











Sainsbury's Bank plc

Report and Accounts for the
year ended 31 December 2009

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Report by the Board of Directors to the shareholders

The Directors have pleasure in submitting their report and the accounts of Sainsbury's Bank plc ('the Bank') for the year ended 31 December 2009 to the Annual General Meeting to be held on 4 March 2010.

Principal activities

The Bank provides banking services and related financial services wholly within the UK. During the period the Bank continued to develop its customer offer through sales of its core products: personal loans, savings accounts, credit cards, general and life insurance. The Bank is a joint venture between J Sainsbury plc and Bank of Scotland plc with a contractual arrangement in place to govern the sharing of joint control. Following the acquisition of HBOS plc by Lloyds TSB Group plc on 16 January 2009, Bank of Scotland plc became part of the Lloyds Banking Group plc. J Sainsbury plc and Bank of Scotland plc are incorporated and domiciled in England and Scotland respectively. Sainsbury's Bank plc is incorporated and domiciled in England.

Development and performance of the business

The Bank delivered a profit before tax of £18.2 million (2008: £5.9 million). The Directors are pleased with the position, delivered through steady income growth and strong cost management within the context of a difficult economic climate. The Directors remain confident in the long-term profitability of the business.

In the last 12 months, market conditions have remained challenging in the financial services sector. The impact of the recession has led to higher impairment charges in the market and the savings market has continued to remain extremely competitive in terms of pricing. Despite this, the Bank has increased profitability whilst continuing to provide long-term value to customers. During the year the Bank made significant progress in realising its strategy of giving shoppers a compelling reason to purchase financial services from Sainsbury's, and in October launched the highly successful 'Making Shopping More Rewarding' customer proposition.

The Bank uses a variety of key performance measures to monitor progress against strategic objectives: rolling out a balanced scorecard to all colleagues in the year, reflecting Financial, Building the Business, Customer, Risk and People measures.

The Bank experienced a 40 per cent increase (£34.6 million) in net interest income in 2009. Rates associated with lending products remained highly competitive in the market place whilst funding costs decreased in light of the reduction in Bank base rate. The Bank has remained competitive in the savings market throughout the year through the launch of new savings offerings and reward rates of interest on existing products. Overall savings balances marginally increased to a level of £3.7 billion; tailoring the deposits inflow to the funding requirement of the business.

Total lending balances increased by 13.5 per cent in the year to £2.3 billion, reflecting the ability of the Bank to write good quality personal loans business in a heavily contracted market, as lenders typically retreated into their existing customer bases. Total sales growth (calculated with reference to new accounts and renewals) increased by 15 per cent.

Commission income has remained stable in an increasingly competitive environment. The size of the ATM estate has increased from 1,038 to 1,099 in the year whilst products such as pet insurance and home insurance have proved extremely popular.

Costs have reduced by £7.1 million with the cost income ratio falling from 56 per cent to 48 per cent despite investment in the customer offer in terms of brand marketing and the 'Double Nectar points on your shopping for 2 years' campaign.

Asset quality has remained strong and the Bank continues to be well provided for in terms of coverage for non-performing assets. Total impairment charge on loans and advances to customers has increased by 24 per cent which is significantly below the industry average and a good performance given the economic environment. The Bank has continued to tighten customer affordability and risk-based screening criteria whilst focusing on acquisition of higher credit scoring customers.

The Bank continues to maintain a predominantly retail funded balance sheet with a high level of liquidity being maintained. The core liquidity ratio at 31 December 2009 was 16.59 per cent (31 December 2008: 14.54 per cent).

Looking forward, the Bank will continue to enhance its financial services proposition to the Sainsbury's shopper base.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Through its normal operations the Bank is exposed to a number of risks including credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. Responsibility for managing exposure to such risks rests with the Risk Management Committee. Further details are provided in note 28.

In addition to financial risks, the Bank is also exposed to operational risks. The Bank identifies, evaluates and monitors operational risks through a number of core processes such as operational risk profiling, loss event reporting, the use of key risk indicators and regular control self assessments. Regular reports are provided to the Operational and Regulatory Risk committee and other governance bodies.

The Financial Services Authority is the main regulator for the Bank. The Bank supports the FSA's Treating Customers Fairly initiative and has set clear principles for doing business. This is supported by ongoing maintenance of procedures across the Bank's operations, with associated enhancement and development where necessary. The objective is to meet the requirements of our shareholders through meeting the needs of our customers.

The Bank monitors regulatory change and utilises both in-house and centralised expertise within the Lloyds Banking Group plc and from external advisors, to:

- Identify, assess, respond to, and where possible influence, regulatory developments on behalf of the Bank, such as the new liquidity standards regime;
- Manage, support and co-ordinate the liaison and interaction with the Bank's regulatory stakeholders.

The management of regulatory change is reported to the Operational & Regulatory Risk Committee, the Risk Management Committee and ultimately to the Audit Committee and the Board.

During the year the reform of the banking sector has gathered pace. A number of proposals have been made by the FSA in relation to capital, funding and liquidity and the Bank welcomes many of these developments. The liquidity of the Bank continues to be prudently managed with the sterling stock liquidity ratio well in excess of the FSA requirement of 5 per cent at 16.59 per cent as at 31 December 2009. Work has been performed in assessing the impact of new liquidity regulation and the Bank has been planning future activity in light of these requirements.

The Bank has considered the conclusions reached in the Walker review which examined corporate governance arrangements in UK banks and other financial industry entities. Although the majority of the recommendations are not applicable to the Bank, steps have been taken to improve governance in line with the key themes identified in the review. This has included the establishment of a new Remuneration Committee to consider the approach to remuneration in respect of all employees.

The Bank has also considered the British Bankers Association (BBA) code for Financial Reporting Disclosure that was published towards the end of 2009. The Bank is not a formal signatory of the code, but will look to adopt the best practice that develops in light of the approach taken by the UK's seven largest lending institutions.

Capital management

The FSA sets and monitors capital requirements for the Bank. In implementing current capital requirements the FSA requires the Bank to maintain a prescribed level of capital with reference to risk weighted assets and the perceived risk management framework. Our submissions to the FSA in the period have shown that the Bank has complied with all externally imposed capital requirements.

The Bank manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities. Note 29 provides information on the capital resources of the Bank at the year end.

The Bank's regulatory capital position at 31 December 2009 and 31 December 2008 was as follows:

	31 December 2009 (unaudited) £m	31 December 2008 (unaudited) restated £m	31 December 2008 (unaudited) £m
Risk weighted assets	2,848.0	2,540.5	2,294.3
Core Tier 1 capital ratio	7.2%	7.8%	8.7%
Total capital ratio	12.3%	13.4%	14.9%

Prior year figures have been restated to reflect an appropriate treatment of the operational risk capital requirement with this being converted into a risk weighted asset equivalent figure. The reduction in the total capital ratio from this revised position reflects an increase in risk weighted assets driven by an increase in loans and advances to customers. The Bank's individual capital adequacy assessment process (ICAAP) assesses the impact on the Bank's balance sheet, profit and loss account and capital position arising from an economic downturn as well as various other risk events. The Directors are comfortable that the current capital position of the Bank is robust.

It is anticipated that the Bank will disclose 'Pillar 3' information as required by the Capital Requirements Directive and FSA prudential sourcebook on the J Sainsbury plc external website during 2010.

Going concern and position of the Bank at the end of the financial period

The Directors believe that the Bank is in a stable financial position and is well placed to generate profits in the future. Profitability in the year has increased against the backdrop of a challenging economic climate and retail deposits have remained at a stable level despite continued competition. In assessing whether the going concern basis continues to be appropriate, the Bank has considered the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC) guidance on assessing going concern and liquidity risk.

The risk management framework in place is considered adequate in managing liquidity risk in the current environment and further improvements are planned in light of the new liquidity regulations announced by the FSA. For the avoidance of doubt, the Bank does not rely on short-term wholesale borrowing to fund retail activity. The Bank has strengthened its liquidity ratio (based on the sterling stock liquidity ratio) from 14.54 per cent at 31 December 2008 to 16.59 per cent at 31 December 2009. The capital position is considered robust in the current economic environment and in light of future earnings potential. Further information on the key financial risks of the business can be found in note 28.

In considering the appropriateness of preparing the accounts under the going concern basis, the Bank has considered the going concern status of its parent companies J Sainsbury plc and Lloyds Banking Group plc and in neither case found cause for concern in relation to the Bank's own going concern status.

Whilst the Bank outsources many of its operations to other partner providers, including parties within the Lloyds Banking Group plc, the Board does not consider these arrangements to be susceptible to those parties' going concern status. This is due to the likelihood of an orderly rundown in the event of administration, and the ability of the Bank to migrate operations as outlined in the terms of the agreements to alternative providers over a period of 12 months.

The Directors are satisfied that the Bank has adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and consequently the going concern basis continues to be appropriate in preparing the accounts.

Issued and authorised share capital

The amount of issued share capital was unchanged from the previous year at £170 million (note 23).

Dividends

The profit after tax for the period attributable to the shareholders is £13.2 million (2008: £4.1 million). The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend.

Directors

The Directors at 31 December 2009 were:

Mr Darren Shapland (Chairman)	Appointed 17 July 2006
Mr Peter Jackson (Deputy Chairman)	Appointed 18 September 2006
Ms Gwyn Burr	Appointed 18 September 2006
Ms Imelda Walsh	Appointed 23 February 2007
Ms Hannah Bernard	Appointed 1 August 2007
Mr Alasdair Lenman	Appointed 2 July 2009
Mr Lindsay Mackay	Appointed 2 July 2009

The Board comprises two Executive Directors (the position of Chief Executive Officer was vacant as at 31 December 2009) and six Non-Executive Directors. Messrs Jackson, Lenman and Mackay are employed and remunerated by Lloyds Banking Group plc. Mr Shapland, Ms Burr, Ms Walsh and Ms Bernard are employed and remunerated by J Sainsbury plc.

With the exception of Messrs Lenman and Mackay, who were appointed during the period, all of the Directors in office at the date of this report served throughout the period.

Other Directors who served during the period to 31 December 2009 were:

Mr Dan Watkins	Resigned 20 March 2009
Mr Adam Seale	Resigned 30 April 2009
Mr Neil Chandler	Resigned 15 December 2009

No Director had an interest in the shares of the Bank.

On 1 January 2010 David Fisher was appointed as a Director and Chief Executive Officer.

The Bank has provided an indemnity for the benefit of all of its current Directors which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision for the purpose of the Companies Act 2006.

Audit Committee

The members of the Audit Committee in office at the end of the period consisted of Mr Alasdair Lenman (Chairman, representing Lloyds Banking Group plc), Mr Alan Brindley (representing Lloyds Banking Group plc), Mr Darren Shapland (representing J Sainsbury plc) and Mr Richard Fleming (representing J Sainsbury plc). Mr Alasdair Lenman and Mr Alan Brindley were appointed on 12 November 2009. Mr Adam Seale and Mr Peter Beddows served as members of the Audit Committee until their resignation on the 12 November 2009.

Charitable and other donations

During the period the Bank made charitable donations in the UK of £26,914 (2008: £91,756).

Suppliers

The Bank recognises the importance of maintaining good business relationships with its suppliers and is committed to paying all invoices within agreed terms. The average number of days' credit taken at 31 December 2009 was 18 days (2008: 19 days).

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

At the date of this report, each of the Directors in office have taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Bank's auditors are aware of that information. As far as each Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Bank's auditors are unaware.

By order of the Board and signed on its behalf by

Hannah Bernard
Company Secretary
London
4 March 2010

Accounting policies

(a) Statement of compliance

The Bank's accounts have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union. The accounts also comply with those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS.

(b) Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets and financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit and loss.

The accounting policies explained below have been consistently applied to all periods presented in these financial statements. Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

The risk management framework in place for the Bank is considered adequate in managing liquidity risk in the current environment. For the avoidance of doubt, the Bank does not rely on the short-term wholesale markets to fund retail activity.

In considering the appropriateness of preparing the accounts under the going concern basis the Bank has considered the going concern status of its parent companies J Sainsbury plc and Lloyds Banking Group plc and in neither case found cause for concern in relation to the Bank's own going concern status.

The Bank outsources many of its operations to other partner providers, including parties within the Lloyds Banking Group plc. The Board has considered these arrangements and does not believe them to be susceptible to those parties' going concern status.

A profit was generated for the period and the Directors believe that the Bank is in a stable financial position and is well placed to generate profits in the future.

The Directors are satisfied that the Bank has adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and consequently the going concern basis continues to be appropriate in preparing the accounts.

(c) Designation of financial instruments

The Bank has classified its financial instruments in accordance with IAS 39 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement' as follows:

Non-derivative financial assets where there is no active market and which have fixed or determinable payments are classified as 'loans and receivables'. No assets are held for trading. Derivative instruments are automatically classified as 'at fair value through the income statement' unless they form part of an effective hedging relationship. No financial assets are designated as 'held to maturity'. All other financial assets are classified as 'available for sale'. All other financial liabilities are classified as 'at amortised cost'.

The resulting treatment of these financial instruments is set out in the accounting policies below.

(d) Loans and advances including impairment

Loans and advances are held at amortised cost, using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment and recognised on the balance sheet when cash is advanced.

For the Bank's portfolios of loans, such as credit card lending and personal loans, impairment provisions are calculated for groups of assets, otherwise impairment is identified at a counterparty specific level following objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired. Such evidence may include a missed interest or principal payment or the breach of a banking covenant. The present value of estimated cash flows recoverable is determined after taking into

account any security held. The amount of impairment is calculated by comparing the present value of the cash flows discounted at the loans' original effective interest rate with the balance sheet carrying value. If impaired, the carrying value is adjusted and the difference charged to the income statement and a provision recognised in the balance sheet.

The written down value of the impaired loan is compounded back to the net realisable balance over time using an effective interest rate. This is reported through interest receivable within the income statement and represents the unwinding of the discount.

A write-off is made when all or part of a claim is deemed uncollectible or forgiven. Write-offs are charged against previously established provisions for impairment or directly to the income statement. Subsequent recoveries of amounts written off decrease the charge for loan impairment in the income statement.

An allowance for impairment losses is also maintained in respect of assets which are impaired at the balance sheet date but which have not been identified as such, based on historical loss experience and other relevant factors. The methodology and assumptions used are regularly reviewed to reduce any differences between estimates and actual results.

(e) Investment securities including impairment

These comprise debt securities and other fixed interest securities, including treasury and other eligible bills and are recognised on the date the contract is entered into. They are classified as 'available for sale' and carried on the balance sheet at fair value with unrealised gains or losses being recognised through reserves.

Income on available-for-sale debt securities is recognised on an effective interest rate basis and taken to interest receivable through the income statement. On sale, maturity or impairment deferred gains and losses arising from available for sale securities are recognised in other operating income.

Investment securities classified as available for sale are continually reviewed at the specific investment level for impairment. Impairment is recognised when there is objective evidence that a specific financial asset is impaired. Objective evidence of impairment might include a significant or prolonged decline in market value below the original cost of a financial asset and, in the case of debt securities, non-receipt of due interest or principal repayment, a breach of covenant within the security's terms and conditions or a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows since their initial recognition.

The disappearance of active markets, declines in market value and ratings downgrades do not in themselves constitute objective evidence of impairment and, unless a default has occurred on a debt security, the determination of whether or not objective evidence of impairment is present at the balance sheet date requires the exercise of management judgement.

(f) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment includes fixtures and fittings, and computer hardware costs and is stated at historical cost less depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. The cost is written off, on a straight-line basis, over the expected lives of the assets, generally between one and ten years.

Property, plant and equipment are assessed for impairment where there is an indication of impairment. Where impairment exists, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and the impairment loss recognised in the income statement. The depreciation charge for the asset is then adjusted to reflect the asset's revised carrying amount.

(g) Intangible assets – software development costs

Computer Software & Systems

Purchased computer software licences are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire, and bring into use, the specific software. These costs are amortised, on a straight-line basis, over the expected useful lives of the assets (three to five years).

Internally Generated Computer Software & Systems (including website)

Costs directly associated with the production of identifiable and unique software products or systems that are considered likely to generate economic benefits, and are capable of operating in the manner intended by management, are recognised as intangible assets. Such intangible assets arising from development of software and/or systems are amortised, on a straight-line basis, over their useful economic lives (not exceeding four years) from the date the product is available for use. Other expenditure, including software research development costs are expensed as incurred.

Capitalised development expenditure and purchased software is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Such assets are assessed for impairment where there is an indication of impairment. Where impairment exists, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and the impairment loss recognised in the income statement. The depreciation charge for the asset is then adjusted to reflect the asset's revised carrying amount.

Subsequent expenditure is only capitalised when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates.

(h) Income recognition

Interest income and expense are recognised in the income statement for all financial instruments measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. This calculation takes into account all amounts that are integral to the yield as well as incremental transaction costs. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts the expected future cash flows over the expected life of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability at initial recognition.

Fees and commissions, that are not integral to the effective interest rate calculation, are recognised in the income statement as services that are provided. Where in the case of insurance commissions the income comprises an initial commission and profit share, both are recognised on completion of the service to the extent reliably measurable. Where there is a risk of potential claw back, an appropriate element of the commission receivable is deferred and amortised over the life of the underlying loan or period of claw back.

(i) Taxation

Income tax on the profit or loss for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity. Taxation is determined using tax rates (and laws) enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is provided using the balance sheet liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

(j) Nectar points

The cost of Nectar points, awarded as incentives to Sainsbury's Bank customers are recognised when earned by the customer or as required by IAS 37 and IFRIC 13. For certain insurance products double nectar points are awarded on spend in J Sainsbury's plc stores subject to a cap for two years provided there are no claims on the policy and that renewal occurs. The estimated annual cost of the points are recognised at the point of sale for the first year of the offer.

(k) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than investing or other purposes. Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and balances with central banks that are freely available and non-equity investments with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

(l) Other borrowed funds

Other borrowed funds comprise subordinated liabilities, which consist of dated and undated loan capital. These are held at amortised cost and the interest payable is recognised in the income statement through interest payable.

(m) Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities comprise deposits from banks and customer accounts. All financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. A financial liability is derecognised from the balance sheet when the Bank has discharged its obligations, the contract is cancelled or expires.

(n) Foreign currencies

The accounts are presented in sterling which is the Bank's functional and presentation currency.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into sterling at the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated at balance sheet date exchange rates. Exchange differences arising are recognised in the income statement.

(o) Derivative instruments

During the period the Bank used cash flow hedging as a risk management tool for hedging foreign exchange rate risk on on-balance sheet assets.

Cash flow hedge accounting matches the cash flows of hedged items against the corresponding cash flow of the hedging derivative. The effective part of any gain or loss on a hedging instrument is recognised directly in equity in the cash flow hedge reserve and the hedged item is accounted for in accordance with the policy for that financial instrument. Any ineffective portion of the hedging instrument's fair value is recognised immediately in the income statement through net trading income.

The amount deferred in reserves remains until the designated transaction occurs at which time it is released and accounted for in the income statement in line with the treatment of the hedged item. Should circumstances arise where the hedge relationship subsequently proves ineffective, is early settled or is terminated the associated gains and losses that were recognised directly in reserves are reclassified to the income statement through net income.

(p) Marketing expenditure

All marketing and expenditure related to the acquisition of customer accounts is written off as incurred.

(q) Provisions

The Bank recognises a provision if there is a present obligation as a consequence of either a legal or a constructive obligation resulting from a past event. To recognise this it should be probable that an outflow of economic resources, that can be reliably measured, will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are measured as the discounted expected future cash flows taking account of the risks and uncertainties associated with the specific liability where appropriate.

(r) New accounting standards

The following IFRS standards and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ('IFRIC') interpretations have been applied in 2009:

IAS 1 (revised), 'Presentation of financial statements'. The revised standard requires 'non-owner changes in equity' to be presented separately from owner changes in equity. All 'non-owner changes in equity' are required to be shown in a performance statement. The Bank has elected to present two statements: an income statement and a statement of comprehensive income. The financial statements have been prepared under the revised disclosure requirements.

IFRS 7 (amended), 'Financial instruments: Disclosures'. The amendment requires enhanced disclosures about fair value measurements and liquidity risk. In particular, the amendment requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of a fair value measurement hierarchy. The adoption of the amendment results in additional disclosures but does not have an impact on the financial position or the comprehensive income of the Bank.

IFRS 8 'Operating Segments'. IFRS 8 replaces IAS 14, 'Segment reporting'. It requires a 'management approach' under which segment information is presented on the same basis as that used for internal reporting purposes. IFRS 8 has had no impact on the Bank as it is only applicable to entities that themselves are listed or have parents that are listed.

IFRIC 13 'Customer Loyalty Programmes'. The implementation of IFRIC 13 'Customer Loyalty Programmes' has had no material impact on the financial statements.

(s) Critical accounting judgements and estimates

The preparation of accounts requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, most critically in respect of impairment losses on loans and advances, effective yield and the valuation of investment securities.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical accounting judgements

The critical accounting judgements made by the Bank that have a material financial impact on the financial statements are as follows:

Impairment of investment securities

Investment securities classified as available for sale are continually reviewed at the specific investment level for impairment. Impairment is recognised when there is objective evidence that a specific financial asset is impaired. Objective evidence of impairment might include a significant or prolonged decline in market value below the original cost of a financial asset and, in the case of debt securities, non-receipt of due interest or principal repayment, a breach of covenant within the security's terms and conditions or a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows since their initial recognition.

The disappearance of active markets, declines in market value and ratings downgrades do not in themselves constitute objective evidence of impairment and, unless a default has occurred on a debt security, the determination of whether or not objective evidence of impairment is present at the balance sheet date requires the exercise of management judgement. This judgement is even more important and challenging in the current market conditions when market activity is significantly reduced.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax assets and liabilities require management judgement in determining the amounts to be recognised. In particular, when assessing the extent to which deferred tax assets should be recognised with consideration given to the timing, nature and level of future taxable income. The recognition of deferred tax assets

relating to tax losses carried forward relies on profit projections and taxable profit forecasts prepared by management, where a number of assumptions are required based on the levels of growth in profits and the reversal of deferred tax balances.

Critical accounting estimates

The critical accounting estimates made by the Bank are set out below. Disclosures about estimates and the related assumptions are also included in the appropriate Note to the Financial Statements.

Impairment losses on loans and advances

Impairment loss calculations involve the estimation of future cash flows of financial assets, based on observable data at the balance sheet date and historical loss experience for assets with similar credit risk characteristics. These calculations are undertaken on a portfolio basis using various statistical modelling techniques. Impairment models are continually reviewed to ensure data and assumptions are appropriate. However, the accuracy of any such impairment calculation will be affected by unexpected changes to the economic situation, and assumptions which differ from actual outcomes. As such, significant judgement is applied in selecting and updating impairment models.

Effective yield

In calculating the effective interest rate of a financial instrument the Bank takes into account all amounts that are integral to the yield of a financial instrument as well as incremental transaction costs. In the case of loans and advances significant judgement is applied in estimating the effect of various factors on future cash flows. In the case of insurance commissions income comprises an initial commission and profit share both of which are recognised on completion of the service to the extent reliably measurable. Where there is a risk of claw back judgement is applied in deferring an appropriate element of the commission receivable and amortising this over an expected average life.

Determining fair values

The determination of fair value for financial assets and liabilities for which there is no observable market price requires the use of various valuation techniques some of which require significant degrees of judgement.

The main methodologies and assumptions used in estimating the fair values of financial instruments are as follows:

- **Cash and balances with central banks**
Fair value approximates to carrying value because they have minimal credit losses and are either short-term in nature or re-price frequently.
- **Loans and advances to customers**
The fair value of loans and advances is estimated by discounting anticipated cash flows, including interest, at a current market rate of interest.
- **Loans and advances to banks and deposits by banks**
The fair value of floating rate placements and overnight deposits is equal to carrying value. The fair value of fixed interest-bearing deposits is based on cash flows discounted using current money market interest rates for debts with similar maturity and credit risk characteristics.
- **Customer accounts and other borrowings**
The fair value of customer deposits with no stated maturity date is the amount repayable on demand. The estimated fair value of fixed interest-bearing deposits and other borrowings with no quoted market price is calculated using a cash flow model discounted using interest rates for debts with similar maturity.
- **Investment securities**
Fair value is based on market prices or broker/dealer valuations. Where this information is not available, fair value has been estimated using quoted market prices for securities with similar credit, maturity and yield characteristics. In 2009 and 2008 all

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securities were valued from market prices or broker/dealer valuations. In a small number of cases (investment securities with a value of £18.8 million, 2008: £48.7 million) valuations have been on market observable inputs relating to suitable proxy bonds with similar credit and maturity profiles.

In valuing the investment securities portfolio, management has considered the guidance in the Financial Stability Forum (FSF) published in April 2008 and judges that there is an active market for all bonds in the portfolio and all the bonds have been valued from market observable data.

Qualifying hedge relationships

In designating financial instruments as qualifying hedge relationships, the Bank has determined that it expects the hedge to be highly effective over the life of the hedging instrument. In accounting for derivatives as cash flow hedges, the Bank has determined that the hedged cash flow exposure relates to highly probable future cash flows.

Provisions and contingent liabilities

The Bank has acted as an introducer to Lloyds Banking Group ('LBG') in relation to the sale of certain past products. In connection with these sales the Bank has recorded a provision to cover estimated costs to LBG, which are capped, that might arise from commercial terms agreed. The level of provision has been estimated based on certain key assumptions in relation to cost emergence.

Commission claw back

Where the Bank receive insurance commission and there is a risk of potential claw back, an appropriate element of the commission receivable is deferred and amortised over the life of the underlying loan or period of claw back. The principal assumptions underlying the level of deferred income relate to the volume of cancellation, write off or early settlement activity as well as the timing of this. Actual levels of claw back are regularly reviewed against model assumptions.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

The ultimate liability for levies payable to the FSCS in respect of those financial institutions which collapsed during the 2008 financial year remains uncertain. The amount provided by the Bank is the latest estimate of the contribution required in respect of the period of the initial three-year loan facility from HM Treasury. This contribution is dependent upon the following factors:

- Future interest rates;
- The Bank's share of industry protected deposits; and
- Finalisation of the principal balance of the HM Treasury loans, including the extent to which the FSCS can recover assets to fund their repayment and validation of the costs of the accounts transferred to Abbey, ING and Nationwide.

The Bank is aware that further fees, in respect of any refinancing after the maturity of the initial three-year loan facility or any compensation payments should the FSCS fail to recover sufficient funds to repay its loans, are possible but has not made any provision for them as they cannot be reliably estimated. The FSCS have estimated that a 0.5 per cent increase in LIBOR would result in a £100 million increase in the overall annual FSCS levy based on current borrowing levels. The Bank share of this based on the 31 December 2009 deposit level would be £0.3 million. Further detail of the FSCS and the provision are included in note 20.

(t) IFRS and IFRIC not yet applied

The following standards and interpretations have been adopted by the European Union but are not effective for the year ended 31 December 2009 and have not been applied in preparing the financial statements:

IFRS 1 'First-time adoption of IFRS' which is effective for periods commencing on or after 1 July 2009. As the Bank reports under IFRS, the application of this amendment in 2009 would not have any effect upon the financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 27 'Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements' which is effective for periods commencing on or after 1 July 2009. This is not applicable to the Bank.

Revised IFRS 3 'Business Combinations' and amended IAS 27 'Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements'. These changes are effective for periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009 with the main effects being that the cost of investment will comprise the consideration paid to the vendors for equity with acquisition costs being expensed immediately; goodwill will be accounted for only upon the acquisition of a subsidiary as subsequent changes in interest will be recognised in equity and only upon the loss of control will any profit or loss be recognised in income. Further, any pre-existing stake held will, where control is subsequently gained, be revalued with any profit or loss arising being booked to income. These changes will affect the manner in which any acquisitions and disposals made by the Bank are accounted for after the implementation of the revised Business Combinations standard and related revisions to IAS 27. The application of this revised standard in 2009 would not have had an impact on the financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 39 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement: Eligible Hedged Items' which is effective for periods commencing on or after 1 July 2009. This amendment clarifies what can be designated as a hedged item in a hedge accounting relationship and application in 2009 would not have had a material impact upon the financial statements.

The following standards and interpretations have not yet been adopted by the European Union, are not effective for the year ended 31 December 2009 and have not been applied in preparing the financial statements:

IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments part 1: Classification and measurement'. IFRS 9 was issued in November 2009 and replaces those parts of IAS 39 relating to the classification and measurement of financial assets. Key features are as follows:

- Financial assets are required to be classified into two measurement categories: those to be measured subsequently at fair value, and those to be measured subsequently at amortised cost. The decision is to be made at initial recognition. The classification will depend on the approach taken by the Bank for managing its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instrument.
- An instrument is subsequently measured at amortised cost only if it is a debt instrument and both the objective of the Bank's business model is to hold the asset to collect the contractual cash flows, and the asset's contractual cash flows represent only payments of principal and interest (that is, it has only 'basic loan features'). All other debt instruments are to be measured at fair value through profit or loss.
- All equity instruments are to be measured subsequently at fair value. Equity instruments that are held for trading will be measured at fair value through profit or loss. For all other equity investments, an irrevocable election can be made at initial recognition, to recognise unrealised and realised fair value gains and losses through other comprehensive income rather than profit or loss. There is to be no recycling of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss. This election may be made on an instrument-by-instrument basis. Dividends are to be presented in profit or loss, as long as they represent a return on investment.

While adoption of IFRS 9 is mandatory from 1 January 2013, earlier adoption is permitted. The Bank is considering the implications of the standard, its impact and the timing of its adoption.

IFRIC 17 'Distributions of Non Cash Assets to Owners', IFRIC 18, 'Transfers of assets from customers' and 'Improvements to IFRS' are further changes that are not anticipated to have a material impact on the Bank.

Income statement

for the year to 31 December, 2009

	Note	31 December 2009 £m	31 December 2008 £m
Interest receivable	3	206.5	373.9
Interest payable	3	(85.9)	(287.9)
Net interest income		120.6	86.0
Fees and commissions receivable		90.9	104.7
Fees and commissions payable		(1.8)	(2.1)
Other operating income			4.3
Net operating income		209.7	192.9
Administrative expenses	5	(96.8)	(102.8)
Depreciation and amortisation			
Property, plant and equipment	6	(3.4)	(3.8)
Intangible assets	7	(1.3)	(2.0)
		(101.5)	(108.6)
Impairment losses on financial assets	9	(90.0)	(78.4)
Profit before taxation	4	18.2	5.9
Tax on profit	10	(5.0)	(1.8)
Total profit attributable to equity holders of the Bank		13.2	4.1

The statement of accounting policies on pages 4 to 7 and the notes on pages 13 to 35 form part of these accounts.

Statement of comprehensive income

for the year to 31 December, 2009

	31 December 2009 £m	31 December 2008 £m
Profit for the period	13.2	4.1
Other comprehensive income/(expense):		
Available-for-sale financial assets fair value movements	67.2	(74.2)
Cash flow hedges effective portion of fair value movements	(0.5)	0.1
Tax on items recognised directly in equity	10 (18.5)	20.5
Total other comprehensive income for the period net of tax	48.2	(53.6)
Total comprehensive income for the period	61.4	(49.5)

All amounts are attributable to members of the Company.

Balance sheet

as at 31 December, 2009

	Note	As at 31 December 2009 £m	As at 31 December 2008 £m
Assets			
Cash and balances at central banks		159.8	181.2
Financial Investments - Available for Sale			
Treasury bills	11	451.6	308.7
Investment securities	12	948.4	1,126.3
Loans and advances to banks	14	1,642.3	1,457.0
Loans and advances to customers	15	2,155.8	1,878.5
Property, plant and equipment	6	15.9	16.4
Intangible assets	7	1.3	1.5
Current tax asset		-	-
Deferred tax asset	10	2.0	28.3
Other assets	16	79.4	122.2
Prepayments and accrued income		15.0	21.0
Total Assets		5,471.5	5,141.1
Liabilities			
Deposits by banks	17	1,216.7	898.7
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments	13	183.0	282.6
Customer accounts	18	3,701.2	3,640.2
Other liabilities	19	28.3	23.7
Current tax liabilities		2.5	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	20	5.5	5.0
Accruals and deferred income	21	19.6	37.6
Other borrowed funds			
Dated loan capital	22	60.0	60.0
Undated loan capital	22	50.0	50.0
Total Liabilities		5,266.8	4,997.8
Equity			
Called up share capital	23	170.0	170.0
Retained earnings	24	48.1	34.9
Other reserves	25	(13.4)	(61.6)
Equity shareholders' funds		204.7	143.3
Total Equity and Liabilities		5,471.5	5,141.1

The financial statements on pages 8 to 35 were approved by the Board of Directors on 4 March 2010 and signed on its behalf by:

Hannah Bernard Director and Company Secretary
4 March 2010

David Fisher Director and Chief Executive

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Statement of changes in equity

for the year to 31 December, 2009

	Share capital £m	Retained earnings £m	Other reserves £m	Total £m
At 31 December 2009				
At 1 January 2009	170.0	34.9	(61.6)	143.3
Profit for the period	-	13.2	-	13.2
Other comprehensive income/(expense):				
Available-for-sale financial assets fair value movements (net of tax)	-	-	48.5	48.5
Cash flow hedges effective portion of fair value movements (net of tax)	-	-	(0.3)	(0.3)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	13.2	48.2	61.4
Additional share capital raised in the period	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2009	170.0	48.1	(13.4)	204.7

	Share capital £m	Retained earnings £m	Other reserves £m	Total £m
At 31 December 2008				
At 1 January 2008	170.0	30.8	(8.0)	192.8
Profit for the period	-	4.1	-	4.1
Other comprehensive income/(expense):				
Available-for-sale financial assets fair value movements (net of tax)	-	-	(53.7)	(53.7)
Cash flow hedges effective portion of fair value movements (net of tax)	-	-	0.1	0.1
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	4.1	(53.6)	(49.5)
Additional share capital raised in the period	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2008	170.0	34.9	(61.6)	143.3

All amounts are attributable to members of the Company.

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Cash flow statement

for the year to 31 December, 2009

	Note	31 December 2009 £m	31 December 2008 £m
Cash flows from operating activities	32	313.5	89.9
Cash flows from investing activities	33	(4.2)	(3.5)
Cash flows from financing activities	34	(2.5)	(7.5)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		306.8	78.9
Opening cash and cash equivalents	35	1,944.2	1,865.3
Closing cash and cash equivalents	35	2,251.0	1,944.2

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Notes to the accounts

1 Staff

The nature of the joint venture is such that the Bank does not directly employ individuals. The individuals who work for the Bank have contracts of employment with either a member of the J Sainsbury plc group of companies or a member of the Lloyds Banking Group plc group of companies. The remuneration cost of these individuals is met by the joint venture. The average weekly number of staff working on the Bank's operations during the period is set out below.

	2008 Number	2007 Number
Full-time	585	640
Part-time	42	48
	627	688

Of the above, a total of 153 full-time and 11 part-time staff are directly seconded from the relevant members of the parent organisations to the Bank. The remaining 432 full-time and 31 part-time staff (2008: 491 full-time, 37 part-time) are involved in product processing activities. The costs relating to these staff are disclosed in other administrative expenses in note 5.

The Bank incurs certain costs for members of staff who work for various entities within the LBG plc group of companies in accordance with and subject to certain agreed principles. These entities are participating employers in both a defined contribution pension scheme and a defined benefit pension scheme based upon final pensionable pay, operated by Lloyds Banking Group plc. A total of 60 (2008: 62) employees participate in the defined benefit scheme, the HBOS Final Salary Pension Scheme (HBOS FSPS), which was formed on 3 July 2006 following the merger of various other schemes within the HBOS plc group of companies.

As the Bank is not a participating employer in the HBOS FSPS it does not have a share in the scheme assets and liabilities and as such the pension recharges are treated as a defined contribution charge. The current defined liability on the HBOS FSPS at 31 December 2009, valued on an IAS 19 basis, is £382 million (2008: asset of £374 million, restated at 16 January 2009 due to change of accounting policy to a liability of £469 million). The latest full actuarial valuation of the HBOS FSPS was carried out as at 31 December 2009 by a qualified independent actuary.

The Bank also incurs certain costs for members of staff who work for members of the J Sainsbury plc group of companies (some of these staff are members of a funded defined benefit scheme) in accordance with and subject to certain agreed principles. Two schemes exist, the J Sainsbury Pension and Death Benefit Scheme ('JSPDBS') and the J Sainsbury Executive Pension Scheme ('JSEPS'). A total of five (2008: five) employees participate in the defined benefit schemes both of which were closed to new employees on 31 January 2002.

The pension cost recharge for the period represents contributions payable by the Bank to both types of pension scheme and amounted to £337,504 (2008: £347,000) for the defined contribution schemes and £560,679 (2008: £631,000) for the defined benefit schemes.

2 Directors' emoluments

	2009 £000's	2008 £000's
(i) Aggregate emoluments		
Aggregate emoluments	538	650
Aggregate amounts payable under long-term incentive schemes	-	30

Retirement benefits have accrued or are accruing under either J Sainsbury plc's or Lloyds Banking Group plc's defined benefit schemes to two (2008: two) Executive Directors.

The emoluments set out above include those Executive Directors who held office during the period, all of whom were employed by and paid by either J Sainsbury plc or Lloyds Banking Group plc. The Bank is recharged emolument costs in accordance with and subject to the terms of arrangements agreed with the relevant employer.

There were no payments made to Non-Executive Directors who served during the period (2008: £nil). These Non-Executive Directors who served during the period were paid by J Sainsbury plc or Lloyds Banking Group plc, who made no recharge to the Bank as their emoluments are deemed to be wholly attributable to services to the respective shareholder companies. Accordingly, the above details include no emoluments in respect of these Non-Executive Directors.

	2009 £000's	2008 £000's
(ii) Highest-paid Director		
Aggregate emoluments	319	251

The retirement benefits accruing in relation to the highest paid Director were £36,819 (2008: £40,668).

At the 31 December 2009 the Bank has recognised a tax liability of £64,759 as a result of the bank payroll tax regulations announced by the Chancellor in the 2009 Pre-Budget Report. This liability is reflective of payments amounting to £304,519 which are payable to seven individuals.

3 Net interest income

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Interest income		
Interest income on loans and receivables	188.0	302.1
Interest income from available-for-sale financial instruments	18.5	69.8
Interest on derivative liabilities	-	2.0
	206.5	373.9
Interest expense		
Interest expense on loans and receivables	(82.7)	(287.9)
Interest expense on derivative liabilities	(3.2)	-
	(85.9)	(287.9)
Net interest income	120.6	86.0

Amounts relating to cash flow hedges transferred to profit or loss during the period are reflected as a component of interest income or expense. Net ineffectiveness recognised on cash flow hedges during 2009 was £nil (2008: £nil).

4 Profit/loss before taxation

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Profit/(Loss) before taxation is stated after taking account of the following:		
Income:		
Interest on impaired loan balances	1.5	0.6
Expenses:		
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0.3	0.3
Operating lease	0.6	0.6
Auditors' remuneration		
Statutory audit of the Bank	0.1	0.1

5 Administrative expenses

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Staff costs	10.7	9.9
Marketing costs	19.3	20.0
Other administrative expenses	66.8	72.9
	96.8	102.8

6 Property, plant and equipment

	Equipment £m
31 December 2009	
Cost	
At 1 January 2009	45.7
Additions	3.2
Disposals	(1.1)
As at 31 December 2009	47.8
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2009	29.3
Charge for the period	3.4
Disposals	(0.8)
As at 31 December 2009	31.9
Net Book Value at 31 December 2009	15.9
31 December 2008	
Cost	
At 1 January 2008	44.3
Additions	3.3
Disposals	(1.9)
As at 31 December 2008	45.7
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2008	27.1
Charge for the period	3.8
Disposals	(1.6)
As at 31 December 2008	29.3
Net Book Value at 31 December 2008	16.4

7 Intangible assets

	Systems and software development £m
31 December 2009	
Cost	
At 1 January 2009	13.1
Additions	1.0
Disposals	(0.1)
As at 31 December 2009	14.0
Amortisation	
At 1 January 2009	11.5
Charge for the period	1.3
Disposals	(0.1)
As at 31 December 2009	12.7
Net Book Value at 31 December 2009	1.3

	Systems and software development £m
31 December 2008	
Cost	
At 1 April 2008	12.9
Additions	0.2
As at 31 December 2008	13.1
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2008	9.6
Charge for the period	2.0
As at 31 December 2008	11.6
Net Book Value at 31 December 2008	1.5

8 Capital commitments

	2009 £m	2008 £m
There are commitments in respect of capital expenditure which has been authorised, but not provided for in the accounts, for which contracts have been entered into, on:		
Property, plant and equipment	0.3	1.2
Software development	0.1	0.8
	0.4	2.0

9 Impairment losses on financial assets

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Loans and advances to customers	88.1	71.0
Investment securities – available-for-sale realised losses	1.9	4.1
Investment securities – available-for-sale unrealised losses	–	3.3
	90.0	78.4

A reconciliation of impairment losses on loans and advances by class is as follows:

	Unsecured lending £m	Secured lending £m	2009 Total £m
12 months to 31 December 2009			
At 1 January 2009	158.7	–	158.7
New impairment provisions less releases (net of recoveries)	88.0	0.1	88.1
Amounts written off	(88.3)	(0.1)	(88.4)
Discount unwind on impaired loans and advances to customers	(1.5)	–	(1.5)
Cumulative impairment provisions as at 31 December 2009	156.9	–	156.9
New impairment provisions less releases	89.4	0.1	89.5
Recoveries of amounts previously written off	(1.4)	–	(1.4)
Net charge to income statement	88.0	0.1	88.1
Gross amount of loans individually determined to be impaired, before deducting any individually assessed impairment allowance	192.0	4.3	196.3
12 months to 31 December 2008			
At 1 January 2008	172.7	–	172.7
New impairment provisions less releases (net of recoveries)	73.3	–	73.3
Amounts written off	(86.7)	–	(86.7)
Discount unwind on impaired loans and advances to customers	(0.6)	–	(0.6)
Cumulative impairment provisions as at 31 December 2008	158.7	–	158.7
New impairment provisions less releases	74.7	–	74.7
Recoveries of amounts previously written off	(3.7)	–	(3.7)
Net charge to income statement	71.0	–	71.0
Gross amount of loans individually determined to be impaired, before deducting any individually assessed impairment allowance	186.8	5.5	192.3

Impairment loss calculations involve the estimation of future cash flows of financial assets, based on observable data at the balance sheet date and historical loss experience for assets with similar credit risk characteristics. Impairment models are continually reviewed to ensure data and assumptions are appropriate. However, the accuracy of any such impairment calculation will be affected by unexpected changes to the economic situation, and assumptions which differ from actual outcomes.

10 Taxation

	2009 £m	2008 £m
(i) Taxation		
UK corporation tax on profit/(loss) for the period at 28 per cent (2008: 28.5 per cent)	2.5	1.5
Tax under/(over) provision for prior years	(1.8)	–
Current tax	0.7	1.5
Deferred tax charge/(credit)	2.6	0.3
Tax under/(over) provision for prior years	1.7	–
Deferred tax	4.3	0.3
Total tax charge/(credit)	5.0	1.8

The taxation charge of £5,042,263 (2008: £1,793,135) represents 27.7 per cent (2008: 30.6 per cent) of pre-tax profits. Differences to the UK corporation tax rate for the period of 28 per cent are explained below:

(ii) Reconciliation of effective tax rate

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	18.2	5.9
Tax on ordinary activities at 28 per cent (2008: 28.5 per cent)	5.1	1.7
Effects:		
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(0.1)	0.1
	5.0	1.8

(iii) Deferred taxation

The deferred tax asset, which is not wholly recoverable within one year and which is in respect of timing differences which will reverse and result in a lower tax charge in future years is as follows:

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Deferred tax asset		
At 1 January	28.3	4.3
Movement in deferred tax asset	(26.3)	24.0
As at 31 December	2.0	28.3
Tax effect of timing differences due to:		
Accelerated capital allowances	–	0.2
Timing differences on impairment provisions	2.0	2.3
Losses carried forward	–	25.8
Deferred tax asset at 31 December	2.0	28.3

(iv) Other reserves

Tax recognised in equity relating to available-for-sale and cash flow reserve movements is as follows:

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Available-for-sale reserve - tax charge/(credit)	18.6	(20.6)
Cash flow reserve - tax charge/(credit)	(0.1)	0.1
	18.5	20.5

11 Treasury bills

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Treasury bills	451.6	308.7
Of which:		
Maturing in three months or less	233.9	308.7
Maturing between three months and one year	217.7	–
	451.6	308.7

12 Investment securities

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Investment securities		
Unlisted - issued by banks and building societies	948.4	1,126.3
Of which:		
Maturing within one year	233.5	72.3
Between one and five years	605.4	823.1
After five years	109.5	230.9
	948.4	1,126.3

The fair value movement during the year on investment securities classified as available for sale is a gain of £65.3 million (2008 a loss of £81.0 million).

13 Derivative financial instruments

As part of its asset and liability management the Bank uses derivatives for hedging purposes in order to reduce its exposure to market risks. This is achieved by hedging specific forecast transactions against balance sheet exposures. The table below shows the fair values of derivative financial instruments, recorded as assets or liabilities, together with their notional amounts. The notional amount, recorded gross, is the amount of a derivative's underlying asset, reference rate or index and is the basis upon which changes in the fair value of derivatives are measured. The notional amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at the year end and are indicative of neither the market risk nor the credit risk.

Derivatives held as cash flow hedges

	Notional amount 2009	Assets £m	Liabilities £m
Currency swaps	618.6	-	183.0

Cash flow hedges

The Bank is exposed to foreign exchange risks from cash flows arising on some of its available-for-sale investment securities. These forecast transactions in foreign currencies are hedged with currency swaps. The cash flows on the currency swaps substantially match the cash flow profile of the hedged investment securities. There were no transactions for which cash flow hedge accounting had to be ceased in 2009 (2008: nil) as a result of the highly probable cash flows no longer being expected to occur.

14 Loans and advances to banks

	Note	2009 £m	2008 £m
Sterling loans and advances to banks		1,642.3	1,457.0
Repayable on demand (included in cash equivalents)	35	29.3	-
Other loans and advances repayable:			
In three months or less (included in cash equivalents)	35	1,613.0	1,457.0
Between three months and one year		-	-
Gross advances		1,642.3	1,457.0

15 Loans and advances to customers

	Note	2009 £m	2008 £m
Gross advances		2,312.7	2,037.2
Impairment losses on loans and advances	9	(156.9)	(158.7)
Loans and advances to customers		2,155.8	1,878.5
Repayable on demand		728.0	746.7
Other loans and advances repayable			
In three months or less		102.9	85.6
Between three months and one year		304.6	245.9
Between one and five years		1,000.1	782.2
After five years		177.1	176.8
Gross advances		2,312.7	2,037.2

The Bank's gross lending exposure before deduction of impairment provisions is analysed below:

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Individuals:		
Home mortgages	94.9	102.6
Unsecured personal lending	2,217.8	1,934.6
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,312.7	2,037.2

16 Other assets

Included in other assets at 31 December 2009 is ATM cash in transit amounting to £43.6 million (2008: £85.7 million) and amounts due from Link settlements of £26.8 million (2008: £22.4 million).

Other Assets have no fixed maturities but are expected to be realised within 12 months.

17 Deposits by banks

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Repayable		
Within three months	181.7	70.3
Between three months and one year	230.2	168.6
Between one and five years	761.8	621.5
More than five years	43.0	38.3
	1,216.7	898.7

18 Customer accounts

Customer accounts comprise sterling interest-bearing deposits.

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Repayable on demand	3,701.2	3,640.2
	3,701.2	3,640.2

19 Other liabilities

All other liabilities are expected to be settled within three months.

	2008 £m	2007 £m
Customer funds in course of settlement	20.5	11.8
Bank funds in course of settlement	2.8	0.5
Income tax collected on behalf of HMRC	0.1	6.7
Other liabilities	4.9	4.7
	28.3	23.7

All other liabilities are expected to be settled within three months. Prior year comparatives have been amended to reallocate the Financial Services Compensation Scheme liability of £5.0 million to provisions for liabilities and charges.

20 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	FSCS £m	Other regulatory provisions £m	Total £m
2009			
At 1 January 2009	5.0	-	5.0
Charge to administrative expenses	1.6	1.3	2.9
Utilised in year	(2.4)	-	(2.4)
At 31 December 2009	4.2	1.3	5.5
2008			
At 1 January 2008	-	-	-
Charge to administrative expenses	5.0	-	5.0
Utilised in year	-	-	-
At 31 December 2008	5.0	-	5.0

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) is funded by levies on firms authorised by the FSA, based on their level of deposits taken at 31 December each year. The Bank, as a regulated deposit taker, is subject to levies imposed by the FSCS whose costs are made up of management expenses and compensation payments. As the UK's statutory fund of last resort for customers of domestic financial institutions, the FSCS stepped in during 2008 to provide significant funding in relation to the bail-out of a number of banks whose depositors are protected by the scheme. In order to meet its obligations, the FSCS has borrowed funds from HM Treasury on an interest-only basis until September 2011. These borrowings are anticipated to be repaid wholly or substantially from the realisation of the assets of the institutions assisted. This has resulted in an additional levy being set by the FSCS to cover the interest on this loan. Interest will continue to accrue on the HM Treasury loan to the FSCS until September 2011 and will form part of future FSCS management expenses levies.

If the assets of the failed institutions are insufficient to repay the loan in 2011, the FSCS will agree a schedule of repayments with HM Treasury which will be recouped from the industry in the form of additional levies. At the date of these financial statements, it is not possible to estimate whether there will ultimately be additional levies on the industry, or the effect of these upon the future financial statements of the Bank.

The impact of this levy in the 2009 financial statements is a charge of £1.6 million (December 2008: £5.0 million). This represents the estimated share of levies that will be raised by the FSCS including the interest on the loan in respect of the levy year 2010/11, based on an estimate of the interest that the FSCS will pay on the loan and an estimate of the Bank's market participation in the relevant periods. The charge also reflects an adjustment to the 2009/10 levy in light of reduced LIBOR levels and the FSCS's latest estimates.

Other regulatory provisions

Other provisions have been made in respect of a commercially agreed position between Lloyds Banking Group relating to various customer claims received by them as discussed in critical accounting estimates on page 7. It is expected this liability will predominantly crystallise over the next 12-36 months.

21 Accruals and deferred income

Included in accruals and deferred income at 31 December 2009 are amounts payable to J Sainsbury plc of £2.7 million (December 2008: £4.6 million) and amounts payable to Lloyds Banking Group plc of £4.9 million (December 2008: £20.0 million) in respect of management services and capital expenditure. Accruals and deferred income has no fixed maturity.

22 Other borrowed funds

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Dated loan capital - repayable after five years £60 million Floating Rate subordinated loan 2014	60.0	60.0
Undated loan capital £50 million Floating Rate subordinated loan - undated	50.0	50.0

Dated loan capital

The dated subordinated loan is split in proportion to shareholder funding. See note 36 - 'Parent Company'. No repayment, for whatever reason, of dated subordinated debt prior to its stated maturity may be made without the consent of the Financial Services Authority. On a winding up of the Bank, the claims of the holders of dated subordinated debt shall be subordinated in right of payment to the claims of all depositors and creditors of the Bank other than creditors whose claims are expressed to rank pari passu with or junior to the claims of the holders of the dated subordinated debt. Interest on the £60 million Floating Rate subordinated loan dated 2014, is payable three months in arrears at LIBOR plus a margin of 0.60 per cent per annum for the duration of the loan.

Undated loan capital

The undated subordinated loans are split in proportion to shareholder funding. See note 36 - 'Parent Company'. The undated subordinated loan capital shall be repaid on such date as the Financial Services Authority shall agree in writing for such repayment (following a request by either the Lender or Borrower) and in any event not less than five years and one day from the dates of drawdown. On a winding up of the Bank, the claims of the holders of undated subordinated debt shall be subordinated in right of payment to the claims of all depositors and creditors of that company other than creditors whose claims are expressed to rank pari passu with or junior to the claims of the holders of the undated subordinated debt. Interest on the £50 million Floating Rate undated loan capital is payable three months in arrears at LIBOR plus a margin of 1.0 per cent per annum for the duration of the loan.

23 Called up share capital

	Ordinary shares 2009 £m	Ordinary shares 2008 £m	
Authorised At 1 January	200.0	200.0	
	'A' Ordinary shares of £1	'B' Ordinary shares of £1	Total Ordinary shares of £1
Allotted, called up and fully paid At 1 January 2009	85.0	85.0	170.0
Issued Ordinary Shares	-	-	-
At 31 December 2009	85.0	85.0	170.0

The share capital is divided into class 'A' and class 'B' Ordinary shares which rank pari passu in all respects.

24 Retained earnings

	2009 £m	2007 £m
At 1 January	34.9	30.8
Profit for the period to 31 December	13.2	4.1
At 31 December	48.1	34.9

The shareholders' agreement prescribes that a distribution of profits may not be made if the distribution would result in the Bank being in regulatory test deficit, the distribution would or would be likely to result in a breach of any covenant to any lender, or if a distribution would not be prudent having regard to the future outlook and performance of the Bank.

25 Other reserves

Other reserves comprise the fair value movements for available-for-sale securities and the effective portion of changes in the fair value of cash flow hedges. Both the available-for-sale reserve and cash flow reserve will unwind in line with the maturity profile of the underlying investment securities. The maturity profile of the investment securities is highlighted in note 12.

	2009 £m	2008 £m
At 1 January	(61.6)	(8.0)
Net unrealised losses	64.8	(81.1)
Realised losses reclassified to the income statement on disposal	1.9	7.0
Tax effect of net losses	(18.5)	20.5
Balance at 31 December	(13.4)	(61.6)

Of the balances above £(10.9) million (2008: (£59.3) million) relates to the available-for-sale reserve and £(2.5) million (2008: £(2.2) million) to the cash flow hedge reserve.

26 Analysis of financial assets and liabilities by measurement basis

Financial assets and financial liabilities are measured on an ongoing basis either at fair value or at amortised cost. The principal accounting policies on pages 4 to 7 describe how financial instruments are measured, and how income and expenses, including fair value gains and losses, are recognised. The following table analyses the financial assets and liabilities in the balance sheet by the class of financial instrument to which they are assigned, and therefore by the measurement basis:

	Held for trading £m	Held to maturity securities £m	Loans and receivables £m	Available-for-sale securities £m	Financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost £m	Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments £m	Total £m
At 31 December 2009							
Assets							
Cash and balances at central banks			159.8				159.8
Financial Investments - available for sale				451.6			451.6
Treasury bills				948.4			948.4
Investment securities							
Loans and advances to banks			1,642.3				1,642.3
Loans and advances to customers			2,155.8				2,155.8
Other assets			79.4				79.4
Prepayments and accrued income			14.9				14.9
Total financial assets	-	-	4,052.2	1,400.0	-	-	5,452.2
Total non-financial assets							19.3
Total assets							5,471.5
Liabilities							
Deposits by banks					1,216.7		1,216.7
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments					-	183.0	183.0
Customer accounts					3,701.2		3,701.2
Other liabilities					28.3		28.3
Accruals and deferred income					19.6		19.6
Other borrowed funds							
Dated loan capital					60.0		60.0
Undated loan capital					50.0		50.0
Total financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	5,075.8	183.0	5,258.8
Total non-financial liabilities							8.0
Total liabilities							5,266.8

26 Analysis of financial assets and liabilities by measurement basis continued

	Held for trading £m	Held to maturity securities £m	Loans and receivables £m	Available-for-sale securities £m	Financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost £m	Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments £m	Total £m
Assets							
Cash and balances at central banks			181.2	-			181.2
Financial Investments - available for sale							
Treasury bills				308.7			308.7
Investment securities				1,126.3			1,126.3
Loans and advances to banks			1,457.0				1,457.0
Loans and advances to customers			1,878.5				1,878.5
Current tax asset			28.3				28.3
Other assets			122.2				122.2
Prepayments and accrued income			20.6				20.6
Total financial assets	-	-	3,687.8	1,435.0	-	-	5,122.8
Total non-financial assets							18.3
Total assets							5,141.1
Liabilities							
Deposits by banks					898.7	-	898.7
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments						282.6	282.6
Customer accounts					3,640.2		3,640.2
Other liabilities					23.7		23.7
Provisions for liabilities and charges					5.0		5.0
Accruals and deferred income					37.6		37.6
Other borrowed funds							
Dated loan capital					60.0		60.0
Undated loan capital					50.0		50.0
Total financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	4,715.2	282.6	4,997.8
Total non-financial liabilities							-
Total liabilities							4,997.8

27 Loan and operating lease commitments**Loan commitments**

The contractual amount of the Bank's off-balance sheet financial instruments that commit it to extend credit to customers is as follows:

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Commitments to extend credit	29.1	16.6

Operating lease commitments

Total commitments under operating leases are as follows:

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Due within one year	0.6	0.6

28 Financial risk management

Through its normal operations, the Bank is exposed to a number of risks, the most significant of which are credit risk, operational risk, liquidity risk and market risk. The following paragraphs explain these risks and how they are managed by the Bank.

Responsibility for the control of risk within the Bank is vested in the Risk Management Committee ('RMC'), a sub-committee of the Board of Directors reporting directly to the Board. The RMC establishes the strategy, policies and procedures for managing risk within the Bank. These policies are ratified by the Board.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss arising from the failure of customers or other counterparties to settle their financial obligations to the Bank as they fall due.

Wholesale and derivative credit risk

The Bank lends surplus funds to the inter-bank market. Limits have been established for all counterparties based on their respective financial strength and credit ratings. The limits and proposed counterparties are reviewed and approved by the RMC and Board annually, or as required. Derivatives are subject to the same credit risk control procedures as are applied to other wholesale market instruments.

Management of credit risk in respect of retail customers makes use of credit scoring techniques for new applications. In addition, behavioural scoring is used to assess the conduct of customers' accounts when granting initial credit limits and extensions to limits. Underwriting is undertaken by specialist teams in operational areas. The RMC ensures that appropriate policies are established and adhered to. Internal Audit teams carry out annual reviews of all credit sanctioning areas within the Bank.

At 31 December 2009, the maximum credit exposure of the Bank in the event of other parties failing to perform their obligations is equal to the sum of loans and advances to banks, loans and advances to customers and credit lines and other commitments to lend. These are set out in notes 14, 15 and 27, respectively. No account is taken of any collateral held and the maximum exposure to loss is considered to be the instruments' balance sheet carrying amount.

The table below shows the maximum exposure to credit risk for the components of the balance sheet, including derivatives. The maximum exposure is shown gross, before the effect of mitigation through the use of collateral agreements.

Maximum exposure

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Credit risk exposures relating to on-balance sheet		
Cash and balances at central banks	159.8	181.2
Treasury bills	451.6	308.7
Investment securities	948.4	1,126.3
Loans and advances to banks	1,642.3	1,457.0
Loans and advances to customers		
Unsecured	2,060.9	1,775.9
Secured	94.9	102.6
Derivative financial instruments	-	-
Other assets	79.4	122.2
Prepayments and accrued income	14.9	20.6
Credit risk exposures relating to off-balance sheet items		
Loans commitments and other related liabilities	29.1	16.6
Total credit risk exposure	5,481.3	5,111.1

Risk concentrations of the maximum exposure to retail and wholesale credit risk

Concentrations arise when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the geographic region, or have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions. Concentrations indicate the relative sensitivity of the Bank's performance to developments affecting a particular industry or geographical location.

In order to avoid excessive concentrations of risk, the Bank's policies and procedures include specific guidelines to focus on maintaining a diversified portfolio. Identified concentrations of credit risks are controlled and managed according to client or counterparty (and their respective credit qualities) as opposed to geographical region or industry sector.

28 Financial risk management continued

Geographical sectors

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Maximum exposure		
United Kingdom	4,605.8	4,108.8
Countries in Europe adopting the Euro	802.4	929.6
Canada	58.2	58.7
Australia	14.9	14.0
Total	5,481.3	5,111.1

Concentration by location for loans and advances is measured based on the location of the Bank's operations, which has a high correlation with the location of the borrower. Concentration by location for investment securities is measured based on the location of the issuer of the security.

Industry sectors

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Maximum exposure		
Corporate	-	-
Sovereign	454.2	311.4
Bank	2,821.0	2,878.2
Retail	2,206.1	1,921.5
Total	5,481.3	5,111.1

The maximum credit exposure to any client or counterparty as of 31 December 2009 was £1,405.6 million (2008: £1,287.6 million) before taking into account collateral or other credit enhancements of £763.8 million (2008: £1,092.2 million). This exposure was to Lloyd Banking Group plc and represents short-term interbank deposits and lending under a reverse repo arrangement which is supported by 150 per cent AAA rated collateral. The existence of collateral helps the Bank manage concentration risk and credit risk. Amounts are invested in the repo facility up to a maximum of a year with varying maturities depending on forecast liquidity requirements.

Credit quality per class of financial asset

Loans and advances to customers

Loans and advances are summarised as follows:

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Impaired	196.3	192.3
Past due but not impaired	29.1	42.2
Neither past due nor impaired	2,087.3	1,802.7
Gross	2,312.7	2,037.2
Less: allowance for impairment	(156.9)	(158.7)
Net	2,155.8	1,878.5

Credit quality analysis - 31 December 2009:

	Unsecured lending 2009 £m	Secured lending 2009 £m	2009 £m
Impaired			
Less than three months, but impaired	4.1	-	4.1
Past due three to six months	24.9	1.0	25.9
Past due six to 12 months	0.4	0.4	0.8
Past due over 12 months	-	2.7	2.7
Recoveries	162.6	-	162.6
Possession	-	0.2	0.2
Total gross impaired loans	192.0	4.3	196.3
Past due but not impaired			
Past due up to three months but not impaired	26.5	2.6	29.1
Total gross past due but not impaired	26.5	2.6	29.1
Neither past due nor impaired*			
Not impaired	1,999.3	88.0	2,087.3
Total gross neither past due nor impaired	1,999.3	88.0	2,087.3
Total gross amount due	2,217.8	94.9	2,312.7
*Includes loans and advances that would have been past due or impaired had their terms not been renegotiated	2.3	-	2.3

Mortgages held over residential properties represent the only collateral held by the Bank for retail exposures. The fair value of collateral held for impaired loans and loans past due but not impaired was £12.2 million (2008: £15.1 million). The fair value of collateral held against possession cases was £0.3 million (2008: £nil).

28 Financial risk management continued

Where the arrears status of a customer deteriorates and there is a failure to respond to correspondence or an acceptable repayment proposal, including notice of default, the customer balance will fall into 'recoveries'. Recoveries will take steps to recover the debt, using their expertise to determine the optimum recovery strategy. Instigation of legal action will depend upon the anticipated recoveries and costs.

Credit quality analysis - 31 December 2008:

	Unsecured lending 2008 £m	Secured lending 2008 £m	2008 £m
Impaired			
Less than three months, but impaired	2.5	-	2.5
Past due three to six months	23.6	1.9	25.5
Past due six to 12 months	0.3	1.4	1.7
Past due over 12 months	-	2.2	2.2
Recoveries	160.4	-	160.4
Possession	-	-	-
Total gross impaired loans	186.8	5.5	192.3
Past due but not impaired			
Past due up to three months but not impaired	37.0	5.2	42.2
Total gross past due but not impaired	37.0	5.2	42.2
Neither past due nor impaired*			
Not impaired	1,710.8	91.9	1,802.7
Total gross neither past due nor impaired	1,710.8	91.9	1,802.7
Total gross amount due	1,934.6	102.6	2,037.2
*Includes loans and advances that would have been past due or impaired had their terms not been renegotiated	1.6	-	1.6

Loans and advances to banks

The total gross amount of individually impaired loans and advances to banks as at 31 December 2009 was £nil (2008: £nil). The fair value of collateral held for loans and advances to banks was £763.8 million (2008: £1,092.2 million). Collateral takes the form of security over AAA rated debt securities. The table below presents an analysis of lending to banks by rating agency designation, based on Moody's ratings.

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Aaa to A3	1,642.3	1,457.0
Total	1,642.3	1,457.0

Debt securities, treasury bills and other eligible bills

The total gross amount of individually impaired debt securities, treasury bills and other eligible bills as at 31 December 2009 was £nil (2008: £39.3 million). No collateral is held regarding these assets. The tables below present an analysis of treasury bills and investment securities by market value, by rating agency designation, based on Moody's ratings:

	Treasury bills £m	Investment securities £m	Total £m
At 31 December 2009			
Aaa to A3	451.6	948.4	1,400.0
Baa1 to Baa3	-	-	-
Total	451.6	948.4	1,400.0

	Treasury bills £m	Investment securities £m	Total £m
At 31 December 2008			
Aaa to A3	308.7	1,126.3	1,435.0
Baa1 to Baa3	-	-	-
Total	308.7	1,126.3	1,435.0

Operational risk

The Bank has adopted the industry standard definition of operational risk from the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. This is 'the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events'.

Identification, assessment and control of risk are an intrinsic part of every manager's role. The Bank uses a process of risk self assessment to compile a profile of risks and controls linked to all aspects of the Bank's operations which are reviewed regularly by line management. The profile is reported to the Audit Committee and to the Board.

Internal Audit undertake reviews across the business throughout the year under a programme agreed with the Bank Audit Committee.

28 Financial risk management continued

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank is unable to meet its financial commitments as they fall due without an adverse impact on funding costs or profitability. To manage the risk, the Bank maintains a stock of high-quality liquid assets that can be readily sold to meet the Bank's obligations to depositors and other creditors. The portfolio of assets is managed on a daily basis and within the framework set by the supervising authority, the Financial Services Authority. Our policy is to ensure that the Bank's funding requirements can be met at all times and at an acceptable cost.

In addition to this, the Bank prepares both long-term and short-term forecasts to assess liquidity requirements. Short-term forecasting covers a rolling 12-month period and takes into account factors such as ATM cash management, investment maturities and customer deposit patterns and balances. These reports support daily liquidity management and are reviewed daily by senior management. The individual capital adequacy assessment process (ICAAP) also assesses liquidity risk under stressed conditions. This specifically considers scenarios such as a worsening of credit conditions, exceptional asset growth, worst case balance attrition, and restriction in funding sources.

The table below shows the undiscounted cash flows on the Bank's financial liabilities and unrecognised loan commitments on the basis of their earliest possible contractual maturity. The Bank's expected cash flows on these instruments vary significantly from this analysis. The disclosure for derivatives shows a gross inflow and outflow amount. As derivatives have a simultaneous gross settlement it is not considered representative to show only the outflow amount.

Repayments which are subject to notice are treated as if notice were to be given immediately. However, the Bank expects that many customers will not request repayment on the earliest date the Bank could be required to pay and the table does not reflect the expected cash flows indicated by the Bank's deposit retention history.

Residual contractual maturities of financial liabilities

	Less than 1 month £m	1 to 3 months £m	3 to 12 months £m	1 to 5 years £m	Over 5 years £m	Total 2009 £m
At 31 December 2009						
Non-derivative liabilities						
Deposits by banks	16.8	175.5	255.9	809.2	44.0	1,301.4
Customer accounts	3,701.2	-	-	-	-	3,701.2
Other liabilities	36.3	-	-	-	-	36.3
Accruals	19.6	-	-	-	-	19.6
Other borrowed funds	-	0.4	1.4	72.4	50.0	124.2
	3,773.9	175.9	257.3	881.6	94.0	5,182.7
Derivative liabilities						
Outflow	0.5	46.3	164.6	525.5	119.2	856.1
Inflow	(0.3)	(35.2)	(125.6)	(417.2)	(91.3)	(669.6)
	0.2	11.1	39.0	108.3	27.9	186.5
Unrecognised loan commitments	29.1	-	-	-	-	29.1
	3,803.2	187.0	296.3	989.9	121.9	5,398.3
	Less than 1 month £m	1 to 3 months £m	3 to 12 months £m	1 to 5 years £m	Over 5 years £m	Total 2008 £m
At 31 December 2008						
Non-derivative liabilities						
Deposits by banks	26.6	53.7	197.9	668.4	39.6	986.2
Customer accounts	3,640.2	-	-	-	-	3,640.2
Other liabilities	28.7	-	-	-	-	28.7
Accruals	37.6	-	-	-	-	37.6
Other borrowed funds	-	1.0	2.9	15.6	140.2	159.7
	3,733.1	54.7	200.8	684.0	179.8	4,852.4
Derivative liabilities						
Outflow	3.8	6.6	89.9	730.2	274.4	1,104.9
Inflow	(3.1)	(4.7)	(62.0)	(523.8)	(196.6)	(790.2)
	0.7	1.9	27.9	206.4	77.8	314.7
Unrecognised loan commitments	16.6	-	-	-	-	16.6
	3,750.4	56.6	228.7	890.4	257.6	5,183.7

28 Financial risk management continued

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables such as interest rates or foreign exchange rates. The Bank does not have a trading book. Non-trading book positions are managed and monitored using sensitivity analysis to minimise earnings volatility, taking into account expected future business flows. Foreign exchange rate risk is fully hedged.

Interest rate risk

The Bank offers lending and savings products with varying interest rate features and maturities which create potential interest rate risk exposures. Interest rate risk is the risk to earnings and capital arising from timing differences on the re-pricing of the Bank's loans and deposits, and unexpected changes to the slope and shape of the yield curve. The Bank assumes interest rate risk through dealings with retail customers as well as through lending in the wholesale market. The Bank's unsecured retail lending (note 15) comprises of fixed rate products with exposure to fair value interest rate risk and variable rate products with exposure to cash flow interest rate risk. The Bank's retail deposits (note 18) comprise of variable rate savings products which are exposed to fair value interest rate risk and cash flow interest rate risk respectively. On the wholesale side, both lending to banks (note 14) and bank deposits (note 17) are exposed to fair value interest rate risk. Sensitivity analysis is used to assess the effect on earnings of interest rate fluctuations and to determine the extent of measures required to mitigate the risk arising from mismatches in the Bank's business.

The systems developed by the Bank enable this risk to be measured and facilitate pro-active management of the interest rate exposures facing the Bank. Where possible, the Bank takes advantage of natural hedging opportunities between fixed rate assets and liabilities with similar re-pricing dates. Net re-pricing gaps are managed within limits set by the Risk Management Committee using fixed rate funding. These exposures are monitored by the Asset and Liability Committee and the Risk Management Committee.

The Bank monitors the sensitivity of financial assets and liabilities to various standard and non-standard interest rate scenarios. Standard scenarios that are considered on a monthly basis include a 50 basis point rise or fall of all yield curves however more extreme scenarios are also considered. The sensitivity of the income statement is the effect of the above changes in basis points on the net interest income for one year, based on the floating rate financial assets and liabilities held at 31 December 2009.

	Sensitivity of net interest income £m	Sensitivity of equity £m
At 31 December 2009		
+50 increase in basis points	(4.0)	(2.3)
+25 increase in basis points	(2.0)	(1.2)
-25 decrease in basis points	0.4	1.2
-50 decrease in basis points	0.6	2.4

	Sensitivity of net interest income £m	Sensitivity of equity £m
At 31 December 2008		
+50 increase in basis points	(2.3)	(1.8)
+25 increase in basis points	(0.9)	(0.9)
-25 decrease in basis points	0.2	0.9
-50 decrease in basis points	0.1	1.8

The pricing of the retail deposit base is administered and the ability to re-price allows the Bank to actively manage and mitigate basis risk as well as the general sensitivity of net interest income to changes in the yield curve. The Asset and Liability Committee regularly reviews assumptions around pricing changes in response to differing interest rate scenarios.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Bank is exposed to foreign exchange risks from cash flows arising on some of its available-for-sale investment securities. These forecast transactions in foreign currencies are hedged with currency swaps. The cash flows on the currency swaps substantially match the cash flow profile of the hedged investment securities. At the end of December 2009 the EUR and USD notional value of the foreign investment securities was €834,635,000 and \$95,000,000 respectively (2008: €965,535,000 and \$95,000,000 respectively). This was exactly matched by the EUR and USD notional value of the derivative obligations.

29 Capital resources

The following table analyses the regulatory capital resources of the Bank at 31 December 2009:

	31 December 2009 £m	31 December 2008 £m
Tier 1 capital:		
Ordinary share capital	170.0	170.0
Reserves	34.9	30.9
Deduction for intangible assets	(1.3)	(1.6)
Total Tier 1 capital	203.6	199.3
Upper Tier 2 capital:		
Undated loan stock	50.0	50.0
Allowable element of provisions	35.6	31.8
Lower Tier 2 capital:		
Dated loan stock	60.0	60.0
Total Tier 2 capital	145.6	141.8
Total capital	349.2	341.1

The Bank's regulatory capital is analysed into two tiers. Tier 1 capital includes ordinary share capital and retained earnings after the deduction of intangible assets. Tier 2 capital includes dated and undated loan capital plus an impairment allowance. Various limits are applied to elements of the capital base. Tier 2 capital cannot exceed Tier 1, and lower Tier 2 capital cannot exceed 50 per cent of Tier 1 capital. The Bank meets both requirements.

Capital management

The Bank manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities. The capital base has not changed materially in the 12 months to 31 December 2009. Capital adequacy is monitored on an ongoing basis by senior management, the Asset and Liability Committee, the Risk Management Committee and the Board. Our submissions to the FSA in the period have shown that the Bank has complied with all externally imposed capital requirements.

The Bank is currently considering the FSA's proposals for implementing changes that are required following amendments to the Capital Requirements' Directive in the UK.

30 Fair value of financial instruments

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged or settled in a transaction at the balance sheet date between knowledgeable willing parties, in an arm's length transaction. The fair values of financial instruments are based on market prices where available, or are estimated using other valuation techniques. Where they are short-term in nature or reprice frequently, fair value approximates to carrying value. The fair value information presented does not represent the fair value of the Bank as a going concern at 31 December 2009 or 31 December 2008. The classification adopted by the Bank is shown in the following table:

IAS 39 Classification		Carrying value £m	Fair value £m
At 31 December 2009			
Assets:			
Cash and balances at central banks	Loans and receivables	159.8	159.8
Treasury bills	Available for sale	451.6	451.6
Loans and advances to banks	Loans and receivables	1,642.3	1,642.5
Loans and advances to customers	Loans and receivables	2,155.8	2,318.7
Investment securities	Available for sale	948.4	948.4
Liabilities:			
Deposits by banks	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	1,216.7	1,245.9
Derivative financial instruments	Fair value though income statement as modified by effective hedging relationship	183.0	183.0
Customer accounts	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	3,701.2	3,701.2
Other borrowed funds	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	110.0	110.4

IAS 39 Classification		Carrying value £m	Fair value £m
At 31 December 2008			
Assets:			
Cash and balances at central banks	Loans and receivables	181.2	181.2
Treasury bills	Available for sale	308.7	308.7
Loans and advances to banks	Loans and receivables	1,457.0	1,457.7
Loans and advances to customers	Loans and receivables	1,878.5	1,973.7
Investment securities	Available for sale	1,126.3	1,126.3
Liabilities:			
Deposits by banks	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	898.7	936.1
Derivative financial instruments	Fair value though income statement as modified by effective hedging relationship	282.6	282.6
Customer accounts	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	3,640.2	3,640.2
Other borrowed funds	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	110.0	110.8

Information on how fair values are calculated for the financial assets and liabilities noted above is explained on page 6 of the critical accounting estimates section.

31 Fair value hierarchy

IFRS 7 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources; unobservable inputs reflect the Bank's market assumptions. These two types of inputs have created the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. This level includes listed equity securities and debt instruments on exchanges (for example, London Stock Exchange, Frankfurt Stock Exchange, New York Stock Exchange) and exchanges traded derivatives like futures.
- Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices). The sources of input parameters like LIBOR yield curve or counterparty credit risk are Bloomberg and Reuters.
- Level 3 - inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). This level includes equity investments and debt instruments with significant unobservable components. This hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. The Bank considers relevant and observable market prices in its valuations where possible.

The below table provides an analysis of the relevant fair value hierarchy:

At 31 December 2009

	Level 1 £m	Level 2 £m	Level 3 £m	Total 2009 £m
Financial Investments - available for sale				
Treasury bills	451.6	-	-	451.6
Investment securities	-	948.4	-	948.4
Total assets	451.6	948.4	-	1,400.0
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments	-	(183.0)	-	(183.0)
Total liabilities	-	(183.0)	-	(183.0)

32 Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Profit before income tax	18.2	5.9
Non-cash items included in loss before tax		
Impairment losses on loans and advances	88.1	78.4
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	3.4	3.8
Amortisation of intangible assets	1.3	2.0
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0.3	0.3
Interest on borrowed funds	2.6	7.6
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
Net decrease/(increase) in loans and advances to customers	(365.5)	1,783.7
Net decrease/(increase) in investment securities	245.1	41.4
Net (increase) in derivative liabilities	(100.0)	(1.2)
Net decrease/(increase) in deferred tax assets	2.7	-
Net decrease/(increase) in other assets	42.8	65.2
Net decrease/(increase) in prepayments and accrued income	6.0	40.9
Net (decrease)/ increase in customer accounts	60.9	(2,094.6)
Net increase in borrowed funds	318.0	147.8
Net increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	7.6	8.5
Net increase in accruals and deferred income	(18.0)	0.2
	313.5	89.9
Income taxes received	-	-
Net cash flows from operating activities	313.5	89.9
Operational cash flows from interest		
Interest paid	(129.0)	(318.5)
Interest received	216.4	398.1

33 Analysis of cash flows relating to investing activities

	Note	2009 £m	2008 £m
Purchase of equipment	6	(3.2)	(3.3)
Purchase of intangibles	7	(1.0)	(0.2)
		(4.2)	(3.5)

34 Analysis of cash flow in respect of financing

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Interest paid on other borrowed funds	(2.5)	(7.5)

35 Cash and cash equivalents

	Note	2009 £m	2008 £m
Cash and balances at central banks		159.8	181.2
Balances at central banks		(2.7)	(2.7)
Cash		157.1	178.5
Loans and advances to other banks - repayable on demand	14	29.3	-
Loans and advances to other banks - repayable in less than three months	14	1,613.0	1,457.0
Treasury bills	11	451.6	308.7
		2,251.0	1,944.2

36 Parent company

J Sainsbury plc and Bank of Scotland plc each hold 50 per cent of the issued share capital of the Bank, with a contractual arrangement in place to share joint control. Consequently there is no ultimate parent company.

37 Related party transactions

The Bank is a joint venture between the shareholders, J Sainsbury plc and Bank of Scotland plc (part of the Lloyds Banking Group plc group of companies).

The Bank has identified the following transactions, which fall to be disclosed under the terms of IAS 24:

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Transactions during the period: J Sainsbury plc		
Services and loans provided by J Sainsbury plc:		
Management services	18.4	18.4
Interest expense paid in respect of interest-bearing loans	1.3	3.8
Total loans and advances given during the period		-
Balances at 31 December		
Payables:		
Management services	2.7	4.6
Interest payable		-
Subordinated dated loan capital	30.0	30.0
Subordinated undated loan capital	25.0	25.0

In the same period, companies within the Lloyds Banking Group plc group provided both management and banking services to the Bank. The Bank also entered into financial transactions with, and earned commission from, companies within the Lloyds Banking Group plc group of companies, all under normal commercial terms.

None of the loans and advances to related parties was impaired at the balance sheet date. Furthermore, no expenses were recognised during the period in respect of impairment losses on loans and advances to related parties.

37 Related party transactions continued

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Transactions during the period: HBOS plc		
Services and loans provided by HBOS plc group of companies:		
Management and banking services	27.3	35.8
Interest expense paid in respect of subordinated loan capital	1.3	3.8
Deposits by banks:		
Fixed term	556.6	658.0
Deposits repaid during the period	(237.2)	(484.2)
Net interest paid in respect of interest rate swaps, loans and advances	45.3	46.0
Loans given to and commission received from HBOS plc group of companies:		
Total loans and advances made during the period	9,584.9	11,908.0
Loans and advances repaid during the period	(9,450.9)	(14,007.5)
Net interest received in respect of interest rate swaps, loans and advances	11.7	128.2
Commission income earned	11.4	19.5
Balances at 31 December		
Receivables:		
Loans and advances	1,434.3	1,271.0
Interest receivable	0.6	1.4
Commission receivable	5.7	15.1
Payables:		
Management and banking services	4.9	19.9
Interest payable	2.5	2.8
Deposits by banks	1,216.4	897.9
Subordinated dated loan capital	30.0	30.0
Subordinated undated loan capital	25.0	25.0

The loans and advances figures above are largely collateralised under a reverse repo arrangement which is supported by 150 per cent AAA rated collateral.

38 Transactions with key management personnel

For the purposes of IAS 24 'Related party disclosures', key management personnel comprise members of the Sainsbury's Bank Board and the Executive Committee of the Bank, who held office during the period.

Remuneration and other compensation

	2009 £m	2008 £m
Total emoluments	1.6	1.5

Product transactions

Details of transactions, under terms and conditions available to all members of staff, between the Bank and key management personnel are provided below. For this purpose, key management personnel include Sainsbury's Bank key management personnel and members of their close families. This note does not include key management personnel of J Sainsbury plc or Lloyds Banking Group plc as they are not considered to be key management personnel of Sainsbury's Bank.

Transactions with key management personnel

	Number of key management personnel	Directors £'000	Others £'000
Mortgages, credit cards and term loans:			
At 1 January 2008	4	8	11
Resignations during 2008	(2)	(1)	(11)
Appointments/new accounts during 2009	4	3	4
Amounts advanced during the year	–	90	8
Amounts repaid during the year	(2)	(86)	(11)
At 31 December 2008	4	14	1
Resignations during 2009	(1)	(2)	–
Appointments/new accounts during 2009	1	–	2
Amounts advanced during the period		70	18
Amounts repaid during the period		(70)	(17)
At 31 December 2009	4	12	4
Savings and deposit accounts:			
At 1 January 2008	4	363	1
Resignations during 2008	(2)	(294)	(1)
Appointments/new accounts during 2008	3	49	–
Amounts deposited during the year	–	100	5
Interest deposited	–	5	–
Amounts withdrawn during the year	–	(83)	(5)
At 31 December 2008	5	140	–
Resignations during 2009	(1)	(2)	–
Appointments/new accounts during 2009		–	–
Amounts deposited during the period		(904)	(6)
Interest charged		4	–
Amounts withdrawn during the period		832	17
At 31 December 2009	4	70	11

Based on the Companies Act definition of Loans to Directors, total lending outstanding at 31 December 2009 was £nil (2008: £14k).

39 Approval of accounts and other information

The accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 4th March 2010. Sainsbury's Bank plc registered office is 33 Holborn, London EC1N 2HT and its principal executive office is located at Keith House, Redheughs Rigg, South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9DG.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU and applicable law.

Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether they have been prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Board and signed on its behalf by

Hannah Bernard
Company Secretary
London
4 March 2010

Independent Auditor's report to the shareholders of Sainsbury's Bank plc

We have audited the financial statements of Sainsbury's Bank plc for the year ended 31 December 2009 set out on pages 4 to 35. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the EU.

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 36, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/UKNP.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2009 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Jonathan Bingham

Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc Statutory Auditor

KPMG Audit Plc

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor
Edinburgh
4 March 2010