

## Union Bank of Nigeria Plc.

### Group Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2022

*Strong revenue growth driven by core business deepening.*

**LAGOS, NIGERIA – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023:** Union Bank has announced the release of its audited financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which reflects strong financial performance despite macroeconomic headwinds.

Union Bank maintained consistent success due to the disciplined execution of its go-to-market strategy focused on deepening its core business while exploring new areas of opportunity to acquire, engage, and retain customers.

#### **Bank Financial Highlights:**

- **Gross Earnings:** up 19% to ₦208.2 billion (₦175.0 billion in 2021), driven by strong growth in Net Interest Income.
- **Net Interest Income:** up 33% to ₦59.1 billion (₦44.3 billion in 2021) driven by growth in earning assets.
- **Net Operating Income after impairments:** up 10% to ₦110 billion (₦99.7 billion in 2021).
- **Profit before Tax:** up by 47% to ₦30.2 billion (₦20.5 billion in 2021).
- **Operating Expenses:** marginally grew by 0.4% to ₦79.4 billion (₦79.2 billion in 2021), reflecting tight cost control despite inflationary pressures.
- **Gross Loans:** up 11% at ₦1.0 trillion (₦899.1 billion in December 2021) as we expand our lending to vital economic sectors of opportunity.
- **Customer Deposits:** up 9% at ₦1.48 trillion (₦1.36 trillion in December 2021) as we expand our product base and digital channels.

#### **Key Operational Highlights:**

##### **Retail & Digital**

###### *Digital*

- **Channels & Platforms:** Union Bank in 2022 invested in strengthening its technology architecture to drive key processes and serve more customers through digital and agent channels. Consequently, active users on UnionMobile increased by 15.7% to 3.8 million users, and active UnionDirect Agents grew by 62.7% to 51,737. This led to an increase in transaction value and volume on UnionMobile by 121% and 20.4%, respectively.

In 2022, we launched a chatbot that enabled real-time interactions with customers. The chatbot has resolved 1.3 million customer complaints, demonstrating its effectiveness in streamlining the complaints resolution process. In addition, we have made several other investments to enhance our customers' experience. As a result, we have seen significant improvements in the efficiency and efficacy of our customer complaints resolution.

- *Digital Propositions:* Our priority has been to venture into unexplored avenues within the digital space to generate fresh revenue streams for the Bank. As part of this strategy, we have broadened the usage of our personal finance and lifestyle investment application, M36, which was first introduced in 2021. M36 empowers customers to grow, manage and invest their wealth in high-yield instruments through the self-service platform.

### *Retail Offerings*

The Bank grew its retail deposits by 14% to ₦675.8 billion from ₦594.9 billion in 2021. Some of the initiatives which contributed to this growth include:

- **Save & Win Palli Promo 2:** We rolled out the campaign's second edition and rewarded over 611 customers with a combined sum of ₦55.5 million. The promo aims to generate low-cost deposits.
- **Target Savings Campaign:** In time for the World Cup, we rewarded 596 customers with ₦26 million in our flagship target savings campaign and closed out our five-year Target Savings Product (TSP) - UnionKorrect Qatar. Ten customers were rewarded with cash prizes of ₦5 million, and 375 customers with sports jerseys.
- **Workplace Banking:** We re-launched Workplace Banking, our exclusive proposition designed to offer employees convenience while providing support to achieve their goals and aspirations.

### ***Citizenship, Sustainability and Innovation***

- In 2022, we prioritised inclusion and sustainability while focusing on business growth. In doing so, we impacted our employees, customers, and the communities we serve while contributing towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
  - **UnionCares:** As a yearly tradition, we extend our assistance to the community by providing food boxes to those in need. In 2022, our staff contributed to this cause by distributing over 1,700 food packages to families all over Nigeria. Furthermore, we extended our support to 15 Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), such as the Chess in Slums Foundation and the Special Olympics Nigeria, by providing donations to supplement their commendable efforts.
  - **Quality Education:** We partnered with impactful organisations, including Give Girls a Chance and Child Lifeline, to provide full scholarships to twenty girls and ten boys in Abuja and Lagos. As part of our Financial Literacy Day and World Savings Day activities, we engaged with more than 4000 students and their teachers.
  - **Youth Empowerment and Development:** In July 2022, we successfully

graduated 52 new 'Techies' from our first-ever Tech Job Boot camp. This recruitment and training program has significantly contributed to accelerating our go-to-market strategy and further consolidating our position as a formidable player in the financial sector.

Union Bank has been a long-standing supporter of LEAP Africa since 2013, enabling them to empower and equip 170 young social innovators and entrepreneurs to scale their community-changing ideas sustainably over the years. Moreover, our sponsorship of the 2022 Leadership, Empowerment, Achievement, and Development (LEAD) Camp by Junior Achievement Nigeria has empowered more than 300 young girls with critical thinking skills. Through this initiative, we have impacted more than 700 girls over the past eight years.

– **Employee Volunteering:** Our employees have shown unwavering compassion towards communities and social causes. In 2022, over 265 of our employees devoted nearly 1000 hours to volunteering for various bank-sponsored initiatives. These initiatives included mentoring sessions with the Women's Technology Empowerment Centre (WTEC), which aims to promote women's participation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), financial literacy drives, SME workshop clinics with social innovators, and visits to orphanages to extend their support.

Commenting on the results, Mudassir Amray, MD/CEO, said:

*“Despite the macroeconomic headwinds of 2022, we recorded strong performance across key financial and operational indicators. We were focused on our strategy of deepening our core business segments whilst enhancing our digital channels and service propositions to customers. On the back of this, we are increasing our customer acquisition and engagement, translating into higher revenues across our regions.*

*The Bank’s gross earnings grew by 19% to ₦208.1 billion from ₦175 billion in 2021. Whilst non-interest income declined marginally by 1.0%. Net interest income after impairment grew 26.1% to ₦55.8 billion from ₦44.2 billion in 2021 on the back of increasing responsible risk assets. Profit before tax closed at ₦30.2 billion, representing a growth of 47.1% from ₦20.5 billion recorded in 2021.*

*In 2023, we will remain focused on executing our strategic initiatives, which are centred on pursuing additional opportunities to diversify our revenue sources while strengthening our core business. We also look forward to completing the merger of Union Bank of Nigeria and Titan Trust Bank, which began in 2022. The transition has gone smoothly, and I am confident that the combination will make us more formidable and well-positioned to capitalise on market opportunities.*

*As we progress into 2023, I have no doubts that we will scale through all the macroeconomic pressures and sustain this growth momentum with continued support from the new core investors and board and continued trust from our customers to serve them.”*

Speaking on the FY 2022 numbers, Chief Financial Officer Joe Mbulu said:

*“Our financial performance is a testament to the disciplined execution of our plans for the year and resilience against all odds. While pursuing liability generation and responsible risk assets, we maintained operational efficiency, managing cost drivers and avoiding wastage.*

*Operating expenses increased marginally by 0.43% due to increased non-discretionary regulatory costs. Our cost-to-income ratio dropped to 72.5% from 79.4% in 2021 due to cost-control measures implemented during the year.*

*The Bank’s balance sheet remains strong, with total assets increasing by 8.8% to ₦2.79 trillion due to growing loans and advances to customers. We expanded our net loan book by 11.5% from ₦868.8 billion in 2021 to ₦968.9 billion in 2022. In addition, customer deposits increased by 8.8% to ₦ 1.48 trillion.*

*While we seek to grow our risk assets, maintaining quality assets remains a key priority. As a result, our NPL ratio reduced from 4.3% to 4.0%, and the capital adequacy ratio remained within regulatory limits at 14.4%.*

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## Financial Summary

	BANK			GROUP		
	Dec-22	Dec-21	Change	Dec-22	Dec-21	Change
<b>Balance Sheet</b> (in billions of Naira)						
Total Assets	2,793.7	2,567.4	8.8%	2,795.8	2,595.8	7.7%
Gross Loans & Advances	1,000.9	899.1	11.3%	1,000.9	899.1	11.3%
Customer Deposits	1,481.3	1,361.3	8.8%	1,474.5	1,355.9	8.7%
Shareholders' Funds	289.9	251.5	15.3%	297.0	266.9	11.3%
<b>Ratios</b>						
Coverage Ratio (incl. regulatory risk reserves)	148.3%	145.1%	3.2%	148.3%	145.1%	3.2%
Average Liquidity Ratio (regulatory minimum - 30%)	38%	35%	3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Performing Loan Ratio	4.0%	4.3%	0.3%	4.0%	4.3%	0.3%
Net Asset Value per share	N9.90	N8.59	15.3%	N10.15	N9.12	11.3%
Capital Adequacy	14.4%	14.6%	-1.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Income Statement <i>(in billions of Naira)</i>	FY 2022	FY 2021	Change	FY 2022	FY 2021	Change
Gross Earnings	208.2	175.0	19.0%	209.10	177.3	18.0%
Net Interest Income	59.1	44.3	33.4%	59.6	44.5	34.0%
Non-Interest Income	55.1	55.7	-1.1%	56.1	56.0	0.2%
Impairment	-4.48	-0.29	-1,465%	-4.47	-0.29	-1,437%
Operating Expenses	79.5	79.1	-0.4%	79.7	79.5	-0.4%
Profit Before Tax	30.21	20.5	47.1%	40.8	18.2	52.0%
Profit After Tax	29.0	19.2	51.2%	39.2	16.9	54.1%
<b>Ratios</b>						
Cost to Income Ratio	72.5%	79.4%	6.9%	71.7%	79.2%	7.6%
Return on Equity	10.7%	7.7%	3.0%	13.9%	7.3%	6.6%
Return on Assets	1.1%	0.9%	0.2%	1.5%	0.9%	0.6%
Earnings per share (continued Operations)	99k	66k	33k	100k	66k	34k

For the detailed Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and notes to the accounts, please visit [www.unionbankng.com](http://www.unionbankng.com)

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## Notes to editors:

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Our offerings include savings and deposit account services, funds transfer, foreign currency domiciliation, loans, overdrafts, equipment leasing and trade finance. These services are provided through our digital channels, including online banking, mobile banking, debit cards and point-of-sale terminals, and an extensive network of over 281 sales and service centres and 823 automated teller machines spread across Nigeria.

Following receipt of all regulatory approvals in June 2022, a consortium of the majority shareholders of Union Bank led by Atlas Mara Limited divested their stake (an aggregate of 93.42% of the issued share capital of Union Bank) to Titan Trust Bank (TTB). TTB is majority owned by TGI Group, a Nigerian conglomerate.

Union Bank employs all its resources to achieve its mission to make lives better by delivering the simplest, smartest solutions and guaranteeing the best experience across its various touchpoints, with a strategy focused on the right talent, optimised processes and platforms, robust technology, and a re-energised brand.



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