

Union Bank of Nigeria Plc 2014 Results - Summary Highlights

Union Bank of Nigeria Plc (UBN) - Financial Results – 2014*

- Atlas Mara Limiteds (%tlas Mara+or the %company+) consolidated reported results include its 30% equity accounted shareholding in UBN, held both directly and indirectly:
 - The effective 9% investment, held by way of ADC African Development Corporation AG¢s (%ADC+) stake in Union Global Partners Limited, was accounted for on a fair value accounting method from 1 September 2014
 - The further acquisition of 21% of UBN shares, which was completed on 19 December 2014, have been accounted for on an equity method basis with effect from the closing
- Atlas Mara has also prepared a set of pro forma accounts that include the 30% associate investment in UBN on a fully equity-accounted basis
- At the time of release of Atlas Maras financial results release on 25 March 2015, UBN had not yet released its results for the year ended 31 December 2014. As such, in Atlas Maras accounts, UBNs 30 September 2014 financial results were annualized to form the basis for inclusion in Atlas Maras pro-forma accounts
- The difference in income from associates on the annualized basis versus the actual December basis is immaterial and no changes will be made to the Atlas Mara published results for 2014
- The results reflected in this overview thus differ from the annualized September figures presented previously by Atlas Mara, now that UBN results have been approved by the Central Bank of Nigeria and released on the Nigerian Stock Exchange
- However, due to Atlas Maras 30% shareholding in UBN, it was thought useful to present selected financial highlights from UBNs 2014 results, given both UBNs positive full-year performance and its importance in the context of Atlas Maras West Africa strategy

*UBN's 2014 results are available on the NSE website: http://www.nse.com.ng/Financial_NewsDocs/FinancialStatementFull_UNION%20BANK%20NIG.PLC._2015-04-15.pdf



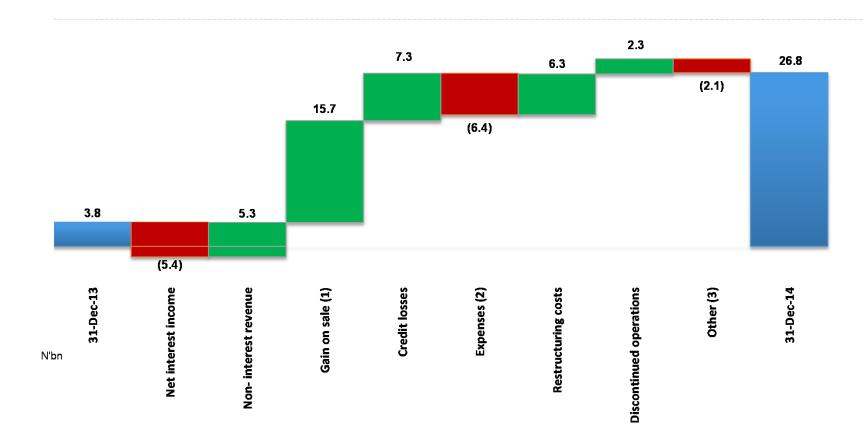
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	2014	2013
Net interest income	51.9	57.3
Non-interest revenue	43.4	22.4
Total income	95.3	79.7
Credit impairment	(4.8)	(12.1)
Impairment of financial assets	(4.8)	(3.7)
Net operating income	85.7	63.9
Expenses	(58.7)	(58.6)
Discontinued operations	0.7	(1.6)
Profit before taxation	27.7	3.7
Taxation	(0.9)	0.1
Profit after taxation	26.8	3.8
Loans and advances	312.8	229.5
Total assets	1 009.0	1 002.8
Equity	222.1	199.4
Deposits	589.5	529.5
Total liabilities	786.9	803.4
Return on equity	12.7%	2.0%
Return on assets	2.7%	0.4%
Net interest margin	5.1%	5.7%
Cost to income ratio	61.6%	73.5%
Credit loss ratio	1.5%	5.3%
Asset quality ratio	7.0%	7.9%
Loan to deposit ratio	53.1%	43.3%
Capital adequacy ratio	16.04%	24.8%

- Profit before tax increased to N27.7bn (USD168m*) from N3.7bn (USD22m) in 2013. This includes one-off profits from the disposal of non-core subsidiaries included in other income totaling N15.7bn (USD95m)
- Excluding profits from disposal of subsidiaries, profit before tax is N12.0bn (\$73m), a substantial year-on-year increase, albeit off a low base in 2013
- Other non-recurring items contributing to profit growth include:
 - Reduction in credit impairments to N4.8bn (\$29m) from N12.1bn (\$73m) in 2013. The 2013 balance includes the write-off of various loans that defaulted . part of the clean-up of the asset book, a component of the focused transformation program that began in early 2013
 - N6.3bn (\$38m) reduction in restructuring expenses included in the 2013 base
- Interest income from loans and advances from customers have increased over 25% in-line with the year-end loan balance growth of ca. 35%, reflecting the positive application of capital and liquidity
- The reduction in net interest income, however, was driven by lower earnings from reduced holdings of investment securities, as well as an increased deposit base with some increase in the average cost of funds
- Following the 2013 asset book clean-up, the balance sheet appears healthy with good growth in customer-related balances, providing proof of growing public confidence in the bank
- The bank is sufficiently capitalized under Basel II and the minimum capital holding is in-line with Central Bank of Nigeria guidelines
- The impact of the depreciating Naira on capital is closely monitored by the UBN Board and sub-Committees with oversight of these matters (Atlas Mara has three representative seats on the Board)



Union Bank of Nigeria – Profit After Taxation (Group)



- (1) Gain on sale of non-core subsidiaries in line with the Transformation Program
- (2) Expenses excluding restructuring costs
- (3) Other includes taxation, impairment on other assets, and profit on equity accounted instruments



UBN Transformation Program

Designed to re-establish UBN as one of Nigeria's leading financial institutions

During late 2012 - early 2013, the new Board of Directors and Executive Management embarked on a comprehensive Transformation Program at UBN, focusing on reengineering functions across the platform. The Program has begun yielding positive results as evidenced by UBNs year-end performance



- Optimizing the talent base by securing significant hires for key roles
- Ensuring the right people are in the right functions to drive customer-centric delivery
- Aligning staff compensation and overall staff costs to the market. Incentivizing delivery towards shared objectives

E-Business

 Positive trend in revenue from ATMs and POS with more growth expected in key channels as mobile banking goes live in 2015 (earmarked for Q2 2015)



 Enhancing the IT foundation with a focus on building the right support systems, ensuring they are fit for purpose, are supporting business development and are delivering a positive customer experience

Operations and Risk

- Implementation of crucial processes and control improvement initiatives
- Retail credit factory operational and positive progress recorded in recovery of non-performing loans

Cost

- Implementation of various cost transformation initiatives, yielding positive results as evidenced by the reduction in the cost to income ratio and overall cost spend
- Simplified procurement process developed, communicated and enforced



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