



Our purpose

Our purpose is to support the ambitions of the people and businesses of the UK by delivering specialist financial services

# Paragon at a glance

Paragon is a specialist banking group. We offer a range of savings and specialist lending products to individuals and SMEs in the UK.

Listed on the London Stock Exchange, we are a FTSE 250 company, headquartered in Solihull, employing more than 1,500 people.



# **Our operations**

# Mortgages

We offer buy-to-let mortgage finance for landlords operating in the UK's private rented sector. We were one of the first lenders to pioneer buy-to-let lending and, since 1996, we have originated £29.2 billion of buy-to-let accounts.

Our customer-focused approach, combined with our expertise in property valuation and risk assessment, helps us support a wide range of customers, especially landlords with large-scale property portfolios, those investing in complex properties and those operating in corporate structures.

• £12.9 billion loan assets

· 49,000+ landlords



## **Commercial Lending**

Since gaining our banking licence in 2014, we have extended into a wide variety of commercial lending markets. We provide finance to SMEs operating in a wide range of sectors, helping UK small businesses develop and in turn supporting the UK economy.

· £2.0 billion loan assets

· 40.750+ business customers



#### SME lending

Finance solutions for SMEs operating in a wide range of sectors, including agriculture, aviation, construction, commercial vehicles and business equipment



#### Development finance

Competitive and flexible financing solutions targeted at experienced property developers



#### Structured finance

Finance for non-bank specialist lenders, through wholesale funding or block discounting



#### Motor finance

Finance through approved intermediaries and dealers for cars, light commercial vehicles, motorhomes and caravans

# **Funding**

Our principal source of funding for our lending activities is our range of savings accounts offered to UK households. Other funding for lending is derived from the efficient use of the Bank of England funding schemes, while securitisation continues to fund elements of the lending book and is used tactically. Central funding is provided through corporate and retail bonds.



# **Our strategy**

Our strategy is driven by our purpose and helps us achieve our vision to become the UK's leading technology-enabled specialist bank and an organisation of which our employees are proud.

We focus on five strategic priorities to help us deliver our strategy and these are underpinned by three strategic pillars.

#### **Strategic priorities**



#### Growth

Growing our lending in specialist segments of the market where customers are underserved by the large, high street banks.



#### **Diversification**

Continually developing our range of savings and specialist lending products in both existing and new markets, organically and through acquisition.



#### Capital Management

Management of capital is a critical lever as we invest to grow our business and people.



#### Digitalisation

Implementing sophisticated, digitallyenabled, cloud-based platforms to deliver outstanding customer service, become more efficient, support decision making and address new markets.



### Sustainability

Reducing the impact our operations have on the environment and ensuring we have a positive effect on our stakeholders and communities.

# Strategic pillars

A customer focused culture



A dedicated team



Strong financial foundations



## **Our values**

Our customer-focused culture is based on eight core values that underpin the way we do business and how we interact with our customers and other stakeholders.

**FAIRNESS** 

INTEGRITY

CEMMITMENT

**TEAM** CORK

**PROFESSI®NALISM** 

**HUM<b>BUR** 

CREAT VITY

**RESPECT** 

# Five year performance summary

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Underlying profit before taxation	164.4	120.0	194.2	221.4	277.6
Profit before taxation	159.0	118.4	213.7	417.9	199.9
Total loans to customers	12,186.1	12,631.4	13,402.7	14,210.3	14,874.3
Return on tangible equity	14.1%	9.7%	16.2%	27.2%	12.7%
Basic earnings per share	49.4p	36.0p	65.2p	129.2p	68.7p
Dividend per ordinary share	21.2p	14.4p	26.1p	28.6p	37.4p

2020 results include IFRS 9 Expected Credit Loss charges of £48.3 million, reflecting the impact of Covid-19.

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