

## press release

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### Investor appetite for bank shares grows following trading results

- Banks accounted for 22% of all deals at The Share Centre last week
- The Share Centre advises cautious investors against buying into banks

**Investors have been dipping in and out of the banking sector following a busy week of trading announcements. Barclays, Lloyds Banking Group and Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) came top of The Share Centre's most traded shares list. Overall the banking sector accounted for more than one in five deals done in the past week\*.**

Despite just a four-day trading window for investors following the bank holiday, The Share Centre noticed an 8% increase in all deals from the previous week with a buy to sell ratio of 62:38. Following first quarter losses of £44m, RBS was both the most bought and sold share by investors. In total, 43% of all investors that traded in banks last week, bought or sold shares in RBS.

Commenting on last week's trading activity, Graham Spooner, investment adviser at The Share Centre, said: "The banking sector continues to have a strong pull for investors, as many hope to make a profit from current share price volatility. In fact, RBS came top of our top buys last week following better than expected results. However, with the bank warning it maybe some time before it can stand alone financially, we are advising shareholders to sell.

"Close behind RBS, in terms of trading activity, was Lloyds accounting for 29% followed by Barclays at 25%. We are currently listing both banks as a short-term sell, advising shareholders to capitalise on both Lloyds' and Barclays' recent strength. We maintain our belief that cautious investors should wait for further evidence that the banks are performing well before buying back into the sector."

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## Note to editors:

\* Research from The Share Centre, compiled 11.05.09 for week commencing 04.05.09.

Banks accounted for 22% of all deals. Out of this 22% the trades per bank can be split:

RBS = 43%  
Lloyds Banking Group = 29%  
Barclays = 25%

### Top buys:

1. RBS
2. Lloyds Banking Group
3. Barclays
4. Taylor Wimpey
5. Vodafone

### Top sells:

1. RBS
2. Barclays
3. Lloyds Banking Group
4. Taylor Wimpey
5. Prudential

Ratio of buys to sells = 62:38

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