MDB GROUP

# STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

JUNE 2021





### Introduction to MeDirect



A Pan-European digital challenger bank with a retail Wealth Tech platform poised for growth.

Wealth platform for (mass) affluent clients offering disruptive digital investing solutions.

- » 83k (mass) affluent customers
- » €4.1bn of client financial assets of which €1.4bn AuM
- » Open architecture model with 38% of wealth penetration in customer base (avg. client asset of €70k)
- » Complemented by attractive daily banking features

Complemented by low risk & capital efficient B2B2C mortgage lending platform.

- » €1.6bn Dutch NHG mortgages originated
- » Belgium Mortgages launch planned for 2021
- » Malta Mortgageslaunched in March 2021
- » Mortgage factory in partnership with established originator/ server and backed by securitisation funding

Support by advanced Tech allowing for scalability and fast time-to-market.

- » Modular microservices and open banking architecture operating as a multi-bank platform
- » Digital channels with superior UX
- » Real-time datadriven CRM engine

...and with a robust and efficient operating model.

- » Efficient set-up with technology and support functions located in Malta
- » Diversified balance sheet predominately composed of mortgage lending, with low exposure to corporate lending
- » European Central Bank regulated systemic bank with 16.1% Tier 1 capital ratio and strong liquidity

Figures as at 30 June 2021

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### MeDirect key highlights 2020



#### **RETAIL FRANCHISE**

83<sub>k</sub> Mass affluent customers

€4.1bn **Client assets** with bank





38% Clients with a Wealth Product

€70k Client average wealth assets





36% **Aided Brand Awareness in** Belgian investor segment

Source: IVOX as at 30 June 2021

#### WEALTHTECH PLATFORM



Ultra-fast onboarding



Average rating of our mobile app



1,100 / 80 **Funds** 

**Fund** Houses



Over €45m

CapEx invested since 2015 in building the Tech platform

#### **ASSET DIVERSIFICATION**



€1.6bn NHG Mortgage Book



Winner of Securitisation Award 2021 for MeDirect's inaugural RMBS transaction, successfully placed amidst the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020.



Launch of Malta Home Loans

60% Decline in international corporate loans portfolio

€1.8bn

**DEC 2020** 

#### **FINANCIALS**



Capital 16.1% 19.3% Tier 1 Ratio **TCR** 



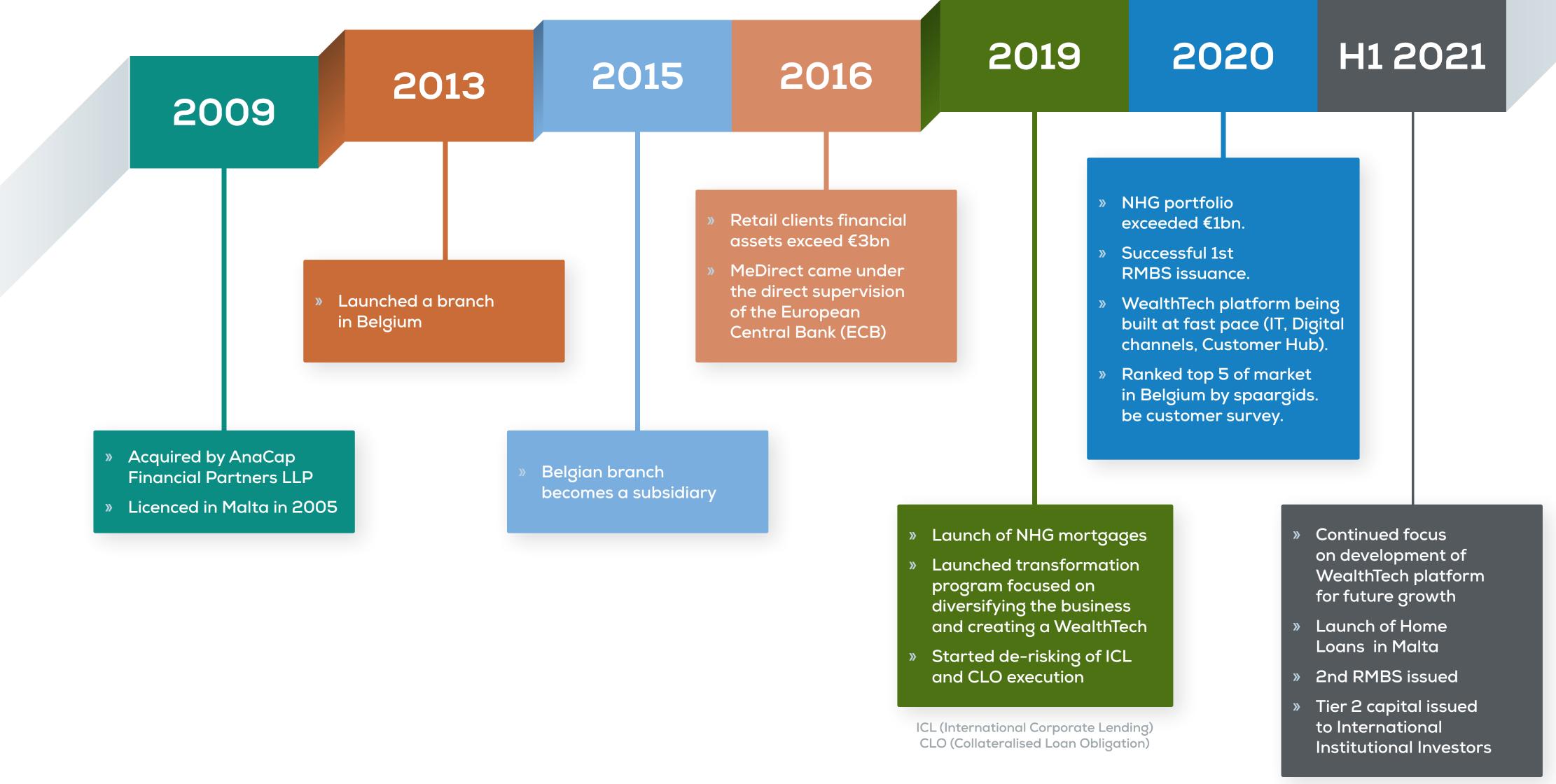
Liquidity 625% 134% **NSFR** 

### Profitability

Turns positive in H1'21 as accelerated strategic transformation continues.







Pan European digital challenger bank

CLIENT, DEPOSIT & ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT:



Deposits and AuM include Maltese Corporate Clients holding €0.3bn in financial assets.

#### **CREDIT PORTFOLIO:**





€0.1bn

Malta Corporate Lending

Malta

The figures show on-balance sheet exposures only



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Think ahead, Bank ahead.





Figures as at 30 June 2021

### Main achievements in 2020



Among the **first banks** to enable full remote working set-up during COVID-19 (with great success).

Demonstrated **resilience** to impacts of COVID-19 (liquidity, capital).

#### Digital deliveries:

- » Launch of mobile app
- » Revamped online eBanking (code rewrite and UX) in November '20
- » New and simple onboarding process with onboarding time <10 minutes for ItsMe in December 2020</p>
- » Seamless integration with third party providers (ID verification and compliance checks: ITsMe and Mitek amongst others)

Reached **€1.1bn** NHG book.

One of the **first banks** to open the Dutch RMBS market during the height of the COVID-19 outbreak in Q2 2020.

Ranked top 5 of market in Belgium by spaargids.be customer survey.

Built full **in-house expertise** for Software development, CRM, UX design

Successfully **attracted**Tier 2 International
Institutional Investors



## Dynamic growth and balance sheet transformation

**Client Base** 

CAGR DEC 2018-JUN 2021

4 1 /%
83k Clients

Assets Under Management

CAGR DEC 2018-JUN 2021

+ 2 /%
€1.4bn AuM

NHG Mortgage Book

€1.6bn

Since launch in September 2019

International Corporate Lending

MAR 2019-JUN 2021

- €1.1bn

Reduced by c. 60% since March 2019



## Our vision on how to scale up as a WealthTech

Deploy a disruptive wealth value proposition.

- » Our purpose: make digital investing simple and convenient for everyone
- » Mutual funds open architecture and access to global markets, with disruptive UX at all client touchpoints
- » Transparent competitive pricing
- » Deploying a real time data-driven CRM engine

Leverage a state-of-the-art tech data-driven 'backbone'.

- » Deploy quickly innovation with short implementation cycles
- » Connect seamlessly new partners through an open architecture as an aggregator of services
- » Develop internally and own the IP on all front end touchpoints and middle layer

Larger marketing investments to increase customer acquisition and brand awareness.

- » Spend more and better
- » Leverage on digital marketing, referrals and brand power
- » Develop partnerships



### MeDirect open fund architecture

Giving our clients access to a wide range of investment products is in our DNA.

#### Mutual Funds Supermarket

» Choose from a worldwide selection of over 1,100 mutual funds from c. 80 renowned fund houses

#### Model Portfolios

- » Ready made investment portfolio allowing customers to invest in a diversified basket of funds with a few clicks
  - » MeGreen
  - » MeGlobal
  - » Fully Managed

Available online in Belgium and through Advisory in Malta

#### Brokerage

» Online brokerage platform covering a selection of over 3,100 equity securities, 300 bonds and 450 ETFs across c. 20 stock exchanges



## medirectalk: insights for clients from major fund houses



medirectalk is a series of seminars organised in Malta by MeDirect featuring several financial experts and asset managers sharing their views on market and investment opportunities.

### Seminars delivered in H12021



Insight on Sustainable investments and why they are the investments for a better future.



Discussed how financial well-being is about feeling a sense of security, as though people have enough money to meet their needs.



Update on the performance of the fund, and his views on the financial world and current trends.









SAP's Philipp Pracht comments on MeDirect's adoption of Luigi

## Strong in-house Software Development team

Built award winning solutions in other Tech-advanced sectors

#### Agility and speed to market

Release fast improvements and new features through a CI/CD\* framework

### Ability to containerise the platform

Allows to run software code uniformly and consistently on any infrastructure

#### **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES**

### Modular microservices architecture

To innovate and meet business needs

#### Data engineering team

Dedicated to enable AI and ML for MeDirect in real-time

#### 24x7 Production Service Monitoring

With pro-active alerts on all endpoints

\*Continuous Integration / Continuous Deployment

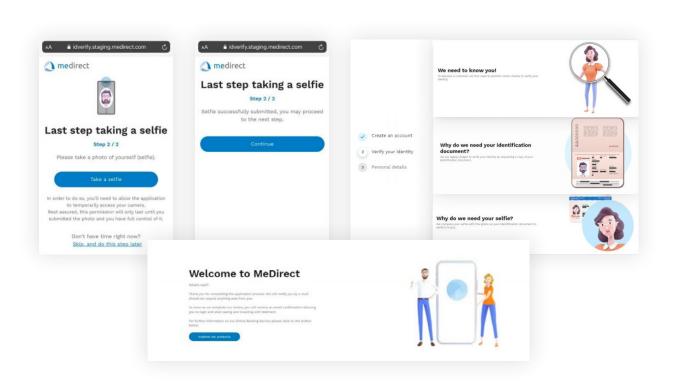


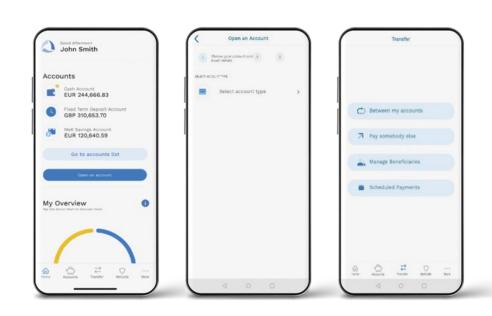
# User eXperience driving our digital transformation

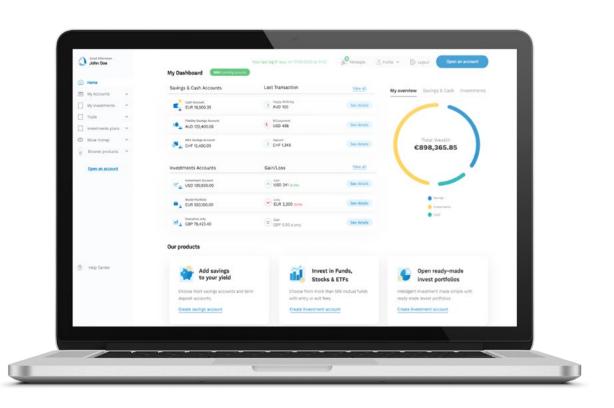
Fast and simple onboarding process

Highly intuitive and convenient mobile app

Revamped eBanking site







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average rating across:

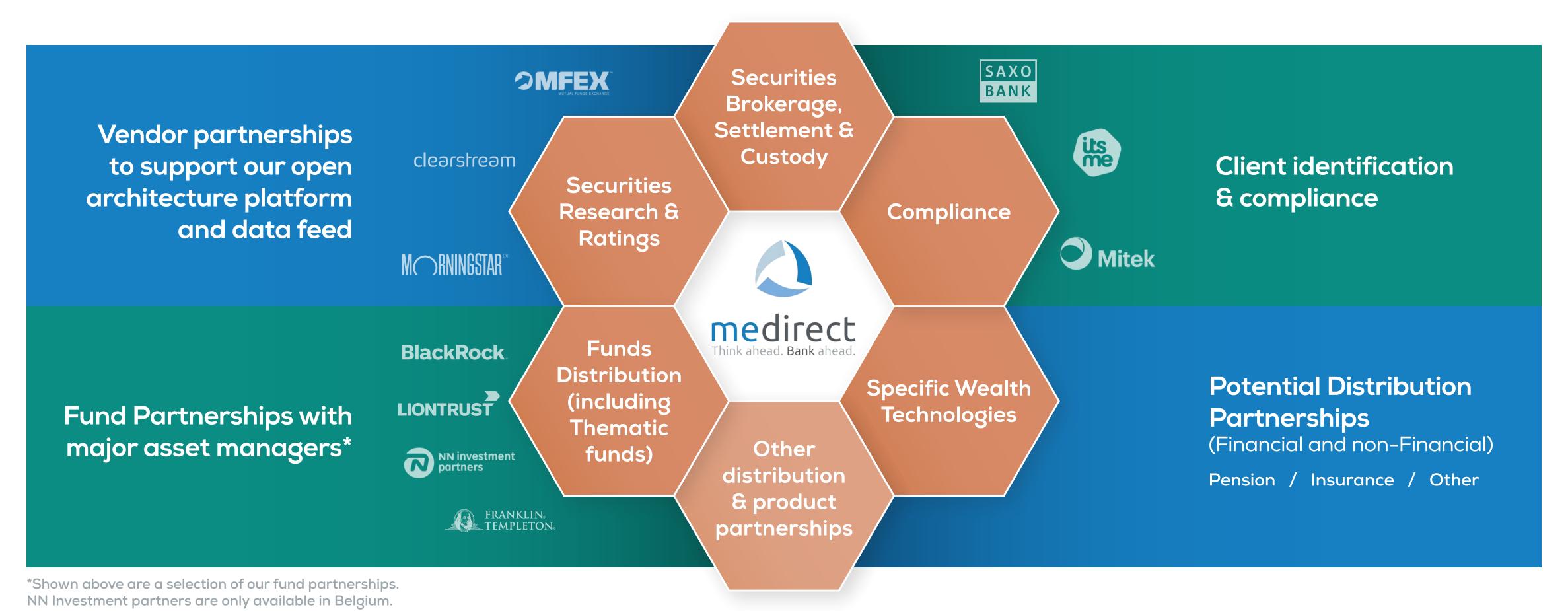




of customers rate the site very good or excellent

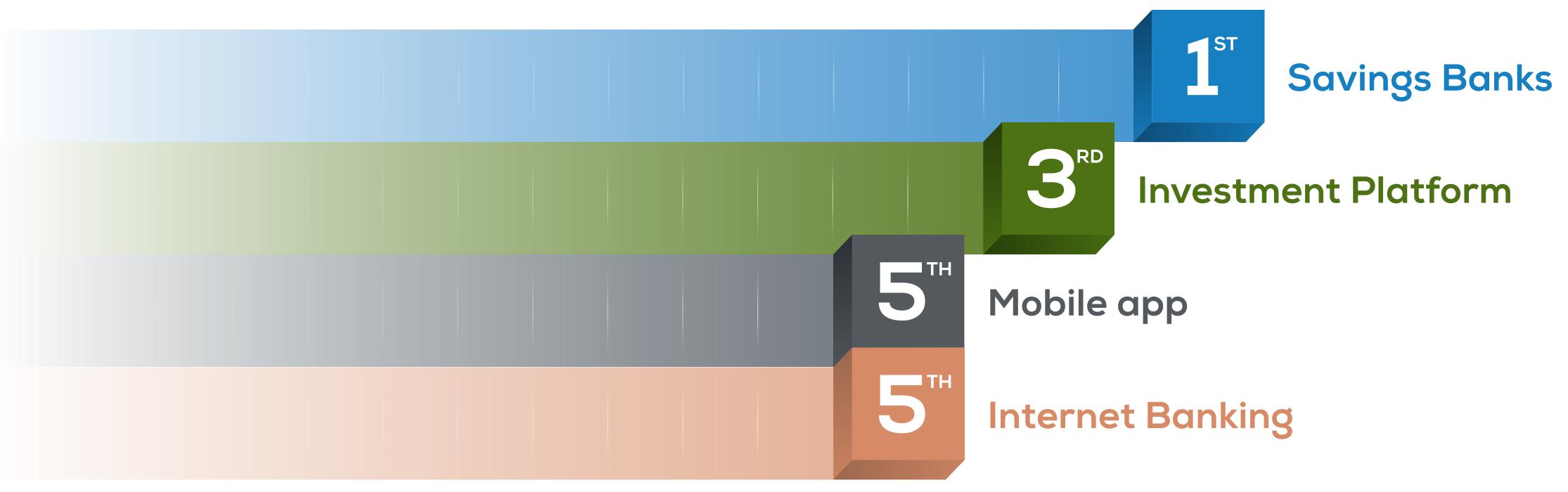


# We continuously plug new partners into our open ended platform as an aggregator of services





# Already ranked by clients in top 5 amongst Belgian banks



26 banks were ranked in the survey.

Source: spaargids.be as at December 2020

Our ambition is to be in the Top 3 in each category

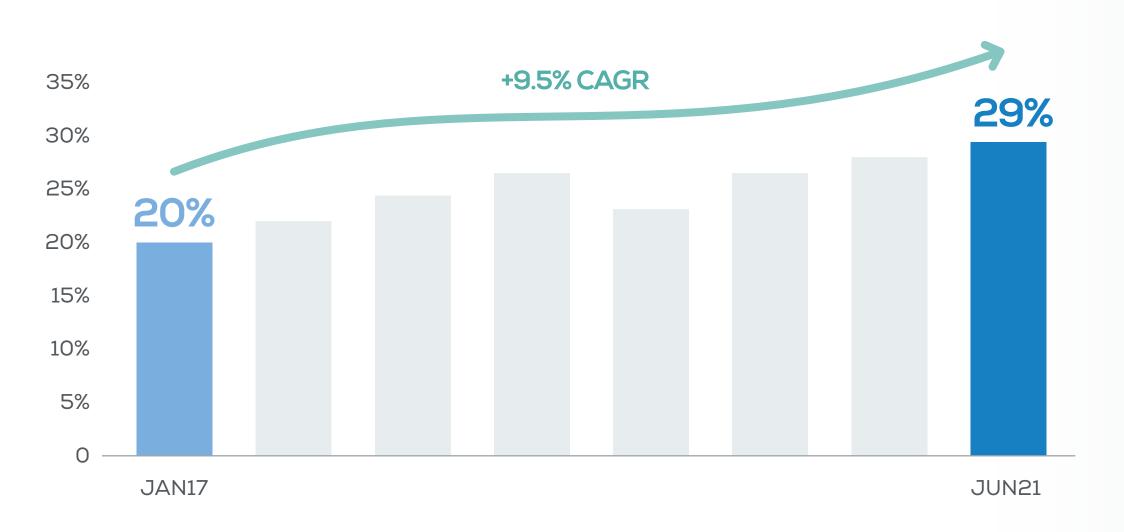






## MeDirect Belgium: A well-recognised player in its market

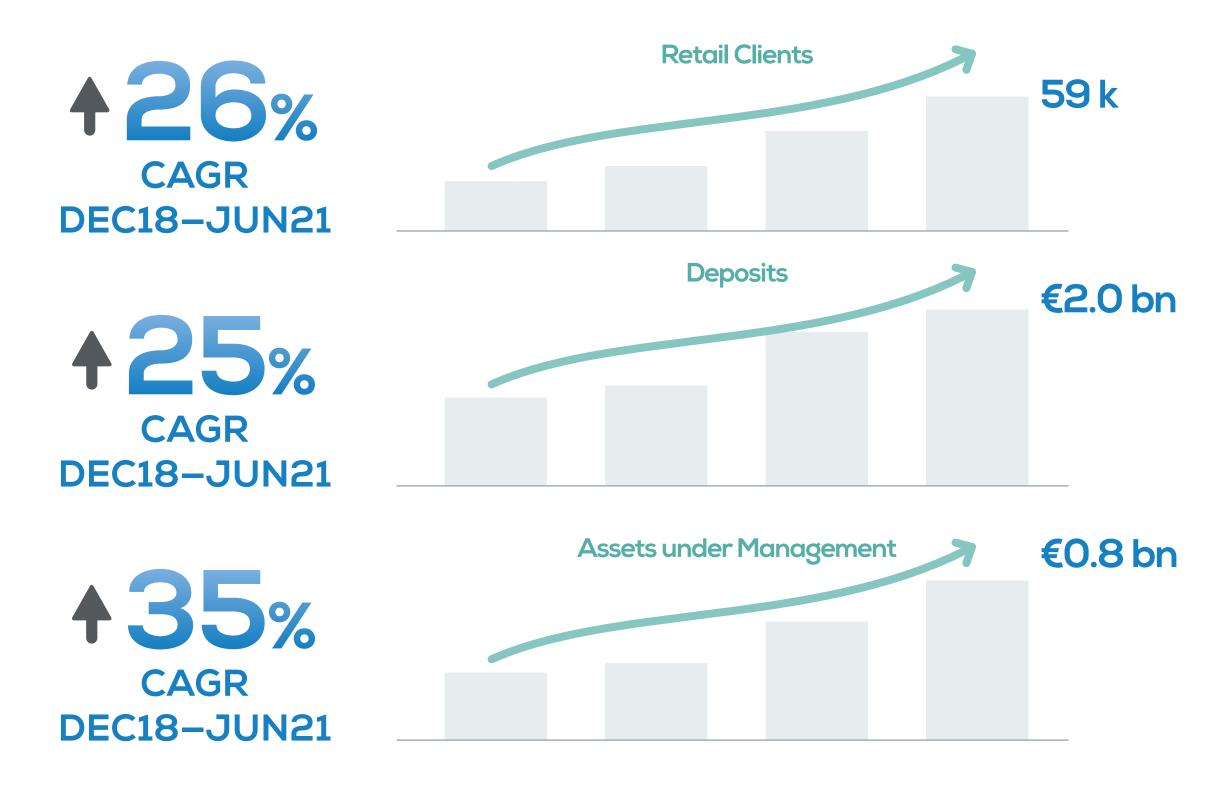
#### AIDED BRAND AWARENESS



- » MeDirect's aided brand awareness has improved very fast and compares well with longer-established Belgian brands
- » MeDirect aided brand awareness reaches36% in Belgian investor segment

#### **DYNAMIC GROWTH**

Strong growth achieved in all client-related metrics



Source: IVOX as at June 2021

Figures as at 30 June 2021



## MeDirect is also building a mortgage factory to complement its WealthTech platform

#### Why?

- » Mortgages form part of MeDirect's retail product offering, and have cross-sell potential
- » Lower risk and capital efficient asset
- » Focus on creating convenient digital processes for both partners and clients

#### How do we do this?

- » Partnership with established originator/servicers
- B2B2C with established partners
- B2C model

#### Where?

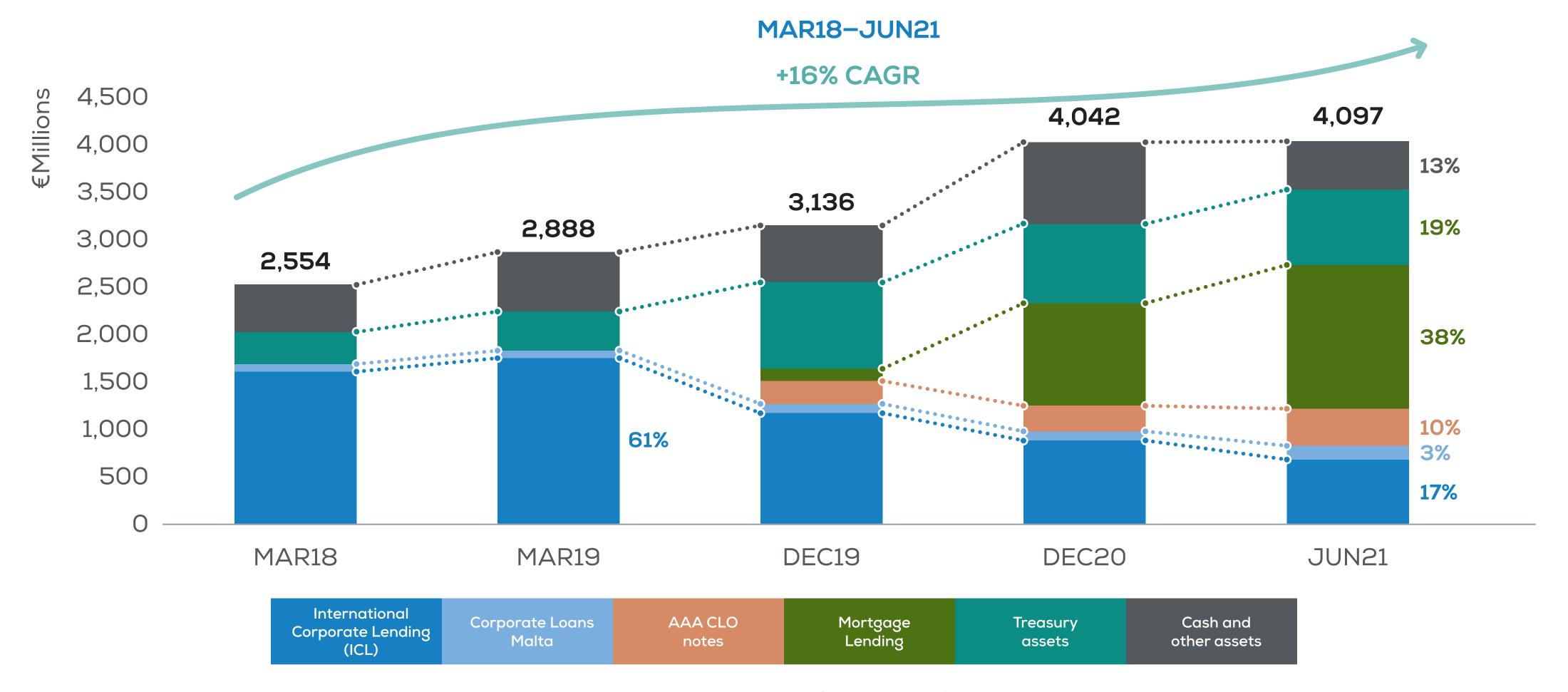
- Launched in 2019 under the HollandWoont brand through partnership with DMPM
- Launched in March 2021
- Actively planning launch

#### How do we fund this?

- » Efficient funding strategy through a balanced mix of wholesale and deposit funding
- » Successfully issued 2 RMBS from the Dutch mortgage business



## Systemic balance sheet diversification underpinned by mortgage lending growth



Asset evolution represents Total assets as per Group published financial statements



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## Lending in Malta: new mortgage offer and stable corporate banking franchise

## INNOVATIVE MORTGAGE OFFER LAUNCHED IN MARCH 2021



Customer-centric approach with digitalised experience



Faster-than-market turnaround times



Fair and transparent fees structure

## SMALL BUT ESTABLISHED CORPORATE BANKING FRANCHISE



One-stop shop to both local SMEs and larger Maltese companies, as well as international corporates operating from Malta



Provides corporate lending solutions, as well as corporate services for FX execution, payments and treasury services



Support local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic in collaboration ("MeAssist")

#### **Corporate Banking Franchise**

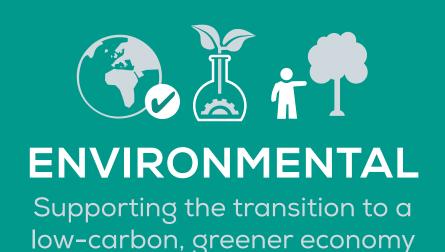
Credit Portfolio	Deposits	Assets under Management
€0.1bn	€0.2bn	< €0.1bn

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### ESG Principles - Current Initiatives





#### » Our Customers

» Products: inclusion of eco-friendly mutual funds available on MeDirect's open fund architecture

#### » Our Community

- » Eco-friendly workplace: adoption of energy conservation measures (LEDs, occupancy sensors)
- » Environment: encourage eco-friendly transportation to and from workplace



#### SOCIAL

Building a more considerate environment for employees and customers

#### » Our Customers

- » Awareness: ESG focused content on MeDirect websites and webinars with Fund Houses
- » COVID-19 measures: provide financial relief to corporate customers through participation in Malta Development Bank guarantee scheme and other loan moratoria measures

#### » Our Employees

- » Work from home policy
- » Equality Mark Certificate in Malta awarded in 2020
- » Sponsorships, training and education programmes for all employees
- » Reduced hours for working parents and maternity leave to promote work-life balance



Adopting proper standards for corporate governance

#### » Our Customers

Customer privacy: adoption of a robust internal system of practices, controls, and procedures to meet the needs and expectations of clients

#### » Our Stakeholders and Partners

- » Promotion of ethical behaviour through anti-bribery & corruption training
- Established whistleblowing protection, corporate values and code of ethics
- » ESG-related training



## Acceleration of strategic transformation continues as H1 2021 profitability turns positive

€M	H1'20 JUN20 REPORTED	H1'21 JUN21 REPORTED
Net Interest Income (NII)	26	26
Net Fee & Commission income	3	3
Other income/(expense)	(4)	1
Total operating Income	25	30
Operating Expenses (OpEx)	(29)	(31)
Impairment charges	(56)	4
Profit/(Loss) before tax	(60)	3
Profit/(Loss) after tax	(50)	3

- » MeDirect remains on course in its strategic transformation:
  - » First half of 2021 highlighted with encouraging profit performance, following significant impact from impairment provisions in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic
  - » NII remained stable with reduction in ICL book being replaced by growth in the mortgages book
  - » Slight increase in OpEx reflects accelerated investment in WealthTech platform
  - » Observed recoveries and provision releases reflect stronger credit outlook following prudent approach taken in 2020

MeDirect's strategic intent unchanged: grow as a leading WealthTech platform



## MeDirect continues to operate with strong capital ratios after having absorbed COVID-related impairments

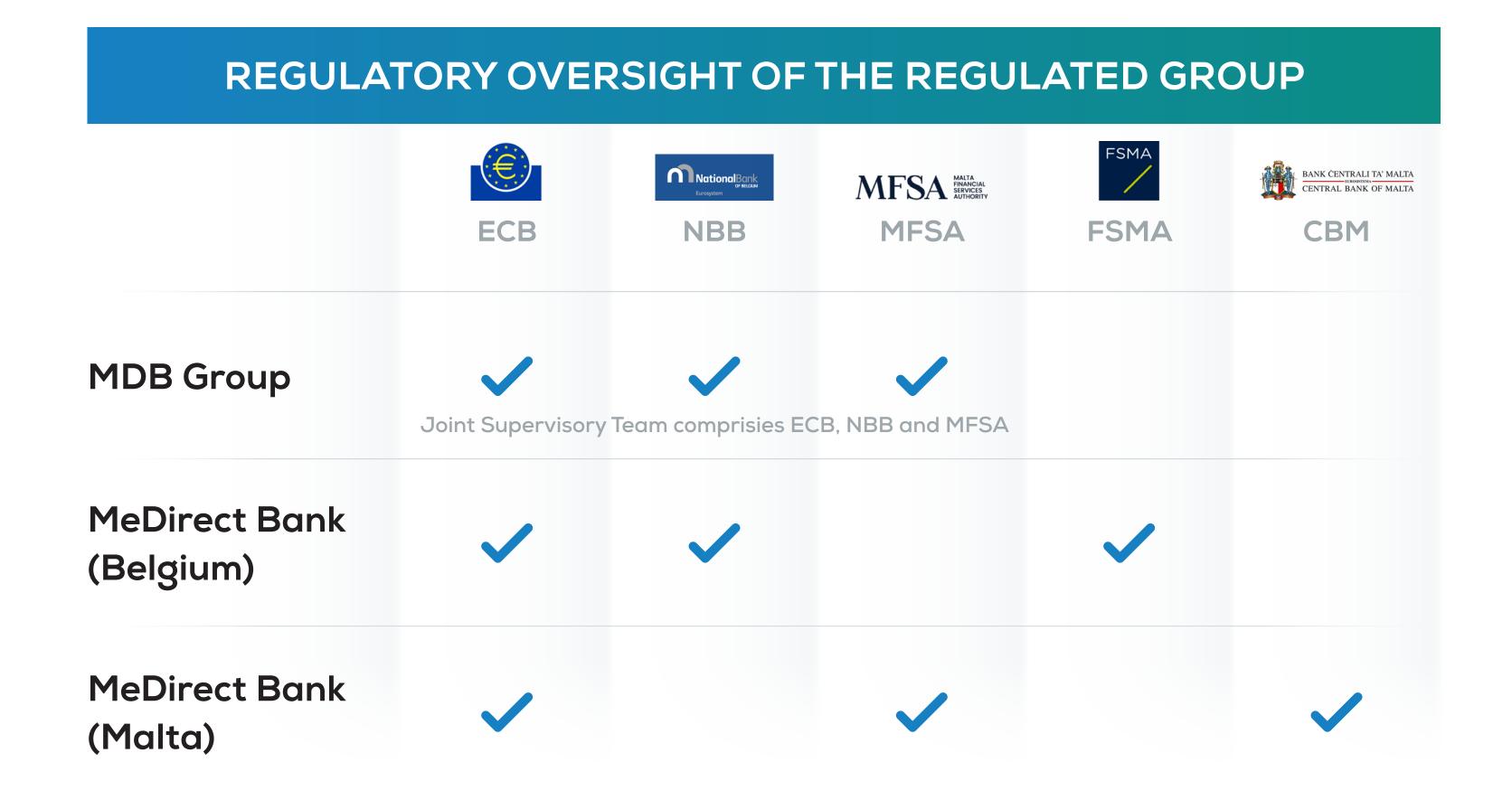
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		JUN 21	DEC 20	DEC 19		
CAPITAL	CET1/T1 Capital Ratio	16.1%	14.8%	15.2%		
	Total Capital Ratio	19.3%	17.3%	17.3%		
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LIQUIDITY	LCR	625%	563%	716%		
	NSFR	134%	121%	136%		

- » Capital ratios well in excess of current regulatory capital requirements
- » Strong liquidity levels, with LCR at more than five times minimum regulatory requirement of 100%



## A Pan-European Bank under the direct supervision of the ECB

- » The Group's operating entities are supervised and regulated by a Joint Supervisory Team (JST) comprising ECB, National Bank of Belgium (NBB) and Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA).
- » As a systemically important bank, MDB Group operates under the strictest banking oversight and with the same requirements as the largest European banks.



### Leadership Team





Arnaud Denis
Group CEO

- » 25 years experience in banking, with track record of retail business transformation, especially in the field of digital
- » First Deputy CEO of ROSBANK Group, Société Générale's Russian retail platform
- » CEO of Eurobank SA, Polish subsidiary of Société Générale
- » MD in Société Générale's Fixed Income division based in NY



Tim Rooney
Belgium CEO

- » 35 years experience in banking
- » CEO of Bank Nagelmackers (a top Private Bank in Belgium)
- » Executive Director at Deutsche Bank PBC, with global responsibility for retail credit
- » Specialist in Retail Banking and Insurance



Radoslaw Ksiezopolski Group CFO

- » 20 years experience in banking
- » CFO of Eurobank Polish subsidiary of Société Générale
- » CFO of Credit Agricole Bank Poland
- » Consultant at McKinsey & Co.
- » Worked on the transformation of Polish subsidiary of UniCredit



Alex Konewko
Group CRO

- » 18 years experience in banking
- » Held Senior Risk positions with HSBC in both Retail and Wholesale Risk for EMEA
- » Specialised in credit risk management, risk governance, operational risk, regulatory and compliance



Marcel Berkhout
Belgium CFO

- » 18 years experience in banking
- » Senior Executive/Director in Corporate Finance, Corporate Banking and Reinsurance at Belfius Bank
- » CFO at Optima Bank
- » CFO at MeDirect Belgium since it received its banking licence in 2015

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