

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Rise of 1.7% in net interest income
- Net fee and commission income edged up by 1.2%
- Drop of 11.4% in 'other income'
- Increase of 1.4% in operating expenses
- Impairment charges rose to Rs 2.4 billion;
   Gross NPL ratio declined to 3.7%
- Share of profit of associates down by Rs 150 million
- Y-o-y growth of 19.8% in deposits and of 14.3% in gross loans



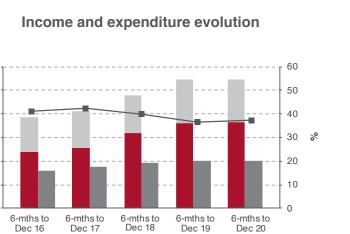
Rs 3.8 bn **▼** 28.1%

Net interest income

Non-interest expense

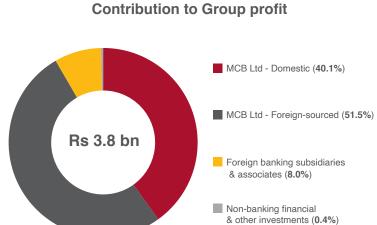
#### IMPAIRMENT CHARGES (INCL. ECL)

Rs 2.4 bn ▲ 169.7%



Non-interest income

Cost to income ratio (right scale)



## Consolidated summary statement of profit or loss for the period ended 31 December 2020

**OPERATING** 

INCOME

Rs 10.9 bn

**0.4%** 

•	Quarter to	Quarter to	6 mths to	6 mths to	Year to
	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19	30-Jun-20
	Rs'M	(Restated) Rs'M	Rs'M	(Restated) Rs'M	Rs'M
International and					
Interest income	4,318	5,189	8,618	10,394	19,995
Interest expense	(636)	(1,549)	(1,317)	(3,214)	(5,58)
Net interest income	3,682	3,640	7,301	7,180	14,409
Fee and commission income	1,435	1,481	2,796	2,834	5,340
Fee and commission expense	(380)	(376)	(674)	(738)	(1,40
Net fee and commission income	1,055	1,105	2,122	2,096	3,93
Other income	733	941	1,478	1,669	3,609
Operating income	5,470	5,686	10,901	10,945	21,95
Non-interest expense	(2,074)	(2,033)	(4,056)	(3,999)	(7,79
Operating profit before impairment	3,396	3,653	6,845	6,946	14,16
Net impairment of financial assets	(1,128)	(493)	(2,357)	(874)	(5,07
Operating profit	2,268	3,160	4,488	6,072	9,08
Share of profit of associates	83	137	180	330	40
Profit before tax	2,351	3,297	4,668	6,402	9,48
Income tax expense	(406)	(548)	(792)	(1,096)	(1,49
Profit for the period	1,945	2,749	3,876	5,306	7,99
Profit for the period attributable to :					
Ordinary equity holders of the parent	1,859	2,743	3,784	5,263	7,91
Preference shareholders	80	-	80	-	5
Non-controlling interests	6	6	12	43	2
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# Consolidated summary statement of comprehensive income for the period ended 31 December 2020

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Profit for the period	1,945	2,749	3,876	5,306	7,994
Other comprehensive income:					
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	243	186	125	186	(695
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	(295)	110	(36)	115	550
Other comprehensive (expense)/ income for the period	(52)	296	89	301	(145
Total comprehensive income for the period	1,893	3,045	3,965	5,607	7,849
Total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Ordinary equity holders of the parent	1,759	2,978	3,866	5,504	7,741
Preference shareholders	80	-	80	-	54
Non-controlling interests	54	67	19	103	54
	1,893	3,045	3,965	5,607	7,849
Earnings per share:					
Basic (Rs)	7.77	11.48	15.82	22.03	33.10
Diluted (Rs)	7.77	11.47	15.81	22.02	33.10
Basic weighted average number of shares (thousands)	239,256	238,977	239,254	238,943	239,072
Diluted weighted average number of shares (thousands)	239,397	239,075	239,395	239,041	239,072
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#### Consolidated summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020

	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19	30-Jun-20
		(Restated)	
	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	65,323	58,847	71,573
Mandatory balances with Central Banks	22,758	22,358	22,211
Derivative financial instruments	1,243	932	1,449
Loans to and placements with banks	35,048	14,427	18,116
Loans and advances to customers	250,618	230,887	240,953
Investment securities	170,266	132,930	148,858
Investments in associates	11,379	10,375	10,834
Investment properties	4,788	4,039	4,444
Goodwill and other intangible assets	1,822	1,524	1,678
Property, plant and equipment	6,759	6,561	6,875
Deferred tax assets	1,567	616	1,263
Other assets	5,662	4,318	3,860
Total assets	577,233	487,814	532,114
Deposits from banks Deposits from customers Derivative financial instruments Other borrowed funds Debt securities Subordinated liabilities Preference shares	13,637 413,441 1,269 57,868 2,007 2,009 3,396	3,202 353,245 865 45,770 2,013 5,536	4,314 386,345 1,413 52,444 2,007 2,122 3,396
Current tax liabilities	1,186	1,058	1,444
Deferred tax liabilities	343	306	339
Post employee benefit liability	1,170	360	1,170
Other liabilities	11,914	12,594	12,026
Total liabilities	508,240	424,949	467,020
Shareholders' equity			
Stated capital	2,747	2,679	2,719
Retained earnings	54,246	48,263	50,460
Other components of equity	9,446	9,324	9,366
Equity attributable to the equity holders of the parent	66,439	60,266	62,545
Non-controlling interests	2,554	2,599	2,549
Total equity	68,993	62,865	65,094

#### COMMENTS ON RESULTS

**CONTINGENT LIABILITIES** 

Group attributable profits for the quarter ended December 2020 amounting to Rs 1,859 million were in line with those achieved in the previous quarter. Profits for the semester, however, declined by Rs 1,479 million (-28.1%) to reach Rs 3,784 million, a drop mainly due to the increase in the charge for Expected Credit Losses (ECL) compared to the corresponding semester of last year.

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Net interest income increased by 1.7%, reflecting higher investment in Government securities linked to the persistently high liquidity situation domestically. The impact of increased cross border lending was to a large extent negated by lower margins due to increased cost of funds. Net fee and commission income grew by 1.2%. Improved performance from regional trade financing and wealth management activities was tempered by lower revenues from MCB Capital Markets Ltd while revenues from foreign banking subsidiaries and cards activities were adversely affected by the downturn in tourism and travel industries. 'Other income' declined by 11.4%, primarily on account of the temporary suspension of rental income from COVIFRA following the closure of Club Med amidst the Covid-19 situation and fair value losses experienced at the level of MCB Equity Fund Ltd. As a result, operating income dropped marginally to Rs 10,901 million.

With operating expenses going up by 1.4%, the cost to income ratio increased to 37.2% compared to 36.5% for the corresponding period last year. Impairment charges reached Rs 2,357 million, including an increase of Rs 1,488 million in respect of ECL. The cost of risk, on an annualised basis, stood at 151 basis points of gross loans and advances

compared to 184 basis points for the last financial year while the gross NPL ratio declined to 3.7% from 4.2% as at

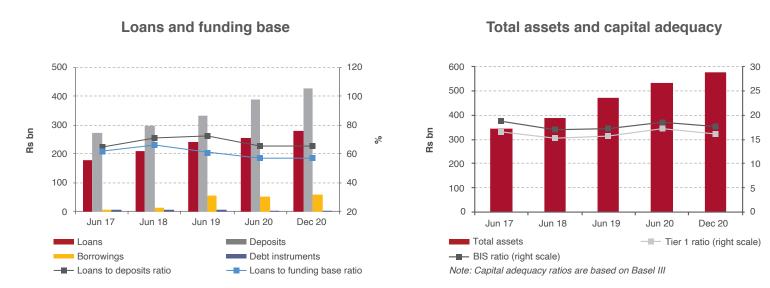
The share of profit of associates declined by Rs 150 million, mainly due to a subdued performance of BFCOI.

The Group continues to be well capitalised with a capital adequacy ratio of 17.6%, of which 16.2% in the form of Tier 1, and keeps displaying healthy liquidity positions, with a total loans to deposits ratio of 65.4% and a total loans to funding base ratio of 57.2%, when including borrowings. At Bank level, the US dollar Liquidity Coverage Ratio remained well above the regulatory norm at 172% as at 31 December 2020.

Notwithstanding an upgrade in global economic outlook by the IMF on the back of the rollout of vaccination programmes in many countries, the operating environment remains challenging. There is still little visibility on the evolution of the situation going forward, notably in relation to the spread of the new variants of the coronavirus, the duration of lockdowns in some of our key markets and the full-fledged opening of our borders. Against this backdrop, we will continue to closely monitor the situation and maintain a prudent approach.

By order of the Board 11 February 2021





#### FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS INDICATORS (%) Dec-20 Jun-20 Dec-19 **Profitability** Return on average total assets1 1.4 1.6 2.2 Return on average equity<sup>1</sup> 11.7 13.3 18.0 Return on average Tier 1 capital<sup>1</sup> 11.6 13.4 18.5 Efficiency 37.2 35.5 36.5 Cost-to-income **Asset quality** 3.7 Gross NPL/Gross loans and advances 4.2 4.0 Net NPL/Net loans and advances 2.3 2.9 2.7 Liquidity 43.0 Liquid assets<sup>2</sup>/Total assets 42.6 39.8 Loans to deposits 65.4 65.3 68.6

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<sup>2</sup> In the computation, liquid assets comprise cash, balances with BoM, placements, T-Bills, Government securities and bonds

<sup>3</sup> Borrowings include debt instruments

Loans to deposits and borrowings<sup>3</sup>

Shareholders equity to assets

<sup>4</sup> Based on Basel III

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Capital adequacy

BIS risk adjusted ratio4

#### Consolidated summary statement of changes in equity for the period ended 31 December 2020

		Attributab	ole to equity	y holders of t	he parent				
	Stated Capital	Retained Earnings		Translation Reserve	Statutory Reserve	General Banking Reserve	Total	Non- Controlling Total Equ Interests	
	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M
At 01 July 2019, as restated	2,608	44,791	2,262	(336)	6,935	249	56,509	2,526	59,035
Profit for the period		5,263		-		_	5,263	43	5,306
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	146	95	-	-	241	60	301
Total comprehensive income for the period		5,263	146		_	_	5,504	103	5,607
Dividends to ordinary shareholders		(1,816)	-	-	-	_	(1,816)	(29)	(1,845)
Issue of shares following the exercise of Group Employee Share Options Scheme	71	-	-	-	-	-	71	-	71
Transactions with owners	71	(1,816)	-	_	_	-	(1,745)	(29)	(1,774)
Transfers/movements in reserves		25	(13)	) -	8	(22)	(2)		(3)
At 31 December 2019	2,679	48,263	2,395	(241)	6,943	227	60,266	2,599	62,865
At 01 July 2019, as restated	2,608	44,791	2,262	(336)	6,935	249	56,509	2,526	59,035
Profit for the year	-	7,966	-	-	-	-	7,966	28	7,994
Other comprehensive (expense)/income for the year		(673)	(27)	529	-	_	(171)	26	(145)
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year		7,293	(27)	529	-	-	7,795	54	7,849
Dividends to ordinary shareholders	-	(1,816)	-	-	-	-	(1,816)	(31)	(1,847)
Dividends to preference shareholders	-	(54)	-	-	-	-	(54)	-	(54)
Issue of shares following the exercise of Group Employee Share Options Scheme	111	-	-	-	-	-	111	-	111
Transactions with owners	111	(1,870)	-	-	-	-	(1,759)	(31)	(1,790)
Transfers/movements in reserves	-	246	(9)	-	12	(249)	-	-	-
At 30 June 2020	2,719	50,460	2,226	193	6,947	-	62,545	2,549	65,094
Profit for the period	-	3,864	-	-	-	-	3,864	12	3,876
Other comprehensive income for the period		-	65	17	-	-	82	7	89
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	3,864	65	17	-	-	3,946	19	3,965
Dividends to non-controlling interests in subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(14)	(14)
Dividends to preference shareholders	-	(80)	-	-	-	-	(80)	-	(80)
Issue of shares following the exercise of Group Employee Share Options Scheme	28	-	-	-		-	28	-	28
Transactions with owners	28	(80)	-	-	-	-	(52)	(14)	(66)
Share of transfer by associate	-	2	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	2,747	54,246	2,289	210	6,947	-	66,439	2,554	68,993

### Consolidated summary statement of cash flows for the period ended 31 December 2020

	6 mths to 31-Dec-20	6 mths to 31-Dec-19	Year to 30-Jun-20	
		(Restated)		
	Rs'M	Rs'M	Rs'M	
Operating activities				
Net cash flows from trading activities	5,329	10,058	13,954	
Net cash flows from other operating activities	(7,919)	1,965	14,742	
Dividends received from associates	-	80	80	
Dividends paid to ordinary shareholders	-	(3,106)	(3,106)	
Dividends paid to preference shareholders	(80)	-	(54)	
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries	(14)	(29)	(31)	
Income tax paid	(1,354)	(1,075)	(1,607)	
Net cash flows from operating activities	(4,038)	7,893	23,978	
Net cash flows from investing activities	(885)	(866)	(1,571)	
Net cash flows from financing activities	(115)	(24)	(143)	
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(5,038)	7,003	22,264	
Net cash and cash equivalents brought forward	71,141	49,329	49,329	
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(755)	21	(452)	
Net cash and cash equivalents carried forward	65,348	56,353	71,141	

The unaudited interim consolidated summary financial statements comply with IAS 34 and have been prepared using the same accounting policies as those adopted in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Where necessary, comparative figures have been amended to conform with changes in presentation or in accounting policies and restatements made.

Copies of the unaudited interim consolidated summary financial statements are available to the public, free of charge, upon request to the Company Secretary at the registered office of the Company, 9-15, Sir William Newton Street, Port-Louis and can be viewed on our website: www.mcbgroup.com

The statement of direct and indirect interests of officers of the Company required under rule 8(2)(m) of the Securities (Disclosure Obligations of Reporting Issuers) Rules 2007 is available upon request, free of charge, at the registered office of the Company.

This communiqué is issued pursuant to Listing Rule 12.20 and Securities Act 2005.

The Board of Directors of the MCB Group Limited accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this communiqué.