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Risk and balance sheet management (continued)

Market risk

Introduction

Market risk arises from fluctuations in interest rates, foreign currency, credit spreads, equity prices, commodity prices and risk related factors such as market volatilities. The Group manages market risk within its trading and non-trading portfolios through a comprehensive market risk management framework. This control framework includes qualitative and quantitative guidance in the form of comprehensive policy statements, dealing authorities, limits based on, but not limited to, value-at-risk (VaR), stressed VaR (SVaR), stress testing and sensitivity analyses.

Trading revenues

The graph below shows the daily distribution of trading and related revenues for Markets for the years ended 31 December 2012 and 31 December 2011.

http://www.rns-pdf.londonstockexchange.com/rns/8694Y_-2013-2-28.pdf

Note:

- (1) The effect of any month end adjustments, not attributable to a specific daily market move, is spread evenly over the trading days in that specific month.

Key points

- Both 2011 and 2012 benefited from market rallies, albeit weaker but more sustained during 2012 than 2011, primarily due to the supportive actions of the Federal Reserve and European Central Bank in Q3 2012. By way of contrast, in Q3 2011, heightened uncertainty in the Eurozone saw a sudden deterioration in credit markets. Hence a wider range of results in 2011 than 2012.
- The average daily revenue earned by Markets' trading activities in 2012 was £16 million, compared with £18 million in 2011. The standard deviation of the daily revenues decreased from £20 million to £15 million. The number of days with negative revenue decreased to 34 from 45. The most frequent daily revenue was between £5 million and £10 million, which occurred 36 times. In 2011, the most frequent daily revenue was between £25 million and £30 million, which occurred 31 times.

Risk and balance sheet management (continued)

Market risk (continued)

Trading book

The table below analyses the VaR for the Group's trading portfolios, segregated by type of market risk exposure, and between Core, Non-Core, counterparty exposure management (CEM) and the Group's total trading VaR excluding CEM.

CEM manages the over-the-counter derivative counterparty credit and funding risk on behalf of Markets and Non-Core, by actively controlling risk concentrations and reducing unwanted risk exposures. The hedging transactions CEM enters into are booked in the trading book and therefore contribute to the market risk VaR exposure of the Group. The counterparty exposures themselves are not captured in VaR for regulatory capital. In the interest of transparency and to more properly represent the exposure, CEM trading book exposure and total trading VaR excluding CEM are disclosed separately.

	Year ended							
	31 December 2012				31 December 2011			
	Average	Period	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Period	Maximum	Minimum
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest rate	62.6	75.6	95.7	40.8	53.4	68.1	79.2	27.5
Credit spread	69.2	74.1	94.9	44.9	82.7	74.3	151.1	47.4
Currency	10.3	7.6	21.3	2.6	10.3	16.2	19.2	5.2
Equity	6.0	3.9	12.5	1.7	9.4	8.0	17.3	4.6
Commodity	2.0	1.5	6.0	0.9	1.4	2.3	7.0	-
Diversification (1)		(55.4)				(52.3)		
Total	97.3	107.3	137.0	66.5	105.5	116.6	181.3	59.7
Core	74.6	88.1	118.0	47.4	75.8	89.1	133.9	41.7
Non-Core	30.1	22.8	41.9	22.0	64.4	34.6	128.6	30.0

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CEM	78.5	84.9	86.0	71.7	50.1	75.8	78.8	30.3
Total (excluding CEM)	47.1	57.6	76.4	32.2	75.5	49.9	150.0	41.6

	Quarter ended							
	31 December 2012				30 September 2012			
	Average	Period	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Period	Maximum	Minimum
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest rate	59.1	75.6	82.1	40.8	58.6	44.8	75.4	44.8
Credit spread	68.7	74.1	76.9	57.2	56.8	67.2	67.2	46.6
Currency	7.1	7.6	11.6	2.6	9.1	8.9	15.3	5.3
Equity	5.3	3.9	9.2	1.7	6.2	8.2	11.7	4.5
Commodity	2.2	1.5	3.5	1.3	2.0	2.7	4.1	1.2
Diversification (1)		(55.4)				(40.8)		
Total	92.4	107.3	113.4	72.3	90.1	91.0	104.6	78.4
Core	75.8	88.1	94.6	58.4	71.9	69.4	86.1	60.0
Non-Core	23.4	22.8	25.7	22.0	25.5	26.5	26.5	24.1
CEM	80.8	84.9	86.0	71.7	76.8	74.3	80.2	73.9
Total (excluding CEM)	49.3	57.6	61.1	33.2	38.3	46.6	54.0	32.2

Note:

- (1) The Group benefits from diversification, which reflects the risk reduction achieved by allocating investments across various financial instrument types, currencies and markets. The extent of diversification benefit depends on the correlation between the assets and risk factors in the portfolio at a particular time.

Risk and balance sheet management (continued)

Market risk: Trading book (continued)

Key points

- The Group's average and maximum credit spread VaR for 2012 was lower than for 2011. This reflected the credit spread volatility experienced during the financial crisis dropping out of the time series window, combined with a reduction in the asset-backed securities trading inventory in Core and the sale of unencumbered asset-backed securities assets following the prior restructuring of some monoline hedges in the Non-Core banking book.

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The average and period end interest rate VaR for 2012 were higher than for 2011 due to pre-hedging and positioning activity ahead of government bond auctions and syndications, combined with an increase in exposure to "safe haven" assets in December 2012, as the US "Fiscal Cliff" negotiations continued without resolution.

- The Non-Core VaR was significantly lower in 2012, as Non-Core continued its de-risking strategy through the disposal of assets and unwinding of trades.
- Since late 2011, CEM started to centrally manage the funding risk on over-the-counter derivatives contracts, causing the VaR to be considerably higher in 2012 than 2011.

VaR non-trading portfolios

VaR

The table below details VaR for the Group's non-trading portfolios, excluding the structured credit portfolio and loans and receivables.

	Year ended							
	31 December 2012				31 December 2011			
	Average	Period	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Period	Maximum	Minimum
	£m	end	£m	£m	£m	end	£m	£m
Interest rate	6.9	4.5	10.7	4.1	8.8	9.9	11.1	5.7
Credit spread	10.5	8.8	15.4	7.3	18.2	13.6	39.3	12.1
Currency	3.0	1.3	4.5	1.3	2.1	4.0	5.9	0.1
Equity	1.7	0.3	1.9	0.3	2.1	1.9	3.1	1.6
Diversification (1)		(5.4)				(13.6)		
Total	11.8	9.5	18.3	8.5	19.7	15.8	41.6	13.4
Core	11.3	7.5	19.0	7.1	19.3	15.1	38.9	13.5
Non-Core	2.5	3.4	3.6	1.6	3.4	2.5	4.3	2.2
CEM	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.3
Total (excluding CEM)	11.5	9.4	17.8	8.2	19.7	15.5	41.4	13.7

Risk and balance sheet management (continued)

Market risk: VaR non-trading portfolios (continued)

	Quarter ended							
	31 December 2012				30 September 2012			
	Average	Period	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Period	Maximum	Minimum
	£m	end	£m	£m	£m	end	£m	£m

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Interest rate	4.8	4.5	6.1	4.1	6.0	5.5	6.7	5.3
Credit spread	8.8	8.8	9.3	7.5	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.3
Currency	1.8	1.3	2.7	1.3	3.0	1.5	3.8	1.3
Equity	1.6	0.3	1.8	0.3	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6
Diversification (1)		(5.4)				(8.0)		
Total	9.4	9.5	10.0	8.5	9.2	9.3	9.7	8.6
Core	8.2	7.5	9.2	7.1	9.0	9.2	10.2	8.3
Non-Core	3.5	3.4	3.6	2.8	2.0	3.6	3.6	1.6
CEM	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0
Total (excluding CEM)	9.1	9.4	9.8	8.6	8.9	9.3	9.7	8.2

Note:

- (1) The Group benefits from diversification, which reflects the risk reduction achieved by allocating investments across various financial instrument types, currencies and markets. The extent of diversification benefit depends on the correlation between the assets and risk factors in the portfolio at a particular time.

Key points

- The average and period end total and credit spread VaR were lower in 2012, due to reduced volatility in the market data time series, position reductions and a decrease in the size of the collateral portfolio. The reduction in collateral was driven by the restructuring of certain Dutch residential mortgage-backed securities during H1 2012, enabling their eligibility as European Central Bank collateral. This allowed the disposal of additional collateral purchased during the corresponding period in 2011.
- The average and period end interest rate VaR were lower in 2012, due to the implementation of an enhanced rates re-scaling methodology.
- The Non-Core period end VaR was higher in 2012 than in 2011, due to improvements in the time series mapping on certain Australian bonds and the purchase of additional hedges.

Risk and balance sheet management (continued)

Market risk: VaR non-trading portfolios (continued)

Structured credit portfolio

The structured credit portfolio is within Non-Core. The risk in this portfolio is not disclosed using VaR, as the Group believes this is not an appropriate tool for the banking book portfolio, which comprises illiquid debt securities. These assets are reported on a drawn notional and fair value basis, and managed on a third party asset and risk-weighted assets basis. The table below shows the open market risk in the structured credit portfolio.

Drawn notional

Fair value

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	CDOs	CLOs	Other			CDOs	CLOs	Other		
	(1)	(2)	MBS	ABS	Total	(1)	(2)	MBS	ABS	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
31 December 2012										
1-2 years	-	-	-	80	80	-	-	-	74	74
3-4 years	-	-	27	82	109	-	-	24	76	100
4-5 years	-	-	95	-	95	-	-	86	-	86
5-10 years	-	310	92	-	402	-	295	44	-	339
>10 years	289	279	380	398	1,346	116	256	253	254	879
	289	589	594	560	2,032	116	551	407	404	1,478
30 September 2012										
1-2 years	-	-	-	128	128	-	-	-	120	120
2-3 years	-	-	6	28	34	-	-	5	27	32
3-4 years	-	-	-	45	45	-	-	-	43	43
4-5 years	-	-	161	218	379	-	-	136	198	334
5-10 years	-	298	110	-	408	-	278	53	-	331
>10 years	317	313	436	553	1,619	127	285	267	314	993
	317	611	713	972	2,613	127	563	461	702	1,853
31 December 2011										
1-2 years	-	-	-	27	27	-	-	-	22	22
2-3 years	-	-	10	196	206	-	-	9	182	191
4-5 years	-	37	37	95	169	-	34	30	88	152
5-10 years	32	503	270	268	1,073	30	455	184	229	898
>10 years	2,180	442	464	593	3,679	766	371	291	347	1,775
	2,212	982	781	1,179	5,154	796	860	514	868	3,038

Notes:

- (1) Collateralised debt obligations.
- (2) Collateralised loan obligations.
- (3) Mortgage-backed securities.
- (4) Asset-backed securities.

Key point

- The structured credit portfolio drawn notional and fair values declined across all asset classes from 31 December 2011 to 31 December 2012. Key drivers were: (i) during H1 2012, the liquidation of legacy trust preferred securities and commercial real estate CDOs and subsequent sale of the underlying assets; and (ii) during H2 2012, the sale of underlying assets from CDO collateral pools and legacy conduits.

Risk and balance sheet management (continued)

Market risk (continued)

Market risk capital

Minimum capital requirements

The following table analyses the market risk minimum capital requirement, calculated in accordance with Basel 2.5.

	31 December 2012 £m	31 December 2011 £m
Interest rate position risk requirement	254	1,107
Equity position risk requirement	1	3
Option position risk requirement	26	26
Commodity position risk requirement	2	2
Foreign currency position risk requirement	12	10
Specific interest rate risk of securitisation positions	156	250
Total (standard method)	451	1,398
Pillar 1 model based position risk requirement	2,959	3,725
Total position risk requirement	3,410	5,123

The principal contributors to the Pillar 1 model based position risk requirement (PRR) are:

	31 December 2012			31 December 2011	
	Average (1) £m	Maximum (1) £m	Minimum (1) £m	Period end £m	£m
Value-at-risk (VaR) (1)	939	1,190	757	825	887
Stressed VaR (SVaR)	1,523	1,793	1,160	1,226	1,682
Incremental risk charge (IRC)	521	659	372	467	469
All price risk (APR)	149	290	12	12	297

Note:

(1) The average, maximum and minimum are based on the monthly Pillar 1 model based capital requirements.

Key points

- The FSA approved the inclusion of the Group's US trading subsidiary RBS Securities Inc. in the regulatory models in March 2012. This resulted in the model-based charges for VaR, SVaR and IRC increasing at that time and the standardised interest rate PRR decreasing significantly.
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Stressed VaR decreased during the remainder of 2012, due to the disposal of assets in Non-Core and general de-risking in sovereign and agency positions in Markets.

The APR decreased significantly due to the disposal of assets and unwinding of trades.

Risk and balance sheet management (continued)

Market risk: Market risk capital (continued)

IRC by rating and product category

The following table analyses the IRC by rating and product.

31 December 2012	Internal ratings							Total
	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC	(1)
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Product categories								
Cash - ABS	59.2	-	-	(0.1)	(0.9)	-	-	58.2
Cash - regular	39.5	146.9	9.8	59.9	8.6	16.9	12.7	294.3
Derivatives - credit	(0.3)	(14.0)	4.0	30.4	28.4	5.6	(2.7)	51.4
Derivatives - interest rate	(1.0)	-	1.5	0.1	(2.1)	(0.3)	-	(1.8)
Other	13.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.8
Total	111.2	132.9	15.3	90.3	34.0	22.2	10.0	415.9

Note:

(1) The figures presented are based on the spot IRC charge at 31 December 2012 and will therefore not agree with the IRC position risk requirement, as this is based on the 60 day average. The figures presented above are in capital terms.

Securitisation positions in the trading book

The following table analyses the trading book securitised exposures, by rating, subject to a market risk capital requirement.

31 December 2012	Ratings (1)							STD	
	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	Below	Total	PRR	Capital
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	BB	(1,2)	(3)	deductions
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	£m
Trading book securitisation charge	15.5	7.4	15.2	35.3	75.8	6.2	155.4	36.6	1,369.6

Notes:

- (1) Based on S&P ratings.
- (2) Excludes the capital deductions.
- (3) Percentage of total standardised position risk requirement.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: 28 February 2013

THE ROYAL BANK OF
SCOTLAND GROUP plc
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jan Cargill

Name: Jan Cargill
Title: Deputy Secretary