

The Paragon Group of Companies PLC

# Full-year results

12 months ended 30 September 2012



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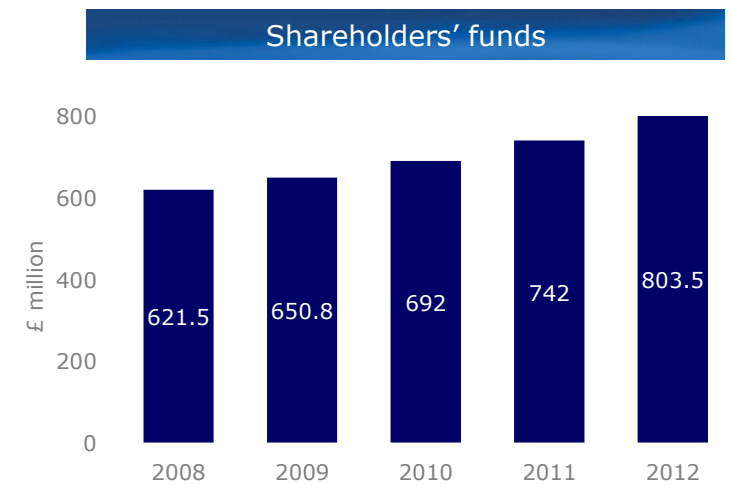
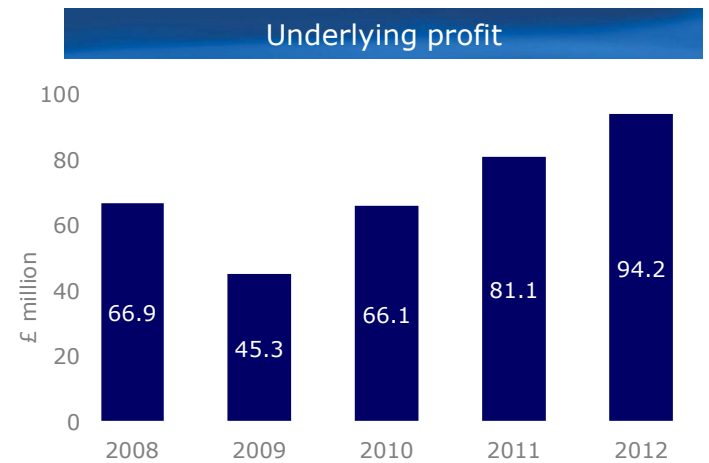
# Highlights - 12 months to 30 September 2012

- Financial performance
  - Record profits - underlying profit increased by 16.2% to £94.2 million
  - Operational free cash generation over £100 million
  - New dividend policy – full-year dividend at 6.0p per share, increased by 50%
  
- Strategic development
  - Idem established as a leading UK debt purchaser and loan servicer
    - £115.4 million investment in the year
  - Buy-to-let origination franchise firmly re-established
  - Funding materially enhanced
    - Warehouse capacity more than doubled
    - Material structure and pricing improvements on securitisation

## **Financial results**

# Financial highlights

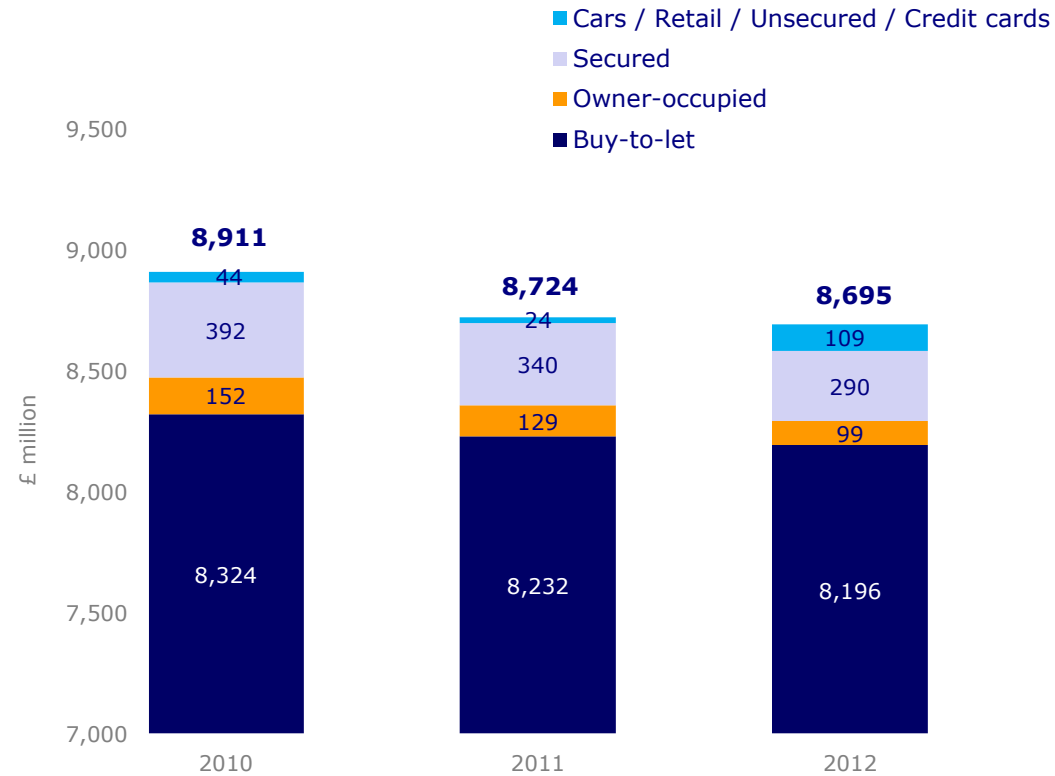
	2011 £m	2012 £m	% change
Pre-tax profit	80.8	<b>95.5</b>	18.2%
Less:			
Fair value	(0.3)	<b>1.3</b>	
<b>Underlying profit</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>16.2%</b>
Tax rate	26.2%	<b>24.4%</b>	
Dividend per share (total)	4.0p	<b>6.0p</b>	50%
Earnings per share	20.2p	<b>24.2p</b>	19.8%
<b>Shareholder funds @ 30 September</b>	<b>742.0</b>	<b>803.5</b>	<b>8.3%</b>



# FY : FY analysis

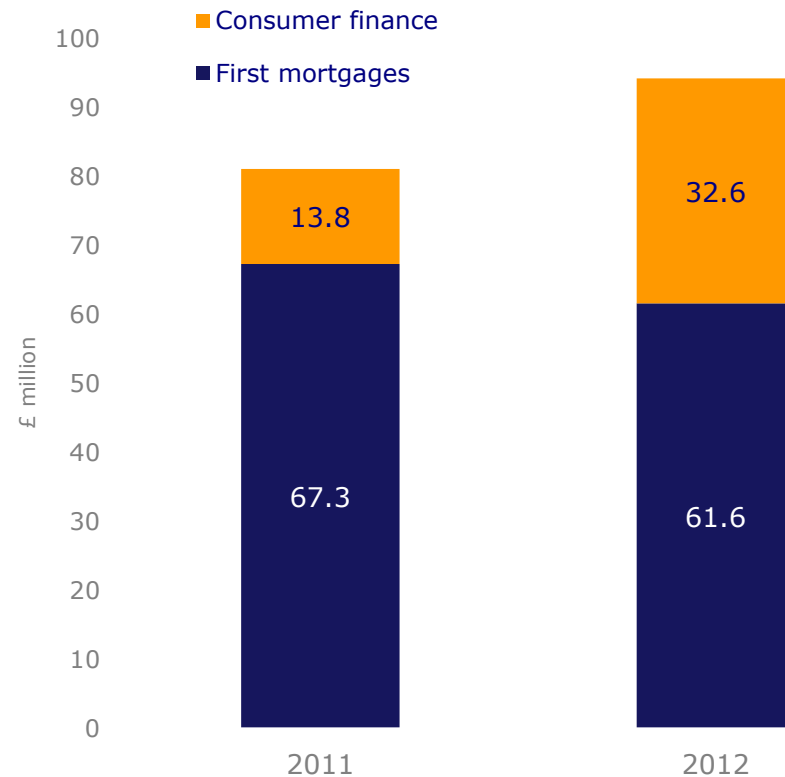
	2011 £m	2012 £m	% change
Income	150.9	170.2	12.8%
Operating expenses	(45.4)	(51.9)	14.3%
Impairments	(24.4)	(24.1)	(1.2)%
Cost:income	30.1%	30.5%	
<b>Underlying profit</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>16.2%</b>

# Segmental loan assets



# Segmental profit analysis

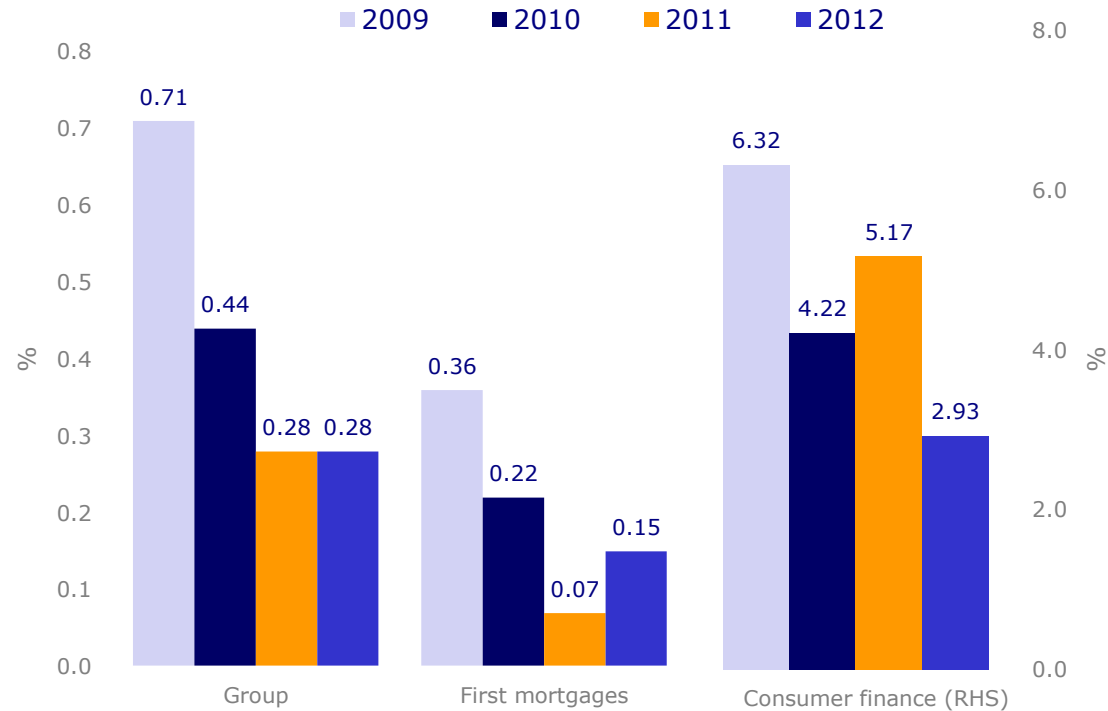
- Consumer finance segment boosted by Idem investments
- 2011 first mortgage profits benefitted from one-off credits to impairments
- Overall, 2012 impairments similar to 2011





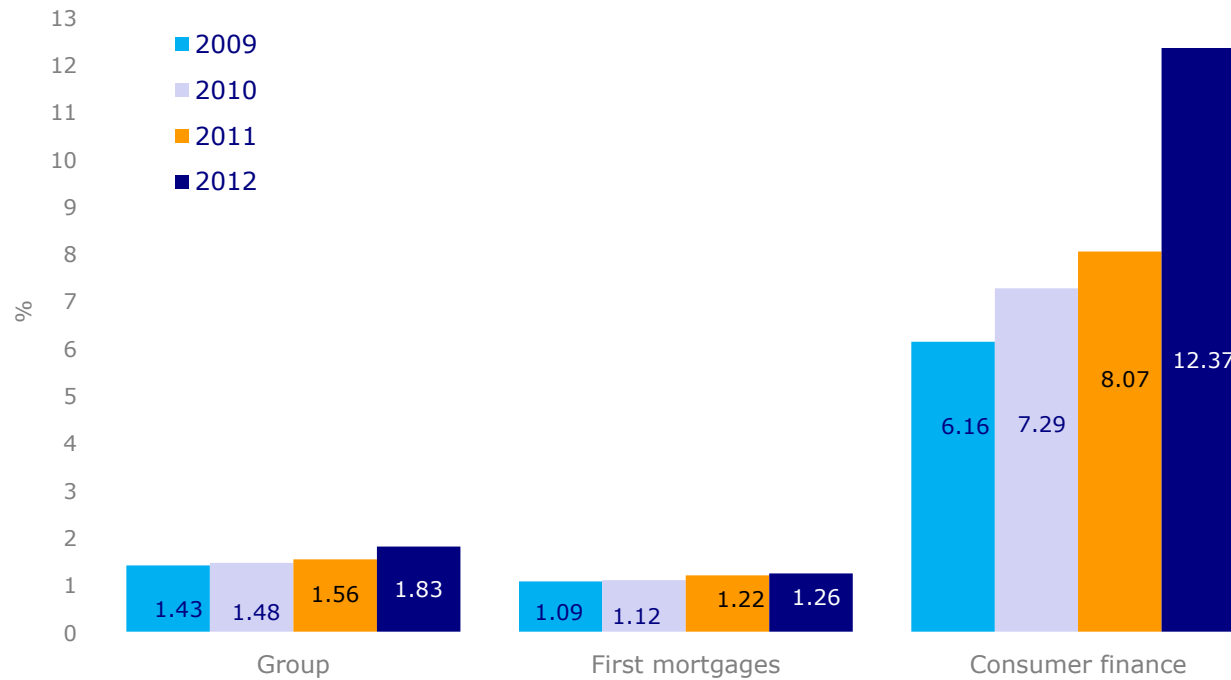
# Impairment charge as % of total loan assets

2012 sees a return to normal provisioning levels in first mortgages after exceptionally low levels in 2011



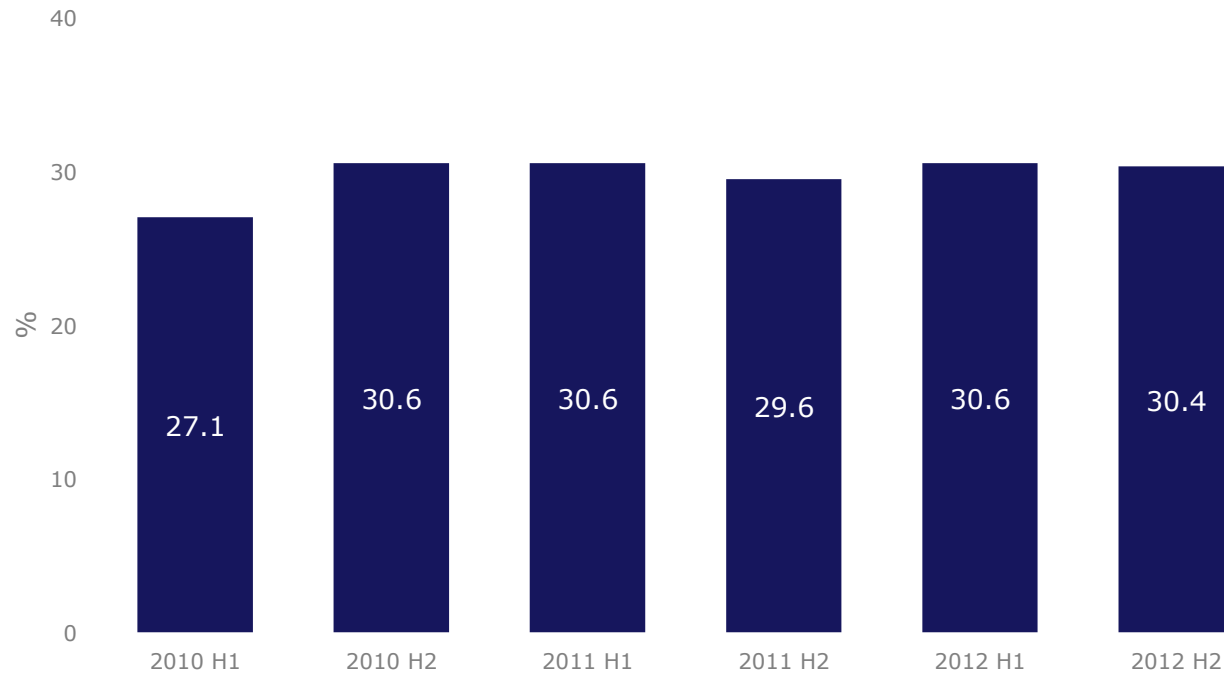
# Net interest margin

Net interest margin progression in both divisions of the Group



# Cost:income ratio

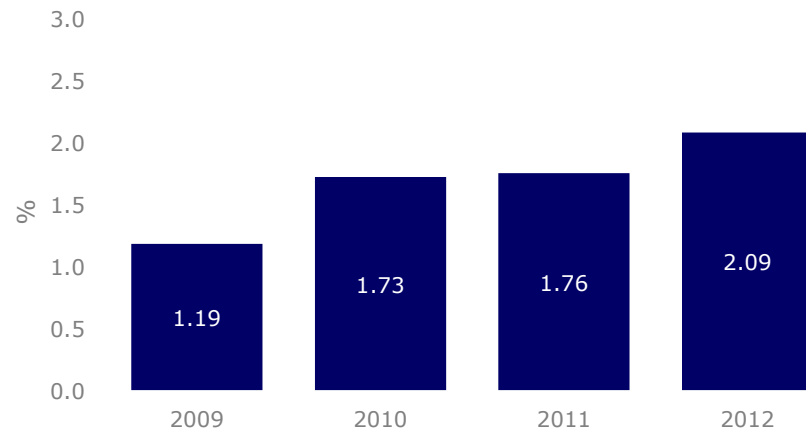
Cost:income ratio remains significantly below industry averages



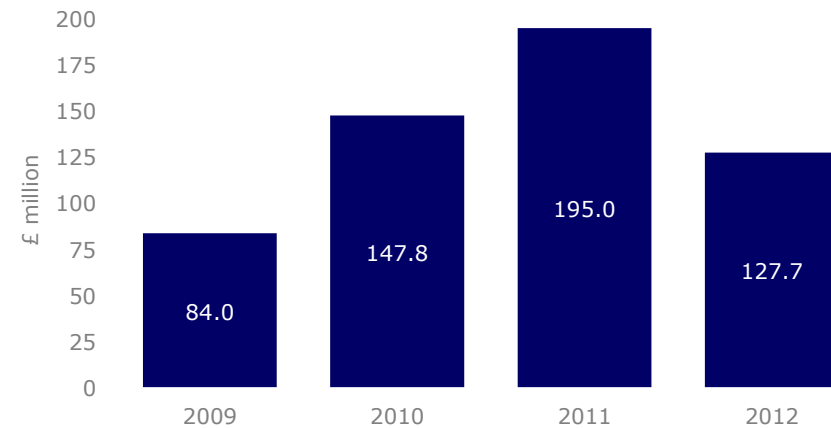
# Cash margins

Strong cash generation, significant investment in asset purchases and development of buy-to-let

Cash margin

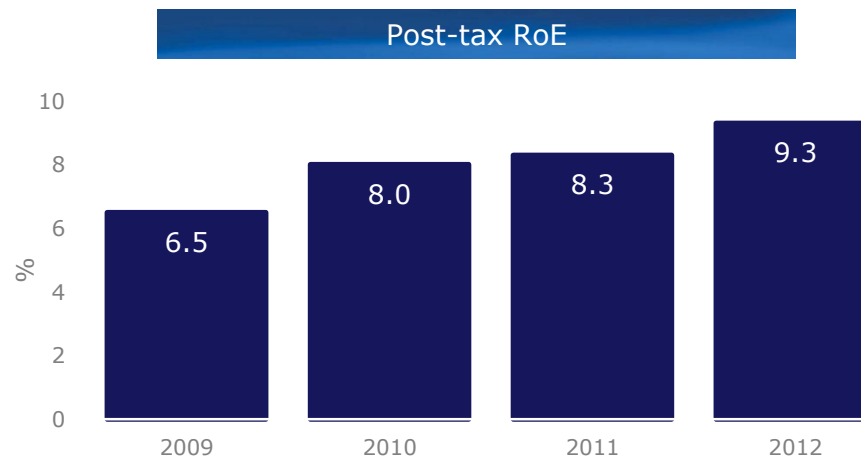
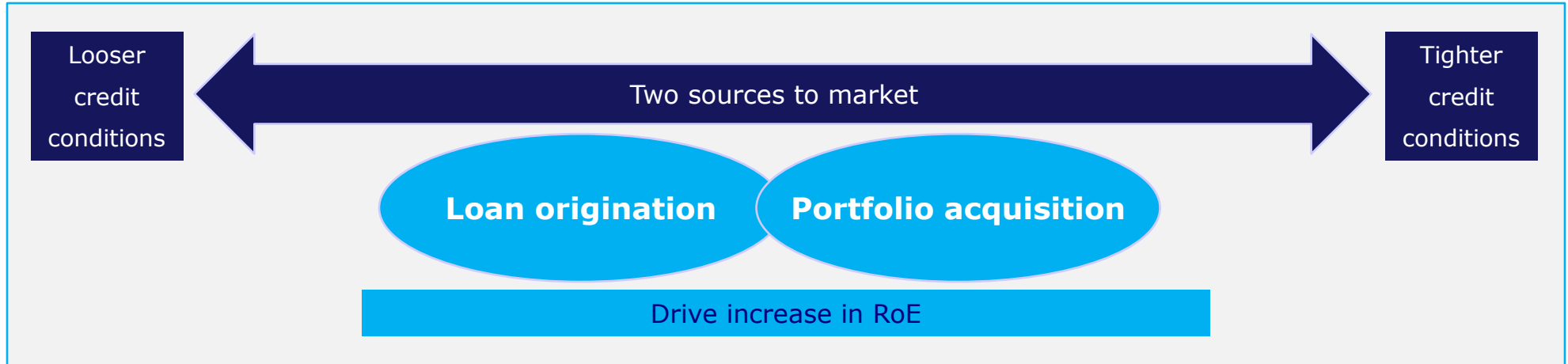


Free cash balances

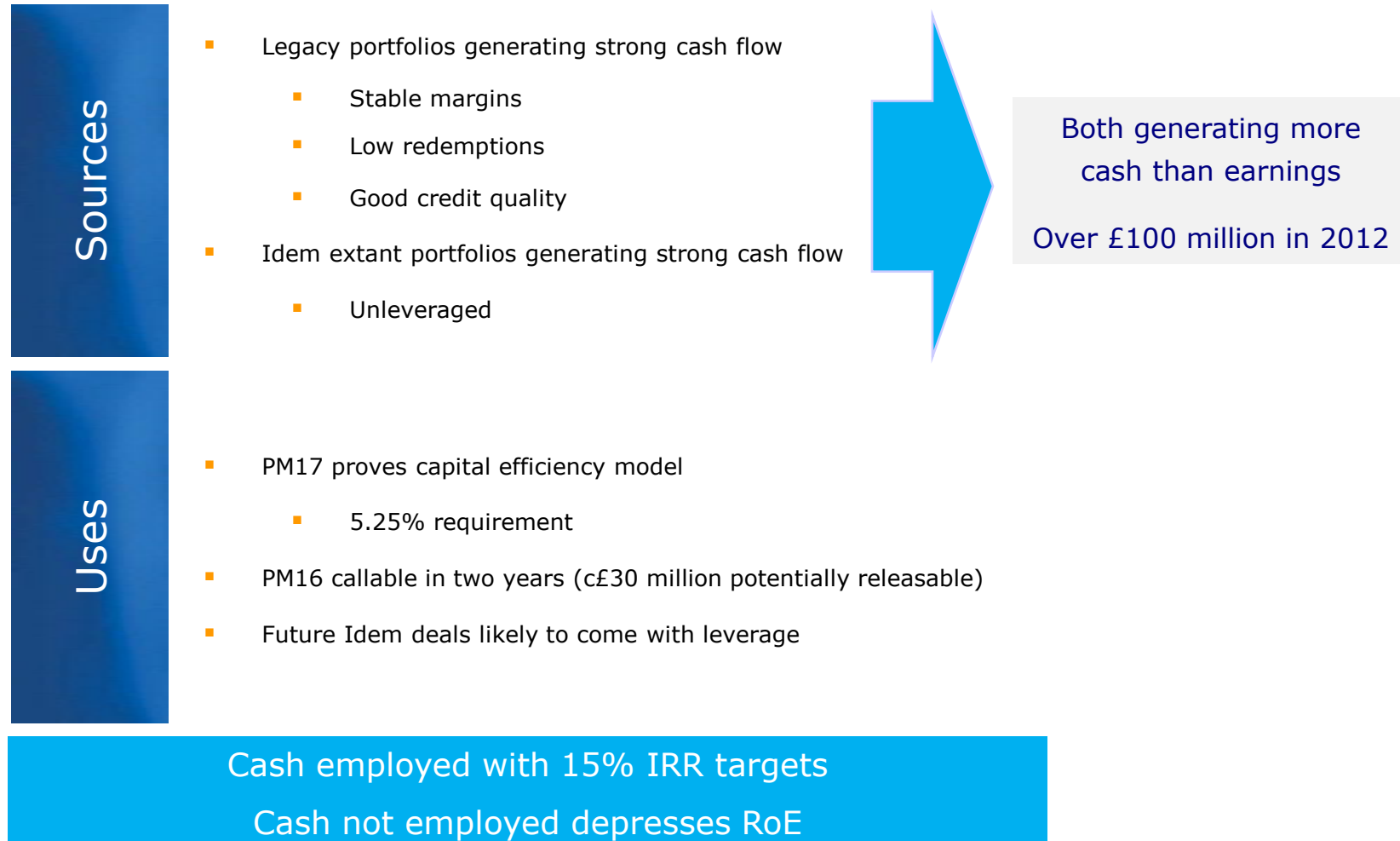


# Strategy update

# Strategy



# Capital and cash management



# Dividend policy

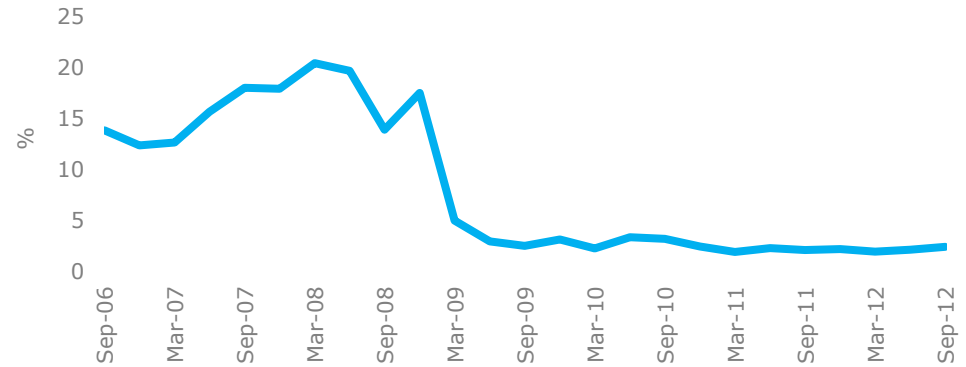
- Current progressive dividend policy in place since 2008
- Since policy established, Group has:
  - Recommended buy-to-let mortgage lending
  - Accessed warehouse funding
  - Re-established securitisation programme
  - Established a strong debt purchase franchise
- Total dividend for 2012 is 6.0p per share, a 50% increase on 2011
- Objective going forward for progressive dividend targeting dividend cover in range of 3.0 to 3.5 times by 2016 and thereafter
- Capital/cash capacity sufficient to support strong growth objectives



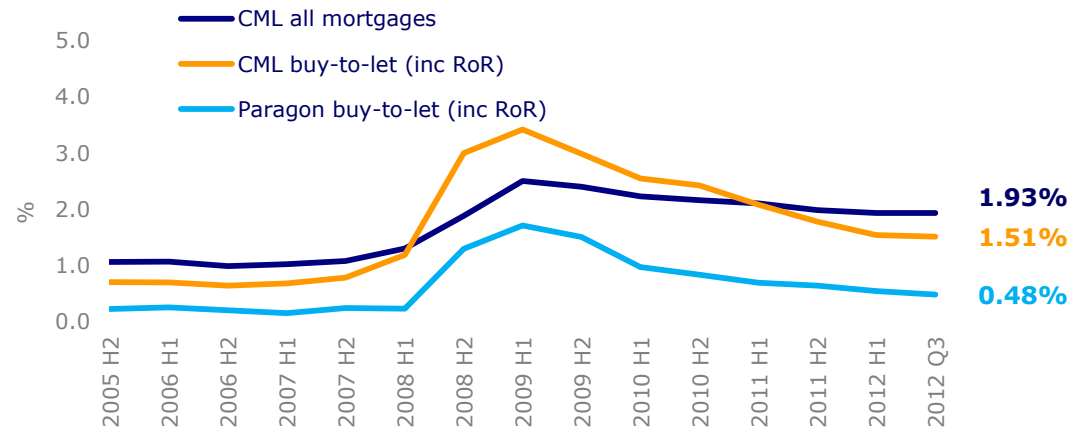
# Back book performance

- Buy-to-let redemptions stable at 2.2% per annum
- Paragon assets significantly outperform wider industry
  - Buy-to-let 3 months+ arrears fell to 48bp (2011: 63bp)
  - 90% of 3 months+ arrears subject to Receiver of Rent
  - 1,504 properties in RoR (2011: 1,483)
  - 94% of available RoR properties are let
- Consumer books performing well, in line with expectations
- Strong operational cash flow from SPVs

## Buy-to-let redemptions



## Buy-to-let 3 months+ arrears



# New lending

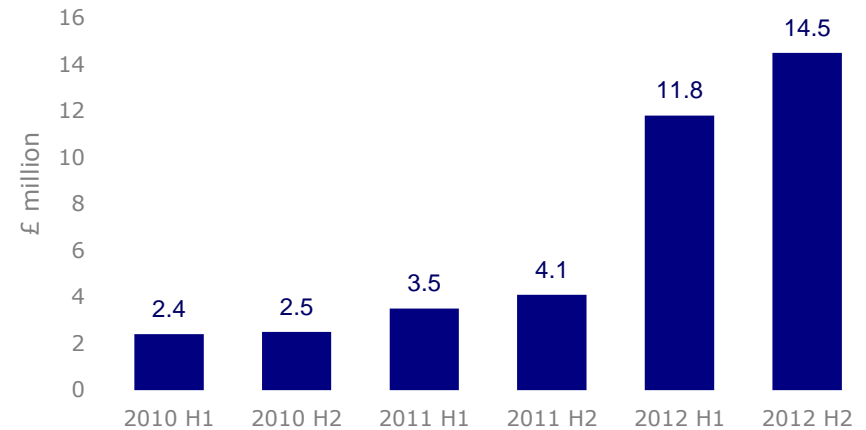
- New lending increased by 45%
- £311.3 million of buy-to-let completions since return to new lending
- Pipeline remains strong - £129.9 million at 30 September 2012 (£67.5 million at 30 September 2011)
- Credit quality remains key focus
  - Average LTV on new lending 70.1% (2011 FY: 69.2%)
  - Average ICR on new lending 159.3% (2011 FY: 155.0%)
  - No accounts in arrears
- Increased funding facilities provides platform for further growth
- Intention remains to return to consumer finance lending in due course



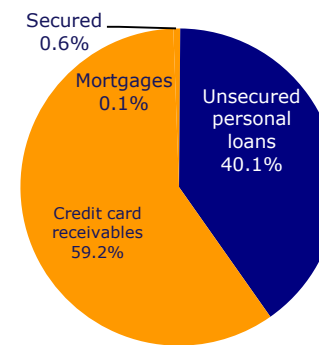
# Portfolio acquisitions and servicing

- Purchases have been a significant driver to Group profit
    - Contribution of £26.3 million in 2012 (2011: £7.6 million)
    - Inclusive of margin and servicing income - promote structures provide deferred income benefits as pools repay
  - Investments since 2009
    - 8 portfolios, total investment £161.9 million
      - £150.2 million direct investment
      - £11.7 million co-investments
- Associated service agreements total £476 million
- Portfolios highly cash generative, performing in line with expectations
  - Average loan duration – 4-6 years
  - Extensive management experience applied through diligence and on-going servicing, including portfolio stress testing
- 2012 portfolio investments
    - RBS unsecured loan portfolio - October 2011 (with modest forward flow) - £43.7 million
    - MBNA closed consumer credit card receivables - December 2011 - £55.7 million
    - MBNA closed consumer credit card receivables - September 2012 - £16.1 million

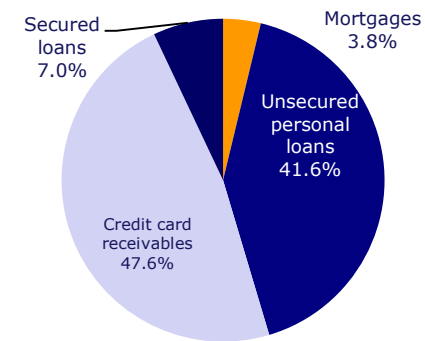
### Idem operating profit



### Number of loans managed



### Value of loans managed



# Funding

- Funding conditions improved significantly in 2012
- Material tightening post Funding for Lending Scheme
- Diversified and expanded warehouse capacity
  - Macquarie facility extended and increased - £250 million
  - Lloyds facility - £200 million
- Securitisation programme
  - PM16 reopened programme in November 2011
  - PM17 materially improved pricing, included £50 million pre-funding
- Corporate bond
  - £110 million outstanding to 2017
  - Re-priced April 2012 at 3.729% fixed
- Improved funding opportunities to support Idem purchases

# Conclusion

- Strong growth in earnings, achieving record profits
- Further progress in driving up RoE
- Excellent progress achieved in 2012 for new lending
  - Buy-to-let franchise re-established
  - Notable funding improvements evidenced
  - Platform for further growth achieved
- Idem established as leading debt purchaser
  - Material growth in profits
  - Significant opportunities for further investment
- Strong cash flow delivered and embedded in existing investments
- Confidence reflected in new dividend policy
- Capital/cash and operational capacity exists to support strong growth objectives

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# **Company overview**

# Paragon overview

Paragon is a stable, established and industry leading business

- Leading UK specialist lender
  - Buy-to-let mortgages
  - Consumer loans
- Leading UK debt purchaser and loan servicer
- Solid balance sheet with sizeable assets and robust cash generation
- FTSE 250 listed, £9.6 billion of loan AUM and services approximately 350,000 live customer accounts
- Assets predominantly funded to maturity
- Stable and highly experienced management team

## Key facts

Established:	1985
AUM:	£9.6 billion
NAV:	£803.5 million (£2.69 per share)
Index:	FTSE 250
Market cap:	c£750 million
Employees:	c750
Location:	HQ: Solihull, West Midlands

## History

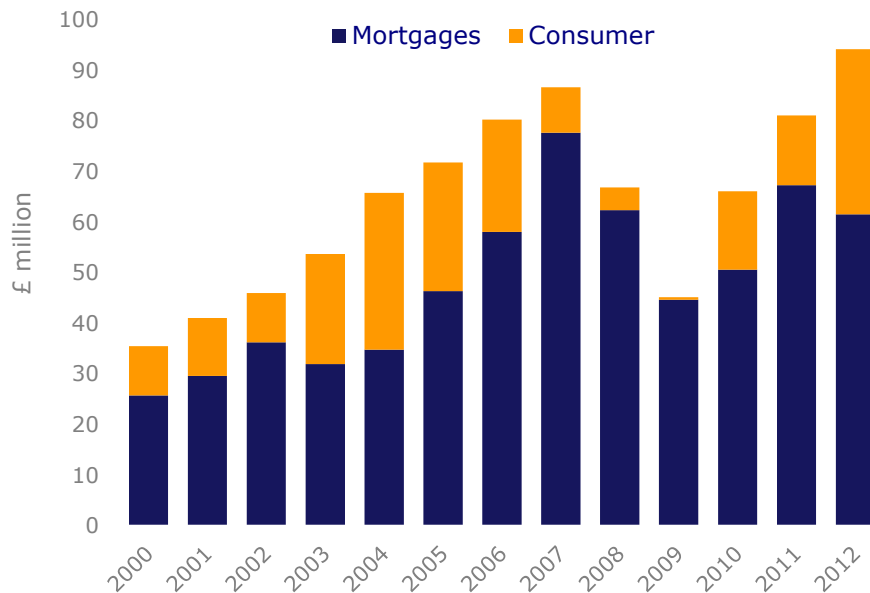
1985:	Launched as a specialist lender
1986:	Pioneered securitisation in UK
1995:	Launched first buy-to-let products
2002:	Admitted to FTSE 250
2003:	Acquisition of Mortgage Trust
2008:	Rights Issue
2009:	Launched Idem Capital and Moorgate Loan Servicing
2010:	New lending recommenced
2011:	First post-credit crunch securitisation successfully launched
2012:	8 <sup>th</sup> portfolio acquisition completed through Idem Capital  Additional warehouse capacity and UK's first post-credit crunch full capital structure securitisation



# Group overview

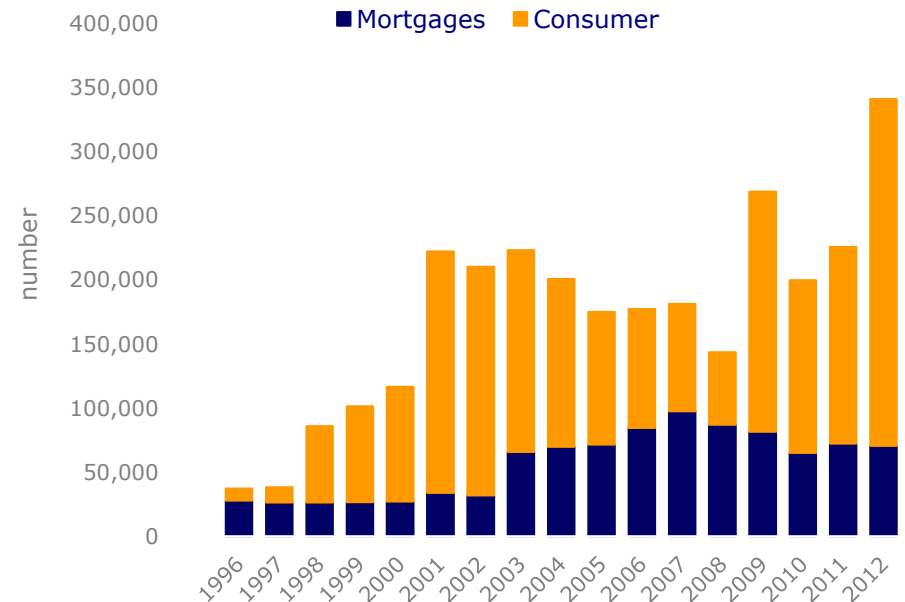
Paragon has a long track record of generating strong profits

### Long-term profit trends



- Earnings growth from 2004 driven by buy-to-let lending activity
- Recent rebalancing of earnings towards consumer finance due to Idem's purchase programme

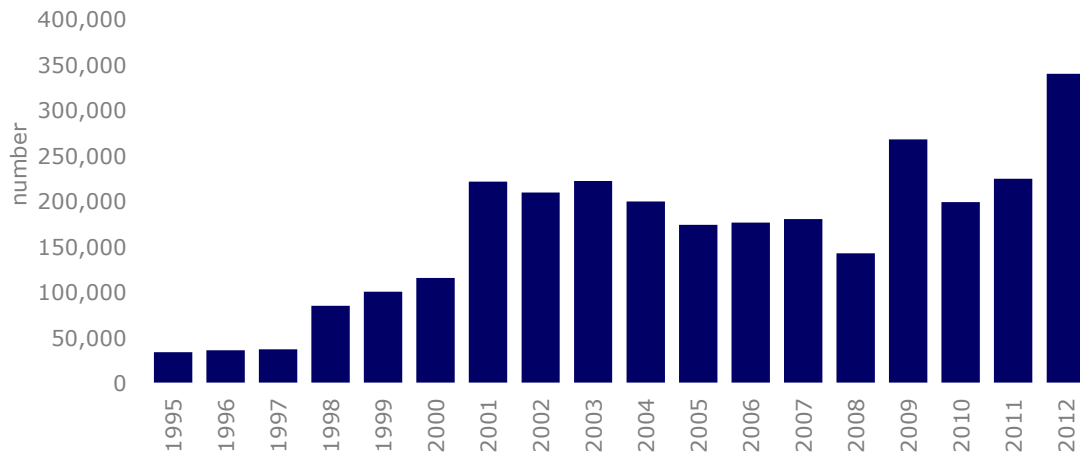
### Total accounts under administration



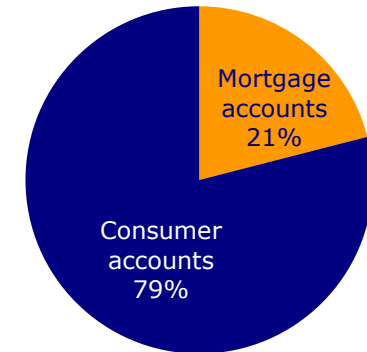
- Whilst buy-to-let constitutes majority of loans by value, consumer accounts outweigh mortgage accounts by 4:1

# Total assets under management

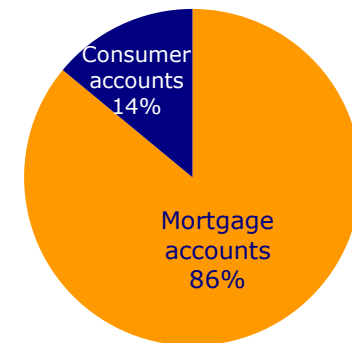
## Accounts under management



## Accounts under management (number)



## Accounts under management (value)



# Group activities

## Lending




- Focus on niche, specialist lending – leading independent buy-to-let lender
- Strong credit culture
- Distribution primarily via intermediaries
- Resumed new business origination in October 2010 after 2 year absence
  - Current market share still low by historical measures, further growth expected
- Focus on professional landlords:
  - Currently underserved by wider market
  - HMOs, multi-unit blocks, limited companies
- Consumer finance
  - Focus currently on portfolio acquisition not origination

## Portfolio acquisitions and servicing

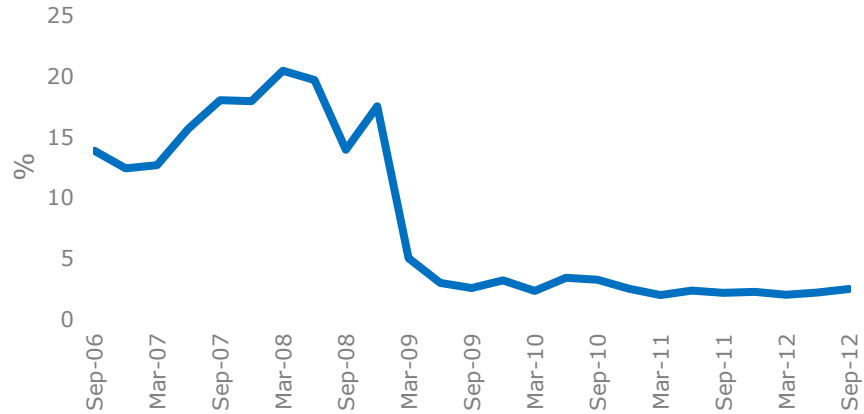



- Idem was UK's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest acquirer of consumer debt in 2011:
  - 8 portfolio acquisitions to date
  - £161.9 million invested
- Long history of portfolio acquisitions - over £3 billion of loans acquired
- All portfolios boarded onto Paragon's platform
- Loans managed on behalf of third parties, eg banks, building societies, private equity funds and specialist lenders
- Serviced over 1 million accounts
- Most servicing contracts linked to portfolio purchase opportunities
- Servicing and acquisitions contributed 28% to 2012 Group profits

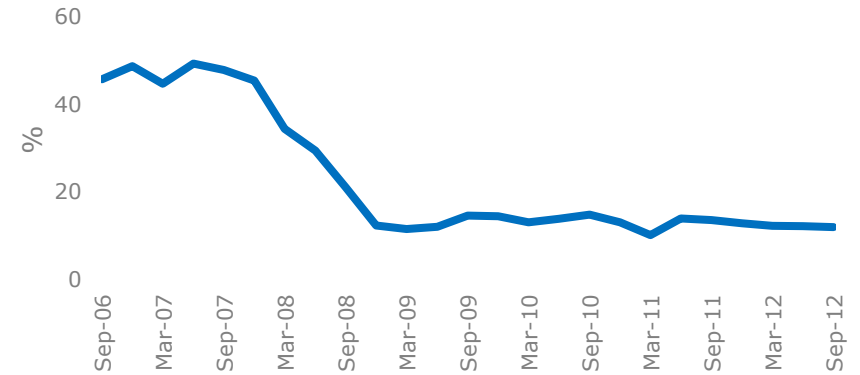
# Customer retention

Redemption rates remain low – lack of alternative offerings from competitors

Buy-to-let redemption rate



Secured redemption rate



# Funding

Well funded balance sheet through a combination of securitisations, warehouse facilities and corporate bond

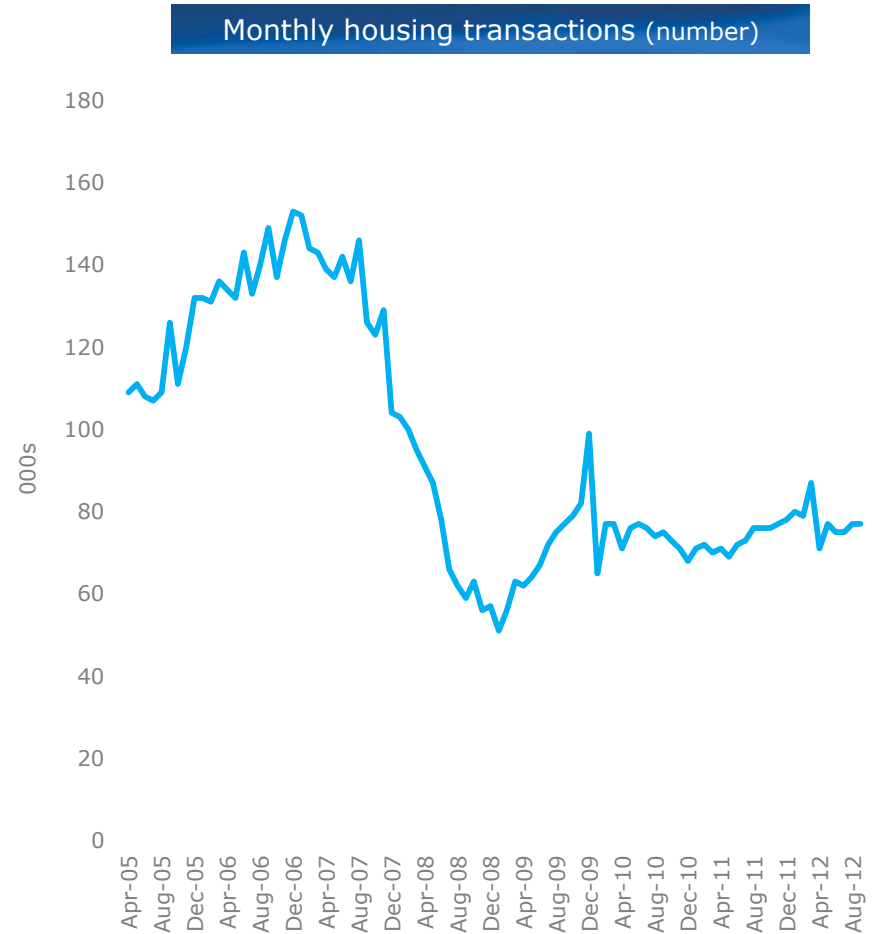
- Paragon Group – holding company corporate debt – subordinated £110 million issue – April 2017 maturity – 3.729%
- Extant assets - £8.8 billion – funded through 17 non-recourse wholly owned SPVs
- New origination:
  - Warehouse facilities:
    - Macquarie Bank - £250 million – non-recourse
    - Lloyds Bank - £200 million – non-recourse
    - After a few months, assets transferred to securitisation vehicle
  - Successful securitisation programme re-established:
 

▪ November 2011	PM16	£164 million – AAA Notes LIBOR + 275bp – non-recourse
▪ October 2012	PM17	£175 million – AAA Notes LIBOR + 135bp – non-recourse
		£10.5 million – AA Notes LIBOR + 190bp – non-recourse
		£10.0 million – A Notes LIBOR + 290bp – non-recourse
- Portfolio purchases:
  - Assets held in non-recourse SPVs
  - No debt outstanding, all funded from Group’s free cash resources

# Market background

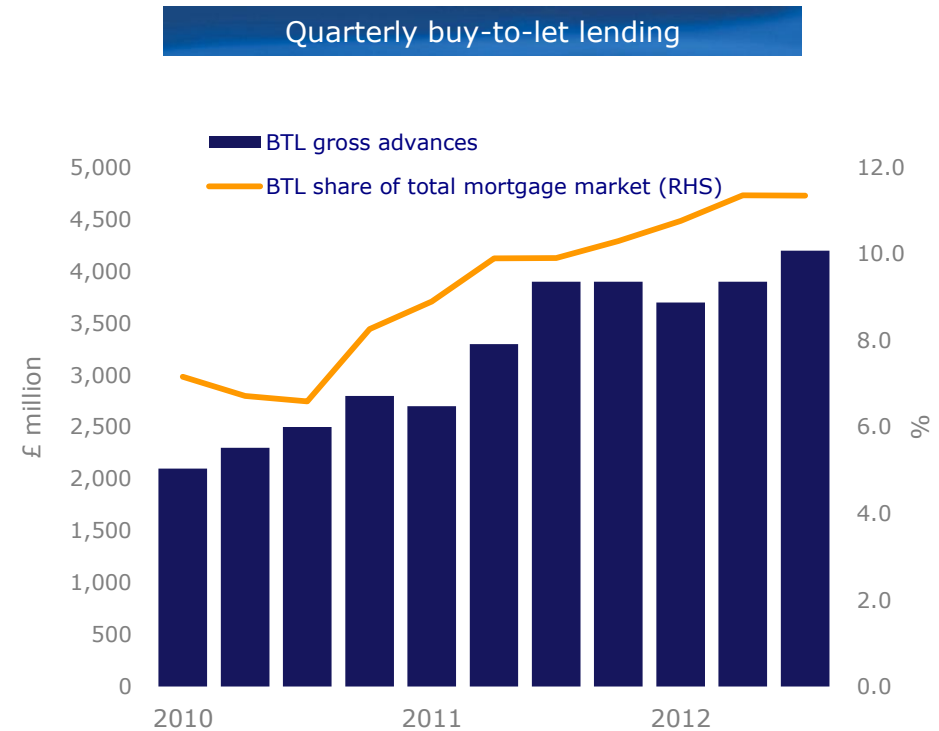
# UK housing market

- Market characterised by low level of transactions:
  - Average 78,000 transactions per month during 2012 to date (2007 average: 135,000 per month)
- House prices remain broadly flat although there continues to be some monthly volatility
- Housing market in equilibrium, just at a lower level



# UK buy-to-let market

- Buy-to-let market continues to grow – value of advances up 24% in last 12 months
- Contrast to the wider mortgage market, where total lending up only 6%
- Some competition increased in retail landlord sector
  - Over 450 products now available (2.6% increase over last 12 months)
  - However, notable recent market share reduction from certain major lenders

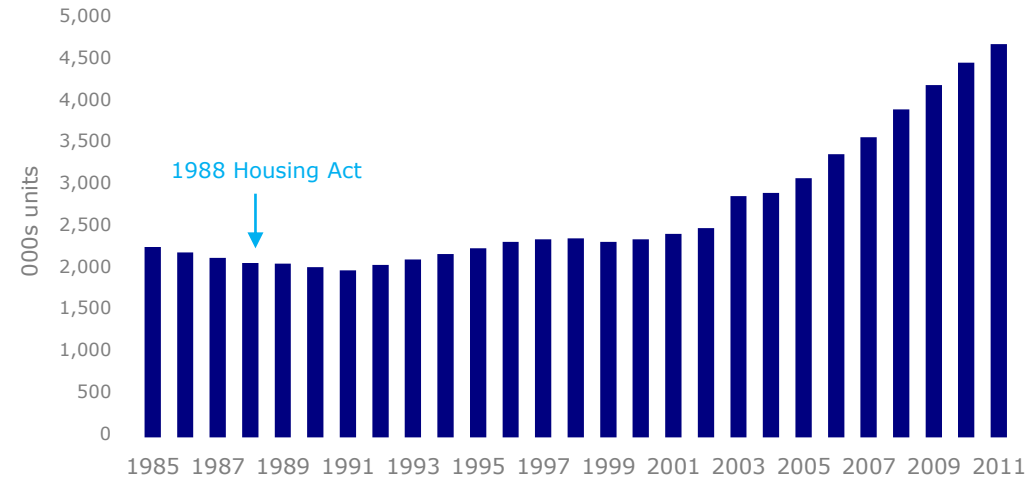




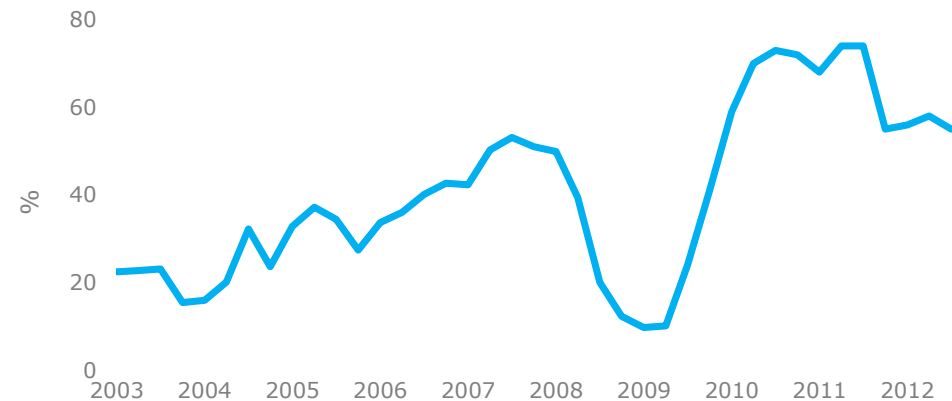
# UK rental demand

- UK housing market in transformation, share of housing stock changing:
  - Owner-occupied peaked in 2002 at 69.7%
  - Government-owned down from 30.0% to 18.1%
  - Private rented sector now accounts for 17.2%
- Growth in tenant demand driven by
  - Government housing policy
  - Social and demographic change
  - Immigration
  - Availability of finance for first-time buyers
- Strong rental demand continues
  - 55% of ARLA agents reported more tenants than properties in Q3:2012
  - Savills forecasting rental demand to grow to one in four households by 2020

## UK private rented sector

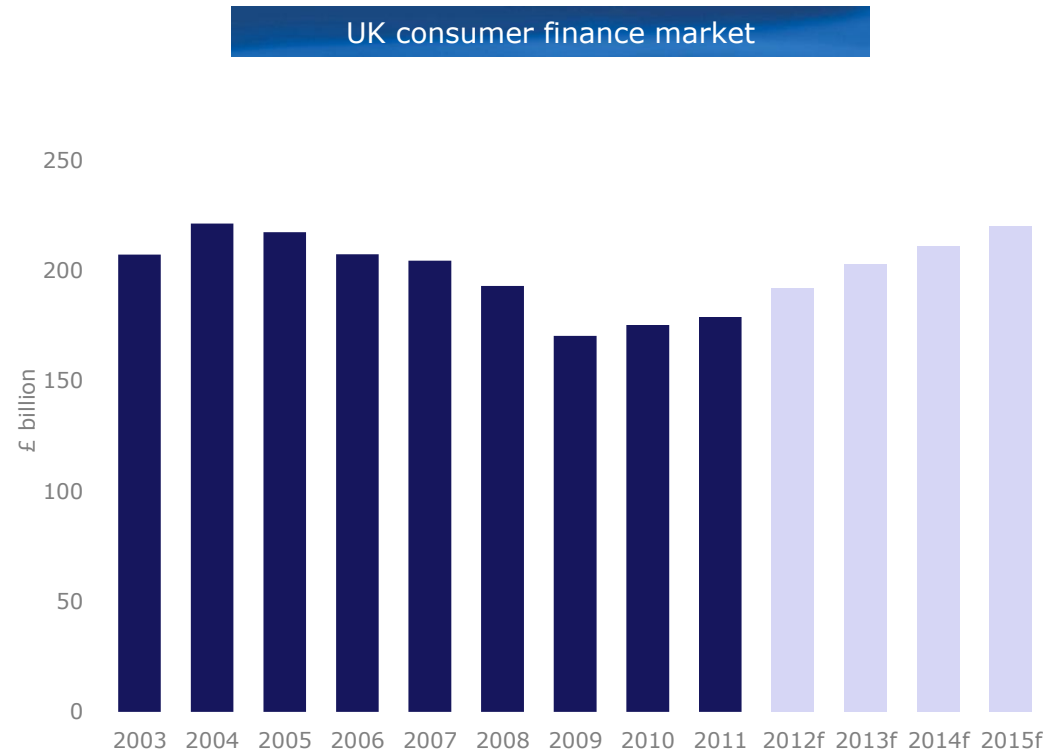


## More tenants than properties



# UK consumer finance market

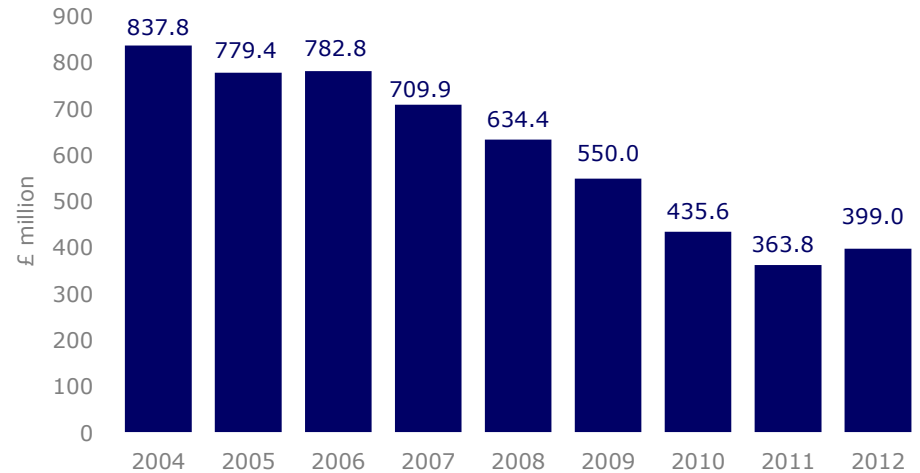
- Consumer finance market (credit cards, unsecured personal loans, car finance, retail finance and overdrafts) totalled £179 billion in 2011
- Market expected to increase by £41 billion to reach £220 billion in 2015



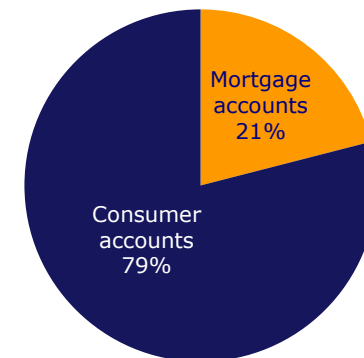
# Paragon's consumer finance background

- Paragon's consumer loan book has in the past exceeded £800m, accounting for 47% of Group operating profits in 2004
- Paragon has experience in a broad range of consumer asset classes including:
  - Car finance
  - Secured loans
  - Unsecured loans
  - Retail finance
- Paragon intends to return to consumer finance origination once market conditions enable this

## Consumer loan assets



## Loan assets managed (number)



# Portfolio acquisitions – market opportunities

## Drivers to de-leveraging

- EU bail out requirements
- Basel III
- Revised stress tests, SIFIs, Vickers

## European banking market de-leveraging

- Asset sale forecasts:
  - PricewaterhouseCoopers - €1.3 trillion (40% UK) - €800 billion non-performing
  - Morgan Stanley - €2 trillion
  - Royal Bank of Scotland - €2 trillion
  - Deloitte - €1.7 trillion (€537 billion UK assets)



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