



Absa Group Limited

Registration number: 1986/003934/06, Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa
 JSE share code: ABG, ISIN: ZAE000255915
 Bond Issuer Code: ABGI, ("Absa Group", "Group" or "Company")

Unaudited interim consolidated results

for the reporting period ended 30 June 2023 and ordinary share dividend declaration

Empowering Africa's tomorrow, together ...one story at a time

We are a pan-African financial services provider, united in a clear purpose. We live our purpose through our operations in our presence countries. We believe in Africa's potential and are invested in creating, nurturing and protecting wealth and growth in our continent. We play an integral role in the economic lives of individuals, businesses and nations, while leading the way to a sustainable future.

We are listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE), with a secondary listing on the A2X and have banks¹ in Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique,

Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania (Absa Bank Tanzania and National Bank of Commerce), Uganda and Zambia, as well as insurance operations in Botswana, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa and Zambia. We also have representative offices in Namibia, Nigeria and the United States as well as securities entities in the United Kingdom and the United States, along with technology support colleagues in the Czech Republic.

¹ Banks are wholly owned, apart from the following where we hold majority stakes: Botswana 67.8%, Kenya 68.5%, Mozambique 98.7%, National Bank of Commerce, Tanzania 55% and Seychelles 99.8%.

15 countries	999 outlets*	6 449 ATMs	36 706 employees	3.5 million digitally active customers	11.8 million active customers	R142.3bn market cap
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* Includes branches and sales centres.

Normalised financial results as a consequence of Barclays PLC Separation

A normalised view of the 2023 interim results is provided, which adjusts for the consequences of the separation from Barclays PLC. This view better reflects the Group's underlying performance. International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) compliant financial results will continue to be presented as required by the Companies Act and the JSE Listings Requirements and include a reconciliation between the normalised and IFRS views. The Group intends to stop issuing normalised financial results from 2024 as the impact is expected to be immaterial.

Performance overview for the period ended 30 June

Total income					
2023	Increased 12.8%	2022	2023	Increased 12.8%	2022
R52 354m	IFRS	R46 394m	R52 307m	Normalised	R46 380m
Headline earnings per ordinary share					
2023	Increased 1.9%	2022	2023	Increased 2.7%	2022
1 293.1 cents	IFRS	1 268.6 cents	1 321.3 cents	Normalised	1 287.1 cents
Basic earnings per share					
2023	Increased 4.1%	2022	2023	Increased 4.8%	2022
1 302.6 cents	IFRS	1 250.9 cents	1 330.5 cents	Normalised	1 269.7 cents
Net asset value per ordinary share					
2023	Increased 8.3%	2022	2023	Increased 9.2%	2022
17 009 cents	IFRS	15 705 cents	16 352 cents	Normalised	14 974 cents
Return on equity					
2023	Decreased 4.3%	2022	2023	Decreased 4.6%	2022
15.7%	IFRS	16.4%	16.7%	Normalised	17.5%

Performance overview for the period ended 30 June continued

Cost-to-income ratio

2023	Decreased 2.5%	2022	2023	Decreased 2.7%	2022
51.0%	IFRS	52.3%	49.8%	Normalised	51.2%

Net interest margin

2023	Increased 1.5%	2022	2023	Increased 1.5%	2022
4.61%	IFRS	4.54%	4.61%	Normalised	4.54%

Dividend per ordinary share

2023	Increased 5.4%	2022
685 cents	IFRS	650 cents

Loans and deposits growth		Risk profile	Liquidity coverage ratio	Sound capital
Gross loans and advances (Increased 8.0%)	Deposits (Increased 9.1%)	Stage 3 loans ratio to gross loans and advances	140.8% (2022: 121.1%)	Common Equity Tier 1 ratio
R1 299.6bn (2022: R1 203.3bn)	R1 323.7bn (2022: R1 213.5bn)	5.82% (2022: 5.29%)		13.0% (2022: 13.1%)

Short-form statement

This short-form announcement is the responsibility of the directors of Absa Group. It is only a summary of the information contained in the full announcement. Any investment decisions by stakeholders should be based on consideration of the full announcement published on <https://www.absa.africa/absaafrica/investor-relations/financial-results/> and on the following JSE link: <https://senspdf.jse.co.za/documents/2023/jse/isse/ABGE/HY23Result.pdf>

The full interim report is available on the Company's website, copies of the full announcement may also be requested at the Company's registered office, at no charge, during office hours on normal business days. The full interim report is also available at the sponsor's office.

Registered office

7th Floor, Absa Towers West, 15 Troye Street, Johannesburg, 2001

Board of directors

Group independent non-executive directors

M S Moloko (Group Chairman)
N S Mjoli-Mncube (Lead Independent Director)
T Abdool-Samad, J J Cummins⁽⁴⁾, A B Darko^{(1),(4)}, R A Keanly, N P Mageza, A N Mangale, S J Munyantwali^{(3),(4)}, D Naidoo, F Okomo-Okello⁽²⁾, I L Rensburg, F Tonelli, R van Wyk

Group executive directors

A Rautenbach (Group Chief Executive Officer)
J P Quinn (Group Financial Director)

⁽¹⁾ Ghanaian ⁽²⁾ Kenyan ⁽³⁾ Ugandan ⁽⁴⁾ British

Declaration of an interim ordinary dividend number 72

Shareholders are advised that an interim ordinary dividend of 685 cents per ordinary share was declared on 14 August 2023, for the period ended 30 June 2023. The interim ordinary dividend is payable to shareholders recorded in the register of members of the Company at the close of business on Friday, 15 September 2023. The directors of Absa Group confirm that the Group will satisfy the solvency and liquidity test immediately after completion of the dividend distribution and for the next 12 months.

The dividend will be subject to local dividends withholding tax at a rate of 20%. In accordance with paragraphs 11.17 (a) (i) to (ix) and 11.17 (c) of the JSE Listings Requirements, the following additional information is disclosed:

- > The dividend has been declared out of income reserves.
- > The local dividend tax rate is twenty per cent (20%).
- > The gross local dividend amount is 685 cents per ordinary share for shareholders exempt from the dividend tax.
- > The net local dividend amount is 548 cents per ordinary share for shareholders liable to pay the dividend tax.
- > Absa Group Limited currently has 847 750 679 ordinary shares in issue (includes 18 184 809 treasury shares). In September 2023, the Group will issue an additional 46 626 228 ordinary shares in terms of the broad-based black economic empowerment (B-BBEE) transaction, which was approved by shareholders on 2 June 2023. This will result in an increased number of issued ordinary shares of 894 376 907 (includes 64 811 037 treasury shares).
- > Absa Group's income tax reference number is 9150116714.

In compliance with the requirements of Strate, the electronic settlement and custody system used by the JSE Limited, the following salient dates for the payment of the dividend are applicable:

Last day to trade cum dividend	Tuesday, 12 September 2023
Shares commence trading ex-dividend	Wednesday, 13 September 2023
Record date	Friday, 15 September 2023
Payment date	Monday, 18 September 2023

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 13 September 2023 and Friday, 15 September 2023, both dates inclusive. On Monday, 18 September 2023, the dividend will be electronically transferred to the bank accounts of certificated shareholders. The accounts of those shareholders who have dematerialised their shares (which are held at their participant or broker) will also be credited on Monday, 18 September 2023.

On behalf of the Board

N R Drutman

Group Company Secretary

Johannesburg
14 August 2023

Absa Group is a company domiciled in South Africa. Its registered office is 7th Floor, Absa Towers West, 15 Troye Street, Johannesburg, 2001.

Sponsors

Lead independent sponsor

J. P. Morgan Equities South Africa Proprietary Limited

Joint sponsor

Absa Bank Limited (Corporate and Investment Bank)

