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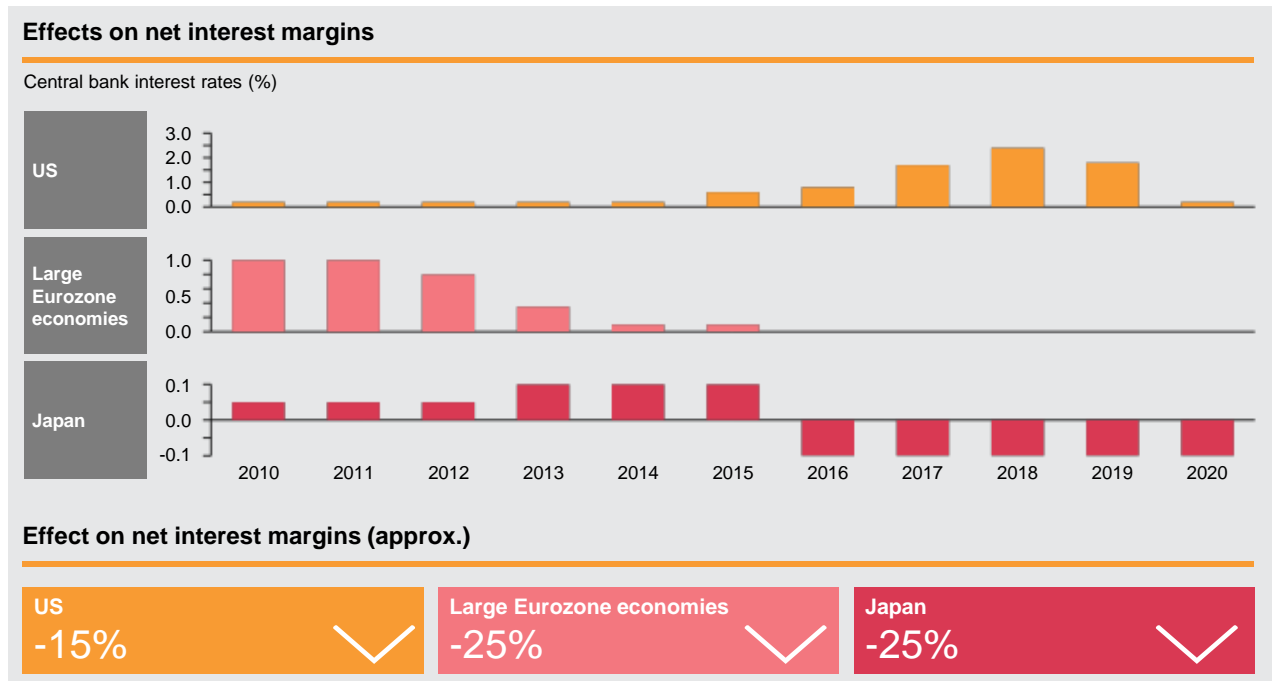
Macro trends with the biggest impact on financial services

- 1** Low interest rates will continue wreaking havoc on margins and business models.
- 2** The COVID-19 recession and asset impairments will reduce risk-bearing capacity for regulated industries to support the real economy as it enters the recovery stage over the next year.
- 3** Alternative providers of capital are set to become an even more important part of the global financial system.
- 4** COVID-19 will not delay—and may accelerate—the implementation of current and planned regulatory measures in many countries and regions.
- 5** Continued de-globalisation will further align the size of regulated financial institutions to the GDP of their home countries while continued offshoring will increase operational risk across the industry.
- 6** Firms face unrelenting pressure to boost productivity through the digitisation of the business and the workforce.
- 7** The client-driven shift to a platform - and ecosystem-based financial services industry will create a new wave of disruption and disintermediation.



Low interest rates will continue wreaking havoc on margins and business models

Ultra-low interest rates



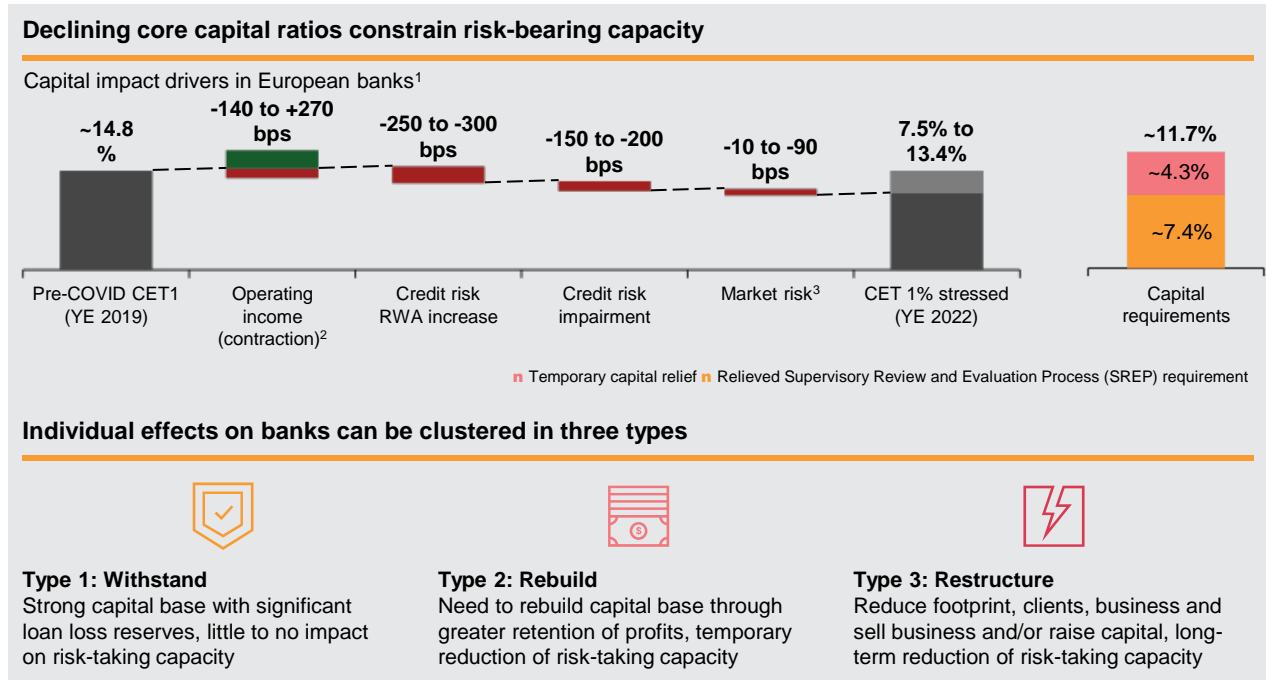
Source: BIS, RBA, FRED, World bank; ECB, PwC analysis

Key takeaways

- The response to COVID-19 will **likely significantly prolong ultra-low** or even negative interest rates
- **Greater indebtedness on country level** provides further **incentives** to keep **interest rates low**
- Low interest rates will continue to **compress margins** in the short term for the banking sector and **distort asset-prices** in the long term
- This requires institutions to **increase investment in measures to reduce costs, digitise** and improve productivity to maintain margins and profitability

The COVID-19 recession and asset impairments will reduce risk-bearing capacity for regulated industries

Reduced risk-bearing capacity of the regulated financial service firms



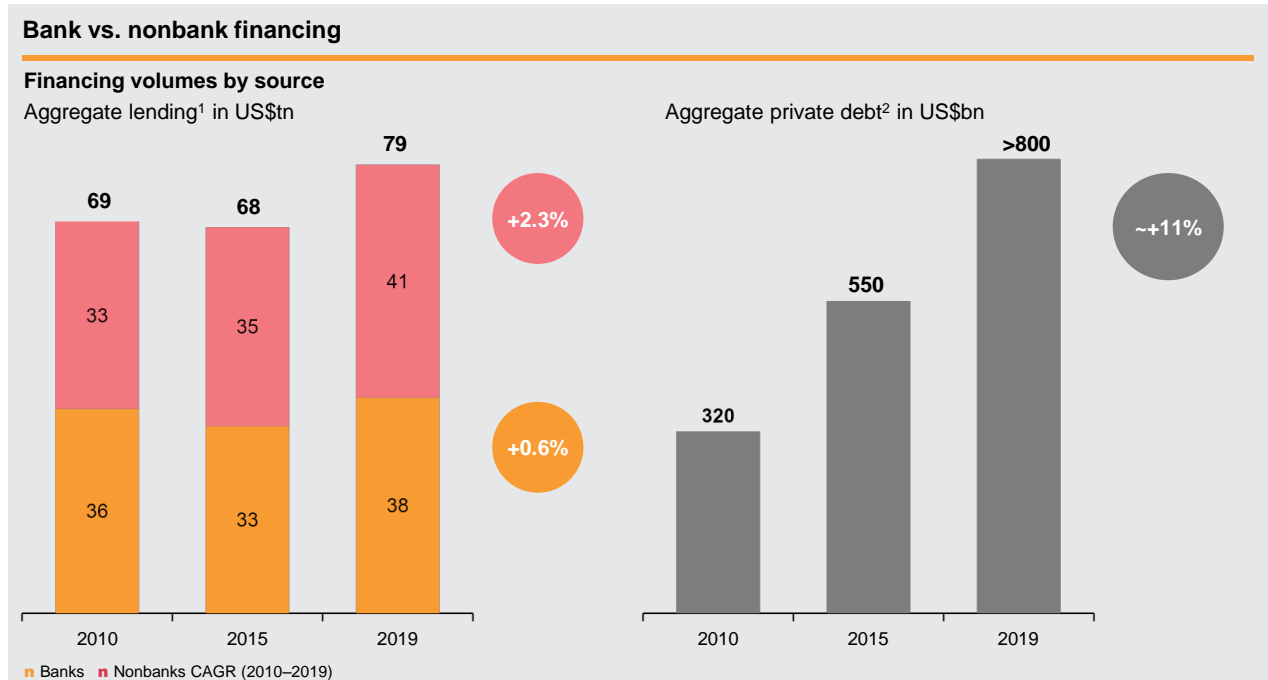
Key takeaways

- **Asset impairments** resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic will **ultimately further constrain risk-bearing capacity** of regulated banks and insurers
- This prohibits them from **supporting the real economy in the recovery stage**
- This will be **particularly problematic in Europe**, where companies obtain ~90% of their new funding from bank loans
- Most businesses will need to **rely on a broader set of funding options**

1) Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands. Assumptions: U-shaped scenario for these economies (-9.3%, +5.8%, +1.1% GDP change in 2020, 2021 and 2022, respectively); 2) Incl. reduction of administrative Expenses; 3) Combined RWA increase trading book and net trading income decrease
Source: PwC analysis. Association for Financial Markets in Europe 2019

Alternative providers of capital are set to become an even more important part of the global financial system

Strengthened role of alternative financing



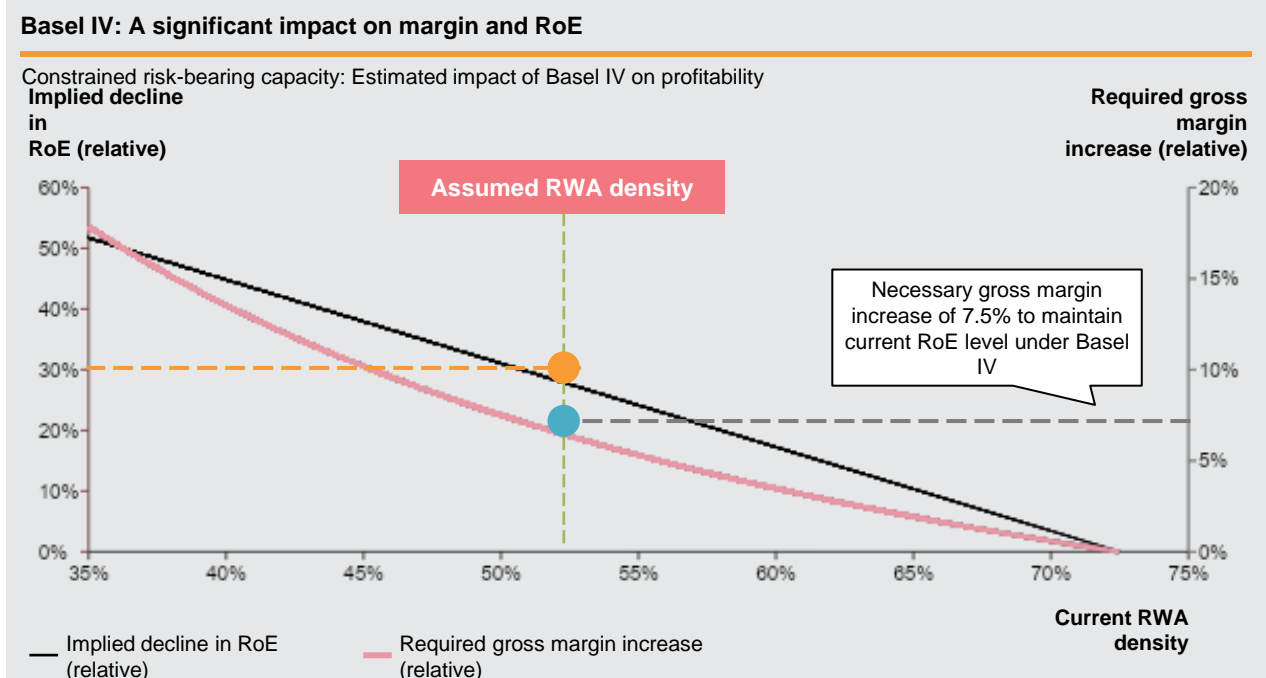
Key takeaways

- Post-GFC regulation increased the **cost differential of regulated v. unregulated capital**, thus significantly **boosting the role of nonbank providers** of capital
- A further **increase the share** delivered by **capital markets** and the so-called **shadow banking** or alternative financing industry (such as PE funds and sovereigns) seems likely
- This **especially affects small and medium-sized enterprises**, as their funding flexibility is rather limited
- Financial institutions need **to adjust their business models** and find **new ways to participate** in the value chain of intermediation and marketing

1) Advanced economies, at market values, credit to private non-financial sector 2) Worldwide, all sectors
Source: BIS, 2018/2019 Prequin global private debt report, CFA Institute, PwC analysis

COVID-19 will not delay the implementation of current and planned regulatory measures in many countries and regions

Unchanged regulatory pace

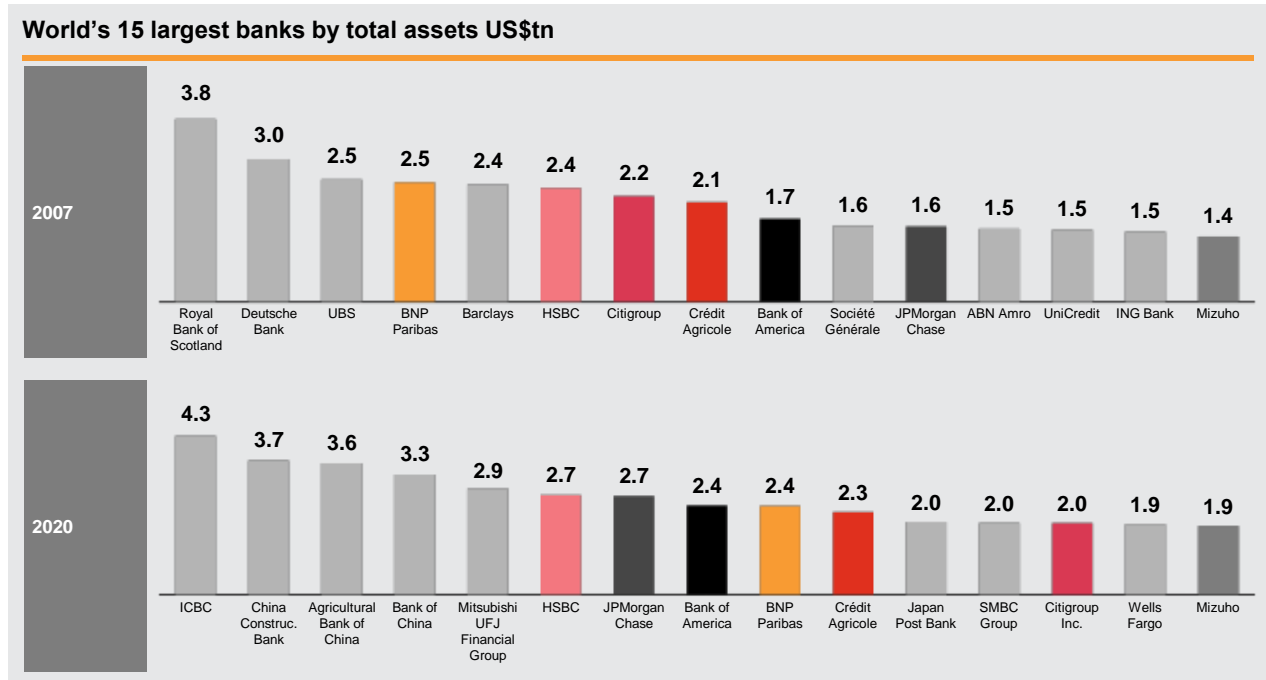


Key takeaways

- Regulation has been, and will remain, a **significant trend** in the industry
- **No relevant deviations from the regulatory agenda**, except for implementation pauses that will eventually be scaled back
- The **implementation of Basel IV** and tighter capital regulation will continue, challenging **traditional lending business models** and institutions across the board
- As providers of capital, banks and insurers will also **increasingly serve as a mechanism to transmit** both the benefits and the costs of emerging ESG requirements to clients

Continued de-globalisation will further align the size of financial institutions to the GDP of their home countries

Continued de-globalisation



Source: Annual reports, S&P Global

Key takeaways

- Inter alia as a result of post-GFC regulation, the **relative shrinkage of many European institutions** has been **dramatical**
- At the same time, a **striking rise in the size and scope of Chinese institutions** occurred
- This amounts to a new financial world order, one that **is more aligned with national economic power**
- At the same time, cost pressures spurred financial institutions to **further separate their front-office operations** from their **often outsourced banking operations**
- De-globalisation could lead to a **renewed focus on nearshoring** and the **diversification** of offshore locations

Firms face unrelenting pressure to boost productivity through the digitisation of the business and the workforce

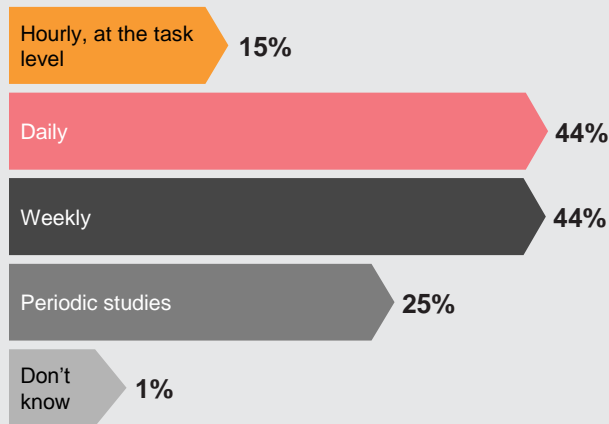
Unrelenting pressure to boost productivity

Bank vs. nonbank financing

More FS organisations are now tracking productivity:
77% in 2020, versus 62% in 2018



US\$5bn+ organisations are more likely to track productivity at an hourly level (25%) compared with those under US\$5bn (11%), but few do at a meaningful level



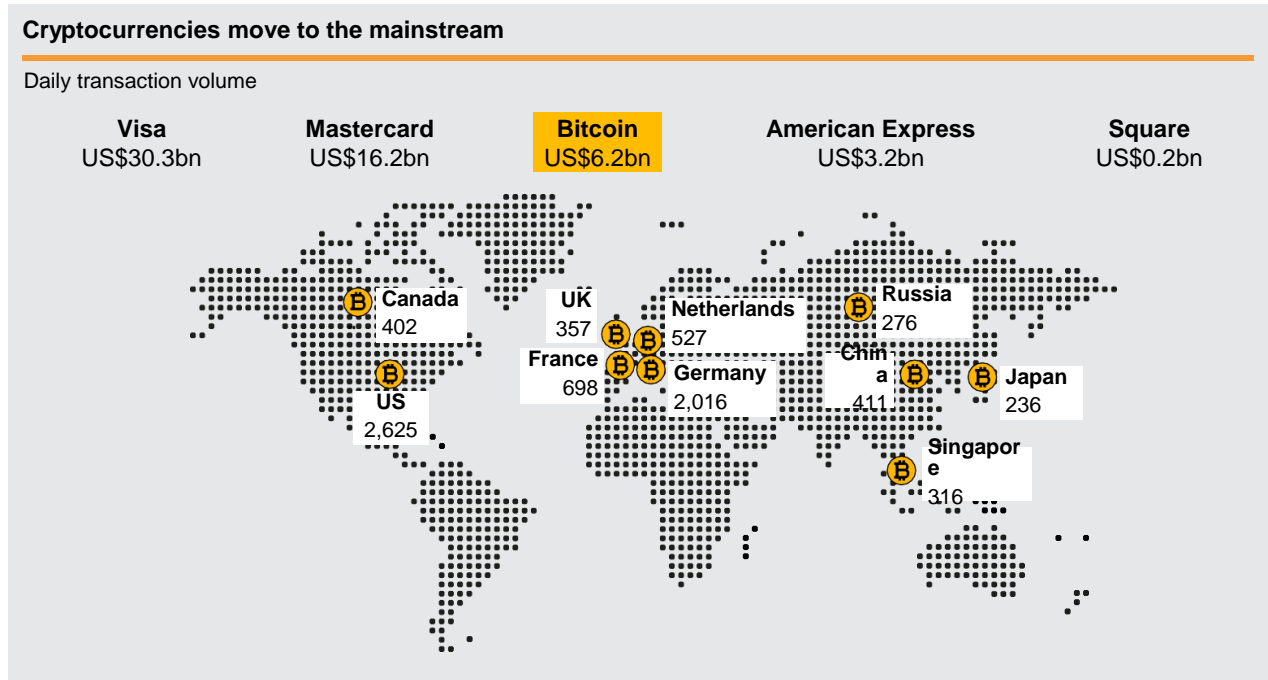
Organisations in **China** (96%) and **India** (96%) are more likely to track productivity, compared with organisations overall (77%)

Key takeaways

- It is unlikely that the **sped up client conversion to digital channels** will revert after the crisis
- Hence, **digitally enabled solutions will become an increasing differentiator**
- Leading institutions will **further digitise their customer-interaction models**, strengthen digital sales and service model, with **performance tracking** being an **important foundation**
- This involves a **material cut back on support functions and branch infrastructure** that failed to prove their value during the pandemic

The client-driven shift to a platform- and ecosystem based financial services industry will create a new wave of disruption

Client-driven shift to platform- and ecosystem-based financial services



Source: Annual reports, S&P Global

Key takeaways

- The shift to a more **platform- and ecosystem- based industry**, including more digitised client interactions, will create a **new set of challenges and opportunities** for the industry
- The **use of electronic payment platforms**, including those linked to **digital currencies, spiked recently**
- According to the Bank for International Settlements, **more than 40 central banks are researching forms of digital currency** that they can issue
- There are signs that a **dramatic acceleration in adoption** of digital currencies is occurring, tremendously **bolstering the ecosystem** further

How can the 4Rs help financial services firms prepare for tomorrow?

Framework to respond



Six critical actions

- Reaffirm **purpose** and role in society to re-establish **trust**
- Drive industry **consolidation** and resolve portfolio differentiation
- Proactively manage **financial stability** while preserving agility for **growth**
- Accelerate **digitisation** and reconfigure it to improve customer adoption
- Support **workforce** transitioning and upskilling
- Prepare for a changed **regulatory** and **government** environment

Thank you

