

Investor Presentation Third Quarter, 2003

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Third Quarter Overview

Peter Godsoe Chairman & Chief Executive Officer



Performance highlights

Strong growth in earnings

➤ EPS of \$1.20 – up 14% from Q3/02

> ROE: 17.7% vs. 16.2%

Earnings well diversified across business lines

Credit quality continues to stabilize

> Net impaired loans: \$317 million; down \$61 million from Q2/03

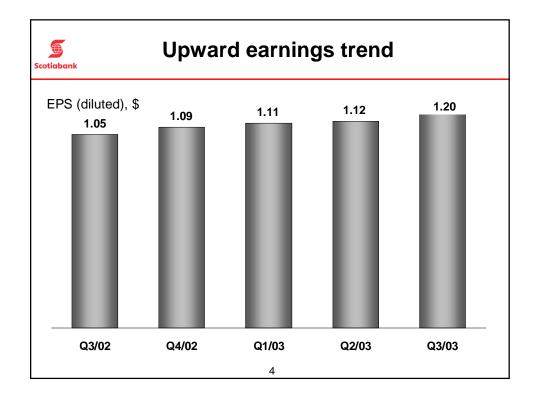
> Specific provisions: \$200 million; down \$48 million from Q2/03

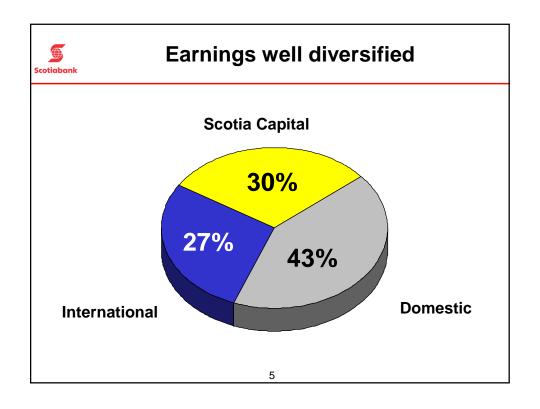
Stronger capital ratios

> Tier 1: 10.6%

> Tangible Common Equity (TCE): 8.7%

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On track to meet 2003 targets							
	<u>Q3/03</u>	YTD/03		<u>Target</u>			
ROE	17.7%	17.2%	VS.	15-18%			
EPS Growth*	14%	5%	VS.	5-10%			
Productivity	55.1%	54.0%	vs.	<58%			
Tier 1	10.6%	10.6%	vs.	8%+			
* excluding 2002 charges relating to Argentina							



Performance Review

Sabi Marwah Senior Executive Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer

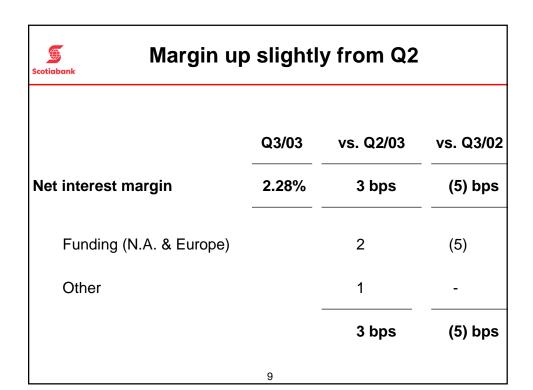
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Argentina – minimal impact

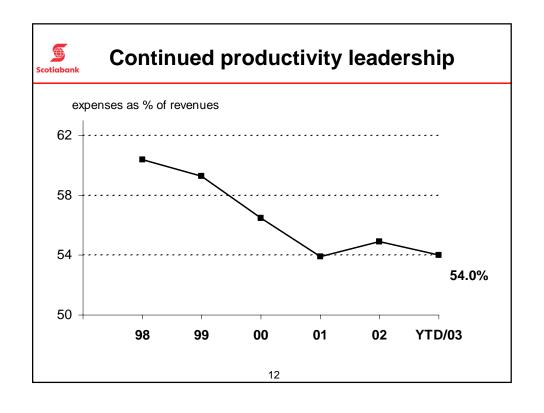
millions	Pre-tax	After-tax
Release of specific provisions	24	15
Write-down of bonds	(27)	(17)
	(3)	(2)

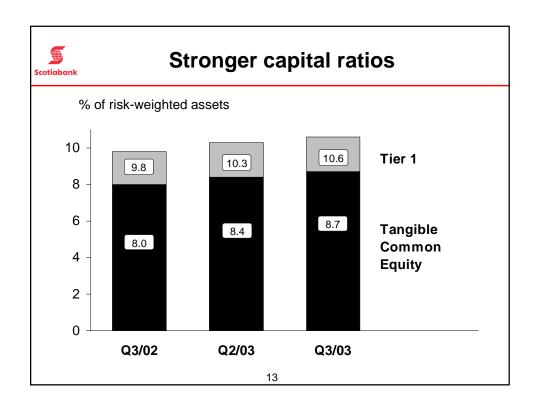
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Broad-based growth in other income							
Change C	Q3/03 vs. Q2	<u>2/03</u> <u>CI</u>	Change Q3/03 vs. Q3/02				
<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	\$ millions	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>			
44	5	Reported	13	1			
26		Securities gains	77				
-		Effect of sales of Argentine operation & merchant acquirer business	ons 30				
70	8	Underlying	120	14			
18	10	Deposit, payment & cards	22	12			
13	9	Investment, brokerage & trust	(7)	(4)			
10	6	Credit fees	9	5			
16	6	Investment banking	57	24			
23	100+	Securitization revenue	8	23			
(10)	(9)	Other 10	31	44			

Expenses well controlled						
\$ millions Change Q3/03 vs. Q2/03 Change Q3/03 vs.						
<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>		
24	2	Reported	58	4		
(31)		Settlement with Quilmes creditors	-			
-		Effect of sales of Argentine operation & merchant acquirer business	ns 28			
55	4	-	86	6		
40		Stock & performance-based compensation	85			
15	1	Base expenses	1	-		



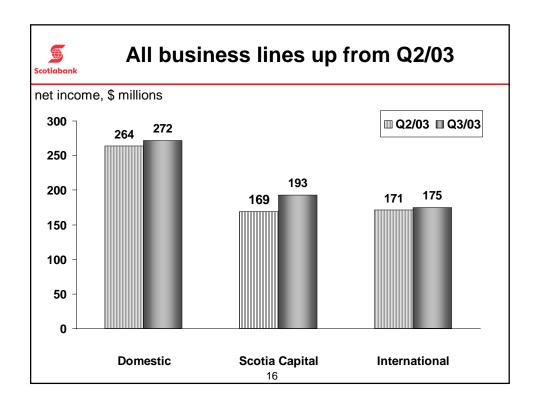


millions			
	Q3/03	Q2/03	Q3/02
Securities Surplus (Deficit)			
- Emerging Market Debt	477	432	58
- Fixed Income	27	8	(18)
- Equities	155	(22)	(166)
	659	418	(126)



Business Line Results

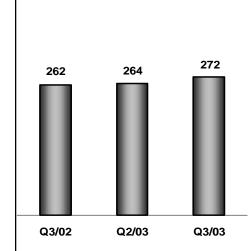
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net income, \$ millions

Domestic – another good quarter

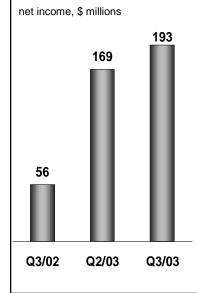


- Continued strong growth in retail products yr/yr
 - > residential mortgages up 8%
 - > revolving credit up 19%
 - > core deposits up 13%
- Some margin compression
- Very good credit quality

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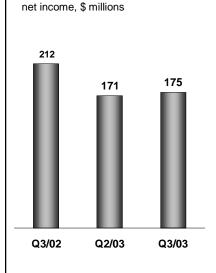
Scotia Capital – near record earnings



- Credit quality stabilizing
 - > provisions down \$220 million yr/yr
 - > provisions down \$39 million qtr/qtr
- Non-interest revenue up 16% yr/yr
 - record underwriting fees and foreign exchange
- Narrower funding margins
- Lending assets down 23% yr/yr



International – solid underlying earnings



- Q3 results impacted by stronger Canadian dollar
- Caribbean
 - > net income up 17% qtr/qtr
- Latin America
 - ➤ Inverlat higher earnings
 - lower emerging market bond revenues
- Asia
 - lower net income yr/yr due to fluctuation in credit losses

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Scotiabank Inverlat – increased contribution

- Inverlat contribution up 80% vs. Q2/03
 - ➤ BNS share of earnings = 80% (equal to 91% ownership for 2 months)
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- Strong growth in assets & deposits yr/yr
 - > retail loans up 37%
 - > commercial loans up 13%
 - > core deposits up 14%



Risk Review

Warren Walker Executive Vice-President Global Credit Risk Management

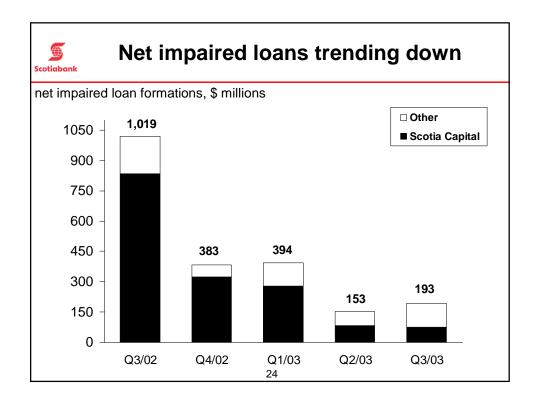
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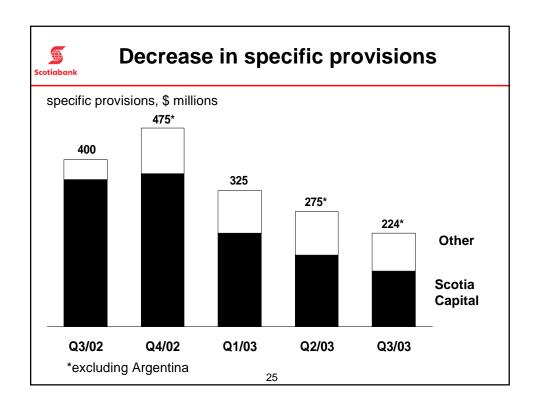


Credit quality – continued improvement

- Lower net impaired loans: \$317 million
 - > down \$61 million from Q2/03
 - > down \$702 million from Q3/02
- Lower specific provisions: \$200 million
 - > down \$48 million from Q2/03
 - > down \$200 million from Q3/02
- U.S. portfolio continues to stabilize
 - > restructurings in Power sector largely completed

Scotlabank Net impaired loan for	mations	s by busin	ess
\$ millions, Q3/03			
Scotia Capital			
- Canada	(1)		
- U.S.	46		
- Europe/Asia	31		
		76	
Domestic		67	
International		50	
Total		193	
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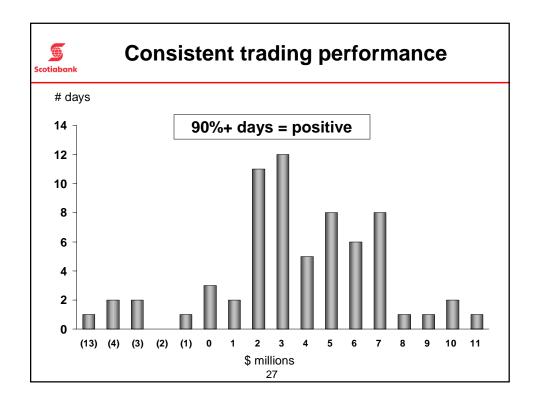
Lower power & energy trading exposure

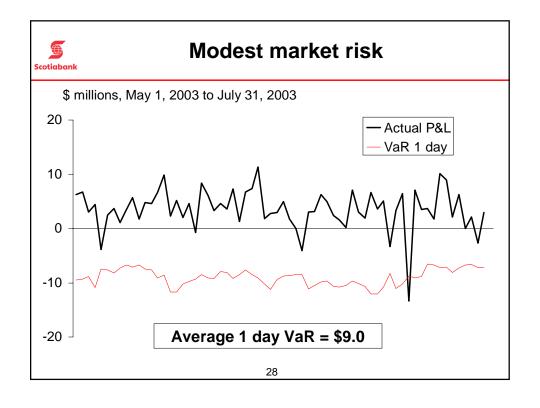
Loans & acceptances, C\$ millions

Sector	Investment Grade		Non-Investment Grade		Total	
	Q3/03	Q2/03	Q3/03	Q2/03	Q3/03	Q2/03
Regulated Utilities	551	665	565	630	1,116	1,295
Diversified Generation	24	-	585	777	609	777
Independent Power Projects with PPAs*	476	439	340	389	816	828
Other Power Projects	48	150	851	829	899	979
Total	1,099	1,254	2,341	2,625	3,440	3,879

Impaired Loans: Gross \$291mm, Net \$141mm

* Power Purchase Agreements







Risk summary

- Good credit quality in Domestic & International
- Scotia Capital: U.S. portfolio stabilizing
- Expect lower provisions in 2004

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Outlook

Peter Godsoe Chairman & Chief Executive Officer



Outlook

- Positive trend in credit quality
- Strength from earnings diversification
 - > increased contribution from Inverlat
- Strong capital provides flexibility
 - > business opportunities
 - > dividend increases and stock buybacks
- Firmly on track to meet 2003 performance targets



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