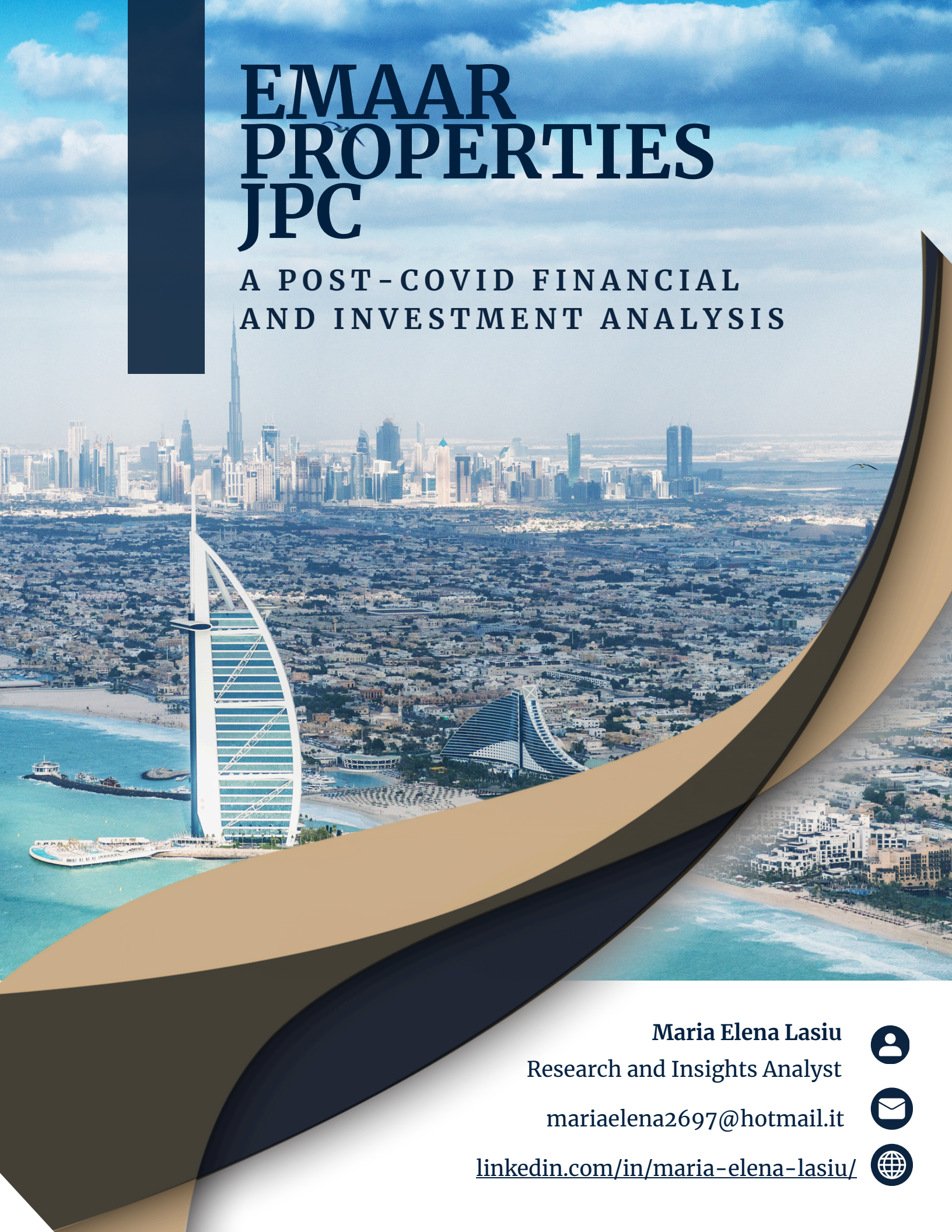


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She is proficient in **Python, Excel-based financial modelling, and Power BI**, and is passionate about translating complex financial and policy data into actionable strategies for growth, investment, and long-term value creation.

Her work **blends technical depth with narrative clarity**, positioning her as a trusted partner for organisations exploring data-led decision-making, financial resilience, and sustainable business strategies.

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A post-Covid financial and investment analysis

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This report evaluates Emaar Properties PJSC's post-COVID financial health and investment profile between 2021 and 2024. The analysis draws from income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow reports to extract core KPIs and trends. It provides strategic insights on profitability, efficiency, liquidity, and risk, tailored to inform investor and business decisions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

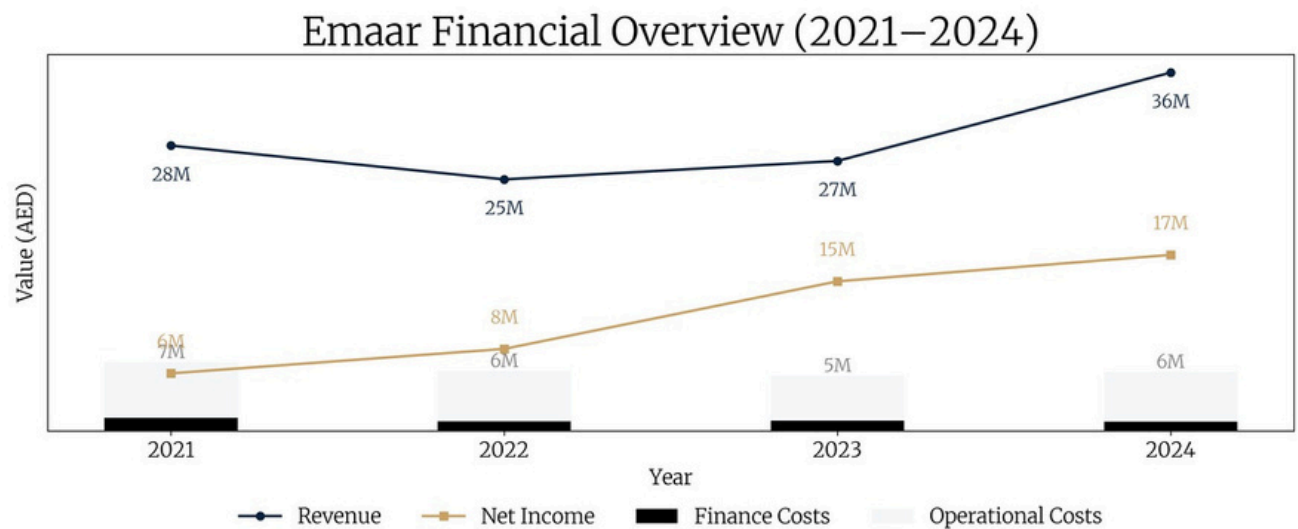
Emaar Properties PJSC demonstrated a **strong post-pandemic recovery** between 2021 and 2024, marked by **stable revenue growth, increasing profitability, and enhanced financial discipline**. With a **7.89% CAGR in revenue** and a **45.06% CAGR in net income**, the company delivered consistent value creation. Key profitability ratios — including **ROE above 15%** and **ROA reaching nearly 11%** — reflect strong capital allocation.

Free Cash Flow nearly tripled over the period, supported by stable capital expenditures and strong operating cash flow. Most notably, **interest coverage improved dramatically** from 4.83 to 16.45, reflecting enhanced earnings quality and a significantly reduced financial risk profile. While 2024 saw modest margin compression due to rising production and operating costs, overall margins remained elevated.

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenue (AED)	28M	25M (-12%)	27M (+7%)	36M (+33%)
Net Income (AED)	5.7M	8M (+42%)	15M (+82%)	17M (+18%)
ROE (%)	8.38	10.79 (+2.47)	17.08 (+6.29)	18.16 (+1.08)
ROA (%)	4.69	6.15 (+1.46)	10.64 (+4.49)	10.89 (+0.25)
Net Margin (%)	20.22	32.65 (+12.4)	55.44 (+22.8)	49.15 (-6.3)
Free Cash Flow (AED)	8M	18M (+112%)	19M (+6%)	23M (+24%)
Interest Coverage	4.83	7.78 (+2.95)	11.98 (+4.20)	16.45 (+4.47)

GROWTH AND PROFITABILITY

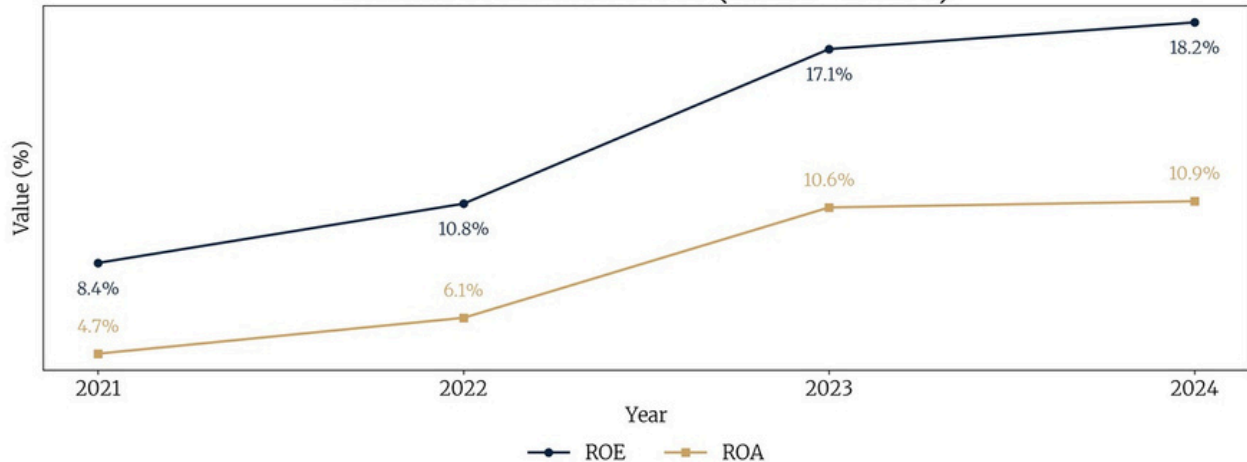
Emaar's financial performance over the 2021–2024 period reveals a robust post-COVID recovery and strong operational discipline. Revenue rebounded from AED 25M in 2022 to AED 36M in 2024, marking a 33% year-over-year increase and a three-year compound annual growth rate of 7.89%. Net income followed an even stronger trajectory, nearly tripling during the same period with a CAGR of 45.06%, driven primarily by sustained reductions in finance and operational costs. Net margin expanded from 20.2% in 2021 to 49.2% in 2024, reflecting improved cost discipline and rising operational leverage, despite revenue volatility. This sharp expansion in profitability suggests improved efficiency in converting revenue into bottom-line results.



OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND RETURNS

Profitability metrics further reinforce this trend. Return on Equity improved from 8.4% in 2021 to 18.2% in 2024, reflecting efficient capital deployment and growing shareholder value. Similarly Return on Assets rose steadily to 10.89% by 2024. While 2024 saw mild margin compression due to rising production costs, overall net margins remained elevated, supporting consistently high ROE and ROA.

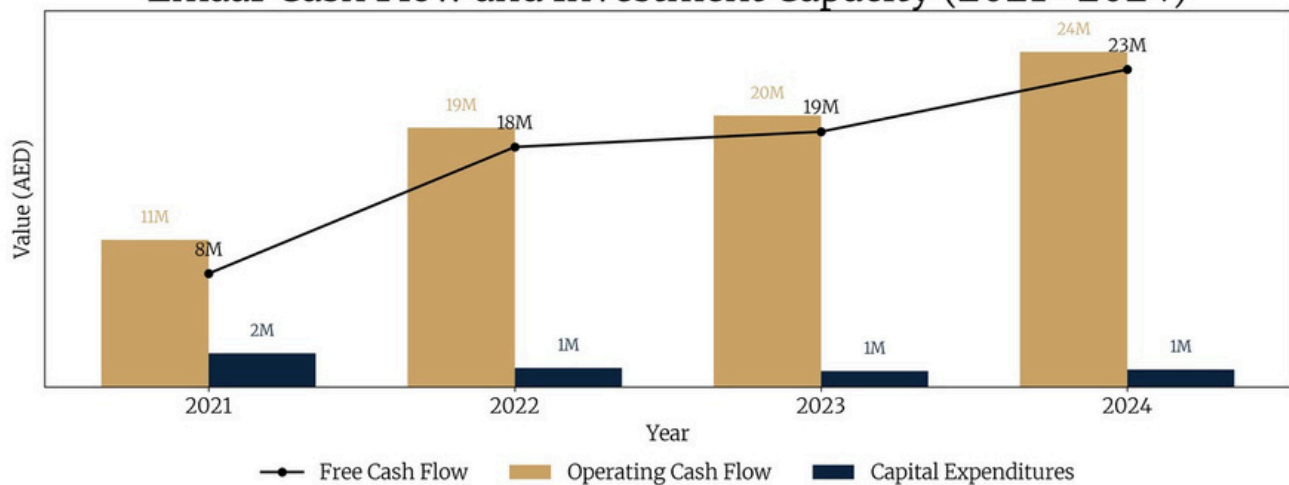
Emaar ROE and ROA (2021–2024)



CASH FLOW AND INVESTMENT CAPACITY

Emaar's cash generation capacity also strengthened. Free Cash Flow more than doubled between 2021 and 2024, increasing from AED 8M to AED 23M (CAGR 7.89%). This was achieved with stable capital expenditures levels, indicating that the company's growth has been efficiently financed through internal resources. The company's **interest coverage ratio rose from 4.83 to 16.45**, marking a substantial enhancement in debt serviceability and earnings quality. This sharp improvement signals a robust reduction in financial risk and positions Emaar well for navigating future rate cycles or credit shifts.

Emaar Cash Flow and Investment Capacity (2021–2024)



FINANCIAL HEALTH AND RISK

Emaar's financial foundation has strengthened materially over the 2021–2024 period, reflecting disciplined capital management and a shift toward a lower-risk operational model. Beyond topline growth and profitability, the company's liquidity, leverage, and financial resilience metrics place it in a strong position relative to regional peers.

Leverage has been significantly reduced, with the debt-to-equity ratio declining from 0.27 to 0.10 — well below the industry average of 0.5–0.7. This conservative capital structure minimises exposure to credit risk and interest rate volatility, providing Emaar with increased financial agility in the face of macroeconomic uncertainty.

Liquidity has also improved, as indicated by a **rise in the current ratio** from 1.17 to 1.42. This exceeds the typical 1.2 threshold used as a benchmark for real estate developers and signals stronger short-term solvency. Emaar is better positioned to meet operational obligations without compromising reinvestment plans or margin stability.

Most notably, the interest coverage ratio rose sharply from 4.83 to 16.45, placing the company well above the regional benchmark of 2.0–3.0. This reinforces Emaar’s ability to service debt obligations from its operating income, significantly reducing its financial risk exposure.

While asset turnover remained stable at 0.22 — consistent with the capital-intensive nature of the real estate sector — the combination of improved coverage, low leverage, and high cash conversion demonstrates that Emaar is operating from a position of growing financial strength.

	2021	2024	Industry Benchmark	Insights
Interest Coverage	4.83	16.45	2.0-3.0	Very strong, low financial risk
Debt to Equity Ratio	0.27	0.10	0.5-0.7	Low leverage, conservative structure
Current Ratio	1.17	1.42	~1.2	Strong liquidity buffer
Asset Turnover	0.238	0.22	0.2-0.3	Stable, in line with industry

STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS



Emaar is well-positioned to maintain its growth trajectory, but future success will depend on its ability to balance expansion with margin preservation. The company's strong revenue rebound and improved returns on equity and assets indicate operational excellence and effective capital deployment. However, the margin compression observed in 2024 warrants a closer look at cost inflation and its impact on profitability moving forward.



Sustained Free Cash Flow generation creates an opportunity for long-term reinvestment and shareholder value creation. The consistent increase in internally funded capital expenditures suggests that Emaar can continue scaling without relying heavily on external financing. That said, while interest coverage has significantly improved and now exceeds standard benchmarks, continued earnings quality will be essential to maintain debt serviceability in less favourable macroeconomic conditions.



To maximise long-term investor confidence, Emaar should focus on preserving its margin advantage, maintaining low leverage, and using its strong cash position to pursue high-return investments. A continued balance between capital discipline and strategic deployment will help Emaar outperform industry benchmarks and deliver long-term shareholder value.

APPENDIX

Methodology

This analysis draws on financial data from Emaar Properties PJSC's audited annual reports (2021–2024), including Income Statements, Balance Sheets, and Cash Flow Statements. All metrics were calculated using Python (pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib), with Excel used for cross-validation and final formatting. Core financial indicators such as CAGR, ROE, ROA, Net Margin, Free Cash Flow, Debt to Equity ratio and Interest Coverage were derived to evaluate growth, profitability, capital efficiency, liquidity, and risk. All visualisations were developed with a focus on clarity, trend interpretation, and business storytelling to support strategic investment insights.