



**Macquarie Connections Conference**  
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# Group Performance Summary

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- ❑ 1<sup>st</sup> Half 2010/11
  - Normalised Net Profit after Tax up 38% at \$11m<sup>1</sup>
  - 2.4% increase in Net Profit after Tax to \$11m
  - Revenue up 10%
  - 6.7% total customer growth
- ❑ Full Year Forecast
  - \$22-23m NPAT, pre NCML acquisition costs
  - Cashfirst loan book to exceed \$12m
- ❑ Continuous low level of arrears
- ❑ Investment in Big Brown Box exited

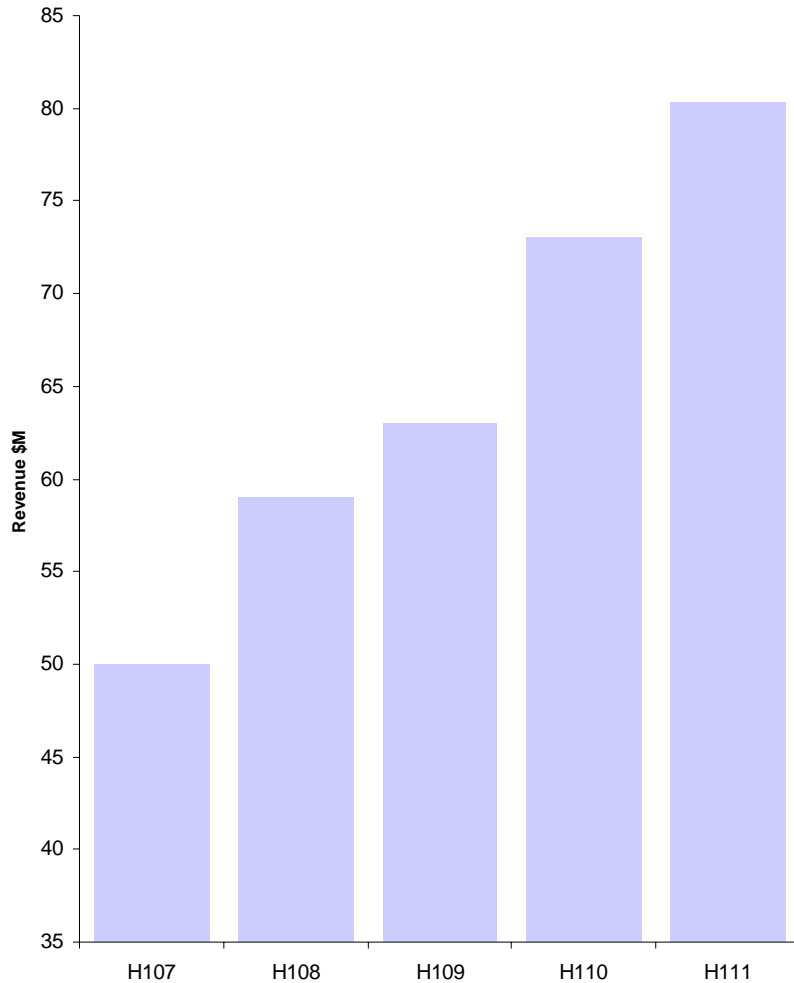
<sup>1</sup> PCP NPAT contained a one-off tax benefit pertaining to the temporary investment allowance of \$2.8m

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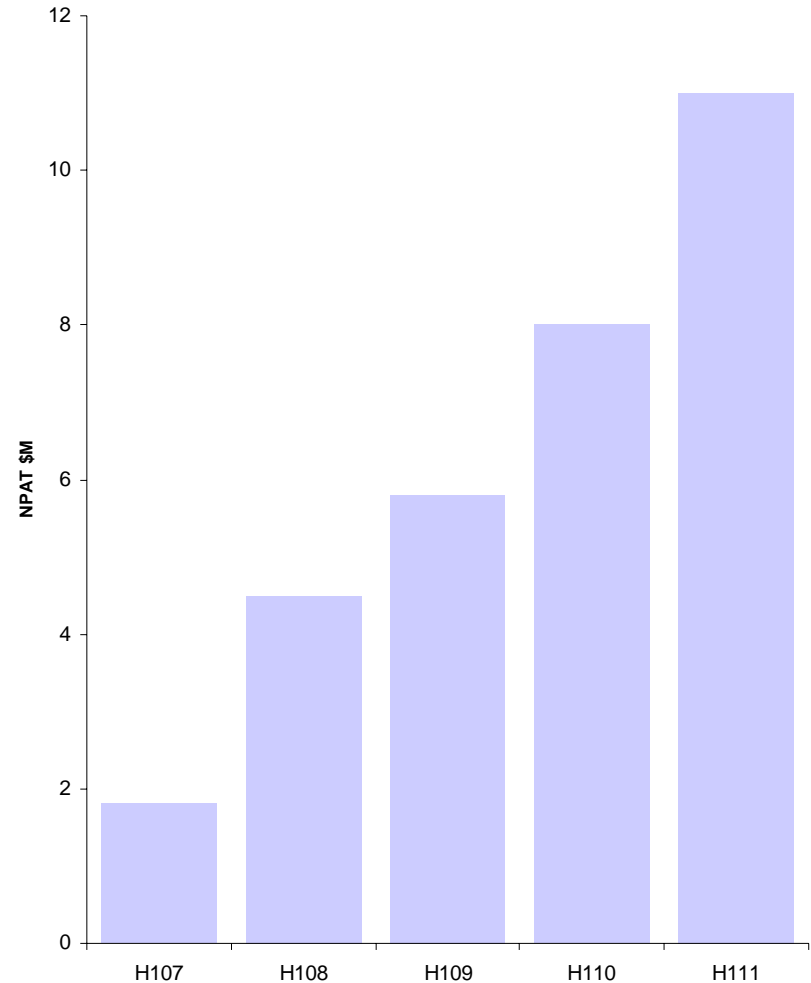
## 1<sup>st</sup> Half

# Historical performance: Strong growth

Revenue +10%



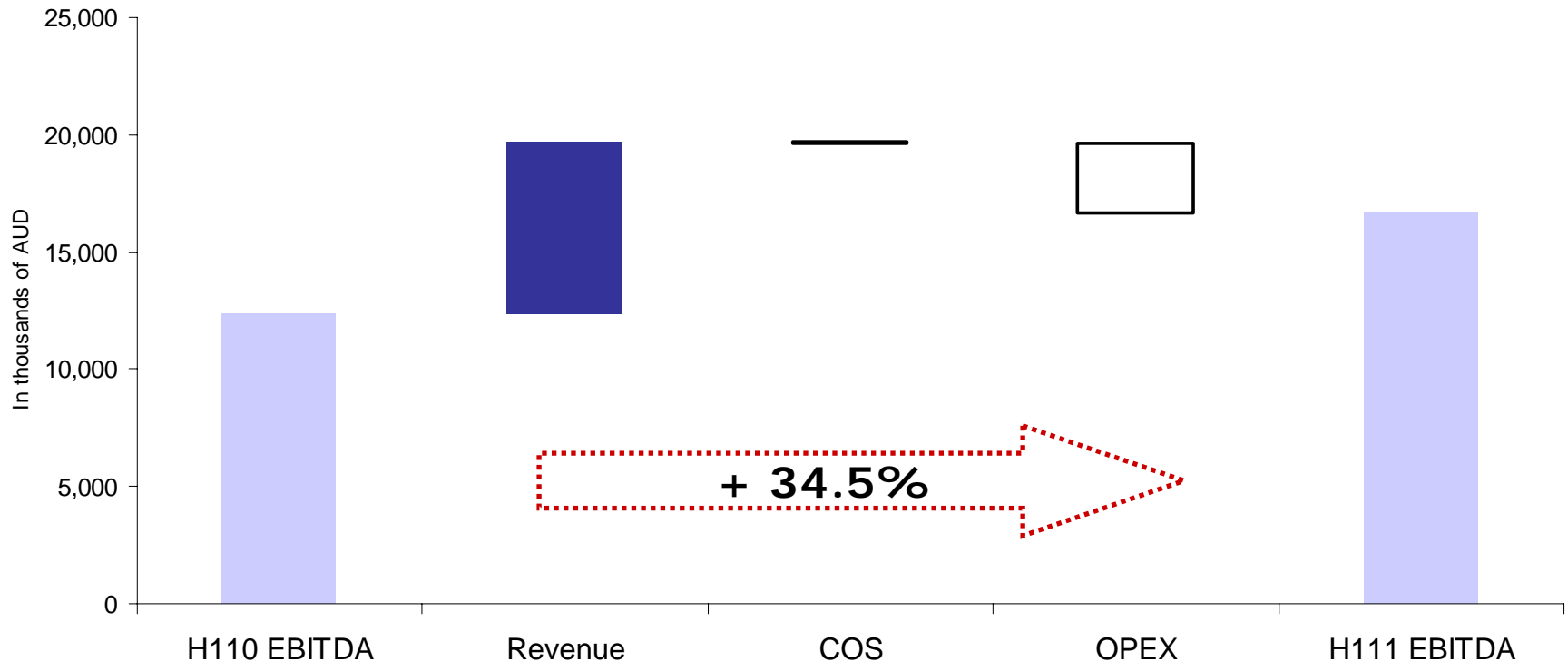
NPAT +38%



Note - normalised 2010 NPAT

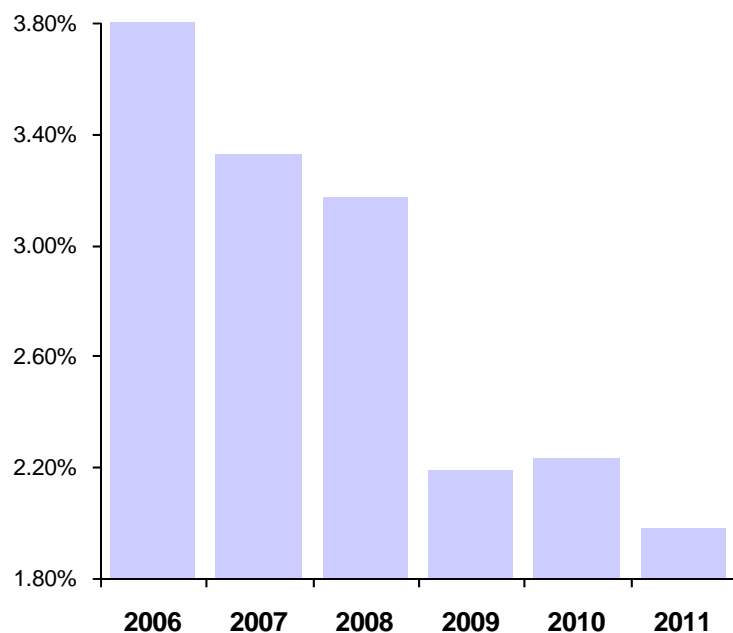
# EBITDA: Double digit growth maintained

- ❑ Revenue increase of 10% main driver
- ❑ COS steady due to declining asset prices and bad debts
- ❑ Gross margin percent up to 61.8%
- ❑ OPEX increases in-line with the expansion of the business



# Bad Debt: Tracking behind revenue growth

- Impairment charges on the rental book continue to decline as a percent to revenue - 2.0% versus 2.3% LY
- Provisioning movement continues to track in-line with finance lease sales



H1 Comparison: Rental Bad Debt & Asset Losses as a percentage of customer payments

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	H110	H111
Provisioning movement	2,544	2,984
Losses incurred:		
– Net Debt	479	399
– Asset	832	920
Total	3,855	4,303

# Balance sheet

- ❑ Net asset growth of 8%
- ❑ Total tangible assets \$113m, an 11% increase
- ❑ Debt to equity ratio remaining conservative

Key asset movements	30 Sep \$'000s	Movement \$'000s	
Cash	3,460	(2,287)	• Impacted by increased purchases and loan book growth
Finance lease	51,576	5,801	• 13% book growth
Cash loans	5,550	891	• Solid first half performance
Operating lease	1,258	79	• Remains steady due to arrears results
Inventory	1,208	339	• Impact of imported Visea TVs
Rental assets	41,169	5,958	• Growth in operating lease book

# Consumer Rental

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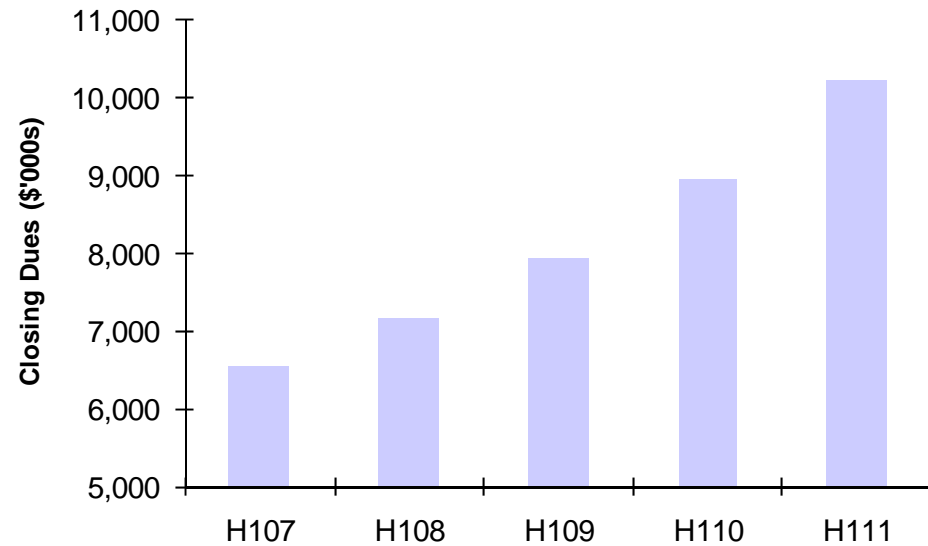
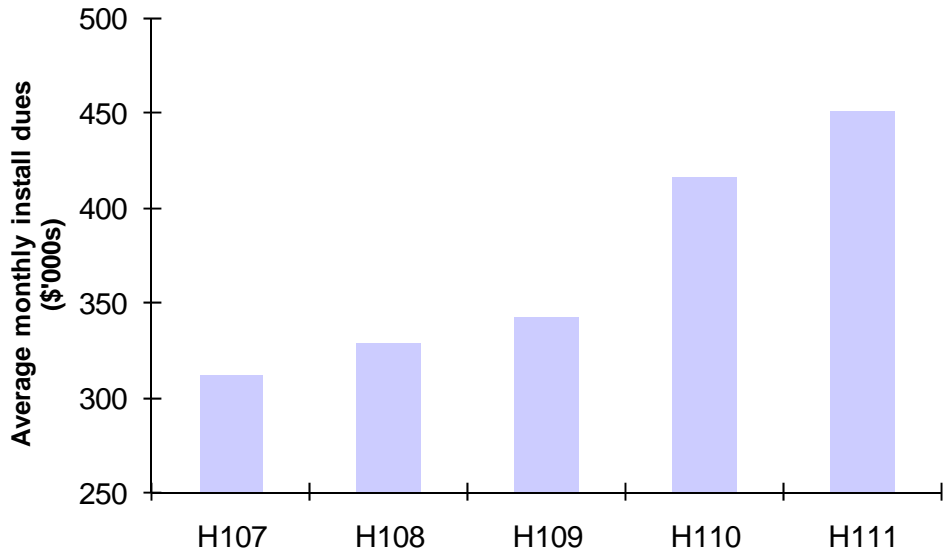
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# Performance: Continued to tick all the boxes

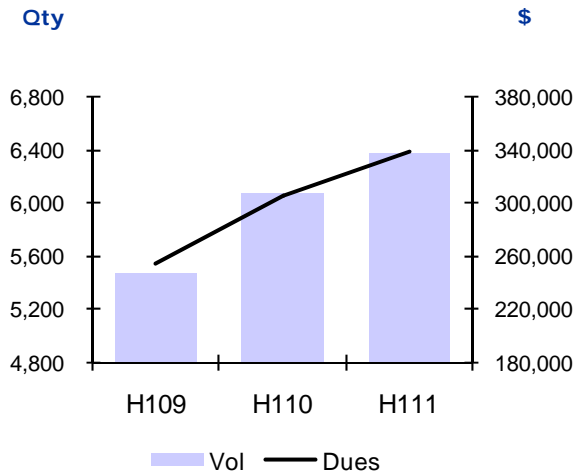
- ❑ Total installations grew 5%
- ❑ AUR (average price per unit) increased 4% to \$48.42
- ❑ Monthly dues base exceeding \$10m



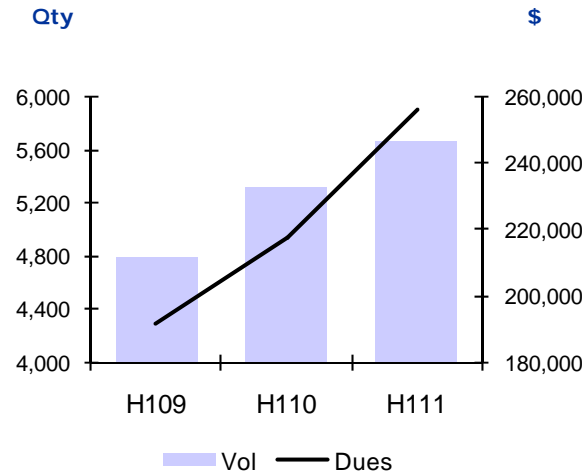
# Trading: Operating Leases

- ❑ 'Essential' products remained a key driver
- ❑ Whitegoods up 11% - increased demand for larger appliances
- ❑ Furniture up 54% - quality and range of product improved

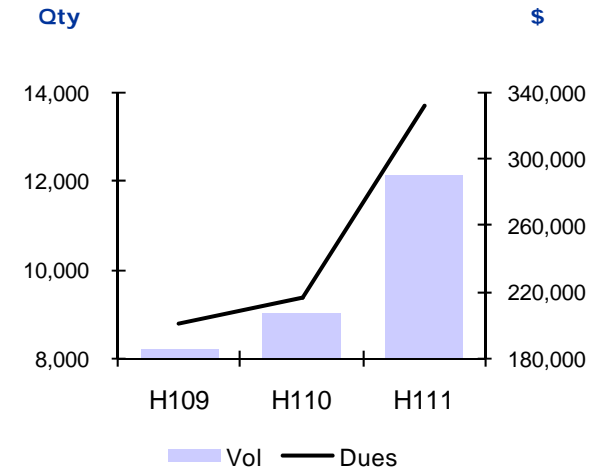
## Refrigeration



## Washing machines



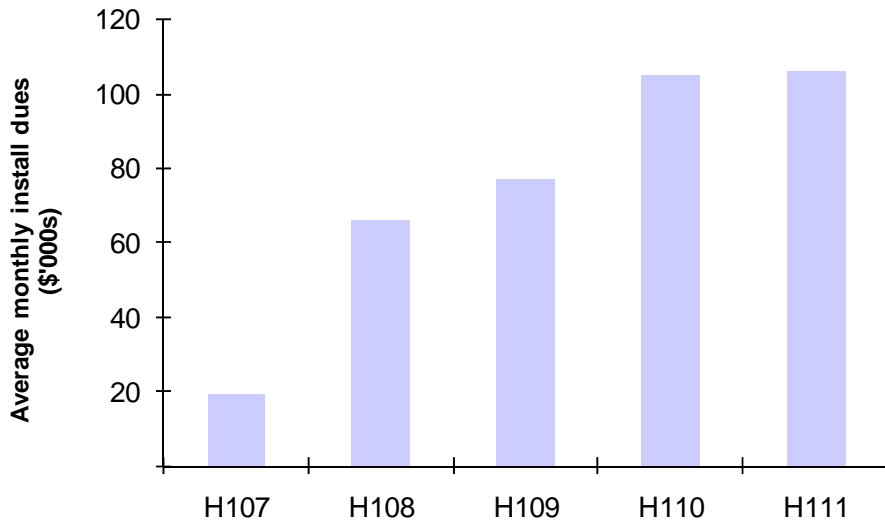
## Furniture



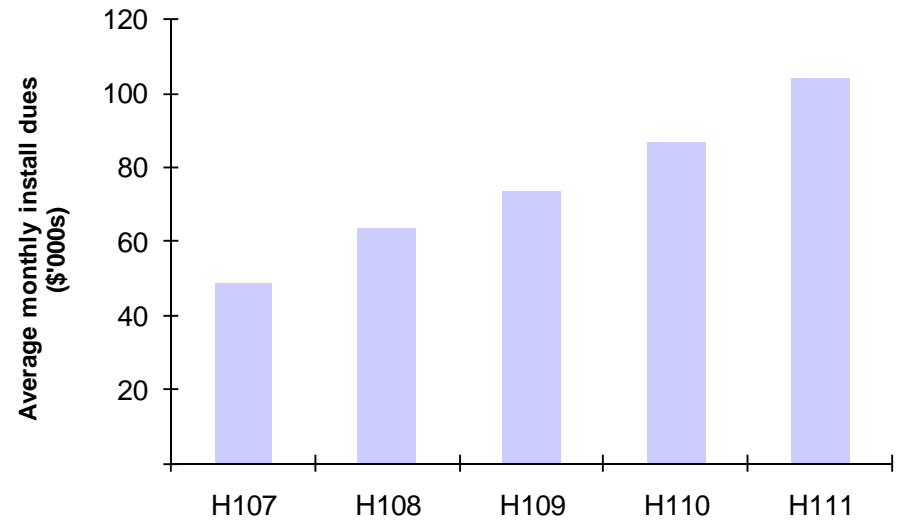
# Trading: Finance Leases

- ❑ Solid demand for flat panels (FP) and PCs
- ❑ Launch of Thorn brand has met with good consumer response - 25% of Q2 installs
- ❑ New technology impacts slowing

Flat Panel

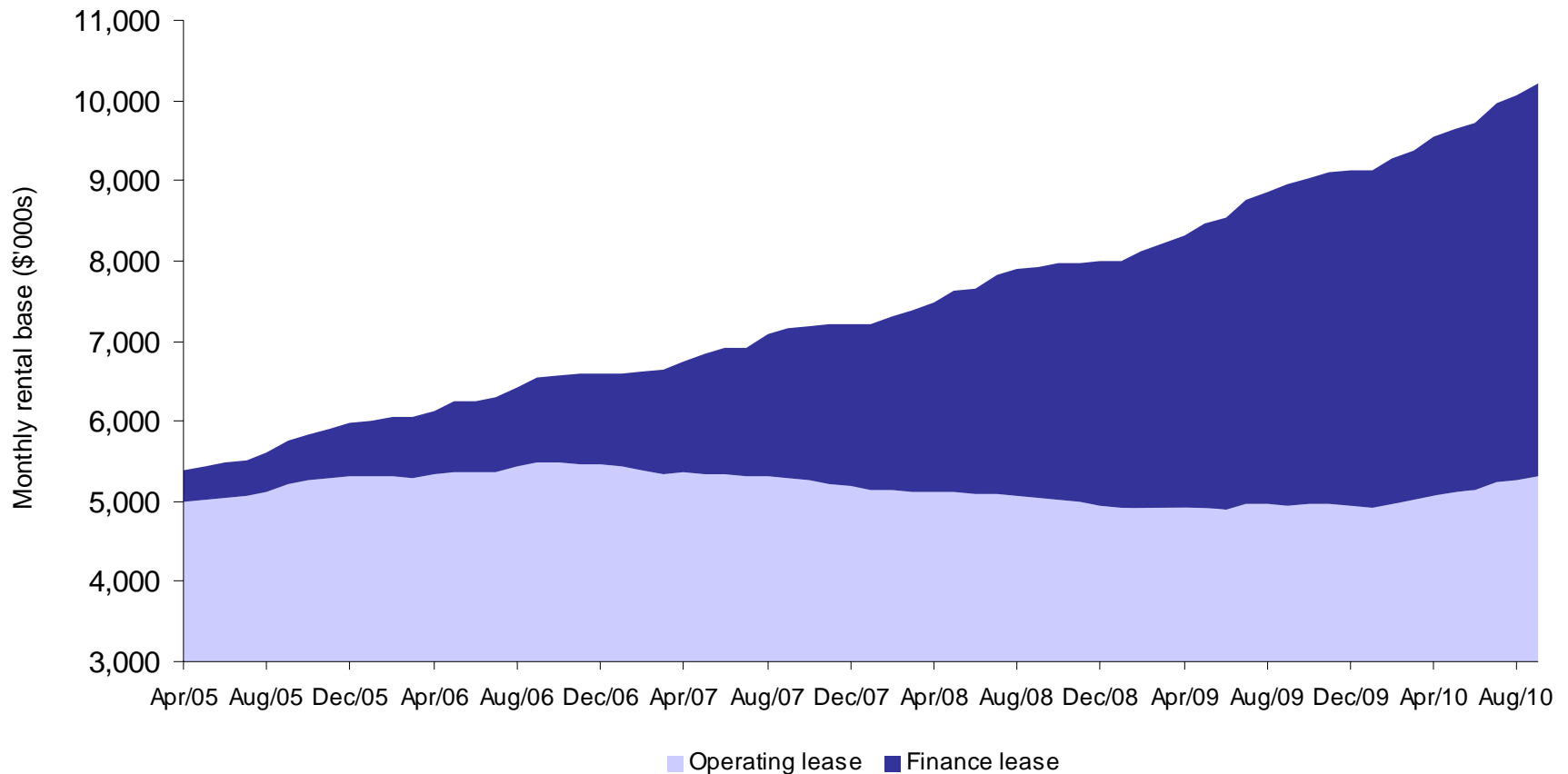


PC



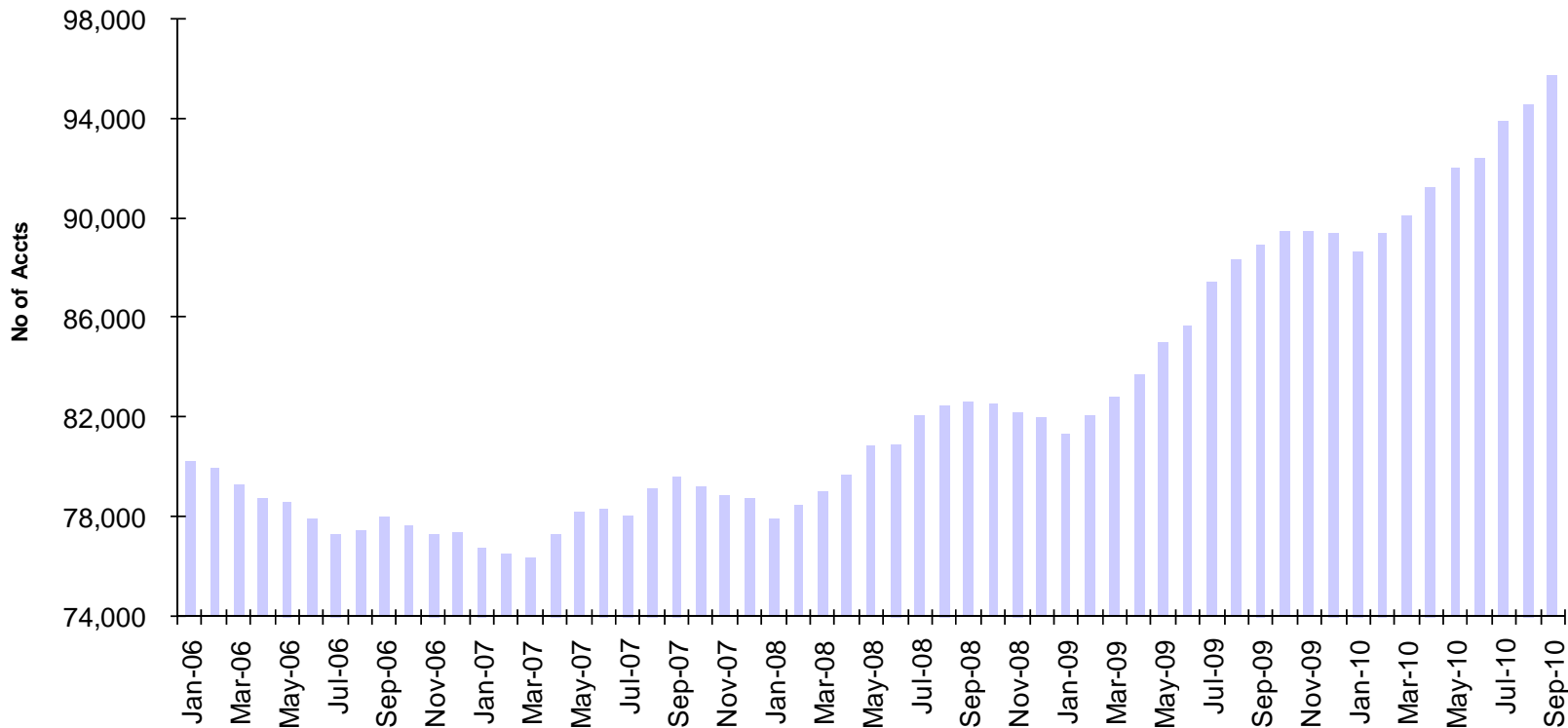
# Trading: Overall

- ❑ 9% growth of rental base due to strong installation increases
- ❑ Disconnection curves are improving in-line with the better quality of written business and lower arrears rates, resulting in longer average contract lengths



# Customer Growth: 6.3%

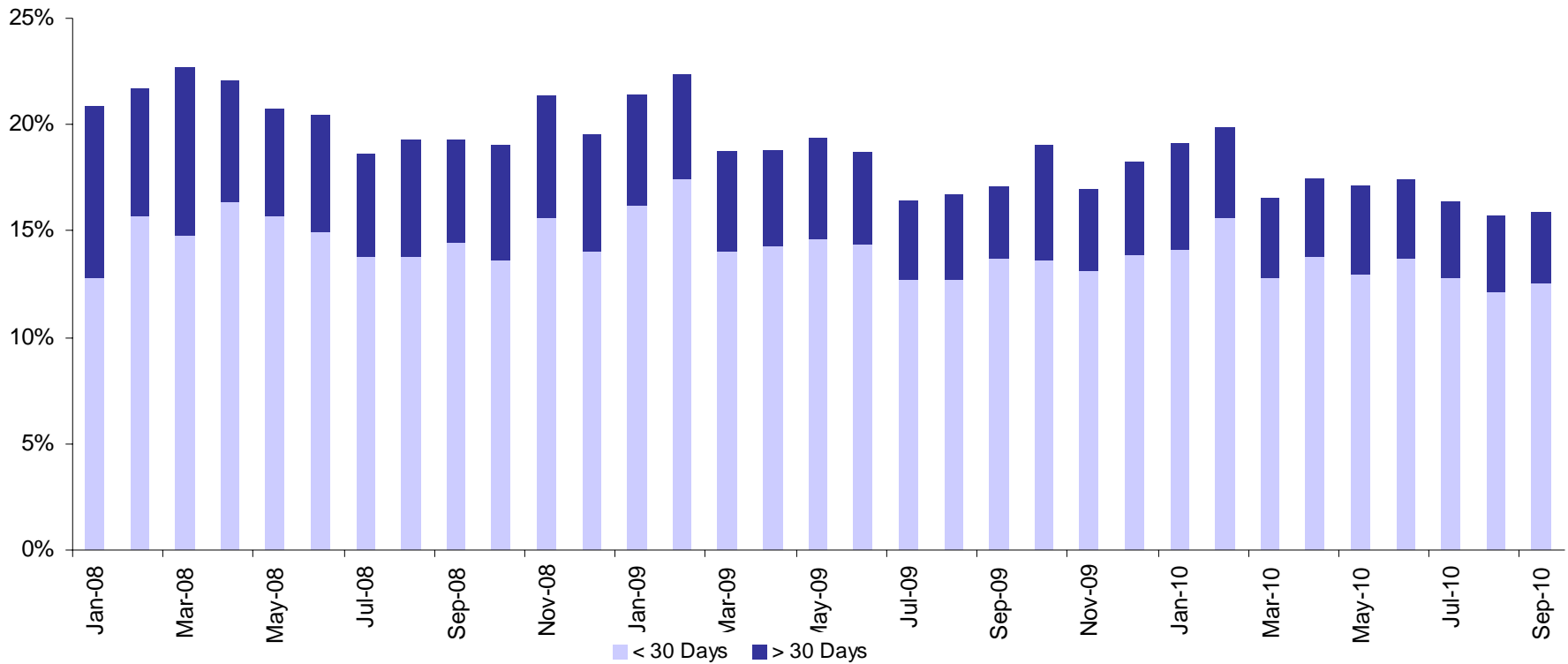
- ❑ 6.3% customer growth versus 7.4% LY
- ❑ 40% retention rate maintained i.e. take-up of a new contract at completion of current contract
- ❑ Customer base near 96,000



# Account delinquencies maintained at record lows

- Focus on “Responsible Rental Policy”
- Providing product that suits a customers needs and budget

% Accounts in Arrears



# Opportunities for Growth

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- ❑ Uncertain economic conditions
- ❑ Further acceptance of 'rental' as a means of accessing product
- ❑ Store expansion program:
  - Enabling increased market penetration in unserved/underserved areas of strong potential
  - 'One Person Branches' - regional areas
    - 5 opened
  - Kiosks - metropolitan areas
    - Mt Druitt trial commenced December
  - Showrooms
    - Selected metro and regional areas
  - All initiatives showing strong results to-date



# cashfirst™ : Loan book continues to grow

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## *Performance*

- ❑ 18% growth in loan book and customers
- ❑ Loan book \$6.5m - to exceed \$12m loan book by end Full Year
- ❑ 65% of business written with new customers
- ❑ 30% retention rate - customers now onto their second/third loans
- ❑ Write-offs improving

## *Opportunities for Growth*

- ❑ Increased market penetration - national TV advertising
- ❑ Increased retention - loyalty program with reduced rates
- ❑ Risk related pricing - lower rates for lower risk customers



## *Performance*

- Relaunch 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010
- Development of:
  - Broader offering of financial products and services
  - Wider product range
  - Additional sales resources
  - Creation of vendor and preferred supplier relationships
- TABs remain cornerstone customers

## *Opportunities for growth*

- Continuation of organic development strategies
- Acquisition opportunities being sought
- New GM appointed with strong industry experience

## NCML

- ❑ A leading provider of integrated receivables management services in Australia

## Strategic Rationale

- ❑ Expansion of Thorn's financial services platform and diversification relative to core operations
- ❑ Opportunity to develop debt ledger activities on a 'selective' basis
- ❑ Leverages Thorn's debtor management expertise
- ❑ Increases Thorn's knowledge base regarding debtor behaviour

## Transaction

- ❑ Purchase price of \$32.5 million, represents a 5.2x FY2010A EBIT multiple
- ❑ Funded through new debt facilities (expected to be partly refinanced by a pro-rata equity offering within the next 12 months)
- ❑ Acquisition expected to be accretive<sup>1</sup> to Thorn EPS in FY2012

1. Pre amortisation on intangibles

# National Credit Management Limited : Background

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- ❑ Established in 1990
- ❑ Provides a full suite of debt collection and receivables management services
- ❑ Operates nationally with some 160 staff
- ❑ Top 20 customers accounted for c.53% of FY2010A revenue and have been with NCML for an average of 5.5 years
- ❑ Services over 800 active customers across both the private and public sectors
- ❑ NCML operates through 3 divisions:
  - Commercial
  - Consumer
  - Consumer Finance

# National Credit Management Limited : Growth Potential

## Commercial

### Collection Services

- Underrepresented in NSW - a number of prospective clients have been identified
- Establish Brisbane office and increase Queensland focus
- Expansion of service offering

## Consumer

### Collection Services

- Strategic relationships with key players should drive future activity
- Tenders for a number of major government contracts

## Consumer Finance

### Collection Services & PDL

- Favourable industry trends will drive growth
- Purchase of additional PDL ledgers
- Potential to charge interest on outstanding amounts<sup>1</sup>

NCML has a range of exciting growth initiatives to pursue over the medium term along with the potential for future acquisitions

1. Standard practice by other operators

# NCML Financial Impact

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- ❑ In FY2010 NCML generated:
  - \$21.3m in revenue
  - \$6.6m in EBITDA
  - \$6.2m in EBIT
- ❑ Strong earnings growth expected in FY2011
- ❑ As at 31 December 2010, NCML had a net asset value of \$9.4m
- ❑ Acquisition is expected to be accretive<sup>1</sup> to Thorn EPS in FY2012 (March year end)
- ❑ Net debt to equity ratio to be c.30% post transaction
- ❑ Acquisition is conservatively priced and meets Thorn's strict acquisition criteria
- ❑ Future growth initiatives of Thorn and NCML able to be funded out of cashflows and utilisation of new debt facilities

1. Pre amortisation on intangibles

# Overview of Thorn Group

NCML acquisition represents an expansion of Thorn's financial services capabilities, particularly in the Commercial segment



# Company Strengths and Outlook

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- ❑ Demand continues for “essential” household goods
- ❑ Solid consumer business with opportunity to grow underserviced areas
- ❑ Emerging commercial businesses
- ❑ Strong cashflows through recurring revenue streams
- ❑ Conservative debt to equity
- ❑ Ability to grow in both positive and negative economic environments
- ❑ Capacity to leverage ‘core competencies’

2011 full year NPAT guidance: \$22 - \$23m