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ATTENTION: **ATTY. SUZY CLAIRE R. SELLEZA**
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Dear Atty. Go and Atty. Selleza:

We furnish you a copy of our press release entitled “**Metrobank delivers record income in 1st half 2024 as loan growth gains momentum**”

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Minda Claver A. Olonan
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Metrobank delivers record income in 1st half 2024 as loan growth gains momentum

Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co.'s (Metrobank) net income reached a record PHP23.6 billion in the first semester of 2024 supported by the Bank's robust asset expansion, stable margins, well-managed cost growth and healthy asset quality. This translated to a 13.3% return on equity, above the 12.9% recorded in the same period last year.

"Our strong capital position and robust asset profile continued to support our expanding core businesses despite market challenges. Prospects of easing inflation driven by government efforts could further spur consumer demand" said Metrobank President Fabian S. Dee. "We are firmly on track to meet our medium-term growth aspirations as we support various public and private sector initiatives that continue to drive economic growth," he added.

Gross loans climbed 14.9% year-on-year driven by a 15.2% rise in commercial loans and 13.7% expansion in consumer loans. Net credit card receivables surged by 21.4%, while auto loans grew by 16.6%, sustaining the growth momentum in the consumer segment. Net interest margins edged up to 4.0% from 3.9% last year. As a result, the Bank's net interest income in the first half of 2024 grew by 14.6% to PHP58.0 billion.

Meanwhile, total deposits grew by 7.8% to PHP2.4 trillion as of end-June from a year ago, of which low-cost Current and Savings Accounts (CASA) accounted for 58.0%.

Fee income was stable in the first half, with second quarter growth accelerating to 8.4%, supported by a continued expansion in the Bank's consumer business.

Operating cost growth was contained at 8.1% year-on-year to PHP36.4 billion, as the Bank continues to beef up its capabilities to provide better service to clients, with cost to income ratio at 52.3% as of end-June.

Metrobank's non-performing loans (NPLs) ratio improved to 1.66% from 1.84% last year, well below the industry's reported 3.7% as of May 2024. As a result, the Bank trimmed provisions to PHP1.0 billion in the first semester, but still kept NPL cover high at 162.7% to provide a substantial buffer against any emerging risks.

Metrobank's total consolidated assets expanded by 14.5% year-on-year at PHP3.3 trillion, maintaining its status as the country's second largest private universal bank. Total equity reached PHP355.1 billion.

The Bank's capital ratios are still among the highest in the industry, with capital adequacy ratio at 16.7% and Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio at 15.9%, all well

above the BSP's minimum regulatory requirements. In addition, Metrobank's Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) is substantial at 259.9%.

Last July 2024, Metrobank won the Best Bank for Corporate Responsibility at the Euromoney Awards for Excellence 2024 for its efforts via Metrobank Foundation Inc., to support health, education, the arts and social initiatives in the Philippines.

ABOUT METROBANK:

Metrobank is the country's second largest private universal bank that empowers both retail and business clients with customized financial products and services fit to help reach their goals and full potential. It has an extensive consolidated network that spans over 950 domestic branches nationwide, more than 2,300 ATMs, and above 30 foreign branches, subsidiaries, and representative offices. The Bank believes that its robust capital position and balance sheet strength will provide ample support as it navigates through uncertain times. Capital ratios are among the highest in the industry, with total CAR at 16.7% and Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio at 15.9%. Consolidated assets stood at PHP3.3 trillion at the end of June 2024, making it one of the strongest and well-capitalized banks in the country (<https://metrobank.com.ph>).