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→ A unique opportunity for BNP Paribas to acquire a leading position in one of the European markets with the highest consumer credit growth potential

→ Already a leader in the Czech Republic and in Hungary, Cetelem reinforces its presence in Eastern Europe and comforts its leadership in Continental Europe

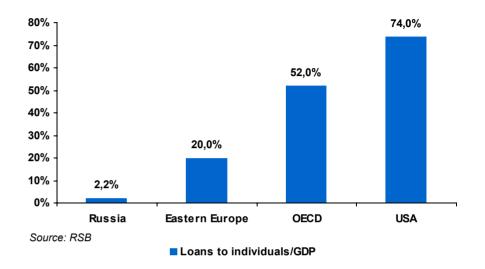
→A targeted acquisition, consistent with the group's acquisition policy

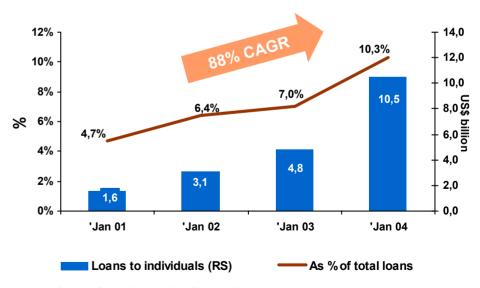


A Rapidly Expanding and High Growth Potential Market

A high growth potential market

 Consumer debt levels still low despite the rise in loan demand over the past years



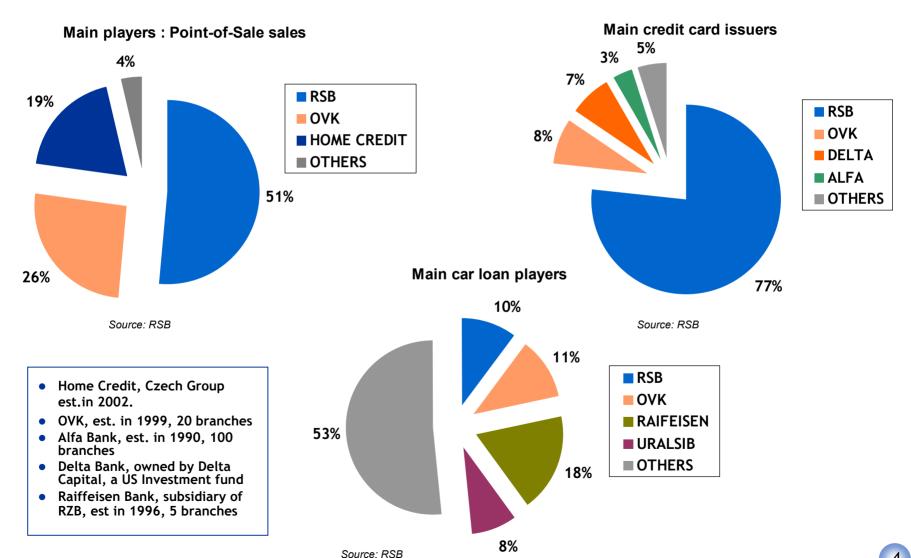


Source: Central Bank of the Russian Federation



Russian Standard Bank, the Leader in Russian Consumer Credit

Market shares as at end of 1H2004





in US\$ millions	30.06.2004*	31.12.2003	31.12.2002	31.12.2001
Assets	779	518	193	84
Equity	183	122	42	34
Net Profit	59	58	8	(4)
ROA	18.3%	16.2%	5.4%	-

^{*} unaudited figures



- Agreement for Cetelem to acquire a 50% stake in the holding company which controls 93.5% of Russian Standard Bank
- Cetelem's stake may be increased later depending on the further development of the Bank
- Accretive from year one
- Deal is subject to approval from banking and anti-monopoly regulatory bodies
- Closing planned for 4Q04
- Will be proportionally consolidated

A Natural Partner for Cetelem



- RSB successfully developed itself on the Cetelem model
 - → Customer acquisition channel: distributors
 - → Product standardisation
 - →Use of management information systems
 - →Similar culture
- Numerous contributions to come from Cetelem in a market that will have to adapt to rising competition
 - →Commercial strategy
 - Product diversification
 - Marketing functions
 - Develop partnership business and loyalty through the use of private label cards
 - → Management tools
 - ■Enhance risk management and CRM tools
- Limited execution risk



Cetelem becomes the leader of the Russian consumer credit market and comforts its leadership in Continental Europe

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An acquisition consistent with the group's acquisition policy

Numerous mutually beneficial contributions

A rare opportunity