

# Unlocking the Dutch potential

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# Key messages



Three clear priorities

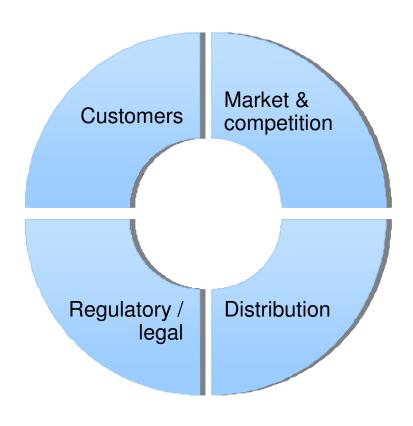
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- Improve RoC further
- Substantial cost saving initiatives
- Competitive market with opportunities
- Contribute to AEGON Group



### The Dutch market is competitive but offers opportunities





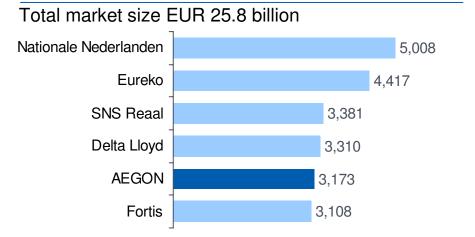
#### **Dutch market:**

o Population: 16.5 million

o GDP: EUR 567 billion

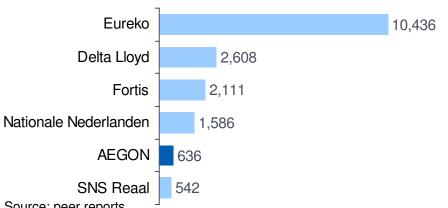
o GDP per capita: EUR 34,000

#### **Gross premium income Life FY 07**\* (EUR million)



### **Gross premium income Non-life FY 07**\* (EUR million)

Total market size EUR 49.4 billion\*\*



<sup>\*</sup> Source: peer reports

<sup>\*\*</sup> including health care, where AEGON is not active

# Rapidly changing environment





### Recent change in market environment



### Impact of financial crisis

- High cost of capital
- Government increased guarantee on bank deposits
- Financial insecurity of consumers



### Impact on the Dutch market

- Standstill in institutional pension market
- Increase in demand for guarantees
- Shift from Individual Life to Savings
- Further increased pressure on margins

### Vision on the Dutch market - I



#### Pensions market

- Mature
- High capital requirements
- Institutional:
  - Complex products, hence high costs (low margin)
  - Introduction of more fee generating business (higher margin)
- SME:
  - Competitive market
  - Limited amount of brokers servicing this market
  - More standardization of products
  - Increasing demand for guarantees in DC products

#### Non-life market

- P&C market is mature
- Strategic for life distribution
- Good returns
- Supports SME

### Vision on the Dutch market - II



- Individual market is a growth market
  - Dis-savings growth
  - Shift from traditional life to hybrid products
    - Insurance companies have competitive advantage with administration of products
    - Insurance companies are better equipped to offer guarantees
    - Insurance companies have longer term ALM view and experience
- Distribution is changing
  - Consolidation expected
  - Retail market more multi-distribution
  - "Best advice" beneficial for insurers competing on service & products

### AEGON's competitive advantages



### Strengths

- Outstanding products
- Improved customer satisfaction levels
- Motivated and energetic employees
- De-risked business

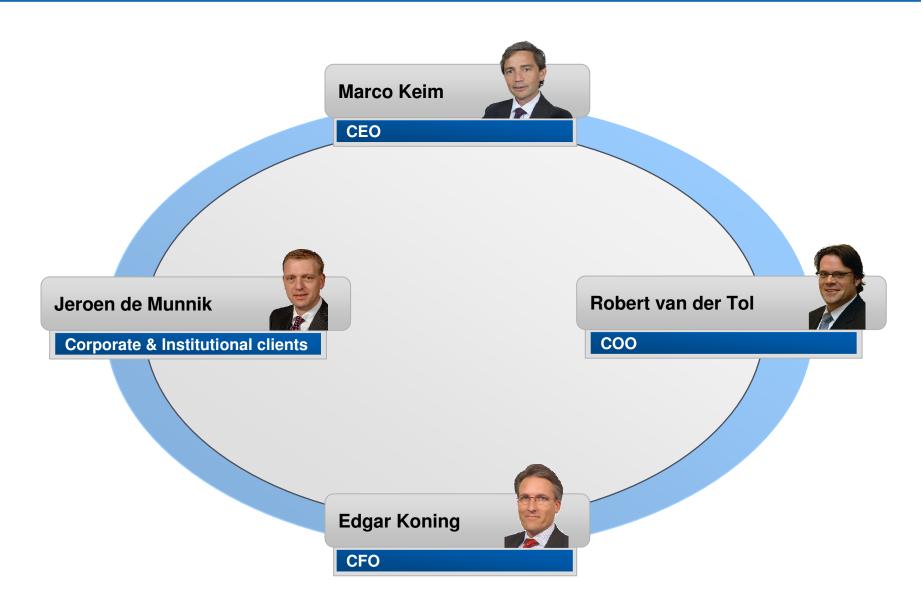
### Need to be improved

- Direct distribution channel underdeveloped
- Limited broker penetration in SME
- Customers are satisfied, but not yet loyal
- o Image and reputation
- Execution power and accountability

# Unlocking the Dutch potential

# New management team







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2 Distribution

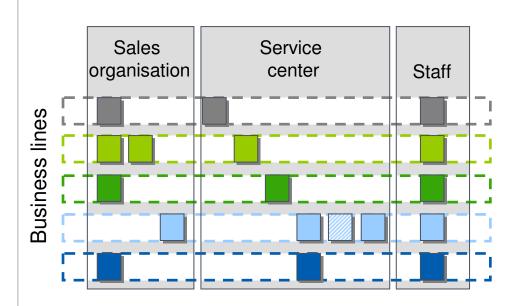
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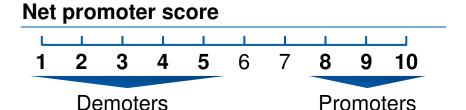




# Culture change

- o Focus
  - Clear priorities, less projects
- o Execution
  - Accountability
- Excellent service
  - Differentiation factor
- Lean six sigma as part of daily operations / management
  - Customer thinking central
  - Process redesign







### Distribution

#### o Retail

- AEGON Bank as multi-channel provider

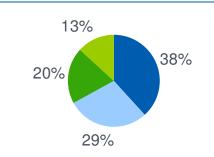
#### SME – broker

- AEGON owns the largest independent broker (UnirobeMeeusGroep)
- Increase in SME pensions market share from 12% to 20% by 2012

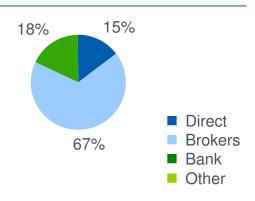
#### Non-life:

- Non-life products are essential for distribution of life products for retail and SME markets
- Institutional direct professional teams

#### Distribution mix P&C market 2007



#### Distribution mix SME market 2007





# **Profitability**

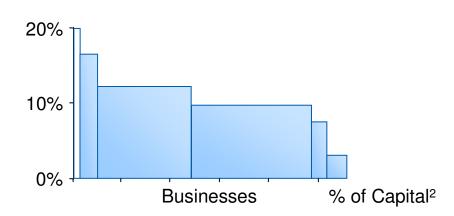
- Selectively increase prices
- Focus on less capital intensive products
- Grow market share in profitable segments, e.g. SME
- Customer loyalty & retention
- Cost reduction measures
  - Restructuring
  - Reduction in projects

# Improve Return on Capital by 100 basispoints



- o Improve Return on Capital by 100 basis points by 2012:
  - Lower expenses
  - Increase fee business
  - Optimize capital allocation
  - Increase retention
  - ALM

### Unlevered return on capital 2007<sup>1</sup>



- 1. Net underlying earnings / average capital in units excluding revaluation reserves
- 2. Average capital in units excludes revaluation reserves, holding activities and unallocated Group capital

# Contribution to AEGON's three strategic priorities



Reallocate capital towards businesses with higher growth and return prospects

#### Contribution of NL

Excess capital, not needed to invest in NL, will be distributed to Group to increase capital buffer

- 2 Improve growth and returns from existing businesses
- Selectively increase prices and margins
- Higher retention and customer loyalty
- Cost reduction measures
- Grow in SME market

Manage AEGON as an international group

- Institutional pensions
- Asset management
- Mortgage capabilities
- Introduction of variable annuities

# Conclusion



Three clear priorities



- o Improve RoC by 100 bps by 2012
- Substantial cost saving initiatives
- o Individual market is a growth market
- Increase SME pensions market share to 20% by 2012
- Contribute to AEGON Group



# Q&A





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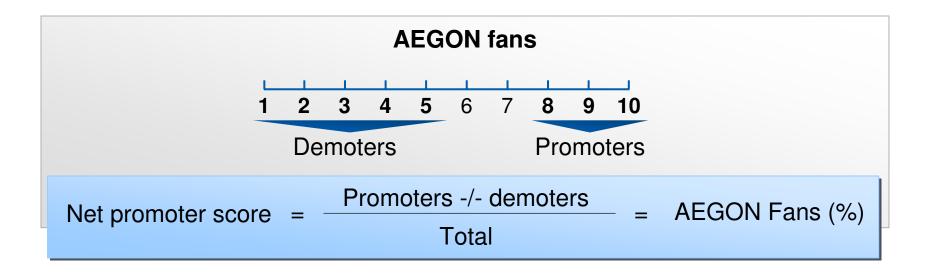


# **Appendix**



### Net promoter score





### Net promoter score (NPS)

 NPS is developed by Friedrich Reichheld\*. His research concludes that companies with a high NPS, are more successful (higher profitability)

#### **AEGON Process**

- We will determine the base line NPS per client segment
- We will set target NPS per client segment

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;The Ultimate Question" by Friedrich Reichheld