

# KBC Group Press presentation 1Q 2025

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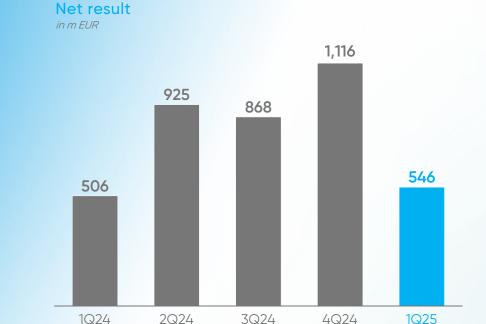
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## Highlights

#### Net result of 546m EUR over 1Q25

- Commercial bank-insurance franchises performed excellently
- Customer loans increased q-o-q in almost all our core countries (on a comparable basis). Core customer money inflow of 2.4bn EUR in 1Q25 with a shift from term deposits to savings accounts
- As policy rates are on their way down, KBC Group is **well-positioned** being an integrated bank-insurer with tailored AM business that has a highly diversified income (49% NII and 51% non-NII of 1Q25 total income)
- Good net interest income, in line with guidance
- Good **net fee and commission income**; record-high net inflows in direct client money in the first quarter
- Q-o-g higher net result from financial instruments at fair value & IFIE and **net other income** above the normal run rate
- Higher sales of **non-life insurance** y-o-y, strong sales of **life insurance** (up both q-o-q and y-o-y)
- Costs in 1Q include bulk of full-year bank & insurance taxes (539m EUR bank & insurance taxes in 1Q25); Costs excl. bank & insurance taxes down q-o-q
- Lower net loan loss impairment charges. Excellent credit cost ratio
- Solid solvency and liquidity position
- Updated dividend and capital deployment policy (see next slide)
- We confirm ST & LT financial guidance (in all aspects)





Return on Equity 15%\*

Cost-income ratio 46%\*\*

Combined ratio 86% (versus below 91% guided)

Credit cost ratio 0.08% (versus well below TTC of 25-30bps guided)

CET1 ratio 14.5%\*\*\* (B4, DC, unfloored fully loaded)

Leverage ratio 5.4% (fully loaded)

NSFR 140% & LCR 157%

- When bank & insurance taxes are evenly spread throughout the year and excluding one-offs
- \*\* When excluding certain non-operating items. See glossary for the exact definition
- \*\*\* Unfloored fully loaded CET1 ratio = fully loaded Basel 4 CET1 ratio excluding output floor impact

Highlights Profit & Loss

Capital & Liquidity

Looking forward

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## Updated dividend policy and capital deployment policy (Basel 4 as of 1 January 2025)



#### The Board of Directors decided:

- the dividend policy as from 2025:
  - A payout ratio (including AT1 coupon) between 50%-65% of consolidated profit of the accounting year.
  - An interim dividend of 1 EUR per share in November of each accounting year as an advance on the total dividend
- the capital deployment policy as from 2025:
  - KBC aims to be amongst the better capitalised financial institutions in Europe
  - Each year (when announcing the full year results), the Board of Directors will take a decision, at its discretion, on the capital deployment. The focus will predominantly be on further organic growth and M&A
  - KBC sees a 13% unfloored fully loaded CET1 ratio (\*) as the minimum
  - KBC will fill up the AT1 and Tier 2 buckets within P2R and will start using SRTs (as part of RWA optimisation program)

(\*) fully loaded Basel 4 CET1 ratio excluding output floor impact

## KBC will acquire 365.bank in Slovakia

KBC 4

KBC has agreed to acquire (in cash) 98.45% of 365.bank in Slovakia, based on a total value for 365.bank of 761m EUR



#### Indisputable strategic rationale

- Enhancing the footprint in Slovakia by strengthening the operating size in the market and reaching a 16% market share (total assets), closing the gap with the top 3 competitors
- In line with KBC's strategy to achieve reference positions in its core markets, the increase in critical market mass and the complementary business mix of 365.bank and ČSOB SK will allow KBC to further benefit from cross-selling potential
- KBC will particularly strengthen its reach in retail banking as well as benefit from access to the unique client base and distribution network of 365.bank (and exclusive partnership with Slovak Post)

#### Strong financial rationale

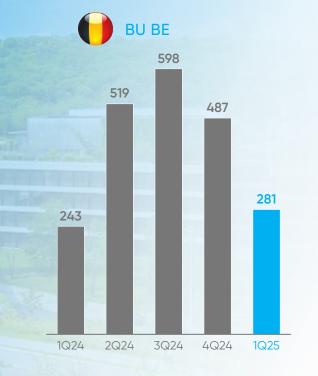
- EPS accretive from year 1 onwards
- Purchase price represents a 1.4x Book Value 1 and 9.4x P/E2 multiple
- Leveraging on the combined entity, the cross-selling potential and KBC's expertise:
  - Synergies (incl. integration and restructuring costs) will quickly increase to at least 75m EUR as of 2028 onwards (pre-tax)
  - Return on investment is estimated at 16%, while the RoE of the pro-forma combined Slovakian entity is uplifted to roughly 15% (both by 2028, i.e. after a two-year integration period), substantially above the cost of equity
- Estimated capital impact on KBC Group's unfloored fully loaded CET1 ratio will be limited to approximately -50bps upon closing
- This transaction is fully in line with the updated capital deployment plan as from 2025, with focus predominantly on further organic growth and M&A
- The transaction is subject to relevant regulatory and anti-trust approvals and expected to close by the end of this year

Notes<sup>: 1</sup>based on the equity position of 365.bank at year-end 2024; <sup>2</sup>based on the average 2022-2024 net profit of 365.bank

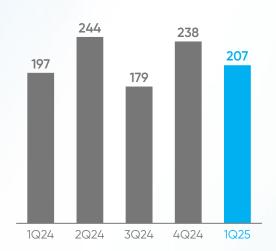
## **Excellent contribution from all business units**



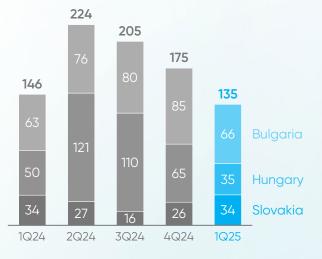
## Net result per business unit in m EUR











## Strategic focus | Sia Partners ranked KBC Mobile the N°1 mobile banking app worldwide



#### Unique integrated bankinsurance+ model

- We offer an integrated response to our clients' banking and insurance needs. Our organisation is similarly integrated, operating as a single business and a digital-first, datadriven and Al-led bank-insurer.
- Our integrated model offers our clients the benefit of a comprehensive, one-stop, relevant and personalised financial service that allows them to choose from a wider, complementary and optimised range of products and services, which go beyond pure bank-insurance.
- For ourselves, it offers benefits in terms of income and risk diversification, additional sales potential through intensive cooperation between the bank and insurance distribution channels, significant cost-savings and synergies, and heightened interaction opportunities with and a more complete understanding of our clients.

Insurance Activities

26%

of the 546m EUR
Group Net result\*
originates from

395 Insurance
activities

Banking activities

Insurance Activities

\* Difference between the net result of KBC Group and the sum of the banking and insurance contributions is accounted for by the holding-company/group items

# Successful digital-first approach through KATE



- Our digital interaction with clients forms the basis of our business model in our strategy, not only in terms of sales and advice, but also in E2E digital process and product development.
- Artificial intelligence and data analysis
  play an important part in digital sales and
  advice. Kate, our personal digital
  assistant, is featured prominently in this
  regard.
- The independent international consulting firm Sia Partners ranked KBC Mobile the N°1 mobile banking app worldwide in 2024: a clear recognition of a decade of innovation, development and listening closely to our clients.

# Firmly embedded sustainability strategy

- As a company that aims to support the transition to a more sustainable and climate-proof society, we have made sustainability integral to our overall business strategy and integrated it into our day-to-day business operations and the products and services we provide.
- Our sustainability strategy consists of three cornerstones: encouraging responsible behaviour on the part of all our employees, increasing our positive impact on society and limiting any adverse impact we might have

5.5 million users in contact with Kate



KATE autonomy
70% BE 74% CZ

## Strategic focus | The reference



#### **Profitability**

With a **Return on Equity** of **15%** in 1Q25 **KBC** is one of the <u>most profitable EU financial institutions</u>



At KBC it is our ambition to be the reference for bank-insurance in all our core markets

#### Solvency

With an unfloored fully loaded CET1 ratio of 14.5% at end 1Q25 KBC is amongst the better capitalised EU banks



#### Sustainability

Sustainalytics ranks KBC in the **3rd percentile of 254** <u>diversified banks assessed</u> (last full update November 29, 2024)





## Digitalisation

Sia Partners ranks KBC Mobile as N°1 banking app worldwide





"KBC Mobile is a **high-performance** and **efficient banking app** for everyday needs and one of the **most innovative** with some interesting extras. The app surprises clients with its wide range of functionalities and the **virtual assistance by Kate**."

## Good net interest income, in line with guidance



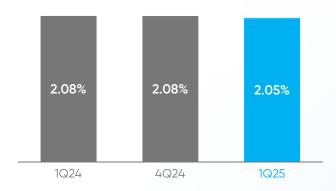
#### Net interest income



- NII decreased by 1% q-o-q and increased by 4% y-o-y
- Q-o-q change was driven primarily by:
  - Higher commercial transformation result (thanks mainly to continued increasing reinvestment yields)
  - Higher lending income (strong loan volume growth partly offset by lower loan margins in some core markets)
  - Higher dealing room NII more than offset by:
  - Lower number of days (-15m EUR q-o-q)
  - 4Q24 benefited from a +9m EUR correction from a changed accounting approach on mortgage brokerage fees in Bulgaria
  - Higher costs on the minimum required reserves held with the central banks
  - Lower NII on inflation-linked bonds (-9m EUR q-o-q, from +4m EUR in 4Q24 to -5m EUR in 1Q25)
  - Lower NII on term deposits (shift from term deposits to savings accounts)
  - · Lower short-term cash management
- Y-o-y increase was driven primarily by higher commercial transformation result, higher lending income, lower costs on the minimum required reserves held with central banks, higher NII on inflation-linked bonds (+8m EUR y-o-y, from -13m EUR in 1Q24 to -5m in 1Q25) and higher dealing room NII partly offset by much lower NII on term deposits, higher wholesale funding costs and lower short-term cash management

#### Net interest margin\*

in %, calculated excluding dealing room, ALM FX swaps & repos



 Fell by 3 bps both q-o-q and y-o-y for the reasons mentioned on net interest income and an increase in the interest-bearing assets (denominator), both q-o-q and y-o-y

#### Organic volume trend

|               | Total loans** | o/w retail<br>mortgages | Customer deposits*** |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Volume        | 197bn         | 79bn                    | 231bn                |
| Growth q-o-q* | +2%           | +1%                     | +0%                  |
| Growth y-o-y  | +7%           | +5%                     | +6%                  |

<sup>\*</sup> Non-annualised \*\* Loans to customers, excluding reverse repos (and bonds).

Growth figures are excluding FX, consolidation adjustments and reclassifications.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Customer deposits, excluding debt certificates and repos, but including customer savings certificates. Excluding the volatility in the foreign branches of KBC Bank (included in BE BU), core customer deposits stabilised q-o-q and rose by 7% y-o-y

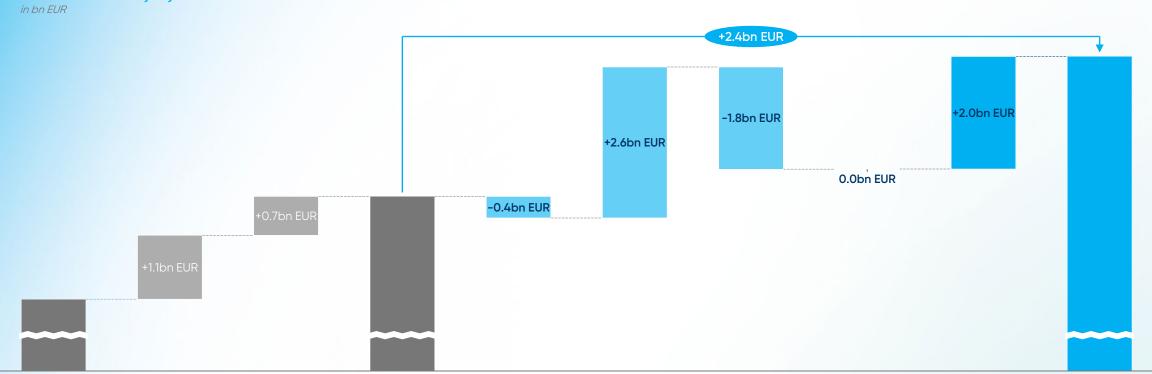
## **Inflow of core customer money**



Customer money dynamic over 1Q25

foreign branches

31DEC24



current accounts

• 1Q25 saw an inflow of core customer money of +2.4bn EUR (+3.1bn EUR incl. FX impact)

FX impact

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savings accounts

term deposits

savings certificates

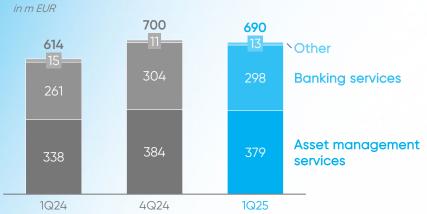
mutual funds

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## Good net fee and commission income, Record-high net inflows in direct client money in the first quarter

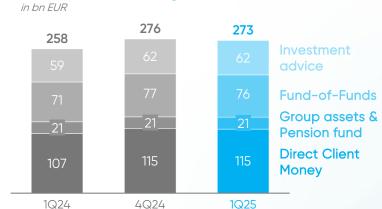


#### Net fee & commission income



- Down by 1% q-o-q and up by 12% y-o-y
- Q-o-q decrease was entirely the result of +20m EUR year-end effects in 4Q24 (linked to the performance of CZ pension fund and a positive FY24 correction in banking services from changed accounting approach in Hungary)
- Excluding these year-end effects, the q-o-q increase was driven primarily by:
  - Net F&C income from Asset Management Services increased by 2% q-o-q due mainly to higher management & entry fees
  - Net F&C income from banking services roughly stabilised q-o-q. Seasonally lower fees from payment services were offset by seasonally lower distribution commissions paid for banking products and lower client incentives
- Y-o-y increase was mainly the result of:
  - Net F&C income from Asset Management Services rose by 12% y-o-y due mainly to higher management & entry fees
  - Net F&C income from banking services increased by 15% y-o-y due mainly to higher fees from payment services, higher network income, higher securities-related fees, higher fees from credit files & bank quarantees and lower client incentives
  - Lower distribution fees received linked to non-life insurance

#### Assets under management



- Decreased by 1% q-o-q as net inflows (+2%) were more than offset by negative market performance (-3%)
- Increased by 6% y-o-y due to net inflows (+3%) and positive market performance (+3%)
- The mutual fund business has seen strong net inflows this quarter, both in higher-margin direct client money (2.0bn EUR in 1Q25 versus 0.4bn in 4Q24 and 1.9bn EUR in 1Q24) as well as in lower-margin assets

## Non-life sales up y-o-y, strong life sales (significantly up q-o-q and y-o-y)

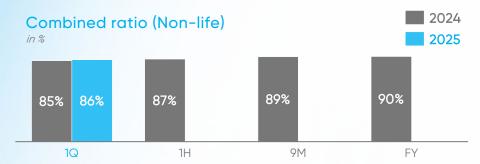


#### Non-life sales

in m EUR



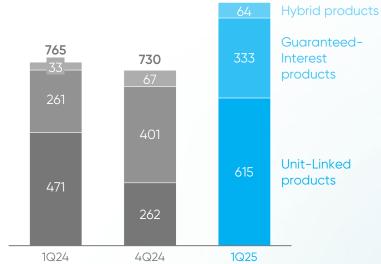
 Up by 8% y-o-y (+9% y-o-y excluding FX effect), with growth in all countries and all main classes, due to a combination of volume and tariff increases



- Non-life combined ratio for 1Q25 amounted to an excellent 86% (85% in 1Q24). This is mainly the result of:
  - 8% y-o-y higher insurance revenues before reinsurance
  - 11% y-o-y higher insurance service expenses before reinsurance due mainly to the very low level of claims in 1Q24
  - Higher net result from reinsurance contracts held (up by 6m EUR y-o-y)

#### Life sales in m EUR





- Increased by 39% q-o-q due entirely to higher sales of unit-linked products (as the result of a successful launch of structured emissions in Belgium), partly offset by lower sales of quaranteed-interest products (due chiefly to traditionally higher volumes in tax-incentivised pension savings products in Belgium in 4Q24) as well as lower sales of hybrid products
- Increased by 32% y-o-y due to higher sales of all products (quaranteedinterest products, unit-linked products and hybrid products)
- Sales of guaranteed-interest products and unit-linked products accounted for 33% and 61% of total life insurance sales in 1Q25 respectively, with hybrid products (mainly in Belgium and the Czech Republic) accounting for the remainder

## FIFV & IFIE result up q-o-q and net other income above the normal run rate



## FIFV & IFIE

|  | 1Q24 | 4Q24 | 1Q25 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Dealing room                           | 102  | 66   | 77   |
| MVA/CVA/FVA                            | 5    | -6   | -1   |
| IFIE - mainly<br>interest<br>accretion | -60  | -66  | -67  |
| M2M ALM<br>derivatives and<br>other    | -102 | -68  | -55  |
| FIFV & IFIE                            | -55  | -74  | -45  |



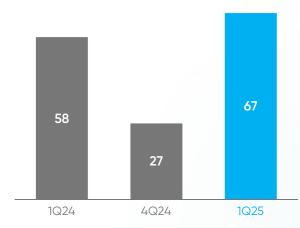
- Higher dealing room result
- Positive change in 'ALM derivatives and other'
- Less negative credit, funding and market value adjustments, mainly the result of an increase in EUR yield curves and an increase of the equity markets, partly offset by increased counterparty credit spreads

#### partly offset by:

Slightly more negative IFIE (mainly interest accretion)

#### Net other income





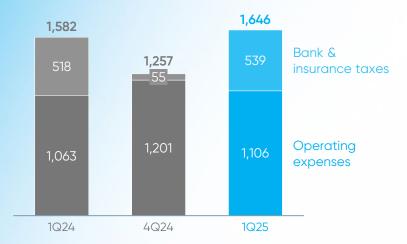
- Higher than the normal run rate of 50m EUR per quarter in 1Q25
  - Due mainly to higher-than-average gains on the sale of real estate

## Costs excluding bank & insurance taxes decreased q-o-q



## Operating expenses (including costs directly attributable to insurance)

in m EUR



- Operating expenses excluding bank & insurance taxes fell by 8% q-o-q and rose by 4% y-o-y
  - The q-o-q decrease was due mainly to seasonally lower marketing and professional fee expenses, lower ICT costs and lower facility expenses, partly offset by higher staff costs
  - The y-o-y increase was due to, amongst others, higher staff costs (mainly the impact of wage inflation, partly offset by lower FTEs), higher ICT costs and higher depreciations, partly offset by lower marketing costs, lower professional fee expenses and lower facility expenses
- Note that opex excluding bank & insurance taxes was low in 1H24... therefore
  we feel comfortable with our FY25 guidance for opex excluding bank &
  insurance taxes of below +2.5% y-o-y
- 1Q25 cost/income ratio
  - 46% when excluding certain non-operating items\* (47% in FY24)
  - 41% excluding all bank & insurance taxes (43% in FY24)

#### Cost/income ratio

When excluding bank and insurance taxes

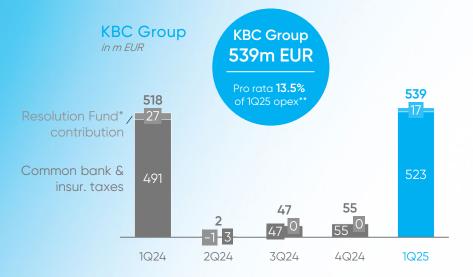
| FY24 | 1Q25 |
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| 43%  | 41%  |

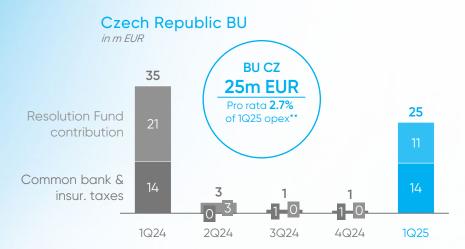
- 1Q includes the bulk of the bank & insurance taxes for the full year, a 4% increase y-o-y, driven mainly by:
  - 42m EUR higher contribution to the Deposit Guarantee Scheme in Belgium due to 1) legislation to reach 1.8% coverage by 2025 and 2) higher covered deposits (as a result of the recuperation of the maturing State Note) partly offset by:
  - 9m EUR lower contribution to the Single Resolution Fund in the Czech Republic
  - 9m EUR lower bank taxes in Hungary
  - 5m EUR lower bank taxes in Slovakia
- Total bank & insurance taxes are expected to increase by 11% y-o-y to 692m EUR in 2025 (623m EUR in 2024)

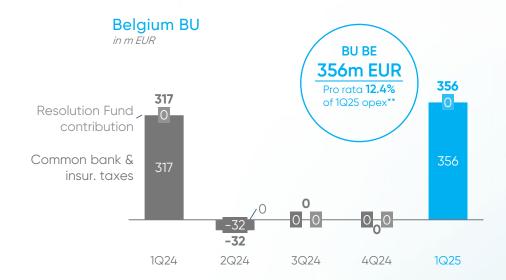
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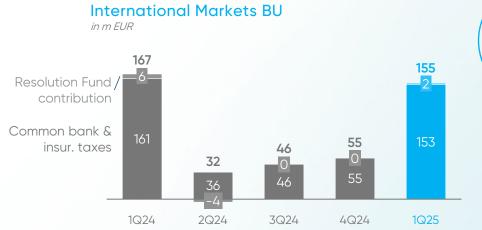
#### Overview of bank & insurance taxes\*











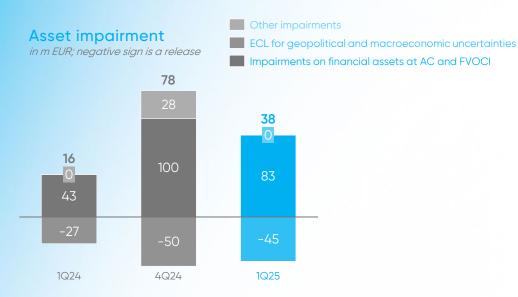


<sup>\*</sup> This refers solely to the bank & insurance taxes recognised in opex, and as such it does not take account of income tax expenses, non-recoverable VAT, etc.

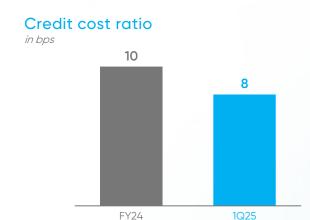
<sup>\*\*</sup> Including directly attributable costs to insurance

## Lower net loan loss impairment charges & excellent credit cost ratio



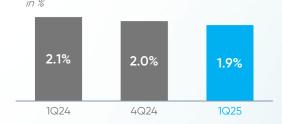


- Net loan loss impairment charges of 38m EUR in 1Q25 (compared with net loan loss impairment charges of 50m EUR in 4Q24) due to:
  - 83m EUR net loan loss impairment charges on lending book (of which 41m EUR lowering the backstop shortfall for old NPLs in Belgium)
  - A decrease of 45m EUR of the ECL buffer, driven mainly by microand macroeconomic indicators
  - Total outstanding ECL for geopolitical & macroeconomic uncertainties now stands at 72m EUR



- The credit cost ratio in 1Q25 amounted to:
  - 16 bps (16 bps in FY24) without ECL for geopolitical & macroeconomic uncertainties
  - 8 bps (10 bps in FY24) with ECL for geopolitical & macroeconomic uncertainties

#### Impaired loans ratio



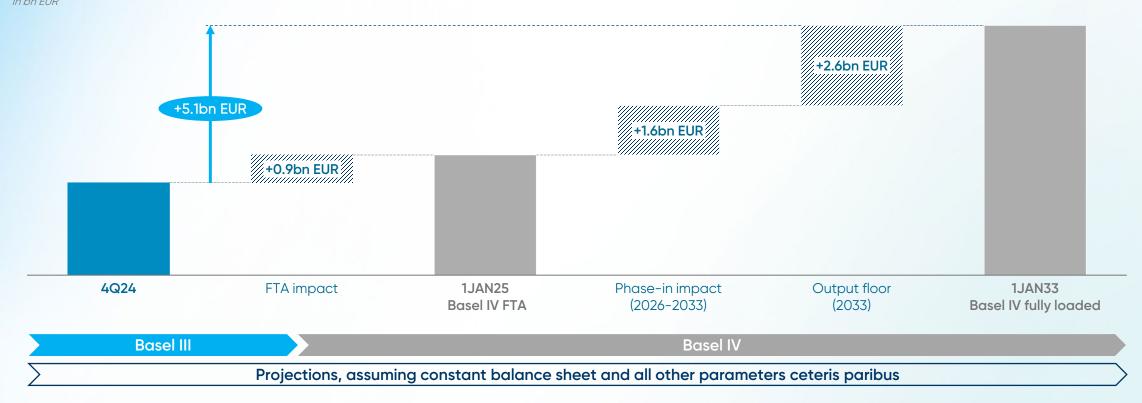
• The impaired loans ratio amounted to 1.9% (1.0% of which over 90 days past due)

#### Indicative view on transitional RWA evolution under Basel IV



- Moving towards the Basel IV era and applying a static balance sheet and all other parameters ceteris paribus, without mitigating actions, KBC
- reports at 1JAN25, a first-time application impact of +0.9bn EUR (0.1bn EUR lower than +1.0bn EUR RWA communicated together with 3Q24 results)
- projects by 1JAN33, a further impact of +4.2bn EUR (3.3bn EUR lower than +7.5bn EUR RWA communicated together with 3Q24 results) resulting in a fully loaded impact of +5.1bn EUR (3.4bn EUR lower than +8.5bn EUR RWA communicated together with 3Q24 results)
- For the fully loaded CET1 ratio as of 1Q25, KBC focuses on the so called unfloored fully loaded CET1 ratio which accounts for the total RWA impact from Basel IV, excluding the output floor impact

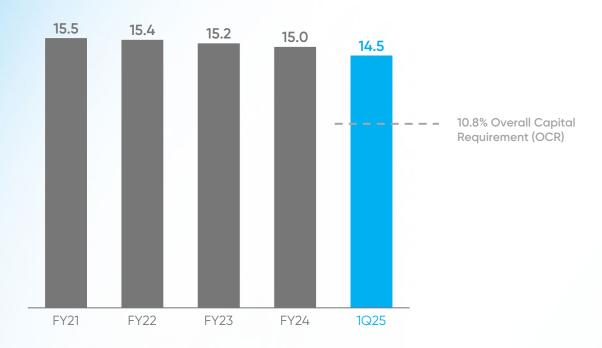
## Indicative transitional RWA estimate in bn EUR



## Strong capital position with substantial buffer



CET1 ratio



Fully loaded B3 common equity ratio amounted to 15.0% at the end of FY24 based on the Danish Compromise

Fully loaded CET 1 ratio of 15.0% under B3 becomes 14.6% under B4: the unfloored impact of B4 on both CET1 capital (-0.1bn EUR) and RWA (+2.5bn EUR) lowers the unfloored fully loaded CET1 ratio by 0.4%

Unfloored fully loaded B4 common equity ratio decreased from 14.6% to 14.5% at the end of 1Q25 based on the Danish Compromise due mainly to strong organic loan volume growth in 1Q25 (leading to +2.6bn EUR RWAs in 1Q25)

Going forward, higher profit retention (as 1Q is negatively distorted by the upfront booking of bank & insurance taxes), the upstreaming of BGAAP insurance profit to KBC Group (usually in 2Q and 4Q), a positive impact from the DTA usage related to the liquidation of KBC Bank Ireland (expected in 3Q25) and active capital management (e.g. SRTs as of 4Q25 at the earliest) will be tailwinds for the unfloored fully loaded CET1 ratio

## Leverage ratio, Solvency II ratio and liquidity ratios

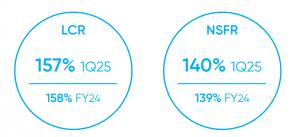


Leverage ratio | KBC Group



Q-o-q lower leverage ratio (from 5.5% to 5.4%) due mainly to higher leverage ratio exposure (due chiefly to a large increase in reverse repos)

## Liquidity ratios | KBC Group



Both LCR\* and NSFR\*\* were well above the regulatory requirement of 100%

#### Solvency II ratio | KBC Group

in %



Q-o-q higher Solvency II ratio due mainly to a steepening of the EUR interest rate curve, the 1Q25 IFRS P&L result and a seasonal effect

<sup>\*</sup> Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) is based on KBC Bank's interpretation of the proposal of CRR amendment.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Liquidity Coverage ratio (LCR) is based on the Delegated Act requirements. From EOY2017 onwards, KBC Bank discloses 12 months average LCR in accordance with EBA guidelines on LCR disclosure.

## Wrap-up



# Excellent financial performance

net result 546m 1Q25 3415m FY24

return on equity
15%\*
YTD

combined ratio 86%

# Outstanding solvency and liquidity

CET1 ratio
14.5%
3.0% buffer
vs MDA

NSFR 140% LCR 157%

SII ratio
210%

## Kate convinces customers

5.5 million users in contact with Kate

383k converted Kate leads (during last 12 months)

KATE autonomy 70% BE 74% CZ

#### Franchise is growing

loan volumes +7%

customer deposits
+6%
y-o-y

AM net inflows of direct client money +2.0bn

non-life sales
+8%
y-o-y

life sales +32%

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding one-offs

## **Looking forward I Economic outlook**



- The macro-economic environment became increasingly volatile at the end of 1Q25, a.o. driven by:
  - US tariff policies on the one hand
  - European fiscal spending ('Re-Arm Europe' and huge German infrastructure investments) on the other hand

Therefore, economic policy uncertainty and the ongoing trade conflict will lead to low economic growth in the euro area over the next quarters. The medium-term growth outlook improves on the back of expected defense spending and infrastructure investments

- Although revised downwards, GDP growth in CEE is still substantially above Western-Europe. A crucial element in favor of CEE countries is the cost competitiveness within Europe. Therefore, KBC's geographical diversification remains supportive for KBC's growth
- Thanks to KBC's well-diversified loan book, focused on retail and SMEs, the potentially directly impacted sectors (including pharma & chemicals) by currently known US tariff increases is limited to roughly 7% of KBC's total granted loan portfolio
- KBC has very limited USD exposure
- Therefore, our ST & LT financial guidance (as provided with FY24 results) remains valid

## Looking forward | FY25 financial guidance (as provided with FY24 results)



## Our bank-insurance+ model is firing on all cylinders

Note: all growth figures are based on reported 2024 figures

**Total income** 

Net interest income\*

Organic loan volume growth

**Insurance revenues** (before reinsurance)

Operating expenses (excl. bank/insurance tax)

2025

at least +5.5% y-o-y

at least 5.7bn EUR

approx. +4%

at least +7% y-o-y

below +2.5% y-o-y

below FY24 growth excl. Ireland\*\*

Combined ratio

below 91%

Credit cost ratio

well below TTC of 25-30bps

\*\* FY24 growth excl. Ireland at +2.7% (OpEx excl. BIT for Ireland was 107m EUR in FY23 and 25m EUR in FY24)

<sup>\*</sup> Based on following assumptions: (i) market forward rates of early February, (ii) no speculation on potential measures of any government and (iii) conservative pass-through rates on savings accounts; Every 25bps rate deviation from the market forward rates (across all currencies) generates roughly 50m EUR NII variance on an annual basis

## Looking forward I FY27 financial guidance (as provided with FY24 results)



## Our bank-insurance+ model is firing on all cylinders

Note: all growth figures are based on reported 2024 figures

|   | 2027                          |                          |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total income                                  | CAGR24-27 <u>at least</u> +6% |                          |
| Net interest income*                          | CAGR24-27 <u>at least</u> +5% |                          |
| Insurance revenues (before reinsurance)       | CAGR24-27 <u>at least</u> +7% | Jaws <u>at least</u> +3% |
| Operating expenses (excl. bank/insurance tax) | CAGR24-27 <u>below</u> +3%    |                          |

Combined ratio <u>below</u> 91%

Credit cost ratio <u>well below</u> TTC of 25-30bps

<sup>\*</sup> Based on following assumptions: (i) market forward rates of early February, (ii) no speculation on potential measures of any government and (iii) conservative pass-through rates on savings accounts

# Wrap-up: digital-first, data-driven and Al-led integrated bank-insurer with tailored AM Well-positioned in a decreasing (policy) rate environment



#### Well-diversified, both geographically and from a business point of view

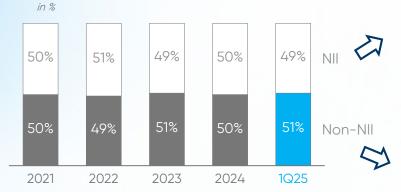
- geographically ...
  - Mature markets (BE, CZ) combined with growth markets (SK, HU, BG)
  - Robust market position in all key markets & strong trends in loan and deposit growth
  - Wealth levels are and will continue to gradually converge towards W-European standards

#### ... and from a business point of view

- Unique integrated, digital-first, data-driven and Al-led bank-insurer with a strongly developed & tailored AM business
- Unique selling proposition: in-depth knowledge of local markets and profound relationships with clients
- Our fully integrated distribution model and increasingly straight-through processes allow for sustainable efficiency
  gains in tandem with a full range of products and services that go beyond banking and insurance through ecospheres
- Global recognition for our digital-first approach through Kate, fueled by the number 1 banking app worldwide in 2024



#### KBC Group topline diversification: roughly 50% NII and 50% non-NII



- CAGR24-27 NII of at least +5%, even in decreasing (policy) rate environment
  - Longer average duration of the replication portfolio will generate a further NII increase, even in a decreasing interest rate environment
  - The negative impact from the State Note in Belgium is likely to disappear
  - In a decreasing (policy) rate environment, the trend noticed in non-EUR denominated countries (CZ & HU), namely shifts from TD to CASA, will highly likely also happen in EUR denominated countries
- Implicit CAGR24-27 non-NII of roughly +7%
  - Insurance revenues (before reinsurance) CAGR '24-'27 of at least +7%
  - Sustained fee income growth, propelled by record net sales year after year thanks to success of Regular Investment Plans and the gradual convergence of wealth levels in Central Europe towards Western European standards

## Strategy | KBC's non-financial targets (2023-2026) (update on a half-year basis)

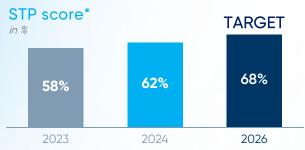


#### **Customer ranking**



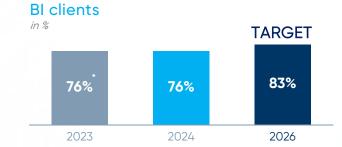
- KBC is 3<sup>rd</sup> in customer NPS (Net Promoter Score) ranking based on weighted avg of ranking in five core countries
- Target is to remain the reference (i.e. Top-2 score on group level)

## Straight-through processing

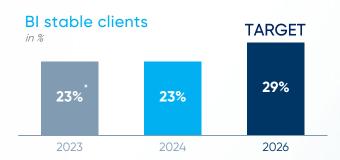


The **STP ratio** measures how many of the services that can be offered digitally are processed without any human intervention and this from the moment of interaction by a client until the final approval by KBC.

#### Bank-insurance (BI) clients



BI customers have at least 1 bank + 1 insurance product of our group.



Stable BI customers: at least 2 bank + 2 insurance products (Belgium: 3+3)

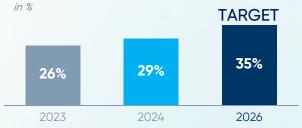
#### Digital sales





Target: Digital sales 65% of **banking sales** 

#### Digital sales insurance products



Target: Digital sales 35% of insurance sales

<sup>\*</sup> Based on analysis of <u>all retail</u> processes.

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<sup>\*</sup> Based on weighted average of selected core products.

## Kate | Four flavours, one Kate





#### Kate4Retail & mSME

Kate is a personal virtual assistant that engages with our retail, self-employed and mSME customers to save them time and money. Kate engages both in a reactive way (You2Kate) and a proactive way (Kate2You).

Kate is available in all KBC's core countries!

KATE autonomy
70% BE
74% CZ

5.5 million users in contact with Kate

#### Kate4Business

Kate also engages with our **SME** and corporate clients and provides them relevant support and actionable insights.

Already **available in BE, CZ and BG**. Further roll-out planned in SK and HU.

#### **Kate Group Platform**

We do not build Kate for every country individually. Kate is built once at a group level and then deployed to all core countries (Kate in a box).

Technically, we have set up a shared infrastructure on the cloud that allows us to **share use** cases, code and IT components maximally.

Furthermore, KBC strives to have a **common user interface and persona**, so Kate looks and feels the same everywhere.

Finally, everything that can be developed at group level is governed by a specific steering committee that develops and maintains the group Kate infrastructure.

'KATE IN A BOX' delivered to all core countries

#### Kate4Commercial Employees

Kate also has an impact on our employees: Kate provides commercial steering towards our workforce, she augments them to better serve our clients and supports them in their administrative tasks.

In doing so, employees can focus on providing even more added value to our client.

Kate gives tools to management to better coach employees and plan ahead.

> 383k converted Kate leads (1y)

## Kate | A data-driven organisation with Kate at the core



Kate is more than an interface towards customers. It also refers to the Al-enhanced software at our center: the Kate brain.

The Kate brain will be the driving force behind data-driven decision making, product design and development, marketing, commercial and sales steering and much more.

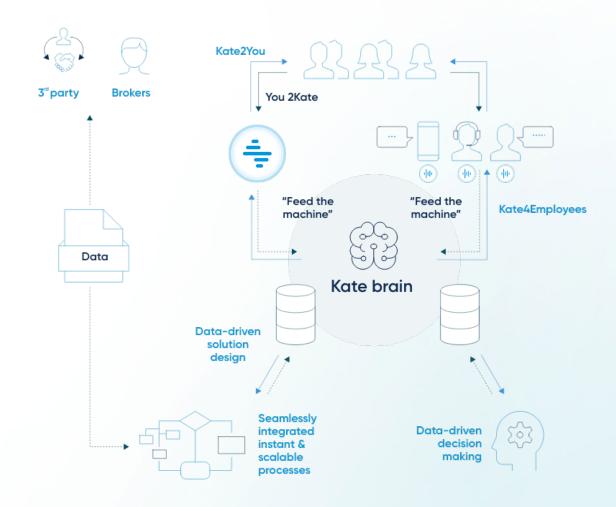
So, Kate is not only steering the interaction with customer-facing touchpoints (digital, physical, remote) but also the product factories and decision makers by **providing relevant insights**.

The Kate brain is fed by our own banking and insurance data-sources but also by data sources from third party services, resulting in **seamlessly integrated**, **instant (STP) and scalable processes**.

Very important in this are the feedback loops from all interactions to make sure **Kate is learning and getting smarter**, resulting in better decision making.

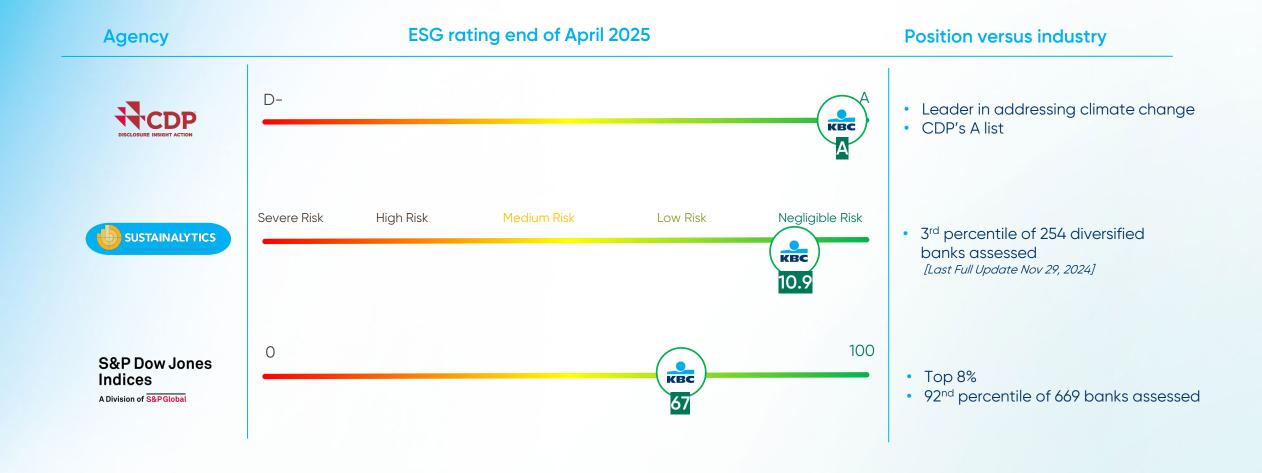
The main purpose remains the same: happy customers. As a **data-driven company** we remain guided by our **client-centric vision**.

Another upside of being Al-powered and solution-driven, is that we not only save time (cost reductions), not only for the customer, and we improve our sales efforts through **better sales productivity**.



## KBC's ESG ratings and indices are ahead of the curve





## Indirect environmental impact: our progress in brief



#### **INDIRECT** environmental footprint (FY 2024)

- We refer to our Collective Commitment to Climate Action (CCCA) and the subsequent publication of our Climate Report at the end of September 2022
- Containing stringent decarbonisation targets for the white papers sectors which represent the majority of our lending portfolio emissions. Targets cover 55% of the lending portfolio related GHG emissions
- Clear targets for KBC Asset Management's Responsible Investing (RI) funds
- The baseline of the various targets and the actuals have been externally limited assured

#### Loan portfolio (selection of sectors)

Carbon-intensity reduction compared to 2021 baseline, otherwise indicated

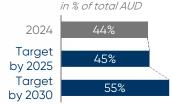




#### Asset management funds

Reduction compared to 2021 baseline, otherwise indicated

#### Responsible Investing (RI) funds





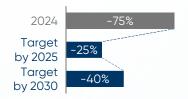


versus 2019 benchmark



#### KBC Insurance: own investments in shares and corporate bonds

Carbon intensity reduction compared to 2019 baseline



## Sustainability highlights (FY2024)



#### Commitment to the environment



#### Two new thematic White Papers

This year, we developed two new internal thematic White Papers: one on plastics and one on deforestation.



## **12 climate targets for our lending portfolio** KBC's Climate Progress Dashboard shows

KBC's Climate Progress Dashboard shows that, overall, we are on track to meet our climate targets, with nine out of twelve targets being in line with our climate alignment benchmarks.



## 25 billion euros to loans with environmental objectives

In 2024, KBC financed 3.2 billion euros in the renewable energy and biofuel sector, 21 billion euros in mortgages for energyefficient housing and 1.3 billion euros for low carbon vehicles.



#### 750-million-euro Green Bond issue

KBC Group successfully issued a new eight-year Green Bond under the recently updated Green Bond Framework, through which we support energy efficient buildings, renewable energy transactions and clean transportation.

#### Sustainable business



#### **CSRD** Reporting

We published our first Sustainability Statement in our <u>2024 Annual Report</u>. These new disclosures align with CSRD requirements and detail how we integrate sustainability into our business.



## 50.8 billion euros in Responsible Investing funds

Responsible Investing funds account for 44% of total direct client money. These include Responsible funds, ECO-thematic funds and Impact Investing funds.



## Thousands of conversations with our customers

We engage on a variety of sustainability topics with a wide range of clients with respect to their sustainability transition.



#### 80% of start-ups integrate sustainability

We support start-ups and scale-ups through the Start it @KBC communities. In Belgium, 80% of them integrate sustainability into their mission and operations.

#### Social responsibility



#### 7.4 billion euros in social sectors

In 2024, we financed 6.17 billion euros in the healthcare and senior living sectors and 1.23 billion euros in the education sector.



#### Over 400 dreams realised

Launched in late 2024, the Team Blue Challenge supports our mission to safeguard the dreams of our community by inviting all colleagues to volunteer for non-profits.



#### Two social targets for housing in Belgium

This year, we are reporting for the first time on our progress towards two social targets on housing: the number of young adults reached with housing-related information, and the relative share of young adults in a situation of overindebtedness.



#### Up to 500 days spent by KBC staff for BRS

KBC colleagues, along with other volunteers, dedicated 500 days to voluntary coaching and training for BRS. In total, BRS vzw supported 15 projects in the Global South.

Sustainability highlights in 2024, unless otherwise indicated

## Own environmental impact: our progress in brief



#### Own environmental footprint (FY 2024)

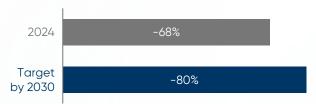
- Since 2015, we have been calculating the GHG emissions arising from our own operations at group level, in accordance with the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard
- We set group-wide GHG reduction targets in 2016, and we have tightened them over the years
- In 2020 the most recent targets were set, with a long-term ambition
  of achieving an 80% reduction in our direct emissions by 2030 (as
  compared to 2015). For the fourth consecutive year, we reached net
  climate neutrality by offsetting our residual direct emissions
- Additionally, we committed to increasing our own green electricity consumption to 100% by 2030. The goal was already reached in 2021
- Since 2024, our environmental footprint calculations have been verified through the assurance of our Sustainability Statement in the Annual Report.

More details in our 2024 Sustainability Report



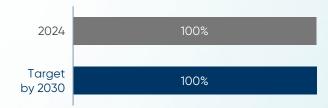
#### Reduction in our own GHG emissions

reduction compared to 2015



#### Renewable electricity

in % of purchased electricity



We put our clients centre stage as they keep counting on us to help them realise and protect their dreams. We do this proactively and work together to support the society and create sustainable growth. We are genuinely grateful for the confidence they put in us.

I would like to explicitly thank our customers and stakeholders for their confidence and our staff for their relentless efforts.

Johan Thijs, KBC Group CEO

## Glossary



| B3 / B4   | Basel III / Basel IV   |
|---|--|
| Combined ratio (non-life insurance)   | Short-term non-life insurance contracts: [claims and claim related costs net of reinsurance + costs other than claims and commissions] / [earned expected premiums received, net of reinsurance]   |
| Common equity ratio   | [common equity tier-1 capital] / [total weighted risks]  |
| Cost/income ratio without banking and insurance tax (group)   | [operating expenses of the group without banking and insurance tax + Insurance commissions paid] / [total income of the group]   |
| Cost/income ratio adjusted for specific items or C/I ratio when excluding certain non-operating items | The numerator and denominator are adjusted for (exceptional) items which distort the P&L during a particular period in order to provide a better insight into the underlying business trends. Adjustments include (i) MtM ALM derivatives (fully excluded), (ii) bank & insurance taxes (including contributions to European Single Resolution Fund) are included pro rata and hence spread over all quarters of the year instead of being recognised for the most part upfront (as required by IFRIC21) and (iii) one-off items |
| Credit cost ratio (CCR)   | [annualised net changes in individual and portfolio-based impairment for credit risks] / [average outstanding loan portfolio]. Note that, inter alia, government bonds are not included in this formula.   |
| EBA   | European Banking Authority   |
| ESMA  | European Securities and Markets Authority  |
| ESFR  | European Single Resolution Fund  |
| FICOD   | Financial Conglomerates Directive  |
| Impaired loans cover ratio  | [total specific impairments on the impaired loan portfolio (stage 3) ] / [part of the loan portfolio that is impaired (PD 10-11-12) ]  |
| Impaired loans ratio  | [part of the loan portfolio that is impaired (PD 10-11-12)] / [total outstanding loan portfolio]   |
| Leverage ratio  | [regulatory available tier-1 capital] / [total exposure measures]. The exposure measure is the total of non-risk-weighted on and off-balance sheet items, based on accounting data. The risk reducing effect of collateral, guarantees or netting is not taken into account, except for repos and derivatives. This ratio supplements the risk-based requirements (CAD) with a simple, non-risk-based backstop measure   |
| Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR)  | [stock of high-quality liquid assets] / [total net cash outflow over the next 30 calendar days]  |
| MREL  | Minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities   |
| Net interest margin (NIM) of the group  | [banking group net interest income excluding dealing room, ALM FX swaps and repos] / [banking group average interest-bearing assets excluding dealing room, ALM FX swaps and repos]  |
| Net stable funding ratio (NSFR)   | [available amount of stable funding] / [required amount of stable funding]   |
| PD  | Probability of default   |
| Return on allocated capital<br>(ROAC) for a particular business<br>unit                               | [result after tax, including minority interests, of a business unit, adjusted for income on allocated capital instead of real capital] / [average capital allocated to the business unit]. The capital allocated to a business unit is based on risk-weighted assets for banking and risk-weighted asset equivalents for insurance   |
| Return on equity  | [result after tax, attributable to equity holders of the parent] / [average parent shareholders' equity]   |
| TLAC  | Total loss-absorbing capacity  |

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