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In line with HM King's goal, Bahrain fully prepared to host 33rd Arab Summit tomorrow

HRH Prince Salman affirms Kingdom's support for joint regional efforts to overcome challenges

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Hosting the 33rd Arab Summit reflects the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to strengthening joint Arab cooperation and coordination - a goal that parallels the ambitions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

This was emphasised by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as he met yesterday with the heads of delegations participating in the preparatory meetings of Arab Foreign Ministers of the Arab League on the level of the 33rd Arab Summit.

HRH Prince Salman welcomed the heads of the delegations to the Kingdom, and expressed his hopes for the success of the Bahrain Summit to contribute to achieving desired aspirations and goals.

He highlighted the importance of consolidating Arab solidarity and cooperation toward furthering joint efforts to achieve the aspirations of people across the Arab region per the visions of the leaders in attendance at this year's summit.

His Royal Highness affirmed Bahrain's support for all efforts that promote the development



of Arab countries to preserve regional security and stability and to ensure the ability to overcome all challenges.

Importance

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the importance of the upcoming Summit in supporting developmental efforts at various levels, contributing to the prosperity of Arab countries, fulfilling the aspirations of their peoples, and enhancing regional security and stability in light of the exceptional circumstances and challenges that the region is witnessing.

He noted the importance of strengthening Arab cooperation and solidarity in line with development goals, highlighting the necessity of finding a peaceful, comprehensive and sustainable solution to the Palestinian cause.

His Royal Highness underscored the Kingdom's firm stance toward the Palestinian cause and its unwavering commitment to reaching a peaceful, lasting, and fair solution in support of Palestinians' legitimate right to estab-

lish an independent state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Gratitude

For their part, the heads of the delegations expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to meet with His Royal Highness, noting HRH's unwavering support of joint Arab action and commending Bahrain's position regarding issues in Arab countries.

The heads of the delegations further noted the Kingdom's efforts in hosting the 33rd Arab Summit and wished the Kingdom continued progress and prosperity.

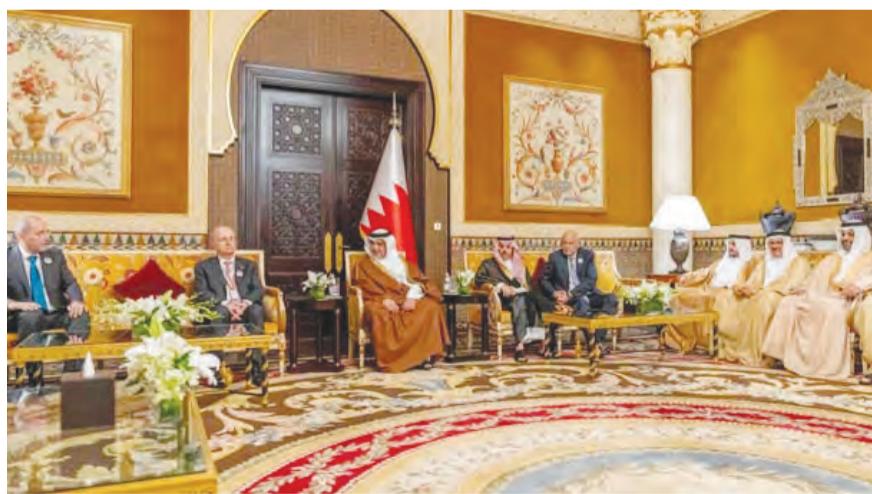
His Highness Shaikh Mohamed bin Salman bin Hamad Al



HRH Prince Salman with heads of delegations participating in the preparatory meetings of the Summit

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 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

Khalifa, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and a number of senior officials also attended the meeting.



Ministerial meeting held to discuss concrete Arab League action plan

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The Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, participated in the ministerial meeting of the Arab League committee respon-

sible for the follow-up on the implementation of decisions and obligations. The meeting, held on the sidelines of the 33rd Arab Summit which the Kingdom of Bahrain will host tomorrow, was chaired by His Royal Highness Prince

Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah, the Saudi Minister of Foreign Affairs, and attended by Arab League Secretary Ahmed Abul El Gheit.

They discussed and reviewed the efforts of the Arab League General Sec-

retariat to follow up on the implementation of the decisions of Their Majesties, Excellencies and Their Highnesses Arab heads of state, as well as the decisions taken by the Arab League Council at the ministerial level re-

lated to Arab cooperation. The preparatory meeting for the 33rd Arab Summit started yesterday, setting the stage for tomorrow's critical deliberations under the chairmanship of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Chaired by Dr. Al Zayani, the gathering welcomed dignitaries from across the Arab world to discuss pressing regional issues and chart a path towards collective progress. **(Detailed report on Page 2)**



Summit to focus on Gaza ceasefire, Two-state solution for Palestine

Arab foreign ministers unite in Bahrain



The Summit will represent a new stage in the process of joint Arab action built on historical fraternal ties, unity of purpose and destiny, the principles of solidarity, cooperation, mutual respect, and collective security

H.E. DR. ABDULLATIF BIN RASHID AL ZAYANI, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BAHRAIN

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Foreign ministers from Arab countries convened in Bahrain yesterday to prepare for the upcoming Arab Summit. The summit, which will be chaired by King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain, is set to take place tomorrow.

The meeting began with a speech by Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia.

Focus on Palestinian Issue and Unity

A key theme of the preparatory meeting was the ongoing conflict in Palestine. Ministers expressed deep concern over the recent violence in Gaza and called for a ceasefire. Achieving a two-state solution with an independent Palestinian state on the basis of 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital was emphasized.

During the speech, the Saudi Foreign Minister said Saudi Arabia, highlighted the unprec-



H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Bahrain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for International Affairs

edented attacks on Palestinian people by Israel and said international institutions demonstrated complete inability to maintain international peace and stability.

The Kingdom is committed to the necessity of an immediate and permanent ceasefire, ensuring sufficient and continuous entry of aid, and finding a reliable and irreversible path to a two-state solution, in a way that ensures that the Palestin-



H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani chairs the preparatory discussions ahead of tomorrow's 33rd Arab Summit

ian people obtain their inherent right to self-determination and the establishment of an independent state based on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, in accordance with the Arab Peace Initiative and relevant international legitimacy resolutions.

Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain, chaired the preparatory meeting and warmly welcomed the delegations.

The Foreign Minister said the present Arab Summit is being held under extremely delicate and sensitive political and security circumstances, and amidst economic challenges, humanitarian tragedies, and regional and international conflicts that require the Arab nations to act in unity and solidarity in defending the region's vital interests and in ensuring security.

Further, the Foreign Minister expressed hope that the Summit will represent a new stage in the process of joint Arab action built on historical fraternal ties, unity of purpose and destiny, the principles of solidarity, cooperation, mutual respect, and collective security.

The Foreign Minister called putting an end to the suffering of the Palestinian people through a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, providing humanitarian aid,



integration and joint projects among the nations.

Strengthening Arab Cooperation

The importance of Arab unity and solidarity was a recurring theme. Ministers discussed ways to enhance cooperation in areas like security, trade, and sustainable development. Bahrain proposed hosting an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations to resolve the Palestinian issue.

and obtaining their legitimate rights to establish their independent state on the basis of the two-state solution, obtaining full membership in the United Nations, and rejecting military escalation in the region.

Speaking about the plan of action, the Foreign Minister said a number of initiatives have been proposed for approval by the leaders at the Arab Summit tomorrow. This includes the call to hold an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations to resolve the Palestinian issue, the Foreign Minister said, adding that the Kingdom of Bahrain will be honoured to host the conference on its soil.

Bahrain's Foreign Minister also stressed on strengthening fraternal solidarity among Arab nations and greater economic

Talking at the preparatory meeting of Foreign Ministers, Ahmed Aboul Gheit, the Secretary-General of the Arab League, said regional stability will be fragile as long as the Palestinian problem remains unsolved. He called for immediately stopping the war and providing relief to the people of Gaza and to work without delay to achieve a two-state solution.

Other Regional Issues Addressed

The meeting also addressed other pressing issues in the Arab world, including the situations in Sudan, Libya, Yemen, and Syria. Ministers discussed draft decisions related to strengthening joint Arab action in various fields and will submit them to leaders for approval at the summit.



Welcome esteemed leaders and delegates to the 33rd Arab Summit hosted in the Kingdom of Bahrain under the leadership of

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa,
the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain

and

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa,
the Crown Prince & Prime Minister

May this gathering be a beacon of unity, progress, and prosperity for our nations and peoples.






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BTEA Spearheads Tourism Boost

'China Ready' workshop draws 100 sector leaders

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) hosted a dynamic workshop, uniting 100 representatives from various sectors including travel agencies, destination management companies, and hospitality establishments from across Bahrain.

The aim was to acquaint them with the abundant tourism prospects within the Chinese market and discern the preferences of Chinese travelers.

Graced by the presence of esteemed figures such as H.E. Sarah Ahmed Buhijji, CEO of BTEA, H.E. Ni Ruchi, Ambassador of China to Bahrain, along with key officials in the tourism domain and Mr. Marcus Li, CEO of China Ready, the workshop marked a significant step towards fostering fruitful collaborations.

In her speech, the CEO of BTEA emphasized the significance of forging new avenues in tourism with China and underscored the pivotal role of the China Ready program in amplifying efforts to attract more Chinese tourists to Bahrain.

H.E. Buhijji stated: "This initiative, is rooted in a deep understanding of Chinese culture and customs, coupled with stay-



ing attuned to evolving tourism trends. Such strategic alignment is in congruence with the objectives outlined in Bahrain's Tourism Strategy (2022-2026), where China stands out as a key focal point owing to its status as one of Bahrain's most promising tourism markets amidst its dy-

amic economic growth."

The workshop aligns perfectly with Gulf Air's upcoming milestone: the launch of direct flights linking Manama to Shanghai and Guangzhou in China. This strategic move is poised to open new doors for tourism by attracting fresh groups of travelers

from the world's largest inbound tourism market, the People's Republic of China.

Moreover, Bahrain proudly joins the ranks of 51 other nations worldwide in introducing the "China Ready" program. This initiative, a comprehensive training program, is designed to

empower tourist destinations and service providers globally with the insights necessary to cater effectively to the needs of Chinese visitors.

Attractive destination

By participating in this program, Bahrain aims to position itself as an attractive destination for Chinese tourist groups, further enhancing its appeal in the international tourism landscape.

During the workshop, Mr. Marcus Li, CEO of China Ready, delved into the program's key facets and its multitude of benefits. Established in 2002, this initiative has garnered global acclaim, extending its reach to 52 countries across six continents. Remarkably, it encompasses over 25% of the world's travel destinations.

The sessions of the workshop covered an array of topics, including an introduction to the coveted "China Ready" certification, an insightful exploration of Chinese history, society, customs, traditions, and culture, as well as an analysis of the evolving trends among Chinese tourists.

Collaborative efforts

Mrs. Maryam Toorani, Director of Marketing and Promotion Directorate at BTEA, affirmed the Authority's collaborative efforts with stakeholders in the tourism sector to actively engage with tour operators, destination management companies, and travel agencies in the People's Republic of China.

The overarching goal is to promote the Kingdom of Bahrain as a premier destination for Chinese visitors, crafting tailor-made packages and refining tour programs to cater specifically to this demographic.

Additionally, Mrs. Toorani highlighted the special arrangements in place for China Gulf Air travelers, affording them exclusive hotel reservations and access to a diverse array of tourist activities and events, ensuring a memorable experience during their visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain.



H.E. Sarah Ahmed Buhijji with BTEA, Chinese and other key officials in the tourism sector

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Maximum justice sought

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The Public Prosecution demanded that the court apply the maximum penalty, including the death penalty, for the four defendants implicated in the murder of an inmate at the Rehabilitation and Correction Center.

This request was made during the closing arguments session before the verdict.

In response, the lawyer representing the first defendant argued that the defendants did not have criminal intent and that the incident between them and the victim was motivated by self-defense rather than murder.

The lawyer emphasised the role of time, stating that the entire incident lasted no more than four minutes, and asserted that it was solely an assault without any intention to cause death or take a life.

The lawyer representing the first defendant also requested a change in the charge from intentional murder to attempted manslaughter, along with a reduction in the severity of punishment and the application of maximum leniency.

On the other hand, the lawyer



representing the civil claim affirmed the presence of an intention to take the victim's life, based on the defendants' continuous assault on the victim until his death. The lawyer also highlighted the defendants' criminal records and expressed support for the Public Prosecution's request for the maximum penalty.

Four witnesses told the Court earlier that the victim had objected to receiving a small amount of juice from one of the defendants who was distributing lunch boxes to the inmates. This prompted the first defendant and the three other defendants to hit the victim when they asked him to come towards them.

The witnesses confirmed that the defendants intended to kill

the victim because of the intense beating with their hands and feet on the victim's head and face, in addition to that one of the defendants was repeating, "Get rid of him" meaning he killed him, while another defendant was asking to wrap the victim's neck.

They noted that the defendants did not stop beating their victim even though he fell to the ground unconscious and had blood in his nose and mouth. They said that the fight lasted about 5 minutes.

Details of the incident indicate that the Public Prosecution received a notification on October 27, 2023, from the Rehabilitation and Correction Center regarding the death of the victim due to multiple assaults.

Three Bahrainis jailed for illegal commercial fishing

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The Lower Criminal Court has rendered its verdict in a recent case of illegal commercial fishing, sentencing three Bahraini men to one month of imprisonment.

Additionally, one of the defendants has been fined BD100,

and their boat has been confiscated by the court.

The incident unfolded when the Coast Guard intercepted a boat carrying the defendants. Sensing the approaching authorities, the defendants made an attempt to escape but were swiftly apprehended.

Upon inspection, it was dis-

covered that the boat was officially registered as a pleasure craft, raising suspicions about the nature of their activities. Further investigation confirmed that the defendants were utilising nets for fish capture, signifying their involvement in commercial fishing.



Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Information

For the three months ended 31 March 2024

| CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 March 2024 / (US\$ 000's) | 31 March 2024 (reviewed) | 31 December 2023 (audited) | 31 March 2023 (reviewed) |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and bank balances | 353,153 | 376,884 | 752,515 |
| Treasury portfolio | 4,533,248 | 5,135,032 | 4,787,937 |
| Financing contracts | 1,845,623 | 1,544,810 | 1,506,597 |
| Investment in real estate | 1,132,287 | 1,371,932 | 1,296,531 |
| Proprietary investments | 1,155,023 | 1,044,727 | 1,020,915 |
| Co-investments | 262,796 | 254,610 | 157,847 |
| Receivables and other assets | 991,601 | 780,144 | 670,387 |
| Property and equipment | 284,442 | 274,721 | 208,138 |
| Assets held for sale | - | 338,619 | - |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 10,558,173 | 11,121,479 | 10,400,867 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Clients' funds | 130,459 | 206,222 | 195,078 |
| Placements from financial institutions | 1,776,829 | 2,323,217 | 3,898,395 |
| Placements from non-financial institutions and individuals | 1,125,507 | 960,050 | 1,081,942 |
| Customer current accounts | 220,274 | 203,697 | 176,676 |
| Term financing | 2,070,989 | 2,124,307 | 1,919,213 |
| Other liabilities | 477,198 | 548,056 | 428,037 |
| Liabilities held for sale | - | 230,562 | - |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 5,801,256 | 6,596,111 | 7,699,341 |
| QUASI EQUITY | 3,672,269 | 3,451,006 | 1,643,847 |
| OWNERS' EQUITY | | | |
| Share capital | 1,015,637 | 1,015,637 | 1,015,637 |
| Treasury shares | (110,668) | (125,525) | (84,467) |
| Statutory reserve | 47,518 | 47,518 | 36,995 |
| Investment fair value reserve | (39,059) | (46,103) | (52,626) |
| Cash flow hedge reserve | (2,135) | (2,135) | - |
| Other reserve | (11,887) | (13,612) | - |
| Retained earnings | 19,883 | 105,831 | 60,251 |
| Share grant reserve | 4,440 | 7,930 | 6,930 |
| Total equity attributable to shareholders of the Bank | 923,729 | 989,541 | 982,720 |
| Non-controlling interests | 160,919 | 84,821 | 74,959 |
| Total owners' equity | 1,084,648 | 1,074,362 | 1,057,679 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES, QUASI EQUITY AND OWNERS' EQUITY | 10,558,173 | 11,121,479 | 10,400,867 |

| CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY for the three months period ended 31 March 2024 / (US\$ 000's) reviewed | Attributable to shareholders of the Bank | | | | | | | | | Non-Controlling Interests (NCI) | Total owners' equity |
|--|--|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Share capital | Treasury shares | Statutory reserve | Cashflow hedge reserve | Other reserve | Investment fair value reserve | Retained earnings | Share grant reserve | Total | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2024 | 1,015,637 | (125,525) | 47,518 | (2,135) | (13,612) | (46,103) | 105,831 | 7,930 | 989,541 | 84,821 | 1,074,362 |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | - | 27,135 | - | 27,135 | 3,208 | 30,343 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | - | - | 1,725 | 7,044 | - | - | 8,769 | (4,086) | 4,683 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | - | 1,725 | 7,044 | 27,135 | - | 35,904 | (878) | 35,026 |
| Issue of shares under incentive scheme (net) | - | - | - | - | - | - | (3,490) | (3,490) | - | - | (3,490) |
| Transfer to zakah and charity fund | - | - | - | - | - | (7,038) | - | (7,038) | - | - | (7,038) |
| Dividends declared for 2023 | - | - | - | - | - | (61,000) | - | (61,000) | - | - | (61,000) |
| Sale of shares in subsidiary | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (33,766) | (33,766) | (33,766) |
| Purchase of treasury shares | - | (85,751) | - | - | - | - | - | - | (85,751) | - | (85,751) |
| Sale of treasury shares | - | 100,608 | - | - | - | - | (9,266) | - | 91,342 | - | 91,342 |
| Additional NCI without a change in control | - | - | - | - | - | - | (35,779) | - | (35,779) | 110,742 | 74,963 |
| Balance at 31 March 2024 | 1,015,637 | (110,668) | 47,518 | (2,135) | (11,887) | (39,059) | 19,883 | 4,440 | 923,729 | 160,919 | 1,084,648 |

| CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY for the three months period ended 31 March 2023 / (US\$ 000's) reviewed | Attributable to shareholders of the Bank | | | | | | | | Non-Controlling Interests (NCI) | Total owners' equity |
|--|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Share capital | Treasury shares | Statutory reserve | Investment fair value reserve | Retained earnings | Share grant reserve | Total | | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2023 | 1,015,637 | (105,598) | 36,995 | (53,195) | 95,831 | 6,930 | 996,600 | 74,794 | 1,071,394 | |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | 24,007 | - | 24,007 | 431 | 24,438 | |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | - | 569 | - | - | 569 | (266) | 303 | |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | 569 | 24,007 | - | 24,576 | 165 | 24,741 | |
| Purchase of treasury shares | - | (8,342) | - | - | - | - | (8,342) | - | (8,342) | |
| Sale / vesting of treasury shares | - | 29,473 | - | - | (2,326) | - | 27,147 | - | 27,147 | |
| Dividends declared for 2022 | - | - | - | - | (56,261) | - | (56,261) | - | (56,261) | |
| Transfer to zakah and charity fund | - | - | - | - | (1,000) | - | (1,000) | - | (1,000) | |
| Balance at 31 March 2023 | 1,015,637 | (84,467) | 36,995 | (52,626) | 60,251 | 6,930 | 982,720 | 74,959 | 1,057,679 | |

| CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME for the three months period ended 31 March 2024 / (US\$ 000's) | Three months ended | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 31 March 2024 (reviewed) | 31 March 2023 (reviewed) |
| Investment banking | | |
| Deal related income | 33,232 | 42,164 |
| Asset management | 12,926 | 2,923 |
| | 46,158 | 45,087 |
| Commercial banking | | |
| Income from financing contracts | 31,207 | 27,219 |
| Treasury and investment income | 26,158 | 25,513 |
| Fee and other income | 7,941 | 5,468 |
| Less: Finance expense | (26,547) | (18,578) |
| | 38,759 | 39,622 |
| Treasury and Proprietary Investments | | |
| Finance and treasury portfolio income, net | 40,583 | 57,682 |
| Direct investment income, net | 59,618 | 3,055 |
| Share of profit from equity-accounted investees | 7,033 | 6,818 |
| Income from co-investments | 6,813 | 7,696 |
| Income from sale of assets | 10,123 | 72 |
| Leasing and operating income | 4,872 | 4,430 |
| Other income, net | 881 | 1,950 |
| Finance expenses - Repo and FI | (51,867) | (61,357) |
| | 78,056 | 20,346 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 162,973 | 105,055 |
| Other operating expenses | 61,612 | 41,100 |
| Finance expense - Term financing and others | 13,782 | 20,761 |
| Impairment allowances | 13,786 | 636 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 89,180 | 62,497 |
| Profit for the period before attribution to quasi equity | 73,793 | 42,558 |
| Less: Net income attributable to quasi-equity | (43,450) | (18,120) |
| PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD | 30,343 | 24,438 |
| Attributable to: | | |
| Shareholders of the Bank | 27,135 | 24,007 |
| Non-controlling interests | 3,208 | 431 |
| | 30,343 | 24,438 |
| Earnings per share | | |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share (US cents) | 0.77 | 0.72 |

| CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the three months period ended 31 March 2024 / (US\$ 000's) | 31 March 2024 (reviewed) | 31 March 2023 (reviewed) |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Profit for the period | 30,343 | 24,438 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Treasury and proprietary investments | (78,056) | (20,346) |
| Foreign exchange loss | 2,344 | 953 |
| Finance expense | 13,782 | 20,761 |
| Impairment allowances | 13,786 | 636 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 3,133 | 1,949 |
| | (14,668) | 28,391 |
| Changes in: | | |
| Placements with financial institutions (original maturities of more than 3 months) | 63,895 | 150,012 |
| Receivable and other assets | (81,654) | (64,359) |
| CBB Reserve and restricted bank balance | (5,082) | (5,638) |
| Financing contracts | (317,930) | (69,669) |
| Clients' funds | (15,763) | 71,778 |
| Customer current accounts | 16,577 | 45,444 |
| Quasi equity | 221,263 | 430,173 |
| Other liabilities | (181,967) | (52,587) |
| Net cash (used in) / from operating activities | (315,329) | 533,545 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Payments for purchase of equipment | (3,085) | (809) |
| Sale / (purchase) of proprietary investment securities, net | 844 | (4,355) |
| Sale / (purchase) of treasury portfolio, net | 12,413 | (179,535) |
| Dividends received from proprietary investments and co-investments | 36,796 | 11,531 |
| Sale / (purchase) of investment in real estate | 57,825 | (10,655) |
| Net cash from / (used in) investing activities | 104,793 | (183,823) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Financing liabilities, net | (37,069) | (18,127) |
| Finance expense paid | (123,090) | (101,782) |
| Proceeds from issuance additional shares in subsidiary | 102,000 | - |
| Placements from financial, non-financial institutions and individuals | (380,931) | 125,209 |
| Dividends paid | (152) | (130) |
| Net proceeds from sale of treasury shares | 14,863 | 21,130 |
| Net cash (used in) / from financing activities | (424,379) | 26,300 |
| Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents during the period | (634,915) | 376,022 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January | 1,687,727 | 1,041,064 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March * | 1,052,812 | 1,417,086 |
| Cash and cash equivalents comprise: | | |
| Cash and balances with banks (excluding CBB reserve balance and restricted cash) | 278,680 | 677,487 |
| Placements with financial institutions (original maturities of 3 months or less) | 774,132 | 739,599 |
| | 1,052,812 | 1,417,086 |

* net of expected credit loss of US\$ 23 thousands (31 March 2023: US\$ 10 thousands)

The Board of Directors approved the condensed consolidated interim financial information on 14 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Abdulmohsen Rashed Alrashed
Chairman

Hisham Alrayes
Chief Executive Officer & Board Member

"The above Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Income, Statement of Cash Flows and the Changes in Owners' Equity have been extracted from Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements of GFH Financial Group B.S.C. for the three months ended 31 March 2024, which were reviewed by KPMG, who have expressed an Unqualified Opinion on 14 May 2024."

NBB reports record Q1 profit with 23% growth

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National Bank of Bahrain has reported a 23% increase in its net profit attributable to the shareholders for the first quarter ended 31 March 2024, posting BHD 27.5 million (USD 72.9 m) compared to BHD 22.4 m (USD 59.4 m) for the same period of 2023.

The increase in net profit is mainly due higher net interest income driven by a stronger average balance sheet compared to the first quarter of 2023, higher gains from investment securities and hedging activities, as well as lower provisioning require-



Hala Ali Husain Yateem, Chairperson



Usman Ahmed, Group CEO of NBB

ments.

Earnings per share increased to 12 fils (USD 3 cents) for the first quarter of 2024 compared with 10 fils (USD 3 cents) for the same quarter of 2023.

Total comprehensive income attributable to NBB's shareholders increased by 108% to BHD 32.0 m (USD 84.9 m compared with BHD 15.4 m (USD 40.8 m) in 2023. The increase is attributable to the positive market movements of the equity and Bahrain sovereign bond portfolios.

On first quarter performance, Mrs. Hala Ali Husain Yateem, Chairperson of NBB said, "NBB

Group has continued its growth trajectory across its key markets of Bahrain, UAE and Saudi Arabia, with attributable profit reaching a record BHD 27.5 million in the first quarter of 2024, making it the highest quarterly profit in the Group's history, with a growth of 23% compared to the same period last year. The balance sheet at the end of the quarter remains strong with total assets exceeding BHD 5.0 billion. This performance translates into an annualised average return on equity of 19.3%, highlighting our commitment to delivering exceptional value to our shareholders. The quarter also marked our strong focus on

ESG alongside financial success. These achievements reflect a strong start to 2024, and we look forward to a successful rest of the year."

Mr. Usman Ahmed, Group CEO of NBB commented, "NBB delivered robust performance in the first quarter of 2024, characterised by significant financial and non-financial achievements. Building on the previous year's momentum, operating income and operating profit registered increases of 13% and 6% compared to Q1 2023. This consistent progress underscores NBB's focus on successfully executing its organic growth strategy."

Ithmaar Bank announces first quarter 2024 profits

Net profit attributable to equity holders for the three-month period ended 31 March 2024 was BD4.25 million

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Ithmaar Bank, a Bahrain-based Islamic retail bank, reported profits for the first quarter of the year as it announced its financial results for the three-month period ended 31 March 2024.

The announcement, by Ithmaar Bank Chairman His Royal Highness Prince Amr Al Faisal, follows the review and approval of the Board of Directors of the



HRH Prince Amr Al Faisal, Chairman

Bank's consolidated financial results.

Ithmaar Bank's financial results show a net profit attributable to equity holders for the three-month period ended 31 March 2024 of BD4.25 million compared to the net loss of BD1.80 m reported for the same period in 2023. Total net profit was BD7.74 m compared to BD0.23 m net loss reported for the same period in 2023. This

is mainly due to higher core income.

"On behalf of the Ithmaar Bank Board of Directors, I would like to announce that despite the challenging global economic situation, the Bank continues its efforts to grow its core Islamic banking business, which focuses on Corporate Banking and on further enhancing the value of its strategic investments," said HRH Prince Amr.

Ithmaar Holding, Ithmaar Bank's parent company, and GFH Financial Group are in discussions for GFH to acquire Ithmaar's financing and investment portfolios.

Total owners' equity increased to BD44.32 m as at 31 March 2024, a 10.6 percent increase from BD40.08 m as at 31 Decem-

ber 2023. Earlier, Ithmaar Holding, Ithmaar Bank's parent company, and GFH Financial Group announced that they are in discussions for GFH to acquire Ithmaar's financing and investment portfolios. The discussions are subject to due diligence as well as shareholders and regulatory approvals. Accordingly, the balances relating to the transaction have been classified as "held-for-sale" in the Q1 2024 results.



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Condensed interim statement of financial position as at 31 March 2024
(Reviewed)
(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | 31 December 2023 (Audited) |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 9,497 | 43,031 |
| Intangible assets | - | 4,611 |
| Right-of-use assets | 326,829 | 379,597 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 1,000,464 | 999,878 |
| | <u>1,336,790</u> | <u>1,427,117</u> |
| Current assets | | |
| Inventories | 16,857 | 20,485 |
| Trade and other receivables | 197,340 | 99,676 |
| Term deposits | 350,000 | 350,000 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 143,294 | 173,471 |
| | <u>707,491</u> | <u>643,632</u> |
| Total assets | <u>2,044,281</u> | <u>2,070,749</u> |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | |
| Capital and reserves | | |
| Share capital | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 |
| Statutory reserve | 799,705 | 794,927 |
| Capital reserve | 68,245 | 68,245 |
| Accumulated losses | (3,046,877) | (3,089,879) |
| Treasury shares | (400,000) | (400,000) |
| | <u>1,421,073</u> | <u>1,373,293</u> |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Employees' terminal benefits | 67,269 | 73,838 |
| Non-current portion of lease liabilities | 227,247 | 261,918 |
| | <u>294,516</u> | <u>335,756</u> |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Trade and other payables | 218,143 | 233,765 |
| Current portion of lease liabilities | 110,549 | 127,935 |
| | <u>328,692</u> | <u>361,700</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>623,208</u> | <u>697,456</u> |
| Total equity and liabilities | <u>2,044,281</u> | <u>2,070,749</u> |

Condensed interim statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the three months period ended 31 March 2024
(Reviewed)
(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | Three months period ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | Three months period ended 31 March 2023 (Reviewed) |
|--|---|---|
| Operating income | 308,632 | 274,078 |
| Operating costs | (280,732) | (244,673) |
| Operating profit for the period | <u>27,900</u> | <u>29,405</u> |
| Non-operating expenses | | |
| General and administrative expenses | (50,245) | (26,797) |
| Selling and advertising expenses | (1,687) | (1,906) |
| Finance cost on lease liabilities | (4,707) | (2,775) |
| Directors' fees | (8,750) | (12,850) |
| | <u>(65,389)</u> | <u>(44,328)</u> |
| Total non-operating expenses | <u>(65,389)</u> | <u>(44,328)</u> |
| Loss before investment and other income | <u>(37,489)</u> | <u>(14,923)</u> |
| Investment and other income | 85,269 | 5,615 |
| Net profit/(loss) and other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period | <u>47,780</u> | <u>(9,308)</u> |
| Basic and diluted earning/(loss) per share | <u>Fils 0.01</u> | <u>Fils (0.26)</u> |

Condensed interim statement of cash flows for the three months period ended 31 March 2024
(Reviewed)
(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | Three months period ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | Three months period ended 31 March 2023 (Reviewed) |
|--|---|---|
| Operating activities | | |
| Net profit/(loss) for the period | 47,780 | (9,308) |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation property, plant and equipment | 7,047 | 10,230 |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | 831 | 1,433 |
| Amortization of right-of-use assets | 32,507 | 37,014 |
| Unrealised fair value (gain)/losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | (586) | 62,240 |
| Interest income | (5,382) | (4,219) |
| Finance cost on lease liabilities | 4,707 | 2,775 |
| Dividend income | (62,378) | (62,333) |
| Gain on lease termination | (128) | - |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 14,238 | - |
| Loss on property, plant and equipment written-off | 2,706 | - |
| Loss on intangible assets written-off | 3,780 | - |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Inventories | 3,628 | 5,132 |
| Trade and other receivables | (97,664) | (50,857) |
| Trade and other payables | (15,622) | (7,151) |
| Employees' terminal benefits, net | (6,569) | (419) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | <u>(71,105)</u> | <u>(15,463)</u> |
| Investing activities | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (650) | - |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | 10,193 | - |
| Dividend received | 62,378 | 62,333 |
| Interest received | 5,382 | 4,219 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | <u>77,303</u> | <u>66,552</u> |
| Financing activities | | |
| Repayment of lease liabilities | (36,375) | (40,500) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>(36,375)</u> | <u>(40,500)</u> |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | <u>(30,177)</u> | <u>10,589</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period | 173,471 | 131,257 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period | <u>143,294</u> | <u>141,846</u> |

Condensed interim statement of changes in shareholders' equity for three months period ended 31 March 2024
(Reviewed)
(Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

| | Share capital | Statutory reserve | Capital reserve | Accumulated losses | Treasury shares | Total |
|--|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| At 31 December 2022 (Audited) | 4,000,000 | 794,927 | 68,245 | (2,711,113) | (400,000) | 1,752,059 |
| Net loss and other comprehensive loss for the period | - | - | - | (9,308) | - | (9,308) |
| At 31 March 2023 (Reviewed) | 4,000,000 | 794,927 | 68,245 | (2,720,421) | (400,000) | 1,742,751 |
| At 31 December 2023 (Audited) | 4,000,000 | 794,927 | 68,245 | (3,089,879) | (400,000) | 1,373,293 |
| Net profit and other comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | 47,780 | - | 47,780 |
| Transferred to statutory reserve | - | 4,778 | - | (4,778) | - | - |
| At 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | 4,000,000 | 799,705 | 68,245 | (3,046,877) | (400,000) | 1,421,073 |

The reviewed condensed interim financial information were approved, authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf by:

Abdul Latif Khalid Al Aujan
Chairman

Ahmed Janahi
Vice-Chairman

Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Information

31 March 2024

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2024

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

| | 31 March 2024 (reviewed) | 31 December 2023 (audited) |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash and balances at central banks | 180.1 | 181.3 |
| Treasury bills | 215.3 | 186.1 |
| Placements with banks and other financial institutions | 774.2 | 1,038.9 |
| Loans and advances | 2,559.0 | 2,535.1 |
| Investment securities | 1,196.5 | 1,155.0 |
| Investment in associates | 26.8 | 26.3 |
| Interest receivable and other assets | 155.2 | 127.6 |
| Property and equipment | 70.3 | 70.3 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets | 51.8 | 51.9 |
| Total assets | 5,229.2 | 5,372.5 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Due to banks and other financial institutions | 646.4 | 671.0 |
| Borrowings under repurchase agreements | 408.6 | 460.7 |
| Customer deposits | 3,374.3 | 3,504.8 |
| Interest payable and other liabilities | 236.3 | 158.8 |
| Total liabilities | 4,665.6 | 4,795.3 |
| Equity | | |
| Share capital | 226.6 | 226.6 |
| Shares unallocated under share incentive scheme | (0.8) | (0.9) |
| Share premium | 13.6 | 13.6 |
| Statutory reserve | 113.3 | 113.3 |
| General reserve | 32.4 | 32.4 |
| Other reserves and retained earnings | 166.1 | 180.0 |
| Equity attributable to the shareholders of the Bank | 551.2 | 565.0 |
| Non-controlling interest | 12.4 | 12.2 |
| Total equity | 563.6 | 577.2 |
| Total liabilities and equity | 5,229.2 | 5,372.5 |

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss for the three months ended 31 March 2024

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

| | Three months ended | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 31 March 2024 (reviewed) | 31 March 2023 (reviewed) |
| Interest income | 76.3 | 61.6 |
| Interest expense | (39.6) | (28.3) |
| Net interest income | 36.7 | 33.3 |
| Other income | 19.6 | 16.7 |
| Total operating income | 56.3 | 50.0 |
| Staff expenses | 14.0 | 12.1 |
| Depreciation, amortisation and equipment expenses | 5.9 | 4.5 |
| Other operating expenses | 6.9 | 5.7 |
| Total operating expenses | 26.8 | 22.3 |
| Operating profit before results of associates, impairment, and other provisions | 29.5 | 27.7 |
| Share of profits from associates, net | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Loans, placements and securities impairment, net | (2.6) | (5.3) |
| Other impairment and provisions, net | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Profit for the period | 27.7 | 23.0 |
| Attributable to: | | |
| Shareholders of the Bank | 27.5 | 22.4 |
| Non-controlling interest | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Profit for the period | 27.7 | 23.0 |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share | 12 fils | 10 fils |

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the three months ended 31 March 2024

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

| | Three months ended | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 31 March 2024 (reviewed) | 31 March 2023 (reviewed) |
| Profit for the period | 27.7 | 23.0 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | |
| Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss: | | |
| Fair value through other comprehensive income (debt instruments and treasury bills) | | |
| - Net change in fair value | 8.0 | (0.4) |
| - Net amount transferred to profit or loss | (7.5) | (5.1) |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss: | | |
| Fair value through other comprehensive income (equity instruments) | 4.0 | (1.5) |
| Total other comprehensive income / (loss) for the period | 4.5 | (7.0) |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | 32.2 | 16.0 |
| Attributable to: | | |
| Shareholders of the Bank | 32.0 | 15.4 |
| Non-controlling interest | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | 32.2 | 16.0 |

The comparatives for the condensed consolidated statement of financial position have been extracted from the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The comparatives for the condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows have been extracted from the reviewed condensed consolidated interim financial information for the three months period ended 31 March 2023.

Reviewed by KPMG - 14th May 2024

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the three months ended 31 March 2024

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

| | Share capital | Unallocated shares | Share premium | Statutory reserve | General reserve | Fair value reserve | Other reserves and retained earnings | Total owners' equity | Non-controlling interest | Total equity |
|--|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 2024 (reviewed) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance at 31 December 2023 | 226.6 | (0.9) | 13.6 | 113.3 | 32.4 | 28.5 | 13.4 | 565.0 | 12.2 | 577.2 |
| 2023 appropriations: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash dividend at 20% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (45.2) | (45.2) | (45.2) |
| Transfer to donations and charity reserve | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4.0 | (4.0) | - | - |
| Balance after 2023 appropriations | 226.6 | (0.9) | 13.6 | 113.3 | 32.4 | 28.5 | 17.4 | 88.9 | 12.2 | 532.0 |
| Employee shares assigned | - | 0.1 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.1 | - | 0.1 |
| Comprehensive income for the period: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 27.5 | 27.5 | 27.7 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | - | - | - | 4.5 | - | 4.5 | - | 4.5 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | - | - | 4.5 | - | 27.5 | 27.5 | 32.2 |
| Utilisation of donation and charity reserve | - | - | - | - | - | - | (0.3) | - | (0.3) | (0.3) |
| Other movements | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (0.4) | (0.4) | (0.4) |
| Balance at 31 March 2024 | 226.6 | (0.8) | 13.6 | 113.3 | 32.4 | 33.0 | 17.1 | 116.0 | 12.4 | 563.6 |

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the three months ended 31 March 2023

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

| | Share capital | Unallocated shares | Share premium | Statutory reserve | General reserve | Fair value reserve | Other reserves and retained earnings | Total owners' equity | Non-controlling interest | Total equity |
|--|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 2023 (reviewed) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance at 31 December 2022 | 206.0 | (1.1) | 12.3 | 103.0 | 32.4 | 28.2 | 13.0 | 565.9 | 10.0 | 575.9 |
| 2022 appropriations: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash dividend at 25% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (51.5) | (51.5) | (51.5) |
| Bonus shares issued at 10% | 20.6 | (0.1) | - | - | - | - | - | (20.5) | - | - |
| Transfer to donations and charity reserve | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3.4 | (3.4) | - | - |
| Transfer to statutory reserve | - | - | - | 10.3 | - | - | - | (10.3) | - | - |
| Balance after 2022 appropriations | 226.6 | (1.2) | 12.3 | 113.3 | 32.4 | 28.2 | 16.4 | 86.4 | 10.0 | 524.4 |
| Comprehensive income for the period: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 22.4 | 22.4 | 23.0 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | - | - | - | (7.0) | - | (7.0) | - | (7.0) |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | - | - | (7.0) | - | 22.4 | 15.4 | 16.0 |
| Utilisation of donation and charity reserve | - | - | - | - | - | - | (0.4) | - | (0.4) | (0.4) |
| Other movements | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (0.3) | (0.3) | (0.4) |
| Balance at 31 March 2023 | 226.6 | (1.2) | 12.3 | 113.3 | 32.4 | 21.2 | 16.0 | 108.5 | 10.5 | 539.6 |

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the three months ended 31 March 2024

(Bahraini Dinar Millions)

| | Three months ended | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 31 March 2024 (reviewed) | 31 March 2023 (reviewed) |
| Cash flow from operating activities | | |
| Profit for the period | 27.7 | 23.0 |
| Adjustments to reconcile profit for the period to net cash from operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 3.0 | 2.3 |
| Amortisation of right-of-use leased property | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Loans, placements and securities impairment, net | 2.6 | 5.3 |
| Other impairment and provisions, net | (0.2) | (0.2) |
| Share of profits from associates, net | (0.6) | (0.4) |
| Profit for the period after adjustments | 33.0 | 30.5 |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Balances with central banks (mandatory cash reserve) | 0.2 | (1.3) |
| Treasury bills | (29.4) | (63.8) |
| Placements with banks and other financial institutions | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| Loans and advances | (26.5) | 22.4 |
| Investment securities | (36.7) | (92.2) |
| Interest receivable and other assets | (12.1) | (27.9) |
| Due to banks and other financial institutions | (24.6) | 36.0 |
| Borrowings under repurchase agreements | (52.1) | 13.5 |
| Customer deposits | (130.5) | 41.1 |
| Interest payable and other liabilities | 16.9 | (17.3) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (261.2) | (57.4) |
| Cash flow from investing activities | | |
| Dividend received from associates | 0.1 | - |
| Purchase of property and equipment, net | (2.7) | (2.3) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (2.6) | (2.3) |
| Cash flow from financing activities | | |
| Dividends paid | - | (51.6) |
| Donations and charities paid | (0.8) | (0.8) |
| Payment of lease liabilities | (0.5) | (0.4) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (1.3) | (52.8) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the period | (265.1) | (112.5) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January | 1,092.9 | 512.9 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March | 827.8 | 400.4 |

Mrs. Hala Ali Husain Yateem
ChairpersonMr. Yusuf Abdulla Yusuf Alireza
Vice ChairpersonMr. Usman Ahmed
Group Chief Executive Officer

Alba reports BD24.5 million first quarter profit

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Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), one of the world's largest aluminium smelters, has reported a Profit of BD24.5 million (US\$65 mi) for the first quarter of 2024, a drop of 48% Year-over-Year (YoY), versus a Profit of BD47.5 million (US\$126.2 m) for the same period in 2023.

Earnings Per Share were 17 for Q1 2024 versus 34 for the same period in 2023.

Alba's top-line and bottom-line were driven by lower LME prices (down by 8% YoY in Q1 2024) and lower premiums (down by 27% YoY in Q1 2024).

Total Comprehensive Income stood at BD27.7 m (US\$73.6 million) versus BD37.1 m (US\$98.7 m) for the same period in 2023 - a drop of 25% YoY.

Gross Profit was BD57.3 m (US\$152.3 m) versus BD 79.9 m (US\$212.4 m) for the same period in 2023 - down by 28% YoY.



Top Alba officials during a group photo opportunity

Alba generated revenue from contracts with customers of BD334.6 m (US\$889.8 m) versus BD369.9 mn (US\$983.8 mn) in Q1 2023 - a drop of 10% YoY.

Commenting on the Company's performance for the first quarter of 2024, the Chairman of

Alba's Board of Directors, Khalid Al Rumaihi stated: "Despite market headwinds and lower LME prices, our commitment to operational excellence yielded good results in Q1 2024. In fact, if commodity prices (LME and premium prices) had remained at Q1 2023 levels, we are confi-

dent we would have delivered an even stronger performance for this quarter. Such performance positions us as a frontrunner to capitalize on the upswing in LME prices driven by global aluminium demand boom. Furthermore, our focus to strategic priorities equips us to navigate 2024 with

Highlights

Sales volume topped 363,283 MT, up by 1% YoY, while Production rose to 405,893 MT, reflecting a 2% YoY growth.

Value Added Sales (VAP) averaged 70% of total shipments, corresponding to +10% YoY [VAP: 252,772 MT in Q1'24 versus 230,491 MT in Q1'23].

Alba secured a strategic 10-Year Gas Supply Deal with Bapco Energies, featuring a fixed price structure for the initial five years at a competitive US\$4 per million British thermal units (MMBTU).

Alba and EGA signed a comprehensive Technology Service Agreement for Reduction Line 6 which includes technical support services, monitoring services as well as operational consultation.

Achieved savings for e-AI Hassalah at US\$29 million against 2024 Target of US\$60 million.

Power Station 5 Block 4 Project is on track for completion in Q4 2024.

agility, capitalizing on emerging opportunities."

Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali, added: "While the overall economic climate remains challenging, we are laser-focused on the controllable aspects of our business: Safety, streamlined operations, and a rigorously cost-effective structure. This focus, coupled

with the dedication of our entire team, empowers us to thrive even in these challenging economic conditions."

Alba Management will hold a conference call today at 2:15 PM Bahrain Time to discuss the Company's financial and operational performance for Q1 2024 and outline its strategic priorities moving forward.

Bahrain All Share Index closes higher

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Bahrain All Share Index has closed at 2,023.07 points, marking an increase of 0.06 points above the previous closing.

This increase was due to the rise in the financial sector.

Bahrain Islamic Index has closed at 772.15 points, marking an increase of 4.12 points above the previous closing.

Results indicated that 80 equity transactions took place with a volume of 2,082,682 worth BD 783,354.

Amazon cloud division head unexpectedly steps down

San Francisco, United States

The head of Amazon's AWS cloud computing business, Adam Selipsky, who was helping lead the company's expansion into AI, told workers he was stepping down Tuesday.

Amazon Web Services is a key subsidiary of the tech giant, having made \$25 billion worldwide in the first quarter, capitalizing on the growing appetite among businesses for remote computer and artificial intelligence services. In a memo to staff, Selipsky

said he was leaving with "mixed emotions," but "given the state of the business and the leadership team, now is an appropriate moment for me to make this transition."

Selipsky was promoted to the leadership of AWS in 2021, re-

placing Andy Jassy, who took over the reins of the entire Amazon juggernaut when founder Jeff Bezos stepped down as CEO.

Matt Garman, senior vice president of sales and marketing at AWS, will succeed Selipsky, Amazon said.

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

| | At 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | At 31 December 2023 (Audited) |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and balances with banks and central banks | 54,334 | 367,962 |
| Commodity placements with banks, financial and other institutions | 50,604 | 12,977 |
| Financing assets | 369,363 | 2,606,574 |
| Investment securities | 103,636 | 2,323,480 |
| Investment in associates | 16,228 | 94,659 |
| Other assets | 3,102 | 93,835 |
| Investment in real estate | 53,461 | 743,638 |
| Development properties | - | 174,662 |
| Property and equipment | 686 | 169,236 |
| Intangible assets | 1,356 | 17,351 |
| Assets classified as held for sale | 652,975 | 6,104,574 |
| | 5,939,579 | - |
| Total assets | 6,592,554 | 6,104,574 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Customers' current accounts | 204,089 | 1,724,829 |
| Due to banks, financial and other institutions | 530,723 | 1,189,988 |
| Due to investors | - | 8,652 |
| Other liabilities | 62,742 | 299,468 |
| | 797,554 | 3,222,937 |
| Liabilities directly associated with assets classified as held for sale | 2,796,295 | - |
| Total liabilities | 3,593,849 | 3,222,937 |
| QUASI EQUITY | | |
| - Quasi equity | 26,529 | 2,719,498 |
| - Quasi equity directly associated with assets classified as held for sale | 2,820,348 | - |
| Total quasi equity | 2,846,877 | 2,719,498 |
| OWNERS' EQUITY | | |
| Share capital | 757,690 | 757,690 |
| Treasury shares | (30,149) | (30,149) |
| Reserves | 108,569 | 114,857 |
| Accumulated losses | (831,218) | (838,063) |
| Total owners' equity | 4,892 | 4,335 |
| Non-controlling interest | (1,562) | 157,804 |
| Non-controlling interest classified as held for sale | 148,498 | - |
| Total equity | 151,828 | 162,139 |
| Total liabilities, quasi equity and total equity | 6,592,554 | 6,104,574 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

| | Three months ended | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | 31 March 2023 (Reviewed) |
| NET RESULTS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS | | |
| Income from financing contracts | 1,304 | 1,443 |
| Income from investments | (2,402) | 89 |
| Other income/(loss) | 2,223 | (12,315) |
| Total income | 1,125 | (10,781) |
| Finance expense on placements from financial and non-financial institutions | (1,644) | (475) |
| Net income | (519) | (11,256) |
| Operating expenses | (3,179) | (3,078) |
| Allowances for impairment and expected credit losses, net | - | 5,894 |
| Profit/(loss) from continuing operations | (3,698) | (8,440) |
| NET RESULTS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS | | |
| Income from financing contracts | 100,892 | 70,323 |
| Income from investments | 126,185 | 73,142 |
| Other income - net | 13,611 | 9,879 |
| Finance expense on placements from financial and non-financial institutions | (4,173) | (2,010) |
| Net income from jointly financed assets | 236,515 | 151,334 |
| Share of profit from equity accounted investees | 339 | 1,224 |
| Total income | 236,854 | 152,558 |
| Operating expenses | (41,093) | (33,425) |
| Depreciation and amortization | (4,041) | (3,990) |
| Total expenses | (45,134) | (37,115) |
| Net operating income before impairment allowances and attribution to quasi equity | 191,720 | 115,143 |
| Allowances for impairment and expected credit losses, net | (1,978) | (2,312) |
| Profit for the period before attribution to quasi equity | 189,742 | 107,831 |
| Less: Net income attributable to quasi-equity | (149,351) | (67,640) |
| Profit before overseas taxation | 40,391 | 20,191 |
| Tax expense | (20,773) | (9,703) |
| NET RESULTS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS | 19,618 | 10,488 |
| PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD | 15,920 | 2,048 |
| Attributable to: | | |
| Equity holders of Ithmaar | 6,845 | (3,006) |
| Reserves | 9,075 | 5,054 |
| Non-controlling interest | 15,920 | 2,048 |
| Basic and diluted earnings/(losses) per share | US CTS 0.24 | US CTS (0.10) |
| Basic and diluted losses per share - continuing operations | US CTS (0.13) | US CTS (0.29) |
| Basic and diluted losses per share - discontinued operations | US CTS 0.36 | US CTS 0.19 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

| | Three months ended | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | 31 March 2023 (Reviewed) |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net profit/(loss) before taxation from: | | |
| Continuing operations | (2,378) | (7,124) |
| Discontinued operations | 40,391 | 20,191 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 4,041 | 3,990 |
| Share of results after tax from associates | 3,379 | 381 |
| Provision for impairment - net | 1,978 | 1,418 |
| Income from investments | (176,185) | (74,455) |
| Finance cost on net ijarah liability | 1,442 | 1,386 |
| Loss on sale of property and equipment | (33) | (32) |
| Operating loss before changes in operating assets and liabilities | (77,365) | (54,245) |
| Net changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Balances with banks maturing after 90 days including central banks balances relating to minimum reserve requirement | 2,345 | (14,837) |
| Financing assets | 3,646 | (121,419) |
| Other assets | (24,274) | (82,843) |
| customers' current accounts | (40,981) | 28,584 |
| Due to banks, financial and other institutions | 373,085 | 324,764 |
| Due to investors | (552) | (19,114) |
| Other liabilities | (1,139) | 78,254 |
| Quasi equity | 82,693 | (86,920) |
| Taxes paid | (25,166) | (18,753) |
| Net cash generated from operating activities | 292,292 | 33,121 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net changes in: | | |
| Investment securities | (152,677) | (31,577) |
| Property and equipment | (15,644) | (15,760) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (168,321) | (47,337) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITY | | |
| Repayment of net ijarah liability | (2,487) | (2,076) |
| Net cash used in financing activity | (2,487) | (2,076) |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 1,376 | (19,131) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 122,860 | (35,073) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | 334,639 | 347,761 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period | 457,499 | 306,688 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY FOR THE THREE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

| | Share capital | Treasury shares | Reserves | Accumulated losses | Total owners' equity | Non-controlling interests | Total equity |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| At 1 January 2024 | 757,690 | (30,149) | 114,857 | (838,063) | 4,335 | 157,804 | 162,139 |
| Profit/(loss) for the period | - | - | - | 6,845 | 6,845 | 9,075 | 15,920 |
| Other comprehensive income for the period | - | - | (6,288) | - | (6,288) | 137 | (6,151) |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | (6,288) | 6,845 | 557 | 9,212 | 9,769 |
| Movement from dividend distribution by subsidiaries | - | - | - | - | - | (2,426) | (2,426) |
| Decrease in shareholding of subsidiary | - | - | - | - | - | (17,654) | (17,654) |
| At 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | 757,690 | (30,149) | 108,569 | (831,218) | 4,892 | 146,936 | 151,828 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY FOR THE THREE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

| | Share capital | Treasury shares | Reserves | Accumulated losses | Total owners' equity | Non-controlling interests | Total equity |
|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| At 1 January 2023 | 757,690 | (30,149) | 105,780 | (828,752) | 4,569 | 131,481 | 136,050 |
| Profit/(loss) for the period | - | - | - | (3,006) | (3,006) | 5,054 | 2,048 |
| Other comprehensive income for the period | - | - | (468) | - | (468) | (19,661) | (20,129) |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | (468) | (3,006) | (3,474) | (14,607) | (18,081) |
| Movement from dividend distribution by subsidiaries | - | - | - | - | - | (1,971) | (1,971) |
| At 31 March 2023 (Reviewed) | 757,690 | (30,149) | 105,312 | (831,758) | 1,095 | 114,903 | 115,998 |

The above Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income, Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Owners' Equity and Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows have been extracted from the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Information of Ithmaar Holding for the three month period ended 31 March 2024, which were approved for issue by the Board of Directors and reviewed by KPMG Fakhri, Kingdom of Bahrain, who expressed an unqualified review conclusion on 14 May 2024.

HRH Prince Amr Mohamed Al Faisal
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Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba)**Interim Condensed Consolidated
Financial Statements**

For the three months ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed)

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**INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

At 31 March 2024

| | 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) BD '000 | 31 December 2023 (Audited) BD '000 |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| ASSETS | | |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 1,884,313 | 1,899,031 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 11,225 | 8,526 |
| Trade and other receivables | 5,325 | 5,422 |
| Deferred tax assets | 90 | 90 |
| | 1,900,953 | 1,913,069 |
| Current assets | | |
| Inventories | 373,657 | 349,797 |
| Trade and other receivables | 213,548 | 225,688 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 5,911 | 5,375 |
| Bank balances and cash | 81,399 | 59,632 |
| | 674,515 | 640,492 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 2,575,468 | 2,553,561 |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | |
| Equity | | |
| Share capital | 142,000 | 142,000 |
| Treasury shares | (4,649) | (4,591) |
| Statutory reserve | 71,000 | 71,000 |
| Capital reserve | 249 | 249 |
| Cash flow hedge reserve | 17,136 | 13,901 |
| Retained earnings | 1,569,136 | 1,566,673 |
| Total equity | 1,794,872 | 1,789,232 |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Loans and borrowings | 380,171 | 383,184 |
| Lease liabilities | 7,378 | 7,607 |
| Employees' end of service benefits | 1,632 | 1,643 |
| | 389,181 | 392,434 |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Loans and borrowings | 214,670 | 202,654 |
| Lease liabilities | 917 | 904 |
| Trade and other payables | 175,057 | 167,229 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 771 | 1,108 |
| | 391,415 | 371,895 |
| Total liabilities | 780,596 | 764,329 |
| TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | 2,575,468 | 2,553,561 |

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the three months ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed)

| | Three months period ended 31 March 2024 BD '000 | 31 March 2023 BD '000 |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Revenue from contracts with customers | 334,564 | 369,920 |
| Cost of revenue | (277,310) | (290,068) |
| GROSS PROFIT | 57,254 | 79,852 |
| Other income | 1,288 | 1,811 |
| Foreign exchange (loss) gain - net | (1,086) | 645 |
| General and administrative expenses | (12,169) | (11,412) |
| Selling and distribution expenses | (11,194) | (16,580) |
| Finance costs | (9,980) | (14,793) |
| Realised gain on settlement of cash flow hedge for interest rate swap (IRS) | - | 8,272 |
| Changes in fair value of derivatives financial instruments | 337 | 164 |
| PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD BEFORE TAX | 24,450 | 47,959 |
| Income tax | - | (512) |
| PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD | 24,450 | 47,447 |
| BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (FILS) | 17 | 34 |

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the three months ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed)

| | Share capital BD '000 | Treasury shares BD '000 | Statutory reserve BD '000 | Capital reserve BD '000 | Cash flow hedge reserve BD '000 | Retained earnings BD '000 | Total Equity BD '000 |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Balance at 1 January 2024 | 142,000 | (4,591) | 71,000 | 249 | 13,901 | 1,566,673 | 1,789,232 |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | 24,450 | 24,450 |
| Other comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | - | 3,235 | - | 3,235 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | - | 3,235 | 24,450 | 27,685 |
| Net movement in treasury shares | - | (58) | - | - | - | 529 | 471 |
| Final dividend for 2023 approved and paid | - | - | - | - | - | (22,516) | (22,516) |
| Balance at 31 March 2024 | 142,000 | (4,649) | 71,000 | 249 | 17,136 | 1,569,136 | 1,794,872 |
| Balance at 1 January 2023 | 142,000 | (4,831) | 71,000 | 249 | 25,209 | 1,588,831 | 1,822,458 |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - | - | - | 47,447 | 47,447 |
| Other comprehensive loss for the period | - | - | - | - | (10,346) | - | (10,346) |
| Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the period | - | - | - | - | (10,346) | 47,447 | 37,101 |
| Net movement in treasury shares | - | 7 | - | - | - | 74 | 81 |
| Final dividend for 2022 approved and paid | - | - | - | - | - | (121,345) | (121,345) |
| Balance at 31 March 2023 | 142,000 | (4,824) | 71,000 | 249 | 14,863 | 1,515,007 | 1,738,295 |

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three months ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed)

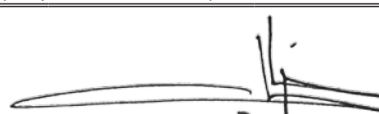
| | Three months period ended 31 March 2024 BD '000 | 31 March 2023 BD '000 |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD | 24,700 | 47,447 |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) | | |
| Other comprehensive income / (loss) that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods: | | |
| Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedge | 3,235 | (2,074) |
| Net gains on interest rate swap (IRS) reclassified to the profit or loss | - | (8,272) |
| | 3,235 | (10,346) |
| TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD | 27,935 | 37,101 |

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the three months ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed)

| | Three months period ended 31 March 2024 BD '000 | 31 March 2023 BD '000 |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Profit for the period before tax | 24,450 | 47,959 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 33,374 | 31,989 |
| Provision for employees' end of service benefits | 442 | 411 |
| Provision for slow moving inventories | 26 | 330 |
| Allowance for expected credit losses | - | 157 |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 298 | 102 |
| Changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments | (337) | (164) |
| Interest income | (248) | (807) |
| Forex (gain) / loss on revaluation of loans and borrowings and bank balances - net | (583) | 1,835 |
| Realised gain on settlement of cash flow hedge for interest rate swap (IRS) | - | (8,272) |
| Finance costs | 9,980 | 14,793 |
| Operating profit before changes in working capital | 67,402 | 88,333 |
| Working capital changes: | | |
| Inventories | (23,886) | (63,243) |
| Trade and other receivables | 12,043 | 8,953 |
| Trade and other payables | (126) | 8,770 |
| Net cash generated from operations | 55,433 | 42,813 |
| Employees' end of service benefits paid | (453) | (197) |
| Income tax paid | - | (512) |
| Net cash flows from operating activities | 54,980 | 42,104 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (18,956) | (15,820) |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | 2 | 3 |
| Interest received | 442 | 807 |
| Net cash flows used in investing activities | (18,512) | (15,010) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Proceeds from loans and borrowings | 201,803 | 125,714 |
| Repayment of loans and borrowings | (192,577) | (2,716) |
| Interest on loans and borrowings paid | (2,026) | (1,609) |
| Payment of lease liabilities | (216) | (88) |
| Dividends paid | (22,516) | (121,345) |
| Settlement of derivatives | - | 8,272 |
| Purchase of treasury shares | (3,457) | (3,284) |
| Proceeds from resale of treasury shares | 3,928 | 3,365 |
| Net cash flows (used in)/ generated from financing activities | (15,061) | 8,309 |
| NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 21,407 | 35,403 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January | 59,632 | 93,617 |
| Effect of movement in exchange rates on bank balances and cash | 360 | 529 |
| Restricted cash (Deposit pledged against short term borrowings) | - | (24,590) |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 MARCH | 81,399 | 104,959 |
| Cash and cash equivalents comprise: | | |
| Bank balances | 78,411 | 76,484 |
| Short term deposits with maturities of three months or less | 2,957 | 53,009 |
| Cash in hand | 31 | 56 |
| Bank balances and cash in interim consolidated statement of financial position | 81,399 | 129,549 |
| Restricted cash (Deposit pledged against short term borrowings) | - | (24,590) |
| | 81,399 | 104,959 |

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 14 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


Khalid Al Rumaihi
Chairman

Isa Bin Khalid Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa
Director

Ali Al Baqali
Chief Executive Officer

QUOTE OF THE DAY IT TOOK ME QUITE A LONG TIME TO DEVELOP A VOICE, AND NOW THAT I HAVE IT, I AM NOT GOING TO BE SILENT MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

TODAY IN HISTORY

1252

Pope Innocent IV issues the papal bull ad extirpanda, which authorizes, but also limits, the torture of heretics in the Medieval Inquisition



1618

German astronomer Johannes Kepler discovers the third of his three planetary laws, the "harmonic law"

1841

First emigrant wagon train to make it to California leaves Independence, Missouri on a 1,730 mile journey over the Sierra Nevada

1940

Richard and Maurice McDonald open the 1st McDonald's restaurant in San Bernardino, California

News in brief

Nearly two dozen Bangladeshi cargo ship crew taken hostage by Somali pirates returned home Tuesday to a rapturous welcome from family members after weeks in captivity. The bulk carrier MV Abdullah was transporting more than 55,000 tonnes of coal from Mozambique to the United Arab Emirates when it was seized by dozens of pirates around 550 nautical miles (1,000 kilometres) off the Somali coast in March. Somali pirates freed the MV Abdullah after its Bangladeshi owners, KSRM Group, paid a hefty ransom that was air-dropped over the vessel in sackloads of US dollars. The ransom amount was not disclosed by the company. The vessel then continued to its original destination, escorted by two European Union ships.



Bangladesh ship crew abducted by Somali pirates return home

A French climber died on Mount Makalu, the world's fifth-highest peak, expedition organisers said yesterday, while search and rescue operations were underway for two Mongolian men who went missing while attempting to summit Mount Everest. Johnny Saliba, 60, died at an altitude of 8,120 metres (26,640 feet) during his summit push on Sunday, becoming the second fatality of this year's spring climbing season in Nepal. Bhandari added that Saliba's family had been informed and efforts were underway to retrieve his body. He was part of a French team on the 8,485-metre-tall (27,838-feet) mountain and the other members safely returned to the base camp. Last week, a 53-year-old Nepali guide died on the same peak as he was descending after reaching the summit.



Ireland plans to raise the legal minimum age for buying tobacco to 21, according to draft legislation announced Tuesday, making it the highest age limit in the European Union. Government officials said the proposed law to hike the age from the current 18 has been approved by the cabinet and is aimed at speeding up the reduction of Ireland's adult smoking rate. Latvia has introduced a law to increase the minimum age to 20 in 2025. In most EU countries, the age limit for buying both tobacco and alcohol is 18, while it is 21 for both in the United States. Ireland in 2004 became the first EU member to introduce an indoor smoking ban, which saw many other countries follow suit. Currently, 18 percent of the population over the age of 15 are smokers, the Department of Health said.

Ireland to hike minimum age for tobacco sales to 21 in EU first



SPOTLIGHT

UK law to ban live animal exports clears parliament



Representative picture

UK bill banning the export of livestock for slaughter cleared parliament on Tuesday, with campaigners hailing it as a landmark moment for animal welfare. Activists have been calling for the ban for decades. One campaigner was crushed to death under a lorry as she protested against the export of live calves for veal in 1995. Britain's ruling Conservatives first proposed the ban in 2017 and touted it as a benefit of Brexit because European Union trade rules prevent member states from banning live exports to other countries in the bloc. The Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill prohibits the export of cattle, goats, pigs and horses for slaughter, and fattening for slaughter. It aims to improve animal welfare in farming by ending long, arduous journeys to other countries, during which livestock can suffer from overcrowding, exhaustion, dehydration and stress. The UK parliament's unelected upper chamber, the House of Lords, passed the bill, meaning it will now head for royal assent before becoming law. Emma Slawinski, director of policy, prevention and campaigns at the RSPCA animal charity, described it as "an extraordinary achievement" that activists had campaigned on for 50 years. "Back in the 90s we had more than a million animals going out from the UK. It's an abhorrent trade. The suffering is intense and it goes on for a long time," she said. "Some of those journeys were measured in days, not in hours, and they're never going to happen again."

Spring Update: OpenAI gives ChatGPT new powers to see, hear

AFP | San Francisco, United States

OpenAI yesterday released a higher performing and even more human-like version of the artificial intelligence technology that underpins its popular generative tool ChatGPT, making it free to all users. The update to OpenAI's flagship product landed a day before Google is expected to make its own announcements about Gemini, the search engine giant's own AI tool that competes with ChatGPT head on. "We're very, very excited to bring GPT-4o to all of our free users out there," Chief Technology Officer Mira Murati said at the highly anticipated launch event in San Francisco.

When using GPT-4o, ChatGPT Free users will now have access to features such as: Experience GPT-4 level intelligence, Get responses (opens in a new window) from both the model and the web, Analyze data (opens in a new window) and create charts, Chat about photos you take, Upload files (opens in a new window) for assistance summarizing, writing or analyzing, Discover and use GPTs and the GPT Store, Build a more helpful experience with Memory

The new model GPT-4o -- the "O" stands for omni -- will be rolled out in OpenAI's products over the next few weeks, the company said, with paid customers having unlimited access to the tool. The company said the model could generate content or understand commands in voice, text, or images. "The new voice (and video) mode is the best computer interface I've ever used. It feels like AI from the movies," said OpenAI CEO Sam Altman in a blog post. Altman has previously pointed to the Scarlett Johansson character in the movie "Her" as an inspiration for where he would like AI interactions to go. "Talking to a computer has never felt really natural for me; now it does," he added.



Murati and engineers from OpenAI demonstrated the new powers of GPT-4o at the virtual event, posing challenges to the beefed-up version of the ChatGPT chatbot. The demo mainly featured OpenAI staff members asking questions to the voiced ChatGPT, which responded with jokes and human-like banter. The bot served as an interpreter from English to Italian, interpreted facial expressions and walked one user through a difficult algebra problem. The company said that GPT-4o had the same powers as the previous version when it came to text, reasoning, and coding intelligence, and set new industry standards for multilingual conversations, audio, and vision. In one demonstration, ChatGPT successfully interpreted an employee's surroundings through a smartphone camera, speaking in a friendly, feminine voice, not unlike the AI bot in the film "Her". "Hmmm from what I can see it looks like you're in some kind of recording or production set-up with lights, tripods... you might be gearing up to shoot a video or make an announcement?" the ChatGPT bot said.

UN says nearly 450,000 displaced from Gaza's Rafah since May 6

AFP | Rafah, Palestinian Territories

The United Nations said yesterday that nearly 450,000 people have been displaced from Rafah since Israel began issuing evacuation orders for the south Gaza city eight days ago.



A man carries the body of a child victim that was recovered from beneath the rubble of a collapsed building in the aftermath of Israeli bombardment in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip

At the same time, another 100,000 people have fled their homes amid renewed fighting in northern Gaza, the UN said, meaning that around a quarter of Gaza's population of around 2.4 million people has been displaced again in just over a week. UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, said Tuesday that it estimated "that nearly 450,000 people have been forcibly displaced from Rafah since 6 May".

That was the day Israel issued an initial evacuation order for eastern Rafah, and it has repeatedly expanded the areas ordered emptied of civilians since then as it prepares for a widely feared ground assault.

While it has not yet announced a large-scale operation, Israel defied international opposition and entered Rafah with tanks and troops last week, seizing its key crossing on the Egyptian border.

The UN has warned of an "epic" disaster if Israel conducts an outright invasion of the city where 1.4 million people -- many displaced from elsewhere in war-torn Gaza -- had been sheltering. "Empty streets in Rafah as families continue to flee in search of safety," UNRWA said on X, formerly Twitter. "People face constant exhaustion, hunger and fear. Nowhere is safe. An immediate ceasefire is the only hope."

Israel has asked people in the designated evacuation areas in Rafah to head to the Al-Mawasi "humanitarian zone" on the coast northwest of Rafah, though aid groups have warned it is not ready for an influx of



Israel's relentless bombardment and ground offensive in Gaza have since killed at least 35,173 people, mostly civilians, according to the Gaza health ministry.

In big change, Google to use AI-generated answers in search results

AFP | Mountain View, United States

Google yesterday said it would introduce AI-generated answers to online queries made by users in the United States, in one of the biggest updates to its search engine in 25 years. "I'm excited to announce that we will begin launching this fully revamped experience, 'AI overviews', to everyone in the US this week," Google chief executive Sundar Pichai said at an event



page before the more typical unfurling of links and features. The search engine's AI answers, generated by Google's Gemini AI technology, offer a paragraph or two of explanation with links to the online sources that supplied the information. "You can ask whatever's on your mind or whatever you need to get done - from researching to planning to brainstorming - and Google will take care of the legwork," said Google Search team boss Liz Reid.

King Charles III sees red in new portrait

AFP | London, United Kingdom

King Charles III yesterday unveiled the first completed official portrait of himself since his coronation -- a striking red depiction of the British monarch in uniform. The 230cm by 165.5cm (7.5 feet by 5.4 feet) oil on canvas was painted by Jonathan Yeo, who has previously depicted Charles's wife Camilla in 2014, and his father, Prince Philip, in 2008. It shows the 75-year-old head of state in the ceremonial red uniform of the Welsh Guards against a red background, with a butterfly hovering over his shoulder. Yeo, 53, was commissioned for



An official portrait of King Charles III, painted by artist Jonathan Yeo the work in 2020, when Charles was still prince of Wales, to mark his 50 years as a member of The Drapers' Company.

Swiss nursery lets robot do the talking

AFP | Lausanne, Switzerland

Sat in a circle on the nursery floor, a group of Swiss three-year-olds ask a robot called Nao questions about giraffes and broccoli.

By the time these children become adults, interacting with robots may well be as commonplace as using a smartphone, experts believe. So one Lausanne creche has decided to give them a head start.

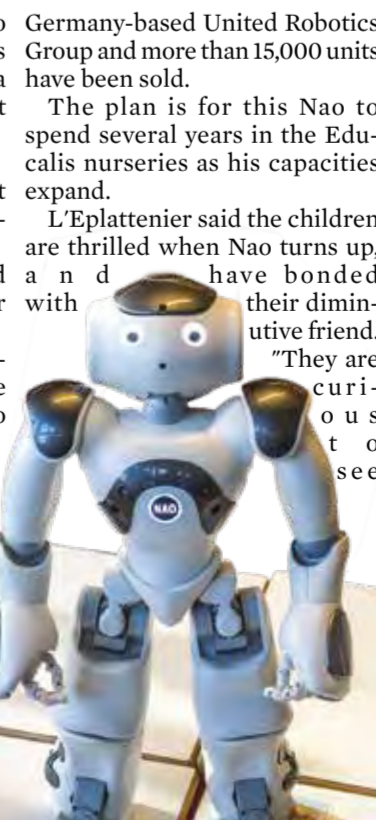


Preschoolers interact with educational and interactive robot Nao at "La Nanosphere" creche in the university campus of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, western Switzerland

Nao has been a regular visitor at the Nanosphere nursery on the campus of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology university since the New Year. He is what is called an "interactive learning companion" rather than a substitute teacher. As the children were dropped off, Nao -- who is only 58 centimetres (less than two feet) tall -- stood on a bench to greet them at eye level. "Hello, my name is Nao. I'm happy to be at the Nanosphere today," he said, in a child-like high-pitched voice. "I left my planet some time ago to come and meet you. I look forward to getting to know you and being able to talk with you in the weeks ahead." Some children walked straight past, some waved, pointed, touched his hand or simply gazed at him transfixed. "No squabbling!" "What will the children's future be like? Will they have to work with robots? Very probably yes," Olivier Delamadeleine, director-general of the Educalis group of nurseries and primary schools in Lausanne, told AFP. "So as we are in a place of learning it is important to get them familiarised early so that they're used to working with robots," he added. Back in the class, teacher Eve L'Eplattenier and the 14 children sat in a circle on the floor with Nao in the middle. "He's going to come and explain things to you," she said. "Do you like broccoli? It's very good for your health," the robot said. L'Eplattenier picked him up and put him on a table. She said Nao would not grow any taller as children do. The children gathered excitedly around, some jockeying for space. "No squabbling!" Nao told them. Prompted by their

teacher, the children tried to catch him out with questions such as, "I am an animal with a trunk. What am I?" When he got it right, they giggled. "Little know-it-all" Gabriel Paffi, a masters student in robotics, sat in the corner feeding Nao his answers. He programmed the robot and is working on how to adapt it for a nursery's needs. "The goal is to make it automated so that he no longer needs me to move around and respond to the children," Paffi said. The first Nao robots hit the market in 2008. Now on generation six, the brand is owned by the

Germany-based United Robotics Group and more than 15,000 units have been sold. The plan is for this Nao to spend several years in the Educalis nurseries as his capacities expand. L'Eplattenier said the children are thrilled when Nao turns up, and they have bonded with their diminutive friend. "They are curious to see what he will say, what he will do," she said. "He's a companion with little tips and bits of advice. I think he will quickly position himself as the little know-it-all of the group." As for the parents, they too are keen to see how Nao will settle in. "I think it's a good way to help the children progress with new technologies," said Guillaume Quentin. When it was time for Nao to "fly back into space", each child in turn shuffled towards him to say goodbye and give him a wave. He replied to each by name. "I love you. I will come back soon," he told them.



Modi files candidacy for India election in Holy city



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (C) leaves accompanied by India's Home Minister Amit Shah (R) and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath (L) after filing his nomination papers to contest the parliamentary seat in Varanasi

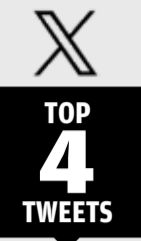
AFP | Varanasi, India

Cheering crowds greeted Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday as he submitted his candidacy for a parliamentary seat in a general election his party is strongly favoured to win. Varanasi is the spiritual capital, where devotees from around India come to cremate deceased loved ones by the Ganges river, and the premier has represented the city since sweeping to power a decade ago. "I swear on God... I will have faith and allegiance to India's constitution," Modi said before handing over the paperwork to an election registrar, flanked by a Hindu mystic dressed in a loin cloth. Modi waved to the gathered crowd after emerging from the office before leaving with his entourage, made up of senior figures from his ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). "The amazing love and blessings I have received from all of you in the last 10 years have inspired me to work with a constant spirit of service and full determination," Modi wrote afterwards in a post on social media platform X. Varanasi is one of the last constituencies to vote on June 1, with counting and results expected three days later.

Summer 2023 was the hottest in 2,000 years: study

AFP | Paris, France

Last year's northern hemisphere summer was the hottest in 2,000 years, according to a new study published yesterday. Scientists say 2023 was the hottest year globally since records began in 1850, but the study in the journal Nature indicates human-caused climate change pushed northern summer highs well beyond anything seen in two millennia. "We shouldn't be surprised," the study's lead author Jan Esper told AFP. "For me it's just the continuation of what we started by releasing greenhouse gases" that cause global warming, said Esper, a professor of climatology at Germany's Johannes Gutenberg University. The conservative estimate found that 2023 was at least 0.5 degrees Celsius hotter than the warmest northern hemisphere summer of that period in AD246. Otherwise, it was 1.19 degrees warmer.



TOP 4 TWEETS



Today a @UN vehicle was struck in Gaza, killing one of our colleagues & injuring another. More than 190 UN staff have been killed in Gaza. Humanitarian workers must be protected. I condemn all attacks on UN personnel and reiterate my urgent appeal for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire & the release of all hostages.



As I told President @AZelenskyyUA, the U.S. has been by Ukraine's side from day one, and we will stay by your side.



Breathing and cooking are essential for life. And yet for millions of people, they are a cause of disease and death, from heart disease, lung cancer, pneumonia and more. I am pleased to be part of the @IEA's Summit on Clean Cooking in Africa alongside President @SuluhuSamia, @PresidentBio, @FEGnassingbe, Prime Minister @jonasgahrstore@akin adesina and @fbiorl.



Jill and I join the people of Buffalo in honoring the memories of the 10 souls stolen from us in an unconscionable act of hatred against the Black community two years ago. I know how painful these anniversaries can be, and I want you to know you remain in my prayers.

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

GFH Q1 profit rises 13.03% to US\$27.14 m

● **Double-digit growth in income and profitability supported by contributions across the Group's subsidiaries, associates, and investments**

● **Strong growth in investment banking continues with income of US\$ 46.2 million**

● **Partial exits from the Group's proprietary investments, including real estate**

TDT | Manama

GFH Financial Group yesterday announced its financial results for the first quarter of the year ended 31 March 2024.



“Having entered the year with positive momentum, we look forward to further expanding the Group's investments across core business lines and geographies and generating even greater value for shareholders and investors throughout the remainder of the year

ABDULMOHESEN RASHED AL RASHED, CHAIRMAN, GFH FINANCIAL GROUP



“Across the Group's business lines, we remain focused on accelerating our strategy for non-organic growth through new investments and the acquisition of funds, portfolios, and other financial institutions, such as the investment portfolios of Ithmaar Holding that we are currently evaluating. Additionally, we have an attractive pipeline of opportunities. In the US, GFH Partners is working closely with our specialist asset management subsidiaries on-the-ground to identify and close new transactions to grow our existing portfolios. Similarly, in the GCC markets, and particularly, Saudi Arabia, GFH Capital S.A. is looking to build our presence and contributions to the growth of priority Vision 2030 sectors such as healthcare, education, and logistics, where we have deep expertise and a track record of success

HISHAM ALRAYES, CEO AND BOARD MEMBER, GFH FINANCIAL GROUP

Net profit attributable to shareholders was US\$27.14 million for the first quarter versus US\$24.01 m in the first quarter of 2023, an increase of 13.03% reflecting growth in contributions from the Group's investment banking and treasury and proprietary investment activities as well as contributions from its

commercial banking business. Earnings per share was US cents 0.77 compared with US cents 0.72 in the first quarter of 2023.

Total income was US\$162.97 m compared with US\$105.06 m in the first quarter of 2023, an increase of 55.13%.

Consolidated net profit was

US\$30.34 m compared with US\$24.44 m in the first quarter of 2023, an increase of 24.14%.

Total expenses were US\$89.18 m compared with US\$62.50 m in the prior-year period, up 42.69%.

Total equity attributable to shareholders was US\$955.67 m

at 31 March 2024 down 3.42% from US\$989.54 m at 31 December 2023, primarily due to distribution of dividends for the year 2023. Total assets of the Group were US\$10.55 billion at 31 March 2024 compared with US\$11.12 bn at 31 December 2023, a decrease of 5.13%, due

to realignment of the Group's assets.

Currently, GFH manages over US\$20.6 billion of assets and funds including a global portfolio of investments in logistics, healthcare, education and technology in the MENA region, Europe, and North America.

Joyalukkas rolls out mega expansion plans in the USA

● **New Showrooms Set to Open in Dallas & Atlanta.**

TDT | USA

Joyalukkas has announced the forthcoming openings and reopening celebrations of five

of its USA outlets. Led by Mr. Joy Alukkas, Chairman of Joyalukkas Group, these events mark a significant step in the brand's expansion strategy in the USA market. The inaugurations will feature new store unveilings in Dallas and Atlanta, alongside renovations and reopening's in Houston, Chicago, and New Jersey.

The festivities will kick off

with the reopening of the renovated store in Houston on Saturday, May 18th, followed by the inauguration of the new store in Dallas on May 26th. On June 2nd, Joyalukkas will proudly unveil its new store in Atlanta, followed by the renovated outlets in Chicago on June 9th and New Jersey on June 15th, 2024.

To commemorate these special occasions, Joyalukkas is


offering exclusive promotions across all its USA outlets. Customers purchasing gold jewelry worth USD 1,000 or more will receive a complimentary 0.200 gm gold coin, while those purchasing diamond and polki jewelry worth USD 2,000 or more will be gifted a free 1 gm gold coin. These enticing offers are available only during the inauguration period and under-

score Joyalukkas' commitment towards providing exceptional value to its patrons. Mr. John Paul, Managing Director of Joyalukkas Group, who has tirelessly worked to roll-out the expansion plan, expressed his enthusiasm for the USA expansion, stating,



“We are thrilled to roll-out our new and revamped outlets in the USA. With our exquisite jewelry collections and unparalleled customer service, we aim to cater to the discerning tastes of our American clientele.”

The inauguration will be conducted by high-ranking delegates, accompanied by Mr. Joy Alukkas, the visionary founder of the brand.

|  Condensed interim financial information for the three months period ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Condensed interim statement of financial position as at 31 March 2024 | | | | | | | | |
| | 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | 31 December 2023 (Audited) | | | | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | |
| Non-current assets | | | | | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 5,872,160 | 5,831,809 | | | | | | |
| Right-of-use assets | 520,900 | 528,778 | | | | | | |
| Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income | 3,301,388 | 3,075,975 | | | | | | |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 740,059 | 730,079 | | | | | | |
| Investments at amortised cost | 250,000 | 250,000 | | | | | | |
| | 10,684,507 | 10,416,641 | | | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | | | | | |
| Inventories | 2,114,369 | 2,057,705 | | | | | | |
| Trade and other receivables | 3,857,385 | 3,157,869 | | | | | | |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,413,172 | 1,119,298 | | | | | | |
| | 7,384,926 | 6,334,872 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 18,069,433 | 16,751,513 | | | | | | |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | | | | | | | |
| Capital and reserves | | | | | | | | |
| Share capital | 3,120,928 | 3,120,928 | | | | | | |
| Statutory reserve | 1,560,464 | 1,560,464 | | | | | | |
| General reserve | 3,993,000 | 3,993,000 | | | | | | |
| Development and raw material reserve | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | | | | | | |
| Investment fair value reserve | 2,584,573 | 2,359,160 | | | | | | |
| Retained earnings | 2,625,454 | 2,412,847 | | | | | | |
| Treasury shares | (122,398) | (122,398) | | | | | | |
| | 14,762,021 | 14,324,001 | | | | | | |
| Non-current liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Non-current portion of lease liability | 577,350 | 607,950 | | | | | | |
| Non-current portion of deferred income | 230,274 | 111,059 | | | | | | |
| Employees' terminal benefits | 56,450 | 55,059 | | | | | | |
| | 864,074 | 774,068 | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Current portion of lease liabilities | 20,680 | 14,650 | | | | | | |
| Current portion of deferred income | 24,112 | 24,112 | | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 1,629,986 | 1,226,980 | | | | | | |
| Short-term borrowings | 768,560 | 387,720 | | | | | | |
| | 2,443,338 | 1,653,462 | | | | | | |
| Total liabilities | 3,307,412 | 2,427,530 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | 18,069,433 | 16,751,513 | | | | | | |
| Condensed interim statement of profit or loss for the three months ended 31 March 2024 | | | | | | | | |
| | Three months period ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | Three months period ended 31 March 2023 (Reviewed) | | | | | | |
| Sales | 5,713,229 | 4,881,574 | | | | | | |
| Cost of sales | (5,123,025) | (4,539,029) | | | | | | |
| Gross Profit for the period | 590,204 | 342,545 | | | | | | |
| Other income | 15,531 | 60,608 | | | | | | |
| Other operating expenses | (272,779) | (193,047) | | | | | | |
| Profit from operations | 332,956 | 210,106 | | | | | | |
| Finance costs | (19,100) | (23,732) | | | | | | |
| Investment income | 131,298 | 126,990 | | | | | | |
| Unrealised fair value gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 12,216 | (36,364) | | | | | | |
| Net profit for the period | 457,370 | 277,000 | | | | | | |
| Basic earnings per share (file) | 14.95 | 9.05 | | | | | | |
| Condensed interim statement of comprehensive income for the three months ended 31 March 2024 | | | | | | | | |
| | Three months period ended 31 March 2024 (Reviewed) | Three months period ended 31 March 2023 (Reviewed) | | | | | | |
| Net profit for the period | 457,370 | 277,000 | | | | | | |
| Other comprehensive loss | | | | | | | | |
| Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss : | | | | | | | | |
| Valuation gains on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income | 225,413 | 46,727 | | | | | | |
| Other comprehensive income for the period | 225,413 | 46,727 | | | | | | |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | 682,783 | 323,727 | | | | | | |
| Condensed interim statement of changes in shareholders' equity for the three months period ended 31 March 2024 | | | | | | | | |
| | Share capital | Statutory reserve | General reserve | Development and raw material reserve | Investment fair value reserve | Retained earnings | Treasury shares | Total |
| At 31 December 2022 (Audited) | 3,120,928 | 1,560,464 | 3,993,000 | 1,000,000 | 2,432,071 | 2,159,991 | (122,398) | 14,144,056 |
| Net profit for the period | - | - | - | - | 277,000 | 277,000 | - | 277,000 |
| Other comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | - | 46,727 | - | - | 46,727 |
| Dividends for 2022 | - | - | - | - | - | (152,977) | - | (152,977) |
| At 31 March 2023 (Reviewed) | 3,120,928 | 1,560,464 | 3,993,000 | 1,000,000 | 2,478,798 | 2,284,014 | (122,398) | 14,314,806 |
| At 31 December 2023 (Audited) | 3,120,928 | 1,560,464 | 3,993,000 | 1,000,000 | 2,359,160 | 2,412,847 | (122,398) | 14,324,001 |
| Net profit for the period | - | - | - | - | 277,000 | 277,000 | - | 277,000 |
| Other comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - | - | 225,413 | 225,413 | - | 225,413 |
| Dividends for 2023 | - | - | - | - | - | (244,763) | - | (244,763) |
| At 31 March 2024 (reviewed) | 3,120,928 | 1,560,464 | 3,993,000 | 1,000,000 | 2,584,573 | 2,625,454 | (122,398) | 14,762,021 |
| Condensed interim statement of financial position as at 31 March 2024 | | | | | | | | |
| | Three months Period ended 31 Mar 2024 (Reviewed) | Three months Period ended 31 Mar 2023 (Reviewed) | | | | | | |
| Operating activities | | | | | | | | |
| Net profit for the period | 457,370 | 277,000 | | | | | | |
| Adjustments for: | | | | | | | | |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 97,657 | 95,484 | | | | | | |
| Amortisation of right-of-use asset | 7,878 | 12,621 | | | | | | |
| Finance costs | 19,100 | 23,732 | | | | | | |
| Unrealised fair value (gains)/loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | (12,216) | (36,364) | | | | | | |
| Unrealised foreign exchange (loss)/gain | 2,254 | (5,143) | | | | | | |
| Interest and dividends income | (131,298) | (126,990) | | | | | | |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | | | | | | |
| Inventories | (56,664) | (221,562) | | | | | | |
| Trade and other receivables | (699,516) | (88,778) | | | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 158,243 | 197,374 | | | | | | |
| Employees' terminal benefits, net | 1,391 | 2,764 | | | | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | (155,801) | 202,866 | | | | | | |
| Investing activities | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (138,008) | (541,927) | | | | | | |
| Interest and dividends income received | 131,298 | 126,990 | | | | | | |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (6,710) | (414,937) | | | | | | |
| Financing activities | | | | | | | | |
| Principal repayment of lease liabilities | (24,570) | (31,526) | | | | | | |
| Net movement in short-term borrowing | 119,215 | 51,116 | | | | | | |
| Net movement in deferred income | 380,840 | (16,333) | | | | | | |
| Finance cost paid | (19,100) | (23,732) | | | | | | |
| Dividends paid | - | (152,977) | | | | | | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | 456,385 | (173,452) | | | | | | |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 293,874 | (385,523) | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period | 1,119,298 | 1,284,813 | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period | 1,413,172 | 899,290 | | | | | | |
| * These financial statements approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 14 May 2024. Full set of condensed interim financial information can be seen on Company website: www.dawajen.bh | | | | | | | | |
| Abdul Rahman Mohamed Jamsheer Chairman | Abdullah Hussain Khalil Dewani Vice Chairman | Financial information Reviewed by BDO | | | | | | |

Zain Bahrain empowers RUW students with Digital Media and Tech Session



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Zain Bahrain, a leading telecom provider in the Kingdom, recently hosted a session for 15 students from the Digital Media and Interactive Technology programs at the Royal University for Women (RUW). The session aimed to equip students with valuable skills and insights into the ever-evolving world of technology.

The event was held at Zain Bahrain Tower. It featured an interactive session by Hajer Ali, a RUW alum working at Zain Bahrain, on UX design and technology, equipping students with practical skills for the industry.

Hosting this event aims to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, equipping students with the necessary skills and inspiring them to pursue careers in digital media and interactive technology.

Fatema Haider, Senior Manager of Corporate Sustainability, Inclusivity, and Culture at Zain Bahrain, said, "By equipping these students with the knowledge and skills needed in the digital world through this session, we are empowering them and fostering the next generation of female tech leaders who will drive innovation and progress in the Kingdom."

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Al Salam Bank Q1 profit up 36.3%



Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahil Al Mashani, Chairman of Al Salam Bank



Rafik Nayad, Group Chief Executive Officer of Al Salam Bank

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Al Salam announced net profits attributable to owners of parent of BD 14.0 million (US\$ 37.1 m) in the first quarter of 2024 compared to BD 10.3 m (US\$ 27.3 m) in the same quarter in 2023, reflecting a significant increase of 36.3%.

The increase is predominantly driven by growth in the core banking activities of the Group and the acquisition of a subsidiary in the second quarter of 2023.

per share increased by 32.4% to 4.9 fils (US\$ 13.0 cents) in Q1 2024 compared to 3.7 fils (US\$ 9.8 cents) for the same period in 2023. Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the parent for the quarter was BD 26.2 mn (US\$ 69.5 m) – a 34.5% increase from BD 19.5 m (US\$ 51.7 m) recorded in the first quarter of 2023.

Total income for the quarter was BD 68.7 m (US\$ 182.2 m), reflecting a robust 46.0% increase from the BD 47.0 m (US\$ 124.8 m) recorded in the first quarter of 2023.

US sharply hikes tariffs on Chinese EVs and chips

● The tariff rate on EVs is set to quadruple to 100 percent this year while the one for semiconductors will surge from 25 percent to 50 percent by next year

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Joe Biden took aim at China yesterday, saying Beijing is "cheating" rather than competing on trade as Washington unveiled steep tariff hikes on Chinese imports like electric vehicles and semiconductors.

The move -- which drew strong opposition from Beijing -- comes as Biden gears up for a rerun of his 2020 contest with Republican rival Donald Trump in November's election, with officials criticizing Trump's record on trade as they made the announcement.

"We're not going to let China flood our market, making it impossible for American auto manufacturers to compete fair-

China warns new US tariffs will 'severely affect' relations

Beijing, China

Beijing yesterday warned new US tariffs on \$18 billion worth of imports from China would "severely affect" the relations between the two countries.

"This will severely affect the

atmosphere for bilateral cooperation," China's commerce ministry said in a statement.

Beijing called on the US to "immediately rectify its mistaken actions and cancel the additional tariff measures against China".

ly," Biden said in a speech after the announcement.

"We're never going to allow China to unfairly control the market for these cars," he added.

The tariff hikes hit \$18 billion worth of Chinese imports, targeting strategic sectors like EVs, batteries, critical minerals and medical products, the White House said.

The tariff rate on EVs is set to quadruple to 100 percent this year while the tariff for semiconductors will surge from 25 percent to 50 percent by next year.

This is aimed at encouraging China to "eliminate its un-

fair trade practices," the White House added.

It follows a review of tariffs imposed during the US-China trade war when then-president Trump introduced levies on some \$300 billion in goods from China.

China's commerce ministry warned that the new moves would "severely affect the atmosphere for bilateral cooperation," decrying what it said was a politicization of economic issues.

A so-called Section 301 investigation was the primary tool the Trump administration used to justify tariffs, and the

US Trade Representative is required to look into the impact of the levies after four years.

Tuesday's actions are also taken under Section 301 of the Trade Act.

Beyond EVs, Washington is roughly tripling tariffs on some steel and aluminum products, and on lithium-ion EV batteries and battery parts.

The tariff rate on natural graphite and some other critical minerals will surge from zero to 25 percent, and that on solar cells doubles to 50 percent.

But some hikes, such as on non-EV lithium-ion batteries, take effect later to provide a transitional period as the country builds up its domestic battery production, a senior US official said, on condition of anonymity.

Beijing's foreign ministry earlier said it "opposes unilateral tariff hikes in violation of WTO rules."

China "will take all necessary measures to safeguard its legitimate rights and interests," spokesperson Wang Wenbin added.

| INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED) | | | INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME (UNAUDITED) | | | |
| At March 31, 2024 | | | Three-month period ended March 31, 2024 | | | |
| | Unaudited March 31, 2024 US\$ '000 | Audited December 31, 2023 US\$ '000 | | | Unaudited 2024 US\$ '000 | Audited 2023 US\$ '000 |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and balances with banks | 813 | 760 | | | | |
| Due from banks | 13,084 | 13,039 | | | | |
| Investment in sukuk | 11,206 | 11,197 | | | | |
| Investment in equities and funds | 4,293 | 4,293 | | | | |
| Investment in real estate | 19,421 | 19,421 | | | | |
| Equipment | 50 | 57 | | | | |
| Other assets | 795 | 569 | | | | |
| Total assets | 49,662 | 49,336 | | | | |
| Liabilities And Owners' Equity | | | | | | |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Staff payables | 687 | 797 | | | | |
| Other liabilities | 573 | 509 | | | | |
| Total liabilities | 1,260 | 1,306 | | | | |
| Owners' equity | | | | | | |
| Share capital | 59,039 | 59,039 | | | | |
| Reserves | 6,678 | 6,678 | | | | |
| Accumulated losses | (17,315) | (17,687) | | | | |
| Total owners' equity | 48,402 | 48,030 | | | | |
| Total liabilities and owners' equity | 49,662 | 49,336 | | | | |
| STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY | | | | | | |
| For the year ended 31 December 2023 | | | | | | |
| | | | Reserves | | | |
| | Share capital US\$ '000 | Statutory reserve US\$ '000 | General reserve US\$ '000 | Total reserves US\$ '000 | Accumulated losses* US\$ '000 | Total owners' equity US\$ '000 |
| Balance at January 1, 2024 (Audited) | 59,039 | 4,452 | 2,226 | 6,678 | (17,687) | 48,030 |
| Net profit for the period | - | - | - | - | 372 | 372 |
| Balance as at March 31, 2024 (Unaudited) | 59,039 | 4,452 | 2,226 | 6,678 | (17,315) | 48,402 |
| Balance as at January 1, 2023 (Audited) | 59,039 | 4,212 | 2,226 | 6,438 | (19,850) | 45,627 |
| Net profit for the period | - | - | - | - | 336 | 336 |
| Balance at March 31, 2023 (Unaudited) | 59,039 | 4,212 | 2,226 | 6,438 | (19,514) | 45,963 |
| INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS (UNAUDITED) | | | | | | |
| Three-month period ended March 31, 2024 | | | | | | |
| | Three-month period ended March 31, | | | | | |
| | 2024 Unaudited US\$ '000 | 2023 Unaudited US\$ '000 | | | | |
| Net cash flows (used in)/generated from operating activities | (3,040) | 1,706 | | | | |
| Net cash flows generated from investing activities | 49 | 4 | | | | |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (2,991) | 1,710 | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at January 1, | 3,804 | 9,676 | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at March 31 | 813 | 11,386 | | | | |
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World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum 2024 opens in Bahrain

Bahrain Chamber Chairman Sameer Nass welcomes global visionaries



● The theme of the Forum is “Achieving the SDGs through Fostering Innovation and Economic Growth”

● The sessions at WEIF 2024 will cover a diverse range of topics, each essential to unlocking the full potential of entrepreneurship and innovation

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The World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum 2024 kicked off in Bahrain yesterday with a resounding welcome from Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Sameer Nass before a momentous gathering at the Gulf Hotel.

The three-day forum, themed “Achieving the Sustainable De-



Participants at the inauguration of the forum held at Gulf Hotel

velopment Goals through Fostering Innovation and Economic Growth,” drew an esteemed audience comprising government officials, experts, entrepreneurs, and investors from across the Arab World and Africa. It will navigate complex global challenges—poverty, inequality, climate change, and peace—within the framework of sustainable development.

In his opening address, Nass extended gratitude to His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Prince Sal-

man bin Hamad Al Khalifa, emphasizing Bahrain’s steadfast commitment to empowering its people and nurturing a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.

He highlighted Bahrain’s multifaceted approach to fostering entrepreneurship, with initiatives spanning governmental, non-profit, and educational sectors, creating an ecosystem conducive to entrepreneurial success.

The forum’s significance was underscored as Chairman em-

phasised its role in addressing pressing global issues, seeking innovative solutions, and facilitating knowledge-sharing and capacity-building initiatives.

Recognising the historical contributions of Arab entrepreneurs to innovation and economic development, he further stressed the importance of providing a platform for them to showcase groundbreaking ideas, forge vital connections with investors, and actively contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Expressing pride in hosting the event in Bahrain, Chairman Nass lauded the nation’s track record of successfully hosting diverse major events.

He extended appreciation to the General Secretariat at the UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Office in Bahrain, and all partners involved, for their instrumental role in making the forum possible.

As the forum unfolded, anticipation ran high for fruitful

discussions, collaborations, and initiatives that would propel entrepreneurship and sustainable development to new heights.

Prime opportunity: Najibi

First Vice Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Khalid Najibi,

underlined the significance of this prestigious event.

Najibi emphasised the forum’s role as a prime opportunity for networking with seasoned investors, knowledge exchange, and skill acquisition.

Speaking on the forum’s theme, “Achieving the SDGs through Fostering Innovation and Economic Growth,” Najibi reaffirmed Bahrain’s dedication to cultivating an entrepreneurial culture. He stressed the importance of partnerships, knowledge sharing, and fostering an environment conducive to creativity and innovation in line with Bahrain’s developmental goals.

He further highlighted the Bahrain Chamber’s pivotal role in implementing programs and events that drive development, innovation, and economic growth. He reiterated the Chamber’s commitment to aligning with governmental initiatives to foster a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem in Bahrain and beyond.



The World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum 2024 (WEIF) also coincided with the Arab Leaders Summit 2024, creating an unparalleled platform for global dialogue and collaboration

Panel discussion explores sustainable partnerships for a brighter future

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Developing pivotal strategies for fostering collaboration and growth across the two regions was the focus of a dynamic session held yesterday titled “Building Sustainable Partnerships, Creating a Brighter Future for Arab and African Entrepreneurs”.

Moderated by Olive Zaitun Kigongo, President of the Uganda Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the panel featured esteemed speakers including Ibukun Awosika, Chairperson of the International Women’s Entrepreneurial Challenge Foundation from Nigeria, Dawood Al Shezawi, President of the Annual Investment Meeting Congress from the UAE, Jani Ibrahim, Vice President of the Nigeria



The panel discussion on Building Sustainable Partnerships, Creating a Brighter Future for Arab and African Entrepreneurs

and potential solutions. They explored the need for diversified trade relationships beyond minerals and metals, emphasising sectors such as food security as promising avenues for collaboration between Arab and African countries.

Highlighting the importance of improving market access and targeted investments, the panel underscored the role of policymakers in boosting Arab-African trade. They stressed the significance of initiatives like the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in stimulating cross-continental commerce and urged Arab countries to capitalise on this opportunity.

Examining successful trade relationships between Uganda and the UAE, as well as Nigeria

and the UAE, the panel further identified key export products and outlined strategies for replicating and expanding these partnerships to other Arab countries. They highlighted the importance of leveraging success stories to facilitate trade diversification and deepen economic ties across regions.

In conclusion, the panel voiced the critical role of information dissemination and logistical improvements in overcoming barriers to trade between Arab and African countries. They called for concerted efforts from governments, businesses, and international organisations to unlock the full potential of collaboration and drive sustainable development across both regions.

celebs

Kate Hudson told she was 'too old' for music business in early 30s

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Kate Hudson was told she was "too old" for the music business when she was in her early 30s.

The 'Almost Famous' actress, 45, who announced the release of her first album 'Glorious' on 17 April and shared a new song called 'Gonna Find Out', said she was left stunned when she heard she was considered past it around 15 years ago.

She told CBS Sunday Morning about launching her singing career: "There was someone who said to me, and it kind of jarred me a little, it was in my early 30s and they basically said, 'It's done. Past. You're too old.'"

"And for me it wasn't just about being a performer, it was about wanting to write music.

"So it kind of resonated for a bit, and then I was like, 'Nah, (forget) you. No - no-one tells me what to do!'"

Kate did admit it took her a long time to get in the mindset of making music part of her showbusiness career, adding: "I guess I wasn't ready for it until now. I just don't care anymore what people think.

"It was never right whether it was my own stuff or feeling afraid to mess up my movie career. It just never felt right... until now. I'm just doing it."

In a statement about her new record - made alongside 4 Non Blondes singer Linda Perry, 59, as well as Johan Carlsson and her 37-year-old fiancé Danny Fujikawa - Kate explained how making the 12-track project led her to find the "core of who I am".

She added: "I'd say it doesn't seem real. But the truth is - this is realer to me than anything I've done in my entire life.

Kate Hudson



Britney Spears 'chooses' not to write her own material: 'I'm not very good!'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Britney Spears doesn't think she is "very good" at writing.

The 42-year-old pop superstar - who released her bombshell memoir 'The Woman in Me' last year which charted her life before and after the termination of a conservatorship arrangement that had been governed by her immediate family - admitted that she struggles to put pen to paper herself but is a big fan of best-selling authors like Danielle Steel.

She wrote on Instagram: "I choose not to write ... I don't think I'm very good ... but I like Danielle Steel novels ... what a beautiful gift..."

The 'Overprotected' hitmaker shared her words alongside a poem by Nikita Gill which

warned that writers are "dangerous people" who know how to "immortalise their kills in verse".

The '...Baby One More Time' hitmaker has dabbled in songwriting over the years, having solely composed the

2005 ballad 'Someday (I Will Understand)' and co-wrote her 2004 hit 'Everytime', as well as 'Follow Me', which served as the theme song to her sister Jamie Lynn's sitcom 'Zoey 101' around the same time.

Despite Britney having an apparent lack of faith in her own writing, she recently hit out at a report that claimed 'Speed Drive' singer CharliXCX had been working on new tracks for her and insisted that in terms of music, she is only interested in writing tracks for other artists.

She wrote on Instagram: "Just so we're clear most of the news is trash !!! They keep saying I'm turning to random people to do a new album ... I will never return to the music industry !!!"

"When I write, I write for fun or I write for other people !!!"

"For those of you who have read my book, there's loads that you don't know about me ... I've written over 20 songs for other people the past two years !!! I'm a ghostwriter and I honestly enjoy it that way !!! (sic)"

Britney Spears



Julia Fox reveals her 'self-esteem' issues

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Julia Fox has always struggled with self-doubts.

The 34-year-old actress has enjoyed a meteoric rise in recent years, but Julia admits that she's struggled with her "self-esteem".

Speaking to Variety about her struggles, Julia shared: "I always had people telling me that I could do so much more and I didn't have that same level of confidence.

"Like everyone around me was always like, 'You could be a writer, you should write a book about your life, you could be a movie star,' and I was just like, 'You guys are crazy.' Like I definitely did not have the self-esteem to even see that for myself."

Julia also confessed to being surprised by her own success.

The 'Uncut Gems' actress - who previously dated rap star

Julia Fox



Kanye West - said: "I guess always saw myself in the art world in some way, but I had a very myopic view of what the art world meant.

"I definitely did not picture it being on this very large scale with the world as a stage."

Meanwhile, Julia previously claimed that her day-to-day life is "so unglamorous".

The actress has attracted attention with some of her eye-catching outfits in recent years, but Julia insisted that her at-home clothes are actually much more casual than people might imagine.

Julia - who is set to star in a new reality fashion show called 'OMG Fashion!' - told 'Entertainment Tonight': "If people could see what I dress like in my day to day, it's literally like boxers, stained, dirty T-shirts, Adidas slides. It's not this.

Paris Hilton reveals why she's HAPPY she was targeted by 'Bling Ring' robbery gang

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Paris Hilton is glad she was targeted by the 'Bling Ring' robbery gang - as they developed her "iconic" disposable camera photos.

The billionaire hotel heiress, 43, was one of a string of fame-obsessed teenage mob who pulled off a stunning series of robberies from October 2008 to August 2009, stealing more than \$3 million worth of high-end clothes, jewellery, art and cash from A-listers.

Paris told Flaunt magazine about how she has the 'Bling Ring' gang to thank for putting out private

Paris Hilton

images she had forgotten she'd taken: "Someone broke into my house and stole so many of my things.

"So many pictures I see online now - all these iconic photos that are now turned into memes and are all over - none of those were supposed to be out.

"This was before social media. This was just me getting my privacy invaded once again, people breaking into my house, stealing my things, and selling my photos all over online.

"When I look back at all these photos everywhere, I'm like, 'At least I get to see them!'"

"Because they were all on disposable cameras that weren't even developed."



Daniel Radcliffe wants to offer reality stars 'fame counselling'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Daniel Radcliffe wants to offer "fame counselling" to reality stars.

The 34-year-old actor was previously an enthusiastic participant on the 'Love to See It With Emma and Claire' podcast, which discusses reality dating shows, and he admitted he finds it "fascinating" to meet people from programmes such as 'The Bachelor', but he'd like to give them some guidance about navigating life in the public eye.

He told The Atlantic: "I always find them fascinating to talk to.

"I say I always want to do fame counseling with them, because I'm just like, 'I've had a lot of practice at this now—you guys have just been shot out of a cannon.'"

"[I always want to ask them] 'How are you? Are you okay?'"

Daniel Radcliffe

Daniel credits his partner Erin Darke - with whom he has a 12-month-old son - for helping him establish "boundaries" with fans, including not having to be "nice" in the face of people being "weird".

He said: "I have learned so much from her about my own boundaries.

"Very occasionally, people will come up to me in the street and be very weird or rude or something like that. And

she has given me a sense over the years of: You don't have to just be nice to everyone when they're weird with you. She's given me some sense of my own autonomy, I guess."

The couple met on the set of 'Kill Your Darlings' in 2012 and Daniel recalled the awkwardness of an acting exercise director John Krokidas put them through just days after they started work.

He said: "[We were stood] a foot from each other, and made eye contact and said things that we found attractive about each other or said things that we liked about each other.



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Yesterday's solution

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Celtics push Cavs to brink of elimination, Thunder pull level with Mavs



Jayson Tatum #0 of the Boston Celtics in action

AFP | Los Angeles

The Boston Celtics fought off short-handed Cleveland to take a 3-1 stranglehold in their NBA playoff series Monday as Oklahoma City leveled their series with Dallas.

Jayson Tatum scored 33 points and grabbed 11 rebounds and Jaylen Brown added 27 points for the Celtics, who beat the Cavaliers, who were the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semi-final.

The Celtics will try to finish off the series at home on Wednesday.

Western Conference top seeds Oklahoma City head home tied 2-2 with the Mavericks after a furious fourth-quarter rally carried them to a 100-96 victory in Dallas.

Oklahoma City trailed most of the night in the face of a stout Dallas defensive effort that included 13 blocked shots.

But the Thunder broke through in the fourth quarter, tying it at 86-86 on Shai Gilgeous-Alexander's fade-away jump shot with 4:02 to play.

Rookie Chet Holmgren followed with a three-pointer that gave the Thunder the lead for good.

Dallas had the deficit down to one point with 10.1 seconds left, but Holmgren and Gilgeous-Alexander each made a pair of free throws and the Thunder closed it

out.

"We just stuck to it," said Gilgeous-Alexander, who scored 22 of his 34 points in the second half.

"We just plugged away, took it possession by possession and eventually the game turned for us."

Holmgren finished with 18 points and Luguentz Dort had 17 for the Thunder, who made 23 of their 24 free-throws and withstood a triple double of 18 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists from Dallas star Luka Doncic.

P.J. Washington led Dallas with 21 points but star guard Kyrie Irving was held to nine.

Doncic said it wasn't a defensive breakdown that cost the Mavs but too many mistakes in the "little details."

He called it "unacceptable" that Dallas made just 12 of their 23 free-throws, and the Mavericks also coughed up 14 turnovers leading to 19 Thunder points.

In Cleveland, the Cavaliers were dealt a blow when Donovan Mitchell, who had averaged more than 35 points over the six prior games, was ruled out with a calf injury, joining starting center Jarrett Allen on the sidelines.

NBA superstar LeBron James, who led the Cavs to their only NBA title back in 2016, was sitting courtside, but with Mitchell absent the Cavs ultimately didn't have enough firepower.

The Cavs kept the pressure on, taking the lead briefly on Darius Garland's driving basket early in the third quarter.

NBA fines T-Wolves center Gobert \$75,000 for gesture at refs

AFP | Los Angeles

Minnesota Timberwolves center Rudy Gobert was fined \$75,000 by the NBA on Tuesday for what the league called "making an inappropriate and unprofessional gesture" questioning "the integrity of the league and game officials."

Frenchman Gobert was seen by television cameras rubbing his thumb on his fingers in a "money-sorting" gesture during Minnesota's 115-107 loss to defending NBA champion Denver on Sunday at Minneapolis.

The move came after Gob-



Rudy Gobert

ert was whistled for a foul with 4:10 remaining in the fourth quarter, his second foul in as many Denver possessions.

Gobert won his record-tying fourth NBA Defensive Player of the Year award last week.

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Pochettino sees positive future for improving Chelsea

Chelsea manager optimistic after late-season surge improves European qualification chances

● Chelsea rise to seventh after three consecutive wins

● Chelsea level on points with sixth-placed Newcastle

● Chelsea face Brighton and Bournemouth in final two games

AFP | London

Chelsea manager Mauricio Pochettino said European qualification “would be amazing” for the Blues after turning around a difficult first season in charge at Stamford Bridge.

Pochettino’s men have won their last three Premier League games to rise to seventh in the table and put themselves in a good position to return to Europe next season.

Chelsea are level on points with sixth-placed Newcastle and three ahead of Manchester United, plus a significantly better goal difference than the Red Devils, with two games to play.

A top-six finish will guarantee a place in either the Europa



Chelsea's Mykhailo Mudryk celebrates scoring (file photo)

League or Conference League next season, while seventh would also be enough as long as United fail to win the FA Cup later this month against Manchester City.

Chelsea won just three of their opening 10 league games as Pochettino wrestled with injuries and gelling together a series of inexperienced players.

But the Argentine believes his side’s curve is clearly on the up as they have lost just once in their last 13 top-flight matches.

“The most important thing is to believe and I think the team is doing really well. In the last 26 games we have been doing really

well and we need to keep doing it in this way.

“It is going to be tough but I really believe we can compete in the next two games, and having the possibility of playing in Europe would be amazing for us.”

Pochettino’s future as manager for next season had even been in doubt until recent weeks.

But convincing home wins over London rivals Tottenham and West Ham was followed by a come-from-behind 3-2 victory at Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

“We are punished because of the first 10 games. If you start to count after our 10th game I think we are in the top four,”

added Pochettino.

“I want to be positive and I don’t want to talk anymore (about a lack of experience). From next season I don’t want to say that we are young, I want to talk about a different issue.”

There is further good news for Pochettino as a number of key players are returning from injury in time for Wednesday’s trip to Brighton and a visit of Bournemouth to finish the campaign on Sunday.

Captain Reece James came off the bench to set up Nicolas Jackson’s winner at Forest, while forward Christopher Nkunku has made his return as a substitute in the last two games.



Chelsea’s recent form turnaround has seen them lose just once in their last 13 top-flight matches, placing them in strong contention for European qualification



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However, Pochettino does not expect either to start at Brighton.

“The players that have arrived from injury need time and we don’t have time. We need to play and start games with players who can cope for 90 minutes,” he added.

“We will see if the injured players can cope with some minutes (on Wednesday). We have the names and bodies, but they are not 100 percent to play and cope with the demands of the Premier League for 90 minutes at the moment.”

Bangladesh pick injured Taskin for T20 World Cup



Taskin Ahmed
AFP | Dhaka

Bangladesh yesterday named Taskin Ahmed to their 15-member squad for next month’s Twenty20 World Cup despite a lingering injury the pacer picked up against Zimbabwe.

Taskin, 29, was in fine form for the five-match 20-over series at home but missed the final game after suffering a side strain.

Chief selector Gazi Ashraf Hossain said the 29-year-old still needed more time to recover and was unlikely to play in a three-match warm-up series against the United States in Houston next week.

“The information we have is he will be fit at some stage during the World Cup,” Ashraf told reporters in Dhaka.

“As per the rules this year, we can carry an injured player. If he does not make enough progress, he can be replaced.”

Taskin, who was also named vice-captain, claimed eight wickets in four matches against Zimbabwe, won by the hosts 4-1.

Mbappe wins award for France’s player of the year



Paris Saint-Germain’s French forward #07 Kylian Mbappe poses for a photograph after receiving the Best Players Ligue 1 Award

AFP | Paris

Kylian Mbappe was named France’s player of the year on Monday at an awards ceremony in Paris, as he comes to the end of his seven-season stay with Paris Saint-Germain.

Mbappe, 25, picked up the prize for the best player in Ligue 1 at the UNFP (French players’ union) Trophies gala for the fifth time in a row after a season in which he has scored 44 goals in all competitions for PSG.

The France captain last week confirmed he will leave PSG at the end of the campaign when his contract expires, with Real Madrid expected to be his next destination.

“It is a page that is turning, a chapter of my life that is going to close,” Mbappe said.

“Ligue 1 will always have an

important place in my life. It is the only league I have known in my career up to now.

“I have always tried to be an honourable representative of this league,” he added.

“I will miss it for sure. It is a part of my life that is coming to an end. What is coming next is very exciting but that is something else.”

Mbappe played his final home game for PSG on Sunday and scored as the champions suffered a shock 3-1 defeat against Toulouse.

That goal took him to 27 for the season in Ligue 1, eight goals more than the next best marksman, Lille’s Canadian striker Jonathan David.

The season is not finished yet, with Mbappe’s PSG having two more Ligue 1 games to play this week before the French Cup final against Lyon on May 25.

PSG star Mbappe will join Madrid: La Liga chief

AFP | London

La Liga president Javier Tebas says Paris Saint-Germain striker Kylian Mbappe will join Real Madrid next season.

The 25-year-old France captain announced last week he is leaving PSG at the end of his contract this summer, without specifying his destination, and Madrid are poised to sign him after years of failed attempts.

“He’s Madrid’s next season, yes,” Tebas told Argentine daily sports newspaper Ole on Mon-



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JAVIER TEBAS

day.

“If they’ve signed a five-year deal, he has five seasons of opportunity (to win the Champions League).”

Mbappe is set to join a star-studded Madrid team led by Brazil’s Vinicius Junior and England international Jude Bellingham.

Los Blancos strolled to the Spanish title and are in the Champions League final at Wembley against Borussia Dortmund on June 1.

“(Mbappe) is one of the best players in the world, but Vinicius and Bellingham are there too, Madrid will have a great squad,” continued Tebas. “But that does not guarantee you will

win leagues.”

Mbappe is PSG’s all-time record scorer with 256 goals, having joined the club from Monaco in 2017 for 180 million euros (\$194 million).

With PSG he won six French league titles but failed to earn Champions League glory, finishing as runners-up to Bayern Munich in 2020.

By joining record 14-time winners Real Madrid, Mbappe would increase his chances of finally earning club football’s most prestigious trophy.

Tyson says comeback at 57 was ‘no-brainer’

AFP | London

Former heavyweight king Mike Tyson said Monday his decision to step back into the ring at the age of 57 was a “no-brainer”, brushing off recent criticism that he was too old to make a comeback.

At a press conference in New York to promote his upcoming bout against YouTuber-turned-fighter Jake Paul, Tyson admitted training for his return had taken a toll.

“I’m doing great but my body is shit right now, I’m sore, I’m really sore,” said Tyson, who faces Paul on July 20 at the AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, that is home to the Dallas Cowboys NFL team.

But the boxer who terrorized the heavyweight division in the 1980s and 1990s as the



Heavyweight boxing icon Mike Tyson and YouTuber Jake Paul face off during a New York press conference

self-styled “baddest man on the planet” insisted he had no reservations about lacing up his gloves again, nearly two decades

after his last professional fight in 2005.

“It was a no-brainer,” said Tyson. “He’s a new up-and-com-

ing guy on the scene. And I like shaking the sports world to its core and I am doing it now. It’s just something that I want to do.”



Tyson, who turns 58 in June, takes on the 27-year-old Paul in a professional bout comprising eight two-minute rounds that has been sanctioned by boxing authorities in Texas

Defending champion Medvedev out as Swiatek cruises in Rome Open

World number one Iga Swiatek dominates Madison Keys in Rome Open quarter-finals

● **Medvedev's title defence ended by USA's Paul**

● **Tabilo follows Djokovic shock by reaching Rome Open quarter-finals**

● **Zverev advances, faces Fritz next**

AFP | Madrid

Daniil Medvedev's Rome Open title defence came to an early end yesterday after the world number four was knocked out at the last-16 stage by Tommy Paul, while Iga Swiatek cruised into the women's semi-finals.

Second seed Medvedev has never successfully defended an ATP Tour crown and was well below his best, stunned in straight sets 6-1, 6-4 by American Paul who claimed his first win against the former US Open champion.

Paul will play Hubert Hurkacz, who knocked out Rafael



Poland's Iga Swiatek serves to USA's Madison Keys

Nadal earlier in the tournament, in his first Masters 1000 quarter-final on clay.

"I love it (clay) and that's the first time that I've said that in a long time really," said Paul on court.

"I had a bit of training before the clay court season this year and it really helped. I'm really comfortable and I'm having fun out here."

Medvedev, 28, had a great chance at the Foro Italico after a raft of stars either withdrew or were eliminated early, but instead he became the latest big

name to be dumped out of the last major tournament before this month's French Open.

Rome is missing the world's top four ranked men after Novak Djokovic's exit on Sunday and Italian world number two Jannik Sinner and third-ranked Carlos Alcaraz both dropped out injured before the tournament.

Holger Rune, who lost last year's final to Medvedev, Madrid champion Andrey Rublev -- ranked sixth in the world -- and beaten finalist Felix Auger-Aliassime have also been eliminated.

Hoping to pounce is world



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number five and 2017 Rome champion Alexander Zverev after sweeping past unseeded Nuno Borges 6-2, 7-5 to set up a quarter-final clash with Taylor Fritz.

Reigning Monte Carlo champion Stefanos Tsitsipas meanwhile demolished Australia's Alex de Minaur 6-1, 6-2 in an hour and will play Nicolas Jarry in the last eight.

'Really proud' Swiatek

World number one Swiatek continued her bid for a third Rome title in imperious style, strolling into the last four past Madison Keys 6-1, 6-3.

"Today I'm really proud of myself because I feel like I'm playing better and for sure this was the best day for me in Rome," said Swiatek.

In the last four Swiatek will take on Zheng Qinwen or third seed Coco Gauff, who were to face off in the day's final match on centre court.

She maintained her red-hot form at the Foro Italico, where she has not yet dropped a set, ahead of her French Open title defence later this month.

The three-time Roland Garros champion arrived in Rome off the back of winning a third WTA 1000 title of the season in Madrid.

And she could yet become the first woman since Serena Williams in 2013 to win in the Spanish and Italian capitals in the same season.

Tabilo's 'unreal feeling'

Alejandro Tabilo's fairytale continued after stunning 24-time Grand Slam champion Djokovic, reaching the quarter-finals by winning a hugely entertaining battle with Karen Khachanov, 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (12/10).

Tabilo reached the last eight of a Masters 1000 event for the first time and will next play China's Zhang Zhizhen.

"Just being in my first quarter-final is an unreal feeling, just trying to soak it all in right now.



Iga Swiatek could become the first woman since Serena Williams in 2013 to win in both Madrid and Rome in the same season

It's a crazy feeling," said Tabilo. "With the win two days ago it's been crazy. I just had to turn off the phone and just kind of be with the team, be with the people close to me and I'm just happy that I was able to refresh the mind."

The 26-year-old had a much harder time of it against 18th-ranked Khachanov, whose six tour titles have all come on hard courts, than against Djokovic.

Tabilo came through a thrilling second-set tie-break which featured 11 service breaks, two set points for Khachanov and five match points, exploding with joy after the winning volley.

France's Paret-Peintre claims Giro 10th stage, Pogacar holds lead

AFP | Rome

Valentin Paret-Peintre won the 10th stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday, claiming the honours on the Bocca della Selva summit finish while Tadej Pogacar maintained his overall lead.

Decathlon-AG2R La Mondiale rider Paret-Peintre earned on the Italian Grand Tour his first ever professional win, finishing the 142 kilometre stage from Pompei ahead of fellow Frenchman Romain Bardet and Vismarider Jan Tratnik.

The 23-year-old follows in the footsteps of his elder brother Aurelien, who won a stage on the Giro last year and finished fifth yesterday, one minute and 25 seconds behind his sibling.

The pair shared a brotherly hug after the stage before the younger Paret-Peintre spoke to media.

"I can't describe what I feel now, it's just amazing. I was



Team Decathlon AG2R's French rider Valentin Paret-Peintre celebrates as he crosses the finish line

there to get a good result in the stage and why not win?" he said.

Paret-Peintre finished 29 seconds ahead of Bardet who has jumped up the general classification after gaining nearly three minutes on the day.

Bardet now stands in seventh at 4min 57sec, which is two minutes adrift of Geraint

Thomas in third.

Bardet, who is 10 years Paret-Peintre's senior, is just under five minutes behind pink jersey wearer Pogacar, who had a relatively quiet day and maintained his healthy lead over main rivals Dani Martinez and Thomas.

"I watched him [Bardet] when I was young, when he finished



I can't describe what I feel now, it's just amazing. I was there to get a good result in the stage and why not win?

VALENTIN PARET-PEINTRE

on the podium of the Tour de France," added Paret-Peintre.

"I dreamed of seeing him one day, and today I battled with him and I beat him."

Paret-Peintre won the stage after being part of the day's big breakaway which at its height was some 30 riders strong.

He worked with Bardet on the final climb before attacking 3km from the finish to blaze past Vismarider a Bike rider Tratnik, who had tried to go it alone some time before but run out of legs just as the race came to its climax.

Ten Hag pleads for patience with out-of-form Hojlund



Manchester United's Rasmus Hojlund (R) speaks to Erik ten Hag (file photo)

AFP | London

Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag has defended striker Rasmus Hojlund's record in his first season at Old Trafford.

The Dane has scored 14 times in 40 appearances since making a £64 million (\$80 million) move from Atalanta in August.

However, his only goal in his last 10 appearances came against relegated Sheffield United last month.

"He has had three injuries this season but still, as you say, scored 14 goals in this season. I think that is a very good record for a young player," Ten Hag said yesterday.

"When we decided to go for him, we talked about earlier that we buy a player for this season but also for the future.

"He has to develop. He has to progress. He needs time."

The 21-year-old's five goals

in the Champions League could not save United from an embarrassing group stage exit.

After waiting until December for his first Premier League goal, Hojlund scored seven times in six games either side of the new year.

But he was then sidelined by a muscle injury and has struggled to regain his form since.

"Sometimes you have downs but I am sure he will fight his way and he is very eager for every match," Ten Hag added. "I am quite confident he is close (to return to form)."

Hojlund's struggles have played just a small part in a horrible season for United.

The Red Devils are at risk of missing out on European qualification and their lowest ever finish in the Premier League era.

Ten Hag's men are eighth and badly in need of victory when sixth-placed Newcastle visit Old Trafford on Wednesday.

Varane announces Man Utd exit at end of season

AFP | London

Raphael Varane announced yesterday he will leave Manchester United at the end of the season when his contract expires following a three-year spell at Old Trafford.

The former France defender, 31, arrived at the club from Real Madrid in 2021 for an initial fee of about £34 million (\$43 million) and has made 93 appearances, scoring twice.

He was part of the team that won the club's first trophy for



Raphael Varane

six years -- the 2023 League Cup.

But United have endured a nightmare season, languishing in eighth place in the Premier League with 14 defeats and unlikely to qualify for Europe.

Varane, whose United career has been disrupted by injuries, has not played since a 4-3 defeat to Chelsea on April 4 but hopes to be available again before the end of the campaign.

"To you guys, supporters of Manchester United it's been an amazing few years to play for this special club and wear that shirt," Varane said on social

media.

"The first time I went to Old Trafford as a Man United player was insane, the atmosphere was amazing.

"I fell in love with the club, with the fans. You have to play for Man United to understand what that represents."

The 2018 World Cup winner added: "Despite the fact we had a difficult season, I'm very positive for the future. The new owners (United co-owner Jim Ratcliffe) are coming with a clear plan and a great strategy."

Stubbs gives Delhi IPL play-off hope with win in last league match

Porel and Stubbs power Delhi Capitals to 19-run victory, keeping slim playoff hopes alive

● Porel scores 58, Stubbs hits unbeaten 57

● Delhi restrict Lucknow to 189-9 despite Pooran's 61

● Ishant Sharma takes three early wickets

AFP | New Delhi



Delhi Capitals' Tristan Stubbs plays a shot

Fifty fifties from Abishek Porel and Tristan Stubbs helped Delhi Capitals sign off their IPL league phase on a high as they beat Lucknow Super Giants by 19 runs yesterday.

The win took Delhi, led by Rishabh Pant, to 14 points in 14 matches and they remain technically in the mix to reach the

play-offs of the T20 tournament, but a run-rate in the negative keeps their chances slim.

KL Rahul-led Lucknow have 12 points with one more match to play and have their hopes hanging by a thread.

The result confirmed a play-off spot for Rajasthan Royals, who became the second team to enter the final four alongside table-toppers Kolkata Knight Riders.

The top four teams make the

Scorecard

Delhi Capitals 208 for 4 (Porel 58, Stubbs 57, Naveen-ul-Haq 2-51) beat Lucknow Super Giants 189 for 9 (Pooran 61, Arshad 58*, Ishant 3-34) by 19 runs

play-offs. The final is on May 26 in Chennai.

The left-handed Porel hit 58 before Stubbs smashed an unbeaten 57 off 25 balls to steer Delhi to 208-4 after being invited to bat first at their high-scoring home venue, Arun Jaitley Stadium.

Ishant Sharma led the bowling charge with three early wickets as Delhi restricted Lucknow to 189-9 despite valiant knocks from Nicholas Pooran, who smashed 61, and Arshad Khan, who hit an unbeaten 58.

Delhi lost attacking opener Jake Fraser-McGurk for a duck

Delhi win their final league match but negative run-rate makes playoff qualification unlikely. Rajasthan Royals become second team to reach playoffs

but Porel and Shai Hope, who struck 38, put on 92 runs to lay the foundations of the big total.

Delhi stuttered in the middle after they lost Porel, Hope and then Pant, who made 33 after he returned from a one-match ban due to slow over-rate, at regular intervals and Lucknow bowlers checked the flow of runs. But Stubbs had other ideas and he hit back with a flurry of fours and sixes to fire Delhi past the 200 as the last three overs cost Lucknow 45 runs.

Lucknow suffered early blows after pace spearhead Ishant took

down Rahul, for five, and Quinton de Kock, for 12, inside three overs.

Marcus Stoinis was stumped by Pant off spinner Axar Patel and Ishant struck again to make Lucknow slip to 44-4.

Stubbs made it count with his off-spin as he sent back impact substitute Ayush Badoni out for six to end a 27-run partnership with Pooran.

The left-handed Pooran attempted to drive the chase in his 27-ball knock laced with six fours and four sixes but he left a lot to be done when he departed in the 12th over.

Number eight Arshad then raised hopes of a turnaround with his late charge as he raised his first T20 50 in 25 balls to give Delhi a scare.

Arshad kept losing partners as he continued the charge but in the end failed to match up the asking-rate.

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