# Full Year 2014 Results

ING Bank posts 2014 underlying net profit of EUR 3,424 million

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## Key points

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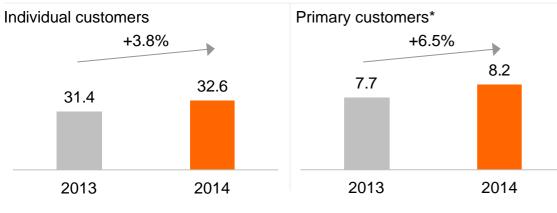




## ING has made significant progress on strategic initiatives in 2014



#### We added more than 1 mln individual customers in 2014

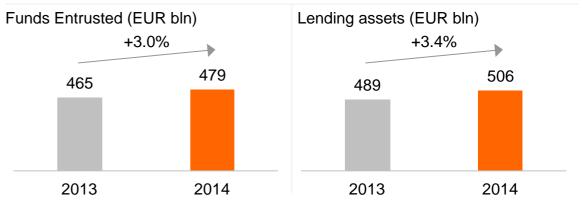


\* Primary customer: payment customer with recurrent income and at least one extra product

Creating a differentiating customer experience

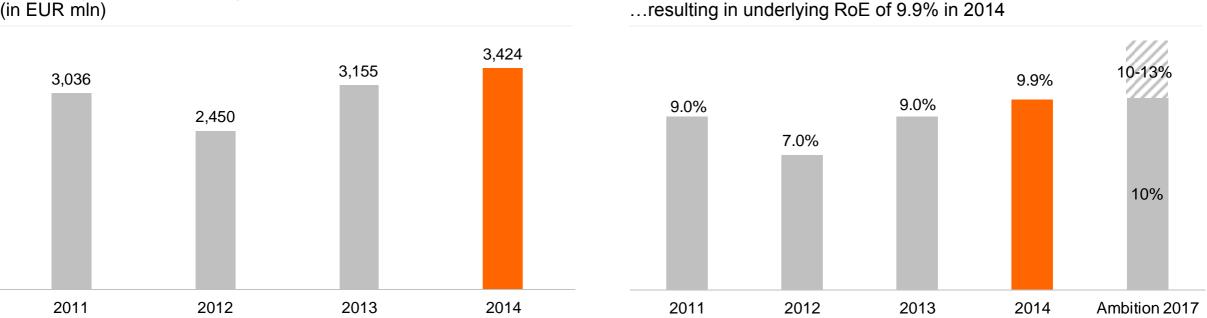
- Investment in omnichannel approach in the Netherlands to create consistent customer experience
- Biometrics technology in Belgium allows retail customers to use fingerprints to access their mobile app
- Mobile interface in Spain provides retail customers with insights in their financials
- Multi-product and multi-country portal provides Commercial Banking clients integrated access to products and services

#### Strong volume growth during 2014





### Our consistent customer focus contributed to strong results in 2014...

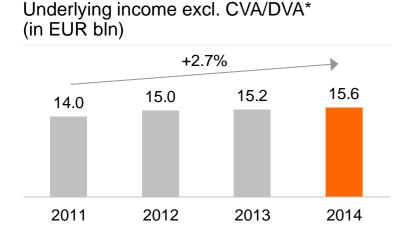


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- Underlying net result, excluding CVA/DVA and redundancy provisions, increased 22.6% to EUR 3,922 mln
  - Healthy income growth spurred by net interest income
  - Lower risk costs
- The underlying return on IFRS-EU equity was 9.9% in 2014, or 11.3% excluding CVA/DVA and redundancy provisions

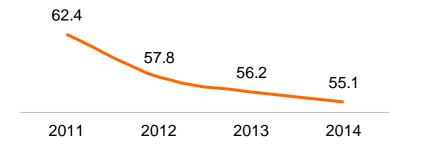


## ...supported by healthy income growth, flat costs and lower risk costs

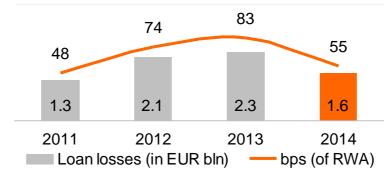


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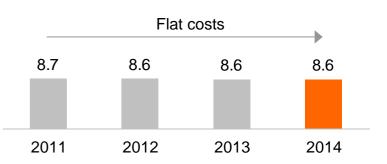
Cost/income ratio excl. CVA/DVA and redundancy provisions<sup>\*,\*\*</sup> (in %)



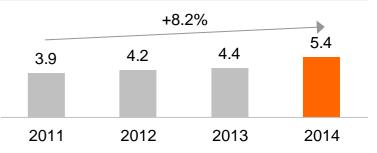
Risk costs started to decline from 2013 (in EUR bln and bps of RWA)







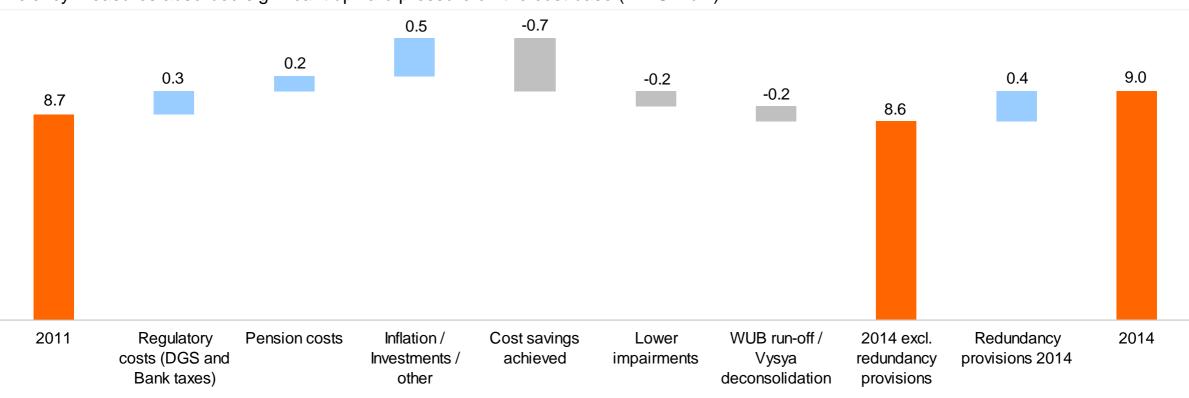
Underlying pre-tax result excl. CVA/DVA and redundancy provisions<sup>\*,\*\*</sup> (in EUR bln)



\* CVA/DVA was EUR 0.3 bln in 2011, EUR -0.6 bln in 2012, EUR 0.1 bln in 2013 and EUR -0.3 bln in 2014 \*\* Redundancy provisions were EUR 0.1 bln in 2013 and EUR 0.4 bln in 2014



# Expenses remained flat despite higher regulatory costs, higher pension costs and investments in future growth



Efficiency measures absorbed significant upward pressure on the cost base (in EUR bln)

• Regulatory costs will increase further as the Dutch DGS and contribution to Single Resolution Fund are expected to be implemented in 2015

- In addition, we will continue to selectively invest in our businesses for future growth
- We continue to see further efficiency gains in the areas of IT and procurement to reach our targeted cost/income ratio of 50-53%



# Additional IT investments will deliver better service and harmonise systems and processes resulting in additional cost savings

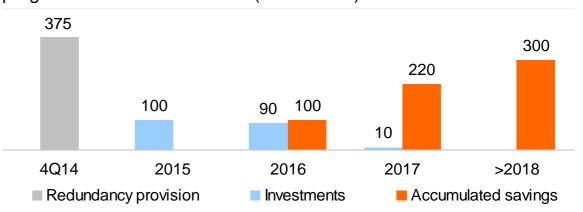
- In November 2014, we announced to take the next steps in digital banking in the Netherlands
  - Omnichannel approach to create consistent customer service
  - Investment of EUR 200 mln to further simplify and automate IT
  - Reduction of Dutch workforce by 1,700 internal FTEs over 3-year period
  - Pre-tax provision of EUR 325 mln in 4Q14
  - Annual gross savings of around EUR 270 mln from 2018\*
- In 4Q, we have also taken additional steps in Commercial Banking related to the ongoing transformation programme
  - Net reduction of workforce by 250 FTEs over a three-year period
  - Pre-tax provision of EUR 39 mln in 4Q14
  - Annual cost savings of around EUR 30 million from 2018
- In 4Q14, we have also taken a provision of EUR 11 mln for further restructuring at WUB (related to outsourcing of activities)

\* Approximately 5% of the savings are related to Commercial Banking

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Redundancy provisions, investments and accumulated savings programs announced in 4Q14 (in EUR mln)



#### Cost savings (in EUR mln)

	Announced	Cost savings achieved	Cost savings by 2017	Cost savings by 2018
Retail Banking	2011-13	354	480	480
NL	2014		195	260
ING Bank Belgium	2012	105	160	160
Commercial	2012	203	315	315
Banking	2014		25	40
Total Bank		662	1,175	1,255

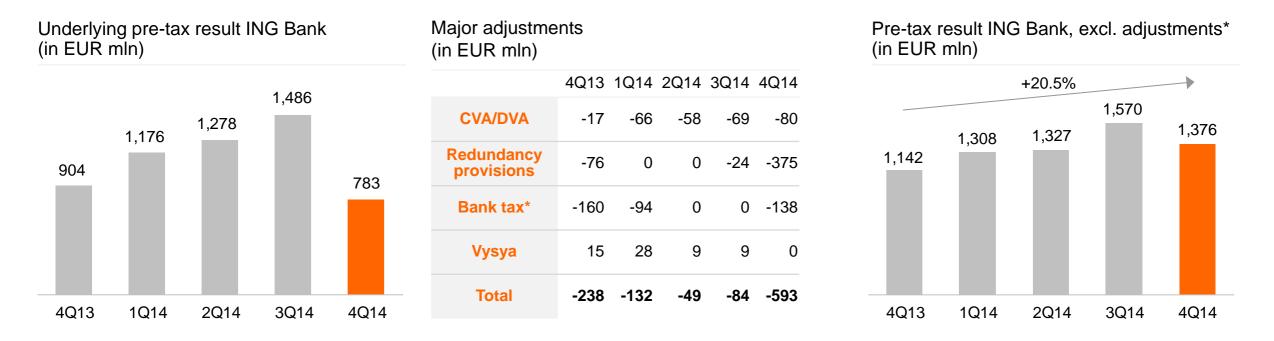


# 4Q14 results





## Solid fourth quarter result



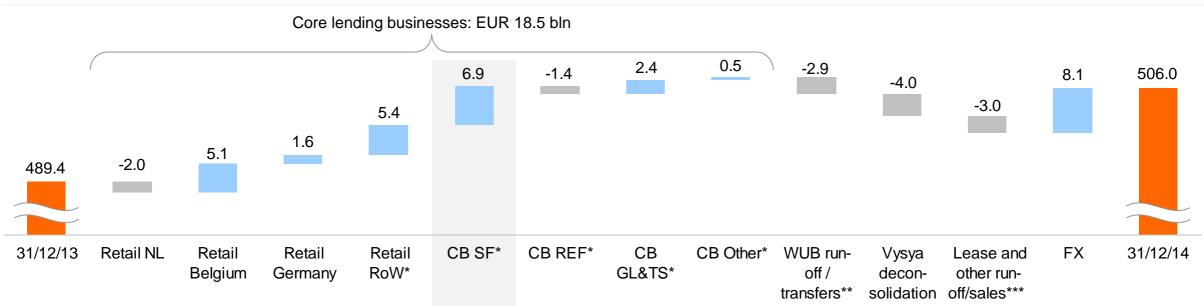
- Underlying pre-tax result in 4Q14 impacted by one-off/volatile items such as CVA/DVA, redundancy provisions, bank tax and deconsolidation Vysya
- Pre-tax result adjusted for these items up 20.5% from 4Q13
  - Net interest income up 10.9%, supported by volume growth and margin improvement (from 145 bps in 4Q13 to 153 bps in 4Q14)
  - Risk costs down from 4Q13

\* Bank tax in the Netherlands and Belgium



# Our core lending franchises grew by 3.8% in 2014, despite de-risking of Russian exposure and higher pre-payment levels of Dutch mortgages

Lending Assets ING Bank, 2014 (Client Balances, in EUR bln)



#### Our core lending franchises grew by EUR 18.5 bln, or 3.8%, in 2014

- Strong growth in Retail Banking outside of the Netherlands and in Structured Finance and Transaction Services within Commercial Banking
- Retail NL down due to higher pre-payments of Dutch mortgages and reduction in Business Lending NL, reflecting repayments and muted demand

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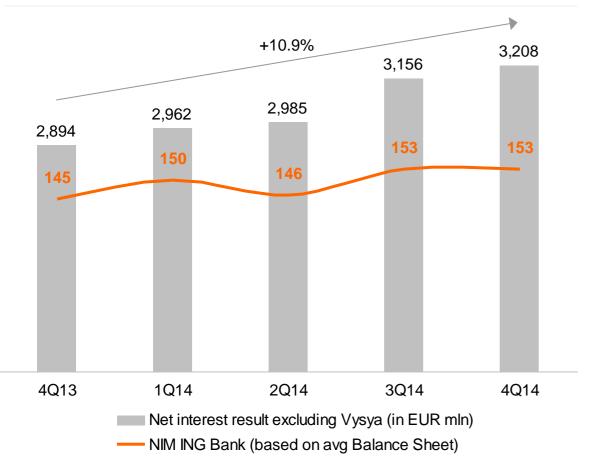
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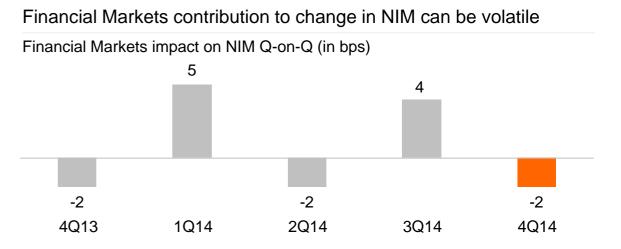
# Net interest result continued its upward trend, supported by higher margins on customer lending

Underlying net interest income (excl. Vysya) and net interest margin (in EUR mln and bps)



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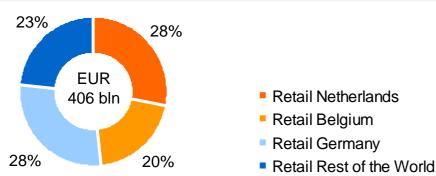
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- Net interest result rose 8.9% from 4Q13 (or 10.9% excl. Vysya) and 1.6% from 3Q14, mainly due to higher results on customer lending
- Net interest margin stable at 153 bps in 4Q14, despite lower net interest result in Financial Markets
  - Lending margins increased from 3Q14 due to higher margins in Retail Benelux and Structured Finance
  - Savings margins declined slightly from 3Q14, as lower client savings rates were more than offset by lower re-investment yields



# Savings rates further reduced, but savings margin slightly down due to lower re-investment yields



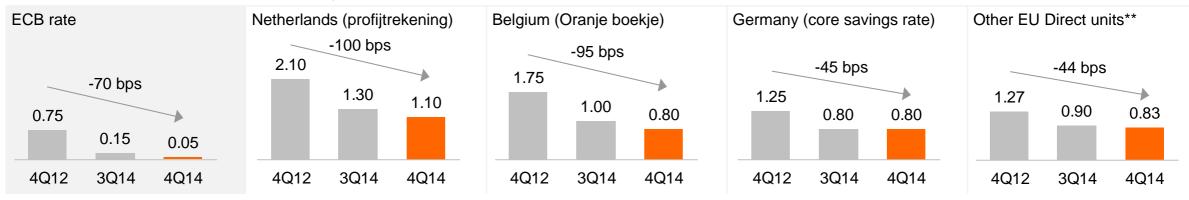
### (in %, 4Q14)

Funds Entrusted Retail Banking, breakdown by business segment

Deposit rates have come down following a reduction in ECB rates\*

Further scope to protect NIM in low interest environment

- In the fourth quarter, we have reduced savings rates in the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Poland and Romania
- ING further reduced client savings rates in 1Q15 in Spain
- We will continue to review our client rate proposition given low interest rate environment

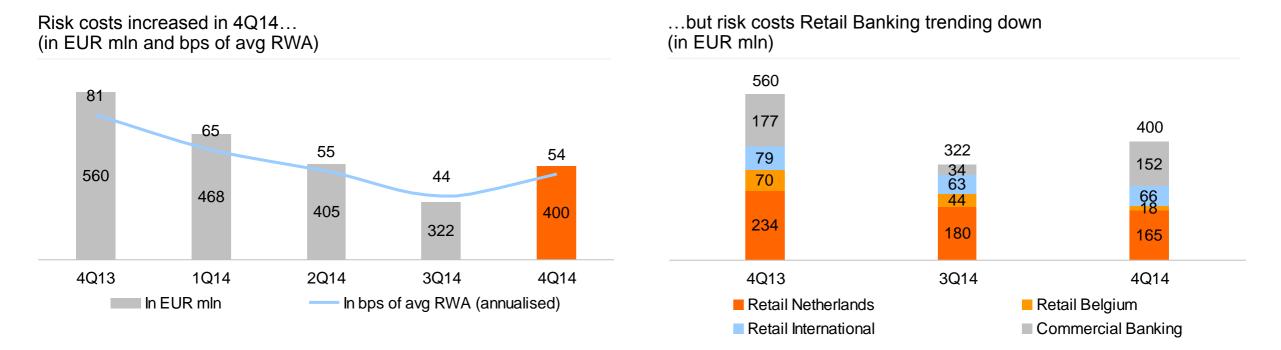


\* End of period

\*\* Unweighted average core savings rates France, Italy and Spain



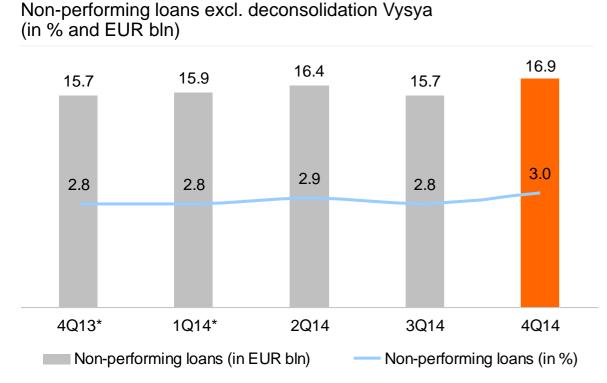
# Risk costs down from 4Q13; up from 3Q14, which was positively impacted by a release on a large file



- Risk costs Commercial Banking increased to EUR 152 mln in 4Q14, from EUR 34 mln in 3Q14, which was flattered by a release on a large file
- Risk costs in Retail Banking decreased from the previous quarter, driven by Retail Netherlands and Retail Belgium



### NPL ratio rose to 3.0%, reflecting new forbearance definition



NPL ratio (in %)

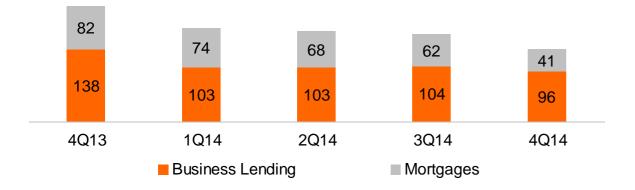
	4Q14	3Q14
Retail Banking		
- Dutch Mortgages	2.6	2.0
- Business Lending NL	7.8	7.8
- Retail Belgium	3.2	3.2
- Retail International	1.3	1.2
Commercial Banking		
- Structured Finance	2.1	2.0
- RE Finance	8.1	10.5
- General Lending & TS	2.0	1.9
- Lease run-off	21.8	19.8
Other Retail and Commercial Banking		
- Other RB and CB	6.4	2.8
Total / average	3.0	2.8

- The NPL ratio increased slightly to 3.0% in 4Q14 due to the implementation of the EBA forbearance definition in 4Q14
  - Customers with loan modification have been retrospectively reclassified as non-performing to comply with EBA definitions
  - Impact of forbearance mainly visible in our residential mortgage portfolios within Retail Banking
- The NPL ratio of Commercial Banking decreased slightly, driven by lower non-performing loans in Real Estate Finance

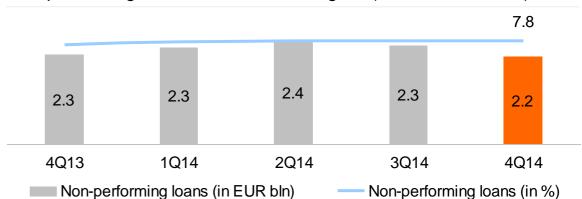
\* 4Q13-1Q14 are restated for the deconsolidation of Vysya



# Risk costs Retail Netherlands down, driven by lower risk costs for Dutch mortgages

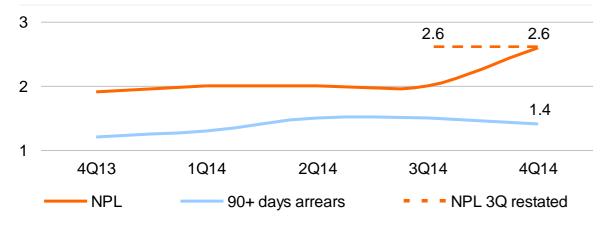


Risk costs Dutch mortgages and Business Lending NL (in EUR mln)



Non-performing loans Business Lending NL (in EUR bln and %)

#### Non-performing loans (NPL) ratio Dutch mortgages (in %)

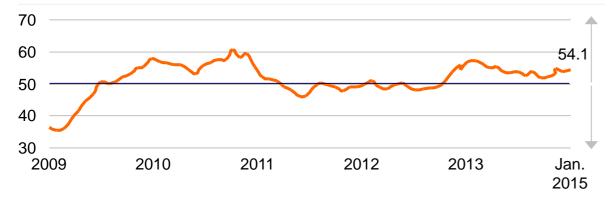


Risk costs Retail Netherlands expected to remain elevated

- Risk costs for Dutch mortgages declined to EUR 41 mln on the back of improving housing market
- The NPL ratio for Dutch mortgages increased to 2.6% due to the implementation of new forbearance definition
- The NPL ratio is stable compared to 3Q14 restated
- 90+ days arrears decreased to 1.4%, from 1.5% in 3Q14, reflecting the improvement in the housing market in the Netherlands
- Risk costs for Business Lending declined to EUR 96 mln

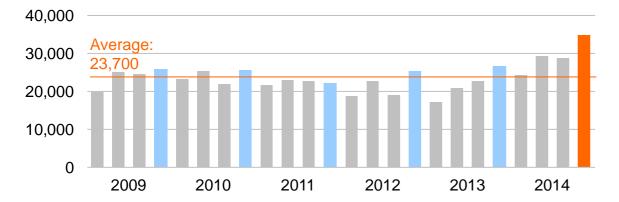


### Dutch economy and housing market continued its positive momentum

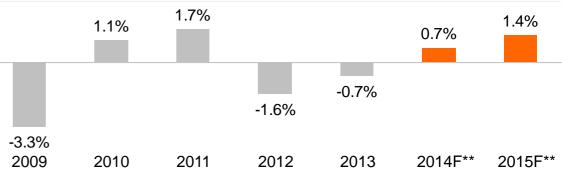


Dutch Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) was 54.1 in January 2015;

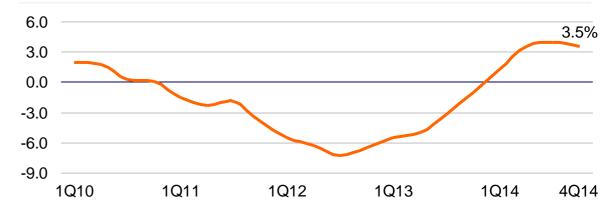
Home sales in 2014 reached the highest level in the past 6 years\*







Dutch house prices in 4Q14 up 3.5% y-o-y\*



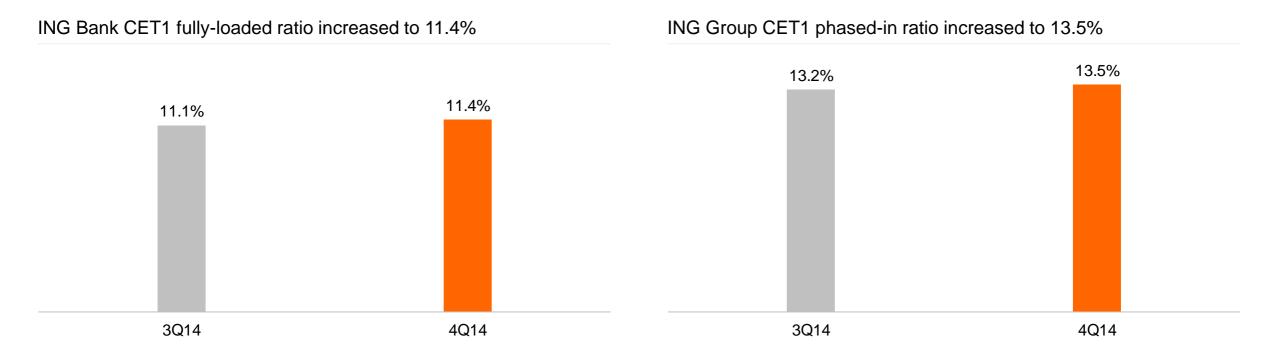
\* Source: NVM; \*\*Forecast ING Economics Department

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above 50 indicates positive growth



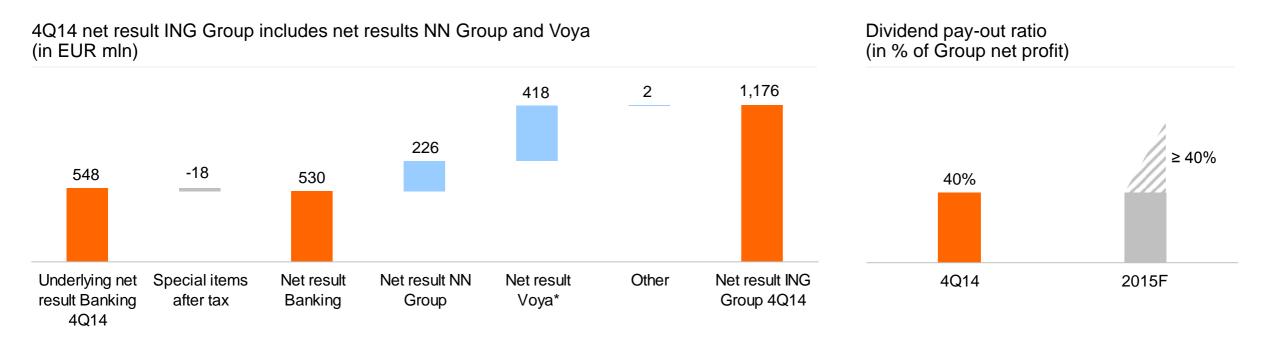
## Strong capital position at Bank and Group level...



- ING Bank's CET1 ratio on a fully-loaded basis increased to 11.4% due to retained earnings and higher revaluation reserves
- ING Group CET1 phased-in ratio increased to 13.5% in 4Q14, from 13.2% in 3Q14, largely due to the net profit in 4Q14 after excluding the
  proposed dividend. This ratio is well in excess of 10.5%, which we understand will be the regulatory guidance level for the Group
- Following the divestment of the Insurance stakes, the pro-forma Group CET1 ratio on a fully loaded basis is 13.1%, well in excess of the Bank



# ...as well as strong Group results enable us to begin returning capital to our shareholders ahead of schedule



- ING Group fourth-quarter net profit EUR 1,176 mln (EUR 0.30 per share), including special items and Insurance results
- ING reinstates dividend payments on ordinary shares and will propose to pay EUR 470 mln or EUR 0.12 per share at the AGM
- Our intention is to pay a minimum of 40% of ING Group's annual net profits by way of dividend, with effect from 2015
- Furthermore, at the end of each financial year, the Board will recommend whether to return additional capital to shareholders dependent on financial, strategic and regulatory considerations

\* ING's stake in Voya has been reduced to 19% in 4Q14. Consequently, ING lost significant influence and will account for its stake in Voya as an AFS investment going forward. The financial impact of the sale in 4Q14 is reflected in the EUR 418 mln net result from discontinued operations of Voya



# Our intention is to pay a minimum of 40% of ING Group's annual net profits by way of dividend

	2013	2014	Ambition 2017	Guidance
CET1 (CRD IV)*	10.0%	11.4%	>10%	<ul> <li>We will maintain a comfortable buffer above the minimum 10% to absorb regulatory changes and potential volatility</li> </ul>
Leverage**	3.9%	4.1%	~4%	
C/I***	56.2%	55.1%	50-53%	<ul> <li>Aim to reach 50-53% cost/income ratio in 2016. Over time, improve further towards the lower-end of the range</li> </ul>
RoE (IFRS-EU equity)	9.0%	9.9%	10-13%	
Dividend pay-out		40% of 4Q Group net profit	≥40%	<ul> <li>Target dividend pay-out ≥40% of ING Group's annual net profit</li> <li>Interim and final dividend; final may be increased with additional capital return</li> </ul>

 $^{\ast}$  2013 is pro-forma for CRD IV

\*\* The leverage exposure of 4.1% at the end of 2014 is calculated using the published IFRS-EU balance sheet, in which notional cash pooling activities are netted, plus off-balance-sheet commitments. In January 2015, the EC formally adopted the Delegated Act for the leverage ratio. The pro-forma leverage ratio of ING Bank, taking into account the combined impact of grossing up the notional cash pool activities and the alignment with the Delegated Act, is 3.6%.

\*\*\* Excluding CVA/DVA and redundancy costs



# Wrap up

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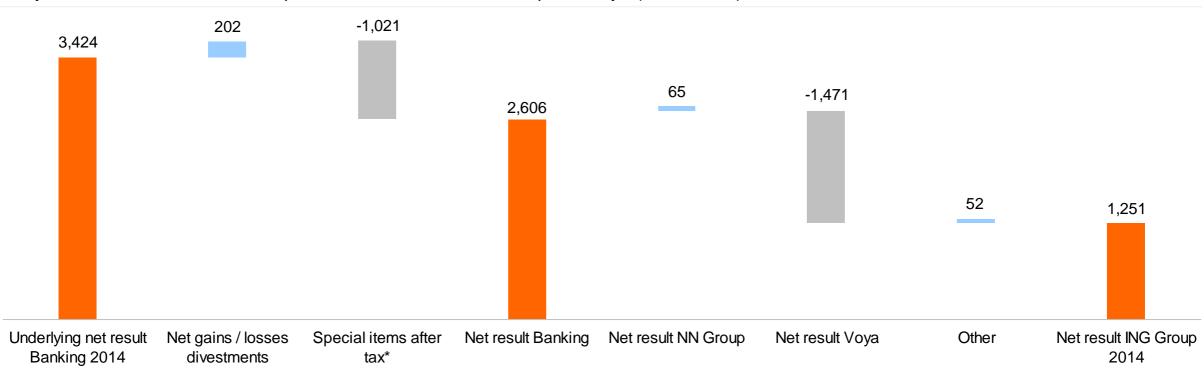
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# Full year 2014 net profit ING Group



#### Full year 2014 net result ING Group includes net results NN Group and Voya (in EUR mln)

- Full year 2014 net result ING Group was EUR 1,251 mln, including special items and insurance businesses, down from EUR 3,545 mln in 2013
- Net result of discontinued operations of Voya was EUR -1,471 mln due to after-tax loss of EUR 2,005 mln related to deconsolidation of Voya in 1Q14

\* Special items after tax of EUR -1,021 mln includes EUR – 653 mln Dutch DB pension impact and EUR -304 mln SNS levy



### Reported ING Group capital structure at 31 December 2014

#### Reported ING Group capital structure - 31 December 2014

ING Bank	38.1	Equity	50.4
NN Group (68%)*	13.5	Group Debt	1.5
Voya (19%)	1.6	Hybrids	6.6
Hybrids <sup>B</sup>	5.7	Provision loss exchangeable**	0.9
Hybrids <sup>I</sup>	0.9	Other	0.3
	59.8		59.8

\* Shareholders' Equity of EUR 13,870 at 4Q14 minus FY 2014 net result from discontinued operations NN Group of EUR -321 mln on the classification of NN Group as held for sale per 30 September 2014

\*\* The IPO of NN Group had a negative impact on shareholders' equity of ING Group of EUR 4,264 mln (booked in 3Q14), of which EUR 1,012 mln for the 2nd and 3rd tranche of the mandatorily exchangeable notes in 2015/16. The difference between the market value and estimated IFRS carrying value of these notes has been deducted from pro-forma Group equity through a provision which is EUR 920 mln as of 31 December 2014.

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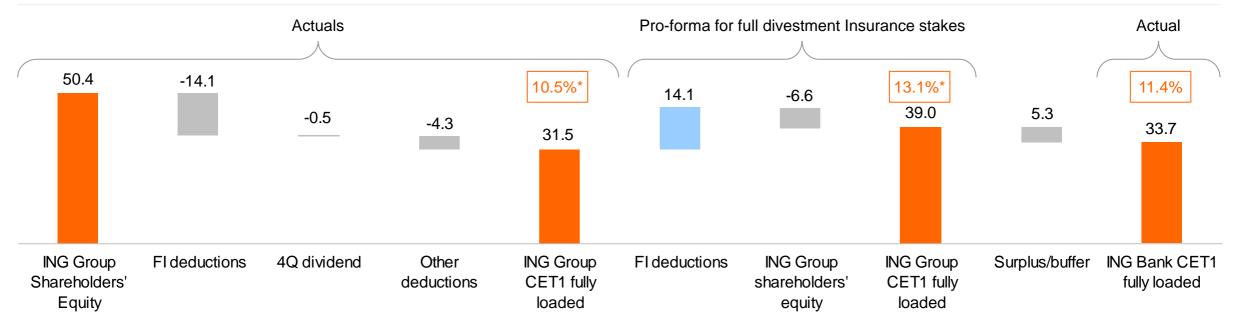
Illustrative calculation of impact deconsolidation NN Group

- We will divest our remaining 68.1% stake in NN Group over time, while maintaining an orderly market
- Upon deconsolidation, the divestment result will reflect ING Group's remaining share (at transaction date) in the difference between the carrying value of NN Group and the market value
- Assuming full deconsolidation and share price NN Group of EUR 24.85 on 31 December 2014, from 68.1%
  - Total impact on Group Equity of approximately EUR -6.6 bln, consisting of:
    - Difference between 68.1% MV being EUR 5.9 bln and 68.1% 4Q14 BV being EUR 13.5 bln
    - EUR -0.9 bln anchor provision taken in 4Q14
  - Total P/L impact of approximately EUR -0.5 bln. This reflects ING's EUR 6.1 bln share in the positive revaluation reserves
  - If ING further reduces its ownership in NN Group prior to deconsolidation, then the negative P/L impact will be smaller



# Group CET1 will be in excess of Bank following Insurance divestments

#### Fully-loaded common equity Tier 1 capital (EUR and %)



- The carrying values of NN Group and Voya (FI deductions) are deducted from Group Shareholders' equity
- The 4Q14 proposed dividend is already subtracted from Group capital
- Other deductions are almost similar to those applied in the Bank
- The full impact from divestment of Insurance stakes will set ING Group CET1 significantly ahead of ING Bank CET1

\* ING Group fully loaded CET1 ratio in 4Q14 is based on RWAs of EUR 301 bln; Pro-forma Group fully loaded is based on RWAs of EUR 298 bln



# ING Bank CRD IV common equity Tier 1 ratio fully-loaded 11.4%

#### Impact CRD IV 4Q2014 (in EUR bln)

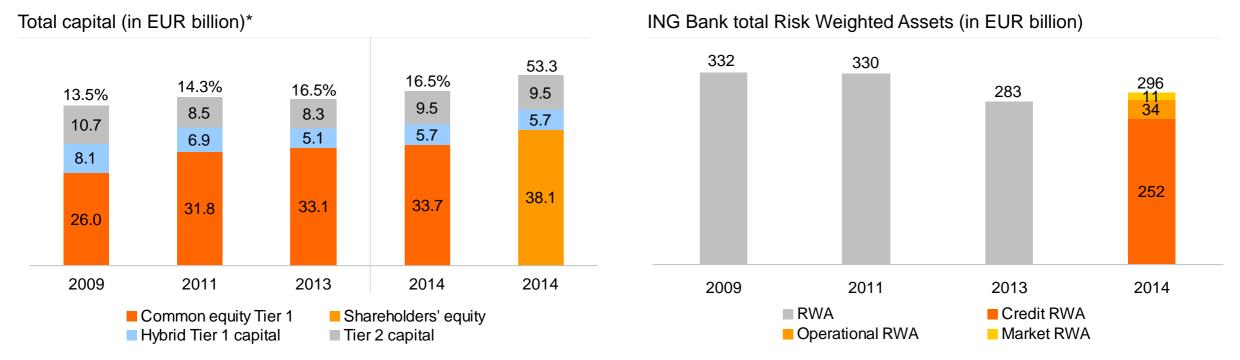
Common equity Tier 1 capital	RWAs	Common equity Tier 1 ratio
33.3	296.3	11.2%
-0.5		
-1.3		
-0.2		
-1.1		
-0.4	0.1	
+1.6		
+2.0		
+0.3		
33.7	296.4	11.4%
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- ING Bank's common equity Tier 1 ratio (CET1 ratio) on a fully-loaded basis rose to 11.4% from 11.1% at the end of September, mainly due to retained earnings and higher revaluation reserves
- ING Bank's CET1 ratio (phased-in) was stable at 11.2% in 4Q14. Increases in net profits and FX hedge were offset by EUR 1.4 bln higher RWA





## ING Bank has a sizeable capital buffer

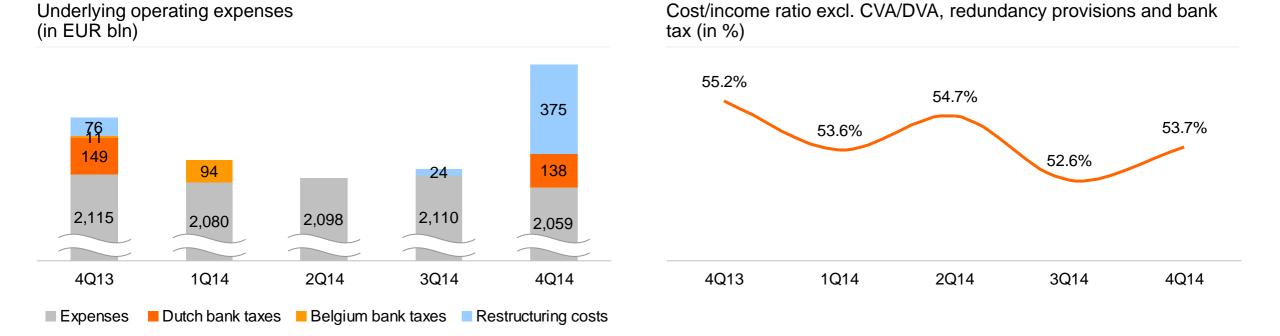


- ING Bank's total capital amounted to EUR 53 bln, or 6.4% of total balance sheet, at December 2014
- The increase over the years up until 2013 was primarily driven by higher common equity Tier 1, which offset a reduction in Tier 2 capital
- After a reduction in 1Q14 due to the CRD IV implementation impact and pension deal; a comfortable capital buffer remains as per 2014, in large
  part due to the earnings capacity of the Bank
- The uptick in 2014 RWA is due to the CRD IV implementation and lending volume growth

\* 2009-2013 are Basel II figures. 2014 are CRD IV fully-loaded figures



## We remain vigilant on expenses

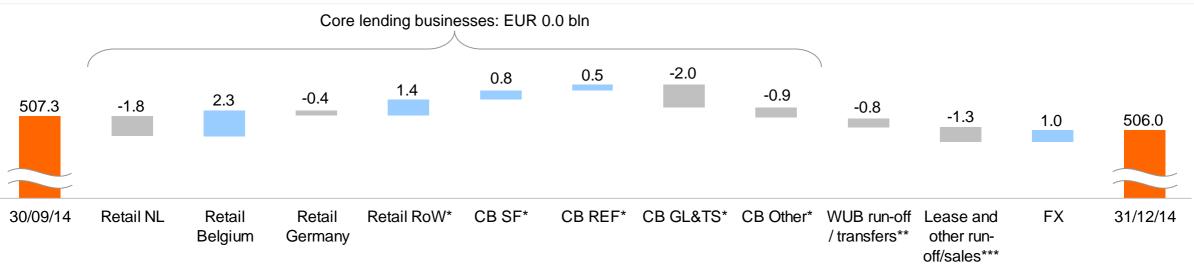


- Underlying expenses in the fourth quarter were impacted by the redundancy provisions of EUR 375 mln and the Dutch bank tax of EUR 138 mln
- Excluding the provisions and bank tax, operating expenses declined by 2.6% from 4Q13 due to the benefits of ongoing cost-savings initiatives, the deconsolidation of Vysya and a large regulatory provision release in the Corporate Line, which more than offset higher pension costs in the Netherlands and investments in future growth
- The cost/income ratio, excl. CVA/DVA, redundancy provision and bank tax, was 53.7% in 4Q14, down from 4Q13 and up from 3Q14



# Growth in core lending franchises was flat in the fourth quarter, partly due to pre-payments of Dutch mortgages and de-risking of Russian exposure





- Retail NL down due to pre-payments of Dutch mortgages and reduction in Business Lending NL, reflecting repayments and muted demand
- Structured Finance showed increase in lending assets, despite reduction Russian exposure, with longer terms products increasing in particular
- General Lending down by EUR -0.7 bln, partly related to Russian clients
- Transaction Services down EUR -1.3 bln as increase in Working Capital Solutions (EUR 0.5 bln) was offset by decrease in short-term Trade Finance (EUR -1.8 bln), mainly in Asia

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## Exposure ING Bank to Russia reduced by EUR 2.1 bln at constant FX

#### Exposure ING Bank to Russia (in EUR mln)

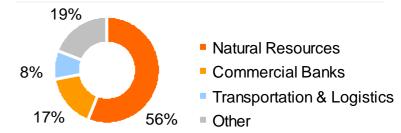
	4Q14	3Q14	2Q14	Change 4Q-2Q	Change 4Q-2Q at constant FX
Total Lending Credit O/S	6,189	6,851	7,256	-1,067	-1,412
Other*	843	947	700	143	-645
Total outstanding	7,032	7,798	7,956	-924	-2.058
Undrawn committed Facilities	1,050	1,141	1,032	18	-62

Note: data is based on country of residence

#### NPL ratio and Coverage ratio Russia, 31 December 2014

	4Q14	3Q14	2Q14	
NPL ratio	3%	2%	0%	
Coverage ratio	16%	18%	>100%	





• Total Lending credit outstanding to Russia has been reduced by EUR 1,067 mln since 2Q14, EUR 1,412 mln at constant FX

- The lending exposure to Russia covered by Export Credit Agencies (ECA) is stable at EUR 1.1 bln, despite reduction of overall lending portfolio
- · Focus on mitigated exposures; ECA-covered, pre-export facilities, offshore collateralized and shorter tenors
- Other exposure\* increased by EUR 143 mln since 2Q14, mainly due to the MtM on derivatives as a result of the ruble depreciation. At constant FX, Other exposure decreased by EUR 645 mln.
- The quality of the portfolio remains strong with the NPL ratio at 3% and a coverage ratio of 16%

\* Other includes Investments, trading exposure and pre-settlement



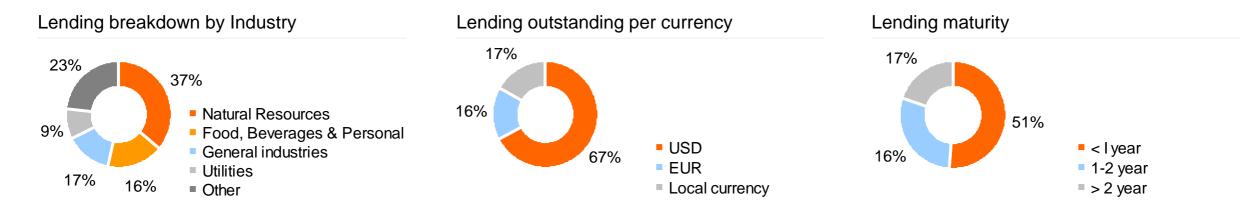
## Exposure ING Bank to the Ukraine

#### Exposure ING Bank to the Ukraine (in EUR mln)

	4Q14	3Q14	2Q14	Change 4Q-2Q
Total Lending Credit O/S	1,214	1,289	1,369	-155
Other*	12	20	13	-1
Total outstanding	1,226	1,309	1,382	-156
Undrawn committed Facilities	44	89	161	-117

Note: data is based on country of residence

- Total Lending credit outstanding to the Ukraine has been reduced by EUR 156 mln since 2Q14
- The NPL ratio increased to 35% in 4Q14, reflecting the economic recession in the Ukraine
- The coverage ratio was 50% in 4Q14



\* Other includes Investment, trading exposure and pre-settlement



### Exposure ING Bank to Oil & Gas Industry - oil price risk is limited

		Lending Credit O/S	
Trade Finance	<ul> <li>Trade related exposure; short-term self-liquidating trade finance, generally for major trading companies, either pre-sold or price hedged, not exposing the bank to oil price risk</li> </ul>	50%	
Export Finance	<ul> <li>ECA covered loans in oil &amp; gas: typically 95-100% credit insured</li> </ul>	4%	88% of lending is not directly
Corporate Lending	<ul> <li>Corporate Loans in oil &amp; gas sector: predominantly loans to investment grade integrated oil companies</li> </ul>	21%	exposed to oil price risk
Midstream	<ul> <li>E.g. pipelines, tank farms, LNG terminals, etc.: these assets typically generate revenues from long-term tariff based contracts, not affected by oil price movements</li> </ul>	13%	
Offshore Drilling Companies	<ul> <li>Loans to finance drilling rigs, generally backed by 3-7 yr charter contracts and corporate guaranteed</li> </ul>	3%	Somewhat exposed to
Other Offshore Services Companies	<ul> <li>Diversified portfolio of companies active in pipe laying, heavy lifting, subsea services, wind park installation etc. Corporate guaranteed</li> </ul>	3%	oil price risk
Reserve Based Lending	<ul> <li>Financing based on borrower's oil &amp; gas assets. Loans secured by reserves of oil &amp; gas. Includes smaller independent oil &amp; gas producers</li> </ul>	6%	Exposed to oil price risk but other risk
Total Oil & Gas related exposure		EUR 27 bln	mitigants provide protection

 ING has stress tested the Reserve Based Lending portfolio. Based on the current oil price environment, we see limited risk of increased loan losses

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