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Asharq Al Awsat - Saudi Banks to Increase their Capital Following Record Profits – 29/2/2024

Many Saudi banks have recently increased their capital, and five others on the financial market: al-Inma, al-Jazira, al-Bilad, Arab National, and Saudi Investment Bank announced their plans to increase capital, which will contribute to a total increase of \$4.5 billion, according to analysts.

For the complete story, see:

<https://english.aawsat.com/business/4884301-saudi-banks-increase-their-capital-following-record-profits>

Reuters - Saudi's SNB Capital launches fund with focus on oil and gas – 28/2/2024

Saudi investment bank and asset manager SNB Capital (1180.SE), opens new tab said on Wednesday it had launched a fund that has raised over \$230 million and that will provide investors with exposure to the oil and gas sector under a shariah-compliant structure.

For the complete story, see:

<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/saudis-snb-capital-launches-fund-with-focus-oil-gas-2024-02-28/>

ZAWYA - Alinma Bank accelerates speed and convenience of customer experience with ibm AI-powered cloud suite – 28/2/2024

Alinma Bank, a leading bank in Saudi Arabia, selected IBM to launch a comprehensive suite of modern banking applications, offering the bank a new platform to provide their customers greater access to a range of cutting-edge digital solutions and enhance the bank's digital transformation efforts.

For the complete story, see:

<https://www.zawya.com/en/press-release/companies-news/alinma-bank-accelerates-speed-and-convenience-of-customer-experience-with-ibm-ai-powered-cloud-suite-dxn4q0xw>

Gulf News - Saudi's largest banks declare over Dh9 billion in dividends – 27/2/2024

Al Rajhi Bank and Saudi National Bank have declared dividends for investors at a combined value of SAR10 billion (Dh9.7 billion) in the second half of 2023.

For the complete story, see:

<https://gulfnews.com/business/markets/saudis-largest-banks-declare-over-dh9-billion-in-dividends-1.1709027355708>

ZAWYA - Saudi Awwal Bank recommends share buyback for employee stock incentive plan – 27/2/2024

The Riyadh-based Saudi Awwal Bank's (SAB) board of directors has proposed to buy back up to a maximum of 4.7 million of the bank's shares to allocate them within the employee stock incentive plan.

For the complete story, see:

<https://www.zawya.com/en/markets/equities/saudi-awwal-bank-recommends-share-buyback-for-employee-stock-incentive-plan-vybxahrj>

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For the complete story, see:

<https://www.zawya.com/en/markets/equities/al-rajhi-bank-proposes-dividend-payout-of-123bln-for-h2-2023-o9l161f5>

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The Saudi National Bank - The Saudi National Bank “SNB” Returns To The Public Capital Market With A Landmark Sustainable Sukuk Transaction – 29/2/2024

The Saudi National Bank has successfully issued a new USD 850 million senior unsecured sukuk issuance under its Sustainable Finance Framework, marking its second public ESG labeled issuance following its inaugural offering in 2022. This issuance demonstrates SNB's commitment to becoming a regional financial powerhouse that contributes to the Kingdom's sustainability goals.

SNB achieved a highly successful transaction in terms of price and exceeded its objectives in terms of issue size. Orders peaked at USD 4.1 billion, representing an oversubscription rate of 4.8x. This exceptional interest allowed SNB to price its issuance at a very tight spread and increase the issuance size, where final pricing was set at the tightest spread level on a public offering from a Saudi Bank since SNB's last issuance in January 2022.

Beyond the exceptional achievement on the economic metrics of this trade, the highly diversified final allocation of the issuance, which was placed approximately 60% to global non-MENA investors, serves as testament to SNB's rigorous efforts on engaging with a broad set of top tier international investors, and the strong appeal of the bank's credit to the global investor community. In the build up to the issuance, SNB met with more than 20 different accounts, including dedicated ESG funds. "The outcome of this trade is consistent with the bank's on-going efforts to diversify its funding mix, supporting and aligning with the broader national targets of 2030. We are very pleased that SNB continues to draw extensive interest from international investors, driven by the bank's persistent efforts on investor engagement, and on the back of the bank's sustainable financing framework, which has given us the opportunity to communicate on activities that contribute to the important national initiatives, aiming to positively impact the environment and community we operate in." said Fawaz Al-Thumairi, Senior Executive Vice President - Head of Treasury Business Group at SNB.

SNB's Sustainable Finance Framework consists of four main pillars, targeting areas such as sustainable financing, environment, individuals and communities, as well as promoting ethical governance. The framework also provides a view of some of the key lending programmes undertaken by SNB to support Saudi Arabia's broader development agenda through the Vision 2030 and the Saudi Green Initiative ("SGI").

SNB has separately obtained a second party opinion from S&P Global Ratings on the framework's alignment with the International Capital Market Association ("ICMA") and Loan Market Association ("LMA") guidelines.

Saudi National Bank was formed in April 2021 following the merger of the National Commercial Bank and Samba Financial Group. SNB is the largest financial institution in Saudi Arabia in terms of total assets, and is listed on the Saudi Tadawul stock exchange. SNB plays a vital role in supporting economic transformation in Saudi Arabia by transforming the local banking sector and catalyzing the delivery of Saudi Arabia's government programmes that support society, the environment and the economy."

<https://www.alahli.com/en-us/about-us/news/Pages/Feb-29-2024-News.aspx>

Saudi Central Bank - Governor of SAMA: Vital Principles of Origination, Unity and Development Are Celebrated Through Saudi Founding Day – 22/2/2024

On behalf of the Saudi Central Bank (SAMA), H.E. Governor Ayman Al-Sayari congratulated the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and fellow citizens on the occasion of "Saudi Founding Day." The celebration embodies the historical, civilizational and cultural values of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

In his congratulatory address, H.E. the Governor stated: "Today, we commemorate the illustrious historical legacy that gave rise to this multifaceted modern state. The unity, security, and stability it achieved entrenched the foundational principles of origination, unity, and development. It has chronicled a rich historical narrative encompassing social, political, economic, and cultural milestones, beginning with its inception and traversing through successive reigns to our present era under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz. This epoch has witnessed a significant leap forward and remarkable accomplishments, facilitated by the grace of God Almighty, the strategic planning, and oversight of our leaders (may God protect them). We beseech the Almighty to bestow upon our nation the blessings of security, stability, and sustained prosperity, and to safeguard its leaders and populace."

<https://www.sama.gov.sa/en-US/News/Pages/news-1015.aspx>

Saudi Central Bank - SAMA Licenses "Alpha Arabia Finance Company" to Provide Finance Activity – 21/2/2024

The Saudi Central Bank (SAMA) licensed "Alpha Arabia Finance Company" to provide financing activity to small and medium enterprises, finance leases, and consumer finance. This addition brings the total number of finance companies licensed and permitted by SAMA to (60) companies.

This decision reflects SAMA's endeavor to support the financial sector and increase the efficiency of financial transactions in Saudi Arabia.

SAMA emphasizes the importance of dealing exclusively with authorized financial institutions. To view licensed and permitted financial institutions, visit SAMA's official website.

<https://www.sama.gov.sa/en-US/News/Pages/news-1014.aspx>

Saudi Central Bank - SAMA Seeks Public Consultation on Draft Rules for Valuation of Systemically Important Financial Institutions – 20/2/2024

The Saudi Central Bank (SAMA) seeks public consultation on the draft Rules for the Valuation of Systemically Important Financial Institutions. In this context, SAMA invites stakeholders and the public for their suggestions and observations on the draft by visiting the Public Consultation Platform "Istitlaa."

The Rules, developed in collaboration with the Saudi Authority of Accredited Valuers (Taqeem), provide a framework that will govern the valuations process for the implementation of resolution plans on financial institutions designated by SAMA as Systemically Important, in accordance with the Law of Systemically Important Financial Institutions, issued by Royal Decree No. (M/38) dated on 2020/12/10. The draft rules have been developed in accordance with the regulatory framework in the Kingdom and relevant international standards and practices.

The Rules aim to provide protection to the Saudi financial system and the national economy from any adverse effects on the stability of the financial sector.

Suggestions and observations on the draft will be received within (15) days from this announcement for assessing their relevance in finalizing the draft, which is available on the Public Consultation Platform with the National Competitiveness Center ([link](#)).

<https://www.sama.gov.sa/en-US/News/Pages/news-1013.aspx>

Latest Research

The Direct & Indirect Effect of Profitability Drivers on Share Price Performance in Saudi Banks

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Abstract:

The purpose of this research is to determine the effect of profitability drivers on firm value using profitability as a mediating variable. This research was carried out in the Saudi banking sector between 2011 and 2020. Profit margin, asset turnover, and equity multiplier were used to measure profitability drivers in the study, while return on equity was used to measure profitability and stock price performance was used to measure firm value. For the purpose of data analysis, simple and multiple regression of panel data, path analysis, and the Sobel test were used in the analysis indirect effect According to the analysis' findings, all profitability drivers have a positive and significant effect on profitability, and profitability serves as a complete mediator between the profit margin, the equity multiplier, and stock price performance, as well as a partial mediator between asset turnover and stock price performance. This study fills a gap in the literature in this field, as I have not found a study that tests the relationship between these variables within this measurement model, particularly in Saudi Arabia.

<https://mnje.com/sites/mnje.com/files/currentissue/Komplet%20MNJE%20Vol.%2020,%20No.%201.pdf#page=69>

The Industry

Banking industry in Saudi Arabia - statistics & facts

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The banking sector constitutes financial institutions that accept monetary deposits and who operate in the lending process of the capital market. Today's banking system is based on the Venetian financial market of the 14th century. The total assets of banks globally amounted to 182.9 trillion U.S. dollars. This has almost tripled in value in comparison to the beginning of the millennium. This is significant, particularly bearing in mind that the financial sector had experienced a major crisis in the interim.

Regional and religious context

The financial sector of the Gulf Cooperation Council region has also grown during this period with assets of commercial banks worth 2.3 trillion U.S. dollars and a total of 573 billion non-bank institutions.

One main aspect of the financial market in Saudi Arabia is the Islamic banking sector. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a Muslim country in which Shariah law is the guideline for many rules and regulations for life and business. One main factor of the Islamic banking system is that it operates as non-interest banking since taking interest on loans is forbidden according to Islamic law. Profits for Islamic banks are generated through equity participation. This means that a borrower gives the bank a share of its profit. Further, Islamic banking differentiates itself from other conventional financial institutions by abstaining from investments in fields contrary to Islamic morals such as business involving alcohol, pork, and gambling. Over 30.6 percent of global Islamic banking assets are held in Saudi Arabia, making it an important hub for this market.

Commercial banking

The leading commercial bank of Saudi Arabia by market share was Al Rajhi with over 25.3 percent, followed by Saudi National bank (SND) with 24.4 percent.

Commercial Banks in Saudi Arabia generate about 70 percent of their revenue through net special commissions. Almost 60 percent of their loans are given to businesses and only 24 percent to consumers. Real estate loans, such as mortgages, are only 16 percent of this business field.

In the Arab region, on average, the ratio of private sector credits to total deposits is about 69 percent. Whereas in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia the leading commercial banks operate on a loan to deposit ratio of 89.5 percent

Source: Statista.com

<https://www.statista.com/topics/5315/banking-industry-in-saudi-arabia/#dossierKeyfigures>

Banking Systems

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The banking system in Saudi Arabia is generally well-capitalized and healthy. The public has easy access to deposit-taking institutions. The legal, regulatory, and accounting systems used in the banking sector are generally transparent and consistent with international norms. In November 2020, the Saudi Arabian Government approved the Saudi Central Bank Law, which changed the name of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (SAMA) to the Saudi Central Bank. Under the new law, the Saudi Central Bank is responsible for maintaining monetary stability, promoting the stability of and enhancing confidence in the financial sector, and supporting economic growth. The Saudi Central Bank will continue to use the acronym "SAMA" due to its widespread use. SAMA generally gets high marks for its prudential oversight of

commercial banks in Saudi Arabia. SAMA is a member and shareholder of the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland.

In 2017, SAMA enhanced and updated its previous Circular on Guidelines for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing. The enhanced guidelines have increased alignment with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 40 Recommendations, the nine Special Recommendations on Terrorist Financing, and relevant UN Security Council Resolutions. Saudi Arabia is a member of the Middle East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force (MENA-FATF). In 2019, Saudi Arabia became the first Arab country to be granted full membership of the FATF, following the organization's recognition of Saudi Arabia's efforts in combating money laundering, financing of terrorism, and proliferation of arms. Saudi Arabia had been an observer member since 2015.

The Saudi Arabian Government authorized increased foreign participation in its banking sector over the last several years. SAMA has granted licenses to a number of new foreign banks to operate in Saudi Arabia, including Deutsche Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase N.A., and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC). A number of additional, CMA-licensed foreign banks participate in the Saudi market as investors or wealth management advisors. Citigroup, for example, returned to the Saudi market in early 2018 under a CMA license.

Credit is normally widely available to both Saudi and foreign entities from commercial banks and is allocated on market terms. The Saudi banking sector has one of the world's lowest non-performing loan (NPL) ratios, roughly 2.0 percent in 2022. In addition, credit is available from several government institutions, such as the SIDF, which allocate credit based on government-set criteria rather than market conditions. Companies must have a legal presence in Saudi Arabia to qualify for credit. The private sector has access to term loans, and there have been a number of corporate issuances of sharia-compliant bonds, known as sukuk.

In 2021, SAMA introduced the new Instant Payment System (Sarie) to facilitate instant, 24/7 money transfers across local banks.

Bankruptcy in Saudi Arabia is considered a criminal offense. Those who face insolvency may face a large fine as well as significant jailtime. However, Saudi Arabia has taken steps to reform its bankruptcy law. In August 2018, the Saudi Arabian Government implemented new bankruptcy legislation that seeks to "further facilitate a healthy business environment that encourages participation by foreign and domestic investors, as well as local small and medium enterprises." The new law clarifies procedural processes and recognizes distinct creditor classes (e.g., secured creditors). The new law also includes procedures for continued operation of the distressed company via financial restructuring. Alternatively, the parties may pursue an orderly liquidation of company assets, which would be managed by a court-appointed licensed bankruptcy trustee. Saudi courts have begun to accept and hear cases under this new legislation.

Foreign Exchange Controls

There is no limitation in Saudi Arabia on the inflow or outflow of funds for remittances of profits, debt service, capital, capital gains, returns on intellectual property, or imported inputs, other than certain withholding taxes (withholding taxes range from five percent for technical services and dividend distributions to 15 percent for transfers to related parties, and 20 percent or more for management fees). Bulk cash shipments greater than \$15,990 (SAR 60,000) must be declared at entry or exit points. Since 1986, when the last currency devaluation occurred, the official exchange rate has been fixed by SAMA at 3.75 Saudi riyals per U.S. dollar. Transactions typically take place using rates very close to the official rate.

U.S. Banks & Local Correspondent Banks

According to the Saudi Central Bank (SAMA), the following foreign banks are licensed to do business in Saudi Arabia: Gulf International Bank (GIB), Emirates NBD, National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), National Bank of Kuwait (NBK), Muscat Bank, Deutsche Bank, BNP Paribas, J.P. Morgan Chase N.A., National Bank of Pakistan (NBP),

Ziraat Bankasi, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), Qatar National Bank, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG), CitiGroup/CitiBank, First Abu Dhabi Bank, Credit Suisse Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, and the National Bank of Iraq. In August 2023, Trade Bank of Iraq, Bank of China Limited, Banque Misr, National Bank of Egypt, Sohar International Bank, D360 Bank, and the Bank of Jordan had applied for a banking license.

Additionally, SAMA has announced that it is in the process of endorsing digital-only banking licenses. The creation of digital banks in the kingdom is part of a financial development program in support of Saudi Vision 2030.

Source: Trade.gov

<https://www.trade.gov/country-commercial-guides/saudi-arabia-trade-financing>

Leading Companies

Alinma Bank (TADAWUL: 1150)

Alinma Bank is licensed to operate in the Saudi financial services sector, a sector that has experienced positive growth in recent years and is vital to the strength of the national economy. It is in this strong economic environment that Alinma Bank will show its competitive advantages in the following areas.

Shariah Compliance

Alinma Bank seeks to become an integrated financial institution that is in complete accordance with Shariah-compliant banking standards in all services and transactions. It is this dedication to higher standards that Alinma Bank believes will establish it as the touchstone for Shariah banking compliance at the local level in Saudi Arabia, at the regional level and at the broader international level.

Capital

In terms of capitalization, Alinma Bank is one of the largest financial institutions to be established in Saudi Arabia. Such a strong financial foundation gives Alinma an advantage it will need as it works towards executing its strategic plans, striving towards its goals, achieving consistent growth, meeting its customers' needs, nurturing its employees' aspirations and showing strong return on investment for its shareholders.

Professional Management

Alinma Bank's executive and managerial core comprises individuals who are highly qualified and capable of leading the organization. All bring to Alinma strong backgrounds in the financial services industry as well as personal leadership qualities. With such talented people, Alinma is confident that it can succeed in growing its business and in becoming one of the leading Shariah-compliant financial institutions in Saudi Arabia and abroad.

http://www.alinma.com/wps/portal/alinma/Alinma/MenuPages/TheBank/AboutUs!/ut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfIjo8ziff0tTTY8TQy93c2cXAwcPf0MDEz9_AwNzE30w1EVWLiaGQMVBVLqbOAaGGbi7mOIHuALfgEj9BjiAowGJ9mMqiMJvfLh-FKoVWEIArwIDTAX-XiA3mPsGB_g7GvkbmkIV4HFFQW5oaGiEQaZnuqliAOFofkY!/dz/d5/L0IDUmlTUSEhL3dHa0FKRnNBLzROV3FpQS Ehl2Vvu/

Alinma Bank - Alinma Bank Records 34.5% Profit Growth, Achieving 4,839 Million Riyals in 2023 – 5/2/2024

Alinma Bank, in response to the growth of the national economy, proudly announces a net profit of 4,839 million Saudi riyals after zakat for the fiscal year 2023, reflecting a substantial increase of 34.5% compared to the previous year's net profit of 3,599 million Saudi riyals.

Dr. Abdul Malik bin Abdullah Alhogail, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Alinma Bank, emphasized the bank's commitment to its robust operational foundations. This strategic approach has enabled Alinma Bank to capitalize on growing opportunities, particularly those aligned with the positive transformations outlined in the Kingdom's Vision 2030. Alhogail attributed the positive financial results to a 22.1% increase in total operating income during 2023.

Alhogail detailed the financial results, highlighting strong positive growth in banking activities during previous periods. Total assets rose to 236,715 million Saudi riyals from 200,436 million Saudi riyals the previous year, marking an 18.1% increase. The financing portfolio also experienced an 18.5% growth, reaching 173,624 million Saudi riyals as of December 31, 2023, compared to approximately 146,492 million Saudi riyals in the previous year. Customer deposits increased by 29.4%, totaling 187,901 million riyals, compared to 145,169 million riyals in the previous year. Consequently, net income from financing and investments saw a 26.2% increase, reaching 7,655 million riyals,

compared to about 6,066 million riyals in the previous year. Alhogail also emphasized that these positive results are the outcome of the bank's strategic endeavors and plans, leading to a distinguished growth in net profit exceeding 30% for each of the previous three years. Additionally, these efforts contributed to elevating the return on equity ratio (ROE) from 13.7% in the year 2022 to 17.2% by the end of the year 2023.

Alhogail emphasized the bank's operational achievements in 2023, citing the introduction of distinctive banking products, significant investments in employee development, and advancements in digital services. These initiatives contributed to continued growth across all sectors, including individual, small and medium-sized businesses, and the public sector.

<https://www.alinma.com/en/about-the-bank/the-bank/news/2024/2/alinma-bank-records-profit-growth-achieving-4839-million-riyals-in-2023>

Alrajhi Banking & Investment Corp (TADAWUL: 1120)

Founded in 1957, alrajhi bank Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is one of the largest banks in the world by market cap and the largest in the Middle East and Saudi Arabia, with total assets of SAR 710 billion, a paid-up capital of SAR 40 billion (US\$ 10.66 billion) and an employee base of over 9,300+ associates. With over 60 years of experience in banking and trading activities, the various individual establishments under the alrajhi name were merged into the umbrella 'Al Rajhi Trading and Exchange Corporation' in 1978. In 1988 the bank was established as a Saudi joint stock company under the name of alrajhi Banking and Investment Corporation, which later in 2006 was named as alrajhi bank.

With an established base in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, alrajhi bank has a vast network of over 515 branches, more than 4,824 ATM's, 547,507 POS terminals installed with merchants and the largest customer base of any bank in the Kingdom, in addition to 205 remittance centers across the kingdom. The first branch was opened in Aldirah in 1957.

<https://www.alrajhibank.com.my/page/about-us/corporate-info-92/our-history-97>

Alrajhi Banking & Investment Corp - Abdullah Al Rajhi: alrajhi bank Announces SAR 16,621 million Profits for 2023 – 31/1/2024

Under the stewardship of Mr. Abdullah bin Sulaiman Al Rajhi, Chairman of the Board of Directors, alrajhi bank has reported a successful financial year for 2023. The bank's net profits have reached 16,621 million riyals in 2023, with the fourth quarter alone contributing SAR 4,171 million.

Total operating income in 2023 reached SAR 27,531 million. This increase is primarily attributed to the growth in various sectors such as total financing investments income, exchange income, and other operating income.

Mr. Abdullah bin Sulaiman Al-Rajhi, elaborating on the financial results, highlighted that the shareholder's equity, excluding the Tier 1 Sukuk, rose to SAR 90 billion from last year's SAR 84 billion, marking an increase of 7.9%. The bank also saw growth in its total assets, reaching SAR 808 billion, an increase of 6.1%. Customer deposits saw a rise of 1.4%, amounting to SAR 573 billion. Notably, the return on assets and shareholders' equity stood at 2.12% and 19.35% respectively for the year, and earnings per share were recorded at 3.95 riyals. The bank also maintained a robust coverage for non-performing financing, exceeding 200%.

Mr. Al Rajhi emphasized the bank's continuous growth across all levels and its successful achievement of strategic goals. This success is attributed to customer loyalty, investor confidence, and the dedication of the bank's staff. He expressed his gratitude to the employees and subsidiaries, and to the Central Bank of Saudi Arabia for its unwavering support to the financial sector in the Kingdom.

Highlighting the bank's significant achievements in the past year, Mr. Al Rajhi mentioned several awards, including the Financial Institutions Leadership Awards in bank transfers, the Best Digital Bank award in trade finance products, and

five awards in investor relations across the Kingdom and the Middle East. The bank also successfully launched the first sustainable sukuk denominated in US dollars, worth one billion dollars, as part of its international sukuk programme. Additionally, the bank has signed several purchase agreements for Mortgage portfolios with the Saudi Real Estate Refinancing Company (SRC), totaling SAR 11 billion.

Demonstrating its commitment to social responsibility, Alrajhi Bank sponsored 54 successful kidney transplant operations in the fourth quarter. The bank also launched a training initiative for branch employees in sign language, enhancing service inclusivity for customers with disabilities. Over 35 employees from 22 branches across 9 cities received this training.

In the third quarter, alrajhi bank hosted the "Instantly & Limitlessly" annual ceremony, showcasing the latest digital banking updates via the Al Rajhi Group's applications. This event underscored the bank's digital transformation, which now exceeds 95%, and the Al Rajhi Bank application has achieved a remarkable rating of 4.7.

Concluding his statement, Mr. Abdullah bin Sulaiman Al Rajhi reaffirmed the bank's commitment to playing a pivotal role in realizing the Vision 2030 goals. The bank has made significant strides in various sectors, including an increase in financing for medium and small enterprises by 23%, a rise of 6% in real estate financing for citizens, and enhanced digital banking services in corporate and individual sectors. Furthermore, the bank has made notable progress in gender diversity, with women constituting 29% of its workforce.

<https://www.alrajhibank.com.sa/About-alrajhi-bank/Media-Center/2024/alrajhi-bank-profits-Q4>

Arab National Bank (TADAWUL: 1080)

Amongst the largest banks in the Middle East, anb headquarters is based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia with regional offices in Jeddah, Khobar and a network of branches throughout the kingdom. In addition to an international branch in London, United Kingdom.

<https://anb.com.sa/en/web/anb/about-us>

Arab National Bank - anb announced Net Profit of SAR 2,054 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023 – 24/7/2023

arab national bank (anb) reported a net profit of SAR 2,054 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, compared to SAR 1,358 million for the same period last year, an increase of 51.2%.

Total operating income for the six months was SAR 4,268 million compared to SAR 3,128 million for the same period last year, an increase of 36.4%. Total assets as of June 30, 2023 amounted to SAR 216 billion, investments SAR 45.6 billion and the loans and advances SAR 148.8 billion. Customers' deposits totaled SAR 158.4 billion.

Engineer Salah R. Al-Rashed, Chairman of the Board, stated: "the bank sustained its strong financial performance during the first half of this year, as a result of its strategic approach in continuing to enrich customer experience, enhancing the effectiveness of its operations, accelerating momentum in digital transformation and investing in human resources"

https://anb.com.sa/web/anb/news-details?news-id=1010694&news-tags=personal_news

Bank AlBilad (TADAWUL: 1140)

Bank Albilad is a Saudi joint stock company, headquartered in Riyadh. It was established with a Royal Decree 48/M on 21/9/1425H (corresponding to 4 November 2004) with a corporate capital of 7.5 billion Saudi Riyals.

We in Bank Albilad offer your shariah compliant products and services, that are unmatched in the Kingdom. We provide solutions in multiple segments including:

- Retail Banking Products
- Business Products
- Investment Products through our investment arm “Albilad Capital ”
- International Remittance services through our Remittance Arm “Enjaz ”

<https://www.bankalbilad.com/en/about/Pages/more-about-albilad.aspx>

Bank Albilad - Bank Albilad announces its Annual Financial results for the Period Ended on 2023-12-31 – 5/2/2024

ELEMENT LIST	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	%CHANGE
Total Income From Special Commission of Financing	6,273.2	4,312.9	45.45
Total Income From Special Commission of Investment	1,270.6	658.6	92.92
Net Income From Special Commission of Financing	3,463	3,391.8	2.1
Net Income From Special Commission of Investment	646.8	494.9	30.69
Total Operations Profit (Loss)	5,302.8	5,191.4	2.15
Net Profit (Loss) before Zakat and Income Tax	2,641	2,320.7	13.8
Net profit (Loss)	2,368.9	2,081.7	13.8
Total Comprehensive Income	2,446.7	1,409.2	73.62
Assets	143,105.8	129,542.9	10.47
Investments	22,079.9	20,600.1	7.18
Loans And Advances Portfolio (Financing And Investment)	102,080.1	91,179.2	11.96
Clients' deposits	112,831.2	94,842.7	18.97
Total Shareholder's Equity (After Deducting The Minority's Rights)	15,258.1	13,398.9	13.88
Total Operating Expenses Before Provisions for Credit and Other Losses	2,338	2,320.1	0.77

ELEMENT LIST	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	%CHANGE
Total Provision of Expected Credit Losses And Other Losses (Reversing Entry), Net	323.8	550.7	-41.2
Profit (Loss) per Share	2.38	2.09	
All figures are in (Millions) Saudi Arabia, Riyals			

ELEMENT LIST	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE OF THE CAPITAL (%)
Profit (Losses) Resulting From The Change In Investment Propertie's Fair Value	-	-
Accumulated Losses	-	-
All figures are in (Millions) Saudi Arabia, Riyals		

ELEMENT LIST	EXPLANATION
The reason of the increase (decrease) in the special commission income during the current year compared to the last year is	Net income from investing and financing assets increased by 6%, which is mainly due to increase in the income from investing and financing assets by 52%, however, the return on deposits and financial liabilities increased by 217%.
The reason of the increase (decrease) in the net profit during the current year compared to the last year is	<p>Net income has increased due to the increase in total operating income by 2%, which is mainly due to the increase in net income from investing and financing assets, net gain on FVSI instruments and dividend income. However, other operating income, net exchange income and net fee and commission income have decreased.</p> <p>Total operating expenses before net impairment charge have increased by 1%, which is mainly due to the increase in salaries and employee related benefits and depreciation & amortization. However, other general and administrative expenses have decreased. Further, net impairment charge for expected credit losses decreased by 41%.</p>
The reason of the increase (decrease) in the total net provision of expected credit losses and other losses (reversing entry) during the current year compared to the last year is	Net impairment charge for expected credit losses decreased by 41%, which is mainly due to decrease in net impairment charge for expected credit losses on financing due to better quality and composition of the portfolio.

ELEMENT LIST	EXPLANATION
Statement of the type of external auditor's report	Unmodified opinion
Comment mentioned in the external auditor's report, mentioned in any of the following paragraphs (other matter, conservation, notice, disclaimer of opinion, or adverse opinion)	None
Reclassification of Comparison Items	None
Additional Information	Earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net income after zakat for the year ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 by the weighted average outstanding number of shares adjusted for treasury shares, which is 995 million shares.

<https://tools.eurolandir.com/tools/Pressreleases/GetPressRelease/?ID=4461175&lang=en-GB&companycode=sa-1140&v=>

Bank AlJazira (TADAWUL: 1020)

Bank Aljazira (BAJ) is recognized as one of the leading Shari'ah compliant fast growing financial institutions in Saudi Arabia, client-driven and service-oriented Saudi Financial Group which provides individuals, businesses and institutions with innovative Shari'ah compliant financial services through professional and dedicated staff.

In April 2018, the Capital Market Authority (CMA) approved the request of Bank Aljazira to increase its capital through a rights issue of SR 3 billion to increase its capital from SR 5,200,000,000 to SR 8,200,000,000

In April 2017 the CMA has issued its resolution approving Bank Aljazira's request to increase its capital from SAR (4,000,000,000) to SAR (5,200,000,000) through issuing three bonus shares for every (10) existing shares owned by the shareholders who are registered in the shareholders registry at the closing of trading on the day of the extraordinary general assembly.

BAJ is a Joint Stock Company incorporated in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and formed pursuant to Royal Decree No. 46/M dated Jumad Al-Thani 12, 1395H (i.e. June 21, 1975). BAJ commenced its business on Shawwal 16, 1396H (i.e. October 9, 1976) with the takeover of The National Bank of Pakistan's (NBP) branches in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and operates under commercial registration No. 4030010523 dated Rajab 29, 1396H (i.e. July 27, 1976) issued in Jeddah.

BAJ began a restructuring process in 1992 with subsequent increases in capital in 1992 and 1994. The increased capital has come entirely from the Saudi shareholders, which resulted in significantly diluting NBP's shareholding.

A new management team was appointed in 1993 to continue the restructuring effort. BAJ successfully introduced state of the art technology, modern banking products and services and revamped its staffing portfolio. As a result, the bank became profitable in 1997.

<https://www.baj.com.sa/en-us/About-Us/Corporate-Profile>

Banque Saudi Fransi (TADAWUL: 1050)

Banque Saudi Fransi (BSF) is a Saudi Arabian Joint Stock Company established by Royal Decree No. M/23 dated June 1977.

Our objective is to provide all types of commercial banking services to both domestic and international customers. BSF aims at creating a long term and personalized partnership with all its customers, gaining loyalty through recognized banking expertise, quality of service, as well as innovative and customized financial solutions.

Our Head office is located in Riyadh and we have three (3) Regional Offices in Jeddah, Al-Riyadh and Al-Khobar.

As a corporate citizen, the Bank supports the tireless efforts of the Saudi government in the economic reform programs and developmental efforts to strengthen the economy and promote the welfare of the community. As part of the memorandum of agreement between the Bank and the Ministry of Social Affairs, Banque Saudi Fransi supports the programs and activities of the Ministry to unify the efforts made by various charitable organizations, assists them with the Bank's various donations and participate in media campaigns aimed at social awareness. The memorandum also aims at exchanging ideas on charity works, and build bridges of cooperation between the private and public sectors.

Steady Growth

Over the years, BSF has demonstrated a sustainable pattern of growth that has established its current financial strength and leadership in the Saudi market, positioned the Bank as a modern and dynamic institution fully geared to meet the challenges of the future. In the area of Islamic banking services, Banque Saudi Fransi had made considerable improvement in the development of products and services including enhancements of our branches to comply with the provisions of Islamic Sharia and to provide alternative products available to companies and individuals including investment and Global Markets services. Banque Saudi Fransi plays a leading role in the provision of these services aside from leasing and participation in Tawarruq for corporate clients.

<https://www.alfransi.com.sa/english/the-bank/profile>

Banque Saudi Fransi - Banque Saudi Fransi announces its Annual Financial results for the year ended on 31-12-2023 – 5/2/2024

ELEMENT LIST	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	%CHANGE
Total Income From Special Commission of Financing	11,551	7,260	59.1
Total Income From Special Commission of Investment	1,667	1,047	59.22
Net Income From Special Commission of Financing	6,651	5,385	23.51
Net Income From Special Commission of Investment	1,184	1,041	13.74
Total Operations Profit (Loss)	9,324	8,017	16.3
Net Profit (Loss) before Zakat and Income Tax	4,708	4,004	17.58
Net profit (Loss)	4,223	3,575	18.12

ELEMENT LIST	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	%CHANGE
Total Comprehensive Income	4,890	1,256	289.33
Assets	253,383	232,078	9.18
Investments	48,467	44,518	8.87
Loans And Advances Portfolio (Financing And Investment)	179,391	159,012	12.82
Clients' deposits	172,209	157,592	9.28
Total Shareholder's Equity (After Deducting The Minority's Rights)	41,121	38,745	6.13
Total Operating Expenses Before Provisions for Credit and Other Losses	3,022	2,654	13.87
Total Provision of Expected Credit Losses And Other Losses (Reversing Entry), Net	1,594	1,360	17.2
Profit (Loss) per Share	3.33	2.79	
All figures are in (Millions) Saudi Arabia, Riyals			

ELEMENT LIST	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE OF THE CAPITAL (%)
Profit (Losses) Resulting From The Change In Investment Propertie's Fair Value	-	-
All figures are in (Millions) Saudi Arabia, Riyals		

ELEMENT LIST	EXPLANATION
The reason of the increase (decrease) in the special commission income during the current year compared to the last year is	Net special commission income increased by 21.9% mainly driven by higher return from financing and investments activities partially offset by increase in special commission expense.
The reason of the increase (decrease) in the net profit during the current year compared to the last year is	Net income increased mainly due to increase in total operating income by 16.30% partially offset by an increase in total operating expenses by 15.02%.

ELEMENT LIST	EXPLANATION
	<p>This increase in total operating income was mainly driven by higher net special commission income and net fee and commission income which was partially offset by lower trading income, net, exchange income, net as well as losses on non-trading investments, net.</p> <p>The increase in total operating expenses was primarily due to higher impairment charge for expected credit losses on loans and advances, net, salaries and employee related expenses and other operating and general and administrative expenses which was partially offset by impairment reversal for investments, financial assets and others.</p>
The reason of the increase (decrease) in the total net provision of expected credit losses and other losses (reversing entry) during the current year compared to the last year is	Net impairment charges for financing and other financial assets increased due to higher Impairment charge on loans and advances by 16.1% and reduction in recoveries from written off loans, which was partially offset by impairment reversal for investments, financial assets and others.
Statement of the type of external auditor's report	Unmodified opinion
Comment mentioned in the external auditor's report, mentioned in any of the following paragraphs (other matter, conservation, notice, disclaimer of opinion, or adverse opinion)	N/A
Reclassification of Comparison Items	Some items have been re- classified to conform to the current period presentation
Additional Information	<p>Net Income after zakat for the 3 months period ended 31 December 2023 was SAR 827 million compared to SAR 903 million for the same period of last year. Net Income after zakat for the 3 months period ended 30 September 2023 was SAR 1,245 million.</p> <p>Net Income from Special Commission of Investment is calculated after deducting special commission expense from debt securities and term loans.</p> <p>EPS for the current and the previous years is calculated by dividing the net income after zakat for the year (adjusted for Tier 1 Sukuk costs) by the weighted average number of shares outstanding after excluding treasury shares.</p>

<https://tools.euroland.com/tools/Pressreleases/GetPressRelease/?ID=4462450&lang=en-GB&companycode=sabf&v=>

Riyad Bank (TADAWUL: 1010)

Riyad Bank is one of the largest financial institutions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Middle East. Established in 1957, with a paid-up capital of SAR 30 billion. Our professional and dedicated staff base has mainly driven our success throughout the years. With more than 5,900 employees, we take pride of being among the Saudi organizations with the highest national employment rate of 94%.

We provide a comprehensive range of products and services fully compliant with the Islamic Sharia' to meet the needs of both retail and corporate customers, including small and medium-size enterprises. We play a leading role in various areas of finance and investment around Saudi Arabia, that is why we are distinguished as a leading financier and arranger of syndicated loans in the oil, petrochemicals and most of the Kingdom's notable infrastructure projects.

We offer innovative and remarkable financing solutions through a network of 237 branches, and more than 53,580 POS, in addition to more than 2,542 ATMs well distributed in strategic & carefully selected locations around the Kingdom. And since global expansion is essential for some of our customers outside the Kingdom, a branch in London and offices in Houston (USA) and Singapore help in supporting the international banking needs of such customers.

Our electronic banking services (web-based and mobile applications) use the latest electronic technologies to address the banking needs of our customers with utmost ease, convenience and security.

Riyad Capital is a leading player in the IPO advisory business and asset management, having won numerous investment awards in Saudi Arabia in categories ranging from "best mutual fund performance" to "best fund manager".

<https://www.riyadbank.com/en/about-us/who-we-are>

Saudi Awwal Bank (TADAWUL: 1060)

Saudi Awwal Bank is one of the largest banks in the Kingdom and traces its origins in Saudi Arabia to more than 90 years, during which time it has been an active partner supporting the Kingdom's economic growth and social development. SAB is one of the leading corporate and institutional international banks in the Kingdom with a top Wealth & Personal Banking proposition. SAB is also a leader in Saudi Arabia and the region in trade finance, foreign exchange, equity and debt wholesale banking, digital service innovation, and ESG, paving the way for transformation and excellence.

SAB offers integrated financial and banking services, including corporate banking, investment, private banking, and treasury.

SAB paid-up capital is SAR 20.5 billion, after the legal merger with Alawwal Bank on 14th March 2021, when it was legally known as the Saudi British Bank (SABB). Saudi Awwal Bank is a licensed financial institution operating under the supervision of and regulated by the Saudi Central Bank, and a partner of the HSBC Group.

<https://www.sabb.com/en/about-sabb/about/>

Saudi Awwal Bank - Saudi Awwal Bank records SAR7 billion net profit after Zakat and Income Tax for 2023 – an increase of 45% during the year – 8/2/2024

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – 8/2/2024: Ms. Lubna S. Olayan, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Awwal Bank (SAB), announced today the Bank's financial results for the fiscal year 2023.

SAB recorded a net profit after Zakat and Income Tax of SAR 7,002 million for the year ended 31 December 2023, representing an increase of 45% compared to 2022. Total operating income rose 32% to SAR 12,710 million.

Commenting on the financial results, Ms. Olayan stated: “In the fourth quarter of 2023, we continued the strong financial performance witnessed throughout the year. Our robust loan growth remained impressive, with both corporate and retail segments showing positive momentum – both up 18% and 16% respectively.”

She added: “These results affirm the effectiveness of our strategy and highlight our ability to deliver sustainable growth. Looking at the full-year performance, 2023 was a year of confirmation, demonstrating that our strategic direction is yielding positive outcomes. We have achieved sustained loan growth, surpassing market expectations in corporate and retail - particularly in mortgage growth.”

Ms. Olayan also highlighted that in addition to the achievements in cost efficiency, the bank's commitment to prudent risk management contributed to an improvement in asset quality. Moreover, the substantial year-on-year growth in revenues, with an increase of 32% to SAR 12,710 million, supported by a stabilising net special commission income margin (NIM), further solidified SAB's position as a leader in return on tangible equity (RoTE) expansion, exceeding 15%.

“We maintain a strong capital position, supported by a successful AT1 issuance, and boast a leading liquidity position in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Taking proactive measures, we have positioned our balance sheet to navigate the medium-term economic outlook,” Ms. Olayan said.

SAB was also recognised as the number one trade bank. Its mobile banking application positioned it as one of the leaders in the market, offering enhanced privacy, flexibility, and a unique electronic banking experience. Furthermore, SAB's commitment to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) practices has been acknowledged through the MSCI upgrade, reinforcing the leadership in this space. SAB has also solidified its position as the only international bank which is reflected in its new branding efforts and the completion of its new state of the art office building, which symbolises the Bank's commitment to growth and innovation, and its readiness to commence the next stage of its strategy.

Finally, Ms. Olayan stated: “I want to extend my gratitude to our board members and senior management for their contributions, to HSBC for their support and to all SAB staff for their unwavering commitment throughout the past year. I also want to thank the Saudi government and our regulators, the Saudi Central Bank and the Capital Market Authority, for their continued support and guidance.”

Summary of results:

- 2023 net profit after Zakat and Income Tax of SAR 7,002 million was higher than the SAR 4,826 million recorded in 2022, up 45%
- 2023 total operating income of SAR 12,710 million was higher than the SAR 9,650 million recorded in 2022, up 32%
- 2023 net customer advances of SAR 216 billion were higher than the SAR 183 billion recorded in 2022, up 18%
- 2023 customer deposits of SAR 241 billion were higher than the SAR 214 billion recorded in 2022, up 12%
- 2023 shareholders' equity of SAR 62 billion was higher than the SAR 55 billion recorded in 2022, up 13%

<https://www.sab.com/en/about-sab/news-room/News-Year-2024/Saudi-Awwal-Bank-records-SAR7-billion-net-profit-after-Zakat-and-Income-Tax-for-2023/>

Saudi Central Bank (SAMA)

Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (SAMA), the central bank of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, was established in 1372H (1952). It has been entrusted with performing many functions pursuant to several laws and regulations. The most important functions are the following:

- To deal with the banking affairs of the Government;
- Minting and printing the national currency (the Saudi Riyal), strengthening the Saudi currency and stabilizing its external and internal value, in addition to strengthening the currency's cover;
- Managing the Kingdom's foreign exchange reserves;
- Managing the monetary policy for maintaining the stability of prices and exchange rate;
- Promoting the growth of the financial system and ensuring its soundness;
- Supervising commercial banks and exchange dealers;
- Supervising cooperative insurance companies and the self-employment professions relating to the insurance activity;
- Supervising finance companies;
- Supervising credit information companies.

<http://www.sama.gov.sa/en-US/About/Pages/SAMAFFunction.aspx>

The Saudi Investment Bank (TADAWUL: 1030)

The Saudi Investment Bank, a Saudi joint-stock company, has been established pursuant to the Royal Decree No. M/31 dated 23 June 1976 (corresponding to 25 Jumada Al-Thani 1396H.) and started its business on 16 March 1977 (corresponding to 25 Rabie Awwal 1397H.) SAIB has also established successful joint-ventures and subsidiaries to cater to the needs for investment banking, share trading, asset management, leasing, mortgages, insurance and credit cards.

The shareholders of SAIB, a publicly listed company, include the General Organisation for Social Insurance, the Public Pension Agency, other Saudi public and private institutions as well as Saudi Individuals.

We offer traditional wholesale, retail and commercial banking products. In particular, we arrange financing of quasi-government and private industrial sectors and trade finance products for facilitating imports and increasing Saudi exports.

<https://www.saib.com.sa/en/saib-overview>

The Saudi Investment Bank announces its Annual Financial Results for the Year Ended on 31-12-2023 – 4/2/2024

<https://www.saib.com.sa/en/saudi-investment-bank-announces-its-annual-financial-results-year-ended-31-12-2023>

The Saudi National Bank (TADAWUL: 1180)

The Saudi National Bank (SNB) is the largest financial institution in Saudi Arabia and one of the largest powerhouses in the region. SNB plays a vital role in supporting economic transformation in Saudi Arabia by transforming the local banking sector and catalyzing the delivery of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030. Its strategy is closely aligned with the Vision's programs. SNB also leverages its position as the largest institutional and specialized financier in the Kingdom to support the Kingdom's landmark deals and mega projects.

SNB's vision is to be a premier financial and banking service provider locally and regionally through the fulfilment of strategic aspirations: to be number one in revenues, number one in profit, the best in customer service, the best digital bank, and the employer of choice, and the best Shariah-compliant products service provider in the world. The Bank's effort to achieve these aspirations is reflected in achieving record annual profits for the eighth consecutive year.

SNB seeks to leverage the expanded scale, reach, and digital capabilities to provide enhanced products and deliver unparalleled customer experience. SNB robust balance sheet, resilient business model, and healthy liquidity position

enhance the Bank's capability to compete locally and regionally, and to facilitate trade and capital flows between the Kingdom and regional and global markets.

SNB delivers best-in-class digital solutions, drive homeownership through growth in residential finance, foster MSME development and lending, and seeks to be the foremost trusted partner for top-tier Saudi corporates and institutions to support the Kingdom's mega deals and projects, and to be the biggest provider of Shariah-compliant products for all segments. The Saudi National Bank is a leader in treasury and capital markets, and it owns both NCB Capital and Samba Capital & Investment Management, who, together would form the biggest asset manager, brokerage and investment bank in Saudi Arabia. SNB has a strong international presence in Middle East, South Asia and Turkey, which supports the Bank's vision to compete regionally and internationally to earn our place as a global leader in financial services.

SNB is a committed supporter of Saudization, creating many opportunities for young people and achieving record rates of Saudization, its senior management team are predominantly Saudi. SNB also gives great importance to empowering women, giving them big opportunities to assume leading positions at the Bank. Corporate responsibility is an essential element of SNB corporate culture and business philosophy. Its corporate responsibility strategy focuses on empowering individuals and non-profit organizations, and supporting community activities.

Establishment of the Saudi National Bank

SNB has been formed after the merger of two big banks; the National Commercial Bank and Samba Financial Group. The National Commercial Bank (NCB) has been considered the largest and the first bank to officially be licensed and operate in Saudi Arabia, following the Royal Decree of the 26th of December 1953, corresponding to 20th of Rabi Al-Thani 1373H, after the merger of Saudi Arabia's largest currency exchange houses at the time.

The Bank established its Shariah Board in 1996, then became a joint stock company in 1997. In 1999, the Saudi Government, represented by the Public Investment Fund, owned majority of the Bank's shares, whilst the remaining shares were owned by the General Organization for Social Insurance and a number of Saudi investors.

In 2014, NCB's initial public offering (25% of the Bank's shares) marked the start of a new era of the Bank's history.

Over 68 years, the Bank has maintained its growth and development, mirroring the Kingdom's progress towards modernity and continuous improvement. Today, SNB holds a leading position with its more than 7.4 million customers, meeting their needs through outstanding products, services, and innovative solutions, harnessing technology to enhance their experience, and fulfilling their needs of Shariah-compliant products and services.

Samba Financial Group is a Saudi leading banking and financial institution. Samba's first branch was established in 1955 under Citibank name. In 1980, A Royal Decree was issued by which Citibank became the Saudi American Bank, with majority shareholding owned by Saudi. In 1999, Samba merged with United Saudi Bank creating one of the largest financial institutions in the Middle East. The year 2003 witnessed a remarkable milestone for Samba, as it became under full local management and the business was officially renamed Samba Financial Group or Samba.

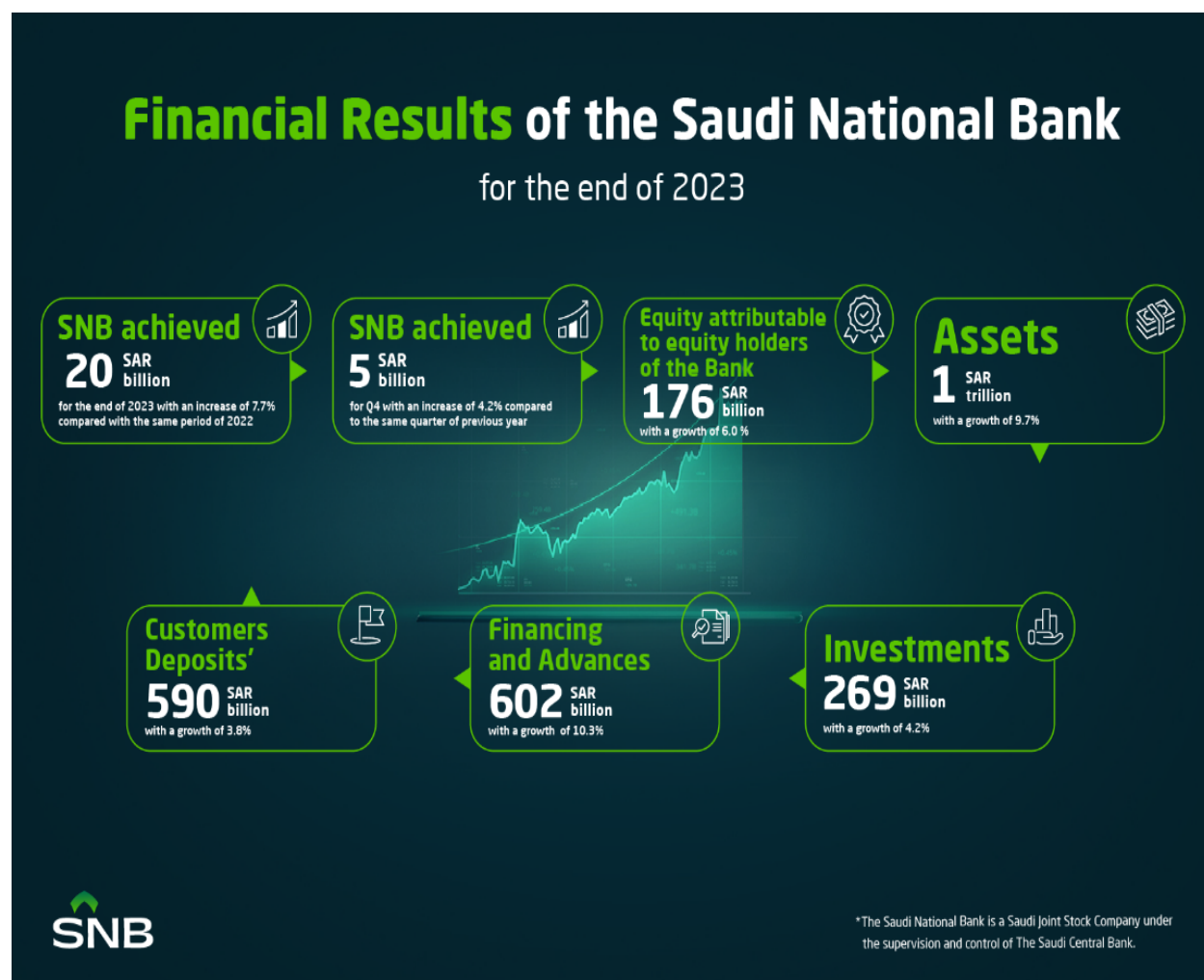
Over the past 40 years, Samba has been offering wide range of banking products and services to retail, corporate, private and investment clients. The Group played a key role in supporting SMEs in Saudi Arabia, and offered its banking services to international clients in different regions around the world.

1st April 2021 was the Legal Day 1 of the Saudi National Bank after the merger between the National Commercial Bank and Samba Financial Group. Riyadh, the capital city of Saudi Arabia, hosts the new headquarters of the Saudi National Bank.

https://www.alahli.com/en-us/about-us/news/Pages/Oct2021_News03.aspx

The Saudi National Bank – The Saudi National Bank Reports 8% Year-On-Year Net Income Growth To SAR 20.0 Billion In FY 2023 – 8/2/2024

- SNB total operating income increased by 5%.
- SNB net financing and advances increased by 10%.
- SNB assets increased by 10%.



The Saudi National Bank announced a net income after Zakat and income tax of SAR 20.0 billion by the end of 2023, representing an increase of 8% compared to SAR 18.6 billion in 2022. This followed the announcement of the annual financial results for the period ending on 31-12-2023.

The Bank explained in a statement on "Tadawul" that the reason for the income increase during 2023 compared to 2022 is due to a total operating income increased by 5% to SAR 34.6 billion, mainly due to higher net special commission income by 3% and fees income from banking services by 5%, these were partially offset by higher operating expenses by 6%. Net financing and advances expanded by SAR 56 billion and reaching a total of SAR 602 billion, a 10% increase from 31 December 2022.

During the past year, the Bank's assets rose to SAR 1,037 billion by 10% increase, and the earnings per share (EPS) during the current period reached SAR 3.23 compared to SAR 3.03 compared to 2022.

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Net impairment charge for expected credit losses reached to SAR 923 million in the current year against SAR 1,685 million in previous year with a decrease of 45%.

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