### **ABBEY NATIONAL UK INVESTMENTS**

Registered in England and Wales No. 2957569

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS** 

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors submit their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010

### Principal activity and business review

The principal activity of Abbey National UK Investments (the "Company") is that of an investment company. During the year, the Company's requirement to pledge its underlying assets in an investment activity ceased which resulted in a decrease in interest income. The Directors are considering future investment activity.

The Santander UK plc Group (the "Group") manages its operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the Company's Directors believe that further key performance indicators for the Company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The performances of the divisions of Santander UK plc, which include the Company, are discussed in the Group's Annual Report which does not form part of this Report.

The purpose of this Report is to provide information to the members of the Company and as such it is only addressed to those members. The Report may contain certain forward-looking statements with respect to the operations, performance and financial condition of the Company. By their nature, these statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties since future events, circumstances and other factors can cause results and developments to differ materially from the plans, objectives, expectations and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. Members should consider this when relying on any forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements reflect knowledge and information available at the date of preparation of this Report and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement during the year. Nothing in this Report should be construed as a profit forecast.

The Directors do not expect any significant change in the level of business in the foreseeable future

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company's principal risks and uncertainties together with the processes that are in place to monitor and mitigate those risks were possible can be found in note 2

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year on ordinary activities after taxation amounted to £3,745,101 (2009 £13,452,786)

Non-cumulative dividends of £523 were approved on the irredeemable preference shares during 2010 (2009 £523) On 16 March 2011, the Directors approved non-cumulative dividends for payment totalling £128 81 on the irredeemable preference shares due on 31 March 2011

The Company paid an interim dividend of £20,000,000 for the year (2009 £nil) The Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2009 £nil)

### Directors

The Directors who served throughout the year and to the date of this report were as follows

David M Green Shaun P Coles Richard C Truelove John F O'Mahoney

(alternate to David M Green)

### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the 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, the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. The financial statements are required by law to be properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union and the Companies Act 2006.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)

#### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities (continued)

International Accounting Standard 1 requires that financial statements present fairly for each financial year the Company's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. This requires the faithful representation of the effects of transactions, other events and conditions in accordance with the definitions and recognition criteria for assets, liabilities, income and expenses set out in the International Accounting Standards Board's 'Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements'. In virtually all circumstances, a fair presentation will be achieved by compliance with all applicable IFRSs. Directors are also required to

- properly select and apply accounting policies,
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information,
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs are insufficient to enable users to
  understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the entity's financial position and financial
  performance, and
- make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Statement of Going Concern

The financial position of the Company, its cash flows, liquidity position and borrowing facilities are set out in the financial statements. In addition, notes 13 and 2 to the financial statements include the Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing its capital, its financial risk management objectives, and its exposures to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risks.

The Company has adequate financial resources. As a consequence, the Directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook.

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual report and accounts.

### **Financial instruments**

The Company's risks are managed on a group level by its UK parent company, Santander UK plc

The financial risk management objectives and policies of the Group, the policy for hedging each type of forecasted transaction for which hedge accounting is used, and the exposure of the Group to price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk are outlined in the Group financial statements

Further disclosures regarding financial risk management objectives and policies and the Company's exposure to principal risks can be found in note 2

### Third party indemnities

Enhanced indemnities are provided to the Directors of the Company by Santander UK plc against liabilities and associated costs which they could incur in the course of their duties to the Company. All of the indemnities remain in force as at the date of this Annual Report and Accounts. A copy of each of the indemnities is kept at the registered office address of Santander UK plc.

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)**

### **Auditors**

Each of the Directors as at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- the Director has taken all steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Director to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006

In accordance with Sections 485 and 487 of the Companies Act 2006, Deloitte LLP are deemed to have been re-appointed as auditors of the Company

By Order of the Board

for and on behalf of

Abbey National Nominees Limited, Secretary

31 March 2011

Registered Office 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London NW1 3AN

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ABBEY NATIONAL UK INVESTMENTS

We have audited the financial statements of Abbey National UK Investments (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2010 which comprise the Income Statement, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Cash Flow Statement, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 14. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union

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 auditor's 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 auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors Responsibilities, 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 and express an opinion on 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 Ethical Standards for Auditors

### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements

#### **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 2010 and of its profit for the year then ended.
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

### Separate opinion in relation to IFRSs as issued by the IASB

As explained in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company, in addition to applying IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, has also applied IFRSs as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)

In our opinion the financial statements comply with IFRSs as issued by the IASB

### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors 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

Matthew Perkins (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

London, United Kinadom

31 March 2011

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2010

### **Income Statement**

For the year ended 31 December 2010

Continuing operations	Notes	2010 f	2009 f
Interest income	4	5,200,340	18,979,690
Interest expense		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Finance cost		(523)	(523)
Other operating expenses		-	(294,742)
Profit before tax		5,199,817	18,684,425
Tax	5	(1,454,716)	(5,231,639)
Net profit attributable to equity holders of the Company		3,745,101	13,452,786

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements

### **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the year ended 31 December 2010

	2010 £ 3,745,101 3,745,101	2009	
	£	£	
Profit for the year	3,745,101	13,452,786	
Total comprehensive income for the year	3,745,101	13,452,786	
Attributable to equity holders of the Company	3,745,101	13,452,786	

### Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2010

	Share Capital £	Other Non Distributable Reserves £	Retained Earnings £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2009	606,212,415	104,469,552	9,953,851	720,635,818
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	13,452,786	13,452,786
Balance on 31 December 2009 and 1 January 2010	606,212,415	104,469,552	23,406,637	734,088,604
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	3,745,101	3,745,101
Dividend paid	-	•	(20,000,000)	(20,000,000)
Balance on 31 December 2010	606,212,415	104,469,552	7,151,738	717,833,705

### **Cash Flow Statement**

For the year ended 31 December 2010

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
Net cash flows generated from operating activities	11	17,091,234	2,886,039
Financing activities			
Dividend paid to company shareholders		(20,000,000)	-
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(20,000,000)	-
Net (decreased)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(2,908,766)	2,886,039
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		2,885,785	(254)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		(22,981)	2,885,785

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements

### ABBEY NATIONAL UK INVESTMENTS

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2010

**Balance Sheet** 

At 31 December 2010

	Notes	2010	2009
Current assets	Notes	<b>_</b>	<u>E</u> _
Loans and receivables	6	719,308,403	737,893,729
Cash and cash equivalents			2,885,785
Total assets	·	719,308,403	740,779,514
Current liabilities			
Cash and cash equivalents		(22,981)	-
Tax liabilities		(1,153,716)	(6,393,569)
Payables	7	(287,553)	(286,893)
Total current liabilities		(1,464,250)	(6,680,462)
Non-current liabilities			
Other borrowed funds	8	(10,448)	(10,448)
Total non-current liabilities		(10,448)	(10,448)
Total liabilities		(1,474,698)	(6,690,910)
Net current assets		717,844,153	734,099,052
Net assets		717,833,705	734,088,604
Equity	***************************************		
Share capital	9	606,212,415	606,212,415
Other non-distributable reserve	10	104,469,552	104,469,552
Retained earnings		7 151,738	23,406,637
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	717,833,705	734,088,604

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 31 March 2011 They were signed on its behalf by S.Cales

Director

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2010

### 1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted for use in the European Union that are effective or available for early adoption at the Company's reporting date. The Company, in addition to complying with its legal obligation to comply with IFRSs as adopted for use in the European Union, has also complied with the IFRSs as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the revaluation of financial instruments and on the going concern basis as disclosed in the Directors' Statement of Going Concern set out in the Report of the Directors.

#### Future accounting developments

The Company has not yet adopted the following significant new or revised standards and interpretations, and amendments thereto, which have been issued but which are not yet effective for the Company

- (a) IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' In November 2009, the IASB issued IFRS 9 and in October 2010, issued an amendment to IFRS 9 which introduce new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities and for derecognition IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013, with earlier application permitted
  - IFRS 9 requires all recognised financial assets that are within the scope of IAS 39 'Financial Instruments' Recognition and Measurement' to be subsequently measured at amortised cost or fair value. Specifically, debt investments that are held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows, and that have contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding are generally measured at amortised cost at the end of subsequent accounting periods. All other debt investments and equity investments are measured at their fair values at the end of subsequent accounting periods.
  - The most significant effect of IFRS 9 regarding the classification and measurement of financial liabilities relates to the accounting for changes in fair value of a financial liability (designated as at fair value through profit or loss) attributable to changes in the credit risk of that liability. Specifically, under IFRS 9, for financial liabilities that are designated as at fair value through profit or loss, the amount of change in the fair value of the financial liability that is attributable to changes in the credit risk of that liability is recognised in other comprehensive income, unless the recognition of the effects of changes in the liability's credit risk in other comprehensive income would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in profit or loss. Changes in fair value attributable to a financial liability's credit risk are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss. Previously, under IAS 39, the entire amount of the change in the fair value of the financial liability designated as at fair value through profit or loss was recognised in profit or loss.

The Company anticipates that IFRS 9 will be adopted in the Company's financial statements for the annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2013 and that the application of the new Standard may have a significant impact on amounts reported in respect of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities. However, it is not practicable to provide a reasonable estimate of that effect until a detailed review has been completed.

(b) IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments Disclosures' – In October 2010, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 7 that increase the disclosure requirements for transactions involving transfers of financial assets. The amendments are intended to provide greater transparency around risk exposures when a financial asset is transferred but the transferor retains some level of continuing exposure in the asset. The amendments also require disclosures where transfers of financial assets are not evenly distributed throughout the period. The amendments to IFRS 7 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2011, with earlier application permitted.

The Company does not anticipate that these amendments to IFRS 7 will have a significant effect on the Company's disclosures regarding transfers of financial assets. However, if the Company enters into other types of transfers of financial assets in the future, disclosures regarding those transfers may be affected.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2010

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Future accounting developments (continued)

(c) IAS 24 'Related Party Transactions' – In November 2009, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 24, effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011, with earlier application permitted. The revised standard modifies the definition of a related party and simplifies disclosures for government-related entities.

The disclosure exemptions introduced in IAS 24(2009) do not affect the Company because the Company is not a government-related entity. However, disclosures regarding related party transactions and balances in these financial statements may be affected when the revised version of the Standard is applied in future accounting periods because some counterparties that did not previously meet the definition of a related party may come within the scope of the Standard

### Revenue recognition

#### Interest income and expense

Interest income on financial assets that are classified as loans and receivables and interest expense on financial liabilities are determined using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments or receipts over the expected life of the instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the future cash flows are estimated after considering all the contractual terms of the instrument but not future credit losses. The calculation includes all amounts paid or received by the Company that are an integral part of the overall return, direct incremental transaction costs related to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial instrument and all other premiums or discounts.

### Income taxes, including deferred income taxes

Income tax payable on profits, based on the applicable tax law in each jurisdiction is recognised as an expense in the period in which profits arise. The tax effects of income tax losses available to carry forward are recognised as an asset when it is probable that future taxable profits will be available, against which these losses can be utilised.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Currently enacted tax rates are used in the determination of deferred income tax.

Deferred and current tax assets and liabilities are only offset when they arise in the same tax reporting group and where there is both the legal right and the intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously

### Financial assets

The Company classifies its financial assets, including intercompany financial assets as loans and receivables. Management determines the classification at initial recognition

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and which are not classified as available for sale. They arise when the entity provides money or services directly to a customer with no intention of trading the loan. Loans and receivables are initially recognised at fair value including direct and incremental transaction costs. They are subsequently valued at amortised cost, using the effective interest method. They are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or the Company has transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2010

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

### Impairment of financial assets

At each balance sheet date, the Company assesses whether, as a result of one or more events occurring after initial recognition, there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets classified as loans and receivables have become impaired. Evidence of impairment may include indications that the borrower or group of borrowers have defaulted or are experiencing significant financial difficulty.

Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement and the carrying amount of the financial asset or group of financial assets are reduced by establishing an allowance for impairment losses. If in a subsequent period the amount of the impairment loss reduces and the reduction can be ascribed to an event after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance.

A write off is made when all collection procedures have been completed and is charged against previously established provisions for impairment

### Financial liabilities

The Company classifies its financial liabilities, including intercompany financial liabilities, as deposits and payables which are held at amortised cost unless designated as held at fair value through profit and loss. The carrying value of financial liabilities is a fair approximation of their fair values.

#### Borrowings

Preference shares, which carry a mandatory coupon, or are redeemable on a specified date, or at the option of the shareholder, are classified as financial liabilities and are presented in other borrowed funds. The dividends on these preference shares are recognised in the income statement as interest expense on an amortised cost basis using the effective interest method.

### Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than three months maturity from the date of acquisition, including cash and non restricted balances with central banks, treasury bills and other eligible bills, loans and advances to banks, amounts due from other banks and short term investments in securities

### Share capital

Incremental external costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares, other than on a business combination, are deducted from equity net of any related income taxes

### Dividends

Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised in equity in the period in which they are declared and approved

### 2 Financial risk management

The Company's risk management focuses on the major areas of credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. Risk management is carried out by the central risk management function of the Santander UK Group. Santander UK's Risk Framework ensures that risk is managed and controlled on behalf of shareholders, customers, depositors, employees and the Santander UK Group's regulators. Effective and efficient risk governance and oversight provide management with assurance that the Santander UK Group's business activities will not be adversely impacted by risks that could have been reasonably foreseen. This in turn reduces the uncertainty of achieving the Santander UK Group's strategic objectives. Authority flows from the Santander UK plc Board to the Chief Executive Officer and from her to her direct reports. Delegation of authority is to individuals. Formal standing committees are maintained for effective management of oversight.

The Santander UK Group has three tiers of risk governance

The first is provided by the Santander UK Board which approves Santander UK's Risk Appetite for each of the risks below, in consultation with Santander as appropriate and approves the strategy for managing risk and is responsible for the Santander UK Group's system of internal control. Within this tier, there is a process for transaction review and approval within certain thresholds, discharged by the Risk Approval Committee. Transactions reviewed which exceed the threshold limits set are subject to prior review by Santander Risk before final approval by the Risk Approval Committee.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2010

### 2 Financial risk management (continued)

The second comprises the Santander UK Board and is supported by the Risk Division. The role of the Chief Risk Officer and Risk Division include development of risk measurement methodologies, risk approval, risk monitoring, risk reporting and escalation of risk issues in line with the relevant risk policies for all risks in the Santander UK Group. The Santander UK Group's central risk function provides services to the Company, monitors and manages the financial risks relating to the operations of the Company through internal risk reports which ensure compliance with Group policies and limits, including risk policies, limits and parameters, an approval process relating to transactions that exceed local limits and the systematic review of exposures to large clients, sectors, geographical areas and different risk types

The third tier comprises Risk Assurance, who provides independent objective assurance on the effectiveness of the management and control of risk across all of the Santander UK Group. This is provided through the Non-Executive Directors, Internal Audit function and the Audit and Risk Committee.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that counterparties will not meet their financial obligations and may result in the Company losing the principal amount lent, the interest accrued and any unrealised gains, less any security held. It occurs in intercompany assets held by the Company

Maximum exposure to credit risk without taking into account collateral or credit enhancements can be found in note 6 to the financial statements

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the potential that, although remaining solvent, the Company does not have sufficient liquid financial resources to enable it to meet its obligations as they fall due, or can secure them only at excessive cost

The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient liquid resources to ensure it can meet its obligations as they fall due

Maturities of financial liabilities can be found in note 7 to the financial statements

### Market risk

Market risk is the potential for loss of income or decrease in the value of net assets caused by movements in the levels and prices of financial instruments. Market risk arises as a result of interest rates and exposures to changes in equity markets. The Company's income is exposed to movements in the LIBOR interest rate on receivables relating to amounts due by group companies.

### Sensitivity analysis

A 50 basis point adverse movement in rates would result in a fall in revenue of £3,802,522 (2009 £3,703,898) and a 50 basis point favourable movement in rates would result in an increase in revenue of £3,802,522 (2009 £3,703,898)

### 3 Profit from operations

No Directors were remunerated for their services to the Company Directors' emoluments are borne by its UK parent company, Santander UK plc No emoluments were paid by the Company to the Directors during the year (2009 £nil)

The Company had no employees in the current or previous financial year

The statutory audit fee for the current and prior year has been paid on the Company's behalf by its UK parent company, Santander UK plc, in accordance with Company policy and no recharge has been made. The statutory audit fee for the current year is £8,200 (2009 £11,460)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2010

#### 4 Interest income

	2010 £	2009 <u>£</u>	
Interest receivable from group companies	4,902,302	9,670,460	
Interest receivable from third parties	298,038	9,309,230	
	5,200,340	18,979,690	

#### 5 Tax

	2010	2009
	<u>_</u>	£
Current tax		•
UK corporation tax on profit of the year	1,456,095	5,231,639
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(1,379)	•
	1,454,716	5,231,639

UK corporation tax is calculated at 28% (2009 28%) of the estimated assessable profits for the year

The Finance (No 2) Act 2010, which provides for a reduction in the main rate of UK corporation tax from 28% to 27% effective from 1 April 2011, was enacted on 27 July 2010. As this change in rate was substantively enacted prior to 31 December 2010, it has been reflected in the deferred tax balance at 31 December 2010.

The UK Budget on 23 March 2011 proposed a further 1% reduction to 26%, effective from 1 April 2011 This further reduction was enacted on 29 March 2011 under the Budget Resolution process in advance of the Finance Act 2011. The UK Government has also indicated that it intends to enact further 1% reductions each year down to 23% by 1 April 2014. These changes in rate had not been substantively enacted at the Balance Sheet date and, therefore, are not included in these financial statements. The estimated financial effect of these changes is insignificant.

The tax on the Company's profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the basic tax rate of the Company as follows

	2010 £	2009 £
Profit before tax	5 199,817	18,684,425
Tax at the UK corporation tax rate of 28% (2009 28%)	1,455,949	5,231,639
Adjustments to prior year provisions	(1,379)	-
Non deductible expenses	146	-
Tax charge on profit for the year	1,454,716	5,231,639

### 6. Loans and receivables

	2010 £	2009 £
Amounts due by group companies	719,308,403	737,893,729

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of receivables approximates to their fair value

The amounts due by group companies are repayable within one year and the interest is fixed monthly at LIBOR

In 2009, 509,028,411 of the amounts due by group companies were repayable within one month and the interest is fixed monthly at LIBOR. The remaining £228,865,318 was repayable to group companies on demand. In addition, the Company entered into investing activities whereby the underlying assets were pledged as collateral. The carrying value which approximates the fair value of the assets pledged were £224,791,307.

### ABBEY NATIONAL UK INVESTMENTS

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2010

#### 7. Payables

	2010	2009
	£	£
Amounts due to group companies	287,553	286,893

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of payables approximates to their fair value

The amounts due to group companies of £287,553 (2009 £286,893) are non interest bearing and repayable on demand

#### 8 Other borrowed funds

	2010	2009
	£	£
Preference Shares	10,448	10,448

#### **Preference Shares**

On 14 October 2005, 1,044,800 irredeemable preference shares were issued at a nominal value of £0.01 each and a share premium of £99.99 each. Under the terms of the preference shares, the holder is entitled to a 5% annualised non-cumulative dividend which accrues on a daily basis.

Non-cumulative dividends of £523 were approved during 2010 (2009 £523)

2010				2009	
Amount	Date approved	Date paid	Amount	Date approved	Date paid
£129	12 March 2010	31 March 2010	£129	12 March 2009	•
£130	16 June 2010	30 June 2010	£130	17 June 2009	-
£132	15 September 2010	30 September 2010	£132	11 September 2009	•
£132	10 December 2010	31 December 2010	£132	15 December 2009	_

On winding up, the preference shareholders have a preferential right to paid up capital together with any dividend payable and accrued up to and including the date of winding up

Preference shareholders are entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting of the Company where a resolution to abrogate or vary any of the rights and privileges attaching to the preference shares is proposed

The preference shares are wholly classed as a liability, with no equity component being attributed to the shares

The Directors estimate the fair value of the preference shares at 31 December 2010 to be approximately £10,448 (2009 £10,448) This fair value has been calculated by discounting the future cash flows at the market rate

On 16 March 2011, the Directors approved non-cumulative dividends for payment totalling £128.81 on the irredeemable preference shares due on 31 March 2011

### 9 Share capital

			2010 £	2009 £
Issued and fully paid 5,800,755,657 ordinary shares of 1 French franc each	 	 	606,212,415	606,212,415

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2010

#### 10 Other non-distributable reserve

Balance at 31 December 2009 and 1 January 2010	104,469,552
Balance at 31 December 2010	104,469,552

In October 2005 special dividends of £104,603,402 (£100 12 per share) were paid on the 1,044,800 irredeemable preference shares

£104,469,552 of the dividends was allocated to a non-distributable reserve, as allowed for in the Company's Articles of Association. The remainder of £133,850 was recognised as borrowing costs in the Company's Income Statement of that year.

The non-distributable reserve is a separate component of the Company's equity and is available exclusively to the holders of the preference shares in the event of the Company being wound up

### 11 Cash Flow Statement

Reconciliation of profit before tax to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2010 f	2009 f
Profit before tax	5,199,817	18,684,425
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Change in receivables	18,585,326	97,025,888
Change in payables	(6,391,530)	(109,726,850)
Cash generated from operations	17,393,613	5,983,463
Income tax paid	(302,379)	(3,097,424)
Cash flows generated from operating activities	17,091,234	2,886,039

### 12 Related party transactions

#### **Trading transactions**

The trading transactions with related parties relate to interest received and paid on amounts due by and due to related group entities

Related party transactions at balance date are as follows

	Income		Expenditure		Amounts owed by related parties		Amounts owed to related parties	
	2010 £	2009 £	2010 £	2009 £	2010 £	2009 £	2010 £	2009 £
Immediate UK parent	2,532,728	-	-	_	719,308,403			<del></del>
Related group companies	2,369,575	18,979,690	523	523	•	737,893,729	298,001	297,341
	4,902,303	18,979,690	523	523	719,308,403	737,893,729	298,001	297,341

Non-cumulative dividends of £523 have been approved for payment to Abbey National Treasury Services Overseas Holdings (2009 £523)

No Director or management personnel received any remuneration (2009 f.n.l)

There were no related party transactions during the year or prior year, or existing at the balance sheet date, with the Company's or Parent Company's key management personnel

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### 13 Capital management and resources

The Company's parent, Santander UK plc ("Santander UK"), adopts a centralised capital management approach, based on an assessment of both regulatory requirements and the economic capital impacts of businesses in the Santander UK Group. The Company has no non-centralised process for managing its own capital. Disclosures relating to the Santander UK Group's capital management can be found in the Santander UK Annual Report and Accounts.

Capital held by the Company and managed centrally as part of the Santander UK group, comprises share capital and reserves which can be found in the Balance Sheet on page 6

### 14 Parent undertaking and controlling party

The Company's immediate parent company is Santander UK plc, a company registered in England and Wales

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Banco Santander S.A., a company registered in Spain Banco Santander S.A. is the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the Company is a member. Santander UK plc is the parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the Company is a member.

Copies of all sets of group accounts, which include the results of the Company, are available from Secretariat, 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London NW1 3AN