

Absa Group Limited

Registration number: 1986/003934/06

Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa

JSE share code: ABG

ISIN: ZAE000255915

Bond Issuer Code: ABGI

("Absa Group", "Group" or "Company")

Audited summary consolidated results for the reporting period ended 31 December 2021 and ordinary share dividend declaration

We are a Pan-African group, inspired by the people we serve and determined to be a globally respected organisation of which Africa can be proud. As a financial services provider, we play an integral role in the economic life of individuals, businesses, and nations. To this end, we offer a universal set of products and services across retail, business, corporate, investment and wealth banking, as well as investment management and insurance solutions.

We are listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and have banks in Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania (Absa Bank Tanzania and National Bank of Commerce), Uganda and Zambia as well as insurance operations in Botswana, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa and Zambia. We also have representative offices in Namibia, Nigeria and United States as well as securities entities in the United Kingdom and the United States, along with technology support colleagues in Czech Republic.

We help create, grow and protect wealth through partnerships in economic development, while playing a shaping role in Africa's growth and sustainability.

15 countries

1 007 outlets*

8 668 ATMS

35 267 employees

2.7m digitally active customers

123 153 point-of-sale devices

*Outlets include branches and sales centres.

We bring possibilities to life

Possibilities come to life when we meet every challenge with tenacity, ingenuity, positivity and creativity. We coined a new word for our purpose, which is the driving force behind everything we do, a way of doing things that is unique to our continent.

We call it Africanacity

Normalised financial results as a consequence of Barclays PLC Separation

A normalised view of the 2021 annual results is provided, which adjusts for the consequences of the separation from Barclays PLC. This view better reflects the Group's underlying performance. International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) compliant financial results will continue to be presented as required by the Companies Act and the JSE Limited (JSE) Listings Requirements and include a reconciliation between the normalised and IFRS views.

Performance overview for the period ended 31 December 2021

Total income

2021	Increased 5.3%	2020	2021	Increased 5.5%	2020
R85 906m	IFRS	R81 593	R85 873m	Normalised	R81 382m

Headline earnings per ordinary share

2021	Increased >100%	2020	2021	Increased >100%	2020
2 147.1 cents	IFRS	730.9 cents	2 197.0cents	Normalised	946.5 cents

Basic earnings per share

2021	Increased >100%	2020	2021	Increased >100%	2020
2 139.6 cents	IFRS	711.8 cents	2 193.9 cents	Normalised	940.2 cents

Net asset value per ordinary share

2021	Increased 12.1%	2020	2021	Increased 13.5%	2020
15 641 cents	IFRS	13 957 cents	14 868 cents	Normalised	13 103 cents

Return on equity

2021	Increased	2020	2021	Increased	2020
14.6%	IFRS	5.2%	15.8%	Normalised	7.2%

Cost-to-income ratio

2021	Decreased	2020	2021	Decreased	2020
56.6%	IFRS	59.0%	55.2%	Normalised	56.0%

Net interest margin

2021	Increased	2020	2021	Increased	2020
4.46%	IFRS	4.17%	4.46%	Normalised	4.17%

Dividend per ordinary share

2021	Increased 100%	2020
785 cents	IFRS	0 cents

Loans and deposits growth

Gross loans and advances (Increased **7%**)

R 1 133.7bn (2020: R 1 058.2bn)

Deposits (Increased **12%**)

R1 173.8bn (2020: R 1 048.0bn)

Risk profile

Stage 3 loans ratio to gross loans and advances

5.43% (2020: 6.28%)

Liquidity Coverage Ratio:

116.8% (2020: 120.6%)

Sound capital

Common Equity Tier 1 ratio

12.8% (2020: 11.2 %)

Short form statement

This short-form announcement is the responsibility of the directors of Absa Group Limited. It is only a summary of the information contained in the full announcement. Any investment decisions by stakeholders should be based on consideration of the full announcement published on <https://www.absa.africa/absafrica/investor-relations/financial-results/> and on the following JSE link: <https://senspdf.jse.co.za/documents/2022/jse/isse/ABGE/FY21Result.pdf>.

While this announcement is not audited, the consolidated annual financial statements from which the results are derived were audited by Ernst & Young Inc. and KPMG Inc., who expressed an unmodified opinion thereon. The full audit opinion, including any key audit matters, is available at the following link <https://www.absa.africa/absafrica/investor-relations/annual-reports/> as part of the Group's full annual financial statements which will be made available on 14 March 2022. The annual financial statements and auditors' report thereon are available for inspection at the Company's registered office. Copies of the full announcement may also be requested at the Company's registered office, at no charge, during office hours on normal business days, subject to COVID-19 office protocols.

Registered office

7th Floor, Absa Towers West, 15 Troye Street, Johannesburg, 2001

Board of directors

Group independent non-executive directors

W E Lucas-Bull (Independent Chairman), S Moloko (Chairman designate), T Abdool-Samad, A B Darko⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾, R A Keanly, S J Munyantwali⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾, D Naidoo, F Okomo-Okello, I Rensburg, N S Mjoli-Ncube (Lead independent director), R van Wyk, J JCummins⁽⁴⁾

Group non-executive directors

F Tonelli

Group executive directors

J P Quinn (Interim Group Chief Executive), P E Modise (Interim Group Financial Director)

(1) Ghanaian (2) Kenyan

(3) Ugandan (4) British

Declaration of a final ordinary dividend number 69

Shareholders are advised that a final ordinary dividend of 475 cents per ordinary share was declared on 14 March 2022, for the period ended 31 December 2021. The ordinary dividend is payable to shareholders recorded in the register of members of the Company at the close of business on Friday, 22 April 2022. The directors of Absa Group confirm that the Group will satisfy the solvency and liquidity test immediately after completion of the dividend distribution.

The dividend will be subject to local dividends withholding tax at a rate of 20%. In accordance with paragraphs 11.17 (a) (i) to (ix) and 11.17 (c) of the JSE Listings Requirements, the following additional information is disclosed:

- The dividend has been declared out of income reserves.
- The local dividend tax rate is twenty per cent (20%).
- The gross local dividend amount 475 cents per ordinary share for shareholders exempt from the dividend tax.
- The net local dividend amount is 380.00 cents per ordinary share for shareholders liable to pay the dividend tax.
- Absa Group Limited currently has 847 750 679 ordinary shares in issue (includes 17 465 332 treasury shares).
- Absa Group Limited's income tax reference number is 9150116714.

In compliance with the requirements of Strate, the electronic settlement and custody system used by the JSE Limited, the following salient dates for the payment of the dividend are applicable:

Last day to trade cum dividend	Tuesday, 19 April 2022
Shares commence trading ex-dividend	Wednesday, 20 April 2022
Record date	Friday, 22 April 2022
Payment date	Monday, 25 April 2022

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 20 April 2022 and Friday, 22 April 2022, both dates inclusive. On Monday, 25 April 2022, the dividend will be electronically transferred to the bank accounts of certificated shareholders. The accounts of those shareholders who have dematerialised their shares (which are held at their participant or broker) will also be credited on Monday, 25 April 2022.

On behalf of the board

N R Drutman
Company Secretary

Johannesburg
14 March 2022

Absa Group Limited is a company domiciled in South Africa. Its registered office is 7th Floor, Absa Towers West, 15 Troye Street, Johannesburg, 2001.

Sponsors

Lead independent sponsor

J. P. Morgan Equities South Africa Proprietary Limited

Joint sponsor

Absa Bank Limited (Corporate and Investment Bank)