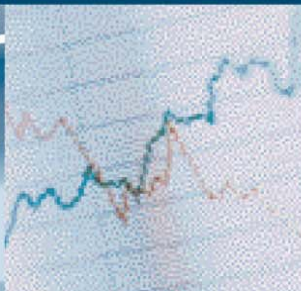


# Northern



## Financial results – First quarter of 2010

May 4, 2010

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THE RESULTS RELATE TO NORTHERN BANK WHICH SERVES BOTH RETAIL AND CORPORATE CUSTOMERS. NORTHERN BANK HAS THREE REGIONS WITH 83 BRANCHES AND AROUND 1,700 EMPLOYEES (1,300 IN BANKING ACTIVITIES AND 400 IN SHARED SERVICES).

DANSKE BANK GROUP IS THE LARGEST BANK IN DENMARK AND ONE OF EUROPE'S LEADING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

DANSKE BANK GROUP CURRENTLY HAS RATINGS AS SHOWN BELOW.

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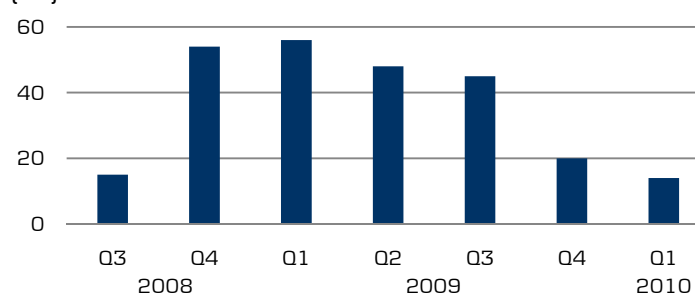
BASED ON DANSKE BANK'S POWERFUL TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM, NORTHERN BANK OFFERS A LEADING EDGE PRODUCT AND SERVICE PROPOSITION FOR PERSONAL, BUSINESS AND CORPORATE CUSTOMERS.

## Financial results for quarter one 2010

- Operating profit before impairment charges of £16.0m
- Total income is £47.1m
- Costs down 3% on previous quarter
- Impairment charges of £14.4m
- Pre-tax profit of £1.6m

This is the second consecutive quarter where Northern Bank has reported a pre-tax profit, and impairment charges have reduced for the fourth successive quarter. Actual write offs remain low at £2.5m.

Impairment charges (£m)



Income levels are being largely maintained in difficult economic conditions where low interest rates and strong competition influence interest income, fees and commissions. Overall lending volumes are broadly unchanged from Q4 2009 with deposit volumes also stable despite exceptional market conditions.

A continued focus on cost control has seen 18% cost savings on Q1 2009 as well as quarter on quarter improvement with efficiency savings sought across the business.

Commenting on the results, Chief Executive Officer Gerry Mallon said:

“Although the road to recovery remains fragile, we expect 2010 to be much better than 2009. In these still uncertain times our customers value the strength and security of Northern Bank as a financial partner.

“Increasing numbers of businesses are moving their banking relationship to Northern Bank based on our services, expertise and technology. Management of cash flow has come even more sharply into focus in the recent economic climate and our Cash Management services are delivering very real benefits for customers in terms of convenience, efficiencies and cost control.

“Northern Bank is very much open for business and we are well placed to support businesses and consumers to maximise the opportunities that emerge as the economic recovery strengthens.”

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