

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF REPUBLIC FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

### Opinion

The summary consolidated financial statements, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at September 30, 2020, the summary consolidated statement of comprehensive income, summary consolidated statement of changes in equity and summary consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Republic Financial Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group") for the year ended September 30, 2020.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements, on the basis described in Note 1.

### Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

The summary consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"). Reading the summary consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

### The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated November 6, 2020. That report also includes the communication of Key Audit Matters. Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period.

The audited consolidated financial statements and the summary consolidated financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited consolidated financial statements.

### Responsibility of Management for the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary consolidated financial statements on the basis described in Note 1.

### Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.



Port of Spain,  
TRINIDAD:  
November 6, 2020

**REPUBLIC FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**AUDITED ANNUAL GROUP RESULTS**

	September 30, 2020	September 30, 2019
	\$ '000	\$ '000
<b>Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent</b>	<b>904,056</b>	<b>1,581,124</b>
Total Assets	104,276,614	87,483,888
Total Liabilities	92,934,141	76,252,128
Total Equity	11,342,473	11,231,760
Earnings per share (expressed in \$ per share)	\$5.57	\$9.75
Diluted earnings per share (expressed in \$ per share)	\$5.54	\$9.73
Dividends per share (expressed in \$ per share)	\$2.70	\$4.50
Return on average assets (expressed as a %)	1.05%	2.17%
Return on average equity (expressed as a %)	8.78%	16.01%

**Note 1**

These financial highlights are prepared in accordance with criteria developed by management. Under these criteria, management discloses extracts from the consolidated statement of financial position and consolidated statement of income. These financial highlights are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Republic Financial Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended September 30, 2020 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

**Chairman's Comments**

Republic Financial Holdings Limited (RFHL) recorded profit attributable to equity holders of the parent of \$904.1 million for the year ended September 30, 2020, a decrease of \$677.1 million or 42.8% compared to the profit of \$1.58 billion reported in the previous financial year.

These results are creditable despite reflecting the negative impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), mainly through decreased economic activity, lower margins due to reduced interest rates, waiver of fees and commissions under the COVID-19 relief initiatives, increased provisioning to cover potential future losses on the loan and investments portfolios, and impairment of the remaining Goodwill held in our Barbados subsidiary.

Total assets stood at \$104.3 billion at September 30, 2020, an increase of \$16.8 billion or 19.2% over that of the prior year. This increase was, in the main, due to the acquisition of Scotiabank's banking operations in St. Maarten and the Eastern Caribbean (Anguilla, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines) on November 1, 2019 which added \$12.7 billion and the acquisition of Scotiabank's operations in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) on June 1, 2020 which added a further \$ 3.1 billion to the Group's asset base.

We are very pleased to welcome our new staff members and clients to the Republic family.

The Board of Directors has declared a final dividend of \$2.10 (2019: \$3.25), which brings the total dividend to \$439.8 million or \$2.70 per share for the fiscal year (2019: \$4.50). This represents a decrease of 40% in total dividend payment, reflective of the decrease in profitability in the current fiscal year. The combination of this dividend and the increase in the share price of \$20.20 during the year, equates to a total shareholder return for the year of 18.5%.

The final dividend will be paid on December 1, 2020 to all shareholders of record on November 18, 2020.

While there continues to be uncertainty over the future direction and duration of the COVID 19 pandemic, we are confident that the Group's strong capital base, diverse geographic footprint and robust governance culture leaves it well positioned to support the recovery efforts of the economies within which we operate. We continue to be responsive to the evolving needs of our customers and clients, provide safe working conditions for our employees and support the communities we serve.

I thank my fellow directors, committed staff and faithful customers for their dedication over the past year.



Chairman  
Vincent Pereira

November 06, 2020