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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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re: Q3 2018 Interim Management Statement

Lloyds Banking Group plc

Q3 2018 Interim Management Statement

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Strong and sustainable financial performance with increased profits and returns

Statutory profit after tax of £3.7 billion up 18 per cent, with a 5 per cent increase in underlying profit, an 11 per cent reduction in below the line charges and a lower effective tax rate

- Net income at £13.4 billion, 2 per cent higher, with net interest margin stable in the quarter at 2.93 per cent
- Operating costs reducing with lower business as usual costs¹ offsetting increased investment; cost:income ratio further improved to 47.5 per cent with positive jaws of 5 per cent
- Asset quality remains strong with no deterioration in credit risk; gross asset quality ratio stable at 28 basis points with increased net asset quality ratio of 22 basis points reflecting expected lower write backs and releases
 - Loans and advances up £2.3 billion in the quarter with prudent lending growth in targeted segments
 - Return on tangible equity increased to 13.0 per cent and earnings per share up 21 per cent to 4.7 pence
 - Balance sheet strength maintained with strong CET1 capital build of 41 basis points in the quarter and 162 basis points year to date; CET1 ratio of 14.6 per cent post dividend accrual
 - £1 billion share buyback complete with more than £3.2 billion returned to shareholders during 2018, equivalent to over 4.5 pence per share
 - Tangible net assets per share of 51.3 pence; increased in the quarter by 0.3 pence before interim dividend
 - Financial targets for 2018 and longer term reaffirmed

Significant strategic progress with strong start to the Group's latest strategic plan

Digitising the Group

- Investment in robotics driving process improvement and enhanced productivity with c.600,000 hours saved
- Private Cloud solutions delivering more efficient, scalable and flexible infrastructure

Leading Customer Experience

- Reduced branch account opening times by c.40 per cent
- Integrated API-led Open Banking proposition to be launched in November

Maximising Group Capabilities: Financial Planning and Retirement

- Announced strategic partnership with Schroders to create a market-leading wealth proposition. Aim to be top-three UK financial planning business within 5 years
- Insurance and banking single customer view rolled out to more than 3 million customers
- Simplified pension consolidation process, reducing completion time and increasing conversion rates

Transforming Ways of Working

- c.40 per cent uplift in colleague training to c.550,000 hours

GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT

In the first nine months of 2018 we have delivered a strong and sustainable financial performance, with increased profits and returns and continued strong capital build. These results further demonstrate the strength of our business

model and the benefits of our low risk, customer focused approach.

We have also made a strong start to our 2018 to 2020 strategic plan. We have been implementing the initiatives which we announced in February as part of our ambitious strategy to transform the Group for success in a digital world. As planned, our strategic investment has accelerated and is already delivering real benefits to customers whilst operating costs continue to reduce. We have also just announced a wealth management joint venture initiative with Schroders, demonstrating the Group's focus on enhancing our customer proposition and growing our financial planning and retirement businesses.

We remain on track to deliver the improved financial targets for 2018 that we announced in August, as well as all of our longer term guidance.

António Horta-Osório, Group Chief Executive

1 Business as usual costs reflect operating costs, less investment expensed and depreciation.

INCOME STATEMENT – UNDERLYING BASIS

	Nine months ended 30 Sept 2018 £m	Nine months ended 30 Sept 2017 £m	Change %	Three months ended 30 Sept 2018 £m	Three months ended 30 Sept 2017 £m	Change %
Net interest income	9,544	9,117	5	3,200	3,192	–
Other income	4,610	4,630	–	1,486	1,428	4
Vocalink gain on sale	–	146		–	–	–
Total income	14,154	13,893	2	4,686	4,620	1
Operating lease depreciation	(731)	(769)	5	(234)	(274)	15
Net income	13,423	13,124	2	4,452	4,346	2
Operating costs	(6,014)	(6,019)	–	(1,990)	(2,001)	1
Remediation	(366)	(540)	32	(109)	–	
Total costs	(6,380)	(6,559)	3	(2,099)	(2,001)	(5)
Impairment	(740)	(538)	(38)	(284)	(270)	(5)
Underlying profit	6,303	6,027	5	2,069	2,075	–
Restructuring	(612)	(469)	(30)	(235)	(148)	(59)
Volatility and other items	(207)	(13)		(17)	24	
Payment protection insurance provision	(550)	(1,050)	48	–	–	–
Statutory profit before tax	4,934	4,495	10	1,817	1,951	(7)
Tax expense	(1,270)	(1,386)	8	(420)	(481)	13
Statutory profit after tax	3,664	3,109	18	1,397	1,470	(5)
Earnings per share	4.7p	3.9p	21	1.8p	1.9p	(5)
Banking net interest margin	2.93%	2.85%	8bp	2.93%	2.90%	3bp
Average interest-earning banking assets	£436bn	£433bn	1	£435bn	£438bn	(1)
Cost:income ratio including remediation	47.5%	50.0%	(2.5)pp	47.1%	46.0%	1.1pp
	44.8%	45.9%	(1.1)pp	44.7%	46.0%	(1.3)pp

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Cost:income ratio excluding remediation

Asset quality ratio	0.22%	0.16%	6bp	0.25%	0.24%	1bp
Underlying return on tangible equity	16.2%	14.8%	1.4pp	15.9%	15.6%	0.3pp
Return on tangible equity	13.0%	10.5%	2.5pp	14.8%	15.3%	(0.5)pp

KEY BALANCE SHEET METRICS

	At 30 Sept 2018	At 30 June 2018	Change %	At 1 Jan 2018 (adjusted) ¹	Change %
Loans and advances to customers ²	£445bn	£442bn	1	£444bn	–
Customer deposits ²	£422bn	£418bn	1	£416bn	1
Loan to deposit ratio	105%	106%	(1)pp	107%	(2)pp
CET1 ratio pre 2018 dividend accrual ³	15.5%	15.1%	0.4pp	13.9%	1.6pp
CET1 ratio ³	14.6%	14.5%	0.1pp	13.9%	0.7pp
Transitional MREL ratio ³	31.0%	29.7%	1.3pp	26.0%	5.0pp
UK leverage ratio ³	5.3%	5.3%	–	5.4%	(0.1)pp
Risk-weighted assets	£207bn	£211bn	(2)	£211bn	(2)
Tangible net assets per share	51.3p	52.1p	(0.8)p	51.7p	(0.4)p

¹ Adjusted to reflect the impact of applying IFRS 9 from 1 January 2018, with transitional arrangements applied for capital.

² Excludes repos and reverse repos.

The CET1, leverage and transitional MREL ratios at 30 June 2018 and 1 January 2018 are reported on a pro forma

³ basis, separately reflecting dividends declared by Insurance but paid in the subsequent reporting period and at 30 June 2018 also reflect the sale of the Irish mortgage portfolio. The CET1 ratios at 30 June 2018 and 1 January 2018 are reported post full share buyback impact.

BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS

	At 30 Sept 2018 £bn	At 30 June 2018 £bn	Change %	At 1 Jan 2018 (adjusted) ¹ £bn	Change %
Loans and advances to customers					
Open mortgage book	267.1	267.1	–	267.0	–
Closed mortgage book	21.5	22.2	(3)	23.6	(9)
Credit cards	18.5	18.5	–	17.9	3
UK Retail unsecured loans	7.9	7.8	1	7.8	1
UK Motor Finance	14.4	13.9	4	13.5	7
Retail other ²	9.5	9.4	1	9.4	1
SME ³	31.8	31.5	1	31.0	3
Mid-markets	30.5	30.1	1	29.4	4
Commercial Banking other ⁴	39.1	37.6	4	39.8	(2)
Wealth and central items	4.3	4.2	2	4.8	(10)
Loans and advances to customers ⁵	444.6	442.3	1	444.2	–

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Customer deposits					
Retail current accounts	74.3	73.1	2	70.3	6
Commercial current accounts ³	33.5	33.7	(1)	30.0	12
Retail relationship savings accounts	146.0	147.4	(1)	150.4	(3)
Retail tactical savings accounts	18.7	18.4	2	18.9	(1)
Commercial deposits ³	134.6	130.4	3	131.7	2
Wealth and central items	14.5	14.6	(1)	14.2	2
Total customer deposits ⁵	421.6	417.6	1	415.5	1
Total assets	829.2	829.8	–	811.2	2
Total liabilities	781.5	781.3	–	763.2	2
Shareholders' equity	42.0	42.9	(2)	42.4	(1)
Other equity instruments	5.4	5.4	–	5.4	–
Non-controlling interests	0.3	0.2		0.2	
Total equity	47.7	48.5	(2)	48.0	(1)
Ordinary shares in issue, excluding own shares	71,122m	71,944m	(1)	71,944m	(1)

- 1 Adjusted to reflect the implementation of IFRS 9 and IFRS 15.
- 2 Retail other includes overdrafts and Europe.
- 3 Includes Retail Business Banking.
- 4 Mainly lending to Global Corporates and Financial Institutions clients.
- 5 Excludes repos and reverse repos.

REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

Strong and sustainable financial performance with increased profits and returns

The Group's statutory profit after tax of £3,664 million was 18 per cent higher than the first nine months of 2017, driven by a 5 per cent increase in underlying profit to £6,303 million, an 11 per cent reduction in below the line charges and a lower effective tax rate of 26 per cent. Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders was 19 per cent higher at £3,272 million; statutory return on tangible equity improved by 2.5 percentage points to 13.0 per cent.

Net income of £13,423 million was 2 per cent higher than in the first nine months of 2017, with a 5 per cent increase in net interest income partly offset by lower other income, while operating lease depreciation reduced by 5 per cent.

Net interest income of £9,544 million increased 5 per cent on the first nine months of 2017, reflecting an improved net interest margin and increased average interest-earning banking assets which at £436 billion were 1 per cent higher than in the same period last year. The net interest margin was stable on the second quarter at 2.93 per cent with lower deposit costs offsetting continued pressure on asset margins. Other income of £4,610 million for the first nine months of 2018 was broadly flat excluding the £146 million for Vocalink and increased 4 per cent in the third quarter compared to the same period in 2017.

Operating costs at £6,014 million were slightly down on the first nine months of 2017, with underlying business as usual costs¹ down 4 per cent offset by increased investment in the business. Operating costs for the quarter were down 1 per cent on the third quarter last year largely driven by increased efficiency from digitalisation and process improvements. The Group's market leading cost:income ratio continues to provide competitive advantage and improved by 2.5 percentage points to 47.5 per cent (or 1.1 percentage points to 44.8 per cent, excluding remediation) with positive jaws of 5 per cent. Remediation costs were down 32 per cent on the first nine months of 2017.

Credit quality across the portfolio remains strong with no deterioration in credit risk. The gross asset quality ratio remains in line with full year 2017 and 2016 at 28 basis points, despite the inclusion of MBNA. On a net basis the asset quality ratio increased to 22 basis points reflecting the expected lower write backs and releases.

Restructuring costs were £612 million, with £235 million in the third quarter. The third quarter charge included £35 million for severance costs relating to the Group's strategic investment plans as well as the expected costs of the integration of MBNA and Zurich's UK workplace pensions and savings business, ring-fencing and the rationalisation of the non-branch property portfolio. Volatility and other items of £207 million for the nine months included the £105 million loss on sale of the Irish mortgage portfolio. No additional charge was taken for Payment Protection Insurance in the quarter.

Balance sheet strength maintained with strong increase in capital

Group loans and advances to customers increased by £2.3 billion in the quarter to £445 billion with growth in targeted segments partly offset by a reduction of £0.7 billion in the closed mortgage book. Over the last nine months, SME and Mid-markets grew by £1.9 billion and Motor Finance by £0.9 billion whilst balances on the open mortgage book of £267 billion are in line with the start of the year. The Group continues to expect the year end position for open mortgages to be slightly higher than the end of 2017. The Group continues to optimise funding and target current account balance growth, with combined Retail and Commercial current account balances up 7 per cent in the year.

In August, the Group completed its £1 billion share buyback programme and, with the final and interim dividends paid this year, has now returned more than £3.2 billion back to shareholders in 2018, equivalent to more than 4.5 pence per share. The Group's CET1 ratio has strengthened to 15.5 per cent, pre dividend, an increase of 41 basis points in the quarter with continued strong profit generation partially offset by market movements and expected additional pension contributions. Capital build was 162 basis points for the year to date and post dividend accrual, the Group's CET1 ratio was 14.6 per cent. The Group continues to expect to deliver c.200 basis points of capital build, pre dividend, in 2018 after the full year Insurance dividend, further pension contributions and bank levy in the fourth quarter.

Tangible net assets per share of 51.3 pence with underlying increase in the quarter of 0.3 pence before interim dividend payment.

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ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1.

Banking net interest margin and average interest-earning banking assets

	Nine months ended 30 Sept 2018	Nine months ended 30 Sept 2017
Group net interest income – statutory basis (£m)	9,138	8,206
Insurance gross up (£m)	267	736
Volatility and other items (£m)	139	175
Group net interest income – underlying basis (£m)	9,544	9,117
Non-banking net interest expense (£m)	19	106
Banking net interest income – underlying basis (£m)	9,563	9,223

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Net loans and advances to customers (£bn) ¹	444.6	454.6
Impairment provision and fair value adjustments (£bn)	4.0	3.4
Non-banking items:		
Fee based loans and advances (£bn)	(6.3)	(7.4)
Assets held by Insurance (£bn)	–	(6.8)
Other non-banking (£bn)	(5.9)	(4.7)
Gross banking loans and advances (£bn)	436.4	439.1
Averaging (£bn)	(0.5)	(5.7)
Average interest-earning banking assets (£bn)	435.9	433.4
Banking net interest margin (%)	2.93	2.85

1 Excludes reverse repos.

2.
Return on tangible equity

	Nine months ended 30 Sept 2018	Nine months ended 30 Sept 2017
Average shareholders' equity (£bn)	42.9	43.3
Average intangible assets (£bn)	(5.4)	(4.4)
Average tangible equity (£bn)	37.5	38.9
Underlying profit after tax (£m) ¹	4,649	4,436
Add back amortisation of intangible assets (post tax) (£m)	219	160
Less profit attributable to non-controlling interests and other equity holders (£m)	(316)	(282)
Adjusted underlying profit after tax (£m)	4,552	4,314
Underlying return on tangible equity (%) ¹	16.2	14.8
Group statutory profit after tax (£m)	3,664	3,109
Add back amortisation of intangible assets (post tax) (£m)	219	160
Add back amortisation of purchased intangible assets (post tax) (£m)	83	68
Less profit attributable to non-controlling interests and other equity holders (£m)	(316)	(282)
Adjusted statutory profit after tax (£m)	3,650	3,055
Statutory return on tangible equity (%)	13.0	10.5

1 Prior period restated to include remediation.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

This release covers the results of Lloyds Banking Group plc together with its subsidiaries (the Group) for the nine months ended 30 September 2018.

IFRS 9 and IFRS 15: On 1 January 2018, the Group implemented IFRS 9 “Financial Instruments” and IFRS 15 “Revenue from Contracts with Customers”. As permitted by IFRS 9 and IFRS 15, comparative information for previous periods has not been restated.

Statutory basis: Statutory profit before tax and statutory profit after tax are included on page 2. However, a number of factors have had a significant effect on the comparability of the Group’s financial position and results. Accordingly, the results are also presented on an underlying basis.

Underlying basis: The statutory results are adjusted for certain items which are listed below, to allow a comparison of the Group’s underlying performance.

- restructuring, including severance related costs, the costs of implementing regulatory reform including ring-fencing, the rationalisation of the non-branch property portfolio, the integration of MBNA and Zurich’s UK workplace pensions and savings business;
- volatility and other items, which includes the effects of certain asset sales, the volatility relating to the Group’s own debt and hedging arrangements and that arising in the insurance businesses, insurance gross up, the unwind of acquisition-related fair value adjustments and the amortisation of purchased intangible assets;
- payment protection insurance provisions.

Remediation: Previously referred to as other conduct, remediation (which excludes PPI) is now included in underlying profit and the Group’s cost:income ratio. The Group’s results for the nine months and the three months ended 30 September 2017 have been restated to allow comparison.

MBNA: MBNA’s results and balance sheet have been consolidated with effect from 1 June 2017.

Unless otherwise stated, income statement commentaries throughout this document compare the nine months ended 30 September 2018 to the nine months ended 30 September 2017, and the balance sheet analysis compares the Group balance sheet as at 30 September 2018 to the adjusted Group balance sheet as at 1 January 2018.

Alternative performance measures: The Group uses a number of alternative performance measures, including underlying profit, in the discussion of its business performance and financial position on pages 1 and 2. There have been no changes to the definitions used by the Group; further information on these measures is set out on page 97 of the Group’s 2018 Half-Year Results News Release.

Capital: Q3 2018 Interim Pillar 3 Report:

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FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

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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.

LLOYDS BANKING GROUP plc
(Registrant)

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Title: Group Investor Relations Director

Date: 25 October 2018