Financial perspective

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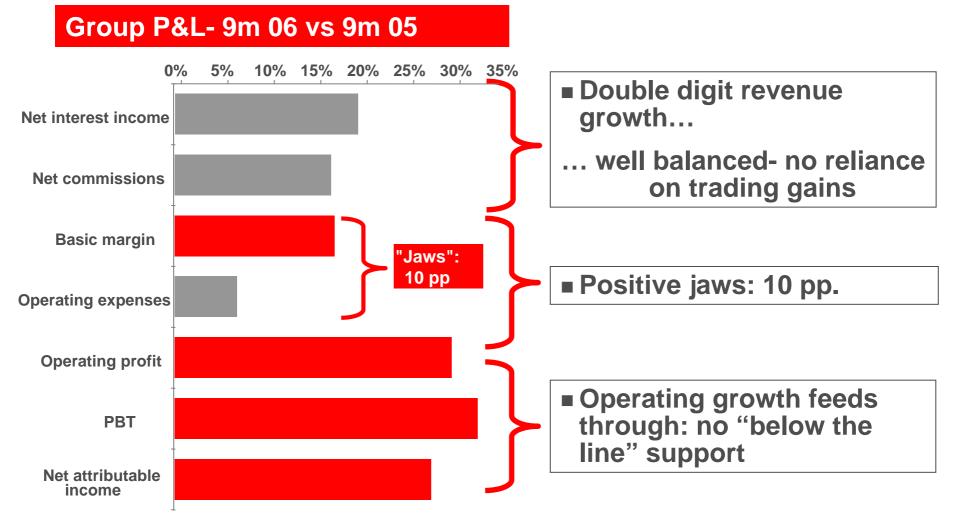
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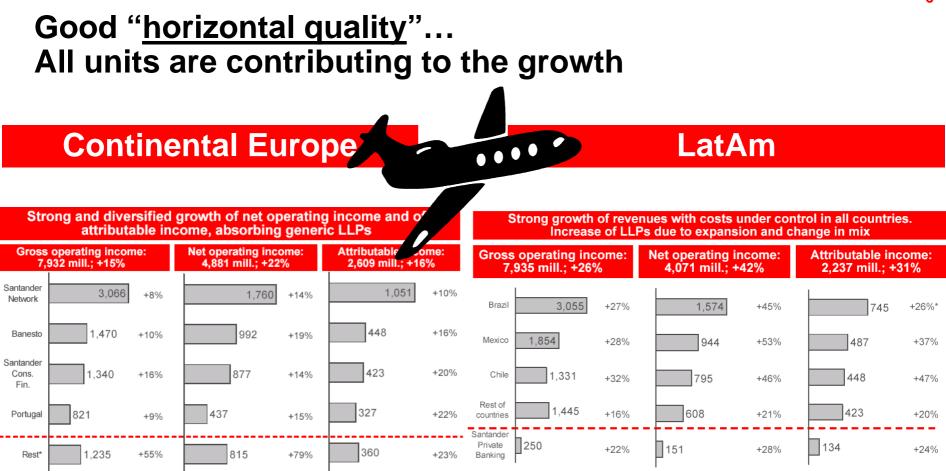
P&L quality	 "Horizontal" quality: all units contributing to the growth "Vertical" quality: growth is driven by the most recurrent (customer net interest income, fees / commissions) as opposed to "one-off" items
Balance sheet quality	 Risk / leverage standards are not being compromised in order to deliver bottom line growth
Service / franchise quality	 Bottom line growth is not being delivered at the expense of service quality; i.e., long term franchise quality is not being compromised in order to boost short term profits



1. P&L Quality: Good "<u>vertical quality</u>": all P&L lines contributing to bottom line growth...







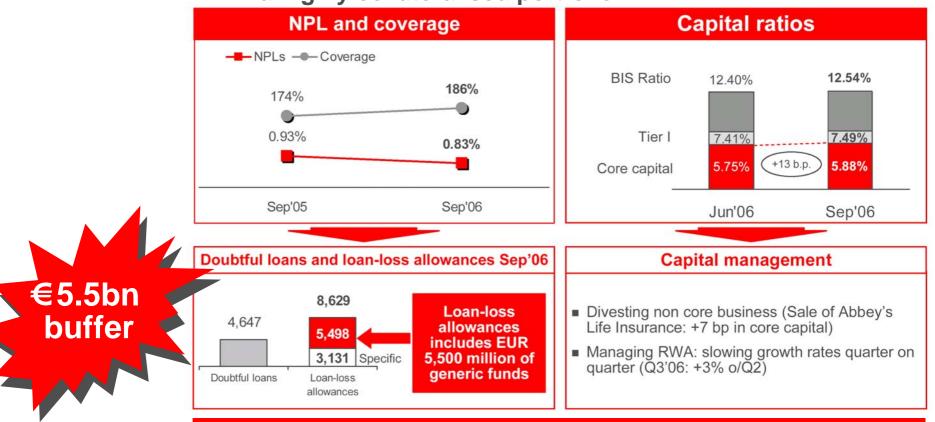
The Group is flying on all engines



2. <u>Balance sheet quality</u>: We do not want to compromise future growth by relaxing credit standards...

Strong NPL coverage...

... in a highly collateralised portfolio

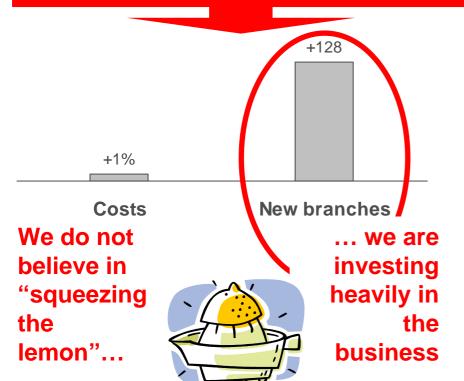


We will not compromise balance sheet quality for some short term profit growth

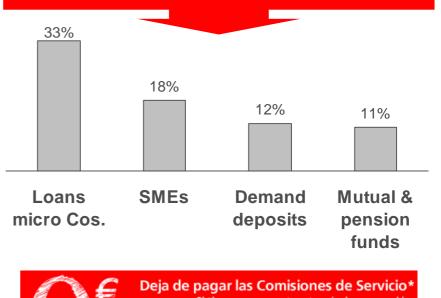


3. <u>Service Quality</u>: Some banks feel the temptation to trade customer satisfaction (i.e., long term franchise value) for short-term profits

Our <u>IT system</u> is allowing us to <u>increase customer-facing staff</u> while keeping a lid on costs...



... which is allowing us to deliver strong growth in customer volumes







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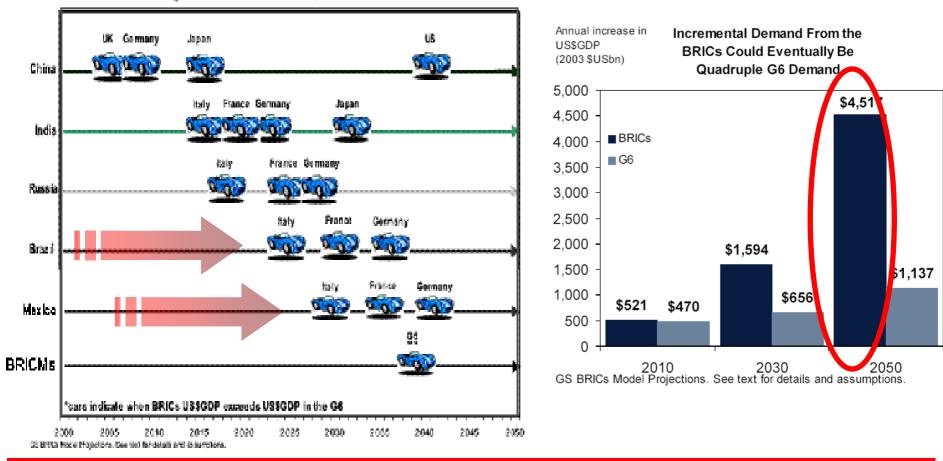
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We want to have a good balance between developed and developing markets in our business portfolio (BRIC+M)...

Overtaking the G6: When BRIC N 5. US\$GDP Would Exceed G6



Out of these markets only Brasil and Mexico are really open



The LatAm "growth multiplier":

1- Structural economic change

Supportive demographic trends

The potential has always been there- why is this time different?

- Supportive external environment: e.g., commodity prices
- Better external balances
- Better policies:
 - Fiscal policies
 - Monetary policies (orthodox interest rate policies, flexible exchange rates)

2- Underdeveloped banking systems

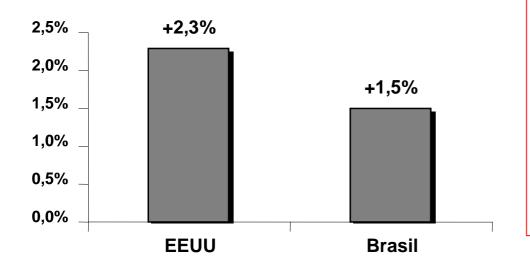
- Large parts of the population do not have banking relationships
- Bancarisation levels (loans / GDP, deposits / GDP) below not only developed market levels, but also those of other emerging markets (Asia, Eastern Europe, South Africa)
- Growth driven by: development of a middle class; development of a yield curve; better regulation



Yes, surprisingly LatAm did not behave like an emerging market in the 90s ...

... emerging markets lost the 90s...

GDP per capita growth (1995 - 2004)



This trend has changed in the past 3 years....:

- Good GDP growth
- Currency appreciation
- Narrowing of country risk spreads
- Strong credit growth to the private sector



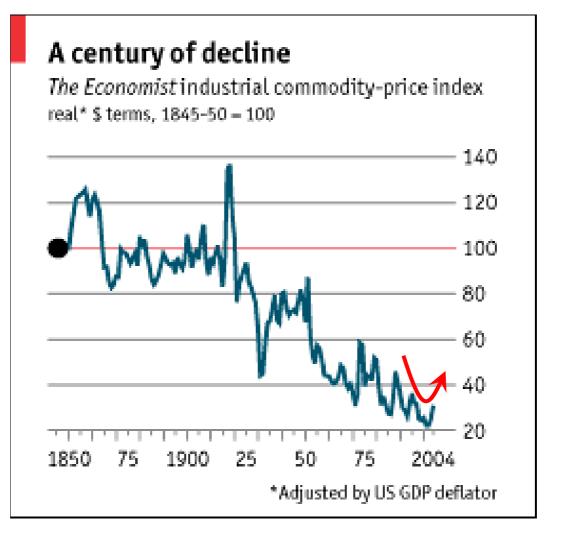
Yes...it failed on the back of a policy - confidence vicious circle:

- Strong Reliance on foreign saving
 - -Current account deficit
 - Fiscal deficit
- Debt issuing
 - -Forex denominated
 - -Short term maturities
 - -Floating rates
- Fixed exchange rates
 Rule out competitive adjustments

...made the region vulnerable to confidence ups & downs



...amid deteriorating prices of some of its key exports in the global value chain

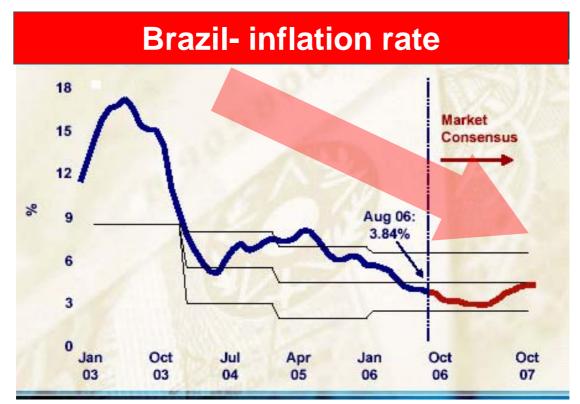




Why is this time different?

Better monetary policies...

Independent central bankFlexible exchange rates

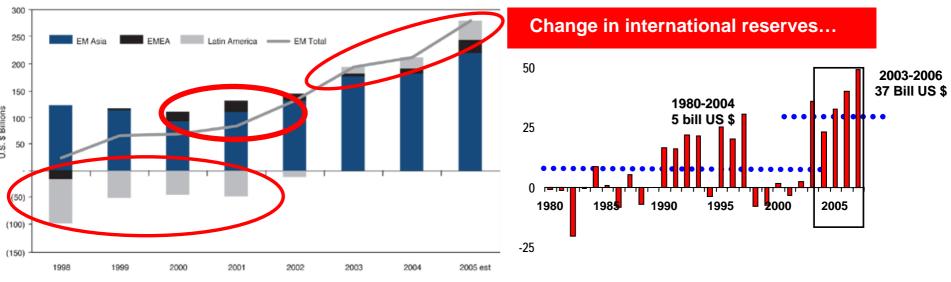


... allow flexible exchange rates



Why is this time different?

Improved external balances (domestic saving)...



Emerging Markets Current Account Balance

Source: JPMorgan, as of March 15, 2006

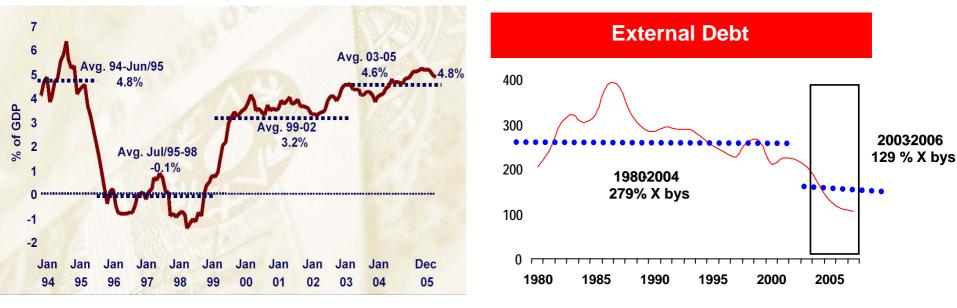
... reduce its external vulnerability



Why is this time different?

Better fiscal policies...

Brazil- primary fiscal balance



... reduce its external vulnerability



Why is this time different? A virtuous circle out of policy improvement and commodity prices leads to the <u>development of</u> local capital markets

Increased confidence

Reliance on domestic saving

- ...out of necessity the region enjoys...
 - Current account surplus
 - Primary Fiscal surplus

Floating exchange rates

 competitive adjustments if required

Independent monetary policy

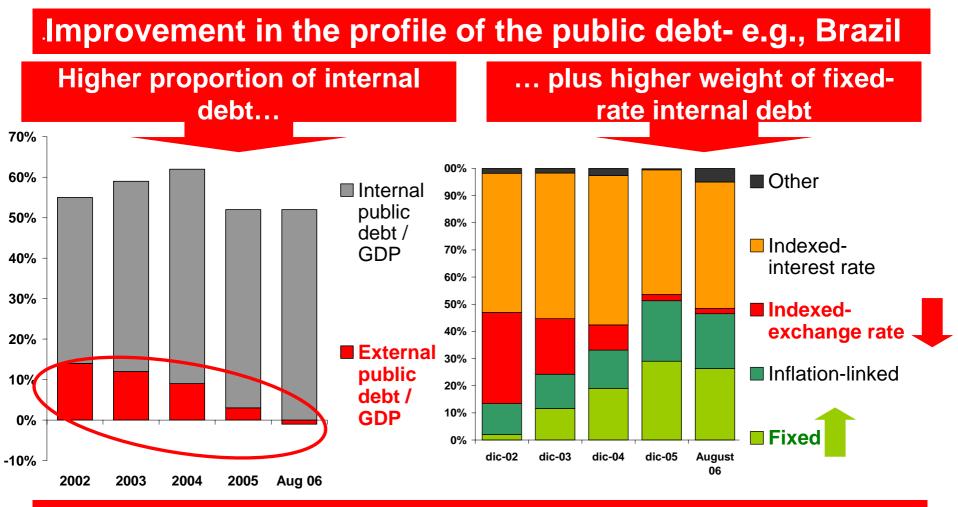
- Sucessful fight against inflation

Debt issuance

- Local denominated
- Long term maturities
- Fixed rates
- Long yield curve



...with no way back...

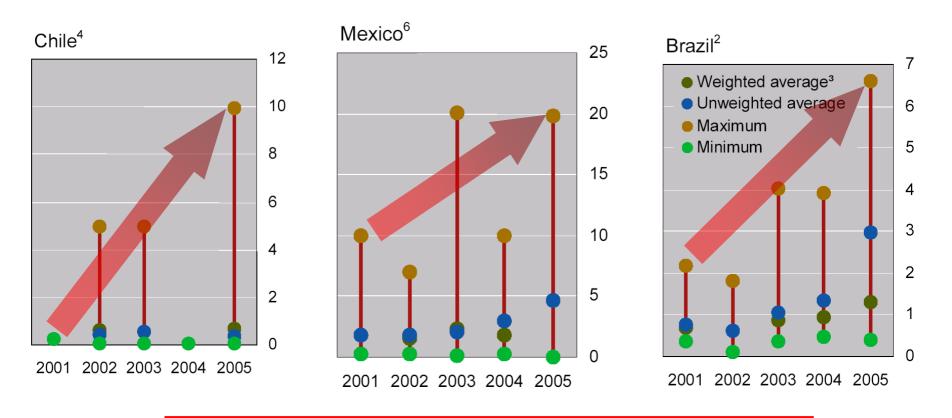


The improvement in the composition of the public debt, combined with flexible exchange rates, radically reduces the likelihood of a crisis



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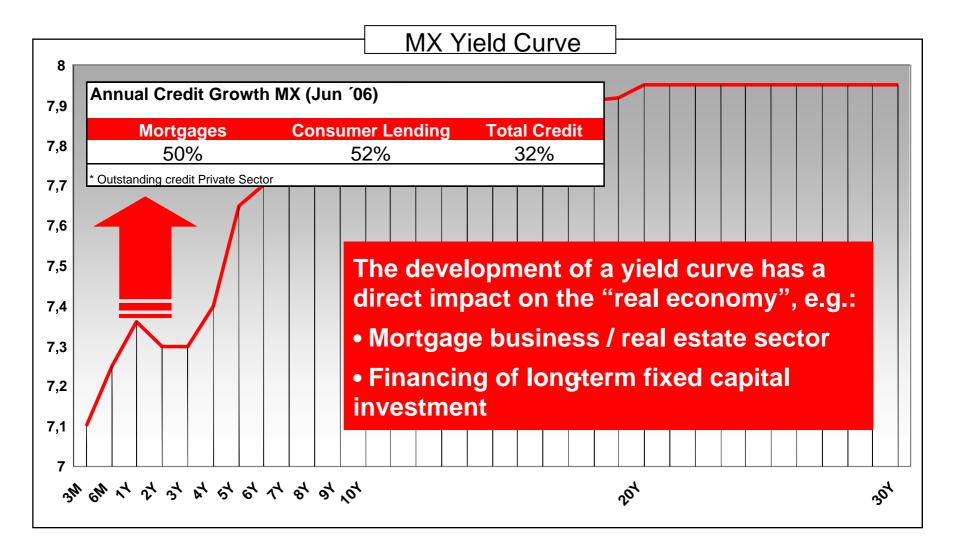
Maturities of new bond issues: Fixed rate local currency



From a "wheel cycle" to a normal cycle...



... and all this changes the nature of the business

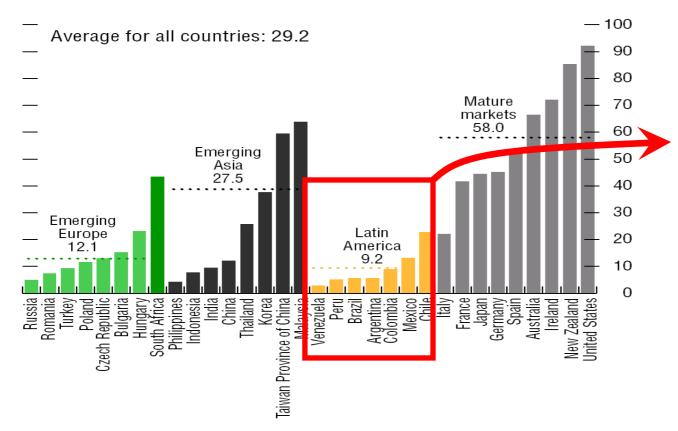




...and LatAm banking markets has the biggest potential out of developing banking systems...

Figure 2.1. Household Credit, End-2005

(In percent of GDP)

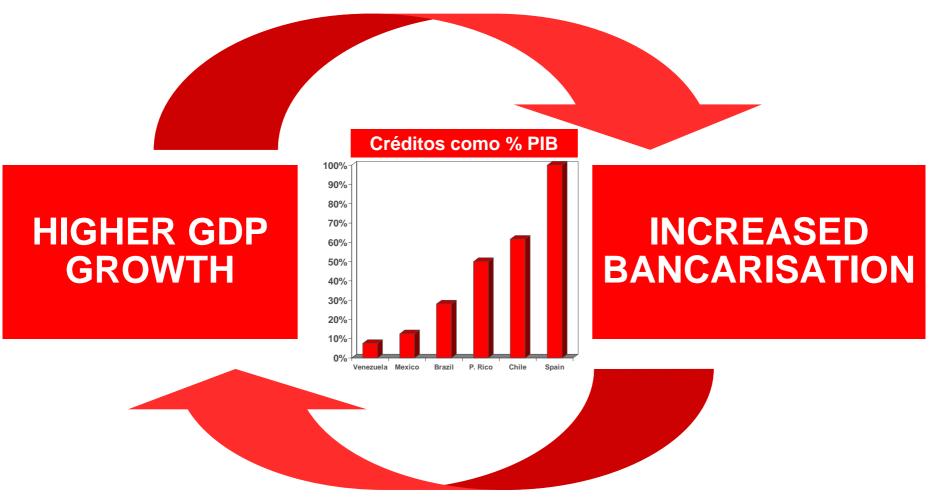


... in addition, corporate credit penetration is below that of other emerging markets (e.g., Asia)

Sources: IMF, *World Economic Oulook*; CEIC; and IMF staff estimates based on data from country authorities.



In summary, The "growth multiplier" in LatAm seems to us more attractive than in most emerging markets...





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We have been consistently gaining market share in LatAm...

	Customer funds		Loans		Total customer volume	
		Var. s/		Var. s/		Var. s/
	30.09.06	Sep-03	30.09.06	Sep-03	30.09.06	Sep-03
BR	4,6	0,4	5,8	0,9	4,9	0,5
МΧ	16,9	2,9	14,8	1,1	16,2	2,2
СН	22,6	1,9	22,6	-0,7	22,6	0,6
PR	13,7	0,4	10,1	-0,1	11,7	0,0
VE	10,1	-2,2	12,7	-0,9	10,9	-1,7
co	2,8	0,0	3,1	0,4	2,9	0,2
AR	9,9	0,9	9,7	2,3	9,9	1,3
G7*	8,6	0,6	10,7	0,3	9,3	0,6

Source: Central Banks, own estimates



... with strong gains in the most attractive segments

	Consume	r + cards	Mortgage loans		Sight deposits + mutual funds	
	30.09.06	Sep-03	30.09.06	Sep-03	30.09.06	Sep-03
BR	5,2	0,1	12,8	8,9	4,1	-0,1
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СН	26,4	0,5	25,6	2,8	22,3	0,5
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(*) Excluded Island Finance in Puerto Rico



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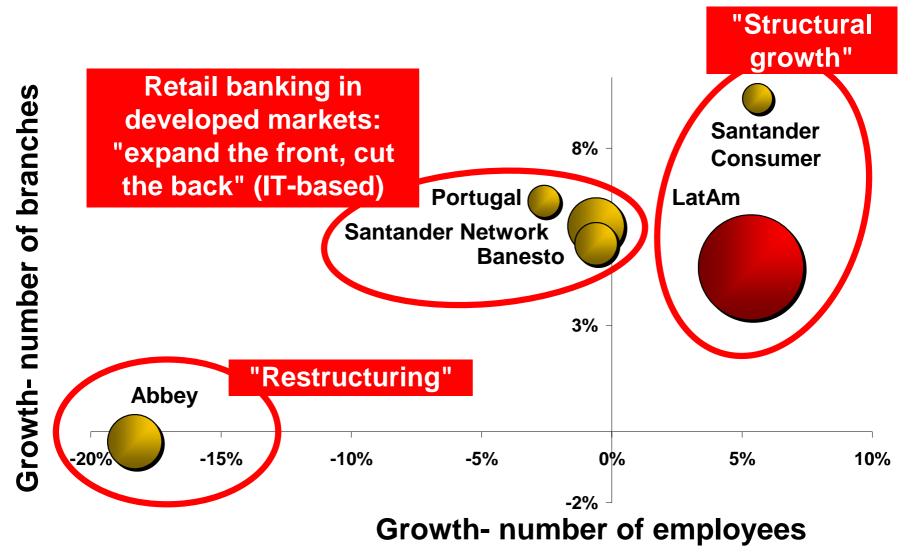
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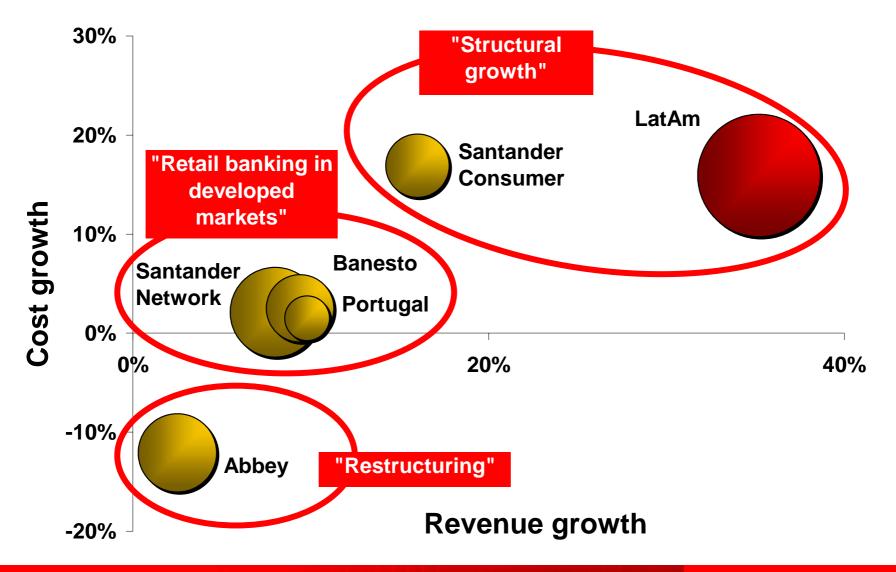


A portfolio with three different strategies...



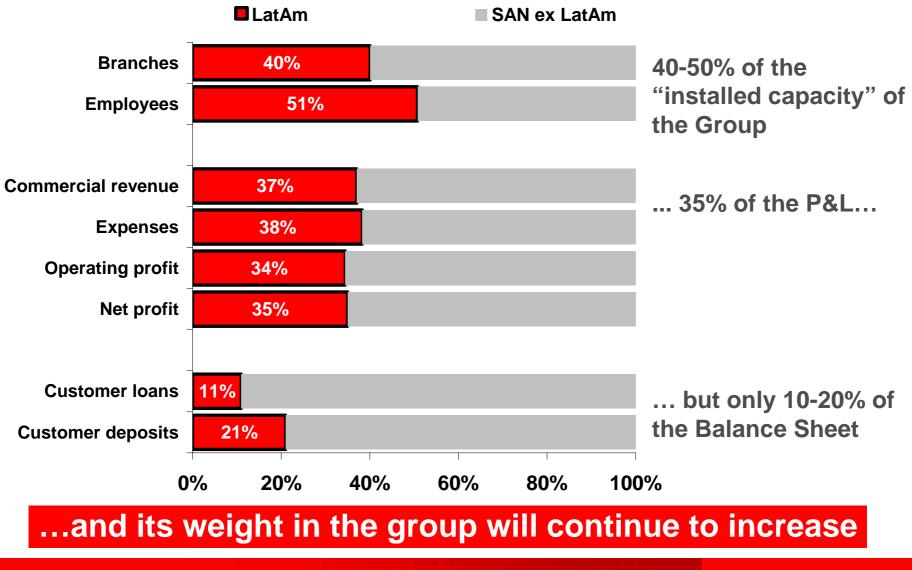


... which translates into three different growth profiles



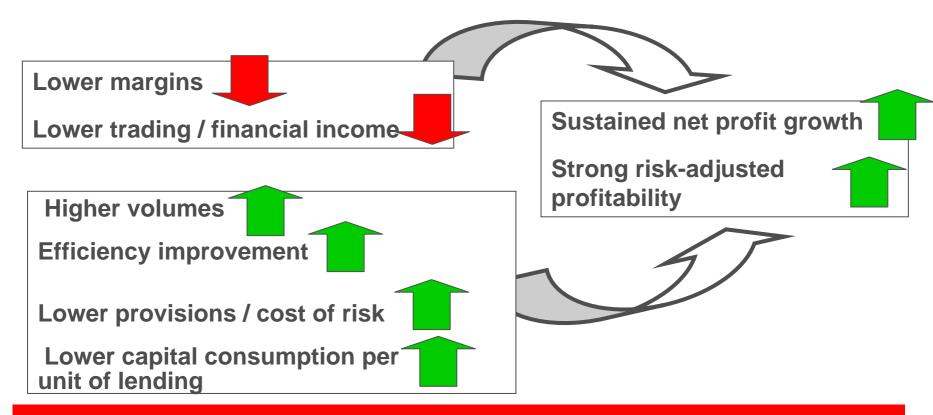


America represents...





This does not mean that the group risk is likely to increase as the nature of the business is changing...

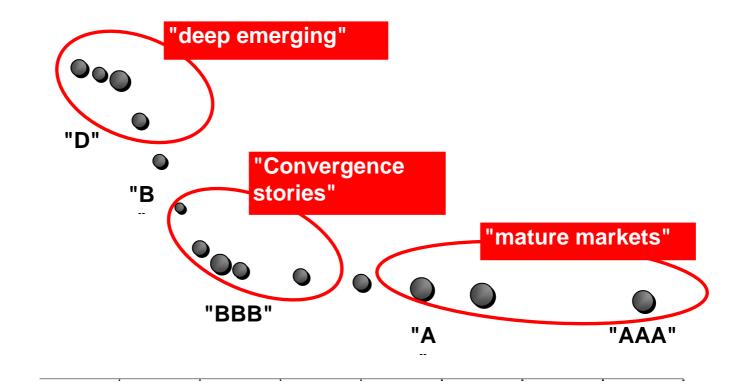


... as the main countries gain investment grade status, LatAm is entering a "falling risk; rising value creation" sweet spot



As emerging economies develop, this leads to a decline in the economic capital intensity of the business

Economic capital / loans



Private sector loans / GDP



SAN business portfolio has a "sweet spot" concentration in the next 5 -10 years:(decreasing risk + increasing profitability and growth)





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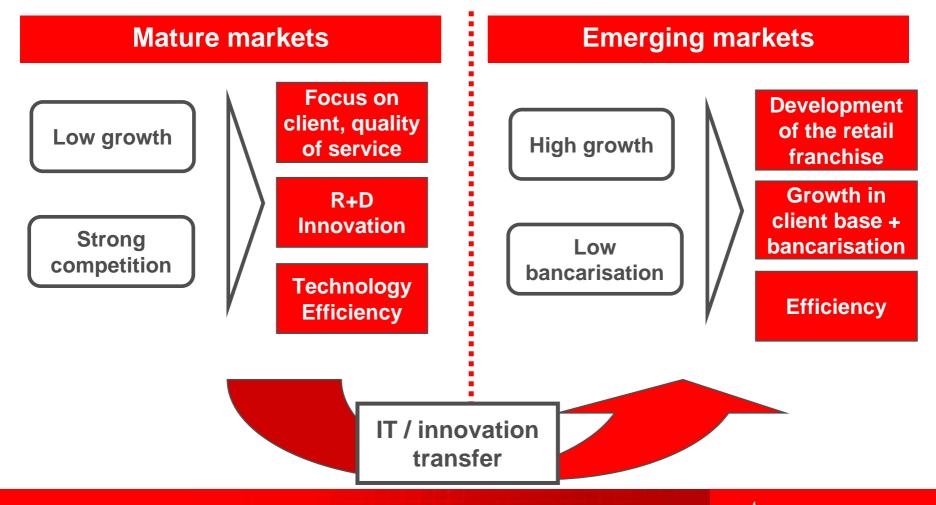
Making sure the Group is worth more than the Sum of the Parts

1. Exporting know how to the region

- 2. Leveraging our strength vs local competitors on the back of our global units
- 3. The value creation of diversification

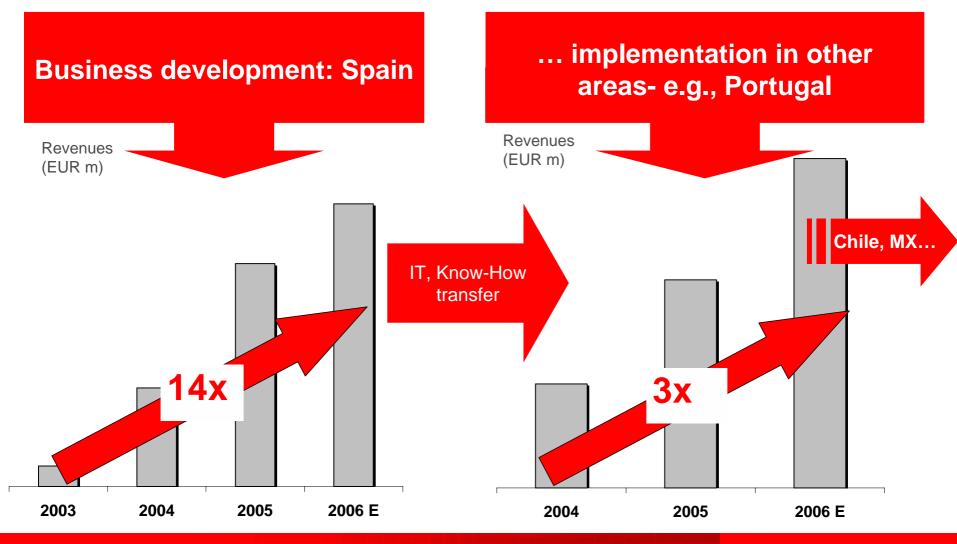


1.- We have a good balance between emerging and mature markets...and we make sure we export Know-how to LatAm



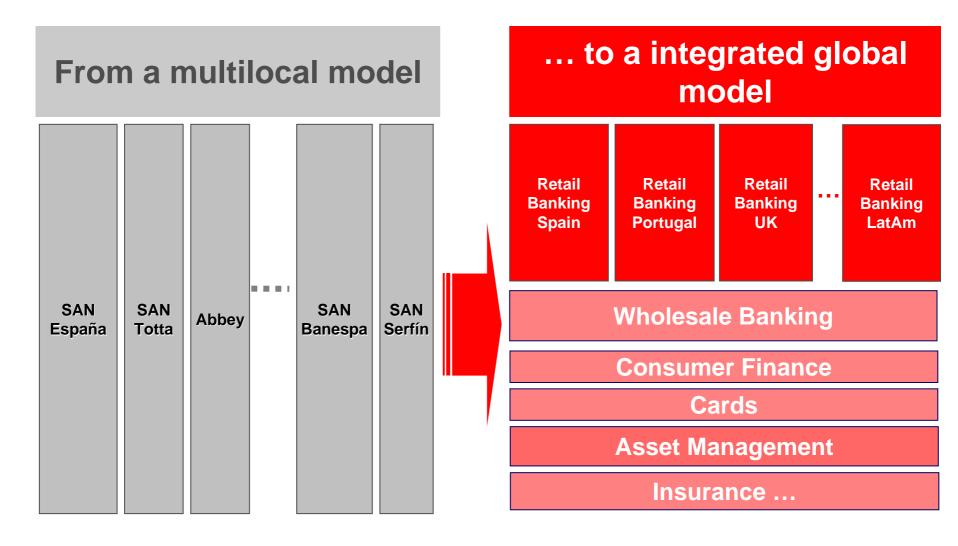


1.- Example business model innovation: Santander Global Connect





2. We leverage our global capacities vs local competitors...





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…in efficiency via IT / operations efficiency

- ...in global segments (wholesale banking)
- in product specialisation
 - Credit cards
 - Asset management
 - Consumer finance



Efficiency: We want to be the most efficient bank in the global league...

1. We need to be the most efficient bank in each market...

• We are leaders in Chile and a lot of improvement in Brazil...

2. We add efficiency through our global units

- Asset Management : factory integration leads to parent AM company efficiency
- Insurance : factory integration
- Credit Cards: Implement a global platform saves in IT development costs and bring know-how where needed
- BMG : Implement global platform global business management



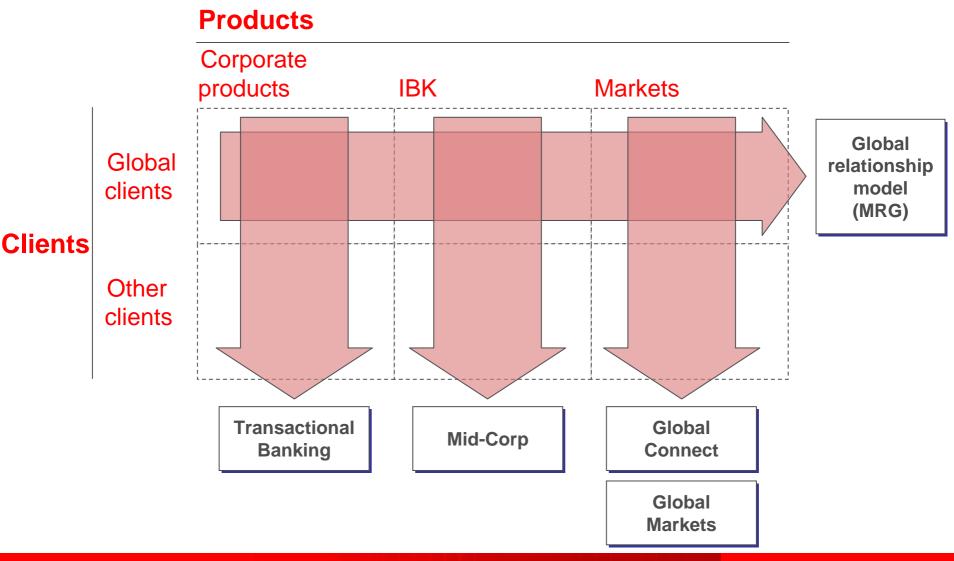
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3. Other practices

- Move best practices from other markets
- Global factories concept
- Capitalise on the offshoring possibilities of LatAm
- Develop:
 - ✓ Global commercial intelligence systems
 - ✓ Global MIS systems
 - ✓ Global risk systems
 - ✓ Global CRM systems...

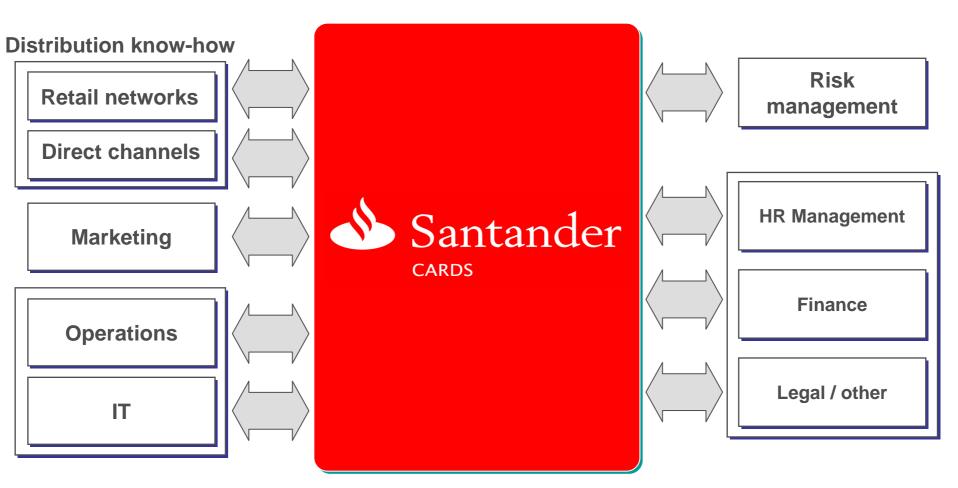


<u>Wholesale banking:</u> a global / local approach beats local ⁴² competitors



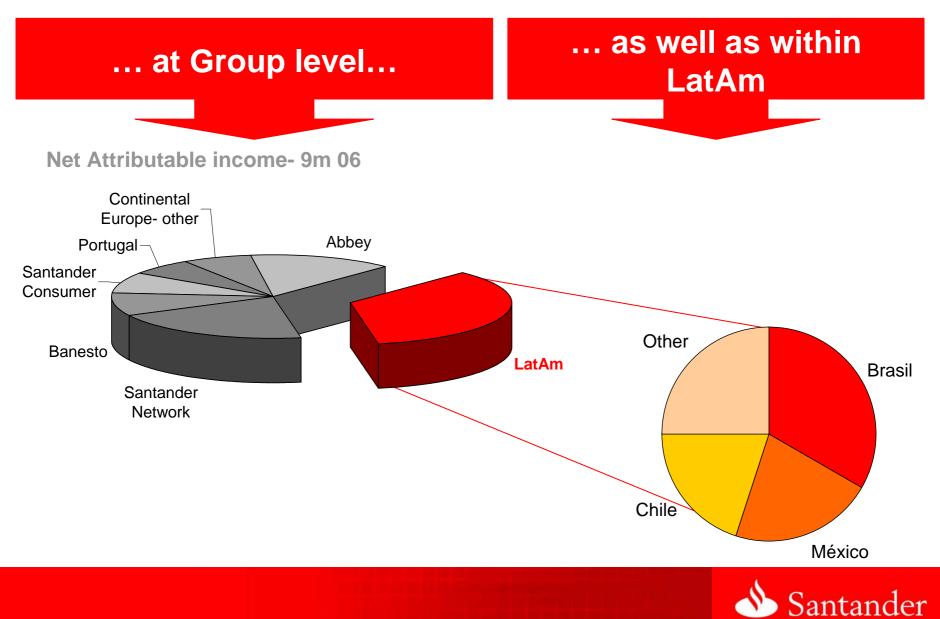


<u>Cards:</u> our global approach – areas where a global unit adds value to our local credit card businesses





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LatAm is a key growth driver for our Group:

- 1. We are strong believers on the <u>economic potential</u> of the region + the potential to <u>increase its bancarisation</u>
 - WHY IS THIS TIME DIFFERENT?- The conditions are in place for a long cycle of strong growth and increased bancarisation –
 - Structural changes have changed the "nature of doing banking in LatAm": long yield curves, reliance on domestic saving and local cap. markets, etc

2. We believe we will <u>continue outperforming</u> our competitors in the region

• Our banks in the region are well placed to continue gaining market share

3. There is still substantial potential to continue extracting <u>"intra-</u>group" synergies and beat local competitors

- Global business models; transfer of best practices
- ... making sure the Group is worth more than the Sum of its Parts



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