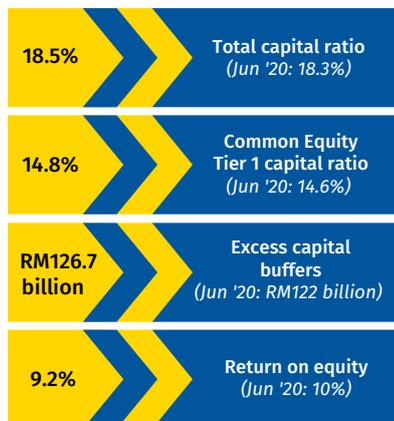


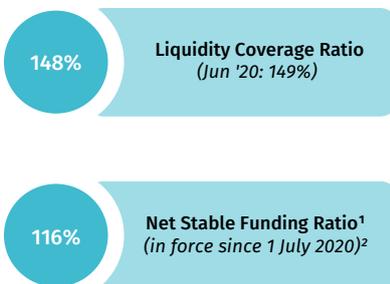
# Key Highlights on Financial Stability Review – Second Half 2020

Banks remain well-positioned to support economic recovery despite challenging credit risk outlook

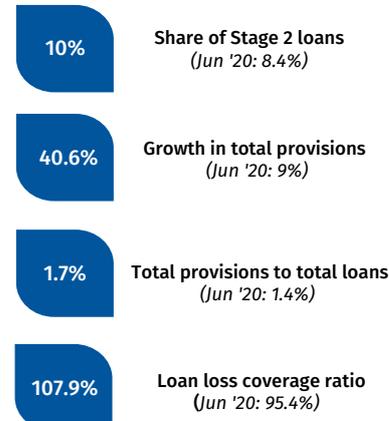
Strong financial buffers despite lower earnings



Healthy liquidity positions supported by stable funding conditions

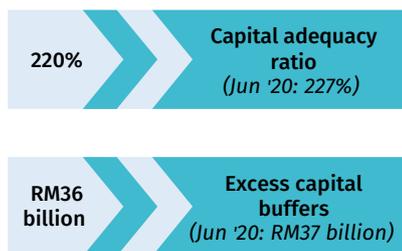


Credit risk to rise, but buffered by higher provisions

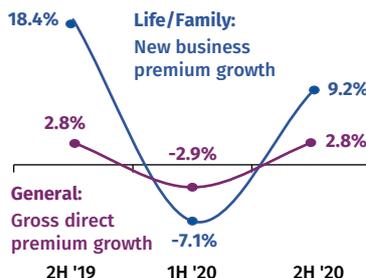


Insurance and takaful operators (ITOs) continue to remain well-capitalised amid a recovery in business activities in the second half of the year

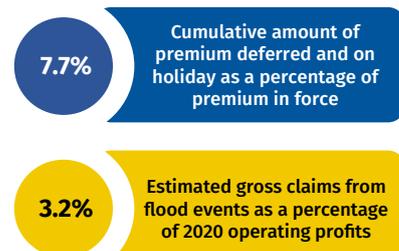
ITOs maintained healthy capital buffers, well above regulatory minimum



Investment-linked and motor segments drove recovery in premium growth...

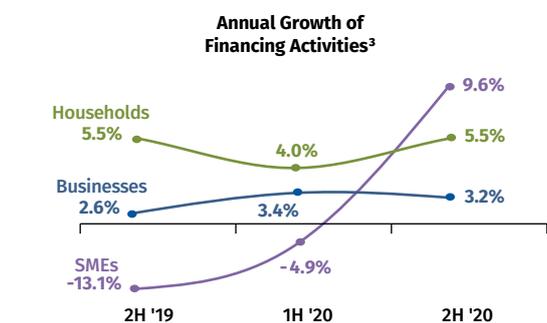


...while impact from COVID-19 support measures and floods has been manageable



Financial intermediation remained supportive of the economy amid sustained orderly market conditions

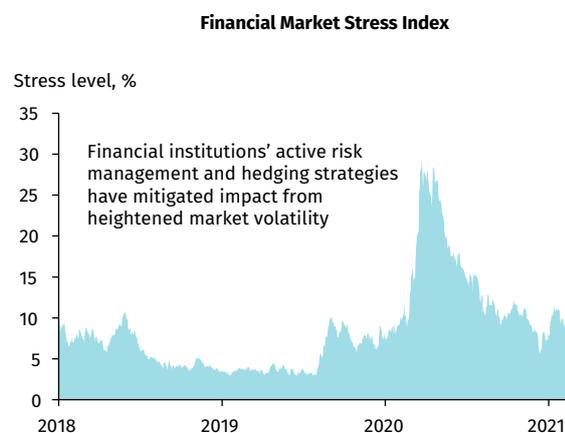
Financing conditions remained conducive for economic growth, supported by various policy measures



Lower financing costs following OPR reductions in 2020

Various measures supporting financing activities including SST exemption, Home Ownership Campaign, guarantee schemes, BNM funds

Financial market stress receded from levels seen at the onset of the pandemic with orderly market conditions preserved



<sup>1</sup> Replaces the loan-to-fund (LTF) and loan-to-fund-and-equity (LTFE) ratios as a measure of banks' funding profile

<sup>2</sup> Minimum requirement of 80% and banks are expected to comply with minimum NSFR of 100% by 30 September 2021

<sup>3</sup> Loans/financing extended by banks and non-bank financial institutions. For businesses, figures include outstanding non-financial corporate bonds/sukuk. For SMEs, figures partly reflect the exercise by financial institutions to reclassify selected SMEs to non-SMEs in 2018 and 2019

## Debt-servicing capacity of most households has been sustained, supported by existing financial buffers and relief measures

Aggregate financial buffers are broadly intact

### Household Financial Assets Indicators



Note: Prudent threshold is one time for both indicators

Most households resumed loan repayments after automatic moratorium ended...

### Total Loan Repayments<sup>4</sup> in 2H '20



... with support measures helping households that are more financially-stretched



**Government support measures** including direct cash transfers, EPF withdrawals and reduction in employees' EPF contributions



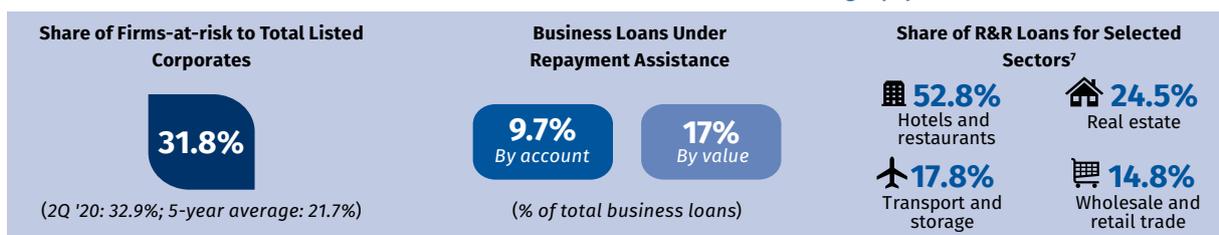
**8.9% of household loan accounts are under repayment assistance** (11.1% by value)

## Outlook for certain business segments remains challenging amid an uneven recovery

Overall financials sustained despite weaker earnings performance

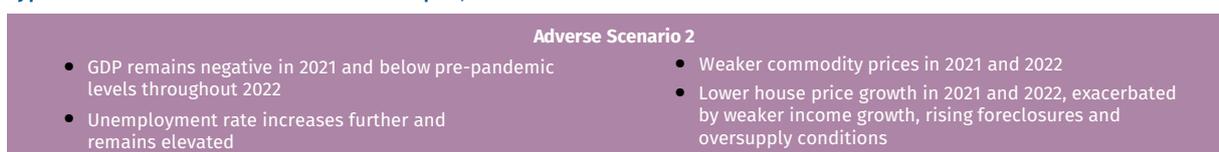


Firms-at-risk<sup>6</sup> remained elevated with more businesses in COVID-19-affected sectors seeking repayment assistance

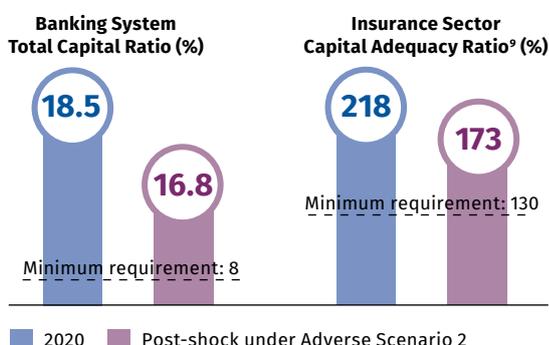


## Latest stress tests affirm resilience of financial system to simulated shocks under more severe economic conditions

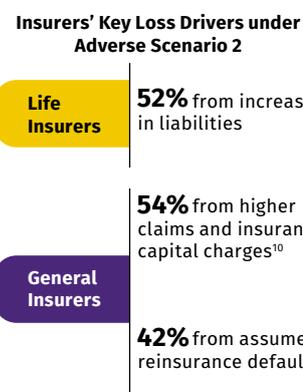
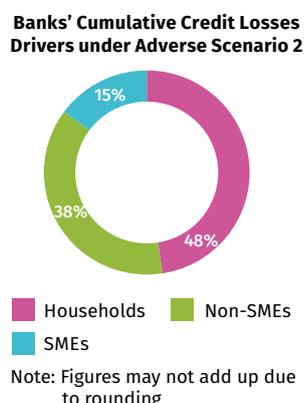
Two hypothetical<sup>8</sup> adverse scenarios are developed, with the horizon extended until the end of 2022



Post-shock, banking and insurance sectors maintain capital levels well above regulatory minimum



Banks' losses largely attributed to higher credit costs, while insurers' losses driven by market risk, assumed reinsurance defaults and higher claims



<sup>4</sup> Exclude credit cards

<sup>5</sup> Data as at 3Q 2020. Prudent thresholds of cash-to-short-term debt ratio and interest coverage ratio are one time and two times, respectively

<sup>6</sup> Defined as listed non-financial corporates with interest coverage ratio below the prudent threshold of two times

<sup>7</sup> Refers to percentage of loan exposures to the sector that have undergone rescheduling and restructuring (R&R)

<sup>8</sup> The economic scenarios do not represent the Bank's actual expectations for the economic trajectory but rather, have been developed specifically for stress test purpose. These scenarios are not likely to materialise

<sup>9</sup> Includes both life and general insurers

<sup>10</sup> Largely driven by an increase in claims liability due to assumed higher claims ratio