# Secured Investor: Mortgage Business Update

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# The **co-operative** bank for people with **purpose**

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YTD results demonstrate positive financial performance, despite a challenging UK Retail Banking market and economic uncertainty

- **Resilient business performance** despite market pressures
- We will remain focused on cost reduction whilst investing in our brand, digital capabilities and enhancing our product offering
- 'Fix the basics' spend expected to track lower than guidance
- Successful Tier 2 issuance of £200m
- Upgraded credit rating from Moody's a positive step as we look to build our future

Core income up 1% £189.4m (2018:186.9m)

Cost: Income ratio ahead of Plan 101% (\*115%)

High quality, low risk loan book-average mortgage LTV 57.2%

Strong capital base CET1 21.9% (\*19%)

\*2019 in-force full year guidance

Upgraded cost, capital & investment guidance as we remain confident in accelerating delivery of strategic objectives

# Tangible evidence of 'fixing the basics' with further progress towards building our future



differentiator

In H1 we delivered a series of initiatives re-energising our people, re-activating our unique brand and re-engaging our loyal customers



- Extension of free SME 30 month introductory period makes it the best-in-market introductory deal
- Enhancing our digital offering including the launch of our new mobile app
- **Progress against key strategic** projects including desktop transformation, separation and mortgage and savings re-platforming

#### Committed to investing in our future and becoming the ethical digital Bank

# Progress in our multi-year transformation plan, enhancing customer experience and driving shareholder value



to plan

# Finding growth in a competitive market

	The Co-operative Bank	Wider market
Retail Lending	<ul> <li>£1.1bn mortgage balance growth since 1H 18</li> <li>Margins maximised through LTV optimisation and controlling new business volumes</li> <li>Broadened BTL proposition, increasing customer channel choice, service and digital enhancements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Highly competitive market, intense pricing forcing margin compression</li> <li>Lenders offering higher LTV/LTI to support returns</li> <li>SVR attrition forcing pressure on income</li> <li>Housing market subdued</li> </ul>
Retail Deposits	<ul> <li>Continued customer momentum- increase in new savings and current account customers and strong customer retention rates</li> <li>New Select Access Saver product generating £220m new to bank balances (&gt;100% growth YoY)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current account switching market flat over past 18 months, spikes driven by switch incentive campaigns</li> <li>Term market hit significantly by lower swap rates</li> <li>High Cost of Credit and reforms to pricing structures creating additional challenges</li> </ul>
SME and Charities	<ul> <li>c.85,000 SME customers</li> <li>£15m successful C&amp;I bid supporting ambition to increase market share in key growth segment</li> <li>Delivery of enhanced digital capability increasing customer engagement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fierce competition for SME deposits placing value on "more than banking" with focus on mobile functionality</li> <li>Expectations to digitise products and services growing exponentially</li> <li>Challengers and fintechs investing heavily in improved propositions</li> </ul>

# 2019 Interim Financial Performance and Core Bank Mortgage Portfolio



# Financial performance ahead of expectations with CET1 ratio at 21.9%

£m	1H 19	1H 18	Change
Retail	140.5	146.8	(4%)
SME	27.9	28.0	(0%)
Core Customer income	168.4	174.8	(4%)
Treasury	21.0	12.1	74%
Total Core income	189.4	186.9	1%
Legacy/other	1.8	6.0	(70%)
Total income	191.2	192.9	(1%)
Operating costs	(185.0)	(175.2)	(6%)
Continuous improvement spend	(8.2)	(9.4)	13%
Operating expenditure	(193.2)	(184.6)	(5%)
Impairment (loss)/gain	(0.8)	2.9	<(100%)
Underlying (loss)/profit	(2.8)	11.2	<(100%)
Loss before tax	(38.5)	(39.5)	3%
Ratios			
Customer NIM <sup>1</sup>	1.83%	2.08%	(25)bps
Underlying cost:income ratio <sup>2</sup>	101.0%	95.7%	(5.3)pp
Cost of Risk <sup>3</sup>	1bp	(2bps) <sup>4</sup>	(3)bps
CET1 ratio %	21.9%	22.3% <sup>4</sup>	(0.4)pp

#### Underlying loss of £2.8m with core income 1% higher

#### Income broadly in line at £191.2m

- Retail down £6.3m through sustained mortgage margin pressure leads to NIM compression
- Treasury optimisation/revaluations drives £8.9m
  improvement
- Continued Legacy run-off reduces income by £4.2m

#### Expenditure increases 5% to £193.2m

- Renewed focus on brand and people investment offsets management actions
- C:l ratio tracking ahead at 101% (guidance c.115%)

#### Credit quality remains strong with net cost of risk of 1bp

# Loss before tax improves 3% to £38.5m including strategic investments of £52.7m

- 3. Cost of Risk is calculated as impairment divided by average total customer assets
- 4. Balance sheet ratios show FY 18 as comparative in place of 1H 18

<sup>1.</sup> NIM calculated as total net interest income over average gross customer assets

<sup>2.</sup> Underlying cost:income ratio is calculated as operating expenditure over total income (excl losses on asset sales)

# Controlled growth in core customer balance sheet, cost of deposits remains low



#### Gross customer deposit and lending rates<sup>1</sup>



Core customer deposit flows (£m)



- 2% growth in mortgages through Platform new business, improved retention and propositions
- 1.3% growth in lower cost Retail franchise and SME deposits with 2% reduction in term funding
- Sustained mortgage margin pressure drives 10bps reduction in core asset rates, however cost of deposits remains low at 61bps, 14bps below base rate
- Revising down customer asset and liability growth in 2019

1. Calculated as blended core gross rates over the core average balance for the three month period

## Net interest income down 7% with anticipated NIM contraction

 1H 18
 138.2
 20.1
 11.0
 4.6
 173.9

 1H 18
 133.1
 19.8
 6.5
 1.9
 161.3

Net interest income (£m)

■Retail ■SME ■Treasury ⊡Legacy

#### NII of £161.3m with SME stable

- Retail NII down 4% as competitive mortgage margins and SVR mix is partially offset by improving deposit costs
- Treasury NII down due to Tier 2 and lower MBS balances. Hedging adjustments offset in non-interest income
- Legacy NII represents only 1% of interest income, down from 3% in 1H 18
- Underlying NIM reduces to 185bps. Now expect 2019 NIM of c.170bps reflecting lower external rate expectations



## Well diversified and low LTV mortgage book

#### Average retail mortgage LTV (%)



#### Core mortgage book by geographic split



#### LTV split by band



#### Mortgage repayment type



Repayment Residential I/O Buy-to-let I/O Optimum I/O

# Loss before tax driven by investment in key strategic projects

£m	1H 19	1H 18	Change
Underlying (loss)/profit	(2.8)	11.2	<(100%)
Fix the Basics	(38.6)	(29.5)	(31%)
Enable the Future	(10.2)	(4.3)	<(100%)
Cost to achieve	(3.9)	(11.6)	66%
Strategic project costs	(52.7)	(45.4)	(16%)
Net customer redress charge	(2.5)	(11.0)	77%
Non-operating income	19.5	5.7	>100%
Loss before tax	(38.5)	(39.5)	3%
Тах	2.5	80.9	(97%)
(Loss)/profit after taxation	(36.0)	41.4	<(100%)

#### Loss before tax of £38.5m is 3% improvement on 1H 18

 16% increase in strategic investment, as we enter the final stage of 'Fix the basics'

£13.8m increase in non-operating income includes:

- £7.8m increase in the surrendered loss debtor (book value £41m, gross value £132m)
- £3.1m deferred consideration from Vocalink
- £8.6m pension discount unwind

Tax credit lower due to Pace sectionalisation in 2018. DTA asset of £375m, unrecognised losses of £2.1bn



#### **Redress Provision (£m)**

#### Remaining PPI provision of £38.7m

- £2.5m charge reflecting FCA clarification on certain redress timescales
- Recent enquiry volumes have increased but latest conversion rates are lower than previous experience
- Current coverage up to December based on historical run rate and provision stock
- Provision will be reassessed in 2H 19

# 2019 guidance revised to reflect strong capital performance and sustained NIM pressures

		2019		2020		2023	Comments
	Revised	c.170	Ļ	c.160	Ļ		Assumes delay in first
Customer NIM (bps)	In-force	175 - 180		160 - 165		180 - 185	rate rise to 2020 and ar orderly Brexit
Posting one watin (0/)	Revised	< 110	₽	c.105	↓	⇒	Focus will be to drive
Cost:income ratio (%)	In-force	c.115		105 - 110		c.75	underlying profits by taking cost action to
Franchise investment	Revised	140 - 150	↓	90 - 110	Ļ	→	mitigate NIM compression
(£m)	In-force	150 - 170		100 - 120		50 - 70	
	Revised	c.20.5 **		c.18**	1	19 – 20** 📋	Capital guidance
CET1 ratio (%)**	In-force	c.19		16 - 17		18 - 19	upgraded for each yea
Core <sup>1</sup> customer	Revised	c.17	Ļ	c.18	Ļ	c.23 🗪	
assets (£bn)	In-force	c.17.5		c.19.5		c.23	2019 balance sheet focus is on
Core <sup>1</sup> customer	Revised	18.5 - 19	Ļ	c.19.5	Ļ	c.24	price/volume
liabilities (£bn)	In-force	c.19.5		c.21		c.25	

1. Balance sheet guidance rebased to core customer balance growth following segmentation of legacy, which includes £1.4bn of assets as at 1H 19

\*\* update: 16th September 2019- as a result of an additional PPI provisions charge estimate (range- £55m-£75m) the Bank now expects its CET1 ratio to conclude 2019 between 19.5% and 20%

# Platform Mortgage Origination & Credit Risk

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## **Retail Mortgage Portfolio**

Retail Mortgage originations delivered through the intermediary channels via the Platform brand



## **Retail Mortgage Book Performance**



#### Possession Stock % Month-by-month – Number of Accounts



# **Platform: Product Range**

Current Platform owner occupied product offering:

Fixed	Rates are fixed for set period of time (2 to 5 year products are currently offered)
	<ul> <li>On sale fixed rates revert to SVR following the expiry of the fixed period</li> </ul>
Tracker	<ul> <li>Rate linked to the BoE Base Rate for a specified term (2 year products currently offered)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>BoE Base Rate changes passed on by the 1st of the following month, or the month subsequent (if BoE decision is after 10th of a particular month)</li> </ul>
	On sale tracker rates revert to SVR following the expiry of the initial tracker period
Standard Variable Rates	<ul> <li>Standard Variable Rate (SVR) is a managed rate and is usually varied following a change in BoE Base Rate. However, SVR can be varied outside of any change to BoE Base Rate.</li> </ul>
	Current SVR 4.99%
Purpose	Purchase; Remortgage; Additional Lending
Overpayments	<ul> <li>10% of the Outstanding Balance can be repaid in a 12 month period without ERCs being charged</li> </ul>
Payment Holidays	<ul> <li>Only allowed on certain mortgage types and subject to certain conditions (requires prior overpayments; minimum 6 months payments made on loan)</li> </ul>

# **Platform: Underwriting**

Key Underwriting Guidelines									
Borr	rower	Collateral		Loan		Max LTV			
<ul> <li>All applications are subject to affordability assessment, income multipliers controls in place &lt;=80%LTV maximum multiplier 4.85, &gt;80% 4.49</li> <li>All applications must pass our credit score, to support scoring increased controls for adverse credit, no Bankruptcies or IVA's, default &lt;=£500 and CCJ &lt;=£100</li> <li>All applications must meet acceptable income criteria, all income used to support the mortgage must be fully evidenced</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Bank must have first legal charge over the security</li> <li>Located in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland (existing customers only)</li> <li>Two acceptable valuation types: Physical Valuation and AVM</li> <li>Unacceptable security criteria</li> <li>Standard construction and MMC acceptable</li> <li>New build: House/Bungalow 85% Flat/Maisonette 80%</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Original term 5 - 40 years</li> <li>Interest only is not available for residential mortgages</li> <li>Loan purpose limits in place, business or speculative purposes are not acceptable</li> <li>Shared ownership and shared equity not acceptable, HTB is the only acceptable shared equity scheme</li> <li>Loans outside Capita's processing authority, referrals, outside of criteria or trigger high risk rules are assessed by Bank underwriters</li> </ul>		Up to £500K90>£500k to £750k85>£750k to £1m80>£1m to £2m75• Loan purposes:75Purchase95Remortgage only90Remortgage for legal interest90Remortgage home improvements85Remortgage debt consolidation75	)% )%		
Recent criteria	changes implemented								
November 2018	Affordability calculator part	rameters refresh							
December 2018	• AVM strategy, updated to have a tiered LTV and confidence level approach across residential purchase and remortgage applications. Changes implemented in December-18 to increase LTV limits to 80% LTV for remortgage and 70% for purchase								
February 2019	• Implementation of the use of personal income to support a rental shortfall on BTL applications								
May 2019	<ul> <li>BTL property section updated to state that Housing Benefit tenants can be considered</li> <li>New Build Warranty section updated</li> <li>Acceptable property types reviewed to add modern methods of construction</li> </ul>								
October 2019	<ul> <li>Implemented annual Affor will be &gt;= 5 year fix</li> </ul>	rdability model refresh, with stress rate change	e from	a standard SVR +3% to SVR+1% for £ for £ remo	ortga	ge applications and applications where the produc	ct that		

# **Platform: Origination / Underwriting Process**

Stage 1: Point of Sale & Processing – Capita & Bank	<ul> <li>Application is made via a sales channel</li> <li>If the application passes credit score, policy and affordability checks, the application is transferred electronically to the New Lending Team (Capita) for processing</li> <li>Supporting documentation evidence is requested from the broker/applicant</li> <li>For Broker channel, the valuation is instructed by Capita providing initial assessment/underwrite is acceptable, outstanding documentation not already submitted by the Broker is requested by Capita. For Direct channels, the valuation and documents are requested at point of sale by the Mortgage Advisor</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Application form, valuation report, references and supporting documents are assessed by the New Lending Department (Capita) where they are processed</li> </ul>
Stage 2: Underwriting – Bank	<ul> <li>Where the application is outside Capita's processing authority, referrals or high risk rules are triggered, the application is referred to RCU for an underwriting assessment and decision</li> <li>Also if any aspect of the application is found not to meet lending criteria, it can be referred to RCU</li> </ul>
	for assessment by an Underwriter
Stage 3: Offer/ Approval – Capita &	Providing all documentation is satisfactory, the application is approved and the offer of advance is issued
Bank	Fraud/AML check's are in place and if flagged would need to be action and satisfied
	• Completion usually occurs within 1 to 3 months of application, although the customer has up to 6
	<ul> <li>Completion usually occurs within 1 to 5 months of application, although the customer has up to 6 months to complete from application date</li> </ul>
Stage 4: Completion - Capita	• The solicitor returns the Certificate of Title to the completions team in the New Lending Department within Capita to request the completion funds on a specific date

#### **Referral Process: Bank - Retail Credit Underwriting, Credit Risk**

• Any application which does not meet lending criteria can be referred to Underwriting for consideration and individual assessment

# **Platform: Affordability**

The monthly disposable income (MDI) is calculated for the applicant/s via the method outlined below:



# **Platform: Valuations**



# **Platform: Valuation Criteria**

#### **Valuation Criteria**

- A valuation is required on all property used as security
- Two valuation options available are:
  - Physical valuation by a suitably qualified RICS surveyor, AssocRICS/MRICS/FRICS and fully experienced in carrying out this type of work within the locality in which the property lies. For Scottish valuations, the Bank will agree to a re-type of the valuation on the Home Report, if the Home report was completed by a valuer currently on our approved panel of valuers and the Home Report was completed no more than 3 months prior
  - Automated valuation (AVM) currently provided by Hometrack

All valuations must be carried out in accordance with the following:

- The R.I.C.S. Valuation Professional Standards (currently known as the Red Book), or any subsequent revision
- The Bank valuers Guidance Notes
- The Conditions of Engagement between the Bank and E.surv, Connells as well as Countrywide including their panel valuers
- Secured Lending Criteria
- Be in standard format
- Be completed by an authorised panel valuer
- Be addressed to Platform / Bank

**Current AVM Criteria:** 

#### **Residential Remortgage:**

- · Residential re-mortgage applications only
- Estimated property value must be between £75,000 and £750,000 for London & South East and £75,000 and £500,000 for the rest of the UK
- Maximum Loan to Value of 80% (based on the customer's estimated valuation)
- Confidence level >=4 where <=65%LTV</li>
- Confidence level >=5 where >65% LTV and <=75% LTV
- Confidence level >=6 where >75% LTV and <=80%LTV</li>

#### **Residential Purchase:**

- Estimated property value must be between £100,000 and £700,000 for London & South East and £500,000 for the rest of the UK. In addition the AVM result must not exceed the purchase price
- Maximum Loan to Value of 70% (based on the customer's estimated valuation)
- Confidence level >=4.5 where <=40%LTV
- Confidence level >=5 where >40% LTV and <=60% LTV
- Confidence level >=6.5 where >60% LTV and <=70%LTV

# Mortgage Servicing Overview

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# **Mortgage Servicing Overview**

#### **Capita Arrangement**

- In August 2015 the Bank outsourced its mortgage processing including mortgage operations, contact centre & arrears to Capita in
  order to improve service levels and to gain cost improvements, with circa 754 Bank staff transferred to Capita via a TUPE
  arrangement. Capita acquired WMS as part of the agreement and manages the outsourcing arrangement from this company
- The current Bank mortgage systems and processes are still in operation under Capita whilst the new systems are in development by Capita and their suppliers, Capita Mortgage Software Solutions (CMSS) and Unisys
- Bank has in place a Capita relationship management team with responsibility for oversight of servicing delivery with a defined Governance structure in place
- The Bank will continue to determine and set the servicing policies and underwriting applicable to all mortgage loans to which its subsidiaries hold legal title including arrears, default and enforcement procedures
- The current contract is due to expire at the end of 2020. Bank and Capita are currently negotiating an extension to this contract

# Mortgage Servicing/ Arrears Management Overview

	Mortgage Servicing & Arrears Structure									
Company		Ca								
Operation	Servici	Servicing Arrears								
Location	Leek	Plymouth		Leek	Plymouth					
Systems	Click (Platform), Sopra (Britann (Platform), Summit (0		ard Payment system, Aspect Summit							
Activity	<ul> <li>Applications processed Offer</li> <li>Servicing of completed accound Redemption:         <ul> <li>Account queries</li> <li>Redemptions</li> <li>Statement exceptions</li> <li>Financial transactions</li> <li>Deeds management</li> <li>Charge registrations</li> </ul> </li> <li>Customer contact centre</li> <li>Mortgage Advice Existing Customer</li> </ul>	nts through to		<ul> <li>pre-litigation and Litigation</li> <li>Inbound and Outbound ca</li> <li>Full review of the account <ul> <li>Income and expend</li> <li>Past, present and fucustomer circumstance</li> <li>Matching appropriate situation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Use of external service performing of free external service performance</li> <li>Manage Asset Manager SLA's and sale guideline</li> <li>QA framework to assess</li> </ul> <li>Bespoke Sensitive and Yesternal Service Performance</li>	Ills to include: iture iture information gathering of ces e solutions for customer's providers for home visits and rnal advice organisations s to ensure adherence to es s on-going competence					

## **Platform: Arrears Process**



# **Platform: Litigation Process**



# **Platform: Forbearance Techniques**

- Loan modification techniques include:
  - Term Extensions
    - The maturity of the loan is extended to reduce the monthly payment
  - Assisted Voluntary Sale (AVS)
     Unlike a repossession, the borrower can live in the property until it is sold
  - Concessions
     The borrower is allowed to make reduced payments on a temporary basis to assist with a short term financial hardship
  - Arrangements The borrower repays the outstanding arrears over a period of time by making payments above the contractual amount
  - Arrears Capitalisation (Infrequent)
     Outstanding arrears are added to the capital value of the loan to be repaid over the remaining term
- Following customer dialogue, the selected modification avenue, if suitable, is employed on a case by case basis by an individually assigned and experienced collector following an extensive review process

# Silk Road RMBS





# Platform & Road No. 5 Portfolio Overview and Comparables

	Whole Platform Book	Silk Road No. 5	Albion No. 4	Oak No. 3	Bowbell No. 2	Friary No. 5	Gosforth 2018-1	CMF 2018-1
Date	Jun-19	Jun-19	Sep-19	Aug-19	May-19	Mar-19	Sep-18	May-18
Collateral Balance	11,187,736,684	582,783,253	437,781,706	375,983,705	2,266,781,113	523,080,056	1,725,081,960	285,532,264
Number of borrowers	71,241	3,556	3,155	2,642	14,940	4,472	9,671	1,806
Av. current balance	157,041	163,887	138,758	142,310	151,726	116,942	178,376	158,102
WA seasoning (months)	21	11	23	15	28	20	30	12
WA remaining term (yrs)	23	25	22	24	24	20	22	25
WA OLTV (%)	71.34	73.0	67.6	71.9	79	67.6	65.9	72.5
WA CLTV (%)	63.20	71.1	63.7	69.9	74.2	64.1	60.7	70.7
OLTV >=80%	34.12	41.0	35.7	39.4	62.5	31.4	26.1	34.1
CCJs (%)	0.01	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BO/IVA (%)	0.01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<90 arrears (%)	0.16	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
90+ arrears (%)	0.06	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Buy-to-let (%)	10.27	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Right-to-buy (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Flexible loans (%)	0.19	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100	0.0
Interest-only loans (%)	9.47	0.0	18.6	10.6	8.6	8.2	5.6	0.0

## Silk Road No. 5 Portfolio Overview

25% 21% 20% 20% 14% 15% 11% 9% 10% 7% 5% 5% 3% 5% 2% 1% 0% £0 to £50,000 to £100.000 to £150,000 to £200,000 to £250.000 to £300,000 to £350,000 to £400,000 to £450,000 to £500.000.00 £49,999.99 £99,999.99 £149,999.99 £199,999.99 £249,999.99 £299,999.99 £349,999.99 £399,999.99 £449,999.99 £499,999.99 >=

**Current Balance (£)** 

SR5

#### Current Interest Rate Type Silk Road No. 5\*



#### Current Interest Rate (%)\*



# Silk Road No. 5 Portfolio Overview



## Original LTV (%)\*

### Indexed Current LTV (%)\*



## Silk Road No. 4 Historical Performance



#### **Cumulative Losses\***



\* By % of Current Balance

## Silk Road No. 5 Portfolio Overview







#### Geographic Distribution SR5\*



\* By % of Current Balance

# Appendix





# Core balance growth lower than expectations in order to optimise margins across customer assets and deposits

£m	1H 19	FY 18	Change
Retail lending	16,187	15,847	2%
SME	208	291	(29%)
Core customer assets	16,395	16,138	2%
Core Treasury	4,504	4,502	0%
Total core assets	20,899	20,640	1%
Legacy assets	1,444	1,527	(5%)
Other assets	1,061	936	13%
Total assets	23,404	23,103	1%
Retail deposits	16,650	16,595	0%
SME	2,050	2,000	3%
Core customer deposits	18,700	18,595	1%
Core Treasury	2,444	2,309	6%
Total core liabilities	21,144	20,904	1%
Legacy liabilities	149	119	25%
Other liabilities	371	330	12%
Total liabilities	21,664	21,353	1%
Equity	1,740	1,750	(1%)
Total liabilities and equity	23,404	23,103	1%

- Retail lending growth through Platform brand with £1.7bn of completions and increased levels of retention
- Core SME balance reduction as limited new business activity at present
- Legacy assets reduce 5% in line with expectations
- Retail deposits increase marginally due to growth in current account balances
- SME deposit growth driven by growing customer base
- Equity drops £10m as loss is offset by revaluation of pension scheme surplus



Continuing to provide award winning customer service



Most Trusted Mainstream Bank



Fairer Finance Gold Ribbon status on our Current Accounts



Best packaged bank accounts

Moneyfacts'

5\* Rated Standard Current Account and Everyday Extra products

**worship** 

Worship Savings Account Audit Recognition

THE SUNDAY TIMES Best Buy Current Account

Embedding our customer first principles



Winner of Moneyfacts Branch network of the year

**Highly commended** branch service and contact centre (2nd and 3rd respectively)

**Process simplification** optimising digitisation to reducing the number of clicks by 20%

Reduced current account opening time by two days

**Product transformation** including successful launch of new Select Access Saver and simplification of mortgage processes

We are the only UK high street Bank with a customer-led ethical policy refusing banking services to organisations conflicting with our customers' values and ethics



39%

reduction in carbon emissions 2017 Vs 2018 Zero

waste to landfill by the end of 2020

Refuge

For women and children. Against domestic violence.





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