

# EU Scenarios and the UK Financial Centre

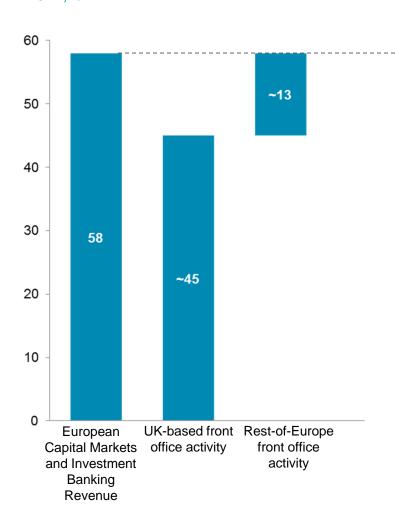
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## UK wholesale market participants and their role in Europe

#### **Issuers** Wholesale banks **Investors** UK UK UK **Rest of Europe Rest of Europe Rest of Europe** • Corporations Investment banks Asset managers Governments Capital markets brokers • Hedge funds and dealers Banks/Insurers • Insurers, pensions Universal banks

### The UK is the largest Financial Centre in Europe

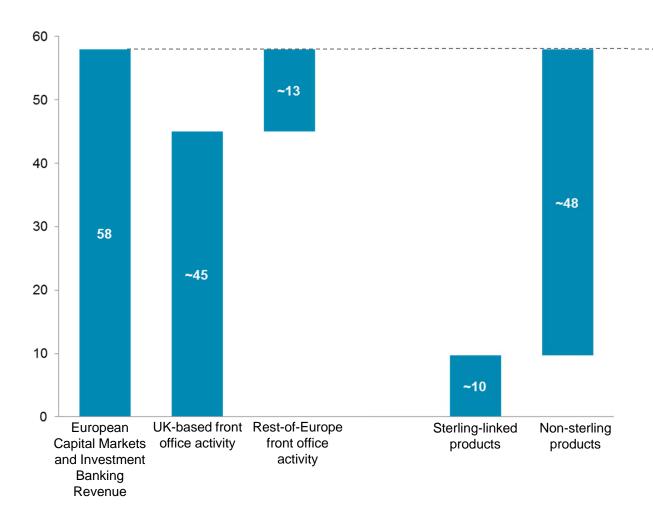
# European Capital Markets and Investment Banking Revenue<sup>1</sup> segmented by whether it touches the UK 2012, £ BN



- 75%+ of European Capital Markets and Investment Banking revenue transacted in the UK
- Predominance of intermediaries, including major centres for EU banks
- In addition:
  - Largest investment management sector, innovating in infrastructure, real estate and term financing
  - European hub for re-insurance and complex commercial insurance hedging
  - Fintech innovations (e.g. payments, peerto-peer lending)

### UK intermediation activity cuts across currencies

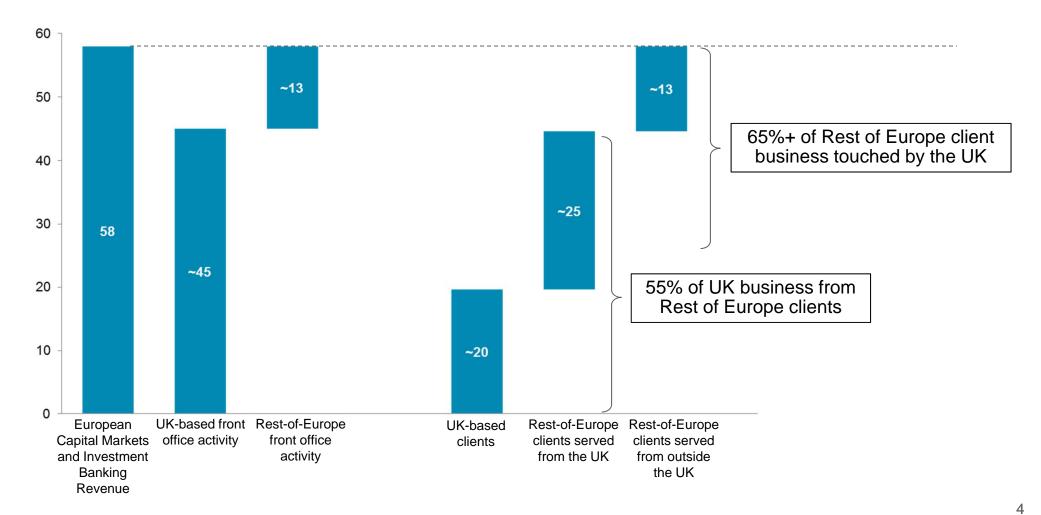
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- Sterling products: Equities trading and issuance, M&A and sterling Fixed Income products
- London a major FX and derivatives centre for global products
- Sterling issuance small compared to EUR, USD & JPY
- Commodities, Emerging Markets also largely non-sterling markets

# The UK Financial Centre and Europe-wide clients are mutually dependent; The UK is the main Financial Centre for Europe

**European Capital Markets and Investment Banking Revenue<sup>1</sup> segmented by client location** 2012, £ BN



### Changes in the UK's EU status would threaten this valuable role

- Under all scenarios, significant risk to the UK intermediation business as well as to investment management, insurance and fintech
- EEA/EFTA model:
  - Retains access to single market for time being
  - But reduces influence over rule-making
  - And raises uncertainty over coverage by new rules which are altering EEA status over time
- EFTA model: threatens access to EU clients altogether
- Even in the diminution of an EU-exit scenario, all activity would not be lost
  - Likely that some activities remain in the UK (perhaps trading, technology, operations)
  - Others (sales, risk, finance, controlling) could migrate or require duplication
- But disturbance of the ability to serve this non-domestic client base would result in:
  - Significant erosion of UK activity
  - Further erosion of European clients' access to capital markets
- Whereas some of this activity would migrate to financial centres elsewhere in Europe, the main impact for Europe would be loss of access to long-term capital to finance growth; fragmentation of liquidity and issuer-investor touchpoints would diminish European markets overall

#### Clifford Chance will examine the counter-factual

#### Our conclusion

- Since the advent of the single market, unification of Financial Services rule-making across Europe has advantaged the UK as a financial centre
- In a single market, the advantages that the UK has accumulated are key:
  - Language and legal environment
  - Talent pool and labour force mobility
  - Historically attractive tax environment
  - Supporting professional services ecosystem, each sector of which is of significant importance to the UK economy
    - Legal
    - Accounting
    - I.T.
    - Education/professional training
    - Advisory services
  - General quality of life
- Membership of the EU is essential for the UK's success and for the ability of our businesses to compete in world markets