Investor Half Day

Investment and Insurance Services Division

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Market trends shaping the wealth management industry

Funds Management:

- Decline of retail and the rise of platform
- Margin squeeze
- Slowing, but healthy projected growth in funds management
- Rising popularity of blend and model portfolios

Insurance:

- Strong long-term growth
- Rational approach to pricing
- Underinsurance and the need for further education

Advice:

- Independence of advice
- Continuing consolidation of distribution
- Soft dollar benefits
- Quality of advice





Our business model involves competing across all elements of the value chain

Product Manufacturing	Administration Platforms	Advice/ Support Service	s	Distribution		
General Insurance	Master Trust •FirstChoice Wrap • Avanteos	Adviser Support		Direct		
				Bank Channels		
Life Insurance			BDMs	Aligned		
Managed Funds			Fund Managers /	External ∙ IFA's • Brokers/Agents		
Property			Fund	 SME/Corporates Platforms Institutionals 		CBA Grou IIS External

IIS products and services by value chain element



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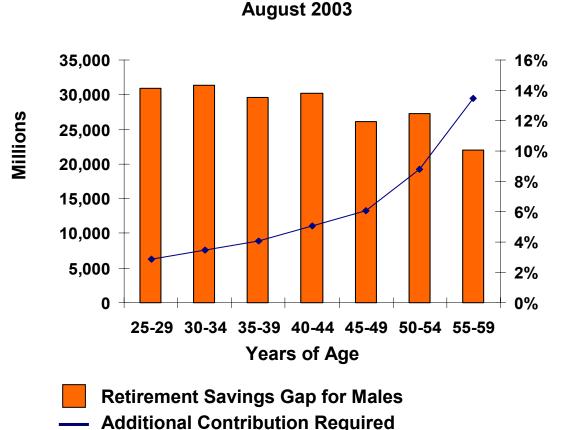
Our strategy is to foster a leading wealth management business

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Performance	 Lead in all parts of the wealth management value chain
Service	 Continued focus on a world-class customer service culture
Innovation	 Strengthen our standing as a provider of innovative products and services
Platform	 Build market leading platform capabilities and leverage the scale and efficiency of our technology
Efficiency	 Focus on cost effective ways to deliver investment and insurance services
Distribution	 Continue to strengthen and improve our multi-channel distribution capabilities

Recent achievements and current focus

Distribution	 Centre for Adviser Development Launch of Enterprise¹²¹ Increased productivity and number of planners
Efficiency	 IIS organisational restructure Legacy rationalisation program on target Cost to income ratio improvement
Platform	 Market leading platform inflows through FirstChoice Growth in Avanteos net flows since acquisition FirstChoice enhancements
Innovation	 Launch of 5D Boutique alliances Launch of new CommInsure products
Service	Award winning serviceCommInsure service quality improvement
Performance	 Strong FUM flows in First State International CommInsure strong financial results Fixed Interest and Credit and Global Resources fund performance
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Distribution challenges and opportunities



Retirement Savings Gap by Age

- Challenges/ Opportunities:
- Ageing population with inadequate savings
- Choice for investors and advisers
- Growth in DIY products
- Regulatory environment:
 - Quality of advice
 - Greater fee transparency
 - Independence



We are continually strengthening our distribution footprint

Centre for Adviser Development

- Over 200 trained
- Feedback very positive
- Launch of Enterprise¹²¹
 - Opportunity in the market to offer advice, platform and dealership services to HNW practices.
- Increased productivity of network advisers
 - 26% improvement
- Recruitment of advisers
 - Network and aligned

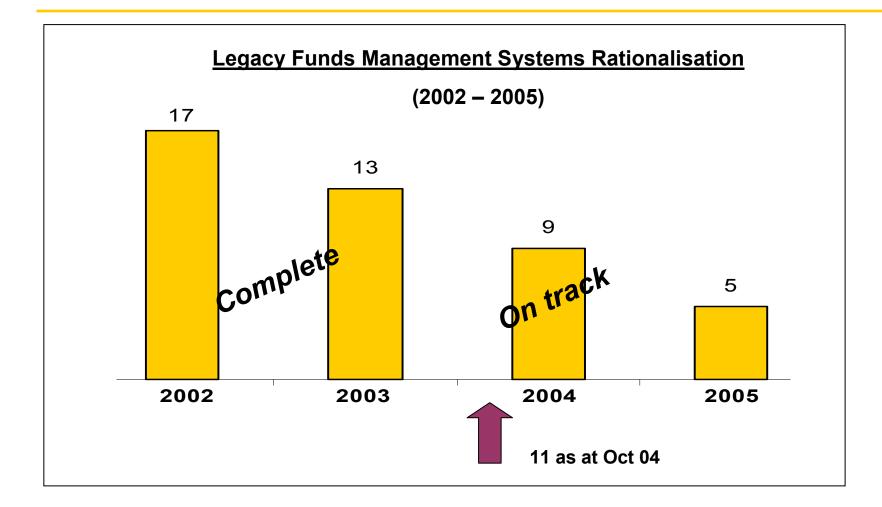


powerful personalised business practices





Legacy system rationalisation is on track



Source: Internal Projections. Policy Administration Systems rationalisation by calendar year end



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The value chain

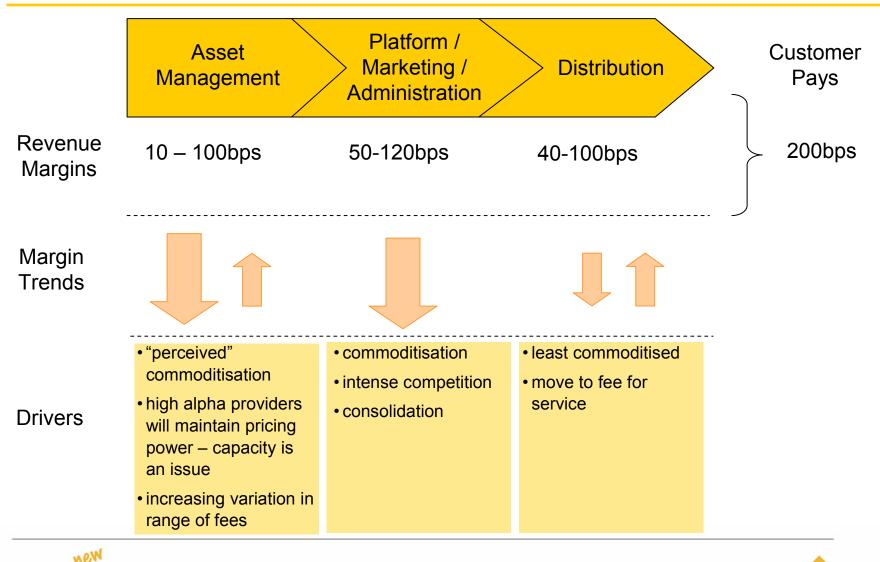
Asset management







The only segment with universal downward pressure in margins is platforms / administration.

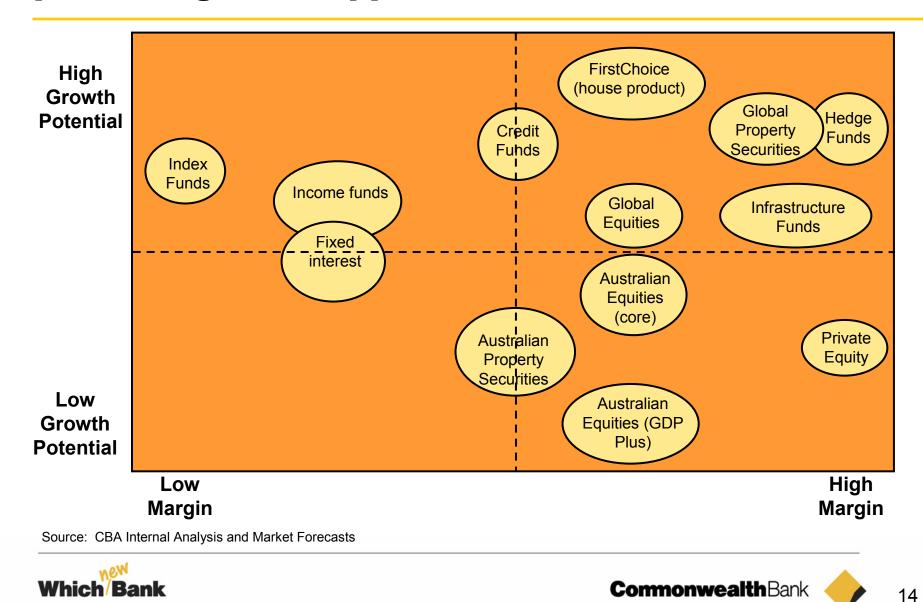


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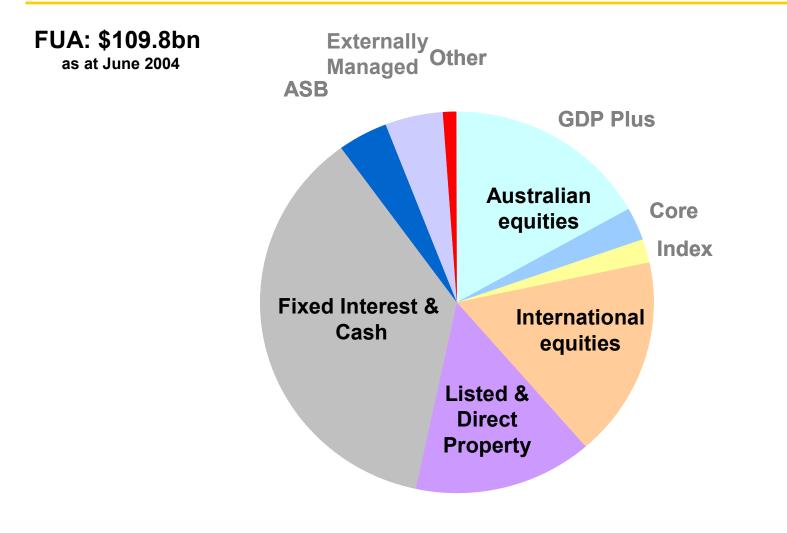
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Our diversified asset management base provides growth opportunities.



Australian Equities (GDP-Plus) is now only 17% of FUA







Australian equity GDP+ investment performance in perspective.

Growth bias market Value bias market 7.71% 1997 12.04% 2001 4.41% 2002 1998 -0.03% 13.39% 1999 2003 -0.07% 2000 7.48% 2004 -4.86% 4 Yr Avg. 4 Yr Avg. 0.70% 9.10%

Year by year out-performance

Source: Wholesale Imputation Fund, excess performance before fees and taxes. Year to 30 June.



Investment performance has been generally strong over the medium term.

Asset Class	Performance Vs Benchmark (1 yr)	Performance Vs Benchmark (3 yr)
Fixed Interest	\checkmark	\checkmark
Global Credit	\checkmark	\checkmark
Australian Equities GDP+ Large Cap	×	×
Australian Equities GDP+ Small Cap	\checkmark	\checkmark
Australian Equities Core Large Cap	\checkmark	\checkmark
Australian Equities Core Small Cap	\checkmark	\checkmark
Global Equities	×	×
Global Resources	\checkmark	\checkmark
Australian Listed Property	×	\checkmark
Global Listed Property	\checkmark	\checkmark
Hedge Funds	\checkmark	\checkmark
Infrastructure	\checkmark	\checkmark
Private Equity	\checkmark	\checkmark
Mortgage Funds	\checkmark	\checkmark

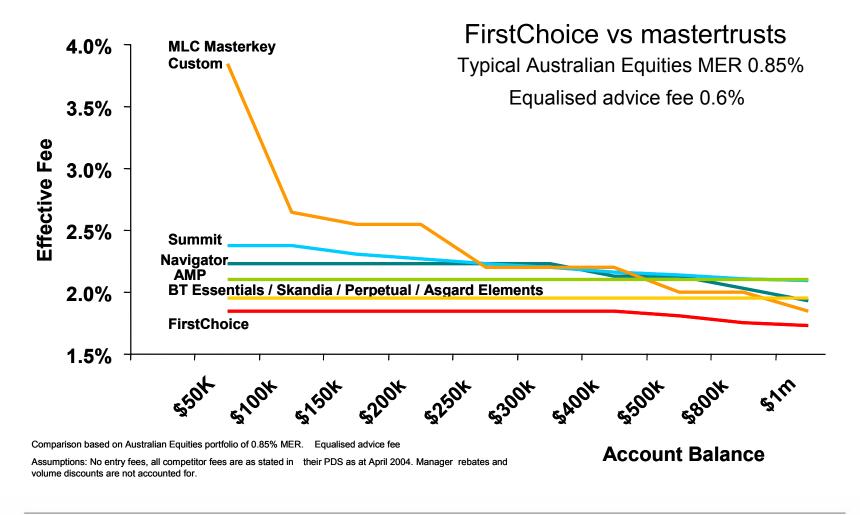


Platform strategy

Avanteos:	White-label custodial wrap solution for wholesale platform market - 'feature-rich' for high net-worth market	
FirstChoice:	 Non custodial masterfund for "Mass Market Retail" Value proposition: 1. Best value for money 2. Great service 3. Enough choice 	

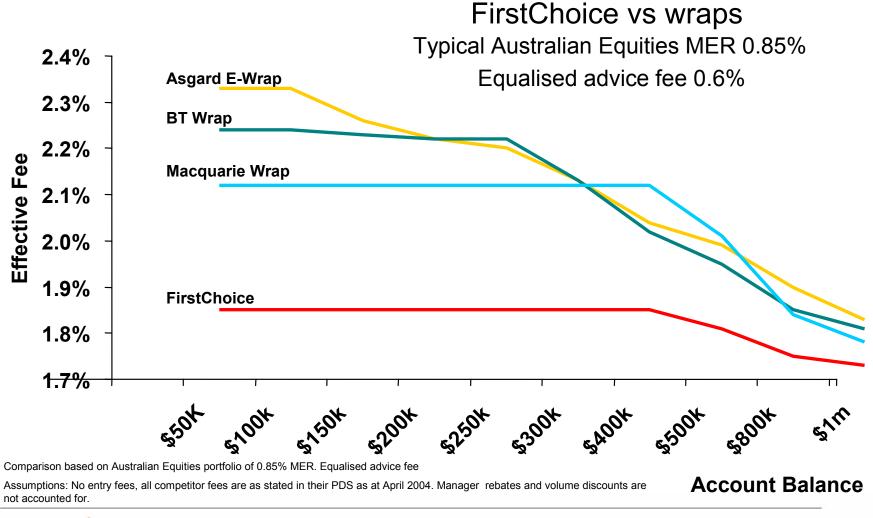


The Value Proposition - FirstChoice vs mastertrusts





The Value Proposition - FirstChoice vs wraps





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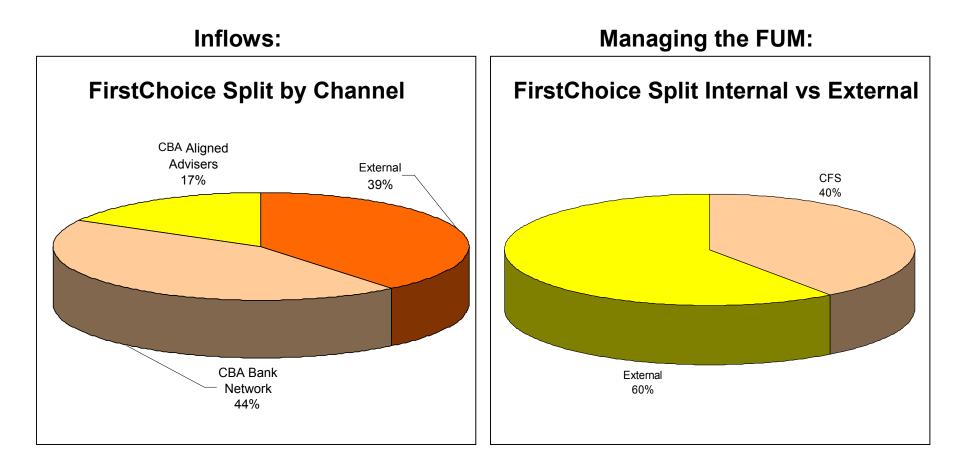
How can we offer lower fees and still earn healthy margins?

- Simple model catering to mass market
- Manufacturing margin capture
- Ability to leverage scale and administration efficiency
- Mandate structure





FirstChoice: well diversified support and healthy CFS flows.

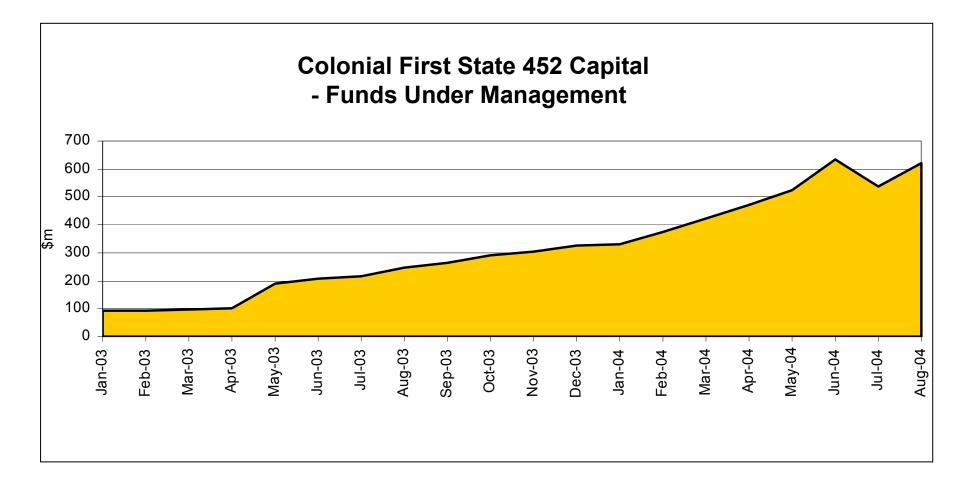


Source: internal data; channel split based on flows for 6 months ended 31 August 2004; Manager split based on FUA at 31 August 2004



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Boutique alliance strategy has delivered strong FUM growth.



Source: internal data, retail sourced FUM





Conclusion – in a tough environment, we are very well positioned.

Asset Management	 Strong, well diversified, asset management capability with growth opportunities 70% of sector funds outperformed their 3 year benchmark
Platforms	 Combination of Avanteos and FirstChoice provides comprehensive admin capability Superior value proposition has underpinned FirstChoice success Boutique alliance strategy has been very successful



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Agenda

- Industry Trends and Issues
- Achievements
- Opportunities





Summary

Insurance underlying profit grew 107% last year. Further growth is a significant opportunity for the Group

In the 03/04 year the Insurance business:

- Reduced Costs & Increased Profit
- Improved Service

Insurance represents an opportunity to:

- Materially expand the Bank's business and support growth
- Deepen relationships / aid retention in the Bank's core banking portfolio
- Leverage distribution infrastructure & scale
- Significantly increase cross-sell



The insurance industry outlook has improved as predicted last year

Industry Outlook

A maturing industry:

- Favourable long term growth
- Commoditised products
- Lower investment returns
- Competitive and consolidating
- Increased regulatory focus
- A time of 'surprises': Sept 11, Canberra, Bali, HIH
- Low penetration

Implications

Scale is critical

- Rising re-insurance
 premiums
- Industry & legislative shake up
- Return to rational pricing
- Requires cost focus as well as revenue
- Importance of broad based distribution
- Commoditisation difficult to differentiate
- Uncertainty increasing importance of good corporate governance and security

The "Winners"

Winner will be larger players, who maintain profitability by:

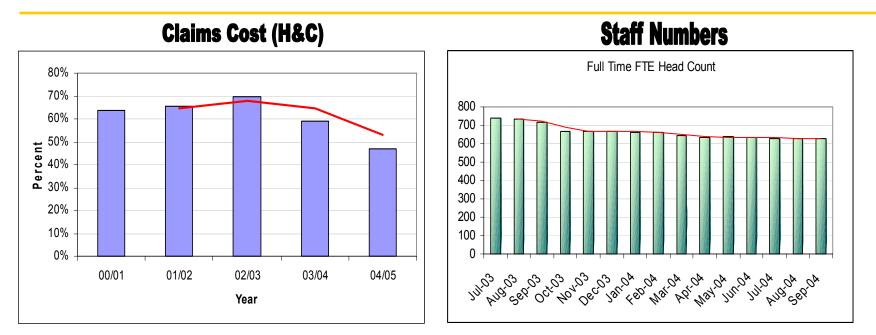
- ✓ Leveraging scale
- ✓ Driving out efficiencies
- Building revenues through:
 - ✓ Cross sell / bundling
 - ✓ Multi-channel distribution
 - ✓ Brand and reputation

Whilst maintaining a service culture built around:

- ✓ Service focus
- ✓ Innovation
- ✓ Simplicity
- ✓ Platforms



Achievements



Improvement in Service levels and strong staff engagement:

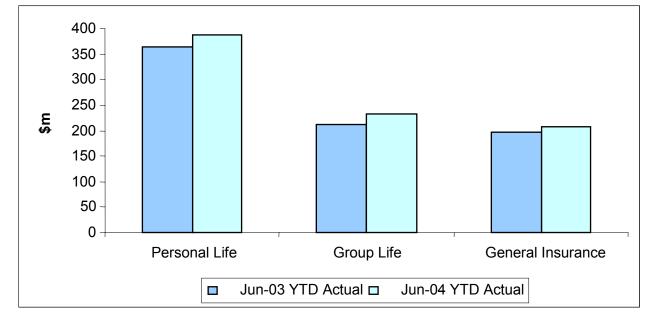
- Internal service level measures have improved by up to 20% over the last 18 months
- Staff cultural surveys measuring staff engagement and satisfaction across a range of areas have improved significantly over the last year





Insurance Inforce Premiums (Australia) continue to grow

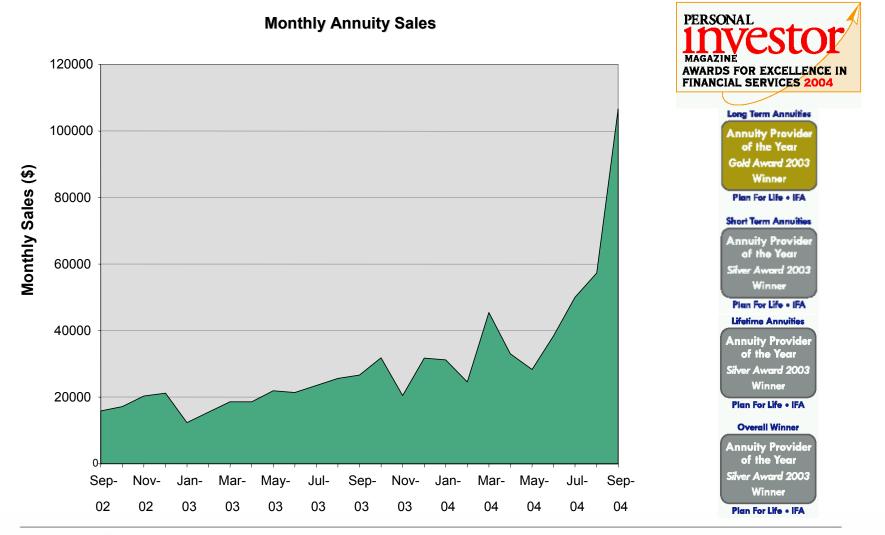
- Continued growth in network channel
- Strong GI premium growth with further upside
- Price increases on income protection impacted individual life sales
- Good growth in mastertrust segment
- Multiple product holders demonstrate increase retention across all portfolios







Achievements - Annuity Sales - Leveraging a return to rational pricing and market opportunities.





How is improvement being delivered



- Restructure to provide end to end service
- Cultural Measurement
- □ Reward & recognition
- Leadership
 Development
- Training (e.g. Risk Claims Competency assessment)
- Breakthrough Service
 Performance

Simplified Life

Process

- Simplified Life
 Insurance
 Underwriting
- Quote and Fulfil in all Branches
- Cross Sell Embed in Process
- □ GI & Risk Claims Reengineering
- □ Tele Follow Up
- End to End Process Simplification
- First Point Resolution

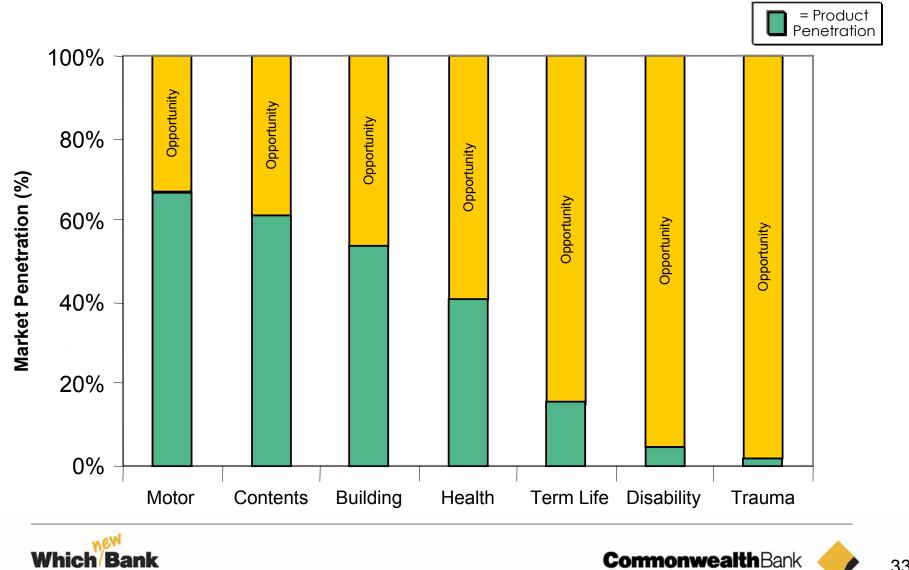


- □ Fineos Work Flow
- □ Genesys Call Centre
- Dialogue Document Management





Significant Revenue Opportunities - Product Penetration



Insurance Cross Sell Opportunity

- Home Loan Cross Sell 36%
- Credit Card Cross Sell 17%
- Managed Funds Cross Sell 17%
- Savings & Transaction Cross Sell 11%





Conclusion

- Significant progress was made in the 2003/ 2004 year
- Insurance represents a significant opportunity for the Group going forward





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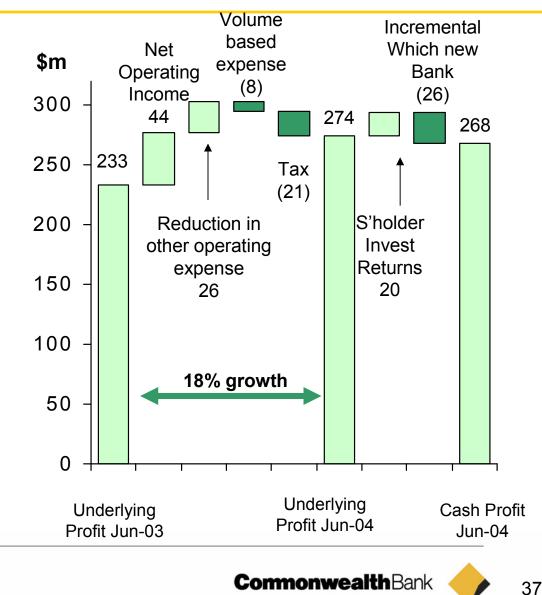


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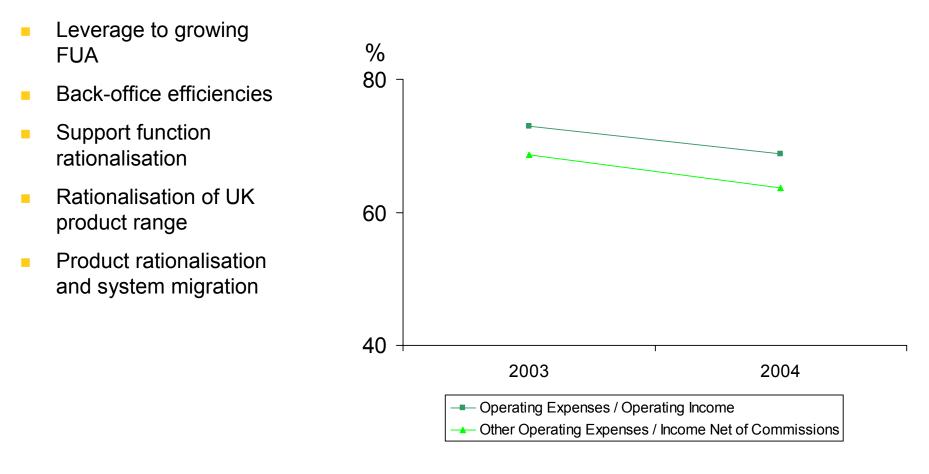
We saw an 18% growth in underlying profit for our Funds Management businesses

- Strong investment markets underpinned revenue growth
- Income to average FUA ratio maintained
- Focus on tight cost control resulted in operating expenses falling 2% year on year
- Revenue growth negatively impacted by FX movements and sale of custody business





Significant improvement in Cost to Income Ratio

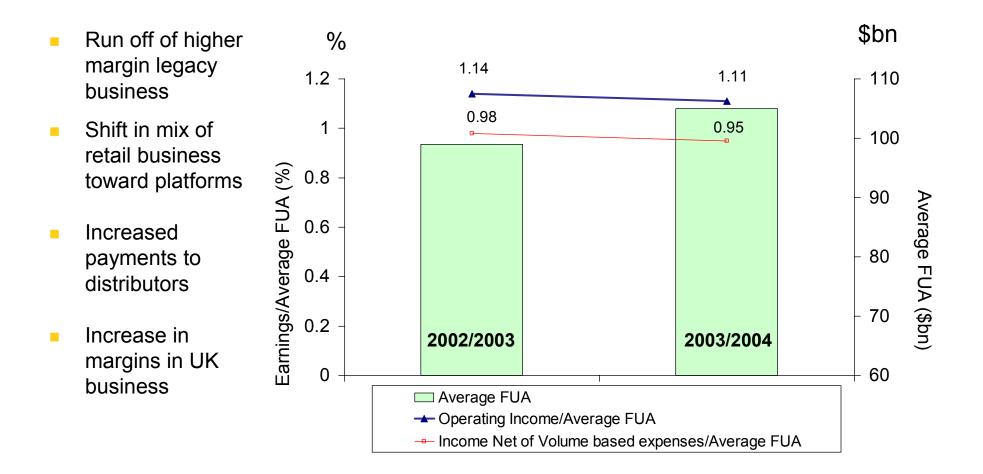


*Excludes WnB Costs



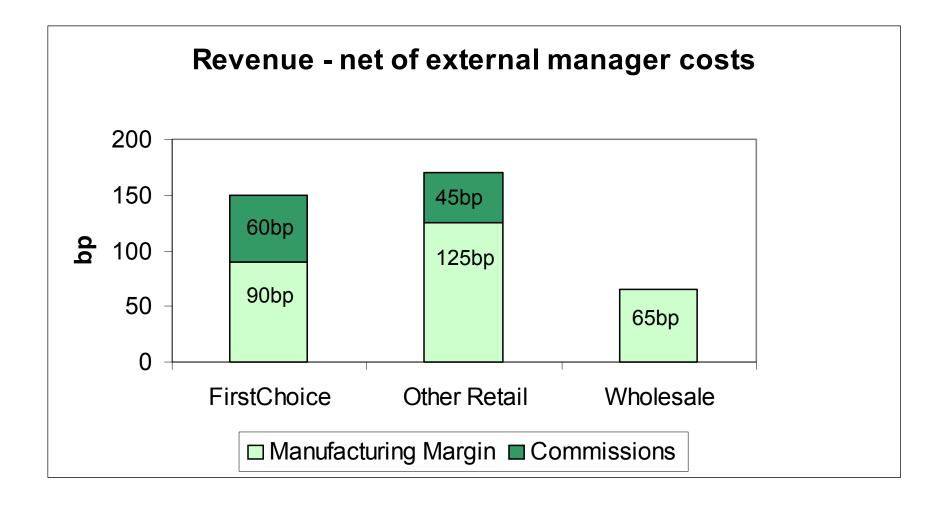
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Margins declined slightly





FirstChoice margins are attractive, albeit less than our other retail products





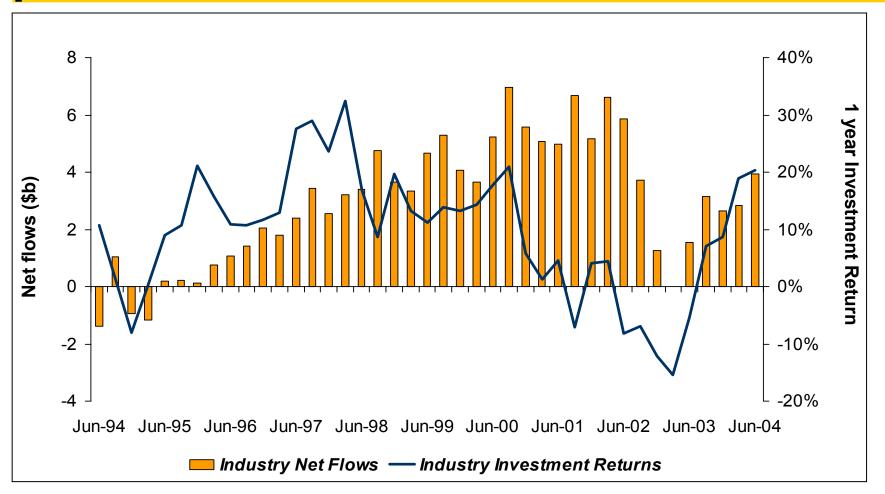
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Strong turnaround in FUA with 11% growth

Strong turnaround in net \$m flow position from 2003 1 110 10 110,000 underpinned by FirstChoice and 106 (1) (2) International flows. 105,000 (3) Outflows driven by: (1) 100,000 99 ⇒ Industry shift away from traditional balanced funds 95,000 ⇒ Legacy products ⇒ Fund closures 90,000 ⇒ Performance of flagship funds ⇒ Industry shift to 85,000 Investment Returns Investment Returns FX FX Jun-02 FUA Jun-03 FUA Jun-04 FUA Net Flows Disposal Net Flows platforms



Across the industry investment returns have improved and flows have responded, but not to previous levels.

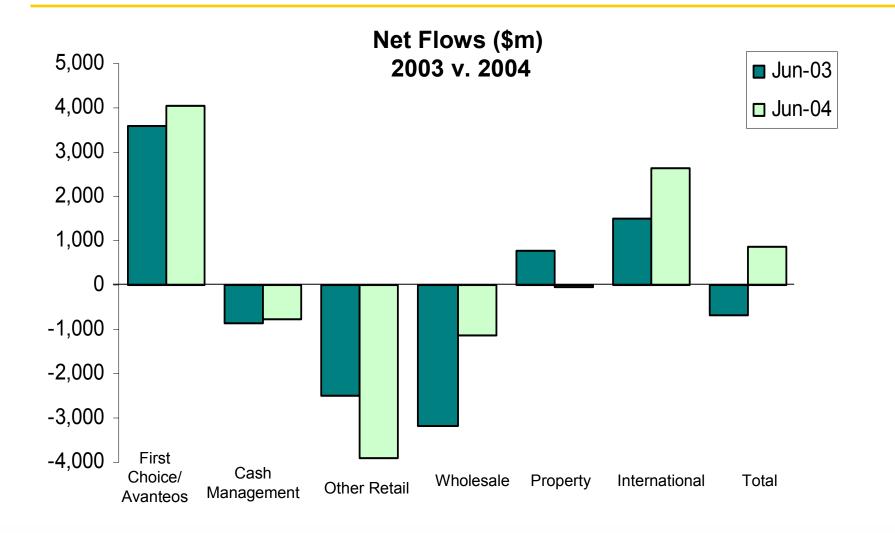


Source: Investment returns: rolling annual returns based on a composite index made up of Australian Shares (50%), International Shares (35%), Property Securities (15%) Net flows: Plan for Life retail flows (ex-cash)



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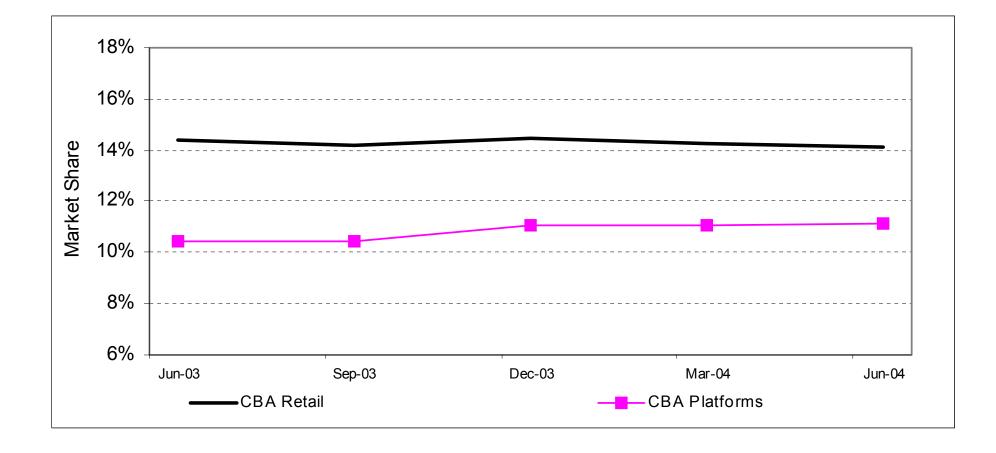
Net Flows show turnaround in 2004





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We are gaining market share in the platform market

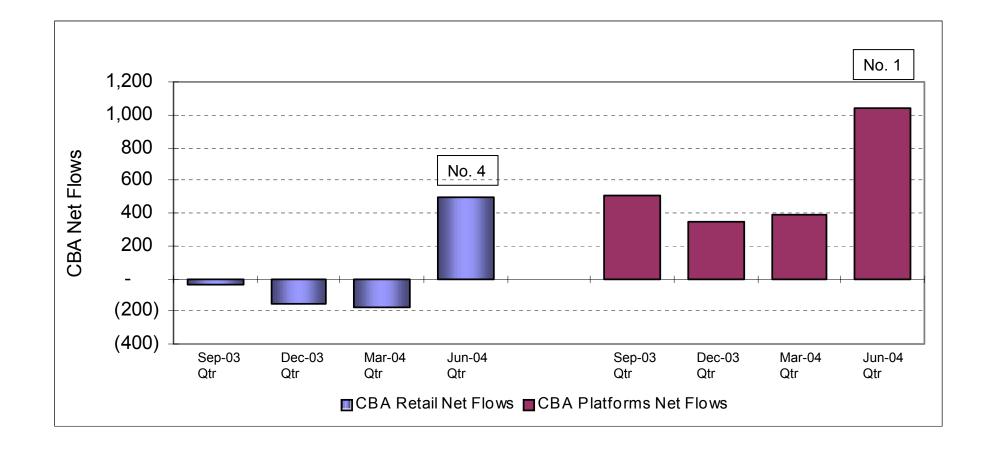


Source: Plan for Life, Fund Source Research





We have experienced a very good June quarter



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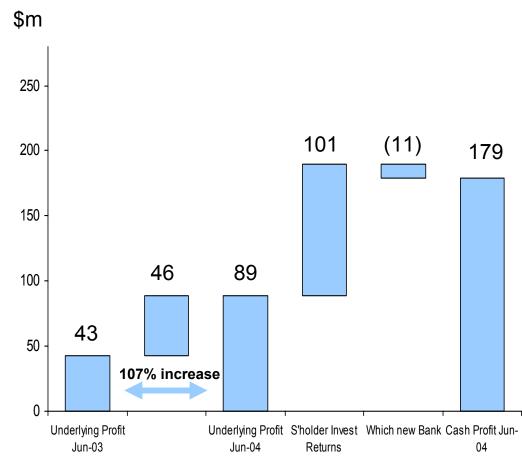


Insurance - improved operating margins and strong investment returns

Australia

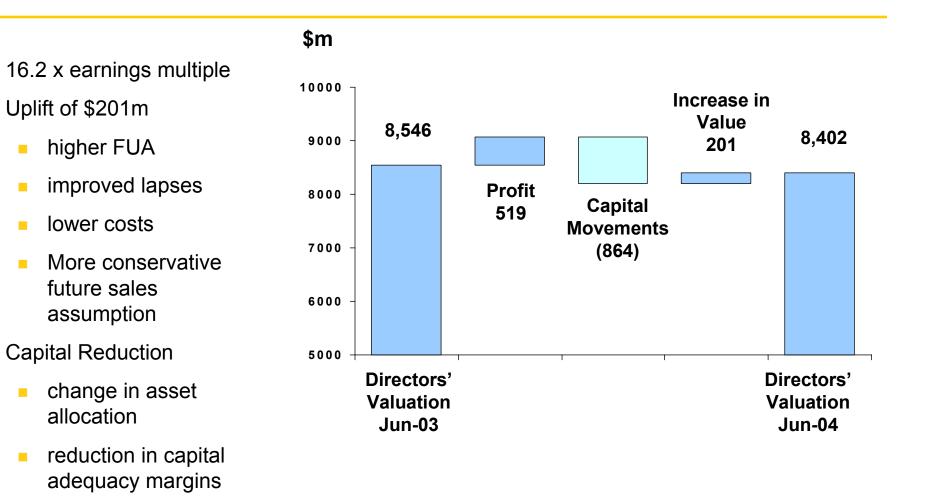
- Market leader in life \$m insurance in Australia
- 8% growth in risk inforce premiums
- Improved General Insurance claims ratio
- Tight expense controls expenses flat
- Strong improvement in shareholder investment returns
- Improved margins on annuity business
- Portfolio re-pricing (in particular Disability and Wholesale Life)







Business Valuation





Summary

- Strong profit result
- Reduced capital
- Growth in overall business valuation



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Significant opportunities to achieve strong growth

External/ market factors creating growth opportunities:

- Improved market returns
- Superannuation guarantee

Internal opportunities to drive growth:

- Continuing product expansion and innovation
- Distribution capacity and productivity improvements
- Rationalisation and further efficiency gains
- Capital efficiency improvements





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