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Discount Group reports strong results for the Second Quarter of 2023

2Q23 Net Income of NIS 1.19bn, ROE of 18.0% and Efficiency Ratio of 47.5%

Discount Group reported yet another record results, completing 2Q23 with net income of NIS 1.19bn and ROE of 18.0%. The strong performance was largely driven by increase in revenues from core banking activity, with net interest income increased by 41.5% YoY and by 7.1% QoQ. Cost income ratio was maintained at 47.5% in 2Q23. Total credit grew by 9.0% YoY and 1.6% QoQ.

Given our strong results and our confidence in the robustness of our core business, we have decided to raise the dividend policy to up to 40%. This reflects our long-term journey to increase value to our shareholders. Actual dividend payout of 30% in 2Q23.

Discount group settles into its new campus Outside of Tel-Aviv, assembling all head office units of Discount & Mercantile in an advanced 150,000sqm, green-standard, working space facility.

Greenlend – In August 2023, less than 5 months after announcing, the bank received the Bol approval to control and hold greenlend, a new fintech company to provide digital credit, in partnership with ezbob (UK). The bank continues to create value through disruptive innovation.

Discount CEO, Avi Levi said, "We conclude a strong quarter, which expresses continued determined and consistent implementation of the strategic plan in the bank and the group. Following the continuous improvement in results, it was decided to update the dividend payment policy and increase the distribution rate to up to 40%. Given the indicators expressing the slowdown in the local economy, we are closely monitor the developments and act responsibly alongside support and assistance to the bank's customers in the challenging environment. We are convinced that together with the dedicated employees of the Discount Group we will continue the momentum of growth in the future as well. "

2Q 2023 Main highlights:

- → **Net income of NIS 1,187m and ROE of 18.0%** supported by 3.2% (adj.) QoQ increase in revenues from banking activity and restraint operating expenses, maintaining cost income ratio at 47.5% compared with 46.1% in 1Q23 and 59.2% in 2Q22.
- → Positive impact of interest rate increase: NII grew in 2Q23 by 7.1% compared with 1Q23 and by 41.5% compared with 2Q22. Net Interest Margin (NIM) improved to 3.33% compared with 3.18% in 1Q23 and 2.63% in 2Q22.
- → Moderate credit growth of 1.6% QoQ, in accordance with market demand, led by medium enterprises 3.8% QoQ and corporates by 2.6%.
- → Credit loss expenses are growing in line with market conditions, with NPL from total loans ratio of 0.89% and allowance for Loan Loss Provisions from total credit of 1.39%. Credit Loss Expenses Ratio for 2Q23 was 0.49%, driven mainly by group provision to reflect higher interest rate environment and macro assumptions.
- → **Dividend Policy raised to 40%**, actual dividend payout of NIS 356m; 30% of 2Q23 net income.

Main highlights of P&L, Balance Sheet and Selected Ratios

Discount Group P&L and Selected Ratios

NIS m	2Q23	1Q23	2Q22	vs.1Q23	vs.2Q22	1H23	1H22	change
Net interest income	2,934	2,740	2,073	7.1%	41.5%	5,674	3,873	46.5%
Credit loss expenses (expenses release)	312	204	131	52.9%	N/A	516	71	-158.7%
Non-interest financing income	282	329	(27)	(14.3%)	N/A	611	18	-45.5%
Commissions	869	887	851	(2.0%)	2.1%	1,756	1,676	8.9%
Other income	0	301	0	(100.0%)	N/A	301	416	497.2%
Total non-interest income	1,151	1,517	824	(24.1%)	39.7%	2,668	2,110	7.3%
Total income	4,085	4,257	2,897	-4.0%	41.0%	8,342	5,983	23.4%
Salaries and related expenses	954	945	844	1.0%	13.0%	1,899	1,669	2.9%
Maintenance & depreciation	326	324	307	0.6%	6.2%	650	610	3.8%
Other expenses	659	693	565	(4.9%)	16.6%	1,352	1,114	9.7%
Total operating and other expenses	1,939	1,962	1,716	(1.2%)	13.0%	3,901	3,423	5.2%
Income before taxes	1,834	2,091	1,050	(12.3%)	74.7%	3,925	2,489	-18.7%
Provision for taxes on income	626	763	371	(18.0%)	68.7%	1,389	818	-16.1%
Income after taxes	1,208	1328	679	(9.0%)	77.9%	2,536	1,671	25.1%
Net income attributable to shareholders	1,187	1269	680	-6.5%	74.6%	2,456	1,663	26%
ROE	18.00%	20.10%	11.8%			19.0%	14.9%	
Cost income ratio	47.50%	46.10%	59.2%			46.8%	57.2%	
CET-1 ratio	10.35%	10.22%	10.16%			10.35%	10.16%	
NIM	3.33%	3.17%	2.63%			3.25%	2.50%	
Rate of credit loss expenses	0.49%	0.33%	0.23%			0.41%	0.06%	
NPL ratio	0.89%	0.64%	0.84%			0.89%	0.84%	
Dividend per share (in Agurot)*	28.79	30.78	10.99					

^{*} Dividend in respect of the relevant period

Discount Group Selected Balance Sheet Items

NIS m	30.06.23	31.12.22	30.06.22
Cash and deposits with banks	56,696	65,713	63,449
Securities	54,537	44,794	43,926
Securities borrowed or purchased under agreements to resell	1,024	857	1,330
Credit to the public	256,768	244,288	235,510
Provision for credit losses	3,571	3,209	(3,045)
Credit to the public, net	253,197	241,079	232,465
Credit to governments	3,036	2,599	2,607
Investment in investee companies	483	486	493
Buildings and equipment	4,245	3,904	3,573
Intangible assets and goodwill	162	162	163
Assets in respect of derivative instruments	12,400	11,420	11,023
Other assets	6,035	5,740	5,392
Total Assets	391,815	376,754	364,421
Deposits from the public	292,656	292,293	283,423
Deposits from banks and governments	14,344	15,493	14,884
Securities borrowed or sold via repo agreements*	10,728	3,739	1,946
Bonds and subordinated debt notes	16,479	12,308	13,863
Liabilities in respect of derivative instruments	10,124	9,348	9,303
Other liabilities	19,802	18,095	16,909
Total liabilities	364,133	351,276	340,328
Equity capital attributed to the Bank's shareholders	27,016	24,880	23,490
Non-controlling rights in consolidated companies	666	598	603
Total equity	27,682	25,478	24,093
Total Liabilities and Equity	391,815	376,754	364,421

^{*} Including securities borrowed or purchased under agreements to resell

Overview of Subsidiaries

Mercantile:

Mercantile successfully delivering a robust 2nd Quarter with a net income of NIS 258m, RoE of 23.7% and Cost Income ratio of 37.0%. Total credit growth of 1.0% QoQ and 6.9% YoY.

NIS m	2Q23	1Q23	2Q22	Vs. 1Q23	Vs. 2Q22
Net interest income	608	563	414	8.0%	46.9%
Non-interest income	111	109	89	1.8%	24.7%
Total income	719	672	503	7.0%	42.9%
Operating & other expenses	266	255	247	4.3%	7.7%
Net income	258	237	144	8.9%	79.2%
Return on equity	23.7%	23.0%	15.5%		
Cost-income ratio	37.0%	37.9%	49.1%		
Rate of credit loss expenses	0.57%	0.50%	0.36%		
NIM	3.91%	3.61%	2.86%		
Total assets	63,137	64,417	63,081	(2.0%)	0.1%
Credit to the public, net	44,163	43,718	41,306	1.0%	6.9%
Securities	6,872	7,109	7,001	(3.3%)	(1.8%)
Deposits from the public	49,637	50,741	49,466	(2.2%)	0.3%
Total equity	4,531	4,262	3,777	6.3%	20.0%

1H23	1H22	Change
1,171	773	51.5%
220	178	23.6%
1,391	951	46.3%
521	488	6.8%
495	265	86.8%
23.4%	14.2%	
37.5%	51.3%	
0.52%	0.31%	
3.76%	2.68%	

IDBNY:

IDBNY finished 2nd Quarter with Net Income of \$22m, RoE of 7.5% and Cost Income Ratio of 70.9%. Net interest income increased by 9.1% YoY, and Credit Loss Expenses ratio maintained low at 0.10%.

USD m	2Q23	1Q23	2Q22	Vs. 1Q23	Vs. 2Q22
Net Interest Income	86	87	79	(1.1%)	9.1%
Non-Interest Income	17	17	20	(2.9%)	(16.5%)
Total Income	103	104	99	(1.4%)	3.8%
Operating & Other Expenses	73	68	62	6.9%	17.7%
Net Income	22	30	30	(25.7%)	(25.9%)
Return on Equity	7.5%	10.5%	10.8%	(28.6%)	(30.6%)
Cost-Income Ratio	70.9%	65.4%	62.6%	8.4%	13.3%
Credit Loss Expenses ratio	0.10%	(0.18%)	(0.10%)	N/A	N/A
NIM	2.96%	3.03%	2.62%	(2.3%)	13.0%
Total Assets	12,224	12,830	12,604	(4.7%)	(3.0%)
Loans, net	7,982	8,086	8,608	(1.3%)	(7.3%)
Securities	2,705	2,679	2,607	1.0%	3.8%
Deposits from the Public	10,266	10,773	10,821	(4.7%)	(5.1%)
Total Equity	1,167	1,161	1,094	0.5%	6.7%

1H23	1H22	Change
173	151	14.8%
34	38	(10.8%)
207	189	9.6%
141	120	17.3%
52	57	(9.5%)
9.0%	10.3%	
68.1%	63.5%	
(0.04%)	(0.21%)	
2.99%	2.48%	

CAL:

CAL reported strong net income of NIS 89m and 16.7% RoE in 2Q23, income from credit card transactions grew by 5.7% in this quarter

NIS m	2Q23	1Q23	2Q22	Vs. 1Q23	Vs.2Q22
Income From Credit Card Transactions	447	423	412	5.7%	8.5%
Credit Loss Expense	53	41	27	29.3%	96.3%
Non-Interest Financing Income	-	301	31	N/A	N/A
Total Income	650	918	615	(29.2%)	5.7%
Total Expenses (excluding credit loss expenses)	483	542	475	(10.9%)	1.7%
Net income - Adjusted	89	85	81	4.7%	9.9%
Return on equity - Adj.	16.7%	16.2%	14.6%		
Cost-income ratio - Adj.	74.3%	75.2%	77.2%		
Total assets	19,633	19,435	17,698	1.0%	10.9%
Interest bearing credit	8,762	8,416	7,518	4.1%	16.5%
Consumer credit	7,549	7,216	6,414	4.6%	17.7%
Total equity	2,358	2,278	2,057	3.5%	14.6%

1H23	1H22	Change
870	789	10.3%
94	26	261.5%
301	48	N/A
1,568	1,169	34.1%
1,025	915	12.0%
174	161	8.1%
16.5%	14.4%	
74.0%	78.3%	

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