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Why Invest in Scotiabank?

- Strength of Canada & Canadian Financial System
- Solid track record of earnings and dividend growth
- A unique and successful universal bank model
 - Three diversified growth platforms each provides diversified, sustainable revenue growth
- "Best in class" risk and expense management
- Strong capital position and high ROE

Above average returns, with below average risk



Strength of Canada & Canadian Financial System

Canada is attractive

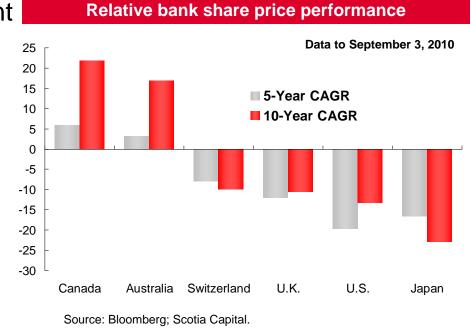
- Consistently meets or exceeds average G7 output trends
- Less leveraged businesses, households
- Strong Canadian dollar

Strength of the Canadian financial system

- Effective regulatory framework
- Conservative risk management practices
 - No sub-prime mortgages
 - Attractive mortgage market
 - Conservative underwriting
 - Relatively little securitization
- Canadian banks wellcapitalized and profitable
 - Quantity & quality

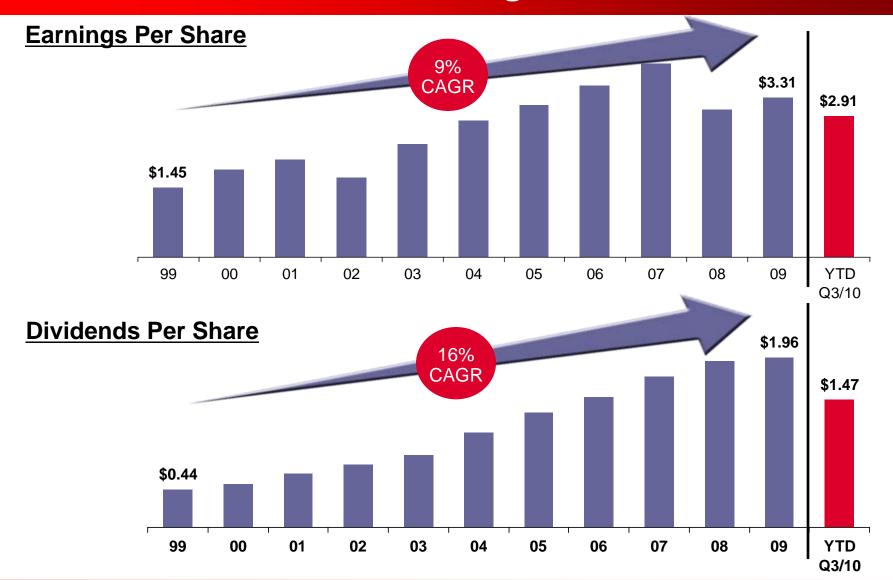
Canadian Banking System ranked World's Soundest by World Economic Forum

Global Competitiveness Report 2009-2010





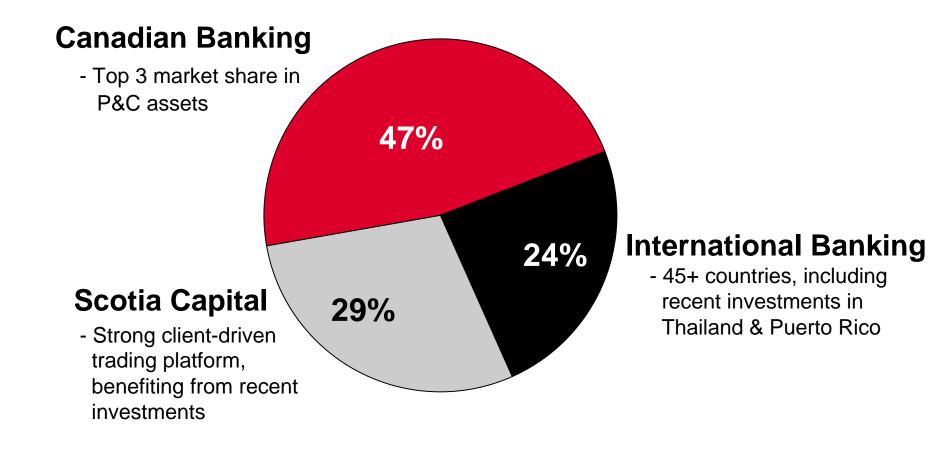
Solid Track Record of Earnings and Dividends Growth





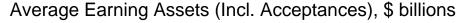
Three Diversified Growth Platforms

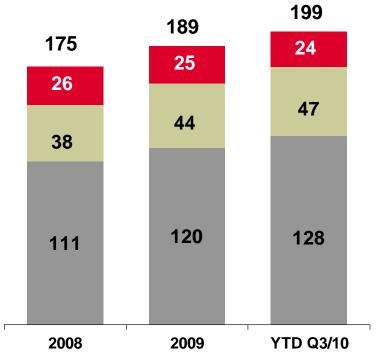
% of YTD Q3/10 Net Income, Excluding Other Segment





Canadian Banking: High Quality Assets





- Business Loans & Acceptances
- Personal Loans
- Residential Mortgages

1,024 Branches
98 Wealth Management Offices
7.4MM Customers

Strong earnings growth

3-year CAGR: 13%

High quality assets

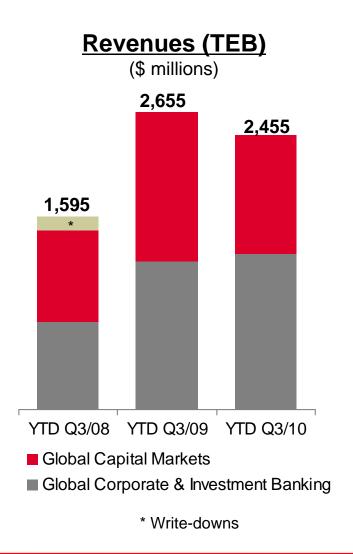
- 92% secured
- Significant mortgage portfolio which is very low risk
 - 53% insured
 - LTV in mid 50's for uninsured book
- Low-risk retail credit cards
 - 350 400 bps loss rate

Growing wealth management platform

- #3 in the industry in net mutual fund sales YTD 2010
- Organic growth
- Strategic investments



Scotia Capital: Balanced Lending and Capital Markets Platforms



Global Corporate & Investment Banking

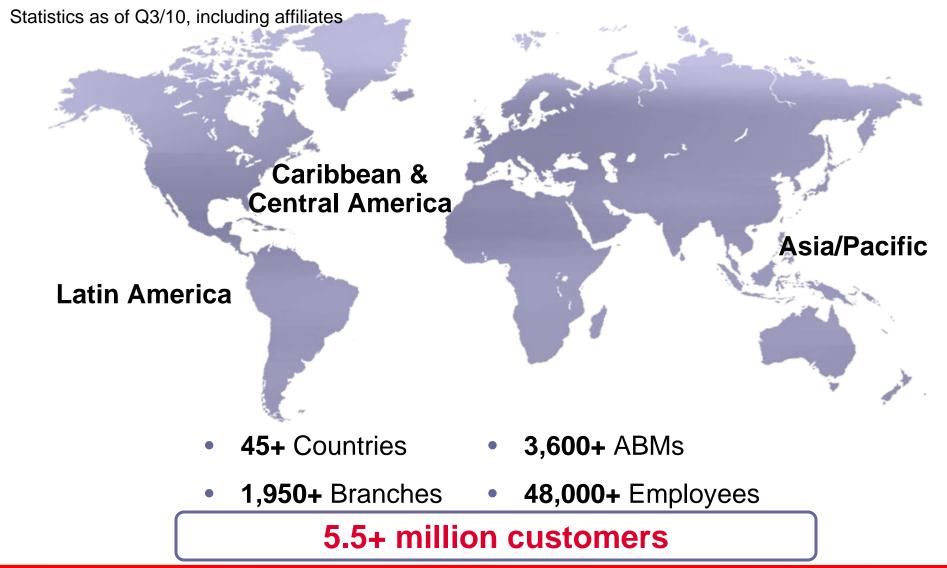
- Investment grade lending focus
 - No direct exposure to U.S. sub-prime
 - Minimal U.S. real estate
- Global industry capabilities
 - Energy Infrastructure
 - Mining Shipping
- NAFTA platform

Global Capital Markets

- Diversified, client-focused trading businesses
 - Precious metals (ScotiaMocatta)
 - Derivatives
 - Foreign exchange
 - Fixed income
 - Equities



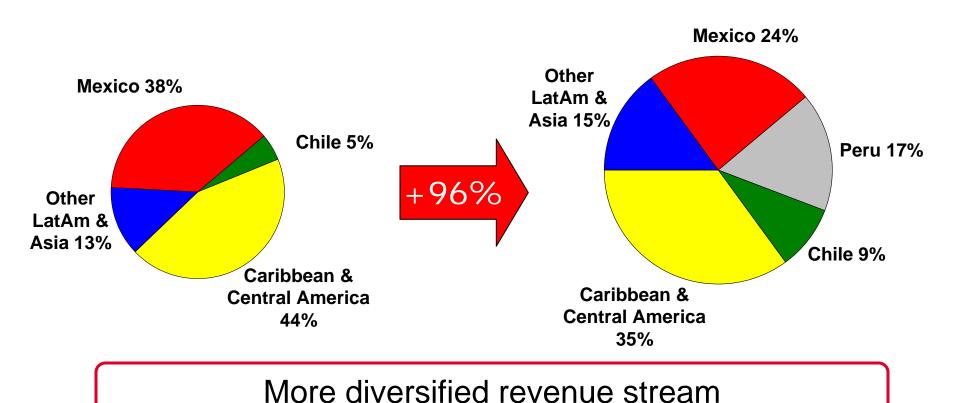
International Banking: Three Geographic Areas, Numerous Opportunities for Growth





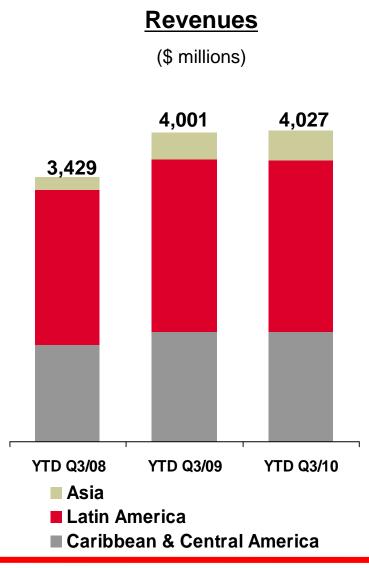
International Banking: Additional Diversification

<u>YTD Q3/05 Revenue: \$2.1B</u> <u>YTD Q3/10 Revenue: \$4.0B</u>





International Banking: Attractive Opportunities in Emerging Markets



Dominant position in the Caribbean

- 100+ years in the region
- Leading market share
- Expanding wealth management, insurance
- Recent acquisition in Puerto Rico

Attractive markets in Latin America

- High GDP growth, young populations, low banking penetration
- Recent add-on acquisitions
 - Peru, Chile, Costa Rica

Asia: Option for Long-term

- 12 countries; traditional focus corporate/ commercial and trade finance
- Develop P&C business in niche markets
- Focus on strategic investments
 - Thanachart (Thailand), Xi'an Bank (China)

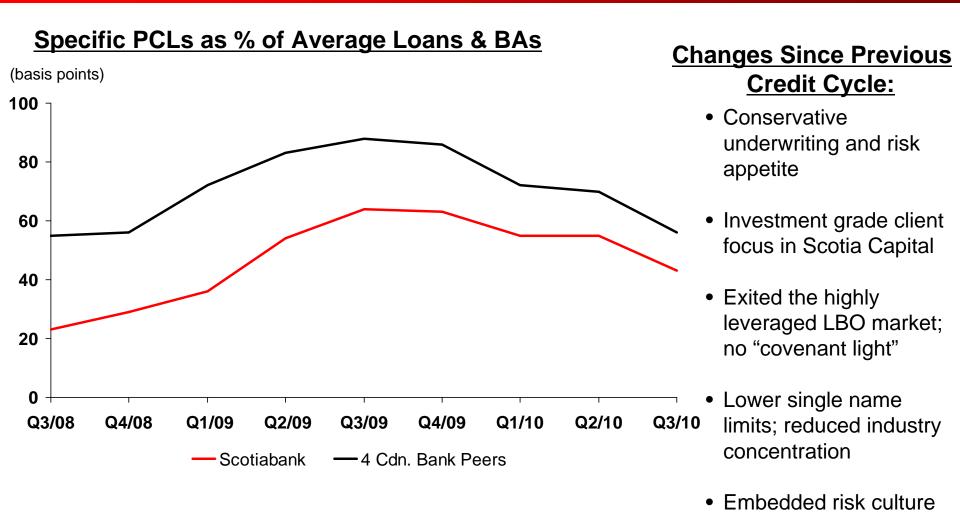


Economic Outlook in Key Markets

Real GDP (Annual % Change)						
	2000-08 Avg.	2009	2010F	2011F		
Mexico	2.8	(6.5)	4.8	3.5		
Peru	5.6	0.9	7.0	5.4		
Chile	4.3	(1.5)	4.8	5.8		
Jamaica	1.4	(3.0)	(0.5)	1.5		
Trinidad & Tobago	7.5	(3.2)	2.0	2.5		
Costa Rica	4.5	(1.3)	3.5	3.0		
Dominican Republic	5.4	3.0	4.5	4.0		
Thailand	4.6	(2.3)	5.5	4.0		
	2000-08 Avg.	2009	2010F	2011F		
Canada	2.6	(2.5)	3.0	2.3		
U.S. Source: Scotia Economics, as of Septembe	2.3 r 2, 2010	(2.6)	2.6	2.1		



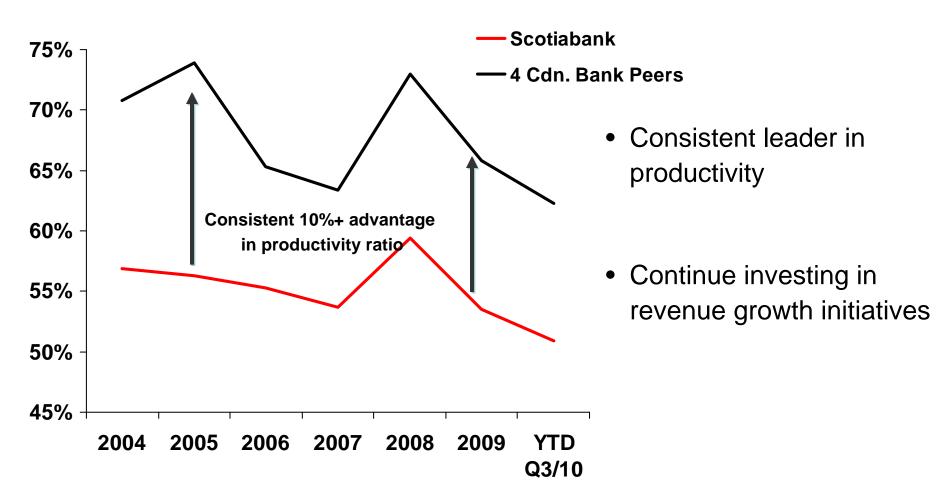
Disciplined Risk Management: Consistently Outperforming Canadian Peers





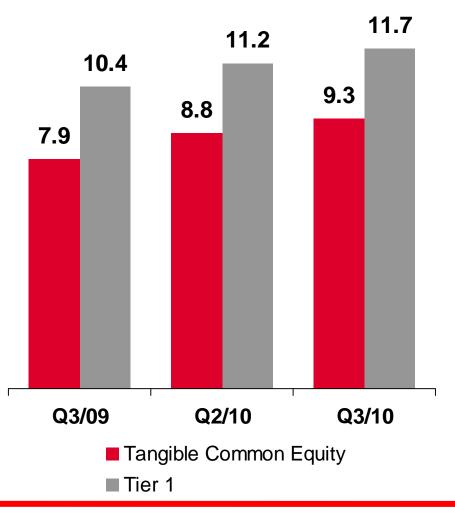
Deeply-Rooted Cost Culture

Industry-Leading Productivity Ratio (TEB)



Strong Capital Position

Capital Ratios (%)

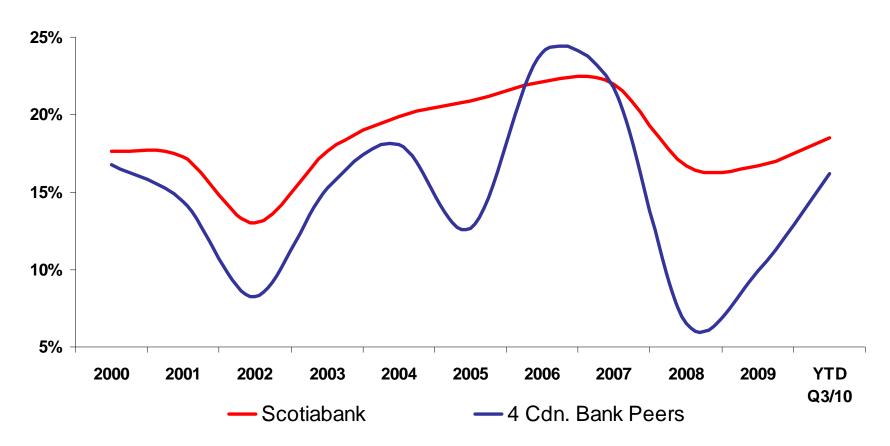


Strong ratios by global standards

- Avoided dilutive public offering of common equity
- High quality capital
- Investing in businesses
 - Organic
 - Acquisitions
- Consistent dividends

ROE Consistently at Top of Peer Group

Return on Equity (reported)





Outlook

Cautiously optimistic

- Confident of continuing our growth:
 - Focus on higher growth markets
 - Revenues to expand
 - Maintain positive operating leverage
 - Continue add-on acquisitions in existing markets
- Provisions to gradually decline
- Manage through regulatory environment

On-track to meet 2010 targets

	Target	
- EPS growth	7-12%	17%
- ROE	16-20%	18.5%
- Productivity Ratio	<58%	50.9%
- Capital	Maintain strong ratios	Tier 1: 11.7% TCE: 9.3%





Q&A

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