# Arbuthnot Banking Group PLC 2010 INTERIM RESULTS

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#### **Interim Results Review**

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# **Key Messages**

#### Continuing progress in 2010 for the Group

- Profit Before Tax at £2.3m a £1.6m improvement on previous year
- Interim dividend increased by 0.5p
- Underlying performance of all three divisions improved
- Retail Banking seeing lending growth accelerating
- Private Banking expanding both sides of the balance sheet, fee income also increasing
- Investment Banking corporate finance fees increased to £4.4m, secondary market income progressing
- Clear opportunities for continued growth during remainder of 2010 and beyond



# Private Banking

- Profit Before Tax of £0.1m (2009: £0.7m)
- Underlying core business grew strongly
- Investment in Gilliat was £0.4m (Group Total £0.7m). Business achieved breakeven in July
- Balance sheet remains strong despite £0.2m impairment of equity investment
- Investment in upgrade of staff
- Liquidity, funding and capital remain strong



# Retail Banking

- Profit Before Tax increased 13% to £4.6m (2009: £4.1m)
- Loan purchases have fuelled organic portfolio growth and continue to perform according to expectations
- Asset Finance portfolio growth offsetting the run off of purchased portfolios
- Deposit gathering significantly ahead of lending growth but currently a drag on earnings
- Prepaid Current Account expected to open 1000 accounts per month in second half of 2010
- Chief Executive resignation has not impacted strategy



### **Investment Banking**

- Arbuthnot Securities returned a profit before tax of £0.5m (2009: Loss £1.3m)
- Corporate Finance fees increased 63% to £4.4m, pipeline interesting but market appetite uncertain
- Secondary business showing progress despite market conditions
- Number of retained corporate clients stands at 94 (2009: 98)
- Entered into an agreement with Anand Rathi
- Further enhancement of personnel base



#### Financial Results

|  | 6 Months<br>June 2010 | 6 Months<br>June 2009 | Full Year<br>2009 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Income                                     | £25.7m                | £21.5m                | £51.7m            |
| Operating Expenses                                   | £22.0m                | £20.1m                | £46.4m            |
| Profit Before Tax/(Loss)                             | £2.3m                 | £0.7m                 | £5.1m             |
| Profit attributable to Equity holders of the Company | £1.9m                 | £0.7m                 | £3.5m             |
| Basic Earnings Per Share                             | 12.6p                 | 4.5p                  | 23.4p             |
| Interim Dividend Per Share                           | 11p                   | 10.5p                 |                   |
| Total Assets   | £561.9m               | £413.7m               | £452.5m           |

#### **Comments**

Operating Income increased by 20%

Operating expenses up only 9%

Profit Before Tax increased by £1.6M

Total Assets up 36%

Interim Dividend increased by 0.5p



#### **Divisional Performance**

|   | 6 Months  | 6 Months  | Change |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------|
|   | June 2010 | June 2009 |        |
|   | £(000)    | £(000)    |        |
| Private Banking (Arbuthnot Latham)        | 78        | 731       | (89%)  |
| Retail Banking (Secure Trust)             | 4,599     | 4,061     | 13%    |
| Investment Banking (Arbuthnot Securities) | 451       | (1,316)   | N/A    |
| Switzerland                               | (60)      | (490)     | 88%    |
| Group Costs                               | (2,733)   | (2,284)   | (20%)  |
| Profit Before Tax                         | 2,335     | 702       |        |
| Tax                                       | (470)     | (428)     |        |
| Profit After Tax                          | 1,865     | 274       |        |
| Of Which                                  |           |           |        |
| Attributable to Group Share Holders       | 1,890     | 682       |        |
| Minority Interests                        | (25)      | (408)     |        |

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