net Exposures</b>		
	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
<b>ABS CDO Super Senior</b>	<b>3,229</b>	4,671	7,432
<b>Net Other US sub-prime</b>	<b>3,258</b>	5,037	6,046
<b>Alt-A</b>	<b>3,510</b>	4,916	3,760
<b>Monoline insurers</b>	<b>2,584</b>	1,335	140
<b>SIVs and SIV -Lites</b>	<b>429</b>	784	1,617
<b>Commercial mortgages</b>	<b>10,988</b>	12,399	8,282
<b>Leveraged Finance</b>	<b>9,217</b>	9,217	8,575

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**Loans  
and Advances  
to Banks**

	As at	As at	As at
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
<b>By Geographical Area</b>	£m	£m	£m
United Kingdom	9,840	5,518	8,933
Other European Union	16,175	11,102	13,538
United States	16,346	13,443	12,351
Africa	3,409	2,581	2,252
Rest of the World	8,749	7,479	6,120
	<b>54,519</b>	<b>40,123</b>	<b>43,194</b>
Less: Allowance for impairment	(5)	(3)	(3)
<b>Total loans and advances to banks</b>	<b>54,514</b>	<b>40,120</b>	<b>43,191</b>

Loans and advances to banks includes £9,236m (31st December 2007: £4,210m; 30th June 2007: £10,272m) of settlement balances and £16,430m (31st December 2007: £10,739m; 30th June 2007: £8,376m) of cash collateral balances.

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**Loans  
and Advances  
to Customers**

	As at	As at	As at
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Retail business	175,397	164,062	147,730
Wholesale and corporate business	224,941	185,105	176,787
	<b>400,338</b>	<b>349,167</b>	<b>324,517</b>
Less: Allowances for impairment	(4,871)	(3,769)	(3,274)

<b>Total loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>395,467</b>	<b>345,398</b>	<b>321,243</b>
<b>By Geographical Area</b>			
United Kingdom	211,132	190,347	183,756
Other European Union	72,519	56,533	52,178
United States	50,444	40,300	33,767
Africa	37,991	39,167	34,175
Rest of the World	28,252	22,820	20,641
	<b>400,338</b>	<b>349,167</b>	<b>324,517</b>
Less: Allowance for impairment	(4,871)	(3,769)	(3,274)
<b>Total loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>395,467</b>	<b>345,398</b>	<b>321,243</b>

<b>By Industry</b>			
Financial institutions	96,829	71,160	67,125
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3,332	3,319	3,144
Manufacturing	20,509	16,974	14,086
Construction	6,388	5,423	4,764
Property	18,754	17,018	17,489
Government	3,053	2,036	-
Energy and water	10,602	8,632	8,000
Wholesale and retail distribution and leisure	19,233	17,768	17,209
Transport	6,736	6,258	6,012
Postal and communication	7,414	5,404	3,793
Business and other services	29,660	30,363	36,533
Home loans	120,971	112,087	104,319
Other personal	46,301	41,535	31,713
Finance lease receivables	10,556	11,190	10,330
	<b>400,338</b>	<b>349,167</b>	<b>324,517</b>
Less: Allowance for impairment	(4,871)	(3,769)	(3,274)
<b>Total loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>395,467</b>	<b>345,398</b>	<b>321,243</b>

Loans and advances to customers includes £30

,140m

(31st December 2007: £18,

249

m; 30th June 2007: £3

3,928

m) of settlement balances

and £17,901m (31st December 2007: £13,441m; 30th June 2007: £8,177m) of cash collateral balances

The industry classifications have been prepared at the level of the borrowing entity. This means that a loan to the subsidiary of a major corporation is classified by the industry in which that subsidiary operates even though the parent's predominant business may be a different industry.

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**Allowance  
for Impairment  
on Loans  
and Advances**

	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
<b>At beginning of period</b>	3,772	3,277	3,335
Acquisitions and disposals	97	2	(75)
Exchange and other adjustments	(26)	59	(6)
Unwind of discount	(63)	(60)	(53)
Amounts written off	(911)	(952)	(1,011)
Recoveries	74	103	124
Amounts charged against profit	1,933	1,343	963
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>4,876</b>	<b>3,772</b>	<b>3,277</b>

	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
<b>Allowance</b>			
United Kingdom	2,785	2,526	2,396
Other European Union	449	344	334
United States	1,007	356	72
Africa	552	514	452
Rest of the World	83	32	23
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>4,876</b>	<b>3,772</b>	<b>3,277</b>

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**Available  
for Sale Financial Instruments**

	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>	<b>As at</b>
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m

Debt securities	38,131	38,673	42,729
Equity securities	1,653	1,676	1,648
Treasury bills and other eligible bills	2,981	2,723	3,387
<b>Available for sale financial investments</b>	<b>42,765</b>	<b>43,072</b>	<b>47,764</b>

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### Subordinated Liabilities

	<b>Dated</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Opening balance	11,519	9,371	8,364
Issuances	1,606	1,606	1,900
Redemptions	(195)	(11)	(670)
Other	325	553	(223)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>13,255</b>	<b>11,519</b>	<b>9,371</b>

### Issuances

Floating Rate Subordinated Step-Up Callable Notes 2017 (US\$1.5bn)	-	-	762
Floating Rate Subordinated Step-Up Callable Notes 2017 (€1.5bn)	-	-	1,017
8.8% Subordinated Fixed Rate Callable Notes 2019 (ZAR1,725m)	-	-	121
6.05% Fixed Rate Subordinated Notes 2017 (US\$2.25bn)	-	1,098	-
Fixed/Floating Rate Callable Subordinated Floating Rate Notes 2023	-	500	-
Floating Rate Subordinated Notes 2014 (KES1,000m)	-	8	-
6% Fixed Rate Subordinated Notes due 2018 (€1.75bn)	1,303	-	-
CMS-Linked Subordinated Notes due 2018 (€100m)	75	-	-
CMS-Linked Subordinated Notes due 2018 (€135m)	105	-	-
Subordinated Unsecured Fixed Rate Capital Notes 2015 (BWP90m)	8	-	-
Subordinated Callable Notes 2018 (ZAR1,525m)	115	-	-
	<b>1,606</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>1,900</b>

### Redemptions

Step-up Callable Floating Rate Subord Bonds 2012 (ex-Woolwich PLC)	-	-	(150)
Floating Rate Subordinated Notes 2012	-	-	(300)
Callable Subordinated Floating Rate Notes 2012	-	-	(44)

Callable Subordinated Floating Rate Notes 2012 (US\$150m)	-	-	(76)
Floating Rate Subordinated Notes 2012 (US\$100m)	-	-	(50)
Capped Floating Rate Subordinated Notes 2012 (US\$100m)	-	-	(50)
Subordinated Floating Rate Notes 2011 (€30m)	-	(11)	-
5.5% Subordinated Notes 2013 (DM 500m)	(195)	-	-
	<b>(195)</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>(670)</b>

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### Subordinated Liabilities (continued)

	<b>Undated</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Opening balance	6,631	5,696	5,422
Issuances	2,010	618	500
Redemptions	(300)	-	-
Other	(13)	317	(226)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>8,328</b>	<b>6,631</b>	<b>5,696</b>
<b>Issuances</b>			
6.3688% Step-up	-	-	500
Callable Perpetual Reserve Capital Instruments			
7.434% Step-up Callable Perpetual Reserve Capital Instruments (US\$1.25bn)	-	618	-
8.25% Undated Subordinated Notes	1,000	-	-
7.7% Undated Subordinated Notes (US\$2bn)	1,010	-	-
	<b>2,010</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Redemptions</b>			
9.875% Undated Subordinated Notes	(300)	-	-
	<b>(300)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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### Provisions

**As at            As at            As at**

	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Redundancy and restructuring	<b>87</b>	82	104
Undrawn contractually committed facilities and guarantees	<b>266</b>	475	38
Onerous contracts	<b>55</b>	64	68
Sundry provisions	<b>216</b>	209	317
	<b>624</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>527</b>

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**Retirement  
Benefit Liabilities**

The Group's IAS 19 pension surplus across all schemes as at 30th June 2008 was £141m (31st December 2007: £393m; 30th June 2007: £540m). There are net recognised liabilities of £1,567m (31st December 2007: £1,501m; 30th June 2007: £1,804m) and unrecognised actuarial gains of £1,708m (31st December 2007: £1,894m; 30th June 2007: £2,344m). The net recognised liabilities comprised retirement benefit liabilities of £1,603m (31st December 2007: £1,537m; 30th June 2007: £1,840m) and assets of £36m (31st December 2007: £36m; 30th June 2007: £36m).

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Group's

IAS 19 pension surplus in respect of the main UK scheme as at 30th June 2008 was £439m (31st December 2007: £668m; 30th June 2007: £867m). This change primarily reflects lower

investment returns over the period, following general market movements, which led to a fall in the market value of the scheme assets. This was partially offset by an increase in the real discount rate used to value the scheme liabilities, reflecting an increase in AA corporate bond yields which resulted in a higher discount rate of 6.70% (31st December 2007: 5.82%; 30th June 2007: 5.82%).

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**Share  
Capital  
and Share Premium**

	<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>Called up share capital</b>	<b>Share premium</b>	<b>Total</b>
	m	£m	£m	£m
<b>At 1st January 2008</b>	<b>6,601</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,707</b>
Issued to staff under the Sharesave Share Option Scheme	3	1	13	14

Issued under the Incentive Share Option Plan	1	-	3	3
Repurchase of shares	(37)	(10)	-	(10)
<b>At 30th June 2008</b>	<b>6,568</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1,714</b>
<b>At 1st July 2007</b>	<b>6,545</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>5,859</b>	<b>7,496</b>
Issued to staff under the Sharesave Share Option Scheme	17	5	55	60
Issued under the Incentive Share Option Plan	2	-	7	7
Issued under the Woolwich Executive Share Option Plan	-	-	1	1
Transfer to retained earnings	-	-	(7,223)	(7,223)
Issue of new ordinary shares	337	84	1,357	1,441
Repurchase of shares	(300)	(75)	-	(75)
<b>At 31st December 2007</b>	<b>6,601</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,707</b>
<b>At 1st January 2007</b>	<b>6,535</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>5,818</b>	<b>7,452</b>
Issued to staff under the Sharesave Share Option Scheme	2	1	7	8
Issued under the Incentive Share Option Plan	8	2	33	35
Issued under the Executive Share Option Scheme	-	-	1	1
<b>At 30th June 2007</b>	<b>6,545</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>5,859</b>	<b>7,496</b>

		<b>Half Y ear E nded</b>		
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>	
	£m	£m	£m	
<b>Ordinary Shares</b>				
At beginning of period	1,650	1,636	1,633	
Issued to staff under the Sharesave Share Option Scheme	1	5	1	
Issued under the Incentive Share Option Plan	-	-	2	
Issue of new ordinary shares	-	84	-	
Repurchase of shares	(9)	(75)	-	
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>1,636</b>	
<b>Staff Shares</b>				
<b>At beginning of period</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Repurchase	(1)	-	-	
<b>At end of period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>1,637</b>	



The authorised share capital of Barclays PLC is £2,540m, \$77.5m, €40m and ¥4,000m. (31st December 2007: £2,500m) comprising 9,996 million (31st December 2007: 9,996 million) ordinary shares of 25p each, 0.4 million sterling preference shares of £100 each, 0.4 million US dollar preference shares of \$100 each, 150 million US dollar preference shares of \$0.25 each, 0.4 million euro preference shares of €100 each, 0.4 million yen preference shares of ¥10,000 each and 1 million (31st December 2007: 1 million) staff shares of £1 each.

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#### Total Shareholders' Equity

	As at 30.06.08	As at 31.12.07	As at 30.06.07
	£m	£m	£m
Called up share capital	1,642	1,651	1,637
Share premium account	72	56	5,859
Available for sale reserve	(363)	154	238
Cash flow hedging reserve	(419)	26	(407)
Capital redemption reserve	394	384	309
Other capital reserve	617	617	617
Currency translation reserve	(427)	(307)	(486)
Other reserves	(198)	874	271
Retained earnings	20,965	20,970	13,461
Less: treasury shares	(192)	(260)	(255)
<b>Shareholders' equity excluding minority interests</b>	<b>22,289</b>	<b>23,291</b>	<b>20,973</b>
Preference shares	6,198	4,744	3,431
Reserve Capital instruments	1,923	1,906	1,921
Upper tier 2 instruments	586	586	586
Absa minority interests	1,519	1,676	1,541
Other minority interests	307	273	269
<b>Minority interests</b>	<b>10,533</b>	<b>9,185</b>	<b>7,748</b>
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>32,822</b>	<b>32,476</b>	<b>28,721</b>

Total shareholders' equity increased £346m to £32,822m (31st December 2007:

£32,476m).

Called up share capital comprises 6,568 million ordinary shares of 25p each (2007: 6,

600 million ordinary shares of 25p each and 1 million staff shares of £1 each). Called up share capital decreased by £9m reflecting the net impact of share buy-backs over and above new issuances in relation to the exercise of employee share options. Share premium increased by £16m from the exercise of employee options. The capital redemption reserve increased by £10m representing the nominal value of the share buy-backs.

Retained earnings decreased £5m. Reductions primarily arose from external dividends paid of £1,438m, the total cost of share repurchases of £173m and a net share based payments impact of £119m.

The reductions were largely offset by profit attributable to equity holders of the parent of £1,718m.

Movements in other reserves, except the capital redemption reserve, reflect the relevant amounts recorded in the consolidated statement of recognised income and expense on page 80

Minority interests increased £1,348m to £10,533m (2007: £9,185m). The increase primarily reflect s

a preference share issuance by Barclays Bank PLC of £1,431m

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### Analysis of Statement of Recognised Income and Expense

	Half Year Ended		
	30.06.08	31.12.07	30.06.07
<b>Available for Sale Reserve</b>	£m	£m	£m
- Net (losses)/gains from changes in fair value	(629)	284	200
- Losses transferred to net profit due to impairment	84	13	-
- Net gains transferred to net profit on disposal	(120)	(402)	(161)
- Net losses transferred to net profit due to fair value hedging	5	12	56
<b>Net movement s in available for sale reserve</b>	<b>(660)</b>	<b>(93)</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Cash Flow Hedging Reserve</b>			
- Net (losses)/gains from changes in fair value	(638)	526	(420)

- Net losses transferred to net profit	65	113	140
<b>Net movements in cash flow hedging reserve</b>	<b>(573)</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>(280)</b>
Net movements in currency translation reserve	(500)	102	(48)
Tax	381	17	37
Other movements	22	(1)	23
<b>Amounts included directly in equity</b>	<b>(1,330)</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>(173)</b>
Profit after tax	2,134	2,152	2,943
<b>Total recognised income and expense</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>2,770</b>

The consolidated statement of recognised income and expense reflects all items of income and expense for the period, including items taken directly to equity. Movements in individual reserves are shown including amounts which relate to minority interest

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; the impact of such amounts is then reflected in the amount attributable to such interests. Movements in individual reserves are also shown on a pre-tax basis with any related tax recorded on the

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eparate tax line.

The available for sale reserve reflects gains or losses arising from the change in fair value of available for sale financial assets until disposal. The exceptions to reflect fair value movements through the income statement are impairment losses, gains or losses transferred to the income statement due to fair value hedge accounting and foreign exchange gains or losses on monetary items such as debt securities. When an available for sale asset is impaired or derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in the available for sale reserve is transferred to the income statement. The loss of £629m

(2007: gain of £200m)

from changes in fair value reflects the downturn across the

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sub-prime market and increases in European and Japanese interest rates. The decrease in net gains transferred to net profit is primarily due to the lower levels of disposals.

Cash flow hedging aims to minimise exposure to variability in cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction that could affect profit or loss. The fair value gain or loss associated with the effective portion of the hedge is initially recognised in shareholders' equity, and recycled to the income statement in the periods when the hedged item will affect profit or loss. Any ineffective portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised in the income statement immediately. The current period movement in the cash flow hedge reserve relates to a reduction in the fair value of interest rate swaps used in cash flow hedging due to increases in interest rates.

Exchange differences arising on the net investments in foreign operations and effective hedges of net investments are recognised in the currency translation reserve and transferred to the income statement on the disposal of the net investment. The movement in the first half of 2008 primarily reflects the impact of changes in the value of the Rand, Yen, Euro and Swiss Franc against

Sterling

. These movements reflect both the Group and minority interests

in Absa Group Limited, the value of other currency movements on net investments which are hedged on a post-tax basis and net investments which are economically hedged through preference share capital that is not revalued for accounting purposes.

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### 28. Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

	As at	As at	As at
	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
	£m	£m	£m
Acceptances and endorsements	473	365	295
Guarantees and letters of credit pledged as collateral security	51,439	35,692	33,445
Other contingent liabilities	9,804	9,717	7,757
<b>Contingent liabilities</b>	<b>61,716</b>	<b>45,774</b>	<b>41,497</b>
Documentary credits and other short-term trade related transactions	843	522	511
<b>Undrawn note issuance and revolving underwriting facilities:</b>			
Forward asset purchases and forward deposits placed	204	283	165
Standby facilities, credit lines and other	209,512	191,834	194,134
<b>Commitments</b>	<b>210,559</b>	<b>192,639</b>	<b>194,810</b>

Guarantees and letters of credit pledged as collateral security have increased due to the expansion of Barclays Global Investors business activity and the selected support of liquidity products. Standby facilities, credit lines and other have increased primarily due to the acquisition of Discover's UK credit card business, Goldfish.

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## **Legal Proceedings**

Barclays has for some time been party to proceedings, including a class action, in the United States

against a number of defendants following the collapse of Enron; the class action claim is commonly known as the Newby litigation. On 20th July 2006

Barclays received an Order from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas Houston Division which dismissed the claims against Barclays PLC, Barclays Bank PLC and Barclays Capital Inc. in the Newby litigation. On 4th December 2006

the Court stayed Barclays dismissal from the proceedings and allowed the plaintiffs to file a supplemental complaint. On 19th March 2007

the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit issued its decision on an appeal by Barclays and two other financial institutions contesting a ruling by the District Court allowing the Newby litigation to proceed as a class action. The Court of Appeals held that because no proper claim against Barclays and the other financial institutions had been alleged by the plaintiffs, the case could not proceed against them. The plaintiffs applied to the United States Supreme Court for a review of this decision. On 22nd January 2008, the United States Supreme Court denied the plaintiffs' request for review. Following the Supreme Court's decision, the District Court ordered a further briefing concerning the status of the plaintiffs' claims. Barclays is seeking the dismissal of the plaintiffs' claims.

Barclays considers that the Enron related claims against it are without merit and is defending them vigorously. It is not possible to estimate Barclays possible loss in relation to these matters, nor the effect that they might have upon operating results in any particular financial period.

Barclays has been in negotiations with the staff of the US Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to a settlement of the Commission's investigations of transactions between Barclays and Enron. Barclays does not expect that the amount of any settlement with the Commission would have a significant adverse effect on its financial position or operating results.

Like other UK financial services institutions, Barclays faces numerous County Court claims and complaints by customers who allege that its unauthorised overdraft charges either contravene the Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1999 ("UTCCR") or are unenforceable penalties or both. In July 2007, by agreement with all parties, the OFT commenced proceedings against seven banks and one building society including Barclays, to resolve the matter by way of a "test case" process (the "test case"). Preliminary issues hearings took place in January / February and July 2008. In relation to the January / February hearing the Judge found in favour of the banks on the issue of the penalty doctrine, and in favour of the OFT on the issue of the applicability of the UTCCR. The OFT is not pursuing an appeal in relation to the penalty doctrine. The banks have been granted permission to appeal the decision in relation to the applicability of the UTCCR. The Court of Appeal proceedings are likely to be heard in the Autumn of 2008 and this will dictate the further course of the action. There are likely to be further hearings and the proceedings may take a significant period of time to conclude. Pending resolution of the test case process, existing and new claims in the County Courts remain stayed, and there is an FSA waiver of the complaints handling process and a standstill of Financial Ombudsman Service decisions. Barclays is defending the test case vigorously. It is not practicable to estimate Barclays possible loss in relation to these matters, nor the effect that they may have upon operating results in any particular financial period.

Barclays is engaged in various other litigation proceedings both in the United Kingdom and a number of overseas jurisdictions, including the United States

, involving claims by and against it which arise in the ordinary course of business. Barclays does not expect the ultimate resolution of any of the proceedings to which Barclays is party to have a significant adverse effect on the financial position of the Group and Barclays has not disclosed the contingent liabilities associated with these claims either because they cannot reasonably be estimated or because such disclosure could be prejudicial to the conduct of the claims.

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### **Competition and Regulatory Matters**

The scale of regulatory change remains challenging, arising in part from the implementation of some key European Union ("EU") directives. Many changes to financial services legislation and regulation have come into force in recent years and further changes will take place in the near future. Concurrently, there is continuing political and regulatory scrutiny of the operation of the retail banking and consumer credit industries in the UK

and elsewhere. The nature and impact of future changes in policies and regulatory action are not predictable and beyond the Group's control but could have an impact on the Group's businesses and earnings. In June 2005, an inquiry into retail banking in all of the then 25 Member States was launched by the European Commission's Directorate General for Competition. The inquiry looked at retail banking in Europe

generally. In January 2007, the European Commission announced that the inquiry had identified barriers to competition in certain areas of retail banking, payment cards and payment systems in the EU. The European Commission indicated it will use its powers to address these barriers, and will encourage national competition authorities to enforce European and national competition laws where appropriate. Any action taken by the European Commission and national competition authorities could have an impact on the payment cards and payment systems businesses of the Group and on its retail banking activities in the EU countries in which it operates.

In September 2005, the OFT received a super-complaint from the Citizens Advice Bureau relating to payment protection insurance ("PPI"). As a result, the OFT commenced a market study on PPI in April 2006. In October 2006 the OFT announced the outcome of the market study and the OFT referred the PPI market to the UK Competition Commission for an in-depth inquiry in February 2007. The Competition Commission published its provisional findings on 5th June 2008 in which it indicated that there was a lack of competition in the UK PPI market. The commission will now consult on the provisional findings and remedies and intends to publish its final report at the end of 2008. In October 2006, the FSA also published the outcome of its broad industry thematic review of PPI sales practices in which it concluded that some firms fail to treat customers fairly. The Group has cooperated fully with these investigations and will continue to do so.

The OFT has carried out investigations into Visa and MasterCard credit card interchange rates. The decision by the OFT in the MasterCard interchange case was set aside by the Competition Appeals Tribunal in June 2006. The OFT's investigation in the Visa interchange case is at an earlier stage and a second MasterCard interchange case is ongoing. The outcome is not known but these investigations may have an impact on the consumer credit industry in general and therefore on the Group's business in this sector. In February 2007

, the OFT announced that it was expanding its investigation into interchange rates to include debit cards.

In April 2007, the  
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consumer interest association known as Which? submitted a super-complaint to the OFT pursuant to the Enterprise Act 2000. The super-complaint criticises the various ways in which credit card companies calculate interest charges on credit card accounts. In June 2007, the OFT announced a new programme of work with the credit card industry and consumer bodies in order to make the costs of credit cards easier for consumers to understand. This OFT decision follows the receipt by the OFT of the super-complaint from Which?

. This new work will explore the issues surrounding the costs of credit for credit cards including purchases, cash advances, introductory offers and payment allocation. On 11th February 2008, the OFT announced its recommendations, which include the introduction of an FSA price comparison website, improvements to customer information in summary boxes and the use of standard terminology.

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### **Competition and Regulatory Matters (continued)**

In September 2006, the OFT announced that it had decided to undertake a fact find on the application of its statement on credit card fees to current account unauthorised overdraft fees. The fact find was completed in March 2007. On 29th March 2007, the OFT announced its decision to conduct a formal investigation into the fairness of bank current account charges. The OFT initiated a market study into personal current accounts ("PCAs") in the  
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on 26th April 2007. The study's focus was PCAs but it also included an examination of other retail banking products, in particular savings accounts, credit cards, personal loans and mortgages in order to take into account the competitive dynamics of  
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retail banking. On 16th July 2008, the OFT published its market study report, in which it concluded that certain features of the UK PCA market were not working well for consumers. The OFT reached the provisional view that some form of regulatory intervention is necessary in the UK PCA market. On 16th July 2008

, the OFT also announced a consultation to seek views on the findings and possible measures to address the issues raised in its report. Barclays has participated fully in the market study

process and will continue to do so. The consultation period closes on 31st October 2008.

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laws and regulations require compliance with US economic sanctions, administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, against designated foreign countries, nationals and others. HM Treasury regulations similarly require compliance with sanctions adopted by the

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government. The Group has been conducting an internal review of its conduct with respect to US dollar payments involving countries, persons and entities subject to these sanctions and has been reporting to governmental authorities about the results of that review. The Group received inquiries relating to these sanctions and certain US dollar payments processed by its

New York

branch from the New York County District Attorney's Office and the US Department of Justice, which along with other authorities, has been reported to be conducting investigations of sanctions compliance by non-US financial institutions. The Group has responded to those inquiries and is cooperating with the regulators, the Department of Justice and the District Attorney's Office in connection with their investigations of Barclays conduct with respect to sanctions compliance. Barclays has also been keeping the FSA informed of the progress of these investigations and Barclays internal review. Barclays review is ongoing. It is currently not possible to predict the ultimate resolution of the issues covered by Barclays review and the investigations, including the timing and potential financial impact of any resolution, which could be substantial.

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## **Acquisitions**

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**Disposals**

**Acquisitions**

On 31st March 2008

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Barclays completed the acquisition of Discover's UK credit card business, Goldfish, for a cash consideration of £

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8m (including attributable costs of £3m), for

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value of net assets of £127m, which gave rise to

a gain on

acquisitions

of £89m

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On 7th March 2008

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Absa acquired, for a consideration of £5m a further 24% of Meeg

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ank Limited, bringing Absa's shareholding up to 74%. Meeg Bank is based in

South Africa

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**Disposals**



On 31st January 2008

Barclays completed the sale of Barclays Global Investors Japan Trust & Banking Co. Ltd, a Japanese trust administration and custody operation.

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### **Related**

#### **Party Transactions**

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions, or one other party controls both. The definition includes subsidiaries, associates, joint ventures and the Group's pension schemes, as well as other persons.

#### **Subsidiaries**

Transactions between Barclays PLC and subsidiaries also meet the definition of related party transactions. Where these are eliminated on consolidation, they are not disclosed in the Group financial statements.

#### **Associates, Joint Ventures and Other Entities**

The Group provides banking services to its associates, joint ventures and Group pension funds (principally the UK Retirement Fund), providing loans, overdrafts, interest and non-interest bearing deposits and current accounts to these entities as well as other services. Group companies, principally within Barclays Global Investors, also provides

investment management and custodian services to the Group pension schemes. The Group

also provides banking services for unit trusts and investment funds managed by Group companies and are not individually material.

#### **Key Management Personnel**

The Group provides banking services to Directors and other key management personnel and persons connected to them. No related parties transactions have taken place in the first six months of the current financial year that have materially affected the financial position or the performance of the Group during that period; and there were no material changes in the related parties transactions described in the last Annual Report that could have a material effect on the financial position or performance of the Group in the first six months of the current financial year.

## **Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements**

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### **Related**

**Party Transactions (continued)**

All of these transactions are conducted on the same terms to third-party transactions and are not individually material.

Amounts included, in aggregate, by category of related party entity are as follows:

<b>Six months ending 30th June 2008</b>	<b>Associates</b>	<b>Joint ventures</b>	<b>Entities under common directorship</b>	<b>Pension funds unit trusts and investment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income Statement</b>	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest received	-	60	-	-	60
Interest paid	(1)	(22)	-	-	(23)
Fees received for services rendered (including investment management and custody and commissions)	1	9	-	4	14
Fees paid for services provided	(32)	(67)	-	-	(99)
Principal transactions	5	19	(44)	-	(20)
<b>Assets</b>					
Loans and advances to banks and customers	129	1,512	67	-	1,708
Derivative transactions	-	4	38	-	42
Other assets	220	124	5	8	357
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Deposits from banks	-	-	-	-	-
Customer accounts	-	142	102	11	255
Derivative transactions	-	11	87	-	98
Other liabilities	3	16	-	25	44

*The amounts reported in prior periods have been restated to reflect new related parties.*

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**Related Party Transactions (continued)**

<b>Six months ending 31st December 2007</b>	<b>Associates</b>	<b>Joint ventures</b>	<b>Entities under common directorship</b>	<b>Pension funds unit trusts and investment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income Statement</b>	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Income statement:					
Interest received	4	44	1	-	49
Interest paid	-	(28)	(1)	-	(29)
Fees received for services rendered (including investment management and custody and commissions)	-	26	-	18	44
Fees paid for services provided	(25)	(20)	-	-	(45)
Principal transactions	(24)	47	(10)	-	13
<b>Assets</b>					
Loans and advances to banks and customers	142	1,285	40	-	1,467
Derivative transactions	-	4	36	-	40
Other assets	213	106	-	14	333
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Deposits from banks	11	-	-	-	11
Customer accounts	-	61	33	12	106
Derivative transactions	-	10	50	-	60
Other liabilities	4	125	-	-	129

*The amounts reported in prior periods have been restated to reflect new related parties.*

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### Related Party Transactions ( c ontinued)

<b>Six months ending 30th June 2007</b>	<b>Associates</b>	<b>Joint ventures</b>	<b>Entities under common directorship</b>	<b>Pension funds unit trusts and investment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
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<b>Income Statement</b>	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest received	1	44	-	-	45
Interest paid	(1)	(30)	-	-	(31)
Fees received for services rendered (including investment management and custody and commissions)	1	8	-	8	17
Fees paid for services provided	(27)	(58)	-	-	(85)
Principal transactions	(3)	(2)	(6)	-	(11)
<b>Assets</b>					
Loans and advances to banks and customers	629	461	69	-	1,159
Derivative transactions	-	-	-	484	484
Other assets	90	138	-	12	240
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Deposits from banks	6	-	-	-	6
Customer accounts	16	10	2	41	69
Derivative transactions	3	-	8	-	11
Other liabilities	6	16	-	-	22

No guarantees, pledges or commitments have been given or received in respect of these transactions for the period

s  
ending 30th June 2008  
, 31st December 2007  
and 30th June 2007.

There are no leasing transactions between related parties for the period

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ending 30th June 2008  
, 31st December 2007  
and 30th June 2007.

Derivatives transacted on behalf of the Pensions Fund

s  
Units Trust

s  
and Investment Funds amounted to  
£nil

(2007: £  
484m  
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During the period Barclays  
paid

£  
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m (2007: £  
2m

) charitable donations through the Charities Aid Foundation, a registered charitable organization, in which a Director of the Company is a Trustee.

*The amounts reported in prior periods have been restated to reflect new related parties.*

## **Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements**

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### **Events**

#### **Occurring after the Balance Sheet Date**

In July 2008 Barclays raised capital of approximately £4.5bn through the issue of 1,576 million new ordinary shares.

On 1st July 2008 Barclays acquired 100% of the shares of the Russian Bank, Expobank, for a consideration of approximately \$745m (£373m).

On 8th July 2008 Barclays announced

it would close its First

Plus unit to new business in August 2008

On 5th August 2008 Barclays announced a sale of

Barclays Life Assurance Company Limited to Swiss Reinsurance Company for a consideration of approximately £753 m.

## **Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements**

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### **Segmental Reporting**

The following section analyses the Group's performance by business. For management and reporting purposes, Barclays is organised into the following business groupings:

#### **Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

UK

Retail Banking  
Barclays Commercial Bank  
Barclaycard  
Global Retail and Commercial Banking

-  
Western Europe  
Global Retail and Commercial Banking

-  
Emerging Markets  
Global Retail and Commercial Banking

-  
Absa

### **Investment Banking and Investment Management**

Barclays Capital  
Barclays Global Investors  
Barclays Wealth

### **Head**

### **Office Functions and Other Operations**

#### **UK**

##### **Retail Banking**

UK Retail Banking comprises Personal Customers, Home Finance, Local Business, Consumer Lending and Barclays Financial Planning. This cluster of businesses aims to build broader and deeper relationships with its Personal and Local Business customers through providing a wide range of products and financial services. Personal Customers and Home Finance provide access to current account and savings products, Woolwich branded mortgages and general insurance. Consumer Lending provides unsecured loan and protection products and Barclays Financial Planning provides investment advice and products. Local Business provides banking services, including money transmission, to small businesses.

##### **Barclays Commercial Bank**

Barclays Commercial Bank provides banking services to organisations with an annual turnover of more than £1m. Customers are served via a network of relationship and industry sector specialists, which provides solutions constructed from a comprehensive suite of banking products, support, expertise and services, including specialist asset financing and leasing facilities. Customers are also offered access to the products and expertise of other businesses in the Group, particularly Barclays Capital, Barclaycard and Barclays Wealth.

##### **Barclaycard**

Barclaycard is a multi-brand credit card and consumer lending business which also processes card payments for retailers and merchants and issues credit and charge cards to corporate customers and the UK Government. It is one of Europe's leading credit card businesses and has an increasing presence in the United States

## **Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements**

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### **Segmental Reporting**

**(continued)**

In the  
UK

, Barclaycard comprises Barclaycard UK Cards, Barclaycard Partnerships (SkyCard, Thomas Cook, Argos

and Solution Personal Finance), Barclays Partner Finance and FirstPlus.

Outside the UK, Barclaycard provides credit cards in the United States, Germany, South Africa

(  
through management of the Absa credit card portfolio  
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and in the Nordic region

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where Barclaycard operates through Entercard, a joint venture with Swedbank.

Barclaycard works closely with other parts of the Group, including UK Retail Banking, Barclays Commercial Bank and Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Western Europe  
and Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Emerging Markets, to leverage their distribution capabilities.

### **Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

#### **Western Europe**

GRCB

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Western Europe encompasses Barclays  
Global  
Retail and  
Commercial  
Banking as well as Barclaycard operations in  
Spain

,  
Italy

,  
Portugal

,  
France  
and

Greece

. GRCB -

Western Europe

serves customers through a variety of distribution channels including more than 980 distribution points and over 880 ATMs. GRCB -

Western Europe

provides a variety of products including retail mortgages, current and deposit accounts, commercial lending, unsecured lending, credit cards, investments, and insurance serving the needs of Barclays retail, mass affluent, and corporate customers.

### **Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

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### **Emerging Markets**

GRCB - Emerging Markets encompasses Barclays Global Retail and Commercial Banking, as well as Barclaycard operations, in 14 countries organised in 6 geographic areas: India and Indian Ocean (India, Mauritius and Seychelles); Middle East and North Africa (UAE and Egypt); East and West Africa (Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya); Southern Africa (Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe); Russia

;

and Pakistan (from 23rd

July 2008). GRCB - Emerging Markets serves its customers through a network of over 870 branches and sales centres, and more than 890 ATMs. GRCB - Emerging Markets provides a variety of traditional retail and commercial products including retail mortgages, current and deposit accounts, commercial lending, unsecured lending, credit cards, treasury and investments. In addition to this, it provides specialist services

such as

Sharia compliant products and mobile banking.

### **Global Retail and Commercial Banking**

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#### **Absa**

GRCB - Absa represents Barclays consolidation of Absa, excluding Absa Capital which is included as part of Barclays Capital and Absa Card which is included as part of Barclaycard. Absa Group Limited is one of

South Africa

's largest financial services organisations serving personal, commercial and corporate customers predominantly in

South Africa

. GRCB - Absa serves retail customers through a variety of distribution channels and offers a full range of banking services, including current and deposit accounts, mortgages, instalment finance, credit cards, bancassurance products and wealth management services. It also offers customised business solutions for commercial and large corporate customers.

## **Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements**

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### **Segmental Reporting (continued)**

#### **Barclays Capital**

Barclays Capital is a leading global investment bank which provides large corporate, institutional and government clients with solutions to their financing and risk management needs.

Barclays Capital services a wide variety of client needs, from capital raising and managing foreign exchange, interest rate, equity and commodity risks, through to providing technical advice and expertise. Activities are organised into three principal areas: Rates, which includes fixed income, foreign exchange, commodities, emerging markets, money markets, prime services and equity products; Credit, which includes primary and secondary activities for loans and bonds for investment grade, high yield and emerging market credit, as well as hybrid capital products, asset based finance, mortgage backed securities, credit derivatives,



structured capital markets and large asset leasing; and Private Equity. Barclays Capital includes Absa Capital, the investment banking business of Absa. Barclays Capital works closely with all other parts of the Group to leverage synergies from client relationships and product capabilities.

### **Barclays Global Investors**

Barclays Global Investors (BGI) is one of the world's largest asset managers and a leading global provider of investment management products and services.

BGI offers structured investment strategies such as indexing, global asset allocation and risk controlled active products including hedge funds and provides related investment services such as securities lending, cash management and portfolio transition services. In addition, BGI is the global leader in assets and products in the exchange traded funds business, with over 33

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funds for institutions and individuals trading globally. BGI's investment philosophy is founded on managing all dimensions of performance: a consistent focus on controlling risk, return and cost. BGI collaborates with the other Barclays businesses, particularly Barclays Capital and Barclays Wealth, to develop and market products and leverage capabilities to better serve the client base.

### **Barclays Wealth**

Barclays Wealth serves high net worth, affluent and intermediary clients worldwide, providing private banking, asset management, stockbroking, offshore banking, wealth structuring and financial planning services and manages the closed life assurance activities of Barclays and Woolwich in the

UK

Barclays Wealth works closely with all other parts of the Group to leverage synergies from client relationships and product capabilities.

### **Head**

#### **Office Functions and Other Operations**

Head Office Functions and Other Operations

comprises

head office and central support functions

, businesses in transition

and consolidation

adjustments

Head office and central support functions comprises the following areas: Executive Management, Finance, Treasury, Corporate Affairs, Human Resources, Strategy and Planning, Internal Audit, Legal, Corporate Secretariat, Property, Tax, Compliance and Risk. Costs incurred wholly on behalf of the businesses are recharged to them.

Businesses in transition principally relate to certain lending portfolios that are centrally managed with the objective of maximising recovery from the assets.

Consolidation adjustments largely reflect the elimination of inter-segment transactions.

## **Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements**

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## **Segmental Reporting**

**(continued)**

### **Group**

#### **Reporting Changes In 2008**

Barclays announced on 22nd

July 2008 the impact of certain changes in Group

structure and reporting on the 2007 results. There was no impact on the Group income statement or balance sheet.

The businesses previously managed and reported as International Retail and Commercial Banking

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excluding Absa

are now reported and managed separately as Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Western Europe

and

Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Emerging Markets

going forward.

Barclays Commercial Bank

. The Marine Finance business, previously part of Barclaycard

, is now managed and reported within

Barclays Commercial Bank

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Barclaycard

. The Absa credit card portfolio, previously part of International Retail and Commercial Banking

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Absa

is now managed and reported within

Barclaycard

. Certain credit card portfolios previously part of Barclaycard

are now managed and reported as part of Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Western Europe

. The Marine Finance business, previously part of Barclaycard

is now managed and reported within

Barclays Commercial Bank.

Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Western Europe

. Certain credit card portfolios previously part of Barclaycard are now managed and reported as part of Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Western Europe

. International Retail and Commercial Banking

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Absa

. This business will be known going forward as Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Absa

. The Absa credit card portfolio previously part of Global Retail and Commercial Banking - Absa is now managed and reported within Barclaycard

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Certain expenses, assets and staff previously reported within International Retail and Commercial Banking

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excluding Absa have been allocated across UK Retail Banking, Barclays Commercial Bank, Barclaycard, Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Western Europe

, Global Retail and Commercial Banking

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Emerging Markets

and

Global Retail and Commercial Banking - Absa.

Certain pension assets and liabilities have been reclassified from Head Office and Other Operations to the other businesses in the Group.

UK Banking

which previously reflected

UK Retail Banking

and

Barclays Commercial Bank

combined is no longer reported as a separate segment.

The structure remains unchanged for Barclays

Capital, Barclays Global Investors, Barclays Wealth

and

Head Office and Other Operations.

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## 4. Segmental Reporting (continued)

	<b>UK Retail Banking</b>	<b>Barclays Commercial Bank</b>		<b>Barclaycard</b>	<b>GRCB - Western Europe</b>
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
<b>Six months ending 30th June 2008</b>					
Income from external customers, net of insurance claims	2,204	1,316	1,377	643	
Inter-segment income	(28)	33	41	(2)	
<b>Total income net of insurance claims</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>641</b>	
Business segment performance before tax	690	702	388	115	

	<b>UK Retail Banking</b>	<b>Barclays Commercial Bank</b>		<b>Barclaycard</b>	<b>GRCB - Western Europe</b>
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
<b>Six months ending 31st December 2007</b>					
Income from external customers, net of insurance claims	2,210	1,297	1,211	500	
Inter-segment income	(34)	10	64	(3)	
<b>Total income net of insurance claims</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>497</b>	
Business segment performance before tax	629	651	304	91	

	<b>UK Retail Banking</b>	<b>Barclays Commercial Bank</b>		<b>Barclaycard</b>	<b>GRCB - Western Europe</b>
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
<b>Six months ending 30th June 2007</b>					
Income from external customers, net of insurance claims	2,167	1,249	1,179	446	
Inter-segment income	(46)	8	76	(6)	
	<b>2,121</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>440</b>	

**Total income net of insurance claims**

Business segment performance before tax	646	706	299	105
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**4. Segmental Reporting (continued)**

<b>GRCB -</b>		<b>Barclays</b>		<b>Head Office</b>		
<b>Emerging GRCB -</b>		<b>Global</b>		<b>Functions and</b>		
<b>Markets</b>	<b>Absa</b>	<b>Barclays Capital</b>	<b>Investors</b>	<b>Barclays Wealth</b>	<b>Other Operations</b>	<b>Total</b>
£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
410	1,032	3,288	984	706	(117)	11,843
-	15	123	3	(38)	(147)	-
<b>410</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>3,411</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>(264)</b>	<b>11,843</b>
52	298	524	265	182	(462)	2,754

<b>GRCB -</b>		<b>Barclays</b>		<b>Head Office</b>		
<b>Emerging GRCB -</b>		<b>Global</b>		<b>Functions and</b>		
<b>Markets</b>	<b>Absa</b>	<b>Barclays Capital</b>	<b>Investors</b>	<b>Barclays Wealth</b>	<b>Other Operations</b>	<b>Total</b>
£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
312	1,031	2,868	978	684	7	11,098
-	11	98	5	(32)	(119)	-
<b>312</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>2,966</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>(112)</b>	<b>11,098</b>
40	326	675	346	134	(221)	2,975

<b>GRCB -</b>		<b>Barclays</b>		<b>Head Office</b>		
<b>Emerging GRCB -</b>		<b>Global</b>		<b>Functions and</b>		
<b>Markets</b>	<b>Absa</b>	<b>Barclays Capital</b>	<b>Investors</b>	<b>Barclays Wealth</b>	<b>Other Operations</b>	<b>Total</b>
£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m

221	941	4,066	937	659	37	11,902
-	16	87	6	(24)	(117)	-
<b>221</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>4,153</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>(80)</b>	<b>11,902</b>
60	271	1,660	388	173	(207)	4,101

## Other Information

### Share Capital

The Group manages its debt and equity capital actively. The Group's authority to buy back ordinary shares (up to 984.9 million ordinary shares) was renewed at the 2008 Annual General Meeting. The Group will seek to renew its authority to buy back ordinary shares at the 2009 Annual General Meeting to provide additional flexibility in the management of the Group's capital resources.

At the 2008 Annual General Meeting, shareholders approved the creation of sterling, dollar, euro and yen preference shares ('Preference Shares') in order to provide the Group with more flexibility in managing its capital resources. No preference shares have been issued.

During the first half of 2008 Barclays repurchased in the market 36,150,000 of its ordinary shares of 25p each at a total cost of £171,923,243. This was the completion of the repurchase programme in order to minimise the dilutive effect on its existing shareholders of the issuance of a total of 336,805,556 Barclays ordinary shares to Temasek Holdings and China Development Bank in 2007.

Barclays purchased all of its staff

shares in issue following approval for such purchase being given at the 2008 Annual General Meeting at a total cost of £1,023,054

### Group Share Schemes

The independent trustees of the Group's share schemes may make purchases of Barclays PLC ordinary shares in the market at any time or times following this announcement of the Group's results for the purposes of those schemes' current and future requirements. The total number of ordinary shares purchased would not be material in relation to the issued share capital of Barclays PLC.

### Dividend Information

For qualifying US and Canadian resident ADR holders, the interim dividend of 11.5p per ordinary share becomes

46.0p per ADS (representing four shares). The ADR depositary will mail the interim dividend on 1st October 2008 to ADR holders on the record on 22nd August 2008.

Shareholders may have their dividends reinvested in Barclays PLC shares by participating in the Barclays Dividend Reinvestment Plan. The plan is available to all shareholders, including members of Barclays Sharestore, provided that they neither live in nor are subject to the

jurisdiction of any country where their participation in the plan would require Barclays or The Plan Administrator to take action to comply with local government or regulatory procedures or any similar formalities. Any shareholder wishing to obtain details and a form to join the plan should contact The Plan Administrator by writing to: The Plan Administrator to Barclays, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA

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United Kingdom,

or, by telephoning 0871 384 2055 (calls to this number are charged at 8p per minute if using a BT landline. Other telephony provider costs may vary). The completed form should be returned to The Plan Administrator on or before 10th September 2008 for it to be effective in time for the payment of the dividend on 1st October 2008. Shareholders who are already in the plan need take no action unless they wish to change their instructions in which case they should write to The Plan Administrator.

## **Other Information**

### **General Information**

The information in this announcement, which was approved by the Board of Directors on 6th August 2008, does not comprise statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 240 of the Companies Act 1985 (the 'Act'). Statutory accounts for the year ended 31st December 2007, which included certain information required for the Joint Annual Report on Form 20-F of Barclays PLC and Barclays Bank PLC to the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and which contained an unqualified audit report under Section 235 of the Act and which did not make any statements under Section 237 of the Act, have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies in accordance with Section 242 of the Act.

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Company number: 48839.

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Spencer Road

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United Kingdom

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7004 from overseas.

### **Listing**

The principal trading market for Barclays PLC ordinary shares is the London Stock Exchange. Trading on the New York Stock Exchange is in the form of ADSs under the ticker symbol 'BCS'. Each ADS represents four ordinary shares of 25p each and is evidenced by an ADR. The ADR depository is The Bank of New York

Mellon

whose international telephone number is +1-212-815-3700, whose domestic telephone number is 1-888-BNY-ADRS and whose address is The Bank of New York

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, Investor Relations, PO Box 11258, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10286-1258.

On or around 11th August 2008,

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A will become  
the ADR deposit

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ry. Their international telephone number is +1-651-453-2128, domestic telephone number is 1-

800

-990-1135 and address is JPMorgan

Chase Bank, N.A.,

PO Box 64504

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### **Filings with the SEC**

The results will be furnished as a Form 6-K to the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

as soon as practicable following the publication of these results.

Statutory accounts for the year ended 31st December 2007, which also include certain information required for the

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oint Annual Report on Form 20-F of Barclays PLC and Barclays Bank PLC to the SEC, can be obtained from Corporate Communications, Barclays Bank PLC, 200 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10166, United States of America or from the Director, Investor Relations at Barclays registered office address, shown above. Copies of the form 20-F are also be available from the Barclays Investor Relations website (details below) and from the SEC's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)).

### **Other Information**

### **General Information**



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## Results Timetable

<b>Item</b>	<b>Date</b>
Ex	Wednesday, 20th August 2008
Dividend Date	
Dividend Record Date	Friday, 22nd August 2008
Dividend Payment Date	Wednesday, 1st October 2008
Interim Management Statement	Tuesday, 18th November 2008
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200	Tuesday, 17th February 2009
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Preliminary Results Announcement	
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## Economic Data

	<b>30.06.08</b>	<b>31.12.07</b>	<b>30.06.07</b>
Period end - US\$/£	1.99	2	.00
Average - US\$/£	1.98	2	1.97
Period end - €/£	1.26	1.36	1.49
Average - €/£	1.29	1.46	1.48
Period end - ZAR/£	15.56	13.64	14.12
Average - ZAR/£	15.15	14.11	14.11

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*Note that these announcement dates are provisional and subject to change*

## **Other Information**

### **Glossary of Terms**

'Income' refers to total income net of insurance claims, unless otherwise specified.

'Cost:income ratio' is defined as operating expenses compared to total income net of insurance claims.

'Cost:net income ratio' is defined as operating expenses compared to total income net of insurance claims less impairment charges.

'Compensation:net income ratio' is defined as staff compensation based costs compared to total income net of insurance claims less impairment charges.

'Return on average economic capital' is defined as attributable profit compared to average economic capital.

'Average net income generated per member of staff' is defined as total operating income compared to the average of staff numbers for the reporting period.

'Risk

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endency' is a statistical estimate of the average loss for each loan portfolio for a 12-month period, taking into account the size of the portfolio and its risk characteristics under current economic conditions, and is used to track the change in risk as the portfolio of loans changes over time.

'Economic profit' is defined as profit after tax and minority interests less capital charge (average shareholder's equity excluding minority interests multiplied by the Group cost of capital.

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'Daily Value at Risk

(DVaR)' is an estimate of the potential loss which might arise from unfavourable market movements, if the current positions were to be held unchanged for one business day, measured to a confidence level of 98%.

### **Absa Definitions**

'Absa Group Limited' refers to the consolidated results of the South African group of which the parent company is listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE Limited) in which Barclays owns a controlling stake.

'Absa' refers to the results for Absa Group Limited as consolidated into the results of Barclays PLC; translated into

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with adjustments for amortisation of intangible assets, certain head office adjustments, transfer pricing and minority interests.

'Absa Capital' is the portion of Absa's results that is reported by Barclays within Barclays Capital.

'Absa Card' is the portion of Absa's results that is reported by Barclays within Barclaycard.

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