

Press Release



**Financial Results  
For The Year Ended  
31 December 2024**

## **QNB Group Net Profit grew by 8% to reach QAR16.7 billion**

### **Key Highlights**

- Net Profit reached QAR16.7 billion, up by 8% from December 2023.
- Total Assets reached QAR1,298 billion, up by 5% from December 2023.
- Loans and Advances reached QAR911 billion, up by 7% from December 2023.
- Customer Deposits reached QAR887 billion, up by 3% from December 2023.
- Earnings per share reached QAR1.69, up by 9% from December 2023.
- Total Equity reached QAR114 billion, up by 3% from December 2023.
- Moody's and Fitch upgraded QNB's credit ratings to Aa2 and A+, respectively.
- QNB Group commenced its share repurchase of up to QAR2.9 billion after receiving all regulatory approvals.

### **Proposed Dividends**

For the second half of the year ended 31 December 2024, the Board of Directors have recommended to the General Assembly for the distribution of a cash dividend of 37% of the nominal share value (QR0.37 per share), increasing the total dividend distribution for the year ended 31 December 2024 to 70% of the nominal share value (QAR0.70 per share).

Doha, 13 January 2025:

QNB Group, one of the largest financial institution in the Middle East and Africa (MEA) region, announced that the Board of Directors, during its meeting held today has approved the results for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Board of Directors of QNB Group have recommended to the General Assembly the distribution of a cash dividend of 37% of the nominal share value (QAR0.37 per share) for the second half of the year ended 31 December 2024, after taking into account the record net profit reported by QNB Group for the financial year 2024. The total dividend distribution for the year ended 31 December 2024 amounts to 70% of the nominal share value (QAR0.70 per share).

The annual financial results for 2024 along with the proposed profit distribution are subject to Qatar Central Bank (QCB) approval and the General Assembly.

QNB Group delivered another year of record results, achieving the highest set of results in the Group's history on all key financial metrics. Key indicators of the financial results were as follows

## Financial Highlights

(QAR billion)	December 2024	December 2023	Increase
Net Profit	16.7	15.5	8%
Operating Income	41.3	39.1	6%
Total Assets	1,298	1,231	5%
Loans and Advances	911	853	7%
Customer Deposits	887	857	3%
Total Equity	114	110	3%

Key Performance Indicators	December 2024	December 2023
Earnings Per Share (QAR)	1.69	1.55
Cost to Income Ratio	22.3%	20.0%
Loans to Deposits Ratio*	96.8%	94.7%
NPL Ratio	2.8%	3.0%
Coverage Ratio	100%	100%
Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	19.2%	19.8%
Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)*	179	206%
Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR)*	101	105%

\*As per QCB regulations

## Creating long-term shareholder value through sustainable and profitable growth

**Income statement results:** Net profit for the year ended 31 December 2024 reached QAR16.7 billion, an increase of 8% compared to same period last year, demonstrating the stable nature of QNB Group's financial results. Operating Income increased by 6% to reach QAR41.3 billion which reflects the Group's ability to maintain successful growth across a range of revenue sources.

QNB Group's efficiency (cost to income) ratio stood at 22.3%, which is considered one of the best ratios among large financial institutions in the MEA region.

**Balance sheet drivers:** Total Assets as at 31 December 2024 reached QAR1,298 billion, an increase of 5% from 31 December 2023, mainly driven by growth in loans and advances by 7% to reach QAR911 billion. Customer deposits increased by 3% to reach QAR887 billion from 31 December 2023, due to successful diversification of deposit generation.

**Credit quality:** The ratio of non-performing loans to gross loans stood at 2.8% as at 31 December 2024, one of the lowest amongst financial institutions in the MEA region, reflecting the high quality of the Group's loan book and the effective management of credit risk. In addition, loan loss coverage ratio stood at 100%, which reflects the prudent approach adopted by the Group towards non-performing loans. Also, during the year, loan loss charge for the year decreased to QAR8.1 billion, representing a decrease of 6% compared to December 2023.

**Regulatory ratios:** QNB Group's Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) as at 31 December 2024 amounted to 19.2%. Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) and Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) as at 31 December 2024 amounted to 179% and 101% respectively. These ratios are higher than the regulatory minimum requirements of the QCB and Basel III reforms requirements.

## **First interim dividend**

During July 2024, QNB paid an interim dividend of QAR0.33 per share. This interim dividend payment was the first ever in QNB's 60-year history and primarily aimed to reward QNB's long-term shareholders.

## **QNB Share Buyback**

On 11 September 2024, QNB's Board of Directors' approved a share repurchase of up to QAR2.9 billion of ordinary shares of Qatar National Bank (Q.P.S.C.) ("QNBK"), subject to obtaining relevant regulatory approvals. Following the receipt of the required regulatory approvals, QNB commenced its share repurchase on 9 October 2024 in accordance with applicable QCB and Qatar Financial Market Authority (QFMA) regulations. The decision to initiate a repurchase of QNB's own shares arose after careful consideration of several factors including current and future shareholders expectations, strength of QNB Group's financial position, growth strategy, strong return on equity, high quality and superior earnings, financial ratios associated with equity and liquidity, and continued confidence of the investor community.

Up to 31 December 2024, QNB has repurchased 38.33 million ordinary shares at a total cost of QAR661 million, with the assistance of Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc acting as an intermediary. QNB will recommence its share repurchase starting from 14 January 2025 in accordance with QFMA regulations.

## **International Footprint**

During the year, QNB Group successfully received its license as a Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (QFII) from the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC).

## **Top-tier credit ratings**

During 2024, Moody's and Fitch upgraded QNB's credit ratings to Aa2 and A+ respectively, which reaffirmed QNB's rating as the highest-rated bank in Qatar and one of the highest-rated banks in the world with ratings of Aa2 from Moody's, A+ from S&P and A+ from Fitch.

These ratings are a testament to QNB Group's capital strength, governance, prudent risk management, business and operating model. This provides QNB Group with a competitive advantage when accessing global capital markets for wholesale funding and enables QNB to continue its growth and expansion plans.

QNB Group's financial strength reflects its top tier credit ratings, which demonstrates the confidence that institutional, corporate and individual customers have in QNB Group's performance and long-term strategy, providing assurances to investors and market participants.

## **Diversified funding sources**

QNB Group successfully completed public debt issuances under its EMTN programme, namely, a USD1.0 billion five-year public bond issuance in London Stock Exchange (LSE) in January 2024 and Formosa bond for USD1.0 billion in April 2024 with a dual listing in Taipei Exchange and LSE.

These deals attracted strong interest around the world from key global investors, reflecting investors' confidence in QNB Group's financial strength and its position as the largest financial institution in the Middle East and Africa region and demonstrates our standing as a high quality issuer.

## **Creating and delivering value**

Based on QNB Group's continuous strong performance, driven by its strength and international footprint, the QNB brand remains the most valuable banking brand in the MEA region by Brand Finance, with a brand value of USD8.4 billion, placing the Group in 39th position globally among the Top 50 most valuable banking brands in the world. This reflects QNB Group's successful efforts to serve its diverse customer base. QNB's Brand Strength Index (BSI) increased to 86, up from 85 in 2023.

QNB Group also received a number of prestigious awards during the year:

- Bank of the Year in Qatar by The Banker
- Middle East Sustainability Leader – Banking and Financial Services by Forbes Middle East
- Best Private Bank in the Middle East and Qatar by Global Finance

## **Sustainability**

QNB Group continues to engage clients and partners to drive collective action on sustainability. Enabled by the market leading QNB Group Sustainable Finance and Product Framework, the Group maintains its position as a leader in sustainable financing. QNB pioneered the first domestic green bond, green deposits, green guarantees, and exclusive green vehicle loans, as well as supported the State of Qatar as Global Coordinator for its inaugural USD2.5 billion green bond issuance. More recently, through its subsidiary in Türkiye, QNB issued its first blue bond, the first of its kind by a banking group from the MEA.

QNB was the first bank in Qatar to join the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF), reflecting the Group's commitment to



addressing climate change as part of its sustainability strategy. PCAF facilitates the Bank's measurement of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions arising from its financing activities, supporting transparency and accountability. This further enables QNB to support the State of Qatar's national GHG reduction target.

In 2024, QNB maintained its top domestic ESG ratings and remains a regional leader in the GCC. Amongst many international awards and accolades received this year, QNB was recently recognised as one of the World's Best Companies for Sustainable Growth by TIME magazine. QNB is the only Company from the GCC featured among 500 companies globally.

### **Group statistics**

QNB Group's presence spans 28 countries across three continents operating from approximately 900 locations, over 5,000 ATMs supported by more than 31,000 staff.