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Overview

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President & Chief Executive Officer

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2008 – Overview

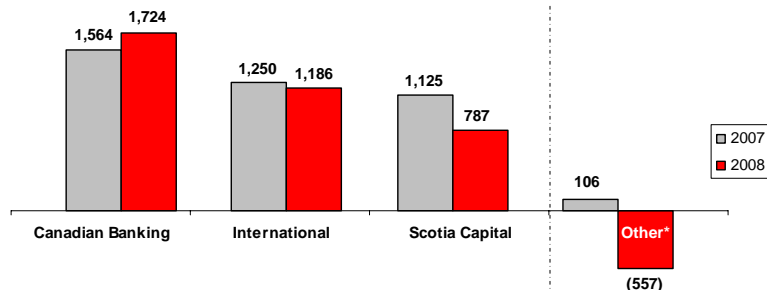
- **Challenging environment**
 - Difficult market conditions and unprecedented volatility in global financial markets
- **Net income - \$3.1 billion, EPS - \$3.05**
 - Q4/08: \$315 million, EPS - \$0.28
 - \$642 million write-downs in Q4/08
- **Core earnings remain solid**

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Core Earnings Remain Solid

net income, \$ millions



Year-over-year

Canadian Banking: Strong deposit & asset growth & positive impact of acquisitions, partly offset by higher PCLs, slightly lower margin, 2007 Visa gain

International: Very strong loan growth & positive impact of acquisitions, offset by higher growth-related expenses, PCLs, tax rate, and items of note (writedowns in 2008, Visa gain in 2007)

Scotia Capital: Record revenues in certain businesses, strong revenue growth in loan portfolios, more than offset by writedowns, lower loan loss & interest recoveries, and impact of difficult markets

Other: Increased liquidity & funding costs, lower securities gains, and items of note

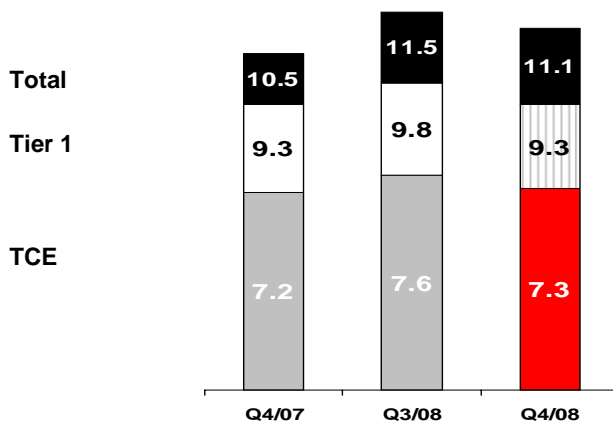
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Strong Capital

Capital ratios (%)



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Performance Review

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Items of Note⁽¹⁾

	<u>Q4</u>	<u>2008</u>
Reported Net Income (\$MM)	315	3,140
Item of Note (After-tax \$MM)	<u>Q4</u>	<u>2008</u>
Valuation Adjustments		
Conduit CDOs	(137)	(166)
Other CDOs	(122)	(176)
Other AFS Securities	(150)	(150)
SIVs/ABCP	(7)	(72)
Trading Counterparty		
Lehman Brothers	(117)	(117)
Other	-	(32)
ALM Hedging	(109)	(109)
Total	(642)	(822)

(1) See slide 35 for breakdown of Q4/08 items by business line and income statement line.

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Solid Core Results ⁽¹⁾

	Q4/08 Reported	Items of Note	Q4/08 Core	Core Change	
				Qtr/Qtr	Yr/Yr
Net income (\$MM)	\$315	\$642	\$957	(5)%	8%
EPS	\$0.28	\$0.65	\$0.93	(5)%	6%
ROE	6.0%		19.2%	(180) bp	(30) bp
Productivity ratio	75.2%		54.9%	60 bp	(40) bp

Quarter over quarter (core)

+ Strong asset growth	- Decrease in securities gains
+ Wider corporate spreads	- Lower wealth management revenues
+ Impact of acquisitions	- Increased loan losses

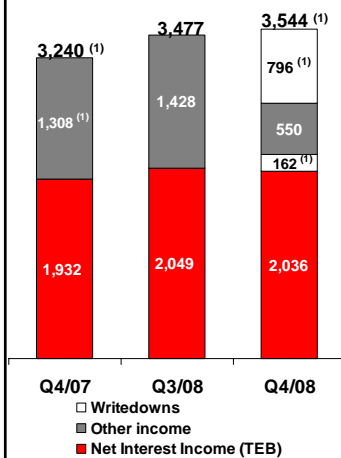
(1) Adjusted for items of note (Q4/08: \$(642)MM after-tax, Q4/07: \$65MM after-tax). See slides 35 and 36 for more details.

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Good Underlying Revenue Growth

Revenues (TEB) (\$ millions)



Q4/08 vs. Q4/07 revenues: up 9% ⁽¹⁾

- **net interest income up 14% ⁽¹⁾**
 - + broad based asset growth
 - + positive impact of acquisitions
 - lower margin
- **other income up 3% ⁽¹⁾**
 - + record forex & precious metals trading, higher securitizations & acquisitions
 - lower underlying securities gains, securities trading

Q4/08 vs. Q3/08 revenues: up 2% ⁽¹⁾

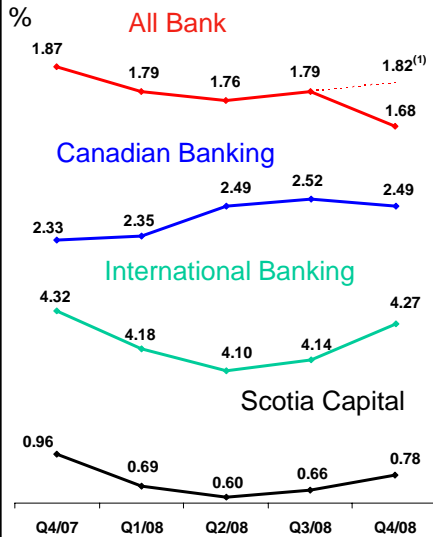
- **net interest income up 7% ⁽¹⁾**
 - + strong asset growth, including acquisitions
 - + positive impact of forex
 - + stable underlying margin
- **other income down 6% ⁽¹⁾**
 - lower capital markets related revenues: lower underlying securities gains, underwriting & securities trading
 - + higher securitization revenues
 - + record forex & precious metals trading

(1) Adjusted for items of note (Q4/08: \$(958)MM pre-tax, Q4/07: \$54MM pre-tax). See slides 35 and 36 for more details.

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Stable All-Bank Margin



All-Bank: +3 bps qtr/qtr ⁽¹⁾

- + higher margins in Latin America, including acquisitions in Peru
- + wider spreads in U.S. & European Corporate
- relatively higher funding costs
- increase in non-earning assets

Canadian Banking: (3) bps qtr/qtr

- change in product mix

International Banking: +13 bps qtr/qtr

Scotia Capital: +12 bps qtr/qtr

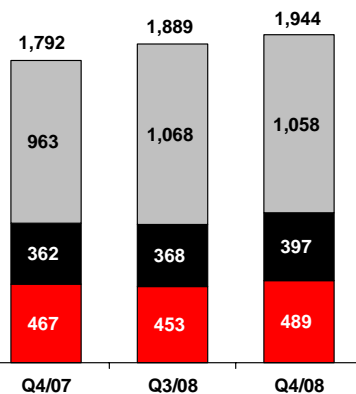
(1) Adjusted for \$(162)MM pre-tax impact of ALM Hedging. See slide 35 for more detail.

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Higher Expenses Acquisitions, Forex & Growth Initiatives

Non-interest expenses (\$ millions)



■ Salaries & employee benefits
■ Premises & technology
■ Other

Q4/08 vs. Q4/07 expenses: up 8%

- negative impact of forex
- acquisitions & branch expansion led to higher salaries & premises & technology
- increased pension & benefit costs vs. low level in Q4/07
- + lower performance-based & stock-based compensation
- + decrease in professional fees & capital taxes

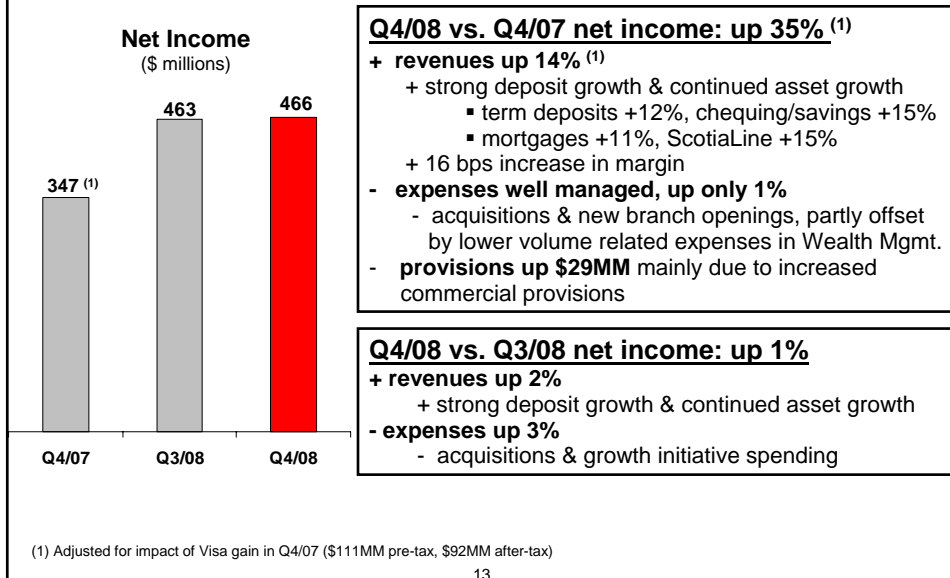
Q4/08 vs. Q3/08 expenses: up 3%

- increase due to acquisitions & forex
- + decrease in performance-based & stock-based compensation
- + lower capital taxes

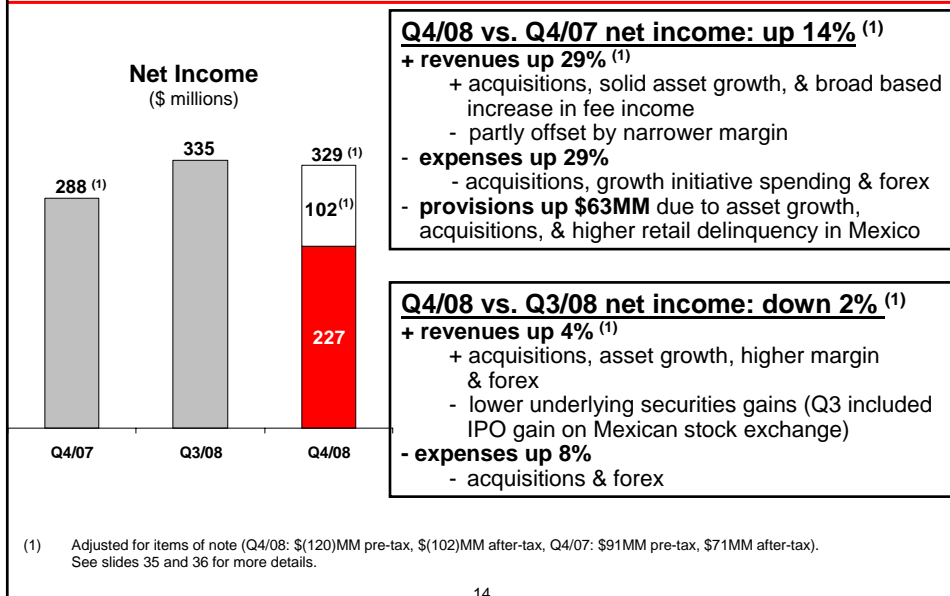
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Canadian Banking Results Another Strong Quarter

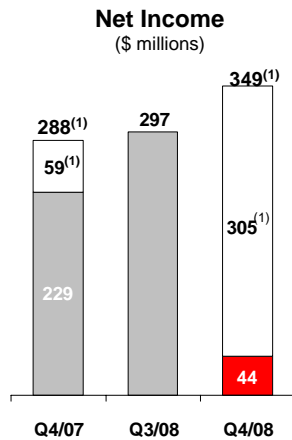


International Banking Solid Underlying Results





Scotia Capital Impacted by Writedowns



Q4/08 vs. Q4/07 net income: up 21%⁽¹⁾

- + revenues up 20%⁽¹⁾
 - + record forex & precious metals trading results
 - + higher corporate loan volumes, interest & spreads
 - lower tax-exempt dividend income
- expenses up 11%
 - increased hiring & technology expenses
 - + lower professional fees & discretionary spending
- provisions up \$20MM: one new provision, less recoveries

Q4/08 vs. Q3/08 net income: up 18%⁽¹⁾

- + revenues up 13%⁽¹⁾
 - + higher corporate banking interest profit
 - + record forex & precious metals trading, stronger underlying derivatives revenues
 - lower securities trading & ScotiaWaterous revenues
- + expenses down 2%
 - + lower performance based compensation
 - increased hiring costs

(1) Adjusted for items of note (Q4/08: \$(503)MM pre-tax, \$(305)MM after-tax, Q4/07: \$(92)MM pre-tax, \$(59)MM after-tax). See slides 35 and 36 for more details.

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Business Line Outlook & Priorities

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Canadian Banking 2009 Priorities

- Maintain positive operating leverage
- Focus on key segments & products
- Fully integrate recent acquisitions
- Take advantage of market opportunities

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International Banking 2009 Priorities

- Focus on deposits & fee-based businesses
- Maintain positive operating leverage
 - Focus on cost & productivity improvements
- Increased focus on credit risk management
- Seek opportunistic acquisitions

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Scotia Capital 2009 Priorities

- Continue to prudently manage credit, market and operational risks
- Execute global sectoral strategy by expanding coverage of energy, mining, & power sectors & institutional investors
- Re-focus the business
 - Expand key platforms/capabilities
 - Scale back non-core businesses

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Risk Review

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Q4/08 Risk Overview

- **Managing through challenging market conditions**
 - PCL: \$207mm vs \$159mm in Q3/08
 - Gross impaired loan formations: \$615mm vs \$629mm in Q3/08
 - Average one-day VaR: \$20.1mm vs \$15.8mm in Q3/08

- **Areas of current focus**
 - Bank-sponsored multi-seller conduits
 - Automotive exposure
 - International retail portfolios

- **Outlook**

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Provision for Credit Losses

Specific provisions, \$ millions

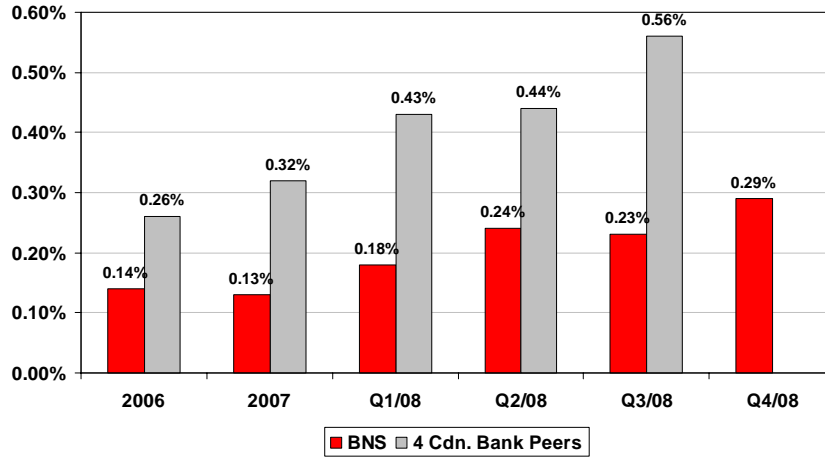
	<u>Q4/07</u>	<u>Q1/08</u>	<u>Q2/08</u>	<u>Q3/08</u>	<u>Q4/08</u>
Canadian Banking					
Retail	72	79	82	77	78
Commercial	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>
	78	91	102	99	107
International Banking					
Retail	56	64	69	81	105
Commercial	<u>(29)</u>	<u>(34)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(25)</u>	<u>(15)</u>
	27	30	60	56	90
Scotia Capital	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
	95	111	153	159	207

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Strong Relative PCL Performance

Specific Provisions as % of Average Loans and Acceptances

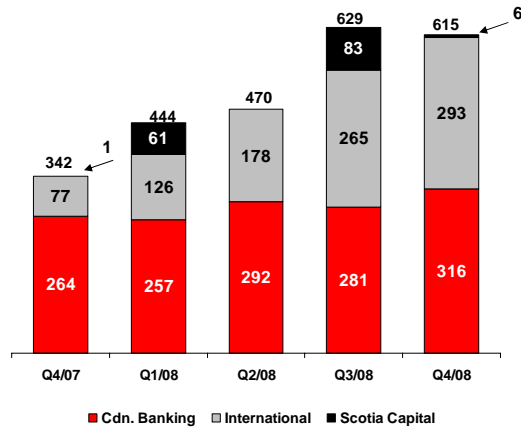


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Trend in Gross Formations

(\$ millions)



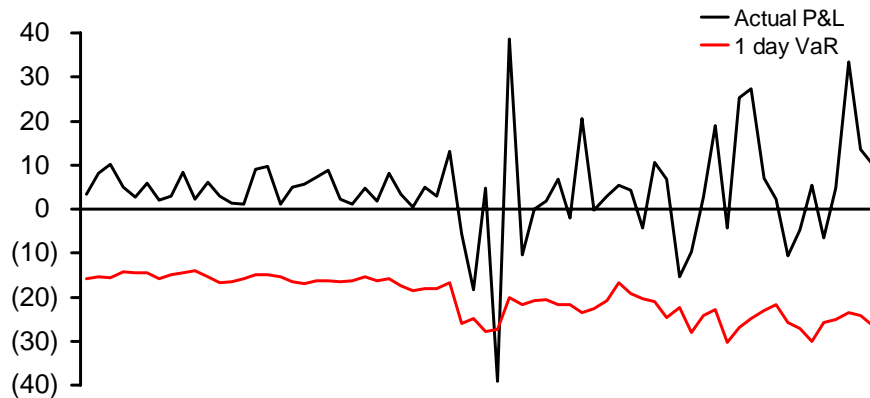
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Trading Results Versus One-Day VaR

(\$ millions)

August 1, 2008 to October 31, 2008



▪ Average one-day VaR: \$20.1mm in Q4/08 vs \$15.8mm in Q3/08

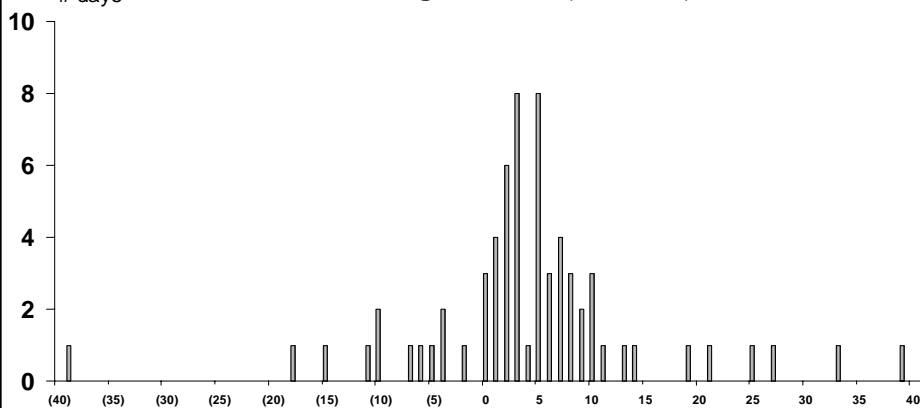
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Trading Revenues

days

Q4/08 trading revenues (\$ millions)



▪ 80% of days had positive results in Q4/08 vs. 83% in Q3/08

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Bank-Sponsored Multi-Seller Conduits

(Q4/08, \$ billions)	Canadian Conduits	U.S. Conduit
Funded assets	3.8	8.4
Commitments	0.5	4.4
Total exposure	4.3	12.8
Weighted-average: rating (equivalent) life (years)	AA- or higher 1.0	92% A or higher 1.2

- **Assets mostly receivables**
 - Auto loans/leases: 42%; trade: 19%; credit cards/consumer: 11%; equipment loans: 8%; diversified ABS: 8%
- **No direct CDO or CLO exposure**

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Auto Industry Exposure Manageable

\$ billions	<u>Q4/08</u>	<u>Q3/08</u>	<u>Q4/07</u>
<u>North American & European Wholesale*</u>			
Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM)	0.5	0.5	0.2
Finance & Leasing	1.2	1.0	0.6
Parts Manufacturers	0.7	0.6	0.8
Dealers/Floorplan	2.8	2.7	2.4
	5.2**	4.8	4.0
Investment Grade	63%	60%	48%
Loss Ratio (2007 & 2008)	9bps	-	9bps
Consumer auto-backed securities (primarily GMAC)	7.8	7.1	6.2
Bank sponsored & third party conduits	7.8	8.2	10.2

* loans and acceptances

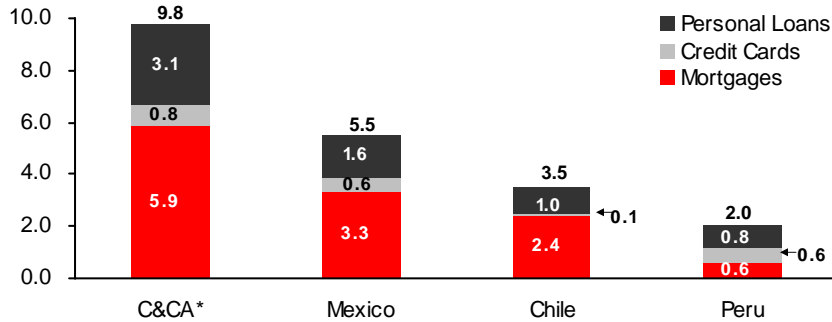
** represents 4% of Business & Government loans and acceptances

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International Retail Loan Portfolios

(Outstandings at Q4/08, \$ billions)



PCL	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
\$mm	68	43	186	85	20	12	45	25
% of avg. loans	0.77	0.54	3.75	1.97	0.64	0.89	3.36	2.54

76% of total retail loan portfolio secured

* Caribbean and Central America



2009 Risk Outlook

- Areas of current focus - manageable
- Expect provisions for credit losses to increase
 - within risk tolerances

Canadian Banking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impact of economic slowdown
International Banking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impact of U.S. weakness • impact of lower commodity prices • lower commercial recoveries
Scotia Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impact of U.S. weakness on certain industries • lower reversals and recoveries

Outlook

Rick Waugh
President & Chief Executive Officer

2009 Priorities

- **Drive sustainable revenue growth**
 - leverage acquisitions/investments
 - take advantage of market opportunities
- **Prudent capital management**
- **Leadership**
- **Maintain strong focus on risk management**
- **Expense control**

Targets

- EPS growth: 7-12%
- ROE: 16-20%
- Productivity ratio – less than 58%
- Maintain strong capital ratios

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Appendix

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Items of Note in Q4/08

<u>Gain/(Loss)</u>	<u>Pre-tax (\$MM)</u>	<u>After-tax (\$MM)</u>	<u>EPS (\$)</u>	<u>Financial statement impact (Pre-tax)</u>
Q4/08				
Conduit CDOs	(245)	(137)		SC: Securities Gains
Other CDOs	(45)	(24)		SC: Securities Gains
	(73)	(70)		Int'l: Securities Gains (50) Other/Other Income (23)
	(45)*	(35)		Other: Securities Gains (35) Other/Other Income (10)
Other AFS Securities	(42)	(27)		SC: Securities Gains
	(47)	(32)		Int'l: Securities Gains
	(128)	(91)		Other: Securities Gains
Lehman Brothers	(171)	(117)		SC: Trading
ALM Hedging	(162)	(109)		Other: Net Interest Income
Total	(958)	(642)	(0.65)	

* Includes SIV writedown \$(11)MM pre-tax, \$(7)MM after-tax

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Items of Note in Q4/07

<u>Gain/(Loss)</u>	<u>Pre-tax (\$MM)</u>	<u>After-tax (\$MM)</u>	<u>EPS (\$)</u>	<u>Financial statement impact (Pre-tax)</u>
Q4/07				
Gain on Visa restructuring	111	92		Cdn: Other/Other income
	91	71		Int'l: Other/Other Income
Gain on sale of bond index business	43	35		SC: Other/Other Income
Conduit CDOs	(115)	(80)		SC: Trading
SIVs/ABCP	(20)	(14)		SC: Securities Gains
	(56)	(39)		Other: Securities gains
Total	54	65	0.07	

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Impact of Forex

Impact (\$ millions)	<u>Q4/08 vs.</u> <u>Q3/08</u>	<u>Q4/08 vs.</u> <u>Q4/07</u>	<u>2008 vs.</u> <u>2007</u>
Net Interest Income (TEB)	40	70	(221)
Other Income	(23)	(24)	(80)
Non-interest expenses	(31)	(47)	146
Net income	(13)	(5)	(104)
EPS (diluted)	(1) cent	-	(10) cents

Spot Rate

Oct. 31/08

0.83	\$US/\$CAD
10.47	Mexican peso/\$CAD
	Peruvian new sol/\$CAD
	Chilean peso/\$CAD

2008

Average exchange rate

2007

Q4/08

Q3/08

Q4/07

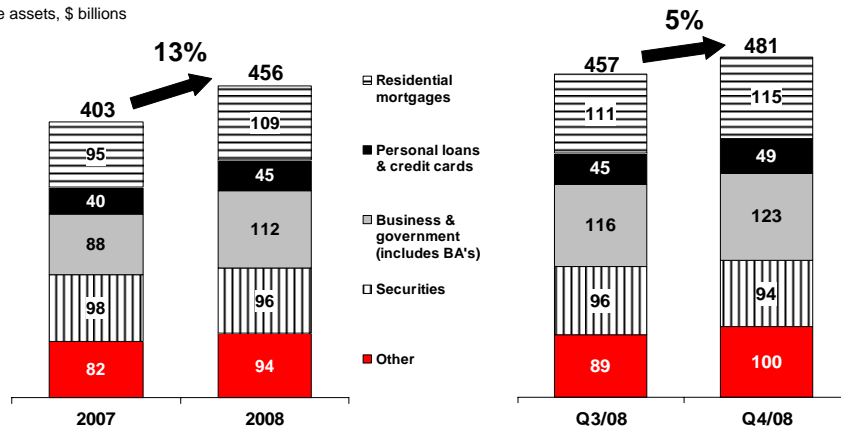
0.97	0.91	0.91	0.99	0.98
10.47	9.97	10.18	10.16	10.79
2.86	2.89	2.73	2.85	3.07
490.44	480.77	518.40	494.32	507.61

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Continued Strong Asset Growth

average assets, \$ billions



Yr/Yr

Business & government: +27%
Residential mortgages: +14%
Personal loans +13%

Qtr/Qtr

Personal Loans: +8%
Business and government loans: +6%
Residential mortgages: +3%

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Canadian Banking - Market Share Deposit Momentum Continues

	Qtr/Qtr	Yr/Yr
Residential Mortgages	(3) bps	(9) bps
Personal Term Deposits	+12 bps	+87 bps
Total Personal Deposits	+16 bps	+61 bps
Mutual Funds	+9 bps	+28 bps

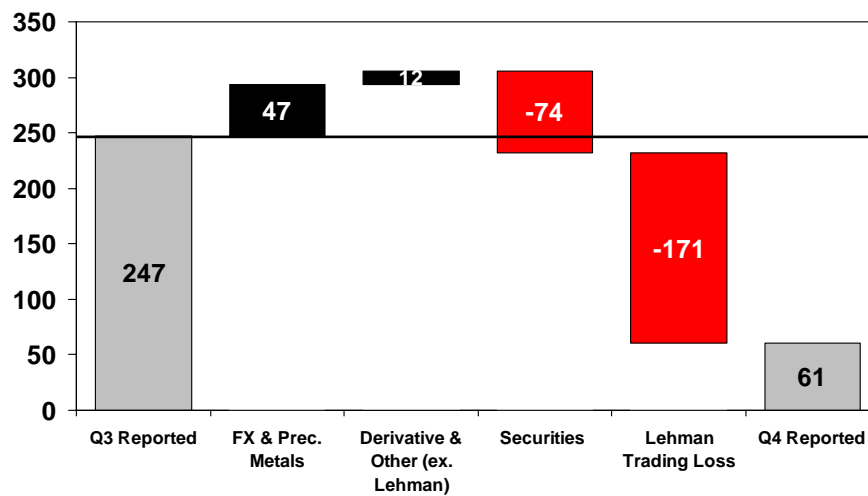
Canadian Banking market share figures as at September 2008

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Trading Revenues

(\$ millions)



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Other Segment ⁽¹⁾ Impacted by Writedowns

Net Income (\$ millions)

	<u>Q4/07</u>	<u>Q3/08</u>	<u>Q4/08</u>
Reported	(73)	(85)	(422)
Items of Note ⁽²⁾	39	-	235
Underlying	(34)	(85)	(187)

Q4/08 vs. Q4/07 net income

- increased funding volumes, relatively higher cost for liquidity & hedging of interest rate risk
- lower underlying securities gains
- + higher securitization revenues
- + lower expenses

Q4/08 vs. Q3/08 net income

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 (2) see slides 35 and 36 for more details on items of note.

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Gross Impaired Loan Formations

Q4/08, \$ millions

Canadian Banking

- Retail	277	
- Commercial	39	316

Canadian Retail: formations reflect growing portfolio size; underlying credit trends remain very good

Canadian Commercial: underlying credit quality stable

International Banking

- Retail	215	
- Commercial	78	293

International Retail: formations across division, largely reflecting underlying growth and increase in delinquencies

International Commercial: mainly additional classifications in Chile

Scotia Capital

- U.S.	6	
- Canada & Other	-	6

Scotia Capital: additional classification in one account in the U.S.

Total		615
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