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Changing consumer behaviours in today's environment



Today's environment post-GFC

Current environment

- ▶ Australian economy shown resiliency; stabilised relatively quickly and continues to grow around trend
- ▶ Consumer spending has remained relatively modest even as confidence has improved; increased consumer savings and a much more cautious view on riskier assets
- ▶ Increased competition for funding sources, increasing funding costs. Banks proactively pricing for risk
- ▶ Forecast credit growth next year in Housing 6-7% and SME lending 0/-5%

Our response is to build on competitive advantages

- ▶ Our OMB model has continued to be resilient and a productive distribution channel to meet the needs of Retail and SME lending. Returning to organic expansion of OMB model in high growth geographies
- ▶ Sticking to our knitting and continuing to avoid high risk Property and Corporate lending opportunities
- ▶ Funding concerns have reduced; balance sheet strengthened with surplus of capital and funding
- ▶ Key strategic acquisitions complete; capital-lite, higher margin bolt-on acquisitions
- ▶ Continuing to meet market commitment on cost-to-income ratio
- ▶ One of few organisations that continued lending through the GFC
- ▶ Visible in supporting the SME segment throughout the cycle despite higher bad debt charges

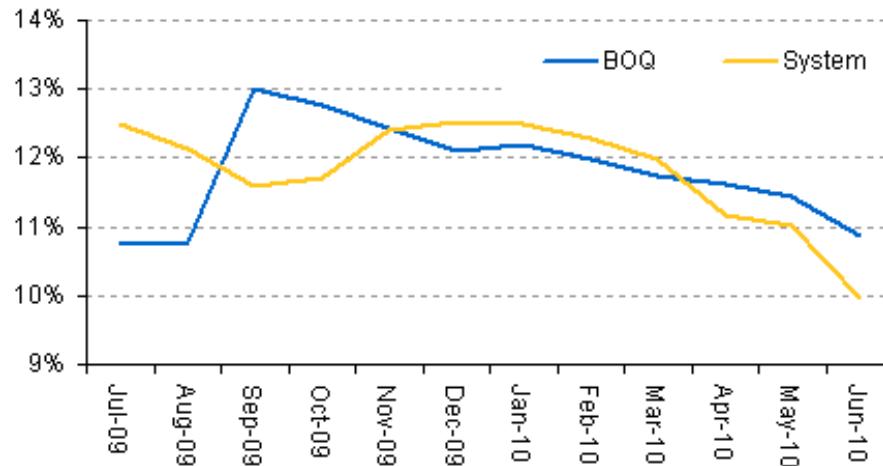
Consumer risk appetite... cautious approach

- ▶ Consumers and banks had become increasingly levered prior to GFC, largely a result of the availability of inexpensive credit
- ▶ The Australian economy has held up well compared to global peers and is currently growing at around its trend
- ▶ Consumer confidence has improved, but consumers are taking a more conservative approach – avoiding riskier assets
- ▶ Housing credit has been well supported and continues to grow on improving economic conditions
- ▶ Commercial credit growth has been softer; core focus of corporate sector to protect bottom line has been expense management
- ▶ Business investment has been cautious, but expected to improve with existing capacity constraints and improving global conditions

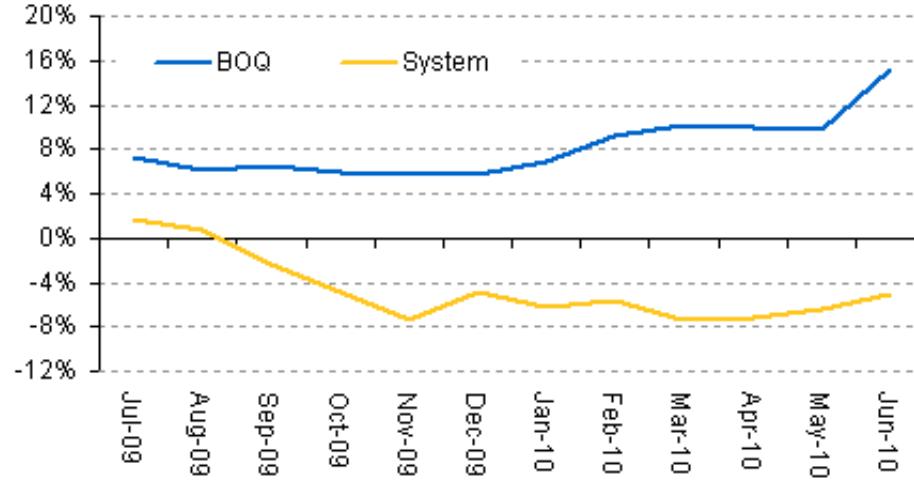
System credit growth

- ▶ Australian economy has proven to be resilient – on track to record its 20th year of continuous growth
- ▶ Housing market continues to be well supported, although current trend is slowing post First Home Owners grant & economic uncertainty
- ▶ Business credit growth has been negative and business investment relative to GDP has come off recent highs
- ▶ Critical that business investment gathers momentum to support GDP growth

YoY Growth Trend in Housing Lending



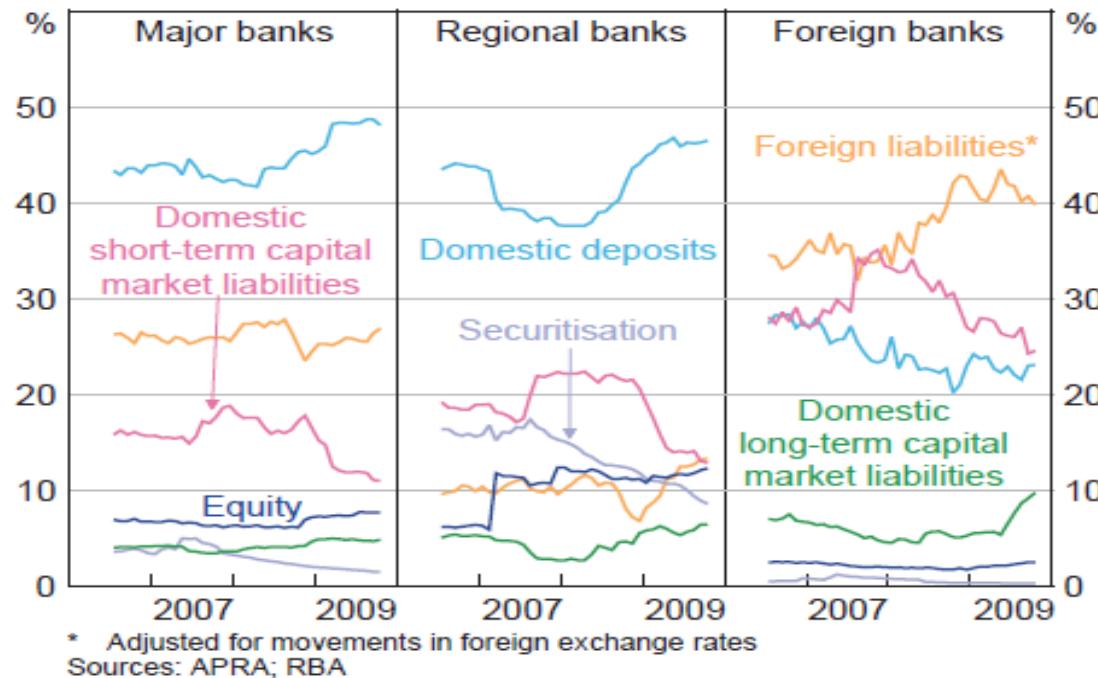
YoY Growth Trend in Business Lending



Shift in funding sources

- ▶ Liquidity crisis during GFC demonstrated over reliance on short term wholesale funding
- ▶ Banks turned towards more stable retail deposits and long term funding sources, including increased capital issuance

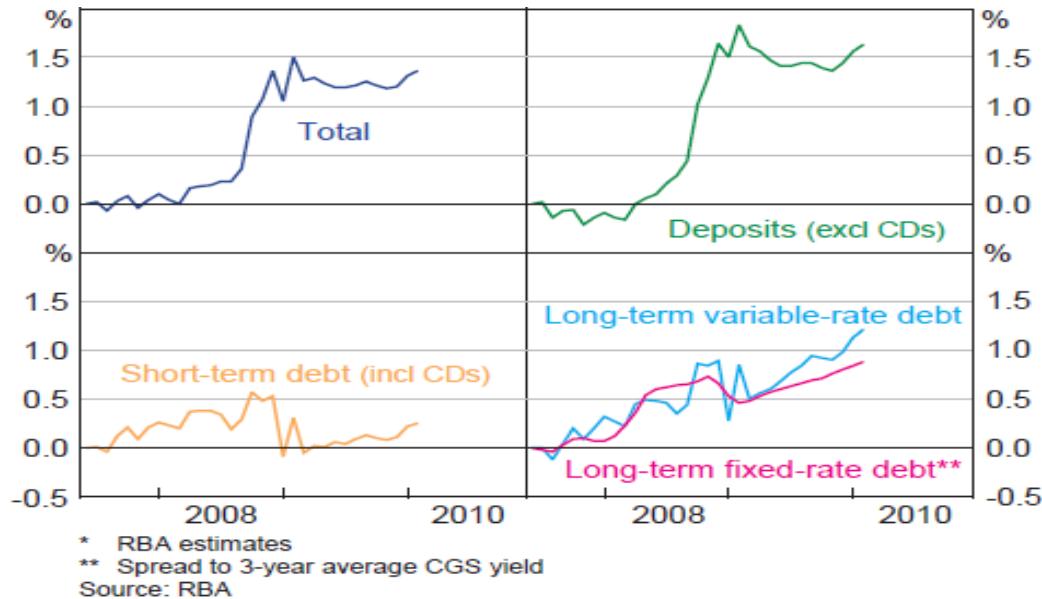
Funding composition of banks in Australia



Increased funding costs

- ▶ GFC has had a material impact on the cost and composition of funding sources for all banks
- ▶ Liquidity crisis in wholesale markets has substantially increased funding costs, and put renewed focus on more expensive retail deposits and long term funding sources
- ▶ Availability of funding and increased costs have been reflected in lending rates, alongside increased move towards ‘pricing for risk’

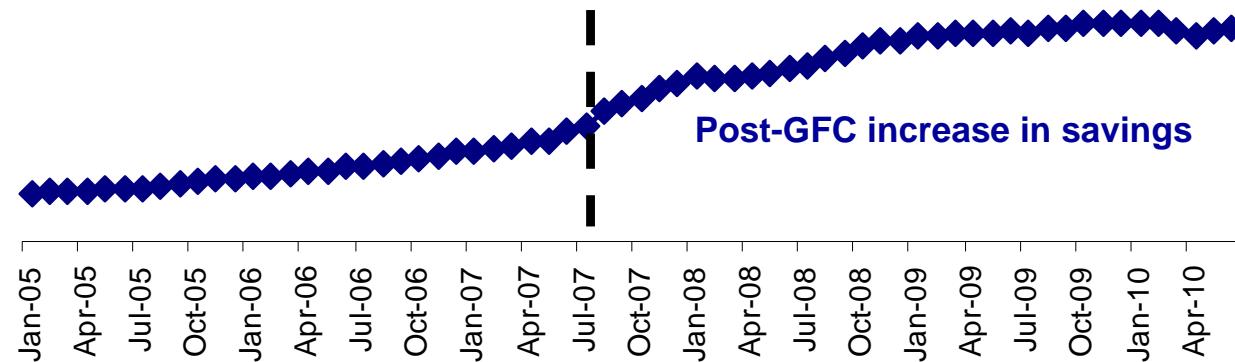
Funding cost by type



'Flight to safety' trend.....

- ▶ Post-GFC consumers have generally become more cautious in their financial habits, borrowing less and saving more
- ▶ Consumers have generally 'bunkered down' to avoid more risk assets and taken a 'flight to safety' approach
- ▶ Increased competition for retail deposits and growing presence of online 'special' accounts has resulted in a more informed and active consumer

Bank deposits: pre- versus post-GFC



Source: RBA

Impact of higher funding costs

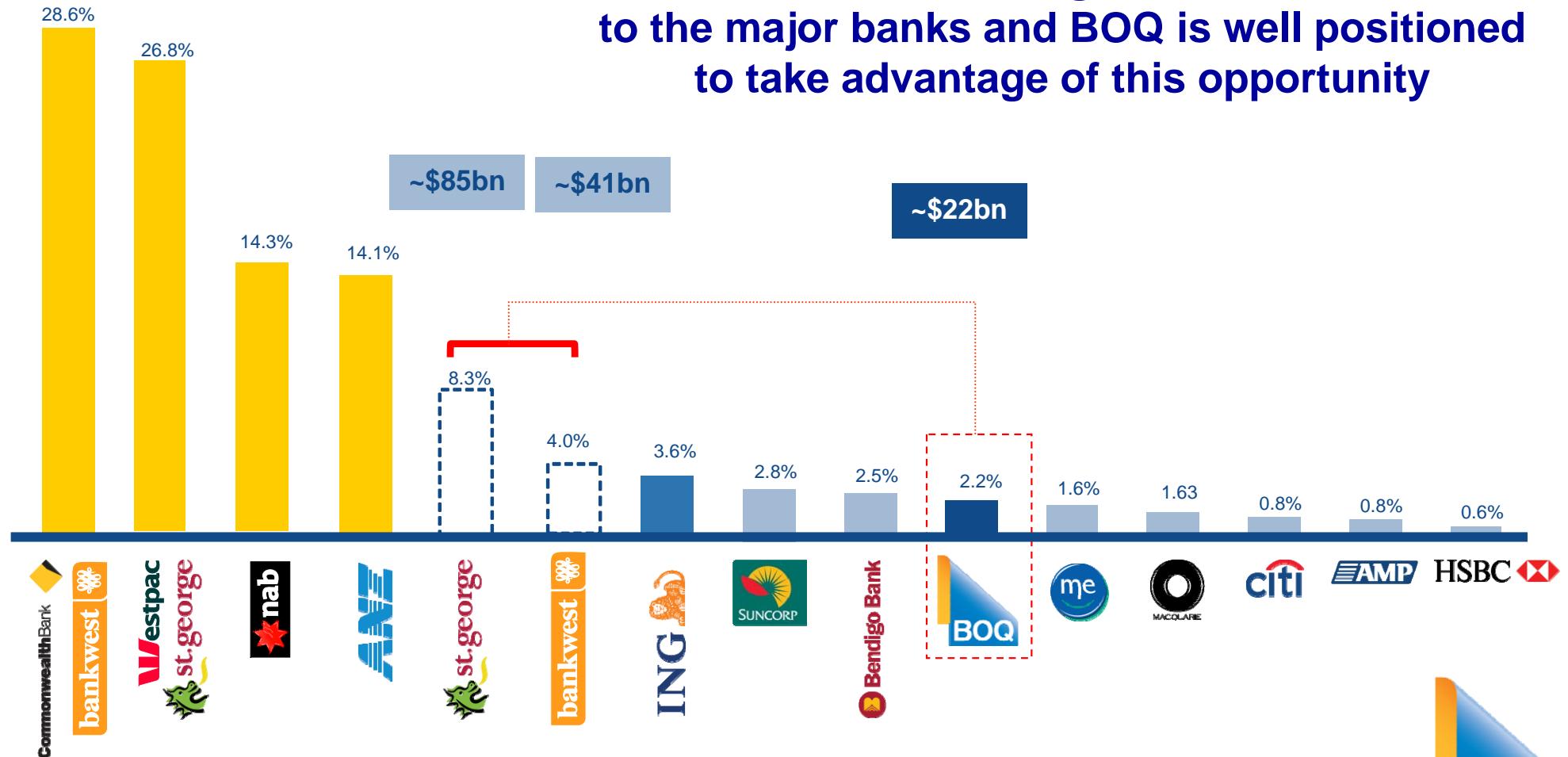
- ▶ Increased funding costs and deteriorating credit conditions have resulted in margin pressure across the banks
- ▶ Funding pressure has led to an increase in lending rates above cash rate movements since the GFC
- ▶ During the peak of the GFC, banks were active in repricing their ‘back books’ to more accurately reflect the risks of the exposure
- ▶ Changes have generally reflected the risk of an asset class and the ability to reprice as funding rates change
- ▶ Housing rates have increased on average by 145bps (fixed and variable) while commercial and personal portfolios have increased by an average of 200bps and 340bps respectively

Impact of regulatory reform

- ▶ As a result of the GFC, a number of regulatory reforms have been implemented or are being proposed
- ▶ Core regulatory reform by the Basel Committee on banking supervision
- ▶ Regulators pushing for a banking system that has higher levels of capital with lower leverage, and higher levels of liquid assets
- ▶ Increased focus on compliance and risk management systems in the banking sector
- ▶ Increased dominance of the Big 4 banks has left the consumer with less choice
- ▶ We feel that consumers are ‘crying out’ for an alternative to the major banks; for an organisation that provides a superior service proposition

Changing banking landscape

Housing loans (June 2010)¹



Source : APRA statistics as at June 2010

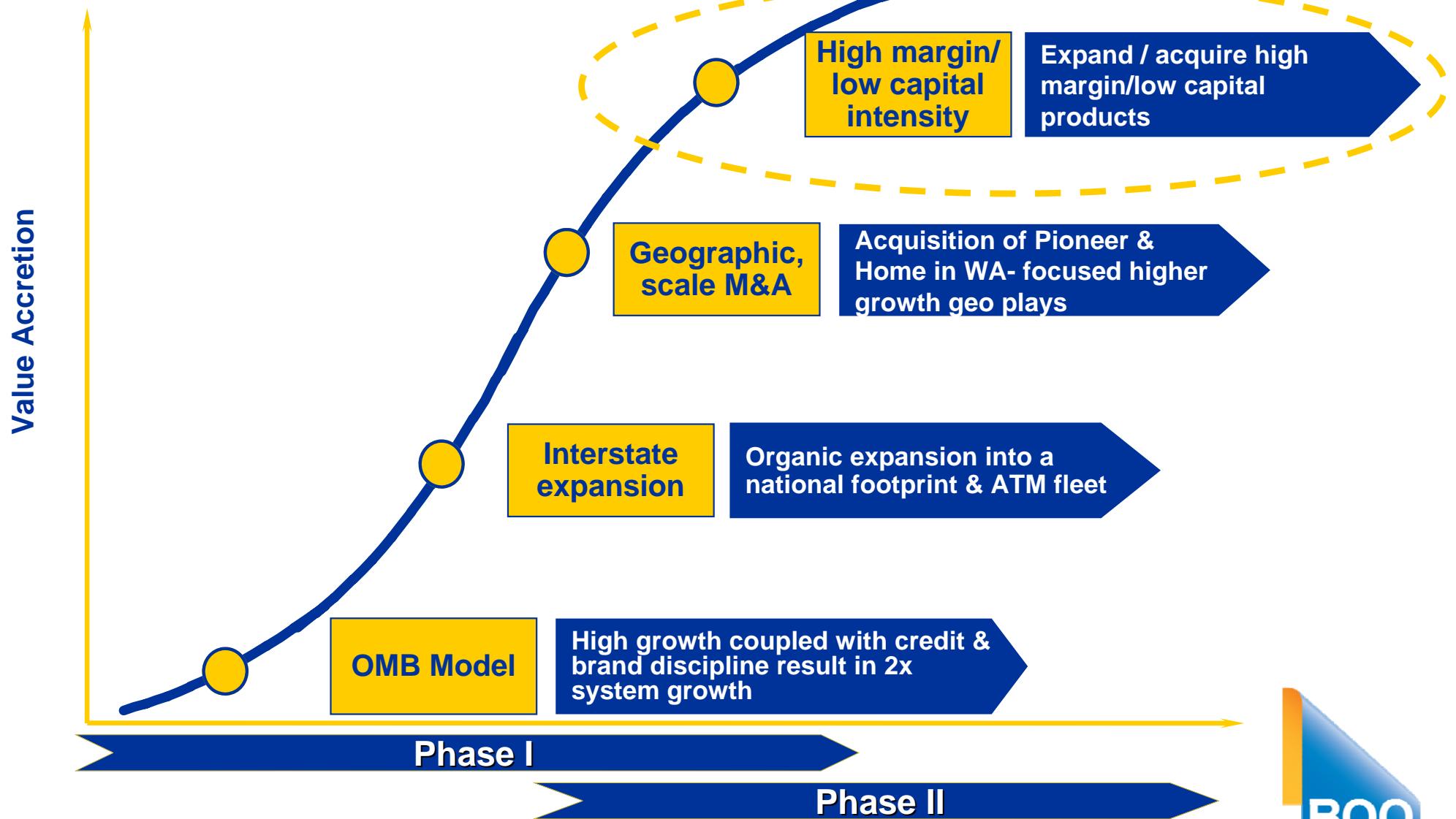
BOQ opportunity

- ▶ The takeovers of BankWest and St George by major banks has left a void of real alternatives for small business finance in Australia
- ▶ The OMB model is uniquely qualified and productive in growing our lending platform and successfully leveraging our personal service proposition
- ▶ Business customer satisfaction with the major banks continues to decline and is likely to accelerate as the acquired regional banks are integrated into the big bank model
- ▶ Our ability to take a more customised and localised approach to small business banking using a more productive distribution channel is key to unlocking the differentiated value proposition
- ▶ BOQ has a unique opportunity to enhance its small business product offering by growing Equipment Finance and Debtor Finance

BOQ as the real alternative

- ▶ Organisation changes made through the GFC have embedded the ‘small bank’ differentiated culture and processes
- ▶ Focused distribution channel recognises the target segment of retail customers and SME customers; not at the corporate end of town
- ▶ Market beating value proposition – personal service dealing directly with an experienced banker, while having all of the self directed service options available at any bank (for example telephone or internet)
- ▶ Our products and processes to support the end-to-end customer value proposition needs enhancement and investment
- ▶ We have proven that we can preserve the personal service proposition while improving efficiency and compliance with better technology and processes
- ▶ Recent acquisitions of CIT & St Andrews demonstrate our commitment to pursue scale and strategic growth opportunities

Evolution of our strategy



Outlook for FY10 and beyond

- ▶ BOQ has emerged from the GFC as a stronger organisation - kept a disciplined approach of 'sticking to our knitting'
- ▶ Our OMB model has continued to grow and demonstrate its resilience, further establishing its credibility as a branch distribution model
 - ▶ Our target customers are those who are dissatisfied with the major banks – we expect this market to increase regardless of system growth
- ▶ Our focus on efficiency will continue (cost to income ratio has reduced from 64% in 2007 to 45% 1H10), however not at the same step change rate
 - ▶ Enabling investment in regulatory and technology projects in FY11-12, and investment in our brand and marketing
- ▶ We will continue expansion in areas that increase margin and reduce our capital intensity
 - ▶ We will continue to diversify our income
 - ▶ We have a core competency in leasing and we will focus on this and consumer finance
 - ▶ Targeting best in class credit protection cross sales and offering the B2B credit protection model to all players in the industry

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