



FINANCIAL RESULTS SECOND QUARTER 2004

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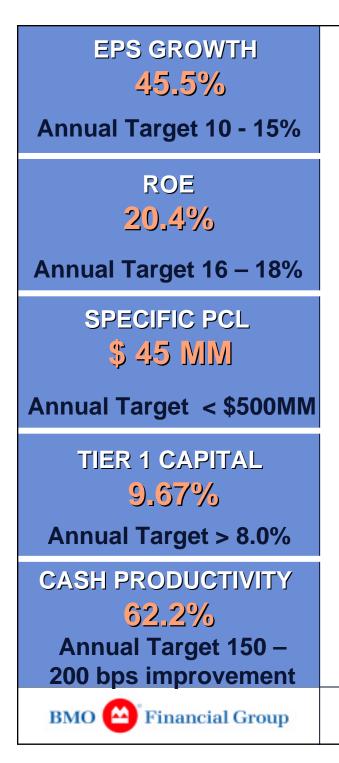
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Q2 2004 Financial Highlights

- Sharp rise in Net Income to \$602 MM
 up 47% Y/Y and up 13% Q/Q
- Excellent Second Quarter Business Growth Y/Y and Q/Q in operating groups

- despite reduced net interest margins, investment securities gains and adjustment to credit card fees

- Improved Credit Performance Y/Y
 - coupled with reduction of General Allowance
- Significant Productivity Improvements

 Cash Productivity Ratio of 62.2% improved
 380 bps Y/Y and 170 bps Q/Q and expenses
 were flat Q/Q
- Positioned to achieve all financial targets

Financial Summary Q2 2004

Performance Measure	Q2 2004	Q2 2003	Q1 2004
Net Income	602	409	532
Cash EPS – Diluted (\$/share)	1.17	0.81	1.03
EPS – Diluted (\$/share)	1.12	0.77	1.00
Cash Return on Equity (%)*	21.1	15.9	19.0
Return on Equity (%)*	20.4	15.2	18.3
Revenue Growth – Y/Y (%)	12.1	(0.6)	3.6
Expense Growth – Y/Y (%)	5.4	0.5	(0.7)
Cash Productivity Ratio (%)	62.2	66.0	63.9
Productivity Ratio (%)	63.2	67.2	65.0
PCL/Avg. Loans Accept. (%)*	0.01	0.32	0.04
Capital: Tier 1 Capital	9.67	9.10	9.65
* Annualized			
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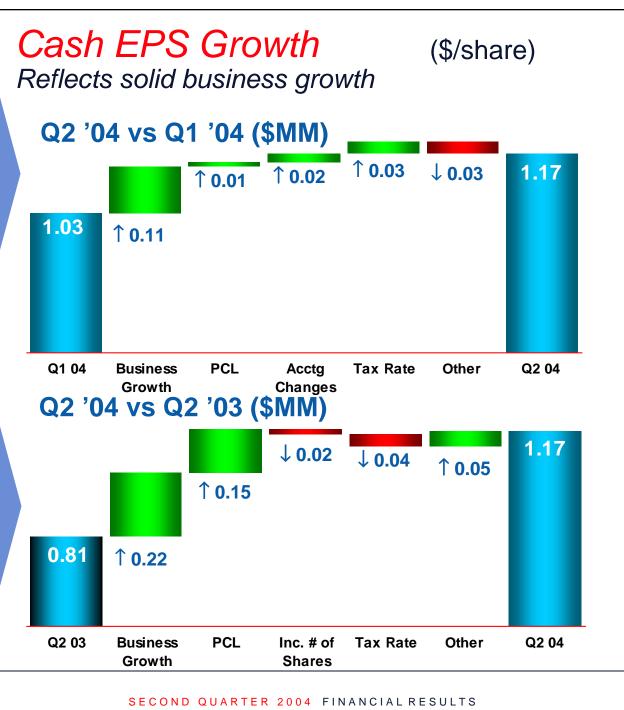
Q/Q Earnings Growth Drivers:

- Strong operating performance in all groups
- Lower specific provision for credit losses and reduction of the general allowance
- Improved volumes partially offset by lower net interest margin

Y/Y Earnings Growth Drivers:

- Improved overall operating group performance
- Lower specific provision for credit losses plus reduction of a portion of the general allowance
- Improved volumes partially offset by lower net interest margin
- Q/Q and Y/Y "Other" includes net investment securities gains, net of adjustment to credit card fees and losses on unwinding hedges





Q/Q Business Growth

- Higher underwriting fees and trading revenue in IBG
- Continued improvement in market fundamentals in PCG
- Lower net interest margins and two fewer days in the quarter partially offset above improvements
- Q1 04 included accounting changes related to mortgage prepayment fees and the sales of BMO shares held by BMO subsidiaries, increasing Q1 revenue by \$16 MM

Y/Y Business Growth

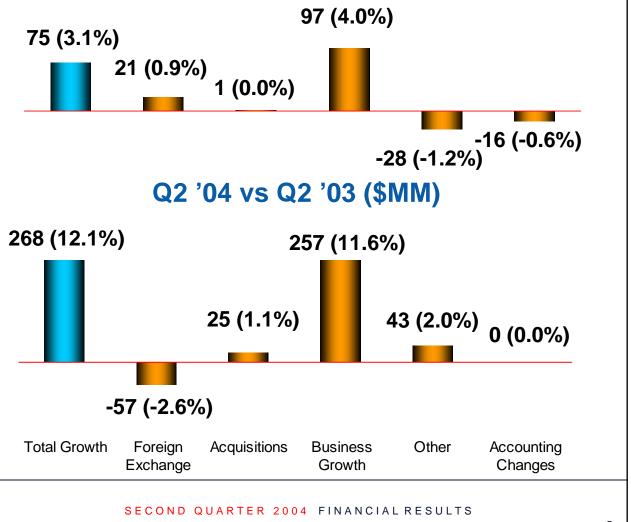
- Increased volumes in each of the operating groups
- Stronger origination activity and the addition of HNG
- Increased fee and commission revenues in PCG
- Above increases partially offset by lower net interest margins
- "Other" includes net investment securities gains, net of adjustment to credit card fees and losses on unwinding hedges both Q/Q and Y/Y



Revenue Growth

Revenue higher Q/Q despite pressure on margins





Q/Q NIM Changes

- Margins decreased due to:
 - Accounting policy change in Q1 for mortgage prepayment penalties
 - Narrower spreads in IBG, growth in lower spread assets and increased interest expense as a result of unwinding of hedges associated with sale of investment securities

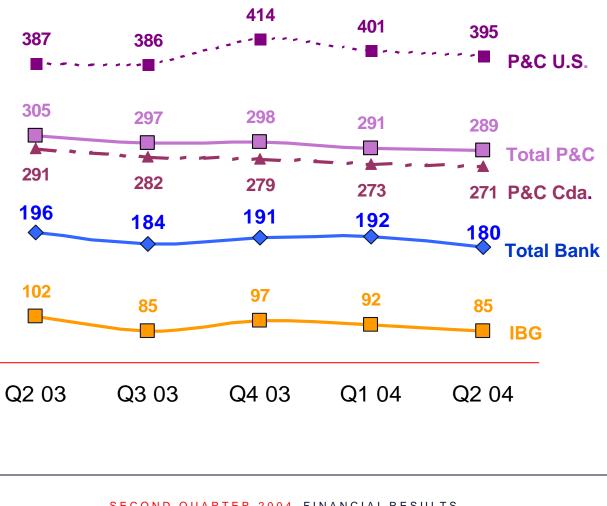
Y/Y NIM Changes

- Margins decreased due to:
 - Narrower spreads in IBG mainly due to losses on unwinding hedges and changes in asset mix
 - Narrower spreads in P&C Canada due mainly to growth in low spread residential mortgages and shifts in consumer preferences

Net Interest Margins

Margins declining both Q/Q and Y/Y

Net Interest Margin (bps)





Q/Q Business Growth

 Lower performance-based compensation (-\$25MM), primarily the medium-term incentive program which is now fully hedged

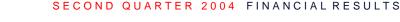
Expense Growth Continued control over expenses Q2 '04 vs Q1 '04 (\$MM) 12 (0.8%) 11 (0.7%) 4 (0.3%) 5 (0.3%) 1 (0.1%) -25 (-1.6%) Q2 '04 vs Q2 '03 (\$MM) 90 (6.0%) 81 (5.4%) 28 (1.9%) 33 (2.2%) -27 (-1.8%) -43 (-2.9%)

Y/Y Business Growth

- Higher variable compensation (\$90MM) in line with improved operating group performance Y/Y
- Higher expenses relating to the acquisitions of HNG and Lakeland
- Operating expenses up only 2.2% Y/Y, reflecting control over expenses

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Acquisitions

Operating

Expense

Initiatives

Foreign

Exchange

Total Growth

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Variable

Comp.

Expense Analysis (\$MM)

Employee Compensation:

- Lower performance- based compensation	↓ 25
(MTIP fully hedged) - Lower benefit costs - Higher salaries	↓ 6 13
Premises & Equipment: - Higher real estate rental costs, timing of IT projects and timing of other expenses	1 3
Other Expenses: - Higher travel and business development	↑ 8
Employee Compensation:	
- Higher performance- based compensation	↑ 90

Higher	benefit	costs
Lower	FTE	

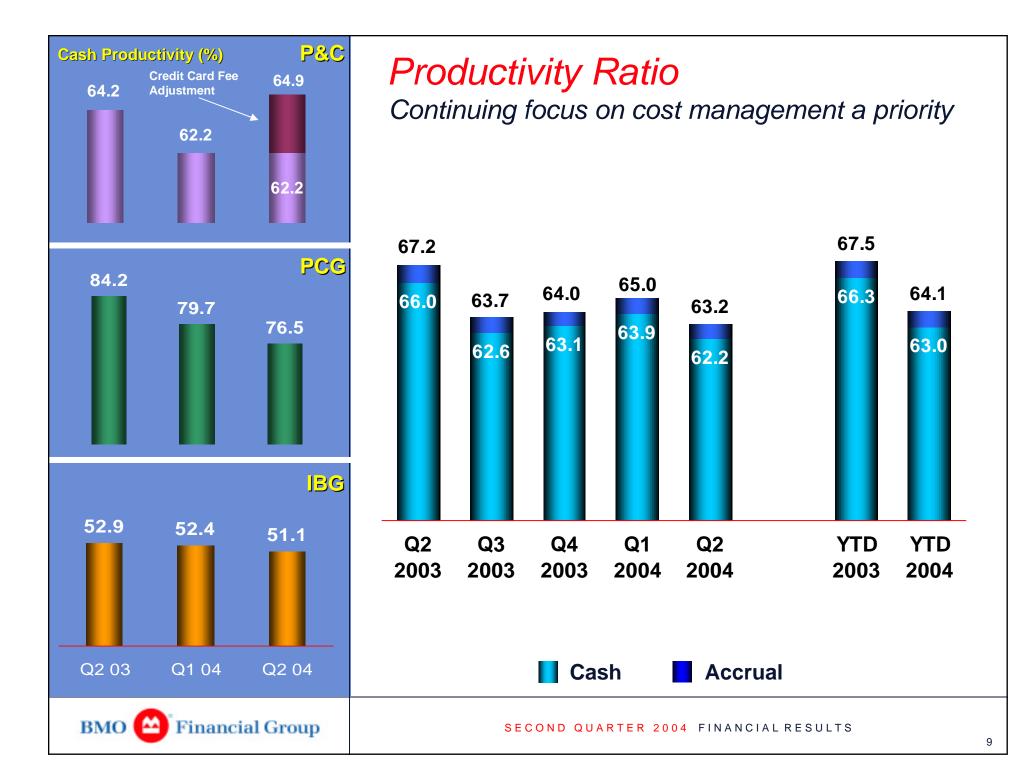
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Non-Interest Expense Analysis

Q/Q	Q2 2004	Q1 2004	B/(W)
Employee Compensation	935	953	18
Premises & Equipment	315	302	(13)
Communications	34	36	2
Other Expenses	255	244	(11)
Amortization of Intangible Assets	26	26	-
Total Non-Interest Expense	1,565	1,561	(4)

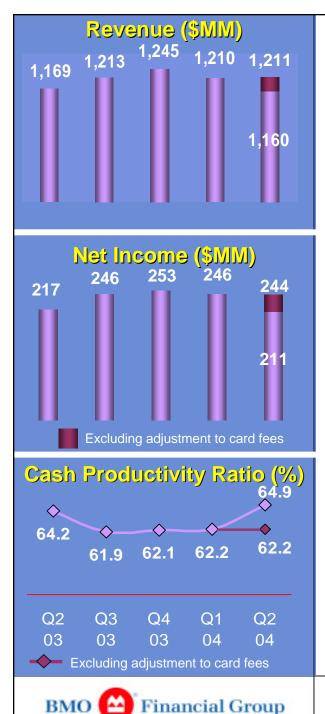
Y/Y	Q2 2004	Q2 2003	B/(W)
Employee Compensation	935	844	(91)
Premises & Equipment	315	315	-
Communications	34	39	5
Other Expenses	255	260	5
Amortization of Intangible Assets	26	26	-
Total Non-Interest Expense	1,565	1,484	(81)

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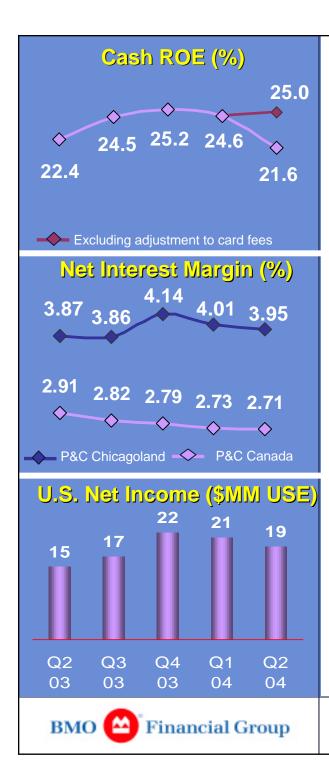
Fiscal 2004 Targets

Performance Measure	YTD 2004	F2004 Target
EPS Growth (vs. YTD 2003)	39.5%	10 – 15%
Specific Provision for Credit Losses	\$100MM YTD before the reduction of \$80MM of General Allowance	\$500MM or less Now revised to: \$300MM or less
Cash Productivity Ratio (vs. YTD 2003)	330 bps improvement	150 – 200 bps improvement
Return On Equity (annualized)	19.4%	16 – 18%
Tier 1 Capital	9.67%	Minimum 8%
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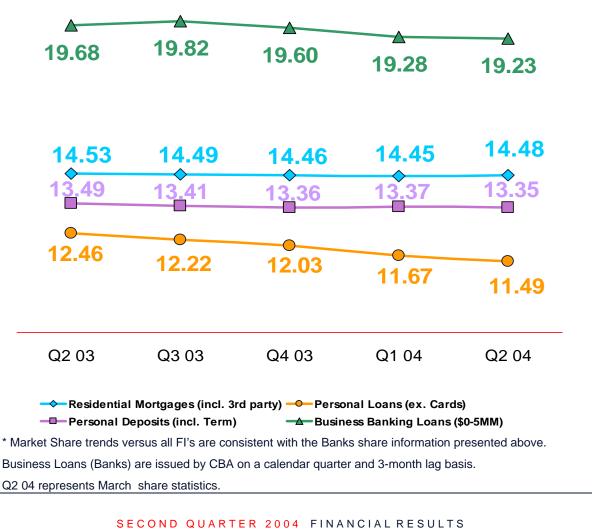
- Revenue decline is primarily due to a \$51MM (\$33MM after tax) adjustment in Cardholder Services which increased the recorded liability associated with our customer loyalty reward program due to rising reward redemption rates.
- In Canada, strong volume growth was offset by lower net interest margins resulting from competitive pressures, the historical low rate environment and shifting customer product preferences.
- U.S. retail and business banking revenue improvement versus a year ago reflects loan and deposit growth and higher margins more than offsetting the impact of the weaker U.S. dollar.
- Net income, excluding the card fee adjustment increased by 12% Y/Y and was flat to the prior quarter even though there were two fewer days.
- Cash productivity, excluding the card fee adjustment improved by 200 bps Y/Y and 220 bps YTD compared to the prior year.



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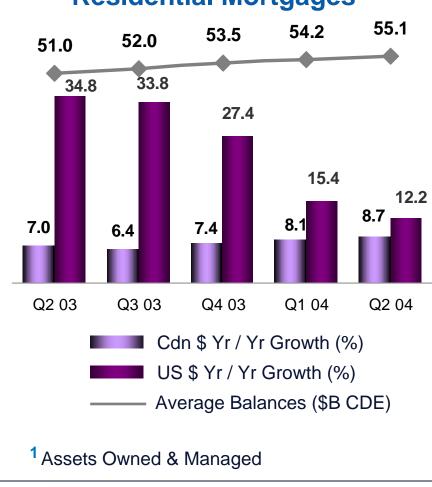
Continued competitive pressures on both Personal and Business Banking market share

Canadian Market Share (%): Banks*



Personal & Commercial

Y/Y volume growth continues to perform well

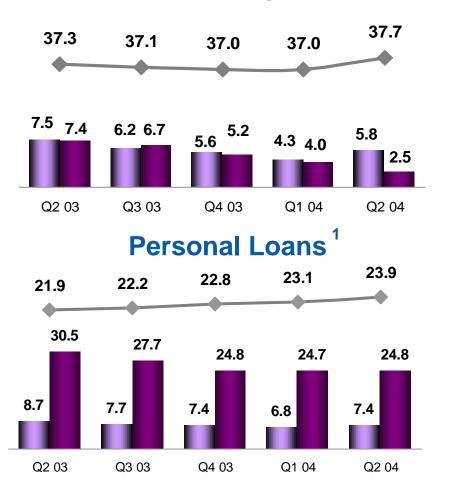


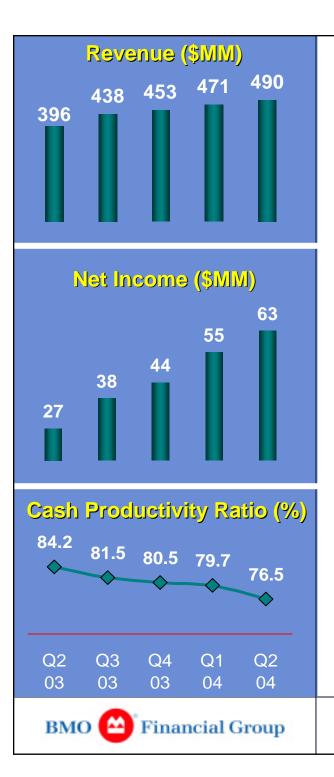
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Residential Mortgages¹

Personal Deposits



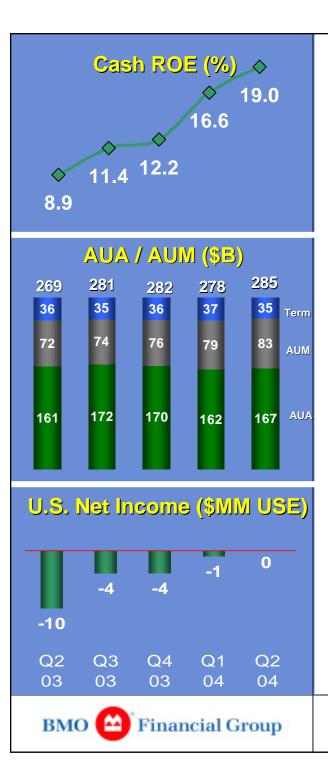


Private Client Group Earnings up \$36MM or 140% Y/Y and achieved a 770 bps cash productivity improvement

 Focused revenue generating initiatives combined with continued improvement in market fundamentals drove strong revenue growth

 Earnings growth reflects successful efforts to achieve sustainable improvements in profitability

 Continuous revenue growth combined with benefits of prior year's cost containment initiatives drive favourable cash productivity trend



Private Client Group

- Cash ROE improved 10.1 percentage points Y/Y and 2.4 percentage points Q/Q
- Strong asset growth of 14% Y/Y, excluding the foreign exchange impact on U.S. assets and the exit of assets associated with a sub-custodial client relationship that was discontinued in Q1/04 (minimal revenue impact)
- Continued improvement in U.S. results driven by revenue initiatives, stronger market fundamentals, and disciplined management of non-revenue based expenses



Investment Banking Group Solid Earnings Momentum

- Record quarterly performance reflecting improving financial markets and credit cycle
- Stronger non-interest revenue is driving the improvement with notable increases in equity financings and trading activity
- Depressed lending volumes and a weak U.S. dollar continue to affect performance negatively
- Productivity improved compared to the prior year notwithstanding the negative impact of U.S. acquisition in mid 2003



Investment Banking Group Significant ROE Improvement

- ROE continues to trend upwards, as we realize the benefits from our re-positioning in the North American market
- Overall margins decreased Y/Y and Q/Q due in part to unwinding of hedge contracts, which mostly offset the profitable sale of the associated non-core fixed income securities
- U.S. net income is trending favourably due to higher trading activity, solid origination and current year improvement in PCL. Q2 2003 includes a large commodities derivatives gain



Corporate Support including Technology and Solutions Increased contribution both Q/Q and Y/Y

- Q2 2004 up compared to Q1 2004 driven by higher securities gains in Q2, timing of earnings from certain U.S. subsidiaries and accounting changes recorded in Q1
- Q2 2004 improvement over Q2 2003 driven by lower specific provision for credit losses, a reduction in the general allowance, higher securities gains and timing of earnings





2004 YTD Financial Highlights

- Net Income \$1,134 MM
 up 40% YTD
- Cash Productivity Ratio 63.0%
 330 bps improvement YTD

• Specific PCL at \$100 MM

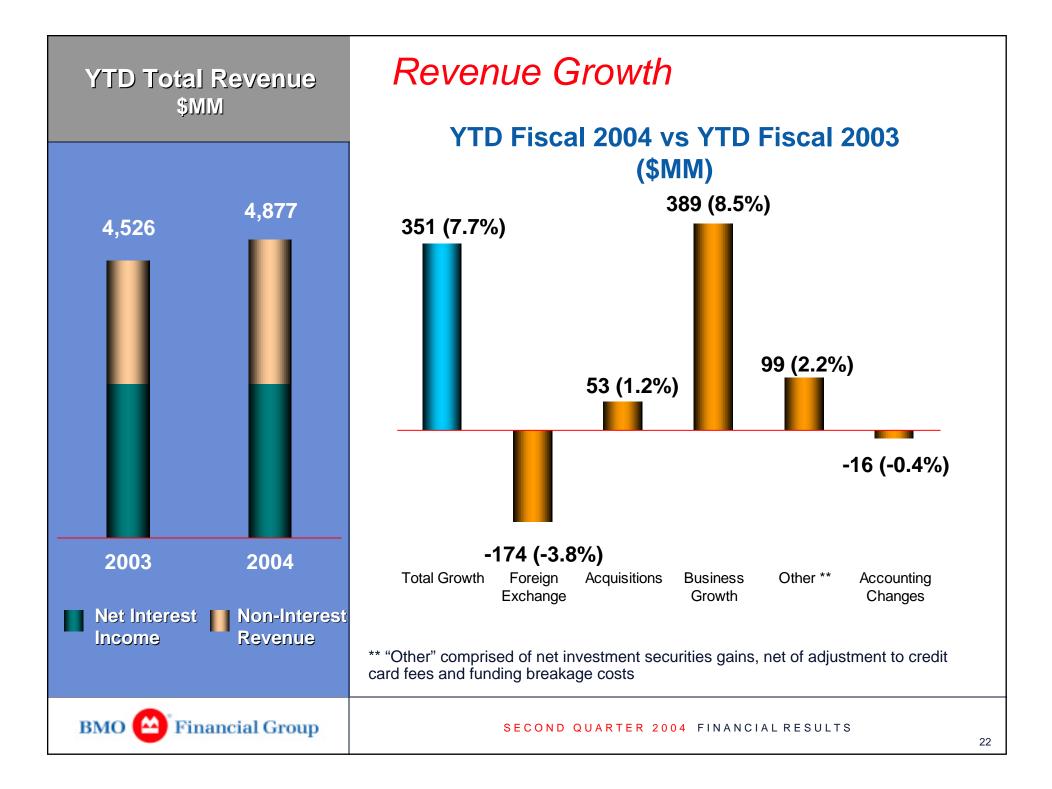
- \$100 MM annual specific provision net of \$80 MM reduction of general allowance (\$20 MM net)
- reflects favourable credit environment
- Annual Specific Provision for Credit Losses now anticipated to be \$300 MM or less, excluding reduction of general allowance

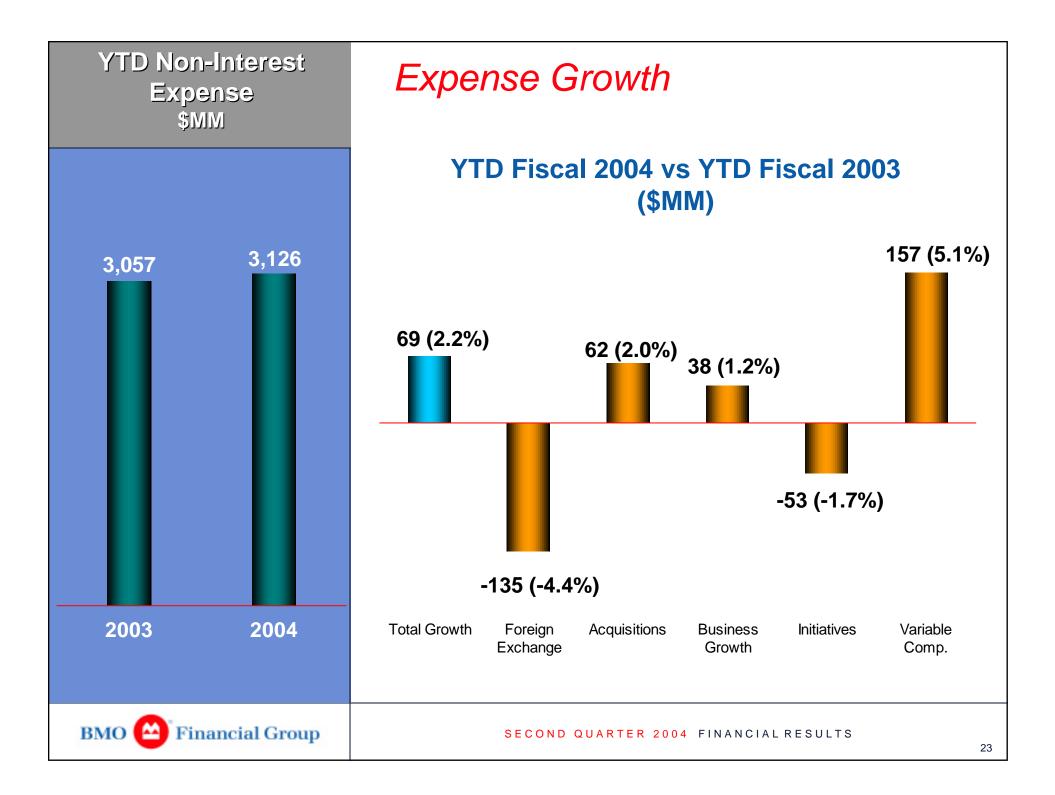
Operating Groups- Y/Y growth in all Operating Groups

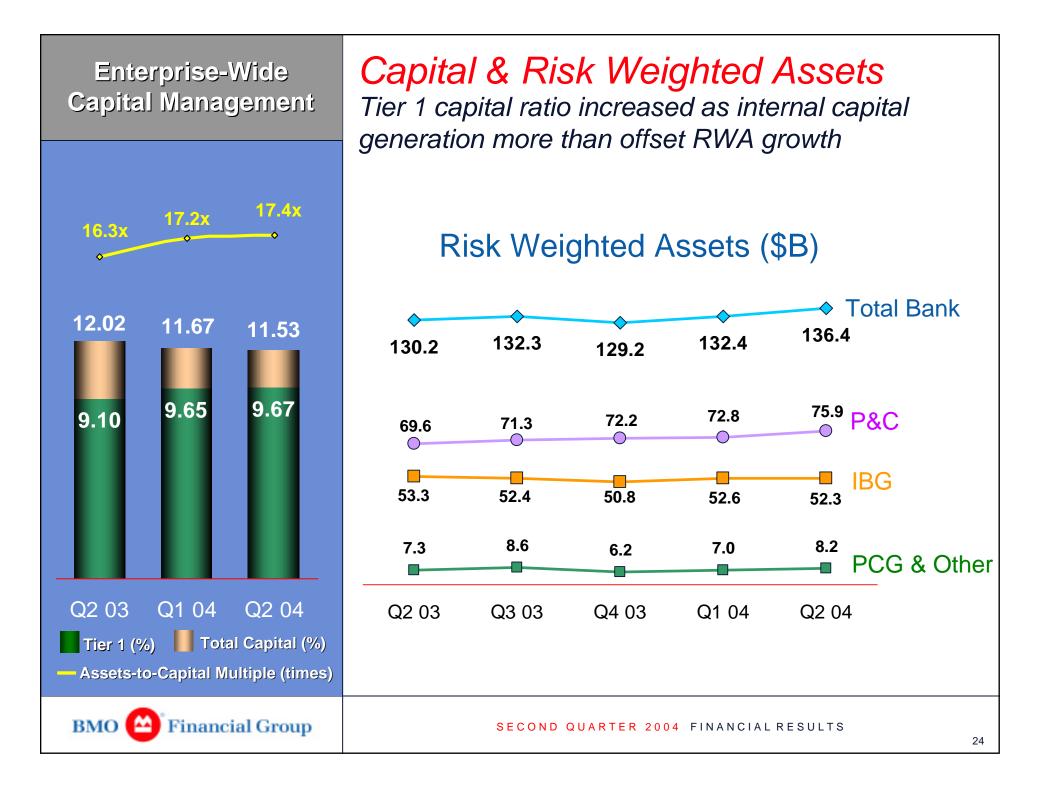
Financial Summary YTD 2004

Performance Measure	YTD 2004	YTD 2003
Net Income	1,134	808
Cash EPS – Diluted (\$/share)	2.20	1.60
EPS – Diluted (\$/share)	2.12	1.52
Cash Return on Equity (%)*	20.1	15.5
Return on Equity (%)*	19.4	14.7
Revenue Growth – Y/Y (%)	7.7	2.2
Expense Growth – Y/Y (%)	2.2	4.0
Cash Productivity Ratio (%)	63.0	66.3
Productivity Ratio (%)	64.1	67.5
PCL/Avg. Loans Accept. (%)*	0.03	0.36
Capital: Tier 1 Capital	9.67	9.10
* Annualized		

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North American Direct Investing ¹ Higher client trade volumes and asset growth driven by an enhanced client offering and rising investor confidence Measure Q2 2004 Q2 2003 Q1 2004 Y/Y Change Trades / Day (000) 15 25 28 87% Customer Assets (\$B) 42 52 55 31% Active Accounts (000) 803 765 755 -6% New Accounts (000) 17 19 24 45% North American Direct Investing includes Harrisdirect and BMO InvestorLine 1 2 Active accounts declined Y/Y, in line with industry peer group



U.S. to North American **Revenue & Net Income**

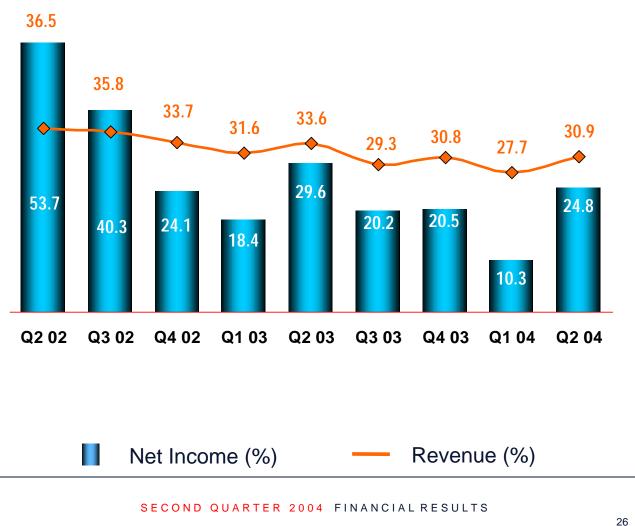
- Revenue contribution from U.S.-based business remains within 25 – 35% range
- Net income from U.S.-based business \$130MM or 24.8%
- Weaker U.S. dollar and improved performance of **Canadian operations** contributed to Y/Y decline
- Improvement Q/Q driven by improved results in **Corporate and lower PCL**

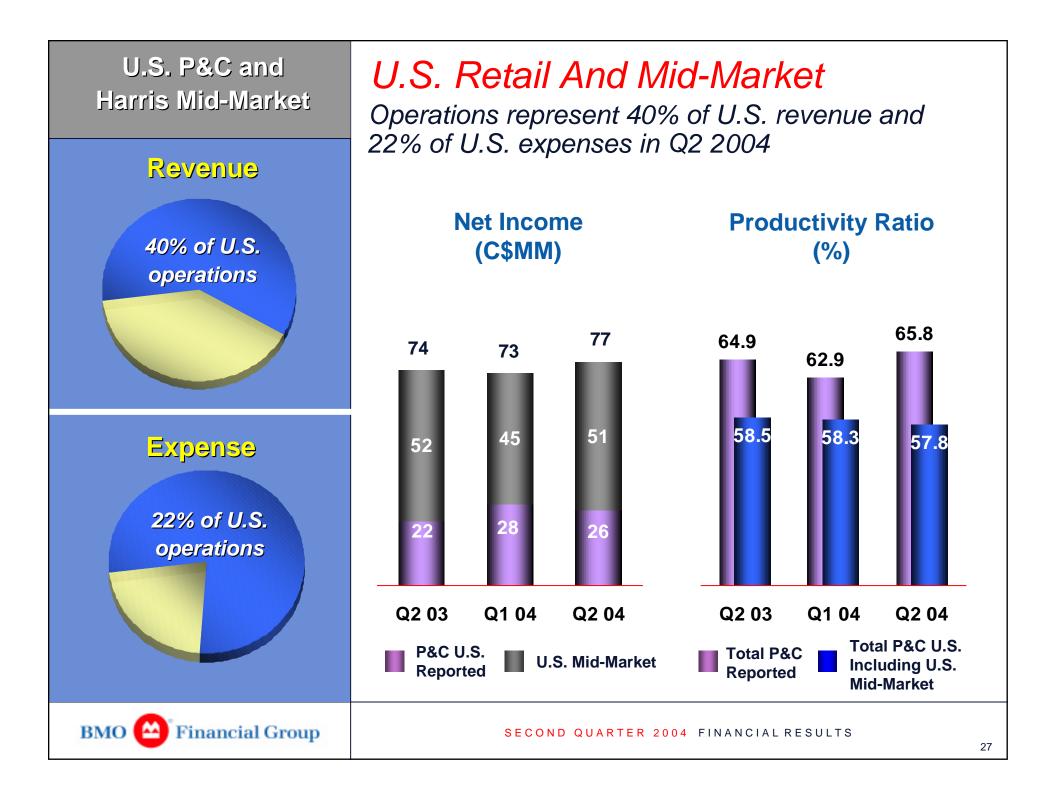
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U.S. Results

Reduced U.S. contribution Y/Y – driven primarily by weaker U.S. dollar and improved performance from Canadian operations





U.S./Canadian Exchange Rate

- \$5 MM pre-tax earnings increase Q/Q and \$21 MM reduction Y/Y
- Excluding hedging, a one cent change in the CDN/U.S. exchange rate changes quarterly earnings by approximately \$1 MM pre-tax

U.S./Canadian Exchange

\$MM	Q/Q
Increased Revenue	18
Increased Expense	(12)
Increased Provision for Credit Losses	(1)
Hedging gains	-
Total Pre-tax Impact	5
\$MM	Y/Y
Reduced Revenue	(67)
Reduced Expense	43
Reduced Provision for Credit Losses	3
Hedging gains	-
Total Pre-tax Impact	(21)

