# INTERIM RESULTS PRESENTATION

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## HIGHLIGHTS AND BUSINESS OVERVIEW

Peter Crook – Chief Executive



### **Highlights**

#### STRONG FIRST HALF PERFORMANCE

- Profit before tax up 17.0% to £72.9m and EPS up 19.8% to 41.1p
- Interim dividend per share up 7.9% to 28.8p
- Stable Consumer Credit Division performance in challenging market conditions
- Further strong growth and returns at Vanquis Bank from investment in customer acquisition programme
- Modest reduction in gearing to 3.1 times and group fully funded into 2015

# Market conditions and business positioning – CCD

#### **MARKET CONDITIONS**

- Competitive landscape unchanged
- Modest increase in household average weekly earnings
- Household disposable incomes under pressure from price inflation, particularly winter utility bills
- Relatively cautious agent and customer behaviour is moderating the demand for credit
- Continuing rise in casual, temporary and parttime employment

#### **BUSINESS POSITIONING**

- Continuing tight credit standards have reinforced credit quality and moderated growth
- Heavy focus of field capacity on collections through early months of 2012
- Strong emphasis on operational and cost efficiency
- Modest uplift in sales and marketing spend from June
- Further progress in enhancing geographic footprint of the business

# Market conditions and business positioning – Vanquis Bank

#### MARKET CONDITIONS

- Vanquis Bank remains the most active participant in the underserved non-standard credit card market
- Some increased activity from SAV and CapitalOne in non-standard segment
- Strong flow of applications from both direct mail and internet channels
- Backdrop of stable UK employment market

#### **BUSINESS POSITIONING**

- No change to tight underwriting and credit line increase criteria which are supporting record low delinquency and above target returns
- Higher growth from increased investment in direct mail programme
- Credit standards will remain unchanged due to uncertain outlook for employment market

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Andrew Fisher – Finance Director



#### **Group – Profit before tax**

6 months ended 30 June	2012 £m	2011 £m	Change £m
CCD	50.4	50.2	0.2
Vanquis Bank			
- UK	29.4	17.6	11.8
- Poland	(1.2)	-	(1.2)
Total Vanquis Bank	28.2	17.6	10.6
Central:			
- costs	(5.5)	(4.9)	(0.6)
- interest payable	(0.2)	(0.6)	0.4
Total central	(5.7)	(5.5)	(0.2)
Profit before tax	72.9	62.3	10.6
Basic earnings per share	41.1p	34.3p	+19.8%
Interim dividend per share	28.8p	26.7p	+7.9%

6 months ended 30 June	2012 £m	2011 £m	Change %
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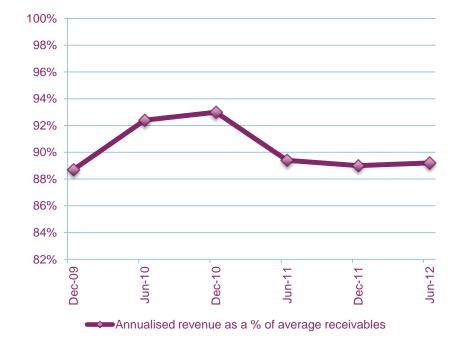
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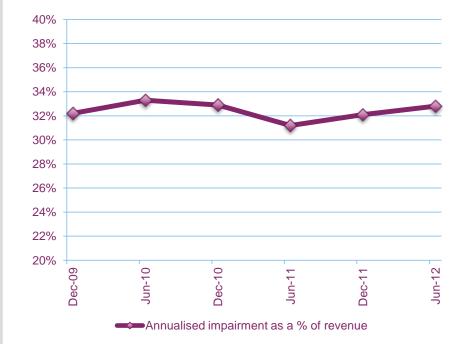
 Revenue yield moderated during first half of 2011 reflecting increased focus on serving good-quality existing customers who tend to be served with slightly longer term products

- Consistent mix of business over last 18 months has resulted in a stable yield
- Yield not expected to change significantly through second half of 2012

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#### Home Credit – Impairment % revenue



- Second quarter of 2011 benefited from improvement to arrears following enhancement to agent's commission scheme in April
- Consistent collections performance over past 12 months
- Collections performance and impairment rates are expected to remain stable through second half of 2012

#### Home Credit – Impairment policy

- Based on last 12 weeks payment performance
- Loans deemed impaired if more than 1 contractual weekly payment missed in previous 12 weeks
- 95%+ provision against loans for which no payment received in last 12 weeks
- Timely, realistic provisioning which has been applied consistently and reinforces the right behaviour amongst agents and employees

#### Home Credit – IFRS 7 disclosures

As at 30 June % of receivables	2012 %	2011 %
In order	31.6	31.6
In arrears:		
- past due but not impaired	12.5	11.8
- impaired	55.9	56.6
Total	100.0	100.0

- Based on contractual arrears
- Past due but not impaired includes customers who have missed 1 payment in last 12 weeks
- Stable year-on-year profile

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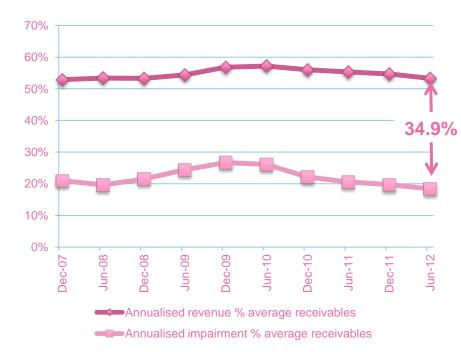
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#### Vanquis Bank – Impairment policy

- Loans deemed to be impaired as soon as 1 contractual monthly payment is missed
- Provision of over 80% made against accounts that are 90 days in arrears\*
- Realistic accounting policy applied consistently which is prudent when benchmarked against other card issuers

\* Subject to estimated realisations from central/third party recovery processes

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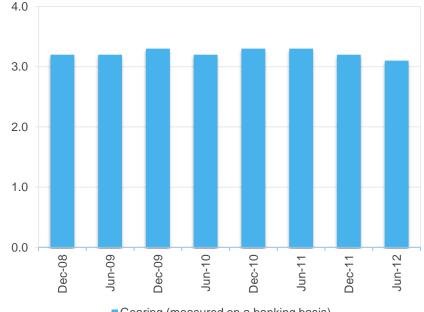
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## **Modest gearing levels**



Gearing (measured on a banking basis)

- Gearing at June 2012 of 3.1 times versus a banking covenant of 5.0 times
- Strong capital generation has funded dividends and growth as well as producing a modest reduction in gearing

## **Diversified funding base**

As at 30 June 2012	Facilities £m
Banks	
Core bank group	383
Bonds and private placements	
Senior public bond	250
M&G term loan	100
Other sterling/euro medium term notes	40
Retail bonds	195
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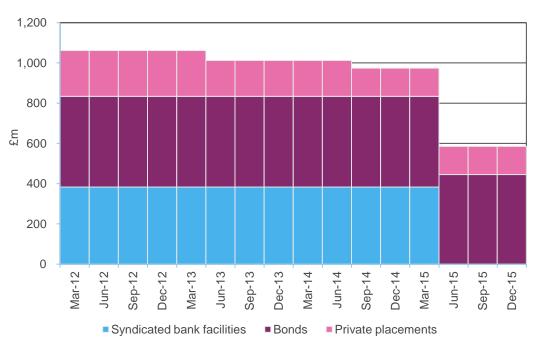
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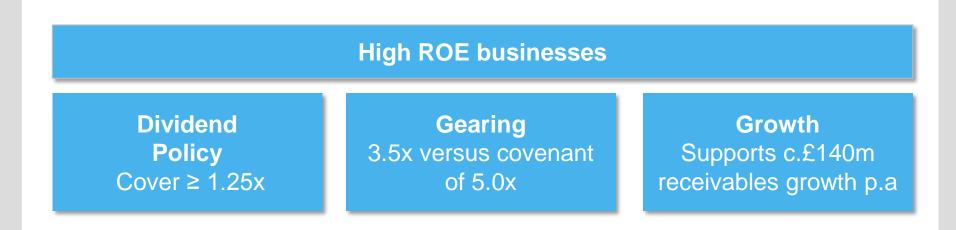
- No further maturities in 2012
- 2013 and 2014 maturities restricted to £87m of private placements
- Headroom on committed facilities together with Vanquis Bank retail deposits programme provides funding into 2015

## Profile and maturity of retail deposits

	Cumulative Dec-11 £m	Jan-12 £m	Feb-12 £m	Mar-12 £m	Apr-12 £m	May-12 £m	Jun-12 £m	Total £m	Annual rates %
Product									
1 year	32.6	5.3	4.1	5.8	0.8	0.6	0.4	49.6	3.20-3.55
2 year	74.5	11.6	6.9	2.9	0.4	1.9	0.7	98.9	3.51-4.05
3 year	18.3	12.8	15.9	6.5	3.2	3.0	0.2	59.9	3.61-4.15
5 year	14.3	11.1	9.8	6.8	12.1	10.7	2.0	66.8	4.06-4.65
Total	139.7	40.8	36.7	22.0	16.5	16.2	3.3	275.2	
Cumulative	139.7	180.5	217.2	239.2	255.7	271.9	275.2	275.2	

- Flow of deposits curtailed from April following £120m retail bond in March
- Weighted average period to maturity of 27 months at June 2012
- Average interest rate payable on deposits of 4.0% producing cost of 4.15% after including drag from holding liquid assets buffer
- Target of £300m deposits by December 2012
- No requirement to fund up to permitted 80% of receivables until latter part of 2013

# Alignment of dividend policy, gearing and growth



## **Strong capital generation**

12 months ended	30 June	31 December
	2012	2011
	£m	£m
Consumer Credit Division	115.4	107.3
Vanquis Bank	28.1	14.8
Central	(20.0)	(12.0)
Capital generated	123.5	110.1
Dividends payable	(96.9)	(93.0)
Capital retained	26.6	17.1
Gearing (times)	3.1	3.3

- Strength of capital generation reflects:
  - Increase in return on capital at Vanquis Bank
  - Stable, high return on capital in Consumer Credit Division
- Capital generation comfortably funds the cost of the dividend
  - Modest reduction in gearing

## REGULATION AND OUTLOOK

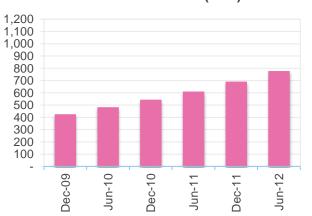
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## **Regulatory update**

- Draft Financial Services Bill published in January 2012
  - Bill framed to enable a 'lift and shift' approach to credit regulation
  - Consumer Credit Act regime retained but OFT replaced with Financial Conduct Authority
  - Government committed to securing passage by end of 2012 with change to credit regulation implemented by 2014
- Bristol University Personal Finance Research Centre study into a variable cap on the total cost of credit is continuing
  - Progress update published on 24 May dealt largely with methodology and approach adopted
  - Final report due at end of summer
- Final guidance on joint consultation document published by FSA and OFT in relation to payment protection products is expected to be published by end of summer
- Received maximum rating score of 100 and ranked joint first globally amongst financial services companies in the FTSE4Good Index Series for second consecutive year

## Vanquis Bank - UK



#### Customer numbers ('000)



#### Average balance (£)

- Vanquis Bank has the potential for:
  - 1.0 to 1.2 million customers with
  - An average balance of between £800-£1,000
  - Generating approximately £1bn of receivables
  - Maintaining a minimum return on equity of at least 30%

## Vanquis Bank - Poland

- Market opportunity:
  - 38 million population with under-served non-standard market of up to 15 million
  - Stable economy and regulatory environment
  - Very good feedback from customer forums on card proposition
  - Strong leverage off UK systems platform, processes and intellectual property
  - Passporting of UK banking licence would allow funding through local currency deposit taking in due course
- Progress to date:
  - UK and Polish regulatory approvals in place
  - Infrastructure established and successfully tested
  - Dedicated resource in place including experienced Polish marketing team and call centre staff (Chatham)
  - First cards issued in June
  - Polish website development close to completion
  - Quality of Polish credit bureau (BIK) data appears fit for purpose
- Pilot will run for 12 months and comprise c.10,000-15,000 accounts, £2m-£3m of receivables and an investment in 2012 of c.£3m

## **Consumer Credit Division**

- The business is continuing its programme of initiatives to deliver sustainable growth, including:
  - Expanding the geographic footprint through the creation of more branches
  - Ongoing product innovation, including the imminent launch of the One Card
  - Upgrading the profile and improving the retention of agents
  - Enhancing processes across the branch and agent network whilst accommodating increased regulatory requirements
  - A modest increase in sales and marketing activity from June

## Outlook

- Stable performance of Consumer Credit Division and strong growth and returns being delivered by Vanquis Bank provide sound basis for delivering good quality growth for 2012 as a whole
- Strong, diversified funding base that allows the group to meet contractual debt maturities and execute in full on growth plans into 2015
- No change to the group's cautious stance on extending credit in current economic environment





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